



NDA 20-180/S-026

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 dated June 12, 2003, received June 12, 2003, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for PROSCAR® (finasteride) tablets 5 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated September 24, November 11, December 17, 2003, February 20, and April 12, 2004 (facsimile).

This supplemental new drug application provides for the use of PROSCAR® administered in combination with the alpha-blocker doxazosin is indicated to reduce the risk of symptomatic progression of BPH (a confirmed ≥ 4 point increase in AUA symptom score).

We have 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, text for the patient package insert).

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/S-026." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

All applications for new active ingredients, new dosage forms, new indications, new routes of administration, and new dosing regimens are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived or deferred. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this new regimen. 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 Jennifer Mercier, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 827-4260.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Daniel Shames, M.D.
Director
Division of Reproductive and Urologic Drug
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Office of Drug Evaluation III
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure:
Physician Insert
Patient Package Insert

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