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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 18 December
2020 under Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on
26 March 2021 in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

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

Whereas:

- (1) The Paediatric Committee has given an opinion on the granting of a product specific waiver.
- (2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision granting a waiver.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

A waiver for pembrolizumab / quavonlimab, concentrate for solution for infusion, intravenous 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 2

This decision is addressed to Merck, Sharp & Dohme (Europe) Inc, Clos de Lynx 5, 1200 – Brussels,
Belgium.

¹ OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1.

² OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

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Amsterdam, 26 March 2021

Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the granting of a product-specific waiver

EMA-002949-PIP01-20

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Pembrolizumab / quavonlimab

Condition(s):

Treatment of all conditions included in the category of malignant neoplasms (except nervous system, haematopoietic and lymphoid tissue neoplasms and melanoma)

Treatment of malignant neoplasms of the central nervous system

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Concentrate for solution for infusion

Route(s) of administration:

Intravenous use

Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Merck, Sharp & Dohme (Europe) Inc

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Merck, Sharp & Dohme (Europe) Inc submitted to the European Medicines Agency on 18 December 2020 an application for a product-specific waiver on the grounds set out in Article 11 of said Regulation for the above mentioned medicinal product.

The procedure started on 26 January 2021.

Opinion

1. The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the waiver application in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report:
 - to grant a product-specific waiver for all subsets of the paediatric population and the above mentioned condition(s) 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 Norwegian Paediatric Committee member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

2. The grounds for the granting of the waiver are set out in Annex I.

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

Annex I

Grounds for the granting of the waiver

1. Waiver

1.1. Condition:

Treatment of all conditions included in the category of malignant neoplasms (except nervous system, haematopoietic and lymphoid tissue neoplasms and melanoma)

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from birth to less than 18 years of age;
- concentrate for solution for infusion, intravenous use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments.

1.2. Condition:

Treatment of malignant neoplasms of the central nervous system

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from birth to less than 18 years of age;
- concentrate for solution for infusion, intravenous use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments.