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of 27 October 2023

on the agreement of a paediatric investigation plan and on the granting of a deferral and on the granting of a waiver for enpatoran (EMA-003342-PIP02-22) 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 Union procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human use and establishing a European Medicines Agency²,

Having regard to the application submitted by Merck Europe B.V. on 14 October 2022 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 8 September 2023, in accordance with Article 17 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, as amended.

² OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1, as amended.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

A paediatric investigation plan for enpatoran, film-coated tablet, age-appropriate oral dosage form, 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 enpatoran, film-coated tablet, age-appropriate oral dosage form, 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 enpatoran, film-coated tablet, age-appropriate oral dosage form, 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 Europe B.V., Gustav Mahlerplein 102, Ito Toren, 1082 MA - Amsterdam, The Netherlands.



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EMA/PDCO/264143/2023
Amsterdam, 8 September 2023

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

EMA-003342-PIP02-22

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Enpatoran

Invented name and authorisation status:

See Annex II

Condition(s):

Treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Film-coated tablet

Age-appropriate oral dosage form

Route(s) of administration:

Oral use

Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Merck Europe B.V.

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Merck Europe B.V. submitted for agreement to the European Medicines Agency on 14 October 2022 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 21 November 2022.

Supplementary information was provided by the applicant on 24 May 2023. 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 17(1) 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)(b) of said Regulation, on the grounds that the disease or condition for which the specific medicinal product is intended does not occur in the specified subset(s) of the paediatric population.

The Paediatric Committee member of Norway agrees 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 annexes and appendix.

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 systemic lupus erythematosus

The waiver applies to:

- the paediatric population from birth to less than 5 years of age;
- film-coated tablet, age-appropriate oral dosage form, oral 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 years to less than 18 years of age

2.1.3. Pharmaceutical form(s)

Film-coated tablet

Age-appropriate oral dosage form

2.1.4. Measures

Area	Description
Quality-related studies	Study 1: Development of age-appropriate oral dosage form
Non-clinical studies	Study 2: Dose range-finding toxicity study in juvenile rats Study 3: Definitive toxicity study in juvenile rats
Clinical studies	Study 4: Double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomised withdrawal study to evaluate the clinical response, pharmacokinetics and safety of

	enpatoran in paediatric patients from 5 years to less than 18 years of age with childhood-onset systemic lupus erythematosus (cSLE).
Modelling and simulation studies	Study 5: Modelling and simulation study, to evaluate the use of enpatoran for the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus in children from 5 years to less than 18 years of age.
Other studies	Not applicable
Extrapolation plan	Studies 4 and 5 are part of an extrapolation plan covering the paediatric population from 5 years to less than 18 years of age.

3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of PIP

Concerns on potential long term safety/efficacy issues in relation to paediatric use:	No
Date of completion of the paediatric investigation plan:	By February 2037
Deferral for one or more measures contained in the paediatric investigation plan:	Yes

Annex II

Information about the authorised medicinal product

Information provided by the applicant:

The product is not authorised anywhere in the European Community.