



ANDA 209148

ANDA APPROVAL

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

Dear Madam:

This letter is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) received for review on May 4, 2016, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.3%/2.5%.

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letter issued by this office on August 2, 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. We have determined your Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.3%/2.5%, to be bioequivalent and therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Epiduo Forte Gel, 0.3%/2.5%, of Galderma Laboratories, L.P. (Galderma).

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Galderma's Epiduo Forte Gel, 0.3%/2.5%, 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>
8,445,543 (the '543 patent)	December 23, 2022
8,703,820 (the '820 patent)	March 12, 2023
8,729,127 (the '127 patent)	March 12, 2023
8,785,420 (the '420 patent)	December 23, 2022
8,809,305 (the '305 patent)	December 23, 2022
8,936,800 (the '800 patent)	December 23, 2022
9,381,179 (the '179 patent)	March 12, 2023
9,387,187 (the '187 patent)	March 12, 2023

9,814,690 (the '690 patent)

December 23, 2022

Your ANDA contains paragraph IV certifications to each of the patents¹ 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, 0.3%/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 litigation was initiated within the statutory 45-day period against Taro for infringement of the '543, '420, and '305 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., Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., and Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc., Civil Action No. 16-02207]. You have also notified the Agency that this case was dismissed.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, we note that Taro was the first ANDA applicant to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a paragraph IV certification for Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.3%/2.5%. Therefore, with this approval, Taro is eligible for 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide Gel, 0.3%/2.5%. This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act, will begin to run from the date of the commercial marketing identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). Please submit a correspondence to this ANDA informing the Agency of the date you begin commercial marketing. Please submit correspondence to this ANDA notifying the Agency within 30 days of the date of the first commercial marketing of this drug product or the RLD. If you do not notify the Agency within 30 days, the date of first commercial marketing will be deemed to be the date of the drug product's approval. See 21 CFR 314.107(c)(2).

Under section 506A of the 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 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 provisions² 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.

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

¹ The Agency notes that the '179, '187, and '690 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.

² 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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