



NDA 201917/S-8

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL**

Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Incorporated  
Attention: Mark Swarz  
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs  
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Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Swarz:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated and received October 12, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for INCIVEK™ (telaprevir), 375 mg Tablets.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated March 7, 2013, April 4, 2013 and April 23, 2013.

This “Changes Being Effected” supplemental new drug application proposes to:

- 1) Strengthen subsection 5.6, Laboratory Tests, of the Warnings and Precautions. Specifically, clarifying that the frequency of hematology and chemistry evaluations should be performed as recommended and as clinically appropriate;
- 2) Updating subsection 6.2, Post-marketing Experience, of the label to include renal and urinary disorders adverse events; and
- 3) Addition of subsection 17.5, Importance of Hydration, of the Patient Counseling Information to emphasize the importance of staying hydrated.

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 Medication

Guide), 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/DrugGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidance/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).

### **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>.

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

**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 Myung-Joo Patricia Hong, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0807.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE(S):  
Content of Labeling

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04/25/2013