DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 021991/SLR-002

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Research Laboratories
Attention: Jeffrey Yuan, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Yuan:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated September 15, 2008, received September 15, 2008, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Zolinza® (vorinostat) Capsules.

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated March 25, 2009, April 1, 2009, June 20, 2011, August 19, 2011, and October 4, 2011.

This "Changes Being Effected" supplemental new drug application provides for updating the hepatic pharmacokinetic results from an interim study report of a postmarketing study.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended. It is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

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(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST), as described at http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert), with the addition of any labeling changes in pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, 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 titled "SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As" at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications for this NDA, including CBE supplements for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 314.50(l)(1)(i)] in MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, 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).

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 Alice Kacuba, Chief, Project Management Staff, at (301) 796-1381.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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