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## Summary of opinion<sup>1</sup> (post authorisation)

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# Xeljanz

## tofacitinib

On 19 May 2022, the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion recommending a change to the terms of the marketing authorisation for Xeljanz prolonged-release tablets.<sup>2</sup> The marketing authorisation holder for this medicinal product is Pfizer Europe MA EEIG.

The CHMP adopted a new indication for the treatment of ankylosing spondylitis. The full indications for Xeljanz prolonged-release tablets will therefore be as follows:<sup>3</sup>

### Rheumatoid arthritis

Tofacitinib in combination with methotrexate (MTX) is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in adult patients who have responded inadequately to, or who are intolerant to one or more disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) (see section 5.1). Tofacitinib can be given as monotherapy in case of intolerance to MTX or when treatment with MTX is inappropriate (see sections 4.4 and 4.5).

### Psoriatic arthritis

Tofacitinib in combination with MTX is indicated for the treatment of active psoriatic arthritis (PsA) in adult patients who have had an inadequate response or who have been intolerant to a prior disease modifying antirheumatic drug (DMARD) therapy (see section 5.1).

### Ankylosing spondylitis

**Tofacitinib is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with active ankylosing spondylitis (AS) who have responded inadequately to conventional therapy.**

Detailed recommendations for the use of this product will be described in the updated summary of product characteristics (SmPC), which will be published in the revised European public assessment report (EPAR), and will be available in all official European Union languages after a decision on this change to

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<sup>1</sup> Summaries of positive opinion are published without prejudice to the Commission decision, which will normally be issued 67 days from adoption of the opinion

<sup>2</sup> This recommendation is without prejudice to the final conclusions of the ongoing referral procedure under Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No 726/2004 resulting from pharmacovigilance data.

<sup>3</sup> New text in **bold**



the marketing authorisation has been granted by the European Commission.