



NDA 020049-S36

## SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Takeda Pharmaceuticals  
Attention: Valerie Tews  
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Dear Ms. Tews:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (sNDA) dated September 2, 2021, received and submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Pentasa (mesalamine) extended-release capsules.

We also refer to our letter dated August 3, 2021 notifying you, under Section 505(o)(4) of the FDCA, of new safety information that we believe should be included in the labeling for aminosalicylic acid and similar agents. This information pertains to the risk of severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCARs), which includes Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS), and acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP), reported in FAERS.

This supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the labeling for Pentasa, consistent with our August 3, 2021 letter.

### **APPROVAL & LABELING**

We have completed our review of this application. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter with minor editorial revisions listed below and reflected in the enclosed labeling.

- Added "(see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**)" as cross reference at the end of the first sentence under the subsection "Severe Cutaneous Adverse Reactions" in PRECAUTIONS.

We note that your October 26, 2021, submission includes final printed labeling (FPL) for your Prescribing Informations. We have not reviewed these FPL. You are responsible for assuring that the wording in these FPL is identical to that of the approved content of labeling in the structured product labeling (SPL) format.

## **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.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (Prescribing Information), 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*.<sup>2</sup>

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).

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4).

## **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

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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 <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

If you have any questions, call Kelly Richards, Regulatory Project Manager, at (240) 402-4276.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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ENCLOSURE:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information

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