DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 18-771/S-017

Aton Pharma, Inc..
Attention: Kevin Halloran
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
3150 Brunswick Pike, Suite 130
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Dear Mr. Halloran:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated August 20, 2007, received August 22, 2007, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Lacrisert (hydroxyproyl cellulose ophthalmic insert).

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for revised labeling consistent with transfer of ownership from Merck & Co., to Aton Parma, Inc.

We completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the agreed-upon labeling text.

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html that is identical to the enclosed labeling text for the package insert submitted August 20, 2007. Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, "SPL for approved NDA 18-771/S-017."

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH
Food and Drug Administration
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Building 22, Room 4447
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0007

Please submit one market package of the drug product when it is available.

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Raphael R. Rodriguez, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0798.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Wiley A. Chambers, M.D.
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