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of 30 January 2015

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The European Medicines Agency,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2006 on medicinal products for paediatric use and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1768/92, Directive 2001/20/EC, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) No 726/2004¹,

Having regard to Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 March 2004 laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency²,

Having regard to the application submitted by Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc. on 17 March 2014 under Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 also requesting a deferral under Article 20 of said Regulation and a waiver under Article 13 of said Regulation,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 12 December 2014, in accordance with Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 and Article 21 of said Regulation and Article 13 of said Regulation,

Having regard to Article 25 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

Whereas:

- (1) The Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency has given an opinion on the agreement of a paediatric investigation plan and on the granting of a deferral and on the granting of a waiver.
- (2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision agreeing a paediatric investigation plan.
- (3) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision granting a deferral.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision granting a waiver.

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1.

² OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

A paediatric investigation plan for grazoprevir / elbasvir, film-coated tablet, granules, oral use, the details of which are set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices, is hereby agreed.

Article 2

A deferral for grazoprevir / elbasvir, film-coated tablet, granules, oral use, the details of which are set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices, is hereby granted.

Article 3

A waiver for grazoprevir / elbasvir, film-coated tablet, granules, oral use, the details of which are set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices, is hereby granted.

Article 4

This decision is addressed to Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc., 5 Clos du Lynx / Lynx Binnenhof 5, B-1200 – Brussels, Belgium.

Done at London, 30 January 2015

For the European Medicines Agency
Zaide Frias
Head of Division (ad interim)
Human Medicines Research and Development Support
(Signature on file)

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Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the agreement of a Paediatric Investigation Plan and a deferral and a waiver

EMA-001604-PIP01-13

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Grazoprevir / elbasvir

Condition(s):

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Film-coated tablet

Granules

Route(s) of administration:

Oral use

Name / corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc.

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc. submitted for agreement to the European Medicines Agency on 17 March 2014 an application for a paediatric investigation plan for the above mentioned medicinal product and a deferral under Article 20 of said Regulation and a waiver under Article 13 of said Regulation.

The procedure started on 23 April 2014.

Supplementary information was provided by the applicant on 22 September 2014. The applicant proposed modifications to the paediatric investigation plan.

Opinion

1. The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the proposed paediatric investigation plan in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report:

- to agree the paediatric investigation plan in accordance with Article 18 of said Regulation;
- to grant a deferral in accordance with Article 21 of said Regulation;
- to grant a waiver for one or more subsets of the paediatric population in accordance with Article 13 of said Regulation and concluded in accordance with Article 11(1)(c) of said Regulation, on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments for paediatric patients.

The Icelandic and the Norwegian Paediatric Committee members agree with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

2. The measures and timelines of the agreed paediatric investigation plan and the subset(s) of the paediatric population and condition(s) covered by the waiver are set out in the Annex I.

This opinion is forwarded to the applicant and the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, together with its annex and appendix.

London, 12 December 2014

On behalf of the Paediatric Committee
Dr Dirk Mentzer, Chairman
(Signature on file)

Annex I

The subset(s) of the paediatric population and condition(s) covered by the waiver and the measures and timelines of the agreed paediatric investigation plan (PIP)

1. Waiver

1.1. Condition:

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

The waiver applies to:

- the paediatric population from birth to less than 3 years of age;
- film-coated tablet, granules, oral use;
- on the grounds that clinical studies with the specific medicinal product cannot be expected to be of significant therapeutic benefit to or fulfil a therapeutic need of the specified paediatric subset(s).

2. Paediatric investigation plan

2.1. Condition:

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

2.1.1. Indication(s) targeted by the PIP

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C genotype 1, 4 and 6 infection in children and adolescents from 3 years to less than 18 years of age.

2.1.2. Subset(s) of the paediatric population concerned by the paediatric development

From 3 to less than 18 years of age.

2.1.3. Pharmaceutical form(s)

Film-coated tablet

Granules

2.1.4. Measures

Area	Number of measures	Description
Quality-related studies	1	Study 1: Development of granules for oral use
Non-clinical studies	0	Not applicable.
Clinical studies	2	Study 2: Open-label, randomised, crossover, single-dose trial in healthy adults to evaluate relative bioavailability and safety of the age-appropriate oral solid dosage forms of grazoprevir and elbasvir versus the adult formulation <i>This study is the same as study 2 of the grazoprevir PIP EMEA-</i>

Area	Number of measures	Description
		<i>001602-PIP01-13 and subsequent modifications thereof and the elbasvir PIP EMEA-001603-PIP01-13 and subsequent modifications thereof</i> Study 3: Open-label, single arm trial to evaluate pharmacokinetics, safety, antiviral activity and acceptability/palatability of grazoprevir in combination with elbasvir in children from 3 to less than 18 years of age with chronic hepatitis C genotype 1, 4 or 6 infection. <i>This study is the same as study 3 of the grazoprevir PIP EMEA-001602-PIP01-13 and subsequent modifications thereof and the elbasvir PIP EMEA-001603-PIP01-13 and subsequent modifications thereof</i>
Extrapolation, modelling and simulation studies	0	Not applicable.
Other studies	0	Not applicable.
Other measures	0	Not applicable.

3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of PIP

Concerns on potential long term safety/efficacy issues in relation to paediatric use:	Yes
Date of completion of the paediatric investigation plan:	By December 2020
Deferral for one or more measures contained in the paediatric investigation plan:	Yes