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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**207917Orig1s000**

**OTHER REVIEW(S)**

### 505(b)(2) ASSESSMENT

Application Information		
NDA # 207917	NDA Supplement #: S-	Efficacy Supplement Type SE-
Proprietary Name: Epiduo Forte Established/Proper Name: adapalene and benzoyl peroxide Dosage Form: Gel Strengths: 0.3%/2.5%		
Applicant: Galderma Research and Development LLC		
Date of Receipt: September 17, 2014		
PDUFA Goal Date: July 17, 2015		Action Goal Date (if different): June 26, 2015
RPM: Robnett		
Proposed Indication(s): For the treatment of acne vulgaris (b) (4)		

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) Is this application for a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product *OR* is the applicant relying on a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product to support approval of the proposed product?

YES ☐ NO ☒

*If "YES" contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

**INFORMATION PROVIDED VIA RELIANCE  
(LISTED DRUG OR LITERATURE)**

- 2) List the information essential to the approval of the proposed drug that is provided by reliance on our previous finding of safety and efficacy for a listed drug by reliance on published literature, or by reliance on a final OTC monograph. *(If not clearly identified by the applicant, this information can usually be derived from annotated labeling.)*

Source of information* (e.g., published literature, name of listed drug(s), OTC final drug monograph)	Information relied-upon (e.g., specific sections of the application or labeling)
Published literature	Nonclinical

\*each source of information should be listed on separate rows, however individual literature articles should not be listed separately

- 3) The bridge in a 505(b)(2) application is information to demonstrate sufficient similarity between the proposed product and the listed drug(s) or to justify reliance on information described in published literature for approval of the 505(b)(2) product. Describe in detail how the applicant bridged the proposed product to the listed drug(s) and/or published literature<sup>1</sup>. [See also Guidance for Industry Providing Clinical Evidence of Effectiveness for Human Drug and Biological Products.](#)

The sponsor provided an acceptable scientific justification explaining how the published literature for benzoyl peroxide is scientifically sound and relevant to the proposed product. The published literature provided relevant data for benzoyl peroxide, one of the active ingredients in the proposed product, at relevant exposures to assure the safety of this active ingredient in the proposed product.

**RELIANCE ON PUBLISHED LITERATURE**

- 4) (a) Regardless of whether the applicant has explicitly stated a reliance on published literature to support their application, is reliance on published literature necessary to support the approval of the proposed drug product (i.e., the application *cannot* be approved as labeled without the published literature)?

YES ☒ NO ☐

*If "NO," proceed to question #5.*

- (b) Does any of the published literature necessary to support approval identify a specific (e.g., brand name) *listed* drug product?

YES ☐ NO ☒

*If "NO," proceed to question #5.*

*If "YES," list the listed drug(s) identified by name and answer question #4(c).*

- (c) Are the drug product(s) listed in (b) identified by the applicant as the listed drug(s)?

YES ☐ NO ☐

## RELIANCE ON LISTED DRUG(S)

*Reliance on published literature which identifies a specific approved (listed) drug constitutes reliance on that listed drug. Please answer questions #5-9 accordingly.*

- 5) Regardless of whether the applicant has explicitly cited reliance on listed drug(s), does the application **rely** on the finding of safety and effectiveness for one or more listed drugs (approved drugs) to support the approval of the proposed drug product (i.e., the application cannot be approved without this reliance)?

YES ☐ NO ☒

*If "NO," proceed to question #10.*

- 6) Name of listed drug(s) relied upon, and the NDA #(s). Please indicate if the applicant explicitly identified the product as being relied upon (see note below):

Name of Listed Drug	NDA #	Did applicant specify reliance on the product? (Y/N)
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*Applicants should specify reliance on the 356h, in the cover letter, and/or with their patent certification/statement. If you believe there is reliance on a listed product that has not been explicitly identified as such by the applicant, please contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

- 7) If this is a (b)(2) supplement to an original (b)(2) application, does the supplement rely upon the same listed drug(s) as the original (b)(2) application?

N/A ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐

*If this application is a (b)(2) supplement to an original (b)(1) application or not a supplemental application, answer "N/A".*

*If "NO", please contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

- 8) Were any of the listed drug(s) relied upon for this application:

- a) Approved in a 505(b)(2) application?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "YES", please list which drug(s).*

Name of drug(s) approved in a 505(b)(2) application:

- b) Approved by the DESI process?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "YES", please list which drug(s).*

Name of drug(s) approved via the DESI process:

- c) Described in a final OTC drug monograph?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "YES", please list which drug(s).*

Name of drug(s) described in a final OTC drug monograph:

- d) Discontinued from marketing?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If “YES”, please list which drug(s) and answer question d) i. below.

If “NO”, proceed to question #9.

Name of drug(s) discontinued from marketing:

- i) Were the products discontinued for reasons related to safety or effectiveness?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*(Information regarding whether a drug has been discontinued from marketing for reasons of safety or effectiveness may be available in the Orange Book. Refer to section 1.11 for an explanation, and section 6.1 for the list of discontinued drugs. If a determination of the reason for discontinuation has not been published in the Federal Register (and noted in the Orange Book), you will need to research the archive file and/or consult with the review team. Do not rely solely on any statements made by the sponsor.)*

- 9) Describe the change from the listed drug(s) relied upon to support this (b)(2) application (for example, “This application provides for a new indication, otitis media” or “This application provides for a change in dosage form, from capsule to solution”).

The proposed product is a new fixed-dose combination with a higher strength of adapalene (at 0.3% w/w) and the same strength of benzoyl peroxide (at 2.5% w/w) in the same gel vehicle and same dosage form as that of the currently approved fixed-dose combination product Epiduo<sup>®</sup> (adapalene/benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.1%/2.5% (NDA 022320).

*The purpose of the following two questions is to determine if there is an approved drug product that is equivalent or very similar to the product proposed for approval that should be referenced as a listed drug in the pending application.*

*The assessment of pharmaceutical equivalence for a recombinant or biologically-derived product and/or protein or peptide product is complex. If you answered YES to question #1, proceed to question #12; if you answered NO to question #1, proceed to question #10 below.*

- 10) (a) Is there a pharmaceutical equivalent(s) to the product proposed in the 505(b)(2) application that is already approved (via an NDA or ANDA)?

*(Pharmaceutical equivalents are drug products in identical dosage forms intended for the same route of administration that: (1) contain identical amounts of the identical active drug ingredient, i.e., the same salt or ester of the same therapeutic moiety, or, in the case of modified release dosage forms that require a reservoir or overage or such forms as prefilled syringes where residual volume may vary, that deliver identical amounts of the active drug ingredient over the identical dosing period; (2) do not necessarily contain the same inactive ingredients; and (3) meet the identical compendial or other applicable standard of identity, strength, quality, and purity, including potency and, where applicable, content uniformity, disintegration times, and/or dissolution rates. (21 CFR 320.1(c), FDA’s “Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations” (the Orange Book)).*

*Note that for proposed combinations of one or more previously approved drugs, a pharmaceutical equivalent must also be a combination of the same drugs.*

YES ☐ NO ☒

If “**NO**” to (a) proceed to question #11.  
If “**YES**” to (a), answer (b) and (c) then proceed to question #12.

(b) Is the pharmaceutical equivalent approved for the same indication for which the 505(b)(2) application is seeking approval?

YES ☐ NO ☐

(c) Is the listed drug(s) referenced by the application a pharmaceutical equivalent?

N/A ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐

*If this application relies only on non product-specific published literature, answer “N/A”*

*If “YES” to (c) and there are no additional pharmaceutical equivalents listed, proceed to question #12.*

*If “NO” or if there are additional pharmaceutical equivalents that are not referenced by the application, list the NDA pharmaceutical equivalent(s); you do not have to individually list all of the products approved as ANDAs, but please note below if approved approved generics are listed in the Orange Book. Please also contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

Pharmaceutical equivalent(s):

11) (a) Is there a pharmaceutical alternative(s) already approved (via an NDA or ANDA)?

*(Pharmaceutical alternatives are drug products that contain the identical therapeutic moiety, or its precursor, but not necessarily in the same amount or dosage form or as the same salt or ester. Each such drug product individually meets either the identical or its own respective compendial or other applicable standard of identity, strength, quality, and purity, including potency and, where applicable, content uniformity, disintegration times and/or dissolution rates. (21 CFR 320.1(d)) Different dosage forms and strengths within a product line by a single manufacturer are thus pharmaceutical alternatives, as are extended-release products when compared with immediate- or standard-release formulations of the same active ingredient.)*

***Note** that for proposed combinations of one or more previously approved drugs, a pharmaceutical alternative must also be a combination of the same drugs.*

YES ☒ NO ☐

*If “NO”, proceed to question #12.*

(b) Is the pharmaceutical alternative approved for the same indication for which the 505(b)(2) application is seeking approval?

YES ☒ NO ☐

(c) Is the approved pharmaceutical alternative(s) referenced as the listed drug(s)?

N/A ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐

*If this application relies only on non product-specific published literature, answer “N/A”*

*If “YES” and there are no additional pharmaceutical alternatives listed, proceed to question #12.*

*If “NO” or if there are additional pharmaceutical alternatives that are not referenced by the application, list the NDA pharmaceutical alternative(s); you do not have to individually list all of the products approved as ANDAs, but please note below if approved generics are listed in*

*the Orange Book. Please also contact the (b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office, Office of New Drugs.*

Pharmaceutical alternative(s): The applicant also owns Epiduo (NDA 22320)

<b>PATENT CERTIFICATION/STATEMENTS</b>
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- 12) List the patent numbers of all unexpired patents listed in the Orange Book for the listed drug(s) for which our finding of safety and effectiveness is relied upon to support approval of the (b)(2) product.

Listed drug/Patent number(s):

No patents listed ☐ *proceed to question #14*

- 13) Did the applicant address (with an appropriate certification or statement) all of the unexpired patents listed in the Orange Book for the listed drug(s) relied upon to support approval of the (b)(2) product?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "NO", list which patents (and which listed drugs) were not addressed by the applicant.*

Listed drug/Patent number(s):

- 14) Which of the following patent certifications does the application contain? *(Check all that apply and identify the patents to which each type of certification was made, as appropriate.)*

☒ No patent certifications are required (e.g., because application is based solely on published literature that does not cite a specific innovator product)

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(1): The patent information has not been submitted to FDA. (Paragraph I certification)

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(2): The patent has expired. (Paragraph II certification)

Patent number(s):

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(3): The date on which the patent will expire. (Paragraph III certification)

Patent number(s): 8445543; 8785420

Expiry date(s): July 12, 2027

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4): The patent is invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use, or sale of the drug product for which the application is submitted. (Paragraph IV certification). *If Paragraph IV certification was submitted, proceed to question #15.*

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(3): Statement that applicant has a licensing agreement with the NDA holder/patent owner (must also submit certification under 21 CFR

314.50(i)(1)(i)(A)(4) above). *If the applicant has a licensing agreement with the NDA holder/patent owner, proceed to question #15.*

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(ii): No relevant patents.

☐ 21 CFR 314.50(i)(1)(iii): The patent on the listed drug is a method of use patent and the labeling for the drug product for which the applicant is seeking approval does not include any indications that are covered by the use patent as described in the corresponding use code in the Orange Book. Applicant must provide a statement that the method of use patent does not claim any of the proposed indications. (Section viii statement)

Patent number(s):

Method(s) of Use/Code(s):

15) Complete the following checklist **ONLY** for applications containing Paragraph IV certification and/or applications in which the applicant and patent holder have a licensing agreement:

(a) Patent number(s):

(b) Did the applicant submit a signed certification stating that the NDA holder and patent owner(s) were notified that this b(2) application was filed [21 CFR 314.52(b)]?

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "NO", please contact the applicant and request the signed certification.*

(c) Did the applicant submit documentation showing that the NDA holder and patent owner(s) received the notification [21 CFR 314.52(e)]? This is generally provided in the form of a registered mail receipt.

YES ☐ NO ☐

*If "NO", please contact the applicant and request the documentation.*

(d) What is/are the date(s) on the registered mail receipt(s) (i.e., the date(s) the NDA holder and patent owner(s) received notification):

Date(s):

**Note**, the date(s) entered should be the date the notification occurred (i.e., delivery date(s)), not the date of the submission in which proof of notification was provided

(e) Has the applicant been sued for patent infringement within 45-days of receipt of the notification listed above?

**Note** that you may need to call the applicant (after 45 days of receipt of the notification) to verify this information **UNLESS** the applicant provided a written statement from the notified patent owner(s) that it consents to an immediate effective date of approval.

YES ☐ NO ☐ Patent owner(s) consent(s) to an immediate effective date of approval ☐



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BELAINESH ROBNETT  
07/15/2015

## RPM FILING REVIEW

(Including Memo of Filing Meeting)

**To be completed for all new NDAs, BLAs, and Efficacy Supplements [except SE8 (labeling change with clinical data) and SE9 (manufacturing change with clinical data)]**

Application Information		
NDA # 207917 BLA#	NDA Supplement #: S- BLA Supplement #: S-	<b>Efficacy Supplement Category:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New Indication (SE1) <input type="checkbox"/> New Dosing Regimen (SE2) <input type="checkbox"/> New Route Of Administration (SE3) <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Efficacy Claim (SE4) <input type="checkbox"/> New Patient Population (SE5) <input type="checkbox"/> Rx To OTC Switch (SE6) <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated Approval Confirmatory Study (SE7) <input type="checkbox"/> Labeling Change With Clinical Data (SE8) <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing Change With Clinical Data (SE9) <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Rule Confirmatory Study (SE10)
Proprietary Name: Epiduo Forte Established/Proper Name: adapalene and benzoyl peroxide Dosage Form: gel Strengths: 0.3%/2.5%		
Applicant: Galderma Research and Development LLC Agent for Applicant (if applicable): N/A		
Date of Application: September 19, 2014 Date of Receipt: September 19, 2014 Date clock started after UN: September 19, 2014		
PDUFA/BsUFA Goal Date: July 19, 2015		Action Goal Date (if different): June 26, 2014
Filing Date: November 16, 2014		Date of Filing Meeting: November 16, 2014
<b>Chemical Classification (original NDAs only) :</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1- New Molecular Entity (NME); NME and New Combination <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2- New Active Ingredient; New Active Ingredient and New Dosage Form; New Active Ingredient and New Combination <input type="checkbox"/> Type 3- New Dosage Form; New Dosage Form and New Combination <input type="checkbox"/> Type 4- New Combination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type 5- New Formulation or New Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Type 7- Drug Already Marketed without Approved NDA <input type="checkbox"/> Type 8- Partial Rx to OTC Switch		
Proposed indication(s)/Proposed change(s): Treatment of acne vulgaris		
Type of Original NDA: AND (if applicable) Type of NDA Supplement:		<input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2)
<b>If 505(b)(2): Draft the "505(b)(2) Assessment" review found at:</b> <a href="http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/ImmediateOffice/UCM027499">http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofNewDrugs/ImmediateOffice/UCM027499</a>		<input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505(b)(2)

Type of BLA	<input type="checkbox"/> 351(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 351(k)
<b><i>If 351(k), notify the OND Therapeutic Biologics and Biosimilars Team</i></b>	
Review Classification:  <i>The application will be a priority review if:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A complete response to a pediatric Written Request (WR) was included (a partial response to a WR that is sufficient to change the labeling should also be a priority review – check with DPMH)</i></li> <li>• <i>The product is a Qualified Infectious Disease Product (QIDP)</i></li> <li>• <i>A Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher was submitted</i></li> <li>• <i>A Pediatric Rare Disease Priority Review Voucher was submitted</i></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard <input type="checkbox"/> Priority  <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric WR <input type="checkbox"/> QIDP <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical Disease Priority Review Voucher <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Rare Disease Priority Review Voucher
Resubmission after withdrawal? <input type="checkbox"/>	Resubmission after refuse to file? <input type="checkbox"/>
Part 3 Combination Product? <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>If yes, contact the Office of Combination Products (OCP) and copy them on all Inter-Center consults</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Convenience kit/Co-package <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-filled drug delivery device/system (syringe, patch, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-filled biologic delivery device/system (syringe, patch, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Device coated/impregnated/combined with drug <input type="checkbox"/> Device coated/impregnated/combined with biologic <input type="checkbox"/> Separate products requiring cross-labeling <input type="checkbox"/> Drug/Biologic <input type="checkbox"/> Possible combination based on cross-labeling of separate products <input type="checkbox"/> Other (drug/device/biological product)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fast Track Designation <input type="checkbox"/> Breakthrough Therapy Designation <i>(set the submission property in DARRTS and notify the CDER Breakthrough Therapy Program Manager)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Review <input type="checkbox"/> Orphan Designation  <input type="checkbox"/> Rx-to-OTC switch, Full <input type="checkbox"/> Rx-to-OTC switch, Partial <input type="checkbox"/> Direct-to-OTC  Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> PMC response <input type="checkbox"/> PMR response: <input type="checkbox"/> FDAAA [505(o)] <input type="checkbox"/> PREA deferred pediatric studies (FDCA Section 505B) <input type="checkbox"/> Accelerated approval confirmatory studies (21 CFR 314.510/21 CFR 601.41) <input type="checkbox"/> Animal rule postmarketing studies to verify clinical benefit and safety (21 CFR 314.610/21 CFR 601.42)			
Collaborative Review Division (if OTC product):				
List referenced IND Number(s): 067801				
Goal Dates/Product Names/Classification Properties	YES	NO	NA	Comment
PDUFA/BsUFA and Action Goal dates correct in tracking system?  <i>If no, ask the document room staff to correct them immediately. These are the dates used for calculating inspection dates.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are the established/proper and applicant names correct in tracking system?  <i>If no, ask the document room staff to make the corrections. Also, ask the document room staff to add the established/proper name to the supporting IND(s) if not already entered into tracking</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

system.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the review priority (S or P) and all appropriate classifications/properties entered into tracking system (e.g., chemical classification, combination product classification, orphan drug)? <i>Check the New Application and New Supplement Notification Checklists for a list of all classifications/properties at:</i> <a href="http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofBusinessProcessSupport/ucm163969.htm">http://inside.fda.gov:9003/CDER/OfficeofBusinessProcessSupport/ucm163969.htm</a> <i>If no, ask the document room staff to make the appropriate entries.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Application Integrity Policy</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is the application affected by the Application Integrity Policy (AIP)? <i>Check the AIP list at:</i> <a href="http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/ApplicationIntegrityPolicy/default.htm">http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/EnforcementActions/ApplicationIntegrityPolicy/default.htm</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, explain in comment column.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If affected by AIP, has OC been notified of the submission? If yes, date notified:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>User Fees</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is Form 3397 (User Fee Cover Sheet)/Form 3792 (Biosimilar User Fee Cover Sheet) included with authorized signature?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<u>User Fee Status</u>  <i>If a user fee is required and it has not been paid (and it is not exempted or waived), the application is unacceptable for filing following a 5-day grace period. Review stops. Send Unacceptable for Filing (UN) letter and contact user fee staff.</i>	Payment for this application ( <i>check daily email from <a href="mailto:UserFeeAR@fda.hhs.gov">UserFeeAR@fda.hhs.gov</a>:</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt (orphan, government) <input type="checkbox"/> Waived (e.g., small business, public health) <input type="checkbox"/> Not required			
<i>If the firm is in arrears for other fees (regardless of whether a user fee has been paid for this application), the application is unacceptable for filing (5-day grace period does not apply). Review stops. Send UN letter and contact the user fee staff.</i>	Payment of other user fees: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not in arrears <input type="checkbox"/> In arrears			
<u>User Fee Bundling Policy</u>  <i>Refer to the guidance for industry, Submitting Separate Marketing Applications and Clinical Data for Purposes of Assessing User Fees at:</i> <a href="http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM079320.pdf">http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM079320.pdf</a>	Has the user fee bundling policy been appropriately applied? <i>If no, or you are not sure, consult the User Fee Staff.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<b>505(b)(2) (NDAs/NDA Efficacy Supplements only)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is the application a 505(b)(2) NDA? ( <i>Check the 356h form, cover letter, and annotated labeling</i> ). <b>If yes, answer the bulleted</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

questions below:													
• Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug and eligible for approval under section 505(j) as an ANDA?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
• Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug whose only difference is that the extent to which the active ingredient(s) is absorbed or otherwise made available to the site of action is less than that of the reference listed drug (RLD)? [see 21 CFR 314.54(b)(1)].		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
• Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug whose only difference is that the rate at which the proposed product's active ingredient(s) is absorbed or made available to the site of action is unintentionally less than that of the listed drug [see 21 CFR 314.54(b)(2)]?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
<p><i>If you answered yes to any of the above bulleted questions, the application may be refused for filing under 21 CFR 314.101(d)(9). Contact the 505(b)(2) review staff in the Immediate Office of New Drugs for advice.</i></p>													
• Is there unexpired exclusivity on another listed drug product containing the same active moiety (e.g., 5-year, 3-year, orphan, or pediatric exclusivity)? <b>Check the Electronic Orange Book at:</b> <a href="http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm">http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/ob/default.cfm</a>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
<p><b>If yes, please list below:</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application No.</td> <td>Drug Name</td> <td>Exclusivity Code</td> <td>Exclusivity Expiration</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NDA 022320</td> <td>Epiduo</td> <td>NPP</td> <td>2/1/2016</td> </tr> </table>						Application No.	Drug Name	Exclusivity Code	Exclusivity Expiration	NDA 022320	Epiduo	NPP	2/1/2016
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NDA 022320	Epiduo	NPP	2/1/2016										
<p><i>If there is unexpired, 5-year exclusivity remaining on another listed drug product containing the same active moiety, a 505(b)(2) application cannot be submitted until the period of exclusivity expires (unless the applicant provides paragraph IV patent certification; then an application can be submitted four years after the date of approval.) Pediatric exclusivity will extend both of the timeframes in this provision by 6 months. 21 CFR 314.108(b)(2). Unexpired, 3-year exclusivity may block the approval but not the submission of a 505(b)(2) application.</i></p>													
<b>Exclusivity</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>									
Does another product (same active moiety) have orphan exclusivity for the same indication? <b>Check the Orphan Drug Designations and Approvals list at:</b> <a href="http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/ood/index.cfm">http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/opdlisting/ood/index.cfm</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>											
<b>If another product has orphan exclusivity</b> , is the product considered to be the same product according to the orphan drug definition of sameness [see 21 CFR 316.3(b)(13)]?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
<p><i>If yes, consult the Director, Division of Regulatory Policy II, Office of Regulatory Policy</i></p>													
<b>NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only:</b> Has the applicant requested 5-year or 3-year Waxman-Hatch exclusivity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										
<p><b>If yes, # years requested:</b> 3 years</p>													
<p><i>Note: An applicant can receive exclusivity without requesting it; therefore, requesting exclusivity is not required.</i></p>													
<b>NDAs only:</b> Is the proposed product a single enantiomer of a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>										



racemic drug previously approved for a different therapeutic use?				
<b>If yes, did the applicant:</b> (a) elect to have the single enantiomer (contained as an active ingredient) not be considered the same active ingredient as that contained in an already approved racemic drug, and/or (b): request exclusivity pursuant to section 505(u) of the Act (per FDAAA Section 1113)?  <i>If yes, contact the Orange Book Staff (CDER-Orange Book Staff).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>BLAs only:</b> Has the applicant requested 12-year exclusivity under section 351(k)(7) of the PHS Act?  <i>If yes, notify Marlene Schultz-DePalo, CDER Purple Book Manager</i>  <i>Note: Exclusivity requests may be made for an original BLA submitted under Section 351(a) of the PHS Act (i.e., a biological reference product). A request may be located in Module 1.3.5.3 and/or other sections of the BLA and may be included in a supplement (or other correspondence) if exclusivity has not been previously requested in the original 351(a) BLA. An applicant can receive exclusivity without requesting it; therefore, requesting exclusivity is not required.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Format and Content				
<i>Do not check mixed submission if the only electronic component is the content of labeling (COL).</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> All paper (except for COL) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All electronic <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (paper/electronic)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CTD <input type="checkbox"/> Non-CTD <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed (CTD/non-CTD)			
<b>If mixed (paper/electronic) submission, which parts of the application are submitted in electronic format?</b>				
<b>Overall Format/Content</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>If electronic submission, does it follow the eCTD guidance?</b> <sup>1</sup> <b>If not, explain (e.g., waiver granted).</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Index:</b> Does the submission contain an accurate comprehensive index?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Is the submission complete as required under 21 CFR 314.50 (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements) or under 21 CFR 601.2 (BLAs/BLA efficacy supplements) including:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> legible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English (or translated into English) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pagination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> navigable hyperlinks (electronic submissions only)				
<b>If no, explain.</b>				
<b>BLAs only:</b> Companion application received if a shared or divided manufacturing arrangement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>If yes, BLA #</b>				
<b>Forms and Certifications</b>				
<i><b>Electronic forms and certifications with electronic signatures (scanned, digital, or electronic – similar to DARRTS, e.g., /s/) are acceptable. Otherwise, paper forms and certifications with hand-written signatures must be included. Forms include: user fee cover sheet (3397/3792), application form (356h), patent information (3542a), financial disclosure (3454/3455), and clinical trials (3674); Certifications include: debarment certification, patent certification(s), field copy certification, and pediatric certification.</b></i>				
<b>Application Form</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is form FDA 356h included with authorized signature per 21 CFR 314.50(a)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If foreign applicant, a U.S. agent must sign the form [see 21 CFR 314.50(a)(5)].</i>				
Are all establishments and their registration numbers listed on the form/attached to the form?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Patent Information (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is patent information submitted on form FDA 3542a per 21 CFR 314.53(c)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Financial Disclosure</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Are financial disclosure forms FDA 3454 and/or 3455 included with authorized signature per 21 CFR 54.4(a)(1) and (3)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Forms must be signed by the APPLICANT, not an Agent [see 21 CFR 54.2(g)].</i>				
<i>Note: Financial disclosure is required for bioequivalence studies that are the basis for approval.</i>				
<b>Clinical Trials Database</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is form FDA 3674 included with authorized signature?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, ensure that the application is also coded with the supporting document category, "Form 3674."</i>				
<i>If no, ensure that language requesting submission of the form is included in the acknowledgement letter sent to the applicant</i>				

Debarment Certification	YES	NO	NA	Comment
<p>Is a correctly worded Debarment Certification included with authorized signature?</p> <p><i>Certification is not required for supplements if submitted in the original application; If foreign applicant, <u>both</u> the applicant and the U.S. Agent must sign the certification [per Guidance for Industry: Submitting Debarment Certifications].</i></p> <p><i>Note: Debarment Certification should use wording in FD&amp;C Act Section 306(k)(1) i.e., "[Name of applicant] hereby certifies that it did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under section 306 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act in connection with this application." Applicant may not use wording such as, "To the best of my knowledge..."</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Field Copy Certification (NDAs/NDA efficacy supplements only)	YES	NO	NA	Comment
<p><b>For paper submissions only:</b> Is a Field Copy Certification (that it is a true copy of the CMC technical section) included?</p> <p><i>Field Copy Certification is not needed if there is no CMC technical section or if this is an electronic submission (the Field Office has access to the EDR)</i></p> <p><i>If maroon field copy jackets from foreign applicants are received, return them to CDR for delivery to the appropriate field office.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Controlled Substance/Product with Abuse Potential	YES	NO	NA	Comment
<p><u>For NMEs:</u> Is an Abuse Liability Assessment, including a proposal for scheduling, submitted per 21 CFR 314.50(d)(5)(vii)?</p> <p><i>If yes, date consult sent to the Controlled Substance Staff:</i></p> <p><u>For non-NMEs:</u> <i>Date of consult sent to Controlled Substance Staff:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pediatrics	YES	NO	NA	Comment
<p><b><u>PREA</u></b></p> <p>Does the application trigger PREA?</p> <p><i>If yes, notify <a href="mailto:PeRC@fda.hhs.gov">PeRC@fda.hhs.gov</a> to schedule required PeRC meeting<sup>2</sup></i></p> <p><i>Note: NDAs/BLAs/efficacy supplements for new active ingredients (including new fixed combinations), new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration trigger PREA. All waiver &amp; deferral requests, pediatric plans, and</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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<i>pediatric assessment studies must be reviewed by PeRC prior to approval of the application/supplement.</i>				
<b>If the application triggers PREA</b> , is there an agreed Initial Pediatric Study Plan (iPSP)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12/26/2013
<i>If no, may be an RTF issue - contact DPMH for advice.</i>				
<b>If required by the agreed iPSP</b> , are the pediatric studies outlined in the agreed iPSP completed and included in the application?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If no, may be an RTF issue - contact DPMH for advice.</i>				
<b><u>BPCA:</u></b>				
Is this submission a complete response to a pediatric Written Request?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, notify Pediatric Exclusivity Board RPM (pediatric exclusivity determination is required)<sup>3</sup></i>				
<b>Proprietary Name</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is a proposed proprietary name submitted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If yes, ensure that the application is also coded with the supporting document category, "Proprietary Name/Request for Review."</i>				
<b>REMS</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is a REMS submitted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If yes, send consult to OSE/DRISK and notify OC/OSI/DSC/PMSB via the CDER OSI RMP mailbox</i>				
<b>Prescription Labeling</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable			
Check all types of labeling submitted.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Package Insert (PI) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient Package Insert (PPI) <input type="checkbox"/> Instructions for Use (IFU) <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Guide (MedGuide) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carton labels <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immediate container labels <input type="checkbox"/> Diluent <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is Electronic Content of Labeling (COL) submitted in SPL format?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If no, request applicant to submit SPL before the filing date.</i>				

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Is the PI submitted in PLR format? <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>If PI not submitted in PLR format</b> , was a waiver or deferral requested before the application was received or in the submission? <b>If requested before application was submitted</b> , what is the status of the request?  <i>If no waiver or deferral, request applicant to submit labeling in PLR format before the filing date.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>For applications submitted on or after June 30, 2015:</b> Is the PI submitted in PLLR format? <sup>5</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>For applications submitted on or after June 30, 2015: If PI not submitted in PLLR format</b> , was a waiver or deferral requested before the application was received or in the submission? <b>If requested before application was submitted</b> , what is the status of the request?  <i>If no waiver or deferral, request applicant to submit labeling in PLR/PLLR format before the filing date.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
All labeling (PI, PPI, MedGuide, IFU, carton and immediate container labels) consulted to OPDP?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MedGuide, PPI, IFU (plus PI) consulted to OSE/DRISK? (send WORD version if available)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	OSE/PLT consulted
Carton and immediate container labels, PI, PPI sent to OSE/DMEPA and appropriate CMC review office in OPQ (OBP or ONDP)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>OTC Labeling</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Not Applicable</b>			
Check all types of labeling submitted.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outer carton label <input type="checkbox"/> Immediate container label <input type="checkbox"/> Blister card <input type="checkbox"/> Blister backing label <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Information Leaflet (CIL) <input type="checkbox"/> Physician sample <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer sample <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)			
	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Is electronic content of labeling (COL) submitted?  <i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Are annotated specifications submitted for all stock keeping units (SKUs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>				
If representative labeling is submitted, are all represented SKUs defined?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If no, request in 74-day letter.</i>				
All labeling/packaging sent to OSE/DMEPA?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Other Consults</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Are additional consults needed? (e.g., IFU to CDRH; QT study report to QT Interdisciplinary Review Team)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>If yes, specify consult(s) and date(s) sent:</i>				
<b>Meeting Minutes/SPAs</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>Comment</b>
End-of Phase 2 meeting(s)? <b>Date(s):</b> 12/12/05	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting</i>				
Pre-NDA/Pre-BLA/Pre-Supplement meeting(s)? <b>Date(s):</b> 6/26/2014	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute minutes before filing meeting</i>				
Any Special Protocol Assessments (SPAs)? <b>Date(s):</b> 3/11/2013	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>If yes, distribute letter and/or relevant minutes before filing meeting</i>				

# ATTACHMENT

## MEMO OF FILING MEETING

**DATE:** 6/25/2015

**BACKGROUND:** NDA 022320 Epiduo (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.1%/2.5%, a 505(b)(2) application, was approved in December of 2008. The applicant claims that NDA 207917 Epiduo Forte (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.3%/2.5% contains the same vehicle gel as the approved Epiduo. The applicant has chosen a 505(b)(2) pathway and is relying on published literature to support the nonclinical portions of this application specific to benzoyl peroxide. This application relies in part on information referenced from NDA 022320 Epiduo (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.1%/2.5% and NDA 021753 Differin (adapalene) gel, 0.3%.

### REVIEW TEAM:

Discipline/Organization	Names		Present at filing meeting? (Y or N)
Regulatory Project Management	RPM:	Belainesh Robnett Dawn Williams	Y Y
	CPMS/TL:	Barbara Gould	Y
Cross-Discipline Team Leader (CDTL)	Jill A. Lindstrom, MD, FAAD		Y
Division Director/Deputy	Kendal A. Marcus, MD		Y
Office Director/Deputy	Julie Beitz, MD		Y
	Amy G. Egan, MD, MPH		Y
Clinical	Reviewer:	Jane Liedtka, MD	Y
	TL:	Jill A. Lindstrom, MD, FAAD	Y
Social Scientist Review ( <i>for OTC products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
OTC Labeling Review ( <i>for OTC products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Clinical Microbiology ( <i>for antimicrobial products</i> )	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Clinical Pharmacology	Reviewer:	Chinmay Shukla, PhD	Y

	TL:	Doanh Tran, PhD	Y
Biostatistics	Reviewer:	Matthew Guerra, PhD	Y
	TL:	Mohamed A. Alosch, PhD	Y

Nonclinical (Pharmacology/Toxicology)	Reviewer:	Daivender K. Mainigi, PhD	Y
	TL:	Barbara A. Hill	Y
Statistics (carcinogenicity)	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Product Quality (CMC) Review Team:	ATL:	Moojhong S. Rhee, PhD Yichun Sun, PhD	N N
	RBPM:	Olga Simakova Melinda J. Bauerlien	Y N
• Drug Substance	Reviewer:	Shulin S. Ding, PhD Gene W. Holbert, PhD	Y N
• Drug Product	Reviewer:	Shulin S. Ding, PhD Gene W. Holbert, PhD	Y N
• Process	Reviewer:	Shulin S. Ding, PhD Gene W. Holbert, PhD	Y N
• Microbiology	Reviewer:	Erika Pfeiler, PhD	Y
• Facility	Reviewer:	Christina A. Capacci- Daniel, PhD	Y
• Biopharmaceutics	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
• Immunogenicity	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
• Labeling (BLAs only)	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
• Other (e.g., Branch Chiefs, EA Reviewer)	N/A		N/A
OMP/OPDP	Reviewer:	Tara P. Turner	Y
	TL:	Adora Ndu	N
OSE/DMEPA (proprietary name, carton/container labels))	Reviewer:	Carlos M. Mena-Grillasca Tara P. Turner	Y Y
	TL:	Kendra C. Worthy	Y
OSE/PLT	Reviewer:	Nathan P. Caulk Tara P. Turner	Y Y
	TL:	Barbara A. Fuller Lashawn M. Griffith	Y N
OC/OSI/DSC/PMSB (REMS)	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A

Bioresearch Monitoring (OSI)	Reviewer:	Roy Blay, PhD	Y
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Controlled Substance Staff (CSS)	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Other reviewers/disciplines	Reviewer:	N/A	N/A
	TL:	N/A	N/A
Other attendees			

### **FILING MEETING DISCUSSION:**

<p><b>GENERAL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>505(b)(2) filing issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the application for a duplicate of a listed drug and eligible for approval under section 505(j) as an ANDA?</li> <li>Did the applicant provide a scientific “bridge” demonstrating the relationship between the proposed product and the referenced product(s)/published literature?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Describe the scientific bridge (e.g., BA/BE studies):</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>The sponsor provided an acceptable scientific justification explaining how the published literature for benzoyl peroxide is scientifically sound and relevant to the proposed product. The published literature provided relevant data for benzoyl peroxide, one of the active ingredients in the proposed product, at relevant exposures to assure the safety of this active ingredient in the proposed product.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Per reviewers, are all parts in English or English translation?</li> </ul> <p>If no, explain:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Submission comments</li> </ul> <p>List comments: Reviewer Guide by CTD modules (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No comments</p>

<b>CLINICAL</b>  <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical study site(s) inspections(s) needed?</li> </ul> <p><b>If no</b>, explain: Clinical made determination that site inspections were not needed based on feedback from the Biostatistics team.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advisory Committee Meeting needed?</li> </ul> <b>Comments:</b>  <i>If no, for an NME NDA or original BLA, include the reason. For example:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>this drug/biologic is not the first in its class</i></li> <li><i>the clinical study design was acceptable</i></li> <li><i>the application did not raise significant safety or efficacy issues</i></li> <li><i>the application did not raise significant public health questions on the role of the drug/biologic in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of a disease</i></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES Date if known: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> To be determined  Reason: The application did not raise significant safety or efficacy issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the application is affected by the AIP, has the division made a recommendation regarding whether or not an exception to the AIP should be granted to permit review based on medical necessity or public health significance?</li> </ul> <b>Comments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE STAFF</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abuse Liability/Potential</li> </ul> <b>Comments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<b>CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY</b>  <b>Comments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<b>CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable



	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<b>Comments:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clinical pharmacology study site(s) inspections(s) needed?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b>BIOSTATISTICS</b>  <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<b>NONCLINICAL (PHARMACOLOGY/TOXICOLOGY)</b>  <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter

<b>PRODUCT QUALITY (CMC)</b>  <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FILE <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter
<b><u>New Molecular Entity (NDAs only)</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the product an NME?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
<b><u>Environmental Assessment</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Categorical exclusion for environmental assessment (EA) requested?</li> </ul> <p><b>If no</b>, was a complete EA submitted?</p> <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
<b><u>Facility Inspection</u></b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment(s) ready for inspection?</li> </ul> <b>Comments:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

<p><b><u>Facility/Microbiology Review (BLAs only)</u></b></p> <p>Comments:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b><u>CMC Labeling Review (BLAs only)</u></b></p> <p>Comments:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable  <input type="checkbox"/> FILE  <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSE TO FILE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Review issues for 74-day letter</p>
<p><b>APPLICATIONS IN THE PROGRAM (PDUFA V) (NME NDAs/Original BLAs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Were there agreements made at the application's pre-submission meeting (and documented in the minutes) regarding certain late submission components that could be submitted within 30 days after receipt of the original application?</li> <li>• If so, were the late submission components all submitted within 30 days?</li> </ul>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What late submission components, if any, arrived after 30 days?</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the application otherwise complete upon submission, including those applications where there were no agreements regarding late submission components?</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a comprehensive and readily located list of all clinical sites included or referenced in the application?</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is a comprehensive and readily located list of all manufacturing facilities included or referenced in the application?</li> </ul>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> YES  <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>
<p align="center"><b>REGULATORY PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b></p>	
<p><b>Signatory Authority:</b> Jill A. Lindstrom, MD, FAAD</p>	

<p><b>Date of Mid-Cycle Meeting</b> (for NME NDAs/BLAs in “the Program” PDUFA V): February 19, 2015</p> <p><b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Review Milestones (see attached)</b> (listing review milestones in this document is optional):</p> <p><b>Comments:</b></p>	
<b>REGULATORY CONCLUSIONS/DEFICIENCIES</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The application is unsuitable for filing. Explain why:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>The application, on its face, appears to be suitable for filing.</p> <p><u>Review Issues:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No review issues have been identified for the 74-day letter.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review issues have been identified for the 74-day letter.</p> <p><u>Review Classification:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Review</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Priority Review</p>
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure that any updates to the review priority (S or P) and classifications/properties are entered into the electronic archive (e.g., chemical classification, combination product classification, orphan drug).
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# REGULATORY PROJECT MANAGER PHYSICIAN'S LABELING RULE (PLR) FORMAT REVIEW OF THE PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

**Application:** [NDA 207917](#)

**Application Type:** [New NDA](#)

**Name of Drug/Dosage Form:** [Epiduo Forte®](#) (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.3% (b) (4) %

**Applicant:** Galderma Research and Development LLC

**Receipt Date:** September 19, 2014

**Goal Date:** July 17, 2015

## 1. Regulatory History and Applicant's Main Proposals

The following is the regulatory history for the product: Meeting Minutes for Type B (Pre-NDA) meeting (6/26/2014); Agreed Upon iPSP (12/26/2013); SPA - Agreement letter (3/11/2013); Pre-Phase 3 Meeting (12/5/2012)

The applicant claims that NDA 207917 contains the same vehicle gel as the approved Epiduo (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.1%/2.5%, a 505(b)(2) application approved on December of 2008 under NDA 022320. The applicant has again chosen a 505(b)(2) pathway and is relying on published literature to support the nonclinical portions of this application specific to benzoyl peroxide. This application relies in part on information referenced from NDA 022320 Epiduo (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel, 0.1%/2.5% and NDA 021753 Differin (adapalene) gel, 0.3%.

## 2. Review of the Prescribing Information

This review is based on the applicant's submitted Word format of the prescribing information (PI). The applicant's proposed PI was reviewed in accordance with the labeling format requirements listed in the "Selected Requirements for Prescribing Information (SRPI)" checklist (see the Appendix).

## 3. Conclusions/Recommendations

SRPI format deficiencies were identified in the review of this PI. For a list of these deficiencies see the Appendix.

All SRPI format deficiencies of the PI and other labeling issues identified above will be conveyed to the applicant in during the course of labeling discussions. The applicant will be asked to correct these deficiencies and resubmit the PI in Word format by [June 2, 2015](#). The resubmitted PI will be used for further labeling review.

# Selected Requirements of Prescribing Information

## Appendix

The Selected Requirement of Prescribing Information (SRPI) is a 42-item, drop-down checklist of important format elements of the prescribing information (PI) based on labeling regulations (21 CFR 201.56 and 201.57) and guidances.

### Highlights

See Appendix A for a sample tool illustrating the format for the Highlights.

#### HIGHLIGHTS GENERAL FORMAT

- YES** 1. Highlights (HL) must be in a minimum of 8-point font and should be in two-column format, with ½ inch margins on all sides and between columns.

**Comment:**

- YES** 2. The length of HL must be one-half page or less unless a waiver has been granted in a previous submission. The HL Boxed Warning does not count against the one-half page requirement. **Instructions to complete this item:** If the length of the HL is one-half page or less, select “YES” in the drop-down menu because this item meets the requirement. However, if HL is longer than one-half page, select “NO” unless a waiver has been granted.

**Comment:**

- YES** 3. A horizontal line must separate HL from the Table of Contents (TOC). A horizontal line must separate the TOC from the FPI.

**Comment:**

- NO** 4. All headings in HL must be **bolded** and presented in the center of a horizontal line (each horizontal line should extend over the entire width of the column as shown in Appendix A). The headings should be in UPPER CASE letters.

**Comment:** *The horizontal lines were corrected/extended over the entire width of the column.*

- YES** 5. White space should be present before each major heading in HL. There must be no white space between the HL Heading and HL Limitation Statement. There must be no white space between the product title and Initial U.S. Approval. See Appendix A for a sample tool illustrating white space in HL.

**Comment:**

- YES** 6. Each summarized statement or topic in HL must reference the section(s) or subsection(s) of the Full Prescribing Information (FPI) that contain more detailed information. The preferred format is the numerical identifier in parenthesis [e.g., (1.1)] at the end of each summarized statement or topic.

**Comment:**

- YES** 7. Section headings must be presented in the following order in HL:

Section	Required/Optional
• Highlights Heading	Required
• Highlights Limitation Statement	Required
• Product Title	Required
• Initial U.S. Approval	Required
• Boxed Warning	Required if a BOXED WARNING is in the FPI

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• <b>Recent Major Changes</b>	Required for only certain changes to PI*
• <b>Indications and Usage</b>	Required
• <b>Dosage and Administration</b>	Required
• <b>Dosage Forms and Strengths</b>	Required
• <b>Contraindications</b>	Required (if no contraindications must state "None.")
• <b>Warnings and Precautions</b>	Not required by regulation, but should be present
• <b>Adverse Reactions</b>	Required
• <b>Drug Interactions</b>	Optional
• <b>Use in Specific Populations</b>	Optional
• <b>Patient Counseling Information Statement</b>	Required
• <b>Revision Date</b>	Required

\* RMC only applies to the BOXED WARNING, INDICATIONS AND USAGE, DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, CONTRAINDICATIONS, and WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS sections.

**Comment:**

### HIGHLIGHTS DETAILS

#### Highlights Heading

- YES** 8. At the beginning of HL, the following heading must be **bolded** and should appear in all UPPER CASE letters: "**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**".

**Comment:**

#### Highlights Limitation Statement

- YES** 9. The **bolded** HL Limitation Statement must include the following verbatim statement: "**These highlights do not include all the information needed to use (insert name of drug product) safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for (insert name of drug product).**" The name of drug product should appear in UPPER CASE letters.

**Comment:**

#### Product Title in Highlights

- YES** 10. Product title must be **bolded**.

**Comment:**

#### Initial U.S. Approval in Highlights

- YES** 11. Initial U.S. Approval in HL must be **bolded**, and include the verbatim statement "**Initial U.S. Approval:**" followed by the **4-digit year**.

**Comment:**

#### Boxed Warning (BW) in Highlights

- N/A** 12. All text in the BW must be **bolded**.

**Comment:**

- N/A** 13. The BW must have a heading in UPPER CASE, containing the word "**WARNING**" (even if more than one warning, the term, "**WARNING**" and not "**WARNINGS**" should be used) and other words to identify the subject of the warning (e.g., "**WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and ACUTE HEPATIC FAILURE**"). The BW heading should be centered.

**Comment:**

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- N/A** 14. The BW must always have the verbatim statement “*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*” This statement should be centered immediately beneath the heading and appear in *italics*.

**Comment:**

- N/A** 15. The BW must be limited in length to 20 lines (this includes white space but does not include the BW heading and the statement “*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*”).

**Comment:**

### Recent Major Changes (RMC) in Highlights

- N/A** 16. RMC pertains to only the following five sections of the FPI: BOXED WARNING, INDICATIONS AND USAGE, DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, CONTRAINDICATIONS, and WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS. RMC must be listed in the same order in HL as the modified text appears in FPI.

**Comment:**

- N/A** 17. The RMC must include the section heading(s) and, if appropriate, subsection heading(s) affected by the recent major change, together with each section’s identifying number and date (month/year format) on which the change was incorporated in the PI (supplement approval date). For example, “Warnings and Precautions, Acute Liver Failure (5.1) --- 9/2013”.

**Comment:**

- N/A** 18. The RMC must list changes for at least one year after the supplement is approved and must be removed at the first printing subsequent to one year (e.g., no listing should be one year older than revision date).

**Comment:**

### Indications and Usage in Highlights

- YES** 19. If a product belongs to an established pharmacologic class, the following statement is required under the Indications and Usage heading in HL: “(Product) is a (name of established pharmacologic class) indicated for (indication)”.

**Comment:**

### Dosage Forms and Strengths in Highlights

- YES** 20. For a product that has several dosage forms (e.g., capsules, tablets, and injection), bulleted subheadings or tabular presentations of information should be used under the Dosage Forms and Strengths heading.

**Comment:**

### Contraindications in Highlights

**YES**



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21. All contraindications listed in the FPI must also be listed in HL or must include the statement “None” if no contraindications are known. Each contraindication should be bulleted when there is more than one contraindication.

**Comment:**

### Adverse Reactions in Highlights

- YES** 22. For drug products other than vaccines, the verbatim **bolded** statement must be present: “**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact (insert name of manufacturer) at (insert manufacturer’s U.S. phone number) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch**”.

**Comment:**

### Patient Counseling Information Statement in Highlights

- YES** 23. The Patient Counseling Information statement must include one of the following three **bolded** verbatim statements that is most applicable:

If a product **does not** have FDA-approved patient labeling:

- “**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**”

If a product **has** FDA-approved patient labeling:

- “**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA-approved patient labeling**”
- “**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide**”

**Comment:**

### Revision Date in Highlights

- YES** 24. The revision date must be at the end of HL, and should be **bolded** and right justified (e.g., “**Revised: 9/2013**”).

**Comment:**

## Selected Requirements of Prescribing Information

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### Contents: Table of Contents (TOC)

See Appendix A for a sample tool illustrating the format for the Table of Contents.

- YES** 25. The TOC should be in a two-column format.  
*Comment:*
- YES** 26. The following heading must appear at the beginning of the TOC: **“FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS”**. This heading should be in all UPPER CASE letters and **bolded**.  
*Comment:*
- N/A** 27. The same heading for the BW that appears in HL and the FPI must also appear at the beginning of the TOC in UPPER CASE letters and **bolded**.  
*Comment:*
- YES** 28. In the TOC, all section headings must be **bolded** and should be in UPPER CASE.  
*Comment:*
- YES** 29. In the TOC, all subsection headings must be indented and not bolded. The headings should be in title case [first letter of all words are capitalized except first letter of prepositions (through), articles (a, an, and the), or conjunctions (for, and)].  
*Comment:*
- YES** 30. The section and subsection headings in the TOC must match the section and subsection headings in the FPI.  
*Comment:*
- YES** 31. In the TOC, when a section or subsection is omitted, the numbering must not change. If a section or subsection from 201.56(d)(1) is omitted from the FPI and TOC, the heading “FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS” must be followed by an asterisk and the following statement must appear at the end of TOC: “\*Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed.”  
*Comment:*

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### Full Prescribing Information (FPI)

#### FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: GENERAL FORMAT

- YES** 32. The **bolded** section and subsection headings in the FPI must be named and numbered in accordance with 21 CFR 201.56(d)(1) as noted below (section and subsection headings should be in UPPER CASE and title case, respectively). If a section/subsection required by regulation is omitted, the numbering must not change. Additional subsection headings (i.e., those not named by regulation) must also be **bolded** and numbered.

<b>BOXED WARNING</b>
<b>1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE</b>
<b>2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION</b>
<b>3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS</b>
<b>4 CONTRAINDICATIONS</b>
<b>5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS</b>
<b>6 ADVERSE REACTIONS</b>
<b>7 DRUG INTERACTIONS</b>
<b>8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS</b>
8.1 Pregnancy
8.2 Labor and Delivery
8.3 Nursing Mothers
8.4 Pediatric Use
8.5 Geriatric Use
<b>9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE</b>
9.1 Controlled Substance
9.2 Abuse
9.3 Dependence
<b>10 OVERDOSAGE</b>
<b>11 DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY</b>
12.1 Mechanism of Action
12.2 Pharmacodynamics
12.3 Pharmacokinetics
12.4 Microbiology (by guidance)
12.5 Pharmacogenomics (by guidance)
<b>13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY</b>
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology
<b>14 CLINICAL STUDIES</b>
<b>15 REFERENCES</b>
<b>16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING</b>
<b>17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION</b>

**Comment:**

- YES** 33. The preferred presentation for cross-references in the FPI is the section (not subsection) heading followed by the numerical identifier. The entire cross-reference should be in *italics* and enclosed within brackets. For example, “[see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]” or “[see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]”.

**Comment:**

- N/A** 34. If RMCs are listed in HL, the corresponding new or modified text in the FPI sections or

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subsections must be marked with a vertical line on the left edge.

### Comment:

## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION DETAILS

### FPI Heading

- YES** 35. The following heading must be **bolded** and appear at the beginning of the FPI: “**FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**”. This heading should be in UPPER CASE.

### Comment:

### BOXED WARNING Section in the FPI

- N/A** 36. In the BW, all text should be **bolded**.

### Comment:

- N/A** 37. The BW must have a heading in UPPER CASE, containing the word “**WARNING**” (even if more than one Warning, the term, “**WARNING**” and not “**WARNINGS**” should be used) and other words to identify the subject of the Warning (e.g., “**WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS and ACUTE HEPATIC FAILURE**”).

### Comment:

### CONTRAINDICATIONS Section in the FPI

- YES** 38. If no Contraindications are known, this section must state “None.”

### Comment:

### ADVERSE REACTIONS Section in the FPI

- YES** 39. When clinical trials adverse reactions data are included (typically in the “Clinical Trials Experience” subsection of ADVERSE REACTIONS), the following verbatim statement or appropriate modification should precede the presentation of adverse reactions:

“Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.”

### Comment:

- YES** 40. When postmarketing adverse reaction data are included (typically in the “Postmarketing Experience” subsection of ADVERSE REACTIONS), the following verbatim statement or appropriate modification should precede the presentation of adverse reactions:

“The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of (insert drug name). Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.”

### Comment:

### PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION Section in the FPI

- YES** 41. Must reference any FDA-approved patient labeling in Section 17 (PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION section). The reference should appear at the beginning of Section 17 and

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include the type(s) of FDA-approved patient labeling (e.g., Patient Information, Medication Guide, Instructions for Use).

**Comment:**

- YES** 42. FDA-approved patient labeling (e.g., Medication Guide, Patient Information, or Instructions for Use) must not be included as a subsection under section 17 (PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION). All FDA-approved patient labeling must appear at the end of the PI upon approval.

**Comment:**

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## Appendix A: Format of the Highlights and Table of Contents

### HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use [DRUG NAME] safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for [DRUG NAME].

[DRUG NAME (nonproprietary name) dosage form, route of administration, controlled substance symbol]

Initial U.S. Approval: [year]

#### WARNING: [SUBJECT OF WARNING]

*See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.*

- [text]
- [text]

#### RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

[section (X.X)] [m/year]  
[section (X.X)] [m/year]

#### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

[DRUG NAME] is a [name of pharmacologic class] indicated for [text]

#### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- [text]
- [text]

#### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

[text]

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- [text]
- [text]

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- [text]
- [text]

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > x%) are [text].

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact [name of manufacturer] at [phone #] or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- [text]
- [text]

#### USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- [text]
- [text]

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION [and FDA-approved patient labeling OR and Medication Guide].

Revised: [m/year]

### FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS\*

WARNING: [SUBJECT OF WARNING]

#### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

#### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 [text]

2.2 [text]

#### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

#### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

#### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 [text]

5.2 [text]

#### 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 [text]

6.2 [text]

#### 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 [text]

7.2 [text]

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13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

#### 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 [text]

14.2 [text]

#### 15 REFERENCES

#### 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

#### 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

\*Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed.

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**\*\*\*\*Pre-decisional Agency Information\*\*\*\***

**Memorandum**

**Date:** May 19, 2015

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**From:** Tara Turner, Pharm.D., MPH  
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**CC:** Melinda McLawhorn, Pharm.D., BCPS, RAC, Acting Team Leader, OPDP

**Subject:** **NDA 207917**  
**Epiduo Forte (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) Gel, 0.3%/2.5% for topical use**

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On March 18, 2015, DDDP consulted OPDP to review the draft Package Insert labeling (PI) for Epiduo Forte (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) Gel, 0.3%/2.5%, for topical use (Epiduo Forte) for the original NDA submission. According to the April 3, 2015, e-mail communication from DDDP (Belainesh Robnett) to OPDP (Tara Turner), DDDP also requested OPDP's comments on the draft carton and container labeling and Patient Package Insert (PPI).

OPDP reviewed the proposed substantially complete version of the PI provided by DDDP via e-mail on May 5, 2015. OPDP also reviewed the proposed carton and container labeling and PPI submitted to the electronic document room on September 17, 2014. The Division of Medical Policy Programs (DMPP) and OPDP provided comments on the PPI for Epiduo Forte under separate cover. OPDP's comments on the PI and carton and container labeling are provided below.

Thank you for your consult. If you have any questions about OPDP's comments, please contact Tara Turner at 6-2166 or at [Tara.Turner@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Tara.Turner@fda.hhs.gov).

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**Department of Health and Human Services  
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Office of Medical Policy**

**PATIENT LABELING REVIEW**

Date: May 14, 2015

To: Kendall Marcus, MD  
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Tara Turner, Pharm.D., MPH  
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**Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP)**

Subject: Review of Patient Labeling: Patient Package Insert (PPI)

Drug Name (established name): EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide)

Dosage Form and Route: gel, 0.3%/2.5% is for topical use

Application Type/Number: NDA 207917

Applicant: Galderma Research and Development, LLC

## 1 INTRODUCTION

On September 18, 2014, Galderma Research and Development, LLC submitted for the Agency's review a 505(b)(2) New Drug Application (NDA) 207917 for EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel. The Reference Listed Drugs (RLD) are EPIDUO (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) Gel 0.1%/2.5% (NDA 022320) originally approved on December 8, 2008, and DIFFERIN (adapalene) Gel, 0.3% (NDA 021753) originally approved on June 19, 2007. The Applicant proposed indication for EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel is for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris (b) (4)

This collaborative review is written by the Division of Medical Policy Programs (DMPP) and the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) in response to a request by the Division of Dermatology and Dental Products (DDDP) on March 18, 2015, for DMPP and OPDP to review the Applicant's proposed Patient Package Insert (PPI) for EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel.

## 2 MATERIAL REVIEWED

- Draft EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel PPI received on September 18, 2014, and received by DMPP and OPDP on March 18, 2015.
- Draft EPIDUO FORTE (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) gel Prescribing Information (PI) received on September 18, 2014, revised by the Review Division throughout the review cycle, and received by DMPP and OPDP on May 5, 2015.

## 3 REVIEW METHODS

To enhance patient comprehension, materials should be written at a 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level, and have a reading ease score of at least 60%. A reading ease score of 60% corresponds to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading level. In our review of the PPI the target reading level is at or below an 8<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Additionally, in 2008 the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists Foundation (ASCP) in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) published *Guidelines for Prescription Labeling and Consumer Medication Information for People with Vision Loss*. The ASCP and AFB recommended using fonts such as Verdana, Arial or APHont to make medical information more accessible for patients with vision loss. We have reformatted the PPI document using the Arial font, size 10.

In our collaborative review of the PPI we have:

- simplified wording and clarified concepts where possible
- ensured that the PPI is consistent with the Prescribing Information (PI)
- removed unnecessary or redundant information
- ensured that the PPI is free of promotional language or suggested revisions to ensure that it is free of promotional language

- ensured that the PPI meets the criteria as specified in FDA's Guidance for Useful Written Consumer Medication Information (published July 2006)

#### **4 CONCLUSIONS**

The PPI is acceptable with our recommended changes.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Please send these comments to the Applicant and copy DMPP and OPDP on the correspondence.
- Our collaborative review of the PPI is appended to this memorandum. Consult DMPP and OPDP regarding any additional revisions made to the PI to determine if corresponding revisions need to be made to the PPI.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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## **LABEL AND LABELING REVIEW**

Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA)  
Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM)  
Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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<b>Date of This Review:</b>	March 26, 2015
<b>Requesting Office or Division:</b>	Division of Dermatology and Dental Products (DDDP)
<b>Application Type and Number:</b>	NDA 207917
<b>Product Name and Strength:</b>	Epiduo Forte (adapalene and benzoyl peroxide) Gel, 0.3%/2.5%
<b>Product Type:</b>	Multi-ingredient product
<b>Rx or OTC:</b>	Rx
<b>Applicant/Sponsor Name:</b>	Galderma Research and Development
<b>Submission Date:</b>	September 17, 2014
<b>OSE RCM #:</b>	2015-630
<b>DMEPA Primary Reviewer:</b>	Carlos M Mena-Grillasca, RPh
<b>DMEPA Team Leader:</b>	Kendra Worthy, PharmD

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## 1 REASON FOR REVIEW

As part of the evaluation for NDA 207917, DDDP requested DMEPA evaluate the proposed container labels, carton labeling, and Full Prescribing Information (FPI) for Epiduo Forte gel for areas of vulnerability that could lead to medication errors.

## 2 MATERIALS REVIEWED

We considered the materials listed in Table 1 for this review. The Appendices provide the methods and results for each material reviewed.

Table 1. Materials Considered for this Label and Labeling Review	
Material Reviewed	Appendix Section (for Methods and Results)
Product Information/Prescribing Information	A
Previous DMEPA Reviews	B
Human Factors Study	C – n/a
ISMP Newsletters	D
FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)*	E* - n/a
Other	F – n/a
Labels and Labeling	G

N/A=not applicable for this review

\*We do not typically search FAERS for label and labeling reviews unless we are aware of medication errors through our routine postmarket safety surveillance.

## 3 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE MATERIALS REVIEWED

The applicant is proposing 2 g and 5 g physician sample tubes and 15 g, 30 g, 45 g, 60 g, and 70 g pump package sizes. (b) (4)

We note that the currently marketed Epiduo gel is available in 45 g tubes and 45 g pumps. It seems reasonable to have different package sizes to accommodate for varying involved areas (i.e. face, trunk, face and trunk).

We note that the font used for the presentation of the proprietary name uses all-caps format. DMEPA recommends that applicants capitalize only the first letter in the proprietary name (title case) because words written in all-capital letters are less legible than words written in mixed case letters. In addition, the established name is not commensurate in prominence to the proprietary name as per CFR 201.10(g)(2). Also, the route of administration statement “Not for oral, ophthalmic, or intravaginal use” on the proposed carton labeling is presented on multiple

lines. We find this problematic and a potential source of medication errors if the patient fails to notice the negative word ‘not’ presented on the first line and only reads “ophthalmic, oral or intravaginal use”. Furthermore, the presentation of information on the principal display panel of the (b) (4) labels uses both the vertical and horizontal orientation, which makes it hard to read. Finally, it is unclear from the 2 g and 5 g container labels provided where the lot number and expiration date are presented.

## 4 CONCLUSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

We conclude that the proposed packaging configurations are adequate. However, DMEPA recommends the following container labels and carton labeling comments be implemented prior to approval of this NDA.

### 4.1 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GALDERMA

#### A. General Comments

(all container labels, (b) (4) and carton labeling; 2 g, 5 g, 15 g, 30 g, 45 g, 60 g, 70 g)

1. Consider revising the presentation of the proprietary name from all-caps (i.e. EPIDUO FORTE) to title case (i.e. Epiduo Forte) to improve readability of the name. Refer to Guidance for Industry: Safety Considerations for Container Labels and Carton Labeling Design to Minimize Medication Errors<sup>1</sup>.
2. Revise the presentation of the established name to ensure that it is at least ½ the size of the proprietary name taking into account all pertinent factors, including typography, layout, contrast, and other printing features per CFR 201.10(g)(2). As currently presented the typography used for the proprietary name (all caps) versus the typography used for the established name (lower case and condensed font) we find they are not commensurate in prominence.
3. To implement comment 2 above, consider relocating the dosage form and strength statement “Gel, 0.3%/2.5%” to appear below the established name to help increase the readability of information.
4. Consider reducing the size or deleting the curved graphic presented to the right of the proprietary name, established name, dosage form, and strength to allow for implementation of comments 2 and 3 above.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM349009.pdf>

B. Sample container labels (2 g and 5 g tubes)

1. Ensure the lot number and expiration date are present on the container labels.  
From the images provided it is not evident where this information will be presented.



D. Carton labeling (15 g, 30 g, 45 g, 60 g, 70 g)

1. Relocate the route of administration statement "Not for ophthalmic, oral or intravaginal use" to appear on a single line under the statement "For Topical Use Only".
2. Increase the prominence of the net quantity statement to facilitate differentiation between the multiple package sizes.

## APPENDICES: METHODS & RESULTS FOR EACH MATERIALS REVIEWED

### APPENDIX A. PRODUCT INFORMATION/PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Table 2 presents relevant product information for Epiduo Forte that Galderma Research and Development submitted on September 17, 2014.

Table 2. Relevant Product Information for Epiduo Forte	
Initial Approval Date	Epiduo was approved on December 8, 2008
Active Ingredient	Adapalene and Benzoyl Peroxide
Indication	Topical treatment of acne vulgaris (b) (4)
Route of Administration	Topical
Dosage Form	Gel
Strength	0.3%/2.5%
Dose and Frequency	Apply a thin film to affected areas of the face and/or trunk once daily.
How Supplied	2 g and 5 g tubes physician samples; 15 g, 30 g, 45 g, 60 g, and 70 g (b) (4) pumps (b) (4)
Storage	20° – 25°C (68° – 77°F); with excursions permitted to 15° – 30°C (59° – 86°F)
Container Closure	n/a

## **APPENDIX B. PREVIOUS DMEPA REVIEWS**

### **B.1 Methods**

On March, we searched the L:drive and AIMS using the terms, Epiduo Forte, to identify reviews previously performed by DMEPA.

### **B.2 Results**

Our search did not identify any previous labeling review for Epiduo Forte.

## **APPENDIX C. HUMAN FACTORS STUDY**

### **C.1 Study Design**

N/A

### **C.2 Results**

N/A

## **APPENDIX D. ISMP NEWSLETTERS**

### **D.1 Methods**

On March 21, 2015, we searched the Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) newsletters using the criteria below, and then individually reviewed each newsletter. We limited our analysis to newsletters that described medication errors or actions possibly associated with the label and labeling.

<b>ISMP Newsletters Search Strategy</b>	
<b>ISMP Newsletter(s)</b>	Acute Care, Community, and Nursing
<b>Search Strategy and Terms</b>	Match Exact Word or Phrase: Epiduo

### **D.2 Results**

No articles were retrieved.

## **APPENDIX E. FDA ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING SYSTEM (FAERS)**

### **E.1 Methods**

N/A

### **E.2 Results**

N/A

### **E.3 List of FAERS Case Numbers**

N/A

### **E.4 Description of FAERS**

N/A

## **APPENDIX F. N/A**

### **F.1 Methods**

N/A


### **F.2 Results**

N/A

## APPENDIX G. LABELS AND LABELING

### G.1 List of Labels and Labeling Reviewed

Using the principles of human factors and Failure Mode and Effects Analysis,<sup>2</sup> along with postmarket medication error data, we reviewed the following Epiduo Forte labels and labeling submitted by Galderma Research and Development on September 17, 2014.

- Container label
- Carton labeling
- Professional Sample Container Label
-  (b) (4)
- Instructions for Use

### G.2 Label and Labeling Images (not to scale)

#### Sample Container Labels



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<sup>2</sup> Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). Failure Modes and Effects Analysis. Boston. IHI:2004.



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