DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

ANDA 72-708 (2.5 mg)
72-709 (10 mg)

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Mutual Pharmaceutical Co., Inc.
Attention: Robert Dettery
1100 Orthodox Street
Philadelphia, PA 19124-3131

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to your abbreviated new drug applications dated June 15, 1988, submitted pursuant to Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, for Minoxidil Tablets, USP.

Reference is also made to your amendments dated January 12, 1993 and November 7, 20, and 21, 1995.

We have completed the review of these abbreviated applications and have concluded that the drug is safe and effective for use as recommended in the submitted labeling. Accordingly, the applications are approved. The Division of Bioequivalence has determined your 2.5 mg and 10 mg tablets to be bioequivalent and, therefore, therapeutically equivalent to those of the listed drugs (Loniten® Tablets 2.5 mg and 10 mg, of the Upjohn Co.). Your dissolution testing should be incorporated into the stability and quality control program using the same method as proposed in your applications.

Under 21 CFR 314.70, certain changes in the conditions described in these abbreviated applications require an approved supplemental application before the change may be made.

Post-marketing reporting requirements for these abbreviated applications are set forth in 21 CFR 314.80-81. The Office of Generic Drugs should be advised of any change in the marketing status of this drug.

We request that you submit, in duplicate, any proposed advertising or promotional copy which you intend to use in your initial advertising or promotional campaigns. Please submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Submit both copies together with a copy of the proposed or final printed labeling to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240). Please do not use Form FD-2253 (Transmittal of Advertisements and Promotional Labeling for Drugs for Human Use) for this initial submission.

We call your attention to 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3) which requires that materials for any subsequent advertising or promotional campaign, at the time of their initial use, be submitted to our Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (HFD-240) with a completed Form FD-2253.

Sincerely yours,

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