



BLA 125554/S-135

**SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL  
FULFILLMENT OF POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Dr. Herceg:

Please refer to your supplemental biologics license application (sBLA) received October 8, 2025, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Opdivo (nivolumab) injection.

This Prior Approval sBLA provides for the following:

- new indication for Opdivo, in combination with doxorubicin, vinblastine, and dacarbazine (AVD), for the treatment of adult and pediatric patients 12 years and older with previously untreated, Stage III or IV classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL)
- conversion to traditional approval for the following indication: Opdivo, as a single agent, for the treatment of adult patients with classical Hodgkin lymphoma (cHL) that has relapsed or progressed after:
  - autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) and brentuximab vedotin, or
  - 3 or more lines of systemic therapy that includes autologous HSCT

**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,<sup>1</sup> that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information

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

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.

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).

### **SUBPART E FULFILLED**

We approved this BLA under the regulations at 21 CFR 601 Subpart E for Accelerated Approval of Biological Products for Serious or Life-Threatening Illnesses. Approval of this supplement fulfills your commitments made under 21 CFR 601.41.

### **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.

Because this drug product for this indication has an orphan drug designation, you are exempt from this requirement.

### **FULFILLMENT OF POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENT**

We have received your submission dated October 8, 2025, containing the final report for the following postmarketing requirement (PMR) listed in the May 17, 2016, and April 25, 2017, approval letters for BLA 125554/S-019 and BLA 125554/S-031, respectively.

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<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>.

- 3089-1 Conduct a randomized phase 3 clinical trial in classical Hodgkin lymphoma that verifies and isolates the clinical benefit of nivolumab for patients with classical Hodgkin lymphoma. The primary endpoint would be progression-free survival as determined by an independent review committee. Overall survival would be a key secondary endpoint.

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

This closes all of your PMRs and postmarketing commitments (PMCs) acknowledged in our May 17, 2016, and April 25, 2017, letter. You are not required to report on the status of closed (released or fulfilled) PMRs/PMCs in your annual report required under 21 CFR 601.70.

### **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 601.12(f)(4)]. 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).

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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>

If you have any questions, contact Laura Wall, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at 301-796-2237 or [Laura.Wall@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:Laura.Wall@fda.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Medication Guide

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