DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 18-662/S046

Hoffman-La Roche Inc.
Attention: Joanna Waugh, BSc. Hons.
Group Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs
340 Kingsland Street
Nutley, New Jersey 07110

Dear Ms. Waugh:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application S046 dated January 30, 2002, received January 31, 2002, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Accutane (isotretinoin) Capsules, 10 mg, 20 mg, and 40 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated February 5 and 13, 2002 (electronic mail).

Supplemental new drug application S046 provides for Changes Being Effected to provide a brochure to prescribers entitled "Recognizing Psychiatric Disorders in Adolescents and Young Adults: A Guide for Prescribers of Accutane (isotretinoin)" as a part of labeling.

This supplement also references the brochure in the **WARNINGS** section of the package insert, with the statement: **Prescribers should read the brochure "Recognizing Psychiatric Disorders in Adolescents and Young Adults: A Guide for Prescribers of Accutane (isotretinoin)".**

In addition, the following sentence in the boxed **CONTRAINDICATONS AND WARNINGS** section is revised from:

"These yellow self-adhesive Accutane Qualification Stickers should also be used for male patients: check off the "male" gender box without checking the qualification statement.", to the following revision:

"These yellow self-adhesive Accutane Qualification Stickers should also be used for male patients."

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon enclosed labeling text which includes

the brochure entitled “Recognizing Psychiatric Disorders in Adolescents and Young Adults: A Guide for Prescribers of Accutane (isotretinoin)”. Accordingly, this supplemental application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling text. Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Provide Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA* (January 1999). Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated “FPL for approved supplement NDA 18-662/S046”. Approval of this submission by the FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

If a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter) is issued to physicians and others responsible for patient care, we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2
FDA
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with the requirements for an approved NDA set forth under 21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81.

If you have any questions, call Kalyani Bhatt, Project Manager, at (301) 827-2020.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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