



NDA 206628

NDA APPROVAL

HQ Specialty Pharma Corporation
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Paramus, NJ 07652

Attention: Joseph Pizza
President

Dear Mr. Pizza:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated and received May 12, 2014, submitted pursuant to Section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA), for Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride Injection, 400 mcg/4 mL and 1000 mcg/10 mL.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated June 12, July 1 and 15, August 12, September 16 and 29, December 1, 15, and 22, 2014, and January 8, February 2, 5, 10, and 18, March 2, 6, and 9, April 21, August 13, September 11, and October 1, 2015.

The April 21, 2015, submission constituted a complete response to our March 12, 2015, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride Injection, for sedation of non-intubated patients prior to and/or during surgical and other procedures.

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.

WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION

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(1)] 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. 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, 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 206628.**” 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:

Allison Meyer
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
White Oak Building 22, Room: 3176
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).*

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labels must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry *Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names*, available at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm075068.pdf> and “PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012”.)

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 none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the FDCA authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to identify an unexpected serious risk of reproductive/developmental and/or genetic toxicity associated with potential extractables and leachables into the Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride Injection drug product.

Furthermore, the new pharmacovigilance system that FDA is required to establish under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess this serious risk.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following:

- 2884-1 Conduct an adequate leachable safety assessment for the [REDACTED] (b) (4) rubber stopper used in your container closure system. This assessment must include leachable data from long-term stability studies testing at least three batches (taking into consideration the proposed shelf-life) to determine if the identified extractables leach into the drug product over time. Using this information, conduct a toxicological risk assessment justifying the safety of the leachables, taking into consideration the maximum daily dose of the identified materials for this drug product. For your toxicological risk assessment, any leachable that contains a structural alert for mutagenicity should

not exceed (b)(4) mcg/day total daily exposure, or it must be adequately qualified for safety. A toxicological risk assessment should be provided for any non-genotoxic leachable that exceeds (b)(4) mcg/day.

The timetable you submitted on October 1, 2015, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 10/31/2015 (complete)
Study Completion: 1/31/2016
Final Report Submission: 4/30/2016

Submit the protocol(s) to your IND 119008, with a cross-reference letter to this NDA. Submit all final report(s) to your NDA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **“Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o)”**, **“Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o)”**.

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii). We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

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>.

EXPIRATION DATING PERIOD

A 36-month expiry dating period is granted for Dexmedetomidine Hydrochloride Injection when stored at 25°C (77°F) with excursions permitted from 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F).

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 Allison Meyer, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1258.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure(s):

Content of Labeling

Carton and Container Labeling

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10/21/2015