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SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Attention: Karen Robertson
Regulatory Program Management

Dear Ms. Robertson:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Applications (sBLAs), dated February 16, 2018, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Actemra (tocilizumab) Injection for intravenous use, 80 mg/4 mL, 200 mg/10 mL, and 400 mg/20mL, and Actemra (tocilizumab) Injection for subcutaneous use, 162 mg/0.9 mL.

These “Changes Being Effected” supplemental biologics applications provide for addition of pancreatitis to Section 6.7, Adverse Reactions, Postmarketing Experience of the package insert.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended. They are 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 prescribing information and text for the Medication Guide 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.

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Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include 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.

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 for Safety, at (301) 796-1226.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling

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