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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)

Live-attenuated, double-deleted Listeria monocytogenes expressing human mesothelin.

Brief description of the finished product

Suspension of live-attenuated, double-deleted *Listeria monocytogenes* expressing human mesothelin for intravenous infusion.

Proposed indication

Treatment of malignant non-small cell lung cancer.

EMA/CAT conclusion

The procedure was finalised on 20 May 2016 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that the product:

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- contains an active substance which contains a recombinant nucleic acid that is administered to human with a view of adding a genetic sequence;
- its therapeutic effect relates directly to the product of 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.