DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Food and Drug Administration Silver Spring, MD 20993

ANDA 090678

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated June 30, 2008, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Rabeprazole Sodium Delayed-release Tablets, 20 mg.

Reference is also made to your tentative approval letter issued by this office on April 19, 2013, and to your amendments dated August 28, September 27, and October 17, 2013.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is approved, effective on the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Rabeprazole Sodium Delayed-release Tablets, 20 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug product (RLD), Aciphex Delayed-Release Tablets, 20 mg, of Eisai Inc.

Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application. The "interim" dissolution specifications are as follows:

Acid Resistance Stage (12 units)

Medium: 0.1 N HCl
Volume: 700 mL
Apparatus: II (Paddle)
Speed: 100 rpm

Time: 2 ho

Specifications: NMT (6)(4) is dissolved in 2 hours

The rabeprazole content of the tablets should be determined by the difference between the average potency assay (without acid exposure) and the potency assay of the remaining tablet at the end of the acid stage.

Buffer Stage - Drug Release Testing (Another 12 units)

Medium: 700 mL of 0.1 N HCl for 2 hours, followed by

the addition of 300 mL of 0.6 M Tris Buffer

to pH 8.0

Volume: 1000 mL Apparatus: II (Paddle)

Speed: 75 r

Specifications: NLT (Q) is dissolved in 30 minutes

The "interim" dissolution test(s) and tolerances should be finalized by submitting dissolution data from the first three production size batches. These data should be submitted as a "Special Supplement - Changes Being Effected" if there are no revisions to be made to the "interim" specifications, or if the final specifications are tighter than the "interim" specifications. In all other instances, the information should be submitted in the form of a Prior Approval Supplement.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

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.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs

should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Office of Prescription Drug Promotion 5901-B Ammendale Road Beltsville, MD 20705

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

You have been requested to provide information after the drug application has been approved. Any information submitted to meet the conditions requested in this letter is considered a "Post Approval Commitment Response". To alert the Office of Generic Drug staff to the fact that you are providing post approval commitment information, please designate your submission in your cover letter as "POST APPROVAL COMMITMENT RESPONSE".

The Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 (GDUFA) (Public Law 112-144, Title III) established certain provisions with respect to self-identification of facilities and payment of annual facility fees. Your ANDA identifies at least one facility that is subject to the self identification requirement and payment of an annual facility fee. Self-identification must occur by June 1 of each year for the next fiscal year. Facility fees must be paid each year by the date specified in the Federal Register notice announcing facility fee amounts. All finished dosage forms (FDFs) or active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) manufactured in a facility that has not met its obligations to self-identify or to pay fees when they are due will be deemed misbranded. This means that it will be a violation of federal law to ship these products in interstate commerce or to import them into the United States. Such violations can result in prosecution of those responsible, injunctions, or seizures of misbranded products.

Products misbranded because of failure to self-identify or pay facility fees are subject to being denied entry into the United States.

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at

http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLab
eling/default.htm, that is identical in content to the approved
labeling (including the package insert, and any patient package
insert and/or Medication Guide that may be required). Information
on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance
for industry titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling
Technical Os and As" at

http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf. The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Sincerely yours,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Kathleen Uhl, M.D.
Acting Director
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Deputy Director, Office of Generic Drugs, for Kathleen Uhl, M.D.