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## 55 **Executive summary**

56 This guideline describes the information to be included in the summary of product characteristics  
57 (SmPC) for human normal immunoglobulins for intravenous administration.

### 58 **1. Introduction (background)**

59 The purpose of this core SmPC is to provide applicants and regulators with harmonised guidance on  
60 the information to be included in the summary of product characteristics (SmPC) for a human normal  
61 immunoglobulin for intravenous administration (IVIg). This guideline should be read in conjunction  
62 with the Guideline on the clinical investigation of human normal immunoglobulin for intravenous  
63 administration (IVIg) (EMA/CHMP/BPWP/94033/2007 rev. 2). For guidance on the clinical investigation  
64 of subcutaneous immunoglobulin products refer to CHMP/BPWP/410415/2011 Rev 1 and the coreSPC  
65 CPMP/BPWG/143744/2011 Rev. 1.

66 The Quality Review of Documents (QRD) product information template with explanatory notes (‘QRD  
67 annotated template’)<sup>1</sup> and the convention to be followed for QRD templates<sup>2</sup> provide general guidance  
68 on format and text and should be read in conjunction with the core SmPC and the Guideline on  
69 summary of product characteristics<sup>3</sup>.

70 It is necessary to provide information for health professionals on posology and method of  
71 administration at the end of the package leaflet. See the QRD annotated template for further guidance  
72 on how to present such information.

73 This core SmPC has been prepared on the basis of SmPCs of authorised medicinal products and taking  
74 into account the published scientific literature. Any marketing authorisation application or variation of a  
75 marketing authorisation for <a human normal immunoglobulin> should be accompanied by the  
76 required data particulars, documents, literature and/or justification for the application to be valid.

77 In addition, for the content of sections 4.4 and 4.8 concerning transmissible agents, refer to the  
78 current version of the Note for Guidance on the Warning on Transmissible Agents in SmPCs and  
79 Package Leaflets for plasma-derived medicinal products” (EMA/CHMP/BWP/360642/2010 rev. 1)<sup>4</sup>.

80 Timeline history of core SmPC: The original core SmPC (CPMP/BPWP/859/95) came into operation in  
81 September 1997. The first revision (CPMP/BPWP/859/95 rev.1) came into operation in December  
82 2000. The second revision (CPMP/BPWP/859/95 rev. 2) came into operation in November 2004.

83 EMA/CHMP/BPWP/94038/2007 rev 3 came into operation in May 2011. A minor revision in 2013  
84 provided clarification on information to be included under the paediatric headings and guidance  
85 concerning the age range in section 4.1. Revision 5 encompassed the inclusion of multifocal motor  
86 neuropathy (MMN), chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP), the rewording  
87 of the secondary immunodeficiencies, correction of the dosing for Kawasaki disease and the inclusion  
88 of neutropenia/leukopenia and Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury as a side-effect.

89 This revision 6 is to include the indication of measles post-exposure prophylaxis for susceptible persons  
90 in whom active immunisation is contraindicated.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ema.europa.eu/htms/human/grd/docs/Hannotatedtemplate.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.ema.europa.eu/htms/human/grd/docs/convention.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/health/files/eudralex/vol-2/c/smpc\\_guideline\\_rev2\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/files/eudralex/vol-2/c/smpc_guideline_rev2_en.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en\\_GB/document\\_library/Scientific\\_guideline/2011/12/WC500119001.pdf](http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2011/12/WC500119001.pdf)

91 **2. Scope**

92 This core SmPC covers human normal immunoglobulin for intravenous administration defined by the  
93 European Pharmacopoeia monograph 0918. It does not apply to products intentionally prepared to  
94 contain fragments or chemically modified IgG.

95 **3. Legal basis and relevant guidelines**

96 This guideline has to be read in conjunction with Article 11 of Directive 2001/83 as amended, and the  
97 introduction and general principles (4) and part I of the Annex I to Directive 2001/83 as amended.

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**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

125 **1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

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127 {(Invented) name strength pharmaceutical form}

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130 **2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

131 Human normal immunoglobulin (IVIg)

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133  
134 *[Product specific information on quantitative composition. Include: IgG subclasses, human protein*  
135 *content and minimum content of IgG, maximum IgA content]*

136  
137 One ml contains:  
138 Human normal immunoglobulin... ..... {X} mg  
139 (purity of at least {XX}% IgG)

140 Each {container e.g. vial} of {xx} ml contains: {X} g of human normal

141 immunoglobulin Distribution of the IgG subclasses (approx. values):

142 IgG1..... {XX.X}%  
143 IgG2..... {XX.X}%  
144 IgG3..... {XX.X}%  
145 IgG4..... {XX.X}%

146  
147 <Minimum content anti-measles IgG is {x} IU/ml>

148  
149 The maximum IgA content is {x} micrograms/ml. Produced from the plasma of human donors.

150 <Excipient(s) with known effect:>

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152 For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

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155 **3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

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157 *[Product specific]*

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160 **4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

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162 **4.1 Therapeutic indications**

163 *[Age ranges given in this section may require modification if there are any safety issues for the*  
164 *excipients used for a particular product e.g. sorbitol risk for babies and young children with*  
165 *hereditary fructose intolerance.]*

166  
167 Replacement therapy in adults, and children and adolescents (0-18 years) in:

- 168  
169 • Primary immunodeficiency syndromes (PID) with impaired antibody production  
170 Secondary immunodeficiencies (SID) in patients who suffer from severe or recurrent  
171 infections, ineffective antimicrobial treatment and either **proven specific antibody failure**  
172 **(PSAF)\*** or serum IgG level of <4 g/l

173 \* PSAF= failure to mount at least a 2-fold rise in IgG antibody titre to pneumococcal  
174 polysaccharide and polypeptide antigen vaccines

175 Measles post-exposure prophylaxis for susceptible persons in whom active immunisation is  
176 contraindicated.

177 Consideration should also be given to official recommendations on measles post exposure prophylaxis.

178 Immunomodulation in adults, and children and adolescents (0-18 years) in:

- 179
- 180 • Primary immune thrombocytopenia (ITP), in patients at high risk of bleeding or prior to
- 181 surgery to correct the platelet count
- 182 • Guillain Barré syndrome
- 183 • Kawasaki disease (in conjunction with acetylsalicylic acid; see 4.2)
- 184 • Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP)
- 185 • Multifocal motor neuropathy (MMN)
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## 187 **4.2 Posology and method of administration**

188  
189 Replacement therapy should be initiated and monitored under the supervision of a physician  
190 experienced in the treatment of immunodeficiency.

### 191 Posology

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194 The dose and dose regimen are dependent on the indication.

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196 The dose may need to be individualised for each patient dependent on the clinical response. Dose  
197 based on bodyweight may require adjustment in underweight or overweight patients. [*Product*  
198 *specific specify recommendation*].

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200 The following dose regimens are given as a guideline.

201  
202 *Replacement therapy in primary immunodeficiency syndromes*

203 The dose regimen should achieve a trough level of IgG (measured before the next infusion) of at  
204 least 6 g/ L or within the normal reference range for the population age. Three to six months are  
205 required after the initiation of therapy for equilibration (steady-state IgG levels) to occur. The  
206 recommended starting dose is 0.4-0.8 g/kg given once followed by at least 0.2g/kg given every three  
207 to four weeks.

208  
209 The dose required to achieve a trough level of IgG of 6 g/L is of the order of 0.2-0.8  
210 g/kg/month. The dosage interval when steady state has been reached varies from 3-4 weeks.  
211 IgG trough levels should be measured and assessed in conjunction with the incidence of  
212 infection. To reduce the rate of bacterial infections, it may be necessary to increase the dosage  
213 and aim for higher trough levels.

214  
215 *Secondary immunodeficiencies (as defined in 4.1.)*

216 The recommended dose is 0.2-0.4 g/kg every three to four weeks.

217  
218 IgG trough levels should be measured and assessed in conjunction with the incidence of infection.  
219 Dose should be adjusted as necessary to achieve optimal protection against infections, an increase  
220 may be necessary in patients with persisting infection; a dose decrease can be considered when the  
221 patient remains infection free.

222  
223 <*Measles post-exposure prophylaxis*>

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225 No clinical studies have been performed in susceptible patients regarding *Measles post-exposure*

226 *prophylaxis, the dosing is based on pharmacokinetic calculations.*

227

228 If a susceptible patient has been exposed to measles, a dose of 400 mg/kg given as soon as possible and  
229 within 6 days of exposure should provide a serum level > 240 mIU/mL of measles antibodies for at  
230 least two weeks. Serum levels should be checked after 2 weeks and documented. A further dose of 400  
231 mg/kg may be necessary to maintain the serum level > 240 mIU/mL.

232

233 If a PID/SID patient has been exposed to measles and regularly receives IVIG infusions, it may be  
234 prudent to administer an extra dose of IVIG as soon as possible and within 6 days of exposure. A dose  
235 of 400 mg/kg should provide a serum level > 240 mIU/mL of measles antibodies for at least two weeks.  
236 If a patient is at risk of future measles exposure and receives a dose of less than 530 mg/kg every 3-4  
237 weeks, the dose should be increased to at least 530 mg/kg. This should provide a serum level of 240  
238 mIU/mL of measles antibodies for at least 22 days after infusion.

239

240 *Primary immune thrombocytopenia*

241 There are two alternative treatment schedules:

- 242 • 0.8-1g/kg given on day one; this dose may be repeated once within 3 days.
- 243 • 0.4 g/kg given daily for two to five
- 244 days. The treatment can be repeated if
- 245 relapse occurs.

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247 *Guillain Barré syndrome*

248 0.4 g/kg/day over 5 days (possible repeat of dosing in case of relapse).

249 *Kawasaki Disease*

250 2.0 g/kg should be administered as a single dose. Patients should receive concomitant treatment  
251 with acetylsalicylic acid.

252

253 *Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP)*

254 Starting dose: 2 g/kg divided over 2 -5 consecutive days

255 Maintenance doses:

256 1 g/kg over 1-2 consecutive days every 3 weeks.

257 The treatment effect should be evaluated after each cycle; if no treatment effect is seen after 6  
258 months, the treatment should be discontinued.

259 If the treatment is effective long term treatment should be subject to the physicians discretion based  
260 upon the patient response and maintenance response. The dosing and intervals may have to be  
261 adapted according to the individual course of the disease.

262

263 *Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)*

264 Starting dose: 2 g/kg given over 2-5 consecutive days.

265 Maintenance dose: 1 g/kg every 2 to 4 weeks or 2 g/kg every 4 to 8 weeks.

266 The treatment effect should be evaluated after each cycle; if no treatment effect is seen after 6  
267 months, the treatment should be discontinued.

268 If the treatment is effective long term treatment should be subject to the physicians discretion based  
269 upon the patient response and maintenance response. The dosing and intervals may have to be  
270 adapted according to the individual course of the disease.

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The dosage recommendations are summarised in the following table:

<b>Indication</b>	<b>Dose</b>	<b>Frequency of injections</b>
Replacement therapy		
Primary immunodeficiency syndromes	Starting dose: 0.4 - 0.8 g/kg  Maintenance dose: 0.2 - 0.8 g/kg	every 3 - 4 weeks
Secondary Immunodeficiencies (as defined in 4.1.)	0.2 - 0.4 g/kg	every 3 - 4 weeks
<b>Immunomodulation:</b>		
Primary immune thrombocytopenia	0.8 - 1 g/kg  Or  0.4 g/kg/d	on day 1, possibly repeated once within 3 days  for 2 - 5 days
Guillain Barré syndrome	0.4 g /kg/d	for 5 days
Kawasaki disease	2 g/kg	in one dose in association with acetylsalicylic acid
Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP)	Starting dose: 2 g/kg  Maintenance dose: 1 g/kg	in divided doses over 2-5 days  every 3 weeks over 1-2 days
Multifocal Motor Neuropathy (MMN)	Starting dose: 2 g/kg  Maintenance dose: 1 g/kg  or  2 g/kg	over 2-5 consecutive days  every 2-4 weeks  or  every 4-8 weeks over 2-5 days

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280 *Paediatric population*

281 The posology in children and adolescents (0-18 years) is not different to that of adults as the  
282 posology for each indication is given by body weight and adjusted to the clinical outcome of the  
283 above-mentioned conditions.

284  
285 **Hepatic impairment**

286 No evidence is available to require a dose adjustment.

287

288 **Renal impairment**

289 No dose adjustment unless clinically warranted, see section 4.4.

290

291 **Elderly**

292 No dose adjustment unless clinically warranted, see section 4.4.

293

294 Method of administration

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296 For intravenous use.

297 Human normal immunoglobulin should be infused intravenously at an initial rate of {indicate  
298 product specific rate} ml/kg/hr for {indicate product specific infusion time} hr. See section 4.4. In  
299 case of adverse reaction, either the rate of administration must be reduced or the infusion stopped. If  
300 well tolerated, the rate of administration may gradually be increased to a maximum of {indicate  
301 product specific increased rate} ml/kg/hr.

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### 303 **4.3 Contraindications**

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305 Hypersensitivity to the active substance (human immunoglobulins) or to any of the  
306 excipients (see sections 4.4 and 6.1). [*Product specific contraindications*].

307

308 Patients with selective IgA deficiency who developed antibodies to IgA, as administering an  
309 IgA- containing product can result in anaphylaxis.

310

### 311 **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

312

313 [*In addition to the text below, include any additional product specific precautions and warnings*  
314 (*e.g. those relating to excipients present in the product*).]

315

316 *Traceability*

317 *In order to improve the traceability of biological medicinal products, the name and the batch*  
318 *number of the administered product should be clearly recorded.*

319 *Precautions for use*

320 Potential complications can often be avoided by ensuring that patients:

- 321 • are not sensitive to human normal immunoglobulin by initially injecting the product slowly  
322 ( {specify the product specific rate} ml/kg/min)
- 323 • are carefully monitored for any symptoms throughout the infusion period. In particular, patients  
324 naive to human normal immunoglobulin, patients switched from an alternative IVIg product or  
325 when there has been a long interval since the previous infusion should be monitored at the  
326 hospital during the first infusion and for the first hour after the first infusion, in order to detect  
327 potential adverse signs. All other patients should be observed for at least 20 minutes after  
328 administration.

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330 In all patients, IVIg administration requires:

- 331 • adequate hydration prior to the initiation of the infusion of IVIg
- 332 • monitoring of urine output

- 333 • monitoring of serum creatinine levels  
334 • avoidance of concomitant use of loop diuretics (see 4.5).

335 In case of adverse reaction, either the rate of administration must be reduced or the infusion  
336 stopped. The treatment required depends on the nature and severity of the adverse reaction.

337  
338 Infusion reaction

339 Certain adverse reactions (e.g. headache, flushing, chills, myalgia, wheezing, tachycardia, lower  
340 back pain, nausea, and hypotension) may be related to the rate of infusion. The recommended  
341 infusion rate given under section 4.2 must be closely followed. Patients must be closely  
342 monitored and carefully observed for any symptoms throughout the infusion period.

343  
344 Adverse reactions may occur more frequently

- 345 • in patients who receive human normal immunoglobulin for the first time or, in rare cases,  
346 when the human normal immunoglobulin product is switched or when there has been a  
347 long interval since the previous infusion  
348 • in patients with an untreated infection or underlying chronic inflammation

349 Hypersensitivity

350 Hypersensitivity reactions are rare.

351  
352 Anaphylaxis can develop in patients:

- 353 • with undetectable IgA who have anti-IgA antibodies  
354 • who had tolerated previous treatment with human normal immunoglobulin

355 In case of shock, standard medical treatment for shock should be implemented.

356 Thromboembolism

357 There is clinical evidence of an association between IVIg administration and thromboembolic events  
358 such as myocardial infarction, cerebral vascular accident (including stroke), pulmonary embolism  
359 and deep vein thromboses which is assumed to be related to a relative increase in blood viscosity  
360 through the high influx of immunoglobulin in at-risk patients. Caution should be exercised in  
361 prescribing and infusing IVIg in obese patients and in patients with pre-existing risk factors for  
362 thrombotic events (such as advanced age, hypertension, diabetes mellitus and a history of vascular  
363 disease or thrombotic episodes, patients with acquired or inherited thrombophilic disorders, patients  
364 with prolonged periods of immobilisation, severely hypovolaemic patients, patients with diseases  
365 which increase blood viscosity).

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367 In patients at risk for thromboembolic adverse reactions, IVIg products should be administered  
368 at the minimum rate of infusion and dose practicable.

369  
370 Acute renal failure

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372 Cases of acute renal failure have been reported in patients receiving IVIg therapy. In most cases,  
373 risk factors have been identified, such as pre-existing renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus,  
374 hypovolaemia, overweight, concomitant nephrotoxic medicinal products or age over 65.

375  
376 Renal parameters should be assessed prior to infusion of IVIG, particularly in patients judged to have  
377 a potential increased risk for developing acute renal failure, and again at appropriate intervals. In  
378 patients at risk for acute renal failure, IVIg products should be administered at the minimum rate of  
379 infusion and dose practicable. In case of renal impairment, IVIg discontinuation should be  
380 considered.

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382 While reports of renal dysfunction and acute renal failure have been associated with the use of many  
383 of the licensed IVIg products containing various excipients such as sucrose, glucose and maltose,  
384 those containing sucrose as a stabiliser accounted for a disproportionate share of the total number. In  
385 patients at risk, the use of IVIg products that do not contain these excipients may be considered.  
386 <{(Invented) name} contains <sucrose><maltose><glucose>. (See excipients above)> <{(Invented)  
387 name} does not contain sucrose, maltose or glucose.>

#### 388 389 Aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) 390

391 Aseptic meningitis syndrome has been reported to occur in association with IVIg treatment. The  
392 syndrome usually begins within several hours to 2 days following IVIg treatment. Cerebrospinal  
393 fluid studies are frequently positive with pleocytosis up to several thousand cells per mm<sup>3</sup>,  
394 predominantly from the granulocytic series, and elevated protein levels up to several hundred mg/dl.  
395 AMS may occur more frequently in association with high-dose (2 g/kg) IVIg treatment.

396 Patients exhibiting such signs and symptoms should receive a thorough neurological examination,  
397 including CSF studies, to rule out other causes of meningitis.

400 Discontinuation of IVIg treatment has resulted in remission of AMS within several days without  
401 sequelae.

#### 402 403 Haemolytic anaemia

404 IVIg products can contain blood group antibodies which may act as haemolysins and induce *in vivo*  
405 coating of red blood cells with immunoglobulin, causing a positive direct antiglobulin reaction  
406 (Coombs' test) and, rarely, haemolysis. Haemolytic anaemia can develop subsequent to IVIg  
407 therapy due to enhanced red blood cells (RBC) sequestration. IVIg recipients should be monitored  
408 for clinical signs and symptoms of haemolysis. (See section 4.8.).

#### 409 410 <Neutropenia/Leukopenia>

411 A transient decrease in neutrophil count and/or episodes of neutropenia, sometimes severe, have  
412 been reported after treatment with IVIGs. This typically occurs within hours or days after IVIg  
413 administration and resolves spontaneously within 7 to 14 days.

#### 414 415 Transfusion related acute lung injury (TRALI) 416

417 In patients receiving IVIg, there have been some reports of acute non-cardiogenic pulmonary oedema  
418 [Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)]. TRALI is characterised by severe hypoxia,  
419 dyspnoea, tachypnoea, cyanosis, fever and hypotension. Symptoms of TRALI typically develop  
420 during or within 6 hours of a transfusion, often within 1-2 hours. Therefore, IVIg recipients must be  
421 monitored for and IVIg infusion must be immediately stopped in case of pulmonary adverse  
422 reactions. TRALI is a potentially life-threatening condition requiring immediate intensive-care-unit  
423 management.

#### 424 425 Interference with serological testing 426

427 After the administration of immunoglobulin the transitory rise of the various passively  
428 transferred antibodies in the patient's blood may result in misleading positive results in  
429 serological testing.

430  
431 Passive transmission of antibodies to erythrocyte antigens, e.g. A, B, D may interfere with some  
432 serological tests for red cell antibodies for example the direct antiglobulin test (DAT, direct Coombs'  
433 test).

434 Transmissible agents

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436 *[The text to be inserted here for transmissible agents should be in accordance with the current*  
437 *version of the guideline on the Warning on Transmissible Agents in SPCs and Package Leaflets for*  
438 *plasma-derived medicinal products (EMA/CHMP/BWP/360642/2010 rev. 1).]*

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440 Paediatric population

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442 *[Product specific]*

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445 **4.5 Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

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447 Live attenuated virus vaccines

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449 Immunoglobulin administration may impair for a period of at least 6 weeks and up to 3 months  
450 the efficacy of live attenuated virus vaccines such as measles, rubella, mumps and varicella. After  
451 administration of this medicinal product, an interval of 3 months should elapse before vaccination  
452 with live attenuated virus vaccines. In the case of measles, this impairment may persist for up to 1  
453 year.

454 Therefore, patients receiving measles vaccine should have their antibody status checked.

455

456 Loop diuretics

457 Avoidance of concomitant use of loop

458 diuretics Paediatric population

459 *[Product specific]*

460

461 <The listed interactions apply both to adults and children.>

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463 **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

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465 Pregnancy

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467 The safety of this medicinal product for use in human pregnancy has not been established in  
468 controlled clinical trials and therefore should only be given with caution to pregnant women and  
469 breast-feeding mothers. IVIg products have been shown to cross the placenta, increasingly during  
470 the third trimester.

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472 Clinical experience with immunoglobulins suggests that no harmful effects on the course of  
473 pregnancy, or on the foetus and the neonate are expected.

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475 Breast-feeding

476

477 Immunoglobulins are excreted into human milk. No negative effects on the breastfed  
478 newborns/infants are anticipated

479

480 Fertility

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482 Clinical experience with immunoglobulins suggests that no harmful effects on fertility are to be  
483 expected.

484

485 *[Any relevant product specific information should be added.]*

486 **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

487  
488 <{Invented name} has <no or negligible influence> <minor influence> <moderate influence>  
489 <major influence> on the ability to drive and use machines.> [describe effects where  
490 applicable.]

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493 **4.8 Undesirable effects**

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495 Summary of the safety profile

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497 Adverse reactions caused by human normal immunoglobulins (in decreasing frequency)  
498 encompass (see also Section 4.4):

- 499 • chills, headache, dizziness, fever, vomiting, allergic reactions, nausea, arthralgia, low
- 500 blood pressure and moderate low back pain
- 501 • reversible haemolytic reactions; especially in those patients with blood groups A, B, and
- 502 AB and (rarely) haemolytic anaemia requiring transfusion
- 503 • (rarely) a sudden fall in blood pressure and, in isolated cases, anaphylactic shock, even
- 504 when the patient has shown no hypersensitivity to previous administration
- 505 • (rarely) transient cutaneous reactions (including cutaneous lupus erythematosus -
- 506 frequency unknown)
- 507 • (very rarely) thromboembolic reactions such as myocardial infarction, stroke,
- 508 pulmonary embolism, deep vein thromboses
- 509 • cases of reversible aseptic meningitis
- 510 • cases of increased serum creatinine level and/or occurrence of acute renal failure
- 511 • cases of Transfusion Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)

512  
513 Tabulated list of adverse reactions

514 The table presented below is according to the MedDRA system organ classification (SOC and  
515 Preferred Term Level).

516 Frequencies have been evaluated according to the following convention: very common (≥1/10);  
517 common (≥1/100 to <1/10); uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100); rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000); very rare  
518 (<1/10,000), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

519  
520 <Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.>

521  
522 **Source of the safety database (e.g. from clinical trials, post-authorisation safety studies**  
523 **and/or spontaneous reporting)**

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MedDRA System Organ	Adverse reaction	Frequency per patient	Frequency per Infusion
<b>Class (SOC)</b> <b>According to the sequence:</b> <a href="http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Template_or_form/2009/10/WC50004419.doc">http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Template_or_form/2009/10/WC50004419.doc</a>		{<very common, common, uncommon, rare, very rare.>}	{<very common, common, uncommon, rare, very rare.>}

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526 Description of selected adverse reactions

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528 *[Product specific]*

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530 Paediatric population

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532 *[Product specific]*

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534 <Frequency, type and severity of adverse reactions in children are <expected to be> the same  
535 as in adults.>

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537 <Other special population(s)>

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539 **4.9 Overdose**

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541 Overdose may lead to fluid overload and hyperviscosity, particularly in patients at risk, including  
542 elderly patients or patients with cardiac or renal impairment (see section 4.4.).

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545 **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

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547 **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

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549 Pharmacotherapeutic group: immune sera and immunoglobulins: immunoglobulins, normal  
550 human, for intravascular administration, ATC code: J06BA02

551 Human normal immunoglobulin contains mainly immunoglobulin G (IgG) with a broad  
552 spectrum of antibodies against infectious agents.

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554 Human normal immunoglobulin contains the IgG antibodies present in the normal population. It is  
555 usually prepared from pooled plasma from not fewer than 1000 donations. It has a distribution of  
556 immunoglobulin G subclasses closely proportional to that in native human plasma. Adequate doses  
557 of this medicinal product may restore abnormally low immunoglobulin G levels to the normal range.  
558 The mechanism of action in indications other than replacement therapy is not fully elucidated.

559 *[Product specific: Clinical study results can be briefly summarised here]*

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561 Paediatric population

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563 *[Product specific: The text should be in line with the Paediatric Regulation and the SmPC guideline. In  
564 case of a full waiver or any deferral, include the standard statement in the SmPC guideline.]*

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566 **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

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568 Human normal immunoglobulin is immediately and completely bioavailable in the recipient's  
569 circulation after intravenous administration. It is distributed relatively rapidly between plasma and  
570 extravascular fluid, after approximately 3-5 days equilibrium is reached between the intra- and  
571 extravascular compartments.

572 Human normal immunoglobulin has a half-life of about *{insert product specific half-life}* days. This  
573 half- life may vary from patient to patient, in particular in primary immunodeficiency.

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575 IgG and IgG-complexes are broken down in cells of the reticuloendothelial system.

576 Paediatric population

577 *[Product specific]*

578 **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

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580 *[Product specific]*

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583 **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

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585 **6.1 List of excipients**

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587 *[Product specific. (Ph. Eur. labelling requirement)]*

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589 **6.2 Incompatibilities**

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591 In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other  
592 medicinal products, nor with any other IVIg products.

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594 *[Product specific]*

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596 **6.3 Shelf-life**

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598 *[Product specific: reference should be made to the SmPC guideline for stability at different*  
599 *temporary storage conditions.]*

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601 **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

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603 *[Product specific]*

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605 **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

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607 *[Product specific]*

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609 **6.6 Special precautions for disposal <and other handling>**

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611 *[Product specific]*

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613 The product should be brought to room or body temperature before use.  
614 <Total reconstitution should be obtained within *[product specific time]*.>  
615 <Reconstituted products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration  
616 prior to administration.> The solution should be clear or slightly opalescent and colourless or  
617 pale yellow.  
618 Solutions that are cloudy or have deposits should not be used.  
619 Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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621 **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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626 **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

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631 **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**



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635 **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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640 <Detailed information on this product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency

641 <http://www.ema.europa.eu>>