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Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 20-757/S-023

Sanofi-Synthelabo C/o Bristol-Myers Squibb Company Attention: David Ziering, Ph.D. P. O. Box 5400 Princeton, NJ 08543-5400

Dear Dr. Ziering:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated September 27, 2002, received September 30, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Avapro (irbesartan) Tablets, 75 mg, 150 mg and 300 mg.

This "Changes Being Effected in 30 Days" supplemental new drug application provides for utilization of — as an alternative to the approved — blister flex material for Avapro Tablets.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. This supplement is approved.

We remind you that you must comply with the reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any question, please call Edward Fromm, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 594-5332.

Sincerely,

Kasturi Srinivasachar, Ph.D. Chemistry Team Leader, DNDC I for the Division of Cardio-Renal Drug Products (HFD-110) DNDC I, Office of New Drug Chemistry Center for Drug Evaluation and Research This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically and this page is the manifestation of the electronic signature.

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§ 552(b)(5) Deliberative Process

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DIVISION OF CARDIO-RENAL DRUG PRODUCTS Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

CHEMIST'S REVIEW	1. ORGANIZ HFD - 1	= :	2. NDA Number 20-757
3. Name and Address	. Name and Address of Applicant (City & State)		
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company P. O. Box 5400 Princeton, NJ 08543-5400			Number(s) Date(s) SCM-023 09/27/02
5. Drug Name	6. Nonprop	rietary Name	7. Amendments &
Avapro	Irbesart	tan	Other (reports, etc) - Dates
7. Supplement Provides for: CHANGES BEING EFFECTED in 30 days			
the approval to utilize — as an alternative to the approved — blister flex material for Avapro Tablets.			
9. Pharmacological Category		10. How Dispensed	11. Related IND(s)/ NDA(s)/DMF(s)
Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist/Hypertension		<u>/x</u> / RX // OTC	NDA 20-758
12. Dosage Form(s)		13. Potency(ies)	
Tablets		75 mg, 150mg, and 300 mg.	
14. Chemical Name and Structure			15. Records/Reports
2-Butyl-3-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl)			Current
methyl]-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one.			<u>/x</u> / Yes <u>/</u> / No
			Reviewed
			<u>/x</u> / Yes <u>/</u> / No
16. Comments: A CBE-30 Supplement as per Changes to An Approved NDA or ANDA.			
17. Conclusions and Recommendations:			
Based on the submitted stability data the current expiry date of 24 months is supported for Avapro tablets in — blisters and supplement may be approved.			
18. REVIEWER Ramsharan D. Mittal			

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Sanofi-Synthelabo c/o Briston-Myers Squibb Attention: David Ziering, Ph.D. P.O. Box 4000 Princeton, New Jersey 08543-4000

Dear Dr. Ziering:

We have received your supplemental drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the following:

Name of Drug Product: Avapro (irbesartan) 75, 150, and 300 mg Tablets

NDA Number:

20-757

Supplement number:

S-023

Date of supplement:

September 27, 2002

Date of receipt:

September 30, 2002

Unless we notify you within 60 days of the receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, this application will be filed under section 505(b) of the Act on November 29, 2002 in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

All communications concerning this supplement should be addressed as follows:

U.S. Postal Service:

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Division of Cardio-Renal, HFD-110 Attention: Division Document Room 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

Courier/Overnight Mail:

Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Division of Cardio-Renal, HFD-110 Attention: Document Room 1451 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland 20852 If you have any question, please call:

Mr. Edward Fromm Regulatory Health Project Coordinator (301) 594-5332

Sincerely yours,

Zelda McDonald Acting Chief, Project Management Staff Division of Cardio-Renal Drug Products Office of Drug Evaluation I Center for Drug Evaluation and Research This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically and this page is the manifestation of the electronic signature.

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