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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)

Human autologous stromal vascular fraction (SVF).

Brief description of the finished product

Cell suspension.

Proposed indication

Treatment of articular cartilage and bone defects.

EMA/CAT conclusion

The procedure was finalised on 16 June 2017 for the following recommendation.

On the basis that the product:

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- consists of engineered cells, which have been subject to substantial manipulation, so that biological characteristics, physiological functions or structural properties relevant for the intended regeneration, repair or replacement are achieved, and that are not intended to be used for the same essential function or functions in the recipient as in the donor;
- the product is administered to human beings with a view to regenerating, repairing or replacing a human tissue,

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