

NDA 215358/S-008

ACCELERATED APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
Attention: Tina Lertharakul, Pharm D
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Dear Dr. Lertharakul:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (sNDA) dated May 29, 2024, received May 29, 2024, and your amendments, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Scemblix (asciminib) tablets.

This “Prior Approval” sNDA provides for a new indication for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myeloid leukemia (Ph+ CML) in chronic phase (CP).

APPROVAL & LABELING

We have completed our review of this application, as amended. It is approved under accelerated approval pursuant to section 506(c) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and 21 CFR 314.510, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed agreed-upon labeling.

Marketing of this drug product and related activities must adhere to the substance and procedures of the accelerated approval statutory provisions and regulations.

WAIVER OF 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 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 FDA.gov.¹ Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information, Patient Package Insert), with the addition of any labeling

¹ <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>

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 *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As*.²

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications that include 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(I)(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).

CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to the carton and container labeling submitted on October 11, 2024, as soon as they are available, but no more than 30 days after they are printed. Please submit these labeling electronically according to the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format — Certain Human Pharmaceutical Product Applications and Related Submissions Using the eCTD Specifications*. For administrative purposes, designate this submission “**Final Printed Carton and Container Labeling for approved NDA 215358/S-008.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

ACCELERATED APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to section 506(c) of the FDCA and 21 CFR 314.510 you are required to conduct further adequate and well-controlled clinical trials intended to verify and describe clinical benefit. You are required to conduct such studies/clinical trials with due diligence. If required postmarketing clinical trials fail to verify clinical benefit or are not conducted with due diligence, including with respect to the conditions set forth below, we may withdraw this approval. We remind you of your postmarketing requirement specified in your submission dated October 22, 2024. This requirement is listed below.

- 4724-1 Complete clinical study CABL001J12301 (ASC4FIRST), A Phase 3, Multi-center, Open-label, Randomized Study of Oral Asciminib versus Investigator Selected TKI in Patients with Newly Diagnosed Philadelphia

² 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>.

Chromosome Positive Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia in Chronic Phase, intended to describe and confirm the clinical benefit of asciminib to include at least 60 months follow-up of all patients.

The timetable you submitted on October 22, 2024, states that you will conduct this trial according to the following schedule:

Interim Report Submission (96-week cut-off):	04/2025
Trial Completion:	12/2027
Final Report Submission:	06/2028

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 119257 for this product. FDA considers the term *final* to mean that the applicant has submitted a protocol, the FDA review team has sent comments to the applicant, and the protocol has been revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.

You must submit reports of the progress of each clinical trial required under section 506(c) (listed above) to this NDA approximately every 180 days (see section 506B(a)(2) of the FDCA) (hereinafter “180-day reports”).

You are required to submit two 180-day reports per year for each open study or clinical trial required under section 506(c). One report will be a standalone submission and the other report will be combined with your application’s annual status report (ASR) required under section 506B(a)(1) of the FDCA and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2). The standalone 180-day report will be due 180 days after the date of approval of the original NDA (with a 60-day grace period). Submit the other 180-day report with your application’s ASR. Submit both of these 180-day reports each year until the final report for the corresponding study or clinical trial is submitted.³ Depending on the date of approval of the original application, you may be required to submit a 180-day report shortly after receipt of this letter.

Your 180-day reports must include the information listed in 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii)(a). FDA recommends that you use FORM FDA 3989, *PMR/PMC Annual Status Report for Drugs and Biologics*, to submit your 180-day reports.⁴

180-day reports must be clearly designated “**NDA 215358/S-008 180-Day AA PMR Progress Report.**”

FDA will consider the submission of your application’s ASR under section 506B(a)(1) and 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2), in addition to the submission of reports 180 days after the

³ You are required to submit information related to your confirmatory trial as part of your annual reporting requirement under section 506B(a)(1) until the FDA notifies you, in writing, that the Agency concurs that the study requirement has been fulfilled or that the study either is no longer feasible or would no longer provide useful information.

⁴ FORM FDA 3989, along with instructions for completing this form, is available on the FDA Forms web page at <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/reports-manuals-forms/forms>

date of approval of the original NDA each year (subject to a 60-day grace period), to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 506B(a)(2).

Submit final reports to this NDA as a supplemental application. For administrative purposes, the cover page of all submissions relating to this postmarketing requirement must be clearly designated “**Subpart H Postmarketing Requirement(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 in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

Because this drug product for this indication has an orphan drug designation, you are exempt from this requirement.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS SUBJECT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We remind you of your postmarketing commitment:

- 4724-2 Conduct an integrated analysis of data from clinical trials and observational studies (e.g., real world evidence), post-marketing reports, and other sources to further characterize the safety and efficacy/effectiveness of asciminib in patients of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups with chronic myelogenous leukemia. The analyses should support an evaluation of comparative efficacy/effectiveness and safety between the population primarily represented in the trial (Study CABL001J12301) and the aforementioned underrepresented population. This should also include pharmacokinetic data if available.

The timetable you submitted on October 22, 2024, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Draft Protocol Submission:	12/2025
Final Protocol Submission:	06/2026
Study Completion:	06/2027
Final Report Submission:	06/2028

A final submitted protocol is one that the FDA has reviewed and commented upon, and you have revised as needed to meet the goal of the study or clinical trial.

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 119257 for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all postmarketing final reports to this NDA. In addition, under 21 CFR 314.81(b)(2)(vii) and 314.81(b)(2)(viii) you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual report to this NDA. The status summary should include expected summary completion and final report submission dates, any changes in plans since the last annual report, and, for clinical studies/trials, number of patients/subjects entered into each study/trial. All submissions, including supplements, relating to these postmarketing commitments should be prominently labeled **“Postmarketing Commitment Protocol,” “Postmarketing Commitment Final Report,”** or **“Postmarketing Commitment Correspondence.”**

PATENT LISTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2) and 314.70(f), certain changes to an approved NDA submitted in a supplement require you to submit patent information for listing in the Orange Book upon approval of the supplement. You must submit the patent information required by 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2)(i)(A) through (C) and 314.53(d)(2)(ii)(A) and (C), as applicable, to FDA on Form FDA 3542 within 30 days after the date of approval of the supplement for the patent information to be timely filed (see 21 CFR 314.53(c)(2)(ii)). You also must ensure that any changes to your approved NDA that require the submission of a request to remove patent information from the Orange Book are submitted to FDA at the time of approval of the supplement pursuant to 21 CFR 314.53(d)(2)(ii)(B) and 314.53(f)(2)(iv).

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Under 21 CFR 314.550, you are required to submit, during the application pre-approval review period, all promotional materials, including promotional labeling and advertisements, that you intend to use in the first 120 days following marketing approval (i.e., your launch campaign). If you have not already met this requirement, you must immediately contact the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) at (301) 796-1200. Please ask to speak to a regulatory project manager or the appropriate reviewer to discuss this issue.

As further required by 21 CFR 314.550, submit all promotional materials that you intend to use after the 120 days following marketing approval (i.e., your post-launch materials) at least 30 days before the intended time of initial dissemination of labeling or initial publication of the advertisement. We ask that each submission include a detailed cover letter together with three copies each of the promotional materials, annotated references, and approved Prescribing Information, Medication Guide, and Patient Package Insert (as applicable).

For information about submitting promotional materials, see the final guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic and Non-Electronic Format-Promotional Labeling and Advertising Materials for Human Prescription Drugs*.⁵

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, contact Rachel McMullen, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at 240-402-4574.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Office of Oncologic Diseases
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):

- Content of Labeling
 - Prescribing Information
 - Patient Package Insert

⁵ For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

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