DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

NDA 22145/S-28
NDA 203045/S-5

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.
Attention: Ursula Marek, Pharm.D.
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Dear Dr. Marek:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Applications (sNDA) dated October 5, 2012, received October 5, 2012, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Isentress® (raltegravir potassium) 400 mg tablets (NDA 22145) and Isentress® (raltegravir potassium) 25 mg, 100 mg chewable tablets (NDA 203045).

We acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated January 4, 2013 and March 21, 2013.

These Prior Approval supplemental new drug applications propose to update the CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics, Distribution subsection of the labeling with information regarding the penetration of raltegravir into the cerebrospinal fluid.

We have completed our review of these supplemental applications, as amended. They are 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 and for the patient 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 that includes labeling changes 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).

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

All promotional materials that include representations about your drug product must be promptly revised to be consistent with the labeling changes approved in this supplement, including any new safety information [21 CFR 314.70(a)(4)]. The revisions in your promotional materials should include prominent disclosure of the important new safety information that appears in the revised package labeling. Within 7 days of receipt of this letter, submit your statement of intent to comply with 21 CFR 314.70(a)(4) to the address above or by fax to 301-847-8444.

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 Mammah Sia Borbor, M.S., M.B.A., Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-7731 or (301) 796-1500.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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