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Prescribing Information
ARANESP®

Solution for Injection in a pre-filled syringe

Solution for injection in a pre-filled pen (Sure-Click®)

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

ARANESP® 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 150, 300, 500 micrograms, solution for injection

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen contains: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 80, 100, 150, 300, 500 micrograms of darbepoetin alfa.

Darbepoetin alfa is produced by gene-technology in Chinese Hamster Ovary Cells (CHO-K1).

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection in pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen (Sure-Click®).

Clear, colorless solution.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic Indications

- ARANESP® is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic anemia associated with chronic renal failure (CRF) in adults and pediatric patients ≥ 1 year of age (see section 4.2).
- ARANESP® 150 mcg, 300 mcg and 500 mcg are indicated for the treatment of symptomatic anemia in adult cancer patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving chemotherapy.

4.2 Posology and Method of Administration

ARANESP® treatment should be initiated by physicians experienced in the above mentioned indications.

ARANESP® may be administered subcutaneously by the patient or a carer after being trained by a doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

ARANESP® is supplied ready for use in a pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen (Sure-Click®).

The pre-filled syringe is administered either subcutaneously or intravenously.

The pre-filled pen is only for subcutaneous administration.

The instructions for use, handling and disposal are given in section special precautions for disposal.

Treatment of Symptomatic Anemia in Chronic Renal Failure Patients

Anemia 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. ARANESP® should be administered either subcutaneously or intravenously in order to increase

hemoglobin to not greater than 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L). Subcutaneous use is preferable in patients who are not receiving hemodialysis to avoid the puncture of peripheral veins.

Patients should be monitored closely to ensure that the lowest approved effective dose of ARANESP® is used to provide adequate control of the symptoms of anemia whilst maintaining a hemoglobin concentration below or at 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L). Caution should be exercised with escalation of ARANESP® doses in patients with chronic renal failure. In patients with a poor hemoglobin response to ARANESP®, alternative explanations for the poor response should be considered (see sections 4.4 and 5.1).

Due to intra-patient variability, occasional individual hemoglobin values for a patient above and below the desired hemoglobin level may be observed. Hemoglobin variability should be addressed through dose management, with consideration for the hemoglobin target range of 10 g/dL (6.2 mmol/L) to 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L). A sustained hemoglobin level of greater than 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) should be avoided; guidance for appropriate dose adjustment for when hemoglobin values exceeding 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) are observed are described below.

A rise in hemoglobin of greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) over a four week period, should be avoided. If it occurs, appropriate dose adjustment should be made as provided.

Treatment with ARANESP® is divided into two stages – correction and maintenance phase.

Adult patients with chronic renal failure

Correction phase:

The initial ARANESP® dosage by subcutaneous or intravenous administration is 0.45 mcg/kg body weight, as a single injection once weekly. Alternatively, in patients not on dialysis the following initial doses can also be administered subcutaneously as a single injection: 0.75 mcg/kg once every two weeks or 1.5 mcg/kg once monthly. If the increase in hemoglobin is inadequate (less than 1 g/dL (0.6 mmol/L) in four weeks) increase the dose by approximately 25%. Dose increases must not be made more frequently than once every four weeks.

If the rise in hemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) in four weeks reduce the ARANESP® dose by approximately 25%. If the hemoglobin exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), a dose reduction should be considered. If the hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be reduced by approximately 25%. If after a dose reduction, hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be temporarily withheld until the hemoglobin begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be reinitiated at approximately 25% lower than the previous dose.

The hemoglobin should be measured every one or two weeks until it is stable. Thereafter the hemoglobin can be measured at longer intervals.

Maintenance phase:

In dialysis patients, ARANESP® may continue to be administered as a single injection once weekly or once every two weeks. Dialysis patients converting from once weekly to once every other week dosing with ARANESP® should initially receive a dose equivalent to twice the previous once weekly dose.

In patients not on dialysis, ARANESP® may continue to be administered as a single injection once weekly or once every two weeks or once monthly. For patients treated with ARANESP® once every two weeks, after the target hemoglobin has been achieved, ARANESP® may then be administered subcutaneously once monthly using an initial dose equal to twice the previous once every two-week dose.

Dosing should be titrated as necessary to maintain the hemoglobin target.

If a dose adjustment is required to maintain hemoglobin at the desired level, it is recommended that the dose of ARANESP® is adjusted by approximately 25%.

If the rise in hemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) in four weeks reduce the dose by approximately 25%, depending on the rate of increase. If the hemoglobin exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), a dose reduction should be considered. If the hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be reduced by approximately 25%. If after a dose reduction, hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be temporarily withheld until the hemoglobin begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be reinitiated at approximately 25% lower than the previous dose.

After any dose or schedule adjustment the hemoglobin should be monitored every one or two weeks. Dose changes in the maintenance phase of treatment should not be made more frequently than every two weeks.

When changing the route of administration the same dose must be used and the hemoglobin monitored every one or two weeks so that the appropriate ARANESP® dose adjustments can be made to keep the hemoglobin at the desired level.

Clinical studies have demonstrated that adult patients receiving r-HuEPO one, two or three times weekly may be converted to once weekly or once every other week ARANESP®. The initial weekly dose of ARANESP® (mcg/week) can be determined by dividing the total weekly dose of r-HuEPO (IU/week) by 200. The initial every other week dose of ARANESP® (mcg/every other week) can be determined by dividing the total cumulative dose of r-HuEPO administered over a two-week period by 200. Because of individual variability, titration to optimal therapeutic doses is expected for individual patients. When substituting ARANESP® for r-HuEPO the hemoglobin should be monitored every one or two weeks and the same route of administration should be used.

Pediatric population with chronic renal failure (≥ 1 year of age)

Treatment of pediatric patients younger than 1 year of age has not been studied in randomized clinical trials (see section 5.1).

Correction phase:

For patients ≥ 1 year of age, the initial dose by subcutaneous or intravenous administration is 0.45 mcg/kg body weight, as a single injection once weekly. Alternatively, in patients not on dialysis, an initial dose of 0.75 mcg/kg may be administered subcutaneously as a single injection once every two weeks. If the increase in hemoglobin is inadequate (less than 1 g/dL (0.6 mmol/L) in four weeks) increase the dose by approximately 25%. Dose increases must not be made more frequently than once every four weeks.

If the rise in hemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) in four weeks reduce the dose by approximately 25%, depending on the rate of increase. If the hemoglobin exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), a dose reduction should be considered. If the hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be reduced by approximately 25%. If after a dose reduction, hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be temporarily withheld until the hemoglobin begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be reinitiated at approximately 25% lower than the previous dose.

The hemoglobin should be measured every one or two weeks until it is stable. Thereafter the hemoglobin can be measured at longer intervals.

Correction of anemia in pediatric patients with once monthly ARANESP® dosing frequency has not been studied.

Maintenance phase:

For pediatric patients ≥ 1 year of age, in the maintenance phase, ARANESP® may continue to be administered as a single injection once weekly or once every two weeks. Patients < 6 years of age may need higher doses for maintenance of hemoglobin than patients above that age. Dialysis patients converting from once weekly to once every other week dosing with ARANESP® should initially receive a dose equivalent to twice the previous once weekly dose.

Clinical data in pediatric patients has demonstrated that patients receiving r-HuEPO two or three times weekly may be converted to once weekly ARANESP[®], and those receiving r-HuEPO once weekly may be converted to once every other week ARANESP[®]. The initial weekly pediatric dose of ARANESP[®] (mcg/week) can be determined by dividing the total weekly dose of r-HuEPO (IU/week) by 240. The initial every other week dose of ARANESP[®] (mcg/every other week) can be determined by dividing the total cumulative dose of r-HuEPO administered over a two-week period by 240. Because of individual variability, titration to optimal therapeutic doses is expected for individual patients. When substituting ARANESP[®] for r-HuEPO the hemoglobin should be monitored every one or two weeks and the same route of administration should be used.

Dosing should be titrated as necessary to maintain the hemoglobin target.

If a dose adjustment is required to maintain hemoglobin at the desired level, it is recommended that the dose is adjusted by approximately 25%.

If the rise in hemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) in four weeks reduce the dose by approximately 25%, depending on the rate of increase. If the hemoglobin exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), a dose reduction should be considered. If the hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be reduced by approximately 25%. If after a dose reduction, hemoglobin continues to increase, the dose should be temporarily withheld until the hemoglobin begins to decrease, at which point therapy should be reinitiated at approximately 25% lower than the previous dose.

Patients starting dialysis during treatment with ARANESP[®] should be closely monitored for adequate control of their hemoglobin.

After any dose or schedule adjustment the hemoglobin should be monitored every one or two weeks. Dose changes in the maintenance phase of treatment should not be made more frequently than every two weeks.

When changing the route of administration the same dose must be used and the hemoglobin monitored every one or two weeks so that the appropriate dose adjustments can be made to keep the hemoglobin at the desired level.

Treatment of Symptomatic Chemotherapy-Induced Anemia in Cancer Patients

ARANESP[®] should be administered by the subcutaneous route to patients with anemia (e.g., hemoglobin concentration \leq 10 g/dL (6.2 mmol/L)) in order to increase hemoglobin to not greater than 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L). Anemia 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.

Due to intra-patient variability, occasional individual hemoglobin values for a patient above and below the desired hemoglobin level may be observed. Hemoglobin variability should be addressed through dose management, with consideration for the hemoglobin target range of 10 g/dL (6.2 mmol/L) to 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L). A sustained hemoglobin level of greater than 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) should be avoided; guidance for appropriate dose adjustments for when hemoglobin values exceeding 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) are observed are described below.

The recommended initial dose is 500 mcg (6.75 mcg/kg) given once every three weeks, or once weekly dosing can be given at 2.25 mcg/kg body weight. If the clinical response of the patient (fatigue, hemoglobin response) is inadequate after nine weeks, further therapy may not be effective.

ARANESP[®] therapy should be discontinued approximately four weeks after the end of chemotherapy.

Once the therapeutic objective for an individual patient has been achieved, the dose should be reduced by 25 to 50% in order to ensure that the lowest approved dose of ARANESP[®] is used to maintain hemoglobin at a level that controls the symptoms of anemia. Appropriate dose titration between 500 mcg, 300 mcg, and 150 mcg should be considered.

Patients should be monitored closely, if the hemoglobin exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), the dose should be reduced by approximately 25 to 50%. Treatment with ARANESP® should be temporarily discontinued if hemoglobin levels exceed 13 g/dL (8.1 mmol/L). Therapy should be reinitiated at approximately 25% lower than the previous dose after hemoglobin levels fall to 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) or below.

If the rise in hemoglobin is greater than 2 g/dL (1.25 mmol/L) in 4 weeks, the dose should be reduced by 25 to 50%.

4.3 Contraindications

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

Poorly controlled hypertension.

4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions for Use

General

In order to improve the traceability of erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (ESAs), the trade name of the administered ESA should be clearly recorded (or stated) in the patient file.

Blood pressure should be monitored in all patients, particularly during initiation of ARANESP® therapy. If blood pressure is difficult to control by initiation of appropriate measures, the hemoglobin may be reduced by decreasing or withholding the dose of ARANESP® (see section 4.2). Cases of severe hypertension, including hypertensive crisis, hypertensive encephalopathy, and seizures, have been observed in CRF patients treated with ARANESP®.

In order to ensure effective erythropoiesis, iron status should be evaluated for all patients prior to and during treatment and supplementary iron therapy may be necessary.

Non-response to therapy with ARANESP® should prompt 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, hemolysis, severe aluminum toxicity, underlying hematologic diseases, or bone marrow fibrosis may also compromise the erythropoietic response. A reticulocyte count should be considered as part of the evaluation. If typical causes of non-response are excluded, and the patient has reticulocytopenia, an examination of the bone marrow should be considered. If the bone marrow is consistent with PRCA, testing for anti-erythropoietin antibodies should be performed.

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. 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, ARANESP® 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 ARANESP®, treatment with ARANESP® must not be restarted in this patient at any time.

Pure red cell aplasia caused by neutralizing anti-erythropoietin antibodies has been reported in association with ESAs, including ARANESP®. This has been predominantly reported in patients with CRF treated subcutaneously. These antibodies have been shown to cross-react with all erythropoietic proteins, and patients suspected or confirmed to have neutralizing antibodies to erythropoietin should not be switched to ARANESP® (see section 4.8).

A paradoxical decrease in hemoglobin and development of severe anemia 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 anemia associated with hepatitis C.

Active liver disease was an exclusion criterion in all studies of ARANESP[®], therefore no data are available from patients with impaired liver function. Since the liver is thought to be the principal route of elimination of darbepoetin alfa and r-HuEPO, ARANESP[®] should be used with caution in patients with liver disease.

ARANESP[®] should also be used with caution in those patients with sickle cell anemia.

Misuse of ARANESP[®] by healthy persons may lead to an excessive increase in packed cell volume. This may be associated with life-threatening complications of the cardiovascular system.

The needle cap of the pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen contains dry natural rubber (a derivative of latex), which may cause allergic reactions.

ARANESP[®] should be used with caution in patients with epilepsy. Convulsions have been reported in patients receiving ARANESP[®].

The reported risk of thrombotic vascular events (TVEs) should be carefully weighed against the benefits to be derived from treatment with darbepoetin alfa particularly in patients with pre-existing risk factors for TVE, including obesity and prior history of TVEs (e.g., deep venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, and cerebral vascular accident).

This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

Chronic Renal Failure Patients

In patients with chronic renal failure, maintenance hemoglobin concentration should not exceed the upper limit of the target hemoglobin concentration recommended in section 4.2. In clinical studies, an increased risk of death, serious cardiovascular or cerebrovascular events including stroke, and vascular access thrombosis was observed when ESAs were administered to target a hemoglobin of greater than 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L).

Caution should be exercised with escalation of ARANESP[®] 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 hemoglobin response to epoetins, alternative explanations for the poor response should be considered (see sections 4.2 and 5.1).

Controlled clinical trials have not shown significant benefits attributable to the administration of epoetins when hemoglobin concentration is increased beyond the level necessary to control symptoms of anemia and to avoid blood transfusion.

Supplementary iron therapy is recommended for all patients with serum ferritin values below 100 mcg/L or whose transferrin saturation is below 20%.

Serum potassium levels should be monitored regularly during ARANESP[®] therapy. Potassium elevation has been reported in a few patients receiving ARANESP[®], though causality has not been established. If an elevated or rising potassium level is observed then consideration should be given to ceasing ARANESP[®] administration until the level has been corrected.

Cancer Patients

Effect on tumor growth

Epoetins are growth factors that primarily stimulate red blood cell production. Erythropoietin receptors may be expressed on the surface of a variety of tumor cells. As with all growth factors, there is a concern that epoetins could stimulate the growth of tumors. In several controlled studies, epoetins have

not been shown to improve overall survival or decrease the risk of tumor progression in patients with anemia associated with cancer.

In controlled clinical studies, use of ARANESP® and other ESAs have shown:

- shortened time to tumor progression in patients with advanced head and neck cancer receiving radiation therapy when administered to target a hemoglobin of greater than 14 g/dL (8.7 mmol/L), ESAs are not indicated for use in this patient population.
- shortened overall survival and increased deaths attributed to disease progression at 4 months in patients with metastatic breast cancer receiving chemotherapy when administered to target a hemoglobin of 12-14 g/dL (7.5-8.7 mmol/L).
- increased risk of death when administered to target a hemoglobin of 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) in patients with active malignant disease receiving neither chemotherapy nor radiation therapy. ESAs are not indicated for use in this patient population.
- an observed 9% increase in risk for PD or death in the epoetin alfa plus SOC group from a primary analysis and a 15% increased risk that cannot be statistically ruled out in patients with metastatic breast cancer receiving chemotherapy when administered to achieve a hemoglobin concentration range of 10 to 12 g/dL (6.2 to 7.5 mmol/L).
- non-inferiority of darbepoetin alfa to placebo for overall survival and progression free survival in patients with advanced stage non-small cell lung cancer receiving chemotherapy when administered to a target hemoglobin of 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L) (see section 5.1).

In view of the above, in some clinical situations blood transfusion should be the preferred treatment for the management of anemia in patients with cancer. The decision to administer recombinant erythropoietins should be based on a benefit-risk assessment with the participation of the individual patient, which should take into account the specific clinical context. Factors that should be considered in this assessment should include the type of tumor and its stage; the degree of anemia; life-expectancy; the environment in which the patient is being treated; and patient preference (see section 5.1).

In patients with solid tumors or lymphoproliferative malignancies, if the hemoglobin value exceeds 12 g/dL (7.5 mmol/L), the dosage adaptation described in section 4.2 should be closely respected, in order to minimize the potential risk of thromboembolic events. Platelet counts and hemoglobin level should also be monitored at regular intervals.

4.5 Interaction with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction

The clinical results obtained so far do not indicate any interaction of darbepoetin alfa with other substances. However, there is potential for an interaction with substances that are highly bound to red blood cells (e.g., cyclosporin, tacrolimus). If ARANESP® is given concomitantly with any of these treatments, blood levels of these substances should be monitored and the dosage adjusted as the hemoglobin rises.

4.6 Pregnancy and Lactation

Pregnancy

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies with ARANESP® in pregnant women.

Animal studies do not indicate direct harmful effects with respect to pregnancy, embryonal/fetal development, parturition or postnatal development. No alteration of fertility was detected.

Caution should be exercised when prescribing ARANESP® to pregnant women.

Breast-feeding

It is unknown whether ARANESP® is excreted in human milk. A risk to the suckling child cannot be excluded. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue/abstain from ARANESP® therapy taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding for the child and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

4.7 Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines

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

4.8 Undesirable Effects

Summary of the safety profile

Identified adverse reactions associated with ARANESP® are hypertension, stroke, thromboembolic events, convulsions, allergic reactions, rash/erythema and pure red cell aplasia (PRCA); see section 4.4.

Injection site pain was reported as attributable to treatment in studies where ARANESP® was administered via subcutaneous injection. The injection site discomfort was generally mild and transient in nature and occurred predominantly after the first injection.

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Incidence of adverse reactions are listed below by system organ class and frequency. Frequencies are defined as: Very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($\geq 1/100, < 1/10$); uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000, < 1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000, < 1/1,000$); very rare ($< 1/10,000$), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Data are presented separately for CRF and cancer patients reflecting the different adverse reaction profile in these populations.

Chronic Renal Failure Patients

Data presented from controlled studies included 1,357 patients, 766 who received ARANESP® and 591 patients who received r-HuEPO. In the ARANESP® group, 83% were receiving dialysis and 17% were not receiving dialysis. Stroke was identified as an adverse reaction in an additional clinical study (TREAT, see section 5.1).

Incidence of adverse reactions from controlled clinical studies and post-marketing experience are:

MedDRA system organ class	Subject incidence	Adverse reaction
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Not known ²	Pure red cell aplasia
Immune system disorders	Very common	Hypersensitivity ^a
Nervous system disorders	Common	Stroke ^b
	Uncommon ¹	Convulsions
Cardiac disorders	Very common	Hypertension
Vascular disorders	Uncommon	Thromboembolic events ^c
	Uncommon ¹	Dialysis vascular access thrombosis ^d
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common	Rash/erythema ^e
	Not known ²	SJS/TEN, erythema multiforme, blistering, skin exfoliation
General disorders and administration site conditions	Common	Injection site pain
	Uncommon ¹	Injection site bruising Injection site hemorrhage

Source: Includes 5 randomized, double-blind, active-controlled studies (970200, 970235, 980117, 980202, and 980211) except for the adverse reaction of stroke which was identified as an adverse reaction in the TREAT study (study 20010184).

¹ Adverse reactions identified in the post-marketing environment. Per the Guideline on Summary of Product Characteristics (Revision 2, September 2009), frequency of adverse reactions identified in the post-marketing setting was determined using the “Rule of three”.

² Frequency cannot be estimated from the available data.

^a Hypersensitivity events includes all events under the hypersensitivity SMQ.

^b Stroke events includes PT hemorrhagic stroke, ischemic stroke, cerebrovascular accident, and stroke in evolution.

^c Thromboembolic events adverse reaction includes PT embolism arterial, thrombophlebitis, thrombosis, venous thrombosis limb.

^d Dialysis vascular access thrombosis includes all adverse reactions under the dialysis vascular access thrombosis AMQ.

^e Rash/erythema adverse reaction includes PT rash, rash pruritic, rash macular, rash generalized, erythema.

Cancer Patients

Adverse reactions were determined based on pooled data from eight randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies of ARANESP[®] with a total of 4,630 patients (ARANESP[®] 2,888, placebo 1,742). Patients with solid tumors (e.g., lung, breast, colon, ovarian cancers) and lymphoid malignancies (e.g., lymphoma, multiple myeloma) were enrolled in the clinical studies.

Incidences of adverse reactions from controlled clinical studies and post-marketing experience are:

MedDRA system organ class	Subject incidence	Adverse reaction
Immune system disorders	Very common	Hypersensitivity ^a
Nervous system disorders	Uncommon ¹	Convulsions
Cardiac disorders	Common	Hypertension
Vascular disorders	Common	Thromboembolic events ^b , including pulmonary embolism
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common	Rash/erythema ^c
	Not known ²	SJS/TEN, erythema multiforme, blistering, skin exfoliation
General disorders and administration site conditions	Common	Edema ^d
	Common	Injection site pain ^e
	Uncommon ¹	Injection site bruising Injection site hemorrhage

¹ ADRs identified in the post-marketing environment. Per the Guideline on Summary of Product Characteristics (Revision 2, September 2009), frequency of ADRs identified in the post-marketing setting was determined using the “Rule of three”.

² Frequency cannot be estimated from the available data.

Source: includes 8 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies (980291-schedule 1 and 2, 980297, 990114, 20000161, 20010145, 20030232, and 20070782).

^a Hypersensitivity events includes all events under the hypersensitivity SMQ.

^b Thromboembolic events adverse reactions includes PT embolism, thrombosis, deep vein thrombosis, jugular vein thrombosis, venous thrombosis, arterial thrombosis, pelvic venous thrombosis, peripheral embolism, pulmonary embolism, as well as thrombosis in device from SOC product issues.

^c Rash adverse reactions includes PT rash, rash pruritic, rash generalized, rash papular, erythema, exfoliative rash, rash maculo-papular, rash vesicular as well as rash pustular from SOC Infections and Infestations.

^d Edema: includes PT Edema Peripheral, Edema, Generalized Edema, Edema due to Cardiac Disease, Face Edema.

^e Injection site pain adverse reaction includes PT injection site pain, administration site pain, catheter site pain, infusion site pain and vessel puncture site pain.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Chronic renal failure patients

Stroke was reported as common in CRF patients in TREAT (see section 5.1).

In isolated cases, neutralizing anti-erythropoietin antibody mediated pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) associated with ARANESP[®] therapy have been reported predominantly in patients with CRF treated subcutaneously. In case PRCA is diagnosed, therapy with ARANESP[®] must be discontinued and patients should not be switched to another recombinant erythropoietic protein (see section 4.4).

The frequency of all hypersensitivity reactions was estimated from clinical trial data as very common in CRF patients. Hypersensitivity reactions were also very common in the placebo groups. There have been reports, from post-marketing experience, of serious hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic reaction, angioedema, allergic bronchospasm, skin rash and urticaria associated with darbepoetin alfa.

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 (see section 4.4).

Convulsions have been reported in patients receiving darbepoetin alfa (see section 4.4). The frequency is estimated from clinical trial data as uncommon in CRF patients.

In CRF patients on hemodialysis, events of vascular access thrombosis (such as vascular access complication, arteriovenous fistula thrombosis, graft thrombosis, shunt thrombosis, arteriovenous fistula site complication, etc.) have been reported in post-marketing data. The frequency is estimated from clinical trial data as uncommon.

Cancer patients

Hypertension has been observed in cancer patients in post-marketing experience (see section 4.4). The frequency is estimated from clinical trial data as common in cancer patients and was also common in the placebo groups.

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Convulsions have been reported in patients receiving darbepoetin alfa in post-marketing experience (see section 4.4). The frequency is estimated from clinical trial data as uncommon in cancer patients. Convulsions were common in the placebo groups.

Pediatric chronic renal failure population

In all pediatric CRF studies, there were no additional adverse reactions identified for pediatric patients compared to those previously reported for adult patients (see section 5.1).

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorization of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Any suspected adverse events should be reported to the Ministry of Health according to the National Regulation by using an online form <https://sideeffects.health.gov.il/>

4.9 Overdose

The maximum amount of ARANESP® that can be safely administered in single or multiple doses has not been determined. Therapy with ARANESP® can result in polycythemia if the hemoglobin is not carefully monitored and the dose appropriately adjusted. Cases of severe hypertension have been observed following overdose with ARANESP® (see section 4.4).

In the event of polycythemia, ARANESP® should be temporarily withheld (see section 4.2). If clinically indicated, phlebotomy may be performed.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic Properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Anti-anemic preparations, other anti-anemic preparations, ATC Code: B03XA02.

Mechanism of action

Human erythropoietin is an endogenous glycoprotein hormone that is the primary regulator of erythropoiesis through specific interaction with the erythropoietin receptor on the erythroid progenitor cells in the bone marrow. The production of erythropoietin primarily occurs in and is regulated by the kidney in response to changes in tissue oxygenation. Production of endogenous erythropoietin is impaired in patients with chronic renal failure and the primary cause of their anemia is due to erythropoietin deficiency. In patients with cancer receiving chemotherapy the etiology of anemia is multifactorial. In these patients, erythropoietin deficiency and a reduced response of erythroid progenitor cells to endogenous erythropoietin both contribute significantly towards their anemia.

Pharmacodynamic effects

Darbepoetin alfa stimulates erythropoiesis by the same mechanism as the endogenous hormone. Darbepoetin alfa has five N-linked carbohydrate chains whereas the endogenous hormone and recombinant human erythropoietins (r-HuEPO) have three. The additional sugar residues are molecularly indistinct from those on the endogenous hormone. Due to its increased carbohydrate content darbepoetin alfa has a longer terminal half-life than r-HuEPO and consequently a greater *in vivo* activity. Despite these molecular changes, darbepoetin alfa retains a very narrow specificity for the erythropoietin receptor.

Clinical efficacy and safety

Chronic Renal Failure Patients

Patients with CRF experienced greater risks for death and serious cardiovascular events when administered ESAs to target higher versus lower hemoglobin levels 13.5 g/dL (8.4 mmol/L) versus 11.3 g/dL (7.1 mmol/L); 14 g/dL (8.7 mmol/L) versus 10 g/dL (6.2 mmol/L) in two clinical studies.

In a randomized, double-blind correction study (n = 358) comparing once every two-week and once monthly dosing schedules in patients with CRF not on dialysis, darbepoetin alfa once monthly dosing was non-inferior to once every two-week dosing for correcting anemia. The median (quartile 1, quartile 3) time to achieve hemoglobin correction (≥ 10.0 g/dL and ≥ 1.0 g/dL increase from baseline) was 5 weeks for both once every two-week (3, 7 weeks) and once monthly dosing (3, 9 weeks). During the evaluation period (weeks 29-33), the mean (95% CI) weekly equivalent dose was 0.20 (0.17, 0.24) mcg/kg in the once every two-week arm and 0.27 (0.23, 0.32) mcg/kg in the once monthly arm.

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (TREAT) of 4,038 CRF patients not on dialysis with type 2 diabetes and hemoglobin levels ≤ 11 g/dL, patients received either treatment with darbepoetin alfa to target hemoglobin levels of 13 g/dL or placebo (with darbepoetin alfa rescue at hemoglobin less than 9 g/dL). The study did not meet either primary objective of demonstrating a reduction in risk for all-cause mortality or cardiovascular morbidity (darbepoetin alfa vs placebo; HR 1.05, 95% CI (0.94, 1.17)), or all-cause mortality or end stage renal disease (ESRD) (darbepoetin alfa vs placebo; HR 1.06, 95% CI (0.95, 1.19)). Analysis of the individual components of the composite endpoints showed the following HR (95% CI): death 1.05 (0.92, 1.21), congestive heart failure (CHF) 0.89 (0.74, 1.08), myocardial infarction (MI) 0.96 (0.75, 1.23), stroke 1.92 (1.38, 2.68), hospitalization for myocardial ischemia 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 sections 4.2 and 4.4).

Pediatric population

In a randomized clinical study 114 pediatric patients aged 2 to 18 with chronic kidney disease receiving or not receiving dialysis who were anemic (hemoglobin < 10.0 g/dL) and not being treated with an ESA were administered darbepoetin alfa weekly (n = 58) or once every two weeks (n = 56) for the correction of anemia. Hemoglobin concentrations were corrected to ≥ 10 g/dL in > 98% ($p < 0.001$) of pediatric patients administered darbepoetin alfa once weekly and 84% ($p = 0.293$) once every two weeks. At the time hemoglobin ≥ 10.0 g/dL was first achieved, the mean (SD) weight-adjusted dose was 0.48 (0.24) mcg/kg (range: 0.0 to 1.7 mcg/kg) weekly for the once weekly group and 0.76 (0.21) mcg/kg (range: 0.3 to 1.5 mcg/kg) biweekly for the once every two-week group.

In a clinical study in 124 pediatric patients with chronic kidney disease receiving or not receiving dialysis aged 1 to 18, patients that were stable on epoetin alfa were randomized to receive either darbepoetin alfa administered once weekly (subcutaneously or intravenously) using a dose conversion ratio of 238:1 or to continue with epoetin alfa therapy at the current dose, schedule, and route of administration. The primary efficacy endpoint [change in hemoglobin between baseline and the evaluation period (week 21-28)] was comparable between the two groups. The mean hemoglobin for r-HuEPO and darbepoetin alfa at baseline was 11.1 (SD 0.7) g/dL and 11.3 (SD 0.6) g/dL, respectively. The mean hemoglobin at week 28 for r-HuEPO and darbepoetin alfa was 11.1 (SD 1.4) g/dL and 11.1 (SD 1.1) g/dL, respectively.

In an European observational registry study which enrolled 319 pediatric patients with chronic kidney disease (13 (4.1%) patients < 1 year of age, 83 (26.0%) patients 1-< 6 years of age, 90 (28.2%) patients 6-< 12 years of age, and 133 (41.7%) patients ≥ 12 years of age) receiving darbepoetin alfa, mean hemoglobin concentrations ranging between 11.3 and 11.5 g/dL and mean weight-adjusted darbepoetin alfa doses remained relatively constant (between 2.31 mcg/kg month and 2.67 mcg/kg month) over the study period for the entire study population.

In these studies, no meaningful differences were identified between the safety profile for pediatric patients and that previously reported for adult patients (see section 4.8).

Cancer Patients Receiving Chemotherapy

EPO-ANE-3010, a randomized, open-label, multicenter study was conducted in 2,098 anemic women with metastatic breast cancer, who received first line or second line chemotherapy. This was a non inferiority study designed to rule out a 15% risk increase in tumor progression or death of epoetin alfa plus standard of care (SOC) as compared with SOC alone. At the time of clinical data cutoff, the median progression free survival (PFS) per investigator assessment of disease progression was 7.4 months in each arm (HR 1.09, 95% CI: 0.99, 1.20), indicating the study objective was not met. Significantly fewer patients received RBC transfusions in the epoetin alfa plus SOC arm (5.8% versus 11.4%); however, significantly more patients had thrombotic vascular events in the epoetin alfa plus SOC arm (2.8% versus 1.4%). At the final analysis, 1,653 deaths were reported. Median overall survival in the epoetin alfa plus SOC group was 17.8 months compared with 18.0 months in the SOC alone group (HR 1.07, 95% CI: 0.97, 1.18). The median time to progression (TTP) based on investigator-determined progressive disease (PD) was 7.5 months in the epoetin alfa plus SOC group and 7.5 months in the SOC group (HR 1.099, 95% CI: 0.998, 1.210). The median TTP based on IRC-determined PD was 8.0 months in the epoetin alfa plus SOC group and 8.3 months in the SOC group (HR 1.033, 95% CI: 0.924, 1.156).

In a prospective, randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted in 314 lung cancer patients receiving platinum containing chemotherapy there was a significant reduction in transfusion requirements ($p < 0.001$).

Clinical studies have demonstrated that darbepoetin alfa had similar effectiveness when administered as a single injection either once every three weeks, once every two weeks, or weekly without any increase in total dose requirements.

The safety and effectiveness of once every three weeks dosing of ARANESP® therapy in reducing the requirement for red blood cell transfusions in patients undergoing chemotherapy was assessed in a randomized, double-blind, multinational study. This study was conducted in 705 anemic patients with non-myeloid malignancies receiving multi-cycle chemotherapy. Patients were randomized to receive ARANESP® at 500 mcg once every three weeks or 2.25 mcg/kg once weekly. In both groups, the dose was reduced by 40% of the previous dose (e.g., for first dose reduction, to 300 mcg in the once every three weeks group and 1.35 mcg/kg in the once weekly group) if hemoglobin increased by more than 1 g/dL in a 14-day period. In the once every three weeks group, 72% of patients required dose reductions. In the once weekly group, 75% of patients required dose reductions. This study supports 500 mcg once every three weeks being comparable to once weekly administration with respect to the incidence of subjects receiving at least one red blood cell transfusion from week 5 to the end of treatment phase.

In a prospective, randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled study conducted in 344 anemic patients with lymphoproliferative malignancies receiving chemotherapy there was a significant reduction in transfusion requirements and an improvement in hemoglobin response ($p < 0.001$). Improvement in fatigue, as measured by the Functional Assessment of Cancer Therapy-fatigue (FACT-fatigue) scale, was also observed.

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

Survival and tumor 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 hemoglobin 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 favor of controls. These studies have shown a consistent unexplained statistically significant excess mortality in patients who have anemia 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.

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 study 2,549 adult patients with anemia receiving chemotherapy for the treatment of advanced stage non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), were randomized 2:1 to darbepoetin alfa or placebo and treated to a maximum Hb of 12 g/dL. The results showed non-inferiority for the primary endpoint of overall survival with a median survival for darbepoetin alfa versus placebo of 9.5 and 9.3 months, respectively (stratified HR 0.92; 95% CI: 0.83–1.01). The secondary endpoint of progression free survival was 4.8 and 4.3 months, respectively (stratified HR 0.95; 95% CI: 0.87–1.04), ruling out the pre-defined 15% risk increase.

A systematic review has also been performed involving more than 9,000 cancer patients participating in 57 clinical trials. Meta-analysis of overall survival data produced a hazard ratio point estimate of 1.08 in favor of controls (95% CI: 0.99, 1.18; 42 trials and 8,167 patients).

An increased relative risk of thromboembolic events (RR 1.67, 95% CI: 1.35, 2.06; 35 trials and 6,769 patients) was observed in patients treated with recombinant human erythropoietin. There is therefore consistent evidence to suggest that there may be significant harm to patients with cancer who are treated with recombinant human erythropoietin. The extent to which these outcomes might apply to the administration of recombinant human erythropoietin to patients with cancer, treated with chemotherapy to achieve hemoglobin concentrations less than 13 g/dL, is unclear because few patients with these characteristics were included in the data reviewed.

A patient-level data analysis has also been performed on more than 13,900 cancer patients (chemo-, radio-, chemoradio-, 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 favor 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).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties

Due to its increased carbohydrate content the level of darbepoetin alfa in the circulation remains above the minimum stimulatory concentration for erythropoiesis for longer than the equivalent molar dose of r-HuEPO, allowing darbepoetin alfa to be administered less frequently to achieve the same biological response.

Chronic Renal Failure Patients

The pharmacokinetics of darbepoetin alfa has been studied clinically in chronic renal failure patients following intravenous and subcutaneous administration. The terminal half-life of darbepoetin alfa is 21 hours (SD 7.5) when administered intravenously. Clearance of darbepoetin alfa is 1.9 mL/hr/kg (SD 0.56) and the volume of distribution (V_{ss}) is approximately equal to plasma volume (50 mL/kg). Bioavailability is 37% with subcutaneous administration. Following monthly administration of darbepoetin alfa, at subcutaneous doses ranging from 0.6 to 2.1 mcg/kg, the terminal half-life was 73 hours (SD 24). The longer terminal half-life of darbepoetin alfa administered subcutaneously compared to intravenously is due to subcutaneous absorption kinetics. In clinical studies, minimal accumulation was observed with either route of administration. In preclinical studies it has been shown that renal clearance is minimal (up to 2% of total clearance), and does not affect the serum half-life.

Data from 809 patients receiving ARANESP® in European clinical studies were analyzed to assess the dose required to maintain hemoglobin; no difference was observed between the average weekly dose administered via the intravenous or subcutaneous routes of injection.

The pharmacokinetics of darbepoetin alfa in pediatric patients (2 to 16 years) with CRF who were either receiving or not receiving dialysis was assessed for sampling periods up to 2 weeks (336 hours) after one or two subcutaneous or intravenous doses. Where the same sampling duration was used, observed pharmacokinetic data and population pharmacokinetic modelling demonstrated that the pharmacokinetics of darbepoetin alfa was similar for pediatric and adult patients with CRF.

In a phase 1 pharmacokinetic study, following intravenous administration, an approximate 25% difference between pediatric and adult patients in the area under the curve from time 0 to infinity ($AUC_{[0-\infty]}$) was observed; however, this difference was less than the 2-fold range in $AUC_{(0-\infty)}$ observed for the pediatric patients. $AUC_{(0-\infty)}$ was similar between adult and pediatric patients with CRF following subcutaneous administration. Half-life was also similar between adult and pediatric patients with CRF following both intravenous and subcutaneous administration.

Cancer Patients Receiving Chemotherapy

Following subcutaneous administration of 2.25 mcg/kg to adult cancer patients a mean peak concentration of 10.6 ng/mL (SD 5.9) of darbepoetin alfa was reached at a mean time of 91 hours (SD 19.7). These parameters were consistent with dose linear pharmacokinetics over a wide dose range (0.5 to 8 mcg/kg weekly and 3 to 9 mcg/kg every two weeks). Pharmacokinetic parameters did not change on multiple dosing over 12 weeks (dosing every week or every two weeks). There was an expected moderate (< 2 fold) increase in serum concentration as steady state was approached, but no unexpected accumulation upon repeated administration. A pharmacokinetic study in patients with chemotherapy-induced anemia treated with 6.75 mcg/kg darbepoetin alfa administered SC every 3 weeks in combination with chemotherapy was conducted which allowed for full characterization of the terminal half-life. In this study, mean (SD) terminal half-life was 74 (SD 27) hours.

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

In all studies in rats and dogs darbepoetin alfa produced marked increases in hemoglobin, hematocrits, red blood cell counts and reticulocytes, which correspond to the expected pharmacological effects. Adverse events at very high doses were all considered to be related to an exaggerated pharmacological effect (decreased tissue perfusion due to increased blood viscosity). These included myelofibrosis and

splenic hypertrophy as well as broadening of the ECG-QRS complex in dogs but no dysrhythmia and no effect on the QT interval were observed.

Darbepoetin alfa did not reveal any genotoxic potential nor did it have any effect on the proliferation of non-hematological cells *in vitro* or *in vivo*. In the chronic toxicity studies no tumorigenic or unexpected mitogenic responses were observed in any tissue type. The carcinogenic potential of darbepoetin alfa has not been evaluated in long-term animal studies.

In studies performed in rats and rabbits no clinically relevant evidence of harmful effects with respect to pregnancy, embryonal/fetal development, parturition or postnatal development was observed. Placental transfer was minimal. No alteration of fertility was detected.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of Excipients

Sodium phosphate monobasic, monohydrate
Sodium phosphate dibasic, anhydrous
Sodium chloride,
Polysorbate 80,
Water for injections.

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of incompatibility studies, ARANESP® must not be mixed or administered as an infusion with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf Life

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

6.4 Special Precautions for Storage

Store in a refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C.

Do not freeze.

Keep the container in the outer carton, in order to protect from light.

For the purpose of ambulatory use, ARANESP® may be removed from storage for a maximum period of seven days at room temperature (up to 25°C). Once removed from the refrigerator and has reached room temperature (up to 25°C) it must either be used within 7 days or disposed of.

6.5 Nature and Contents of Container

Package containing one or four pre-filled syringe(s) with or without an automatic needle guard of a

10	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.4	mL	(25 mcg/mL)
20	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.5	mL	(40 mcg/mL)
30	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.3	mL	(100 mcg/mL)
40	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.4	mL	(100 mcg/mL)
50	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.5	mL	(100 mcg/mL)
60	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.3	mL	(200 mcg/mL)
80	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.4	mL	(200 mcg/mL)
100	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.5	mL	(200 mcg/mL)
150	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.3	mL	(500 mcg/mL)
300	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	0.6	mL	(500 mcg/mL)
500	mcg	ARANESP®	Solution	for	injection	in	1.0	mL	(500 mcg/mL)

The pen will be presented as a single pack.

The pre-filled syringes and the syringes inside the pen are made from type 1 glass with stainless steel 27 gauge needles. The needle cap of the pre-filled syringe/pre-filled pen contains dry natural rubber (a derivative of latex). (see section 4.4).

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special Precautions for Disposal

The carton contains a package leaflet with the full instructions for use and handling.

The ARANESP® (Sure-Click®) pre-filled pen delivers the complete dose of each presentation.

ARANESP® is a sterile but unpreserved product. Do not administer more than one dose.

Each pre-filled syringe/pre-filled pen may only be used once.

Any medicinal product remaining should be disposed of.

Before administration the ARANESP® solution should be inspected for visible particles. Only solutions, which are colorless, clear or slightly opalescent, should be injected. Do not shake. Allow the container to reach room temperature before injecting.

Rotate the injection sites to avoid discomfort at the site of injection.

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. Manufacturer

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8. License Holder

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9. Registration No's.

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