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Scientific recommendation on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products

Disclaimer: This document is a summary for public release of a scientific recommendation on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products. The original text adopted by the Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT) has been redacted to delete commercially confidential information.

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)
CD1c (BDCA-1)+ myeloid dendritic cells.

Brief description of the finished product
Suspension of concentrated CD1c (BDCA-1)+ myeloid dendritic cells, isolated from peripheral blood mononuclear cells.

Proposed indication
Advanced, pre-treated solid tumours with injectable metastases.

EMA/CAT conclusion
The procedure was finalised on 8 December 2017 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that the product:
• does not consist of cells that have been subject to substantial manipulation so that biological characteristics, physiological functions or structural properties relevant for the intended clinical use have been altered nor does it consist of engineered cells or tissues;

• does consist of cells that are intended to be used for the same essential function(s) in the recipient and the donor,

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