DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 18-893/ S-017

Abbott Laboratories
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Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6157

Attention: Nicohl R. Wilding
Regulatory Specialist, Hospital Products Division

Dear Ms. Wilding:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated August 16, 2002, received August 19, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sodium Acetate Injectin, USP, in Plastic Vial.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated February 12, 2003.

The "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for a revised package insert per the requirements of 21 CFR 201.323 and revised release and stability specifications, which include a test for aluminum determination with the acceptance criterion of(b)(4), (b)(9)---------- aluminum."

We have completed our review of this application, as amended, and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter.

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

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 Victoria Kao, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7416.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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