

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE
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HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

**STA Brolucizumab for treating wet age-related macular
degeneration**

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

Final appraisal determination

(when no ACD was issued)

1. Have the potential equality issues identified during the scoping process been addressed by the committee, and, if so, how?

Not applicable.

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 company noted that visual impairment resulting from wet age-related macular degeneration is recognised as a disability. So, the patient population of this appraisal is a protected group under the Equality Act of 2010.

The committee took the fact that brolucizumab would be used in people with visual impairment into consideration when formulating its recommendations.

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.

4. Do the 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 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 final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?

Yes. FAD section 3.11.

Approved by Associate Director (name):Ross Dent.....

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