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To: Caro, James PH/US
Subject: FW: LMWH Safety Letter
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Jim-
Here's the letter. Not certain if we can use it but thought you'd like a copy.
Rachel

From: Larry Wellikson [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 28, 2008 12:41 PM
To: Couchenour, Rachel PH/US
Subject: RE: LMWH Safety Letter

A short while ago I received the attached draft of the letter Vic Tapson wrote for ACCP. I have this on our Exec Comm agenda to discuss if SHM wants to support this letter, write our own letter, or not comment. One distinction is that this letter was the product of a meeting on the subject, which obviously the SHM EC and Board would not have detailed knowledge about. The second issue is that SHM has no history of making similar comments to the FDA or any government agency of this kind. While the Ec might be supportive they may feel this is not something that SHM has the expertise or knowledge to say much about. As you might imagine since we touch so many different disease states SHM gets asked to evaluate guidelines, comment on regulations, etc and we probably take action on 5-10% of these requests. That being said when something is important to any of our partners (like Sanofi) that we have a long term relationship with we want to give any issue that is important to our partner careful consideration.

Let me see what they say and get back to you either way

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"Wisdom is the quality that helps keep you out of situations where you would need it"