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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 4 July 2013 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 11 October 2013 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.

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 waiver for odanacatib / colecalciferol, tablet, 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 2

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

Done at London, 29 November 2013

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

EMA/PDCO/467540/2013

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

EMA-001499-PIP01-13

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Odanacatib / colecalciferol

Condition(s):

Treatment of osteoporosis

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Tablet

Route(s) of administration:

Oral 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 4 July 2013 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 15 August 2013.

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 in accordance with Article 11(1)(a) of said Regulation, on the grounds that the specific medicinal product is likely to be ineffective or unsafe in part or all of the paediatric population, and 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.

London, 11 October 2013

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

Annex I

Grounds for the granting of the waiver

1. Waiver

1.1. Condition: treatment of osteoporosis

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from birth to less than 12 years of age and adolescents from 12 to less than 18 years of age with open growth plate/open epiphyses;
- for tablet, oral use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product is likely to be unsafe.

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from 12 years of age to less than 18 years of age with closed epiphyses;
- for tablet, oral use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments.