



ANDA 78-172

Apotex Corp.  
U.S. Agent for: Apotex Inc.  
Attention: Kiran Krishnan, MPharm, RAC  
                  Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
2400 North Commerce Parkway, Suite 400  
Weston, FL 33326

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) dated March 15, 2006, submitted pursuant to section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act), for Ciclopirox Topical Solution, 8% (Nail Lacquer).

Reference is also made to your amendments dated December 21, 2006, and January 12, May 9, August 17, and August 31, 2007.

We have completed the review of this ANDA and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly the ANDA is approved, effective on the date of this letter. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Ciclopirox Topical Solution, 8% (Nail Lacquer) to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the reference listed drug, Penlac Nail Lacquer, 8%, (Topical Solution), of Sanofi Aventis US, LLC.

The reference listed drug product (RLD) upon which you have based your ANDA, Penlac Nail Lacquer, 8%, (Topical Solution) of Sanofi Aventis US, LLC, was subject to a period of patent protection. As noted in the agency's publication titled Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, the "Orange Book", U.S. Patent No. 4,957,730 (the '730 patent) expired on September 18, 2007.

Under section 506A of the Act, certain changes in the conditions described in this ANDA require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Postmarketing reporting requirements for this ANDA are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81 and 314.98. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

Promotional materials may be submitted to FDA for comment prior to publication or dissemination. Please note that these submissions are voluntary. If you desire comments on proposed launch promotional materials with respect to compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, we recommend you submit, in draft or mock-up form, two copies of both the promotional materials and package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that all promotional materials be submitted to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications with a completed Form FDA 2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Gary Buehler  
Director  
Office of Generic Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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for Gary Buehler