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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 726/2004<sup>1</sup>,

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 Agency<sup>2</sup>,

Having regard to the application submitted by Ocular Therapeutix, Inc. on 13 August 2018 under Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 also requesting a deferral under Article 20 of said Regulation,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 26 April 2019, in accordance with Article 17 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 and Article 21 of said Regulation and of its own motion in accordance with Article 12 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 refusal of a paediatric investigation plan and on the refusal of a deferral and on the granting of a waiver.
- (2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision refusing a paediatric investigation plan.
- (3) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision refusing a deferral.
- (4) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision granting a waiver.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 378, 27.12.2006, p.1.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

**Article 1**

A paediatric investigation plan for dexamethasone, ophthalmic insert, ophthalmic 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 refused.

**Article 2**

A deferral for dexamethasone, ophthalmic insert, ophthalmic 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 refused.

**Article 3**

A product-specific waiver for dexamethasone, ophthalmic insert, ophthalmic 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 Ocular Therapeutix, Inc., 15 Crosby Drive, MA 01730 – Bedford, United States.

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Amsterdam, 26 April 2019

## Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the refusal of a Paediatric Investigation Plan and a deferral and on the granting of a product-specific waiver

EMA-002423-PIP01-18

### Scope of the application

**Active substance(s):**

Dexamethasone

**Condition(s):**

Treatment of postoperative pain and inflammation associated with ophthalmic surgery

**Pharmaceutical form(s):**

Ophthalmic insert

**Route(s) of administration:**

Ophthalmic use

**Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:**

Ocular Therapeutix, Inc.

### Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Ocular Therapeutix, Inc. submitted for agreement to the European Medicines Agency on 13 August 2018 an application for a paediatric investigation plan for the above mentioned medicinal product and a deferral under Article 20 of said Regulation.

The procedure started on 18 September 2018.

Supplementary information was provided by the applicant on 17 January 2019. The applicant proposed modifications to the paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral.

## 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 refuse the paediatric investigation plan in accordance with Article 17(1) of said Regulation as the measures and the timelines are not appropriate to ensure the generation of the necessary data determining the conditions in which the medicinal product may be used to treat the paediatric population or some subsets, nor to adapt a paediatric formulation, or do not bring expected significant therapeutic benefit;
  - to refuse a deferral in accordance with Article 21 of said Regulation;
  - to grant a product-specific waiver for all subsets of the paediatric population on its own motion in accordance with Article 12 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 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 postoperative pain and inflammation associated with ophthalmic surgery

The waiver applies to:

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