

NDA 50-675/S-014

Pharmacia & Upjohn
Attention: Rebecca S. Tong
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Dear Ms. Tong:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated December 19, 1997, received December 22, 1997, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Vantin® (cefepodoxime proxetil) Oral Suspension. We note that this application is subject to the exemption provisions contained in section 125(d)(2) of Title I of the FDA Modernization Act of 1997.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated March 20, 1998, June 17, 1998, September 18, 1998, October 21, 1998, and November 18, 1998.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the use of Vantin® (cefepodoxime proxetil) Oral Suspension for treatment of otitis media in pediatric patients at a dose of 5 mg/kg every 12 hours for 5 days.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, as amended, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the enclosed labeling text. Accordingly, the supplemental application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert) and submitted draft labeling (package insert submitted November 18, 1998). Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit 20 copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 50-675/S-014." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, please submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. All proposed materials should be submitted in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Please submit one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional

materials and the package insert directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications, HFD-40
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Maryland 20857

If a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a “Dear Health Care Practitioner” letter) is issued to physicians and others responsible for patient care, we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2
FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, contact Beth Duvall-Miller, Project Manager, at (301) 827-2125.

Sincerely yours,

Gary K.Chikami, M.D.
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