



BLA 125276/105

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

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Attention: John Bergan  
Program Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Mr. Bergan:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated June 5, 2014, received June 5, 2014, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Actemra (tocilizumab).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated July 15, 2014.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental biologics application proposes the following change: update the labeling of Actemra to include Stevens-Johnson Syndrome in section 6.5 Postmarketing Experience in Adverse Reactions.

**APPROVAL & LABELING**

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

**CONTENT OF LABELING**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit, via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and text for Medication Guide) and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements. Information on submitting SPL files using eLIST may be found in the guidance for industry titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that includes labeling changes for this BLA, including pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.12(f)] in MS Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application.

### **REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, new indications, new dosage forms, new dosing regimens, or new routes of administration are required to contain an assessment of the safety and effectiveness of the product for the claimed indication(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved BLA (in 21 CFR 600.80 and in 21 CFR 600.81).

If you have any questions, call Nina Ton, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1648.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE:

Content of Labeling

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