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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)
Freshly isolated autologous CD34+.

Brief description of the finished product
Freshly isolated autologous CD34+ suspended in platelet-rich fibrin.

Proposed indication
Regeneration of soft and hard tissues of temporomandibular joints.

EMA/CAT conclusion
The procedure was finalised on 17 October 2017 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that the product:

• consists of cells which are not intended to be used for the same essential function(s) in the recipient and the donor;
• is presented as having properties for, or is administered to human beings with a view to treating a disease through the pharmacological, action of its cells;
• is administered to human beings with a view to regenerate or repair a human tissue,

the EMA/CAT considers that the product falls within the definition of a tissue engineered product, combined advanced therapy medicinal product as provided in Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) 1394/2007.