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APPLICATION NUMBER:

40374

APPROVAL LETTER

ANDA 40-374

JUN - 5 2001

Thames Pharmacal Co., Inc.
Attention: Srinivasa Rao
2100 Fifth Avenue
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated June 1, 1999, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), for Triamcinolone Acetonide Ointment USP, 0.025%.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated March 9, April 12, May 8, May 31, and June 1, 2001.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the application is approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Triamcinolone Acetonide Ointment USP, 0.025%, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Triamcinolone Acetonide Ointment USP, 0.025%, of Clay Park Laboratories, Inc.).

Under Section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy that you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising,

and Communications (HFD-40). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

/S/

Gary Buehler 6/5/01
Acting Director
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research