



ANDA 206959

**ANDA APPROVAL**

Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A. Inc.  
3 Skyline Drive  
Hawthorne, NY 10532  
Attention: Crystal Spinks, Ph.D.  
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Madam:

This letter is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) received for review on June 9, 2014, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.1% / 2.5%.

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letter issued by this office on May 15, 2017, and to any amendments thereafter.

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 Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.1% / 2.5%, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Epiduo Gel, of Galderma Laboratories, L.P. (Galderma).

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Galderma's Epiduo Gel, is subject to periods of patent protection. The following patents and expiration dates are currently listed in the Agency's publication titled *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations* (the "Orange Book"):

| <u>U.S. Patent Number</u>   | <u>Expiration Date</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 7,820,186 (the '186 patent) | November 23, 2025      |
| 7,964,202 (the '202 patent) | September 1, 2024      |
| 8,071,644 (the '644 patent) | July 18, 2027          |
| 8,080,537 (the '537 patent) | July 18, 2027          |
| 8,105,618 (the '618 patent) | December 23, 2022      |
| 8,129,362 (the '362 patent) | July 18, 2027          |
| 8,241,649 (the '649 patent) | December 23, 2022      |
| 8,445,543 (the '543 patent) | July 12, 2027          |
| 8,809,305 (the '305 patent) | December 23, 2022      |
| 8,936,800 (the '800 patent) | December 23, 2022      |

Your ANDA contains paragraph IV certifications to each of the patents<sup>1</sup>, under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the FD&C Act stating that the patents are invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.1% / 2.5%, under this ANDA. You have notified the Agency that Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A. Inc. (Taro) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act, and that litigation was initiated within the statutory 45-day period against Taro for infringement of the '644, '537, '362, '305 and '543 patents in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division [Galderma Laboratories, L.P., Galderma S.A., and Galderma Research & Development, S.N.C. v. Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc., Civil Action No. 3:15- cv-02814-K]. You have also notified the Agency that this case has been dismissed.

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 and at section 506I of the FD&C Act. The Agency should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug or if this drug will not be available for sale after approval. In particular, under section 506I(b) of the FD&C Act, you are required to notify the the Agency in writing within 180 days from the date of this letter if this drug will not be available for sale within 180 days from the date of approval. As part of such written notification, you must include (1) the identity of the drug by established name and proprietary name (if any); (2) the ANDA number; (3) the strength of the drug; (4) the date on which the drug will be available for sale, if known; and (5) the reason for not marketing the drug after approval.

### **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 (PI), 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<sup>2</sup> 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, ANDAs must be submitted in eCTD format and beginning May 5, 2018, drug 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](http://www.fda.gov/ectd).

Sincerely yours,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

For Vincent Sansone, PharmD  
Deputy Director  
Office of Regulatory Operations  
Office of Generic Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

<sup>1</sup> The Agency notes that the '305 and '800 patents were submitted to the Agency after submission of your ANDA. Litigation, if any, with respect to these patents would not create a statutory stay of approval.

<sup>2</sup> Some of these provisions were amended by the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2017 (GDUFA II) (Public Law 115-52, Title III).



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