



Adverse reactions from medication errors.- Regulatory experience in EU

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Before July 2012

PhVWP of CHMP

Advise on safety issues:

- At request of CHMP
- At request of MS



After July 2012

PRAC

All aspects of the risk management of the use of medicinal products including the **detection, assessment, minimisation and communication relating to the risk** of adverse reactions, having due regard to the therapeutic effect of the medicinal product, the design and evaluation of post-authorisation safety studies and pharmacovigilance audit

PRAC: Integration of activities

- **Priorisation and assessment of signals**
 - Inc signals consequence of reported medication errors
- **RMP assessment**
 - ID of potential for medication errors
 - Risk minimisation activities
 - Impact assessment of additional risk minimisation activities, i.e.
 - ADR frequency
 - Specific surveys
- **PSUR assessment**
 - Data collected on medication errors





Retrospective review of (potential) safety issues consequence of medication errors in PhVWP/PRAC



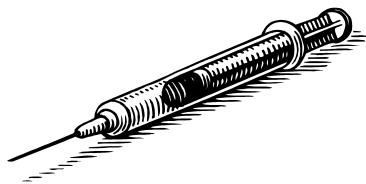


Confusion on route of
administration or
target

Rotavirus vaccine

Bortezomib

Methysergide





Non “standard
posologies”



Fosphenytoin

Colchicine

Metrotrexate

Same product , different
posologies for different
indications



Marketing of new
strengths,
pharmaceutical
forms, formulations,
devices for the active
substance



Sodium oxibate

Topotecan

Memantine

Advagraf/prograf

Pramipexole

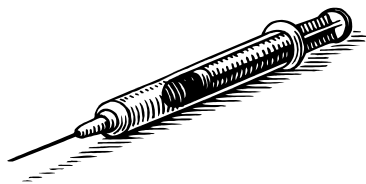
Olanzapine

Levetiracetam

Eptacog alpha



Disproportion
total volume-volume
for injection



Revatio

Romiplostin

Perfalgan in children



Complexity in infusion
preparation/method of
administration



Tocilizumab

Romiplostin

Mecasermin

Dexametasone intravitreal implant

Regulatory actions most commonly taken

- **Clarify product information, i.e.**
 - SmPC/PIL
 - Outer package
- **DHPC**
- **Additional risk minimisation activities:**
Educational material





Nplate® educational material

CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF MEDICINAL PRODUCT TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE MEMBER STATES

The Member States must ensure that all conditions with regard to the safe and effective use of the medicinal products described below are implemented:

The MAH shall agree the details of an educational programme with the National Competent Authorities and must implement such programme nationally to ensure that, prior to prescribing, all physicians are provided with a healthcare professional information pack containing the following:

- Educational material
- Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) and Package Leaflet and Labelling

Key elements to be included in the educational material

- Posology
 - Obligations of the health care professional in relation to the prescribing of romiplostim and the need to provide comprehensive advice on risk-benefit to patients.
 - The documents will discuss the following identified and potential risks:
 - The incidence in clinical trials and likelihood of reoccurrence of thrombocytopenia after cessation of treatment. Advice on management of patients upon cessation of romiplostim.
 - Background information on reticulin in the bone marrow. Background rates of reticulin in the bone marrow in ITP patients and the observed incidence and potential mechanism of action of reticulin deposition in response to romiplostim. Warning that, whilst no data exists, an outcome of reticulin deposition in response to romiplostim may be bone marrow fibrosis. Advice on when further investigations and a bone marrow biopsy might be appropriate.
- etc
- The incidence of medication errors in clinical trials. Provision of dosing calculator to simplify the calculation of the correct dose and guide in correct reconstitution and administration.

**Annex II.B in EPAR of
NPLATE® in the
Website
(www.ema.europa.eu)**



“Provision of dosing calculator to simplify the calculation of the correct dose and guide in correct reconstitution and administration”



Nplate® educational material



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Nplate® (romiplostim)
Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) when prescribing. Romiplostim is a recombinant human thrombopoietin receptor agonist used in the treatment of chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) in splenectomised patients (e.g. corticosteroid resistant) and in patients where splenectomy is considered as second-line treatment. **Indication:** The indication is for the treatment of chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) in splenectomised patients where splenectomy is considered as second-line treatment. **Contraindications:** Nplate should not be used in patients with a known hypersensitivity to any of the components of the product. **Warnings and precautions:** Nplate should be used with caution in patients with a history of thrombotic thrombocytopenic syndrome (TTP) or other thrombotic disorders. **Adverse reactions:** Common adverse reactions include headache, dizziness, nausea, constipation, and back pain. **Interactions:** There are no known clinically significant interactions with Nplate. **Pregnancy and lactation:** There is no data on the use of Nplate in pregnant or lactating women. **Use in children:** Nplate is not recommended for use in children. **Use in the elderly:** There is no data on the use of Nplate in the elderly. **Storage:** Nplate should be stored in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C) and protected from light. **Shelf life:** The shelf life of Nplate is 24 months. **Excipients:** The product contains sodium chloride, sodium citrate, and water for injection. **Other information:** Nplate is a protein and should be stored in a refrigerator. Do not use bacteriostatic water for reconstitution.

- Nplate® can only be reconstituted with sterile water. Do not use bacteriostatic water.
- Nplate® is available in 250 µg and 500 µg vials and should be protected from light. Do not use if the vial is damaged.
- Nplate® should be used immediately after reconstitution. Storage conditions prior to use are: do not store for longer than 24 hours at 25°C from light.
- Reconstituted Nplate® must be used immediately. Any unused product or waste should be disposed of according to local requirements.
- Nplate® is a protein—DO NOT use if the vial is damaged.

Sodium chloride

1. Sterile water
2. The vial cap
3. Visually inspect the reconstituted solution

- The reconstituted solution should be used immediately.
- It should be stored in a refrigerator.

Any unused product or waste should be disposed of according to local requirements.

Nplate®

Single-Use Vial

250 µg

500 µg

Storage of

Chemical and should be stored in a refrigerator for 24 hours.

From a microcentrifuge tube used immediately after reconstitution. Do not use if the vial is damaged.



Use the table below to determine the injection volume, based on the patient's weight and the dose to be administered.

Patient weight (kg)	Dose (µg)	Total injection volume (mL)
40	0.08	0.72
45	0.09	0.72
50	0.1	0.72
55	0.11	0.72
60	0.12	0.72
65	0.13	0.72
70	0.14	0.72
75	0.15	0.72
80	0.16	0.72
85	0.17	0.72
90	0.18	0.72

Patient's total dose in µg
Injection volume in mL

- One 250-µg vial
- One 500-µg vial
- One 250-µg vial + one 500-µg vial

Calculate initial dose:

1. Initial dose for Nplate® is 0.08 µg/kg.
2. Determine patient's weight in kg.
3. Refer to window above to determine injection volume.

Subsequent doses:

1. Determine patient's platelet count.
2. Refer to dose adjustment table.
3. Refer to window above to determine injection volume.
4. Platelet counts should be assessed for at least 4 weeks with Nplate. Platelet counts should be assessed monthly.

Platelet count (x 10 ⁹ /L)	Dose (µg/kg)
< 50	0.08
> 200 for 2 consecutive weeks	0.12
> 400	0.16



Directions for dose reconstitution

Nplate® is a highly potent peptide administered subcutaneously. It is supplied as a powder for reconstitution with sterile water for injection.

Nplate® is available in two vial sizes that provide different doses. Because of the holdup in the vial, the amount of Nplate® is less than the reconstituted amount.

— Nplate® 250 micrograms powder for solution reconstituted with 0.72 mL sterile water for injection provides a total volume of 0.5 mL. An additional overfill is 250 µg of romiplostim can be delivered.

— Nplate® 500 micrograms powder for solution reconstituted with 1.2 mL sterile water for injection provides a total volume of 1.0 mL. An additional overfill is 500 µg of romiplostim can be delivered.

Smaller amounts of Nplate® may be required for patients with low platelet counts, for whom low weekly doses are appropriate, as well as for patients with high platelet counts.

Administer Nplate® as a weekly subcutaneous injection based on platelet count response.

Injection volume may be very small. Use a syringe.

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40	0.08	0.16	0.24	0.32	0.4	0.48	0.56	0.64	0.72	0.8
45	0.09	0.18	0.27	0.36	0.45	0.54	0.63	0.72	0.81	0.9
50	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	1
55	0.11	0.22	0.33	0.44	0.55	0.66	0.77	0.88	0.99	1.1
60	0.12	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.6	0.72	0.84	0.96	1.08	1.2
65	0.13	0.26	0.39	0.52	0.65	0.78	0.91	1.04	1.17	1.3
70	0.14	0.28	0.42	0.56	0.7	0.84	0.98	1.12	1.26	1.4
75	0.15	0.3	0.45	0.6	0.75	0.9	1.05	1.2	1.35	1.5
80	0.16	0.32	0.48	0.64	0.8	0.96	1.12	1.28	1.44	1.6
85	0.17	0.34	0.51	0.68	0.85	1.02	1.19	1.36	1.53	1.7
90	0.18	0.36	0.54	0.72	0.9	1.08	1.26	1.44	1.62	1.8



Conclusions

- New presentations during product lifecycle and complexity in preparations: the most frequent cause of errors: The simplest the best
- Interaction with patient safety organisations (in hospital network for message dissemination)
- PRAC may facilitate identification and follow-up





Thank you for the
attention!!