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APPLICATION NUMBER:

21-257

APPROVAL LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

NDA 21-257

Alcon Universal, Ltd.
c/o Alcon Research, Ltd.
Attention: Scott Krueger
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs
6201 South Freeway
Fort Worth, Texas 76134-2099

Dear Mr. Krueger:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated July 6, 2000, received July 7, 2000, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Travatan (travoprost ophthalmic solution) 0.004%.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated December 26 and 27 (two), 2000; and January 4 and 17, February 1 (two), 9, 12, 15, 16, and 28 (two), and March 1, 2001. Your submission of December 26, 2000, constituted a complete response to our December 22, 2000, action letter.

This new drug application provides for the use of Travatan (travoprost ophthalmic solution) for the reduction of intraocular pressure in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension who are intolerant of other intraocular pressure lowering medications or insufficiently responsive (failed to achieve target IOP determined after multiple measurements over time) to another intraocular pressure lowering medication.

We have completed the review of this application, as amended, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon labeling text. Accordingly, the application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the container and carton labels submitted January 17, 2001, and attached package insert submitted March 1, 2001. Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA* (January 1999). 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. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved NDA 21-257." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Validation of the regulatory methods has not been completed. At the present time, it is the policy of the Center not to withhold approval because the methods are being validated. Nevertheless, we expect your continued cooperation to resolve any problems that may be identified.

Be advised that, as of April 1, 1999, 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 (63 *FR* 66632). We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this action on this application.

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

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Michael Puglisi, Project Manager, at (301) 827-2090.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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