Sent: 06 November 2006 13:00 To: Christopher Feinmann Subject: Comments on the Evaluation Report-Fludarabine
I have the following comments on the Evaluation Report on Fludarabine which ,as requested, are submitted seperately:-
1 Page 1 Erratum
I am puzzled by the statement at the end of the revised Para 2.3.4 that now states that:-
'First line treatment with fludarabine plus cyclophosphamide alone is ,however,associated with increased toxicity,inconvenience,expense and impaired quality of life because two courses of chemotherapy are needed'
I cannot find this statement in any of the Clinical expert submissions and I would ask what is the evidence base for this statement?
2 Evidence Review Group Report
There is an error on page 14 Section 2.1.4 Treatment.
Second line from the bottom should read 'fludarabine in combination with either cyclophosphamide or cyclophosphamide plus rituximab'
The reference to chlorambucil is wrong. As noted on page 8 of the ERG report fludarabine plus chlorambucil shows excessive toxicity.
This error could potentially mislead members of the evaluation committee.
Regards
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