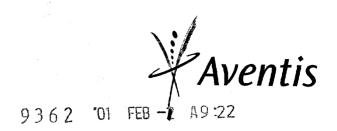
Aventis Pharmaceuticals



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Via fax and UPS

Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 00N-1545 Applications for FDA Approval to Market a New Drug; Proposed Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements; 65 Fed Reg 66665 (Nov. 7, 2000)

Dear Sir/Madam:

Aventis Pharmaceuticals is pleased to provide the following comment on the above-referenced proposed rule entitled, "Applications for FDA Approval to Market a New Drug; Proposed Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements". The proposal would implement a provision of FDAMA regarding sole manufacturers of certain drugs that are life supporting, life sustaining, or intended for use in the prevention of a debilitating disease or condition.

In view of the type of drugs aimed at in this proposed rule, we have no objections to the FDA proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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