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**Application Number      *20-838***

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NDA #: 20-838

CHEM. REVIEW #: 4

REVIEW DATE: May 29, 1998

<u>SUBMISSION TYPE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT DATE</u>	<u>CDER DATE</u>	<u>ASSIGNED DATE</u>
<u>ORIGINAL</u>	30-Apr-97	30-Apr-97	05-May-97
Amendment (BZ)	05-May-98	05-May-98	18-May-98
" (BC)	12-May-98	13-May-98	21-May-98
" "	22-May-98	22-May-98	22-May-98
" "	22-May-98	22-May-98	29-May-98

Amendment provides for:

- Amendment (BZ) - Response to FDA concerns voiced at May 8, 1998 meeting with Drs. Ahmed A. El-Tahtawy and Ameeta Parekh regarding dissolution specifications.
- " (BC) - Submission of a product specific, in-process, sampling plan, as requested in Agency letter dated April 28, 1998.
- " " - Submission of camera-ready proof labeling.
- " " - Submission of updated methods validation package.

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Responsible Official: Daniel J. Cushing  
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DRUG PRODUCT NAME:

Proprietary: ATACAND™ Tablets (US and Europe)  
BLOPRESS™ Tablets (Japan)  
Nonproprietary: Candesartan cilexetil tablets  
CAS Registry Number: 145040-37-5  
Code Names: TCV-116 (Takeda) and H 212/91 (Astra Merck)  
Chemical type/Therapeutic Class: 1S

ANDA SUITABILITY PETITION/DESI/PATENT STATUS: ( 01-001-022) - Satisfactory

See previous reviews for this information.

PHARMACOL. CATEGORY/INDICATION: Treatment of hypertension, non-peptide, AT<sub>1</sub>-subtype Angiotensin II Receptor Antagonist.

DOSAGE FORM: Tablet 32 mg  
STRENGTHS: 4, 8, 16 mg/tablet  
ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Oral  
DISPENSED: Rx

REMARKS/COMMENTS:

The information submitted is complete according to Dr. Ahmed A. El-Tahtawy. The firm will revise the specifications for the 32 mg. tablet later, based on a review of their production batches.

The firm has submitted a product specific sampling plan and revised methods validation package.

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

These amendments are recommended for approval. The firm has fulfilled all requests and commitments.

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ORIGINAL	30-Apr-97	30-Apr-97	05-May-97
Amendment (BC)	19-Mar-98	19-Mar-98	20-Mar-98

**Amendments provide for:**

Amendment (BC)-Response to FDA CMC deficiencies noted in Agency letters dated 1/16/98 and 3/10/98.  
-Updated 24 months stability data.

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**DISPENSED:**  Rx  OTC

**STRUCTURAL FORMULA, CHEMICAL NAME, MOLECULAR FORMULA, MOLECULAR WEIGHT**

See previous reviews for this information.

**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>6</sub>  
**Molecular Weight:** 610.67  
**Chemical Name:** ±-1-(cyclohexyloxycarbonyloxy) ethyl 2-ethoxy-1-[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylate

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

See previous reviews for this information.

**RELATED DOCUMENTS** (if applicable):

See previous reviews for this information.

**CONSULTS:**

None

**REMARKS/COMMENTS:**

The information submitted seems complete, except for the sampling plan.

**CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The firm needs to submit their sampling SOP's for review. This is a minor problem poses no safety or efficacy concerns for the consumer and therefore it is recommended this item not delay approval of the extended expiration date. It is suggested that an Approvable letter be issued, requiring the firm to commit to remedy this in their first future submission to this document.

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**REVIEW DATE:** 3-Feb-98

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ORIGINAL	30-Apr-97	30-Apr-97	05-May-97
Amendment (BZ)	15-Jul-97	16-Jul-97	17-Jul-97
Amendment	12-Aug-97	13-Aug-97	14-Aug-97
Amendment (BC)	30-Sep-97	01-Oct-97	06-Oct-97
Amendment (BZ)	02-Dec-97	03-Dec-97	03-Dec-97
Amendment (BC)	10-Dec-97	11-Dec-97	15-Dec-97
Amendment (BC)	19-Dec-97	19-Dec-97	24-Dec-97

**Amendments provide for:**

Amendment 12-Aug-97 had been previously reviewed.  
 Amendment (BZ) July 15, 1997 Submission of dissolution data for clinical and marketed batches.  
 Amendment (BC) Submission of updated stability data for:  
 (30-Sep-97) 1. 18 months data for drug substance produced at the Takeda Modified Plant 1.  
 2. 6 months data for drug substance produced at Takeda's Plant No. 2.  
 3. 18 months data and statistical analysis for 4, 8 and 16 mg Atacand™ tablets.  
 Amendment (BZ) Submission of an electronic copy of dissolution data from  
 (02-Dec-97) clinical and commercial batches.  
 Amendment (BC) Submission of original methods validation procedures.  
 (10-Dec-97)  
 Amendment (BC) Submission of an additional dosage strength, 32 mg.  
 (19-Dec-97)

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REMARKS/COMMENTS:

None

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Not approvable. Deficiencies will be conveyed to applicant.

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**NDA #:** 20-838      **CHEM. REVIEW #:** 2      **REVIEW DATE:** 15-DEC-97

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Amendment	12-Aug-97	13-Aug-97	14-Aug-97
Amendment (BC)	30-Sep-97	01-Oct-97	06-Oct-97
Amendment (BZ)	02-Dec-97	03-Dec-97	03-Dec-97
Amendment (BC)	10-Dec-97	11-Dec-97	15-Dec-97

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Amendment (BC) Submission of original methods validation procedures.  
(10-Dec-97)

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**REMARKS/COMMENTS:**

The additional stability data submitted data seems complete and analyzed.

**CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that the extension of the expiration date to 24 months be approved. The firm needs to explain the positive slope for their assay values of their stability samples. This minor problem poses no safety or efficacy concerns for the consumer and therefore it is recommended this item not delay approval of the extended expiration date.

The trademark is acceptable but inspection reports on the nds manufacturer and Astra the product manufacturer have not been completed. The inspection of Astra has been completed but the report not finalized.

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Patent Status				
Patent Number	Expiration Date	Type	Owner	Authorized Representative to Receive Notice of Patent Certification
5,196,44	April 18, 2011	drug; drug product; method of use	Takeda Chemical Industries	Astra Merck Inc.
5,508,297	Feb. 24, 2014	method of use	Takeda Chemical Industries	Astra Merck Inc.
5,534,534	July 9, 2013	drug product	Takeda Chemical Industries	Astra Merck Inc.

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Submission Type      Document Date      CDER Date      Topics  
Amend to Pending      January 9, 1998      Jan 13, 1998      Confirmation that maximum production  
Application

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Drug Product Name  
Proprietary      Atacand Tablets  
Pharmacological Category: Angiotensin II Subtype 1 Receptor Antagonist

Indication: Treatment of Hypertension  
Dosage Form: Tablet for oral administration  
Strength: 4 mg, 8 mg, 16 mg and 32 mg candesartan cilexetil  
Dispensed: Rx only

Chemical name, molecular formula and molecular weight:  
Generic Name: candesartan cilexetil  
Chemical name: (±)-1-(Cyclohexyloxycarbonyloxy)ethyl 2-ethoxy-1-[[2'-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)biphenyl-4-yl]methyl]-1H-benzimidazole-7-carboxylate  
Molecular formula: C<sub>33</sub>H<sub>34</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub>      Molecular Weight: 610.67

Related Documents:  
(1) Memo of a T-Con dated January 7, 1998, attached  
(2) Page 76 dated Nov 12, 1998 from Amendment to NDA 20-838 submitted Dec 19, 97, attached

Remarks and Comments:  
Based on confirmation that maximum production of the drug substance in any of the first 5 years after approval of the NDA is      and the absence of extraordinary circumstances, the request for categorical exclusion is granted.

Recommendations and Conclusions: No Action Indicated

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Review Chemist, Office of New Drug Chemistry I  
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