Corrigendum

for the Public call for expression of interest as representatives of clinicians to the Committee for Advanced Therapies of the European Medicines Agency

(CAT/16/C)

The paragraph on Independence –Conflict of Interest (page 2.) of the Call published on 14 July 2016 on the webpage of Directorate General for Health and Food Safety reads as follows:

Independence – Conflict of interest

Members of the CAT shall not have financial or other interests in the biotechnology sector (including pharmaceutical medical devices, or tissues/cells sector) which could affect their impartiality. They shall undertake to act in the public interest and in an independent manner and shall make an annual declaration of their financial interests or as soon as their interests change. Members are asked to provide declarations at each meeting of any specific interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence in relation to the items on the agenda.

For this purpose it is essential that applicants submit, together with their application, a declaration of interests form, as explained below, which is fully completed. All applicants will be subject to a pre-screening of any potential conflict of interest in line with recently tightened rules of EMA.¹ Any detected current direct interest will lead to the exclusion from the appointment process.

It should be replaced by the following:

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Members of the CAT shall neither have financial or other interests in the pharmaceutical industry nor in the biotechnology sector (including medical devices, or tissues/cells sector) which could affect their impartiality. They shall undertake to act in the public interest and in an independent manner and shall make an annual declaration of their financial interests or as soon as their interests change. Members are asked to provide declarations at each meeting of any specific interests which might be considered prejudicial to their independence in relation to the items on the agenda.

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