



NDA 21560/S-007

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
Attention: Mr. Ronald G. Van Valen  
Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs  
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East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Mr. Van Valen:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received October 28, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Zortress<sup>®</sup> (everolimus) Tablets, 0.25 mg, 0.5 mg, and 0.75 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated March 1, 2012, April 20, 2012 and April 25, 2012.

On April 26, 2012, the Division issued an approval letter for this supplemental application. We note that the labeling attached to that letter is incorrect, as it omitted the RECENT MAJOR CHANGES section from the **HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION** as follows:

-----**RECENT MAJOR CHANGES**-----

Boxed Warning: Mortality in Heart Transplantation	04/2012
Warnings and Precautions: Heart transplantation (5.6)	04/2012
Warnings and Precautions: Polyoma Virus Infections (5.11)	04/2012

Sections 5.6 and 5.11 will have margin marks in the Full Prescribing Information indicating changes to the sections.

Therefore, we are issuing a replacement letter which contains the correct labeling. The effective date of the action will remain April 26, 2012, the date of the original action letter.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. It is approved, effective date April 26, 2012, 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, 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 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 above and 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).

### **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  
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP)  
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 Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), 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.

**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 Hyun Son, Pharm.D., Safety Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1939.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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Deputy Director for Safety  
Division of Transplant and Ophthalmology Products  
Office of Antimicrobial Products  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE:  
Content of Labeling

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04/26/2012