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***Trade Name:* VASCEPA™ Capsules, for oral use**

***Generic Name:* Icosapent Ethyl**

***Sponsor:* Amarin Pharma Inc**

***Approval Date:* July 26, 2012**

Indications: VASCEPA is an ethyl ester of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) indicated as an adjunct to diet to reduce triglyceride (TG) levels in adult patients with severe (≥ 500 mg/dL) hypertriglyceridemia.

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APPROVAL LETTER



NDA 202057

NDA APPROVAL

Amarin Pharma Inc.
US Agent for Amarin Pharmaceuticals Ireland Limited
Attention: Peggy Berry
VP, Quality and Regulatory Affairs
1430 Route 206, Suite 200
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Dear Ms. Berry:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated September 25, 2011, received September 26, 2011, submitted pursuant to 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for VASCEPA (icosapent ethyl) Capsules, 1 gram.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated September 26 and 28, October 7, December 30, 2011; and January 27 and 30, February 2, 6, 9, and 28, March 5 and 22, April 5, 11, 19, and 30, May 4 (2), 16, and 29, June 15 and 27, July 13 and 18, 2012. We also acknowledge receipt of your email dated July 25, 2012, stating your agreement to the labeling revisions that we communicated to you by email on July 25, 2012.

This new drug application provides for the use of VASCEPA (icosapent ethyl) Capsules as an adjunct to diet to reduce triglyceride (TG) levels in adult patients with severe (≥ 500 mg/dL) hypertriglyceridemia.

Sufficient stability data has been submitted to support a 36-month expiration date.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert, text for the patient package insert). 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/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008).”

Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 202057.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product(s) with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. 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 to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. 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>.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

If you have any questions, call Kati Johnson, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1234.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Eric Colman, MD
Deputy Director
Division of Metabolism and Endocrinology Products
Office of Drug Evaluation II
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling

Container Labeling:

4-count sample bottle label

120-count trade bottle label

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/s/

ERIC C COLMAN
07/26/2012