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Revised list of enabling tools

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| Start of public consultation | 7 November 2024 |
| End of consultation (deadline for comments) | 30 November 2024 |

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1. Background

As part of EMA's horizon scanning and foresight activities, applicants to EMA procedures are asked to highlight the enabling tools and technologies¹ applied in their development programs. This information is requested either when registering a Research Product Identifier (RPI) in IRIS (an EMA platform for submitting applications electronically), or when applying to an Innovation Task Force (ITF) meeting. The revised list of enabling tools is open for public consultation until 30 November 2024.

¹ *Enabling tools are defined as novel technologies that have the potential to enable innovation in the context of medicines development. They can refer to a novel therapeutic approach, a novel category of medicinal product or a technology or methodology integrated in the pre-clinical, clinical or CMC dossier of a medicine.*



2. Revised list of enabling tools (draft)

| Domain | Enabling tools |
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| Non-clinical / Clinical | Alternative to antimicrobials , e.g. phage therapy |
| | Gene therapy , including gene editing technology |
| | Somatic cell therapy and tissue-engineering , including stem cell-based medicinal product |
| | Synthetic biology |
| | Artificial intelligence applied to pre-clinical data and/or clinical data |
| Manufacturing / Quality | 3D printing and 3D bioprinting |
| | Advanced manufacturing , e.g. AI applied to quality and manufacturing, continuous manufacturing, pharmaceutical process model, digitalization, new manufacturing facility design and manufacturing platforms |
| | Decentralized manufacturing , e.g. bedside, point of care and mobile/portable manufacturing |
| | Smart/advanced material , e.g. stimuli-responsive |
| | Novel excipient |
| | New medicine delivery system |
| | Nanotechnology |
| | Advanced analytical technologies , e.g. next generation sequencing, multi-attribute method |
| Methodology | New Approach Methodology (NAM) and 3Rs principles , e.g. <i>in silico</i> model, <i>in vitro</i> model, digital twins, organs-on-chips |
| | Novel biomarker, novel endpoint |
| | Data sources , e.g. Real World Data, big data, registries, pharmacogenomics, biobank data |
| | Complex clinical trial , e.g. platform/umbrella, basket trial, Bayesian design, adaptive design |
| | Decentralized clinical trial elements , e.g. home delivery of the investigational medicinal product, trial-related procedures at home, data management and monitoring in a decentralised clinical trial setting |
| | Extrapolation strategy |
| | Artificial intelligence applied to regulatory compliance |

| Domain | Enabling tools |
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| | Digital technologies , e.g. e-health, digital endpoints, blockchain, trials integrated with electronic healthcare system |
| Complex / Borderline product | Medical device , including software as medical device |
| | Procedure involving germ cells |
| | Other complex/borderline product , e.g. blood-derived product |
| Other enabling technology | Click or tap here to enter text. |