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## Approval Package for:

### *APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**020118Orig1s008**

*Trade Name:*       **SUPRANE**

*Generic Name:*    Desflurane

*Sponsor:*         Baxter Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.

*Approval Date:*   8/8/02

*Indications:*     SUPRANE (desflurane, USP) is indicated as an inhalation agent for induction and/or maintenance of anesthesia for inpatient and out patient surgery in adults

SUPRANE (desflurane, USP) is not recommended for induction of anesthesia in pediatric patients because of a high incidence of moderate to severe upper airway adverse events (see WARNINGS). After induction of anesthesia with agents other than SUPRANE, and tracheal intubation, SUPRANE is indicated for maintenance of anesthesia in infants and children.

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**APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 20-118/S-008

Baxter Pharmaceutical Products, Inc.  
95 Spring Street  
Providence, NJ 07974

Attention: Priya Jambhekar  
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Jambhekar:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated April 5, 2002, received April 8, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Suprane (desflurane).

This supplemental new drug application provides for a change in the O-ring of the closure system from  
(b) (4)

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

The referenced DMF (b) (4) was not updated with the information on the new O-rings. A letter was sent to the DMF holder on August 7, 2002, asking them to update the DMF.

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Lisa Basham-Cruz, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7420.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Dale Koble, Ph.D.  
Acting Chemistry Team Leader for the  
Division of Anesthetic, Critical Care, and  
Addiction Drug Products  
DNDC II, Office of New Drug Chemistry  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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Supplement is approved. However, DMF holder was asked to  
update their DMF appropriately. Signing off this letter  
on behalf of Dale KOble, Ph.D.

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**CHEMISTRY REVIEW(S)**

<b>CHEMIST'S REVIEW</b>		1. ORGANIZATION <b>HFD-160</b>	2. NDA Number(s) 20-118
3. Name and Address of Applicant (City & State):  Baxter Healthcare Corporation, Anesthesia & Critical Care 95 Spring Street Providence, NJ 07974		4. AF No.	5. Supplement(s) Number(s)      Date(s) SCP-008      04/05/02
6. Drug Name: Suprane®	7. Nonproprietary Name: Desflurane, USP	8. Amendments & Other (reports, etc) - Dates	
9. Supplement Provides For: A change in one of the components of the closure system, the O-ring from (b) (4) material to (b) (4)			
10. Pharmacological Category: General inhalation anesthetic	11. How Dispensed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rx <input type="checkbox"/> OTC	12. Related IND(s)/ NDA(s)/DMF(s) DMF (b) (4)	
13. Dosage Form(s): 240-ml Bottle	14. Potency(ies):		
15. Chemical Name and Structure: 1, 2,2,2-tetrafluoroethyl difluoromethyl ether		16. Records/Reports Current: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Reviewed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
17. Comments: Prompted by the infrequent reports of product leakage from the vaporizer during filling, the firm found that the silicon O-rings were not adequately protecting the bottle during product transfer to the vaporizer. The wider diameter of the O-rings and the (b) (4) material of construction were changed to somewhat narrower diameter and (b) (4) system.			
18. Conclusions and Recommendations: The new EP O-rings were shown to be superior to the (b) (4) rings and were also shown to be compatible with desflurane. The compatibility studies indicated that the assay remained at 99.999% and no identified or unidentified impurities were seen, demonstrating excellent compatibility of new O-rings with desflurane. Firm commits to place the first commercial batch of the drug product on long term stability. However, the referenced DMF (b) (4) from (b) (4) is inadequate as it was not updated since 1999 and since it does not include information on the new O-ring. In view of the product improvements and in view of the available information within the supplement, the supplement is recommended for approval. A letter will be sent to the DMF holder requesting adequate update of the DMF. The comment listed at the end of the review should be included in the approval letter.  CC: Original NDA#20-118 HFD-170/Division File HFD-170/Chemist/Harapanhalli HFD-170/CSO/basham-Cruz R/D initialed by : DKoble			
19. REVIEWER			
Name Ravi S. Harapanhalli, Ph.D.	Signature		Date Completed July 22, 2002

CMC Review Notes:

Introduction:

Suprane® (desflurane USP) is a volatile liquid anesthetic, packaged in a 240-ml glass bottle, which is capped using a crimped closure fitted with a one-way valve. The outside of the valve neck is fitted with an O-ring that is not in contact with the product while the bottle is on the shelf. This valve releases desflurane one-way only, when the bottle is inserted into the port of the vaporizer. The O-ring provides a tight seal between the vaporizer filling port and the outside surface of the one-way valve to prevent leakage or spilling. The valve releases desflurane only when the inverted bottle is inserted into the entry port of the vaporizer.

Reason for proposed change:

According to the applicant, since the launch of desflurane, there have been infrequent reports of product leakage from the vaporizer during filling, due to improper insertion of the bottles into the vaporizer filling port, resulting in either a misaligned or a twisted valve. This results in friction between the O-rings and the walls of the vaporizer and leads to bulging and/or twisting of the O-rings. According to the applicant, the currently approved O-rings, made of (b) (4) and therefore, when caught between the walls of the vaporizer, they can twist and crack or break, resulting in product leakage.

Proposed changes:

Firstly, Baxter Healthcare instituted an ongoing training program for users of desflurane in proper handling and insertion techniques. Applicant states that this measure has significantly reduced complaints of product leakage.

Secondly, Baxter has modified the O-ring (both material and diameter) to better fit the valve and the vaporizer.

- Construction material was changed to a more pliable and breakage-resistant material, (b) (4)
- The diameter was reduced for a tighter fit around the valve neck, from (b) (4)

Data and evaluation:

The following data is provided in support of the proposed change in the O-ring.

Data	Evaluation
Comparative table of approved and proposed container/closure systems	Adequate: The table indicates that there are no changes to the components of the system except for the O-ring. The following components have remained unchanged: (b) (4)
Drawings and specifications of the valve closure system, revised to include (b) (4) issued 9/26/01	Adequate: The following are the revised specifications: (b) (4)



long-term stability using currently approved stability protocol.	presented in the supplement indicates that the new (b) (4) O-rings are compatible with desflurane. The commitment to place one commercial batch on stability is acceptable.
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Evaluation:

Inadequate

DMF (b) (4) was not updated since 1999 and it does not include updated information on the new O-ring. Initially, the reviewer thought that the supplement can not be approved until the DMF is updated adequately. However, after discussion with Dr. Duffy, it was realized that the supplement contains all the information and it is the matter of updating the DMF to include the required information. Moreover, the supplement has demonstrate excellent product quality improvement and may not be delayed until the DMF update. Therefore, the supplement should be approved. A letter will be sent to the DMF holder asking them to update the DMF.

Comment:

The referenced DMF (b) (4) was not updated with the information on new EO O-rings. A letter was sent to the DMF holder on August 6, 2002 asking them to update the DMF.

CMC Comments to NDA 20-118/008

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Supplement is recommended for approval since adequate information is  
provided in it. As discussed, a letter will  
be sent to the DMF holder asking them  
to update the DMF.

Eric Duffy  
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**PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT**

Baxter Healthcare Corporation  
Anesthesia & Critical Care  
95 Spring Street  
New Providence, NJ 07974

Attention: Priya Jambhekar  
Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Jambhekar:

We have received your supplemental drug application submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for the following:

Name of Drug Product:	Suprane® (desflurane, USP) Liquid for Inhalation
NDA Number:	20-118
Supplement number	S-008
Date of supplement:	April 5, 2002
Date of receipt:	April 9, 2002

Unless we notify you within 60 days of the receipt date that the application is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review, this application will be filed under section 505(b) of the Act on June 8, 2002, in accordance with 21 CFR 314.101(a).

All communications concerning this supplement should be addressed as follows:

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Anesthetic Critical Care And  
Addiction Drug Products, HFD-170  
Attention: Division Document Room, 9B23  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20857

If you have any question, call Lisa Basham-Cruz, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-7420.

Sincerely yours,

*{see appended electronic signature page}*

Lisa E. Basham-Cruz  
Regulatory Project Manager  
Division of Anesthetic, Critical Care, and  
Addiction Drug Products  
Office of Drug Evaluation II  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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