DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

NDA 20-987/S-007

Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories
Attention: Caroline M. Henesey, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Henesey:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated June 21, 2001, received June 22, 2001, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for PROTONIX® (pantoprazole sodium) Delayed-Release Tablets, 20 mg and 40 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated October 22, 2001, March 1 and 18, 2002.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the use of PROTONIX® (pantoprazole sodium) Delayed-Release Tablets for pathological hypersecretory conditions including Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome.

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 agreed upon 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, which is identical to the submitted draft labeling (package insert text submitted March 1, 2002).

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA* (January 1999). Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no 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 20-987/S-007." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Be advised that, as of April 1, 1999, all applications for new active ingredients, new dosage forms, new indications, new routes of administration, and new dosing regimens are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived or deferred (63 *FR* 66632). We acknowledge your February 13, 2001 correspondences to Investigational New Drug Applications (IND) 52,132 and 35,441 requesting a waiver of the pediatric study requirement for this proposed indication. In an April 2, 2001 Agency letter, a waiver for pediatric studies for Protonix® (pantoprazole sodium) Delayed-Release Tablets was granted for the following indication: hypersecretory conditions, including Zollinger-Ellison syndrome.

Pediatric studies conducted under the terms of section 505A of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act may result in additional marketing exclusivity for certain products (pediatric exclusivity). You should refer to the *Guidance for Industry on Qualifying for Pediatric Exclusivity* (available on our web site at www.fda.gov/cder/pediatric) for details. Please note that satisfaction of the requirements in 21 CFR 314.55 alone may not qualify you for pediatric exclusivity. FDA does not necessarily ask a sponsor to complete the same scope of studies to qualify for pediatric exclusivity as it does to fulfill the requirements of the pediatric rule. We acknowledge your March 18, 2002 updated proposed pediatric study request to support the issuance of an amended written request for pediatric studies with pantoprazole sodium. Your submission is under review.

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-42
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 Professional" 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, call Cheryl Perry, RN, BSN, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7475.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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