

Annex A Statistics on Requests for Access to Documents Held by the EMA (2012–2020)

Affiliation	Number of requests in %									
<i>Not-for-profit organisation</i>	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	3	
<i>EU Institutions</i>	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Regulator outside EU</i>	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>EU NCA</i>	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<i>Patients or Consumer (general public)</i>	8	3	3	3	7	17	12	8	6	
<i>Healthcare professional</i>	4	3	2	3	3	6	4	4	4	
<i>Academia/Research institute</i>	9	12	8	8	8	8	8	9	9	
<i>Legal</i>	14	23	16	11	11	8	9	8	7	
<i>Media</i>	17	13	13	7	5	3	4	4	2	
<i>Pharmaceutical industry</i>	32	35	47	60	55	44	47	52	55	
<i>Consultant</i>	10	4		2	10	11	14	12	14	
<i>Other</i>	0	1	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Total number of requests	281	290	416	701	823	865	822	783	597	
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	

Data source: the EMA Annual Reports (EMA. Annual reports and work programmes. <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/about-us/annual-reports-work-programmes>. Accessed 22 Jul 2021. The EMA annual reports do not break down the statistics into the types of documents requested from the EMA)

Annex B Glossary of Terms Related to the Design and Methodology of Randomised Clinical Trials

<i>Arm</i>	A group or subgroup of the trial participants in a clinical trial that receives a specific health intervention (treatment), or no intervention, according to the trial protocol
<i>Case report form</i>	A document containing all data gathered and recorded on individual study subjects according to the variables set out in a trial protocol
<i>Clinical trial</i>	An experimental study designed to evaluate the treatment effect of medical intervention in humans
<i>Confirmatory trial/ 'hypothesis-testing trial'</i>	An interventional study designed to test a predefined research hypothesis and usually conducted in order to generate evidence on the safety and (or) efficacy of an investigational product
<i>Clinical study report</i>	A document prepared according to the standardised structure and submitted to support an application for drug marketing authorisation that contains inter alia the trial protocol, statistical analysis plan, efficacy and safety analyses
<i>Effect size</i>	A quantitative characteristic that correlates with the outcome variable and statistically describes the study hypothesis
<i>Endpoints/outcome measures</i>	Variables that can indicate biologic and pathogenic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention
<i>Exploratory (hypothesis-generating) trial</i>	An interventional study that can generate a hypothesis regarding a treatment effect and set the direction for future research
<i>Individual patient data</i>	Data recorded for each individual study subject according to the trial protocol
<i>Meta-analysis</i>	A formal evaluation of the evidence from two or more trials that generated comparable evidence
<i>Null hypothesis</i>	

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	An assumption of the absence of the association between the predictor (the indirect measurement of the treatment effect) and the outcome of interest in the target population
<i>Outcome of interest</i>	A measurable effect of a medicinal intervention on the clinical manifestations of a disease (e.g. relief of symptoms, improvement in the quality of life)
<i>Treatment effect</i>	An effect on the state of health that is attributed to an intervention
<i>Power/trial power</i>	Statistical significance of evidence; the probability that the null hypothesis will be rejected if it is not true; the probability that the difference between the study groups will be identified, where such difference, in fact, exists
<i>Protocol/clinical trial protocol</i>	A document setting out objectives, design, methodology, statistical considerations, organisation, and implementation of a clinical trial
<i>Sample size</i>	The number of study subjects enrolled in a trial that can be estimated inter alia based on the calculation of the statistical power of the trial
<i>Source data</i>	All original records of trial results, observations or other evidence gathered in a clinical trial allowing to assess the trial performance vis-à-vis its objectives