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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Welcome and declarations of interest of members and experts

Pre-meeting list of participants and restrictions in relation to declarations of interests applicable to the items of the agenda for the COMP plenary session to be held 12-14 July 2022. See July 2022 COMP minutes (to be published post September 2022 COMP meeting).

### 1.2. Adoption of agenda

COMP agenda for 12-14 July 2022.

### 1.3. Adoption of the minutes

COMP minutes for 14-16 June 2022.

## 2. Applications for orphan medicinal product designation

### 2.1. For opinion

#### 2.1.1. - [EMA/OD/0000085890](#)

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Treatment of idiopathic hypersomnia

**Action:** For adoption

#### 2.1.2. - [EMA/OD/0000085805](#)

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Treatment of mastocytosis

**Action:** For information

Note: Withdrawal request received on 29 June 2022.

#### 2.1.3. - [EMA/OD/0000086580](#)

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Treatment of graft-versus-host-disease

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 12 July 2022 at 11:00

#### 2.1.4. - [EMA/OD/0000077279](#)

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Treatment of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP)

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 12 July 2022 at 12:15

#### 2.1.5. - [EMA/OD/0000085640](#)

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Treatment of Covid-19 and Dengue co-infection

**Action:** For information

Note: Withdrawal request received on 24 June 2022.

2.1.6. - [EMA/OD/0000073417](#)

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Treatment of CTLA-4 haploinsufficiency with autoimmune infiltration disease

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 13 July 2022 at 09:00

2.1.7. - [EMA/OD/0000086052](#)

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Treatment of Alstrom syndrome

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 13 July 2022 at 17:00

2.1.8. - [EMA/OD/0000086055](#)

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Treatment of Bardet-Biedl syndrome

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 13 July 2022 at 17:00

2.1.9. - [EMA/OD/0000076480](#)

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Treatment of myasthenia gravis

**Action:** For information

Note: Withdrawal request received on 28 June 2022.

2.1.10. - [EMA/OD/0000086562](#)

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Prevention of acute liver failure

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 12 July 2022 at 14:15

**2.2. For discussion / preparation for an opinion**

2.2.1. - [EMA/OD/0000072597](#)

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Treatment of mucopolysaccharidosis Type IV A, Morquio A syndrome

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.2. - [EMA/OD/0000076094](#)

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Treatment of osteosarcoma

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.3. - [EMA/OD/0000081808](#)

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Treatment of peripheral T-cell lymphoma

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.4. - [EMA/OD/0000083190](#)

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Treatment of type 1 diabetes with residual  $\beta$ -cell function defined by stimulated C-peptide levels ranging between 0.2 and 0.6 nmol/L

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.5. - [EMA/OD/0000083743](#)

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Treatment of focal cortical dysplasia

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.6. - [EMA/OD/0000083978](#)

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Treatment of type 1 diabetes mellitus in individuals positive for GAD65 antibody and carrying the genetic human leukocyte antigen (HLA) DR3-DQ2 haplotype

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.7. - [EMA/OD/0000084294](#)

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Treatment of familial adenomatous polyposis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.8. - [EMA/OD/0000084535](#)

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Treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.9. - [EMA/OD/0000085853](#)

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Treatment of primary sclerosing cholangitis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.10. - [EMA/OD/0000085970](#)

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Treatment of microvillous inclusion disease

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.11. - [EMA/OD/0000086532](#)

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Treatment of haemophilia A

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.12. - [EMA/OD/0000086550](#)

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Treatment of neuroblastoma



**Action:** For information

Note: Withdrawal request received on 5 July 2022.

**2.2.13.** - [EMA/OD/0000089012](#)

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Treatment of nontuberculous mycobacterial lung disease

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.14.** - [EMA/OD/0000090156](#)

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Treatment of apolipoprotein L1-mediated kidney disease (AMKD)

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.15.** - [EMA/OD/0000090261](#)

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Treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.16.** - [EMA/OD/0000090545](#)

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Treatment of frontotemporal dementia

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.17.** - [EMA/OD/0000091543](#)

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Treatment of Stargardt's disease

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.18.** - [EMA/OD/0000091771](#)

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Treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.19.** - [EMA/OD/0000091878](#)

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Treatment of myasthenia gravis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

**2.2.20.** - [EMA/OD/0000091899](#)

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Treatment of citrullinemia type 1

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.21. - [EMA/OD/0000092111](#)

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Treatment of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.22. - [EMA/OD/0000092197](#)

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Treatment of pneumonia due to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.23. - [EMA/OD/0000092484](#)

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Treatment of congenital ichthyosis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.24. - [EMA/OD/0000092639](#)

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Treatment of linear IgA bullous dermatosis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.25. - [EMA/OD/0000093202](#)

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Treatment of non-tuberculous mycobacterial lung disease

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.26. - [EMA/OD/0000093305](#)

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Treatment of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.27. - [EMA/OD/0000093471](#)

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Treatment of Hutchinson-Gilford Progeria Syndrome

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.28. - [EMA/OD/0000093474](#)

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Treatment of Werner's syndrome

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

2.2.29. - [EMA/OD/0000093683](#)

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Treatment of chondrosarcoma

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

## 2.2.30. - EMA/OD/0000093873

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Treatment of cryptococcosis

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

## 2.3. Revision of the COMP opinions

None

## 2.4. Amendment of existing orphan designations

None

## 2.5. Appeal

None

## 2.6. Nominations

### 2.6.1. New applications for orphan medicinal product designation - Appointment of COMP rapporteurs

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**Action:** For adoption

Document(s) tabled:

OMPD applications - appointment of rapporteurs at the 12-14 July 2022 COMP meeting

## 2.7. Evaluation on-going

0 applications for orphan designation will not be discussed as evaluation is ongoing.

**Action:** For information

# 3. Requests for protocol assistance with significant benefit question

## 3.1. Ongoing procedures

None

### 3.2. Finalised letters

#### 3.2.1. -

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Treatment of pancreatic cancer

**Action:** For information

#### 3.2.2. -

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Treatment of mucopolysaccharidosis II (Hunter's syndrome)

**Action:** For information

#### 3.2.3. -

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Treatment of acute myeloid leukaemia

**Action:** For information

#### 3.2.4. -

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Treatment of myelofibrosis

**Action:** For information

### 3.3. New requests

#### 3.3.1. - EMA/SA/0000086685

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Treatment of congenital alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency

**Action:** For information

## 4. Review of orphan designation for orphan medicinal products at time of initial marketing authorisation

### 4.1. Orphan designated products for which CHMP opinions have been adopted

4.1.1. Roctavian - valoctocogene roxaparvovec - EMEA/H/C/005830/0000, EU/3/16/1622, EMA/OD/0000067127

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Biomarin International Limited; Treatment of haemophilia A

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 13 July 2022 at 14:00

4.1.2. Scemblix - asciminib - EMEA/H/C/005605/0000, EU/3/20/2261, EMA/OD/0000068920

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Novartis Europharm Limited; Treatment of chronic myeloid leukaemia

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 13 July 2022 at 10:30

### 4.2. Orphan designated products for discussion prior to adoption of CHMP opinion

4.2.1. - vutrisiran - EMEA/H/C/005852/0000, EU/3/18/2026, EMA/OD/0000085855

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Alnylam Netherlands B.V.; Treatment of transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 12 July 2022 at 15:30

4.2.2. - teclistamab - EMEA/H/C/005865/0000, EU/3/20/2331, EMA/OD/0000083072

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#### Accelerated assessment

Janssen-Cilag International; Treatment of multiple myeloma

**Action:** For adoption, Oral explanation to be held on 12 July 2022 at 17:00

4.2.3. - fosdenopterin - EMEA/H/C/005378/0000, EU/3/10/777, EMA/OD/0000074822

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Comharsa Life Sciences Ltd; Treatment of molybdenum cofactor deficiency type A

**Action:** For adoption

4.2.4. Imcivree - setmelanotide - EMEA/H/C/005089/II/0002/G, EU/3/19/2192, EMA/OD/0000074865

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Rhythm Pharmaceuticals Netherlands B.V.; Treatment of Bardet Biedl syndrome

**Action:** For adoption

4.2.5. - mitapivat sulfate - EMEA/H/C/005540/0000, EU/3/20/2270,  
EMA/OD/0000068458

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Agios Netherlands B.V.; Treatment of pyruvate kinase deficiency

**Action:** For information

4.2.6. Tecartus - brexucabtagene autoleucel - EMEA/H/C/005102/II/0008/G,  
EU/3/20/2344, EMA/OD/0000063560

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Kite Pharma EU B.V.; Treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia

**Action:** For adoption

#### 4.3. Appeal

None

#### 4.4. On-going procedures

**Action:** For information

Document(s) tabled:

Review of orphan designation for OMP for MA - On-going procedures

#### 4.5. Orphan Maintenance Reports

**Action:** For information

## 5. Review of orphan designation for authorised orphan medicinal products at time marketing authorisation extension

#### 5.1. After adoption of CHMP opinion

None

#### 5.2. Prior to adoption of CHMP opinion

5.2.1. Yescarta - axicabtagene ciloleucel - EMEA/H/C/004480/II/0046, EU/3/14/1393,  
EMA/OD/0000076832

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Kite Pharma EU B.V.; Treatment of diffuse large B cell lymphoma

**Action:** For discussion/adoption

5.2.2. Epidyolex – cannabidiol - EMEA/H/C/004675/II/0020

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GW Pharma (International) B.V.

a) Treatment of Dravet syndrome, EMA/OD/0000097923, EU/3/14/1339

**Action:** For discussion

b) Treatment of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, EMA/OD/0000098337, EU/3/17/1855

**Action:** For discussion

### 5.3. Appeal

None

### 5.4. On-going procedures

**Action:** For information

Document(s) tabled:

Review of orphan designation for OMP for MA extension - On-going procedures

## 6. Application of Article 8(2) of the Orphan Regulation

None

## 7. Organisational, regulatory and methodological matters

### 7.1. Mandate and organisation of the COMP

#### 7.1.1. COMP membership

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**Action:** For information

#### 7.1.2. Vote by proxy

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**Action:** For information

#### 7.1.3. Strategic Review & Learning meetings

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Draft agenda of the COMP SRLM under the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU to be held F-2-F on 21-23 September 2022 in Bonn, Germany

**Action:** For discussion

#### 7.1.4. Protocol Assistance Working Group (PAWG)

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None

## **7.2. Coordination with EMA Scientific Committees or CMDh-v**

### **7.2.1. Recommendation on eligibility to PRIME – report**

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None

## **7.3. Coordination with EMA Working Parties/Working Groups/Drafting Groups**

### **7.3.1. Working Party with Patients’ and Consumers’ Organisations (PCWP) and Working Party with Healthcare Professionals’ Organisations (HCPWP)**

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**Action:** For information

Documents tabled: Draft Agenda of September 2022 meeting and Minutes of June 2022 meeting

## **7.4. Cooperation within the EU regulatory network**

### **7.4.1. European Commission**

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None

## **7.5. Cooperation with International Regulators**

### **7.5.1. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**

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None

### **7.5.2. Japanese Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA)**

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None

### **7.5.3. Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), Australia**

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None

### **7.5.4. Health Canada**

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None

## **7.6. Contacts of the COMP with external parties and interaction with the Interested Parties to the Committee**

None

## **7.7. COMP work plan**

None



## 7.8. Planning and reporting

### 7.8.1. List of all applications submitted/expected and the COMP rapporteurship distribution of valid applications submitted in 2022

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**Action:** For information

### 7.8.2. Overview of orphan marketing authorisations/applications

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**Action:** For information

## 8. Any other business

### 8.1. Real World Evidence update, including DARWIN EU®

**Action:** For discussion

## 9. Explanatory notes

The notes below give a brief explanation of the main sections and headings in the COMP agenda and should be read in conjunction with the agenda or the minutes.

### **Abbreviations / Acronyms**

CHMP: Committee for Medicinal Product for Human Use

COMP: Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products

EC: European Commission

OD: Orphan Designation

PA: Protocol Assistance

PDCO: Paediatric Committee

PRAC: Pharmacovigilance and Risk Assessment Committee

SA: Scientific Advice

SAWP: Scientific Advice Working Party

### **Orphan Designation** (*section 2 Applications for orphan medicinal product designation*)

The orphan designation is the appellation given to certain medicinal products under development that are intended to diagnose, prevent or treat rare conditions when they meet a pre-defined set of criteria foreseen in the legislation. Medicinal products which get the orphan status benefit from several incentives (fee reductions for regulatory procedures (including protocol assistance), national incentives for research and development, 10-year market exclusivity) aiming at stimulating the development and availability of treatments for patients suffering from rare diseases.

Orphan Designations are granted by Decisions of the European Commission based on opinions from the COMP. Orphan designated medicinal products are entered in the Community Register of Orphan Medicinal Products.

**Protocol Assistance** (*section 3 Requests for protocol assistance with significant benefit question*)

The protocol assistance is the help provided by the Agency to the sponsor of an orphan medicinal product, on the conduct of the various tests and trials necessary to demonstrate the quality, safety and efficacy of the medicinal product in view of the submission of an application for marketing authorisation.

Sponsor

Any legal or physical person, established in the Community, seeking to obtain or having obtained the designation of a medicinal product as an orphan medicinal product.

**Maintenance of Orphan Designation** (*section 4 Review of orphan designation for orphan medicinal products for marketing authorisation*).

At the time of marketing authorisation, the COMP will check if all criteria for orphan designation are still met. The designated orphan medicinal product should be removed from the Community Register of Orphan Medicinal Products if it is established that the criteria laid down in the legislation are no longer met.

More detailed information on the above terms can be found on the EMA website:

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