



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 20-726/S-008

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
One Health Plaza, Building 105/2W200
Hanover, New Jersey 07936-1080

Attention: Arlene Wolny, Associate Director
Drug Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Wolny:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated March 15, 2002, received March 18, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Femara® (letrozole) tablets, 2.5 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated November 15, 2002 and January 2, 2003.

This supplemental new drug application provides for updating the safety and efficacy data for Femara® for first-line treatment of postmenopausal women with hormone receptor positive or hormone receptor unknown locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer and includes revisions to the Clinical Studies, Precautions, and Adverse Reactions sections of the labeling.

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

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert).

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper 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 supplement NDA 20-726/S-008." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to this division/ the Division of Oncology Drug Products 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, MD 20857

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a “Dear Health Care Professional” letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2
FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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, call Ann Staten, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 594-0490.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure