Dear Ms. Cariker-Moon:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received July 26, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for DUREZOL (difluprednate ophthalmic emulsion) 0.05%.

This “Prior Approval” supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of Alcon’s ASPEX manufacturing facility as another site for DUREZOL finished product manufacturing and as an alternate testing facility for the difluprednate drug substance and DUREZOL finished product, and it provides for a different container closure system.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text and with the minor editorial revisions listed below and found in the attached labeling.

1. Bullets should be added to the items listed under Recent Major Changes in the Highlights.
2. The Adverse Reactions heading should be deleted from the Highlights.
3. The numbering 1.14.1.3. that precedes Section 17 Patient Counseling Information should be deleted.
4. The information presented in Patient Counseling Information should be revised to use command language.
5. The revision date at the end of the FPI should be deleted.

CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at
Content of labeling must be identical to, except with the revisions listed, the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert) with the addition of any labeling changes in pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes with the revisions listed above approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes, and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed.

Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008)” Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “Product Correspondence – Final Printed Carton and Container Labels for approved NDA 22-212/S-010.” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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, please call Ms. Althea Cuff, M.S., Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-4061.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Wiley A. Chambers, M.D.
Deputy Director
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Office of Antimicrobial Products
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:
Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling
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WILEY A CHAMBERS
11/27/2012