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Sholom Y. Gross
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Dear Mr. Gross:

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 6, 1977 in which you requested formulation information on two of our products for the purpose of determining compliance with Jewish Dietary Laws. The two products mentioned are "Theoporin" and "phenindamine". I believe that the first product referred to is our Thephorin Tablets, an antihistamine preparation whose active ingredient is phenindamine tartrate. Roche Laboratories discontinued marketing Thephorin Tablets in early 1972 and the last lot made by us carried an expiration date of January, 1976. Therefore, this product has not been available for dispensing to the public since January, 1976.

We still do produce the bulk chemical phenindamine tartrate for sale to other dosage form manufacturers. This chemical is purely synthetic in its' composition and manufacture and would therefore appear to be compatible with the dietary laws which accompanied your letter.

I hope that I have been of assistance to you in this matter. Thank you for your interest in our products.

Sincerely,

A.C. Jannone
Pharmacy Services
Quality Control Department

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