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MUTUAL RECOGNITION PROCEDURE DECENTRALISED PROCEDURE

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Cepetor KH

Date: 14 March 2007

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PRODUCT SUMMARY

EU Procedure number	DE/V/0116/001/MR
Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Cepetor KH, 1mg / ml, solution for injection
Applicant	CP-Pharma Handelsgesellschaft mbH
	Ostlandring 13, 31303 Burgdorf, Germany
Active substance(s)	Medetomidine hydrochloride
ATC Vetcode	QN05CM91
Target species	Dog, Cat
Indication for use	In dogs and cats: Sedation to facilitate handling. Premedication prior to general anaesthesia.
	In cats: In combination with ketamine for general anaesthesia for minor surgical procedures of short duration.

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

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PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Legal basis of original application	Generic application in accordance with Article Article 13 (1) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended.
Date of completion of the original Mutual recognition procedure Decentralised procedure	22 December 2006
Date product first authorised in the Reference Member State (MRP only)	07 June 2005
Concerned Member States for original procedure	AT, BE, CZ, DK, EL, ES, ET, FI, FR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, NO, PO, PT, SE, UK

I. SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

Cepetor from CP-Pharma, Germany, is a generic product to Domitor (German reference number 32457.00.00) marketed in Germany since1995. Cepetor is a solution for injection and approved for sedation to facilitate handling and as a premedication prior to general anaesthesia in dogs and cats. In cats it is also indicated for general anaesthesia for minor surgical procedures of short duration in combination with ketamine.

Essential similarity of Cepetor and the reference product Domitor was demonstrated according to the relevant EU guidelines. The initial application for Domitor was assessed before there was a requirement to have a public assessment report. Therefore, no details in this section are available.

II. QUALITY ASPECTS

A. Composition

The product contains Medetomidine hydrochloride 1 mg / ml and Methyl parahydroxybenzoate, Propyl parahydroxybenzoate, Sodium chloride and Water for injections.

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The product is filled into 10 ml uncoloured glass vials. The Bromobutyl-rubber stoppers are secured with aluminium crimp caps. The particulars of the containers and controls performed are provided and conform to the regulation.

The choice of the formulation and the presence of preservative are justified.

The product is an established pharmaceutical form and its development is adequately described in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

B. Method of Preparation of the Product

The product is manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice from a licensed manufacturing site.

Process validation data on the product have been presented in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

C. Control of Starting Materials

The active substance is Medetomidine hydrochloride, an established active substance. 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.

An Active Substance Master File (ASMF) has been provided by the manufacturer.

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

There are no substances within the scope of the TSE¹ Guideline present or used in the manufacture of this product.

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

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¹ Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy

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justified and are considered appropriate to adequately control the quality of the product.

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.

G. Stability

Stability studies on the active substance are presented in the open part of the ASMF. Stability data have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the active substance when stored under the approved conditions.

Stability data on the finished product have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the product throughout its shelf life when stored under the approved conditions.

The claim of a 28 day stability after broaching is based on the demonstration of stability for a batch broached and stored 28 days at 20 - 25°C.

H. Genetically Modified Organisms

Not applicable.

J. Other Information

None.

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III. SAFETY AND RESIDUES ASSESSMENT (PHARMACO-TOXICOLOGICAL)

As this is a generic application according to Article 13 of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended based on the essential similarity of Cepetor and the reference product Domitor, results of pharmacological and toxicological tests are not required.

The applicant has made full reference to the SPC of the reference product Domitor granted in Germany. However, as this was not completely identical to the SPCs authorised for this product in other concerned member states, efforts have been made during the mutual recognition procedure to produce a harmonised overall accepted product literature for Cepetor. Warnings and precautions as listed in the product literature are adequate to ensure safety of Cepetor to the users and the environment.

IV. CLINICAL ASSESSMENT (EFFICACY)

As this is a generic application according to Article 13 of Directive 2001/82/EC based on the essential similarity of Cepetor and the reference product Domitor, results of preclinical and clinical studies are not required. The efficacy claims for Cepetor are equivalent to those of the reference product Domitor.

V. OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT- RISK ASSESSMENT

When used in accordance with the Summary of Product Characteristics, the risk benefit profile for the target species is favourable and the safety of Cepetor for humans and the environment is acceptable.

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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 veterinary Heads of Veterinary Medicinal Agencies website (www.hma.eu).

This section 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.

<None>

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