



NDA 204016

TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Hospira, Inc.
Attention: Amanda Santoro
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Dear Ms. Santoro:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated January 8, 2013, received January 8, 2013, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Zoledronic Acid Injection, 4 mg/100 mL.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated February 7, 2013; June 6, 2013; June 21, 2013; and June 28, 2013(2).

The January 8, 2013, submission constituted a complete response to our November 29, 2012, action letter.

This NDA provides for the use Zoledronic Acid Injection, 4 mg/100 mL for the treatment of:

- Hypercalcemia of malignancy
- Patients with multiple myeloma and patients with documented bone metastases from solid tumors, in conjunction with standard antineoplastic therapy. Prostate cancer should have progressed after treatment with at least one hormonal therapy.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is tentatively approved under 21 CFR 314.105 for use as recommended in the agreed-upon enclosed labeling. This determination is based upon information available to the Agency at this time, [i.e., information in your application and the 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 any new information that may come to our attention.

The listed drug upon which your application relies is subject to a period of patent protection and therefore final approval of your application under section 505(c)(3) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 355(c)(3)] may not be made effective until the period has expired.

Your application contains certifications to patents under section 505(b)(2)(A)(iv) of the Act stating that the patents are invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of, this drug product under this application (“Paragraph IV certifications”).

Section 505(c)(3)(C) of the Act provides that approval of a new drug application submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Act shall be made effective immediately, unless an action is brought for infringement of one or more of the patents that were the subject of the paragraph IV certifications. This action must be taken prior to the expiration of 45 days from the date the notice provided under section 505(b)(3) is received by the patent owner/approved application holder. You notified us that you complied with the requirements of section 505(b)(3) of the Act. However, because the 45-day period described in section 505(c)(3)(C) of the Act has not yet expired, final approval cannot be granted.

To obtain final approval of this application, submit an amendment two or six months prior to the: 1) expiration of the patents and/or exclusivity protection or 2) date you believe that your NDA will be eligible for final approval, as appropriate. In your cover letter, clearly identify your amendment as “**REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL**”. This amendment should provide the legal/regulatory basis for your request for final approval and should include a copy of any relevant court order or judgment settlement, or licensing agreement, as appropriate. In addition to a safety update, the amendment should also identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which your product was tentatively approved, i.e., updated labeling; chemistry, manufacturing, and controls data; and Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). If there are no changes, clearly state so in your cover letter. Any changes require our review before final approval and the goal date for our review will be set accordingly.

Until we issue a final approval letter, this NDA is not deemed approved.

Please note that this drug product may not be marketed in the United States 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 501 of the Act and 21 U.S.C. 331(d).

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labels must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. See the guidance for industry titled, “Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names”, at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm075068.pdf> and “PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012”.

If you have any questions, call Modupe Fagbami, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1348.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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