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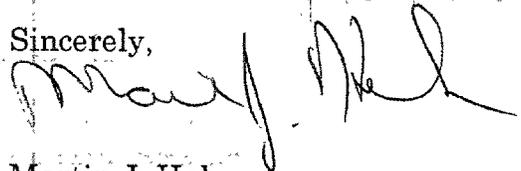
**Re: Health Claim Petition: Dietary supplementation of Crystalline
Glucosamine Sulfate (Glucosamine Sulfate Sodium Chloride-USP/NF
2003) reduces the risk of osteoarthritis joint deterioration and related
joint pain and limitation of function.**

Dear Ms. Ellwood:

During our telephone conversation this morning you asked whether our client, Rotta Pharmaceuticals Inc., (Rotta) would agree to the agency's request for an additional three-week extension to complete its review of the health claim petition we submitted on September 17, 2003.

We have discussed this request with Rotta and they support giving the agency an additional three-weeks (i.e., until February 22, 2004) to complete its review. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Martin J. Hahn

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