



# **EMA FDA Gaucher's Disease Workshop**

## **Opening remarks**

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**Janusz Korczak (1878-1942), a children's advocate, he spoke of a Declaration of Children's Rights long before any such document was drawn up by the Geneva Convention (Korczak: 1924) or the United Nations General Assembly (Korczak: 1959)**

**A hundred children, a hundred individuals who are people – not people-to-be, not people of tomorrow, but people now, right now – today**

**How To Love A Child, Janusz Korczak.**

# Moving forward: Energy and Passion of Dr Davies



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY  
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A collaborative proposal from EMA and FDA

An alternative approach to drug development in children with  
Gaucher disease

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## Executive summary

The last few years have witnessed a surge of medicinal product intended to treat this orphan designated disease. After more than a decade of having only one treatment option, there are now currently three enzyme replacement therapies (ERT) and a substrate reduction therapy (SRT) with a

## Status of this document

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Discussion at PERC (FDA)	July 2012
Consultation with industry, experts and patient organisations	17-18 September 2012
Discussion at SAWP (CHMP)	24 September 2012
Today's joint FDA/ EMA workshop with experts, industry and patient organisation	17-18 September 2012



# **Dr Andrea Taft**

- **Orphan Medicinal Products in the European centralised procedure – Current Marketing Authorisations for Gaucher Disease**

- **Analysis of Orphan Designation Decisions by EMA and FDA**
  - **92% ...Same Decision**
  - **4%.....Different decision based on Prevalence differences**
  - **4%..... Different decision due to Different Analysis based on Laws and Regulations**

**Source: Orphan-Drug Designations and Marketing Approvals in the New Millennium – The US and EU Experiences Source EURORDIS Round Table of Companies Workshop, 30 June 2006**



- **Why are there Different Decisions?**
- **Different Laws**
  - **FDA**
    - **United States**
  - **EMA**
    - **European Union**

# Critical Partnerships

- Academic Experts
  - Patients and Families
  - Industry
  - Regulatory Partners
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- We can make this work: We have already



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# Partnership is the Key

- “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Henry Ford

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# Back Up

- US FDA Criteria
  - 1. Prevalence ... <200,000 people
  - 2. Data suggesting Efficacy
    - Human data or animal model of the specific disease. *In vitro* data may be used but uncommon
    - Clinical Superiority if already approved

- EMA Criteria

- 1. Prevalence ...Rate...<5/10,000 people (~<250,000)
- 2. Efficacy including Clinical Superiority
- **3. *Life Threatening or Chronically Debilitating, Serious Disease***
- **4. *Are there other available treatment methods?...If so, require demonstration of significant benefit***

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