



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 200403

NDA APPROVAL

Hospira, Inc.
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Lake Forest, IL 60045

Attention: Jennifer Hefe, Ph.D.
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Dr. Hefe:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) dated April 29, 2010, received April 30, 2010, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Hydromorphone Hydrochloride Injection, USP in the following configurations: 1, 2, and 4 mg/mL ampules; 1, 2, and 4 mg/mL Carpuject Cartridges; 1 and 2 mg/mL iSecure Cartridges; and a 2 mg/mL vial.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated June 25, August 27, September 20, October 11 and 28, November 22 and 23, and December 13 and 23, 2010 and January 5 and 27, February 3, 16, 22, 24, and 25, September 16, October 7 and 10, and November 21, 2011.

The October 6, 2011, submission constituted a complete response to our February 25, 2011, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of Hydromorphone Hydrochloride, USP for management of pain in patients where an opioid analgesic is appropriate.

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

We note that your November 21, 2011, submission includes final printed labeling (FPL) for your package insert. We have not reviewed this FPL. You are responsible for assuring that the wording in this printed labeling is identical to that of the approved content of labeling in the structured product labeling (SPL) format.

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). 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/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels and carton and immediate container labels submitted on October 6, 2011, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008).” Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 200403.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product(s) with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

PROPRIETARY NAME

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labels must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry titled, “Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names”, at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm075068.pdf> and “PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2008 through 2012”.)

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

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

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

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see 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>.

EXPIRATION DATING PERIOD

The proposed expiry of twenty-four (24) months for the products packaged as vial, ampule, Carpuject Cartridge, and iSecure Cartridge when stored at controlled room temperature (20 to 25°C; 68 to 77°F) is granted.

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, call Lisa Basham, Senior Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 1175.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Sharon Hertz, M.D.
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ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

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12/01/2011