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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**21-001**

**CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)**

**DIVISION OF NEUROPHARMACOLOGICAL DRUG PRODUCTS**

Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

**NDA#: 21-001**

**CHEMISTRY REVIEW: # 1**

**DATE REVIEWED: 15-MAY-2000**

Submission Type	Document Date	CDER Stamp Date	Assigned Date
ORIGINAL	17-DEC-1999	20-DEC-1999	03-JAN-2000
Amendment (NC)	25-JAN-2000	27-JAN-2000	27-JAN-2000
Amendment (BC) — Stability update	10-MAY-2000	11-MAY-2000	15-MAY-2000

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:** Pharmacia and Upjohn Company  
7000 Portage Road  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

**DRUG PRODUCT NAME:**

**Proprietary:** AXERT™  
**Nonproprietary/Established/USAN:** almotriptan malate – almotriptan is USAN malate salt status unclear  
**Code Name/#:** PNU-180638E (also LAS 31416, T046, LAS W-322)  
**Chem. Type/Therapeutic Class:** 1 S

**DESI/PATENT STATUS:** Almotriptan malate is claimed in U.S. Patent 5,565,447 (exp. 27-MAR-2014).

**PHARMACOLOGICAL CATEGORY / INDICATION:** Migraine  
**DOSAGE FORM:** Tablet  
**STRENGTH(S):** 6.25 mg and 12.5 mg  
**ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION:** Oral  
**DISPENSED:** XX Rx      \_\_\_ OTC  
**SPECIAL PRODUCTS:** No

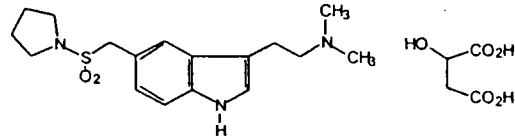
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

**RELATED DOCUMENTS:** N/A

**CONSULTS:** Proposed tradename "Axert" consulted to OPDRA. Acceptable pending final OPDRA review at time of approval.

**REMARKS / COMMENTS:** NDA is deficient for drug substance manufacturing [redacted] and controls, drug product manufacture and controls, packaging, stability and labeling. Methods validation not initiated pending resolution of deficiencies in specifications and analytical procedures. Establishment inspections are pending.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

NDA is not approvable for Chemistry at this time. Recommend information request letter to sponsor.

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CHEMISTRY REVIEW: # 2

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<u>Review #1</u>			
ORIGINAL	17-DEC-1999	20-DEC-1999	03-JAN-2000
Amendment (NC)	25-JAN-2000	27-JAN-2000	27-JAN-2000
Amendment (BC) — Stability update	10-MAY-2000	11-MAY-2000	15-MAY-2000
<u>Current Review (#2)</u>			
Amendment (BC)	30-JUN-2000	03-JUL-2000	03-JUL-2000
Amendment (BC) — DMF update	26-JUL-2000	27-JUL-2000	31-JUL-2000
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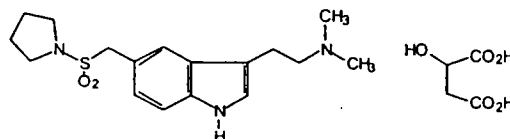
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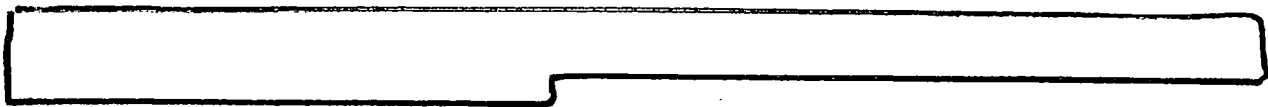
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:



RELATED DOCUMENTS: N/A

CONSULTS:

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Stability data and sponsor's statistical analysis was consulted to HFD-710 and reviewed by Dr. Yeh-Fong Chen. Statistical review and conclusions are included in Attachment 1.

**REMARKS / COMMENTS:**

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CHEMISTRY REVIEW: # 3

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ORIGINAL	17-DEC-1999	20-DEC-1999	03-JAN-2000
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<u>Current Review (#3)</u>			
Amendment (BZ)	23-JAN-2001	24-JAN-2001	24-JAN-2001
Amendment (AZ)	06-MAR-2001	07-MAR-2001	06-MAR-2001
Amendment (BC)	13-MAR-2001	14-MAR-2001	14-MAR-2001

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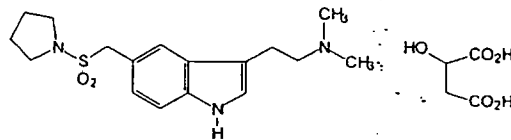
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**CONSULTS:**

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**REMARKS / COMMENTS:**

NDA was previously considered deficient for drug substance manufacturing, drug substance specification, drug product specification, drug product packaging, stability (expiration dating), and labeling. Two submissions, dated 23-JAN-2001 and 06-MAR-2001, constitute a complete response to all CMC concerns conveyed in 20-DEC-2000 Approvable (AE) letter. The third amendment provides Spanish version of analytical procedures for the drug product as a follow-up to English translations that were submitted in 06-MAR-2001 amendment. The sponsor has corrected all outstanding deficiencies in the application. [Refer to review notes.]

Revised methods validation (MV) package was included in 06-MAR-2001 amendment. MV assignments were forwarded to field laboratories on 28-MAR-2001.

Dissolution specification proposed by firm, i.e., [REDACTED] (Q), is acceptable to Biopharmaceutics reviewer.

Proposed expiration dating period of 24 months is acceptable based on additional stability data provided in 23-JAN-2001 amendment.

Establishment inspections are complete and a satisfactory overall recommendation was received on 17-OCT-2000. [EER detail report is appended to this review.]

**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval of NDA 21-001 is recommended. Standard paragraph regarding completion of methods validation should be included in action letter.

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