



NDA 021549/S-019

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
Attention: Nicholas Andrew
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Dear Mr. Andrew:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated March 22, 2011, March 22, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for EMEND (aprepitant) capsules 125 mg, 80 mg, and 40 mg.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated May 6, 2011 and July 20, 2012.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application provides for:

- updates the Adverse Reactions and Patient Counseling Information sections of the package insert label with postmarketing information regarding Stevens-Johnson syndrome and severe skin reactions
- updates the patient package insert label with information regarding severe skin reactions

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(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 and 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 that includes labeling changes 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).

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, call Jagjit Grewal, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0846.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE: Content of Labeling

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