



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 020665/S-039

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Nancy Price
Global Program Regulatory Director
One Health Plaza
East Hanover NJ, 07936

Dear Ms. Price:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated November 18, 2016, received November 18, 2016, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Diovan (valsartan) capsules 80 and 160 mg.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application provides for a correction regarding the length of the open-label extension phase and the upper age of pediatric patients.

The specific revision, in Section 6.1 is as follows:

In a second study of 6-months duration in which 75 children aged 1 to 65 years, there were randomized, no deaths and one case of marked liver transaminase elevations occurred during a 1-year open label extension following 6 months of treatment.

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), 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 include 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 call Michael Monteleone, Associate Director for Labeling, at (301) 796-1952.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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