

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

STA Multiple myeloma (relapsed, refractory) - belantamab mafodotin (with pomalidomide and dexamethasone, after 1 or more treatments)

The impact on equality has been assessed during this appraisal according to the principles of the NICE equality scheme.

Consultation

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| 1. | Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how? |
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Not relevant. No equality issues identified at scoping.	
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| 2. | Have any other potential equality issues been raised in the submissions, expert statements or academic report, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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The clinical experts noted that multiple myeloma is common in men, elderly people, and people from Black African or Caribbean ethnic groups. The committee considered that its recommendations apply equally, regardless of sex, age and ethnicity. It concluded that the difference in prevalence did not represent an equality issue in this evaluation.	
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| 3. | Have any other potential equality issues been identified by the committee, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these? |
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No.	
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4.	Do the preliminary recommendations make it more difficult in practice for a specific group to access the technology compared with other groups? If so, what are the barriers to, or difficulties with, access for the specific group?
No.	

5.	Is there potential for the preliminary recommendations to have an adverse impact on people with disabilities because of something that is a consequence of the disability?
No.	

6.	Are there any recommendations or explanations that the committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 4 or 5, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?
No.	

7.	Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the draft guidance, and, if so, where?
Yes, section 3.25.	

Approved by Associate Director (name):Richard Diaz.....

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