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Overview of (invented) names reviewed in September 2020 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 12-15 October 2020

	NRG meeting 25-26 Feb 2020		NRG meeting 23 Apr 2020		NRG meeting 02-03 June 2020		NRG meeting 30 Jun-01 Jul 2020		NRG meeting 15-16 Sep 2020		NRG meeting 24-25 Nov 2020		2020 total	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	44	69	19	33	42	31	49	28	57	38	-	-	211	199
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	6	11	0	0	5	9	0	0	5	3	-	-	16	23

*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	141	213	96	120	58	109	53	126	85	89	-	-	433	657
Criterion - Safety concerns														
Similarity with other (invented) name	115	154	81	85	49	88	49	89	71	75	-	-	365	491
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	2	6	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	-	-	5	10
Misleading with respect to composition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Criterion - INN concerns														
Similarity with INN	7	1	8	4	3	0	0	0	9	0	-	-	27	5
Inclusion of INN stem	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	-	2	1
Criterion - Other public health concerns														
Unacceptable qualifiers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	-	0	2
Conveys a promotional message	4	5	2	4	2	2	2	4	1	2	-	-	11	17
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	-	2	1
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
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	0
Others	11	46	3	25	3	19	1	30	3	10	-	-	21	130

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.