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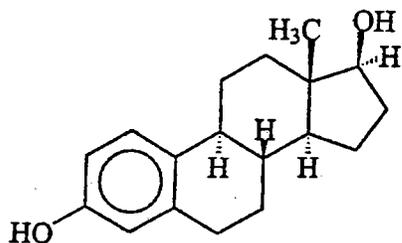
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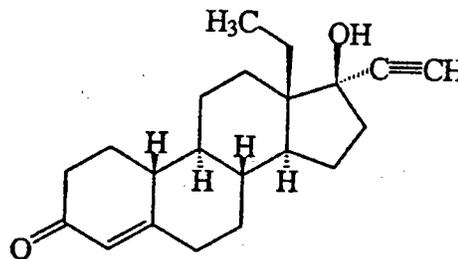
Climara Pro

Berlex Laboratories

Amit K. Mitra, Ph.D
Reproductive and Urologic Drug Products



Estradiol



Levonorgestrel

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1. NDA 21-258
2. REVIEW #:3
3. REVIEW DATE: 6-NOV-2003
4. REVIEWER: Amit K. Mitra, Ph.D

5. PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS:

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6. SUBMISSION(S) BEING REVIEWED:

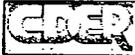
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19-SEP-2003
24-OCT-2003

7. NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

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Address: 340 Chagebridge Road, P.O. Box 1000, Montville,
NJ 07045-1000



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Chemistry Review Data Sheet

Representative: Geoffrey Milligton, Manager, Drug Regulatory
Affairs

Telephone: 973-487-2254

8. DRUG PRODUCT NAME/CODE/TYPE:

- a) Proprietary Name: Climara Pro
- b) Non-Proprietary Name (USAN): Estradiol/Levonorgestrel transdermal system
- c) Code Name/# (ONDC only):
- d) Chem. Type/Submission Priority (ONDC only):
 - Chem. Type: 3
 - Submission Priority: S

9. LEGAL BASIS FOR SUBMISSION: NA

10. PHARMACOL. CATEGORY: Combination estrogen/progestin, Hormone replacement therapy

11. DOSAGE FORM: Film, Extended Release; Transdermal

12. STRENGTH/POTENCY: ESTRADIOL/LEVONORGESTREL (4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day)

13. ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Transdermal, once a week application

14. Rx/OTC DISPENSED: Rx OTC

15. SPOTS (SPECIAL PRODUCTS ON-LINE TRACKING SYSTEM):

SPOTS product – Form Completed

Not a SPOTS product

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16. CHEMICAL NAME, STRUCTURAL FORMULA, MOLECULAR FORMULA, MOLECULAR WEIGHT:

Estradiol- Estra-1,3,5(10)-triene-3, 17-diol (17 β)
 hemihydrate; Estra-1,3,5(10)-triene-3, 17 β -diol hemihydrate;
 $C_{18}H_{24}O_2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} H_2O$; Mol wt.: 281.4
 Levonorgestrel- (17 α)-13-ethyl-17hydroxy-18,19-dinorpregn-4-en-
 20-yn-3-one; $C_{21}H_{28}O_2$; Mol wt.: 312.45

17. RELATED/SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: DMF 14923

A. DMFs:

DMF #	TYPE	HOLDER	ITEM REFERENCED	CODE ¹	STATUS ²	DATE REVIEW COMPLETED	COMMENTS
/	II	/	/	1	Adequate	08-MAY-2003	Reviewer: Dr. A. K. Mitra, see Chemistry Review #3 (dated 08-MAY-2003)

¹ Action codes for DMF Table:

1 - DMF Reviewed.

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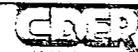
6 - DMF not available

7 - Other (explain under "Comments")

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B. Other Documents: None

18. STATUS:

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CONSULTS/ CMC RELATED REVIEWS	RECOMMENDATION	DATE	REVIEWER
Biometrics	NA		
EES	Satisfactory	21-DEC- 2000/15- OCT-2003	J. D. Ambrogio
Pharm/Tox	NA		
Biopharm	NA		
LNC	NA		
Methods Validation	Will be initiated		
EA	Categorical exclusion granted		
Microbiology	Satisfactory	02-MAY- 2003	S. E. Langille

The Chemistry Review for NDA 21-258

The Executive Summary

I. Recommendations

A. Recommendation and Conclusion on Approvability

Since all the Chemistry deficiencies were addressed adequately, the application may be approved.

B. Recommendation on Phase 4 (Post-Marketing) Commitments, Agreements, and/or Risk Management Steps, if Approvable

None

II. Summary of Chemistry Assessments

A. Description of the Drug Product(s) and Drug Substance(s)

(The following information is based on DMF _____ and it is proprietary. This information should not be released to the sponsor of the NDA).

The drug product is an oval shaped transdermal drug delivery system containing estradiol and levonorgestrel and proposed to be marketed in one strength. The transdermal system contains estradiol and levonorgestrel at 4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day.

The drug product is composed of a polyethylene backing film, two drug substances in a _____ adhesive matrix, and a protective _____ liner.

B. Description of How the Drug Product is Intended to be Used

Climara Pro is proposed to be marketed in one strength: The transdermal system containing estradiol/levonorgestrel at 4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day for relief of vasomotor symptoms _____ in postmenopausal women with intact uterus. The Climara Pro is available in single unit pouch and it is to be applied on the intact skin after removal of the release liner. Only one system should be worn at any one time during one week dosing interval.

The drug product is to be stored under controlled conditions at 25°C (excursions permitted 15-30°C).

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C. Basis for Approvability or Not-Approval Recommendation

The DMF — contains all the CMC information for Climara Pro and it is deemed adequate to support the NDA. All facilities are acceptable according to the Office of Compliance (see attached). The labeling deficiencies were adequately addressed with respect to CMC. Therefore, the application may be approved.

III. Administrative**A. Reviewer's Signature****B. Endorsement Block**

Amit K. Mitra/
Moo-Jhong Rhee/
Kassandra Sherrod/

C. CC Block

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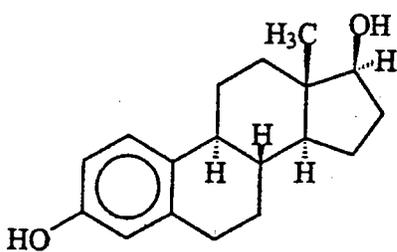
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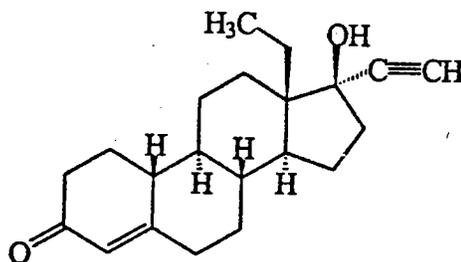
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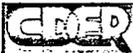


Levonorgestrel



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4. REVIEWER: Amit K. Mitra, Ph.D

5. PREVIOUS DOCUMENTS:

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 - Submission Priority: S

9. LEGAL BASIS FOR SUBMISSION: NA

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11. DOSAGE FORM: Transdermal Drug Delivery System

12. STRENGTH/POTENCY: ESTRADIOL/LEVONORGESTREL (4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day ; 4.4 mg/2.75 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.030 mg levonorgestrel per day ; 4.5 mg/3.75 mg per 30 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.040 mg levonorgestrel per day)

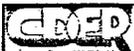
13. ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Transdermal, once a week application

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B. Other Documents: None

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18. STATUS:

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EES	Satisfactory	21-DEC-2000	J. D. Ambrogio
Pharm/Tox	NA		
Biopharm	NA		
LNC	NA		
Methods Validation	Will be initiated		
OPDRA	Trademark Climara Pro Acceptable	21-Aug-2001	A. R. Mahmud
EA	Categorical exclusion granted		
Microbiology	Approvable, Pending revision of DMF	06-SEP-2002	S. E. Langille

The Chemistry Review for NDA 21-258

The Executive Summary

I. Recommendations

A. Recommendation and Conclusion on Approvability

The application is approvable pending resolution of all the deficiencies in the Chemistry Review #2 and Microbiology Review #2 DMF —

B. Recommendation on Phase 4 (Post-Marketing) Commitments, Agreements, and/or Risk Management Steps, if Approvable

Since the drug product is non-approvable for clinical reasons, the Phase IV commitments were not sought.

II. Summary of Chemistry Assessments

A. Description of the Drug Product(s) and Drug Substance(s)

(The following information is based on DMF — and it is proprietary. This information should not be released to the sponsor of the NDA).

The drug product is an oval shaped transdermal drug delivery system containing estradiol and levonorgestrel and proposed to be marketed —. The transdermal systems contain estradiol and levonorgestrel at 4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day; 4.4 mg/2.75 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.030 mg levonorgestrel per day; 4.5 mg/3.75 mg per 30 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.040 mg levonorgestrel per day.

The drug product is composed of a polyethylene backing film, two drug substances in a adhesive matrix, and a protective — liner. The sponsor was requested to manufacture the drug product using estradiol from — and provide at least — accelerated stability data to the Agency prior to releasing the finished drug product. The sponsor agreed to commit to this activity as a post approval commitment that is satisfactory. The specification for — were provided and those are satisfactory.

The sponsor should clarify the specific analytical testing conducted during in-process control. The analytical testing during in-process control should assure that —

The sponsor is also asked to provide the details of the pouching operation. The specification for the adhesive laminate includes a specification for — It

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includes _____ The acceptance criterion set for vinyl acetate (could be a maximum of _____) is too high based on toxicologist's recommendation. The sponsor is asked to adopt a specific acceptance criteria for vinyl acetate since it is a possible carcinogen (according to the toxicologist).

All these deficiencies have been recorded in the Chemistry Review #2 for DMF _____ dated 23-SEP-2002. The DMF is deficient.

B. Description of How the Drug Product is Intended to be Used

Climara Pro is proposed to be marked _____. The transdermal systems containing estradiol and levonorgestrel at 4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.015 mg levonorgestrel per day; transdermal system containing 4.4 mg/2.75 mg per 22 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.030 mg levonorgestrel per day; transdermal system containing 4.5 mg/3.75 mg per 30 cm², delivering 0.045 mg estradiol and 0.040 mg levonorgestrel per day for relief of vasomotor symptoms _____ in postmenopausal women with intact uterus. The Climara Pro is available in single unit pouch and it is to be applied on the intact skin after removal of the release liner. Only one system should be worn at any one time during one week dosing interval.

The drug product is to be stored under controlled conditions at 25°C (excursions permitted 15-30°C).

C. Basis for Approvability or Not-Approval Recommendation

The DMF _____ contains all the CMC information for Climara Pro and it is deemed deficient. The reviewer recommends to send a separate Information Request letter to the DMF holder and the NDA holder should receive a response that the DMF is still deficient.

III. Administrative**A. Reviewer's Signature****B. Endorsement Block**

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nas not been clarified satisfactorily from microbiologist's point of view.

The DMF holder has not provided **method validation** for analyzing drug product impurities and this should be submitted, unless justified.

The patches are to be packaged into pouches and sponsor proposed two types of pouches (Pouch 1 and Pouch 2) and each pouch is consists of _____ respectively. All the components involved are deemed satisfactory for serving the purpose.

The proposed _____ expiry date is not acceptable, but based on real time data _____ of expiry date can be granted.

The tradename, **Climarapro**, was not accepted by OPDRA. The sponsor needs to propose a new tradename.

C. Conclusion and Recommendation:

From chemistry, manufacturing, and controls point of view, this NDA may not be approved until those issues noted in the DMF _____ are satisfactorily resolved.

Moo-Jhong Rhee, Ph.D.
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For the Division of reproductive and Urologic Drug Products
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DIVISION OF REPRODUCTIVE AND UROLOGIC DRUG PRODUCTS (HFD-580)
REVIEW OF CHEMISTRY AND MANUFACTURING CONTROLS

NDA # 21-258 Chemistry Review # 1 Review Date: 5-7-01

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Amendment	7-19-00	7-21-00	7-21-00
Amendment	8-8-00	8-14-00	8-14-00

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT

Berlex Laboratories
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DRUG PRODUCT NAME

Proprietary: CLIMARAPRO
Non-proprietary/USAN: Estradiol/Levonorgestrel Transdermal Drug Delivery System
(E2/LNG Transdermal Drug Delivery System)
Compendium: does not apply
Code name/number: None
Chem. Type/Ther. Class: 4 S

ANDA SUITABILITY PETITION/DESI/PATENT STATUS: N/A

PHARMACOL. CATEGORY/INDICATION: Combination estrogen/progestin,
Hormone replacement in postmenopausal women.

DOSAGE FORM: Transdermal Delivery System

STRENGTHS: ESTRADIOL/LEVONORGESTREL (4.4 mg/1.39 mg per 22 cm², delivering
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ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Transdermal, once a week application

Dispensed: By prescription

CHEMICAL NAME, STRUCTURAL FORMULA, MOLECULAR FORMULA, MOL.WT.:

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20-yn-3-one

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

DMF

RELATED DOCUMENTS

None

CONSULTS

1. The EER for the manufacturing facilities were submitted. The inspection results are satisfactory.
2. The trademark "Climarpro" is not acceptable to OPDRA. The division decision is still pending

REMARKS

The chemistry, manufacturing and control information for the drug substances, and the drug product was provided in the type II DMF — The labeling information was submitted in the NDA 21-258 and the labeling information is reviewed here. The amendment dated 7-19-00 states that — submitted a desk copy of the CMC section. The amendment dated 8-8-00 provides clarifications on the manufacturing facilities for the drug substances, estradiol and levonorgestrel. The DMF — s not adequate to support the NDA 21-258. An Information Request letter is being sent to the sponsor of the DMF —

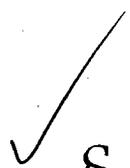
CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

From chemistry, manufacturing, and controls point of view, this NDA is not approvable until all the deficiencies noted in the DMF — as well as in this NDA are satisfactorily clarified.

cc: NDA 21-258
HFD-580/A. K. Mitra, Ph.D
HFD-580/M.J. Rhee, Ph.D
HFD-580/D. Moore
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ESTABLISHMENT EVALUATION REQUEST
SUMMARY REPORT

Application: NDA 21258/000 Priority: 4S Org Code: 580
 Stamp: 29-JUN-2000 Regulatory Due: 29-APR-2001 Action Goal: District Goal: 28-FEB-2001
 Applicant: BERLEX LABS Brand Name: CLIMARA PRO
 340 CHANGEBRIDGE RD (ESTRADIOL/LEVONORGESTREL TR
 MONTVILLE, NJ 070451000 Established Name:
 Generic Name: ESTRADIOL/LEVONORGESTREL
 TRANSDERMAL SYS
 Dosage Form: TDP (TRANSDERMAL PATCH)
 Strength: 4.40/1.39 MG AND OTHERS

FDA Contacts: A. MITRA (HFD-580) 301-827-4238 , Review Chemist

Overall Recommendation:

ACCEPTABLE on 21-DEC-2000 by J. D AMBROGIO (HFD-324) 301-827-0062

Establishment: / DMF No: —
 AADA No:

Profile: TDP OAI Status: NONE Responsibilities: /
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 Milestone Date 21-DEC-2000
 Decision: ACCEPTABLE
 Reason: DISTRICT RECOMMENDATION

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 Milestone Date 01-AUG-2000
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 Milestone Date 05-SEP-2000
 Decision: ACCEPTABLE

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Reason: BASED ON PROFILE

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Climarapro™ (estradiol transdermal system) estradiol/levonorgestrel 0.045/0.015, 0.045/0.030
and 0.045/0.040 mg per day

Berlex laboratories, Inc.

Environmental Assessment

A categorical exclusion is claimed for this NDA in accordance with 21 CFR part 25.31 (b), as amended in the 29-Jul-1997 Federal Register. This was found to be satisfactory (see Chemistry DMF Review # — dated May 7, 2001).

Diane Moore 4/11/01

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