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## Approval Package for:

### *APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**212640Orig1s000**

*Trade Name:* Exservan oral film, 50 mg

*Generic or Proper Name:* (riluzole)

*Sponsor:* Aquestive Therapeutics

*Approval Date:* November 22, 2019

*Indication:* For the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 212640

**NDA APPROVAL**

Aquestive Therapeutics  
Attention: Leann M. Clymer, Esq.  
Regulatory Affairs  
30 Technology Drive  
Warren, NJ 07059

Dear Ms. Clymer:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated January 31, 2019, and received January 31, 2019, and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Exservan (riluzole) oral film, 50 mg.

This new drug application provides for the use of Exservan (riluzole) oral film for the treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

### **APPROVAL & LABELING**

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.

### **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 FDA.gov.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information and Instructions for Use) as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling. 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*.<sup>2</sup>

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

<sup>2</sup> We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

## **CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to the container labeling submitted on September 25, 2019, and the carton labeling submitted on October 25, 2019, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labeling electronically according to the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format — Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labeling for approved NDA 212640.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

## **REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), 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 in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because this drug product for this indication has an orphan drug designation, 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 Prescribing Information, Medication Guide, and Patient Package Insert (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 *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and*

*Non-Electronic Format—Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs.*<sup>3</sup>

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the Prescribing Information, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.<sup>4</sup> Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.<sup>5</sup> For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see FDA.gov.<sup>6</sup>

**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, contact Michelle Mathers, Regulatory Project Manager, at [michelle.mathers@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:michelle.mathers@fda.hhs.gov) or at (240) 402-2645.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Eric Bastings, MD  
Acting Director  
Division of Neurology 1  
Office of Neuroscience  
Office of New Drugs

**ENCLOSURES:**

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Instructions for Use

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<sup>3</sup> When final, this guidance will represent the FDA's current thinking on this topic. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at

<https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>

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