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# Concept paper on revision of the Guideline on Risk assessment of Medicinal Products on Human Reproduction and Lactation: from Data to Labelling

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Aim of Guideline: guidance on the integration processes of clinical & non-clinical data for the assessment of the risk of an adverse maternal, foetal or child effect in humans:

- translate the assessments of data into recommendations
- communicate the recommendations on potential/identified risk -> Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), Package Leaflet (PL)
- examples of standardised text -> use pregnancy (P) and breastfeeding (B) -> Health care professionals & Patients to make benefit–risk decisions
- decision scheme on contra-indication during pregnancy



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COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE  
(CHMP)

**GUIDELINE ON RISK ASSESSMENT OF MEDICINAL PRODUCTS ON HUMAN  
REPRODUCTION AND LACTATION: FROM DATA TO LABELLING**

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| DRAFT AGREED BY MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERT GROUP  | June 2005         |
| DRAFT AGREED BY THE SAFETY WORKING PARTY/EFFICACY WORKING PARTY/ PHARMACO-VIGILANCE WORKING PARTY | November 2005     |
| DISCUSSION AT THE HERBAL COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS (HMPC) MEETING                          | March 2006        |
| ADOPTION BY CHMP FOR RELEASE FOR CONSULTATION   | March 2006        |
| END OF CONSULTATION (DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS)   | 30 September 2006 |
| AGREED BY MULTIDISCIPLINARY EXPERT GROUP  | July 2008         |
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| DATE FOR COMING INTO EFFECT   | January 2009      |

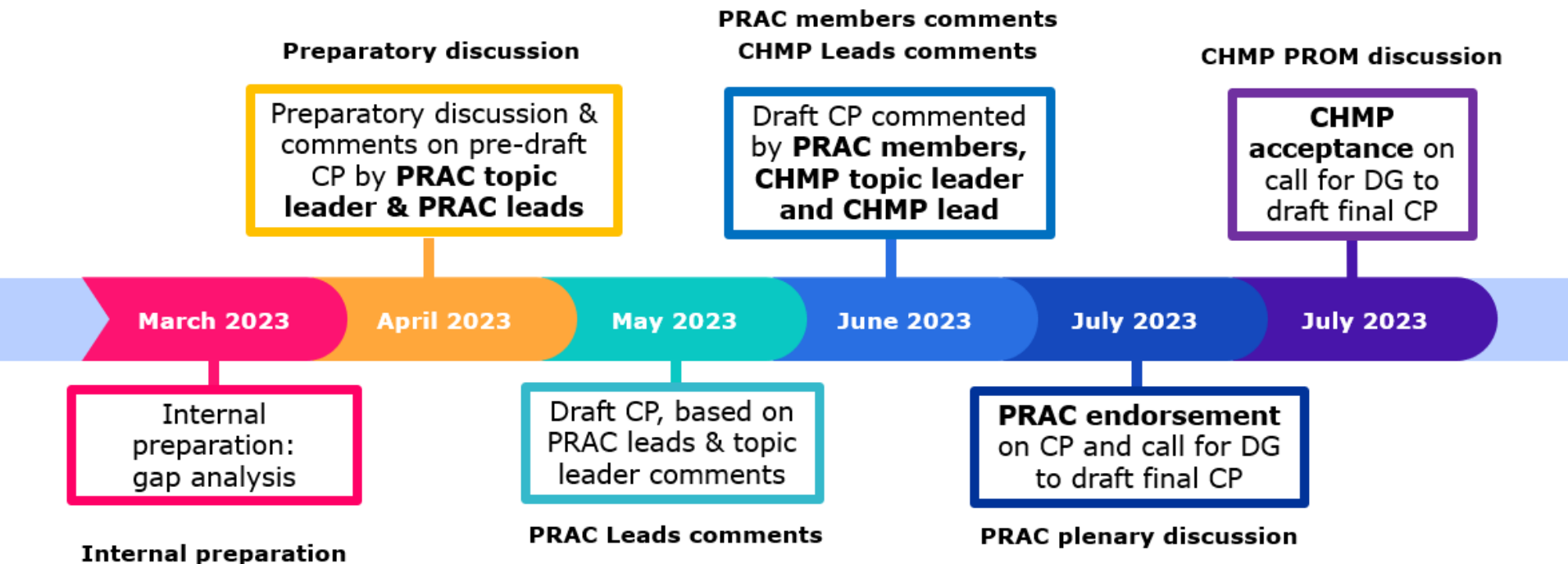
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| KEYWORDS | Pregnancy, lactation, contraindication, non-clinical assessment, clinical assessment, risk assessment, labelling, SPC. |
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- Lack clinical data on medicines safety during P&B -> area of significant public health need
- Patients/prescribers: more information on medicines safety during P&B -> guideline without standard text for PL
- EMA RSS 2025: better communication benefits, risks, uncertainties of medicines use in P&B
- Developments since 2008 impacts on data interpretation relevant for P&B: non-clinical/ReproTox; post-MA data on exposed pregnancies; Breastfeeding info (PBPK\* modelling, human transfer studies)
- Alignment with other guidelines: GVP Product- and Population- Specific Considerations Chapter P.III: Pregnant and breastfeeding women; GVP Module XVI Addendum III: Pregnancy prevention programme (PPP) and other pregnancy-specific risk minimisation measures (PRiM)



**Update** '*CHMP Guideline on risk assessment of medicinal products on human reproduction and lactation: from data to labelling (EMA/CHMP/203927/2005)*' **included in PRAC and CHMP work plans for 2023/2024**

## Consultation of PRAC and CHMP leads on drafting of **Concept paper (CP)** on revision of Guideline



## Drafting group – Concept paper on the revision of the Guideline



*GCG – Guideline Consistency Group*

- **Objective:** outlines the areas in guideline which are planned for update -> Concept paper
- **Multi-stakeholder drafting group** on Guideline revision: members from **CHMP, PRAC**, NcWP, 3RsWP, QRD, SmPC Advisory Group, EMA Labelling office, EMA pregnancy community, **HCPWP representatives Piera Polidori and Karel Allegaert**
- Representatives from **PCWP** invited and will contribute at later stage Guideline revision



- **Key adverse pregnancy outcomes:** teratogenic effects in addition to congenital malformations; Expanded exposure windows beyond the first trimester of pregnancy and during the entire pregnancy
- **Non-clinical developments:** more guidance on interpretation of Animal:Human exposure margins; assessment of exposure via breast milk; use new approach methods (NAMs) as alternatives to animals testing
- **Breastfeeding:** update on current knowledge on risk assessment and recommendations on risk for adverse effects of medicines for infants exposed via breast milk
- **Standard texts:** improve terminology of standard statements (SS) in section 4.6 “Fertility, pregnancy and lactation” of SmPC & SS for the PL; evaluate need to develop SS to SmPC/PL on “male and female fertility”.

# Concept paper public consultation

## Risk assessment of medicinal products on human reproduction and lactation: from data to labelling - Scientific guideline

Human Scientific guidelines

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This document describes how to assess the risk of an adverse reproductive/developmental effect in human based on reproductive toxicity studies in animals and human clinical data. It addresses information to be included in the summary of product characteristics on how to use the medicinal product taking into account the nature of the risk.

**Keywords:** Pregnancy, lactation, contraindication, non-clinical assessment, clinical assessment, risk assessment, labelling, summary of product characteristics (SmPC)

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- 1 21 March 2024
- 2 EMA/CHMP/170670/2024
- 3 Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP); Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee
- 4 (PRAC)

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| Adopted by CHMP for release for consultation  | 25 April 2024  |
| Start of public consultation  | 2 May 2024     |
| End of consultation (deadline for comments)   | 31 August 2024 |

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- 10 The concept paper proposes to revise the Guideline on Risk Assessment of Medicinal Products on
- 11 Human Reproduction and Lactation: from Data to Labelling (EMA/CHMP/203927/2005)

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- **How to communicate potential or identified risks**, specifically through the SmPC and PL
- Contribute to address **specific information needs** for healthcare professionals and patients planning pregnancy, being pregnant, or planning breastfeeding
- Promote **evidence based informed decisions**
- Support management of **diseases during pregnancy and breastfeeding**
- Support **harmonised EU position**; facilitate consistent recommendations to pregnancy and breastfeeding related sections of the SmPC and PL during the life cycle of a medicinal product.

**PCWP and HCPWP are invited to provide comments until 31 August 2024:**  
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# Thank you for your attention

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