Dear Ms. Martinson:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug applications dated September 4, 2001, received September 5, 2001, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Epivir® (lamivudine), 150mg tablets and oral solution.

These supplemental new drug applications provide for the addition of pure red cell aplasia to the Observed During Clinical Practice subsection of the ADVERSE REACTIONS.

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

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the submitted draft labeling submitted September 4, 2001.

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically to each application 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 heavyweight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, these submissions should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 20-564/S-016, 20-596/S-017." In addition, please submit a clean copy MS Word version of the label on diskette as a desk copy. Approval of these submissions by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.
Please submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for these products. All proposed materials should be submitted in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Please submit one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package inserts directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications, HFD-42  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20857

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

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

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 Christine Lincoln, RN, MS, MBA, at 301-827-2335.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Debra Birnkrant, M.D.  
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