DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-840

Duramed Pharmaceuticals
Attention: Joseph Carrado, M.Sc., R.Ph.
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
One Belmont Ave., 11th Floor
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Dear Mr. Carrado:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated October 21, 2004, received October 21, 2004, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Seasonique™ (levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol) Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated November 11, December 1 (2) and 14, 2004, March 1, April 15, June 10 and 23, July 14, 15, and 28, August 4 and 18, September 15, October 11 and 12, November 10, December 1 and 14, 2005, January 6, March 24, May 9 and 23, 2006.

The March 24, 2006 submission constituted a complete response to our August 17, 2005 action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of Seasonique™ (levonorgestrel/ethinyl estradiol and ethinyl estradiol) Tablets for the prevention of pregnancy in women who elect to use oral contraceptives as a method of contraception.

We have 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.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and text for the patient package insert) and submitted labeling (immediate container and carton labels submitted May 9, 2006). Marketing the product(s) with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit an electronic version of the FPL according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA*. 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. Individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission "**FPL for approved NDA 21-840**." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to this division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
Food and Drug Administration
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

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

We have not completed validation of the regulatory methods. However, we expect your continued cooperation to resolve any problems that may be identified.

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 Jennifer Mercier, Chief, Project Management Staff, at (301) 796-0957.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Daniel Shames, M.D.
Director
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