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WHO Expert Committee on Selection and Use of Essential Medicines

Re: Use of flomoxef sodium and its inclusion of in the WHO Essential Medicines List

This serves as a letter of support for the use of flomoxef in neonates and children. Existing data has supported its use in Japanese neonates and more pharmacokinetic and safety data in neonates are being collected in the NeoSEP1 trial. The current spectrum of antibiotics for neonatal sepsis are limited and with the rise on antimicrobial resistance it is essential to broaden the spectrum of antibiotics available for use in neonatal sepsis. Flomoxef will serve as an additional option and its use in combination with other medications has the potential to provide broad spectrum of antimicrobial coverage

I strongly recommend that flomoxef sodium should be included in the WHO Essential Medicines List for the reasons listed above

Yours sincerely,

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