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## **PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW(S)**

#### PROPRIETARY NAME REVIEW

Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA)

Office of Medication Error Prevention and Risk Management (OMEPRM)

Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)

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**Date of This Review:** October 2, 2019

**Application Type and Number:** NDA 212279

**Product Name and Strength:** ExEm Foam (air polymer-type A) intrauterine foam

5 mL Clear Gel [polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl cellulose), glycerin, and purified water], 5 mL Sterile

Water

**Product Type:** Multiple Ingredient Product

**Rx or OTC:** Prescription (Rx)

**Applicant/Sponsor Name:** GISKIT B.V.

**Panorama #:** 2019-29255833

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

This review evaluates the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam, from a safety and misbranding perspective. The sources and methods used to evaluate the proposed proprietary name are outlined in the reference section and Appendix A respectively. GISKIT B.V. did not submit an external name study for this proposed proprietary name.

#### 1.1 PRODUCT INFORMATION

The following product information is provided in the proprietary name submission received on February 8, 2019.

- Intended Pronunciation: ['eks'em][fom]
- Active Ingredient: air polymer-type A
- Indication of Use: As an ultrasound contrast imaging product that can be infused into the Fallopian tubes to aid in assessing tubal patency in women known or suspected infertility
- Route of Administration: intrauterine injection
- Dosage Form: intrauterine foam
- Strength: 5 mL Clear Gel [polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl cellulose), glycerin, and purified water], 5 mL Sterile Water
- Dose and Frequency: Infuse 2 mL to 3 mL of foam, repeat as needed to achieve visualization of the fallopian tubes.
- How Supplied: As a single-use kit. Each kit contains:
  - One sterile 11-mL syringe containing 5 mL of polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl cellulose), glycerin, and purified water
  - o One sterile 11-mL syringe containing 5 mL of Sterile Water
  - o One sterile CombiFix® Adaptor (coupling device)
  - o Prescribing Information (PI)
- Storage: Store the kit and components at controlled room temperature between (68° to 77°F); temperature excursions between 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) are allowed. Do not store in refrigerator. Do not freeze.

#### 2 RESULTS

The following sections provide information obtained and considered in the overall evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam.

#### 2.1 MISBRANDING ASSESSMENT

The Office of Prescription Drug Promotion (OPDP) determined that ExEm Foam would not misbrand the proposed product. The Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis (DMEPA) and the Division of Medical Imaging Products (DMIP) concurred with the findings of OPDP's assessment for ExEm Foam.

#### 2.2 SAFETY ASSESSMENT

The following aspects were considered in the safety evaluation of the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam.

#### 2.2.1 United States Adopted Names (USAN) Search

There is no USAN stem present in the proposed proprietary name<sup>a</sup>.

#### 2.2.2 Components of the Proposed Proprietary Name

GISKIT B.V. indicated in their submission that the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam, is derived by combining the first two letters of the last names of the product inventors of ExEm Foam, Drs. Niek **Ex**alto and Mark Hans **Em**anuel. This proprietary name is comprised of the root name 'ExEm' and the modifier 'Foam'. Generally, the FDA recommends that sponsors avoid incorporating product-specific attributes such as dosage form as part of the proposed proprietary name. We note that the dosage form for this product is an intrauterine foam and therefore is not misleading and does not pose risks for medication errors. Furthermore, we note that the dosage form 'foam' is incorporated as a separate word/modifier and is not part of the root name, which allows for flexibility in product development if the sponsor plans to develop future dosage forms. Therefore, due to the above-mentioned considerations, we find the use of the modifier 'Foam' acceptable for this product.

#### 2.2.3 Comments from Other Review Disciplines at Initial Review

In response to the OSE, March 1, 2019 e-mail, the Division of Medical Imaging Products (DMIP) did not forward any comments or concerns relating to ExEm Foam at the initial phase of the review.

#### 2.2.4 FDA Name Simulation Studies

Eighty-nine (89) practitioners participated in DMEPA's prescription studies for ExEm Foam. One inpatient participant misinterpreted the name as "Epem foam" which is close variation to the marketed product Epifoam. Orthographically, the infixes of the name pair differ ('em' vs. 'i'). Phonetically, the first ("Ex" vs. "Ep") and second ("em" vs. "i") syllables are sufficiently different. Furthermore, the products differ in terms of dosage (2 mL to 3 mL versus apply a small amount to affected area or use as directed) and frequency (3 to 4 times a day vs. once as a diagnostic agent). Therefore, due to the above considerations, we do not think that the name pair is vulnerable to name confusion.

Appendix B contains the results from the verbal and written prescription studies.

#### 2.2.5 Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA) Search Results

Our POCA search<sup>b</sup> identified 50 names with a combined phonetic and orthographic score of ≥55% or an individual phonetic or orthographic score ≥70%. These names are included in Table 1 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> USAN stem search conducted on March 29, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> POCA search conducted on February 15, 2019 in version 4.3

#### 2.2.6 Names Retrieved for Review Organized by Name Pair Similarity

Table 1 lists the number of names retrieved from our POCA search. These name pairs are organized as highly similar, moderately similar or low similarity for further evaluation.

Table 1. Names Retrieved for Review Organized by Name Pair Similarity		
Similarity Category	Number of Names	
Highly similar name pair: combined match percentage score ≥70%	1	
Moderately similar name pair: combined match percentage score ≥55% to ≤ 69%	46	
Low similarity name pair: combined match percentage score ≤54%	3	

## 2.2.7 Safety Analysis of Names with Potential Orthographic, Spelling, and Phonetic Similarities

Our analysis of the 50 names contained in Table 1 determined none of the names will pose a risk for confusion with ExEm Foam as described in Appendices C through H.

#### 2.2.8 Communication of DMEPA's Analysis at Midpoint of Review

DMEPA communicated our findings to the Division of Medical Imaging Products (DMIP) via email on September 27, 2019. At that time, we also requested additional information or concerns that could inform our review. Per e-mail correspondence from the Division of Medical Imaging Products (DMIP) on October 1, 2019, they stated no additional concerns with the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam.

#### 3 CONCLUSION

The proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam, is acceptable.

If you have any questions or need clarifications, please contact Tri-Bui Nguyen, OSE project manager, at 240-402-3726.

#### 3.1 COMMENTS TO GISKIT B.V.

We have completed our review of the proposed proprietary name, ExEm Foam, and have concluded that this name is acceptable.

If any of the proposed product characteristics as stated in your submission, received on February 8, 2019 and September 24, 2019, are altered prior to approval of the marketing application, the name must be resubmitted for review.

#### 4 REFERENCES

USAN Stems (<u>https://www.ama-assn.org/about/united-states-adopted-names-approved-stems</u>)
 USAN Stems List contains all the recognized USAN stems.

#### 2. Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA)

POCA is a system that FDA designed. As part of the name similarity assessment, POCA is used to evaluate proposed names via a phonetic and orthographic algorithm. The proposed proprietary name is converted into its phonemic representation before it runs through the phonetic algorithm. Likewise, an orthographic algorithm exists that operates in a similar fashion. POCA is publicly accessible.

#### Drugs@FDA

Drugs@FDA is an FDA Web site that contains most of the drug products approved in the United States since 1939. The majority of labels, approval letters, reviews, and other information are available for drug products approved from 1998 to the present. Drugs@FDA contains official information about FDA-approved *brand name* and *generic drugs*; *therapeutic biological products*, *prescription* and *over-the-counter* human drugs; and *discontinued drugs* (see Drugs @ FDA Glossary of Terms, available at <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm079436.htm#ther-biological">http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm079436.htm#ther-biological</a>).

#### RxNorm

RxNorm contains the names of prescription and many OTC drugs available in the United States. RxNorm includes generic and branded:

- Clinical drugs pharmaceutical products given to (or taken by) a patient with therapeutic or diagnostic intent
- Drug packs packs that contain multiple drugs, or drugs designed to be administered in a specified sequence

Radiopharmaceuticals, contrast media, food, dietary supplements, and medical devices, such as bandages and crutches, are all out of scope for RxNorm (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/umls/rxnorm/overview.html#).

#### Division of Medication Errors Prevention and Analysis proprietary name consultation requests

This is a list of proposed and pending names that is generated by the Division of Medication Error Prevention and Analysis from the Access database/tracking system.

#### **APPENDICES**

#### Appendix A

FDA's Proprietary Name Risk Assessment evaluates proposed proprietary names for misbranding and safety concerns.

- 1. **Misbranding Assessment**: For prescription drug products, OPDP assesses the name for misbranding concerns. For over-the-counter (OTC) drug products, the misbranding assessment of the proposed name is conducted by DNDP. OPDP or DNDP evaluates proposed proprietary names to determine if the name is false or misleading, such as by making misrepresentations with respect to safety or efficacy. For example, a fanciful proprietary name may misbrand a product by suggesting that it has some unique effectiveness or composition when it does not (21 CFR 201.10(c)(3)). OPDP or DNDP provides their opinion to DMEPA for consideration in the overall acceptability of the proposed proprietary name.
- 2. **Safety Assessment**: The safety assessment is conducted by DMEPA, and includes the following:
- a. Preliminary Assessment: We consider inclusion of USAN stems or other characteristics that when incorporated into a proprietary name may cause or contribute to medication errors (i.e., dosing interval, dosage form/route of administration, medical or product name abbreviations, names that include or suggest the composition of the drug product, etc.) See prescreening checklist below in Table 2\*. DMEPA defines a medication error as any preventable event that may cause or lead to inappropriate medication use or patient harm while the medication is in the control of the health care professional, patient, or consumer. <sup>c</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> National Coordinating Council for Medication Error Reporting and Prevention. http://www.nccmerp.org/aboutMedErrors.html. Last accessed 10/11/2007.

\*Table 2- Prescreening Checklist for Proposed Proprietary Name

	Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to any of these questions indicate a potential area of concern that should be carefully evaluated as described in this guidance.			
Y/N	Is the proposed name obviously similar in spelling and pronunciation to other names?			
	Proprietary names should not be similar in spelling or pronunciation to proprietary names, established names, or ingredients of other products.			
Y/N	Are there inert or inactive ingredients referenced in the proprietary name?			
	Proprietary names should not incorporate any reference to an inert or inactive ingredient in a way that might create an impression that the ingredient's value is greater than its true functional role in the formulation (21 CFR 201.10(c)(4)).			
Y/N	Does the proprietary name include combinations of active ingredients?			
	Proprietary names of fixed combination drug products should not include or suggest the name of one or more, but not all, of its active ingredients (see 21 CFR 201.6(b)).			
Y/N	Is there a United States Adopted Name (USAN) stem in the proprietary name?			
	Proprietary names should not incorporate a USAN stem in the position that USAN designates for the stem.			
Y/N	Is this proprietary name used for another product that does not share at least one common active ingredient?			
	Drug products that do not contain at least one common active ingredient should not use the same (root) proprietary name.			
Y/N	Is this a proprietary name of a discontinued product?			
	Proprietary names should not use the proprietary name of a discontinued product if that discontinued drug product does not contain the same active ingredients.			

- b. Phonetic and Orthographic Computer Analysis (POCA): Following the preliminary screening of the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA staff evaluates the proposed name against potentially similar names. In order to identify names with potential similarity to the proposed proprietary name, DMEPA enters the proposed proprietary name in POCA and queries the name against the following drug reference databases, Drugs@fda, CernerRxNorm, and names in the review pipeline using a 55% threshold in POCA. DMEPA reviews the combined orthographic and phonetic matches and group the names into one of the following three categories:
  - Highly similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq 70\%$ .
  - Moderately similar pair: combined match percentage score  $\geq$ 55% to  $\leq$  69%.

• Low similarity: combined match percentage score ≤54%.

Using the criteria outlined in the check list (Table 3-5) that corresponds to each of the three categories (highly similar pair, moderately similar pair, and low similarity), DMEPA evaluates the name pairs to determine the acceptability or non-acceptability of a proposed proprietary name. The intent of these checklists is to increase the transparency and predictability of the safety determination of whether a proposed name is vulnerable to confusion from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective. Each bullet below corresponds to the name similarity category cross-references the respective table that addresses criteria that DMEPA uses to determine whether a name presents a safety concern from a look-alike or sound-alike perspective.

- For highly similar names, differences in product characteristics often cannot mitigate the risk of a medication error, including product differences such as strength and dose. Thus, proposed proprietary names that have a combined score of ≥ 70 percent are at risk for a look-alike sound-alike confusion which is an area of concern (See Table 3).
- Moderately similar names are further evaluated to identify the presence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion.
  - Name attributes: We note that the beginning of the drug name plays a significant role in contributing to confusion. Additionally, drug name pairs that start with the same first letter and contain a shared letter string of at least 3 letters in both names are major contributing factor in the confusion of drug names. We evaluate all moderately similar names retrieved from POCA to identify the above attributes. These names are further evaluated to identify overlapping or similar strengths or doses.
  - Product attributes: Moderately similar names of products that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses represent an area for concern for FDA. The dose and strength information is often located in close proximity to the drug name itself on prescriptions and medication orders, and the information can be an important factor that either increases or decreases the potential for confusion between similarly named drug pairs. The ability of other product characteristics to mitigate confusion (e.g., route, frequency, dosage form) may be limited when the strength or dose overlaps. DMEPA reviews such names further, to determine whether sufficient differences exist to prevent confusion. (See Table 4).
- Names with low similarity that have no overlap or similarity in strength and dose are generally acceptable (See Table 5) unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Shah, M, Merchant, L, Characteristics That May Help in the Identification of Potentially Confusing Proprietary Drug Names. Therapeutic Innovation & Regulatory Science, September 2016

a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.

c. FDA Prescription Simulation Studies: DMEPA staff also conducts a prescription simulation studies using FDA health care professionals.

Three separate studies are conducted within the Centers of the FDA for the proposed proprietary name to determine the degree of confusion of the proposed proprietary name with marketed U.S. drug names (proprietary and established) due to similarity in visual appearance with handwritten prescriptions or verbal pronunciation of the drug name. The studies employ healthcare professionals (pharmacists, physicians, and nurses), and attempts to simulate the prescription ordering process. The primary Safety Evaluator uses the results to identify orthographic or phonetic vulnerability of the proposed name to be misinterpreted by healthcare practitioners.

In order to evaluate the potential for misinterpretation of the proposed proprietary name in handwriting and verbal communication of the name, inpatient medication orders and/or outpatient prescriptions are written, each consisting of a combination of marketed and unapproved drug products, including the proposed name. These orders are optically scanned and one prescription is delivered to a random sample of participating health professionals via e-mail. In addition, a verbal prescription is recorded on voice mail. The voice mail messages are then sent to a random sample of the participating health professionals for their interpretations and review. After receiving either the written or verbal prescription orders, the participants record their interpretations of the orders which are recorded electronically.

d. Comments from Other Review Disciplines: DMEPA requests the Office of New Drugs (OND) and/or Office of Generic Drugs (OGD), ONDQA or OBP for their comments or concerns with the proposed proprietary name, ask for any clinical issues that may impact the DMEPA review during the initial phase of the name review. Additionally, when applicable, at the same time DMEPA requests concurrence/non-concurrence with OPDP's decision on the name. The primary Safety Evaluator addresses any comments or concerns in the safety evaluator's assessment.

The OND/OGD Regulatory Division is contacted a second time following our analysis of the proposed proprietary name. At this point, DMEPA conveys their decision to accept or reject the name. The OND or OGD Regulatory Division is requested to provide any further information that might inform DMEPA's final decision on the proposed name.

Additionally, other review disciplines opinions such as ONDQA or OBP may be considered depending on the proposed proprietary name.

When provided, DMEPA considers external proprietary name studies conducted by or for the Applicant/Sponsor and incorporates the findings of these studies into the overall risk assessment. The DMEPA primary reviewer assigned to evaluate the proposed proprietary name is responsible for considering the collective findings, and provides an overall risk assessment of the proposed proprietary name.

Table 3. Highly Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined Orthographic and Phonetic score is  $\geq 70\%$ ).

Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may render the names less likely to confusion, provided that the pair does not share a common strength or dose.

	Orthographic Checklist	Phonetic Checklist			
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Y/N	Do the names begin with different first letters?	Y/N	Do the names have different number of syllables?		
	Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.				
Y/N	Are the lengths of the names dissimilar* when scripted?	Y/N	Do the names have different syllabic stresses?		
	*FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.				
Y/N	Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as <i>z</i> and <i>f</i> ), is there a different number or placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?	Y/N	Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion?		
Y/N	Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?	Y/N	Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?		
Y/N	Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?				
Y/N	Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?				

#### Table 4: Moderately Similar Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is $\geq 55\%$ to $\leq 69\%$ ).

Step 1 Review the DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING sections of the prescribing information (or for OTC drugs refer to the Drug Facts label) to determine if strengths and doses of the name pair overlap or are very similar. Different strengths and doses for products whose names are moderately similar may decrease the risk of confusion between the moderately similar name pairs. Name pairs that have overlapping or similar strengths or doses have a higher potential for confusion and should be evaluated further (see Step 2). Because the strength or dose could be used to express an order or prescription for a particular drug product, overlap in one or both of these components would be reason for further evaluation.

For single strength products, also consider circumstances where the strength may not be expressed.

For any i.e. drug products comprised of more than one active ingredient, consider whether the strength or dose may be expressed using only one of the components.

To determine whether the strengths or doses are similar to your proposed product, consider the following list of factors that may increase confusion:

- Alternative expressions of dose: 5 mL may be listed in the prescribing information, but the dose may be expressed in metric weight (e.g., 500 mg) or in non-metric units (e.g., 1 tsp, 1 tablet/capsule). Similarly, a strength or dose of 1000 mg may be expressed, in practice, as 1 g, or vice versa.
- Trailing or deleting zeros: 10 mg is similar in appearance to 100 mg which may potentiate confusion between a name pair with moderate similarity.
- Similar sounding doses: 15 mg is similar in sound to 50 mg

# Step 2 Answer the questions in the checklist below. Affirmative answers to some of these questions suggest that the pattern of orthographic or phonetic differences in the names may reduce the likelihood of confusion for moderately similar names <a href="with">with</a> overlapping or similar strengths or doses.

## Orthographic Checklist (Y/N to each question)

- Do the names begin with different first letters?
  - Note that even when names begin with different first letters, certain letters may be confused with each other when scripted.
- Are the lengths of the names dissimilar\* when scripted?
   \*FDA considers the length of names
  - \*FDA considers the length of names different if the names differ by two or more letters.
- Considering variations in scripting of some letters (such as *z* and *f*), is there a different number or placement of upstroke/downstroke letters present in the names?
- Is there different number or placement of cross-stroke or dotted letters present in the names?
- Do the infixes of the name appear dissimilar when scripted?
- Do the suffixes of the names appear dissimilar when scripted?

## Phonetic Checklist (Y/N to each question)

- Do the names have different number of syllables?
- Do the names have different syllabic stresses?
- Do the syllables have different phonologic processes, such vowel reduction, assimilation, or deletion?
- Across a range of dialects, are the names consistently pronounced differently?

#### **Table 5: Low Similarity Name Pair Checklist (i.e., combined score is ≤54%).**

Names with low similarity are generally acceptable unless there are data to suggest that the name might be vulnerable to confusion (e.g., prescription simulation study suggests that the name is likely to be misinterpreted as a marketed product). In these instances, we would reassign a low similarity name to the moderate similarity category and review according to the moderately similar name pair checklist.

#### **Appendix B:** Prescription Simulation Samples and Results

Figure 1. ExEm Foam Study (Conducted on March 1, 2019)

Handwritten Medication Order/Prescription	Verbal Prescription
Medication Order:	ExEm Foam
Exten Fram Infuse 2 to 3 ml of mexed Exten	Infuse 2 mL to 3 mL of mixed
Outpatient Prescription:  Ex En Foam	foam, as needed to achieve visualization of the fallopian
Exem Foam Bring to Clinic # 1 Ket	tube.

#### FDA Prescription Simulation Responses (Aggregate Report)

**Study Name: ExEm Foam** 

As of Date 3/29/2019

300 People Received Study

89 People Responded

Study Name: ExEm Foam

Total	23	46	20	89
INTERPRETATION	OUTPATIENT	VOICE	INPATIENT	TOTAL
AXM FOAM	0	1	0	1
EPEM FOAM	0	0	1	1
EPEM FORAM	0	0	1	1
EX EM FOAM	1	0	0	1
EX M FOAM	0	1	0	1
EXEM FOAM	22	2	17	41
EXEMFOAM	0	0	1	1
XM FOAM	0	35	0	35

XMFOAM	0	6	0	6
XMTHOM	0	1	0	1

**Appendix C:** Highly Similar Names (e.g., combined POCA score is ≥70%)

No.	Proposed name: ExEm Foam	POCA	Orthographic and/or phonetic
	Established name: air	Score (%)	differences in the names sufficient to
	polymer-type A		prevent confusion
	<b>Dosage form:</b> intrauterine foam		
	Strength(s): 5 mL Clear Gel		Other prevention of failure mode
	[polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl		expected to minimize the risk of
	cellulose), glycerin, and		confusion between these two names.
	purified water], 5 mL Sterile		
	Water		
	<b>Usual Dose:</b> Infuse 2 mL to 3		
	mL of foam, repeat as needed to		
	achieve visualization of the		
	fallopian tubes		
1.	ExEm Foam	100	n/a – subject of this review

**Appendix D:** Moderately Similar Names (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq$ 55% to  $\leq$ 69%) with no overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

No.	Name	POCA
		Score (%)
2.	Ixempra	60
3.	Lite 'N foamy	60
4.	Tersi foam	60
5.	E.E.S. 400 Filmtab	58
6.	Exelderm	57
7.	Estazolam	56
8.	Exelon	55

<u>Appendix E:</u> Moderately Similar Names (e.g., combined POCA score is  $\geq$ 55% to  $\leq$ 69%) with overlap or numerical similarity in Strength and/or Dose

No.	Proposed name: ExEm Foam Established name: air	POCA Score (%)	Prevention of Failure Mode
	polymer-type A  Dosage form: intrauterine foam  Strength(s): 5 mL Clear Gel  [polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl cellulose), glycerin, and purified water], 5 mL Sterile  Water  Usual Dose: Infuse 2 mL to 3 mL of foam, repeat as needed to achieve visualization of the fallopian tubes		In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names
9.	Benzefoam	67	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
10.	Epifoam	64	Orthographically, the infixes of the name pair differ ('em' vs. 'i'). Phonetically, the first ("Ex" vs. "Ep") and second ("em" vs. "i") syllables are sufficiently different.  The following differences in product characteristics may also help to mitigate the risk of errors:  • Dosage: 2 mL to 3 mL versus apply a small amount to affected area or use as directed  • Frequency (3 to 4 times a day vs. once as a diagnostic agent)  Therefore, due to the above considerations, we do not think that the name pair is vulnerable to name confusion.
11.	Exemestane	64	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
12.	Ovace Foam	64	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
13.	Bacti-foam	61	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
14.	Veti-foam	60	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
15.	Enmotion Foam	59	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
16.	Exametazime	58	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.

No.	Proposed name: ExEm Foam Established name: air polymer-type A Dosage form: intrauterine foam Strength(s): 5 mL Clear Gel [polymer-type A (hydroxyethyl cellulose), glycerin, and purified water], 5 mL Sterile Water Usual Dose: Infuse 2 mL to 3 mL of foam, repeat as needed to achieve visualization of the fallopian tubes	POCA Score (%)	In the conditions outlined below, the following combination of factors, are expected to minimize the risk of confusion between these two names
17.	Exenatide	58	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
18.	Exoderm	58	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
19.	Sani-foam	58	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
20.	(b) (4) ***	56	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
21.	Perifoam	56	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.
22.	Finacea foam	55	This name pair has sufficient orthographic and phonetic differences.

#### **Appendix F:** Low Similarity Names (e.g., combined POCA score is ≤54%)

No.	Name	POCA
		Score (%)
23.	(b) (4) ***	54
24.	Nefopam	54
25.	Hemox A	44

## **Appendix G:** Names not likely to be confused or not used in usual practice settings for the reasons described.

No.	Name	POCA	Failure preventions	
		Score		
		(%)		
26.	Predfoam	66	International drug marketed in United Kingdom,	
			Ireland, and Hong Kong	
27.	Medefoam 2	65	International drug marketed in Australia, and New	
			Zealand	

No.	Name	POCA	Failure preventions	
		Score (%)		
28.	Exefen	64	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	
29.	Exefen Dm	64	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	
30.	Kerafoam	61	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	
31.	Anestafoam	60	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	
32.	Etofamide	58	Foreign drug available in Brazil and the Philippines	
33.	Dermafoam E	58	Name identified in RxNorm database. Unable to find product characteristics in commonly used drug databases.	
34.	Enoximone	56	Foreign drug available in United Kingdom, Ireland, Netherlands, Germany, Italy and France	
35.	Exefen DMX	55	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	
36.	Exolan	55	International drug formerly marketed in UK	
37.	Exefen-PD	55	Deactivated product with no available generics per Redbook.	

**Appendix H:** Names not likely to be confused due to absence of attributes that are known to cause name confusion<sup>e</sup>.

No.	Name	POCA
		Score (%)
38.	Oxazepam	64
39.	Allerx Df Am	58
40.	Lexidronam	58
41.	Maxipime	57
42.	Zaxopam	57
43.	Cefotiam	56
44.	Dexampex	56
45.	Mexate-Aq	56
46.	Oxolamine	56
47.	Oxymeta-12	56
48.	Cefotaxime	55
49.	Dexasone	55
50.	Dexilom	55

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