

ANNEX I
SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Savene 20 mg/ml powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion.

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each vial contains 500 mg dexrazoxane (589 mg dexrazoxane hydrochloride).
Each ml contains 20 mg of dexrazoxane after reconstitution with 25 ml of Savene diluent.

Excipients with known effects:

Diluent bottle:

Potassium 98 mg/500 ml or 5.0 mmol/l

Sodium 1.61 g/500 ml or 140 mmol/l

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion.

Powder vial:

White to off-white lyophilisate.

Diluent bottle:

Clear isotonic solution (295 mOsm/l, pH approx. 7.4).

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Savene is indicated for the treatment of anthracycline extravasation in adults.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Savene must be administered under the supervision of a physician experienced in the use of anti-cancer medicinal products.

Posology

Treatment should be given once daily for 3 consecutive days. The recommended dose is:

Day 1: 1000 mg/m²

Day 2: 1000 mg/m²

Day 3: 500 mg/m²

The first infusion should be initiated as soon as possible, within the first six hours after the accident. Treatment Day 2 and Day 3 should start at the same hour (+/- 3 hours) as Day 1.

There is no experience with dose reduction/increase or modification of the schedule in the treatment of extravasation. For patients with a body surface area of more than 2 m² the single dose should not exceed 2000 mg.

Renal impairment

No studies have been performed in patients with impaired renal function and use in such patients is not recommended (see section 4.4). Decreased renal function may lead to decreased rate of elimination and prolonged systemic exposure.

Hepatic impairment

Dexrazoxane has not been studied in patients with impaired hepatic function and its use in such patients is not recommended (see section 4.4).

Older people

Safety and efficacy have not been evaluated in older people and the use of dexrazoxane in such patients is not recommended.

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of Savene in children below the age of 18 years have not been established and no data are available.

Method of administration

For intravenous use after reconstitution and dilution.

For instructions on the reconstitution and dilution of Savene before administration, see section 6.6.

The indicated dose should be administered as an intravenous infusion over 1-2 hours into a large vein of an extremity or area other than the one affected by the extravasation. Cooling procedures such as ice packs should have been removed from the area at least 15 min before the Savene administration in order to allow sufficient blood flow.

4.3 Contraindications

- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.
- Women of childbearing potential not using contraceptive measures (see section 4.6).
- Breast-feeding (see section 4.6).
- Concomitant vaccination with yellow fever vaccine (see section 4.5).

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Continuous monitoring

Local examination should be performed on a regular basis after treatment until resolution.

If there is suspicion of extravasation by vesicant compounds other than anthracyclines through the same IV access, e.g. vincristine, mitomycin, and vinorelbine, Savene would not be effective against the effects from these compounds.

Since Savene will be administered to patients undergoing cytotoxic therapy with anthracyclines its cytotoxic potential (especially resulting in reversible haematological toxicity with a nadir occurring on days 11-12) will therefore add to that of the other chemotherapy administered. Haematological monitoring should therefore be undertaken regularly.

Hepatic and renal-function monitoring

Since liver dysfunction (increases in transaminases and bilirubin) may occur (especially after doses of above 1 000 mg/m² dexrazoxane), it is recommended that routine liver function tests be performed before each administration of dexrazoxane in patients with known liver function disorders.

Since renal dysfunction may decrease the rate of elimination of dexrazoxane, patients with initial impaired renal function should be monitored for signs of haematological toxicity.

Anaphylactic reaction

Anaphylactic reaction including angioedema, skin reactions, bronchospasm, respiratory distress, hypotension and loss of consciousness have been observed in patients treated with dexrazoxane and anthracyclines (see section 4.8). Previous history of allergy to dexrazoxane should be carefully considered prior to administration (see section 4.3).

Potassium and sodium contents

Savene diluent contains potassium (98 mg/500 ml). This must be taken into consideration by patients with reduced kidney function or patients on a controlled potassium diet. Plasma potassium level must be closely monitored in patients at risk of hyperkalaemia.

Savene diluent also contains sodium (1.61 g/500 ml) which may be harmful to patients on a controlled sodium diet.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Concomitant use contraindicated:

Yellow fever vaccine: Risk of fatal generalised vaccinia disease (see section 4.3).

Concomitant use not recommended:

- Other live attenuated vaccines: risk of systemic, possible fatal disease. This risk is increased in subjects who are already immunosuppressed by their underlying disease. Use an inactivated vaccine where this exists (poliomyelitis).
- Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) should not be used in patients who are administered dexrazoxane to treat anthracycline extravasation (see section 5.3)
- Phenytoin: cytotoxic agents may reduce the absorption of phenytoin leading to an exacerbation of convulsions. Dexrazoxane is not recommended in combination with phenytoin.

Concomitant use to assess carefully:

Ciclosporin, tacrolimus: Excessive immunosuppression with risk of lymphoproliferative disease.

Interactions common to all cytotoxics:

- Due to an increased thrombotic risk in patients with malignant diseases, the use of anticoagulants treatment is frequent. Patients treated with anticoagulants should be monitored more frequently as cytotoxic agents may interact with oral anticoagulants.
- Dexrazoxane may add to the toxicity induced by the chemotherapy cycle during which the accident took place, requiring careful monitoring of haematological parameters (see section 4.4).

Interaction specific to dexrazoxane:

When tested in five major cytochrome P450 isoenzymes CYP1A, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6 and CYP3A4, none of these were inhibited by dexrazoxane.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential/Contraception in males and females

Women of childbearing potential must use contraceptive measures during treatment and must inform their doctor immediately if they become pregnant (see section 4.3).

Since dexrazoxane possesses mutagenic activity, men being treated with dexrazoxane are advised not to father a child during and up to three months after treatment and/or should use contraceptives for the same time period.

Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of dexrazoxane in pregnant women. Dexrazoxane may cause foetal harm when administered to pregnant women. Few pre-clinical data are available with respect to reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). Dexrazoxane should not be administered to pregnant women unless clearly necessary.

Breast-feeding

It is not known whether dexrazoxane is excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in breast-fed infants exposed to dexrazoxane, mothers must discontinue breast-feeding during Savene therapy (see section 4.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Dizziness, somnolence and syncope have been reported in a few patients included in Savene studies TT01 and TT02 (see section 4.8). Dexrazoxane has minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

A number of published reports comprising more than 1000 patients have demonstrated a uniform pattern of dose dependent adverse reactions. Most common adverse reactions are nausea/vomiting, bone marrow suppression (neutropenia, thrombocytopenia), injection site reactions, diarrhoea, stomatitis and increase in hepatic transaminases (ALT/AST). All adverse reactions have been rapidly reversible.

The following information is based on two clinical studies, TT01 and TT02, of Savene administered to extravasation patients already receiving cycles of chemotherapeutic agents.

The adverse reactions were those typically seen with standard chemotherapy and also with dexrazoxane: Nausea/vomiting in about one third of the patients, neutropenia and thrombocytopenia in about half of the patients, more rarely increased concentration of liver enzymes (ALT/AST). Adverse reactions observed in the two studies are listed below.

Incidence of adverse reactions (MedDRA) in studies TT01 and TT02 (n=80 patients)

(Note that numbers for Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders are described in a separate table of laboratory examinations)

Adverse reactions reported are listed according to the following frequency:

Very common ($\geq 1/10$)

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$)

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$)

Rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$)

Very rare ($< 1/10,000$)

System Organ Classes (SOC)	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Infections and infestations	Very common	Postoperative infection
	Common	Infection Neutropenic infection
Immune system disorders	Not known	Anaphylactic reactions
	Not known	Hypersensitivity
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Common	Decreased appetite
Nervous system disorders	Common	Dizziness
		Sensory loss
		Syncope
		Tremor
Vascular disorders	Common	Phlebitis
		Superficial thrombophlebitis
		Venous thrombosis limb
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Common	Dyspnoea
		Pneumonia
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	Nausea
	Common	Vomiting
		Diarrhoea
		Stomatitis
		Dry mouth

System Organ Classes (SOC)	Frequency	Adverse reactions
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common	Alopecia
		Pruritus
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Myalgia
Reproductive system and breast disorders	Common	Vaginal haemorrhage
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site pain
	Common	Pyrexia
		Injection site phlebitis
		Injection site erythema
		Fatigue
		Injection site induration
		Injection site swelling
		Peripheral oedema
		Somnolence
Investigations	Common	Weight decreased
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	Common	Wound complication

Incidence of laboratory abnormalities in TT01 and TT02 (n=80 patients)

Lab test	No of patients with post baseline value	CTC grade 3-4	
		N	%
Haemoglobin	80	2	2.5%
WBC	80	36	45.0%
Neutrophils	78	36	46.2%
Platelets	80	17	21.3%
Sodium (Hypo)	79	5	6.3%
Potassium (Hypo)	79	2	2.5%
Potassium (Hyper)	79	0	0.0%
Alkaline Phosphatase	77	0	0.0%
Bilirubin	77	1	1.3%
AST	57	2	3.5%
ALT	71	3	3.9%
Creatinine	76	2	2.6%
LDH	78	0	0.0%
Calcium Total (Hypo)	28	2	7.1%

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reaction via **the national reporting system** listed in [Appendix V](#).

4.9 Overdose

Signs and symptoms of overdosage are likely to consist of leucopenia, thrombocytopenia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, skin reactions and alopecia. Treatment should be symptomatic.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Detoxifying agents for antineoplastic agents, ATC code: V03AF02

Two pharmacodynamic properties of dexrazoxane are described in the literature:

1. Prevention of anthracycline cardiotoxicity, and
2. Antineoplastic action

Mechanism of action

Dexrazoxane has two major mechanisms of action:

1. Chelation of iron, especially through its ring-opened metabolite thus reducing the iron-dependent oxidative stress causing anthracycline-induced cardiotoxicity.
2. Inhibition of topoisomerase II.

It is not known to what extent each of these mechanisms contributes to the preventive effect on tissue destruction following anthracycline extravasation.

The chelating property is probably also responsible for an increased urinary excretion of iron and zinc and a decreased serum concentration of calcium as described in a few studies.

Clinical efficacy and safety

The clinical programme for Savene (dexrazoxane) included two open, single-arm, multicentre studies. The overall purpose of each trial was to investigate the efficacy of intravenous Savene in preventing tissue damage from accidentally extravasated anthracycline, and thus preventing the patients from undergoing the routinely used surgical excision of the affected tissue.

Due to the rarity of the condition only historical data could be used for comparison (demonstrating surgical rates of 35-50 %, in one country 100% in biopsy proven cases).

In both studies the dosage regimen was the same. Treatment with Savene had to be started within 6 hours from the incident and was repeated after 24 and 48 hours. The first and second doses were 1000 mg/m² and the third was 500 mg/m².

A requirement for inclusion in the efficacy part of the study was that the anthracycline extravasation was proven by fluorescence microscopy of one or more biopsies.

For study purposes, patients with extravasations from a central venous access device (CVAD) were not included in the efficacy evaluation.

Patients with neutropenia and thrombocytopenia > CTC grade 1 (Common Toxicity Criteria) have not been included in the clinical studies.

In study **TT01**, 23 patients were entered and received treatment with Savene. Eighteen were evaluable for efficacy and safety and a further five patients were evaluable for toxicity only. None of the patients required surgical intervention.

In study **TT02**, 57 patients entered the study and received the first dose of Savene. 36 patients were evaluable for efficacy. Only one of the 36 patients required surgery.

In both studies all patients had received anthracycline. Overall, the most commonly received anthracycline was epirubicin (56 % of the patients).

In both studies dexrazoxane treatment prevented the development of necrosis, allowed cancer treatment to continue as scheduled in the majority of patients (70.4 %), and reduced the occurrence of sequelae (only few and mild long-term sequelae were observed).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Savene must only be administered intravenously.

Distribution

Bibliographical data demonstrate that serum kinetics of dexrazoxane after intravenous administration follow an open two-compartment model independent of schedule and dose. The apparent volumes of distribution are 0.13-1.3 l/kg (median 0.49 l/kg). Volume of distribution is independent of dose. AUCs were dose-proportional. Tissue distribution is rapid, with the highest levels of unchanged parent compound and hydrolysed product appearing in liver and kidneys. About 2% of dexrazoxane is protein-bound.

Biotransformation

Dexrazoxane undergoes intracellular hydrolysis first to its two one-ring open intermediates (B and C) and then to the two-ring opened form (ADR-925) which has a structure similar to EDTA and is a strong chelator of iron and divalent cations as calcium ions.

Elimination

Dexrazoxane displays biphasic elimination kinetics. Initial elimination half lives (alpha) are 0.18-1 h (median 0.34 h) and terminal elimination half lives 1.9-9.1 h (median 2.8 h). Total urinary recovery of unchanged dexrazoxane is 34-60 %. Systemic clearance is independent of dose. The pharmacokinetics of the metabolites is derived from a single study with five patients. The mean elimination half-lives of the one-ring opened metabolite B and metabolite C are 0.9-3.9 h (n=5) and 0.5-0.8 h (n=3), respectively. The elimination half-life of the two-ring opened metabolite ADR-925 is not given in literature. ADR-925 is reported to increase three-fold within 15 min after infusion of 1500 mg/m² and remain relatively constant on a plateau for 4 hours and then decreased to about half at 24 hours. Clearance may be reduced in patients with low creatinine clearance.

In-vitro studies on dexrazoxane in human microsomes have shown high stability of dexrazoxane indicating that major metabolism via cytochrome P450 is unlikely.

There is insufficient data available to draw any definite conclusions regarding intrinsic pharmacokinetic factors such as age, gender, race and weight. Inter- and intra-individual pharmacokinetic variabilities have not been studied systematically. Based on a limited number of patients, inter-individual variability calculated as the coefficient of variation (CV %) was estimated to be approximately 30 % for the main pharmacokinetic parameters.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Dexrazoxane has been shown to possess mutagenic activity. The carcinogenic potential of dexrazoxane has not been investigated, however, razoxane (the racemic mixture of dexrazoxane and levrazoxane) has been reported to be associated with the development of secondary malignancies in mice (lymphoid neoplasms) and rats (uterine carcinomas) after administration for a prolonged period of time. Both of these effects are expected for this class of compound.

Repeat-dose toxicity studies have shown that primary target organs were tissues that undergo rapid cell division: bone marrow, lymphoid tissue, testes and digestive tract. Myelosuppression is thus common. The apparent effects were greater during chronic than acute administration. The toxicity in combination with doxorubicin was additive and not synergistic.

The related razoxane has been demonstrated to be embryotoxic in mice, rats and rabbits and teratogenic in rats and mice.

When mice with experimental daunorubicin extravasation were treated with dexrazoxane systemically combined with topical treatment with DMSO on the daunorubicin-affected skin area, 67 % of the mice developed small skin wounds, whereas dexrazoxane treatment alone completely prevented the

daunorubicin-induced skin necrosis in another group of mice. Thus, dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) should not be used in patients who are administered dexrazoxane to treat anthracycline extravasation.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Powder vial
none

Diluent bottle
Sodium chloride
Potassium chloride
Magnesium chloride hexahydrate
Sodium acetate trihydrate
Sodium gluconate
Sodium hydroxide
Water for injections

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf life

Powder and diluent:
3 years.

After reconstitution and dilution:
Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 4 hours when stored at 2 to 8 °C.
From a microbiological point of view the product should be used immediately.
If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and should not be longer than 4 hours at 2 to 8 °C.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 25 °C.
Keep the vials and bottles in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

For storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution of the medicinal product, see section 6.3.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Savene powder:
Amber-coloured, 36-ml, glass type I vial with stopper made of chlorobutyl rubber and a flip-off or tear-off cap.

Savene diluent:
500 ml solution in bottles made of Type-I (Ph.Eur.) glass.

Pack sizes:
Savene is available as an emergency kit consisting of 10 vials of Savene powder and 3 bottles of Savene diluent.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before infusion, Savene powder must be reconstituted with 25 ml Savene diluent to give a concentration of 20 mg dexrazoxane per ml. The concentrate is slightly yellow. The concentrate should then be diluted further in the remaining Savene diluent.

Caution must be exercised during reconstitution and dilution and the normal procedures for proper handling of cytotoxic medicinal products should be adopted. The preparation should not be handled by pregnant staff. Use of gloves and other protective clothing to prevent skin contact is recommended. Skin reactions have been reported following contact with dexrazoxane. If the powder or solution contacts the skin or mucous membranes, wash immediately and thoroughly with water.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

EU/1/06/350/001

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation: 28 July 2006
Date of latest renewal: 18 July 2011

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>

ANNEX II

- A. MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

A. MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer(s) responsible for batch release

Norgine B.V.
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1101 CA Amsterdam ZO
The Netherlands

B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription (See Annex I: Summary of Product Characteristics, section 4.2).

C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

- **Periodic Safety Update Reports**

The Marketing Authorisation Holder shall submit periodic safety update reports for this product in accordance with the requirements set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and published on the European medicines web-portal.

D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

- **Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

The MAH shall perform the required pharmacovigilance activities and interventions detailed in the agreed RMP presented in Module 1.8.2 of the Marketing Authorisation and any agreed subsequent updates of the RMP.

An updated RMP should be submitted:

- At the request of the European Medicines Agency;
- Whenever the risk management system is modified, especially as the result of new information being received that may lead to a significant change to the benefit/risk profile or as the result of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached.

If the dates for submission of a PSUR and the update of a RMP coincide, they can be submitted at the same time.

ANNEX III
LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

KIT BOX (1 KIT CONSISTING OF 10 POWDER VIALS AND 3 DILUENT BOTTLES)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Savene 20 mg/ml powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion
(dexrazoxane)

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

Each vial contains 500 mg dexrazoxane (589 mg dexrazoxane hydrochloride).
After reconstitution with 25 ml Savene diluent, 1 ml of concentrate contains 20 mg dexrazoxane

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Excipients Savene powder:

none

Excipients Savene diluent:

Sodium chloride

Potassium chloride

Magnesium chloride hexahydrate

Sodium acetate trihydrate

Sodium gluconate

Sodium hydroxide

Water for injections

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion
10 vials of 500 mg dexrazoxane
3 bottles of 500 ml diluent

Emergency kit for the treatment of anthracycline extravasation

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Intravenous use after reconstitution and dilution
Read the package leaflet before use

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the sight and reach of children

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

To be administered under the supervision of a physician experienced in the use of cytotoxic agents

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store below 25 °C

Concentrate and diluted solution may be stored at 2 to 8 °C for 4 hours

Keep vials and bottles in the outer carton in order to protect from light

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

Contains cytotoxics.

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

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13. BATCH NUMBER

Batch

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

Justification for not including Braille accepted

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
POWDER VIAL

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Savene 20 mg/ml powder for concentrate
dexrazoxane
Intravenous use after reconstitution and dilution

2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Read the package leaflet before use

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Batch

5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT

500 mg dexrazoxane

6. OTHER

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGING

DILUENT BOTTLE

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Savene diluent

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Sodium chloride
Potassium chloride
Magnesium chloride hexahydrate
Sodium acetate trihydrate
Sodium gluconate
Sodium hydroxide
Water for injections

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

500 ml diluent

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Intravenous use after dilution with concentrate
Read the package leaflet before use

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the sight and reach of children

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Contains cytotoxics after dilution with concentrate

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store below 25°C.
Keep in the outer carton in order to protect from light
To be used within 4 hours after dilution when stored at 2-8°C.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements

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B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

Package leaflet: Information for the patient

Savene 20 mg/ml powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion Dexrazoxane

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See Section 4.

What is in this leaflet

1. What Savene is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you use Savene
3. How to use Savene
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Savene
6. Contents of the pack and other information

1. What Savene is and what it is used for

Savene contains the active substance dexrazoxane, which acts as an antidote to anti-cancer medicines called anthracyclines.

Most anti-cancer medicines are administered intravenously (into a vein). Occasionally an accident occurs and the medicine is infused outside the vein and into the surrounding tissue or leaks from the vein into the surrounding tissue. This event is called extravasation. It is a serious complication as it can cause severe tissue damage.

Savene is used to treat anthracycline extravasation in adults. It can reduce the amount of tissue damage caused by anthracycline extravasation.

2. What you need to know before you use Savene

Do not use Savene:

- If you are allergic to dexrazoxane or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- If you are planning to become pregnant and do not use adequate contraceptive measures
- If you are breast-feeding
- If you are given yellow-fever vaccine

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or nurse before using Savene:

- Savene should only be given to you if you have an extravasation in connection with anthracycline-containing chemotherapy.
- During treatment with Savene the area where the extravasation has occurred will be examined on a regular basis and you will have blood tests taken regularly to check your blood cells.
- If you have liver problems, your doctor will monitor your liver function during treatment.
- If you have kidney problems, your doctor will monitor for signs of changes to your blood cells.

Children and adolescents

Savene should not be administered to children below the age of 18 years.

Other medicines and Savene

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking, have recently taken, or might take any other medicines.

In particular, tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking or may take any of the following medicines:

- Vaccines: you must not use Savene if you are going to receive yellow fever vaccine and it is not recommended that you use Savene if you are going to receive a vaccine containing live virus particles.
- A product called DMSO (which is a cream to treat some skin diseases).
- Phenytoin (a treatment against seizures) (Savene may reduce the effectiveness of this medicine).
- Anticoagulants (blood thinners) (your blood may need to be monitored more frequently).
- Ciclosporin or tacrolimus (both treatments lower the body's immune system and are used to prevent organ rejection after an organ transplant).
- Myelosuppressive medicines (decrease production of red, white, or coagulating blood cells).

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby ask your doctor for advice before taking this medicine.

Women who could become pregnant must use contraceptive measures during treatment (see section 2 'Do not use Savene').

Men must take adequate contraceptive precautions during therapy and for at least three months after treatment.

Savene should not be administered if you are pregnant.

You must not breast-feed while you are treated with Savene.

Driving and using machines

Dizziness, tiredness and sudden fainting have been reported in a few patients treated with Savene. The treatment is considered to have a limited influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

Savene contains potassium and sodium.

The Savene diluent contains potassium (98 mg/500 ml) which may be harmful to people on a low-potassium diet or who have kidney problems. If you are at risk of high potassium levels in your blood, your doctor will monitor this.

Savene also contains sodium (1.61 g/500 ml) which may be harmful to people on a low-sodium diet.

3. How to use Savene

Savene will be given to you under the control of a doctor experienced in the use of anticancer treatments.

Recommended dose

The dose will depend on your height and weight. Your doctor will calculate your body surface area in square meter (m^2) to determine the dose you should receive. The recommended adult dose is:

Day 1: 1000 mg/ m^2

Day 2: 1000 mg/ m^2

Day 3: 500 mg/ m^2

Savene will be given by infusion into one of your veins. The infusion will last 1-2 hours.

Frequency of administration

You will receive your infusion once daily for 3 consecutive days. The first infusion will be given as soon as possible and within the first six hours after extravasation of an anthracycline medicine. Savene infusion will be given at the sametime every day of your treatment.

Savene will not be used again at the time of your next anthracycline cycle, except if extravasation occurs again.

If you receive more Savene than you should

If you receive more Savene than you should, you will be closely monitored with specific attention to your blood cells, potential gastro-intestinal signs, skin reactions and hair loss.

If Savene comes into contact with the skin, the affected area should immediately be rinsed thoroughly with water.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Savene can cause side effects although not everybody gets them.

Some side effects can be serious and need immediate medical attention.

The following serious side effect has been reported in patients during treatment with Savene (frequency not known):

- Allergic reactions, symptoms of which could be itching (pruritis), rash, facial/throat swelling, wheezing, breathlessness or difficult breathing, changes in levels of consciousness, hypotension, sudden fainting

If you get any of the above symptoms, seek medical advice immediately.

Other possible side effects are listed below:

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Nausea
- Reactions at the site of injection (pain at the site, red, swollen or painful skin at the site or hardening of the skin at the site)
- Reduction in the number of white blood cells and platelets
- Infection (after an operation or other infections)

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Feeling tired, feeling sleepy, feeling dizzy, sudden fainting
- Reduction in any of your senses (sight, smell, hearing, touch, taste)
- Fever
- Inflammation of the blood vessel where the treatment is given (phlebitis)
- Inflammation of a blood vessel just under the skin, often with a small blood clot
- Blood clot in the vein, usually in an arm or leg
- Inflammation in the mouth
- Dry mouth
- Hair loss
- Itching (pruritus)
- Weight loss, loss of appetite
- Muscle pain, tremor (uncontrolled muscle movement)
- Vaginal bleeding
- Difficulties in breathing
- Pneumonia (lung infection)
- Swelling in arms or legs (oedema)
- Wound complications
- Changes in liver function (these may be seen in test results)

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via [the national reporting system listed in Appendix V](#). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Savene

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton, powder vial label, and diluent-bottle label after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store below 25 °C.

Keep the powder vials and diluent bottles in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Savene contains

- The active substance is dexrazoxane. Each vial contains 500 mg dexrazoxane as 589 mg dexrazoxane hydrochloride.
- The other ingredient(s) are: The diluent which contains sodium chloride, potassium chloride, magnesium chloride hexahydrate, sodium acetate trihydrate, sodium gluconate, sodium hydroxide and water for injections.

What Savene looks like and contents of the emergency kit

The Savene kit consists of Savene powder for concentrate (white to off-white powder) and Savene diluent for solution for infusion. One emergency kit contains 10 vials of Savene powder and 3 bottles of Savene diluent

The concentration of dexrazoxane following reconstitution with 25 ml Savene diluent is 20 mg/ml. The concentrate is slightly yellow.

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Detailed information on this medicine is available on the European Medicines Agency website:
<http://www.ema.europa.eu>.

The following information is intended for healthcare professionals only.

Preparation guide for use with Savene powder for concentrate and diluent for solution for infusion

It is important that you read the entire content of this procedure prior to the preparation of Savene.

1. FORMULATION

Savene is supplied as:

1. Savene powder
2. Savene diluent

Savene powder must be reconstituted in 25 ml Savene diluent to obtain a concentrate that must be further diluted in the remaining Savene diluent prior to administration.

2. RECOMMENDATION FOR THE SAFE HANDLING

Savene is an anti-cancer agent and the normal procedures for proper handling and disposal of anticancer medicines should be adopted, namely:

- Personnel should be trained to reconstitute the medicine
- Pregnant staff should be excluded from working with this medicine
- Personnel handling this medicine during reconstitution should wear protective clothing including mask, goggles and gloves
- Accidental contact with the skin or eyes should be treated immediately and thoroughly with copious amounts of water

3. PREPARATION FOR THE INTRAVENOUS ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Reconstitution of Savene powder to prepare a concentrate

- 3.1.1 Using a syringe fitted with a needle, withdraw aseptically 25 ml from the Savene diluent bottle.
- 3.1.2 Inject the entire contents of the syringe into the vial containing the Savene powder.
- 3.1.3 Remove the syringe and needle and mix manually by repeated inversions until the powder is fully dissolved. Do not shake.
- 3.1.4 Allow the vial with the concentrate to stand for 5 minutes at room temperature and check if the solution is homogenous and clear. The concentrate is slightly yellow.
The concentrate contains 20 mg dexrazoxane per ml and should be used immediately for further dilution. It contains no antibacterial preservative.
- 3.1.5 Keep and store the opened diluent bottle under aseptic conditions because it is needed for dilution of the concentrate.

3.2 Dilution of the concentrate

- 3.2.1 Up to four vials containing Savene concentrate may be necessary to obtain the required dose for the patient. Based on the required dose for the patient expressed in mg, withdraw aseptically the corresponding volume containing 20 mg dexrazoxane per ml from the appropriate number of vials containing concentrate. Use a graduated syringe filled with a needle.
- 3.2.2 Inject the required volume back into the opened Savene diluent bottle (see point 3.1.5). The solution must not be mixed with any other medicines.
- 3.2.3 Mix the solution by agitating gently the infusion bottle.
- 3.2.4 Savene should be administered aseptically as a 1-2 hours infusion under room temperature and normal light conditions.
- 3.2.5 As with all parenteral products, Savene concentrate and infusion solution should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Solutions containing a precipitate should be discarded.

4. STORAGE

4.1 Before reconstitution and dilution:

- Store below 25°C
- Keep the powder vials and diluent bottles in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

4.2 After reconstitution and dilution:

- Chemical and physical in-use stability after reconstitution and subsequent dilution in the diluent has been demonstrated for 4 hours when stored at 2 to 8°C.
- In order to avoid the potential contamination of the medicine by microbes, the product should be used immediately.
- If the medicine is not used immediately, it should be kept at a temperature of 2 to 8°C (in the refrigerator) and no longer than 4 hours.

5. DISPOSAL

All items for preparation, administration or cleaning, including gloves, as well as liquid waste should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.