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Overview of invented names reviewed in May 2012 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 18 – 21 June 2012

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	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed invented names	74	48	50	49	67	52								
Justification for retention of invented name *	5	1	4	1	0	3								

*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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Objections														
Total number of objections raised	75	99	91	67	96	75								
Criterion - Safety concerns														
Similarity with other Invented name	55	79	83	30	91	49								
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	3	0			0	1								
Misleading with respect to composition	2	1	1	3	1	5								
Criterion - INN concerns														
Similarity with INN	0	1	1	0	2									
Inclusion of INN stem	2	2	0	5	1	2								
Criterion - Other public health concerns														
Unacceptable qualifiers						5								
Conveys a promotional message	1	4	0	5	1	1								
Appears offensive or has a bad connotation														
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	2	0	5	0										
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance														
Others						12								

See *Guideline on the Acceptability of Names for Human Medicinal Products Processed through the Centralised Procedure (CPMP/328/98 Rev. 5)* for detailed explanations of criteria used.

**Meeting cancelled due to the Olympics