



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-549/S-016

Merck & Co., Inc.
Attention: Nicholas Andrew
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs
126 East Lincoln Avenue
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Dear Mr. Andrew:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated April 25, 2008, received April 25, 2008 submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for EMEND (aprepitant) capsules 40 mg, 80 mg, and 125 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated June 4, 2008; December 3, 2008; and January 14, 2009.

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of the postmarketing adverse reactions pruritus, rash, urticaria, and hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic reactions to the package insert label and patient package insert label.

We completed our review of this application, as amended. This application is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling text.

Within 14 days of the date of this letter, amend any pending applications for this NDA with content of labeling in structured product labeling (SPL) format to include the changes approved in this application.

If you issue a letter communicating important safety related information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit an electronic copy of the letter to both this NDA and to the following address:

MedWatch
Food and Drug Administration
Suite 12B05
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Jagjit Grewal, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0846.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure: Package insert label
Patient package insert label

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