



NDA 021990/S-016

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
Attention: Nancy A. Price  
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Dear Ms. Price:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated October 20, 2011, received October 20, 2011, submitted under section 505(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Exforge (amlodipine/valsartan) 5/160 mg, 10/160 mg, 5/320 mg, 10/320 mg Tablets.

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application provides for labeling revised as follows:

1. Under **HIGHLIGHTS/DRUG INTERACTIONS**, a bullet was added:
  - If simvastatin is co-administered with amlodipine, do not exceed doses greater than 20 mg daily of simvastatin (7)
2. Under **DRUG INTERACTIONS, Drug/Drug interactions/Studies with Amlodipine**, the following paragraph was added:

*Simvastatin:* Co-administration of multiple doses of 10 mg of amlodipine with 80 mg simvastatin resulted in a 77% increase in exposure to simvastatin compared to simvastatin alone. Limit the dose of simvastatin in patients on amlodipine to 20 mg daily.
3. The version number and revision date were updated.

There are no other changes from the last approved package insert.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, and 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, 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>. 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.

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 via 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 with the revisions listed 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).

### **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 contact:

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Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE:  
Content of Labeling

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10/31/2011