



BLA 103949/5287

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Dear Mr. Andrew:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated March 3, 2014, received March 4, 2014, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Sylatron (peginterferon alfa-2b).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated March 5, June 30, July 28 and 29, and August 12, 25, and 27.

This Prior Approval labeling supplemental biologics application revises the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section, Preparation and Administration (2.3) subsection, the HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING (16) section, and the PATIENT COUNSELING (17) section of the package insert and revises the Instructions for Use as a result of the addition of an alternate diluent supplier, Baxter Healthcare Corporation. In addition, it provides for a new diluent vial label and new carton labels.

APPROVAL & LABELING

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 Instructions for Use, and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending "Changes Being Effected" (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>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that includes labeling changes 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.

CARTON AND DILUENT VIAL LABELS

Submit final printed carton and diluent vial labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and diluent vial labels, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labels electronically according to the guidance for industry titled “Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (June 2008)”. Alternatively, you may submit 12 paper copies, with 6 of the copies individually mounted on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Product Correspondence – Final Printed Carton and Diluent Vial Labels for approved BLA 103949/5287.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

Marketing the product with final printed labeling (FPL) that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

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, please call Ms. Sharon Sickafuse, Senior Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-2320.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling
Carton and Container Labeling

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