Dear Ms. Firor:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDA) dated and received November 8, 2013, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Nexium (esomeprazole magnesium) Delayed-Release Capsules, 20 mg and 40 mg and Nexium (esomeprazole magnesium) Delayed-Release Oral Suspension, 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg.


We also refer to our letter dated October 10, 2013, notifying you, under Section 505(o)(4) of the FDCA, of new safety information that we believe should be included in the labeling for Nexium. This information pertains to the risk of fetal harm in pregnancy, with the use of esomeprazole.

These supplemental new drug applications provides for revisions to the labeling for Nexium. The agreed upon changes to the language included in our October 10, 2013, letter are noted in the attached label. The following sections were impacted by the labeling revisions in the package insert:

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

- USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

8. USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATION

8.1 Pregnancy

8.4 Pediatric use

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology
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

Please note that we have previously granted a waiver of the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information.

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, Medication Guide), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending “Changes Being Effected” (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).

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 CDR Stacy Barley, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2137.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
  Content of Labeling
This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically and this page is the manifestation of the electronic signature.

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02/25/2014