Scottish Medicines Consortium



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Statement of Advice:

azacitidine (Vidaza®) 25 mg/ml powder for suspension for injection (No: 1175/16)

Celgene Ltd

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ADVICE: in the absence of a submission from the holder of the marketing authorisation

azacitidine (Vidaza®) is not recommended for use within NHS Scotland.

Indication under review: Treatment of adult patients aged 65 years or older who are not eligible for haematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT) with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) with >30% marrow blasts according to the World Health Organisation (WHO) classification.

The holder of the marketing authorisation has not made a submission to SMC regarding this product in this setting. As a result we cannot recommend its use within NHSScotland.

Advice context:

No part of this advice may be used without the whole of the advice being quoted in full.

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