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Overview of (invented) names reviewed in May 2021 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 21-24 June 2021

	NRG meeting 16-17 Feb 2021		NRG meeting 20-21 Apr 2021		NRG meeting 26-27 May 2021		NRG meeting 29-30 Jun 2021		NRG meeting 16-17 Sep 2021		NRG meeting 09-10 Nov 2021		2021 total	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	73	33	33	36	24	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	130	100
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	3	3	2	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10

*Includes invented names, INN+MAH/TM and re-use applications.

**In case of objections to the proposed (invented) name(s), the applicant may justify the retention of the proposed invented name using the relevant justification form available on the EMA website.

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Total number of objections raised	69	173	75	92	61	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	205	343
Criterion - Safety concerns														
Similarity with other (invented) name	46	119	61	68	45	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	152	242
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Misleading with respect to composition	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Criterion - INN concerns														
Similarity with INN	12	8	1	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	17
Inclusion of INN stem	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Criterion - Other public health concerns														
Unacceptable qualifiers	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Conveys a promotional message	3	4	3	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	10
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	1	2	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	3	40	6	22	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	70

See Guideline on the [Acceptability of Names for Human Medicinal Products Processed through the Centralised Procedure \(EMA/CHMP/287710/2014\)](#) for detailed explanations of criteria used.