DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20993

ANDA 200734

Taro Pharmaceuticals U.S.A., Inc.
Attention: Kavita Srivastava
Executive Director, Regulatory Affairs
3 Skyline Drive
Hawthorne, NY 10532

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated December 10, 2009, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1%.

Reference is made to the Tentative Approval letter issued from this office on May 31, 2011, and to your amendments dated February 29, and August 22, 2012. We also acknowledge receipt of your correspondences dated September 13, 2013; June 16, and 24, 2014, addressing the patent issues noted below.

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 Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1% to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Vanos Cream, 0.1% of Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation.

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Vanos Cream, 0.1% of Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (Medicis), is subject to periods of patent protection.

The following patents and expiration dates are currently listed in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (the "Orange Book"):

U.S. Patent Number	Expiration Date
6,765,001 (the '001 patent)	Dec 21, 2021
7,220,424 (the '424 patent)	Jan 7, 2023
7,794,738 (the '738 patent)	Sep 11, 2022
8,232,264 (the '264 patent)	Mar 9, 2023

Your ANDA contains paragraph IV certifications to each of the patents under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the Act stating that the patents are invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1%, under this ANDA. You have notified the agency that Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (Taro) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the Act, and that litigation was initiated against Taro for infringement of the these patients within the statutory 45-day period in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware [Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation v. Taro Pharmaceutical USA Inc. et al, Civil Action No. 1:10-cv-00359-SLR]. You have also notified the Agency that the litigation is dismissed. You have also informed the agency that Taro entered into a license agreement with Medicis providing Taro with a license agreement to manufacture and commercialize Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1%.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, Perrigo Israel Pharmaceuticals Ltd. was granted 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1%. This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act, was expired on July 13, 2014. We note that there is no longer a 180-day exclusivity bar to the approval of your Fluocinonide Cream USP, 0.1%.

Under section 506A of the 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 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,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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