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APPROVAL LETTER



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 203049

NDA APPROVAL

Hikma Pharmaceuticals Co. Ltd
c/o Exela Pharma Sciences, LLC.
Attention: Jonathan Sterling
Director of Quality, Regulatory & Product Development
1325 William White Place
Lenoir, NC 28645

Dear Jonathan Sterling:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated March 18, 2011, received March 28, 2011, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Argatroban Injection, 100mg/mL.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated March 29, May 20, June 7, July 8, August 8, September 26, September 29, October 18, October 21, October 25, October 28, November 23, December 9, and December 12, 2011.

This new drug application provides for the use of Argatroban Injection, 100mg/mL for prophylaxis or treatment of thrombosis in adult patients with heparin-induced thrombocytopenia (HIT) and as an anticoagulant in adult patients with or at risk for HIT undergoing percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).

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.

Based on the stability data provided in your application, the drug product is granted a 24-month expiration period when stored at room temperature, 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F). Do not freeze.

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

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). 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

We acknowledge your December 12, 2011, submission containing final printed carton and container labels.

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labels must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry titled, “Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names”, at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm075068.pdf> and “PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012”.)

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.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

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 Lara Akinsanya, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-9634.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Division of Hematology Products
Office of Hematology and Oncology Products
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

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/s/

ANN T FARRELL
01/05/2012