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# Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT)

## Minutes of the meeting on 30-31 October 2023

Chair: Ilona Reischl; Vice-Chair: Kieran Breen

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Of note, these minutes are a working document primarily designed for CAT members and the work the Committee undertakes.

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Welcome and declarations of interest of members, alternates and experts

The Chairperson opened the meeting by welcoming all participants. The meeting was held remotely.

In accordance with the Agency's policy on handling of declarations of interests of scientific committees' members and experts, based on the declarations of interest submitted by the Committee members, alternates and experts and on the topics in the agenda of the current meeting, the Committee Secretariat announced the restricted involvement of some Committee members, alternates and experts for concerned agenda topics.

Participants were asked to declare any changes, omissions or errors to their declared interests and/or additional restrictions concerning the matters for discussion. No new or additional interests or restrictions were declared. Restrictions applicable to this meeting are captured in the List of participants included in the minutes.

Discussions, deliberations and voting took place in full respect of the restricted involvement of Committee members and experts in line with the relevant provisions of the Rules of Procedure. All decisions, recommendations and advice were agreed by consensus, unless otherwise specified.

The Chair welcomed the new member and alternate and thanked the departing ember and alternate for their contribution to the Committee.

## 1.2. Adoption of agenda

The CAT agenda for 28-31 October 2023 meeting was adopted.

## 1.3. Adoption of the minutes

The CAT minutes for 04-07 October 2023 meeting were adopted.

# 2. Evaluation of ATMPs

## 2.1. Opinions

No items

## 2.2. Oral explanations

No items

## 2.3. Day 180 list of outstanding issues

### 2.3.1. Exagamglogene autotemcel - PRIME - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005763

Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Ireland) Limited; Treatment of transfusion-dependent β-thalassemia and sickle cell disease (SCD)

Scope: Opinion

**Action:** for adoption

List of questions adopted on 17.05.2023; list of outstanding issues adopted on 08.09.2023.

The rapporteurs presented the outcome of the assessment of the responses to the list of outstanding issues. Feedback was provided from the discussion in the BWP on the quality questions.

The second list of outstanding issues was adopted.

## 2.4. Day 120 list of questions

No items

## 2.5. Day 80 assessment reports

No items

## 2.6. Update on ongoing initial applications

No items

## 2.7. New applications

## 2.8. Withdrawal of initial marketing authorisation application

No items

## 2.9. Re-examination of initial application procedures under Article 9(2) of Regulation No. 726/2004

No items

## 2.10. Companion diagnostics

### 2.10.1. Initial consultation

No items

### 2.10.2. Follow-up consultation

No items

## 2.11. Type II variations and variations of therapeutic indication procedure according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1234/2008

### 2.11.1. Abecma - idecabtagene vicleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004662/II/0031

Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharma EEIG

Rapporteur: Rune Kjeken, Co-Rapporteur: Heli Suila, PRAC Rapporteur: Ulla Wändel Liminga

Scope: Clinical and Quality, request for supplementary information

Extension of indication to include treatment of adult patients with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) who have received at least two prior therapies, including an immunomodulatory agent, a proteasome inhibitor and an anti-CD-38 antibody and have demonstrated disease progression on the last therapy for Abecma (idecabtagene vicleucel, ide-cel), based on results from study BB2121-MM-003 (MM-003, KarMMa-3). This is a Phase 3, multicentre, randomised, open-label study to compare the efficacy and safety of ide-cel versus standard regimens in subjects with RRMM. As a consequence, sections 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.4, 4.5, 4.8, 5.1, 5.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.6 of the SmPC are updated. The Package Leaflet and Labelling are updated in accordance. Version 3.0 of the RMP has also been submitted. Furthermore, the PI is brought in line with the Guideline on core SmPC, Labelling and Package Leaflet for advanced therapy medicinal products (ATMPs) containing genetically modified cells.

**Action:** for adoption

Request for supplementary information (RSI) adopted on 16.06.2023.

The rapporteur presented the responses to the questions in the RSI. The second request for supplementary information was adopted by CAT via a written procedure.

### 2.11.2. CARVYKTI - ciltacabtagene autoleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005095/II/0018

Janssen-Cilag International NV

Rapporteur: Jan Mueller-Berghaus

Scope: Quality, opinion

**Action:** for adoption

Request for supplementary information adopted on 14.07.2023.

The opinion was adopted.

### 2.11.3. Hemgenix - etranacogene dezaparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004827/II/0009/G

CSL Behring GmbH

Rapporteur: Silke Dorner

Scope: Quality, request for supplementary information

**Action:** for adoption

The request for supplementary information was adopted.

### 2.11.4. Kymriah - tisagenlecleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004090/II/0071

Novartis Europharm Limited

Rapporteur: Rune Kjeken

Scope: Clinical, request for supplementary information

Update of sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the SmPC in order to update efficacy and pharmacokinetic information based on final results from study CCTL019B2202 (a phase II, single arm, multicentre trial to determine the efficacy and safety of CTL019 in paediatric patients with relapsed and refractory B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia). Submission of cellular kinetic report for the B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL) indication based on data from pivotal study CCTL019B2202 and the supportive study CCTL019B2205J involving paediatric ALL patients (partially fulfil REC). In addition, the MAH took this opportunity to introduce editorial changes.

**Action:** for adoption

The rapporteur presented the assessment of this variation. The request for supplementary information was adopted.

### 2.11.5. Kymriah - tisagenlecleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004090/II/0075

Novartis Europharm Limited

Rapporteur: Rune Kjeken, PRAC Rapporteur: Gabriele Maurer

Scope: Clinical, request for supplementary information

Update of sections 5.1 and 5.2 of the SmPC in order to update efficacy and pharmacokinetic information based on final results from study CCTL019C2201 post authorisation efficacy study (PAES) in the Annex II (ANX008): this is a Phase II, single arm, multicentre trial to determine the efficacy and safety of Kymriah in adult patients with relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL). The RMP version 6 has also been submitted. In addition, the MAH took the opportunity to update Annex II.D of the product information (PI).

**Action:** for adoption

The rapporteur presented the assessment of this variation. The request for supplementary information was adopted.

### 2.11.6. ROCTAVIAN - valoctocogene roxaparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005830/II/0008/G

BioMarin International Limited

Rapporteur: Violaine Closson Carella

Scope: Clinical, opinion

Grouped application comprising two variations as follows: 1) Update of section 4.5 of the SmPC in order to add drug-drug interaction information with isotretinoin and efavirenz based on results from study '*in vitro* drug-drug interaction study: effects of concomitant administration of isotretinoin, amphetamine, omeprazole, celecoxib and selected HAART medications with AAV5-FVIII-SQ on cytotoxicity and AAV5-FVIII-SQ DNA and RNA expression in primary human hepatocytes" and 2) To change the ATC Code from B02BD1 to 'not yet assigned'.

**Action:** for adoption

The opinion was adopted

### 2.11.7. Yescarta - axicabtagene ciloleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004480/II/0063

Kite Pharma EU B.V.

Rapporteur: Jan Mueller-Berghaus

Scope: Clinical, opinion

Update of section 5.1 of the SmPC in order to include new clinical data based on overall survival (OS) primary analysis from study KTE-C19-107 (ZUMA-7): this is a phase 3, randomised, open-label study evaluating the efficacy of axicabtagene ciloleucel versus standard of care therapy in subjects with relapsed/refractory diffuse large B cell lymphoma (DLBCL) in the 2nd line setting. In addition, the MAH took the opportunity to submit a consolidated Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) document.

**Action:** for adoption

Request for supplementary information adopted on 06.10.2023.

The rapporteur presented the assessment of responses to the request for supplementary information. The opinion was adopted.

### 2.11.8. Kymriah - tisagenlecleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004090/II/0072

Novartis Europharm Limited

Rapporteur: Rune Kjeken

Scope: Quality

**Action:** for adoption

CAT agreed with the request for clock-stop extension .

## 2.12. Extension applications

No items

## 2.13. Other Post-Authorisation Activities

### 2.13.1. Hemgenix - etranacogene dezaparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004827/REC/008

CSL Behring GmbH

Rapporteur: Silke Dorner

Scope: Quality, REC considered fulfilled

**Action:** for adoption

The report was adopted.

### 2.13.2. Roctavian - valoctocogene roxaparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005830/MEA/005.1

BioMarin International Limited

Rapporteur: Violaine Closson Carella

Scope: Pharmacovigilance, opinion

MAH Response to MEA 005 [Haematologists survey] as adopted in June 2023
Title: Survey of haematologists to assess the effectiveness of the additional risk minimisation measures for Roctavian addressing the outstanding points in the MEA005 assessment report.

**Action:** for adoption

The report was adopted.

### 2.13.3. Upstaza - eladocagene exuparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005352/REC/010.1

PTC Therapeutics International Limited

Rapporteur: Maura O'Donovan

Scope: Quality

**Action:** for adoption

The report was adopted.

### 2.13.4. Upstaza - eladocagene exuparvovec - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/005352/REC/011.1

PTC Therapeutics International Limited

Rapporteur: Maura O'Donovan

Scope: Quality

**Action:** for adoption

The report was adopted.

### 2.13.5. Yescarta - axicabtagene ciloleucel - Orphan - EMEA/H/C/004480/ANX/002.6

Kite Pharma EU B.V.

Rapporteur: Jan Mueller-Berghaus

Scope: Pharmacovigilance, opinion

Second annual interim report from PASS KT-EU-471-0117 [long-term, non-interventional study of recipients of Yescarta for treatment of relapsed or refractory diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and primary mediastinal B-cell lymphoma. (EU PAS Register no.: EUPAS32539)] From initial MAA

**Action:** for adoption

The report was adopted.

## 2.14. GMP and GCP inspections requests

No items

# 3. Certification of ATMPs

Information related to this section cannot be released at the present time as it is deemed to contain commercially confidential information.

## 3.1. Opinion

No items

## 3.2. Day 60 Evaluation Reports

No items

## 3.3. New Applications

No items

# 4. Scientific Recommendation on Classification of ATMPs

Timetable:

| | |
|---|---|
| -Start of the procedure: | 20.11.2023 |
| -EMA Coordinator's draft report: | 24.11.2023 |
| -CAT Coordinator's comments: | 29.11.2023 |
| -Revised scientific recommendation: | 01.12.2023 |
| -CAT's discussion of scientific recommendation: | 08.12.2023 |

## 4.1. New requests – Appointment of CAT Coordinator

No items

## 4.2. Day 30 ATMP scientific recommendation

### 4.2.1. Allogeneic peripheral blood-derived HSPC, Treg cells and Tcon cells

Prevention of moderate to severe chronic graft-vs.-host disease and/or death in patients with acute leukaemias and in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) undergoing HLA-matched allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant (alloHCT)

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. It was agreed to ask the applicant for additional information before concluding this classification. The procedural clock is stopped until responses are provided.

### 4.2.2. Spermatogonial stem cells, propagated in vitro

Male infertility due to gonadotoxic treatment

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption CAT discussed the classification report. It was agreed to ask the applicant for additional information before concluding this classification. The procedural clock is stopped until responses are provided.

### 4.2.3. Live, freeze-dried, genetically modified Lactococcus lactis strain, engineered to secrete human interleukin-10 (hIL-10) and a deamidated, human leukocyte antigen (HLA)-DQ2 restricted, 33-mer alpha-gliadin peptide (dDQ2)

Treatment of celiac disease

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

### 4.2.4. Autologous lymphocytes enriched in activated natural killer cells

Cancer

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

### 4.2.5. Umbilical cord blood leukocyte concentrate containing cord blood stem cells

Hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

### 4.2.6. Umbilical cord blood leukocyte concentrate containing cord blood stem cells

Cerebral palsy

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

### 4.2.7. DNA plasmid expressing short hairpin RNA (shRNA) against lytic origin of DNA replication of Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) messenger RNA (mRNA)

Treatment of EBV infected patients

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

### 4.2.8. DNA plasmid expressing short hairpin RNA (shRNA) against BCL2 anti-apoptotic messenger RNA (mRNA)

Treatment of cancer patients

Scope: ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

CAT discussed the classification report. CAT secretariat to send the draft scientific recommendation to the European Commission for comments by 17.11.2023.

## 4.3. Day 60 revised scientific recommendation (following list of questions)

No items

## 4.4. Finalisation of procedure

### 4.4.1. Devitalised cell-derived cartilaginous tissue

Bone substitute for maxillofacial and/or orthopaedic bone defects

Scope: European Commission raised no comments. ATMP scientific recommendation

**Action:** for adoption

The classification report was adopted. The product does not fulfil the definition of an advanced therapy medicinal product as provided in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007.

## 4.5. Follow-up and guidance

No items

# 5. Scientific Advice

Information related to this section cannot be released at the present time as it is deemed to contain commercially confidential information.

## 5.1. New requests - appointment of CAT Rapporteurs

### 5.1.1. Ongoing scientific advice procedures - Appointment of CAT Peer Reviewers

Timetable:

| | |
|---|---|
| - Start of procedure at SAWP: | 23-26.10.2023 |
| - Appointment of CAT Peer Reviewers: | 30-31.10.2023 |
| - SAWP first reports: | 20.11.2023 |
| - CAT Peer Reviewer comments (NC/C) | 24.11.2023 |
| - CAT Peer Reviewer comments (Q) | 29.11.2023 |
| - Discussion at SAWP: | 27-30.11.2023 |
| - Discussion at CAT and feedback to SAWP: | 06-08.12.2023 |

### 5.1.2. Scientific advice procedures starting at the next SAWP meeting

Timetable:

| | |
|---|---|
| - Start of procedure at SAWP: | 25-28.09.2023 |
| - Appointment of CAT Peer Reviewers: | 04-06.10.2023 |
| - SAWP first reports: | 16.10.2023 |
| - CAT Peer Reviewer comments (NC/C) | 20.10.2023 |
| - CAT Peer Reviewer comments (Q) | 25.10.2023 |
| - Discussion at SAWP: | 23-26.10.2023 |
| - Discussion at CAT and feedback to SAWP: | 30-31.10.2023 |

## 5.2. Procedures discussed at SAWP – 1st reports, D40 JRs, LoIs

## 5.3. Finalisation of D70 procedures – feedback from the discussion meeting

No items

## 5.4. Final Advice Letters for procedures finalised the previous month

# 6. Pre-Authorisation Activities

Information related to this section cannot be released at the present time as it is deemed to contain commercially confidential information.

## 6.1. Paediatric investigation plans

No items

## 6.2. ITF briefing meetings in the field of ATMPs

No items

## 6.3. Priority Medicines (PRIME) – Eligibility requests

### 6.3.1. Month 0 - Start of the procedure

Timetable for assessment:

| | |
|---|---|
| - Procedure start: | 23–26.10.2023 |
| - SAWP recommendation: | 30.11.2023 |
| - CAT recommendation: | 08.12.2023 |
| - CHMP adoption of report and final recommendation: | 14.12.2023 |

### 6.3.2. Month 1 – Discussion of eligibility

No items

### 6.3.3. Month 2 – Recommendation of eligibility

### 6.3.4. Ongoing support

No items

# 7. Organisational, regulatory and methodological matters

## 7.1. Mandate and organisation of the CAT

### 7.1.1. CAT membership

The Chair welcomed Emmely de Vries as the new member and Berendina Maria (Tineke) van den Hoorn as new alternate for the Netherlands.

The Chair thanked Hans Ovelgönne and Babs Fabriek for their contributions as member and alternate for the Netherlands.

### 7.1.2. Vote by proxy

None

### 7.1.3. CAT Strategic Review & Learning meeting (SRLM) under the Spanish presidency, 25-27 October 2023 Madrid (Spain)

CAT: Sol Ruiz, Marcos Timon

Scope: Feedback from the SRLM

**Action**: for information

Sol Ruiz provided short feedback from the discussions at the SRLM. More detailed minutes of the meeting will be prepared.

## 7.2. Coordination with EMA Scientific Committees

### 7.2.1. Minutes and draft agenda - PCWP and HCPWP meetings

Scope: Minutes and draft agenda for the PCWP and HCPWP meetings

**Action:** for information

The information was noted.

## 7.3. Coordination with EMA Working Parties/Working Groups/Drafting Groups

No items

## 7.4. Cooperation with the EU regulatory network

No items

## 7.5. Cooperation with international regulators

No items

## 7.6. CAT work plan

No items

## 7.7. Planning and reporting

No items

## 7.8. Others

### 7.8.1. Proposal to review the informal rules for granting companies extended clock-stops (Hudson's rules)

Call for expression of interest from the members of Committee. Expressions of interest to be sent by 7 November .

**Action:** for discussion

EMA presented the topic. In view of the relevance of the clock stop extension rules for MAAs for ATMPs, it is suggested that 1 – 2 CAT members would join this group. Expressions of interest are awaited by 7 November.

# 8. Any other business

Date of next CAT meeting:

06-08 December 2023

# 9. List of participants

Including any restrictions with respect to involvement of members / alternates / experts following evaluation of declared interests for the 30-31 October 2023 meeting.

| Name | Role | Member State or affiliation | Outcome restriction following evaluation of e-DoI | Topics on agenda for which restrictions apply |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ilona Reischl | Chair | Austria | No interests declared | |
| Silke Dorner | Member | Austria | No interests declared | |
| Corina Spreitzer | Alternate | Austria | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Claire Beuneu | Member | Belgium | No interests declared | |
| Olga Kholmanskikh | Alternate | Belgium | No interests declared | |

| Name | Role | Member State or affiliation | Outcome restriction following evaluation of e-DoI | Topics on agenda for which restrictions apply |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rozalina Kulaksazova | Member | Bulgaria | No interests declared | |
| Petra Sokol | Alternate | Croatia | No interests declared | |
| Rafaella Pontou | Member | Cyprus | No interests declared | |
| Isavella Kyriakidou | Alternate | Cyprus | No interests declared | |
| Kristyna Rehorova Hradilkova | Alternate | Czechia | No interests declared | |
| Bibi Fatima Syed Shah | Alternate | Denmark | No interests declared | |
| Toivo Maimets | Member | Estonia | No interests declared | |
| Pille Saalik | Alternate | Estonia | No interests declared | |
| Heli Suila | Member | Finland | No interests declared | |
| Violaine Closson Carella | Member | France | No interests declared | |
| Jean-Michel Race | Alternate | France | No interests declared | |
| Jan Mueller-Berghaus | Member (CHMP co-opted member) | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Egbert Flory | Alternate (to CHMP representative) | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Maria Gazouli | Member | Greece | No interests declared | |
| Balázs Sarkadi | Alternate | Hungary | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Maura O'Donovan | Member | Ireland | No interests declared | |
| Concetta Quintarelli | Member | Italy | No interests declared | |
| Barbara Bonamassa | Alternate | Italy | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Una Riekstina | Member | Latvia | No interests declared | |
| Raimondas Benetis | Alternate (to CHMP representative) | Lithuania | No interests declared | |
| Nancy De Bremaeker | Member | Luxembourg | No interests declared | |
| Anthony Samuel | Alternate (to CHMP representative) | Malta | No interests declared | |

| Name | Role | Member State or affiliation | Outcome restriction following evaluation of e-DoI | Topics on agenda for which restrictions apply |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emmely de Vries | Member | Netherlands | No interests declared | |
| Tineke van den Hoorn | Alternate | Netherlands | No interests declared | |
| Rune Kjeken | Member | Norway | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Dariusz Sladowski | Member | Poland | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Maria Isabel Borba Vieira | Alternate (to CHMP representative) | Portugal | No interests declared | |
| Silviu Istrate | Member | Romania | No interests declared | |
| Katarina Vavrová | Member | Slovakia | No interests declared | |
| Margareta Fogelová | Alternate | Slovakia | No interests declared | |
| Suzana Vidic | Alternate | Slovenia | No participation in final deliberations and voting on: | 2.11.4 Kymriah II/71<br>2.11.5 Kymriah II/75 |
| Sol Ruiz | Member (CHMP co-opted member) | Spain | No interests declared | |
| Marcos Timón | Alternate (to CHMP representative) | Spain | No interests declared | |
| Maria Luttgen | Member | Sweden | No participation in final deliberations and voting on: | |
| Charlotte Anderberg | Alternate | Sweden | No interests declared | |
| Paolo Gasparini | Member | Clinicians' Representative | No interests declared | |
| Kerstin Sollerbrant Melefors | Member | Patients' Representative | No interests declared | |
| Mencia de Lemus Belmonte | Alternate | Patients' Representative | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Kieran Breen | Member (Vice-Chair) | Patients' Representative | No interests declared | |
| Federica Chiara | Alternate | Patients' Representative | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Torbjorn Callreus | Expert | Malta | No interests declared | |
| Ingrid Wang | Expert | Norway | No interests declared | |

| Name | Role | Member State or affiliation | Outcome restriction following evaluation of e-DoI | Topics on agenda for which restrictions apply |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nina Hessvik | Expert | Norway | No interests declared | |
| Fabrice Eroukhmanoff | Expert | Norway | No interests declared | |
| Lena Eroukhmanoff | Expert | Norway | No restrictions applicable to this meeting | |
| Hanna Kankkonen | Expert | Finland | No interests declared | |
| Paula Grönroos | Expert | Finland | No interests declared | |
| Karri Penttilä | Expert | Finland | No interests declared | |
| Johanna Lähteenvuo | Expert | Finland | No interests declared | |
| Juliane Rau | Expert | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Atilla Sebe | Expert | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Silke Schüle | Expert | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Filip Josephson | Expert | Sweden | No interests declared | |
| Odoardo Olimpieri | Expert | Italy | No interests declared | |
| Federico De Angelis | Expert | Italy | No interests declared | |
| Antonella Isgrò | Expert | Italy | No interests declared | |
| Martina Schuessler-Lenz | Expert | Germany | No interests declared | |
| Hans Ovelgonne | Expert | Netherlands | No interests declared | |
| Meeting run with support from relevant EMA staff | | | | |

# 10. Explanatory notes

The Notes give a brief explanation of relevant agenda items and should be read in conjunction with the agenda.

For a list of acronyms and abbreviations, see:

List of abbreviations used in EMA human medicines scientific committees and CMDh documents, and in relation to EMA's regulatory activities

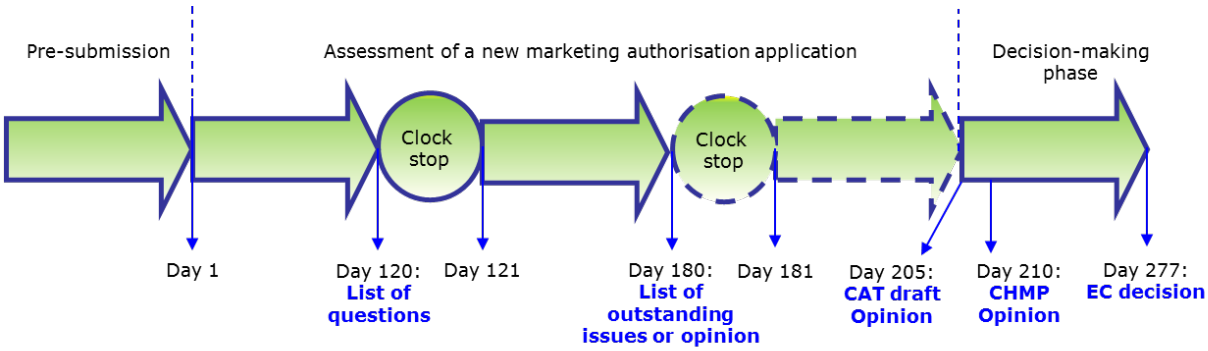
### Evaluation of ATMPs (section 2)

This section lists applications for marketing authorisations of new Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) that are to be discussed by the Committee. It also lists Post-authorisation activities (section 2.11-2.13) and any ATMP related inspection requests (section 2.14).

*New applications (sections 2.1. to 2.9.)*

Section 2.1 is for ATMPs nearing the end of the evaluation and for which the CAT is expected to adopt a draft **opinion** at this meeting on whether marketing authorisation should be granted. Once adopted, the CAT opinion is transmitted to the CHMP for final adoption. The CHMP opinion will be forwarded to the European Commission for a final legally binding decision valid throughout the EU. More information on the evaluation of ATMPs can be found here.

The other items in the section are listed depending on the stage of the evaluation, which is shown graphically below:




The assessment of an application for a new medicine takes up to 210 'active' days. This active evaluation time is interrupted by at least one 'clock-stop' during which time the applicant prepares the answers to questions from the CAT. The clock stop happens after day 120 and may also happen after day 180, when the CAT has adopted respectively a **Day 120 list of questions** (section 2.4) or a List of outstanding issues to be addressed by the company, which is listed in the agenda under sections 2.7 (**Ongoing evaluation procedures** (section 2.3). Section 2.6 also includes the CAT discussions at any other timepoint of the evaluation procedure of new applications.

*Oral explanation (section 2.2.)*

Prior to adoption of the CAT opinion, marketing authorisation applicants are normally invited to the CAT plenary meeting to address questions raised by the Committee.

Oral explanations normally relate to ongoing applications, but they can also relate to any other issue for which the CAT would like to discuss with company representatives in person.

*New applications (section 2.7.)*

In this section, information is included on upcoming marketing authorisation applications for ATMPs, as well as information on appointment of Rapporteurs for new ATMP applications.

*Withdrawal of applications (section 2.8.)*

This section includes information on marketing authorisation applications that are withdrawn by the applicant. Applicants may decide to withdraw applications at any stage during the assessment and a CAT opinion will therefore not be issued. Withdrawals are included in the agenda for information or discussion, as necessary.

*Re-examination procedures (new applications) under article 9(2) of regulation no 726/2004 (section 2.9.)*

This section lists applications for new marketing authorisation for ATMPs for which the applicant has requested a re-examination of the opinion previously issued by the CHMP. Similar to the initial evaluation of a marketing authorisation of an ATMP, CAT will adopt a draft re-examination opinion, which is transmitted to the CHMP for final adoption.

*Companion diagnostics (section 2.10)*

This section lists applications for initial and follow-on consultation of companion diagnostics.

*Post-authorisation activities (section 2.11-2.13.)*

Section 2.11 lists type II variations, including extension of indication applications and re-examination procedures for type II variations for which the applicant has requested re-examination of the opinion previously issued by the CHMP. Section 2.12 list extension application according to Annex I of Reg. 1234/2008 and section 2.13 includes all other post-authorisation activities concerning authorised ATMPs that are not covered elsewhere in the agenda such as post-authorisation measures, annual reassessments, 5-year renewals, supply shortages, qualify defects. Issues that have been discussed at the previous meeting of the PRAC, the EMA's committee responsible for evaluating and monitoring safety issues for medicines, will also be included here.

*GMP and GCP Inspections Issues (section 2.14.)*

This section lists inspections that are undertaken for ATMPs. Inspections are carried out by regulatory agencies to ensure that marketing authorisation holders comply with their obligations. Inspection can relate to good manufacturing practice (GMP), good clinical practice (GCP), good laboratory practice (GLP) or good pharmacovigilance practice (GVP).

**Certification of ATMPs (section 3)**

This section includes the scientific evaluation by the CAT of quality and non-clinical data that small and medium-sized enterprises have generated at any stage of the ATMP development process. More information on the ATMP certification procedure can be found here.

**Scientific Recommendation on Classification of ATMPs (Section 4)**

This section includes the scientific recommendation by the CAT on whether medicines based on genes, cells or tissues meet the scientific criteria that define ATMPs. More information on the ATMP classification procedure, including the outcomes of finalised classifications, can be found here.

**Scientific Advice (section 5)**

This section includes all scientific advice given to companies during the development of an ATMP. Information related to the number of ATMP related scientific advices discussed by CAT can be found in the CAT Monthly reports. Further information on SAWP can be found here.

**Pre-Authorisation (section 6)**

*Paediatric Investigation Plan (PIP)*

This section includes the discussion of an ATMP before a formal application for marketing authorisation

is submitted. These cases refer for example to requests for an accelerated assessment for medicines that are of major interest for public health or can be considered a therapeutic innovation: in case of an accelerated assessment the assessment timetable is reduced from 210 to 150 days.

CAT contributes to the evaluation of a Paediatric Investigation Plan (PIPs) for ATMPs by the Paediatric Committee. These PIPs are included in this section of the Agenda.

*ITF Briefing meeting in the field of ATMPs*

This section refers to briefing meetings of the Innovation Task Force and International co-operations activities of the CAT

The Innovation Task Force (ITF) is a body set up to encourage early dialogue with applicants developing innovative medicines. Minutes of meetings with applicants developing ATMPs and of other ITF meetings of interest to the CAT are included in this section of the agenda. Further information on the ITF can be found here.

*Priority Medicines (PRIME)*

This section includes the new requests for eligibility to PRIME for ATMPs under development, the discussions in CAT of these eligibility requests and the final recommendations for eligibility of ATMPs adopted by CHMP.

CAT will appoint one of its members as the CAT sponsor for each new ATMP eligibility request who will lead the CAT discussion based on the recommendation from the SAWP.

**Organisational, regulatory and methodological matters (section 7)**

This section includes topics related to regulatory and procedural guidance, CAT workplan, CAT meeting organisation (including CAT membership), planning and reporting, co-ordination with other committees, working parties and scientific advisory groups.

Furthermore, this section refers to the activities of the CAT drafting groups developing scientific guidelines for gene therapy medicinal products and for cell-based medicinal products, cooperation within the EU regulatory network and international regulators as well as direct interaction with interested parties. It also includes topics of scientific interest for the Committee that are not directly related to the work of the CAT drafting groups or CAT associated working parties.

**Any other business (section 8)**

This section is populated with miscellaneous topics not suitable under the previous headings.

More detailed information on the above terms can be found on the EMA website: www.ema.europa.eu/