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Overview of (invented) names reviewed in April 2023 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 22-25 May 2023

	NRG meeting 14-15 Feb 2023		NRG meeting 26 Apr 2023		NRG meeting 26-27 Jun 2023		NRG meeting 18-19 Sep 2023		NRG meeting 14-15 Nov 2023		2023 total	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	52	51	62	31							114	82
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	0	7	0	4							0	11

*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	88	155	51	130							139	285
Similarity with other (invented) name	53	173	33	97							86	270
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	5	0	3	1							8	1
Misleading with respect to composition	0	0	0	0							0	0
Similarity with INN	8	17	5	4							13	21
Inclusion of INN stem	3	0	0	1							3	1
Unacceptable qualifiers	0	0	0	0							0	0
Conveys a promotional message	4	7	1	4							5	11
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	5	1	2	1							7	2
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	0	0	0	0							0	0
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0							0	0
Others	10	2	5	12							15	14

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.