



NDA 20-665/S-038

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Ms. Nancy Price
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Dear Ms. Price:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received on January 27, 2015, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Diovan (valsartan) Capsules, 80 and 160 mg.

This “Prior Approval” supplemental new drug application provides for an update to the **DRUG INTERACTIONS**, *Potassium* subsection. In addition, other minor changes have been made. The changes are as follows (additions are shown as underlined text and deletions are shown as ~~strike through text~~):

In **HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

1. The route of administration (“for oral use”) was added to the product title line.

In **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

2. Under section 7, **DRUG INTERACTIONS**, *Potassium*, the phrase “or other drugs that may increase potassium levels (e.g., heparin)” was added in the first sentence as follows:

Potassium: Concomitant use of valsartan with other agents that block the renin-angiotensin system, potassium-sparing diuretics (e.g., spironolactone, triamterene, amiloride), potassium supplements, ~~or~~ salt substitutes containing potassium or other drugs that may increase potassium levels (e.g., heparin) may lead to increases in serum potassium and in heart failure patients to increases in serum creatinine.

3. Under section 17, **PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**, the following sentence was added after **Information for Patients**:

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

In addition, minor editorial and formatting corrections were made throughout the **HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION** and **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION** and the revision dates have been updated.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. 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 and text for the patient package insert), 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, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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Content of Labeling

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