DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
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NDA 018644/S-041
NDA 020358/S-048

APPROVAL LETTER

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Attention: Mary E. Martinson
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U.S. Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Martinson:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated April 16, 2009, received April 16, 2009, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for WELLBUTRIN (bupropion hydrochloride) Tablets and WELLBUTRIN SR (bupropion hydrochloride) Sustained-Release Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated November 23, 2009.

These supplemental new drug applications provide for a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for WELLBUTRIN Tablets and WELLBUTRIN Sustained Release Tablets. The REMS consists of a Medication Guide and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY REQUIREMENTS

Section 505-1 of the FDCA authorizes FDA to require the submission of a REMS if FDA becomes aware of new safety information and makes a determination that such a strategy is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks (section 505-1(a)).

Since WELLBUTRIN® was approved on December 23, 1985, and WELLBUTRIN SR® was approved on October 4, 1996, each for the treatment of major depressive disorder, we have become aware of adverse event reports of suicidality-related events in patients using bupropion for smoking cessation. We consider this information to be "new safety information" as defined in section 505-1(b) of FDCA.

Your proposed REMS, submitted on November 23, 2009, and appended to this letter, is approved. The REMS consists of a Medication Guide and the timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

Your assessment of the REMS should include an evaluation of patients' understanding of the serious risks of WELLBUTRIN® and WELLBUTRIN SR®.

The requirements for assessments of an approved REMS under section 505-1(g)(3) include, in section 505-1(g)(3)(B) and (C), information on the status of any postapproval study or clinical trial required under section 505(o) or otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. You can satisfy these requirements in your REMS assessments by referring to relevant information included in the most recent annual report required under section 506B and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and including any updates to the status information since the annual report was prepared. Failure to comply with the REMS assessments provisions in 505-1(g) could result in enforcement action.

We remind you that in addition to the assessments submitted according to the timetable included in the approved REMS, you must submit a REMS assessment and may propose a modification to the approved REMS when you submit a supplemental application for a new indication for use as described in Section 505-1(g)(2)(A) of FDCA.

Prominently identify the submission containing the REMS assessments or proposed modifications of the REMS with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

NDA 018644 / 020358 REMS ASSESSMENT

NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 018644 / 020358
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION
REMS ASSESSMENT

NEW SUPPLEMENT (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)
FOR NDA 018644 / 020358
REMS ASSESSMENT
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION (if included)

If you do not submit electronically, please send 5 copies of REMS-related submissions. We request that the revised labeling approved today be available on your website within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

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 Juliette Toure, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5419.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure:

1. REMS
2. Medication Guides

Application Type/Number	Submission Type/Number	Submitter Name	Product Name
NDA-20358	SUPPL-48	GLAXOSMITHKLINE	WELLBUTRIN SR
NDA-18644	SUPPL-41	GLAXOSMITHKLINE	WELLBUTRIN (BUPROPION

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