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Sugammadex Amomed (*sugammadex*)

An overview of Sugammadex Amomed and why it is authorised in the EU

What is Sugammadex Amomed and what is it used for?

Sugammadex Amomed is a medicine used to reverse the effect of the muscle relaxants rocuronium and vecuronium. Muscle relaxants are medicines used during some types of operation to make the muscles relax, including the muscles that help the patient to breathe. Muscle relaxants make it easier for the surgeon to do the operation. Sugammadex Amomed is used to speed up the recovery from the muscle relaxant, usually at the end of the operation.

Sugammadex Amomed can be used in adults who have received rocuronium and vecuronium, and in children from birth who have received rocuronium.

Sugammadex Amomed contains the active substance sugammadex and is a 'generic medicine'. This means that Sugammadex Amomed contains the same active substance and works in the same way as a 'reference medicine' already authorised in the EU. The reference medicine for Sugammadex Amomed is Bridion. For more information on generic medicines, see the question-and-answer document here.

How is Sugammadex Amomed used?

Sugammadex Amomed can only be obtained with a prescription. It is given by or under the supervision of an anaesthetist (a doctor specialised in anaesthesia). Sugammadex Amomed is given into a vein as a single bolus injection (given all at once).

For more information about using Sugammadex Amomed, see the package leaflet or contact your doctor or pharmacist.

How does Sugammadex Amomed work?

The active substance in Sugammadex Amomed, sugammadex, attaches to the muscle relaxants rocuronium and vecuronium stopping them from having an effect. As a result, the muscles contract and begin to work normally again, including the muscles that help the patient to breathe.

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How has Sugammadex Amomed been studied?

Studies on the benefits and risks of the active substance in the authorised use have already been carried out with the reference medicine, Bridion, and do not need to be repeated for Sugammadex Amomed.

As for every medicine, the company provided data on the quality of Sugammadex Amomed. There was no need for 'bioequivalence' studies to investigate whether Sugammadex Amomed is absorbed similarly to the reference medicine to produce the same level of the active substance in the blood. This is because Sugammadex Amomed is given by injection into a vein, so the active substance is delivered straight into the bloodstream.

What are the benefits and risks of Sugammadex Amomed?

Because Sugammadex Amomed is a generic medicine, its benefits and risks are taken as being the same as the reference medicine's.

Why is Sugammadex Amomed authorised in the EU?

The European Medicines Agency concluded that, in accordance with EU requirements, Sugammadex Amomed has been shown to be comparable to Bridion. Therefore, the Agency's view was that, as for Bridion, the benefits of Sugammadex Amomed outweigh the identified risks and it can be authorised for use in the EU.

What measures are being taken to ensure the safe and effective use of Sugammadex Amomed?

Recommendations and precautions to be followed by healthcare professionals and patients for the safe and effective use of Sugammadex Amomed have been included in the summary of product characteristics and the package leaflet.

As for all medicines, data on the use of Sugammadex Amomed are continuously monitored. Suspected side effects reported with Sugammadex Amomed are carefully evaluated and any necessary action taken to protect patients.

Other information about Sugammadex Amomed

Sugammadex Amomed received a marketing authorisation valid throughout the EU on 10 January 2023.

Further information on Sugammadex Amomed can be found on the Agency's website: ema.europa.eu/medicines/human/EPAR/sugammadex-amomed. Information on the reference medicine can also be found on the Agency's website.

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