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Subject: Storage and Usage of USP Reference Standards After Opening

Dear Valued USP Customer:

USP Reference Standards are not intended for administration to humans or animals as drugs or medical devices. They are intended for Test and Assay Use only. It is expected that USP Reference Standards will be used when opened. Proper storage conditions for unopened Reference Standards are located on the container label and may be lot specific.

USP generally provides enough material for multiple preparations. Any unused portions remaining after the container has been opened should be carefully stored in accordance with prudent laboratory procedures. There are many variable outside of the control of USP. Therefore, USP cannot provide any information about, and makes no warranties concerning, the continued suitability of previously opened Reference Standards. Decisions concerning the proper use of Reference Standards are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Best regards,

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