



NDA 22145/S-023
NDA 203045/S-002

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
Attention: Robert A. Fromtling, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Fromtling:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDAs) dated and received July 12, 2011 (sNDA 22145/S-023) and dated March 12, 2012 and received March 13, 2012 (sNDA 203045/S-002), submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for ISENTRESS® (raltegravir) 400 mg film-coated tablets and 25 mg and 100 mg chewable tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments for NDA 22145/S-023 dated September 14, 2011, September 16, 2011, November 10, 2011, November 16, 2011, January 23, 2012, April 13, 2012 and April 16, 2012 and for NDA 203045/S-002 dated March 16, 2012, April 13, 2012 and April 16, 2012.

These Prior Approval supplemental new drug applications provide for changes to the INDICATIONS AND USAGE, ADVERSE REACTIONS, and CLINICAL STUDIES section of the Package Insert to include the 156 week data from treatment naïve patients enrolled in Protocol 021.

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended. They are 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(l)] 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, text for 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.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit the following, in triplicate, (1) a cover letter requesting advisory comments, (2) the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and (3) the package insert(s) to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP)
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

You must submit final promotional materials and package insert(s), accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at <http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/cder.html>; instructions are provided on page 2 of the form. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>.

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 contact Elizabeth Thompson, M.S., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0824 or via email at elizabeth.thompson@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE:

Content of Labeling

This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically and this page is the manifestation of the electronic signature.

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JEFFREY S MURRAY
04/18/2012