



NDA 202667

NDA APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
Attention: Dori L. Glassner
Director, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Ms. Glassner:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated and received February 16, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for COSOPT PF (dorzolamide hydrochloride-timolol maleate ophthalmic solution) 2%/0.5%.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated:

March 15, 2011
June 14, 2011
September 9, 2011
January 24, 2012

May 18, 2011
August 4, 2011 (2)
September 23, 2011

May 27, 2011
August 30, 2011
October 12, 2011

The January 24, 2012 submission constituted a complete response to our December 16, 2011, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of COSOPT PF (dorzolamide hydrochloride-timolol maleate ophthalmic solution) 2%/0.5%, for the reduction of elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension who are insufficiently responsive to beta-blockers.

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, which is identical to the labeling submitted on January 24, 2012.

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 and 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, container, and pouch labels submitted on January 24, 1012, 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 202667.**” 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.

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.

Your application does not qualify for any of the criteria described above; Therefore, the PREA requirement is inapplicable.

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
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
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 Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), 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 Judit Milstein, Chief Project Management Staff (301) 796-0763.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Renata Albrecht, MD
Director
Division of Transplant and Ophthalmology
Products
Office of Antimicrobial Products
Office of New Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S): Content of Labeling
Carton, Container, and Pouch Labeling

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/s/

RENATA ALBRECHT
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