

Dear Sir/Madam,

SUBJECT : Request to add oral drug Risdiplam to the WHO's Essential Medicine List (EML).

I am writing to request that Risdiplam, a medication used to treat spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), be added to the WHO's Essential Medicine List (EML). As a parent of a daughter with SMA, I have witnessed first-hand the devastating effects of this progressive disease.

I am aware that the damage caused by SMA to motor neurons is irreversible. As such, it is essential that we do everything we can to stop the progression of this disease as early as possible. Medications such as Risdiplam are vital in slowing down the progression of SMA and improving the quality of life for patients. I firmly believe that every SMA patient should have access to these life-saving medications, regardless of their financial situation.

I have seen a significant improvement in several kids' condition since starting on Risdiplam. I am convinced that early intervention with this medication has been instrumental in improving their overall health and well-being.

However, the cost of this medication is exorbitant, and it is not easily accessible to most SMA patients. Adding Risdiplam to the EML would make it more accessible and affordable, and this would be a crucial step in improving the lives of SMA patients across the country.

This would not only help SMA patients like my daughter but also ensure that all individuals have access to the medication they need to stop the progression of this debilitating disease.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]