



BLA 761067

BLA APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corporation
Attention: Nadine Margaretten, PhD
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Dear Dr. Margaretten:

Please refer to your Biologics License Application (BLA) dated and received March 23, 2017 and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for ILUMYA (tildrakizumab-asmn) injection.

We also refer to our approval letter dated March 20, 2018 which contained the following error: the Final Report Submission date was incorrectly listed for postmarketing requirement 3357-3.

This replacement approval letter incorporates the correction of the error. The effective approval date will remain March 20, 2018, the date of the original approval letter.

LICENSING

We have approved your BLA for ILUMYA (tildrakizumab-asmn) effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, ILUMYA under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 0002. ILUMYA is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture ILUMYA drug substance at (b) (4) (b) (4). The final formulated drug product will be manufactured, filled, labeled, and packaged at MSD Ireland, Carlow, Ireland. You may label your product with the proprietary name, ILUMYA, and market it in 100 mg/1 mL single-dose prefilled syringe.

DATING PERIOD

The dating period for ILUMYA drug product shall be 36 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2-8°C. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of final sterile

filtration of the formulated drug product. The dating period for your drug substance shall be (b) (4) months from the date of manufacture when stored at (b) (4)

We have approved the stability protocols in your license application for the purpose of extending the expiration dating period of your drug substance and drug product under 21 CFR 601.12.

FDA LOT RELEASE

You are not currently required to submit samples of future lots of ILUMYA to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) for release by the Director, CDER, under 21 CFR 610.2. We will continue to monitor compliance with 21 CFR 610.1, requiring completion of tests for conformity with standards applicable to each product prior to release of each lot.

Any changes in the manufacturing, testing, packaging, or labeling of ILUMYA, or in the manufacturing facilities, will require the submission of information to your biologics license application for our review and written approval, consistent with 21 CFR 601.12.

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of this 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 [21 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, 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, Medication Guide). 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.

CARTON AND IMMEDIATE CONTAINER LABELS

Submit final printed carton and container labels that are identical to the enclosed carton and immediate container labels **and** carton and immediate container labels submitted on March 12, 2018, 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 — Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications (May 2015, Revision 3)*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container**

Labels for approved BLA 761067.” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Your application for ILUMYA was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because the application did not raise significant safety or efficacy issues that were unexpected for a drug/biologic of this class.

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.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for ages 0 to less than 6 years because the necessary studies are impossible or highly impractical.

We are deferring the submission of your pediatric study for ages 6 years to 17 years for this application because this product is ready for approval for use in adults and the pediatric study has not been completed.

Your deferred pediatric study required under section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act is a required postmarketing study. The status of this postmarketing study must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 601.28 and section 505B(a)(3)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. This required study is listed below.

3357-1 Conduct a pharmacokinetics (PK), safety and efficacy study in pediatric subjects 6 years to 17 years of age with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis (with a duration of exposure to tildrakizumab-asmn of at least one year).

Final Protocol Submission: 06/2019

Study Completion: 02/2025

Final Report Submission: 10/2025

Submit the protocol to your IND 101389, with a cross-reference letter to this BLA.

Reports of this required pediatric postmarketing study must be submitted as a supplement to this BLA with the proposed labeling changes you believe are warranted based on the data derived from these studies. When submitting the reports, please clearly mark your submission **"SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS"** in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the FDCA authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to identify an unexpected serious risk of maternal, fetal and infant toxicity as well as an unexpected serious risk of malignancy, opportunistic infections, autoimmune disease, neurologic or demyelinating disease, and cardiovascular adverse events.

Furthermore, the new pharmacovigilance system that FDA is required to establish under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess these serious risks.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following studies:

- 3357-2 A prospective, registry-based observational exposure cohort study that compares the maternal, fetal, and infant outcomes of women exposed to tildrakizumab-asmn during pregnancy to an unexposed control population. The registry will detect and record major and minor congenital malformations, spontaneous abortions, stillbirths, elective terminations, small for gestational age, and any other adverse pregnancy outcomes. These outcomes will be assessed throughout pregnancy. Infant outcomes, including neonatal deaths, infections in the first 6 months of life, and effects on postnatal growth and development, will be assessed through at least the first year of life.

The timetable you submitted on January 29, 2018, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 06/2019
Study Completion: 01/2029
Final Report Submission: 01/2030

- 3357-3 Conduct a retrospective cohort study using claims or electronic medical record data or a case control study to assess major congenital malformations, spontaneous abortions, stillbirths, small for gestational age, neonatal deaths, and infant infections in women exposed to tildrakizumab-asmn during pregnancy compared to an unexposed control population.

The timetable you submitted on January 29, 2018, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 08/2019
Study Completion: 01/2026

Final Report Submission: 01/2027

- 3357-4 Conduct an observational study to assess the long-term safety of tildrakizumab-asmn compared to other therapies used in the treatment of adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy in the course of actual clinical care. The study's primary outcome is the long-term risk of malignancy. Secondary outcomes include, but are not limited to, serious infections, tuberculosis, opportunistic infections, hypersensitivity reactions, autoimmune disease, neurologic or demyelinating disease, cardiovascular, gastrointestinal and hematologic adverse events. Describe and justify the choice of appropriate comparator populations(s) and estimated background rate(s) relative to tildrakizumab-exposed patients; clearly define the primary comparator population for the primary objective. Design the study around a testable hypothesis to assess, with sufficient sample size and power, a clinically meaningful increase in malignancy risk above the comparator background rate(s), with a pre-specified statistical analysis method. Specify concise case definitions and validation algorithms for both primary and secondary outcomes. For the tildrakizumab-exposed and comparator(s) cohorts, clearly define the study drug initiation period and any exclusion and inclusion criteria. Enroll patients over an initial 4-year period and follow for a minimum of 8 years from the time of enrollment.

The timetable you submitted on January 29, 2018, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 02/2020

Study Completion: 02/2033

Final Report Submission: 02/2034

Submit clinical protocol(s) to your IND 101389 with a cross-reference letter to this BLA. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all final report(s) to your BLA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o).**

Submission of the protocol(s) for required postmarketing observational studies to your IND is for purposes of administrative tracking only. These studies do not constitute clinical investigations pursuant to 21 CFR 312.3(b) and therefore are not subject to the IND requirements under 21 CFR part 312 or FDA's regulations under 21 CFR parts 50 (Protection of Human Subjects) and 56 (Institutional Review Boards).

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a

safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 601.70 requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 601.70 to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 601.70. We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the package insert to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

As required under 21 CFR 601.12(f)(4), you must submit final promotional materials, and the package insert, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. Form FDA 2253 is available at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>. Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>. 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>.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

You must submit adverse experience reports under the adverse experience reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.80). You should submit postmarketing adverse experience reports to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Central Document Room
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Prominently identify all adverse experience reports as described in 21 CFR 600.80.

You must submit distribution reports under the distribution reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.81).

You must submit reports of biological product deviations under 21 CFR 600.14. You should promptly identify and investigate all manufacturing deviations, including those associated with processing, testing, packing, labeling, storage, holding and distribution. If the deviation involves a distributed product, may affect the safety, purity, or potency of the product, and meets the other criteria in the regulation, you must submit a report on Form FDA-3486 to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Biological product deviations, sent by courier or overnight mail, should be addressed to:

Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance
10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Bldg. 51, Room 4206
Silver Spring, MD 20903

MEDWATCH-TO-MANUFACTURER PROGRAM

The MedWatch-to-Manufacturer Program provides manufacturers with copies of serious adverse event reports that are received directly by the FDA. New molecular entities and important new biologics qualify for inclusion for three years after approval. Your firm is eligible to receive copies of reports for this product. To participate in the program, please see the enrollment instructions and program description details at <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/HowToReport/ucm166910.htm>.

POST APPROVAL FEEDBACK MEETING

New molecular entities and new biologics qualify for a post approval feedback meeting. Such meetings are used to discuss the quality of the application and to evaluate the communication process during drug development and marketing application review. The purpose is to learn from successful aspects of the review process and to identify areas that could benefit from improvement. If you would like to have such a meeting with us, call the Regulatory Project Manager for this application.

If you have any questions, call Dawn Williams, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5376.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Julie Beitz, MD
Director
Office of Drug Evaluation III
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:
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