



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 19-643/S-080

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck & Co., Inc.
Attention: Karen Henry
Associate Manager, Worldwide Regulatory Affairs
P.O. Box 1000, UG2CD-48
North Wales, PA 19454-1099

Dear Ms. Henry:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated September 19, 2008, received September 19, 2008, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Mevacor (lovastatin) Tablets.

This supplemental new drug application provides a revision to the storage statement and a change to the manufacturer's name in the package insert and on the bottle labels.

We have completed our review of this 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, please submit the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format as described at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html> that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert submitted September 19, 2008.) Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission, "**SPL for approved NDA 19-643/S-080.**"

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert 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

As required under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. For instruction on completing the Form FDA 2253, see page 2 of the Form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications (DDMAC), see www.fda.gov/cder/ddmac.

LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

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
HFD-001, Suite 5100
5515 Security Lane
Rockville, MD 20852

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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 Margaret Simoneau, M.S., R.Ph., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1295.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Mary Parks, M.D.
Director
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Office of Drug Evaluation II

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