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GlaxoSmithKline.

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These ingredients, when used as recommended, have for decades, relieved pain and fever in hundreds of millions of people, safely and effectively.

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However rare these events are, it is incumbent upon the agency and the industry, working with healthcare professionals, to ensure consumers understand how to take these medicines safely.

We believe that this can be achieved through labeling and enhanced consumer and healthcare professional education.

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