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Scientific recommendation on classification of advanced therapy medicinal products

Article 17 – Regulation (EC) No 1394/2007

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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)

Adeno-associated virus serotype 5 encoding human retinal guanylate cyclase 1 gene.

Brief description of the finished product

Sterile suspension of vector particles supplied in a glass vial.

Proposed indication

Treatment of inherited retinal disease caused by biallelic mutations in human retinal guanylate cyclase 1 gene, including Leber congenital amaurosis type 1.

EMA/CAT conclusion

The procedure was finalised on 6 February 2019 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that:

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- the product contains a biological medicinal product as the active substance;
- the active substance is a recombinant nucleic acid administered to human beings with a view to adding a genetic sequence;
- its therapeutic effect relates directly to the product of the genetic expression of this sequence,

the EMA/CAT considers that the product falls within the definition of a gene therapy medicinal product, as provided in Article 2(1) of Regulation (EC) 1394/2007.