DURECT is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of medicines that provide meaningful advances in patient health and wellbeing.
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(ORADUR®-Oxycodone)

Product Overview

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- Effective long-term pain control with the convenience of twice-daily dosing
- Proprietary formulation with several properties designed to deter abuse by the most common methods (snorting, smoking, injecting, chewing, and dissolving in drinks)

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Chronic pain affects as many as 100 million Americans annually. When chronic pain is severe enough, patients are frequently prescribed long-acting opioid analgesics. Opioids (also called narcotics) include oxycodone, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxymorphine, morphine, fentanyl, methadone, and other members of this class. OxyContin®, a brand name oral extended-release oxycodone-based painkiller, accounted for approximately $2.4 billion in worldwide sales in 2014.

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In March 2016, Pain Therapeutics resubmitted the NDA for REMOXY ER. In April 2016, the FDA deemed the NDA sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, and stated that September 25, 2016 would be the target action date under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA).

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DURECT has licensed the worldwide development and commercialization rights to Pain Therapeutics, Inc. For a description of the associated terms, please see Collaborations.

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Our lead drug candidate is called REMOXY® (oxycodone) Extended-Release Capsules CII. REMOXY is a strong painkiller with a unique formulation designed to reduce potential risks of unintended use.

Remoxy is intended to meet the needs of physicians who appropriately prescribe opioid painkillers and who seek to minimize risks of drug diversion, abuse or accidental patient misuse. Remoxy resists injection or snorting. Published data also show that freezing, crushing or submerging Remoxy in high-proof alcohol for hours at a time releases just a fraction of oxycodone at time points when abusers presumably expect to get high.