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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-983

Meridian Medical Technologies Incorporated
Attn: Michelle Dietl
Senior Regulatory Affairs Specialist
1945 Craig Road
Saint Louis, MO 63146

Dear Ms. Dietl:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA) submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Atropine/Pralidoxime Chloride Injection.

Since 2000, FDA has conducted several comprehensive inspections of bioequivalence studies in which the bioanalytical analysis was conducted by ; _____

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_____ The findings of these inspections raise significant concerns about the validity of the reported results of these analytical studies conducted in support of drug applications for marketing. Our findings from these inspections include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Failure to conduct a systematic and thorough evaluation to identify and correct sources of contamination.
- Failure to investigate anomalous results.
- Lack of assay reproducibility between original and repeat results.
- Assay accuracy not assured under the conditions of sample processing.
- Biased exclusion of study data resulting in the acceptance of failed runs.
- Failure to demonstrate the accuracy of analytical methods with appropriate validation experiments and documentation.

As a result of these findings, _____ agreed to conduct an audit of data from all its bioequivalence studies generated from January 2000 to December 2004. However, FDA identified significant deficiencies with the _____ audit during its most recent inspection. Thus, serious questions remain about the validity of any data generated by _____ in studies during this time period that have not

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been inspected by FDA. In view of these findings, FDA is informing holders of approved NDAs of these issues.

The impact of the data from these studies (which may include bioequivalence, pharmacokinetic, drug-drug interaction and others) cannot be assessed without knowing the details regarding the study and how the data in question were considered in the overall development and approval of your drug product. At this time, the Office of New Drugs is searching available documentation to determine which NDAs are impacted by the above findings.

To further expedite this process, we ask that you inform us within 30 days of receipt of this letter if you have submitted any studies conducted by — during the time period of concern (January 2000 through December 2004). Please submit information on each of the studies submitted, including supplement number (if appropriate), study name/protocol number, and date of submission. This information should be submitted as correspondence to your NDA. In addition, please provide a desk copy to:

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
10903 New Hampshire Avenue
Bldg. 22, Room 6300
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

Once we have made an assessment regarding the potential impact of these data, we will contact you regarding the steps that need to be taken, if any, to assure the accuracy of the data submitted to your application.

If you have any questions, call CDR Jacqueline Ware, Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-1160.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Russell Katz, MD
Director
Division of Neurology Products
Office of Drug Evaluation I
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For Division Director

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION			REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION	
TO (Division/Office): Director, Division of Medication Errors and Technical Support (DMETS), WO 22 Rm. 4421			FROM: Division of Neurology Products (DNP) WO 22 Rm. 4348	
DATE July 7, 2006	IND NO.	NDA NO. 21-983	TYPE OF DOCUMENT NDA Amendment- proprietary name reconsideration request	DATE OF DOCUMENT June 21, 2006
NAME OF DRUG — (Atropine/Pralidoxime) Auto-Injector		PRIORITY CONSIDERATION Priority	CLASSIFICATION OF DRUG 3	DESIRED COMPLETION DATE August 18, 2006 PDUFA goal date: September 28, 2006
NAME OF FIRM: Meridian Medical Technologies				
REASON FOR REQUEST				
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COMMENTS, CONCERNS, and/or SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Please review and comment the acceptability of Meridian's previously submitted name, —, in case DDMAC agrees with the firm's new arguments provided in their June 21, 2006 submission. Please also comment on the acceptability of the 2 alternate proposed proprietary names provided in the June 21, 2006 submission. [Electronic copy attache.]				
Background: On December 15, 2005, DMETS issued a review stating that DDMAC did not recommend the use of the proprietary name, —. No additional DMETS review was performed. The Division conveyed this recommendation to the firm via phone & email on January 5, 2006. As such, the firm has submitted a request for reconsideration as well as 2 alternative names for review. An electronic copy of the NDA package insert can be found at: \cds\sub1\N21983\N_000\2006-05-15				
NOTE: This application has a PDUFA goal date of September 28, 2006 and is likely to be approved. Your feedback on these new arguments re: the name — and the acceptability of the 2 new proposed names is needed as soon as possible. A consult has also been sent concurrently to DDMAC.				
SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER Jackie Ware, Pharm.D., Regulatory Project Manager 301-796-1160; Jacqueline.ware@fda.hhs.gov			METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAND	
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION TO MARKET A NEW DRUG, BIOLOGIC, OR AN ANTIBIOTIC DRUG FOR HUMAN USE <i>(Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 314 & 601)</i>		Form Approved: OMB No. 0910-0430 Expiration Date: April 30, 2009 See OMB Statement on page 2.
		FOR FDA USE ONLY
		APPLICATION NUMBER

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
NAME OF APPLICANT Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc.		DATE OF SUBMISSION 06/21/2006
TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) (314) 682-3000		FACSIMILE (FAX) Number (Include Area Code) (314) 682-3001
APPLICANT ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Country, ZIP Code or Mail Code, and U.S. License number if previously issued): 1945 Craig Road St. Louis, MO 63146		AUTHORIZED U.S. AGENT NAME & ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP Code, telephone & FAX number) IF APPLICABLE N/A

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		
NEW DRUG OR ANTIBIOTIC APPLICATION NUMBER, OR BIOLOGICS LICENSE APPLICATION NUMBER (If previously issued) NDA 21-983		
ESTABLISHED NAME (e.g., Proper name, USP/USAN name) Atropine Injection and Pralidoxime Chloride Injection		PROPRIETARY NAME (trade name) IF ANY [TRADENAME] Atropine — Pralidoxime Chloride Injection
CHEMICAL/BIOCHEMICAL/BLOOD PRODUCT NAME (If any) Atropine, Pralidoxime Chloride		CODE NAME (If any) N/A
DOSAGE FORM: Injectable	STRENGTHS: 2.1 mg/0.7 mL of Atropine and 600 mg/ 2 mL of Pralidoxime Chloride	ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION: Intramuscular
(PROPOSED) INDICATION(S) FOR USE: The treatment of poisoning by organophosphorous nerve agents as well as organophosphorous insecticides.		

APPLICATION DESCRIPTION		
APPLICATION TYPE (check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEW DRUG APPLICATION (CDA, 21 CFR 314.50) <input type="checkbox"/> ABBREVIATED NEW DRUG APPLICATION (ANDA, 21 CFR 314.94) <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICS LICENSE APPLICATION (BLA, 21 CFR Part 601)		
IF AN NDA, IDENTIFY THE APPROPRIATE TYPE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 505 (b)(1) <input type="checkbox"/> 505 (b)(2)		
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IF A SUBMISSION OF PARTIAL APPLICATION, PROVIDE LETTER DATE OF AGREEMENT TO PARTIAL SUBMISSION: _____		
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REASON FOR SUBMISSION Correspondence for Proposed Proprietary Name.		
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ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION (Full establishment information should be provided in the body of the Application.) Provide locations of all manufacturing, packaging and control sites for drug substance and drug product (continuation sheets may be used if necessary). Include name, address, contact, telephone number, registration number (CFN), DMF number, and manufacturing steps and/or type of testing (e.g. Final dosage form, Stability testing) conducted at the site. Please indicate whether the site is ready for inspection or, if not, when it will be ready.		
Name, address, and phone number are listed above. Please contact Thomas G. Freund. Site is ready for inspection. Registration numbers are 1950222/KAN and 1937280/KAN.		
Cross References (list related License Applications, INDs, NDAs, PMAs, 510(k)s, IDEs, BMFs, and DMFs referenced in the current application)		

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This application contains the following items: (Check all that apply)

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CERTIFICATION

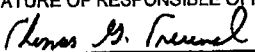
I agree to update this application with new safety information about the product that may reasonably affect the statement of contraindications, warnings, precautions, or adverse reactions in the draft labeling. I agree to submit safety update reports as provided for by regulation or as requested by FDA. If this application is approved, I agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations that apply to approved applications, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Good manufacturing practice regulations in 21 CFR Parts 210, 211 or applicable regulations, Parts 606, and/or 820.
2. Biological establishment standards in 21 CFR Part 600.
3. Labeling regulations in 21 CFR Parts 201, 606, 610, 660, and/or 809.
4. In the case of a prescription drug or biological product, prescription drug advertising regulations in 21 CFR Part 202.
5. Regulations on making changes in application in FD&C Act section 506A, 21 CFR 314.71, 314.72, 314.97, 314.99, and 601.12.
6. Regulations on Reports in 21 CFR 314.80, 314.81, 600.80, and 600.81.
7. Local, state and Federal environmental impact laws.

If this application applies to a drug product that FDA has proposed for scheduling under the Controlled Substances Act, I agree not to market the product until the Drug Enforcement Administration makes a final scheduling decision.

The data and information in this submission have been reviewed and, to the best of my knowledge are certified to be true and accurate.

Warning: A willfully false statement is a criminal offense, U.S. Code, title 18, section 1001.

SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL OR AGENT 	TYPED NAME AND TITLE Thomas G. Freund, Director, Regulatory Affairs	DATE: 06/21/2006
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, and ZIP Code) 1945 Craig Road, St. Louis, MO 63146		Telephone Number (314) 682-3156

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FILING COMMUNICATION

NDA 21-983

Meridian Medical Technologies, Inc.
Attention: Thomas G. Freund
Director, Regulatory Affairs
1945 Craig Road
St. Louis, MO 63146

Dear Mr. Freund:

Please refer to your New Drug Application (NDA), dated March 24, 2006, received March 28, 2006, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Atropine and Pralidoxime Chloride Auto-Injector.

We have completed our filing review and have determined that your application is sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. Therefore, this application has been filed under section 505(b) of the Act on May 26, 2006 in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

At this time, we have not identified any potential filing review issues. Our filing review is only a preliminary evaluation of the application and is not indicative of deficiencies that may be identified during our review.

If you have questions, please call Jacqueline H. Ware, Pharm.D., at (301) 796-1160.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Russell Katz, M.D.
Director
Division of Neurology Products
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Russell Katz
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION		REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION		
TO (Division/Office): OPS, New Drug Microbiology Staff WO21 Rm. 3657 Attn: David Hussong and James McVey			FROM: Division of Neurology Products WO 22 Rm. 4350	
DATE May 8, 2006	IND NO.	NDA NO. 21-983	TYPE OF DOCUMENT New NDA	DATE OF DOCUMENT March 24, 2006
NAME OF DRUG Atropine & Pralidoxime Autoinjector		PRIORITY CONSIDERATION	CLASSIFICATION OF DRUG	DESIRED COMPLETION DATE PDUFA Date: September 28, 2006 (Review Goal Date: August 24, 2006)
NAME OF FIRM: Teva Neurosciences				
REASON FOR REQUEST				
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<p>COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: This new drug application provides for Atropine & Pralidoxime Autoinjector for use by EMS in the event of a nerve-agent attack. The drug product described in this application is reported by Meridian to be identical to that which is approved under the Army's ATNAA NDA 21-175. Meridian manufactures the Army's AATNA and has right of reference to NDA 21-175. Given that manufacturing changes have occurred with this product since the approval of NDA 21-175 in 2002, we ask that you review the submitted material to determine if a formal microbiology review is needed for this new NDA and inform us of your decision. If a formal review is needed, we ask that the review be completed by August 24, 2006.</p> <p>The application contains 4 CMC volumes; copies of all 4 will be forwarded to your group along with the paper copy of this consult request. Also accompanying this consult request is a copy of the May 4, 2006 amendment to the NDA, which contains a summary of the CMC changes to the Army's NDA 21-175 since 2002.</p> <p>Reviewing chemist: Martha Heimann (301-796-1678)</p> <p>Thanks!</p>				
SIGNATURE OF REQUESTER Jackie Ware; 301-796-1160; Jacqueline.ware@fda.hhs.gov		METHOD OF DELIVERY (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAND		
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Ware, Jacqueline H

From: Ware, Jacqueline H
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2006 3:57 PM
To: 'Thomas.Freund@meridianmt.com'
Cc: Ware, Jacqueline H
Subject: FDA Comments re: tradename presubmission to NDA 21-983

Dear Tom,

As we just discussed, following are DDMAC's comments regarding Meridian's proposed tradename. [redacted] submitted on September 29, 2005 to your preassigned NDA 21-983. The Division has reviewed these comments and agrees. b(4)

- The Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC) does not recommend and objects to the proposed trade name [redacted] because it is overly fanciful, suggesting some unique effectiveness or composition. Atropine and pralidoxime are two chemical entities that are currently available. Furthermore, when considering the indication is for treatment after exposure to a nerve agent poisoning, the proposed trade name overstates the effectiveness. When breaking this name down it contains to parts, [redacted] most likely referring to [redacted] and [redacted]. The suffix [redacted] literally means [redacted]. Therefore, the proposed trade name misleadingly suggests that [redacted] can and [redacted] or [redacted] mitigating any potential for complications. Without substantial evidence to support that [redacted] will treat all patients exposed to any poisonous nerve agent, the proposed trade name overstates the effectiveness of the drug product. b(4)

Please note that 21 CFR 201.10(c)(3) states that a proprietary name that implies that the drug or ingredient has some unique effectiveness or composition would be misleading, if the drug or ingredient is a common substance, the limitations of which are readily recognized when the drug or ingredient is listed by its established name. In addition, the statute also provides that labeling or advertising can misbrand a product if misleading representations are made, whether through a trade name or otherwise; this includes suggestions that a drug is better, more effective, useful in a broader range of conditions or patients, safer, has fewer, or lower incidence of, or less serious side effects or contraindications than has been demonstrated by substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience. [21 U.S.C 321(n); see also 21 U.S.C. 352(a) & (n); 21 CFR 202.1(e)(5)(i);(e)(6)(i)].

Sincerely,
Jackie Ware

Jacqueline H. Ware, Pharm.D., CDR-USPHS
Senior Regulatory Project Manager
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Tradename comments emailed to firm on 1/5/06 after concurrence
received from Drs. Katz & Bryan.