



ANDA 208269

ANDA APPROVAL

Alvogen Pine Brook, LLC.
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Morristown, NJ 07960
Attention: Patricia Jaworski
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Madam:

This letter is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) received for review on April 15, 2015, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg.

Reference is also made to the complete response letter issued by this office on July 23, 2020, 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 meets the requirements for approval under the FD&C Act. Accordingly, the ANDA is **approved**, effective on the date of this letter. We have determined your Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, to be bioequivalent and therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Hysingla ER Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, of Purdue Pharma L.P. (Purdue).

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Purdue's Hysingla ER Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, 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>
6,733,783 (the '783 patent)	October 30, 2021
8,309,060 (the '060 patent)	November 20, 2023
8,361,499 (the '499 patent)	October 30, 2021

8,529,948 (the '948 patent)	August 6, 2022
8,551,520 (the '520 patent)	October 30, 2021
8,647,667 (the '667 patent)	October 30, 2021
8,808,740 (the '740 patent)	December 21, 2031
9,084,816 (the '816 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,095,614 (the '614 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,095,615 (the '615 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,486,412 (the '412 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,486,413 (the '413 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,492,389 (the '389 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,492,390 (the '390 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,492,391 (the '391 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,545,380 (the '380 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,572,779 (the '779 patent)	December 21, 2031
9,675,610 (the '610 patent)	June 16, 2023
9,750,703 (the '703 patent)	December 21, 2031
9,763,933 (the '933 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,770,416 (the '416 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,775,809 (the '809 patent)	August 24, 2027
9,861,584 (the '584 patent)	December 21, 2031
9,872,837 (the '837 patent)	December 21, 2031
10,130,591 (the '591 patent)	November 20, 2023
10,369,109 (the '109 patent)	June 16, 2023

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 Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, under this ANDA. You have notified the Agency that Alvogen Pine Brook, LLC. (Alvogen) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act. Litigation was initiated within the statutory 45-day period against Alvogen for infringement of the '783, '060, '499, '948, '520, '667, and '740 patents in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware [Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharmaceuticals, L.P., The P.F. Laboratories, Inc., and Grünenthal GmbH v. Alvogen Pine Brook, LLC, Civil Action No. 15-00687]. You have also notified the Agency that this case was dismissed.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, we note that Alvogen was the first ANDA applicant for Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a paragraph IV certification. Therefore, with this approval, Alvogen may be eligible for 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg. This exclusivity, which is provided for under 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act, would begin to run from the date of the commercial marketing identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). The Agency notes that Alvogen failed to obtain tentative approval of this ANDA within 30 months after the date of which the ANDA was filed. See section 505(j)(5)(D)(i)(IV) of the FD&C Act (forfeiture of exclusivity for failure to obtain tentative approval). The Agency is not, however, making a formal determination at this time of Alvogen's eligibility for 180-day generic drug exclusivity. It will do so only if a subsequent paragraph IV applicant becomes eligible for full approval (a) within 180 days after Alvogen begins commercial marketing of Hydrocodone Bitartrate Extended-Release Tablets, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, 60 mg, 80 mg, 100 mg, and 120 mg, or (b) at any time prior to the expiration of the '783, '060, '499, '948, '520, '667, and '740 patents if Alvogen has not begun 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.

RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS

Section 505-1 of the FD&C Act authorizes FDA to require the submission of a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS), if FDA determines that such a strategy is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks [section 505-1(a)]. In accordance with section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act, a drug that is the subject of an ANDA under section 505(j) is subject to certain elements of the REMS required for the applicable listed drug.

The details of the REMS requirements were outlined in our REMS notification letter dated June 22, 2015.

Your final proposed REMS, referenced in Drug Master File (DMF) 31551; is approved, and will be posted on the FDA REMS website: <http://www.fda.gov/remes>. Other products may be added in the future if additional NDAs or ANDAs are approved.

The Opioid Analgesic REMS consists of a Medication Guide and Elements to Assure Safe Use (ETASU).

Your REMS must be fully operational before you introduce **hydrocodone bitartrate** into interstate commerce.

Under section 505-1(g)(2)(C) of the FD&C Act, FDA can require the submission of a REMS assessment if FDA determines an assessment is needed to evaluate whether the REMS should be modified to ensure the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks or to minimize the burden on the healthcare delivery system of complying with the REMS.

We remind you that 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 FD&C Act.

We also remind you that section 505-1(f)(8) of the FD&C Act prohibits holders of an approved covered application from using any element to assure safe use 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 a REMS assessment 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:

**ANDA 208269 REMS ASSESSMENT
CROSS REFERENCE TO THE REMS DMF**

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 208269/S-000
CHANGES BEING EFFECTED IN 30 DAYS
PROPOSED MINOR REMS MODIFICATION
CROSS REFERENCE TO THE REMS DMF**

or

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 208269/S-000
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT
PROPOSED MAJOR REMS MODIFICATION
CROSS REFERENCE TO THE REMS DMF**

or

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR ANDA 208269/S-000
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY LABELING
CHANGES SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENT XXX
CROSS REFERENCE TO THE REMS DMF**

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 REVISION FOR ANDA 208269
CROSS REFERENCE TO THE REMS DMF**

The Opioid Analgesic REMS uses a Type V DMF for shared system REMS submissions. Please refer to the draft guidance for industry *Use of a Drug Master File for Shared System REMS Submissions*,² for instructions on how to submit and reference the shared system REMS DMF.

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: <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>).

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 <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/center-drug-evaluation-and-research-cder/opdp-form-fda-2253-and-request-advisory-comment-submissions>.

ANNUAL FACILITY FEES

The Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 (GDUFA) (Public Law 112-144, Title III) established certain provisions³ 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 or active pharmaceutical ingredients 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 <https://www.fda.gov/media/71211/download>. The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

We remind you that you must continually monitor available labeling resources such as DRUGS@FDA for changes to your reference listed drug’s labels and labeling and make any necessary revisions to your labels and labeling. More information on post-approval labeling changes may be found in the guidance for industry titled “Changes to an Approved NDA or ANDA” at <https://www.fda.gov/media/71846/download>.

Sincerely yours,

{See appended electronic signature page}

For Edward M. Sherwood
Director
Office of Regulatory Operations
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

¹ The Agency notes that the '816, '614, '615, '412, '413, '389, '390, '391, '380, '779, '610, '703, '933, '416, '809, '584, '837, '591, and '109 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 We update guidances periodically. To make sure you have the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Drugs guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>

³ 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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