DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 20-533/S-012

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Attention: Judy Firor
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Firor:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated February 16, 2004, received February 17, 2004, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Naropin (ropivacaine HCl) Injection.

This supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY/Pharmacokinetics-Elimination, WARNINGS, PRECAUTIONS/Use in Brachial Plexus Block, Use in Peripheral Nerve Block, Drug Interactions, Management of Local Anesthetic Emergencies, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** sections of the package insert.

We have completed our review of this application and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the labeling text for the package insert submitted on February 16, 2004.

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 20-533/S-012." 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 Allison Meyer, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7410.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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