

January 24, 2000

Gensia Sicor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Attention: Rosalie A. Lowe
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Irvine, CA 92618-1902

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated December 23, 1998, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), for DAUNOrubicin Hydrochloride Injection, 5 mg (base)/mL, (packaged in 20 mg (base)/4 mL and 50 mg (base)/10 mL single-dose vials).

Reference is also made to your amendments dated August 5, November 29 and December 10, 1999.

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 DAUNOrubicin Hydrochloride Injection, 20 mg (base)/vial, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Daunorubicin Hydrochloride Injection, 20 mg (base)/vial, of Bedford Laboratories). Also, your DAUNOrubicin Hydrochloride Injection, 50 mg (base)/vial, can be expected to have the same therapeutic effect as that of the reference listed drug product upon which the agency relied as the basis of safety and effectiveness.

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.

Validation of the regulatory methods has not been completed. It is the policy of the Office not to withhold approval until the validation is complete. We acknowledge your commitment to satisfactorily resolve any deficiencies that may be identified.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas L. Sporn
Director
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

