Dear Dr. Sekar

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated November 15, 2004, received November 16, 2004, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Lantus (insulin glargine [rDNA origin] injection), 10 mL vials and 3 mL cartridges.

This supplemental new drug application provides for an additional stabilizing agent, 20 ppm of polysorbate 20, added to the drug product formulation for the 10 mL vial presentation.

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, text for the patient package insert for 10 mL vials, and carton label for 10 mL vials). Marketing the product with FPL that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

Please submit an electronic version of the FPL according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDAs*. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission "**FPL for approved supplement NDA 21-081/S-017**." 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 inserts 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

Please submit one market package of the drug product when it is available.

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 Julie Rhee Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-6424.

Sincerely,

[See appended electronic signature page]

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosures: 1. Physician insert
2. Patient Information for 10 mL vial
3. Carton container label for 10 mL vial
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David Orloff
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