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Attention: Andrew J. Beck, Esquire  
U.S. Contact

Re: Designation request # 04-1925

Dear Mr. Beck:

Reference is made to your request for orphan-drug designation dated July 30, 2004, submitted on behalf of YM Biosciences Inc., of nimotuzumab for the "treatment of glioma." We also refer to our letters of August 3 and September 27, 2004. Please also reference your submission dated October 29, 2004.

Pursuant to section 526 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 360bb), your request for orphan drug designation of nimotuzumab is granted for the *treatment of glioma*. Please be advised that it is nimotuzumab and not the formulation of the drug that is designated.



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Our Reference: BB-IND 12313

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Dear Dr. Belasco:

The Center for Drug Evaluation and Research has received your **Investigational New Drug Application (IND)**. The following product name and BB-IND number have been assigned to this application. They serve only to identify it and do not imply that this Center either endorses or does not endorse your application.

**BB-IND #: 12313**

**SPONSOR: Jean Bello Belasco, M.D.**

**PRODUCT NAME: Nimotuzumab [Humanized Monoclonal Antibody (h-R3), TheraCIM, TheraLoc] (YM Biosciences) to Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR)**