



NDA 021925/S-006 and S-014

SUPPLEMENTS APPROVAL

Takeda Pharmaceuticals U.S.A. Inc.
Attention: Allison Villinski
Director, Regulatory Affairs
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Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Ms. Villinski:

Please refer to the following Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDAs), submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA):

Supplement Number	Product Name	Date of Submission	Date of Receipt
006	DUETACT (pioglitazone hydrochloride and glimepiride) Tablets	August 25, 2008	August 26, 2008
014	DUETACT (pioglitazone hydrochloride and glimepiride) Tablets	April 4, 2013	April 5, 2013

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments to S-006 dated February 23, April 16, 2009, August 16, September 14, 2011 and June 27, 2012.

These Prior Approval supplemental new drug applications provide for the conversion of the package insert to comply with the Physician's Labeling Rule (PLR), and for changes regarding the concomitant administration of colesevelam, and changes to **Section 8.4 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS, Pediatric Use** subsection of the package insert to furnish adequate information for the safe and effective use in the pediatric population. Supplement 14 was in response to our March 7, 2013 supplement request letter.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended. They are approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

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 Medication Guide), 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.

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>.

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 Raymond Chiang, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1940.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:
Package Insert
Medication Guide

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