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Dear Madame, Sir,

CEMA-Antwerp is a Centre of Reference of Hereditary Metabolic Diseases, with a multidisciplinary team of dieticians, psychologists, a neuropsychiatric and nurses dedicated to treat patients with metabolic diseases.

I am the medical director of this centre.

This centre is one of the six centres of reference that are allowed to prescribe orphan drugs and administer these drugs to patients (Gaucher, Fabry, MPS1 and 2, Pompe, tyrosinosis type 1,...).

I am a member of the colleges for Orphan Drugs of the RIZIV/INAMI of the federal government of the Ministry of Health that decide whether these orphan drugs are reimbursed in a specific patient.

I am also a member of the Steering Group of Orphan Diseases which coordinates a study on orphan drugs used in Belgium that will start March 2008.

Finally I am a member of the Advisory Board of Orphanet-Belgium and a member of the international Medical Advisory Board the Fabry Expert Group.

Sincerely yours,

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