



ANDA 77-322

Sandoz Inc.  
Attention: Carmelle Lucas, Ph.D.  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
U.S. Agent for: Lek Pharmaceuticals d.d.  
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Princeton, NJ 08540

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated October 8, 2004, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Zolpidem Tartrate Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg.

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letter issued by this office on March 2, 2007, and to your amendments dated January 28, and June 10, 2005; August 9, September 26, and December 13, 2006; and March 14, and April 18, 2007.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is approved, effective the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Zolpidem Tartrate Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug, Ambien® Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively, of Sanofi Aventis US, LLC. Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert directly 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

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

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Gary Buehler  
Director  
Office of Generic Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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