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SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc.
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Dear Ms. Parker:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug applications (sNDAs) dated and received September 25, 2019, and your amendments, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Isentress (raltegravir) chewable tablets, 25 mg and 100 mg, Isentress (raltegravir) tablets, 400 mg, Isentress HD (raltegravir) film-coated tablets 600 mg, and Isentress (raltegravir) oral suspension, 100 mg.

These Prior Approval supplemental new drug applications provide for the following changes to the ISENTRESS US Prescribing Information (USPI):

1. Update DODAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, General Dosing Recommendations, with instructions preparing the crushed 25 mg chewable tablet
2. Update DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Pediatrics with
 - a. Dosing recommendations for the use of the Isentress 25 mg chewable tablet formulation to be administered as a crushed tablet in pediatric patients ≥ 4 weeks of age who weigh ≥ 3 kg to (b) (4) kg
 - b. Revise the dosing recommendations for pediatric patients weighing 8 kg to less than 10 kg and 10 kg to less than 14 kg to align with the World Health Organization (WHO)-defined weight bands
3. Removal of (b) (4)
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4. To make corresponding changes to the Patient Information

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.

WAIVER OF 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 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 FDA.gov.¹ Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert, and Instructions for Use), 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 *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As*.²

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 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).

¹ <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

² We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

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.

Because none of these criteria apply to your application, you are exempt from this requirement.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit the following, in triplicate, (1) a cover letter requesting advisory comments, (2) the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and (3) the Prescribing Information to:

OPDP Regulatory Project Manager
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP)
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 *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format-Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.³

You must submit final promotional materials and Prescribing Information, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.⁴ Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.⁵ For more information

³ When final, this guidance will represent the FDA's current thinking on this topic. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

⁴ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

⁵ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see FDA.gov.⁶

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 Alicia Moruf, PharmD, MPH, RAC-US, Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-3953 or 301-796-1500.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Director
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Office of Infectious Diseases
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
 - Prescribing Information
 - Patient Package Insert
 - Instructions for Use

⁶ <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm>

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