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**ANDA APPROVAL/TENTATIVE APPROVAL A**

scend Laboratories, LLC  
U.S. agent for Ikem Laboratories Limited  
Attention: Hindy Schiff  
VP-Regulatory Affairs

Dear Hindy Schiff:

This letter is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application ( ND ) received for review on January 8, 2018, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg.

Reference is also made to the tentative approval letter issued by this office on May 4, 2023, and to any amendments thereafter.

We have completed the review of this ND and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug meets the requirements for approval under the FD&C Act. We have determined your Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg, to be bioequivalent and therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Xigduo XR Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg, of AstraZeneca B ( AstraZeneca) ND - 205649.

However, we are unable to grant final approval to your Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, at this time because of the exclusivity issue noted below. Therefore, your ND is **approved** insofar as it pertains to Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg. Your Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, is **tentatively approved**. This determination is based upon information available to the Agency at this time (e.g., information in your ND and the status of current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacturing and testing of the drug product). This determination is subject to change on the basis of new information that may come to our attention.

The RLD upon which you have based your ND , Xigduo XR Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and A

10 mg/1,000 mg of Astr Z n c , is subj ct to p riods of p t nt prot ction. Th followin p t nts nd xpir tion d t s (with p di tric xclusivity dd d) r curr ntly list d in the Agency's publication titled *Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations* (the "Orange Book"): I

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7,919,598 (th '598 p t nt)	Jun 16, 20 0
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8,685,9 4 (th '9 4 p I nt)	Nov mb r 26, 20 0 I
9,616,028 (th '028 p t nt)	M y 12, 20 1

Your ANDA cont ins p r r ph IV c rtific tions to ch of th p t nts und r s ction 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of th FD&C Act st tin th t th p t nts r inv lid, un nforc bl , or will not b infrin d by your manuf ctur , us , or s l of D p liflozin nd M tformin Hydrochlorid Ext nd d-R l s T bl ts, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, nd 10 mg/1,000 mg und r this ANDA. You h v notifi d th A ncy th t Alk m L bor tori s Limit d (Alk m) compli d with th r quir ments of s ction 505(j)(2)(B) of th FD&C Act, nd th t no ction for infrin m nt w s brou ht inst Alk m within th st tutory 45-d y p riod.

How v r, w r un bl to r nt fin l pprov l with r sp ct to th 2.5 mg/1,000 mg str n th product t this time. rior to th submission of your ANDA, noth r pplic nt or pplic nts submitt d subst nti lly compl t ANDA providin for D p liflozin nd M tformin Hydrochlorid Ext nd d-R l s T bl ts, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg, nd cont inin p r r ph IV c rtific tion. Your ANDA for this str n th will b li ibl for fin l pprov l on th d t th t is 180 d ys ft r th comm rci l m r k tin d t id ntifi d in s ction 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of th FD&C Act.

Upon th for oin , your ANDA is **approved** insof r s it p rt ins to th 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, nd 10 mg/1,000 mg str n th products. Your 2.5 mg/1,000 mg str n th product is **tentatively approved**.

**I. Approval of Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg**

With r sp ct to 180-d y n ric dru xclusivity, w not th t Alk m w s on of th first ANDA pplic nts to submit subst nti lly compl t ANDA with p r r ph IV c rtific tion for D p liflozin nd M tformin Hydrochlorid Ext nd d-R l s T bl ts, I

5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg. Therefore, with this approval, Alkermis is eligible for 180 days of shared generic drug exclusivity for Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 5 mg/500 mg, 5 mg/1,000 mg, 10 mg/500 mg, and 10 mg/1,000 mg. FDA notes that the effectiveness of this approval in terms of eligibility for 180-day exclusivity is subject to future events that may result in forfeiture of exclusivity under section 505(j)(5)(D) of the FD&C Act. This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act, begins to run from the date of the commercial marketing by any first applicant, as identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). I will 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).

I will not submit if FDA requires Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for listed drug, an ANDA reference listed drug also will be required to have REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act.

## **COMPENDIAL STANDARDS**

A drug with a manufacturer identified in the official United States Pharmacopoeia or official National Formulary (USP-NF) generally must comply with the compendial standard for strength, quality, and purity, unless the difference in strength, quality, or purity is plainly stated on its label (see FD&C Act § 501(b), 21 USC 351(b)). FDA typically cannot share application-specific information contained in submitted regulatory filings with third parties, which includes USP-NF. To help ensure that drug continues to comply with compendial standards, application holders may work directly with USP-NF to review official USP monographs. More information on the USP-NF is available on USP's website at <https://www.uspnf.com/>.

## **II. Tentative Approval of Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg**

Our decision to tentatively approve your Dapagliflozin and Metformin Hydrochloride Extended-Release Tablets, 2.5 mg/1,000 mg is based upon information currently available to the Agency (i.e., data in your ANDA and the status of current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) of the facilities used in the manufacturing and testing of the drug product). This decision is subject to change on the basis of new information that may come to our attention.

I will not submit if FDA requires Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for listed drug, an ANDA reference listed drug also will be required to have REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act.

**RESUBMISSION**

To request final approval, please submit an amendment titled "FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTED" with enough time to permit FDA review prior to the date you believe that your ANDA will be eligible for final approval. A request for final approval that contains no new data, information, or other changes to the ANDA normally requires a period of months for Agency review. Accordingly, such a request for final approval should be submitted no later than months prior to the date on which you seek approval. A request for final approval that contains substantive changes to this ANDA or changes in the status of the manufacturing and testing facilities' compliance with cGMPs will be classified and reviewed according to OGD policy in effect at the time of receipt. Applicants should review the Agency guidance for industry related to amendments under the generic drug reform provisions that limit the duration of Agency review and deal with changes submitted. As part of this consideration, applicants should monitor any changes to the RLD that occur after final approval, including changes in label, patent or exclusivity information, or marketing status. The submission of multiple amendments prior to final approval may also result in delay in the issuance of the final approval letter.

The amendment requesting final approval should provide the following regulatory basis for your request for final approval and should include a copy of the court decision, settlement or licensing agreement, or other information described in 21 CFR 14.107, as appropriate. It should also identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which the ANDA was originally approved, i.e., updated information such as final-print label, chemistry, manufacturing, and controls data as appropriate. This amendment should be submitted even if none of the changes were made, and it should be designated clearly in your cover letter as a "MINOR/MAJOR AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL #2 – FINAL APPROVAL REQUESTED."

In addition to the amendment requested above, the Agency may request, at any time prior to the date of final approval, that you submit in addition to the amendment certain information specified by the Agency. Failure to submit either or, if requested, both types of amendments described above may result in delay in the issuance of the final approval letter.

This drug product may not be marketed without final Agency approval under section 505(j) of the FD&C Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of this drug product before the final approval date is prohibited under section 301 of the FD&C Act. Also, until the Agency issues the final approval letter, this drug product will not be deemed approved for marketing under section 505(j) of the FD&C Act, and will not be listed in the Orange Book.

**REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS POST APPROVAL**

Under applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines, your ANDA may be subject to a certain number of requirements and recommendations post approval, including requirements

ordinances to approved ANDAs, postmarketing reporting, promotion materials, and notification requirements, monitor. For information on post-approval requirements and recommendations for ANDAs and list of resources for ANDA holders, refer you to <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/bbr/vit-d-n-w-drug-application-and-requirements-and-resources-approved-andas>.

For further information on the status of this ANDA or upon submitting a amendment to the ANDA, please contact Xu-Mai Nuyun, Regulatory Project Manager, at (01) 796 - 945 .

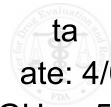
Sincerely yours,

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