



NDA 022569/S-026

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

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Attention: Michelle P. Wong, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Wong:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated June 12, 2017, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for LAZANDA (fentanyl citrate).

We also refer to our REMS Modification Notification letter dated April 10, 2017, informing you that the Transmucosal Immediate Release Fentanyl (TIRF) Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) must be modified to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh its risks.

This supplemental new drug application proposes modifications to the approved TIRF REMS to align the REMS document and materials with the labeling approved in supplement S-023 on December 16, 2016.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter.

**RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS**

The REMS for TIRF products, of which LAZANDA is a member, was originally approved on December 28, 2011, and the most recent REMS modification was approved on December 24, 2014. The REMS consists of a Medication Guide, elements to assure safe use, an implementation system, and a timetable for submissions of assessments of the REMS.

In order to ensure the benefits of LAZANDA outweigh its risks, we determined that you were required to make changes to the REMS document, and appended materials consistent with the safety label changes approved on December 16, 2016, as well as additional minor modifications.

Your proposed modified REMS, submitted to Drug Master File (DMF) (b) (4) on August 29, 2017, and appended to this letter, is approved.

This REMS uses a shared system for the elements to assure safe use and the REMS assessments. This shared system, known as the TIRF REMS Program, currently includes the products listed on the FDA REMS website, available at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/remis/index.cfm?event=RemsDetails.page&REMS=17>.

Other products may be added in the future if additional NDAs or ANDAs are approved.

The timetable for submission of assessments for the TIRF REMS Program remains the same as that approved on June 5, 2012.

There are no changes to the REMS assessment plan described in our August 21, 2014, REMS Assessment Acknowledgment/REMS Assessment Plan Revision letter.

We remind you that in addition to the REMS assessments submitted according to the timetable in the approved REMS, 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 FDCA.

We also remind you that you must submit a REMS assessment when you submit a supplemental application for a new indication for use as described in section 505-1(g)(2)(A) of the FDCA. This assessment should include:

- a) An evaluation of how the benefit-risk profile will or will not change with the new indication;
- b) A determination of the implications of a change in the benefit-risk profile for the current REMS;
- c) *If the new indication for use introduces unexpected risks:* A description of those risks and an evaluation of whether those risks can be appropriately managed with the currently approved REMS.
- d) *If a REMS assessment was submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* A statement about whether the REMS was meeting its goals at the time of the last assessment and if any modifications of the REMS have been proposed since that assessment.
- e) *If a REMS assessment has not been submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* Provision of as many of the currently listed assessment plan items as is feasible.
- f) *If you propose a REMS modification based on a change in the benefit-risk profile or because of the new indication of use, submit an adequate rationale to support the modification, including:* Provision of the reason(s) why the proposed REMS modification is necessary, the potential effect on the serious risk(s) for which the REMS was required, on patient access to the drug, and/or on the burden on the health care delivery system; and other appropriate evidence or data to support the proposed change. Additionally, include any changes to the assessment plan necessary to assess the

proposed modified REMS. *If you are not proposing REMS modifications*, provide a rationale for why the REMS does not need to be modified.

If the assessment instruments and methodology for your REMS assessments are not included in the REMS supporting document, or if you propose changes to the submitted assessment instruments or methodology, you should update the REMS supporting document to include specific assessment instrument and methodology information at least 90 days before the assessments will be conducted. Updates to the REMS supporting document may be included in a new document that references previous REMS supporting document submission(s) for unchanged portions. Alternatively, updates may be made by modifying the complete previous REMS supporting document, with all changes marked and highlighted. Prominently identify the submission containing the assessment instruments and methodology with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

**NDA 022569 REMS CORRESPONDENCE  
(insert concise description of content in bold capital letters, e.g.,  
UPDATE TO REMS SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - ASSESSMENT  
METHODOLOGY**

An authorized generic drug under this NDA must have an approved REMS prior to marketing. Should you decide to market, sell, or distribute an authorized generic drug under this NDA, contact us to discuss what will be required in the authorized generic drug REMS submission.

We remind you that section 505-1(f)(8) of FDCA prohibits holders of an approved covered application with elements to assure safe use from using any element to block or delay approval of an application under section 505(b)(2) or (j). 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:

**NDA 022569 REMS ASSESSMENT**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 022569/S-000/  
CHANGES BEING EFFECTED IN 30 DAYS  
PROPOSED MINOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 022569/S-000/  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED MAJOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 022569/S-000/  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY LABEL CHANGES  
SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENT XXX**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)  
FOR NDA 022569/S-000/  
REMS ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION (if included)**

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 NDA 022569**

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 have any questions, call Mark Liberatore, PharmD; Safety Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-2221.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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