ANDA 40-350 March 29, 2000

Par Pharmaceuticals
Attention: Robert A. Femia, Ph.D.
U.S. Agent for: Genpharm Inc.
One Ram Ridge Road
Spring Valley, NY 10977

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated December 7, 1998, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), for Methimazole Tablets USP, 5 mg and 10 mg.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated February 8, 1999; and February 2, March 8, March 10 and March 20, 2000.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the application is approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Methimazole Tablets USP, 5 mg and 10 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Tapazole® Tablets, 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively, of Eli Lilly and Company). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in

your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug
Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Woodcock, M.D.
Director
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research