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Calliditas provides a regulatory update on EMA process for Nefecon

Calliditas Therapeutics AB (Nasdaq: CALT, Nasdaq Stockholm: CALTX) ("Calliditas") today announced that the opinion of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) can be expected in Q2, 2022.

In its review of the marketing authorisation application (MAA) for NEFECON, the CHMP has informed us that they will issue an additional list of questions related to manufacturing related information which will result in the opinion from EMA slipping into the second quarter. The continued review does not relate to the safety or efficacy of NEFECON, and there are no plans for an oral explanation.

"Targeting an opinion in Q1 was ambitious in light of the fact that this is the first time the EMA has reviewed a drug for this indication," said CEO Renée Aguiar-Lucander. "We are confident that we will be able to address the few remaining questions in a timely manner and we have been highly encouraged by our interactions to date with EMA, and look forward to continuing to work with them towards an approval."

Calliditas submitted an MAA for NEFECON in May 2021. NEFECON was granted accelerated approval by the FDA in December of 2021 under the brand name TARPEYO™. For indication details please visit https://www.tarpeyo.com/.

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About Calliditas
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