Approval Package for:

APPLICATION NUMBER:

209387Orig1s000

Trade Name: Nipride RTU

Generic or Proper Name: sodium nitroprusside

Sponsor: Exela Pharma Sciences, LLC.

Approval Date: March 8, 2017

Indication: Immediate reduction of blood pressure. Producing controlled hypotension in order to reduce bleeding during surgery. Treatment of heart failure to reduce left ventricular end-diastolic pressure, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure, peripheral vascular resistance and mean arterial blood pressure
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APPROVAL LETTER
Dear Dr. Koneru:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated May 6, 2016, received May 9, 2016, and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Nipride RTU (sodium nitroprusside) in 0.9% sodium chloride injection (0.5 mg/mL).

This new drug application provides for the use of Nipride RTU (sodium nitroprusside) in 0.9% sodium chloride injection (0.5 mg/mL) for:

- Immediate reduction of blood pressure.
- Producing controlled hypotension in order to reduce bleeding during surgery.
- Treatment of heart failure to reduce left ventricular end-diastolic pressure, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure, peripheral vascular resistance and mean arterial blood pressure.

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](http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm). Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert). Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As, available at [http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf](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 immediate container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry *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 209387.” 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, Medication Guide, and patient PI (as applicable) to:

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

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft Guidance for Industry (available at: Reference ID: 4066271
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. Form FDA 2253 is available at [http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf). Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at [http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf). 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](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, please contact Maryam Changi, Regulatory Project Manager, at (240) 402-2725.

Sincerely,

[See appended electronic signature page]

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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03/08/2017