



ANDA 203602

**ANDA APPROVAL**

Novel Laboratories, Inc.  
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Somerset, NJ 08873  
Attention: Mr. Scott Talbot  
Vice President Quality Assurance and Regulatory Affairs

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated November 4, 2011, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), for Morphine Sulfate Extended-release Tablets, 15 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg.

Reference is also made to the Complete Response letter issued by this office dated August 5, 2014, and to your amendments dated March 10, April 14, September 8, and December 1, 2015.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. **Accordingly the ANDA is approved**, effective on the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Morphine Sulfate Extended-release Tablets 15 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug product (RLD), MS Contin Tablets 15 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg, of Purdue Pharma LP.

Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application. The “interim” dissolution specifications are as follows:

USP Apparatus type	Apparatus I (basket)
Medium	Water
Volume (mL)	900
Rotation (rpm)	50
Temperature	37 ± 0.5°C
Specifications	200 mg: <span style="background-color: #cccccc;">(b) (4)</span>

The “interim” dissolution test(s) and tolerances should be finalized by submitting dissolution data for the (b) (4) batches. Data should be submitted as a Special Supplement – Changes Being Effected when there are no revisions to the “interim”

specifications or when the final specifications are (b) (4) than the “interim” specifications. In all other instances, the information should be submitted in the form of a Prior Approval Supplement.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

### **RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (REMS) REQUIREMENT**

Section 505-1 of the FDC& Act authorizes FDA to require the submission of a REMS if FDA determines that such a strategy is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks [section 505-1(a)]. In accordance with section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act, a drug that is the subject of an ANDA under 505(j) is subject to certain elements of the REMS required for the applicable listed drug.

The details of the REMS requirements were outlined in the REMS notification letter dated April 5, 2012. In that letter, you were also notified that pursuant to section 505-1(i) of the FDC& Act, a drug that is the subject of an ANDA and the listed drug it references must use a single, shared system for elements to assure safe use (ETASU) unless FDA waives that requirement.

Your final proposed REMS, submitted December 01, 2015, and appended to this letter, is approved. The REMS consists of a Medication Guide and ETASU.

The REMS uses a shared system for the ETASU and the REMS assessments. This shared system, known as the Extended Release/Long Acting (ER/LA) Opioid Analgesic REMS Program, currently includes the products listed on the FDA REMS website available at <http://www.fda.gov/remis>. Other products may be added in the future if additional NDAs or ANDAs are approved.

Under section 505-1(g)(2)(C) of the FD&C Act, FDA can require the submission of a REMS assessment if FDA determines an assessment is needed to evaluate whether the REMS should be modified to ensure the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks or to minimize the burden on the healthcare delivery system of complying with the REMS.

We remind you that you must include an adequate rationale to support a proposed REMS modification for the addition, modification, or removal of any goal or element of the REMS, as described in section 505-1(g)(4) of the FD&C Act.

We also remind you that section 505-1(f)(8) of FD&C Act prohibits holders of an approved covered application from using any element to assure safe use to block or delay approval of an application under section 505(b)(2) or (j) or to prevent application of such element under 505-1(i)(1)(B) to a drug that is subject of an ANDA. A violation of this provision in 505-1(f) could result in enforcement action.

Prominently identify any submission containing the REMS assessments or proposed modifications of the REMS with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission as appropriate:

**ANDA 0203602 REMS ASSESSMENT**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 0203602/S-000  
CHANGES BEING EFFECTED IN 30 DAYS  
PROPOSED MINOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 0203602/S-000  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED MAJOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 0203602/S-000  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY LABEL CHANGES  
SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENT XXX**

Should you choose to submit a REMS revision, prominently identify the submission containing the REMS revisions with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

**REMS REVISIONS FOR ANDA 0203602**

To facilitate review of your submission, we request that you submit your proposed modified REMS and other REMS-related materials in Microsoft Word format. If certain documents, such as enrollment forms, are only in PDF format, they may be submitted as such, but the preference is to include as many as possible in Word format.

If you do not submit electronically, please send 5 copies of REMS-related submissions.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert(s) directly to:

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

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

The Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 (GDUFA) (Public Law 112-144, Title III) established certain provisions with respect to self-identification of facilities and payment of annual facility fees. Your ANDA identifies at least one facility that is subject to the self identification requirement and payment of an annual facility fee. Self-identification must occur by June 1 of each year for the next fiscal year. Facility fees must be paid each year by the date specified in the Federal Register notice announcing facility fee amounts. All finished dosage forms (FDFs) or active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) manufactured in a facility that has not met its obligations to self-identify or to pay fees when they are due will be deemed misbranded. This means that it will be a violation of federal law to ship these products in interstate commerce or to import them into the United States. Such violations can result in prosecution of those responsible, injunctions, or seizures of misbranded products. Products misbranded because of failure to self-identify or pay facility fees are subject to being denied entry into the United States.

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that is identical in content to the approved labeling (including the package insert, and any patient package insert and/or Medication Guide that may be required). 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 via publicly available labeling repositories.

Sincerely yours,

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ENCLOSURE:  
REMS