**SUPPORT DOCUMENT V: Interferon Treatment of HSV Epithelial Keratitis**

**Interferon Monotherapy: Epithelial Keratitis**
Interferon at sufficient concentration has antiviral activity against HSV infected epithelial cells. Interferon, used either alone or in combination with debridement,\(^1\)\(^-\)\(^3\) appears as effective as a nucleoside antiviral agent. Combined interferon-antiviral therapy does not differ from antiviral monotherapy at two weeks of treatment, but the combination of interferon and an antiviral agent may enable faster healing.