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of 13 May 2020

on the agreement of a paediatric investigation plan and on the granting of a deferral and on the granting of a waiver for difelikefalin (EMEA-002565-PIP02-19) 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 Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Medicines Agency²,

Having regard to the application submitted by Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France on 19 December 2019 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 27 March 2020, 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.

² OJ L 136, 30.4.2004, p. 1.

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

A paediatric investigation plan for difelikefalin, solution for injection/infusion, intravenous 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 difelikefalin, solution for injection/infusion, intravenous 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 difelikefalin, solution for injection/infusion, intravenous 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 Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France, 100 - 101 Terrasse Boieldieu, Tour Franklin Defense 8, 92042 - Paris La Defense Cedex, France.



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EMA/PDCO/112498/2020
Amsterdam, 27 March 2020

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

EMA-002565-PIP02-19

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Difelikefalin

Condition(s):

Treatment of chronic kidney disease associated pruritus

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Solution for injection/infusion

Route(s) of administration:

Intravenous use

Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 16(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Vifor Fresenius Medical Care Renal Pharma France submitted for agreement to the European Medicines Agency on 19 December 2019 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 28 January 2020.



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)(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 Norwegian Paediatric Committee member 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 annex 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 chronic kidney disease associated pruritus

The waiver applies to:

- the paediatric population from birth to less than 12 years;
- solution for injection/infusion, intravenous use;
- on the grounds that clinical studies with the specific medicinal product cannot be expected to be of significant therapeutic benefit to or fulfil a therapeutic need of the specified paediatric subset(s).

2. Paediatric investigation plan

2.1. Condition:

Treatment of chronic kidney disease associated pruritus

2.1.1. Indication(s) targeted by the PIP

Treatment of chronic kidney disease associated pruritus in haemodialysis patients

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

From 12 to less than 18 years of age.

2.1.3. Pharmaceutical form(s)

Solution for injection/infusion

2.1.4. Measures

Area	Number of measures	Description
Quality-related studies	0	Not applicable.
Non-clinical studies	0	Not applicable.
Clinical studies	1	Open-label, non-comparative trial to evaluate pharmacokinetics, safety and activity of difelikefalin in paediatric subjects on haemodialysis from 12 to less than 18 years of age with chronic kidney disease associated pruritus.
Extrapolation, modelling and simulation studies	0	Not applicable.

Other studies	0	Not applicable.
Other measures	0	Not applicable.

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 March 2026
Deferral for one or more measures contained in the paediatric investigation plan:	Yes