MEMORANDUM

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION CENTER FOR DRUG EVALUATION AND RESEARCH

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DATE:

April 4, 2000

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Background Package for the May 2, 2000 Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs

Advisory Committee Meeting Regarding NDA 20-807/S-004, Refludan®

[lepirudin (rDNA) for injection]

TO:

Chairperson and Members, Cardiovascular and Renal Drugs Advisory

Committee

Enclosed is the Division's background package for the May 2 meeting of the Committee in which the application for Refludan® [lepirudin (rDNA) for injection] for anticoagulation in adult patients with acute coronary syndromes (unstable angina and acute MI without ST segment elevations on EKG) submitted by Aventis Pharmaceuticals Incorporated will be discussed. The package consists of the Medical Team Leader's Review dated April 3, 2000 and the Statistical Review and Evaluation dated March 31, 2000. Both are preliminary, subject to supervisory review and comments by the Committee.