



NDA 022036

NDA APPROVAL

Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
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Attention: Brian Dorsey
Vice President, Product Development

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated and received January 31, 2008, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Silenor (doxepin hydrochloride), 3 and 6 mg Oral Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated January 30, 2008, January 21, 2010, February 1, 2010, February 4, 2010, February 25, 2010, March 2, 2010, and March 16, 2010

The January 21, 2010, submission constituted a complete response to our December 4, 2009, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of Silenor (doxepin hydrochloride) oral tablets, 3 and 6 mg for the treatment of insomnia.

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(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for Medication Guide) submitted March 2, 2010. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, “**SPL for approved NDA 022036.**”

We request that the labeling approved today be available on your website within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the March 16, 2010, submission as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (October 2005)*. Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 022036.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for age birth to less than 6 years because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable in young children.

We are deferring submission of your pediatric study for ages 6 years to less than 17 years for this application because this product is ready for approval for use in adults and the pediatric study has not been completed.

Your deferred pediatric study required by section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is a required postmarketing study. The status of this postmarketing study must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 314.81. This required study is listed below.

PMR – 1608-1

Deferred pediatric study under PREA for the treatment of insomnia in pediatric patients ages 6 years to 16 years and 364 days.

Final Protocol Submission: by September 2011
Trial Completion date: by March 2014
Final Report Submission: by March 2015

Submit final study reports to this NDA. Use the following designator to prominently label all submissions: “**Required Pediatric Assessment**”.

RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS

Section 505-1 of the FDCA authorizes FDA to require the submission of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) if FDA determines that such a strategy is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks (section 505-1(a)).

Your proposed REMS, submitted on February 4, 2010, and appended to this letter, is approved. The REMS consists of the Medication Guide included with this letter and the timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

The REMS assessment plan should include but is not limited to the following:

- a. An evaluation of patients’ understanding of the serious risks of Silenor (doxepin hydrochloride)
- b. A report on periodic assessments of the distribution and dispensing of the Medication Guide in accordance with 21 CFR 208.24
- c. A report on failures to adhere to distribution and dispensing requirements, and corrective actions taken to address noncompliance

Assessments of an approved REMS must include, under section 505-1(g)(3)(B) and (C), information on the status of any post approval study or clinical trial required under section 505(o) or otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. You can satisfy these requirements in your REMS assessments by referring to relevant information included in the most recent annual report required under section 506B and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and including any updates to the status information since the annual report was prepared. Failure to comply with the REMS assessments provisions in 505-1(g) could result in enforcement action.

We remind you that in addition to the assessments submitted according to the timetable included in the approved REMS, you must submit a REMS assessment and may propose a modification to the approved REMS when you submit a supplemental application for a new indication for use as described in section 505-1(g)(2)(A) of FDCA.

Prominently identify submissions containing REMS assessments or proposed modifications of the REMS with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

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REMS ASSESSMENT**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 022036
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION
REMS ASSESSMENT**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)
FOR NDA 022036
REMS ASSESSMENT
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION (if included)**

If you do not submit electronically, please send 5 copies of REMS-related submissions.

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 <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

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

MedWatch
Food and Drug Administration
Suite 12B-05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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 Cathleen Michaloski, MPH, Sr. Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1123.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure: Content of Labeling, REMS document with MG

Application Type/Number	Submission Type/Number	Submitter Name	Product Name
NDA-22036	ORIG-1	SOMAXON PHARMACEUTICA LS INC	SILENOR (DOXEPIN HCL)

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