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## SUPPLEMENT APPROVAL

Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.  
Attention: Ye Zhang M.D., Ph.D.  
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October 23, 2020

Dear Dr. Zhang:

We have approved your request submitted and received April 27, 2020, to supplement your Biologics License Application (BLA) under section 351(a) of the Public Health Service Act for Hepatitis A Vaccine, Inactivated (VAQTA®), manufactured at your (b) (4) facility, to support a new US Patient Package Insert (USPPI) and a Package Insert revised to include a reference to the USPPI.

### LABELING

Under 21 CFR 201.57(c)(18), patient labeling must be referenced in section 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION. Patient labeling must be available and may either be reprinted immediately following the full prescribing information of the package insert or accompany the prescription product labeling.

We hereby approve the draft package insert labeling submitted April 27, 2020.

### CONTENT OF LABELING

As soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from the date of this letter, please submit the final content of labeling (21 CFR 601.14) in Structured Product Labeling (SPL) format via the FDA automated drug registration and listing system, (eLIST) as described at <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/DataStandards/StructuredProductLabeling/default.htm>. Information on submitting SPL files may be found in the guidance for industry *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.

### ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL LABELING

You may submit two draft copies of the proposed introductory advertising and promotional labeling with Form FDA 2253 to the Advertising and Promotional Labeling Branch at the following address:

U.S. Food & Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20993  
[www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research  
Document Control Center  
10903 New Hampshire Ave.  
WO71–G112  
Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

You must submit copies of your final advertising and promotional labeling at the time of initial dissemination or publication, accompanied by Form FDA 2253 (21 CFR 601.12(f)(4)).

All promotional claims must be consistent with and not contrary to approved labeling. You should not make a comparative promotional claim or claim of superiority over other products unless you have substantial evidence or substantial clinical experience to support such claims (21 CFR 202.1(e)(6)).

Please submit an amendment to all pending supplemental applications for this BLA that include revised labeling incorporating a revised content of labeling that includes these changes.

We will include information contained in the above-referenced supplements in your BLA file.

Sincerely,

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Division of Vaccines and  
Related Products Applications  
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