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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[1],

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[2],

Having regard to the application submitted by Glaxo Group Limited on 2 July 2010 under 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 12 August 2011, in accordance with Article 18 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.
[2] OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

A paediatric investigation plan for mepolizumab, powder for solution for infusion, intravenous use, subcutaneous 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 mepolizumab, powder for solution for infusion, intravenous use, subcutaneous 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 mepolizumab, powder for solution for infusion, intravenous use, subcutaneous 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 Glaxo Group Limited, GlaxoWellcome House, Berkeley Avenue, UB6 0NN Greenford, United Kingdom.

Done at London, 26 September 2011

For the European Medicines Agency
Andreas Pott
Acting Executive Director
(Signature on file)

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

EMEA-000069-PIP02-10

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Mepolizumab

Condition(s):

Treatment of asthma

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Powder for solution for infusion

Route(s) of administration:

Intravenous use

Subcutaneous use

Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Glaxo Group Limited

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Glaxo Group Limited submitted for agreement to the European Medicines Agency on 2 July 2010 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 12 August 2010.

Supplementary information was provided by the applicant on 27 May 2011. The applicant proposed modifications to the paediatric investigation plan.

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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 18 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)(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 Icelandic and the Norwegian Paediatric Committee members agree 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 annex(es) and appendix.

London, 12 August 2011

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 asthma

The waiver applies to:

- The paediatric population from birth to less than 6 years of age;
- for powder for solution for infusion, intravenous use and subcutaneous use;
- on the grounds that the specific medicinal product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit as clinical studies are not feasible.

2. Paediatric Investigation Plan

2.1. Condition: Treatment of asthma

2.1.1. Indication targeted by the PIP

Reduction of severe asthma exacerbations.

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

From 6 to less than 18 years of age.

2.1.3. Pharmaceutical form(s)

Powder for solution for infusion 250 mg.

2.1.4. Studies

Area	Number of studies	Description
Quality	1	**Study 1** Development of age-appropriate strength for intravenous or subcutaneous use.
Non-clinical	0	Not applicable.
Clinical	4	**Study 2** Double-blind, randomised, multi-centre, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study to evaluate efficacy and safety of mepolizumab as add-on therapy in children from 12 to less than 18 years old (and in adults) with severe uncontrolled asthma. **Study 3** Double-blind, randomised, multi-centre, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study to evaluate efficacy of mepolizumab to reduce steroid use as add-on therapy in children from 12 to less than 18 years old (and in adults) with severe uncontrolled asthma. **Study 4** Double-blind, randomised, multi-centre, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study to evaluate efficacy of mepolizumab to reduce asthma exacerbations rate during fall and winter as add-on therapy in children from 6 to less than 12 years old with severe uncontrolled asthma. **Study 5** Open-label, multi-centre extension to evaluate long-term safety and efficacy of mepolizumab in children from 6 to less than 12 years old with severe uncontrolled asthma.

3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of PIP

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