



NDA 022545

NDA APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Lori Kneafsey
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Dear Ms. Kneafsey:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated October 28, 2009, received October 29, 2009, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Tekamlo, (aliskiren/amlodipine) 150 mg/5 mg, 150 mg/10 mg, 300 mg/5 mg and 300 mg/10 mg Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions received November 4, 16 and December 7, 2009, January 6, 26, 27, February 19, 25, March 12, 16, 26 (2), April 6, 13, 26, May 5, June 10, 15, 16, July 2, 21, 29, 30 and August 20, 2010.

This new drug application provides for the use of Tekamlo (aliskiren/amlodipine) 150 mg/5 mg, 150 mg/10 mg, 300 mg/5 mg and 300 mg/10 mg Tablets for treatment of hypertension as initial therapy in patients likely to need multiple drugs to achieve their blood pressure goals and in patients not adequately controlled with monotherapy.

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.

A 24-month expiration period is granted for 150/5 mg, 150/10 mg and 300/10 mg strengths of the drug product packaged in 30 count (90 cc), 90 count and 100 count HDPE bottles with desiccant stored under controlled room temperature conditions, protected from heat and moisture. An 18-month expiration period is granted for 300/5 mg strength of the drug product packaged in 30 count (90 cc), 90 count and 100 count HDPE bottles with desiccant stored under controlled room temperature conditions, protected from heat and moisture. An 18-month expiration period is granted for all strengths of the drug product packaged in blisters of 10 stored under controlled room temperature conditions. An 18-month expiration period is granted for drug product packaged in 7 count and 14 count 45 cc, HDPE, round bottles with desiccant.

(b) (4)

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(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because this product does not represent a meaningful therapeutic benefit over existing therapies for pediatric patients **and** is not likely to be used in a substantial number of pediatric patients. Tekamlo is a combination antihypertensive agent. There are single agent products studied and labeled for use in pediatrics, and most pediatric patients are not treated with combination antihypertensives.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), 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 the patient package insert). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels 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 (June 2008).” 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 022545.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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

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>.

Please submit one market package of the drug product when it is available.

LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

If you decide to 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, at least 24 hours prior to issuing the letter, an electronic copy of the letter to this NDA, to CDERMedWatchSafetyAlerts@fda.hhs.gov, and to the following address:

MedWatch Program
Office of Special Health Issues
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Ave
Building 32, Mail Stop 5353
Silver Spring, MD 20993

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, please call Michael Monteleone, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1952.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

Application Type/Number	Submission Type/Number	Submitter Name	Product Name
NDA-22545	ORIG-1	NOVARTIS PHARMACEUTICA LS CORP	ALISKIREN/AMLODPINE(SPA 100A)FIXED COMBO

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08/26/2010