



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration  
Silver Spring MD 20993

BLA 125036/131

**SUPPLEMENT BLA APPROVAL**

February 28, 2011

Astellas Pharma U.S., Inc.  
Attention: Scott Nelson  
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs  
Three Parkway North  
Deerfield, IL 60015

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated September 1, 2010, received September 1, 2010, submitted under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act for Amevive<sup>®</sup> (alefacept).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated February 7, 2011.

This "Prior Approval" labeling supplement to your biologics license application proposes changes to the Immunogenicity section of the label.

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 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>. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission "**Product Correspondence – Final SPL for approved BLA STN 125036/131.**"

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications 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.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

### **LETTERS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

If you decide to 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, at least 24 hours prior to issuing the letter, an electronic copy of the letter to this BLA to the following address:

MedWatch Program  
Office of Special Health Issues  
Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Ave  
Building 32, Mail Stop 5353  
Silver Spring, MD 20993

### **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 Paul Phillips, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-3935.

Sincerely,

/ Susan J. Walker, M.D., F.A.A.D. /  
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Office of Drug Evaluation III  
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ENCLOSURE:  
Content of Labeling