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SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Attention: Tegan Wheeler
Associate Regulatory Program Director

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Applications (sBLAs), dated September 30, 2016, received September 30, 2016, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Actemra (tocilizumab) Injection for intravenous use, 80 mg/4 mL, 200 mg/10 mL, and 400 mg/20 mL, and Actemra (tocilizumab) Injection for subcutaneous use, 162 mg/0.9 mL.

These “Changes Being Effected” supplemental biologics applications provide for the addition of 0.45% sodium chloride solution as an alternative diluent for the administration of Actemra by intravenous infusion.

APPROVAL & LABELING

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.

WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION

Please note that we have previously granted a waiver of the requirements of 21 CFR 201.57(d)(8) regarding the length of Highlights of prescribing information.

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 <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>, that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the prescribing information, 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 titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for these BLAs, 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 MS Word format that includes the changes approved in these supplemental applications.

REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS

Under the Pediatric Research Equity Act (PREA) (21 U.S.C. 355c), all applications for new active ingredients, 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 none of these criteria apply to your applications, you are exempt from this requirement.

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).

If you have any questions, call Nina Ton, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1648.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE:
Content of Labeling

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