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Overview of (invented) names reviewed in September 2023 by the Name Review Group (NRG)

Adopted at the CHMP meeting of 18-19 September 2023

	NRG meeting 14-15 Feb 2023		NRG meeting 26 Apr 2023		NRG meeting 26-27 Jun 2023		NRG meeting 18-19 Sep 2023		NRG meeting 14-15 Nov 2023		2023 total	
	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected	Accepted	Rejected
Proposed (invented) names*	52	51	62	31	85	32	44	39			243	153
Justification for retention of (invented) name **	0	7	0	4	2	5	2	3			4	19

*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	88	155	51	130	66	162	84	157			205	447
Similarity with other (invented) name	53	173	33	97	53	122	59	107			198	499
Conveys misleading therapeutic/pharmaceutical connotations	5	0	3	1	1	4	0	1			9	5
Misleading with respect to composition	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Similarity with INN	8	17	5	4	4	8	7	9			24	38
Inclusion of INN stem	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	2			5	3
Unacceptable qualifiers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			0	1
Conveys a promotional message	4	7	1	4	1	4	5	8			11	23
Appears offensive or has an inappropriate connotation	5	1	2	1	3	2	1	1			11	4
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
Similarity between name of prodrug and related active substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Others	10	2	5	12	7	10	7	19			29	43

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.