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## **DECENTRALISED PROCEDURE**

### **PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

**Eliminall 67 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs**  
**Eliminall 134 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs**  
**Eliminall 268 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs**  
**Eliminall 402 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs**  
**(AT, FR, DE, GR, IT, IE, LU, NL, UK, PT, ES)**

**Exproline vet 67 mg spot-on solution for dogs (NO, DK, FI, SE)**

**Date: 06 May 2021**

## MODULE 1

### PRODUCT SUMMARY

EU Procedure number	DE/V/0189/002 DE/V/0189/003 DE/V/0189/004 DE/V/0189/005
Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Eliminall 67 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs Eliminall 134 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs Eliminall 268 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs Eliminall 402 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs
Applicant	KRKA d.d. NOVO mesto Smarjeska cesta 6 8501 Novo mesto Slovenia
Active substance(s)	Fipronil
ATC Vetcode	QP53AX15
Target species	Dogs
Indication for use	<p>Treatment of flea (<i>Ctenocephalides</i> spp.) and tick (<i>Dermacentor reticulatus</i>) infestations.</p> <p>For treatment of <i>Trichodectes canis</i> biting lice infestations on dogs. Most lice are killed within 2 days.</p> <p>Insecticidal efficacy against new infestations with adult fleas persists for up to 8 weeks.</p> <p>The product has a persistent acaricidal efficacy for up to 3 weeks against <i>Ixodes ricinus</i> and up to 4 weeks against <i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i> and <i>Dermacentor reticulatus</i>. If ticks of some species (<i>Ixodes ricinus</i>, <i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i>) are present when the product is applied, all the ticks may not be killed within the first 48 hours.</p> <p>The product can be used as part of a treatment strategy for the control of Flea Allergy Dermatitis (FAD) where this has been previously diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon.</p>

## **MODULE 2**

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for this product is available on the  
Heads of Veterinary Medicinal Agencies website ([www.hma.eu](http://www.hma.eu)).

## MODULE 3

### PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Legal basis of original application	Application in accordance with Article 13 (3) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended.
Date of completion of the original Mutual recognition procedure Decentralised procedure	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2011
Date product first authorised in the Reference Member State (MRP only)	Not applicable
Concerned Member States for original procedure	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom (former RMS)

### I. SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

These applications were submitted under the criteria for 'hybrid' applications, where bioequivalence cannot be demonstrated due to the nature of the product, (in this case, a cutaneous solution with little or no trans-cutaneous absorption). The reference product for all applications was Frontline Spot On Dog 10% w/v Spot-On Solution, authorised in the UK since November 1996.

The indications for the products are as follows: treatment of flea (*Ctenocephalides* spp.) and tick (*Dermacentor reticulatus*) infestations, treatment of *Trichodectes canis* biting lice infestations on dogs. Most lice are killed within 2 days. Insecticidal efficacy against new infestations with adult fleas persists for up to 8 weeks. The product has a persistent acaricidal efficacy for up to 3 weeks against *Ixodes ricinus* and up to 4 weeks against *Rhipicephalus sanguineus* and *Dermacentor reticulatus*. If ticks of some species (*Ixodes ricinus*, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*) are present when the product is applied, all the ticks may not be killed within the first 48 hours. The product can be used as part of a treatment strategy for the control of Flea Allergy Dermatitis (FAD) where this has been previously diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon. The products are not to be used in puppies less than two months old and/or weighing less than 2 kg in the absence of available data. Do not use the products in sick or convalescent animals. Do not use in rabbits. Do not use in cats, as this

could lead to overdosing, or in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients.

The products are produced and controlled using validated methods and tests which ensure the consistency of the product released on the market. It has been shown that the products can be safely used in the target species, the slight reactions observed are indicated in the SPC<sup>1</sup>. The products are safe for the user and for the environment, when used as recommended. Suitable warnings and precautions are indicated in the SPCs. The efficacy of the products was demonstrated according to the claims made in the SPC. The overall benefit/risk analysis is in favour of granting a marketing authorisation.

## **II. QUALITY ASPECTS**

### **A. Composition**

The products contains 100 mg/ml fipronil as an active substance and excipients butylhydroxyanisole (E320), butylhydroxytoluene (E321), polysorbate 80, povidone K25 and dimethyl sulfoxide.

The container system is a white polypropylene pipette closed with either a polyethylene or polyoxymethylene cap. Pipettes are packed individually into a polyethylene terephthalate/aluminium/low density polyethylene triplex bag. Boxes contain 1,3,6,10,20 or 30 pipettes. The particulars of the containers and controls performed are provided and conform to the regulation. The absence of preservative is justified.

The products are of an established pharmaceutical form and the development is adequately described in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

### **B. Method of Preparation of the Product**

Dimethyl sulfoxide, polysorbate, povidone, butylhydroxytoluene and butylhydroxyanisole are mixed with fipronil. The products are then filtered and packaged.

The products are manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice from a licensed manufacturing site. Process validation data on the products have been presented in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> SPC – Summary of Product Characteristics.

### **C. Control of Starting Materials**

The active substance is fipronil, an established active substance not described in the European Pharmacopoeia, (an Active Substance Master File was provided).

The active substance is manufactured in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice.

The active substance specification is considered adequate to control the quality of the material. Batch analytical data demonstrating compliance with this specification have been provided. All excipients are monographed in the European Pharmacopoeia, and all comply with relevant requirements.

### **D. Specific Measures concerning the Prevention of the Transmission of Animal Spongiform Encephalopathies**

There are no substances within the scope of the TSE Guideline present or used in the manufacture of these products.

### **E. Control on intermediate products**

Not applicable.

### **F. Control Tests on the Finished Product**

The finished product specification controls the relevant parameters for the pharmaceutical form. The tests in the specification, and their limits, have been justified and are considered appropriate to adequately control the quality of the products.

Satisfactory validation data for the analytical methods have been provided. Batch analytical data from the proposed production site have been provided demonstrating compliance with the specification. This includes relevant general characteristics, identification, quantitative determination and purity tests.

### **G. Stability**

Stability data on the active substance have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the active substance when stored under the approved conditions. A re-test period of two years was deemed acceptable. Stability data on the finished product have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the 36 months stability of the formulation when stored under the approved conditions.

#### **H. Genetically Modified Organisms**

Not applicable.

#### **J. Other Information**

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale 36 months.  
Store in the original container in order to protect from light and moisture.

### **III. SAFETY AND RESIDUES ASSESSMENT (PHARMACOTOXICOLOGICAL)**

These were hybrid applications according to Article 13 (3). Pharmacological and toxicological data were required and were provided in the form of published data for this section.

Warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are the same as those of the reference product and are adequate to ensure safety of the products to users and the environment.

#### **III.A Safety Testing**

##### **Pharmacological Studies**

###### Pharmacodynamics

A series of published references were presented, which showed that fipronil was effective in reducing the numbers of the target organisms. The active substance works by the disruption of the functioning of the nervous system of the target parasite. It is understood that the action of the GABA<sup>2</sup>-gated chloride ion channel or the glutamate-gated channel is blocked. Neuronal excitation and death are the ensuing results on the target insects.

###### Pharmacokinetics

A series of studies, the majority performed in rats, was taken from published literature provided data for this section with regard to absorption, distribution, metabolism and elimination. The dose absorbed appeared dependent on the type of treatment, and once absorbed fipronil was quickly metabolised and residues widely distributed. The main route of elimination was via the faeces.

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<sup>2</sup> GABA – Gamma-amino butyric acid.

## ***Toxicological Studies***

A series of published studies were presented for the results of toxicological studies.

### Single Dose Toxicity

Acute toxicity studies in rats showed that moderate toxicity was caused by fipronil via the inhalation and oral routes. Using 95.6% technical grade fipronil via the oral route, an average LD<sub>50</sub><sup>3</sup> of 97 mg/kg was seen in rats, and an average LD<sub>50</sub> of 95 mg/kg was seen in mice. Via the inhalation route, the LC<sub>50</sub> for rats was 0.36 mg/L for males and 0.42 mg/L for females. The active substance was shown to be relatively non-hazardous to rats via the dermal route, but proved moderately hazardous to rabbits. Doses were fatal at greater than 50 mg/kg in rodents.

### Repeated Dose Toxicity

Reports from published literature were provided which cited the investigation of repeated dose toxicity for fipronil in rodents and dogs. All treatments were given via the oral route. In one study, an increase in the incidence of liver cell periacinar hypertrophy was noticed in male rats at a dose of 1 ppm (0.13 mg/kg/day), when the animals were fed at doses of 0.1, 3, 10 or 25 ppm fipronil over 13 weeks. No NOAEL<sup>4</sup> was established. In a further study, an increase in liver and thyroid weights was seen when fipronil was fed at 30 ppm, along with evidence of changes to plasma glucose and urea levels, and thyroid follicular cell epithelial hypertrophy in males. The NOAEL was 5 ppm, equivalent to 0.33 mg/kg/day.

In dogs, fipronil was administered for one year at doses of 0, 0.2, 2, or 5 mg/kg/day, with adverse clinical signs becoming apparent at 2 mg/kg/day and above. The NOAEL was 0.2 mg/kg/day. A further study concluded with an NOAEL of 0.3 mg/kg/day.

## ***Other Studies***

### Foetotoxicity and Teratogenicity

A two-generation study in rats receiving 0, 3, 30 or 300 ppm fipronil /day saw effects that affected fertility and produced foetotoxicity. The NOAEL for parental systemic toxicity was 0.25 mg/kg/day, the NOAEL for reproductive toxicity was 2.5 mg/kg/day. A further study noted an effect on the oestrus cycle of rats at 280 mg/kg, and it was concluded that fipronil may affect the endocrine system.

### Mutagenicity

No adverse effects were observed in results for genotoxicity or cytogenicity.

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<sup>3</sup> LD<sub>50</sub> – Median lethal dose.

<sup>4</sup> NOAEL – No observable adverse effect limit.



### Carcinogenicity

Carcinogenetic effects were only noted at high levels of fipronil in rats, at 300 ppm when administered in the diet.

### Other Studies

Published data investigating skin irritation, eye irritation, sensitisation potential and inhalation toxicity were presented. In general, fipronil was tolerated at lower levels. In a first study, the NOAEL in rabbits when exposed dermally to fipronil at 0, 0.5, 1, 5 or 10 mg/kg/day was 5 mg/kg/day. In further studies, fipronil was seen to be mildly irritating to the eyes in rabbits and caused mild sensitisation in guinea-pigs tested using the Magnusson-Kligman method.

For neurotoxicity, a NOAEL of 0.5 mg/kg was seen in rats where the animals were given 0, 0.5, 5 or 50 mg/kg by gavage. In another study where rats received 0, 0.5, 5 or 150 ppm fipronil, a NOAEL was seen at 0.3 mg/kg/day.

A study of neurotoxicity in female dogs saw fipronil given in capsules at 0 (one control animal) or 20 mg/kg/day. No NOAEL was defined, but adverse clinical signs were seen at 20 mg/kg/day.

### ***Observations in Humans***

Published reports were cited describing a variety of exposures to fipronil when used as a food-pesticide or self-poisoning, for which symptoms were cited as being as follows: headache, nausea, vertigo, sweating vomiting and agitation. Only one death was reported in a patient who did not respond to therapeutic treatment. The SPC carries appropriate warnings.

### ***Microbiological Studies***

Not applicable.

### ***User Safety***

The applicant has provided a user safety assessment in compliance with the relevant guideline. Data were provided for the active substance in the form of published references on toxicity data, (including repeat dose studies), and a quantitative risk assessment which compared exposure levels with NOAELs<sup>5</sup> from repeat dose studies. Data were also received with regard to hazards presented by the excipient DMSO<sup>6</sup>. Warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are adequate to ensure safety to users of the products.

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<sup>5</sup> NOAEL – No Observable Adverse Effect Limit.

<sup>6</sup> DMSO – Dimethyl sulfoxide.

### ***Ecotoxicity***

The applicant provided a Phase I environmental risk assessment in compliance with the relevant guideline which showed that no further assessment was required. The assessment concluded that as the product is used in dogs, the risk to the environment is minimal. There is potential for the active substance to affect aquatic life and therefore, warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are adequate to ensure safety to the environment when the products are used as directed.

## **IV CLINICAL ASSESSMENT (EFFICACY)**

### ***IV.A Pre-Clinical Studies***

#### ***Pharmacology***

As these were hybrid applications, no further data were required for this section.

#### ***Tolerance in the Target Species of Animals***

The applicant conducted a GLP<sup>7</sup>-compliant target animal safety study. A suitable number of young dogs received the product in a partially blinded, parallel grouped, randomised, and negatively controlled study. The animals were divided into groups, and received treatment which consisted of placebo, or the recommended dose, three times the recommended dose, or five times the recommended dose. No adverse reactions to the treatment were observed, in the different groups, or between male and female animals.

#### ***Resistance***

Published data were provided to confirm that there is a low risk of resistance developing in the target parasites. Adequate warnings and precautions appear on the product literature.

### ***IV.B Clinical Studies***

#### ***Laboratory Trials***

The applicant provided information on dose determination which mirror data relating to the reference products.

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<sup>7</sup> GLP – Good Laboratory Practise.

### ***Dose confirmation studies:***

A number of dose confirmation studies were presented:

#### Study 1

Study title	Dose confirmation study to evaluate the efficacy of a topically applied spot-on formulation of Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil) against ticks ( <i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i> and <i>Dermacentor reticulatus</i> ) and the cat flea ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs under laboratory conditions.
Objectives	To evaluate the efficacy of a topically applied spot-on formulation of fipronil against ticks ( <i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i> and <i>Dermacentor reticulatus</i> ) and the cat flea ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs under laboratory conditions.
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single centre.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 1.34 ml. (Dogs 10 - 20 kg).
Control product/placebo	Control product, Frontline Spot On Dog 10% w/v Spot-On Solution, at 1.34 ml. (Dogs 10 - 20 kg).  Negative control group (no treatment).
Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against cat fleas and ticks on dogs. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control and reference product up to Day 30.
Randomisation	Randomised.
Blinding	Partially blinded.
Method	This was a parallel-grouped study. After acclimatisation, animals were infested as appropriate (approximately 100 fleas per dog or approximately 50 of one of two tick species per dog), at various time points, and given treatment according to their respective groups. Tick and flea counts were performed on several occasions up to 30 days after treatment.
Statistical method	All tests were two-sided. Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ). Primary calculations for efficacy were based on mean flea counts. Comparisons were made by ANOVA.

<b>RESULTS</b>	
Outcomes for endpoints	<p><u>Flea Counts</u></p> <p>Where either product had been used, there was &gt;95% efficacy against fleas on all assessment days. Both products therefore had 4 weeks persistent efficacy against fleas (<i>C. Felis</i>). No treatment-related adverse effects were noted.</p> <p><u>Efficacy against <i>R. sanguineus</i></u></p> <p>There was no evidence of a statistically significant difference between the two treated groups. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted. Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups (&gt;90%), demonstrating a 4 week persistent effectiveness against <i>R. Sanguineus</i>.</p> <p><u>Efficacy against <i>D. reticulatus</i></u></p> <p>There was no evidence of a statistically significant difference between the two treated groups. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted. Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups (&gt;90%), demonstrating a 4 week persistent effectiveness against <i>D. reticulatus</i>.</p>
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasites.

## Study 2

Study title	A study to determine the efficacy of a single application of Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil) when compared to a comparator and an untreated group against artificially induced infestations of ticks ( <i>Ixodes ricinus</i> ) on dogs under laboratory conditions.
Objectives	To evaluate the efficacy of a topically applied spot-on formulation of fipronil against ticks ( <i>Ixodes ricinus</i> ) on dogs under laboratory conditions.
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single site.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 1.34 ml. (Dogs 10 - 20 kg).
Control product/placebo	Control product, Frontline Spot On Dog 10% w/v Spot-On Solution, at 1.34 ml. (Dogs 10 - 20 kg). Negative control group (no treatment).

Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against ticks on dogs. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control and reference product up to Day 30.
Randomisation	Randomised.
Blinding	Partially blinded.
Method	After acclimatisation, animals were infested as appropriate (approximately 50 ticks per dog), at various time points, and given treatment according to their respective groups. Tick counts were performed on several occasions up to 30 days after treatment.
Statistical method	Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ). Primary calculations for efficacy were based on mean tick count. Comparison was made by Mixed Model ANOVA.
RESULTS	
Outcomes for endpoints	<u>Tick Counts</u> There was no evidence of a statistically significant difference between the two treated groups. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted. A 3 week persistent efficacy claim was accepted for <i>I. ricinus</i> .
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasites.

### Study 3

Study title	A controlled, randomised study to evaluate a single application of Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil) for lice treatment for <i>Trichodectes canis</i> on dogs naturally infested with lice under laboratory conditions.
Objectives	To evaluate the efficacy of a topically applied spot-on formulation of fipronil against lice on dogs under laboratory conditions.
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single centre.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 0.67 ml/ (dogs weighing over 2 kg and up to 10 kg) and 0.34ml (dogs 10 – 20 kg).
Control product/placebo	Control product, Frontline Spot On Dog 10% w/v Spot-On Solution, at 0.67 ml/day (dogs weighing over 2 kg and up to 10 kg) and 0.34ml (dogs 10 – 20 kg). Negative control group (no treatment).

Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against lice on dogs. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control and reference product up to Day 35.
Randomisation	Randomised
Blinding	Colour coded groups.
Method	After acclimatisation, animals were infested with at least 10 lice, and given treatment according to their respective groups. Lice counts were performed on several occasions up to Day 35.
Statistical method	This was a block design study. The Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. All tests were two-sided. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ). Comparison was made by Mixed Model ANOVA.
RESULTS	
Outcomes for endpoints	<u>Lice Counts</u> Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups on most days. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted.
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasite.

#### Study 4

Study title	Water immersion stability study of topically applied Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil) against cat flea ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs under laboratory conditions
Objectives	To evaluate the efficacy of a topically applied spot-on formulation of fipronil (with water immersion), against fleas on dogs under laboratory conditions. Weekly immersion
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single site.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 0.34ml (dogs 10 – 20 kg). With and without immersion of animal in water.
Control product/placebo	Negative control group (no treatment), water immersion performed.
Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against fleas on dogs, with and without water immersion. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control and reference product up to Day 65.

Randomisation	Randomised.
Blinding	Coded groups.
Method	This was a parallel-grouped study. After acclimatisation, animals were infested with approximately 100 fleas per animal, at various time points, and then treated according to their respective groups. Flea counts were performed on several occasions up to Day 65.
Statistical method	Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. All tests were two-sided. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ). Comparative analysis was performed using ANOVA.
RESULTS	
Outcomes for endpoints	<u>Flea Counts</u> Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups (>95%), demonstrating a persistent effectiveness against <i>C.felis</i> up to 7 weeks for dogs not immersed in water. For the animals receiving water immersion, this period was reduced by 2 weeks. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted.
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasite.

#### Study 5

Study title	Study to determine the persistent efficacy of a single application of a flea treatment against artificially induced infestations of fleas ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs
Objectives	To evaluate the persistent efficacy of a single application of a flea treatment against artificially induced infestations of fleas ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single site.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 1.34 ml (dogs 10 – 20 kg).
Control product/placebo	Negative control group (no treatment). Control product, Frontline Spot On Dog 10% w/v Spot-On Solution, at 1.34 ml/dog (dogs weighing over 10 kg – 20 kg).
Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the persistent efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against fleas on dogs. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control and reference product up to Day 56.
Randomisation	Randomised.
Blinding	Coded groups.

Method	This was a parallel-grouped study. After acclimatisation, animals were infested with approximately 100 fleas per animal, at various time points, and then treated according to their respective groups. Flea counts were performed on several occasions up to Day 56.
Statistical method	Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. All tests were two-sided. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ).
RESULTS	
Outcomes for endpoints	<b>Flea Counts</b> Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups (>95%), demonstrating a persistent effectiveness against <i>C. felis</i> for up to 8 weeks. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted.
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasite.

#### Study 6

Study title	Study to determine the persistent efficacy of a single application of a flea treatment against artificially induced infestations of fleas ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs that have been immersed in water weekly
Objectives	To evaluate the persistent efficacy of a single application of a flea treatment against artificially induced infestations of fleas ( <i>Ctenocephalides felis</i> ) on dogs. Weekly immersion in water.
Test site(s)	Laboratory environment. Single site.
Compliance with Regulatory guidelines	Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
Test Product	Fipronil Spot-On Solution for Dogs (10% fipronil), synonymous with the product to be authorised. Product delivered at 1.34ml (dogs 10 – 20 kg).
Control product/placebo	Negative control group (no treatment), water immersion also performed.
Animals	Healthy adult and sub adult dog, 8 animals each group.
Outcomes/endpoints	Determine the persistent efficacy of a generic spot-on formulation against fleas on dogs, with water immersion. Efficacy of the test product was compared to the negative control up to Day 51.
Randomisation	Randomised.
Blinding	Coded groups.
Method	This was a parallel-grouped study. After acclimatisation, animals were infested with approximately 100 fleas per animal, at various time points, and then treated according to their respective groups. Flea counts were performed on



	several occasions up to Day 51.
Statistical method	Statistical analysis was performed using appropriate software. All tests were two-sided. Level of significance was set at 5% ( $p < 0.05$ ).
RESULTS	
Outcomes for endpoints	<u>Flea Counts</u> Comparable efficacy was observed for both treatment groups (>95%), demonstrating a persistent effectiveness against <i>C. felis</i> up to 7 weeks for dogs immersed weekly in water. No treatment-related adverse effects were noted.
DISCUSSION	The product was shown to be effective against the target parasite.

The studies conducted supported the claims in the authorised SPC, in compliance with the requirements laid out in the Guideline for the testing and evaluation of the efficacy of antiparasitic substances for the treatment and prevention of tick and flea infestation in dogs and cats EMEA/CVMP/EWP/005/2000-Rev.2 June 2008.

### **Field Trials**

Field studies were not required for these hybrid applications.

## **V OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT– RISK ASSESSMENT**

The data submitted in the dossier demonstrate that when the product is used in accordance with the Summary of Product Characteristics, the benefit/risk profile for the target species is favourable and the quality and safety of the product for humans and the environment is acceptable.

## MODULE 4

### POST-AUTHORISATION ASSESSMENTS

The SPC and package leaflet may be updated to include new information on the quality, safety and efficacy of the veterinary medicinal product. The current SPC is available on the Heads of Veterinary Medicinal Agencies website ([www.hma.eu](http://www.hma.eu)).

The post-authorisation assessment (PAA) contains information on significant changes which have been made after the original procedure which are important for the quality, safety or efficacy of the product.

•	16 March 2021	Extension of shelf-life as packaged for sale (only Eliminall 67 mg Spot-On Solution for Dogs)
•	08 March 2018	Change of RMS from UK to DE
•	23 March 2017	Renewal – UK as RMS.
•	03 March 2016	Addition of a site of manufacture for the active substance
•	07 February 2014	Updates to SPC and package leaflet with regard to storage of the product.
•	25 November 2013	Change of distributor.
•	23 November 2012	Extension of a re-test period of the active substance.