

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Food and Drug Administration Rockville MD 20857

Avraham Yacobi, Ph.D. President Taro Research Institute 3 Skyline Drive Hawthorne, NY 10532 3 0 4 7 6 DOT 11 MD:05

Re: Docket No. 2006P-0160/CP1

Dear Dr. Yacobi:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not yet resolved the issues raised in your citizen petition dated April 12, 2006. Your petition requests that FDA determine whether it is suitable to file an abbreviated new drug application based on the reference listed drug Daranide (dichlorphenamide) Tablets, 50 milligrams, that was voluntarily withdrawn from sale by Merck & Co., Inc.

FDA has been unable to reach a decision on your request because of the need to address other Agency priorities. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely yours,

Jane A. Axelrad

Associate Director for Policy

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research