



BLA 125319/S54

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Attention: Jiten Rana, PharmD
Manager, Drug Regulatory Affairs

Dear Dr. Rana:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated April 11, 2012, received, April 11, 2012, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Ilaris (canakinumab).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated October 9, 2012.

This Prior Approval supplemental biologics application provides for revisions to the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section of the package insert to include four steps for preparation and administration of Ilaris (canakinumab), and revisions to the Patient Information Leaflet regarding neutropenia.

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, 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 text for the patient information leaflet and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending "Changes Being Effectuated" (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 125319/S054.**"

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

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.

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 BLA (in 21 CFR 600.80 and in 21 CFR 600.81).

If you have any questions, call Carol F. Hill, Senior Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 790-1226.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Enclosure:
Content of Labeling

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