DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville, MD 20857

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Genentech, Incorporated
Attention: Todd W. Rich, M.D.
Vice President, Clinical and Commercial Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Dr. Rich:

Your request to supplement your biologics license application for rituximab to revise the WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS: Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (5.4) subsection to include information on progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy occurring in rituximab-treated patients with rheumatoid arthritis has been approved.

Within 21 days of the date of this letter, submit content of labeling [21 CFR 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at http://www.fda.gov/oc/datacouncil/spl.html, that is identical in content to the enclosed labeling text. Upon receipt, we will transmit that version to the National Library of Medicine for public dissemination. For administrative purposes, please designate this submission "Product Correspondence – Final SPL for approved STN BL103/705/5291." In addition, within 21 days of the date of this letter, amend any pending supplement(s) for this BLA with content of labeling in SPL format to include the changes approved in this supplement.

Marketing the product with labeling that is not identical to the approved labeling text may render the product misbranded and an unapproved new drug.

We acknowledge your plan to issue a Dear Healthcare Provider Letter as described in your August 4, 2008 submission.

Please refer to http://www.fda.gov/cder/biologics/default.htm for information regarding therapeutic biological products, including the addresses for submissions.

This information will be included in your biologics license application file.

Sincerely,

Patricia Keegan

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Enclosure: Revised Labeling