

BLA 761140

**BLA APPROVAL**

Amgen, Inc.  
Attention: Renee Martin, PhD  
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Martin:

Please refer to your biologics license application (BLA) dated December 19, 2019, received December 19, 2019, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act for Riabni (rituximab-arrx) injection, 100 mg/10 mL (10 mg/mL) and 500 mg/50 mL (10 mg/mL).

### **LICENSING**

We have approved your BLA for Riabni (rituximab-arrx) effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, Riabni under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 1080. Riabni is indicated for the treatment of:

- Adult patients with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma (NHL).
  - Relapsed or refractory, low grade or follicular, CD20-positive B-cell NHL as a single agent.
  - Previously untreated follicular, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL in combination with first line chemotherapy and, in patients achieving a complete or partial response to a rituximab product in combination with chemotherapy, as single-agent maintenance therapy.
  - Non-progressing (including stable disease), low-grade, CD20-positive, B-cell NHL as a single agent after first-line cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone (CVP) chemotherapy.
  - Previously untreated diffuse large B-cell, CD20-positive NHL in combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, vincristine, and prednisone (CHOP) or other anthracycline-based chemotherapy regimens.
- Adult patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL).
  - Previously untreated and previously treated CD20-positive CLL in combination with fludarabine and cyclophosphamide (FC).
- Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) (Wegener's Granulomatosis) and Microscopic Polyangiitis (MPA) in adult patients in combination with glucocorticoids.

## **MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS**

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture rituximab-arrx drug substance at Immunex Rhode Island Corporation in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. The final formulated drug product will be manufactured and filled at (b) (4) and labeled and packaged at Amgen Manufacturing Ltd in Juncos, Puerto Rico, and Amgen Europe B.V. in Breda, The Netherlands. You may label your product with the proprietary name, Riabni, and market it in 100 mg per 10 mL injection in a single-dose vial and 500 mg per 50 mL injection in a single-dose vial.

## **DATING PERIOD**

The dating period for Riabni shall be 36 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 5°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)°C.

## **FDA LOT RELEASE**

You are not currently required to submit samples of future lots of Riabni 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 Riabni, 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.

## **WAIVER OF ½ PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHLIGHTS**

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of Prescribing Information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

## **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

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[21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at FDA.gov.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information and Medication Guide). 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*.<sup>2</sup>

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

### **CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to the enclosed carton and container labeling, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labeling electronically according to the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format — Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labeling for approved BLA 761140.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

### **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.

#### **Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma (NHL)**

At this time, we have determined that, with respect to this indication, no pediatric studies will be required under PREA for your BLA.

#### **Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)**

At this time, we have determined that, with respect to this indication, no pediatric studies will be required under PREA for your BLA.

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

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

### **Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis (GPA) (Wegener's Granulomatosis) and Microscopic Polyangiitis (MPA)**

At this time, we have determined that, with respect to GPA/MPA in pediatric patients 0 to less than 2 years of age, no pediatric studies will be required under PREA for your BLA.

You have provided a pediatric assessment for GPA/MPA in pediatric patients 2 years of age and older, and nothing further is required at this time.

### **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. For information about submitting promotional materials, see the final guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format-Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.<sup>3</sup>

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.<sup>4</sup> Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.<sup>5</sup>

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

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

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:

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<sup>3</sup> For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

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

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

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Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
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Biological product deviations, sent by courier or overnight mail, should be addressed to:

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Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Bldg. 51, Room 4207  
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### **BsUFA II APPLICANT INTERVIEW**

FDA has contracted with Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG) to conduct an independent interim and final assessment of the Program for Enhanced Review Transparency and Communication for Original 351(k) BLAs under BsUFA II (‘the Program’). The BsUFA II Commitment Letter states that these assessments will include interviews with applicants following FDA action on applications reviewed in the Program. For this purpose, first-cycle actions include approvals, complete responses, and withdrawals after filing. The purpose of the interview is to better understand applicant experiences with the Program and its ability to improve transparency and communication during FDA review.

ERG will contact you to schedule a BsUFA II applicant interview and provide specifics about the interview process. Your responses during the interview will be confidential with respect to the FDA review team. ERG has signed a non-disclosure agreement and will not disclose any identifying information to anyone outside their project team. They will report only anonymized results and findings in the interim and final assessments. Members of the FDA review team will be interviewed by ERG separately. While your participation in the interview is voluntary, your feedback will be helpful to these assessments.

### **POST APPROVAL FEEDBACK MEETING**

New molecular entities and new biological products 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.

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If you have any questions, call Laura Wall, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-2237.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Nicole Gormley, MD  
Director  
Division of Hematologic Malignancies II  
Office of Oncologic Diseases  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Medication Guide
  - Carton and Container Labeling

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