

**Reviewer No. 1 checklist for application of:
Abacavir tablets: scored form**

In the WHO Essential Medicines List for Children

- (1) **Have all important studies that you are aware of been included?**
Yes No
- (2) **Is there adequate evidence of efficacy for the proposed use?**
Yes No
- (3) **Is there evidence of efficacy in diverse settings and/or populations?**
Yes No
- (4) **Are there adverse effects of concern?**
Yes No
- (5) **Are there special requirements or training needed for safe/effective use?**
Yes No
- (6) **Is this product needed to meet the majority health needs of the population?**
Yes No
- (7) **Is the proposed dosage form registered by a stringent regulatory authority?**
Yes No
- (8) **What action do you propose for the Committee to take?**
Accept application
- (9) **Additional comment, if any.**

There is a well-known serious hypersensitivity problem with abacavir in 3% of recipients. However this is an efficacious first-line antiretroviral agent for use in children, and the availability of a scored form of the drug would make dosing much easier in children who are able to take tablet formulations.