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Approval Package for:

APPLICATION NUMBER:

20-786 /S005

Trade Name: Allegra-D

Generic Name: fexofenadine HCl/pseudoephedrine

Sponsor: Aventis Pharmaceuticals

Approval Date: December 1, 1999

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APPROVAL LETTER

NDA 20-786/S-005

Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.
Marion Park Drive
P. O. Box 9627
Kansas City, MO 64134-0627

Attention: J. Michael Nicholas, Ph.D.
Director, US Drug Regulatory Affairs

Dear Dr. Nicholas:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated October 29, 1998, received October 30, 1998, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Allegra-D (fexofenadine HCl/pseudoephedrine HCl) Extended-release Tablets.

Reference is also made to your submissions dated November 10, 1998, and May 7, November 12 and 22, 1999. Your submission of November 22, 1999, constituted a complete response to our November 9, 1999, action letter.

This supplemental new drug application provides for a change in fexofenadine HCl dissolution specifications in the drug product.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, as amended, and it is approved.

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Gretchen Trout, Project Manager, at (301) 827-1058.

Sincerely yours,

Guirag Poochikian, Ph.D.
Chemistry Team Leader
Division of Pulmonary and Allergy Drug Products,
HFD-570

DNDC II, Office of New Drug Chemistry
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Director, US Drug Regulatory Affairs

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We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated November 10, 1998 and May 7, 1999. Your submission of May 7, 1999, constituted a complete response to our December 11, 1998, action letter.

This supplement proposes ~~_____~~ for fexofenadine HCl dissolution, and a change in fexofenadine HCl dissolution specifications for the drug product.

We have completed the review of this application, as amended, and it is approvable. Before this application may be approved, however, it will be necessary for you to adopt the following dissolution specification and conditions for fexofenadine HCl dissolution: $Q = 10\%$ at 15 minutes and $Q = 10\%$ at 30 minutes with USP II Apparatus, 37°C , 900 mL of 0.001 N HCl.

Within 10 days after the date of this letter, you are required to amend the supplemental application, notify us of your intent to file an amendment, or follow one of your other options under 21 CFR 314.120. In the absence of any such action FDA may proceed to withdraw the application. Any amendment should respond to all the deficiencies listed. We will not process a partial reply as a major amendment nor will the review clock be reactivated until all deficiencies have been addressed.

This product may be considered to be misbranded under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act if it is marketed with these changes prior to approval of this supplemental application.

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If you have any questions, contact Gretchen Trout, Project Manager, at (301) 827-1058.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Meyer, M.D.

Director

Division of Pulmonary and Allergy Drug Products

Office of Drug Evaluation II

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.
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Kansas City, MO 64134-5000

Attention: Dhiren N. Shah, Ph.D.
Director-CMC, US Drug Regulatory Affairs

Dear Dr. Shah:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated October 29, 1998, received October 30, 1998, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Allegra-D Tablets (fexofenadine HCl/pseudoephedrine HCl) Extended-release Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated November 10, 1998.

This supplement proposes a change in the fexofenadine HCl dissolution specifications for the drug product, and requests allowing the _____ of drug product _____ for fexofenadine HCl dissolution.

We have completed our review and find the information presented is inadequate, and the supplemental application is not approvable under section 505(d) of the Act and 21 CFR 314.125(b). We have the following comments and requests for information.

1. _____
Duplicates of all letters sent in response to this comment should be sent to both the FDA Kansas City District Office and this Division.
2. _____
3. Since there is an _____, additional batches of _____ stability testing. This request is based upon the existence of both the proposed and implemented changes in your manufacturing process. _____

state of the Allegra-D manufacturing process. The extent of additional testing needed will be reevaluated based on the data obtained in response to comment 2. above.

4. ~~_____~~ should be thoroughly investigated and reports submitted to the NDA.
5. If and when your supplement dated June 19, 1998 (S-002 which supports changes in pseudoephedrine HCl raw material specifications and test methods) is approved, submit complete dissolution profiles ~~_____~~ approval. These profiles should be compared to ~~_____~~ dissolution profiles. The fexofenadine dissolution specifications ~~_____~~ The dissolution data in your October 29 and November 10, 1998 submissions were not evaluated to support a ~~_____~~ since you have not provided sufficient data at your ~~_____~~
6. If the dissolution profiles in the submission requested above are different than those of the ~~_____~~ once the product manufacturing has been finalized, a ~~_____~~ may be necessary to ~~_____~~ fexofenadine dissolution specifications (as discussed previously in the teleconference dated April 24, 1998).
7. In the future, we request that you provide dissolution data on ~~_____~~ in addition to the maximum and minimum values. This will enable evaluation of the number ~~_____~~ that are at or near the minimum dissolution specification.

Within 10 days after the date of this letter, you are required to amend the supplemental application, notify us of your intent to file an amendment, or follow one of your other options under 21 CFR 314.120. In the absence of any such action FDA may proceed to withdraw the application. Any amendment should respond to all the deficiencies listed. We will not process a partial reply as a major amendment nor will the review clock be reactivated until all deficiencies have been addressed.

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Sincerely yours,

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CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)

CHEMIST'S REVIEW		1. ORGANIZATION HFD-570 DPDP	2. NDA NUMBER 20-786
3. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (City and State) Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc. PO Box 9627 Kansas City, MO 64134-0627		4. AF NUMBER	5. SUPPLEMENT(S) NUMBER DATE SCS-005 10/29/98
6. NAME OF DRUG Allegra-D™ Extended-release Tablets		7. NONPROPRIETARY NAME fexofenadine hydrochloride and pseudoephedrine hydrochloride extended-release tablets	
8. SUPPLEMENT PROVIDES FOR: Support a change in fexofenadine HCl dissolution specifications in the drug product.		9. AMENDMENT(S), REPORT(S), ETC. SCS-005 BC 11/10/98 SCS-005 BC 5/7/99 SCS-005 BC* 11/12/99 SCS-005 AC* 11/22/99 *Subject of this review	
10. PHARMACOLOGICAL CATEGORY Histamine H ₁ -receptor antagonist/decongestant for treatment of symptoms associated with seasonal allergic rhinitis		11. HOW DISPENSED RX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTC <input type="checkbox"/>	12. RELATED IND/NDA/DMF
13. DOSAGE FORM(S) Extended-release Tablet		14. POTENCY 60 mg immediate-release fexofenadine HCl and 120 mg extended-release pseudoephedrine HCl	
15. CHEMICAL NAME AND STRUCTURE (±)-4-[1-Hydroxy-4-[4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]-butyl]-dimethylbenzeneacetic acid HCl and [S-(R*,R*)]-α-[1-(Methylamino)ethyl]-benzenemethanol HCl (for structures see USAN)		16. RECORDS AND REPORTS CURRENT YES_ NO_ REVIEWED YES_ NO_	
17. COMMENTS: See attached cc: Orig. NDA #20-786 HFD-570/div. File HFD-570/BRogers/11/26/99 HFD-570/GPoochikian HFD-570/GTrout HFD-870/RUpoor R/D Init. by: _____ F/T by: B. Rogers 11/26/99 doc # 20786.B05.DOC			
18. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The supplement is APPROVED			
19. REVIEWER NAME Brian D. Rogers, Ph.D.		20. SIGNATURE	21. DATE COMPLETED 11/26/99

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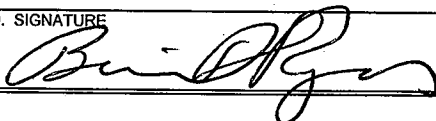
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18. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: The supplement is NOT APPROVED. The PM should include the comments in the <i>Draft Letter to the Applicant</i> portion of this review in the NA letter.			
19. REVIEWER NAME Brian D. Rogers, Ph.D.		20. SIGNATURE <i>Brian D. Rogers</i>	21. DATE COMPLETED 11/27/98

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CHEMIST'S REVIEW		1. ORGANIZATION HFD-570 DDPD	2. NDA NUMBER 20-786
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ADMINISTRATIVE and CORRESPONDENCE
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Memorandum

Date 10/19/98

10/20/98

F99-016
cc: HPO-570
HPO-320

From Alan E. Mehl *AEM*
Acting NDA Field Alert Monitor.

Subject ~~_____~~
~~_____~~ NDA 20-786 Fexofenadine HCL/Pseudoephedrine Extended Release,
60 mg/120mg.

To _____

On 10/19/98, I received a telephone call from William (Rick) Lohrey, Manager of Quality Management of Hoechst Marion Roussel (HMR). In addition, Ernie Parente, Director Q.C., and Al Kintrup, _____ were also HMR representatives attending the phone call. Mr. Lohrey wanted to inform _____ failed dissolution test result for the _____ interval of the _____ An investigation performed by HMR has confirmed the Out-of-Specification result. _____ failed the Q value of _____% dissolved in _____ minutes.

Mr. Lohrey stated this failure was _____ He stated products are normally approved at the normal Q value of _____% dissolved in _____ minutes, but CDER had imposed the more _____

_____ Those studies are currently ongoing. HMR has requested a meeting with _____ to discuss the stability failure.

_____ HMR stated they would notify the proper CDER personnel or reviewing chemist. I stated _____ would contact the FDA review chemist after HMR has completed their proper notifications.

Shirley J. Berryman

time unless otherwise directed. *HMR feels a* _____
this time.

Shirley J. Berryman
Shirley J. Berryman, Investigator,

O: Roger Gregorio HFD-336 KAN-DO Drug Team

cc: MHW

dated 10/19/98

cc: _____

November 10, 1998

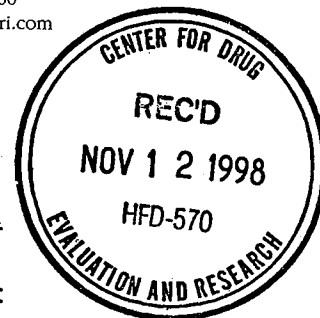
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Division of Pulmonary Drug Products
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Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.

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Attention: Mr. L Cobbs, CSO

Sent via Telefax: (301) 827-1271



Re: NDA 20-786/S-005
Allegra-D Tablets
(fexofenadine HCl/pseudoephedrine HCl)

Amendment to Supplement S-005:
Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls
Response to FDA's Request and Report
on OOS

Dear Mr. Cobbs:

Please refer to our telephone conversation on November 6, 1998 regarding the above-referenced supplement to the New Drug Application which was submitted on October 29, 1998. In that phone conversation you requested the following information on the Out of Specification (OOS) Allegra-D tablets:

- History of stability
- dissolution data
- All stability time points
- A statement from HMR as how the investigation is going and what is the company doing to address this issue and a proposal to address the issue

The purpose of this submission, in duplicate, is to (a) respond (attachment 1) to the above four requests and (b) to provide information (attachment 2) out of specification Allegra-D tablets. Please note that out of specification is also due to the failure to meet the fexofenadine dissolution specification of Q= 1 % at minutes.

In conclusion, HMRI requests the agency (a) to allow us to keep _____ and (b) the fexofenadine dissolution specification from Q= 1 % at minutes to Q= 1 % at minutes and Q= 1 % at minutes in order to avoid similar occurrences in the future.

Please note that HMRI is available to meet with the agency at any time to discuss this issue, if necessary.

Hoechst

Hoechst Marion Roussel
The Pharmaceutical Company of Hoechst

Pursuant to 21 CFR 314.71(b), an exact copy of this submission has been sent to the Kansas City District Office.

A paper copy of this Amendment will be sent to the NDA in the near future.

Should you have any comments or questions, please contact the undersigned at (816) 966-7104.

Sincerely,
Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc.
Mail Station H3-M2112



FOR DMS.

Dhiren N. Shah, Ph.D.
Director - CMC, US Drug Regulatory Affairs