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Approval Package for:

APPLICATION NUMBER:

203752Orig1s000

Trade Name: Minivelle

Generic Name: Estradiol transdermal system

Sponsor: Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Approval Date: October 29, 2012

Indications: For the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms due to menopause

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APPROVAL LETTER



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 203752

NDA APPROVAL

Noven Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Attention: Sean M. Russell
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs
350 Fifth Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, NY 10118

Dear Mr. Russell:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated and received December 29, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Minivelle (estradiol transdermal system), 0.0375 mg/day, 0.05 mg/day, 0.075 mg/day, and 0.1 mg/day.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated January 6, February 28, April 27, May 11, June 11 and 15, July 2 and 31, August 27, September 17 and 19, and October 3, 9, and 15, 2012.

This new drug application provides for the use of Minivelle (estradiol transdermal system) for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms due to menopause.

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 representative sample of 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 203752.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product 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.

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 Samantha Bell, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-9687.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Director
Division of Reproductive and Urologic Products
Office of Drug Evaluation III
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

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10/29/2012