



NDA 22-080

NDA APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Lynn Mellor
Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs
One Health Plaza
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Ms. Mellor:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated October 16, 2006, received October 17, 2006, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Reclast (zoledronic acid) Injection.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated October 23, 2006, and February 5 and 12, May 14 and 23, June 4, 14, 19, 20, 27, and 29, July 3, and August 17 (emailed submissions), 2007.

This new drug application provides for the use of Reclast (zoledronic acid) Injection for treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women.

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

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(1)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html> that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and the patient package insert submitted via email on August 17, 2007). Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, "SPL for approved NDA 22-080."

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH EQUITY ACT (PREA)

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. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the

proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC), see www.fda.gov/cder/ddmac.

METHODS VALIDATION

We have not completed validation of the regulatory methods. However, we expect your continued cooperation to resolve any problems that may be identified.

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81). All 15-day alert reports, periodic (including quarterly) adverse drug experience reports, field alerts, annual reports, supplements, and other submissions should be addressed to the original NDA 21-817 for this drug product, not to this NDA. In the future, do not make submissions to this NDA except for the final printed labeling requested above.

We remind you of your commitment, stated in your submission dated August 17, 2007, that you will submit 15 day safety reports for all cases of osteonecrosis of the jaw during the first year of marketing for postmenopausal osteoporosis.

If you have any questions, call Julie Marchick, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1280.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosures: Package Insert, Patient Package Insert

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