# ANNEX I SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

#### 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

- MIRCERA 30 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 40 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 50 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 60 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 75 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 100 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 120 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 150 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 200 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 250 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe
- MIRCERA 360 micrograms/0.6 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

# 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

# MIRCERA 30 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 30 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 100 micrograms/ml

# MIRCERA 40 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 40 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 133 micrograms/ml.

# MIRCERA 50 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 50 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 167 micrograms/ml.

# MIRCERA 60 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 60 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 200 micrograms/ml.

#### MIRCERA 75 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 75 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 250 micrograms/ml

#### MIRCERA 100 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 100 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 333 micrograms/ml.

#### MIRCERA 120 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 120 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 400 micrograms/ml.

#### MIRCERA 150 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 150 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 500 micrograms/ml.

# MIRCERA 200 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 200 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 667 micgrograms/ml

#### MIRCERA 250 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 250 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\* at a concentration of 833 micrograms/ml.

#### MIRCERA 360 micrograms/0.6 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

One pre-filled syringe contains 360 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta\*at a concentration of 600 micrograms/ml.

The strength indicates the quantity of the protein moiety of the methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta molecule without consideration of the glycosylation.

\*Protein produced by recombinant DNA technology in Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cells and covalently conjugated to a linear methoxy-polyethylene glycol (PEG).

The potency of methoxy polyethene glycol-epoetin beta should not be compared to the potency of another pegylated or non-pegylated protein of the same therapeutic class. For more information, see section 5.1.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

#### 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection in pre-filled syringe (injection). The solution is clear and colourless to slightly yellowish.

# 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

# 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Treatment of <u>symptomatic</u> anaemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD) in adult patients (see section 5.1).

# 4.2 Posology and method of administration.

Treatment with MIRCERA has to be initiated under the supervision of a physician experienced in the management of patients with renal impairment.

#### Posology

# *Treatment of symptomatic anaemia in adult chronic kidney disease patients*

Anaemia symptoms and sequelae may vary with age, gender, and overall burden of disease; a physician's evaluation of the individual patient's clinical course and condition is necessary. MIRCERA should be administered either subcutaneously or intravenously in order to increase haemoglobin to not greater than 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l). Subcutaneous use is preferable in patients who are not receiving haemodialysis to avoid puncture of peripheral veins.

Due to intra-patient variability, occasional individual haemoglobin values for a patient above and below the desired haemoglobin level may be observed. Haemoglobin variability should be addressed through dose management, with consideration for the haemoglobin target range of 10 g/dl (6.21 mmol/l) to 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l). A sustained haemoglobin level of greater than 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l) should be avoided; guidance for appropriate dose adjustment for when haemoglobin values exceeding 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l) are observed are described below.

A rise in haemoglobin of greater than 2 g/dl (1.24 mmol/l) over a four-week period should be avoided. If it occurs, appropriate dose adjustment should be made as provided.

Patients should be monitored closely to ensure that the lowest approved effective dose of MIRCERA is used to provide adequate control of the symptoms of anaemia whilst maintaining a haemoglobin concentration below or at 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l).

Caution should be exercised with escalation of MIRCERA doses in patients with chronic renal failure. In patients with a poor haemoglobin response to MIRCERA, alternative explanations for the poor response should be considered (see section 4.4 and 5.1).

It is recommended that haemoglobin is monitored every two weeks until stabilized and periodically thereafter.

# Patients not currently treated with an erythropoiesis stimulating agent (ESA):

In order to increase haemoglobin levels to greater than 10 g/dl (6.21 mmol/l), the recommended starting dose in patients not on dialysis is 1.2 microgram/kg body weight, administered once every month as a single subcutaneous injection.

Alternatively, a starting dose of 0.6 microgram/kg bodyweight may be administered once every two weeks as a single intravenous or subcutaneous injection in patients on dialysis or not on dialysis.

The dose may be increased by approximately 25% of the previous dose if the rate of rise in haemoglobin is less than 1.0 g/dl (0.621 mmol/l) over a month. Further increases of approximately 25% may be made at monthly intervals until the individual target haemoglobin level is obtained.

If the rate of rise in haemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dl (1.24 mmol/l) in one month or if the haemoglobin level is increasing and approaching 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l), the dose is to be reduced by approximately 25%. If the haemoglobin level continues to increase, therapy should be interrupted until the haemoglobin level begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be restarted at a dose approximately 25% below the previously administered dose. After dose interruption a haemoglobin decrease of approximately 0.35 g/dl (0.22 mmol/l) per week is expected. Dose adjustments should not be made more frequently than once a month.

Patients treated once every two weeks whose haemoglobin concentration is above 10 g/dl (6.21 mmol/l) may receive MIRCERA administered once-monthly using the dose equal to twice the previous once-every-two-week dose.

#### Patients currently treated with an ESA:

Patients currently treated with an ESA can be switched to MIRCERA administered once a month as a single intravenous or subcutaneous injection. The starting dose of MIRCERA is based on the calculated previous weekly dose of darbepoetin alfa or epoetin at the time of substitution as described in Table 1. The first injection should start at the next scheduled dose of the previously administered darbepoetin alfa or epoetin.

**Table 1: MIRCERA starting doses** 

Previous weekly darbepoetin alfa intravenous or subcutaneous dose (microgram/week)	Previous weekly epoetin intravenous or subcutaneous dose (IU/week)	Monthly MIRCERA intravenous or subcutaneous dose (microgram/once monthly)
<40	<8000	120
40-80	8000-16000	200
>80	>16000	360

If a dose adjustment is required to maintain the target haemoglobin concentration above 10 g/dl (6.21 mmol/l), the monthly dose may be increased by approximately 25%.

If the rate of rise in haemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dl (1.24 mmol/l) over a month or if the haemoglobin level is increasing and approaching 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l), the dose is to be reduced by approximately 25%. If the haemoglobin level continues to increase, therapy should be interrupted until the haemoglobin level begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be restarted at a dose approximately 25% below the previously administered dose. After dose interruption a haemoglobin decrease of approximately 0.35 g/dl (0.22 mmol/l) per week is expected. Dose adjustments should not be made more frequently than once a month.

Since the treatment experience is limited in patients on peritoneal dialysis, regular haemoglobin monitoring and strict adherence to dose adjustment guidance are recommended in these patients.

#### Treatment interruption

Treatment with MIRCERA is normally long-term. However, it can be interrupted at any time, if necessary.

# Missed dose

If one dose of MIRCERA is missed, the missed dose is to be administered as soon as possible and administration of MIRCERA is to be restarted at the prescribed dosing frequency.

#### Patients with hepatic impairment

No adjustments of the starting dose nor of the dose modification rules are required in patients with hepatic impairment (see section 5.2).

#### Elderly population

In clinical studies 24% of patients treated with MIRCERA were aged 65 to 74 years, while 20% were aged 75 years and over. No dose adjustment is required in patients aged 65 years or older.

#### Paediatric population

MIRCERA is not recommended for use in children and adolescents below 18 years due to a lack of safety and efficacy data.

#### Method of administration

MIRCERA should be administered either subcutaneously or intravenously. It can be injected subcutaneously in the abdomen, arm or thigh. All three injection sites are equally suitable. For instructions on the administration of the medicinal product, see section 6.6.

#### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1. Uncontrolled hypertension.

#### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

The safety and efficacy of MIRCERA therapy in other indications, including anaemia in patients with cancer, has not been established.

Caution should be exercised with escalation of MIRCERA doses in patients with chronic renal failure since high cumulative epoetin doses may be associated with an increased risk of mortality, serious cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events. In patients with a poor haemoglobin response to epoetins, alternative explanations for the poor response should be considered (see section 4.2 and 5.1).

<u>Supplementary iron therapy</u> is recommended for all patients with serum ferritin values below 100 microgram/l or with transferrin saturation below 20%. To ensure effective erythropoiesis, iron status has to be evaluated for all patients prior to and during treatment.

Failure to respond to MIRCERA therapy should prompt for a search for causative factors. Deficiencies of iron, folic acid or vitamin B12 reduce the effectiveness of ESAs and should therefore be corrected. Intercurrent infections, inflammatory or traumatic episodes, occult blood loss, haemolysis, severe aluminium toxicity, underlying haematologic diseases, or bone marrow fibrosis may also compromise the erythropoietic response. A reticulocyte count should be considered as part of the evaluation. If all the conditions mentioned are excluded and the patient has a sudden drop of haemoglobin associated with reticulocytopenia and anti-erythropoietin antibodies, examination of the bone marrow for the diagnosis of Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA) should be considered. In case PRCA is diagnosed, therapy with MIRCERA must be discontinued and patients should not be switched to another ESA.

<u>Pure Red Cell Aplasia</u> caused by anti-erythropoietin antibodies has been reported in association with all ESAs, including MIRCERA. These antibodies have been shown to cross-react with all ESAs, and

patients suspected or confirmed to have antibodies to erythropoietin should not be switched to MIRCERA (see section 4.8).

<u>PRCA in patients with Hepatitis C:</u> A paradoxical decrease in haemoglobin and development of severe anaemia associated with low reticulocyte counts should prompt to discontinue treatment with epoetin and perform anti-erythropoietin antibody testing. Cases have been reported in patients with hepatitis C treated with interferon and ribavirin, when epoetins are used concomitantly. Epoetins are not approved in the management of anaemia associated with hepatitis C.

<u>Blood pressure monitoring:</u> As with other ESAs, blood pressure may rise during treatment with MIRCERA. Blood pressure should be adequately controlled in all patients before, at initiation of, and during treatment with MIRCERA. If high blood pressure is difficult to control by medical treatment or dietary measures, the dose must be reduced or administration discontinued (see section 4.2).

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCARs) including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), which can be life-threatening or fatal, have been reported in association with epoetin treatment (see section 4.8). More severe cases have been observed with long-acting epoetins. At the time of prescription patients should be advised of the signs and symptoms and monitored closely for skin reactions. If signs and symptoms suggestive of these reactions appear, Mircera should be withdrawn immediately and an alternative treatment considered. If the patient has developed a severe cutaneous skin reaction such as SJS or TEN due to the use of Mircera, treatment with ESA must not be restarted in this patient at any time.

Haemoglobin concentration: In patients with chronic kidney disease, maintenance haemoglobin concentration should not exceed the upper limit of the target haemoglobin concentration recommended in section 4.2. In clinical trials, an increased risk of death, serious cardiovascular events including thrombosis or cerebrovascular events including stroke was observed when ESAs were administered to target a haemoglobin of greater than 12 g/dl (7.5 mmol/l) (see section 4.8). Controlled clinical trials have not shown significant benefits attributable to the administration of epoetins when haemoglobin concentration is increased beyond the level necessary to control symptoms of anaemia and to avoid blood transfusion.

The safety and efficacy of MIRCERA therapy has not been established in patients with haemoglobinopathies, seizures, bleeding or a recent history of bleeding requiring transfusions or with platelet levels greater than  $500 \times 10^9$ /l. Therefore, caution should be used in these patients.

<u>Effect on tumour growth:</u> MIRCERA, like other ESAs, is a growth factor that primarily stimulates red blood cell production. Erythropoietin receptors may be expressed on the surface of a variety of tumour cells. As with all growth factors, there is a concern that ESAs could stimulate the growth of any type of malignancy. Two controlled clinical studies in which epoetins were administered to patients with various cancers including head and neck cancers, and breast cancer, have shown an unexplained excess mortality.

<u>Misuse</u> of MIRCERA by healthy people may lead to an excessive increase in haemoglobin. This may be associated with life-threatening cardiovascular complications.

<u>Traceability</u> of MIRCERA: In order to improve the traceability of ESAs, the trade name of the administered ESA should be clearly recorded (or stated) in the patient file.

This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per ml, i.e. essentialy sodium free.

#### 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No interaction studies have been performed. There is no evidence that MIRCERA alters the metabolism of other medicinal products.

# 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

#### Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of MIRCERA in pregnant women.

Animal studies do not indicate direct harmful effects with respect to pregnancy, embryofoetal development, parturition or postnatal development but indicate a class-related reversible reduction in foetal weight (see section 5.3). Caution should be exercised when prescribing to pregnant women.

#### Breast-feeding

It is unknown whether MIRCERA is excreted in human breast milk. One animal study has shown excretion of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta in maternal milk. A decision on whether to continue or discontinue breast-feeding or to continue or discontinue therapy with MIRCERA should be made taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding to the child and the benefit of MIRCERA therapy to the woman.

#### **Fertility**

Studies in animals have shown no evidence of impaired fertility (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown.

# 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

MIRCERA has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

#### (a) Summary of the safety profile

The safety data base from clinical trials comprised 3,042 CKD patients, including 1,939 patients treated with MIRCERA and 1,103 with another ESA. Approximately 6% of patients treated with MIRCERA are expected to experience adverse reactions. The most frequent reported adverse reaction was hypertension (common).

#### (b) Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Adverse reactions in Table 2 are listed according to MedDRA system organ class and frequency category. Frequency categories are defined using the following convention: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to < 1/10); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1000$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10000$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10000$ ); very rare (< 1/10000); not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

**Table 2:** Adverse reactions attributed to the treatment with MIRCERA in CKD patients. Adverse reactions observed only during post-marketing are marked (\*).

System organ class	Frequency	Adverse reaction
Blood and lymphatic system	Not known	Thrombocytopenia*
disorders	Not known	Pure red cell aplasia*
Immune system disorders	Rare	Hypersensitivity
minute system disorders	Not known	Anaphylactic reaction*
Nervous system disorders	Uncommon	Headache
Neivous system disorders	Rare	Hypertensive encephalopathy
	Common	Hypertension
Vascular disorders	Rare	Hot flush
	Not known	Thrombosis*; Pulmonary embolism*
	Rare	Rash, maculopapular
Skin and subcutaneous disorders	Not known	Stevens-Johnson syndrome / toxic epidermal necrolysis*
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	Uncommon	Vascular access thrombosis

# (c) Description of selected adverse reactions

Cases of thrombocytopenia have been spontaneously reported, frequency unknown. A slight decrease in platelet counts remaining within the normal range was observed in clinical studies. Platelet counts below  $100 \times 10^9 / 1$  were observed in 7% of patients treated with MIRCERA and 4% of patients treated with other ESAs.

Data from a controlled clinical trial with epoetin alfa or darbepoetin alfa reported an incidence of stroke as common.

As with other ESAs, cases of thrombosis, including pulmonary embolism, have been reported in the post-marketing setting, frequency unknown (see section 4.4).

Neutralising anti-erythropoietin antibody-mediated pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) has been reported, frequency unknown. In case PRCA is diagnosed, therapy with MIRCERA must be discontinued, and patients should not be switched to another recombinant erythropoietic protein (see section 4.4).

# 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 reactions via the national reporting system listed in Appendix V.

# 4.9 Overdose

The therapeutic range of MIRCERA is wide. Individual responsiveness must be considered when treatment is initiated. Overdose can result in manifestations of an exaggerated pharmacodynamic effect, e.g. excessive erythropoiesis. In case of excessive haemoglobin levels, treatment with MIRCERA should be temporarily discontinued (see section 4.2). If clinically indicated, phlebotomy may be performed.

#### 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other antianemic preparations, ATC code: B03XA03

#### Mechanism of action

MIRCERA stimulates erythropoiesis by interaction with the erythropoietin receptor on progenitor cells in the bone marrow. Methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta, the active substance of MIRCERA, is a continuous erythropoietin receptor activator that shows a different activity at the receptor level characterized by a slower association to and faster dissociation from the receptor, a reduced specific activity *in vitro* with an increased activity *in vivo*, as well as an increased half-life, in contrast to erythropoietin. The average molecular mass is approximately 60 kDa of which the protein moiety plus the carbohydrate part constitutes approximately 30 kDa.

#### Pharmacodynamic effects

As primary growth factor for erythroid development, the natural hormone erythropoietin is produced in the kidney and released into the bloodstream in response to hypoxia. In responding to hypoxia, the natural hormone erythropoietin interacts with erythroid progenitor cells to increase red cell production.

#### Clinical efficacy and safety

Data from correction studies with patients treated once every two weeks and once every four weeks show that the haemoglobin response rates in the MIRCERA group at the end of the correction period were high and comparable to comparators. The median time to response was 43 days in the MIRCERA arm and 29 days in the comparator arm, with increases of haemoglobin within the first 6 weeks of 0.2 g/dl/week and 0.3 g/dl/week, respectively.

Four randomized controlled studies were performed in dialysis patients currently treated with darbepoetin alfa or epoetin at the time of enrollment. Patients were randomized to stay on their treatment at the time of enrollment or to be switched to MIRCERA in order to maintain stable haemoglobin levels. At the evaluation period (week 29-36), the mean and median level of haemoglobin in patients treated with MIRCERA was virtually identical to their baseline haemoglobin level.

In a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 4,038 CRF patients not on dialysis with type 2 diabetes and haemoglobin levels  $\leq$  11 g/dL, patients received either treatment with darbepoetin alfa to target haemoglobin levels of 13 g/dL or placebo (see section 4.4). The study did not meet either primary objective of demonstrating a reduction in risk for all-cause mortality, cardiovascular morbidity, or end stage renal disease (ESRD). Analysis of the individual components of the composite endpoints showed the following HR (95% CI): death 1.05 (0.92, 1.21), stroke 1.92 (1.38, 2.68), congestive heart failure (CHF) 0.89 (0.74, 1.08), myocardial infarction (MI) 0.96 (0.75, 1.23), hospitalisation for myocardial ischaemia 0.84 (0.55, 1.27), ESRD 1.02 (0.87, 1.18).

Pooled post-hoc analyses of clinical studies of ESAs have been performed in chronic renal failure patients (on dialysis, not on dialysis, in diabetic and non-diabetic patients). A tendency towards increased risk estimates for all-cause mortality, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events associated with higher cumulative ESA doses independent of the diabetes or dialysis status was observed (see section 4.2 and section 4.4).

Erythropoietin is a growth factor that primarily stimulates red cell production. Erythropoietin receptors may be expressed on the surface of a variety of tumour cells.

Survival and tumour progression have been examined in five large controlled studies involving a total of 2,833 patients, of which four were double-blind placebo-controlled studies and one was an open-label study. Two of the studies recruited patients who were being treated with chemotherapy. The target haemoglobin concentration in two studies was >13 g/dl; in the remaining three studies it was 12-14 g/dl. In the open-label study there was no difference in overall survival between patients treated

with recombinant human erythropoietin and controls. In the four placebo-controlled studies the hazard ratios for overall survival ranged between 1.25 and 2.47 in favour of controls. These studies have shown a consistent unexplained statistically significant excess mortality in patients who have anaemia associated with various common cancers who received recombinant human erythropoietin compared to controls. Overall survival outcome in the trials could not be satisfactorily explained by differences in the incidence of thrombosis and related complications between those given recombinant human erythropoietin and those in the control group.

A patient-level data analysis has also been performed on more than 13,900 cancer patients (chemo-, radia-, chemoradia-, or no therapy) participating in 53 controlled clinical trials involving several epoetins. Meta-analysis of overall survival data produced a hazard ratio point estimate of 1.06 in favour of controls (95% CI: 1.00, 1.12; 53 trials and 13,933 patients) and for the cancer patients receiving chemotherapy, the overall survival hazard ratio was 1.04 (95% CI: 0.97, 1.11; 38 trials and 10,441 patients). Meta-analyses also indicate consistently a significantly increased relative risk of thromboembolic events in cancer patients receiving recombinant human erythropoietin (see section 4.4). No patients treated with MIRCERA were included in this data analysis. MIRCERA is not approved for treatment of patients with chemotherapy induced anaemia (see section 4.1 and 4.4.).

# 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta were studied in healthy volunteers and in anaemic patients with CKD including patients on dialysis and not on dialysis.

Following subcutaneous administration to CKD patients not on dialysis, the maximum serum concentrations of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta were observed 95 hours (median value) after administration. The absolute bioavailability of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta after subcutaneous administration was 54%. The observed terminal elimination half-life was 142 hours in CKD patients not on dialysis.

Following subcutaneous administration to CKD patients on dialysis, the maximum serum concentrations of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta were observed 72 hours (median value) after administration. The absolute bioavailability of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta after subcutaneous administration was 62% and the observed terminal elimination half-life was 139 hours in CKD patients on dialysis.

Following intravenous administration to CKD patients on dialysis, the total systemic clearance was 0.494 ml/h per kg. The elimination half-life after intravenous administration of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta is 134 hours.

A comparison of serum concentrations of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta measured before and after haemodialysis in 41 CKD patients showed that haemodialysis has no effect on the pharmacokinetics of this medicinal product.

An analysis in 126 CKD patients showed no pharmacokinetic difference between patients on dialysis and patients not on dialysis.

In a single dose study, after intravenous administration, the pharmacokinetics of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta are similar in patients with severe hepatic impairment as compared to healthy subjects (see section 4.2).

#### 5.3 Preclinical safety data

Non-clinical data show no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of cardiovascular safety pharmacology, repeat dose toxicity and reproductive toxicity.

The carcinogenic potential of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta has not been evaluated in long-term animal studies. It did not induce a proliferative response in non-haematological tumor cell

lines *in vitro*. In a six-month rat toxicity study no tumorigenic or unexpected mitogenic responses were observed in non-haematological tissues. In addition, using a panel of human tissues, the *in vitro* binding of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta was only observed in target cells (bone marrow progenitor cells).

No significant placental transfer of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta was observed in the rat, and studies in animals have not shown any harmful effect on pregnancy, embryofoetal development, parturition or postnatal development. There was however a class-related reversible reduction in foetal weight and a decrease in postnatal body-weight gain of offspring at the doses causing exaggerated pharmacodynamic effects in mothers. Physical, cognitive, or sexual developments in the offspring of mothers receiving methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta during gestation and lactation were not affected. When MIRCERA was administered subcutaneously to male and female rats prior to and during mating, reproductive performance, fertility, and sperm assessment parameters were not affected.

#### 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

#### 6.1 List of excipients

Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate Sodium sulphate Mannitol (E421) Methionine Poloxamer 188 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

3 years

#### 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator  $(2^{\circ}C - 8^{\circ}C)$ .

Do not freeze.

Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

The end-user may remove the medicinal product from refrigeration for storage at a room temperature not above 30°C for one single period of 1 month. Once removed from the refrigerator the medicinal product must be used within this period.

#### 6.5 Nature and contents of container

Pre-filled syringe (type I glass) with laminated plunger stopper (bromobutyl rubber) and tip cap (bromobutyl rubber) and a needle 27G1/2.

Prefilled syringes 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 120, 150, 200 and 250 micrograms contain 0.3 ml solution. Pre-filled syringe 360 micrograms contains 0.6 ml solution.

Prefilled syringes 30, 50, 75 micrograms are available in pack size of 1 or 3 pre-filled syringe(s).

Prefilled syringes 40, 60, 100, 120, 150, 200, 250 and 360 micrograms are available in pack size of 1 pre-filled syringe.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

# 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

The pre-filled syringe is ready for use. The sterile pre-filled syringe does not contain any preservative and is to be used for a single injection only. Only one dose should be administered per syringe. Only solutions which are clear, colourless to slightly yellowish and free of visible particles must be injected. Do not shake.

Allow the pre-filled syringe to reach room temperature before injecting.

Any unused medicinal 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)

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# 9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

Date of first authorisation: 20 July 2007 Date of latest renewal: 15 May 2012

# 10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

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

# ANNEX II

- A. MANUFACTURER (S) OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE
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- 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) OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer of the biological active substance

Roche Diagnostics GmbH Werk Penzberg Nonnenwald 2 D-82377 Penzberg Germany

Name and address of the manufacturer responsible for batch release for the pre-filled syringes

Roche Pharma AG Emil-Barrell-Strasse 1 D-79639 Grenzach-Wyhlen Germany

#### 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.

#### Additional risk minimisation measures

- 1. The MAH shall agree with the National Competent Authorities to provide physicians with an educational material that will include the following components of information:
  - Need and clinical importance of adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting in general.
  - Background data on erythropoietin antibody-mediated pure red cell aplasia (AEAB-mediated PRCA) associated with erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESA) treatment.
  - List of diagnoses or adverse events (AE) terms that trigger ADR reporting for MIRCERA.
  - A questionnaire to gather detailed ADR report documentation.
  - The MAH's offer of testing or re-testing antibody (AB) status in a reference laboratory.
  - Literature to provide information on loss of effect and its differential causes, the definition
    of AEAB-mediated PRCA, the diagnostic work-up of potential AEAB-mediated PRCA, the
    need of discontinuation of ESA treatment due to cross-reactivity with other ESAs on
    diagnosis of AEAB-mediated PRCA.
- 2. The MAH shall provide physicians upon their request with free anti-erythropoietin antibody testing.

# ANNEX III LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

# PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 50 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

#### 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

MIRCERA 50 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

# 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

One pre-filled syringe contains 50 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta.

# 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further information.

# 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection

Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle

# 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake

# 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

# 8. EXPIRY DATE

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#### 9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator

Do not freeze

Keep the pre-filled syringe 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
11.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER
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12.	MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)
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13.	BATCH NUMBER
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14.	GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY
Medi	cinal product subject to medical prescription
15.	INSTRUCTIONS ON USE
16.	INFORMATION IN BRAILLE
mirce	era 50 mcg
17.	UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE
2D ba	arcode carrying the unique identifier included.
18.	UNIQUE IDENTIFIER - HUMAN READABLE DATA
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS	
50 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL	
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION	
MIRCERA 50 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV	
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION	
Read the package leaflet before use	
3. EXPIRY DATE	
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4. BATCH NUMBER	
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5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT	
50 mcg/0.3 ml	
6. OTHER	

# PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 75 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

#### 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

MIRCERA 75 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

# 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

One pre-filled syringe contains 75 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta.

# 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details.

# 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection

Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle

# 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake

# 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

# 8. EXPIRY DATE

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#### 9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator

Do not freeze

Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light

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75 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL	
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION	
MIRCERA 75 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV	
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION	
Read the package leaflet before use	
3. EXPIRY DATE	
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4. BATCH NUMBER	
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5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT	
75 mcg/0.3 ml	
6. OTHER	

# PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 100 microgram pre-filled syringe** 

#### 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

MIRCERA 100 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

# 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

One pre-filled syringe contains 100 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta.

# 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details.

# 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection

Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle

# 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake

# 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

# 8. EXPIRY DATE

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#### 9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator

Do not freeze

Keep the pre-filled syringe 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
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14.	GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY
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15.	INSTRUCTIONS ON USE
16.	INFORMATION IN BRAILLE
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17.	UNIQUE IDENTIFIER –2D BARCODE
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18.	UNIQUE IDENTIFIER - HUMAN READABLE DATA
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
100 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
MIRCERA 100 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read the package leaflet before use
3. EXPIRY DATE
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4. BATCH NUMBER
Lot
5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
100 mcg/0.3 ml

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# **OUTER CARTON 150 microgram pre-filled syringe** 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 150 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 150 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle **5.** METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT 6. OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN Keep out of the sight and reach of children

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
Do not freeze
Keep the pre-filled syringe 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
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2.	METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION	
Read	the package leaflet before use	
3.	EXPIRY DATE	
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4.	BATCH NUMBER	
Lot		
5.	CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT	
150 1	mcg/0.3 ml	
6.	OTHER	

# 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 200 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 200 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle **5.** METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake 6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 200 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

Keep out of the sight and reach of children

**EXPIRY DATE** 

OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
Do not freeze
Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light
10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
200 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
MIRCERA 200 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read the package leaflet before use
3. EXPIRY DATE
EXP
4. BATCH NUMBER
Lot
5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
200 mcg/0.3 ml

OTHER

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# 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 250 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 250 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle **5.** METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake 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

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 250 microgram pre-filled syringe** 

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**EXPIRY DATE** 

OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
Do not freeze
Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light
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2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.
18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER - HUMAN READABLE DATA
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1.	NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
MIRCERA 250 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV	
2.	METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read	the package leaflet before use
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4.	BATCH NUMBER
Lot	
5.	CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
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250 1	mcg/0.3 ml
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# 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 30 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 30 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake 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

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 30 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

**EXPIRY DATE** 

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
Do not freeze
Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light
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17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE
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18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER - HUMAN READABLE DATA
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
30 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
MIRCERA 30 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read the package leaflet before use
3. EXPIRY DATE
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4. BATCH NUMBER
Lot
5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
30 mcg/0.3 ml

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OTHER

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 40 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 40 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake 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

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 40 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

**EXPIRY DATE** 

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**EXP** 

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
Do not freeze
Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light
10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OF WASTE MATERIALS DEPLYED FROM SIGH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS. IE.
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MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
40 micrograms PRE-FILLED SYRINGES LABEL
1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
MIRCERA 40 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read the package leaflet before use
3. EXPIRY DATE
EXP
4. BATCH NUMBER
Lot
5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
40 mcg/0.3 ml

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OTHER

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 60 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 60 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT 6. OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN Keep out of the sight and reach of children 7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 60 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

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MIRCERA 60 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV	
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION	
Read the package leaflet before use	
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5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT	
60 mcg/0.3 ml	
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## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 120 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 120 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.3 ml and a needle **5.** METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT 6. OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN Keep out of the sight and reach of children

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 120 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

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MIRCERA 120 mcg/0.3 ml injection methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta SC/IV
2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION
Read the package leaflet before use
3. EXPIRY DATE
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4. BATCH NUMBER
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5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT
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## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MIRCERA 360 micrograms/0.6 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S) One pre-filled syringe contains 360 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details. 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS Solution for injection Each pack contains a pre-filled syringe of 0.6 ml and a needle 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use Do not shake 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

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 360 micrograms pre-filled syringe** 

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MIRCERA 50 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta
2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)
One pre-filled syringe contains 50 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta.
3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS
Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details.
4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS
Solution for injection Each pack contains 3 pre-filled syringes of 0.3 ml and 3 needles
5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION
For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use  Do not shake
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
8. EXPIRY DATE

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

OUTER CARTON 50 micrograms –

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
Store in a refrigerator
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Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light
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### **OUTER CARTON 75 micrograms**

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

MIRCERA 75 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

## 2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

One pre-filled syringe contains 75 micrograms of methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta.

## 3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections. See leaflet for further details.

## 4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection

. Each pack contains 3 pre-filled syringes of 0.3 ml and 3 needles

## 5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous or intravenous use Read the package leaflet before use

Do not shake

# 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

## 8. EXPIRY DATE

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#### 9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator

Do not freeze

Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light

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PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

**OUTER CARTON 30 micrograms** 

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9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS
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**B. PACKAGE LEAFLET** 

## Package leaflet: Information for the user

#### **MIRCERA**

30 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 40 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 50 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 60 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 75 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 100 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 120 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 150 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 200 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 250 micrograms/0.3 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe 360 micrograms/0.6 ml solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

# 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 pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

#### What is in this leaflet:

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

## 1. What MIRCERA is and what it is used for

This medicine is prescribed to you because you have anaemia caused by your chronic kidney disease and associated whith typical symptoms, such as tiredness, weakness and shortness of breath. This means that you have too few red blood cells and your haemoglobin level is too low (your body's tissues might not receive enough oxygen).

MIRCERA is indicated to treat only the symptomatic anaemia caused by chronic kidney disease. Its use is limited to adult patients (aged 18 years or older).

MIRCERA is a medicine produced by gene-technology. Like the natural hormone erythropoietin, MIRCERA increases the number of red blood cells and haemoglobin level in your blood.

#### 2. What you need to know before you use MIRCERA

#### Do not use MIRCERA

- if you are allergic to methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta or to any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6)
- if you have high blood pressure that cannot be controlled

## Warnings and precautions

The safety and efficacy of MIRCERA therapy in other indications, including anaemia in patients with cancer, has not been established.

#### Before treatment with MIRCERA

- A condition called Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA, stopped or reduced production of red blood cells) due to anti-erythropoietin antibodies was observed in some patients treated with erythropoiesis stimulating agents (ESAs), including MIRCERA.
- If your doctor suspects or confirms that you have these antibodies in your blood, you must not be treated with MIRCERA.
- If you are a patient with hepatitis C and you receive interferon and ribavirin you should discuss this with your doctor because a combination of ESAs with interferon and ribavirin has lead to a loss of effect and development of PRCA, a severe form of anemia, in rare cases. ESAs are not approved in the management of anaemia associated with hepatitis C.
- If you are a patient with chronic kidney disease and anemia treated with an ESA and are also a cancer patient you should be aware that ESAs, might have a negative impact on your condition. You should discuss options for anemia treatment with your doctor.
- It is not known if MIRCERA has a different effect in patients with haemoglobinopathies (disorders associated with abnormal haemoglobin), past or present bleeding, seizures or with a high blood platelet count. If you have any of these conditions, your doctor will discuss it with you and must treat you with caution.
- Healthy people should not use MIRCERA. Using it can lead to too high haemoglobin levels and cause problems with the heart or blood vessels that may be life-threatening.

#### During treatment with MIRCERA

- If you are a patient with chronic renal failure, and particularly if you do not respond properly to MIRCERA, your doctor will check your dose of MIRCERA because repeatedly increasing your dose of MIRCERA if you are not responding to treatment may increase the risk of having a problem of the heart or the blood vessels and could increase risk of myocardial infarction, stroke and death.
- Your doctor may initiate treatment with MIRCERA if your haemoglobin level is 10 g/dl (6.21 mmol/l) or less. After initiation of therapy, your doctor will seek to maintain your haemoglobin level between 10 and 12 g/dl (7.45 mmol/l).
- Your doctor will check the amount of iron in your blood before and during MIRCERA treatment. If the amount is too low your doctor may give you an additional iron supplement.
- Your doctor will check your blood pressure before and during your MIRCERA treatment. If your blood pressure is high and cannot be controlled, either by appropriate medicines or a special diet, your doctor will interrupt your MIRCERA treatment or reduce the dose.
- Your doctor will check that your haemoglobin does not exceed a certain level, as high haemoglobin could put you at risk of having a problem of the heart or the blood vessels and could increase risk of thrombosis, including pulmonary embolism, myocardial infarction, stroke and death.
- Contact your doctor if you feel tired, weak or have shortness of breath, because this could mean that your MIRCERA treatment is not effective. Your doctor will check that you do not have other causes of anaemia and may perform blood tests or examine your bone marrow. If you have developed PRCA, your MIRCERA treatment will be discontinued. You will not receive another ESA and your doctor will treat you for this condition.

### Children and adolescents

Treatment with MIRCERA is not recommended in children and adolescents, because it has not been studied in these patients.

**Take special care with other products that stimulate red blood cell production:** MIRCERA is one of a group of products that stimulate the production of red blood cells like the human protein erythropoietin does. Your healthcare professional will always record the exact product you are using.

Serious skin reactions including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) have been reported in association with epoetin treatment.

SJS/TEN can appear initially as reddish target-like spots or circular patches often with central blisters on the trunk. Also, ulcers of mouth, throat, nose, genitals and eyes (red and swollen eyes) can occur. These serious skin rashes are often preceded by fever and/or flu-like symptoms. The rashes may progress to widespread peeling of the skin and life-threatening complications.

If you develop a serious rash or another of these skin symptoms stop taking Mircera and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately.

#### Other medicines and MIRCERA

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines. No interaction studies have been performed. There is no evidence that MIRCERA interacts with other medicines.

#### MIRCERA with food and drink

Food and drink do not affect MIRCERA.

#### Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

MIRCERA has not been studied in pregnant or breast-feeding women.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, think you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant. Your doctor will consider what is the best treatment for you during pregnancy.

Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or intend to breast-feed. Your doctor will advise if you should stop or continue breast-feeding and stop or continue your treatment.

MIRCERA has not shown evidence of impaired fertility in animals. The potential risk for humans is unknown.

#### **Driving and using machines**

MIRCERA does not affect your ability to drive and use machines.

#### Important information about some of the ingredients of MIRCERA

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per ml, i.e. essentially 'sodium-free'.

## 3. How to use MIRCERA

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your doctor will use the lowest effective dose to control the symptoms of your anaemia.

If you do not respond adequately to MIRCERA, your doctor will check your dose and will inform you if you need to change doses of MIRCERA.

Treatment with MIRCERA must be started under the supervision of a healthcare professional. Further injections can be given by a healthcare professional or, after you have been trained, you can inject MIRCERA yourself (see instructions at the end of this leaflet.)

MIRCERA can be injected under the skin in the abdomen, arm or thigh; or into a vein. Your doctor will decide which is best for you.

Your doctor will carry out regular blood tests to monitor how your anaemia is responding to treatment by measuring your haemoglobin level.

## • If you are not currently treated with an ESA

If you are not on dialysis, the recommended starting dose of MIRCERA is 1.2 micrograms for every kilogram of your body weight to be administered under the skin once every month as a single injection. Alternatively, your doctor may decide to administer a starting dose of MIRCERA of 0.6 micrograms for every kilogram of your body weight. The dose is to be administered once every two weeks as a single injection under the skin or into a vein. Once your anaemia is corrected your doctor may change your dosing to once a month administration.

If you are on dialysis, the recommended starting dose is 0.6 micrograms for every kilogram of your body weight. The dose is to be administered once every two weeks as a single injection under the skin orinto a vein. Once your anaemia is corrected your doctor may change your dosing to once a month administration.

Your doctor may increase or decrease your dose or temporarily stop your treatment to adjust your haemoglobin level, as appropriate for you. Dose changes will not be made more often than once a month.

#### If you are currently being treated with another ESA

Your doctor may replace your current medicine with MIRCERA. Your doctor will decide to treat you with MIRCERA administered as a single injection once a month. Your doctor will calculate your MIRCERA starting dose based on the last dose of your previous medicine. The first MIRCERA dose will be given on the planned injection day of your previous medicine.

Your doctor may increase or decrease your dose or temporarily stop your treatment to adjust your haemoglobin to an appropriate level for you. Dose changes will not be made more often than once a month.

#### If you use more MIRCERA than you should

Please contact your doctor or pharmacist if you used too large a dose of MIRCERA as it may be necessary to perform some blood tests and interrupt your treatment.

#### If you forget to use MIRCERA

If you miss a dose of MIRCERA administer the missed dose as soon as you remember and talk to your doctor about when to use the next doses.

## If you stop using MIRCERA

Treatment with MIRCERA is normally long-term. It can, however, be stopped on the advice of your doctor at any time.

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

#### 4. Possible side effects

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

The frequency of possible side effects listed below:

A common side effect (may affect up to 1 in 10 people) is hypertension (high blood pressure).

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 pleople) are:

- headache
- vascular access thrombosis (blood clots in your dialysis access).

Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1000 people) are:

 hypertensive encephalopathy (very high blood pressure that can result in headache, especially sudden, stabbing, migraine-like headache, confusion, speech disturbances, fits or convulsions).
 If you have these symptoms please contact your doctor immediately to receive treatment.

- maculo-papular rash (red skin reaction that can include pimples or spots)
- hot flush
- hypersensitivity (allergic reaction that can cause unusual wheezing or difficulty in breathing; swollen tongue, face or throat, or swelling around the injection site, or make you feel lightheaded, faint or cause you to collapse). If you have these symptoms please contact your doctor immediately to receive treatment.

During clinical studies patients had a slight decrease in their platelet blood counts. There have been spontaneous reports of platelet counts below the normal range (thrombocytopenia).

Hypersensitivity reactions, including cases of anaphylactic reaction and serious skin rashes including Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis have been reported in association with epoetin treatement. These can appear as reddish target-like macules or circular patches often with central blisters on the trunk, skin peeling, ulcers of mouth, throat, nose, genitals and eyes and can be preceded by fever and flu-like symptoms. Stop using Mircera if you develop these symptoms and contact your doctor or seek medical attention immediately, see also section 2.

As with other ESAs, cases of thrombosis, including pulmonary embolism, have been reported in the post-marketing setting, frequency unknown.

A condition called Pure Red Cell Aplasia (PRCA, stopped or reduced production of red blood cells) due to anti-erythropoietin antibodies was observed in some patients treated with ESAs, including MIRCERA.

## Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. 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 MIRCERA

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 outer carton and pre-filled syringe label after 'EXP'. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a refrigerator ( $2 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} - 8 \, ^{\circ}\text{C}$ ). Do not freeze.

Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

You may remove your MIRCERA pre-filled syringe from the refrigerator and store it at a room temperature not above 30 °C for a single period of one month. During this period when you have stored MIRCERA at a room temperature not above 30 °C you may not put MIRCERA back in the refrigerator before use. Once you have removed your medicine from the refrigerator you must use it within this period of one month.

Only solutions which are clear, colourless to slightly yellowish and free of visible particles must be injected.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

## 6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### What MIRCERA contains

- The active substance is methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta. One pre-filled syringe contains:
  - 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 120, 150, 200 or 250 micrograms in 0.3 ml and 360 micrograms in 0.6 ml.
- The other ingredients are sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium sulphate, mannitol (E421), methionine, poloxamer 188 and water for injections.

## What MIRCERA looks like and contents of the pack

MIRCERA is a solution for injection in pre-filled syringe. The solution is clear, colourless to slightly yellowish and free of visible particles.

MIRCERA comes in pre-filled syringes with laminated plunger stopper and tip cap with one needle 27G1/2. Each pre-filled syringe contains 0.3 ml or 0.6 ml. MIRCERA is available, for all strengths, in pack sizes of 1 and also packsize of 3 for the strengths 30, 50, 75 micrograms/0.3ml. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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Detailed information on this medicine is available on the European Medicines Agency web site: <a href="http://www.ema.europa.eu/">http://www.ema.europa.eu/</a>.

## MIRCERA pre-filled syringe Instructions For Use

The following instructions explain how to use the MIRCERA pre-filled syringe to give yourself an injection.

It is important to read and follow these instructions carefully so that you are able to use the pre-filled syringe correctly and safely. Do not attempt to administer an injection until you are sure that you understand how to use the pre-filled syringe.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- Only use MIRCERA pre-filled syringeif you have been prescribed with this
- medication
- Read the packaging and ensure you have the dose prescribed by your healthcare professional.
- Do not use the pre-filled syringe if syringe, or the plastic tray containing the syringe appears to be damaged.
- Do not use the syringe if the contents are cloudy, hazy or contain particles.
- Never attempt to take the syringe apart.
- Never pull on or handle the syringe by its plunger.
- Do not remove the needle shield until you are ready to perform an injection.
- Do not swallow the medicine in the syringe.
- Do not inject through clothing.
- Never re-use a syringe.
- Do not touch the release clips (see diagram below) as this may damage the syringe and make it unusable.

## **STORAGE**

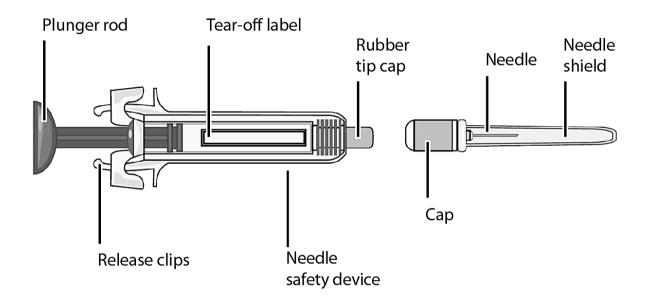
Keep the syringe and the puncture-resistant/ sharps container out of the reach of children.

Store the syringe in its original box until ready to use.

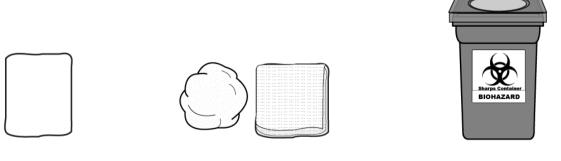
Always store the syringe in a refrigerator at a temperature of  $2 - 8^{\circ}$ C (35.6 - 46.4°F). Do not allow the medicine to freeze, and protect the medicine from light. Keep the syringe dry.

## MATERIALS Included in the pack:

A pre-filled syringe of MIRCERA and a separate injection needle



## Not included in the pack:



Cleansing alcohol swabs

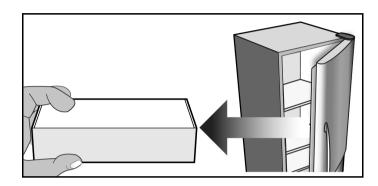
Sterile cotton ball or gauze

Puncture-resistant container or sharps container for safe disposal of needle and used syringe

Assemble all of the supplies you will need for an injection on a clean, well-lit flat surface such as a table.

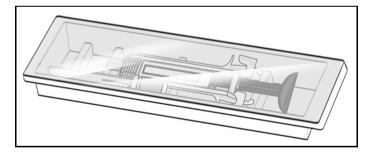
## **HOW TO GIVE THE INJECTION**

Step 1: Allow the syringe to adjust to room temperature



Remove the box containing the MIRCERA pre-filled syringe from the refrigerator. Keep the syringe in the box to protect it from light and allow it to reach room temperature for at least 30 minutes.

- Not allowing the medicine to come to room temperature could result in an uncomfortable injection, and it may be difficult to depress the plunger.
- Do not warm up the syringe in any other way.



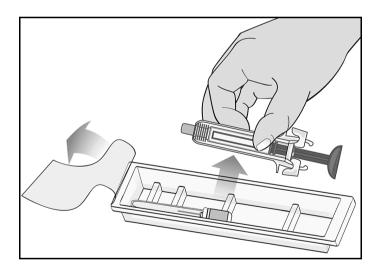
Remove the plastic tray of the MIRCERA pre-filled syringe from the box without peeling back the protective film.

**Step 2: Clean your hands** 



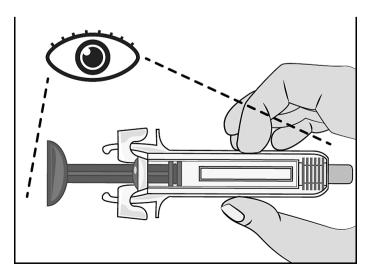
Disinfect your hands well with soap and warm water or hands sanitizer.

Step 3: Unpack and visually inspect the pre-filled syringe



Peel back the protective film from the plastic tray and remove the needle and the syringe, holding the syringe by the middle of the body without touching the release clips.

Only handle the syringe by the body, because any contact with the release clips could cause premature release of the safety device.



Examine the syringe and check the expiration date on the syringe and box. This is important to ensure that the syringe and medicine are safe to use.

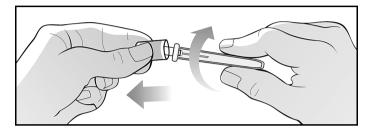
Do NOT use the syringe if:

- You have accidentally dropped the syringe.
- Any part of the syringe appears to

be damaged.

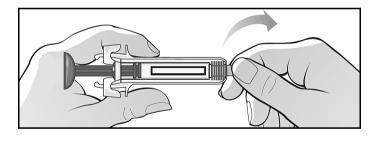
- The contents are cloudy, hazy or contain particles.
- The expiration date has passed.

Step 4. Attach the needle to the syringe



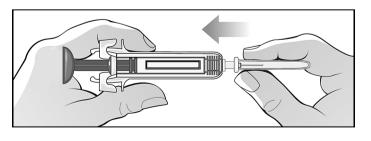
Grasp the packaged needle firmly in both hands. Break the seal of the needle, using a twisting motion, and remove the needle cap as pictured. Immediately throw away the needle cap in the sharps/ puncture-resistant container or sharps container.

• Do not remove the needle shield that protects the needle.



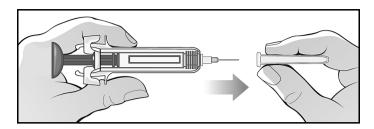
Grasp the syringe and the rubber tip cap firmly and remove the rubber tip cap from the syringe (bend and pull).

- Do not touch the release clips of the safety device.
- Do not push the plunger.
- Do not pull on the plunger.



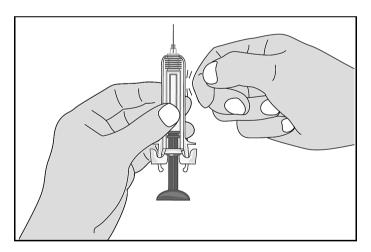
Attach the needle to the syringe by pushing it firmly onto the syringe.

Step5. Remove the needle shield and prepare for injection

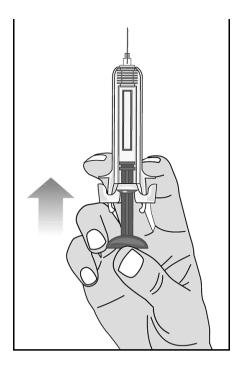


Hold the syringe firmly with one hand and pull off the needle shield with the other hand. Throw away the needle shield in the puncture-resistant container or sharps container.

- Do not touch the needle or let it touch any surface, as the needle may become contaminated and may cause injury and pain if touched.
- You may see a drop of liquid at the end of the needle. This is normal.
- Never reattach the needle shield after removal.



To remove air bubbles from the prefilled syringe, hold the syringe with the needle pointing up. Tap the syringe gently to bring any bubbles to the top.



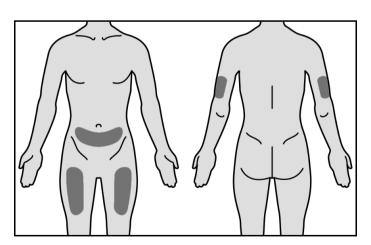
Push the plunger up slowly to the remove all air,, as shown to you by a healthcare professional.

## Step 6. Perform the injection

There are two different ways (routes) to inject MIRCERA into your body. Follow the recommendations of your healthcare professional about how you should inject MIRCERA.

## **Subcutaneous route:**

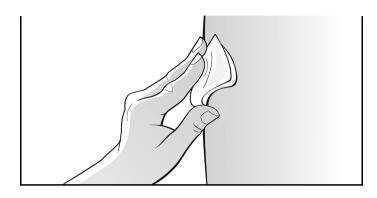
If you are advised to inject MIRCERA under your skin, please administer your dose as described below.



Choose one of the recommended injection sites as shown.
You may inject MIRCERA into the upper arm, thigh or abdomen, except around the navel (belly button).

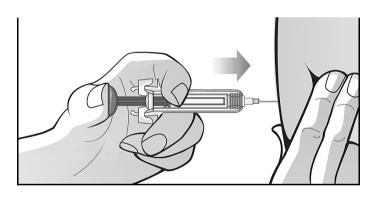
 You should use a different injection site each time you administer an injection, at least three centimeters from the area you used for the previous injection.

 Do not inject areas that could be irritated by a belt or waistband.
 Do not inject into moles, scars, bruises, or areas where the skin is tender, red, hard or not intact.

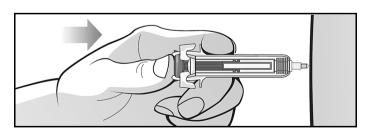


Clean the chosen injection site area using an alcohol pad to reduce the risk of infection; carefully follow the instructions of the alcohol pad.

- Let the skin dry for approximately 10 seconds.
- Be sure not to touch the cleaned area prior to the injection and do not fan or blow on the clean area.

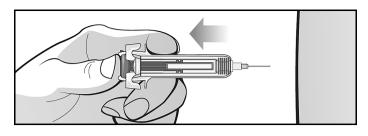


To be sure the needle can be inserted correctly under the skin, use your free hand to pinch a fold of loose skin at the clean injection site. Pinching the skin is important to ensure that you inject under the skin (into fatty tissue) but not any deeper (into muscle). Injection into muscle could result in an uncomfortable injection.



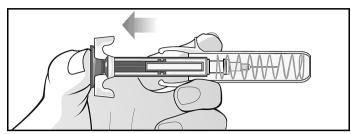
Fully insert the needle into the skin in a quick, "dart-like" motion. Slowly push the plunger with the thumb while holding the syringe with the forefinger and the middle finger against the finger grips until all the medicine is injected.

Do not move the needle while it is inserted in the skin

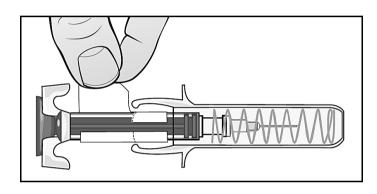


Do not release the plunger before the end of injection or before the plunger is completely depressed.

Take the needle out of the skin **WITHOUT** releasing the plunger.



Release the plunger, allowing the needle guard to protect the needle.



Now, the tear-off label can be removed, if necessary.

Place a sterile cotton ball or gauze over the injection site and press for several seconds.

- Do not rub the injection site with dirty hand or cloth.
- If needed, you may cover the injection site with a small bandage.

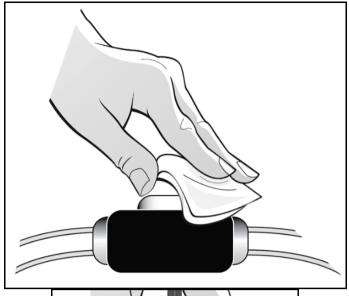
## Dispose of the syringe:

- Throw away used syringes in a sharps/puncture-resistant container.
- Do not try to replace the needle shield on the needle.
- Do not throw away used syringes or the sharps/ puncture-resistant container in household trash and do not recycle them.
- Dispose of the full container as instructed by your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

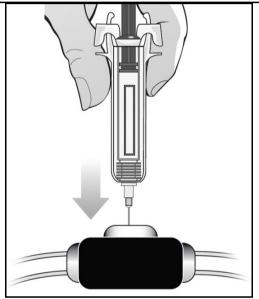
## **Intravenous route:**

If your healthcare professional has recommended injection of MIRCERA into a vein, you should follow the procedure described below.

After preparation of the syringe as described in steps 1 to 5:



Wipe off the venous port of the hemodialysis as instructed by your healthcare provider

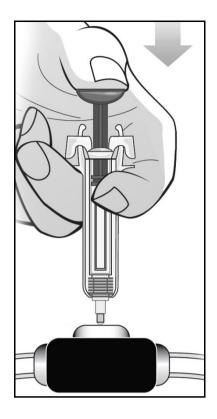


Insert the needle of the pre-filled syringe into the cleaned venous port.

Push the plunger with the thumb while holding the syringe with the forefinger and the middle finger against the finger grips until all the medicine is injected.

Remove the pre-filled syringe from the venous port WITHOUT releasing the plunger.

Release the plunger, allowing the needle guard to protect the needle. Now, the tear-off label can be removed, if necessary.



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