DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring MD 20993

BLA 125514/S-034

SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.
Attention: Lynn May Brown, PhD
Director, Global Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Dr. Brown:

Please refer to your Supplemental Biologics License Application (sBLA), dated December 28, 2017, received December 28, 2017, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Keytruda®(pembrolizumab) powder for solution for infusion/solution for infusion, 50 mg and 100 mg.

This Prior Approval supplemental biologics application proposes the addition of a new indication for treatment of patients with recurrent or metastatic cervical cancer with disease progression on or after chemotherapy whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS $\geq$1) as determined by an FDA-approved test.

APPROVAL & LABELING

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

WAIVER OF HIGHLIGHTS SECTION

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 601.14(b)] in structured product labeling (SPL) format, as described at http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm, 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)

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supplements. 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/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM072392.pdf.

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 BLA, including pending "Changes Being Effected" (CBE) supplements, for which FDA has not yet issued an action letter, with the content of labeling [21 CFR 601.12(f)] in MS Word format that includes the changes approved in this supplemental application.

ACCELERATED APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

Products approved under the accelerated approval regulations, 21 CFR 601.41, require further adequate and well-controlled studies/clinical trials to verify and describe clinical benefit. You are required to conduct such clinical trial with due diligence. If the postmarketing trial fails to verify clinical benefit or are not conducted with due diligence, we may, following a hearing in accordance with 21 CFR 601.43(b), withdraw this approval. We remind you of your postmarketing requirement specified in your submission dated June 6, 2018. This requirement, along with required completion dates, is listed below.

PMR 3427-1 Conduct clinical trial KEYNOTE-826 (KN-826) in cervical cancer for Progression Free Survival (PFS)-Overall Survival (OS), entitled "A Phase 3 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial of Pembrolizumab Plus Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy Plus Placebo for the First-line Treatment of Persistent, Recurrent, or Metastatic Cervical Cancer". Submit analyses and datasets with final report for PFS and OS.

Final Protocol Submission:	06/2018
Trial Completion:	pending final protocol
Final Report Submission:	pending final protocol

In addition, under 21 CFR 601.70 you should include a status summary of each requirement in your annual report to this BLA. 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 entered into each study/trial.

Submit final reports to this BLA as a supplemental application. For administrative purposes, all submissions relating to this postmarketing requirement must be clearly designated "**Subpart E 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(s) in pediatric patients unless this requirement is waived, deferred, or inapplicable.

We are waiving the pediatric study requirement for this application because the necessary studies are impossible or highly impracticable because pediatric cervical cancer is extremely rare.

POSTMARKETING COMMITMENTS SUBJECT TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 506B

We remind you of your postmarketing commitment:

PMC 3427-2 Submit the median Duration of Response (DOR) analyses and datasets with the final report of clinical trial Keynote 158 (Cohort E), entitled; "A Clinical Trial of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) Evaluating Predictive Biomarkers in Subjects with Advanced Solid Tumors"

The timetable you submitted on June 6, 2018, states that you will conduct this study according to the following schedule:

Trial Completion:	08/2019
Final Report Submission:	02/2020

Submit clinical protocols to your IND 126191 for this product. Submit nonclinical and chemistry, manufacturing, and controls protocols and all postmarketing final reports to this BLA. In addition, under 21 CFR 601.70 you should include a status summary of each commitment in your annual progress report of postmarketing studies to this BLA. 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 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**."

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

You may request advisory comments on proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling. To do so, submit, in triplicate, a cover letter requesting advisory comments, the proposed materials in draft or mock-up form with annotated references, and the prescribing information to:

OPDP Regulatory Project Manager
Food and Drug Administration
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Office of Prescription Drug Promotion
5901-B Ammendale Road
Beltsville, MD 20705-1266

Alternatively, you may submit a request for advisory comments electronically in eCTD format. For more information about submitting promotional materials in eCTD format, see the draft Guidance for Industry (available at: http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM443702.pdf).

As required under 21 CFR 601.12(f)(4), you must submit final promotional materials, and the prescribing information, at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by a Form FDA 2253. Form FDA 2253 is available at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM083570.pdf. Information and Instructions for completing the form can be found at http://www.fda.gov/downloads/AboutFDA/ReportsManualsForms/Forms/UCM375154.pdf. For more information about submission of promotional materials to the Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP), see http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDER/ucm090142.htm.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved BLA (in 21 CFR 600.80 and in 21 CFR 600.81).

If you have any questions, call Fatima Rizvi, Regulatory Project Manager, at (240) 402-7426.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

ENCLOSURE(S):
Content of Labeling

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JULIA A BEAVER
06/12/2018