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Appendix 1 Summary Reports of the CMR International Institute for Regulatory Science March 2004 and June 2005 Workshops on Benefit-Risk

Appendix 2 Office of Health Economics Briefing: Challenges and Opportunities for Improving Benefit-risk Assessment of

Pharmaceuticals from an Economic Perspective - James Cross and Louis Garrison (August 2008); Appendix 3 Reflection Paper on Benefit-risk Assessment Methods in the Context of the Evaluation of Marketing Authorisation Applications of Medicinal Products for Human Use - Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (March 2008)

Appendix 4 Commentaries on 'A Quantitative Approach to Benefit-risk Assessment of Medicines' *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, 2007, 16

Sommario/riassunto

Benefit-risk assessment is at the centre of the approval process for every new medicine. The ability to assess the risks of a new medicine accurately and to balance these against the benefits the medicine could bring is critical for every regulatory authority and pharmaceutical company. Despite this there are very few tried and tested evaluative models currently available. The authors of this book have developed a new, pioneering tool for the assessment of benefits and risks for new medicines in development. This model utilises a multi-criteria decision analysis which involves selecting,
