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Overview of (invented) names reviewed in November 2021 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 13-16 December 2021

	NRG meeting 16-17 Feb 2021		NRG meeting 20-21 Apr 2021		NRG meeting 26-27 May 2021		NRG meeting 29-30 Jun 2021		NRG meeting 16-17 Sep 2021		NRG meeting 09-10 Nov 2021		2021 total	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	73	33	33	36	24	31	38	34	64	30	45	36	277	200
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	3	3	2	7	2	0	1	6	3	8	4	1	15	25

*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	69	173	75	92	61	78	59	92	51	155	80	110	395	700
Criterion - Safety concerns														
Similarity with other (invented) name	46	119	61	68	45	55	37	70	36	114	54	84	279	510
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	2	2	7	8
Misleading with respect to composition	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	3	6
Criterion - INN concerns														
Similarity with INN	12	8	1	3	2	6	2	1	5	3	8	5	30	26
Inclusion of INN stem	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Criterion - Other public health concerns														
Unacceptable qualifiers	2	0	2	0	0	2	8	0	4	0	4	0	20	2
Conveys a promotional message	3	4	3	1	2	5	8	2	4	5	3	3	23	20
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	1	2	2	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	4	2	12	6
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	3	40	6	22	7	8	1	12	1	31	4	11	22	124

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.