



NDA 218276/S-001

## ACCELERATED APPROVAL

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation  
Attention: Emily Burd, PharmD  
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Dear Dr. Burd:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application (sNDA) dated February 7, 2024, received February 7, 2024, and your amendments, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for Fabhalta (iptacopan) capsules.

We acknowledge receipt of your risk evaluation and mitigation strategy (REMS) assessment dated February 7, 2024.

This "Prior Approval" sNDA provides for the use of Fabhalta (iptacopan) for the reduction of proteinuria in adults with primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) at risk of rapid disease progression, generally a urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UPCR)  $\geq 1.5$  g/g and proposed modifications to the approved Fabhalta REMS.

### **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.

### **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](http://www.fda.gov).<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the

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

Prescribing Information and Medication Guide), 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 *SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As*.<sup>2</sup>

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(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).

We request that the labeling approved today be available on your website within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

### **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 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 August 5, 2024. This requirement is listed below.

- 4673-1 Conduct a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to verify and describe the clinical benefit of iptacopan for the treatment of primary IgA nephropathy. The trial should be adequately powered and of sufficient duration to detect a treatment effect on the endpoint that will be used to verify and describe the clinical benefit.

The timetable you submitted on August 5, 2024, states that you will conduct this trial according to the following schedule:

Draft Protocol Submission: Completed

Final Protocol Submission: Completed

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<sup>2</sup> 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>.

Trial Completion: 03/2026

Final Report Submission: 07/2026

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 134109 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup>

180-day reports must be clearly designated “**NDA 218276/S-001 180-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 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).**”

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<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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>.

## **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.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for ages birth to less than 2 years because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable. This is because primary IgAN rarely or almost never occurs in pediatric patients less than 2 years of age.

We are also deferring submission of your pediatric study for ages 2 to <18 years for this application because this product is ready for approval for use in adults and the pediatric study has not been completed.

Your deferred pediatric study required by section 505B(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act/FDCA is a required postmarketing study. The status of this postmarketing study must be reported annually according to 21 CFR 314.81 and section 505B(a)(4)(C) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act/FDCA. This required study is listed below.

- 4673-2 Conduct an efficacy, pharmacokinetic, safety and tolerability study in pediatric patients 2 years to less than 18 years of age with primary IgA nephropathy. The efficacy outcome should be based on effects on proteinuria.

Draft Protocol Submission: 12/2024

Final Protocol Submission: 06/2025

Study Initiation: 12/2025

Trial Completion: 06/2030

Final Report Submission: 12/2030

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.<sup>5</sup>

Submit the protocol(s) to your IND 134109, with a cross-reference letter to this NDA. Reports of this required pediatric postmarketing study must be submitted as an NDA or as a supplement to your approved NDA with the proposed labeling changes you believe

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<sup>5</sup> See the guidance for Industry *Postmarketing Studies and Clinical Trials—Implementation of Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (October 2019)*.

<https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

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are warranted based on the data derived from this study. When submitting the reports, please clearly mark your submission "**SUBMISSION OF REQUIRED PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENTS**" in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission.

### **RISK EVALUATION AND MITIGATION STRATEGY (REMS) REQUIREMENTS**

The REMS for Fabhalta was originally approved on December 5, 2023, and the most recent REMS modification was approved on May 24, 2024. The REMS consists of elements to assure safe use, an implementation system, and a timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS.

Your proposed modification to the REMS consists of changes to the Healthcare Provider Safety Brochure, Patient Guide, and REMS Website to include the indication for the reduction of proteinuria in adults with primary immunoglobulin A nephropathy (IgAN) at risk of rapid disease progression, generally a urine protein-to-creatinine ratio (UPCR)  $\geq 1.5$  g/g. In addition, there were editorial changes to align the REMS with labeling and information was added to the Patient Guide to clarify that patients may need additional vaccinations before starting treatment even if they were previously vaccinated.

Your proposed modified REMS, submitted on February 7, 2024, amended and appended to this letter, is approved.

The timetable for submission of assessments of the REMS remains the same as that approved on December 5, 2023.

There are no changes to the REMS assessment plan described in our May 24, 2024 letter.

We remind you that in addition to the REMS assessments submitted according to the timetable in the approved REMS, you must include an adequate rationale to support a proposed REMS modification for the addition, modification, or removal of any goal or element of the REMS, as described in section 505-1(g)(4) of the FDCA.

We also remind you that you must submit a REMS assessment when you submit a supplemental application for a new indication for use, as described in section 505-1(g)(2)(A) of the FDCA. This assessment should include:

- a) An evaluation of how the benefit-risk profile will or will not change with the new indication;
- b) A determination of the implications of a change in the benefit-risk profile for the current REMS;

- c) *If the new indication for use introduces unexpected risks:* A description of those risks and an evaluation of whether those risks can be appropriately managed with the currently approved REMS.
- d) *If a REMS assessment was submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* A statement about whether the REMS was meeting its goals at the time of that last assessment and if any modifications of the REMS have been proposed since that assessment.
- e) *If a REMS assessment has not been submitted in the 18 months prior to submission of the supplemental application for a new indication for use:* Provision of as many of the currently listed assessment plan items as is feasible.
- f) *If you propose a REMS modification based on a change in the benefit-risk profile or because of the new indication of use, submit an adequate rationale to support the modification, including:* Provision of the reason(s) why the proposed REMS modification is necessary, the potential effect on the serious risk(s) for which the REMS was required, on patient access to the drug, and/or on the burden on the health care delivery system; and other appropriate evidence or data to support the proposed change. Additionally, include any changes to the assessment plan necessary to assess the proposed modified REMS. *If you are not proposing REMS modifications,* provide a rationale for why the REMS does not need to be modified.

If the assessment instruments and methodology for your REMS assessments are not included in the REMS supporting document, or if you propose changes to the submitted assessment instruments or methodology, you should update the REMS supporting document to include specific assessment instrument and methodology information at least 90 days before the assessments will be conducted. Updates to the REMS supporting document may be included in a new document that references previous REMS supporting document submission(s) for unchanged portions. Alternatively, updates may be made by modifying the complete previous REMS supporting document, with all changes marked and highlighted.

Prominently identify the submission containing the assessment instruments and methodology with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

**NDA 218276 REMS ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

(insert concise description of content in bold capital letters, e.g.,

**ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY, PROTOCOL, SURVEY METHODOLOGIES, AUDIT PLAN, DRUG USE STUDY)**

An authorized generic drug under this NDA must have an approved REMS prior to marketing. Should you decide to market, sell, or distribute an authorized generic drug under this NDA, contact us to discuss what will be required in the authorized generic drug REMS submission.

We remind you that section 505-1(f)(8) of FDCA prohibits holders of an approved covered application with elements to assure safe use from using any element to block or delay approval of an application under section 505(b)(2) or (j). A violation of this provision in 505-1(f) could result in enforcement action.

Prominently identify any submission containing the REMS assessments or proposed modifications of the REMS with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission as appropriate:

**NDA 218276 REMS ASSESSMENT**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 218276/S-000  
CHANGES BEING EFFECTED IN 30 DAYS  
PROPOSED MINOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 218276/S-000  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED MAJOR REMS MODIFICATION**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT FOR NDA 218276/S-000  
PRIOR APPROVAL SUPPLEMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATIONS DUE TO SAFETY LABELING  
CHANGES SUBMITTED IN SUPPLEMENT XXX**

*or*

**NEW SUPPLEMENT (NEW INDICATION FOR USE)  
FOR NDA 218276/S-000  
REMS ASSESSMENT  
PROPOSED REMS MODIFICATION (if included)**

Should you choose to submit a REMS revision, prominently identify the submission containing the REMS revisions with the following wording in bold capital letters at the top of the first page of the submission:

## **REMS REVISIONS FOR NDA 218276**

To facilitate review of your submission, we request that you submit your proposed modified REMS and other REMS-related materials in Microsoft Word format. If certain documents, such as enrollment forms, or website screenshots are only in PDF format, they may be submitted as such, but Word format is preferred.

### **SUBMISSION OF REMS DOCUMENT IN SPL FORMAT**

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, submit the REMS document in Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format using the FDA automated drug registration and listing system (eLIST). Content of the REMS document must be identical to the approved REMS document. The SPL will be publicly available.

Information on submitting REMS in SPL format may be found in the guidance for industry *Providing Regulatory Submission in Electronic Format – Content of the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies Document Using Structured Product Labeling*.

For more information on submitting REMS in SPL format, please email [FDAREMSwebsite@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:FDAREMSwebsite@fda.hhs.gov).

### **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*.<sup>6</sup>

## **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, please call Anna Park, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1129.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

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Office of New Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

### ENCLOSURES:

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
  - Medication Guide
- REMS

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<sup>6</sup> 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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