



ANDA 203434

ANDA APPROVAL

Novast Laboratories, Inc.
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Attention: Brian Berry, Ph.D.
Senior Director, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for Acetazolamide Extended-Release Capsules, 500 mg.

Reference is also made to the complete response letter issued by this office on January 11, 2016, and to your amendments dated February 6, April 13, April 22, July 26, and September 14, 2016.

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 Office of Bioequivalence has determined your Acetazolamide Extended-Release Capsules, 500 mg to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Diamox Sequels, 500 mg, of Teva Branded Pharmaceutical Products R&D, Inc. (Teva).

Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the FDA-recommended method and specification for your application. The “interim” dissolution specifications are as follows:

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| Medium | pH 4.5 Acetate Buffer with 2.2% Tween 20 | |
| Volume | 900 mL | |
| Temperature | 37°C ± 5°C | |
| Apparatus | USP Type II (Paddle) | |
| Speed | 75 rpm | |
| Specifications | 1 hour | (b) (4) % |
| | 2 hours | (b) (4) % |
| | 5 hours | (b) (4) % |
| | 14 hours | NLT (b) (4) % |

The “interim” dissolution test(s) and tolerances should be finalized by submitting dissolution data for the first three production size batches. Data should be submitted as a Supplement – Changes Being Effected when there are no revisions to the “interim” specifications or when the final specifications are tighter than the “interim” specifications. In all other instances, the information should be submitted in a Prior Approval Supplement.

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

Please note that if FDA requires a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for a listed drug, an ANDA citing that listed drug also will be required to have a REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act.

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

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling materials prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. 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, Medication Guide, and patient PI (as applicable) to:

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

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft Guidance for Industry (available at:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM443702.pdf>).

You must also submit final promotional materials and package insert(s), accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. 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>.

ANNUAL FACILITY FEES

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 1st 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.

CONTENT OF LABELING

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.

The Electronic Common Technical Document (eCTD) is CDER’s standard format for electronic regulatory submissions. Beginning May 5, 2017 ANDA and Master Files must be submitted in eCTD format. Submissions that do not adhere to the requirements stated in the eCTD Guidance will be subject to rejection. For more information please visit: www.fda.gov/ectd.

Sincerely yours,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research



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