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European Medicines Agency decision

P/0063/2013

of 26 March 2013

on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed paediatric investigation plan for belimumab (Benlysta), (EMA-000520-PIP01-08-M02) in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council

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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 European Medicines Agency's decision P/254/2009 issued on 22 December 2009, and the decision P/300/2011 issued on 20 December 2011,

Having regard to the application submitted by Glaxo Group Limited on 16 November 2012 under Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 proposing changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 8 February 2013, in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

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 acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan.
- (2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision on the acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan.

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1.

² OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

Changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan for belimumab (Benlysta), powder for concentrate for solution for infusion, intravenous use, are hereby accepted in the scope set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices.

Article 2

This decision is addressed to Glaxo Group Limited, Glaxo Wellcome House, Berkeley Avenue, UB6 0NN Greenford, United Kingdom.

Done at London, 26 March 2013

For the European Medicines Agency
Guido Rasi
Executive Director
(Signature on file)

EMA/PDCO/10226/2013

Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed Paediatric Investigation Plan EMA-000520-PIP01-08-M02

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Belimumab

Invented name:

Benlysta

Condition(s):

Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus

Authorised indication(s):

See Annex II

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion

Route(s) of administration:

Intravenous use

Name / corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Glaxo Group Limited

Information about the authorised medicinal product:

See Annex II

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Glaxo Group Limited submitted to the European Medicines Agency on 16 November 2012 an application for modification of the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver as set out in the European Medicines Agency's decision P/254/2009 issued on 22 December 2009, and the decision P/300/2011 issued on 20 December 2011.

The application for modification proposed changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan.

The procedure started on 12 December 2012.

Scope of the modification

Some timelines of the Paediatric Investigation Plan have been modified.

Opinion

1. The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the application in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report:
 - to agree to changes to the paediatric investigation plan in the scope set out in the Annex I of this opinion.

The Norwegian Paediatric Committee member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

2. The measures and timelines of the paediatric investigation plan and the subset of the paediatric population and condition 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 annexes and appendix.

London, 8 February 2013

On behalf of the Paediatric Committee
Dr Daniel Brasseur, 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

1. Waiver

1.1. Condition: Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus

The waiver applies to:

- Children from birth to less than 5 years;
- for powder for concentrate for solution for infusion, intravenous use;
- on the grounds that the disease or condition for which the specific medicinal product is intended does not occur in the specified paediatric subset(s).

2. Paediatric Investigation Plan

2.1. Condition: Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus

2.1.1. Indication(s) targeted by the PIP

Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus.

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

From 5 to less than 18 years of age.

2.1.3. Pharmaceutical form(s)

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion.

2.1.4. Measures

Area	Number of measures	Description
Quality	0	Not applicable.
Non-clinical	0	Not applicable.
Clinical	1	Study 1 A multicentre randomised, placebo-controlled, double-blind study to evaluate the safety, pharmacokinetics, and efficacy of belimumab in pediatric patients from 5 to less than 18 years of age with active systemic lupus erythematosus

3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of PIP

Concerns on potential long term safety and efficacy issues in relation to paediatric use:	Yes
Date of completion of the paediatric investigation plan:	By March 2016
Deferral for one or more measures contained in the paediatric investigation plan:	Yes

Annex II

Information about the authorised medicinal product

Condition(s) and authorised indication(s):**1. Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus****Authorised indication(s):**

Benlysta is indicated as add-on therapy in adult patients with active, autoantibody-positive systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) with a high degree of disease activity (e.g positive anti-dsDNA and low complement) despite standard therapy.

Authorised pharmaceutical form(s):

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion.

Authorised route(s) of administration:

Intravenous use.