



NDA 18-285/S-034

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Ms. Donna Vivelo
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SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Dear Ms. Vivelo:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (NDA) dated June 4, 2007, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Visken (pindolol) 5 and 10 mg Tablets.

We also refer to your amendment dated September 28, 2007.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of the following statement to the **WARNINGS** section, **Cardiac Failure** subsection of the labeling:

Both digitalis glycosides and beta-blockers slow atrioventricular conduction and decrease heart rate. Concomitant use can increase the risk of bradycardia.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended, and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon electronic labeling text. We will transmit the SPL version of the labeling submitted on September 28, 2007 to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination.

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
Food and Drug Administration
5515 Security Lane
HFD-001, Suite 5100
Rockville, MD 20852

Marketing the product with labeling that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

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, please call Dan Brum, Pharm.D., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301)796-0578.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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cc: Enclosed Labeling Text

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