Dear Dr. Moody:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated and received on September 13, 2013, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Khedezla (desvenlafaxine base) extended-release 50 mg and 100 mg tablets.


This new drug application provides for the use of Khedezla (Desvenlafaxine Extended-Release) tablets for the treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD).

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

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. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As, available at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf.
The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE-CONTAINER LABELS

We acknowledge your July 3, 2013, submission containing final printed carton and container labels.

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.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for ages 0 to 6 years old in the treatment of major depressive disorder, because studies are highly impractical due to the low prevalence of this disorder in this age range.

We are deferring submission of your pediatric studies for ages 7 to 17 years old in the treatment of major depressive disorder, because this product is ready for approval for use in adults and the pediatric studies have not been completed.

Your deferred pediatric studies required under section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are required postmarketing studies. The status of these postmarketing studies must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 314.81 and section 505B(a)(3)(B) of the FDCA. These required studies are listed below.

2057-1 Deferred pediatric study under PREA for the treatment of major depressive disorder in pediatric patients aged 7 to 17. Conduct a study to obtain data on the efficacy and safety of desvenlafaxine in the relevant pediatric population.

   Final Protocol Submission Date: April 2015
   Study/Trial Completion Date: March 2019
   Final Report Submission: September 2019

Submit the protocol to your IND 111073, with a cross-reference letter to this NDA.

Reports of this required pediatric postmarketing study must be submitted as a supplement to your approved NDA with the proposed labeling changes you believe are warranted based on the data derived from these studies. When submitting the reports, please clearly mark your submission "SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS" in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission.
PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert to:

    Food and Drug Administration
    Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
    Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
    5901-B Ammendale Road
    Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see 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, please contact CAPT William Bender, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2145 or email at: William.Bender@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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