

ASPAVELI® ▼ (pegcetacoplan) 1080 mg solution for infusion

PRESCRIBING INFORMATION (PI) FOR REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) before prescribing.

Presentation: Each 20 mL vial contains 1080 mg of pegcetacoplan. Each mL contains 54 mg of pegcetacoplan.

Indications: ASPAVELI® is indicated as monotherapy in the treatment of adult patients with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH) who have haemolytic anaemia.

Dosage and administration: Therapy should be initiated under the supervision of a healthcare professional experienced in the management of patients with haematological disorders. Self-administration and home infusion should be considered for patients who have tolerated treatment well in experienced treatment centres. Pegcetacoplan is administered twice weekly as a 1080 mg subcutaneous infusion with a commercially available syringe system infusion pump that can deliver doses up to 20 mL. The twice weekly dose should be administered on Day 1 and Day 4 of each treatment week. Should be infused in the abdomen, thighs, hips, or upper arms. Infusion sites should be at least 7.5 cm apart from each other. The typical infusion time is approximately 30 minutes (if using two sites) or approximately 60 minutes (if using one site). Administration should be completed within 2 hours after preparing the syringe. See SmPC for instructions on the preparation and infusion of the medicinal product. Switching to ASPAVELI® from a C5 inhibitor: For the first 4 weeks, administer as twice weekly subcutaneous doses of 1080 mg in addition to the patient's current dose of C5 inhibitor treatment to minimise the risk of haemolysis with abrupt treatment discontinuation. After 4 weeks, discontinue C5 inhibitor before continuing monotherapy with ASPAVELI®. Switches from complement inhibitors other than eculizumab have not been studied. Discontinuing other complement inhibitors before reaching steady-state of pegcetacoplan should be done with caution. Dose adjustment: The dosing regimen may be changed to 1080 mg every third day if the patient has a lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) level greater than 2 × upper limit of normal. In the event of a dose increase, LDH should be monitored twice weekly for at least 4 weeks. Missed Dose: If a dose of pegcetacoplan is missed, it should be administered as soon as possible, then the regular schedule should be resumed.

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to pegcetacoplan or to any of the excipients. Patients with unresolved infection caused by encapsulated bacteria (e.g., *Neisseria meningitidis*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and *Haemophilus influenzae*) or not currently vaccinated against these bacteria, unless they receive prophylactic treatment with appropriate antibiotics until 2 weeks after vaccination.

Special warnings and precautions for use: Serious infections: Pegcetacoplan may predispose individuals to serious infections caused by encapsulated bacteria. All patients must be vaccinated against these bacteria according to applicable local guidelines at least 2 weeks prior to receiving pegcetacoplan unless the risk of delaying therapy outweighs the risk of developing an infection. Known history of vaccination: Before receiving treatment, it should be ensured that patients have received vaccines against encapsulated bacteria including *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Neisseria meningitidis* types A, C, W, Y, and B, and *Haemophilus influenzae* Type B within 2 years prior to starting pegcetacoplan. Unknown history of vaccination: The required vaccines should be administered at least 2 weeks prior to receiving the first dose. If immediate therapy is indicated, the required vaccines should be administered as soon as possible, and the patient treated with appropriate antibiotics until 2 weeks after vaccination. Monitoring for serious infections: Vaccination may not be sufficient to prevent serious infection. Monitor for early signs of infections caused by encapsulated bacteria, evaluate patient immediately if infection is suspected, and treat with appropriate antibiotics if necessary. Hypersensitivity: If a severe hypersensitivity reaction (including anaphylaxis) occurs, pegcetacoplan must be discontinued immediately, and appropriate treatment instituted. Injection site reactions: Patients should be trained appropriately in proper injection technique. PNH laboratory monitoring: Patients with PNH should be monitored regularly for signs and symptoms of haemolysis, including measuring LDH levels, and may require dose adjustment within the recommended dosing schedule. Laboratory tests: There may be interference between silica reagents in coagulation panels and pegcetacoplan that results in artificially prolonged activated partial thromboplastin time; the use of silica reagents in coagulation panels should be avoided. Treatment discontinuation for PNH: Patients should be closely monitored for signs and symptoms of serious intravascular haemolysis. If discontinuation is necessary, alternate therapy should be considered. If serious haemolysis occurs after discontinuation consider; blood transfusion (packed RBCs), exchange transfusion, anticoagulation, and corticosteroids. Monitor patients closely for at least 8 weeks from the last dose to allow for medicinal product washout to detect serious haemolysis and other reactions. In addition, slow weaning should be considered. Polyethylene glycol (PEG) accumulation: ASPAVELI® is a PEGylated medicinal product. Regular laboratory testing of renal function is recommended. Educational materials: All physicians who intend to prescribe ASPAVELI must ensure they have received and are familiar with the physician educational material. Physicians must explain and discuss the benefits and risks of ASPAVELI® therapy with the patient and provide them with the patient information pack and the patient card. The patient should be instructed to seek prompt medical care if they experience any signs or symptoms of serious infection or hypersensitivity during therapy with ASPAVELI®, especially if indicative of

infection with encapsulated bacteria. **Sorbitol content:** Patients with hereditary fructose intolerance should not be given ASPAVELI®. **Sodium content:** contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say, essentially 'sodium free'. **Interactions:** Based on in vitro data, pegcetacoplan has low potential for clinical drug-drug interactions.

Fertility, pregnancy and lactation: **Women of childbearing potential:** It is recommended that effective contraception methods are used to prevent pregnancy during treatment and for at least 8 weeks after the last dose. **Pregnancy:** pegcetacoplan is not recommended during pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential not using contraception.

Breast-feeding: It is recommended to discontinue breast-feeding during pegcetacoplan treatment.

Undesirable Effects: Consult section 4.8 of the SmPC for full details of undesirable effects

Serious: The most commonly reported serious adverse reactions were haemolysis and sepsis.

Very common (≥1/10): upper respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection, haemolysis, headache, dizziness, cough, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, arthralgia, back pain, pain in extremity, injection site erythema, injection site pruritus, injection site swelling, injection site bruising, fatigue, pyrexia, injection site pain, vaccination complication.

Common (≥1/100 to <1/10): sepsis, COVID-19, gastrointestinal infection, fungal infection, skin infection, oral infection, ear infection, infection, respiratory tract infection, viral infection, bacterial infection, vaginal infection, eye infection, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, hypokalaemia, hypertension, dyspnoea, epistaxis, oropharyngeal pain, nasal congestion, nausea, erythema, rash, myalgia, muscle spasms, acute kidney injury, chromaturia, injection site reaction, injection site induration, alanine aminotransferase increased, bilirubin increased, urticaria.

Uncommon (≥1/1 000 to <1/100): cervicitis, groin infection, pneumonia, nasal abscess, tuberculosis, oesophageal candidiasis, COVID-19 pneumonia, anal abscess.

Legal Category: Prescription Only Medicine (POM)

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Pack size: each single pack contains 1 vial; Multipack containing 8 (8 packs of 1) vials.

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▼ **This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. Adverse events should be reported. Reporting forms and information can be found at www.hpra.ie. Adverse events should also be reported to Swedish Orphan Biovitrum Ltd at medical.info.uk@sobi.com or Telephone +44 (0) 800 111 4754.**