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APPLICATION NUMBER:

22-212

APPROVAL LETTER

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 22-212

NDA APPROVAL

Sirion Therapeutics, Inc.
Attention: Christine Miller, PharmD
Senior Vice President of Drug Development
3110 Cherry Palm Drive, Suite 340
Tampa, FL 33619

Dear Dr. Miller:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated December 21, 2007, received December 26, 2007, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Durezol (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion) 0.05%.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated January 23, March 18, April 18, 25 and 28, May 8, 14, 15, 19 and 30, and June 10, 11, 18 (2) and 23, 2008.

This new drug application provides for the use of Durezol (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion) 0.05% for treatment of inflammation and pain associated with ocular surgery.

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert), submitted June 23, 2008. Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, "**SPL for approved NDA 22-212**."

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (October 2005)*. Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission "**Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 22-212**" Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH EQUITY ACT (PREA)

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. We are deferring submission of your pediatric studies for ages 0 to 16 years, 11 months until June 26, 2011.

Your deferred pediatric studies required under section 2 of the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) are considered required postmarketing study commitments. The status of this postmarketing study shall be reported annually according to 21 CFR 314.81. This commitment is listed below.

1. Deferred pediatric study under PREA for the treatment of treatment of post-operative inflammation following cataract surgery in pediatric patients aged 0 to 3 years of age undergoing cataract surgery.

2. Final Report Submission: June 26, 2011

Submit final study reports to this NDA. For administrative purposes, all submissions related to this/these pediatric postmarketing study commitment(s) must be clearly designated "**Required Pediatric Study Commitments**".

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS

We remind you of your postmarketing study commitment in your submission dated June 10, 2008. This commitments is listed below.

1. Description of Commitment – post-marketing study of difluprednate in pediatric subjects

Protocol Submission:	by 10/26/2008
Study Start:	by 01/26/2009
Final Report Submission:	by 06/26/2011

Submit clinical protocols to your IND for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all study final reports to this NDA. In addition, under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and 314.81(b)(2)(viii), you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual report to this NDA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies, number of patients entered into each study. All submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing study commitments should be prominently labeled "**Postmarketing Study Commitment Protocol**", "**Postmarketing Study Commitment Final Report**", or "**Postmarketing Study Commitment Correspondence.**"

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert(s) to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert(s), at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC), see www.fda.gov/cder/ddmac.

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

LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

If you issue a letter communicating important safety related information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit an electronic copy of the letter to both this NDA and to the following address:

MedWatch
Food and Drug Administration
Suite 12B05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

MEDWATCH-TO-MANUFACTURER PROGRAM

The MedWatch-to-Manufacturer Program provides manufacturers with copies of serious adverse event reports that are received directly by the FDA. New molecular entities and important new biologics qualify for inclusion for three years after approval. Your firm is eligible to receive copies of reports for this product. To participate in the program, please see the enrollment instructions and program description details at www.fda.gov/medwatch/report/mmp.htm.

If you have any questions, call Jane A. Dean, RN, MSN, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-1202.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Edward Cox, MD
Director
Office of Antimicrobial Products
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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