DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-882/S-004

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Anne Frederick, Ph.D.
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East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Dr. Frederick:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated April 2, 2008, received April 2, 2008, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Exjade®(deferasirox) Tablets for Oral Suspension.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated October 1, 2008.

This supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the Warnings and Precautions, Adverse Reactions sections of the package insert to include renal tubulopathy, gastrointestinal hemorrhages and ulcers, and optic neuritis, and Dose Modifications subsection of the Dosage and Administration section and Drug Interactions section, and to incorporate information from the completed sickle cell disease study (Study 0109) in the label.

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

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical, to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert) and/or submitted labeling (package insert submitted October 1, 2008).

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 supplement NDA 21-882/S-004**." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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
Suite 12B05

5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

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 Hyon-Zu Lee, Pharm.D., Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-2050.

Sincerely,

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