APPLICATION NUMBER  020895

CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)
DIVISION OF CARDIO-RENAL DRUG PRODUCTS
Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

NDA #: 20,895
CHEM.REVIEW #: 1
REVIEW DATE: 11/15/97

SUBMISSION TYPE DOCUMENT DATE CDRR DATE ASSIGNED DATE

NAME & ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:
Pfizer, Pharmaceutical Production Corp.
Ringaskiddy
County Cork, Ireland

U.S. Agent
Pfizer, Inc
Eastern Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

DRUG PRODUCT NAME:

Proprietary: Viagra
Nonproprietary/USAN/BAN: Sildenafil Citrate
I.N.N.: Sildenafil
Code Name/#: UK-92,480-10
CAS #: 171,599-83-0
Chem.Type/Ther.Class: 1 P

PATENT STATUS:
5,250,534, expires June 18, 2011

PHARMACOL.CATEGORY/INDICATION:
Erectile Dysfunction

DOSEAGE FORM:
Tablets

STRENGTHS:
25, 50, 100 mg

ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:
Oral

DISPENSED:
X Rx OTC

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

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\text{1-[(4-ethoxy-3-(6,7-dihydro-1-methyl-7-oxo-3-propyl-1 H-pyrazolo[4,3-d]pyrimidin-5-yl)phenylsulphonyl]-4-methylpiperazine citrate}
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Molecular Formula: C_{24}H_{31}N_{12}O_{8} . C_{8}H_{16}O_{7}
Molecular Weight Citrate: 666.7
Melting range 191-202°C

Molecular Weight of Sildenafil: 474.6

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:
Viagra is a selective inhibitor of cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP) specific phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5) and is indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction. The physiological mechanism responsible for erection of the penis involves the release of the nitric oxide (NO) in the corpus cavernosum in response to sexual stimulation. Nitric oxide activates the enzyme guanylate cyclase, which results in locally increased levels of cGMP, thereby producing smooth muscle relaxation. By inhibiting PDE5, VIAGRA enhances the normal physiological action of nitric oxide/cGMP, thereby allowing patients to obtain erection adequate for sexual intercourse.

EER is requested on 10/08/97. Expiration date - 24 months in HDPE containers and blister packs. Method validation will be requested to be performed by district laboratory.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:
The firm has addressed to our recommendations that were made at the time of pre NDA meeting of 9/16/97. These were regarding strict controls for starting materials, identity tests, particle size specifications, impurity specifications particularly toxicitv data for present in the drug substance at I have highlighted the firm's actions in these regards in this review. The information on following items will be obtained by communicating with the firm by telephone.
1) Partition coefficient data on drug substance
2) Data on IND product used in the clinical trials to support 24 months expiration date
3) Information on markers.

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

NDA #: 20-695

SUBMISSION TYPE DOCUMENT DATE CDBER DATE
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REVIEW DATE: 01/09/98

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:
IND #
Drug Master Files:

RELATED DOCUMENTS (if applicable): None
CONSULTS: None

REMARKS/COMMENTS:
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EER was requested on 10/08/97. All establishments are acceptable. Expiration date - 24 months in HDPE containers and blister packs.
A request for methods validation was sent to PHI-District lab. on 11/20/97.
Labeling and nomenclature committee as of 10/3/96, has provided provisional acceptance of the proprietary name pending final acceptance of the USAN name. The Sildenafil has been approved as the USAN name on 8/96.

The amendments of 12/3/97 and 12/22/97 provide responses to telephone requests for information related to Chemist's Review #1.
CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:
The firm has responded to our recommendations that were made at the time of
pre NDA meeting of 9/16/97. These were regarding strict controls for starting
materials, identity tests, particle size specifications, impurity
specifications particularly toxicity data for the
present in the drug substance . This
information was included in the original submission, and has been reviewed.

The information on the following items that was requested following review of
the original submission, has now been obtained in these two amendments.
1) Partition coefficient data on drug substance
2) Data on IND product used in the clinical trials to support 24 months
expiration date
3) Information on markers and amended dosage form monographs (DFMs) for
sildenafil citrate tablets
4) Updated 6 months stability studies

Information supplied is reviewed, and found satisfactory.

Approvable

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