DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20993

ANDA 205612

APPROVAL

AuroMedics Pharma LLC
U.S. Agent for Aurobindo Pharma Limited
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Dayton, NJ 08810
Attention: Vincent P. Andolina

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act), for Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection USP, 0.2% (40 mg/20 mL and 200 mg/100 mL), 0.5% (100 mg/20 mL and 150 mg/30 mL), 0.75% (150 mg/20 mL), and 1% (100 mg/10 mL and 200 mg/20 mL) single-dose vials, and 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated January 2, April 7, and April 8, 2014; and June 22, July 2, August 13, and November 13, 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 Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection USP, 0.2% (40 mg/20 mL and 200 mg/100 mL), 0.5% (100 mg/20 mL and 150 mg/30 mL), 0.75% (150 mg/20 mL), and 1% (100 mg/10 mL and 200 mg/20 mL) single-dose vials and 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug (RLD), Naropin Injection, 0.2% (40 mg/20 mL and 200 mg/100 mL), 0.5% (100 mg/20 mL and 150 mg/30 mL), 0.75% (150 mg/20 mL), and 1% (100 mg/10 mL and 200 mg/20 mL), of Fresenius Kabi USA LLC (Fresenius).

The RLD upon which you have based your ANDA, Fresenius' Naropin Injection, 200 mg/100 mL, 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle, is subject to periods of patent protection.[1] 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
7,828,787 (the '787 patent)	October 18, 2025
7,857,802 (the '7,802 patent)	November 28, 2026
8,118,802 (the '8,802 patent)	May 18, 2023
8,162,915 (the '915 patent)	May 23, 2024

[1] The '787, '7,802, '8,802 and '915 patents are only listed for the Naropin Injection, 200 mg/100 mL and 400 mg/200 mL products, and you are not seeking approval of the 200 mL product.

Your ANDA contains paragraph IV certifications to each of the patents under section 505(j)(2)(A)(vii)(IV) of the FD&C Act stating that the patents are invalid, unenforceable, or will not be infringed by your manufacture, use, or sale of Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection USP, 0.2% (200 mg/100 mL), 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle under this ANDA. You have notified the agency that Aurobindo Pharma Limited (Aurobindo) complied with the requirements of section 505(j)(2)(B) of the FD&C Act, and that no action for infringement was brought against Aurobindo within the statutory 45-day period.

With respect to 180-day generic drug exclusivity, we note that Aurobindo was the first ANDA applicant to submit a substantially complete ANDA with a paragraph IV certification for Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection USP, 0.2% (200 mg/100 mL), 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle.[2] Therefore, with this approval, Aurobindo is eligible for 180 days of generic drug exclusivity for Ropivacaine Hydrochloride Injection USP, 0.2% (200 mg/100 mL), 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle. This exclusivity, which is provided for under section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv) of the FD&C Act, will begin to run from the date of the commercial marketing identified in section 505(j)(5)(B)(iv). Please submit correspondence to this ANDA informing the agency of the date of commercial marketing.

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

[2] We note that this 180-day exclusivity is associated with the 2 mg/mL, 100 mL fill volume, for which Aurobindo is seeking approval in a 100 mL single-dose infusion bottle.

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.

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,

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