

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE EXCELLENCE

## HEALTH TECHNOLOGY APPRAISAL PROGRAMME

### Equality impact assessment – Guidance development

### STA Dupilumab for treating moderate to severe atopic dermatitis

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

#### Final appraisal determination

(when an ACD issued)

1. Have any additional potential equality issues been raised during the consultation, and, if so, how has the committee addressed these?

No.

2. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations that 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?

The recommendation does not apply criteria on severity of atopic dermatitis using specific scales such as the Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) which may underestimate disease severity in people with darker skin colour. However, a stopping rule has been included which uses the EASI and Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) that measures health-related quality of life and which may not be appropriate in people with physical, psychological, sensory or learning disabilities or difficulties communicating.

3. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, 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.

4. If the recommendations have changed after consultation, are there any recommendations or explanations that the committee could make to remove or alleviate barriers to, or difficulties with, access identified in questions 2 and 3, or otherwise fulfil NICE's obligations to promote equality?
Yes, the following recommendations have been added:  <i>When using the EASI, healthcare professionals should take into account skin colour and how this could affect the EASI score, and make the clinical adjustments they consider appropriate.</i>  <i>When using the DLQI, healthcare professionals should take into account any physical, psychological, sensory or learning disabilities, or communication difficulties that could affect the responses to the DLQI, and make any adjustments they consider appropriate.</i>

5. Have the committee's considerations of equality issues been described in the final appraisal determination, and, if so, where?
Yes, in section 3.22 and 3.23 of FAD.

**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Elisabeth George

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