

NDA 18-086/S-058

Merck & Co., Inc.  
Attention: Virginia G. Snyder  
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West Point, PA 19486

Dear Ms. Snyder:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated December 27, 2001, received December 31, 2001, submitted under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Timoptic (timolol maleate ophthalmic solution), 0.25% and 0.5%.

We also acknowledge receipt of your submission dated January 16, 2002.

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE** section of the product package insert.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon labeling text. Accordingly, the supplemental application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling.

In addition, we recommend that a future labeling supplement include the following change:

The **HOW SUPPLIED** section should include the target fill volume for each container size and the color and type of plastic for the bottle, dropper tip, and cap.

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA* (January 1999). Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 18-086/S-058." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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If a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter) is issued to physicians and others responsible for patient care, we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2  
FDA  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Michael Puglisi, Project Manager, at (301) 827-2090.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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