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# Additional monitoring: public communication

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PCWP/HCPWP, 5 June 2013





# Reminder

- Black symbol: ▼
  - Selected in March following PRAC recommendation (after involving stakeholders)
- New text in product information:
  - *SPC: <{Black symbol}> This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This is to allow any safety information to be identified rapidly. Healthcare professionals are encouraged to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8.>*
  - *PL : <{Black symbol}> This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. You can help by reporting any side effects you may get. See the end of section 4 for how to report side effects.*
- List of products:
  - Maintained by EMA/PRAC, kept updated



# Communication strategy: key features

- Main objectives:
  - Publish clear information at relevant milestones, all EU languages
  - Enable 'information multipliers' to launch own campaigns, adapting EMA materials to specific audiences
  - Co-ordinate information across Member States
- Key target audiences: patients and healthcare professionals
- Limited resources – online based



## Main actions: completed

March 2013 - black symbol selected:

- Revised product information templates + implementation plan published (for industry)

April 2013 - initial list of medicines published:

- EMA web page on additional monitoring launched
- Public-friendly, all EU languages, links to related information
- Consulted stakeholders in advance
- Press release, on homepage
- Materials sent in advance to stakeholders (including translations)
- Also provided to Member States + Commission



http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\_GB/document\_library/Other/2013/04/WC500142453.pdf - Windows Internet Explorer

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### List of medicinal products under additional monitoring

**Related Information:**  
Additional monitoring explained: [http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/special\\_topics/document\\_listing/document\\_listing\\_000365.jsp](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/special_topics/document_listing/document_listing_000365.jsp)  
Good Pharmacovigilance Practice Modules: [http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/document\\_listing/document\\_listing\\_000345.jsp](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/regulation/document_listing/document_listing_000345.jsp)

Product name	Active Substance (s)	Reason (s) on list	Marketing Authorisation Holder (s)
Adasuve	Loxapine	New active substance	Alexza UK Ltd
Adcetris	Brentuximab vedotin	New active substance, conditional authorisation, PASS <sup>1</sup>	Takeda Global Research and Development Ltd.
Aldurazyme	Laronidase	Authorised under exceptional circumstances, PASS	Genzyme Europe B.V.
AMYViD	Florbetapir [18F]	New active substance	Eli Lilly Nederlands B.V.
Arzerra	Ofatumumab	Conditional authorisation, PASS	Glaxo Group Limited
Atriance	Nelarabine	Authorised under exceptional circumstances	Glaxo Group Limited
ATryn	Anti-thrombin alpha	Authorised under exceptional circumstances, PASS	GTC Biotherapeutics UK Limited
Benlysta	Belimumab	New active substance	Glaxo Group Ltd
Betmiga	Mirabegron	New active substance	Astellas Pharma Europe B.V.
Bexsero	Meningococcal group-B vaccine (rDNA, component, adsorbed)	New active substance	Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics S.r.l.
BindRen	Colestilan	New active substance	Mitsubishi Pharma Europe Ltd.

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# Results: dissemination

## 1. Member States

Questionnaire + review of websites (>17 countries):

- Published information on national authority websites; timely; national language
- Newsletters; press releases; social media (Italy, Sweden, Norway)
- Dissemination to national associations of patients, healthcare professionals and industry
- Some national media coverage; interviews/quotes
- Future communication foreseen
- Issues:
  - Nationally authorised medicines: need to identify in which countries authorised



Windows Internet Explorer window showing the Zāļu valsts aģentūra website.

Address bar: <http://www.zva.gov.lv/?rel=1453>

Navigation bar: Jaunumi, Par mums, Normatīvie akti, Pakalpojumi, Publikācijas, Pacientiem, Atsauksmes un jautājumi, **Reģistrs**

Header: **ZĀĻU VALSTS AĢENTŪRA**

Contact information: Jersikas iela 15, Rīga, LV-1003, Latvija. Tālr.: 67078424. Mob. tālrunis: 29447659. Fakss: 67078428. e-pasts: [info@zva.gov.lv](mailto:info@zva.gov.lv). [Visi kontakti](#)

Search bar:

2013. gada 31. maijs

Buttons: Sākums, Lapas karte, RSS

Left sidebar:

- Iznācis otrais 2013. gada bezmaksas izdevums "Cito!"
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- "Cito!" var saņemt Zāļu valsts aģentūras (Jersikas ielā 15, Rīgā) 11. kabinetā
- ZVA izdevusi Zāļu reģistru 2013!
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- Lasīt vairāk par Zāļu reģistru

Main content:

**Aptieku karte** **Pārbaudi zāļu cenu šeit!**

**Jaunumi**

**2013. gada 3. maijs**

**Lai veicinātu cilvēkiem paredzēto zāļu drošuma uzraudzību visā Eiropā, ievieš jaunu simbolu - melnu, apgrieztu trīsstūri**

Zāļu valsts aģentūra (turpmāk ZVA) informē, lai uzlabotu cilvēkiem paredzēto zāļu drošuma uzraudzību visā Eiropā, spēkā ir stājies Eiropas Komisijas lēmums un groījumi normatīvajos aktos, kas paredz ieviest jaunu simbolu zāļu aprakstos un lietošanas instrukcijās. Jaunais simbols - melns apgriezts trīsstūris - no 2013. gada rudens tiks iekļauts to zāļu dokumentācijā, kurām tiek piemērota papildu uzraudzība.

ZVA direktore I. Adoviča norāda, ka „Eiropas Savienības, tajā skaitā Latvijas, iedzīvotājiem pieejamās reģistrētās zāles tiek pastāvīgi uzraudzītas. Tiek vērtēts to drošums ne tikai pirms reģistrācijas, bet arī pēc reģistrācijas, kad tās nonāk nacionālā zāļu tirgū. Ja zāles tiek atzīmētas ar melnu apgrieztu trīsstūri, tas nenozīmē, ka tās ir nedrošas un tās lietot nav ieteicams. Simbols liecina, ka ir paredzēta papildu uzraudzība, proti, vajadzīga papildu informācija no lietošanas gadījumiem, kuru farmācijas uzņēmumiem jāanalizē un jāsniedz izvērtēšanai”.

Lai nodrošinātu veselības aprūpes speciālistu un pacientu informētību par zālēm, kurām ir noteikta papildu uzraudzība, Eiropas Zāļu aģentūra (turpmāk EMA) ir izveidojusi zāļu sarakstu, kurā minētajām zālēm lietošanas instrukcijā un zāļu aprakstā ir iekļauts melns apgriezts trīsstūris un uzraksts „Šīm zālēm tiek piemērota papildu uzraudzība”.

Zāles sarakstā var tik iekļautas pirms to reģistrēšanas vai arī citā laikā, ja tiek saņemti signāli par šo zāļu pastiprinātas uzraudzības nepieciešamību. Lēmumu par papildu uzraudzību pieņem EMA Farmakovigilances riska vērtēšanas komiteja (PRAC). Papildu uzraudzība zālēm vienmēr tiek piemērota šādos gadījumos:

1. zāles satur jaunu aktīvo vielu, kas Eiropas Savienībā reģistrēta pēc 2011. gada 1. janvāra;
2. bioloģiskas izcelsmes zāles, kas reģistrētas pēc 2011. gada 1. janvāra un kuru lietošanas pieredze pēc pieejamības nodrošināšanas pacientiem ir ierobežota;
3. zāles reģistrētas ar nosacījumiem (zāļu izmantošanas laikā zāļu reģistrācijas apliecības īpašniekam ir jāiesniedz papildu dati par zālēm) vai arī zāles ir reģistrētas izņēmuma kārtā (ir objektīvi iemesli, kādēļ nav iespējams iesniegt visus nepieciešamos datus);
4. zāļu reģistrācijas apliecības īpašniekam ir jāveic papildu pētījumi, piemēram, lai sniegtu papildu datus par zāļu ilgstošu lietošanu vai par retām zāļu blaknēm, kas novērotas klīniskos pētījumos.

Right sidebar:

- ATKLĀJ ZĀĻU OTRU PUSI**
- Ziņo par blaknēm**
- Publiskais novērtējuma ziņojums (PNZ)**
- Ziņot par zāļu blakusparādību**
- Baltijas marķējuma procedūra**
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- Pasākumu kalendārs**
- Jaunumi e-pastā**
- Aptauja**
- Vai esat pamanījis ZVA uzsāktās kampaņas "Atklāj zāļu otru pusī" informatīvos materiālus?**
- ☐ Jā, esmu pamanījis aptieķā



# Results: dissemination

1. Member States
2. Stakeholders





# Stakeholders

- 11 respondents so far
- Information shared with members; newsletters; websites

Organisation	Info to members	Newsletter	Website	Social media
BEUC	x			
EACPT	x			
EATG			x	
EFA	x	x	x	x
EFNA	x	x	x	
EPF		x		
EPHA		x	x	
ESMO		x	x	
Eurordis	x		x	
PGEU	x			
IPOPI			x	

- Issues:
  - How to target information for specific audiences (e.g. role of community/hospital pharmacists in different MS)



The screenshot shows the EURORDIS website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The main content area is titled "Regarding orphan medicinal products (rare diseases):" and contains a table with the following data:

Brand name	INN	Indicated for	Reason
<a href="#">Adcetris</a>	Brentuximab vedotin	Hodgkin lymphoma ORPHA98293	New active substance, conditional authorisation, PASS1
<a href="#">Aldurazyme</a>	Laronidase	MPS 1 ORPHA579	Authorised under exceptional circumstances, PASS
<a href="#">Arzerra</a>	Ofatumumab	Leukemia, Lymphocytic, Chronic, B-Cell ORPHA67038	Conditional authorisation, PASS
<a href="#">Atriance</a>	Nelarabine	Precursor T-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia-Lymphoma ORPHA99860	Authorised under exceptional circumstances
Bosulif	Bosutinib	chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML), 'Philadelphia-chromosome-positive' ORPHA521	New active substance, conditional authorisation, PASS
<a href="#">Ceplene</a>	Histamine dihydrochloride	Leukemia, Myeloid, Acute ORPHA519	Authorised under exceptional circumstances

The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.eurordis.org/content/regulatory-events-1>. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock as 12:52 and the date as 10/10/2012.



# Results: EMA initial statistics

- Media
  - Low coverage: articles in online specialised media (industry)
  - 3 minor enquiries
- Stakeholder enquiries
  - Zero
- Web traffic
  - High
  - List: top 1% documents viewed in April/May (~45,000)
  - Public-friendly page: top 3% pages viewed in April/May (~5,000)





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Posted by [Ben Steele](#) on [Apr 26, 2013](#)

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has released its list of drugs that are required to include the 'black triangle' symbol in their package inserts.

The symbol means that the medications are under 'additional monitoring' by regulatory authorities, and is meant to encourage doctors and patients to report in any side effects from taking them.

As a result of new pharmacovigilance legislation in Europe, over 100 products are being given the black triangle



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# Main actions: future



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## Adcetris

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This is a summary of the European public assessment report (EPAR) for Adcetris. It explains how the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) assessed the medicine to reach its opinion in favour of granting a marketing authorisation and its recommendations on the conditions of use for Adcetris.

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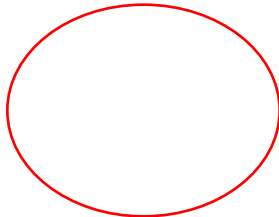
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- [Adcetris: Orphan designation](#)
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# Main actions: future

## By September 2013:

- Publish short video on EMA website:
  - 3-4 minutes
  - Stock shots with narration, interviews (sound bytes), animations (?)
  - All EU languages: audio for narration, subtitles for interviews
  - Focus on black symbol, real-life situations, use a mock-up
  - Limit any content on the EMA and committees etc.



## Main actions: future

### Also planned:

- Print-out leaflet
- Information packs for stakeholders
- Promotion via social media, news/media activities
- Taking stock of impact: web statistics, surveys, etc. – ongoing feedback helpful
- Repeat or enhance in 2014 as appropriate



# Considerations

- Early stages in a gradual process
- Expect low awareness for patients and healthcare professionals at this stage, industry more focussed
- Awareness will grow, updated leaflets will enter circulation
- Clear information published; consistency across Member States
- Good basis for future communication
- Impact measurable in-depth at later stage





# Your co-operation + input highly valued

- Feedback
- Suggestions
- Experience
- Issues

Thank you!