

**Adefovir dipivoxil and pegylated interferon alfa-2a for the treatment of chronic Hepatitis B**

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**Introduction**

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**Response to the Assessment Report**

The report is comprehensive and informative.

Having contributed to the assessment of the technology for the management of hepatitis B patients prior to and when receiving the therapies, it is encouraging to state that in our view the therapies have been considered cost effective and provide increasing efficacy and better tolerability for patients.

**Conclusion**

We have no further to comments to add to the Assessment Report.