



BLA 761037/S-013

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Attention: Elisabet Faulkner
Director of US & Global Regulatory Affairs

Dear Ms. Faulkner:

Please refer to your supplemental biologics license application (sBLA), dated and received August 31, 2022, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Kevzara (sarilumab) injection.

This Prior Approval supplemental biologics license application provides for a new indication:

Treatment of adult patients with polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR) who have had an inadequate response to corticosteroids or who cannot tolerate corticosteroid taper.

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.

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,¹ that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information 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*.²

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>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

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).

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 are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable since there is extremely limited applicability to pediatric patients because this condition occurs for the most part in the adult population.

POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)

Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to identify unexpected serious risks.

Furthermore, the active postmarket risk identification and analysis system as available under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess these serious risks.

Finally, we have determined that only a clinical trial (rather than a nonclinical or observational study) will be sufficient to identify signals of serious risks, including infections, hepatotoxicity, elevated liver enzymes, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, and elevated lipids, of the sarilumab 200 mg once every two weeks dosing regimen.

Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following trial:

- 4413-1 Conduct a randomized controlled clinical trial of at least one year duration in patients with polymyalgia rheumatica to evaluate safety outcomes, including infections, hepatotoxicity, elevated liver enzymes, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, and elevated lipids, of the sarilumab 200 mg once every two weeks dosing regimen.

The timetable you submitted on February 23, 2023, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 02/2024
Study/Trial Completion: 09/2028
Final Report Submission: 03/2029

FDA considers the term *final* to mean that the applicant has submitted a protocol, the FDA review team has sent comments to the applicant, and the protocol has been revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.³

Submit clinical protocol(s) to your IND 100632 with a cross-reference letter to this BLA. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all final report(s) to your BLA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate:
Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o).

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 601.70 requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 601.70 to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 601.70. We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

³ See the guidance for Industry *Postmarketing Studies and Clinical Trials—Implementation of Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (October 2019)*.
<https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS SUBJECT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We remind you of your postmarketing commitments:

- 4413-2 Conduct a randomized controlled clinical trial of at least one year duration in patients with polymyalgia rheumatica to evaluate efficacy and safety of the sarilumab 150 mg once every two weeks dosing regimen.

The timetable you submitted on February 23, 2023, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 02/2024
Study/Trial Completion: 09/2028
Final Report Submission: 03/2029

A final submitted protocol is one that the FDA has reviewed and commented upon, and you have revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 100632 for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all postmarketing final reports to this BLA. In addition, under 21 CFR 601.70 you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual progress report of postmarketing studies to this BLA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies/trials, number of patients/subjects entered into each study/trial. All submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing commitments should be prominently labeled “**Postmarketing Commitment Protocol**,” “**Postmarketing Commitment Final Report**,” or “**Postmarketing Commitment Correspondence**.”

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*.⁴

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,

⁴ For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.⁵
Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.⁶

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 Javonna Stevens, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-4240.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):

Content of Labeling

- Prescribing Information
- Medication Guide

⁵ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

⁶ <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

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