



NDA 203255

**NDA APPROVAL**

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
Attention: Rose Gao, M.S.  
Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs  
One Health Plaza  
East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Ms. Gao:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated and received November 15, 2013, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Signifor LAR (pasireotide) for injectable suspension, for intramuscular use, 20 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated December 23, 2013, and January 30, February 14, March 14, April 1, 4, 11, and 14, May 8, 9, 16, and 30, June 6, 12, and 30, July 11, 25, and 28, August 1 (2), 4, 25, 26, and 27, September 3, and November 25, 2014. We also acknowledge your agreement with our revisions to the package insert and patient package insert via email to Jennifer Johnson of this Division on December 15, 2014.

This new drug application provides for the use of Signifor LAR (pasireotide) for injectable suspension, for intramuscular use, for the treatment of patients with acromegaly who have had an inadequate response to surgery and/or for whom surgery is not an option.

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.

**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, text for the patient package insert). 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**

Submit final printed carton and immediate container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels submitted via email on August 29, September 11 and November 7, 2014, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008)*. Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 203255.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product(s) with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

### **MARKET PACKAGE**

Please submit one market package of the drug product when it is available to the following address:

Jennifer Johnson  
Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
White Oak Building 22, Room: 3114  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland  
*Use zip code **20903** if shipping via United States Postal Service (USPS).*  
*Use zip code **20993** if sending via any carrier other than USPS (e.g., UPS, DHL, FedEx).*

### **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 this drug product for this indication has an orphan drug designation, you are exempt from this requirement.

## **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. Form FDA 2253 is available at

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>.

Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>. 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 call Jennifer Johnson, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-2194.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Jean-Marc Guettier, M.D.  
Director  
Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology Products  
Office of Drug Evaluation II  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

- Enclosures: Signifor LAR (pasireotide) for injectable suspension, for intramuscular use:
1. Package Insert
  2. Patient Package Insert
  3. Healthcare Provider Instruction Booklet: Instructions for Proper Suspension Technique (demonstration kit)
  4. Vial labels (trade and demonstration kits)
  5. Syringe labels (trade and demonstration kits)
  6. Tray labels (trade and demonstration kits)
  7. Carton labels (trade and demonstration kits)

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