

September 30, 1998

Chelsea Laboratories, Inc.
Attention: Ernest E. Lengle, Ph.D.
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Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated September 19, 1995, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Clomipramine Hydrochloride Capsules, 25 mg, 50 mg, and 75 mg.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated February 13, March 15, May 28, and December 17, 1996; January 1 and 20, June 6, July 23, August 10, 11, 17, and 20, and December 18, 1997; and February 27, July 6, and September 10, 1998.

We have completed the review of this abbreviated application and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the application is approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your Clomipramine Hydrochloride Capsules, 25 mg, 50 mg, and 75 mg, to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Anafranil® Capsules 25 mg, 50 mg, and 75 mg, respectively, of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

Under 21 CFR 314.70, certain changes in the conditions described in this abbreviated application require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for this abbreviated application 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.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and

Communications (HFD-40). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-40) with a completed Form FD-2253 at the time of their initial use.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas L. Sporn
Director
Office of Generic Drugs
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research