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Docket No. FDA-2024-P-2909

Dear Kurt R. Karst:

This is in response to your petition received on June 17, 2024, by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency), requesting permission to submit an Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA) for the following drug products: Buprenorphine Hydrochloride Sublingual Tablets, 4 mg and 12 mg. The listed drug product to which you refer in your petition is Subutex (Buprenorphine Hydrochloride) Sublingual Tablets, 2 mg and 8 mg approved under NDA 020732 and held by Indivior, Inc.

Your request involves a change in strength from that of the listed drug product (i.e., from 2 mg and 8 mg to 4 mg and 12 mg). The change that you request is the type of change that is permissible under section 505(j)(2)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), subject to FDA approval of a petition submitted under that section of the Act.

We have reviewed your petition under section 505(j)(2)(C) of the Act and FDA's implementing regulations at 21 CFR 314.93 and have determined that it is approved. This letter represents FDA's determination that an ANDA may be submitted for the above-referenced drug product.

Under section 505(j)(2)(C) of the Act and 21 CFR 314.93(e)(1), FDA will approve a petition properly submitted under § 314.93 seeking a strength that differs from the strength of the listed drug product unless it finds that one of the grounds for denying such a petition applies.

The Agency finds that the proposed changes in strength for the proposed drug products do not pose questions of safety or effectiveness. The uses, dose, dosage form, and route of administration of the proposed drug products are the same as that of the listed drug product. The proposed change is consistent with dosing recommendations in the labeling of the listed drug. In addition, if shown to meet bioequivalence requirements, the proposed drug products can be expected to have the same therapeutic effect as the reference listed drug product. Therefore, FDA concludes that the proposed change would not jeopardize the safe or effective use of the products so as to necessitate



significant labeling changes, and investigations are not necessary to show the safety and effectiveness of the proposed strengths.

The approval of this petition to allow an ANDA to be submitted for the above-referenced drug products does not mean that FDA has determined that an ANDA will be approved for the drug products. The determination of whether an ANDA will be approved is not made until the ANDA itself is submitted and reviewed by FDA.

To permit review of your ANDA submission, you must submit all information required under section 505(j)(2)(A) and (B) of the Act. To be approved, the drug products will, among other things, be required to meet current bioequivalence requirements under section 505(j)(2)(A)(iv) of the Act. During the review of your application, FDA may require the submission of additional information.

The listed drug product to which you refer in your ANDA must be the one upon which you based this petition. In addition, you must refer in your ANDA to the appropriate petition docket number cited above and include a copy of this letter in the ANDA submission. 21 CFR 314.94(a)(3)(iii). Please note that once a new drug application is approved for a product that is the same as the subject of an approved petition such petition may not be utilized as the basis for submission of an ANDA.

A copy of this letter approving your petition will be placed on public display in the Dockets Management Branch, Room 1061, Mail Stop HFA-305, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852.

Sincerely,

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