

NDA 20-748

Galderma Laboratories, L.P.
Attention: Ms. Christine Shank
Director, Regulatory Submissions
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Dear Ms. Shank:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated July 16, 1997, received July 17, 1997, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for DIFFERIN® (adapalene) Cream, 0.1%.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated April 24 and 28, May 8, 24(2 facsimiles), 25(facsimile) and 26(facsimile), 2000. Your submissions dated March 9, and March 31, 2000, together constituted a complete response to our March 8, 2000, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of DIFFERIN® (adapalene) Cream for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris.

We have completed the review of this application, as amended, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon enclosed labeling text. Accordingly, the application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, immediate container and carton labels). Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit 20 copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved NDA 20-748." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Validation of the regulatory methods has not been completed. At the present time, it is the policy of the Center not to withhold approval because the methods are being validated. Nevertheless, we expect

your continued cooperation to resolve any problems that may be identified.

Be advised that, as of April 1, 1999, all applications for new active ingredients, new dosage forms, new indications, new routes of administration, and new dosing regimens are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived or deferred (63 *FR* 66632). We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this action on this application for pediatric patients below the age of 12 years. The necessary studies are impossible or highly impractical to conduct because the number of patients is too small.

In addition, please submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. All proposed materials should be submitted in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Please submit one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications, HFD-42
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

Please submit one market package of the drug product when it is available.

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Olga Cintron, Project Manager, at (301) 827-2020.

Sincerely,

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