



NDA 021882/S-017

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Abbey Abraham, Pharm.D.
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Dear Dr. Abraham:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated November 28, 2012, received November 28, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Exjade (deferasirox) Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated May 24, 2013 and May 28, 2013.

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application provides for updates to Section 1 (Indications and Usage), Section 2 (Dosage and Administration), Section 6 (Adverse Reactions), Section 8 (Use in Specific Populations, Subsection 8.6, Renal Impairment), Section 12 (Clinical Pharmacology) and Section 14 (Clinical Studies).

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), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effectuated" (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 from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that includes labeling changes 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).

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.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

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 Jessica Boehmer, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5357.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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