



NDA 020505/S-040 and 045
NDA 020844/S-035 and 037

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C.
Attention: Christine Grundy, Pharm.D.
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Dear Dr. Grundy:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDA) dated June 4, 2009 and October 19, 2010, and received June 4, 2009 and October 19, 2010, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Topamax[®] (topiramate) Tablets, 25, 50, 100, 200, 300, and 400 mg, and Topamax[®] (topiramate) Sprinkle Capsules, 15 mg and 25 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated January 17, February 23, and March 2, 2011. We also acknowledge receipt of your risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) assessment dated January 17, 2011.

These supplemental new drug applications provide for revisions to the following subsections of the full prescribing information: *Warnings and Precautions*, *Use in Specific Populations – Pregnancy*, *Patient Counseling Information*, and *Medication Guide*. In addition these supplements also provide for a proposed modification to the approved REMS.

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended and they are 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, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(1)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, Medication Guide), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

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/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

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

RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS

The REMS for Topamax[®] (topiramate) was originally approved on April 23, 2009. The REMS consists of a Medication Guide and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS. Your proposed modification to the REMS consists of a revised Medication Guide to include information about the risk of oral clefts with in utero exposure.

Your proposed modified REMS, submitted on March 2, 2011, and appended to this letter, is approved.

The timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS will remain the same as that approved on April 23, 2009.

There are no changes to the REMS assessment plan described in our April 23, 2009 letter.

We remind you that assessments of an approved REMS must include, under section 505-1(g)(3), 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. With respect to any such post-approval study, you must include the status of such study, including whether any difficulties completing the study have been encountered. With respect to any such post-approval clinical trial, you must include the status of such clinical trial, including whether enrollment has begun, the number of participants enrolled, the expected completion date, whether any difficulties completing the clinical trial have been encountered, and registration information with respect to requirements under subsections (i) and (j) of section 402 of the Public Health Service Act. 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 material or significant updates to the status information since the annual report was prepared. Failure to comply with the REMS assessments provisions in section 505-1(g) could result in enforcement action.

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.

If you currently distribute or plan to distribute an authorized generic product under this NDA, you must submit a complete proposed REMS that relates only to the authorized generic product. Submit a proposed REMS, REMS supporting document, and any required appended documents as a prior approval supplement. Approval of the proposed REMS is required before you may market your authorized generic product.

Prominently identify the submission containing the 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 as appropriate:

NDA 020505 and 20844 REMS ASSESSMENT

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 020505 and 20844
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION
REMS ASSESSMENT**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)
FOR NDA 020505 and 20844
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 the following, in triplicate, (1) a cover letter requesting advisory comments, (2) the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and (3) the package insert(s) 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

You must submit final promotional materials and package insert(s), accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/cder.html>; instructions are provided on 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>.

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

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 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, call Susan Daugherty, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0878.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Russell Katz, M.D.
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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling
REMS

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