Scientific recommendation on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products

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Brief description (or name where available) of the active substance(s)
Bone marrow-derived autologous non-hematopoietic stem cells

Brief description of the finished product
Bone marrow-derived autologous non-hematopoietic stem cells suspended in PBS/EDTA buffer enriched with 0.5% human serum albumin

Proposed indications
Treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

EMA/CAT conclusion
The committee adopted on 21st December 2015 the following scientific recommendations.

On the basis that the product:
- consists of engineered cells that are not intended to be used for the same essential function or functions in the recipient as in the donor
• is administered to human beings with a view to treating a disease through the immunological and pharmacological action of its cells or tissues

the EMA/CAT considers that the product falls within the definition of a somatic cell therapy medicinal product.