



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service  
Food and Drug Administration  
Rockville, MD 20857

Our STN: BL 125085/169

Genentech, Incorporated  
Attention: Todd Rich, M.D.  
Vice President, Development Regulatory Affairs,  
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Dear Dr. Rich:

Your request to supplement your biologics license application for Avastin to include a new indication for treatment of glioblastoma with progressive disease following prior therapy, has been approved.

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 Avastin for the treatment of glioma has an orphan drug designation, you are exempt from this requirement.

As requested in your letter of April 20, 2009, marketing approval of this product is granted under the accelerated approval of biological products regulations, 21 CFR 601.40-46. These regulations permit the use of certain surrogate endpoints or an effect on a clinical endpoint other than survival or irreversible morbidity as bases for approvals of products intended for serious or life-threatening illnesses or conditions.

Approval under these regulations requires, among other things, that you conduct adequate and well-controlled studies to verify and describe clinical benefit attributable to this product. Clinical benefit is evidenced by effects such as increased survival or improvement in disease-related symptoms. You are required to conduct such studies with due diligence. If postmarketing studies fail to verify that clinical benefit is conferred by Avastin, or are not conducted with due diligence, we may, following a hearing in accordance with 21 CFR 601.43(b), withdraw or modify approval to the extent that approval relies on the surrogate endpoint data..

Granting of this approval is contingent upon completion of a clinical study to verify the clinical benefit of Avastin as outlined in your letter of April 29, 2009. This postmarketing study is subject to the reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70:

1. To submit an efficacy supplement containing the final study report, including summary analyses and datasets and revised labeling based on the results of study AVF4396g/BO20990 entitled “A Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo Controlled, Multicenter, Phase III Trial of Bevacizumab, Temozolomide and Radiotherapy, Followed by Bevacizumab and Temozolomide Versus Placebo, Temozolomide Followed by Placebo and Temozolomide in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Glioblastoma,” which was accepted under a Request for Special Protocol Assessment on December 29, 2008.

Protocol submitted:           October 31, 2008  
Complete accrual:            June 30, 2013  
Complete study:             June 30, 2015  
Supplement submission:     December 31, 2015

For administrative purposes, all submissions related to this postmarketing study should be clearly designated “Subpart E Postmarketing Study Commitment.”

In addition, we note your following postmarketing commitment, specified in your letter of April 20, 2009, that is not a condition of the accelerated approval. This commitment is:

2. To submit a written report summarizing the preliminary experience in pediatric glioblastoma patients treated with bevacizumab.

Final report submission:     September 30, 2009

We request that you submit clinical protocols to your IND, with a cross-reference letter to this biologics license application (BLA), STN BL 125085. Submit all study final reports to your BLA STN BL 125085. Please use the following designators to label prominently all submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing study commitments as appropriate:

- Postmarketing Study Commitment Protocol
- Postmarketing Study Commitment - Final Study Report
- Postmarketing Study Correspondence
- Annual Status Report of Postmarketing Study Commitments

For each postmarketing study subject to the reporting requirements of 21 CFR 601.70, you must describe the status in an annual report on postmarketing studies for this product. The status report for each study should include:

- information to identify and describe the postmarketing commitment,
- the original schedule for the commitment,
- the status of the commitment (i.e. pending, ongoing, delayed, terminated, or submitted),
- an explanation of the status including, for clinical studies, the patient accrual rate (i.e. number enrolled to date and the total planned enrollment), and

- a revised schedule if the study schedule has changed and an explanation of the basis for the revision.

As described in 21 CFR 601.70(e), we may publicly disclose information regarding these postmarketing studies on our Web site (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/pmc/default.htm>). Please refer to the February 2006 Guidance for Industry: Reports on the Status of Postmarketing Study Commitments - Implementation of Section 130 of the Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act of 1997 (see <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/5569fnl.htm>) for further information.

Within 21 days of the date of this letter, submit content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at <http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html>, that is identical in content to the enclosed labeling text. Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission “Product Correspondence – Final SPL for approved STN BL 125085/169.” In addition, within 21 days of the date of this letter, amend any pending supplement(s) for this BLA with content of labeling in SPL format to include the changes approved in this supplement.

Marketing the product with final printed labeling that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

As required by 21 CFR 601.45, submit all promotional materials at least 30 days before the intended time of initial distribution of labeling or initial publication of the advertisement with a cover letter requesting advisory comment. Send two copies of the promotional materials to the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising and Communication, 5901-B Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705-1266. Please submit final promotional materials with FDA Form 2253 to the above address at the time of initial dissemination of the labeling or at the time of initial publication of the advertisement.

All promotional claims must be consistent with and not contrary to approved labeling. You should not make a comparative promotional claim or claim of superiority over other products unless you have substantial evidence to support that claim.

Please refer to <http://www.fda.gov/cder/biologics/default.htm> for information regarding therapeutic biological products, including the addresses for submissions.

This information will be included in your biologics license application file.

Sincerely,

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Director  
Division of Biologic Oncology Products  
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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Enclosure: Revised Labeling