



NDA 21-572/S-040

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Attention: Jennifer A. Liscouski
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Dear Ms. Liscouski:

Please refer to your Supplemental New Drug Application (sNDA) dated October 7, 2011, received October 7, 2011, submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) for CUBICIN (daptomycin for injection).

We also acknowledge receipt of your amendments dated June 4 and 28, and September 27, 2012.

This “Prior Approval” supplemental new drug application provides for revisions to the “13.2 Animal Toxicology” and/or Pharmacology section of the product labeling. Specifically, a new subsection entitled “Juvenile Animals” has been added to describe skeletal muscle and nerve effects in 7-week old juvenile dogs following 28 days of once-daily daptomycin administration.

We have completed our review of this supplemental application, as amended, and it is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the enclosed, agreed-upon labeling text.

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 <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Content of labeling must be identical to the enclosed labeling, 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 titled “SPL Standard for Content of Labeling Technical Qs and As” at: <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/DrugsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf>.

The SPL will be accessible from publicly available labeling repositories.

Also within 14 days, amend all pending supplemental applications 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 MS Word format, that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application, as well as annual reportable changes and annotate each change. To facilitate review of your submission, 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).

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, call J. Christopher Davi, MS, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-0702.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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ENCLOSURE: Content of Labeling

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