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*APPLICATION NUMBER:*

**761151Orig1s000**

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BLA 761151

**COMPLETE RESPONSE**

UCB, Inc.  
Attention: Leo DiNapoli, PhD, RAC  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
1950 Lake Park Drive  
Building 2100  
Smyrna, GA 30080

Dear Dr. DiNapoli:

Please refer to your biologics license application (BLA) dated and received July 15, 2020, and your amendments, submitted under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for UCB4940 (CDP4940).

We acknowledge receipt of your major amendment dated April 16, 2021, which extended the goal date by three months.

**PRODUCT QUALITY**

We have completed our review of this application, as amended, and have determined that we cannot approve this application in its present form. We have described our reasons for this action below and, where possible, our recommendations to address these issues.

**FACILITY INSPECTIONS**

During a recent inspection of the UCB Pharma SA (FEI: 3003909356) manufacturing facility for this application, our field investigator conveyed deficiencies to the representative of the facility. Satisfactory resolution of these deficiencies is required before this application may be approved.

**PROPRIETARY NAME**

Please refer to correspondence dated, October 14, 2020 which addresses the proposed proprietary name, Bimzelx. This name was found acceptable pending approval of the application in the current review cycle. Please resubmit the proposed proprietary name when you respond to the application deficiencies.

**SAFETY UPDATE**

When you respond to the above deficiencies, include a safety update as described at 21 CFR 314.50(d)(5)(vi)(b). The safety update should include data from all nonclinical and clinical studies/trials of the product under consideration regardless of indication, dosage form, or dose level.

- (1) Describe in detail any significant changes or findings in the safety profile.
- (2) When assembling the sections describing discontinuations due to adverse events, serious adverse events, and common adverse events, incorporate new safety data as follows:
  - Present new safety data from the studies/clinical trials for the proposed indication using the same format as in the original submission.
  - Present tabulations of the new safety data combined with the original application data.
  - Include tables that compare frequencies of adverse events in the original application with the retabulated frequencies described in the bullet above.
  - For indications other than the proposed indication, provide separate tables for the frequencies of adverse events occurring in clinical trials.
- (3) Present a retabulation of the reasons for premature trial discontinuation by incorporating the drop-outs from the newly completed trials. Describe any new trends or patterns identified.
- (4) Provide case report forms and narrative summaries for each subject who died during a clinical trial or who did not complete a trial because of an adverse event. In addition, provide narrative summaries for serious adverse events.
- (5) Describe any information that suggests a substantial change in the incidence of common, but less serious, adverse events between the new data and the original application data.
- (6) Provide updated exposure information for the clinical studies/trials (e.g., number of subjects, person time).
- (7) Provide a summary of worldwide experience on the safety of this product. Include an updated estimate of use for product marketed in other countries.
- (8) Provide English translations of current approved foreign labeling not previously submitted.

## **OTHER**

Within one year after the date of this letter, you are required to resubmit or take other actions available under 21 CFR 601.3(b). If you do not take one of these actions, we may consider your lack of response a request to withdraw the application under 21 CFR 601.3(c). You may also request an extension of time in which to resubmit the application.

A resubmission must fully address all the deficiencies listed in this letter and should be clearly marked with "**RESUBMISSION**" in large font, bolded type at the beginning of the cover letter of the submission. The cover letter should clearly state that you consider this resubmission a complete response to the deficiencies outlined in this letter. A partial response to this letter will not be processed as a resubmission and will not start a new review cycle.

You may request a meeting or teleconference with us to discuss what steps you need to take before the application may be approved. If you wish to have such a meeting, submit your meeting request as described in the draft guidance for industry *Formal Meetings Between the FDA and Sponsors or Applicants of PDUFA Products*.

If you have any questions, call Strother D. Dixon, Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-1015.

Sincerely,

*{See appended electronic signature page}*

Julie G. Beitz, MD  
Director  
Office of Immunology and Inflammation  
Office of New Drugs  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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