DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
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SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Susan Kummerer
Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs
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East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Ms. Kummerer:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated September 21, 2011, received September 21, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Tegretol (carbamazepine) Tablets, Tegretol (carbamazepine) Chewable Tablets, Tegretol (carbamazepine) Oral Suspension, and Tegretol-XR (carbamazepine extended-release) Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated October 14, 2011; October 28, 2011 and December 21, 2012.

This "Prior Approval" supplemental new drug application provides for a new warning for the association of the Human Leukocyte Antigen (HLA)-A*3101 as a risk factor for the development of cutaneous adverse reactions. The submission also provides for additions to the drug interaction and adverse reaction sections of the package insert.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

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 http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and Medication Guide), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, 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 titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit the following, in triplicate, (1) a cover letter requesting advisory comments, (2) the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and (3) the package insert(s) to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP)
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

You must submit final promotional materials and package insert(s), accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/cder.html; instructions are provided on page 2 of the form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm.

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 Stephanie N. Parncutt, M.H.A., Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-4098.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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RUSSELL G KATZ
03/06/2013