DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 17-994-022

Pharmacia & Upjohn Company
Attention: Terry L. Reinstein
Regulatory Manager, Regulatory Affairs
7000 Portage Road
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

Dear Mr. Reinstein:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated July 31, 1998, received August 3, 1998, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Psorcon® E (diflorasone diacetate ointment) Emollient Ointment, 0.05%.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated October 27, 2000; January 16, 2002; and May 16, 2003.

This special supplemental new drug application changes being effected provides revised labeling for the proprietary name change from Florone® (diflorasone diacetate ointment) Ointment, 0.05%. to Psorcon® E (diflorasone diacetate ointment) Emollient Ointment, 0.05%, and revisions to the PRECAUTIONS, Pediatric Use and HOW SUPPLIED sections.

We completed our review of this supplemental new drug application, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the final printed package insert submitted on January 16, 2002 and tube and carton labels submitted on July 31, 1998. Accordingly, the supplemental new drug application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

In addition, we have the following request. Please submit a supplemental application to NDA 17-994 Psorcon®E (diflorasone diacetate ointment) Emollient Ointment, 0.05% containing draft labeling providing for a Geriatric Use subsection in the PRECAUTIONS section. This should be compliant with the requirements under 21 CFR 201.57(f)(10).

If a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e. a "Dear Health Care Practitioner" 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

If additional information relating to the safety or effectiveness of this drug becomes available, revision of the labeling may be necessary.

If you have any questions, call Melinda Harris, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-2020.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}
Jonathan K. Wilkin, M.D.
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