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Committee name	Tentative date(s) of meeting(s)
CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY AND APPLIED NUTRITION	
Food Advisory Committee	March 30–31.
CENTER FOR TOBACCO PRODUCTS	
Tobacco Products Scientific Advisory Committee	January 10–11, March 17–18, May, July, September, and November date(s), if needed, to be determined.
CENTER FOR VETERINARY MEDICINE	
Veterinary Medicine Advisory Committee	April 11, September 12.
NATIONAL CENTER FOR TOXICOLOGICAL RESEARCH	
Science Advisory Board	November 9–10.

Dated: December 16, 2010.

Jill Hartzler Warner,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Special Medical Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA–2010–N–0626]

Abbott Laboratories, Inc.; Withdrawal of Approval of a New Drug Application for MERIDIA

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is withdrawing approval of a new drug application (NDA) for MERIDIA (sibutramine hydrochloride (HCl)) oral capsules held by Abbott Laboratories, Inc. (Abbott), 100 Abbott Park Rd., Abbott Park, IL 60064. Abbott has voluntarily requested that approval of this application be withdrawn, thereby waiving its opportunity for a hearing.

DATES: Effective December 21, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Mueller, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 51, rm. 6312, Silver Spring, MD 20993–0002, 301–796–3601.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 7, 2010, FDA requested that Abbott voluntarily withdraw MERIDIA (sibutramine HCl) oral capsules from the market, based on FDA's recent analysis of clinical trial data from the Sibutramine Cardiovascular Outcomes

Trial (SCOUT) that indicated that MERIDIA poses an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. In a letter dated October 12, 2010, Abbott requested that FDA withdraw approval of NDA 20–632 for MERIDIA (sibutramine HCl) oral capsules under § 314.150(d) (21 CFR 314.150(d)). In that letter, Abbott also waived its opportunity for a hearing, provided under § 314.150(a). In FDA's acknowledgment letter of November 1, 2010, the agency stated that based on the review of the SCOUT data and the assessment of the September 15, 2010, meeting of FDA's Endocrinologic and Metabolic Drugs Advisory Committee at which the SCOUT data were reviewed, we find the benefits of MERIDIA (sibutramine HCl) oral capsules, indicated for the management of obesity, including weight loss and maintenance of weight loss, no longer outweigh the risks in any identifiable patient population. FDA also acknowledged that Abbott waived its opportunity for a hearing.

Therefore, under section 505(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 355(e)), § 314.150(d), and under authority delegated by the Commissioner of Food and Drugs to the Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, approval of NDA 20–632, and all amendments and supplements thereto, is withdrawn (see **DATES**). Distribution of this product in interstate commerce without an approved application is illegal and subject to regulatory action (see sections 505(a) and 301(d) of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 355(a) and 331(d)).

Dated: December 6, 2010.

Janet Woodcock,

Director, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Unsolicited Multi-Project (P01) Grant Applications.

Date: January 12, 2011.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817. (Telephone Conference Call.)

Contact Person: Roberta Binder, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, 6700B Rockledge Drive, Room 3130, Bethesda, MD 20892–7616. 301–496–7966. rbinder@niaid.nih.gov.

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