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Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Company
Attention: Joan C. Fung-Tomc, PhD
Director, Global Regulatory Affairs
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
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Dear Dr. Fung-Tomc:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug applications dated September 26, 2006, and received September 27, 2007, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for BARACLUDE[®] (entecavir) Tablets and BARACLUDE[®] (entecavir) Oral Solution.

We acknowledge receipt of your submissions dated October 31, 2006, February 6, 2007, and March 20, 2007, and received November 1, 2006, February 7, 2007, and March 21, 2007.

These supplemental new drug applications provide for the use of BARACLUDE[®] (entecavir) 0.5 mg and 1.0 mg Film-Coated Tablets and BARACLUDE[®] (entecavir) 0.05 mg/mL Oral Solution for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B virus infection in adults with evidence of active viral replication and either evidence of persistent elevations in serum aminotransferases (ALT or AST) or histologically active disease. Specifically, these submissions amend the labeling to include an alternate method of dose adjustment for patients with renal impairment based on dosing frequency rather than reduction of the daily dose.

We completed our review of these applications, as amended. These applications are approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the attached agreed-upon labeling text.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert and text for the patient package insert submitted March 2007).

Please submit an electronic version of the FPL 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 but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate these submissions "**FPL for approved supplement NDA 21-797/S-002**" and "**NDA 21-798/S-002**." Approval of these submissions by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

We remind you of your postmarketing study commitments in the original NDA approval letter dated March 29, 2005 and in the supplemental (S-001) approval letter dated February 23, 2007.

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In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for these products. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to this division and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

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
Food and Drug Administration
5515 Security Lane
HFD-001, Suite 5100
Rockville, MD 20852

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 Marsha S. Holloman, BS Pharm, JD, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0731.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Debra B. Birnkrant, MD
Director
Division of Antiviral Products
Office of Antimicrobial Products
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure: Final agreed-upon package insert and patient package insert

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