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## **Approval Package for:**

### **APPLICATION NUMBER:**

## 209472Orig1s000

Trade Name: Pemfexy 25 mg/mL

Generic or Proper

Name:

pemetrexed injection

**Sponsor:** Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Approval Date: February 8, 2020

*Indication:* This NDA provides for the use of Pemfexy:

- in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic, non-squamous, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC);
- as a single agent for the maintenance treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-squamous NSCLC whose disease has not progressed after four cycles of platinum-based first-line chemotherapy;
- as a single agent for the treatment of patients with recurrent, metastatic non-squamous NSCLC after prior chemotherapy; and
- in combination with cisplatin for the initial treatment of patients with malignant pleural mesothelioma whose disease is unresectable or who are otherwise not candidates for curative surgery.

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# **APPROVAL LETTER**



NDA 209472

NDA APPROVAL

Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Attention: Janis A. Picurro
Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
50 Tice Boulevard
Suite 315
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

Dear Ms. Picurro:

Please refer to your new drug application (NDA) submitted and received on December 30, 2016, and your amendments, submitted pursuant to section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Pemfexy (pemetrexed injection) 25 mg/mL.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated December 9, 2019, which constituted a complete response to our October 26, 2017, and October 9, 2019, action letters.

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#### **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 1/2 PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHLIGHTS

We are waiving the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of Prescribing Information. This waiver applies to all future supplements containing revised labeling unless we notify you otherwise.

#### **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(I)] 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 (text for the Prescribing Information and Patient Package Insert) 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 via publicly available labeling repositories.

#### **CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to carton and container labeling submitted on January 15, 2020, 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 NDA 209472." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Your application for Pemfexy was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because this drug is not the first in its class and the safety profile is similar to that of other drugs approved for this indication.

#### 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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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 are waiving the pediatric studies requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable due to the rarity of pediatric patients with non-squamous non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and malignant pleural mesothelioma.

#### **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the Prescribing Information, Medication Guide, and Patient Package Insert (as applicable) to:

OPDP Regulatory Project Manager Food and Drug Administration Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Office of Prescription Drug Promotion 5901-B Ammendale Road Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft 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 314.81(b)(3)(i), 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> For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see FDA.gov.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> When final, this guidance will represent the FDA's current thinking on this topic. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <a href="https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm">https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm</a>.

<sup>4</sup> http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

If you have any questions, call Meredith Libeg, Senior Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-1721.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

Harpreet Singh, M.D.
Director (Acting)
Division of Oncology 2 (DO2)
Office of Oncologic Diseases (OOD)
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

#### ENCLOSURE(S):

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

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