



NDA 208746

**TENTATIVE APPROVAL**

Hospira, Inc., a Pfizer Company  
Attention: Rustin D. Jones  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) dated July 10, 2020, received July 10, 2020, and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Pemetrexed for Injection.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated September 15, 2016, which constituted a complete response to our July 10, 2017, action letter.

This NDA provides for the use of Pemetrexed for Injection:



We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is tentatively approved under 21 CFR 314.105 for use as recommended in the agreed-upon enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert, carton and container labeling) and submitted labeling (Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert, carton and container labeling submitted January 6, 2021). This determination is based upon information available to the Agency at this time, [i.e., information in your application and the status of current good manufacturing practices (cGMPs) of the facilities used in the manufacture and testing of the drug product]. This determination is subject to change on the basis of any new information that may come to our attention.

(b) (4)

Final approval of your application is subject to expiration of a period of patent protection and/or exclusivity. Therefore, final approval of your application under section 505(c)(3) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 355(c)(3)] may not be granted before the period has expired.

To obtain final approval of this application, submit an amendment two or six months prior to the: (1) expiration of the patent(s) and/or exclusivity protection or (2) date you believe that your NDA will be eligible for final approval, as appropriate. In your cover letter, clearly identify your amendment as “**REQUEST FOR FINAL APPROVAL**”. This amendment should provide the legal/regulatory basis for your request for final approval and should include a copy of any relevant court order or judgment settlement, or licensing agreement, as appropriate. In addition to a safety update, the amendment should also identify changes, if any, in the conditions under which your product was tentatively approved, i.e., updated labeling; chemistry, manufacturing, and controls data; and risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS). If there are no changes, clearly state so in your cover letter. Any changes require our review before final approval and the goal date for our review will be set accordingly.

Until we issue a final approval letter, this NDA is not approved.

Please note that this drug product may not be marketed in the United States without final agency approval under section 505 of the FD&C Act. The introduction or delivery for introduction into interstate commerce of this drug product before the final approval date is prohibited under section 501 of the FD&C Act and 21 U.S.C. 331(d)..

### **PROPRIETARY NAME**

If you intend to have a proprietary name for this product, the name and its use in the labeling must conform to the specifications under 21 CFR 201.10 and 201.15. We recommend that you submit a request for a proposed proprietary name review. (See the guidance for industry *Contents of a Complete Submission for the Evaluation of Proprietary Names*<sup>2</sup> and *PDUFA Reauthorization Performance Goals and Procedures Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022*.)

### **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.

We note that if this application is ultimately approved, you will need to meet these requirements.

## **METHODS VALIDATION**

We have not completed validation of the regulatory methods. However, we expect your continued cooperation to resolve any problems that may be identified.

If you have any questions, call Jana L. Highsmith, Regulatory Health Project Manager at 301-348-1823, or email at [Jana.Highsmith@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Jana.Highsmith@fda.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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### ENCLOSURE(S):

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Patient Package Insert
- Carton and Container Labeling

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