Dear Ms. Wojcieszek:


We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated September 10, 2004 and August 18, 2005. These “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug applications provide for labeling changes under PRECAUTIONS, General, Hemodynamic Effects as follows (additions/deletions highlighted):

For intramuscular olanzapine for injection therapy, patients should remain recumbent if drowsy or dizzy after injection until examination has indicated that they are not experiencing postural hypotension, and/or bradycardia, and/or hypoventilation.

Olanzapine should be used with particular caution in patients with known cardiovascular disease (history of myocardial infarction or ischemia, heart failure, or conduction abnormalities), cerebrovascular disease, and conditions which would predispose patients to hypotension (dehydration, hypovolemia, and treatment with antihypertensive medications) where the occurrence of syncope, or hypotension and/or bradycardia might put the patient at increased medical risk.

Caution is necessary in patients who receive treatment with other drugs having effects that can induce hypotension, bradycardia, respiratory or central nervous system depression (see Drug Interactions). Concomitant administration of intramuscular olanzapine and parenteral benzodiazepine has not been studied and is therefore not recommended. If use of intramuscular olanzapine in combination with parenteral benzodiazepines is considered, careful evaluation of clinical status for excessive sedation and cardiorespiratory depression is recommended.

We have completed our review of these supplemental new drug applications and they are approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the final printed labeling (FPL) submitted on September 7, 2004 (attached).

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, email LCDR Keith Kiedrow, Pharm.D., Regulatory Project Manager, at Keith.Kiedrow@HHS.FDA.GOV.

Sincerely,

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