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European Medicines Agency decision

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of 17 April 2020

on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed paediatric investigation plan for boceprevir (Victrelis), (EMEA-000583-PIP01-09-M08) 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 726/2004[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 European Medicines Agency's decision P/97/2010 issued on 4 June 2010, the decision P/154/2010 issued on 27 August 2010, the decision P/88/2011 issued on 8 April 2011, the decision P/283/2011 issued on 29 November 2011, the decision P/0080/2012 issued on 27 April 2012, the decision P/0043/2013 issued on 1 March 2013 and the decision P/0097/2016 issued on 15 April 2016,

Having regard to the application submitted by Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc on 26 November 2019 under Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 proposing changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver,

Having regard to the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency, issued on 28 February 2020, in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006,

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 acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and to the waiver.

(2) It is therefore appropriate to adopt a decision on the acceptance of changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan, including changes to the 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

Changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan for boceprevir (Victrelis), granules, hard capsules, oral use, including changes to the waiver, are hereby accepted in the scope set out in the opinion of the Paediatric Committee of the European Medicines Agency annexed hereto, together with its appendices.

Article 2

This decision is addressed to Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc, Clos du Lynx 5, 1200 - Brussels, Belgium.

EMA/PDCO/665325/2019
Amsterdam, 28 February 2020

Opinion of the Paediatric Committee on the acceptance of a modification of an agreed Paediatric Investigation Plan and on the granting of a product-specific waiver

EMEA-000583-PIP01-09-M08

Scope of the application

Active substance(s):

Boceprevir

Invented name:

Victrelis

Condition(s):

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

Authorised indication(s):

See Annex II

Pharmaceutical form(s):

Granules

Hard capsules

Route(s) of administration:

Oral use

Name/corporate name of the PIP applicant:

Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc

Information about the authorised medicinal product:

See Annex II

Basis for opinion

Pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, Merck Sharp & Dohme (Europe), Inc submitted to the European Medicines Agency on 26 November 2019 an application for modification of the agreed paediatric investigation plan with a deferral and a waiver as set out in the European Medicines Agency's decision P/97/2010 issued on 4 June 2010, the decision P/154/2010 issued on 27 August 2010, the decision P/88/2011 issued on 8 April 2011, the decision P/283/2011 issued on 29 November 2011, the decision P/0080/2012 issued on 27 April 2012, the decision P/0043/2013 issued on 1 March 2013 and the decision P/0097/2016 issued on 15 April 2016.

The application for modification proposed changes to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and changes to the waiver to cover the remaining subsets of the paediatric population.

The procedure started on 6 January 2020.

Scope of the modification

The waiver has been extended to cover all subsets of the paediatric population.

Opinion

The Paediatric Committee, having assessed the application in accordance with Article 22 of Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 as amended, recommends as set out in the appended summary report:

- to agree to changes to the paediatric investigation plan and to amend the scope of the waiver 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, as set out in Annex I of this opinion.

The Norwegian Paediatric Committee member agrees with the above-mentioned recommendation of the Paediatric Committee.

This opinion is forwarded to the applicant and the Executive Director of the European Medicines Agency, together with its annexes and appendix.

Annex I

Grounds for the granting of the waiver

1. Waiver

1.1. Condition:

Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

The waiver applies to:

- all subsets of the paediatric population from birth to less than 18 years of age;
- granules, hard capsules, oral 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 subsets.

Annex II

Information about the authorised medicinal product

Condition(s) and authorised indication(s):

1. Treatment of chronic hepatitis C

   Authorised indications:

   Treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) genotype 1 infection, in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin, in adult patients with compensated liver disease who are previously untreated or who have failed previous therapy.

Authorised pharmaceutical form (s):

Capsule, hard

Authorised route(s) of administration:

Oral use

Withdrawal of marketing authorisation:

The EU marketing authorisation for boceprevir (Victrelis) was withdrawn on 29 June 2018.