Scientific recommendation on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products


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The present scientific recommendation refers exclusively to the case as presented to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) without prejudice to future evaluations by the Agency.

It is stressed that the scientific recommendation on advanced therapy classification does not amount to any endorsement of the plausibility of the product, including the mode of action or therapeutic indication(s) claimed by the applicant.

Brief description (or name when available) of the active substance(s)

Allogeneic pancreatic islets encapsulated by elastin-like recombinamers.

Brief description of the finished product

Allogeneic pancreatic islets encapsulated by an elastin-like recombinamers

Proposed indication

Treatment of severe forms of type 1 diabetes.

EMA/CAT conclusion

The procedure was finalised on 28 March 2018 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that the product:

- does contain cells that are not substantially manipulated and;
• does contain cells that are intended to be used for the same essential function in the recipient and the donor,

the EMA/CAT considers that the product does not fall within the definition of an advance therapy medicinal product, as provided in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) 1394/2007.