Dear Ms. Schafer:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated October 23, 2002, received October 24, 2002, submitted under of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Patanol (olopatadine hydrochloride ophthalmic solution) 0.1%.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application provides for a Geriatric Use subsection under the PRECAUTIONS section of the product package insert.

We 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 enclosed labeling text for the package insert and must be formatted in accordance with the requirements of 21 CFR 201.66.

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 ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 20-688/S-016." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, if a future supplement is submitted, it should include:

The target fill volume for each container size and the color and type of plastic for the bottle container, dropper tip, and cap.

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, HF-2
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 Raphael Rodriguez, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-2090
Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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