

ANDA 74-699

March 24, 2000

Watson Laboratories, Inc.  
Attention: Ernest Lengle, Ph.D.  
311 Bonnie Circle  
Corona, CA 92880

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug application dated June 15, 1995, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act), for Pentazocine Hydrochloride and Acetaminophen Tablets, 25 mg (base)/650 mg.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated November 27, 1995; June 11, 1996; November 5, 1998; January 6, January 14, February 19, May 10, and December 15, 1999; and March 17, 2000.

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 Pentazocine Hydrochloride and Acetaminophen Tablets, 25 mg (base)/ 650 mg to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to the listed drug (Talacen® Tablets, 25 mg (base)/650 mg of Sanofi Synthelabo Inc.). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method proposed in your application.

Under section 506A of the Act, 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 that 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,

Janet Woodcock, M.D.  
Director  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research