

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND CARE  
EXCELLENCE**

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES EVALUATION  
PROGRAMME**

**Equality impact assessment – Topic selection and  
scoping**

**The ReCell spray-on skin system for treating skin  
loss, scarring and depigmentation after burn injury**

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

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| 1. | Have any potential equality issues been identified during the development of the briefing note or during the Committee meeting, and, if so, what are they? |
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Skin grafting in people with darker skin may result in a poorer colour match in the grafted area compared with normal skin. The ReCell Spray-on skin system may result in better colour matching of the resulting skin. The trypsin enzyme used to disaggregate the skin cells from the biopsy during the ReCell process is derived from pigs. This means that the treatment may be unacceptable to people from religious and cultural backgrounds that forbid contact with porcine material.
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| 2. | What is the preliminary view as to what extent these potential equality issues need addressing by the Committee? |
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No further action required at this stage.
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| 3. | Does the scope need to highlight any potential equality issues? If so, how? |
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This issue has been included in the scope as a special consideration.
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**Approved by Associate Director (name):** Mark Campbell

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