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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**50-517/S-038**

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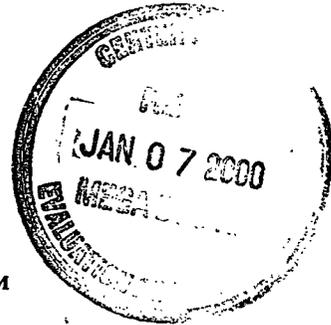
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**NDA 50-517/S-038: MEFOXIN™  
(Cefoxitin for Injection)**

**Amendment to a Pending Supplemental New Drug Application**

Dear Dr. Chikami:

Reference is made to the supplemental New Drug Application cited above for MEFOXIN™ submitted by Merck Research Laboratories (MRL), a division of Merck & Co., Inc. on April 15, 1996. Reference is also made to the Agency's comments conveyed via facsimile on May 4, 1999 regarding that supplemental New Drug Application.

With this letter, MRL is responding to the Agency's comments of May 4, 1999. The circular has been revised under CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, INDICATIONS AND USAGE and REFERENCES sections as illustrated in the annotated circular and the Summary of Revisions. All Agency comments were addressed with the exception that under CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY "Streptococcus pyogenes" is retained in List 1 as it is included in the INDICATIONS and USAGE section. Additionally, an editorial revision was made in the REFERENCE section.

As required by Section 306(k)(1) of the Generic Enforcement Act [21 U.S.C. 335a(k)(1)], we hereby certify that, in connection with this application, Merck & Co., Inc. did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under subsections 306(a) or (b) of the Act.

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We consider the filing of this Supplemental New Drug Application to be a confidential matter, and request that the Food and Drug Administration not make its content, nor any future communications in regard to it, public without first obtaining the written permission of Merck & Co., Inc.

Please direct questions or need for additional information to Virginia G. Snyder (610/397-7984) or, in my absence, Dennis M. Erb, PhD (610/397-7597).

Sincerely,

  
Virginia G. Snyder  
Manager  
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville MD 20857

Date APR 23 1996

NDA No.50-517

Henrietta Ukwu, M.D.  
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Attention:Henrietta Ukwu, M.D.

Dear Sir/Madam:

We acknowledge receipt of your supplemental application for the following:

Name of Drug: Mefoxin (Sterile Cefoxitin Sodium)

NDA Number: 50-517

Supplement Number: s-038

Date of Supplement: April 15, 1996

Date of Receipt: April 19, 1996

Unless we find the application not acceptable for filing, the filing date will be 60 days from the receipt date above.

All communications concerning this NDA should be addressed as follows:

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Attention: Document Control, Room 12B-30  
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Sincerely yours,

FOR *IS/*  
Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer  
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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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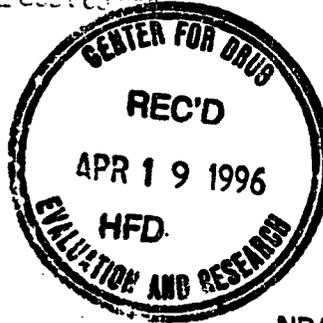
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NDA NO. 50517 REF. NO. S-088  
NDA SUPPL FOR Draft

Dear Dr. Fanning:

Supplemental New Drug Application NDA 50-517  
MEFOXIN® (Sterile Cefoxitin Sodium)

Pursuant to Section 505(b) of the Food Drug and Cosmetic Act and in accordance with 21 CFR 314.70(b), we submit, for your approval, a supplement to NDA 50-517.

As indicated on the attached Form FDA 356h, the supplemental application provides for changes in Item 4(c)i of the approved New Drug Application for MEFOXIN®.

Attached for approval is an annotated draft package circular, a Summary of Revisions and supportive information. The circular has been revised under CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, INDICATIONS AND USAGE and REFERENCES according to the January 26, 1993 NDA Holders Letter for Microbiological Labeling Information.

As required by Section 306(k)(1) of the Generic Enforcement Act [21 U.S.C. 335a(k)(1)], we hereby certify that, in connection with this application, Merck & Co., Inc. did not and will not use in any capacity the services of any person debarred under subsections 306(a) or (b) of the Act.

We consider the filing of this Supplemental New Drug Application to be a confidential matter, and request the Food and Drug Administration not to make its content, nor any future communications in regard to it, public without first obtaining the written permission of Merck & Co., Inc.

Questions concerning this supplemental application should be directed to Henrietta N. Ukwu M.D. (610/397-7176) or, in my absence Bonnie J. Goldmann, M.D. (610/397-2383).

REVIEWS COMPLETED	
CSO ACTION:	
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CSO INITIALS	DATE

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta Ukwu, M.D., Director  
Regulatory Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
 FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION  
**APPLICATION TO MARKET A NEW DRUG FOR HUMAN USE  
 OR AN ANTIBIOTIC DRUG FOR HUMAN USE**  
 (Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, 314)

Form Approved: OMB No. 0910-0001  
 Expiration Date: June 30, 1992  
 See OMB Statement on Page 3.

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DATE RECEIVED	DATE FILED
DIVISION ASSIGNED	NDA/ANDA NO. ASS.

NOTE: No application may be filed unless a completed application form has been received (21 CFR Part 314).

NAME OF APPLICANT <b>Merck Research Laboratories</b>	DATE OF SUBMISSION <b>4-15-96</b>
	TELEPHONE NO (Include Area Code) <b>(610)397-7176</b>
	NEW DRUG OR ANTIBIOTIC APPLICATION NUMBER (if previously issued) <b>50-517</b>

**DRUG PRODUCT**

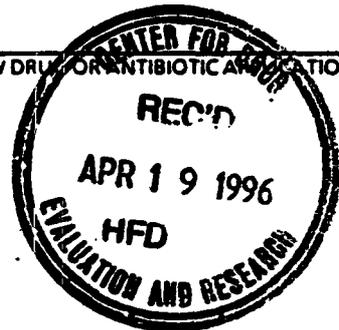
ESTABLISHED NAME (e.g., USPIUSAN) <b>Sterile Cefoxitin Sodium</b>	PROPRIETARY NAME (if any) <b>MEFOXIN®</b>
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CODE NAME (if any)	CHEMICAL NAME <b>sodium salt of 3-(hydroxymethyl)-7-methoxy-8-oxo-7-[2-(2-thienyl)acetamidol]-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate carbamate (ester).</b>
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DOSAGE FORM	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION	STRENGTH(S)
	<b>I.M.</b>	<b>1 gm</b>
	<b>I.V.</b>	<b>2 gm</b>
		<b>10 gm</b>

PROPOSED INDICATIONS FOR USE  
**Treatments of serious infections caused by susceptible strains of designated microorganisms.**

LIST NUMBERS OF ALL INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG APPLICATIONS (21 CFR Part 312), NEW DRUG OR ANTIBIOTIC APPLICATIONS (21 CFR Part 314), AND DRUG MASTER FILES (21 CFR 314.420) REFERRED TO IN THIS APPLICATION:



**INFORMATION ON APPLICATION**  
 TYPE OF APPLICATION (Check one)

THIS SUBMISSION IS A FULL APPLICATION (21 CFR 314.50)     THIS SUBMISSION IS AN ABBREVIATED APPLICATION (ANDA) (21 CFR 314.55)

IF AN ANDA, IDENTIFY THE APPROVED DRUG PRODUCT THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE SUBMISSION

NAME OF DRUG	HOLDER OF APPROVED APPLICATION
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**STATUS OF APPLICATION (Check one)**

PRESUBMISSION     AN AMENDMENT TO A PENDING APPLICATION     SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION  
 ORIGINAL APPLICATION     RESUBMISSION

**PROPOSED MARKETING STATUS (Check one)**

APPLICATION FOR A PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRODUCT (Rx)     APPLICATION FOR AN OVER-THE-COUNTER PRODUCT (OTC)