



## bimekizumab 160mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe and pre-filled pen (Bimzelx®)

UCB Pharma

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The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and, following review by the SMC executive, advises NHS Boards and Area Drug and Therapeutics Committees (ADTCs) on its use in NHSScotland. The advice is summarised as follows:

**ADVICE:** following an abbreviated submission

**bimekizumab (Bimzelx®)** is accepted for restricted use within NHSScotland.

**Indication under review:** treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults who are candidates for systemic therapy.

**SMC restriction:** for patients who have failed to respond to standard systemic therapies (including ciclosporin, methotrexate and phototherapy), are intolerant to, or have a contra-indication to these treatments.

Bimekizumab provides an additional treatment choice in the therapeutic class of interleukin inhibitors.

This advice applies only in the context of an approved NHSScotland Patient Access Scheme (PAS) arrangement delivering the cost-effectiveness results upon which the decision was based, or a PAS/ list price that is equivalent or lower.

### Advice context:

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

*This advice represents the view of the Scottish Medicines Consortium and was arrived at after evaluation of the evidence submitted by the company. It is provided to inform the considerations of Area Drug & Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards in Scotland in determining medicines for local use or local formulary inclusion. This advice does not override*

*the individual responsibility of health professionals to make decisions in the exercise of their clinical judgement in the circumstances of the individual patient, in consultation with the patient and/or guardian or carer.*

Patient access schemes: A patient access scheme is a scheme proposed by a pharmaceutical company in order to improve the cost-effectiveness of a medicine and enable patients to receive access to cost-effective innovative medicines. A Patient Access Scheme Assessment Group (PASAG), established under the auspices of NHS National Services Scotland reviews and advises NHSScotland on the feasibility of proposed schemes for implementation. The PASAG operates separately from SMC in order to maintain the integrity and independence of the assessment process of the SMC. When SMC accepts a medicine for use in NHSScotland on the basis of a patient access scheme that has been considered feasible by PASAG, a set of guidance notes on the operation of the scheme will be circulated to Area Drug and Therapeutics Committees and NHS Boards prior to publication of SMC advice.

*This assessment is based on data submitted by the applicant company up to and including 27 September 2021.*

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