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## European Medicines Agency decision P/0152/2017

of 7 June 2017

on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed paediatric investigation plan for telbivudine (Sebivo), (EMA-000065-PIP01-07-M05) in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

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The European Medicines Agency,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1768/92, Directive 2001/20/EC, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004<sup>1</sup>,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the European Medicines Agency's decision P/111/2008 issued on 1 December 2008, the decision P/119/2010 issued on 9 July 2010, the decision P/203/2011 issued on 31 August 2011, the P/0236/2012 issued on 22 October 2012 and the decision P/0006/2014 issued on 22 January 2014,

Having regard to the application submitted by Novartis Europharm Limited on 25 January 2017 under Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 proposing changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 21 April 2017, in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

Having regard to Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

Whereas:

- (1) The Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency has given an opinion on the acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral and to the waiver.
- (2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision on the acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan, including changes to the deferral and to the waiver.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

**Article 1**

Changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan for telbivudine (Sebivo), film-coated tablet, oral solution, oral use, including changes to the deferral and to the waiver, are hereby accepted in the scope set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices.

**Article 2**

This decision is addressed to Novartis Europharm Limited, Frimley Business Park, GU16 7SR, Camberley, United Kingdom.

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London, 21 April 2017

## Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed Paediatric Investigation Plan and on the granting of a product-specific waiver

EMA-000065-PIP01-07-M05

### Scope of the application

**Active substance(s):**

Telbivudine

**Invented name:**

Sebivo

**Condition(s):**

Treatment of chronic hepatitis B

**Authorised indication(s):**

See Annex II

**Pharmaceutical form(s):**

Film-coated tablet

Oral solution

**Route(s) of administration:**

Oral use

**Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:**

Novartis Europharm Limited

**Information about the authorised medicinal product:**

See Annex II



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## Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Novartis Europharm Limited submitted to the European Medicines Agency on 25 January 2017 an application for modification of the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver as set out in the European Medicines Agency's decision P/111/2008 issued on 1 December 2008, the decision P/119/2010 issued on 9 July 2010, the decision P/203/2011 issued on 31 August 2011, the P/0236/2012 issued on 22 October 2012 and the decision P/0006/2014 issued on 22 January 2014.

The application for modification proposed changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral and changes to the waiver to cover the remaining subsets of the paediatric population.

The procedure started on 21 February 2017.

## Scope of the modification

The waiver has been extended to cover all subsets of the paediatric population.

## Opinion

The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the application in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report:

- to agree to changes to the paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral and to amend the scope of the waiver in accordance with Article 11(1)(c) of said Regulation, on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments for paediatric patients, as set out in Annex I of this opinion.

The Norwegian Paediatric Committee member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

This opinion is forwarded to the applicant and the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, together with its annexes and appendix.

**Annex I**

**Grounds for the granting of the waiver**

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## 1. Waiver

### 1.1. Condition:

Treatment of chronic hepatitis B

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from birth to less than 18 years of age;
- film-coated tablet, oral solution, oral use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments.

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## Annex II

### Information about the authorised medicinal product

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**Condition(s) and authorised indication(s):**

1. Treatment of chronic hepatitis B

Authorised indication(s):

- Sebivo is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B in adult patients with compensated liver disease and evidence of viral replication, persistently elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) levels and histological evidence of active inflammation and/or fibrosis.

Initiation of Sebivo treatment should only be considered when the use of an alternative antiviral agent with a higher genetic barrier to resistance is not available or appropriate.

**Authorised pharmaceutical form(s):**

Film-coated tablet, Oral solution

**Authorised route(s) of administration:**

Oral use

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