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To,  
Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
Department of Health and Human Services  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

**CITIZEN PETITION – WITHDRAWAL REQUEST**  
**(Ref. FDA Docket No. FDA-2020-P-1653)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The undersigned ('petitioner') wish to inform the agency that Aurobindo Pharma Limited had submitted a Citizen Petition (vide docket no. FDA-2020-P-1653, dated July 10, 2020) electronically under Section 505(j) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and 21 CFR 10.25(a), 10.30 and 314.93, to request the Food and Drug Administration to **designate** approved generic product, "Carbidopa and Levodopa Tablets 25 mg/250 mg (ANDA # **078536**) of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc." **as a new Reference Standard (RS)**, upon which ANDA applicant can rely for the purpose of *in vivo* bioequivalence studies to support ANDA filing for Carbidopa and Levodopa Tablets USP, 10 mg/ 100 mg, 25 mg/100 mg and 25 mg/250 mg.

Reference is made to the recently published FDA Final guidance, "**Referencing Approved Drug Products in ANDA Submissions (October 2020)**", where there is a change in the procedure "for requesting designation of a suitable alternate reference standards". As per current FDA guidance, an applicant can submit a controlled correspondence to the agency to request for designation of a suitable alternate reference standards instead of filing a Citizen Petition to the agency. In **section III. C.3** of this guidance following information is provided:

*"There are circumstances in which a potential ANDA applicant may ask FDA to select a reference standard. These circumstances include, for example, if FDA has not selected a reference standard, if a reference standard is moved to the Discontinued Section and FDA has not selected a new reference standard for the same drug product, if a potential ANDA applicant believes a reference standard other than the one selected by FDA is appropriate, or if the quantity of the reference standard in distribution is so limited that*

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*a potential ANDA applicant is not able to obtain a sufficient quantity for in vivo bioequivalence testing. A potential applicant may submit controlled correspondence to FDA to ask FDA to select a reference standard for a drug product. If the Agency selects a new reference standard, that product generally will remain the reference standard even if the original reference standard resumes marketing”.*

In lieu of the above, Aurobindo Pharma Limited is **withdrawing the Citizen Petition, docket no. FDA-2020-P-1653** submitted on July 10, 2020 and request the Agency to provide an acknowledgement letter for the same.

Sincerely yours,

**Blessy Johns**  
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**Encl.:** FDA acknowledgement letter for Citizen Petition [FDA-2020-P-1653]

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Dear Petitioner:

Your petition to the Commissioner of Food and Drug Administration requesting to designate the approved "Carbidopa and Levodopa Tablets 25 mg / 250 mg (ANDA 078536) of Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc." as a new Reference Standard, upon which ANDA applicant can rely for purpose of *in vivo* bioequivalence testing required for ANDA filing was received by this office on 07/10/2020.

It was assigned docket number FDA-2020-P-1653. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter and in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

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