Dear Dr. Orth:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated August 3, 2017, received August 3, 2017, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Alimta (pemetrexed disodium) for injection; 500 mg and 100 mg.

This Prior Approval supplemental new drug application provides for a new indication for Alimta, in combination with pembrolizumab and carboplatin, for the first-line treatment of metastatic, non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer.

**APPROVAL & LABELING**

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved under the provisions of accelerated approval regulations (21 CFR 314.500), effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling. Marketing of this drug product and related activities must adhere to the substance and procedures of the referenced accelerated approval regulations.

**WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION**

Please note that we have previously granted a waiver of the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information.

**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](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 that include 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).

**ACCELERATED APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS**

Products approved under the accelerated approval regulations, 21 CFR 314.510, require further adequate and well-controlled studies/clinical trials to verify and describe clinical benefit. You are required to conduct such studies/clinical trials with due diligence. If postmarketing studies/clinical trials fail to verify clinical benefit or are not conducted with due diligence, we may, following a hearing in accordance with 21 CFR 314.530, withdraw this approval. We remind you of your postmarketing requirement specified in your submission dated June 4, 2018. This requirement, along with required completion dates, is listed below.

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| To submit the results of a multicenter randomized trial or trials to verify and describe the clinical benefit of pemetrexed, in combination with platinum therapy and pembrolizumab, over pemetrexed-platinum therapy in patients with non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer as determined by an improvement in overall survival or a large improvement in progression-free survival that is clinically meaningful. | Trial Completion: December 2019  
Final Report Submission: June 2021 |

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 040061 for this product. In addition, under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and 314.81(b)(2)(viii) you should include a status summary of each requirement in your annual report to this NDA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies/trials, number of patients entered into each study/trial.
Submit final reports to this NDA as a supplemental application. For administrative purposes, all submissions relating to this postmarketing requirement must be clearly designated “Subpart H Postmarketing Requirement(s).”

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients (which includes new salts and new fixed combinations), 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 in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric studies requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable due to the rarity of pediatric patients with non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Under 21 CFR 314.550, you are required to submit, during the application pre-approval review period, all promotional materials, including promotional labeling and advertisements, that you intend to use in the first 120 days following marketing approval (i.e., your launch campaign). If you have not already met this requirement, you must immediately contact the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) at (301) 796-1200. Please ask to speak to a regulatory project manager or the appropriate reviewer to discuss this issue.

As further required by 21 CFR 314.550, submit all promotional materials that you intend to use after the 120 days following marketing approval (i.e., your post-launch materials) at least 30 days before the intended time of initial dissemination of labeling or initial publication of the advertisement. We ask that each submission include a detailed cover letter together with three copies each of the promotional materials, annotated references, and approved package insert (PI)/Medication Guide/patient PI (as applicable).

Send each submission directly to:

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

Alternatively, you may submit promotional materials for accelerated approval products electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft Guidance for Industry (available at: http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM443702.pdf ).
**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 Ingrid Fan, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5053.

Sincerely,

[See appended electronic signature page]

Patricia Keegan, M.D.
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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling
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PATRICIA KEEGAN
06/04/2018