



BLA 761235

**BLA APPROVAL**

Genentech, Inc.  
Attention: Jay Bordoloi, Pharm.D.  
Regulatory Program Management  
1 DNA Way  
South San Francisco, CA 94080-4990

Dear Dr. Bordoloi:

Please refer to your biologics license application (BLA) dated and received May 28, 2021, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa) injection, for intravitreal use.

We have approved your BLA for Vabysmo (faricimab-svoa) effective this date. You are hereby authorized to introduce or deliver for introduction into interstate commerce, Vabysmo under your existing Department of Health and Human Services U.S. License No. 1048. Vabysmo is indicated for the treatment of neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration and for the treatment of diabetic macular edema.

**MANUFACTURING LOCATIONS**

Under this license, you are approved to manufacture faricimab-svoa drug substance at Roche Diagnostics GmbH in Penzberg, Germany. The final formulated drug product will be manufactured, filled, labeled, and packaged at F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Kaiseraugst, Switzerland. You may label your product with the proprietary name, Vabysmo, and market it in 6 mg/0.05 mL (120 mg/mL) single-dose vials.

**DATING PERIOD**

The dating period for Vabysmo shall be 30 months from the date of manufacture when stored at 2°C - 8°C, and protected from light. The date of manufacture shall be defined as the date of final sterile filtration of the formulated drug product. The dating period for your drug substance shall be (b) (4) months from the date of manufacture when stored at (b) (4).

The expiration date for the packaged product, faricimab-svoa plus transfer filter needle (b) (4) shall be dependent on the shortest expiration date of any component.

**FDA LOT RELEASE**

You are not currently required to submit samples of future lots of Vabysmo with transfer filter needle (b) (4) to the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) for release by the Director, CDER, under 21 CFR 610.2. We will continue to monitor

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compliance with 21 CFR 610.1, requiring completion of tests for conformity with standards applicable to each product prior to release of each lot.

Any changes in the manufacturing, testing, packaging, or labeling of Vabysmo, or in the manufacturing facilities, will require the submission of information to your BLA for our review and written approval, consistent with 21 CFR 601.12.

### **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.

We note that your January 27, 2022, submission includes final printed labeling (FPL) for your Prescribing Information. We have not reviewed this FPL. You are responsible for assuring that the wording in this printed labeling is identical to that of the approved content of labeling in the structured product labeling (SPL) format.

### **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.<sup>1</sup> Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the Prescribing Information). 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 (October 2009)*.<sup>2</sup> The SPL will be accessible via publicly available labeling repositories.

### **CARTON AND CONTAINER LABELING**

Submit final printed carton and container labeling that are identical to the enclosed carton and container labeling, 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 BLA 761235.**” Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Your application for Vabysmo was not referred to an FDA advisory committee because the safety profile is similar to that of other drugs or biological products approved for these indications.

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

<sup>2</sup> We update guidances periodically. For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA Guidance Documents Database at <https://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/default.htm>.

### **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. We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable to conduct as the diseases do not occur in pediatric patients.

### **POSTMARKETING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 505(o)**

Section 505(o)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) authorizes FDA to require holders of approved drug and biological product applications to conduct postmarketing studies and clinical trials for certain purposes, if FDA makes certain findings required by the statute.

We have determined that an analysis of spontaneous postmarketing adverse events reported under subsection 505(k)(1) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to identify an unexpected serious risk of corneal endothelial cell loss. Furthermore, the active postmarket risk identification and analysis system as available under section 505(k)(3) of the FDCA will not be sufficient to assess this serious risk. We have determined that only a clinical trial (rather than a nonclinical or observational study) will be sufficient to identify an unexpected serious risk of corneal endothelial cell loss. Therefore, based on appropriate scientific data, FDA has determined that you are required to conduct the following trials:

- 4214-1 Conduct a controlled trial to evaluate the corneal endothelial health of eyes treated with faricimab by monitoring the number/density of corneal endothelial cells using specular microscopy at baseline and over a period of at least one year in at least 100 patients receiving faricimab.

The timetable you submitted on January 25, 2022, states that you will conduct this trial according to the following schedule:

Final Protocol Submission: 04/2022  
Trial Completion: 12/2024  
Final Report Submission: 04/2025

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>3</sup>

Submit clinical protocol(s) to your IND 119225 with a cross-reference letter to this BLA. Prominently identify the submission with the following wording in bold capital letters at the

<sup>3</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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top of the first page of the submission, as appropriate: **Required Postmarketing Protocol Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Final Report Under 505(o), Required Postmarketing Correspondence Under 505(o).**

Section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) of the FDCA requires you to report periodically on the status of any study or clinical trial required under this section. This section also requires you to periodically report to FDA on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Section 506B of the FDCA, as well as 21 CFR 601.70 requires you to report annually on the status of any postmarketing commitments or required studies or clinical trials.

FDA will consider the submission of your annual report under section 506B and 21 CFR 601.70 to satisfy the periodic reporting requirement under section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) provided that you include the elements listed in 505(o) and 21 CFR 601.70. We remind you that to comply with 505(o), your annual report must also include a report on the status of any study or clinical trial otherwise undertaken to investigate a safety issue. Failure to submit an annual report for studies or clinical trials required under 505(o) on the date required will be considered a violation of FDCA section 505(o)(3)(E)(ii) and could result in enforcement action.

### **PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS**

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. 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>4</sup>

You must submit final promotional materials and Prescribing Information, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253, at the time of initial dissemination or publication [21 CFR 314.81(b)(3)(i)]. Form FDA 2253 is available at FDA.gov.<sup>5</sup> Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at FDA.gov.<sup>6</sup>

### **REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

You must submit adverse experience reports under the adverse experience reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.80). Prominently identify all adverse experience reports as described in 21 CFR 600.80.

You must submit distribution reports under the distribution reporting requirements for licensed biological products (21 CFR 600.81).

You must submit reports of biological product deviations under 21 CFR 600.14. You should promptly identify and investigate all manufacturing deviations, including those

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<sup>4</sup> For the most recent version of a guidance, check the FDA guidance web page at <https://www.fda.gov/media/128163/download>.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf>

associated with processing, testing, packing, labeling, storage, holding and distribution. If the deviation involves a distributed product, may affect the safety, purity, or potency of the product, and meets the other criteria in the regulation, you must submit a report on Form FDA 3486 to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
5901-B Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Biological product deviations, sent by courier or overnight mail, should be addressed to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Division of Compliance Risk Management and Surveillance  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue, Bldg. 51, Room 4207  
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Your product is a Part 3 combination product (21 CFR 3.2(e)); therefore, you must also comply with postmarketing safety reporting requirements for an approved combination product (21 CFR 4, Subpart B). Additional information on combination product postmarketing safety reporting is available at [FDA.gov](https://www.fda.gov).<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fda.gov/combination-products/guidance-regulatory-information/postmarketing-safety-reporting-combination-products>

**POST APPROVAL FEEDBACK MEETING**

New biological products qualify for a post approval feedback meeting. Such meetings are used to discuss the quality of the application and to evaluate the communication process during drug development and marketing application review. The purpose is to learn from successful aspects of the review process and to identify areas that could benefit from improvement. If you would like to have such a meeting with us, call the Regulatory Project Manager for this application.

If you have any questions, please call Wendy Streight, PhD, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at 240-402-6498.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Charles Ganley, MD  
Director  
Office of Specialty Medicine  
Office of New Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

**ENCLOSURE(S):**

- Content of Labeling
  - Prescribing Information
- Carton and Container Labeling

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