



NDA 20-180

Merck & Co., Inc.  
Attention: Vivian Fuh, M.D.  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
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Dear Dr. Fuh:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (NDA 20-180/SLR 025) dated December 5, 2002 and received on December 5, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for PROSCAR™ (finasteride 5 mg).

This “Changes Being Effected in 30 days” supplemental new drug application proposes revision to the package insert to include the 1,000 bottle count under the “How Supplied” section.

We have completed our review of this application. This application is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the agreed-upon labeling text.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the package insert labeling submitted and received on December 5, 2002.

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 20-180/SLR 025." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

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

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a “Dear Health Care Professional” letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HFD-410  
FDA  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Jean King, M.S., R.D., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-4260.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Daniel Shames, M.D.  
Director  
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