October 28, 1999

Abbott Laboratories Attention: Jean M. Conaway 200 Abbott Park Rd., D-389, AP30 Abbott Park, IL 60064-3537

Dear Madam:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated September 30, 1997, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Alfentanil Injection USP, 500 mcg/mL, packaged in 1000 mcg/2 mL, 2500 mcg/5 mL, and 5000 mcg/10 mL glass ampules.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated December 12, 1997; December 22, 1998; and July 30, August 24, September 3, September 27, and September 29, 1999.

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 Alfentanil Injection USP, 500 mcg/mL to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Alfenta® Injection, 500 mcg/mL, of Akorn, Inc.).

Under 21 CFR 314.70, 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 which 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,

Douglas L. Sporn Director Office of Generic Drugs Center for Drug Evaluation and Research