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Approval Package for:

APPLICATION NUMBER:

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Trade Name: Drospirenone chewable tablets

Generic or Proper Name: Drospirenone

Sponsor: Exeltis USA, Inc.

Approval Date: June 29, 2022

Indication: Drospirenone chewable tablets is indicated for use by females of reproductive potential to prevent pregnancy.

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APPROVAL LETTER



NDA 216285

NDA APPROVAL

Exeltis USA, Inc.
Attention: John C. Kim, RPh, JD
Senior Vice President, Exeltis Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Mr. Kim:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated and received August 30, 2021, , and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for drospirenone chewable tablets.

This NDA provides for the use of drospirenone chewable tablets for use by females of reproductive potential to prevent pregnancy.

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](http://www.fda.gov).¹ Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert, 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*.²

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

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

² 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

We acknowledge your April 11, and May 5, 2022, submissions containing final printed carton and container labeling.

DATING PERIOD

Based on the stability data submitted to date, the expiry dating period for Drospirenone Chewable Tablets, 3.5 mg shall be 24 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions are permitted from 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. The expiration dating period includes the bulk tablets hold time.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your application for drospirenone chewable tablets, was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because it did not raise significant safety or efficacy issues that were unexpected for a drug of this class.

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labeling must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry *Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names*, and *PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022*.)

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.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirements for premenarcheal females from birth to 11 years and all males because studies are impossible or highly impractical. We note that you have fulfilled the pediatric study requirement by assessing the product in pediatric females aged 12 years and older.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess a signal of serious risk of loss of bone mineral density which increases the risk of fracture.

Furthermore, the active postmarket risk identification and analysis system as available under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess this serious risk.

Finally, we have determined that only a clinical trial (rather than a nonclinical or observational study) will be sufficient to assess a signal of serious risk of loss of bone mineral density, which increases the risk of fracture.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following trial:

4287-1 A prospective, controlled, long-term trial to assess bone mineral density change in adults and adolescents using non-hormonal contraceptive methods compared to Slynd and Drospirenone Chewable Tablets.

The timetable you submitted via email on June 16, 2022, states that you will conduct this trial according to the following schedule:

Draft protocol submission:	08/2022
Final Protocol Submission:	10/2022
Trial Completion:	07/2026
Final Report Submission:	10/2026

FDA considers the term *final* to mean that the applicant has submitted a protocol, the FDA review team has sent comments to the applicant, and the protocol has been revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.³

Submit clinical protocol(s) to your IND 111347 with a cross-reference letter to this NDA, the NDA for Slynd (NDA 211367) and PIND 146207. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all final report(s) to your NDA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **Required Postmarketing Protocol Under**

³ See the guidance for Industry *Postmarketing Studies and Clinical Trials—Implementation of Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (October 2019)*.

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

505(o), Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o).

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii). We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. For information about submitting promotional materials, see the final guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format—Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.⁴

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.⁵ Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.⁶

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

⁴ For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

⁵ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

If you have any questions, call Jeannie Roule, Chief, Project Management Staff, at 301-796-3993.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
 - Prescribing Information
 - Patient Package Insert
 - Information for Use
- Carton and Container Labeling

This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically. Following this are manifestations of any and all electronic signatures for this electronic record.

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