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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 20-757/S-024
NDA 20-758/S-023

Sanofi-Synthelabo
c/o Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Attention: George Zapf
P. O. Box 5400
Princeton, NJ 08543-5400

Dear Mr. Zapf:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug applications dated October 31, 2002, received November 4, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Avapro (irbesartan) Tablets, 75 mg, 150 mg and 300 mg. (NDA 20-757) and Avalide (irbesartan/hydrochlorothiazide) Tablets, 150/12.5 mg and 300/12.5 mg (NDA 20-758).

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated December 11, 2002.

These "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug applications provide for the inclusion of an [] test for [] irbesartan produced by Sanofi Chimie and []

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, and they are approved.

We remind you that you must comply with the reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any question, please call Edward Fromm, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 594-5332.

Sincerely,

Kasturi Srinivasachar, Ph.D.
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DIVISION OF CARDIO-RENAL DRUG PRODUCTS
Review of Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls

CHEMIST'S REVIEW	1. ORGANIZATION HFD - 110	2. NDA Number 20-757
3. Name and Address of Applicant (City & State) Bristol-Myers Squibb Company P. O. Box 5400 Princeton, NJ 08543-5400		4. Supplement(s) Number(s) Date(s) SCS-024 10/31/02
5. Drug Name Avapro	6. Nonproprietary Name Irbesartan	7. Amendments & Other (reports, etc) - Dates SCS-024(BC) 12/11/02
7. Supplement Provides for: CHANGES BEING EFFECTED the inclusion of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for irbesartan produced by Sanofi Chimie and		
9. Pharmacological Category Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist/Hypertension	10. How Dispensed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RX <input type="checkbox"/> OTC	11. Related IND(s)/ NDA(s)/DMF(s) NDA 20-758
12. Dosage Form(s) Tablets	13. Potency(ies) 75 mg, 150mg, and 300 mg.	DMF <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DMF <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14. Chemical Name and Structure 2-Butyl-3-[(2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl) methyl]-1,3-diazaspiro[4.4]non-1-en-4-one.		15. Records/Reports Current <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Reviewed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Comments: A CBE Supplement as per Changes to An Approved NDA or ANDA.		
17. Conclusions and Recommendations: The update of <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> irbesartan produced by Sanofi and <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> method is satisfactory and increases assurance of the quality of the <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> irbesartan. Similar supplement has been approved for other suppliers of irbesartan. The supplement may be approved for the irbesartan suppliers Sanofi Chimie and <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
18. REVIEWER		
Name Ramsharan D. Mittal		

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Attention: Mr. George Zapf
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Dear Mr. Zapf:

We have received your supplemental drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the following:

Name of Drug Product: Avapro (irbesartan) 75, 150 and 300 mg Tablets

NDA Number: 20-757

Supplement number: 024

Date of supplement: October 31, 2002

Date of receipt: November 4, 2002

Unless we notify you within 60 days of the receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, this application will be filed under section 505(b) of the Act on January 3, 2003 in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a). The user fee goal date will be May 4, 2003.

All communications concerning this supplement should be addressed as follows:

U.S. Postal Service:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Cardio-Renal Drug Products,
HFD-110
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Rockville, Maryland 20857

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If you have any questions, please contact:

Mr. Edward Fromm
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Sincerely,

/S/

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