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**BAVENCIO<sup>®</sup>**  
(avelumab)

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**Important safety information  
to minimize the risk of  
immune-mediated side effects.**

## About BAVENCIO® (avelumab)

**BAVENCIO® is a medicine used to treat some types of cancer.**

### Before you start BAVENCIO®

Tell your doctor about any medications you are taking, have recently taken, or might take. Make sure your doctor knows if you:

- Have an autoimmune disease (a condition where the body attacks its own cells).
- Have human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection or acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).
- Have ever had chronic viral infection of the liver, including hepatitis B (HBV) or hepatitis C (HCV).

- Receive medicines to suppress your immune system.
- Have had an organ transplant.
- Are taking or have recently taken any other medicines.
- Are pregnant, think you may be pregnant, or are planning to have a baby.
- Could become pregnant.  
You must use effective contraceptives while you are being treated with BAVENCIO® and for at least 1 month after your last dose.
- Are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. Do not breast feed while receiving BAVENCIO® and for at least 1 month after your last dose.

The doctor has prescribed BAVENCIO® (avelumab) to treat your cancer and like all medicines, it can cause side effects, although not everybody experiences them. BAVENCIO® acts on your immune system and may cause inflammation in parts of your body. Inflammation may cause serious damage to your body and in rare cases some inflammatory conditions may lead to death. Your risk of these side effects may be higher if you already have an autoimmune disease (a condition where the body attacks its own cells). You may also experience frequent flares of your autoimmune disease, which in most of cases are mild. These side effects may happen at any time during treatment or even after your treatment has ended.

Contact your doctor right away if you develop any of the signs or symptoms described in this card or if they get worse. Your doctor may give you other medicines to prevent more severe complications and reduce your symptoms. Your doctor may withhold the next dose of BAVENCIO® or completely stop treatment if your side effects are too severe.

For further information, consult the BAVENCIO® Product Information at <https://israeldrugs.health.gov.il/#/medDetails/159%2077%2035284%2000> or contact Merck Serono LTD Medical Information via email [med-info-ISR@merckgroup.com](mailto:med-info-ISR@merckgroup.com)

## Important

- Do not stop treatment with BAVENCIO® unless you have discussed this with your doctor as it may stop the effect of the medicine. Please try to keep all your appointments and reschedule as soon as possible if you miss one.
- Do not attempt to diagnose or treat side effects by yourself.
- **Carry this Card with you at all times**, especially when you travel, whenever you go to the Accident and Emergency department, or when you must see another doctor or another nurse or pharmacist. Carry this card for at least 3 months following the end of your treatment with BAVENCIO®.

- Be sure to notify any healthcare professional you consult that you are being treated with BAVENCIO® and show them this card.
- If you experience any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse right away. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the Package Leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via email [Drug.safety.israel@merckgroup.com](mailto:Drug.safety.israel@merckgroup.com).  
By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### **Infusion reactions:**

- Shortness of breath or wheezing
- Chills or shaking
- Bumpy rash or skin wheals
- Flushing
- Low blood pressure (dizziness, fatigue, nausea)
- Fever
- Back pain
- Abdominal pain

### **Lung problems (inflammation of the lungs):**

- Breathing difficulties
- Cough

### **Liver problems (inflammation of the liver):**

- Yellowing of your skin and whites of your eyes (jaundice)
- Severe nausea or vomiting
- Pain on the right side of your stomach area (abdomen)

- Drowsiness
- Dark urine (tea coloured)
- Bleeding or bruising more easily than usual
- Feeling less hungry than usual
- Tiredness
- Abnormal liver function test

### **Intestinal problems (inflammation of the intestines):**

- Diarrhoea (loose stools)
- More bowel movements than usual
- Blood in your stools or dark, tarry, sticky stools
- Severe stomach (abdomen) pain or tenderness

### **Pancreas problems (inflammation of the pancreas):**

- Abdominal pain
- Nausea
- Vomiting

### **Heart problems (inflammation of the heart):**

- Trouble breathing
- Dizziness or fainting
- Fever
- Chest pain and chest tightness
- Flu like symptoms

### **Hormone gland problems (inflammation of the hormone producing glands especially thyroid, pituitary, adrenal):**

- Extreme tiredness
- Rapid heartbeat
- Increased sweating
- Changes in mood or behavior, such as irritability or forgetfulness
- Feeling cold
- Very low blood pressure (fainting, dizziness, fatigue, nausea)
- Weight change
- Headache

### **Endocrine pancreas gland (Type 1 diabetes including a serious, sometimes life-threatening problem due to increased acid in the blood produced from diabetes [diabetic ketoacidosis]):**

- Feeling more hungry or thirsty than usual
- Need to urinate more often
- Weight loss
- Feeling tired
- Having difficulty thinking clearly
- Breath that smells sweet or fruity
- Feeling sick or being sick
- Stomach pain
- Deep or fast breathing

### **Kidney problems (inflammation of the kidneys):**

- Abnormal kidney function tests
- Urinate less than usual
- Blood in your urine
- Swelling in your ankles

## Other organs:

### **Muscle problems (inflammation of muscle):**

- Muscle pain
- Weakness
- Stiffness

### **Joint problems (inflammation of the joint):**

- Joint pain
- Stiffness
- Swelling

### **Bile duct problems (inflammation and scarring of the bile duct):**

- Pain in the upper right part of the stomach
- Swelling of the liver or spleen
- Fatigue
- Itching
- Yellowing of the skin or the whites of eyes

### **Moisture-secreting glands problems:**

- Dry eyes
- Dry mouth

### **Eye problems (inflammation of the eye [uveitis]):**

- Eye pain
- Eye redness
- Sensitivity to light
- Blurred or cloudy vision
- Small shapes moving across your field of vision (floaters)
- Loss of peripheral vision (the ability to see objects at the side of your field of vision)

### **Nervous system problems:**

#### **Guillain-Barre Syndrome:**

- Numbness
- Pain
- Difficulty walking
- Muscle weakness

#### **Myasthenia gravis, myasthenic syndrome:**

- Muscle weakness

## Important Contact Information

Name of Doctor who has prescribed BAVENCIO®

Phone

After-hours Phone

My Name

My Phone

Emergency Contact (Name)

Emergency Contact (Phone)

## Important Information for Health Care Providers

This patient is being treated with BAVENCIO®, which can cause infusion-related reactions as well as immune-mediated adverse reactions that may appear any time during treatment or after treatment. Early diagnosis and appropriate management are essential to minimize any consequences of immune-mediated adverse reactions.

For suspected immune mediated adverse reactions, adequate evaluation should be performed to confirm aetiology or exclude other causes. Based on the severity of the adverse reaction, BAVENCIO® should be withheld and corticosteroids administered. If corticosteroids are used to treat an adverse reaction, a taper of at least 1 month duration should be initiated upon improvement.

In patients whose immune-mediated adverse reactions cannot be controlled with corticosteroid use, administration of other systemic immunosuppressants may be considered. Specific guidelines for managing immune-mediated adverse reactions are available in the Product Information for BAVENCIO®. Please contact the patient's doctor who prescribed BAVENCIO® for more information.

Assess patients for signs and symptoms of immune-mediated adverse reactions (including immune-mediated pneumonitis, hepatitis, colitis, pancreatitis, myocarditis, endocrinopathies thyroid disorder, adrenal insufficiency, type 1 diabetes mellitus, pituitary disorders), nephritis and renal dysfunction, and other immune-mediated adverse reactions (myositis, Guillain-Barré syndrome, uveitis, myasthenia gravis/myasthenic syndrome, sclerosing cholangitis, arthritis, polymyalgia rheumatica, Sjogren's syndrome) reported in patients receiving BAVENCIO®.

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