DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Public Health Service

Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 19-667/S-028, S-032

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation Attention: Robyn B. Konecne, PharmD Associate Director, Drug Regulatory Affairs One Health Plaza East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Dear Dr. Konecne:

Please refer to the following supplemental new drug applications submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Sandostatin (octreotide acetate) Injection:

Supplement -028, submitted December 16, 1996, provides for the revision to the Pediatric Use subsection of the PRECAUTIONS section of the package insert.

Supplement -032, submitted December 17, 1997, provides for the revision of the Pharmacokinetic subsection of the CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY section of the package insert.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated June 13 and 20, 2002. Your submission of June 20, 2002 constituted a complete response to our June 4, 2002 action letter.

We have completed the review of these supplemental applications, 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 labeling text. Accordingly, these supplemental applications are approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the submitted draft labeling (package insert submitted June 20, 2002).

Please submit the copies of final printed labeling (FPL) electronically to each application 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, these submissions should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 19667/S-028, S-032." Approval of these submissions by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, please submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. All proposed materials should be submitted in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Please submit one copy to this Division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications, HFD-42 Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

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 Kati Johnson, Supervisor, Project Management Staff, at (301) 827-6380.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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