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**22-228**

**APPROVAL LETTER**



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration  
Silver Spring, MD 20993

NDA 22-288

**NDA APPROVAL**

Ista Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Attention: Paul Nowacki  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
15295 Alton Parkway  
Irvine, CA 92618

Dear Mr. Nowacki:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated November 12, 2008, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Bepreve (bepotastine besilate ophthalmic solution) 1.5%.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated November 12, December 10, 12 (two), 18, and 19, 2008, and February 13, 17, March 11, April 28 (two), May 11, 14, 26, and 29, June 3, 5, 12 and 30, July 2, 8, 28 and 31, and August 3, 12, and 13, 2009.

This new drug application provides for the use of Bepreve (bepotastine besilate ophthalmic solution) 1.5% for treatment of ocular itching associated with allergic conjunctivitis.

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.

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 August 12, 2009). 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 22-288.**"

Submit final printed label carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate 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 22-288.**" Approval submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because the number of pediatric patients, below the age of 2 years with itching associated with allergic conjunctivitis is small and the product will be adequately labeled for pediatric patients above the age of 2 years.

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 to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation  
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 <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

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

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

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

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If you have any questions, call Raphael R. Rodriguez, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0798.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Edward M. Cox, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director  
Office of Antimicrobial Products  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure: Package Insert, Carton & Container labels.

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