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Overview of invented names reviewed in September 2011 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

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	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed invented names	34	68	56	50	59	41	56	55	49	41			250	255
Justification for retention of invented name *	0	2	4	6	2	4	4	0	1	2			11	14

*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 EMEA website.

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Objections														
Total number of objections raised	155	90	102	91	94	63	95	41	75	67			521	352
Criterion - Safety concerns														
Similarity with other Invented name	125	73	82	74	48	53	87	26	68	51			342	227
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	3			5	8
Misleading with respect to composition	3	1	5	5	6	0	0	0	0	2			14	8
Criterion - INN concerns														
Similarity with INN	8	6	5	2	4	1	3	0	2	1			22	10
Inclusion of INN stem	5	3	3	2	3	0	1	3	0	8			12	16

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Criterion - Other public health concerns														
Unacceptable qualifiers	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0			6	3
Conveys a promotional message	1	0	2	5	0	8	3	1	3	2			9	16
Appears offensive or has a bad connotation	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1			4	1
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0			3	1
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0

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.