DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service
Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-316/S-006

Andrx Laboratories, Inc.
Attention: Nicholas J. Farina, Ph.D.
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
401 Hackensack Avenue, 9th Floor
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Dear Dr. Farina:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated December 23, 2002, received December 24, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Altocor (lovastatin extended release) Tablets, 10 mg, 20mg, 40 mg, and 60 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated July 29, 2003. Your submission of July 29, 2003, constituted a complete response to our action letter dated June 18, 2003.

This supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to:
1. CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY/Pharacokinetics/Metabolism;
2. WARNINGS/Myopathy/Rhapdomyolysis;
3. PRECAUTIONS
4. ADVERSE REACTIONS
5. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

We completed our review of this application, as amended. 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 submitted July 29, 2003).

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA's.* 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 21-316/S-006." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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 Valerie Jimenez, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-9090.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

David G. Orloff, M.D.
Director
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David Orloff

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