

BLA 761042/S-018

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL  
FULFILLMENT OF POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENT**

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Attention: Alison Sherwood  
Associate Director, Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Sherwood:

Please refer to your supplemental biologics license application (sBLA), dated and received May 28, 2021, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(k) of the Public Health Service Act for Erelzi (etanercept-szszs) for injection.

We acknowledge receipt of your major amendments dated March 9, 10, and 16, 2022, which extended the goal date by three months.

This Prior Approval supplemental biologics license application provides for the introduction of Erelzi (etanercept-szszs) for injection, 25 mg lyophilized powder in a multiple-dose vial for reconstitution.

**MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS**

The final formulated drug product (DP) will be manufactured, filled, labeled, and packaged a (b) (4) The diluent for DP reconstitution will be manufactured at Novartis Technical Operations (Puurs, Belgium), where the completed kits are labeled and assembled into secondary packaging. You may label your product with the proprietary name, Erelzi, and market it in a 25 mg lyophilized powder multiple-dose vial co-packaged with a diluent syringe.

In addition, the following testing facilities are approved for the stated purposes:

- Novartis Pharma Stein AG (Stein, Switzerland: FEI 3002653483) the CZE assay for GP2015 DP lyophilized vial (LYVI),
- Novartis Technical Operations S.A. Alcon-Couvreur N.V.(Puurs, Belgium: FEI3002037047) for diluent syringe testing (RP HPLC),

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## **DATING PERIOD**

The dating period for Erelzi 25 mg lyophilized powder in a multiple-dose vial shall be 36 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2-8°C. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of final sterile filtration of the formulated drug product.

The expiration date for the packaged product, Erelzi plus co-packaged diluent syringe shall be 30 months, which is based on the shortest expiration date of the components.

## **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 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 FDA.gov,<sup>1</sup> that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Instructions for Use, and Medication Guide) and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending “Changes Being Effected” (CBE) supplements.

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.

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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>.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for this BLA, including pending “Changes Being Effected” (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).

### **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 761042/S-018.**” 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.

We have received your submission dated May 28, 2021, containing the final report for the following postmarketing requirement listed in the August 30, 2016, approval letter for BLA 761042.

- 3110-1 Develop a presentation that can be used to accurately administer etanercept -szzs to pediatric patients who weigh less than 63 kg.

We have reviewed your submission and conclude that the above requirement was fulfilled.

We remind you that there is a postmarketing commitment listed in the August 30, 2016, letter that is still open.

## **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>

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

## **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).

Your product is a Part 3 combination product (21 CFR 3.2(e)); therefore, you must also comply with postmarketing safety reporting requirements for an approved combination product (21 CFR 4, Subpart B). Additional information on combination product postmarketing safety reporting is available at FDA.gov.

If you have any questions, call Sadaf Nabavian, Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-2777.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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### **ENCLOSURE(S):**

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Medication Guide
  - Instructions for Use
- Carton and Container Labeling

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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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