ANDA 203176

ScieGen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Attention: P.V. Siva Reddy
    Vice President
20 Davids Drive
Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated May 25, 2011, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Nevirapine Tablets USP, 200 mg.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated August 25, October 19, December 2, and December 7, 2011; March 20, and April 5, 2012.

We have completed the review of this ANDA, and based upon the information you have presented to date we have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. However, we are unable to grant final approval to your ANDA at this time because of the exclusivity issue noted below. Therefore, the ANDA is tentatively approved. This determination is based upon information available to the agency at this time, (i.e., information in your ANDA and the present status of current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacture and testing of the drug product). This determination is subject to change on the basis of new information that may come to our attention.

The reference listed drug (RLD) upon which you have based your ANDA, Viramune Tablets, 200 mg, of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc., is subject to a period of pediatric exclusivity protection. As noted in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the “Orange Book”), U.S. Patent No. 5,366,972 (the '972 patent), expired on November 22, 2011. However, the pediatric exclusivity associated with this patent will not expire until May 22, 2012. Your ANDA contains a paragraph III certification to the '972 patent under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(III) of the Act stating that ScieGen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will not market Nevirapine Tablets USP, 200 mg prior to the expiration of both the patent and the period...
of pediatric exclusivity. Therefore, at present final approval of your ANDA may not be made effective pursuant to section 505(j)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act until the pediatric exclusivity associated with the '972 patent has expired, currently, May 22, 2012.

Please note that if FDA requires a Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for a listed drug, an ANDA citing that listed drug also will be required to have a REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the Act.

To reactivate your ANDA prior to final approval, please submit a "MINOR AMENDMENT - FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTED" upon receipt of this tentative approval letter. This amendment should provide the legal/regulatory basis for your request for final approval and should include a copy of a court decision, or a settlement or licensing agreement, as appropriate. It should also identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which the ANDA was tentatively approved, i.e., updated information such as final-printed labeling, chemistry, manufacturing, and controls data as appropriate. This amendment should be submitted even if none of these changes were made, and it should be designated clearly in your cover letter as a MINOR AMENDMENT - FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTED.

In addition to the amendment requested above, the agency may request at any time prior to the date of final approval that you submit an additional amendment containing the requested information. Failure to submit either or, if requested, both amendments may result in rescission of the tentative approval status of your ANDA, or may result in a delay in the issuance of the final approval letter.

Any significant changes in the conditions outlined in this ANDA as well as changes in the status of the manufacturing and testing facilities' compliance with cGMPs are subject to agency review before final approval of the ANDA will be made. Such changes should be categorized as representing either "major" or "minor" changes, and they will be reviewed according to OGD policy in effect at the time of receipt. The submission of multiple amendments prior to final approval may also result in a delay in the issuance of the final approval letter.

This drug product may not be marketed without final agency approval under section 505 of the Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of this drug product before the final approval date is prohibited under
section 301 of the Act. Also, until the agency issues the final
approval letter, this drug product will not be deemed approved
for marketing under section 505 of the Act, and will not be
listed in the "Orange Book." Should you believe that there are
grounds for issuing the final approval letter prior to May 22,
2012, you should amend your ANDA accordingly.

For further information on the status of this ANDA or upon
submitting an amendment to the ANDA, please contact Sean
Belouin, Project Manager, at 240-276-8566.

Sincerely yours,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Keith Webber, Ph.D.
Deputy Director
Office of Pharmaceutical Science
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
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Deputy Director, Office of Generic Drugs
for Keith Webber, Ph.D.