MEMORANDUM

From:	Director, MSD	**To:**	Secretary, Expert Committee on the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines	**Date: 12 January 2007**
Our ref:	EML 2007	**Attention:**	Dr S. Hill	
Your ref:	E/19/81/15	**Through:**	J.M. Bertolote, Coordinator MBD	
Originator:	Tarun Dua	**Subject:**	APPLICATION FOR SUMATRIPTAN TO BE ADDED TO AND PARACETAMOL TO BE DELETED FROM THE WHO MODEL LIST OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES	

We do not have any comments to add on the application prepared by Global Campaign to reduce the burden of headache worldwide for Sumatriptan to be added.

We have the following comment to add on the application for paracetamol to be deleted from the acute migraine section:

1. Currently both aspirin and paracetamol are on the List of essential medicines for acute migraine. Aspirin is a highly effective drug for acute migraine treatment, while paracetamol is not clinically very effective. However, presence of both aspirin and paracetamol on the essential list in this section may suggest that both of them are equally effective fro acute migraine and can be used interchangeably. Therefore we support removal of paracetamol from this section only.

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Action needed:

Action taken: