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## Approval Package for:

### *APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**209830Orig1s000**

*Trade Name:* Aristada Initio

*Generic or Proper Name:* Aripiprazole lauroxil Extended-Release Injectable Suspension 675 mg

*Sponsor:* Alkermes, Inc.

*Approval Date:* June 29, 2018

*Indication:* In combination with oral aripiprazole, is indicated for the initiation of ARISTADA when used for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults.

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 209830

**NDA APPROVAL**

Alkermes, Inc.  
Attention: Mark W. Machado, M.S.  
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs  
852 Winter Street  
Waltham, MA 02451-1420

Dear Mr. Machado:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated August 31, 2017, received August 31, 2017, and amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for ARISTADA INITIO (aripiprazole lauroxil) Extended-Release Injectable Suspension 675 mg.

This new drug application provides for the use of ARISTADA INITIO (aripiprazole lauroxil) Extended-Release Injectable Suspension 675 mg for the initiation of ARISTADA when used for the treatment of schizophrenia in adults.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

### **WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION**

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

### **CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and Medication Guide). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As*, available at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

### **CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS**

Submit final printed carton and immediate container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate-container labels as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format — Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (May 2015, Revision 3)*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 209830.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable. It is not feasible to conduct an adequate study of the safety and efficacy of aripiprazole lauroxil in a sufficient number of pediatric patients with schizophrenia due to the low prevalence, and the diagnostic difficulties and complexities in this population.

### **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the prescribing information, Medication Guide, and patient PI (as applicable) to:

OPDP Regulatory Project Manager  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft Guidance for Industry (available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM443702.pdf> ).

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the prescribing information, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. Form FDA 2253 is available at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>. Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

If you have any questions, contact CAPT Kofi Ansah, PharmD, RAC, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301)796-4158 or email: [Kofi.Ansah@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Kofi.Ansah@fda.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Mitchell Mathis, MD  
Director  
Division of Psychiatry Products  
Office of Drug Evaluation I  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

### ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling  
Carton and Container Labeling

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MITCHELL V Mathis  
06/29/2018