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Dear Healthcare Professional:

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) would like to provide additional information to that already communicated regarding the new formulation of Eltroxin™ Tablets (levothyroxine sodium) 50 micrograms and 100 micrograms, which will be available on or about 30 June 2007.

Eltroxin Tablets Data Sheet

The Medsafe approved dosing schedule is now included in the Data Sheet for Eltroxin. This Data Sheet contains more detailed information on dosing than the Data Sheet mailed on 14 June 2007. It also highlights the following:

- There is a lack of data to support crushing or halving Eltroxin Tablets; which is why they are no longer scored.
- Where the daily dosage regimen involves a 25 microgram increment, a 50 microgram tablet is to be taken on alternate days (see Table 1 below).

Table 1 from Eltroxin Tablets Data Sheet

DAILY DOSE	DOSING REGIMEN
25 microgram	One 50 microgram tablet on alternate days
50 microgram	One 50 microgram tablet daily
75 microgram	One 50 microgram tablet daily and one 50 microgram tablet on alternate days
100 microgram	One 100 microgram tablet daily
125 microgram	One 100 microgram tablet daily and one 50 microgram tablet on alternate days

- It is now recommended that Eltroxin Tablets should be taken on an empty stomach, preferably before breakfast.

The Eltroxin Tablets Data Sheet is enclosed and is also available on the Medsafe website (www.medsafe.govt.nz).

Eltroxin Tablets Appearance

The new 50 microgram tablets will be white, round, biconvex, but not scored, imprinted with GS 11E on one face and 50 on the other. The size of this tablet is 6.0 to 6.2mm in diameter and the height is 2.7 to 3.2mm.

The new 100 microgram tablets will also be white, round, biconvex, but not scored, imprinted with GS 21C on one face and 100 on the other. The size of this tablet is 8.0 to 8.2mm in diameter and the height is 3.2 to 3.7mm.

A visual Eltroxin Tablet identification guide will be available soon. This guide shows the difference in appearance between the current and new formulations of the 50 microgram and 100 microgram tablets.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss this letter, please contact **GSK's Medical Information Line on 0800 808 500.**

Yours sincerely,

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