NDA 021957/S-004

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

AstraZeneca LP  
Attention: Judy W. Firor  
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Dear Ms. Firor:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received December 18, 2008, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Nexium (esomeprazole magnesium) for Delayed-Release Oral Suspension.

Additionally, refer to the Supplement 4 approval letter, dated December 15, 2011. The label attached to the approval letter contained an error. The Full Prescribing Information, INDICATIONS AND USAGE, Treatment of Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD) section, (Section 1.1) of the label contained the following incorrect sentence,  

The correct language for Section 1.1 now states, “In infants 1 month to less than 1 year, NEXIUM is indicated for short-term treatment (up to 6 weeks) of erosive esophagitis due to acid-mediated GERD.”

The effective date of the action will remain December 15, 2011, the date of the original approval letter.


The June 17, 2011, submission constituted a complete response to our June 18, 2009, action letter.

This “Prior Approval” supplemental new drug application provides data to support the safety and effectiveness of Nexium for Delayed-Release Oral Suspension for the treatment of erosive esophagitis (EE) due to acid-mediated gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) in patients aged 1 month to less than 1 year.
We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

**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(l)] 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](http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm). Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert), 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.


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).

**CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS** Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels and carton and immediate container labels submitted on December 2, 2011, 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 “Product...
Correspondence – Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 21957/S-004. Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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 ages birth to less than one month of age because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable. The diagnosis of erosive esophagitis due to acid-mediated GERD is rare in pediatric patients less than 1 month.

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.

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 CDR Stacy Barley, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2137.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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/s/

ANDREW E MULBERG
12/15/2011