

4.4.3 Precautions during administration

- Since intravenous administration may cause vascular pain, phlebitis, thrombus, injection site induration, necrosis, Mitomycin C should be injected as slowly as possible, paying careful attention to the site and method of administration.
- Since extravascular leakage of the drug solution may cause induration or necrosis at the injection site, this drug should be injected cautiously to avoid extravascular leakage of the drug solution.
- Intraarterial administration may cause skin disorders such as ulcer, induration pain, redness, erythema, blisters and erosion in the region involved, which may lead to skin/muscle necrosis. Administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures should be taken, if any of such symptoms develops. In particular, parenchymatous liver disorder, biloma, cholangitis (also sclerosing), and bile duct necrosis may occur after hepatic arterial administration of the drug.
- Since the influx of the drug solution into other sites than the targeted site in the administration to the hepatic artery may cause gastroduodenal ulcer, haemorrhage, perforation, etc., the location of the end of catheter and drug distribution area should be confirmed photographically or by other means, paying attention to possible deviation or shift of the catheter and infusion rate. Administration should be discontinued and appropriate measures should be taken, if any of such symptoms develops.
- Since calcinosis, contracted bladder and cystitis associated with dysuria and pollakiuria, bladder perforation, bladder necrosis, penile necrosis may occur in patients receiving intravesical Mitomycin C injection, the drug should be carefully injected.

4.4.4 Pediatric Use

The safety of Mitomycin C in small for dates babies, neonates, infants and children has not been established. [See 4.4.2 Important Precautions 4) and 5).]

4.4.5 Use in the Elderly

Because elderly patients often have reduced physiological function, bone marrow depression, which may be protracted, and renal disorder are likely to occur; Mitomycin C should be administered cautiously in elderly patients while closely monitoring patient's condition and paying special attention to the dose and dosing interval.

4.4.6 Precaution for preparation

Since the potency of Mitomycin C may be reduced when a low pH solution is used for reconstitution, it is recommended to use the solution soon after reconstitution. In addition it is recommended to avoid mixture with other low pH injectable solution.

4.4.7 Other Precautions

Genesis of various types of tumors has been reported in animal experiments with mice by subcutaneous administration and with rats by intraperitoneal or intravenous administration.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Precautions for Coadministration

[Mitomycin C should be administered with care when coadministered with the following drugs.]

Drugs	Signs, Symptom and Treatment	Mechanism and Risk Factors
Other antineoplastic agents Irradiation	Adverse reactions such as bone marrow depression may be enhanced.	Adverse reactions of each other drugs are enhanced.
Vinca alkaloid antineoplastic agents Vincristine sulfate Vinblastine sulfate Vindesine sulfate etc.	Breath shortness and bronchospasm may occur.	Mechanism of action is not known.

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy:

Administration of Mitomycin C is not recommended in pregnant women or women who may possibly be pregnant. [Animal studies with mice have shown teratogenicity of this drug manifested as developmental inhibition, cleft palate, hypoplastic tail, hypoplastic jaws, ectrodactyly, etc.]

Breast-feeding:

Nursing mothers should discontinue breast feeding during treatment. [The safety of Mitomycin C in nursing mothers has not been established.]

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Generalised weakness and lethargy have been reported on rare occasions. If affected, patients should be advised not to drive or operate machinery.

4.8 Undesirable effects

(At the end of reevaluation)

The main adverse reactions collected from literature at the time of reevaluation were leucopenia in 130 (40.2%) of 323 patients, thrombocytopenia in 75 (24.7%) of 304 patients, anorexia in 58 (21.8%) of 266 patients, nausea/vomiting in 41 (15.4%) of 266 patients, malaise in 15 (5.6%) of 266 patients, weight loss in 18 (5.5%) of 329 patients, bleeding tendency in 12 (3.6%) of 329 patients and anaemia in 10 (3.0%) of 329 patients.

Patients should be monitored closely during each course of treatment, paying particular attention to peripheral blood count including platelet count. No repeat dose should be given unless the leukocyte count is above $3.0 \times 10^9/L$ or more and the platelet count is $90 \times 10^9/L$ or more. The nadir is usually around four weeks after treatment and toxicity is usually cumulative, with increasing risk after each course of treatment. If disease progression continues after two courses of treatment, the drug should be stopped since the chances of response are minimal.

Clinically significant adverse reactions

- Marrow depression such as pancytopenia, leucopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, haemorrhage and anaemia may occur. Patients should be carefully observed with periodical testing, and, if any signs of abnormality are noted, appropriate measures such as reducing the dose and suspending administration should be taken.
- Haemolytic-uraemic syndrome and microangiopathic haemolytic anaemia may occur. Patients should be carefully observed with periodical testing, and, if symptoms such as anaemia with fragmented red blood cells, thrombocytopenia and renal dysfunction are observed, appropriate measures such as discontinuing treatment should be taken.
- Nausea and vomiting are sometimes experienced immediately after treatment, but these are usually mild and of short duration.
- Renal and urinary disorders: Serious renal disorder such as acute renal failure may occur. Patients should be carefully observed, and, if any abnormal change is noted in BUN, creatinine, creatinine clearance, etc., appropriate measures such as discontinuing treatment should be taken.
- Immune system disorders: Shock or anaphylactoid reaction may occur, patients should be carefully observed. If symptoms such as itching, rash, flushing, sweating, dyspnoea and decreased blood pressure occur, treatment should be immediately discontinued and appropriate measures should be taken.
- Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: Pulmonary toxicities such as pulmonary oedema, interstitial pneumonia, pulmonary fibrosis (accompanied by fever, coughing, dyspnoea, abnormal findings on chest X-ray and eosinophilia), etc. may occur. Treatment should be discontinued and appropriate measures such as administration of adrenal cortex hormone should be taken, if any of these signs is observed.

Hepatobiliary disorders

Administration to the hepatic artery may cause liver and biliary tract disorders (cholecystitis, cholangitis (also sclerosing), biloma, bile duct necrosis, parenchymatous liver disorder, etc.). Drug distribution area should be confirmed photographically or by other means, and treatment should be discontinued and appropriate measures should be taken if any of abnormal signs is noted.

Skin disorders

Skin toxicity may occur in a small proportion of patients, with side effects such as alopecia (although this is less frequent and less severe than with certain other cytotoxic agents). Bleeding, rashes and mouth ulcers have been reported.

The following administration related adverse reactions have also been reported: muscular pain, phlebitis, thrombus, induration or necrosis at the injection site, pain, redness erythema, blisters, erosion and ulceration which may lead to skin/muscle necrosis.

Other adverse reactions

Such adverse reactions as listed in the below table may occur. Patients should be carefully observed, and, if any abnormality occurs, appropriate measures such as reducing the dose and suspending administration should be taken.

MedDRA (Medical Dictionary of Regulatory Activities) terminology was used to describe system/organ classes and adverse events (represented by Low Level Terms). The adverse drug reactions are presented by system/organ class, and are ranked by frequency, using the follow convention:

Very common	≥1/10
Common	≥1/100 to <1/10
Uncommon	≥1/1,000 to <1/100
Rare	≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000
Very rare	<1/10,000
Not known	cannot be estimated from the available data

Infections and infestations	
Not known	Infection bacterial, viral or fungal infections, sepsis and septic shock
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified	
Not known	Myelodysplastic syndrome, acute myeloid leukemia and acute leukemia
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	
Not known	Bone marrow suppression with thrombocytopenia and leucopenia, anemia and hemorrhage, granulocytopenia, febrile neutropenia, erythropenia, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
Immune system disorders	
Not known	Hypersensitivity, anaphylactoid reaction, anaphylactic shock (eosinophilia, sweating, decreased blood pressure, dyspnoea)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	
Very common	Anorexia
Not known	Weight loss
Vascular disorders	
Not known	Flushing, hypertension
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	
Not known	Respiratory disorders such as Interstitial lung disease, pulmonary fibrosis, bronchospasm, pneumonitis and coughing
Gastrointestinal disorders	
Very common	Nausea and vomiting
Not known	Stomatitis, diarrhoea, constipation, abdominal discomfort

Hepatobiliary disorders	
Not known	Parenchymatous liver disorder, cholecystitis, jaundice, hepatic damage
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	
Not known	Rash, erythema, pruritis, alopecia
Renal and urinary disorder	
Very common	Cystitis, haematuria
Not known	Atrophy of bladder, acute renal failure, renal disorder, proteinuria, albuminuria, contract bladder (pollakiuria, disuria), calcinosis, bladder necrosis, bladder perforation, penile necrosis
General disorders and administration site conditions	
Very common	Malaise
Not known	Pyrexia (chills), oedema, injection site phlebitis, induration associated with extravasation, necrosis associated with extravasation, generalized weakness and lethargy

4.9 Overdose

Some cases of overdose have been reported to the manufacturer. An increase in the more common side effects should be expected, such as fever, nausea, vomiting and myelosuppression. Strict monitoring of the patient and appropriate treatment should be performed.

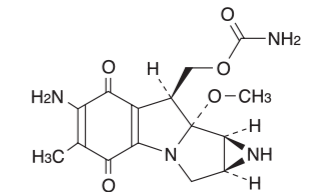
5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Nonproprietary name : Mitomycin C

Chemical name : (1aS, 8S, 8aR, 8bS)-6-Amino-4,7-dioxo-8a-methoxy-5-methyl-1-1,1a,2,8,8a,8b-hexahydroazirino[2',3':3,4]pyrrolo[1,2-a]indol-8-ylmethyl carbamate

Molecular formula : $C_{15}H_{18}N_4O_5 = 334.33$

Structural formula :



- Description : Mitomycin C occurs as a blue-purple crystal or crystalline powder.
- Solubility : It is freely soluble in N, N-Dimethylacetamide, slightly soluble in water or methanol, very slightly soluble in ethanol (99.5) and practically insoluble in ether.
- Stability : Mitomycin C in crystalline state is stable at temperature of 15-25 degree Celsius. In the state of solution, it is susceptible to pH alteration; it is stable at pH 8.0 but it becomes less stable with reduction in pH value at 7.0 or lower pH.
- Partition coefficient : $\log P^{oct} = -0.53$ [measured by flask-shaking method using *n*-octanol/ pH 7.4 buffer solution]

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

5.1.1 Mechanism of Action⁽¹⁰⁾⁻⁽¹¹⁾

Mitomycin C is presumed to exert its antineoplastic activity by combining with DNA in tumor cells and inhibiting DNA replication through the formation of cross-linkage to double stranded DNA. It has been evidenced that cells in the latter G1 phase of DNA synthesis through the early S phase of DNA synthesis are highly sensitive to Mitomycin C.

5.1.2 Action/effects⁽⁹⁾⁻⁽⁹⁾

Mitomycin C administered intraperitoneally at a dose of 1 to 2mg/kg in mice and rats transplanted with various tumors demonstrated a potent antineoplastic activity against Ehrlich's carcinoma, Sarcoma 180, Leukemia P388, Yoshida's sarcoma, etc., suggesting a broad anticancer spectrum.