



NDA 022496/S-009

**NOTIFICATION OF  
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PREA**

Pacira Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Attention: Hetal Pansuria, PharmD  
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs Clinical Strategy  
5 Sylvan Way  
Parsippany, NJ 07054

Dear Dr. Pansuria:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) for Exparel (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension), which was approved on April 6, 2018.

The Agency has determined that you have failed to meet the postmarketing requirement (PMR) of the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) for this application because you have not yet submitted your pediatric assessment for PMR 3372-1, which was deferred until August 31, 2020. Therefore, we are hereby notifying you that due to your failure to submit either a pediatric assessment or a request for a deferral extension, you are not in compliance with federal law.

Under the provisions of section 505B(d)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) [21 U.S.C. 355c(d)(1)], you must respond in writing within 45 calendar days of the date of this letter. Your response should include the reason(s) for the delayed pediatric assessment and a date by which you expect to submit the assessment. You may also include a request for a deferral extension, if applicable, which should be identified as a **"DEFERRAL EXTENSION REQUESTED"** in your response.

In accordance with the FD&C Act, FDA will post this letter and your response to the website at <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/development-resources/non-compliance-letters-under-505bd1-federal-food-drug-and-cosmetic-act> with redactions for any trade secrets and confidential commercial information 60 calendar days from the date of this letter.

Please identify your response to this letter as a **"RESPONSE TO PREA NON-COMPLIANCE LETTER."** To facilitate our review, submit this information to your sNDA with a cross-reference letter to the Investigational New Drug Application (IND) to which your protocol has been submitted.

If you have any questions, call LCDR Mavis Y. Darkwah, PharmD, GWCPM, RAC-US, Regulatory Project Manager, at (240) 402-3158.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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