NDA 204114/S-020

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

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Dear Dr. Zhu:[1]

Please refer to your supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA), dated and received on June 7, 2021, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Mekinist (trametinib) tablets.

This Prior Approval supplemental application provides for revisions to the Prescribing Information (PI) and Patient Package Insert with updated dose modification guidance regarding pyrexia, with updates specifically to Section 2.7 Dose Modifications for Adverse Reactions, Section 5.6 Serious Febrile Reactions, Section 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience, Section 17 Patient Counseling Information, and the Patient Package Insert.

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 HIGHLIGHTS ½ PAGE LENGTH REQUIREMENT FOR HIGHLIGHTS

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 314.50(l)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at FDA.gov,[2] that is identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, and Medication Guide) and include the labeling changes proposed in any pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements.

[1] 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.
[2] http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm

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*.[3]

The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

Also, within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include labeling changes for this NDA, including pending "Changes Being Effected" (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 Microsoft Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes. To facilitate review of your submission(s), 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).

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 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 application, you are exempt from this requirement.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

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If you have any questions, call Kristin Jarrell, Pharm.D., Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 796-0137.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Patient Package Insert

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