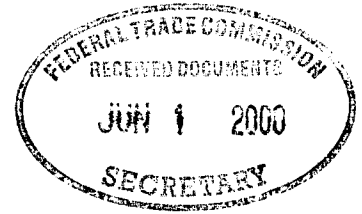


UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION



In the Matter of  
**Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc., et al.,**  
**Respondents**

Docket No. 9293

**RESPONDENT CARDERM CAPITAL, L.P.'S OPPOSITION TO  
COMPLAINT COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY  
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO STRIKE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

Carderm Capital, L.P. ("Carderm") hereby opposes the motion by Complaint Counsel for leave to file a reply brief in support of the Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses. The grounds for this opposition are set forth in the Memorandum filed May 31, 2000, by counsel for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., formerly known as Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc. ("HMR"), in support of their Opposition to Complaint Counsel's Motion for Leave to File a Reply in Support of Motion to Strike Affirmative Defenses, which Carderm hereby incorporates by reference.

Dated: June 1, 2000

Respectfully Submitted,

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