#### 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

CRESEMBA® 200 mg IV Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion

# 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each vial contains 200 mg isavuconazole (as 372.6 mg isavuconazonium sulfate). For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

#### 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion White to yellow cake

# 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

#### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

CRESEMBA® is indicated in adults for the treatment of

- invasive aspergillosis
- mucormycosis in patients for whom amphotericin B is inappropriate (see sections 4.4 and 5.1)

Consideration should be given to official guidance on the appropriate use of antifungal agents.

# 4.2 Posology and method of administration

# **Posology**

Loading dose

The recommended loading dose is one vial after reconstitution and dilution (equivalent to 200 mg of isavuconazole) every 8 hours for the first 48 hours (6 administrations in total).

Maintenance dose

The recommended maintenance dose is one vial after reconstitution and dilution (equivalent to 200 mg of isavuconazole) once daily, starting 12 to 24 hours after the last loading dose.

Duration of therapy should be determined by the clinical response (see section 5.1).

For long-term treatment beyond 6 months, the benefit-risk balance should be carefully considered (see sections 5.1 and 5.3).

Switch to oral isavuconazole

CRESEMBA® is also available as hard capsules containing 100 mg isavuconazole, equivalent to 186 mg isavuconazonium sulfate.

On the basis of the high oral bioavailability (98%, see section 5.2), switching between intravenous and oral administration is appropriate when clinically indicated.

#### Elderly

No dose adjustment is necessary for elderly patients; however, the clinical experience in elderly patients is limited.

Renal impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment, including patients with end-stage renal disease (see section 5.2).

Hepatic impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Classes A and B) (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

CRESEMBA® has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risks. See sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.2.

Paediatric population

CRESEMBA® is not indicated for children aged below 18 years

# Method of administration

Intravenous use.

Precautions to be taken before handling or administering the medicinal product

CRESEMBA® must be reconstituted and then further diluted to a concentration corresponding to approximately 0.8~mg/mL isavuconazole prior to administration by intravenous infusion over a minimum of 1 hour to reduce the risk of infusion-related reactions. The infusion must be administered via an infusion set with an in-line filter with a microporous membrane made of polyethersulfone (PES) and with a pore size of  $0.2~\mu m$  to  $1.2~\mu m$ . CRESEMBA® must only be given as an intravenous infusion.

For detailed instructions on the reconstitution and dilution of CRESEMBA® before administration, see section 6.6.

#### 4.3 Contraindications

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

Co-administration with ketoconazole (see section 4.5).

Co-administration with high-dose ritonavir (>200 mg every 12 hours) (see section 4.5).

Co-administration with strong CYP3A4/5 inducers such as rifampicin, rifabutin, carbamazepine, longacting barbiturates (e.g. phenobarbital), phenytoin and St. John's wort, or with moderate CYP3A4/5 inducers such as efavirenz, nafcillin and etravirine (see section 4.5).

Patients with familial short QT syndrome (see section 4.4).

#### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

# **Hypersensitivity**

Hypersensitivity to isavuconazole may result in adverse reactions that include: anaphylactic reaction, hypotension, respiratory failure, dyspnoea, drug eruption, pruritus, and rash (see section 4.8). In case of anaphylactic reaction, isavuconazole should be discontinued immediately and appropriate medical treatment should be initiated.

Caution should be used in prescribing isavuconazole to patients with hypersensitivity to other azole antifungal agents.

# Infusion-related reactions

During intravenous administration of isavuconazole, infusion-related reactions including hypotension, dyspnoea, dizziness, paraesthesia, nausea, and headache were reported (see section 4.8). The infusion should be stopped if these reactions occur.

# Severe cutaneous adverse reactions

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions, such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, have been reported during treatment with azole antifungal agents. If a patient develops a severe cutaneous adverse reaction, CRESEMBA® should be discontinued.

# Cardiovascular

# QT shortening

CRESEMBA® is contraindicated in patients with familial short QT syndrome (see section 4.3). In a QT study in healthy human subjects, isavuconazole shortened the QTc interval in a concentration-related manner. For the 200 mg dosing regimen, the least squares mean (LSM) difference from placebo was 13.1 ms at 2 hours post dose [90% CI: 17.1, 9.1 ms]. Increasing the dose to 600 mg resulted in an LSM difference from placebo of 24.6 ms at 2 hours post dose [90% CI: 28.7, 20.4 ms].

Caution is warranted when prescribing CRESEMBA® to patients taking other medicinal products known to decrease the QT interval, such as rufinamide.

# Elevated liver transaminases or hepatitis

Elevated liver transaminases have been reported in clinical studies (see section 4.8). The elevations in liver transaminases rarely required discontinuation of CRESEMBA®. Monitoring of hepatic enzymes should be considered, as clinically indicated. Hepatitis has been reported with azole antifungal agents including CRESEMBA®.

# Severe hepatic impairment

CRESEMBA® has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the

risks. These patients should be carefully monitored for potential drug toxicity. See sections 4.2, 4.8 and 5.2.

# Concomitant use with other medicinal products

#### CYP3A4/5 inhibitors

Ketoconazole is contraindicated (see section 4.3). For the strong CYP3A4 inhibitor lopinavir/ritonavir, a two-fold increase in isavuconazole exposure was observed. For other strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors, a less pronounced effect can be expected. No dose adjustment of CRESEMBA® is necessary when co-administered with strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors; however, caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase (see section 4.5).

#### CYP3A4/5 inducers

Co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers such as aprepitant, prednisone, and pioglitazone may result in mild to moderate decreases of isavuconazole plasma levels; co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers should be avoided unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risk (see section 4.5).

# CYP3A4/5 substrates including immunosuppressants

Isavuconazole can be considered a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4/5, and systemic exposure to medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A4 may be increased when co-administered with CRESEMBA®. Concomitant use of CRESEMBA® with CYP3A4 substrates such as the immunosuppressants tacrolimus, sirolimus or ciclosporin may increase the systemic exposure to these medicinal products. Appropriate therapeutic drug monitoring and dose adjustment may be necessary during co-administration (see section 4.5).

### CYP2B6 substrates

Isavuconazole is an inducer of CYP2B6. Systemic exposure to medicinal products metabolised by CYP2B6 may be decreased when co-administered with CRESEMBA®. Therefore, caution is advised when CYP2B6 substrates, especially medicinal products with a narrow therapeutic index, such as cyclophosphamide, are co-administered with CRESEMBA®. The use of the CYP2B6 substrate efavirenz with CRESEMBA® is contraindicated because efavirenz is a moderate inducer of CYP3A4/5 (see section 4.3).

#### *P-gp substrates*

Isavuconazole may increase the exposure of medicinal products that are P-gp substrates. Dose adjustment of medicinal products that are P-gp substrates, especially medicinal products with a narrow therapeutic index, such as digoxin, colchicine and dabigatran etexilate may be needed when concomitantly administered with CRESEMBA® (see section 4.5).

# Limitations of the clinical data

The clinical data for isavuconazole in the treatment of mucormycosis are limited one prospective non-controlled clinical study in 37 patients with proven or probable mucormycosis who received isavuconazole for primary treatment, or because other antifungal treatments (predominantly amphotericin B) were inappropriate.

For individual *Mucorales* species, the clinical efficacy data are very limited, often to one or two patients (see section 5.1). Susceptibility data were available in only a small subset of cases. These data indicate that concentrations of isavuconazole required for inhibition *in vitro* are very variable between genera/species within the order of *Mucorales*, and generally higher than concentrations required to inhibit *Aspergillus* species. It should be noted that there was no dose-finding study in mucormycosis, and patients were administered the same dose of isavuconazole as was used for the treatment of invasive aspergillosis.

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

# Potential of medicinal products to affect the pharmacokinetics of isavuconazole

Isavuconazole is a substrate of CYP3A4 and CYP3A5 (see section 5.2). Co-administration of medicinal products which are inhibitors of CYP3A4 and/or CYP3A5 may increase the plasma concentrations of isavuconazole. Co-administration of medicinal products which are inducers of CYP3A4 and/or CYP3A5 may decrease the plasma concentrations of isavuconazole.

#### Medicinal products that inhibit CYP3A4/5

Co-administration of CRESEMBA® with the strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor ketoconazole is contraindicated, since this medicinal product can significantly increase plasma concentrations of isavuconazole (see sections 4.3 and 4.5).

For the strong CYP3A4 inhibitor lopinavir/ritonavir, a two-fold increase in isavuconazole exposure was observed. For other strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, such as clarithromycin, indinavir and saquinavir, a less pronounced effect can be expected, based on their relative potency. No dose adjustment of CRESEMBA® is necessary when co-administered with strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors; however, caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase (see section 4.4).

No dose adjustment is warranted for moderate to mild CYP3A4/5 inhibitors.

# Medicinal products that induce CYP3A4/5

Co-administration of CRESEMBA® with potent CYP3A4/5 inducers such as rifampicin, rifabutin, carbamazepine, long-acting barbiturates (e.g., phenobarbital), phenytoin and St. John's wort, or with moderate CYP3A4/5 inducers such as efavirenz, nafcillin and etravirine, is contraindicated, since these medicinal products can significantly decrease plasma concentrations of isavuconazole (see section 4.3).

Co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers such as aprepitant, prednisone and pioglitazone may result in mild to moderate decreases of isavuconazole plasma levels; co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers should be avoided unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risk (see section 4.4).

Co-administration with high-dose ritonavir (>200 mg twice daily) is contraindicated, as at high doses ritonavir may induce CYP3A4/5 and decrease isavuconazole plasma concentrations (see section 4.3).

# Potential for CRESEMBA® to affect exposures of other medicines

# Medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A4/5

Isavuconazole is a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4/5; co-administration of CRESEMBA® with medicinal products which are substrates of CYP3A4/5 may result in increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

# Medicinal products metabolised by CYP2B6

Isavuconazole is a mild CYP2B6 inducer; co-administration of CRESEMBA® may result in decreased plasma concentrations of CYP2B6 substrates.

# Medicinal products transported by P-gp in the intestine

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of P-glycoprotein (P-gp); co-administration with CRESEMBA® may result in increased plasma concentrations of P-gp substrates.

# Medicinal products transported by BCRP

Isavuconazole is an inhibitor *in vitro* of BCRP, and plasma concentrations of substrates of BCRP may therefore be increased. Caution is advised when CRESEMBA® is given concomitantly with substrates of BCRP.

# Medicinal products renally excreted via transport proteins

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of the organic cation transporter 2 (OCT2). Co-administration of CRESEMBA® with medicinal products which are substrates of OCT2 may result in increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

# Uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferases (UGT) substrates

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of UGT. Co-administration of CRESEMBA® with medicinal products which are substrates of UGT may result in mildly increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

# Interaction table

Interactions between isavuconazole and co-administered medicinal products are listed in Table 1 (increase is indicated as "↑", decrease as "↓"), ordered by therapeutic class. Unless otherwise stated, studies detailed in Table 1 have been performed with the recommended dose of CRESEMBA®.

**Table 1** Interactions

Co-administered medicinal product by therapeutic area	Effects on drug concentrations / Geometric Mean Change (%)	Recommendation concerning co-administration
product by therapeutic area	in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	Co-administration
	(Mode of action)	
Anticonvulsants		
Carbamazepine, phenobarbital	Isavuconazole concentrations may	The concomitant administration of
and phenytoin	decrease (CYP3A induction by	CRESEMBA® and carbamazepine,
(strong CYP3A4/5 inducers)	carbamazepine, phenytoin and	phenytoin and long-acting
	long-acting barbiturates such as	barbiturates such as phenobarbital is
	phenobarbital).	contraindicated.
Antibacterials		

Rifampicin	Isavuconazole:	The concomitant administration
(strong CYP3A4/5 inducer)	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 90%	of CRESEMBA® and rifampicin
(Strong C 11 5714/5 maucer)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 75%	is contraindicated.
	Cmax: \ /370	is contamerated.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Rifabutin	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
(strong CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	of CRESEMBA® and rifabutin is
	significantly decrease.	contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Nafcillin	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
(moderate CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	of CRESEMBA® and nafcillin is
	significantly decrease.	contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Clarithromycin	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	adjustment necessary; caution is
	increase.	advised as adverse drug reactions
		may increase.
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Antifungals		T
Ketoconazole	Isavuconazole:	The concomitant administration
(strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor)	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↑ 422%	of CRESEMBA® and
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 9%	ketoconazole is contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Herbal medicines		
St. John's wort	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
(strong CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	of CRESEMBA® and St. John's
	significantly decrease.	wort is contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4 induction).	
Immunosuppresants	/	
Ciclosporin, sirolimus,	Ciclosporin:	No CRESEMBA® dose
tacrolimus	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 29%	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 substrates)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 6%	Ciclosporin, sirolimus,
		tacrolimus: monitoring of plasma
	Sirolimus:	levels and appropriate dose
	$AUC_{inf}$ : $\uparrow 84\%$	adjustment if required.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 65%	
	Tacrolimus:	
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 125%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 42%	
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	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	-
Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF)	Mycophenolic acid (MPA, active	No CRESEMBA® dose
(UGT substrate)	metabolite):	adjustment necessary.
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 35%	MMF: monitoring for MPA-
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 11%	related toxicities is advised.
	(UGT inhibition)	
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Prednisone (CYP3A4 substrate)	Prednisolone (active metabolite): AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑8% C <sub>max</sub> : ↓4%	Co-administration should be avoided unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risk.
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)  Isavuconazole concentrations may decrease.	
	(CVP2 A 4/5 in decision)	
<i>Opioids</i>	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Short-acting opiates	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(alfentanyl, fentanyl) (CYP3A4/5 substrate)	Short-acting opiate concentrations may increase.	adjustment necessary. Short-acting opiates (alfentanyl,
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	fentanyl): careful monitoring for any occurrence of drug toxicity, and dose reduction if required.
Methadone (CYP3A4/5, 2B6 and 2C9 substrate)	S-methadone (inactive opiate isomer) AUC <sub>inf</sub> : $\downarrow$ 35% C <sub>max</sub> : $\uparrow$ 1%	No CRESEMBA® dose adjustment necessary. Methadone: no dose adjustment required.
	40% reduction in terminal half-life R-methadone (active opiate isomer).  AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 10%  C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 4%	
	(CYP2B6 induction)	
Anti-cancer	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
Vinca alkaloids (vincristine, vinblastine)	Vinca alkaloid concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
(P-gp substrates)	increase.	Vinca alkaloids: careful monitoring for any occurrence of
	(P-gp inhibition)	drug toxicity, and dose reduction if required.
Cyclophosphamide	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2B6, CYP3A4 substrate)	Active metabolites of cyclophosphamide may increase or decrease.	adjustment necessary.  Cyclophosphamide: careful
		monitoring for any occurrence of lack of efficacy or increased
	(CYP2B6 induction, CYP3A4 inhibition)	toxicity, and dose adjustment if required.
Methotrexate	Methotrexate:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(BCRP, OAT1, OAT3	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : \ 3%	adjustment necessary.
substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 11%	Methotrexate: no dose adjustment required.
	7-hydroxymetabolite: AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 29% C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 15%	
	(Mechanism unknown)	
Other anticancer agents	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(daunorubicin, doxorubicin,		adjustment necessary.

imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib,	Daunorubicin, doxorubicin,	Daunorubicin, doxorubicin,
mitoxantrone, topotecan)	imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib,	imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib,
(BCRP substrates)	mitoxantrone, topotecan	mitoxantrone or topotecan:
(BCKI substrates)	concentrations may increase.	careful monitoring for any
	concentrations may increase.	occurrence of drug toxicity, and
	(BCRP inhibition)	dose reduction if required.
Antiemetics	(Beki minotion)	dose reduction if required.
Aprepitant	Not studied.	Co-administration should be
(mild CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	avoided unless the potential
	decrease.	benefit is considered to outweigh
		the risk.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Antidiabetics		
Metformin	Metformin:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(OCT1, OCT2 and MATE1	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 52%	adjustment necessary.
substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 23%	Metformin: dose reduction may
,	· ·	be required.
	(OCT2 inhibition)	•
Repaglinide	Repaglinide:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2C8 and OATP1B1	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 8%	adjustment necessary.
substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 14%	Repaglinide: no dose adjustment
		required.
Pioglitazone	Not studied.	Co-administration should be
(mild CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	avoided unless the potential
	decrease.	benefit is considered to outweigh
		the risk.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Anticoagulants	NT 1° 1	No CRESEMBA® dose
Dabigatran etexilate	Not studied.	
(P-gp substrate)	Dabigatran etexilate concentrations	adjustment necessary.
	may increase.	Dabigatran etexilate has a narrow
	(D on inhibition)	therapeutic index and should be monitored, and dose reduction if
	(P-gp inhibition)	required.
Warfarin	S-warfarin	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2C9 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 11%	adjustment necessary.
(C112C) substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : \ 12%	Warfarin: no dose adjustment
	R-warfarin	required.
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 20%	required.
	$C_{\text{max}}$ : $\downarrow 7\%$	
Antiretroviral agents	- max* \(\psi\)	
Lopinavir 400 mg / Ritonavir	Lopinavir:	No CRESEMBA® dose
100 mg	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 27%	adjustment necessary; caution is
(CYP3A4/5 strong inhibitors	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 23%	advised as adverse drug reactions
and substrates)	$C_{\min}$ , ss: $\downarrow 16\%^a$ )	may increase.
ĺ	Ritonavir:	
	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 31%	Lopinavir/ritonavir: no dose
	$C_{\text{max}}: \downarrow 33\%$	adjustment for lopinavir 400 mg/
		ritonavir 100 mg every 12 hours
	(Mechanism unknown)	required, but careful monitoring
	·	for any occurrence of lack of
	Isavuconazole:	anti-viral efficacy.

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	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↑96%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 74%	
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Ritonavir (at doses >200 mg	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
every 12 hours)	Ritonavir at high doses may	of CRESEMBA® and high doses
(strong CYP3A4/5 inducer)	significantly decrease	of ritonavir (>200 mg every 12
	isavuconazole concentrations.	hours) is contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Efavirenz	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
(CYP3A4/5 moderate inducer	Efavirenz concentrations may	of CRESEMBA® and efavirenz
and CYP2B6 substrate)	decrease.	is contraindicated.
	(CYP2B6 induction)	
	Isavuconazole drug concentrations	
	may significantly decrease.	
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Etravirine	Not studied.	The concomitant administration
(moderate CYP3A4/5 inducer)	Isavuconazole concentrations may	of CRESEMBA® and etravirine
	significantly decrease.	is contraindicated.
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Indinavir	Indinavir:b)	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP3A4/5 strong inhibitor	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 36%	adjustment necessary; caution is
and substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 52%	advised as adverse drug reactions
		may increase.
	(Mechanism unknown)	Indinavir: careful monitoring for
		any occurrence of lack of anti-
	Isavuconazole concentrations may	viral efficacy, and dose increase
	increase.	if required.
	(CYFD2 + 4/5 : 1 :1 :: )	
- · ·	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Saquinavir	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(strong CYP3A4 inhibitor)	Saquinavir concentrations may	adjustment necessary; caution is
	decrease (as observed with	advised as adverse drug reactions
	lopinavir/ritonavir) or increase	may increase.
	(CYP3A4 inhibition).	Saquinavir: careful monitoring
		for any occurrence of drug
	Isavuconazole concentrations may	toxicity and /or lack of anti-viral
	increase.	efficacy, and dose adjustment if
	(67770 + 4/5 + + 111 + 1	required
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Other protease inhibitors (e.g.	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
fosamprenavir)	Protease inhibitor concentrations	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 strong or moderate	may decrease (as observed with	Protease inhibitors: careful
inhibitors and substrates)	lopinavir/ritonavir) or increase.	monitoring for any occurrence of
	(CYIPO LA	drug toxicity and /or lack of anti-
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	viral efficacy, and dose
		adjustment if required.

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	Isavuconazole concentrations may	
	increase.	
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Other NNRTI (e.g.,	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
delavirdine, and nevirapine)	NNRTI concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 and 2B6 inducers	decrease (CYP2B6 induction by	NNRTIs: careful monitoring for
and substrates)	isavuconazole) or increase.	any occurrence of drug toxicity
and substrates)	isavaconazore) or mercase.	and/or lack of anti-viral efficacy,
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	and dose adjustment if required.
Antiacids	(C11011WC MMCMON)	and dose adjustment if required.
Esomeprazole	Isavuconazole:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2C19 substrate and	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↑ 8%	adjustment necessary.
gastric pH 1)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 5%	Esomeprazole: no dose
gastric pri + )	Cmax.   370	adjustment required.
Omeprazole	Omeprazole:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2C19 substrate and	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 11%	adjustment necessary.
gastric pH 1)	C <sub>max</sub> : \ \ 23%	Omeprazole: no dose adjustment
gastric pri +)	Cmax. \( \frac{23}{10} \)	required.
Lipid-lowering agents		1 A
Atorvastatin and other statins	Atorvastatin:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP3A4 substrates e.g.,	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 37%	adjustment necessary.
simvastatin, lovastatin,	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 3%	Based on results with
rosuvastatin)	Other statins were not studied.	atorvastatin, no statin dose
(CYP3A4/5 and/or BCRP	Statins concentrations may	adjustment required. Monitoring
substrates)	increase.	of adverse reactions typical of
ŕ		statins is advised.
	(CYP3A4/5 or BCRP inhibition)	
Antiarrhythmics		
Digoxin	Digoxin:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(P-gp substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 25%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 33%	Digoxin: serum digoxin
		concentrations should be
	(P-gp inhibition)	monitored and used for titration
		of the digoxin dose.
Oral contraceptives		
Ethinyl oestradiol and	Ethinyl oestradiol	No CRESEMBA® dose
norethindrone	$AUC_{inf}$ : $\uparrow 8\%$	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 substrates)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 14%	Ethinyl oestradiol and
	Norethindrone	norethindrone: no dose
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑16%	adjustment required.
4	$C_{\text{max}}$ : $\uparrow 6\%$	
Antitussives	D ( 1 1	
Dextromethorphan	Dextromethorphan:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2D6 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 18%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 17%	Dextromethorphan: no dose
	Dextrorphan (active metabolite):	adjustment required.
	$AUC_{inf}$ : $\uparrow 4\%$	
B	$C_{\text{max}}: \downarrow 2\%$	
Benzodiazepines		

Midazolam	Oral midazolam:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP3A4/5 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 103%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 72%	Midazolam: careful monitoring
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	of clinical signs and symptoms recommended, and dose reduction if required.
Antigout agent		
Colchicine	Not studied.	No CRESEMBA® dose
(P-gp substrate)	Colchicine concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
	increase.	Colchicine has a narrow
		therapeutic index and should be
	(P-gp inhibition)	monitored, and dose reduction if
		required.
Natural products		
Caffeine	Caffeine:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP1A2 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 4%	adjustment necessary.
	$C_{\text{max}}: \downarrow 1\%$	Caffeine: no dose adjustment
		required.
Smoking cessation aids		
Bupropion	Bupropion:	No CRESEMBA® dose
(CYP2B6 substrate)	$AUC_{inf}$ : $\downarrow 42\%$	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 31%	Bupropion: dose increase if
		required.
	(CYP2B6 induction)	

NNRTI, non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitor; P-gp, P-glycoprotein.

 $AUC_{inf}$  = area under the plasma concentration-time profiles extrapolated to infinity;  $AUC_{tau}$  = area under the plasma concentration-time profiles during the 24 h interval at steady state;  $C_{max}$  = peak plasma concentration;  $C_{min}$ , ss = trough levels at steady state.

# 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

### Pregnancy

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

Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown.

CRESEMBA® must not be used during pregnancy except in patients with severe or potentially life-threatening fungal infections, in whom isavuconazole may be used if the anticipated benefits outweigh the possible risks to the foetus.

# Women of child-bearing potential

CRESEMBA® is not recommended for women of childbearing potential who are not using contraception.

# **Breast-feeding**

Available pharmacodynamic/toxicological data in animals have shown excretion of isavuconazole/metabolites in milk (see section 5.3).

a) % decrease of the mean trough level values

b) Indinavir was only studied after a single dose of 400 mg isavuconazole.

A risk to newborns and infants cannot be excluded.

Breast-feeding should be discontinued during treatment with CRESEMBA®.

# Fertility

There are no data on the effect of isavuconazole on human fertility. Studies in animals did not show impairment of fertility in male or female rats (see section 5.3).

# 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Isavuconazole has a moderate potential to influence the ability to drive and use machines. Patients should avoid driving or operating machinery if symptoms of confusional state, somnolence, syncope, and/or dizziness are experienced.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

# Summary of the safety profile

The most common treatment-related adverse reactions were elevated liver chemistry tests (7.9%), nausea (7.4%), vomiting (5.5%), dyspnoea (3.2%), abdominal pain (2.7%), diarrhoea (2.7%), injection site reaction (2.2%), headache (2.0%), hypokalaemia (1.7%) and rash (1.7%).

The adverse reactions which most often led to permanent discontinuation of CRESEMBA® treatment were confusional state (0.7%), acute renal failure (0.7%), increased blood bilirubin (0.5%), convulsion (0.5%), dyspnoea (0.5%), epilepsy (0.5%), respiratory failure (0.5%) and vomiting (0.5%).

### Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Table 2 presents adverse reactions with isavuconazole in the treatment of invasive fungal infections, by System Organ Class and frequency.

The frequency of adverse reactions is defined as follows: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$ ) to < 1/10); and uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to < 1/100); not known (frequency cannot be estimated from available data).

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 2 Summary of adverse reactions by MedDRA System Organ Class and frequency

System Organ	
Class	Adverse Drug Reactions

Blood and lymp	hatic system disorders	
Uncommon	Neutropenia; Thrombocytopenia^; Pancytopenia; Leukopenia^; Anaemia^	
Immune system		
Uncommon	Hypersensitivity^	
Not known	Anaphylactic reaction*	
	I nutrition disorders	
Common	Hypokalaemia; Decreased appetite	
Uncommon	Hypomagnesaemia; Hypoglycaemia; Hypoalbuminaemia; Malnutrition^;	
Psychiatric diso		
Common	Delirium^#;	
Uncommon	Depression; Insomnia^	
Nervous system	*	
Common	Headache; Somnolence	
Uncommon	Convulsion^; Syncope; Dizziness; Paraesthesia^;	
	Encephalopathy; Presyncope; Neuropathy peripheral; Dysgeusia;	
Ear and labyrin		
Uncommon	Vertigo	
Cardiac disorde	E .	
Uncommon	Atrial fibrillation; Tachycardia; Bradycardia^; Palpitations;	
	Atrial flutter; Electrocardiogram QT shortened; Supraventricular tachycardia;	
	Ventricular extrasystoles; Supraventricular extrasystoles	
Vascular disord	ers	
Common	Thrombophlebitis^	
Uncommon	Circulatory collapse; Hypotension	
Respiratory, the	oracic and mediastinal disorders	
Common	Dyspnoea <sup>^</sup> ; Acute respiratory failure <sup>^</sup>	
Uncommon	Bronchospasm; Tachypnoea; Haemoptysis; Epistaxis	
Gastrointestina	l disorders	
Common	Vomiting; Diarrhoea; Nausea; Abdominal pain^;	
Uncommon	Dyspepsia; Constipation; Abdominal distension	
Hepatobiliary d		
Common	Elevated liver chemistry tests <sup>#</sup>	
Uncommon	Hepatomegaly, Hepatitis	
Skin and subcut	taneous tissue disorders	
Common	Rash^; Pruritus	
Uncommon	Petechiae; Alopecia; Drug eruption; Dermatitis^	
Musculoskeleta	l and connective tissue disorders	
Uncommon	Back pain	
Renal and urina		
Common	Renal failure	
	ers and administration site conditions	
Common	Chest pain <sup>^</sup> ; Fatigue; Injection site reaction <sup>^</sup>	
Uncommon	Oedema peripheral <sup>^</sup> ; Malaise; Asthenia	

<sup>^</sup> Indicates that grouping of appropriate preferred terms into a single medical concept occurred.

# Description of selected adverse reactions

Delirium includes reactions of confusional state.

<sup>\*</sup> ADR identified post-marketing.

<sup>#</sup> See section Description of selected adverse reactions below.

Elevated liver chemistry tests includes events of alanine aminotransferase increased, aspartate aminotransferase increased, blood alkaline phosphatase increased, blood bilirubin increased, blood lactate dehydrogenase increased, gamma-glutamyltransferase increased, hepatic enzyme increased, hepatic function abnormal, hyperbilirubinemia, liver function test abnormal, and transaminases increased.

# <u>Laboratory effects</u>

In a double-blind, randomized, active-controlled clinical study of 516 patients with invasive fungal disease caused by *Aspergillus* species or other filamentous fungi, elevated liver transaminases (alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase)  $> 3 \times \text{Upper Limit}$  of Normal (ULN) were reported at the end of study treatment in 4.4% of patients who received CRESEMBA®. Marked elevations of liver transaminases  $> 10 \times \text{ULN}$  developed in 1.2% of patients on isavuconazole.

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 by using an online form <a href="https://sideeffects.health.gov.il/">https://sideeffects.health.gov.il/</a>

#### 4.9 Overdose

# **Symptoms**

Symptoms reported more frequently at supratherapeutic doses of CRESEMBA® (equivalent to isavuconazole 600 mg/day) evaluated in a QT study than in the therapeutic dose group (equivalent to isavuconazole 200 mg/day dose) included: headache, dizziness, paraesthesia, somnolence, disturbance in attention, dysgeusia, dry mouth, diarrhoea, oral hypoaesthesia, vomiting, hot flush, anxiety, restlessness, palpitations, tachycardia, photophobia and arthralgia.

# Management of overdose

Isavuconazole is not removed by haemodialysis. There is no specific antidote for isavuconazole. In the event of an overdose, supportive treatment should be instituted.

#### 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

# 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antimycotics for systemic use, triazole and tetrazole derivative, ATC code: J02AC05

#### Mechanism of action

Isavuconazole is the active moiety formed after oral or intravenous administration of isavuconazonium sulfate (see section 5.2).

Isavuconazole demonstrates a fungicidal effect by blocking the synthesis of ergosterol, a key component of the fungal cell membrane, through the inhibition of cytochrome P-450-dependent enzyme lanosterol 14-alpha-demethylase, responsible for the conversion of lanosterol to ergosterol. This results in an accumulation of methylated sterol precursors and a depletion of ergosterol within the cell membrane, thus weakening the structure and function of the fungal cell membrane.

# **Microbiology**

In animal models of disseminated and pulmonary aspergillosis, the pharmacodynamic (PD) index important in efficacy is exposure divided by minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) (AUC/MIC). No clear correlation between *in vitro* MIC and clinical response for the different species (*Aspergillus* and *Mucorales*) could be established.

Concentrations of isavuconazole required to inhibit *Aspergillus* species and genera/species of the order *Mucorales in vitro* have been very variable. Generally, concentrations of isavuconazole required to inhibit *Mucorales* are higher than those required to inhibit the majority of *Aspergillus* species.

Clinical efficacy has been demonstrated for the following *Aspergillus* species: *Aspergillus fumigatus*, *A. flavus*, *A. niger*, and *A. terreus*(see further below).

#### Mechanism(s) of resistance

Reduced susceptibility to triazole antifungal agents has been associated with mutations in the fungal cyp51A and cyp51B genes coding for the target protein lanosterol 14-alpha-demethylase involved in ergosterol biosynthesis. Fungal strains with reduced in vitro susceptibility to isavuconazole have been reported, and cross-resistance with voriconazole and other triazole antifungal agents cannot be excluded.

# **EUCAST Breakpoints**

Aspergillus species	Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) breakpoint (mg/L)	
	≤S (Susceptible)	>R (Resistant)
Aspergillus flavus	1	2
Aspergillus fumigatus	1	2
Aspergillus nidulans	0.25	0.25
Aspergillus terreus	1	1

There are currently insufficient data to set clinical breakpoints for other *Aspergillus* species.

# Clinical efficacy and safety

# Treatment of invasive aspergillosis

The safety and efficacy of isavuconazole for the treatment of patients with invasive aspergillosis was evaluated in a double-blind, active-controlled clinical study in 516 patients with invasive fungal disease caused by *Aspergillus* species or other filamentous fungi. In the intent-to-treat (ITT) population, 258 patients received isavuconazole and 258 patients received voriconazole. CRESEMBA® was administered intravenously (equivalent to 200 mg isavuconazole) every 8 hours for the first 48 hours, followed by once-daily intravenous or oral treatment (equivalent to 200 mg isavuconazole). The protocol-defined maximum treatment duration was 84 days. Median treatment duration was 45 days.

The overall response at end-of-treatment (EOT) in the myITT population (patients with proven and probable invasive aspergillosis based on cytology, histology, culture or galactomannan testing) was assessed by an independent blinded Data Review Committee. The myITT population comprised 123 patients receiving isavuconazole and 108 patients receiving voriconazole. The overall response in this population was n = 43 (35%) for isavuconazole and n = 42 (38.9%) for voriconazole. The adjusted treatment difference (voriconazole–isavuconazole) was 4.0 (95%) confidence interval: -7.9; 15.9).

The all-cause mortality at Day 42 in this population was 18.7% for isavuconazole and 22.2% for voriconazole. The adjusted treatment difference (isavuconazole–voriconazole) was -2.7% (95 % confidence interval: -12.9; 7.5).

### Treatment of mucormycosis

In an open-label non-controlled study, 37 patients with proven or probable mucormycosis received isavuconazole at the same dose regimen as that used to treat invasive aspergillosis. Median treatment duration was 84 days for the overall mucormycosis patient population, and 102 days for the 21 patients not previously treated for mucormycosis. For patients with probable or proven mucormycosis as defined by the independent Data Review Committee (DRC), all-cause mortality at Day 84 was 43.2% (16/37) for the overall patient population, 42.9% (9/21) for mucormycosis patients receiving isavuconazole as primary treatment, and 43.8% (7/16) for mucormycosis patients receiving isavuconazole who were refractory to, or intolerant of, prior antifungal therapy (mainly amphotericin B-based treatments). The DRC-assessed overall success rate at EOT was 11/35 (31.4%), with 5 patients considered completely cured and 6 patients partially cured. A stable response was observed in an additional 10/35 patients (28.6%). In 9 patients with mucormycosis due to *Rhizopus* spp., 4 patients showed a favourable response to isavuconazole. In 5 patients with mucormycosis due to *Rhizomucor* spp., no favourable responses were observed. The clinical experience in other species is very limited (*Lichtheimia* spp. n=2, *Cunninghamella* spp. n=1, *Actinomucor* elegans n=1).

# 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Isavuconazonium sulfate is a water-soluble prodrug that can be administered as an intravenous infusion or orally as hard capsules. Following administration, isavuconazonium sulfate is rapidly hydrolysed by plasma esterases to the active moiety isavuconazole; plasma concentrations of the prodrug are very low, and detectable only for a short time after intravenous dosing.

# **Absorption**

Following oral administration of CRESEMBA® in healthy subjects, the active moiety isavuconazole is absorbed and reaches maximum plasma concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) approximately 2–3 hours after single and multiple dosing (see Table 3).

 $Table\ 3S teady\ state\ pharmacokinetic\ parameters\ of\ is avuconazole\ following\ or al\ administration\ of\ CRESEMBA^{\circledR}$ 

Parameter Statistic	Isavuconazole 200 mg (n = 37)	Isavuconazole 600 mg (n = 32)
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)		( 02)
Mean	7499	20028
SD	1893.3	3584.3
CV %	25.2	17.9
t <sub>max</sub> (h)		
Median	3.0	4.0
Range	2.0 - 4.0	2.0 - 4.0

AUC (h•ng/mL)		
Mean	121402	352805
SD	35768.8	72018.5
CV %	29.5	20.4

As shown in table 4 below, the absolute bioavailability of isavuconazole following oral administration of a single dose of CRESEMBA® is 98%. Based on these findings, intravenous and oral dosing can be used interchangeably.

Table 4Pharmacokinetic comparison for oral and intravenous dose (Mean)

	ISA 400 mg oral	ISA 400 mg I.V
AUC (h•ng/mL)	189462.8	193906.8
CV %	36.5	37.2
Half-life (h)	110	115

# Effect of food on absorption

Oral administration of CRESEMBA® equivalent to 400 mg isavuconazole with a high-fat meal reduced isavuconazole  $C_{max}$  by 9% and increased AUC by 9%. CRESEMBA® can be taken with or without food.

#### Distribution

Isavuconazole is extensively distributed, with a mean steady state volume of distribution ( $V_{ss}$ ) of approximately 450 L. Isavuconazole is highly bound (> 99%) to human plasma proteins, predominantly to albumin.

# **Biotransformation**

*In vitro / in vivo* studies indicate that CYP3A4, CYP3A5, and subsequently uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferases (UGT), are involved in the metabolism of isavuconazole.

Following single doses of [cyano- $^{14}$ C] isavuconazonium and [pyridinylmethyl- $^{14}$ C] isavuconazonium sulfate in humans, in addition to the active moiety (isavuconazole) and the inactive cleavage product, a number of minor metabolites were identified. Except for the active moiety isavuconazole, no individual metabolite was observed with an AUC > 10% of total radio-labelled material.

#### Elimination

Following oral administration of radio-labelled isavuconazonium sulfate to healthy subjects, a mean of 46.1% of the radioactive dose was recovered in faeces, and 45.5% was recovered in urine.

Renal excretion of intact isavuconazole was less than 1% of the dose administered.

The inactive cleavage product is primarily eliminated by metabolism and subsequent renal excretion of the metabolites.

# Linearity/non-linearity

Studies in healthy subjects have demonstrated that the pharmacokinetics of isavuconazole are proportional up to 600 mg per day.

# Pharmacokinetics in special populations

Renal impairment

No clinically relevant changes were observed in the total  $C_{max}$  and AUC of isavuconazole in subjects with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment compared to subjects with normal renal function. Of the 403 patients who received CRESEMBA® in the Phase 3 studies, 79 (20%) of patients had an estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m². No dose adjustment is required in patients with renal impairment, including those patients with end-stage renal disease. Isavuconazole is not readily dialysable (see section 4.2).

# Hepatic impairment

After a single 100 mg dose of isavuconazole was administered to 32 patients with mild (Child-Pugh Class A) hepatic insufficiency and 32 patients with moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic insufficiency (16 intravenous and 16 oral patients per Child-Pugh class), the least square mean systemic exposure (AUC) increased 64% in the Child-Pugh Class A group, and 84% in the Child-Pugh Class B group, relative to 32 age- and weight-matched healthy subjects with normal hepatic function. Mean plasma concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) were 2% lower in the Child-Pugh Class A group and 30% lower in the Child-Pugh Class B group. The population pharmacokinetic evaluation of isavuconazole in healthy subjects and patients with mild or moderate hepatic dysfunction demonstrated that the mild and moderate hepatic impairment populations had 40% and 48% lower isavuconazole clearance (CL) values, respectively, than the healthy population.

No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment.

CRESEMBA® has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risks. See sections 4.2 and 4.4.

# 5.3 Preclinical safety data

In rats and rabbits, isavuconazole at systemic exposures below the therapeutic level were associated with dose-related increases in the incidence of skeletal anomalies (rudimentary supernumerary ribs) in offspring. In rats, a dose-related increase in the incidence of zygomatic arch fusion was also noted in offspring (see section 4.6).

Administration of isavuconazonium sulfate to rats at a dose of 90 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0-fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole) during pregnancy through the weaning period showed an increased perinatal mortality of the pups. *In utero* exposure to the active moiety isavuconazole had no effect on the fertility of the surviving pups. Intravenous administration of <sup>14</sup>C-labelled isavuconazonium sulfate to lactating rats resulted in the recovery of radiolabel in the milk.

Isavuconazole did not affect the fertility of male or female rats treated with oral doses up to 90 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0-fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole).

Isavuconazole has no discernible mutagenic or genotoxic potential. Isavuconazole was negative in a bacterial reverse mutation assay, was weakly clastogenic at cytotoxic concentrations in the L5178Y tk+/- mouse lymphoma chromosome aberration assay, and showed no biologically relevant or statistically significant increase in the frequency of micronuclei in an *in vivo* rat micronucleus test.

Isavuconazole has demonstrated carcinogenic potential in 2-year rodent carcinogenicity studies. Liver and thyroid tumours are likely caused by a rodent-specific mechanism that is not relevant for humans. Skin fibromas and fibrosarcomas were seen in male rats. The mechanism underlying this effect is unknown. Endometrial adenomas and carcinomas of the uterus were seen in female rats, which is

likely due to a hormonal disturbance. There is no safety margin for these effects. The relevance for humans of the skin and uterine tumours cannot be excluded.

Isavuconazole inhibited the hERG potassium channel and the L-type calcium channel with an IC $_{50}$  of 5.82  $\mu$ M and 6.57  $\mu$ M respectively (34- and 38-fold the human non-protein bound C $_{max}$  at maximum recommended human dose [MRHD], respectively). The *in vivo* 39-week repeated-dose toxicology studies in monkeys did not show QTcF prolongation at doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0-fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole).

Environmental risk assessment has shown that CRESEMBA® may pose a risk for the aquatic environment.

#### 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

# 6.1 List of excipients

Mannitol
Sulfuric acid (for pH-adjustment)
Nitrogen

# 6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products except those mentioned in section 6.6.

### 6.3 Shelf life

The expiry date of the product is indicated on the packaging materials

Chemical and physical in-use stability after reconstitution and dilution has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 2 °C to 8 °C, or 6 hours at room temperature.

From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and would normally not be longer than 24 hours at 2 °C to 8 °C, unless reconstitution and dilution have taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions.

# 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2 °C to 8 °C).

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

#### 6.5 Nature and contents of container

One 10 mL Type I glass vial with rubber stopper and an aluminum cap with plastic seal.

#### 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

#### Reconstitution

One vial of the powder for concentrate for solution for infusion should be reconstituted by addition of 5 mL water for injections to the vial. The vial should be shaken to dissolve the powder completely.

The reconstituted solution should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration. Reconstituted concentrate should be clear and free of visible particulate. It must be further diluted prior to administration.

# **Dilution and administration**

After reconstitution, the entire content of the reconstituted concentrate should be removed from the vial and added to an infusion bag containing at least 250 mL of either sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) dextrose solution. The infusion solution contains approximately 0.8 mg isavuconazole per mL). After the reconstituted concentrate is further diluted, the diluted solution may show fine white-to-translucent particulates of isavuconazole that do not sediment (but will be removed by in-line filtration). The diluted solution should be mixed gently, or the bag should be rolled to minimise the formation of particulates. Unnecessary vibration or vigorous shaking of the solution should be avoided. The solution for infusion must be administered via an infusion set with an in-line filter (pore size 0.2  $\mu$ m to 1.2  $\mu$ m) made of polyethersulfone (PES).

Isavuconazole should not be infused into the same line or cannula concomitantly with other intravenous products.

Storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution are provided in section 6.3.

If possible, the intravenous administration of isavuconazole should be completed within 6 hours after reconstitution and dilution at room temperature. If this is not possible, the infusion solution should be immediately refrigerated after dilution, and infusion should be completed within 24 hours. Further information regarding the storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution of the medicinal product is provided in section 6.3.

An existing intravenous line should be flushed with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) dextrose solution.

This medicinal product is for single use only. Discard partially-used vials.

This medicinal product may pose a risk to the environment (see section 5.3).

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. Registration number of the medicine in the National Drug Registry of the Ministry of Health: 162-04-35593

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