



NDA 19-766/S-056

Merck & Co., Inc.
Attention: Michael C. Elia, Ph.D., DABT
Director, Regulatory Affairs
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West Point, PA 19486

Dear Dr. Elia:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated December 21, 2001, received December 21, 2001, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Zocor (simvastatin) Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated March 21, August 12 and October 11 and 17, 2002.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of an indication for the treatment of heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia in a new population of adolescent boys and girls at least one year postmenarchal, ages 10 to 17 years, with a recommended dosing range of 10 to 40 mg once daily of Zocor (simvastatin) tablets. This supplement responds to our Written Request of August 31, 1999, as amended November 26, 2001.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, as amended, 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. Accordingly, the supplemental application is approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the submitted draft labeling (package insert submitted October 17, 2002)(copy enclosed).

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing 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 19-766/S-056." Approval of this submission by 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:

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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 Margaret Simoneau, R.Ph., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 827-6411.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Director
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