



BLA 125514/S-47

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL
FULFILLMENT OF POSTMARKETING COMMITMENT**

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
Attention: Cheryl Czachorowski
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Dear Ms. Czachorowski:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated July 11, 2018, received July 11, 2018, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) for injection, for intravenous use 50 mg and for KEYTRUDA (pembrolizumab) injection, for intravenous use 100 mg/4mL.

We acknowledge receipt of your major amendment dated November 30, 2018, which extended the goal date by three months.

We also refer to our approval letter dated April 11, 2019, which contained the following error: incorrect version of Medication Guide attached.

This replacement approval letter incorporates the correction of the error. The effective approval date will remain April 11, 2019, the date of the original approval letter.

This Prior Approval supplemental biologics application adds a new indication for KEYTRUDA, as a single agent, for the first-line treatment of patients with stage III non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), who are not candidates for surgical resection or definitive chemoradiation, or metastatic NSCLC, and whose tumors express PD L1 [Tumor Proportion Score (TPS) $\geq 1\%$] as determined by an FDA-approved test, with no EGFR or ALK genomic tumor aberrations.

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.

WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS ½ PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHLIGHTS

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, 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 Medication Guide and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending “Changes Being Effectuated” (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 include labeling changes for this BLA, including pending “Changes Being Effectuated” (CBE) supplements, for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.12(f)] in Microsoft Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes. To facilitate review of your submission(s), 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).

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(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because the necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable because non-small cell lung cancer does not occur in children.

FULFILLMENT OF POSTMARKETING COMMITMENT

Approval of this supplement fulfills the following postmarketing commitment listed in the October 24, 2016, approval letter for BLA 125514/S-12:

- 3127-2 Submit the final report and efficacy datasets for Keynote-042, entitled: “A Randomized, Open Label, Phase III Study of Overall Survival Comparing Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) versus Platinum Based Chemotherapy in Treatment Naïve Subjects with PD-L1 Positive Advanced or Metastatic Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.”

You are no longer required to report on this commitment.

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 Prescribing Information to:

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

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments 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>).

As required under 21 CFR 601.12(f)(4), you must submit final promotional materials, and the Prescribing Information, 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

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 Sharon Sickafuse, Senior Regulatory Health Project Manager, at 301-796-2320 or email sharon.sickafuse@fda.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

Content of Labeling
Prescribing Information
Medication Guide

This is a representation of an electronic record that was signed electronically. Following this are manifestations of any and all electronic signatures for this electronic record.

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