## **ESPRIT**

## Efficacy and Safety of PRescribing In Transplantation

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Dear

Re: Final Appraisal Determination – Immunosuppressive therapy for kidney transplant in adults ID 456 (review of technology appraisal guidance 85)

Thank you for the initial scrutiny letter in relation to the ESPRIT Group's appeal against the above technology appraisal.

You raised two areas for clarification and I am pleased to respond to those now.

Question 1. Could you confirm that your appeal concerns all of the drugs referred to in FAD 1.4, including everolimus and belatacept? **Answer 1. Yes it does.** 

Question 2. I understand your point 2.3 to be an argument that the economic analysis is defective because a key cost of a non-treatment scenario, graft failure and subsequent dialysis or no transplant and continued dialysis has been omitted. That would be a valid point. If I have misunderstood the point please correct me. Answer 2. No, you have not misunderstood.

We were pleased to hear that there will be an oral appeal hearing and have now received our invitation to that, taking place on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Yours sincerely

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