



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

February 08, 2000

Hugh J. Moore
Lord, Bissell & Brook
115 South LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Dear Mr. Moore:

Your petition, submitted on behalf of Apotex Inc., requesting the Food and Drug Administration to review and act on SmithKline Beecham's '132 Form C & '423 Form A patent for NDA 20-031 was received by this office on 02/04/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-0499/CP 1 and it was filed on 02/04/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Jennie C. Butler
Dockets Management Branch

00P-0499

ACK 1