DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20993

ANDA 090780

APPROVAL

Anchen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
9601 Jeronimo Road
Irvine, CA 92618
Attention: Anh Tran-Cao
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated August 4, 2008, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the FD&C Act), for Duloxetine Hydrochloride Delayed-release Capsules USP, 20 mg, 30 mg, and 60 mg.

Reference is made to the Complete Response Letter issued by this office on October 30, 2014, and to your amendments dated May 27, July 7, August 10, and October 21, 2015.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is **approved**, effective on the date of this letter. The Office of Bioequivalence has determined your Duloxetine Hydrochloride Delayed-release Capsules USP, 20 mg, 30 mg, and 60 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug product (RLD), Cymbalta Delayed-release Capsules, 20 mg, 30 mg, and 60 mg, of Eli Lilly and Company.

Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application. The "interim" dissolution specifications are as follows:

Apparatus	USP 2 (Paddle)
Speed of Rotation (RPM)	100
Medium	Acid stage: 0.1 N HCl (0-120 minutes) Buffer stage: pH 6.8 Phosphate Buffer (120-180 minutes)
Volume	1000 mL at 37 °C ± 0.5 °C
Specifications	Acid Stage: NMT (b)(4)% in (b)(4) minutes Buffer Stage: NLT (b)(4)% (Q) in (b)(4) minutes

These “interim” dissolution test(s) and tolerances should be finalized by submitting dissolution data for the first three production size batches. Data should be submitted as a Special Supplement – Changes Being Effected when there are no revisions to the “interim” specifications or when the final specifications are tighter than the “interim” specifications. In all other instances, the information should be submitted in the form of a Prior Approval Supplement.

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Eli Lilly’s Cymbalta Delayed-release Capsules, 20 mg, 30 mg, and 60 mg, is subject to periods of patent protection. As noted in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the “Orange Book”), U.S. Patent No. 6,596,756 (the '756 patent) is scheduled to expire on March 10, 2020 (with pediatric exclusivity added).

With respect to the '756 patent, your ANDA contains a statement under section 505(j)(2)(A)(viii) of the FD&C Act that this is a method of use patent, and that it does not claim any indication for which you are seeking approval under your ANDA.

Under section 506A of the FD&C Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Please note that if FDA requires a Risk Evaluation & Mitigation Strategy (REMS) for a listed drug, an ANDA citing that listed drug also will be required to have a REMS. See section 505-1(i) of the FD&C Act.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert(s) directly to:

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

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

You have been requested to provide information after the ANDA has been approved. Any information submitted to meet the conditions requested in this letter is considered a “Post Approval Commitment Response.” To alert the Office of Generic Drug staff to the fact that you

are providing post approval commitment information, please designate your submission in your cover letter as "POST APPROVAL COMMITMENT RESPONSE".

The Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012 (GDUFA) (Public Law 112-144, Title III) established certain provisions with respect to self-identification of facilities and payment of annual facility fees. Your ANDA identifies at least one facility that is subject to the self identification requirement and payment of an annual facility fee. Self-identification must occur by June 1 of each year for the next fiscal year. Facility fees must be paid each year by the date specified in the Federal Register notice announcing facility fee amounts. All finished dosage forms (FDFs) or active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) manufactured in a facility that has not met its obligations to self-identify or to pay fees when they are due will be deemed misbranded. This means that it will be a violation of federal law to ship these products in interstate commerce or to import them into the United States. Such violations can result in prosecution of those responsible, injunctions, or seizures of misbranded products. Products misbranded because of failure to self-identify or pay facility fees are subject to being denied entry into the United States.

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm, that is identical in content to the approved labeling (including the package insert, and any patient package insert and/or Medication Guide that may be required). 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 via publicly available labeling repositories.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Rickman -S

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For Carol A. Holquist, RPh
Acting Deputy Director
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