



NDA 21-549

Merck & Co., Inc.
Attention: Andrew Tershakovec, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Tershakovec:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated July 17, 2003, received July 18, 2003, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Emend[®] (aprepitant) 80 mg and 125 mg Capsules.

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for editorial revisions to the CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, "Clinical Studies" subsection and the ADVERSE REACTION, "Laboratory Adverse Experiences" subsection of the package insert.

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

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the package insert submitted July 17, 2003.

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 21-549/S-002." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

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

MEDWATCH, HFD-410
FDA
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 Dr. Betsy Scroggs, Consumer Safety Officer, at (301) 827-1250.

Sincerely,

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Robert L. Justice, M.D., M.S.
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