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HEMLIBRA

MANUFACTURER	GENENTECH (Roche Group)
U.S. LICENSURE DATE	2017
CLASSIFICATION	Bispecific factor IXa- and factor X-directed antibody
SOURCE MATERIAL	Recombinant, Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO)
FDA APPROVED INDICATIONS	For use in hemophilia A patients with or without inhibitors for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes.
INACTIVE INGREDIENTS	L-arginine, L-histidine, poloxamer 188 and L-aspartic acid
MEAN HALF-LIFE	26.9+/- 9.1 days
DOSING GUIDELINES	Recommended Dosage : Loading dose of 3 mg/kg subcutaneous injection once weekly for the first 4 weeks followed by a maintenance dose of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 mg/kg once every week, or • 3 mg/kg once every 2 weeks, or • 6 mg/kg once every 4 weeks
AVAILABLE STRENGTHS	30 mg/mL in a single-dose vial 60 mg/0.4 mL in a single-dose vial 105 mg/0.7 mL in a single-dose vial 150 mg/mL in a single-dose vial

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DRUG ADMINISTRATION	Subcutaneous injection (limit volume to ≤ 2 mL per injection site)
DRUG INTERACTIONS	No drug-drug interaction studies have been conducted with HEMLIBRA. However, clinical experience suggests that a drug interaction exists with HEMLIBRA and aPCC. Thrombotic events reported in 0.5% of patients (2/391) and 5.4% of patients (2/37) who received at least one dose of a aPCC. Consider the benefits and risks if aPCC must be used in patient receiving HEMLIBRA prophylaxis.
MONITORING	<p>HEMLIBRA affects intrinsic pathway clotting-based laboratory tests, including all assays based on aPTT, Bethesda assays for FVIII inhibitor titers and activated clotting time (ACT)</p> <p>aPTT-based assays including clot-based FVIII activity assays with yield artificially shortened aPTT</p> <p>Laboratory results <u>unaffected</u> by HEMLIBRA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chromogenic FVIII assays will only provide an assessment of HEMLIBRA activity if the assay includes all human reagents. • Thrombin time • Bethesda assays (bovine chromogenic) • One-stage, prothrombin time based, single-factor assay • Immuno-based assays (i.e. ELISA) <p>Due to the long half-life of HEMLIBRA, effects on coagulation assays may persist for up to 6 months after the last dose.</p>
STORAGE REQUIREMENTS	<p>◦Refrigerate 2 to 8°C (36°F to 46°F) to expiration date. May be stored at room temperature < 30°C (86 °F) for 7 days.</p> <p>◦Do not freeze.</p> <p>◦Store in the original package and protect from light</p> <p>◦Do not shake</p> <p>◦Once removed from vial, dose should be administered immediately and any unused portion of Hemlibra should be discarded immediately.</p>
COMMENTS	<p>Most common adverse reactions (incidence >10%) are injection site reactions, headache, and arthralgia)</p> <p>Inform the patient that HEMLIBRA interferes with some laboratory tests that measure blood clotting and may cause a false reading. HEMLIBRA'S effect on coagulation assays may persist for up to 6 months after the last dose due to its long half-life.</p>

NOTE: Recombinant technology may be the ONLY product of choice for patients of Jehovah's Witnesses faith.



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