



NDA 21462/S-040

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Eli Lilly and Company
Attention: Daniel Brady, Pharm.D.
Director, Global Regulatory Affairs
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Indianapolis, IN 46285

Dear Dr. Ruble:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated January 3, 2012, received January 3, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Alimta (pemetrexed for injection) Lyophilized Powder, for solution for intravenous use; 100 mg vials & 500 mg vials.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated January 9, March 9, May 15, May 17, and May 18, 2012.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application proposes to revise the package insert, ADVERSE REACTIONS - Additional Clinical Trials Experience section and the patient package insert to include information regarding cases of esophagitis in clinical trials.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. 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 the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(1)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling text for the package insert and the patient package insert, with the addition of any labeling changes in pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements, as well as annual reportable changes not included in the enclosed labeling.

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/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, provide a highlighted or marked-up copy that shows all changes, as well as a clean Microsoft Word version. The marked-up copy should provide appropriate annotations, including supplement number(s) and annual report date(s).

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

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 none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

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, please call Deanne Varney, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0297.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling (PI and PPI)

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/s/

JEFFERY L SUMMERS
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