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COMMITTEE FOR MEDICINAL PRODUCTS FOR HUMAN USE
POST-AUTHORISATION SUMMARY OF POSITIVE OPINION*
for
ZEVALIN

International Nonproprietary Name (INN): ***ibritumomab tiuxetan***

On 19 March 2008 the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion** to recommend the variation to the terms of the marketing authorisation for the medicinal product Zevalin. The Marketing Authorisation Holder for this medicinal product is Bayer Schering Pharma AG.

The CHMP adopted a new indication as follows:

"The [90Y]-radiolabelled Zevalin is indicated as consolidation therapy after remission induction in previously untreated patients with follicular lymphoma. The benefit of Zevalin following rituximab in combination with chemotherapy has not been established."

Detailed conditions for the use of this product will be described in the updated Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) which will be published in the revised European Public Assessment Report (EPAR) and will be available in all official European Union languages after the variation to the marketing authorisation has been granted by the European Commission.

For information, the full indication for Zevalin will be as follows***:

The [^{90}Y]-radiolabelled Zevalin is indicated as consolidation therapy after remission induction in previously untreated patients with follicular lymphoma. The benefit of Zevalin following rituximab in combination with chemotherapy has not been established.

The [^{90}Y]-radiolabelled Zevalin is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with rituximab relapsed or refractory CD20+ follicular B-cell non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL).

* Summaries of positive opinion are published without prejudice to the Commission Decision, which will normally be issued within 44 days (Type II variations) and 67 days (Annex II applications) from adoption of the Opinion.

** Marketing Authorisation Holders may request a re-examination of any CHMP opinion, provided they notify the EMEA in writing of their intention to request a re-examination within 15 days of receipt of the opinion.

*** The text in bold represents the new or the amended indication.

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