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Human Medicines Evaluation Division

Overview of (invented) names reviewed in September 2018 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 15-18 October 2018

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	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	50	39	60	58	68	57	-	-	**178**	**154**
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	2	3	1	2	1	6	-	-	**4**	**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	70	109	108	148	124	140	-	-	**302**	**397**
Criterion - Safety concerns										
Similarity with other (invented) name	59	97	93	126	103	123	-	-	**255**	**346**
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	0	0	0	7	5	0	-	-	**5**	**7**
Misleading with respect to composition	0	0	1	1	2	0	-	-	**3**	**1**
Criterion - INN concerns										
Similarity with INN	5	4	3	4	2	6	-	-	**10**	**14**
Inclusion of INN stem	1	1	2	0	1	1	-	-	**4**	**2**
Criterion - Other public health concerns										
Unacceptable qualifiers	1	0	2	1	0	1	-	-	**3**	**2**
Conveys a promotional message	0	3	1	6	5	4	-	-	**6**	**13**
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	1	2	2	0	4	1	-	-	**7**	**3**
Similarity between name of individual active substance and fixed combinations and/or between fixed combinations	3	0	0	2	0	0	-	-	**3**	**2**
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	**0**	**0**
Others	0	2	4	1	2	4	-	-	**6**	**7**

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.