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IMPORTANT DRUG INFORMATION
Subject: Carimune® Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), Nanofiltered
Product discontinuation notice

Dear Valued Customer:

For over a century, CSL Behring has earned a reputation as a passionate yet responsible organization driven to care for patients and successfully develop and dependably deliver innovations for patients and healthcare providers.

Carimune NF was introduced to the US market in 1984 and has played an important role in the maintenance treatment of primary immunodeficiency (PI) or acute and chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) for many patients. Given the preference among healthcare professionals and patients for newer, more advanced Immune Globulin options, such as Privigen®, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid, and Hizentra®, Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), 20% Liquid, **CSL Behring has decided to discontinue the production of Carimune NF in 3Q 2018.**

Consideration of yield is especially important when dealing with a resource as precious as human plasma. Discontinuation of Carimune NF will allow CSL Behring to dedicate more resources to Privigen and Hizentra, which yield higher rates of immunoglobulin (Ig). Over the long term, CSL Behring will be able to supply more immunoglobulin to the market due to greater yield and manufacturing efficiencies.

As you evaluate the alternatives to Carimune NF for your patients, we encourage you to consider Privigen and Hizentra.

If you have additional questions, we're here to help. To find out more:
- Contact your CSL Behring representative
- Visit Privigen.com for more information about Privigen
- Visit Hizentra.com for more information about Hizentra
- Call IgIQ℠ at 1-877-355-IGIQ (4447), Monday to Friday, 8 am to 8 pm ET, and speak with our friendly and knowledgeable staff for more details about the support programs available to patients

Sincerely,

Debra Bensen-Kennedy, MD
Vice President, North America Medical Affairs

Please see next pages for Important Safety Information for Carimune NF, Privigen, and Hizentra, and see full prescribing information for Carimune NF, Privigen, and Hizentra, including boxed warning, enclosed.

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Important Safety Information for Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), Carimune® NF, Nanofiltered

WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION AND ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products, including Carimune NF. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis might occur in absence of known risk factors.**

- **Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death can occur in predisposed patients with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products, including Carimune NF. Patients predisposed to renal dysfunction include those with any degree of preexisting renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, age over 65, volume depletion, sepsis, paraproteinemia, and those receiving known nephrotoxic drugs. Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products containing sucrose. Carimune NF contains sucrose.**

- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, renal dysfunction or acute renal failure, administer Carimune NF at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity.**

See full prescribing information for full boxed warning.

Carimune NF is contraindicated in patients who have had anaphylactic or severe systemic reactions to the administration of human immune globulin. Individuals with selective IgA deficiency who possess antibody to IgA should only receive Carimune NF with utmost caution due to risk of severe, immediate hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis.

Increases in creatinine and blood urea nitrogen with progression to oliguria or anuria requiring dialysis have been observed as soon as one to two days following IGIV infusion. Severe renal adverse events have included acute renal failure, acute tubular nephrosis, proximal tubular nephropathy, and osmotic nephrosis.
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Patients receiving Carimune NF should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis, as well pulmonary adverse reactions, including TRALI. An aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) has been reported to occur infrequently with IVIG—more frequently in association with high dose (2 g/kg) treatment.

Inflammatory adverse reactions have been observed; they may become apparent within 30 minutes to an hour after beginning infusion. Slow or temporarily stop infusion if patient experiences facial flushing, tightness in chest, chills, fever, nausea, dizziness or other unusual response; stop infusion immediately if anaphylaxis or severe reaction occurs. Headache, usually mild, is the most common adverse reaction; mild hemolysis, arthralgia, myalgia, and transient skin reactions have also been reported.

Carimune NF is derived from human plasma. The risk of transmission of infectious agents, including viruses and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent, cannot be completely eliminated.

Carimune NF should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.

Indication

Carimune NF is indicated for the maintenance treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiencies (PI), such as common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia, and severe combined immunodeficiency, as well as for for acute and chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

Please see enclosed full prescribing information, including boxed warning on thrombosis and renal dysfunction/failure.

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Important Safety Information for Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), Privigen®

WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION AND ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products, including Privigen. Risk factors may include advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors.**
- **Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death may occur with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products in predisposed patients. Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products that contain sucrose. Privigen does not contain sucrose.**
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, renal dysfunction or renal failure, administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity.**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

Privigen is contraindicated in patients with history of anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to human immune globulin, in patients with hyperprolinemia, and in IgA-deficient patients with antibodies to IgA and a history of hypersensitivity.

In patients at risk of developing acute renal failure, monitor urine output and renal function, including blood urea nitrogen and serum creatinine.

Hyperproteinemia, increased serum viscosity, or hyponatremia can occur with Privigen. Infrequently, aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) may occur—especially with high doses or rapid infusion.

Hemolysis, either intravascular or due to enhanced red blood cell sequestration, may occur. Risk factors include non-O blood group and high doses. Closely monitor patients for hemolysis and hemolytic anemia.

During and shortly following Privigen infusion, elevations of systolic and diastolic blood pressure (including cases of hypertensive urgency) have been observed. These elevations resolved or significantly improved within hours with oral anti-hypertensive therapy or observation alone. Check patients for a history of hypertension and monitor blood pressure during this period.

Consider relative risks and benefits before prescribing high-dose regimen for chronic ITP and CIDP in patients at increased risk of thrombosis, hemolysis, acute kidney injury or volume overload. Monitor patients for pulmonary adverse reactions (transfusion-related acute lung injury [TRALI]).

Privigen is derived from human plasma. The risk of transmission of infectious agents, including viruses and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent and its variant (vCJD), cannot be completely eliminated.

In clinical studies of patients with PI, the most common adverse reactions to Privigen, observed in >5% of subjects, were headache, fatigue, nausea, chills, vomiting, back pain, pain, elevated body temperature, abdominal pain, diarrhea, cough, stomach discomfort, chest pain, joint swelling/effusion, influenza-like illness, pharyngolaryngeal pain, urticaria, and dizziness. Serious adverse reactions were hypersensitivity, chills, fatigue, dizziness, and increased body temperature.

In clinical studies of patients being treated for chronic ITP, the most common adverse reactions, seen in >5% of subjects, were laboratory findings consistent with hemolysis, headache, elevated body temperature, anemia, nausea, and vomiting. A serious adverse reaction was aseptic meningitis syndrome.

In clinical studies of patients being treated for CIDP, the most common reactions, observed in >5% of subjects, were headache, asthenia, hypertension, nausea, pain in extremity, hemolysis, influenza-like illness, leukopenia, and rash. Serious adverse reactions were hemolysis, exacerbation of CIDP, acute rash, increased diastolic blood pressure, hypersensitivity, pulmonary embolism, respiratory failure, and migraine.

Treatment with Privigen might interfere with a patient's response to live virus vaccines and could lead to misinterpretation of serologic testing. In patients over 65 and those at risk of renal insufficiency, do not exceed recommended dose and infuse at the minimum rate practicable.

Indication

Privigen is indicated for the treatment of:
- Primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI)
- Chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) in patients age 15 years and older
- Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) in adults
  - Limitation of use: maintenance therapy in CIDP has not been studied for periods longer than 6 months. Individualize duration of treatment beyond 6 months based on patient response.

Please see enclosed full prescribing information for Privigen.

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Important Safety Information for Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), Hizentra®

WARNING: THROMBOSIS

Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products, including Hizentra. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors.

For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Hizentra at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity. See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

Hizentra is contraindicated in patients with a history of anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to human immune globulin preparations or components of Hizentra, such as polysorbate 80. Because it contains the stabilizer L-proline, Hizentra is contraindicated in patients with hyperprolinemia. Hizentra is also contraindicated in patients with immunoglobulin A deficiency who have antibodies against IgA and a history of hypersensitivity.

Hizentra should be administered subcutaneously *only.* Do not administer intravenously.

IgA-deficient patients with anti-IgA antibodies may be at greater risk of developing potentially severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions with administration of Hizentra. If hypersensitivity occurs or anaphylactic reactions are suspected, discontinue administration immediately and treat as medically appropriate.

Monitor patients for aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS), which has been reported with SCIg. In patients at risk of acute renal failure, monitor renal function, including blood urea nitrogen, serum creatinine and urine output. Also monitor patients for clinical signs of hemolysis or transfusion-related acute lung injury (TRALI).

Hizentra is derived from human plasma. The risk of transmission of infectious agents, including viruses and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent, cannot be completely eliminated.

The most common adverse reactions (observed in 5% or more of study subjects receiving Hizentra) were local reactions (ie, swelling, redness, heat, pain, and itching at the injection site), headache, diarrhea, fatigue, back pain, nausea, extremity pain, cough, rash, pruritus, vomiting, upper abdominal pain, migraine and pain.

Ig administration can transiently impair the efficacy of live attenuated virus vaccines, such as measles, mumps and rubella. It can also lead to misinterpretation of serologic testing.

Indication

Hizentra is indicated as replacement therapy for patients with primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI), age 2 and older. This includes but is not limited to the humoral immune defect in congenital agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, and severe combined immunodeficiencies.

Please see enclosed full prescribing information for Hizentra.

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WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION, or ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

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- **Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death may occur in predisposed patients with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products[9–14], including Carimune NF. Patients predisposed to renal dysfunction include those with any degree of pre-existing renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, age greater than 65, volume depletion, sepsis, paraproteinemia, or patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs. Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products containing sucrose. Carimune NF contains sucrose.**
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, renal dysfunction or acute renal failure, administer Carimune NF at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, and PRECAUTIONS: Thrombosis).**

DESCRIPTION

Carimune® NF, Nanofiltered, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), is a sterile, highly purified polyvalent antibody product containing in concentrated form all the IgG antibodies which regularly occur in the donor population.[15] This immunoglobulin preparation is produced by cold alcohol fractionation from the plasma of US donors. Part of the fractionation may be performed by another US-licensed manufacturer. Carimune® NF is made suitable for intravenous use by treatment at acid pH in the presence of trace amounts of pepsin.[16,17] The manufacturing process by which Carimune® NF is prepared from plasma consists of fractionation and purification steps that comprise filtrations in the presence of filter aids. Four of these steps were validated for virus elimination of both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses. Additionally, the manufacturing process was investigated for its capacity to decrease the infectivity of an experimental agent of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), considered as a model for the vCJD and CJD agents.[18] To complement the existing virus elimination / inactivation mechanism in the Carimune® NF manufacturing process, nanofiltration (removing viruses via size-exclusion) was introduced as an additional virus removal step into the manufacturing process.[19,20] Nanofiltration is performed prior to the viral inactivation step (pH 4 in presence of pepsin) in order to reduce the potential viral load before inactivation is performed. Treatment with pepsin at pH 4 rapidly inactivates enveloped viruses.[21]

The Carimune® NF manufacturing process provides a significant virus reduction capacity as shown in in vitro studies. The results, summarized in Table 1, demonstrate virus clearance during Carimune® NF manufacturing using model viruses for lipid enveloped and non-enveloped viruses.

Table 1: Virus Elimination and Inactivation

Virus	HIV	BVDV	PRV	SFV	SV	BEV
Genome	RNA	RNA	DNA	RNA	RNA	RNA
Envelope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Size (nm)	80–100	40–60	120–200	50–70	50–70	28–30
Fractionation & Depth filtration	15.5	nt	16.0	9.3	12.4	14.1
pH 4 / pepsin	≥ 6.1	≥ 4.4	≥ 5.3	≥ 6.8	nt	nt
Nanofiltration	≥ 4.9	≥ 4.5	≥ 4.4	nt	≥ 7.5	≥ 5.1
Overall reduction	**≥ 26**	**≥ 9**	**≥ 25**	**≥ 16**	**≥ 19**	**≥ 19**

HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus, model for HIV 1 and HIV 2
BVDV: Bovine viral diarrhea virus, model for HCV (Hepatitis C virus)
PRV: Pseudorabies virus, model for large, enveloped DNA viruses (e.g., herpes virus)
SFV: Semliki Forest virus, model for HCV
SV: Sindbis virus, model for HCV
BEV: Bovine enterovirus, model for HAV (Hepatitis A virus)
nt: not tested

PRV and the two model viruses for HCV, BVDV and SFV, were inactivated within 1/10, and HIV within 1/2 of the incubation time (pH 4/pepsin treatment) used during production of Carimune® NF.

Several of the individual production steps in the Carimune® NF manufacturing process have been shown to decrease TSE infectivity of an experimental model agent. TSE reduction steps include precipitation (3.5 logs), depth filtrations (7.3 logs), and nanofiltration (4.4 logs). These studies provide reasonable assurance that low levels of CJD/vCJD agent infectivity, if present in the starting material, would be removed.

The preparation contains at least 96% of IgG and after reconstitution with a neutral unbuffered diluent has a pH of 6.6 ± 0.2. Most of the immunoglobulins are monomeric (7 S) IgG; the remainder consists of dimeric IgG and a small amount of polymeric IgG, traces of IgA and IgM and immunoglobulin fragments.[22] The distribution of the IgG subclasses corresponds to that of normal serum.[23–26] Final container lyophilized units are prepared so as to contain 3, 6, or 12 g protein with 1.67 g sucrose and less than 20 mg NaCl per gram of protein. The lyophilized preparation contains no preservative and may be reconstituted with sterile water, 5% dextrose or 0.9% saline to a solution with protein concentrations ranging from 3% to 12% (see Table 4). See Table 2 for calculated Carimune® NF osmolality (mOsm/kg) at each protein concentration. The patient's fluid, electrolyte, caloric requirements and renal function should be considered in selecting an appropriate diluent and concentration.

Table 2: Calculated Carimune® NF Osmolality (mOsm/kg)

	Concentration			
Diluent	**3%**	**6%**	**9%**	**12%**
0.9% NaCl	498	690	882	1074
5% Dextrose	444	636	828	1020
Sterile Water	192	384	576	768

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Carimune® NF contains a broad spectrum of antibody specificities against bacterial, viral, parasitic, and mycoplasma antigens, that are capable of both opsonization and neutralization of microbes and toxins. The 3 week half-life of Carimune® NF corresponds to that of Immune Globulin (Human) for intramuscular use, although individual variations in half-life have been observed.[27,28]

Appropriate doses of Carimune® NF restore abnormally low immunoglobulin G levels to the normal range. One hundred percent of the infused dose of IGIV-products is available in the recipient's circulation immediately after infusion. After approximately 6 days, equilibrium is reached between the intra- and extravascular compartments, with immunoglobulin G being distributed approximately 50% intravascular and 50% extravascular. In comparison, after the intramuscular injection of immune globulin, the IgG requires 2–5 days to reach its maximum concentration in the intravascular compartment. This concentration corresponds to about 40% of the injected dose.[28]

While Carimune® NF has been shown to be effective in some cases of Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP) (see **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**), the mechanism of action in ITP has not been fully elucidated. Toxicity from overdose has not been observed on regimens of 0.4 g/kg body weight each day for 5 days.[29–31] Sucrose is added to Carimune® NF for reasons of stability and solubility. Since sucrose is excreted unchanged in the urine when given intravenously, Carimune® NF may be given to diabetics without compensatory changes in insulin dosage regimen. Please see **WARNINGS** section.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Immunodeficiency

Carimune® NF is indicated for the maintenance treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiencies (PID), e.g., common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia, severe combined immunodeficiency.[30,32-34] Carimune® NF is preferable to intramuscular Immune Globulin (Human) preparations in treating patients who require an immediate and large increase in the intravascular immunoglobulin level[28], in patients with limited muscle mass, and in patients with bleeding tendencies for whom intramuscular injections are contraindicated. The infusions must be repeated at regular intervals.

Please see **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** section.

Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

Acute

A controlled study was performed in children in which Carimune® was compared with steroids for the treatment of acute (defined as less than 6 months duration) ITP. In this study sequential platelet levels of 30,000, 100,000, and 150,000/µL were all achieved faster with Carimune® than with steroids and without any of the side effects associated with steroids.[29,35] However, it should be noted that many cases of acute ITP in childhood resolve spontaneously within weeks to months. Carimune® has been used with good results in the treatment of acute ITP in adult patients.[36–38] In a study involving 10 adults with ITP of less than 16 weeks duration, Carimune® therapy raised the platelet count to the normal range after a 5 day course. This effect lasted a mean of over 173 days, ranging from 30 to 372 days.[39]

Chronic

Children and adults with chronic (defined as greater than 6 months duration) ITP have

also shown an increase (sometimes temporary) in platelet counts upon administration of Carimune®.[35,39-43] Therefore, in situations that require a rapid rise in platelet count, for example prior to surgery or to control excessive bleeding, use of Carimune® should be considered. In children with chronic ITP, Carimune® therapy resulted in a mean rise in platelet count of 312,000/µL with a duration of increase ranging from 2 to 6 months.[40,43] Carimune® therapy may be considered as a means to defer or avoid splenectomy.[42–44] In adults, Carimune® therapy has been shown to be effective in maintaining the platelet count in an acceptable range with or without periodic booster therapy. The mean rise in platelet count was 93,000/µL and the average duration of the increase was 20–24 days.[39,40] However, it should be noted that not all patients will respond. Even in those patients who do respond, this treatment should not be considered to be curative.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Carimune® NF is contraindicated in patients who have had an anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to the administration of human immune globulin. Individuals with IgA deficiency, especially those who have known antibody against IgA, or hypersensitivity to immunoglobulins should only receive Carimune® NF with utmost caution due to the risk of severe immediate hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis.

WARNINGS

Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) products have been reported to be associated with renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death.[9-14]

Patients predisposed to acute renal failure include patients with:

1. any degree of pre-existing renal insufficiency
2. diabetes mellitus
3. age greater than 65
4. volume depletion
5. sepsis
6. paraproteinemia
7. patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs

In such patients, IGIV products should be administered at the minimum concentration available and the minimum rate of infusion practicable. While these reports of renal dysfunction and acute renal failure have been associated with the use of many of the licensed IGIV products, those containing sucrose as a stabilizer accounted for a disproportionate share of the total number. Carimune® NF contains sucrose. See **PRECAUTIONS** and **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** sections for important information intended to reduce the risk of acute renal failure.

IgA deficient patients, especially those with known antibodies against IgA, are at greater risk of developing severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions.

Because Carimune® NF is made from human blood, it may carry a risk of transmitting infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent. The risk that such products will transmit an infectious agent has been reduced by screening plasma donors for prior exposure to certain viruses, by testing for the presence of certain current virus infections, and through the application of viral elimination/reduction steps such as alcohol fractionation in the presence of filter aids, nanofiltration and pH 4/pepsin treatment [19-21] (see Table 1). All infections thought by a physician possibly to have been transmitted by Carimune NF should be reported by lot number, by the physician, or other healthcare provider to CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958. The physician should discuss the risks and benefits of this product with the patient.

Patients with agamma- or extreme hypogammaglobulinemia who have never before received immunoglobulin substitution treatment or whose time from last treatment is greater than 8 weeks, may be at risk of developing inflammatory reactions on rapid infusion (greater than 2 mg/kg/min) of Carimune® NF. These reactions are manifested by a rise in temperature, chills, nausea, and vomiting. The patient's vital signs should be monitored continuously. The patient should be carefully observed throughout the infusion, since these reactions on rare occasions may lead to shock. Epinephrine and other appropriate resuscitative drugs and equipment should be available for treatment of an acute anaphylactic reaction.

PRECAUTIONS

Please see **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** below, for important information on Carimune® NF compatibility with other medications or fluids. Patients should not be volume depleted prior to the initiation of the infusion of IGIV. Periodic monitoring of renal function tests and urine output is particularly important in patients judged to have a potential increased risk for developing acute renal failure. Renal function, including measurement of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and serum creatinine, should be assessed prior to the initial infusion of Carimune® NF and again at appropriate intervals thereafter. If renal function deteriorates, discontinuation of the product should be considered. For patients judged to be at risk for developing renal dysfunction, Carimune® NF should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

Information for Patients

- Instruct patients to immediately report symptoms of decreased urine output, sudden weight gain, fluid retention/edema, and/or shortness of breath (which may suggest kidney damage) to their physicians.
- Instruct patients to immediately report symptoms of thrombosis. These symptoms may include: pain and/or swelling of an arm or leg with warmth over the affected area, discoloration of an arm or leg, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort that worsens on deep breathing, unexplained rapid pulse, numbness or weakness on one side of the body.

Laboratory Tests

IGIV recipients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis. IGIV recipients should be monitored for pulmonary adverse reactions. If Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) is suspected, appropriate tests should be performed for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies in both the product and patient serum. Baseline assessment of blood viscosity should be considered in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols (triglycerides), or monoclonal gammopathies.

Pregnancy Category C

Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Carimune® NF. It is also not known whether Carimune® NF can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Carimune® NF should be given to a pregnant woman only if clearly needed.[38] Intact immune globulins such as those contained in Carimune® NF cross the placenta from maternal circulation increasingly after 30 weeks gestation.[45,46] In cases of maternal ITP where Carimune® was administered to the mother prior to delivery, the platelet response and clinical effect were similar in the mother and neonate.[38,46–55]

Pediatric Use

High dose administration of Carimune® in pediatric patients with acute or chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura did not reveal any pediatric-specific hazard.[29] Antibodies in Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) may impair the efficacy of live attenuated viral vaccines such as measles, rubella, and mumps.[56-58] Immunizing physicians should be informed of recent therapy with Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) so that appropriate precautions may be taken.

Geriatric Use

Carimune® NF should be used with caution in patients over 65 years of age and judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency (see **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**). In the absence of prospective data, recommended doses should not be exceeded and the concentration and infusion rate selected should be the minimum practicable. The product should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome

An aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) has been reported to occur infrequently in association with Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) treatment. The syndrome usually begins within several hours to two days following IGIV treatment. It is characterized by symptoms and signs including severe headache, nuchal rigidity, drowsiness, fever, photophobia, painful eye movements, and nausea and vomiting. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) studies are frequently positive with pleocytosis. Patients exhibiting such symptoms and signs should receive a thorough neurological examination, including CSF studies, to rule out other causes of meningitis. AMS may occur more frequently in association with high dose (2 g/kg) IGIV treatment. Discontinuation of IGIV treatment has resulted in remission of AMS within several days without sequelae.

Hemolysis

Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) products can contain blood group antibodies which may act as hemolysins and induce in vivo coating of red blood cells with immunoglobulin, causing a positive direct antiglobulin reaction and, rarely, hemolysis.[59-61] Hemolytic anemia can develop subsequent to IGIV therapy due to enhanced RBC sequestration[62] (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). IGIV recipients should be monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis (see **PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory Tests**).

Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)

There have been reports of noncardiogenic pulmonary edema Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI) in patients administered IGIV.[63] TRALI is characterized by severe respiratory distress, pulmonary edema, hypoxemia, normal left ventricular function, and fever and typically occurs within 1–6 hours after transfusion. Patients with TRALI may be managed by using oxygen therapy with adequate ventilatory support.

IVIG recipients should be monitored for pulmonary adverse reactions. If TRALI is suspected, appropriate tests should be performed for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies in both the product and patient serum (see **PRECAUTIONS: Laboratory Tests**).

Thrombosis

Thrombosis may occur following treatment with immune globulin products[1-8], including Carimune NF. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors.

Consider baseline assessment of blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols

(triglycerides), or monoclonal gammopathies. For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Carimune NF at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity (see BOXED WARNING, DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, PRECAUTIONS: Information for Patients).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Increases in creatinine and blood urea nitrogen (BUN) have been observed as soon as one to two days following infusion. Progression to oliguria or anuria, requiring dialysis has been observed. Types of severe renal adverse events that have been seen following IGIV therapy include: acute renal failure, acute tubular necrosis, proximal tubular nephropathy and osmotic nephrosis.[9-14,64,71–73]

Inflammatory adverse reactions have been described in agammaglobulinemic and hypogammaglobulinemic patients who have never received immunoglobulin substitution therapy before or in patients whose time from last treatment is greater than 8 weeks and whose initial infusion rate exceeds 2 mg/kg/min.

This occurs in approximately 10% of such cases. Such reactions may also be observed in some patients during chronic substitution therapy.

Reactions, which may become apparent only 30 minutes to 1 hour after the beginning of the infusion, are as follows: flushing of the face, feelings of tightness in the chest, chills, fever, dizziness, nausea, diaphoresis, and hypotension or hypertension. In such cases, the infusion should be slowed or temporarily stopped until the symptoms subside. The infusion may then be resumed at a lower rate that is comfortable for the patient. If anaphylaxis or other severe reactions occur, the infusion should be stopped immediately.

Arthralgia, myalgia, and transient skin reactions (such as rash, erythema, pruritus, urticaria, eczema or dermatitis) have also been reported.

Immediate anaphylactoid and hypersensitivity reactions due to previous sensitization of the recipient to certain antigens, most commonly IgA, may be observed in exceptional cases, described under **CONTRAINDICATIONS**.[30,31,65] In patients with ITP, who receive higher doses (0.4 g/kg/day or greater), 2.9% of infusions may result in adverse reactions.[21] Headache, generally mild, is the most common symptom noted, occurring during or following 2% of infusions. A few cases of usually mild hemolysis have been reported after infusion of intravenous immunoglobulin products.[59–61] These were attributed to transferal of blood group (e.g., anti-D) antibodies.

Postmarketing

The following adverse reactions have been identified and reported during the post-approval use of IGIV products:

Respiratory

Apnea, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI), cyanosis, hypoxemia, pulmonary edema, dyspnea, bronchospasm

Cardiovascular

Cardiac arrest, thromboembolism, vascular collapse, hypotension

Neurological

Coma, loss of consciousness, seizures, tremor

Integumentary

Stevens-Johnson syndrome, epidermolysis, erythema multiforme, bullous dermatitis

Hematologic

Pancytopenia, leukopenia, hemolysis, positive direct antiglobulin (Coombs) test

General/Body as a Whole

Pyrexia, rigors

Musculoskeletal

Back pain

Gastrointestinal

Hepatic dysfunction, abdominal pain

Because postmarketing reporting of these reactions is voluntary and the at-risk populations are of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate the frequency of the reaction or establish a causal relationship to exposure to the product. Such is also the case with literature reports authored independently.[66]

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

It is generally advisable not to dilute plasma derivatives with other infusable drugs. Carimune® NF should be given by a separate infusion line. No other medications or fluids should be mixed with Carimune® NF preparation.

Carimune® NF should be used with caution in patients with pre-existing renal insufficiency and in patients judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency (including, but not limited to those with diabetes mellitus, age greater than 65, volume depletion, paraproteinemia, sepsis, and patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs). In these cases especially it is important to assure that patients are not volume depleted prior to Carimune® NF infusion. No prospective data are presently available to identify a maximum safe dose, concentration, and rate of infusion in patients determined to be at increased risk of acute renal failure. In the absence of prospective data, recommended doses should not be exceeded and the concentration and infusion rate selected should be the minimum practicable. For patients judged to be at risk for developing renal dysfunction, Carimune® NF should be infused at a rate less than 2 mg/kg/min.

For patients judged to be at an increased risk for thrombosis, a maximum infusion rate of less than 2 mg/kg/min for patients is recommended (see **PRECAUTIONS: Thrombosis**).

If side effects occur, the infusion should be stopped or slowed until the symptoms subside.

Adult and Child Substitution Therapy

The recommended dose of Carimune® NF in primary immunodeficiency is 0.4 to 0.8 g/kg of body weight administered once every three to four weeks by intravenous infusion.

The first infusion of Carimune® NF in previously untreated agammaglobulinemic or hypogammaglobulinemic patients must be given as a 3% immunoglobulin solution (see **Reconstitution**). Subsequent infusions may be administered at a higher concentration if the patient shows good tolerance.

An initial infusion rate of 0.5 mg/kg/min is recommended. If tolerated, after 30 minutes, the rate may be increased to 1 mg/kg/min for the next 30 minutes. Thereafter, the rate may be gradually increased in a stepwise manner up to **a maximum of 3 mg/kg/min** as tolerated**.** Refer to Table 3 for the corresponding infusion rates in mg/kg/min or mL/kg/min for all product concentrations.

The first infusion of Carimune® NF in previously untreated agammaglobulinemic and hypogammaglobulinemic patients may lead to systemic side effects. The nature of these effects has not been fully elucidated. Some of them may be due to the release of proinflammatory cytokines by activated macrophages in immunodeficient recipients.[67,68] Subsequent administration of Carimune® NF to immunodeficient patients as well as to normal individuals usually does not cause further untoward side effects.

Therapy of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

Induction

The recommended dose of Carimune® NF for the treatment of ITP is 0.4 g/kg of body weight on 2–5 consecutive days. An immunoglobulin solution of 6% (see **Reconstitution**) is recommended for use in ITP.

The recommended initial infusion rate for the treatment of ITP is 0.5 mg/kg/min. If tolerated, after 30 minutes, the rate may be increased to 1 mg/kg/min for the next 30 minutes. Thereafter, the rate may be gradually increased in a stepwise manner up to **a maximum of 3 mg/kg/min** as tolerated. Refer to Table 3 for the corresponding infusion rates in mg/kg/min or mL/kg/min for all product concentrations.

Acute ITP – Childhood

In acute ITP of childhood, if an initial platelet count response to the first two doses is adequate (30–50,000/µL), therapy may be discontinued after the second day of the 5 day course.[35]

Maintenance – Chronic ITP

In adults and children, if after induction therapy the platelet count falls to less than 30,000/µL and/or the patient manifests clinically significant bleeding, 0.4 g/kg of body weight may be given as a single infusion. If an adequate response does not result, the dose can be increased to 0.8–1 g/kg of body weight given as a single infusion.[36,69,70]

Table 3: Infusion Rates for Carimune® NF Concentrations

Concentration (%)	Initial Infusion Rate: 0.5 mg/kg/min	1 mg/kg/min	2 mg/kg/min*	Maximum Infusion Rate†: 3 mg/kg/min
3%	0.0167 mL/kg/min	0.033 mL/kg/min	0.067 mL/kg/min	0.10 mL/kg/min
6%	0.008 mL/kg/min	0.0167 mL/kg/min	0.033 mL/kg/min	0.050 mL/kg/min
9%	0.006 mL/kg/min	0.011 mL/kg/min	0.022 mL/kg/min	0.033 mL/kg/min
12%	0.004 mL/kg/min	0.008 mL/kg/min	0.016 mL/kg/min	0.025 mL/kg/min

* Maximum infusion rate for patients at risk of renal dysfunction or thromboembolic events.
† For patients **not** at risk of renal dysfunction of thromboembolic events.

Reconstitution

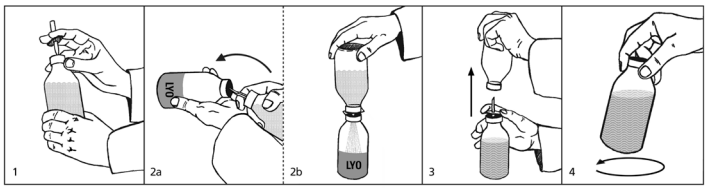
(see also pictures next page)

1. Remove the protective plastic caps from the lyophilisate (LYO) and diluent bottles and disinfect both rubber stoppers with alcohol. Remove the protective cover from one end of the transfer set and insert the exposed needle through the rubber stopper into the bottle containing the diluent (picture 1).

2a. and 2b. Remove the second protective cover from the other end of the transfer set. Grasp both bottles as shown in picture 2a, quickly plunge the diluent bottle onto the lyophilisate bottle and bring the bottles into an upright position. Only if this is done quickly and the bottles are immediately brought into an upright position can the vacuum in the lyophilisate bottle be maintained, thus speeding up reconstitution and facilitating the transfer. Allow the diluent to flow into the lyophilisate bottle (picture 2b).

3. Once the appropriate amount of diluent is transferred (see Table 4), lift the diluent bottle off the spike to release the vacuum (picture 3). This will reduce foaming and facilitate dissolution. Remove the spike.

4. Swirl vigorously but do not shake, otherwise a foam will form which is very slow to subside (picture 4). The lyophilisate dissolves within a few minutes.



To reconstitute Carimune® NF from the individual vial package, or when using other diluents or higher concentrations, Table 4 indicates the volume of sterile diluent required. Observing aseptic technique, this volume should be drawn into a sterile hypodermic syringe and needle. The diluent is then injected into the corresponding Carimune® NF vial size.

Table 4: Required Diluent Volume*

Target Concentration	6 g Vial	12 g Vial
3%	200 mL	†
6%	100 mL	200 mL
9%	66 mL	132 mL
12%	50 mL	100 mL

* In patients judged to be at increased risk of developing renal insufficiency and thromboembolic events, the concentration and infusion rate of Carimune® NF should be the minimum practicable.

† Container not large enough to permit this concentration.

If large doses of Carimune® NF are to be administered, several reconstituted vials of identical concentration and diluent may be pooled in an empty sterile glass or plastic i.v. infusion container using aseptic technique.

Carimune® NF normally dissolves within a few minutes, though in exceptional cases it may take up to 20 minutes.

DO NOT SHAKE! Excessive shaking will cause foaming.

Any undissolved particles should respond to careful rotation of the bottle. Avoid foaming. Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Filtering of Carimune® NF is acceptable but not required. Pore sizes of 15 microns or larger will be less likely to slow infusion, especially with higher Carimune® NF concentrations. Antibacterial filters (0.2 microns) may be used. When reconstitution of Carimune® NF occurs outside of sterile laminar air flow conditions, administration must begin promptly with partially used vials discarded. When reconstitution is carried out in a sterile laminar flow hood using aseptic technique, administration may begin within 24 hours provided the solution has been refrigerated during that time. Do not freeze Carimune® NF solution.

PROCEED WITH INFUSION ONLY IF SOLUTION IS CLEAR AND AT APPROXIMATELY ROOM TEMPERATURE.

HOW SUPPLIED

Carimune® NF is available as a white lyophilized powder in 6 and 12 g size vials. The only diluents which may be used to reconstitute the product are sterile (0.9%) Sodium Chloride Injection USP, 5% Dextrose, or Sterile Water.

Each product presentation includes a package insert and the following components:

Presentation	Carton NDC Number	Components
6 g	44206-417-06	• Carimune NF in a single-use vial [NDC 44206-417-91] • One double-ended transfer spike for reconstitution
12 g	44206-418-12	• Carimune NF in a single-use vial [NDC 44206-418-92] • One double-ended transfer spike for reconstitution

Storage and Handling

- Carimune® NF should be stored at room temperature not exceeding 30°C (86°F).
- The preparation should not be used after the expiration date printed on the label.

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Privigen® Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid

Initial U.S. Approval: 2007

WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION AND ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products, including Privigen. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors.**
- **Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death may occur with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products in predisposed patients. Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products containing sucrose. Privigen does not contain sucrose.**
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, renal dysfunction or failure, administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity.**

----------RECENT MAJOR CHANGES----------

Indications (1.3)	09/2017
Dosage and Administration (2, 2.3)	09/2017
Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.6, 5.7, 5.9)	09/2017

----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------

Privigen is an Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid indicated for the treatment of:

- Primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI) (1.1)
- Chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) in patients age 15 years and older (1.2)
- Chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) in adults (1.3)

Limitations of Use:

Privigen maintenance therapy in CIDP has not been studied beyond 6 months. (1.3)

----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------

Intravenous Use Only

Indication	Dose	Initial Infusion Rate	Maintenance Infusion Rate (as tolerated)
PI	200-800 mg/kg (2-8 mL/kg) every 3-4 weeks	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increase to 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min)
ITP	1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) for 2 consecutive days	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increase to 4 mg/kg/min (0.04 mL/kg/min)
CIDP	*Loading dose:* 2 g/kg (20 mL/kg) in divided doses over 2 to 5 consecutive days *Maintenance dose:* 1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) administered in 1 to 2 infusions on consecutive days, every 3 weeks	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increase to 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min)

- Ensure that patients with pre-existing renal insufficiency are not volume depleted, and discontinue Privigen if renal function deteriorates. (2.4, 5.2)
- For patients at risk of renal dysfunction or thrombosis, administer Privigen
- at the dose and minimum infusion rate practicable. (2.4, 5.2, 5.3)

----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------

Privigen is a liquid solution containing 10% IgG (0.1 g/mL). (3)

----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------

- History of anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to human immune globulin (4)
- Hyperprolinemia (Privigen contains the stabilizer L-proline) (4)
- IgA-deficient patients with antibodies to IgA and a history of hypersensitivity (4)

----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------

- IgA-deficient patients with antibodies to IgA are at greater risk of developing severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions. (5.1)
- Monitor renal function, including blood urea nitrogen and serum creatinine, and urine output in patients at risk of developing acute renal failure. (5.2)
- Hyperproteinemia, increased serum viscosity, and hyponatremia may occur. (5.4)
- Aseptic meningitis syndrome (AMS) may occur, especially with high doses or rapid infusion. (5.5)
- Hemolysis that is either intravascular or due to enhanced red blood cell sequestration may occur. Risk factors include high doses and non-O blood group. Closely monitor patients for hemolysis and hemolytic anemia (5.6)
- Elevations of systolic and diastolic blood pressure (including cases of hypertensive urgency) have been observed during/shortly following Privigen infusion. These blood pressure elevations were resolved or significantly improved within hours with either observation alone or changes in oral anti-hypertensive therapy. Check patients for a history of hypertension and monitor blood pressure during and following Privigen infusion. (5.7)
- Monitor patients for pulmonary adverse reactions (transfusion-related acute lung injury [TRALI]). (5.8)
- Carefully consider the relative risks and benefits before prescribing the high dose regimen (for chronic ITP and CIDP) in patients at increased risk of thrombosis, hemolysis, acute kidney injury, or volume overload. (5.9)
- Privigen is made from human blood and may contain infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease [vCJD] agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent. (5.10)

----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------

- **PI** – The most common adverse reactions, observed in >5% of study subjects, were headache, fatigue, nausea, chills, vomiting, back pain, pain, elevated body temperature, abdominal pain, diarrhea, cough, stomach discomfort, chest pain, joint swelling/effusion, influenza-like illness, pharyngolaryngeal pain, urticaria, and dizziness. Serious adverse reactions were hypersensitivity, chills, fatigue, dizziness, and increased body temperature. (6.1)
- **Chronic ITP** – The most common adverse reactions, observed in >5% of study subjects, were laboratory findings consistent with hemolysis (hemoglobin and hematocrit decrease without blood loss in conjunction with positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) and elevated blood lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and/or indirect bilirubin), headache, elevated body temperature, anemia, nausea, and vomiting. A serious adverse reaction was aseptic meningitis. (6.1)
- **CIDP –** The most common adverse reactions observed in >5% of study subjects were headache, asthenia, hypertension, nausea, pain in extremity, hemolysis, influenza like illness, leukopenia, and rash. Serious adverse reactions were hemolysis, exacerbation of CIDP, acute rash, blood pressure diastolic increased, hypersensitivity, pulmonary embolism, respiratory failure, and migraine. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch.*

----------DRUG INTERACTIONS----------

The passive transfer of antibodies may:

- Lead to misinterpretation of the results of serological testing. (5.11)
- Interfere with the response to live virus vaccines. (7.1)

----------USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS----------

- Geriatric: In patients over age 65 or in any patient at risk of developing

renal insufficiency, do not exceed the recommended dose, and infuse Privigen at the minimum rate practicable. (8.5)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION.

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Privigen®, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid

WARNING: THROMBOSIS, RENAL DYSFUNCTION AND ACUTE RENAL FAILURE

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products[1-3], including Privigen. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors** *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3), Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.
- **Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death may occur with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products in predisposed patients. Patients predisposed to renal dysfunction include those with any degree of pre-existing renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, age greater than 65, volume depletion, sepsis, paraproteinemia, or patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs.**
- **Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products containing sucrose.[4] Privigen does not contain sucrose.**
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, renal dysfunction or failure, administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity** *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3)]*.

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Privigen is an Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid indicated for the treatment of the following conditions.

1.1 Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

Privigen is indicated as replacement therapy for primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI). This includes, but is not limited to, the humoral immune defect in congenital agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency (CVID), X-linked agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, and severe combined immunodeficiencies.

1.2 Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

Privigen is indicated for the treatment of patients age 15 years and older with chronic immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) to raise platelet counts.

1.3 Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

Privigen is indicated for the treatment of adults with chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP) to improve neuromuscular disability and impairment.

Limitation of Use:

Privigen maintenance therapy in CIDP has not been studied for periods longer than 6 months. After responding during an initial treatment period, not all patients require indefinite maintenance therapy with Privigen in order to remain free of CIDP symptoms. Individualize the duration of any treatment beyond 6 months based upon the patient's response and demonstrated need for continued therapy.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Table 1. Recommended Dosage and Administration for Privigen

Indication	Dose	Initial infusion rate	Maintenance infusion rate (as tolerated)
Primary Immunodeficiency	200-800 mg/kg (2-8 mL/kg) every 3-4 weeks	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increase to 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min)
Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura	1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) for 2 consecutive days	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increase to 4 mg/kg/min (0.04 mL/kg/min)
Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy	Loading dose: 2 g/kg (20 mL/kg) in divided doses over 2 to 5 consecutive days Maintenance dose: 1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) administered in 1 to 2 infusions on consecutive days, every 3 weeks	0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min)	Increased to 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min)

2.1 Dosage for Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency (PI)

As there are significant differences in the half-life of IgG among patients with PI, the frequency and amount of immunoglobulin therapy may vary from patient to patient. The proper amount can be determined by monitoring clinical response.

The recommended dose of Privigen for patients with PI is 200 to 800 mg/kg (2 to 8 mL/kg), administered every 3 to 4 weeks. If a patient misses a dose, administer the missed dose as soon as possible, and then resume scheduled treatments every 3 or 4 weeks, as applicable. Adjust the dosage over time to achieve the desired serum IgG trough levels and clinical responses. No randomized, controlled trial data are available to determine an optimal trough level in patients receiving immune globulin therapy.

2.2 Dosage for Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP)

The recommended dose of Privigen for patients with chronic ITP is 1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) administered daily for 2 consecutive days, resulting in a total dosage of 2 g/kg.

Carefully consider the relative risks and benefits before prescribing the high dose regimen (e.g., 1 g/kg/day for 2 days) in patients at increased risk of thrombosis, hemolysis, acute kidney injury, or volume overload *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)]*.

2.3 Dosage for Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

Privigen may be initially administered as a total loading dose of 2 g/kg (20 mL/kg) given in divided doses over two to five consecutive days. Privigen may be administered as a maintenance infusion of 1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) administered in a single infusion given in one day or divided into two doses given on two consecutive days, every 3 weeks.[1] Maintenance therapy beyond 6 months has not been studied.

The recommended initial infusion rate is 0.5 mg/kg/min (0.005 mL/kg/min).[2] If the infusion is well tolerated, the rate may be gradually increased to a maximum of 8 mg/kg/min (0.08 mL/kg/min). For patients judged to be at risk for thrombosis, renal dysfunction, or volume overload, administer Privigen at the minimum infusion rate practicable *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3)]*.

2.4 Preparation and Handling

- Privigen is a clear or slightly opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution. Inspect parenteral drug products visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit. Do not use if the solution is cloudy, turbid, or if it contains particulate matter.
- DO NOT SHAKE.
- Do not freeze. Do not use if Privigen has been frozen.
- Privigen should be at room temperature (up to 25ºC [77ºF]) at the time of administration.
- Do not use Privigen beyond the expiration date on the product label.
- The Privigen vial is for single-use only. Promptly use any vial that has been entered. Privigen contains no preservative. Discard partially used vials or unused product in accordance with local requirements.
- Infuse Privigen using a separate infusion line. Prior to use, the infusion line may be flushed with Dextrose Injection, USP (D5W) or 0.9% Sodium Chloride for Injection, USP.
- Do not mix Privigen with other IGIV products or other intravenous medications. However, Privigen may be diluted with Dextrose Injection, USP (D5W).
- An infusion pump may be used to control the rate of administration.
- If large doses of Privigen are to be administered, several vials may be pooled using aseptic technique. Begin infusion within 8 hours of pooling.

2.5 Administration

Privigen is for intravenous administration only.

Monitor the patient's vital signs throughout the infusion. Slow or stop the infusion if adverse reactions occur. If symptoms subside promptly, the infusion may be resumed at a lower rate that is comfortable for the patient.

Ensure that patients with pre-existing renal insufficiency are not volume depleted. For patients judged to be at risk for renal dysfunction or thrombosis, administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable, and discontinue Privigen administration if renal function deteriorates *[see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3)]*.

The following patients may be at risk of developing systemic reactions (mimicking symptoms of an inflammatory response or infection) on rapid infusion of Privigen (greater than 4 mg/kg/min [0.04 mL/kg/min]): 1) those who have never received Privigen or another IgG product or who have not received it within the past 8 weeks, and 2) those who are switching from another IgG product. These patients should be started at a slow rate of infusion (e.g., 0.5 mg/kg/min [0.005 mL/kg/min] or less) and gradually increase as tolerated.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Privigen is a liquid solution containing 10% IgG (0.1 g/mL) for intravenous infusion.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Privigen is contraindicated in patients who have a history of anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to the administration of human immune globulin.
- Privigen is contraindicated in patients with hyperprolinemia because it contains the stabilizer L-proline *[see Description (11)]*.
- Privigen is contraindicated in IgA-deficient patients with antibodies to IgA and a history of hypersensitivity *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Hypersensitivity

Severe hypersensitivity reactions may occur *[see Contraindications (4)]*. In case of hypersensitivity, discontinue the Privigen infusion immediately and institute appropriate treatment. Medications such as epinephrine should be available for immediate treatment of acute hypersensitivity reactions.

Privigen contains trace amounts of IgA (≤25 mcg/mL) *[see Description (11)]*. Individuals with IgA deficiency can develop anti-IgA antibodies and anaphylactic reactions (including anaphylaxis and shock) after administration of blood components containing IgA. Patients with known antibodies to IgA may have a greater risk of developing potentially severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions with administration of Privigen. Privigen is contraindicated in patients with antibodies against IgA and a history of hypersensitivity.

5.2 Renal Dysfunction and Acute Renal Failure

Renal dysfunction, acute renal failure, osmotic nephrosis, and death may occur with immune globulin intravenous (IGIV) products in predisposed patients. Renal dysfunction and acute renal failure occur more commonly in patients receiving IGIV products containing sucrose.[4] Privigen does not contain sucrose. Acute renal failure may also occur as a result of Privigen-induced hemolysis. Ensure that patients are not volume depleted and assess renal function, including measurement of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and serum creatinine, before the initial infusion of Privigen and at appropriate intervals thereafter.

Periodic monitoring of renal function and urine output is particularly important in patients judged to be at increased risk of developing acute renal failure.[4] If renal function deteriorates, consider discontinuing Privigen. For patients judged to be at risk of developing renal dysfunction because of pre-existing renal insufficiency, or predisposition to acute renal failure (such as those with diabetes mellitus or hypovolemia, those who are obese, those who use concomitant nephrotoxic medicinal products, or those who are over 65 years of age), administer Privigen at the minimum rate of infusion practicable *[see Boxed Warning, Administration (2.4)]*.

5.3 Thrombosis

Thrombosis may occur following treatment with immune globulin products[1-3], including Privigen. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors.

Consider baseline assessment of blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols (triglycerides), or monoclonal gammopathies. For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity *[see Boxed Warning, Dosage and Administration (2.3), Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.

5.4 Hyperproteinemia, Increased Serum Viscosity, and Hyponatremia

Hyperproteinemia, increased serum viscosity, and hyponatremia may occur following treatment with IGIV products, including Privigen. The hyponatremia is likely to be a pseudohyponatremia, as demonstrated by a decreased calculated serum osmolality or elevated osmolar gap. It is critical to distinguish true hyponatremia from pseudohyponatremia, as treatment aimed at decreasing serum free water in patients with pseudohyponatremia may lead to volume depletion, a further increase in serum viscosity, and a possible predisposition to thromboembolic events.[5]

5.5 Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome (AMS)

AMS may occur infrequently following treatment with Privigen *[see Adverse Reactions (6)]* and other human immune globulin products. Discontinuation of treatment has resulted in remission of AMS within several days without sequelae.[6] AMS usually begins within several hours to 2 days following IGIV treatment.

AMS is characterized by the following signs and symptoms: severe headache, nuchal rigidity, drowsiness, fever, photophobia, painful eye movements, nausea, and vomiting. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) studies are frequently positive with pleocytosis up to several thousand cells per cubic millimeter, predominantly from the granulocytic series, and with elevated protein levels up to several hundred mg/dL, but negative culture results. Conduct a thorough neurological examination on patients exhibiting such signs and symptoms, including CSF studies, to rule out other causes of meningitis.

AMS may occur more frequently in association with high doses (2 g/kg) and/or rapid infusion of IGIV.

5.6 Hemolysis

Privigen may contain blood group antibodies that can act as hemolysins and induce in vivo coating of red blood cells (RBCs) with immunoglobulin, causing a positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) (Coombs' test) result and hemolysis.[7-9] Delayed hemolytic anemia can develop subsequent to Privigen therapy due to enhanced RBC sequestration, and acute hemolysis, consistent with intravascular hemolysis, has been reported.[10] Cases of severe hemolysis-related renal dysfunction/failure or disseminated intravascular coagulation have occurred following infusion of Privigen.

The following risk factors may be associated with the development of hemolysis: high doses (e.g., ≥2 g/kg), given either as a single administration or divided over several days, and non-O blood group.[11] Other individual patient factors, such as an underlying inflammatory state (as may be reflected by, for example, elevated C-reactive protein or erythrocyte sedimentation rate), have been hypothesized to increase the risk of hemolysis following administration of IGIV,[12] but their role is uncertain. Hemolysis has been reported following administration of IGIV for a variety of indications, including ITP, CIDP, and PI.[9]

Closely monitor patients for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis, particularly patients with risk factors noted above and those with pre-existing anemia and/or cardiovascular or pulmonary compromise. Consider appropriate laboratory testing in higher risk patients, including measurement of hemoglobin or hematocrit prior to infusion and within approximately 36 hours and again 7 to 10 days post infusion. If clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis or a significant drop in hemoglobin or hematocrit have been observed, perform additional confirmatory laboratory testing. If transfusion is indicated for patients who develop hemolysis with clinically compromising anemia after receiving IGIV, perform adequate cross-matching to avoid exacerbating on-going hemolysis.

5.7 Hypertension

Elevations of systolic blood pressure to ≥180 mm Hg and/or of diastolic blood pressure to >120 mm Hg (hypertensive urgency) have been observed during and/or shortly following infusion of Privigen. These blood pressure elevations were resolved or significantly improved within hours with either observation alone or changes in oral anti-hypertensive therapy *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*. Such elevations were reported more often among patients with a history of hypertension. Check patients for a history of hypertension and current antihypertensive medication use. Monitor blood pressure prior to, during, and following Privigen infusion.

5.8 Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)

Noncardiogenic pulmonary edema may occur following treatment with IGIV products, including Privigen.[13] TRALI is characterized by severe respiratory distress, pulmonary edema, hypoxemia, normal left ventricular function, and fever. Symptoms typically appear within 1 to 6 hours following treatment.

Monitor patients for pulmonary adverse reactions. If TRALI is suspected, perform appropriate tests for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies and anti-human leukocyte antigen (HLA) antibodies in both the product and the patient's serum.

TRALI may be managed using oxygen therapy with adequate ventilatory support.

5.9 Volume Overload

Carefully consider the relative risks and benefits before prescribing the high dose regimen (for chronic ITP and CIDP) in patients at increased risk of thrombosis, hemolysis, acute kidney injury, or volume overload.

5.10 Transmissible Infectious Agents

Because Privigen is made from human blood, it may carry a risk of transmitting infectious agents (eg, viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt Jakob disease [vCJD] agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt Jakob disease [CJD] agent). The risk of infectious agent transmission has been reduced by screening plasma donors for prior exposure to certain viruses, testing for the presence of certain current virus infections, and including virus inactivation/removal steps in the manufacturing process for Privigen.

Report any infection thought to be possibly transmitted by Privigen to CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958.

5.11 Interference with Laboratory Tests

Various passively transferred antibodies in immunoglobulin preparations may lead to misinterpretation of the results of serological testing.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following important adverse reactions are reported with IGIV: hypersensitivity, renal dysfunction and acute renal failure, thrombosis, hyperproteinemia, increased serum viscosity, hyponatremia, aseptic meningitis syndrome, hemolysis, hypertension, transfusion related acute lung injury, volume overload, and transmissible infectious agents *[see Warnings and Precautions (5)]* and are described elsewhere in the prescribing information.[3]

Adverse reactions (ARs) *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]* are defined as adverse events at least possibly related or events occurring during or within 72 hours of a Privigen infusion.

Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

The most serious adverse reaction observed in clinical study subjects receiving Privigen for PI was hypersensitivity in one subject *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. The most common adverse reactions observed in >5% of clinical study subjects with PI were headache, fatigue, nausea, chills, vomiting, back pain, pain, elevated body temperature, abdominal pain, diarrhea, cough, stomach discomfort, chest pain, joint swelling/effusion, influenza-like illness, pharyngolaryngeal pain, urticaria, and dizziness.

Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

The most serious adverse reactions observed in the premarketing clinical study subjects receiving Privigen for chronic ITP were aseptic meningitis syndrome in one subject and hemolysis in two subjects *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5, 5.6)]*. A total of 8 subjects (14%) in the premarketing ITP study experienced hemolysis as documented from clinical laboratory data. No serious adverse reactions were observed in the postmarketing chronic ITP study. A total of 12 subjects (21%) in the postmarketing ITP study were adjudicated to have mild hemolysis as documented from clinical laboratory data *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*. The most common adverse reactions observed in >5% of subjects in both clinical studies of subjects with chronic ITP were laboratory findings consistent with hemolysis (hemoglobin and hematocrit decrease without blood loss in conjunction with positive direct antiglobulin test (DAT) and elevated blood lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) and/or indirect bilirubin), headache, elevated body temperature, anemia, nausea, and vomiting.

Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

The most serious adverse reaction observed in clinical study subjects receiving Privigen for CIDP was hemolysis. The most common adverse reactions observed in >5% of subjects in both clinical studies of subjects with CIDP were headache, asthenia, hypertension, nausea, pain in extremity, hemolysis, influenza like illness, leukopenia, and rash.

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because different clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

Treatment of Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

In a prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter clinical study, 80 subjects with PI (with

a diagnosis of XLA or CVID) received Privigen every 3 or 4 weeks for up to 12 months *[see Clinical Studies (14.1)]*. All subjects had been on regular IGIV replacement therapy for at least 6 months prior to participating in the study. Subjects ranged in age from 3 to 69; 46 (57.5%) were male and 34 (42.5%) were female.

The safety analysis included all 80 subjects, 16 (20%) on the 3-week schedule and 64 (80%) on the 4-week schedule. The median dose of Privigen administered was 428 mg/kg (3-week schedule) or 441 mg/kg (4-week schedule) and ranged from 200 to 888 mg/kg. A total of 1038 infusions of Privigen were administered, 272 in the 3-week schedule and 766 in the 4-week schedule.

Routine premedication was not allowed. However, subjects who experienced two consecutive infusion-related ARs that were likely to be prevented by premedication were permitted to receive antipyretics, antihistamines, NSAIDs, or antiemetic agents. During the study, 8 (10%) subjects received premedication prior to 51 (4.9%) of the 1038 infusions administered.

Table 2 summarizes the most frequent ARs that occurred in >5% of subjects.

Table 2. PI Pivotal Study – ARs* Occurring in >5% of Subjects

AR	Number (%) of Subjects [n=80]	Number (Rate) of Infusions with AR [n=1038]
Headache	36 (45.0)	100 (0.096)
Fatigue	13 (16.3)	29 (0.028)
Nausea	11 (13.8)	23 (0.022)
Chills	9 (11.3)	15 (0.014)
Vomiting	9 (11.3)	15 (0.014)
Back pain	8 (10.0)	15 (0.014)
Pain	7 (8.8)	14 (0.013)
Elevated body temperature	7 (8.8)	12 (0.012)
Diarrhea	6 (7.5)	6 (0.006)
Cough	5 (6.3)	5 (0.005)
Stomach discomfort	5 (6.3)	5 (0.005)

* ARs are defined as adverse events at least possibly related or events occurring during or within 72 hours of a Privigen infusion. Infections are excluded from this table.

Of the 192 ARs reported (including 5 serious, severe ARs described below) 91 were mild (awareness of sign, symptom or event, but easily tolerated), 81 were moderate (discomfort enough to cause interference with usual activity and may have warranted intervention), 19 were severe (incapacitating with inability to do usual activities or significantly affected clinical status, and warranted intervention), and 1 was of unknown severity.

The five serious ARs (hypersensitivity, chills, fatigue, dizziness, and increased body temperature, all severe), occurred in one subject, and resulted in the subject's withdrawal from the study. Two other subjects withdrew from the study due to ARs (chills and headache in one subject; vomiting in the other).

Seventy-seven of the 80 subjects enrolled in this study had a negative DAT at baseline. Of these 77 subjects, 36 (46.8%) developed a positive DAT at some time during the study. However, no subjects showed evidence of hemolytic anemia.

During this study, no subjects tested positive for infection due to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), or B19 virus (B19V).

An extension of the study described above was conducted in 55 adult and pediatric subjects with PI to collect additional efficacy, safety, and tolerability data. This study included 45 subjects from the pivotal study who were receiving Privigen and 10 new subjects who were receiving another IGIV product prior to enrolling in the extension study. Subjects ranged in age from 4 to 81 years; 26 (47.3%) were male and 29 (52.7%) were female.

Subjects were treated with Privigen at median doses ranging from 286 to 832 mg/kg per infusion over a treatment period ranging from 1 to 27 months. Twelve (21.8%) subjects were on a 3-week treatment schedule with the number of infusions per subject ranging from 4 to 38 (median: 8 infusions); 43 (78%) subjects were on a 4-week schedule with the number of infusions ranging from 1 to 31 (median: 15 infusions). A total of 771 infusions were administered in this study.

In this study, subjects who continued from the pivotal study were permitted to receive infusions of Privigen at a rate up to 12 mg/kg/min (as opposed to the maximum of 8 mg/kg/min allowed in the pivotal study) at the discretion of the investigator based on individual tolerability. Twenty-three (51%) of the 45 subjects from the pivotal study (42% of the 55 subjects in the extension study) received 265 (38%) infusions at a maximum rate greater than the recommended rate of 8 mg/kg/min *[see Administration (2.4)]*. The median of the maximum infusion rate in this subset was 12 mg/kg/min. However, because the study was not designed to compare infusion rates, no definitive conclusions regarding tolerability could be drawn for infusion rates higher than the recommended rate of 8 mg/kg/min.

Table 3 summarizes the ARs that occurred in >5% of subjects.

Table 3. PI Extension Study – ARs* Occurring in >5% of Subjects

AR*	Number (%) of Subjects [n=55]	Number (Rate) of Infusions with AR [n=771]
Headache	18 (32.7)	76 (0.099)
Nausea	6 (10.9)	10 (0.013)
Elevated body temperature	4 (7.3)	12 (0.016)
Abdominal pain†	4 (7.3)	7 (0.009)
Chest pain	3 (5.5)	4 (0.005)
Chills	3 (5.5)	7 (0.009)
Joint swelling/effusion	3 (5.5)	7 (0.009)
Pain	3 (5.5)	6 (0.008)
Fatigue	3 (5.5)	5 (0.006)
Influenza-like illness	3 (5.5)	5 (0.006)
Pharyngolaryngeal pain	3 (5.5)	4 (0.005)
Urticaria	3 (5.5)	4 (0.005)
Dizziness	3 (5.5)	3 (0.004)

Note: The AR rates in this study cannot be compared directly to the rates in other IGIV studies, including the original pivotal study described earlier in this section, because (1) the extension study used an enriched population and (2) the selective use of higher infusion rates at the investigators' discretion in a subset of subjects may have introduced bias.

* Excluding infections.

† Includes abdominal pain, abdominal pain upper, and abdominal pain lower.

Of the 125 reported ARs, 76 were mild (did not interfere with routine activities), 40 were moderate (interfered somewhat with routine activities), and 9 were severe (impossible to perform routine activities).

Three subjects experienced ARs: dyspnea and pancytopenia in one subject, a transient ischemic attack 16 days after the infusion in one subject, and mild urticaria in one subject, resulting in the subject's withdrawal from the study.

Treatment of Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

In a prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter premarketing clinical study, 57 subjects with chronic ITP and a platelet count of 20 x 10^9/L or less received a total of 2 g/kg dose of Privigen administered as 1 g/kg infusions daily for 2 consecutive days *[see Clinical Studies (14.2)]*. Subjects ranged in age from 15 to 69; 23 (40%) were male and 34 (60%) were female.

Concomitant medications affecting platelets or other treatments for chronic ITP were not allowed. Thirty-two (56%) subjects received premedication with acetaminophen and/or an antihistamine.

Table 4 summarizes the most frequent ARs that occurred in >5% of subjects with chronic ITP.

Table 4. Chronic ITP Premarketing Clinical Study – ARs* Occurring in >5% of Subjects

AR	Number (%) of Subjects [n=57]	Number (Rate) of Infusions with AR [n=114]
Headache	37 (64.9)	52 (0.456)
Elevated body temperature	21 (36.8)	23 (0.202)
Positive DAT	7 (12.3)	8 (0.070)
Anemia	6 (10.5)	6 (0.053)
Nausea	6 (10.5)	8 (0.070)
Epistaxis	6 (10.5)	8 (0.070)
Vomiting	6 (10.5)	7 (0.061)
Blood bilirubin unconjugated increased	6 (10.5)	6 (0.053)
Blood bilirubin conjugated increased	5 (8.8)	5 (0.044)
Blood total bilirubin increased	3 (5.3)	3 (0.026)
Hematocrit decreased	3 (5.3)	3 (0.026)
Blood lactate dehydrogenase increased	3 (5.3)	3 (0.026)

* ARs were defined as adverse events at least possibly related or events occurring during or within 72 hours after the end of a treatment cycle [two consecutive infusions].

Of the 149 non-serious ARs, 103 were mild (awareness of sign, symptom or event, but easily tolerated), 37 were moderate (discomfort enough to cause interference with usual activity and may have warranted intervention), and 9 were severe (incapacitating with inability to do usual activities or significantly affected clinical status, and warranted intervention).

One subject experienced a serious AR (aseptic meningitis).

Eight subjects, all of whom had a positive DAT, experienced transient drug-related hemolytic reactions, which were associated with elevated bilirubin, elevated lactate dehydrogenase, and a decrease in hemoglobin level within two days after the infusion of Privigen. Two of the eight subjects were clinically anemic but did not require clinical intervention; these cases resolved uneventfully.

Four other subjects with active bleeding were reported to have developed anemia without evidence of hemolysis.

In this study, there was a decrease in hemoglobin after the first Privigen infusion (median decrease of 1.2 g/dL by Day 8) followed by a return to near baseline by Day 29.

Fifty-six of the 57 subjects in this study had a negative DAT at baseline. Of these 56 subjects, 12 (21%) developed a positive DAT during the 29-day study period.

Postmarketing Commitment Study in Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

In a prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter postmarketing clinical study whose primary objective was to evaluate mechanisms of hemolysis, 57 subjects with chronic ITP and a platelet count of $<30 \times 10^9$/L at screening were studied following treatment with Privigen. Twenty-one (21) subjects (37%) received 1 infusion of 1 g/kg on Day 1 and 36 subjects (63%) received 2 infusions each of 1 g/kg (Day 1 and Day 3). Concomitant medications affecting platelets or other treatments for chronic ITP were not allowed. Subjects received premedication with acetaminophen and/or an antihistamine *[see Clinical Studies (14.3)]*.

The most frequent ARs (adverse events at least possibly related or events occurring during or within 72 hours after the end of treatment) that occurred in >5% of subjects with chronic ITP were headache (16 subjects [28%]) and pyrexia (3 subjects [5%]).

No subject experienced a serious adverse reaction.

Of the 23 non-serious ARs, 22 were mild (does not interfere with routine activities), 1 was moderate (interferes somewhat with routine activities), and none were severe (impossible to perform routine activities).

All 57 subjects had a negative DAT at baseline. Twenty-two (38%) developed a positive DAT by Day 4, 19 of these subjects were from blood group A.

Fifteen subjects were adjudicated by an independent expert committee, for presumptive/possible hemolysis, all of whom received 2 g/kg IGIV during the study *[see Clinical Studies (14.3)]*. Twelve subjects (21%) were judged to have mild hemolysis. In these 12 subjects there was a median hemoglobin drop from baseline at Day 9 (nadir) of -3.0 g/dL (range -0.9 to -5.8 g/dL) with Day 9 hemoglobin values ranging from 9.9 to 13.2 g/dL and a median drop from baseline in hemogloblin of -1.2 g/dL (range -0.1 to -2.7 g/dL) at Day 29 (end of study) with hemoglobin values ranging from 11.8 to 15.8 g/dL. Ten subjects were blood group A and 2 subjects were blood group B. These hemoglobin drops were transient and were followed by recovery or partial recovery by Day 29. One subject experienced mild dyspnea between Day 9 and Day 16;

1 subject experienced mild dizziness on Day 4. No subject was judged as having experienced clinically significant intravascular hemolysis. Three of the 15 adjudicated subjects were judged not to have experienced hemolysis.

Treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

In a prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter clinical study (Privigen Impact on Mobility and Autonomy [PRIMA]), 28 subjects with CIDP received a Privigen loading dose of 2 g/kg followed by Privigen maintenance doses of 1 g/kg every 3 weeks for up to 21 weeks with 3 week follow up *[see Clinical Studies (14.4)]*. Administration of the loading dose occurred over 2 days and the maintenance dose over 1 day in the majority of cases.

Table 5 summarizes the most frequent ARs that occurred in ≥5% of subjects with CIDP.

Table 5. CIDP Clinical Study – ARs* Occurring in ≥5% of Subjects

AR	Number (%) of Subjects [n=28]	Number (Rate) of Infusions with AR [n=259]
Headache	8 (28.6)	19 (0.073)
Asthenia	4 (14.3)	4 (0.015)
Hypertension	4 (14.3)	6 (0.023)
Nausea	3 (10.7)	3 (0.012)
Pain in extremity	3 (10.7)	3 (0.012)
Hemolysis	2 (7.1)	2 (0.008)
Influenza like illness	2 (7.1)	2 (0.008)
Leukopenia	2 (7.1)	2 (0.008)
Rash	2 (7.1)	2 (0.008)

*ARs were defined as adverse events at least possibly related or events occurring during or within 72 hours after IV infusion.

Two hemolysis serious adverse reactions occurred after the start of the Privigen induction dose in subjects with non-O blood groups (A and AB). The reactions resolved after discontinuation without the need for transfusion.

Four subjects, three of whom had a history of hypertension, had reversible increases in systolic blood pressure to ≥180 mm Hg during or within 1 to 4 hours following Privigen infusion. One of these subjects who had a history of untreated hypertension had a reversible increase in diastolic blood pressure from 84 mm Hg pre-infusion to 135 mm Hg at 1 hour after the end of the infusion. All were resolved or significantly improved within 1 to 6 hours with either observation alone or changes in oral anti-hypertensive therapy.

A total of 71 ARs were reported: 46 were mild (does not interfere with routine activities), 23 were moderate (interferes somewhat with routine activities), and 2 were severe (impossible to perform routine activities) in intensity.

In a second prospective, open-label Privigen pre-randomization phase of a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study (Polyneuropathy and Treatment with Hizentra [PATH]), 207 IGIV-pretreated subjects with CIDP received a Privigen loading dose of 2 g/kg followed by up to 4 Privigen maintenance doses of 1 g/kg every three weeks for up to 13 weeks. Additionally, 60 of these subjects received Privigen rescue treatment by the same dosing regimen following CIDP relapse during the double-blind post-randomization phase *[see Clinical Studies (14.4)]*.

Eight subjects experienced a serious adverse reaction (acute rash cutaneous, blood pressure diastolic increased, exacerbation of CIDP [2], hypersensitivity, pulmonary embolism, respiratory failure, and migraine. The serious adverse reactions of pulmonary embolism and respiratory failure occurred in subjects with preexisting risk factors. All serious adverse reactions resolved without sequelae.

Adverse reactions that occurred in >5% of subjects with CIDP were headache (33 subjects, 15.9% [rate per infusion 56/1894, 0.030]).

A total of 225 ARs were reported: 160 were mild (is transient, does not usually interfere with routine activities but minimal treatment or therapeutic intervention may be required), 59 were moderate (interferes somewhat with routine activities and usually alleviated with specific intervention but poses no significant or permanent risk of harm), and 6 were severe (interrupts usual activities of daily living, significantly affects clinical status, or may require intensive therapeutic intervention) in intensity.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Because adverse reactions are reported voluntarily post-approval from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate the frequency of these reactions or establish a causal relationship to product exposure.

Privigen

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postmarketing use of Privigen. This list does not include reactions already reported in clinical studies with Privigen *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*.

- *Infusion reactions:* Changes in blood pressure, dyspnea, tachycardia, flushing
- *Hematologic:* hemoglobinuria/hematuria/chromaturia, renal failure
- *Neurological:* photophobia
- *Integumentary:* pruritus

General

In addition, the following adverse reactions have been identified and reported during the post-approval use of immune globulin products.[14]

- *Infusion Reactions:* Tachycardia, malaise, flushing, rigors
- *Renal*: Acute renal dysfunction/failure, osmotic nephropathy
- *Respiratory*: Apnea, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), TRALI, cyanosis,
- hypoxemia, pulmonary edema, bronchospasm
- *Cardiovascular:* Cardiac arrest, thromboembolism, vascular collapse, hypotension
- *Neurological:* Coma, loss of consciousness, seizures, tremor
- *Integumentary:* Stevens-Johnson syndrome, epidermolysis, erythema multiforme, bullous dermatitis
- *Hematologic:* Pancytopenia, leukopenia
- *Gastrointestinal:* Hepatic dysfunction

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Live Virus Vaccines

The passive transfer of antibodies with immunoglobulin administration may interfere with the response to live virus vaccines such as measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella *[see Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.[15]

Inform the immunizing physician of recent therapy with Privigen so that appropriate measures can be taken.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

No human data are available to indicate the presence or absence of drug-associated risk. Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Privigen. It is not known whether Privigen can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Immune globulins cross the placenta from maternal circulation increasingly after 30 weeks of gestation.[16,17] Privigen should be given to pregnant women only if clearly needed. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

No human data are available to indicate the presence or absence of drug-associated risk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Privigen and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Privigen or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Treatment of Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

Privigen was evaluated in 31 pediatric subjects (19 children and 12 adolescents) with PI (prospective, open label, single arm, multicenter clinical study). There were no apparent differences in the safety and efficacy profiles as compared to those in adult subjects. No pediatric-specific dose requirements were necessary to achieve the desired serum IgG levels. The safety and effectiveness of Privigen have not been studied in clinical trials in pediatric patients with PI who are under the age of 3.

Treatment of Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

The safety and effectiveness of Privigen have not been established in pediatric patients with chronic ITP who are under the age of 15.

Treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

The safety and effectiveness of Privigen have not been established in pediatric patients with CIDP who are under the age of 18.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of Privigen in PID and ITP did not include sufficient numbers of subjects age 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects.

The safety and effectiveness of Privigen in CIDP subjects age 65 and over was similar to those under age 65.

Use caution when administering Privigen to patients age 65 and over who are judged to be at increased risk of developing acute renal insufficiency and thrombosis *[see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3)]*. Do not exceed recommended doses, and administer Privigen at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable.

10 OVERDOSAGE

Overdose may lead to fluid overload and hyperviscosity, particularly in the elderly and in patients with impaired renal function.

11 DESCRIPTION

Privigen is a ready-to-use, sterile, 10% protein liquid preparation of polyvalent human immunoglobulin G (IgG) for intravenous administration. Privigen has a purity of at least 98% IgG, consisting primarily of monomers. The balance consists of IgG dimers (≤12%), small amounts of fragments and polymers, and albumin. Privigen contains ≤25 mcg/mL IgA. The IgG subclass distribution (approximate mean values) is IgG_1, 67.8%; IgG_2, 28.7%; IgG_3, 2.3%; and IgG_4, 1.2%. Privigen has an osmolality of approximately 320 mOsmol/kg (range: 240 to 440) and a pH of 4.8 (range: 4.6 to 5.0).

Privigen contains approximately 250 mmol/L (range: 210 to 290) of L-proline (a nonessential amino acid) as a stabilizer and trace amounts of sodium. Privigen contains no carbohydrate stabilizers (e.g., sucrose, maltose) and no preservative.

Privigen is prepared from large pools of human plasma by a combination of cold ethanol fractionation, octanoic acid fractionation, and anion exchange chromatography. The IgG proteins are not subjected to heating or to chemical or enzymatic modification. The Fc and Fab functions of the IgG molecule are retained. Fab functions tested include antigen binding capacities, and Fc functions tested include complement activation and Fc-receptor-mediated leukocyte activation (determined with complexed IgG). Privigen does not activate the complement system or prekallikrein in an unspecific manner.

To specifically reduce blood group A and B antibodies (isoagglutinins A and B) the manufacturing process for Privigen includes an immunoaffinity chromatography step.

All plasma units used in the manufacture of Privigen have been tested and approved for manufacture using FDA-licensed serological assays for hepatitis B surface antigen and antibodies to HCV and HIV-1/2 as well as FDA-licensed Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) for HBV, HCV and HIV-1 and found to be nonreactive (negative). In addition, the plasma has been tested for B19 virus (B19V) DNA by NAT. Only plasma that passed virus screening is used for production, and the limit for B19V in the fractionation pool is set not to exceed 10^4 IU of B19V DNA per mL.

The manufacturing process for Privigen includes three steps to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Two of these are dedicated virus clearance steps: pH 4 incubation to inactivate enveloped viruses and virus filtration to remove, by size exclusion, both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses as small as approximately 20 nanometers. In addition, a depth filtration step contributes to the virus reduction capacity.

These steps have been independently validated in a series of in vitro experiments for their capacity to inactivate and/or remove both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses.

Table 6 shows the virus clearance during the manufacturing process for Privigen, expressed as the mean $\log_{10}$ reduction factor (LRF).

Table 6. Virus Inactivation/Removal in Privigen*

	HIV-1	PRV	BVDV	WNV	EMCV	MVM
Virus property						
Genome	RNA	DNA	RNA	RNA	RNA	DNA
Envelope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Size (nm)	80-100	120-200	50-70	50-70	25-30	18-24
Manufacturing step	**Mean LRF**					
pH 4 incubation	≥5.4	≥5.9	4.6	≥7.8	nt	nt
Depth filtration	≥5.3	≥6.3	2.1	3.0	4.2	2.3
Virus filtration	≥5.3	≥5.5	≥5.1	≥5.9	≥5.4	≥5.5
Overall reduction ($\log_{10}$ units)	**≥16.0**	**≥17.7**	**≥11.8**	**≥16.7**	**≥9.6**	**≥7.8**

HIV-1, human immunodeficiency virus type 1, a model for HIV-1 and HIV-2; PRV, pseudorabies virus, a nonspecific model for large enveloped DNA viruses (eg, herpes virus); BVDV, bovine viral diarrhea virus, a model for hepatitis C virus; WNV, West Nile virus; EMCV, encephalomyocarditis virus, a model for hepatitis A virus; MVM, minute virus of mice, a model for a small highly resistant non-enveloped DNA virus (eg, parvovirus); LRF, $\log_{10}$ reduction factor; nt, not tested.

* The virus clearance of human parvovirus B19 was investigated experimentally at the pH 4 incubation step. The estimated LRF obtained was ≥5.3.

The manufacturing process was also investigated for its capacity to decrease the infectivity of an experimental agent of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), considered a model for CJD and its variant vCJD.[18] Several of the production steps have been shown to decrease TSE infectivity of an experimental model agent. TSE reduction steps include octanoic acid fractionation (≥6.4 $\log_{10}$), depth filtration (2.6 $\log_{10}$), and virus filtration (≥5.8 $\log_{10}$). These studies provide reasonable assurance that low levels of vCJD/CJD agent infectivity, if present in the starting material, would be removed.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Privigen supplies a broad spectrum of opsonizing and neutralizing IgG antibodies against a wide variety of bacterial and viral agents. The mechanism of action has not been fully elucidated, but may include immunomodulatory effects.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Treatment of Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

In the clinical study assessing the efficacy and safety of Privigen in 80 subjects with PI *[see Clinical Studies (14.1)]*, serum concentrations of total IgG and IgG subclasses were measured in 25 subjects (ages 13 to 69) following the 7th infusion for the 3 subjects on the 3-week dosing interval and following the 5th infusion for the 22 subjects on the 4-week dosing interval. The dose of Privigen used in these subjects ranged from 200 mg/kg to 714 mg/kg. After the infusion, blood samples were taken until Day 21 and Day 28 for the 3-week and 4-week dosing intervals, respectively.

Table 7 summarizes the pharmacokinetic parameters of Privigen, based on serum concentrations of total IgG.

Table 7. PI Study – Pharmacokinetic Parameters of Privigen in Subjects

Parameter	3-Week Dosing Interval (n=3)		4-Week Dosing Interval (n=22)	
	Mean (SD)	Median (Range)	Mean (SD)	Median (Range)
C_{max} (peak, mg/dL)	2,550 (400)	2,340 (2,290-3,010)	2,260 (530)	2,340 (1,040-3,460)
C_{min} (trough, mg/dL)	1,230 (230)	1,200 (1,020-1,470)	1,000 (200)	1,000 (580-1,360)
$t_{½}$ (days)	27.6 (5.9)	27.8 (21.6-33.4)	45.4 (18.5)	37.3 (20.6-96.6)
AUC_{0-t} (day × mg/dL)*	32,820 (6,260)	29,860 (28,580-40,010)	36,390 (5,950)	36,670 (19,680-44,340)
$AUC_{0-\infty}$ (day × mg/dL)*	79,315 (20,170)	78,748 (59,435-99,762)	104,627 (33,581)	98,521 (64,803-178,600)
Clearance (mL/day/kg)*	1.3 (0.1)	1.3 (1.1-1.4)	1.3 (0.3)	1.3 (0.9-2.1)
Mean residence time (days)*	38.6 (8.1)	39.5 (30.1-46.2)	65.2 (24.7)	59.0 (33.2-129.6)
Volume of distribution at steady state (mL/kg)*	50 (13)	44 (40-65)	84 (35)	87 (40-207)

C_{max}, maximum serum concentration; C_{min}, trough (minimum level) serum concentration; $t_{½}$, elimination half-life; AUC_{0-t}, area under the curve from 0 hour to last sampling time; $AUC_{0-\infty}$, area under the curve from 0 hour to infinite time.

* Calculated by log-linear trapezoidal rule.

Although no systematic study was conducted to evaluate the effect of gender and age on the pharmacokinetics of Privigen, based on the small sample size (11 males and 14 females), it appears that clearance of Privigen is comparable in males (1.27 ± 0.35 mL/day/kg) and females (1.34 ± 0.22 mL/day/kg). In six subjects between 13 and 15 years of age, the clearance of Privigen (1.35 ± 0.44 mL/day/kg) is comparable to that observed in 19 adult subjects 19 years of age or older (1.29 ± 0.22 mL/day/kg). The IgG subclass levels observed in the pharmacokinetic study were consistent with a physiologic distribution pattern.

Treatment of Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

Pharmacokinetic studies with Privigen were not performed in subjects with chronic ITP.

Treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy

Trough concentrations:

In both the PRIMA and PATH studies, on Day 1, subjects received an induction dose (2 g/kg) given over 2 to 5 days, followed by maintenance doses of 1 g/kg every 3 weeks.

In the PRIMA study, from Day 1 (reference) to Day 2, the mean serum IgG trough concentration increased from 12.6 ± 3.8 g/L to 24.4 ± 7.0 g/L. At Week 7, before the second maintenance treatment of (1 g/kg) given over 1 or 2 days every 3 weeks, the mean IgG trough concentration was 17.5 ± 3.1 g/L and remained stable from Week 7 to Week 19.

In the PATH study, from Day 1 (reference) to Day 5, the mean serum IgG trough concentration increased from 12.7 ± 3.2 g/L to 33.2 ± 6.9 g/L. At Week 7, before the second maintenance treatment of (1 g/kg) given over 1 or 2 days every 3 weeks, the mean IgG trough concentration was 17.7 ± 4.0 g/L and remained stable from Week 7 to Week 13.

Post-infusion concentrations:

In the PRIMA study, from Day 1 to Day 2, the post-infusion serum IgG concentration increased from 28.6 ± 8.5 g/L to 40.0 ± 11.5 g/L. At Week 7 (after the second maintenance treatment), the post-infusion IgG concentration was 32.3 ± 8.0 g/L and remained stable from Week 7 to Week 19.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Treatment of Primary Humoral Immunodeficiency

A prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter study assessed the efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics of Privigen in adult and pediatric subjects with PI, who were treated for 12 months at a 3-week or 4-week dosing interval. Subjects ranged in age from 3 to 69; 46 (57.5%) were male and 34 (42.5%) were female; 77.5% were Caucasian, 15% were Hispanic, and 7.5% were African-American. All subjects had been on regular IGIV replacement therapy for at least 6 months prior to participating in the study.

The efficacy analysis included 80 subjects, 16 (20%) on the 3-week dosing interval and 64 (80%) on the 4-week dosing interval. Doses ranged from 200 mg/kg to 888 mg/kg per infusion. The median dose for the 3-week interval was 428.3 mg/kg per infusion; the median dose for the 4-week interval was 440.6 mg/kg per infusion. Subjects received a total of 1038 infusions of Privigen, 272 for the 3-week dosing regimen and 766 for the 4-week dosing regimen. The maximum infusion rate allowed during this study was 8 mg/kg/min with 715 (69%) of the infusions administered at a rate of 7 mg/kg/min or greater.

The primary analysis for efficacy was based on the annual rate of acute serious bacterial infections (aSBIs), defined as pneumonia, bacteremia/septicemia, osteomyelitis/septic arthritis, bacterial meningitis, and visceral abscess, per subject per year. Secondary analyses were based on the annual rate of other infections, antibiotic use, days out of work/school/day care or unable to perform normal activities due to illness, and days of hospitalization.

During the 12-month study period, the aSBI rate was 0.08 (with an upper 1-sided 99% confidence interval of 0.203), which met the predefined success rate of less than one aSBI per subject per year. Six subjects experienced an aSBI, including three cases of pneumonia and one case each of septic arthritis, osteomyelitis, and visceral abscess. All six subjects completed the study.

The rate of other infections was 3.55 infections per subject per year. The infections that occurred most frequently were sinusitis (31.3%), nasopharyngitis (22.5%), upper respiratory tract infection (18.8%), bronchitis (13.8%), and rhinitis (13.8%). Among the 255 infections, 16 (6.3%) occurring in 10 subjects were considered severe.

Table 8 summarizes the efficacy results for all 80 subjects.

Table 8. PI Study – Summary of Efficacy Results in Subjects

Number of Subjects	80
Results from Case Report Forms	
Total Number of Subject Days	26,198
Infections Annual rate of confirmed aSBIs* Annual rate of other infections	 0.08 aSBIs/subject year† 3.55 infections/subject year
Antibiotic use Number of subjects (%) Annual rate	 64 (80%) 87.4 days/subject year
Results from Subject Diaries	
Total Number of Diary Days	24,059
Out of work/school/day care or unable to perform normal activities due to illness Number of days (%) Annual rate	 570 (2.37%) 8.65 days/subject year
Hospitalization Number of days (%) Annual rate	 166 (0.69%) 2.52 days/subject year

* Defined as pneumonia, bacterial meningitis, bacteremia/septicemia, osteomyelitis/septic arthritis, and visceral abscess.

† Upper 1-sided 99% confidence interval: 0.203.

14.2 Treatment of Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

A prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter study assessed the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of Privigen in 57 subjects with chronic ITP and a platelet count of 20 x 10^9/L or less. Subjects ranged in age from 15 to 69; 23 (40.4%) were male and 34 (59.6%) were female; all were Caucasian.

Subjects received a 2 g/kg dosage of Privigen administered as 1 g/kg (10 mL/kg) intravenous infusion daily for 2 consecutive days, and were observed for 29 days. Fifty-three (93%) subjects received Privigen at the maximum infusion rate allowed (4 mg/kg/min [0.04 mL/kg/min]).

The primary analysis was based on the response rate defined as the percentage of subjects with an increase in platelet counts to at least 50 x 10^9/L within 7 days after the first infusion (responders). Secondary analyses were based on the increase in platelet counts and the time to reach a platelet count of at least 50 x 10^9/L at any point within the study period, the duration of that response, and the regression (decrease in the severity) of hemorrhage in subjects who had bleeding at baseline. Platelet counts were measured on Days 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Additional measurements on Days 57 and 85 occurred in subjects with a platelet count of at least 50 x 10^9/L at the previous visit.

Of the 57 subjects in the efficacy analysis, 46 (80.7%) responded to Privigen with a rise in platelet counts to at least 50 x 10^9/L within 7 days after the first infusion. The lower bound of the 95% confidence interval for the response rate (69.2%) is above the predefined response rate of 50%.

The highest median increase in platelet counts was seen 7 days after the first infusion (123 x 10^9/L). The median maximum platelet count achieved was 154 x 10^9/L. The median time to reach a platelet response of more than 50 x 10^9/L was 2.5 days after the first infusion. Twenty-five (43%) of the 57 subjects reached this response by Day 2 prior to the second infusion and 43 (75%) subjects reached this response by Day 6.

The duration of platelet response was analyzed for the 48 subjects who achieved a response any time after the first infusion. The median duration of platelet response in these subjects was 15.4 days (range: 1 to >82 days). Thirty-six (75%) of the 48 subjects maintained the response for at least 8.8 days and 12 (25%) of them for at least 21.9 days. Five (9%) subjects maintained a response up to Day 29 and two (4%) up to Day 85.

A decrease in the severity of hemorrhage from baseline was observed in the following bleeding locations: skin (31 of 36 subjects), oral cavity (11 of 11 subjects), and genitourinary tract (7 of 9 subjects). This decrease was not sustained in all subjects up to the end of the 29-day study period.

14.3 Postmarketing Commitment Study in Chronic Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

A prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter study assessed efficacy and safety parameters in 57 IGIV-treated subjects with chronic ITP with a platelet count of <30 x 10^9/L at screening. Fifty-three subjects had a history of chronic ITP with a duration of greater than 6 months and 4 subjects, all of whom had received prior treatment for ITP with subsequent elevation followed by falls in platelet counts, had a duration of ITP less than 6 months. The study examined the incidence of subjects who met laboratory and clinical criteria for hemolysis and was intended to identify antibodies most frequently bound to erythrocytes in subjects who experienced clinically significant intravascular hemolysis. Subjects ranged in age from 18 to 65; 20 (35.1%) were male and 37 (64.9%) were female; all were Caucasian.

Twenty-one (21) subjects (37%) received 1 infusion of 1 g/kg on Day 1 and 36 subjects (63%) received 2 infusions of 1 g/kg (Day 1 and Day 3). The second infusion was administered based on the subject's platelet response to the Day 1 dose (<50 x 10^9/L) and investigator's discretion.

The efficacy endpoint platelet response (increase in platelet count at least once to at least 50 x 10^9/L within 6 days after the first infusion) was achieved in 42 subjects (74%; 95% confidence interval [CI]: 61% to 83%).

Fifteen subjects with a suspicion of hemolysis based on laboratory data were referred for independent expert adjudication during the study. The adjudication committee selected from 3 options for their determination: no hemolysis, hemolysis, or clinically significant intravascular hemolysis. The set of antibodies most frequently bound to erythrocytes in subjects with clinically significant intravascular hemolysis could not be analyzed, because no subject experienced clinically significant intravascular hemolysis. No irregular antibodies were detected in any subject; therefore, no association between such antibodies and hemolytic laboratory changes could be established. Hemolytic laboratory changes were most often found in non-O blood group (especially the A blood group) subjects and those receiving 2 infusions. These laboratory parameters improved or normalized by the end of the study in the majority of subjects. Seven subjects (12% of the study population) with a normal hemoglobin at baseline had an abnormal hemoglobin at Day 29 (end of study) with a hemoglobin range from 11.2 to 13.6 g/dL.

Post-hoc analyses were performed using a set of defined criteria for hemolysis. The hemolysis group (18 subjects, 32%) met the criterion for greater than 1 g/dL drop in hemoglobin within a 21-day interval since the last IGIV administration not explained by blood loss or repeated phlebotomy, were treatment-emergent DAT positive, and met at least one other minor criterion (eg, fall in serum haptoglobin level to below the lower limit of normal, rise in lactate dehydrogenase level above the upper limit of normal, rise in indirect or total bilirubin to above the upper limit of normal, or rise in plasma-free hemoglobin above the upper limit of normal). Fourteen of 15 previously adjudicated presumptive hemolysis cases during the study were included in this post-hoc hemolysis group.

14.4 Treatment of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP)

In a prospective, open-label, single-arm, multicenter clinical study (Privigen Impact on Mobility and Autonomy [PRIMA]), 28 subjects with CIDP (13 IGIV-pretreated and 15 IGIV-untreated) received a Privigen loading dose of 2 g/kg followed by Privigen maintenance doses of 1 g/kg for up to 21 weeks with a 3 week follow up.

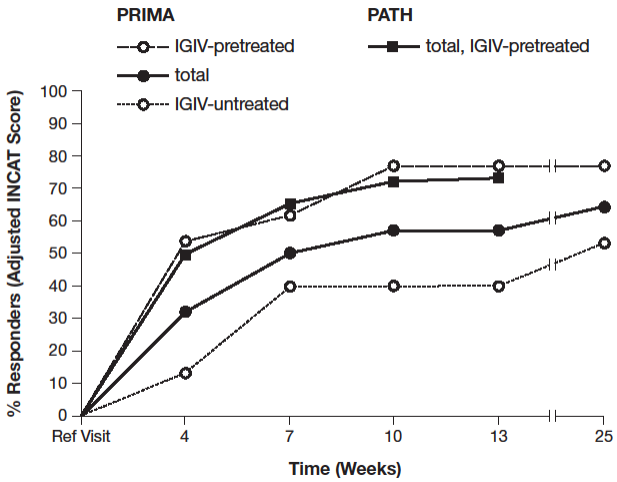
Efficacy in the PRIMA study was based on the responder rate of Privigen in comparison to an historical control in the adjusted 10-point Inflammatory Neuropathy Cause and Treatment (INCAT) score.19 The responder rate was defined as the proportion of subjects who demonstrated clinically meaningful improvement (at least 1 point decrease on adjusted Inflammatory Neuropathy Cause and Treatment [INCAT] score) between baseline and Week 25, with a pre-specified threshold of 35% in the lower limit of the 2-sided 95% Wilson-Score confidence interval (CI). The overall percentage of responders in PRIMA was 61% (95% CI: 42.4% to 76.4%). Response rates were 47% in IGIV-untreated and 77% in IGIV-pretreated subject subgroups. In a post-hoc analysis, the overall percentage of subjects in PRIMA who responded by week 10 and maintained the response through week 25 and lacked confounding changes in glucocorticoid/immunosuppressant dosage was 53.6% (95% CI: 35.8% to 70.5%).

In a second study (PATH) with the same Privigen dosing regimen, all 207 subjects were IGIV-pretreated and had relapsed following withdrawal of IGIV prior to being administered Privigen *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3)]*. The response rate was 73% (see Figure 1). Among the subset of 151 subjects in the PATH study who had deteriorated by one or more points in adjusted INCAT score following withdrawal of IGIV, 137 subjects

(90.7%) responded during the Privigen "restabilization" period with an increase of one or more adjusted INCAT score points.

The overall median time to first adjusted INCAT response in PRIMA was 7.5 weeks (18 weeks in IGIV-untreated and 3 weeks in IGIV-pretreated). The median time to first adjusted INCAT response in PATH (all IGIV-pretreated) was 3.7 weeks (95% CI: 3.4 to 5.9 weeks). Mean INCAT score in PRIMA showed a clinically meaningful improvement by 1.4 points (1.1 points for IGIV-untreated, and 1.8 points for IGIV-pretreated [1.2 points in PATH]).

Figure 1. Percentage of Responders (Adjusted INCAT Score)



Medical Research Council (MRC) sum score in PRIMA improved by a mean of 6.9 points (7.7 points for IGIV-untreated and 6.1 points for IGIV-pretreated). MRC sum score in PATH improved by a mean of 3.6 points.

Grip strength of the dominant hand improved in PRIMA by a mean of 14.1 kPa (17.0 kPa for IGIV-untreated and 10.8 kPa for IGIV-pretreated subgroups). Grip strength of the dominant hand improved in PATH by a mean of 12.2 kPa. Similar results were observed for the non-dominant hand in both studies.

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16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

How Supplied

- Privigen is supplied in a single-use, tamper-evident vial containing the labeled amount of functionally active IgG. The Privigen packaging components are not made with natural rubber latex.

Each product presentation includes a package insert and the following components:

Presentation	Carton NDC Number	Components
50 mL	44206-436-05	Vial containing 5 grams of protein (NDC 44206-436-90)
100 mL	44206-437-10	Vial containing 10 grams of protein (NDC 44206-437-91)
200 mL	44206-438-20	Vial containing 20 grams of protein (NDC 44206-438-92)
400 mL	44206-439-40	Vial containing 40 grams of protein (NDC 44206-439-93)

Storage and Handling

- Keep Privigen in its original carton to protect it from light.
- Each vial has an integral suspension band and a label with two peel-off strips showing the product name, lot number, and expiration date.
- When stored at room temperature (up to 25ºC [77ºF]), Privigen is stable for up to 36 months, as indicated by the expiration date printed on the outer carton and vial label.
- Do not freeze.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Inform patients of the early signs of hypersensitivity reactions to Privigen (including hives, generalized urticaria, tightness of the chest, wheezing, hypotension, and anaphylaxis), and advise them to notify their physician if they experience any of these symptoms *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.

Inform patients to immediately report the following signs and symptoms to their physician:

- Decreased urine output, sudden weight gain, fluid retention/edema, and/or shortness of breath, which may suggest kidney problems *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.
- Instruct patients to immediately report symptoms of thrombosis. These symptoms may include: pain and/or swelling of an arm or leg with warmth over the affected area, discoloration of an arm or leg, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort that worsens on deep breathing, unexplained rapid pulse, numbness or weakness on one side of the body *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.
- Severe headache, neck stiffness, drowsiness, fever, sensitivity to light, painful eye movements, nausea, and vomiting, which may suggest aseptic meningitis syndrome *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]*.
- Fatigue, increased heart rate, yellowing of skin or eyes, and dark-colored urine, which may suggest hemolysis *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*.
- Severe breathing problems, lightheadedness, drops in blood pressure, and fever, which may suggest TRALI (a condition typically occurring within 1 to 6 hours following transfusion) *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]*.

Inform patients that Privigen is made from human blood and may contain infectious agents that can cause disease (eg, viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease [vCJD] agent and, theoretically the CJD agent). Explain that the risk that Privigen may transmit an infectious agent has been reduced by screening the plasma donors, by testing donated plasma for certain virus infections, and by inactivating or removing certain viruses during manufacturing, and counsel patients to report any symptoms that concern them *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.10)]*.

Inform patients that administration of IgG may interfere with the response to live virus vaccines (eg, measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella), and instruct them to notify their immunizing physician of recent therapy with Privigen *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.11)]*.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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HIZENTRA, Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), 20% Liquid
Initial U.S. Approval: 2010

WARNING: THROMBOSIS

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products, including Hizentra. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors.**
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Hizentra at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity.**

----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------

Hizentra is an Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human) (IGSC), 20% Liquid indicated for the treatment of primary immunodeficiency (PI) in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older (1).

----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------

For subcutaneous infusion only.

Administer at regular intervals from daily up to every two weeks (biweekly).

Dosage (2.2)

Before switching to Hizentra, obtain the patient's serum IgG trough level to guide subsequent dose adjustments.

- Weekly: Start Hizentra 1 week after last IGIV infusion

  $$\text{Initial weekly dose} = \frac{\text{Previous IGIV dose (in grams)}}{\text{No. of weeks between IGIV doses}} \times 1.37$$

- Biweekly: Start Hizentra 1 or 2 weeks after the last IGIV infusion or 1 week after the last weekly Hizentra/IGSC infusion. Administer twice the calculated weekly dose.
- Frequent dosing (2 to 7 times per week): Start Hizentra 1 week after the last IGIV or Hizentra/IGSC infusion. Divide the calculated weekly dose by the desired number of times per week.
- Adjust the dose based on clinical response and serum IgG trough levels (*see Dose Adjustment*).

Administration (2.3)

- Infusion sites – 1 to 4 injection sites simultaneously, with at least 2 inches between sites.

Infusion Parameters*	Infusion Number			
	1st	2nd to 4th	5th	6th and above
Volume (mL/site)	≤ 15		≤ 20	≤ 25
Rate (mL/hr/site)	15	≤ 25		

* As tolerated

----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------

0.2 g per mL (20%) protein solution for subcutaneous injection (3)

----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------

- Anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to human immune globulin or components of Hizentra, such as polysorbate 80 (4)
- Hyperprolinemia (type I or II) (Hizentra contains the stabilizer L-proline) (4)
- IgA-deficient patients with antibodies against IgA and a history of hypersensitivity (4)

----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------

- IgA-deficient patients with anti-IgA antibodies are at greater risk of severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions (5.1).
- Thrombosis may occur following treatment with immune globulin products, including Hizentra (5.2).
- Aseptic meningitis syndrome has been reported with IGIV or IGSC treatment (5.3).
- Monitor renal function, including blood urea nitrogen, serum creatinine, and urine output in patients at risk of acute renal failure (5.4).
- Monitor for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis (5.5).
- Monitor for pulmonary adverse reactions (transfusion-related acute lung injury [TRALI]) (5.6)
- Hizentra is made from human plasma and may contain infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent (5.7).

----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------

The most common adverse reactions observed in ≥5% of study subjects were local reactions (i.e., swelling, redness, heat, pain, and itching at the injection site), headache, diarrhea, fatigue, back pain, nausea, pain in extremity, cough, rash, pruritus, vomiting, abdominal pain (upper), migraine, and pain (6).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch*.

----------DRUG INTERACTIONS----------

The passive transfer of antibodies may interfere with the response to live virus vaccines (7.1), and lead to misinterpretation of the results of serological testing (5.8, 7.2).

----------USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS----------

- Pediatric: No specific dose requirements are necessary to achieve the desired serum IgG levels (8.4).

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and the accompanying FDA-approved patient labeling

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS*

* Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed.

Hizentra®
Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human) (IGSC), 20% Liquid

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

WARNING: THROMBOSIS

- **Thrombosis may occur with immune globulin products[1-3], including Hizentra. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2), and Patient Counseling Information (17).***
- **For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Hizentra at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity *(see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].***

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Hizentra is an Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human) (IGSC), 20% Liquid indicated as replacement therapy for primary humoral immunodeficiency (PI) in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older. This includes, but is not limited to, the humoral immune defect in congenital agammaglobulinemia, common variable immunodeficiency, X-linked agammaglobulinemia, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, and severe combined immunodeficiencies.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For subcutaneous infusion only.

2.1 Preparation and Handling

Hizentra is a clear and pale yellow to light brown solution. Do not use if the solution is cloudy or contains particulates.

- Prior to administration, visually inspect each vial of Hizentra for particulate matter or discoloration, whenever the solution and container permit.
- Do not freeze. Do not use any solution that has been frozen.
- Check the product expiration date on the vial label. Do not use beyond the expiration date.
- Do not mix Hizentra with other products.
- Do not shake the Hizentra vial.
- Use aseptic technique when preparing and administering Hizentra.
- The Hizentra vial is for single-use only. Discard all used administration supplies and any unused product immediately after each infusion in accordance with local requirements.

2.2 Dosage

- Hizentra can be administered at regular intervals from daily up to every two weeks (biweekly).
- Individualize the dose based on the patient's clinical response to Hizentra therapy and serum immunoglobulin G (IgG) trough levels.
- Before receiving treatment with Hizentra:
  - Ensure that patients have received Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV) treatment at regular intervals for at least 3 months.
  - Obtain the patient's serum IgG trough level to guide subsequent dose adjustments *(see below under Dose Adjustment)*.

Dosage for patients switching to Hizentra from Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human) (IGIV)

- Establish the initial weekly dose of Hizentra by converting the monthly IGIV dose into a weekly equivalent and increasing it using a dose adjustment factor. The goal is to achieve a systemic serum IgG exposure (area under the concentration-time curve [AUC]) not inferior to that of the previous IGIV treatment.
  - To calculate the initial weekly dose of Hizentra, divide the previous IGIV dose in grams by the number of weeks between doses during the patient's IGIV treatment (e.g., 3 or 4); then multiply this by the dose adjustment factor of 1.37 *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3, Table 8)]*

$$\text{Initial Hizentra dose} = \frac{\text{Previous IGIV dose (in grams)}}{\text{Number of weeks between IGIV doses}} \times 1.37$$

  - To convert the Hizentra dose (in grams) to milliliters (mL), multiply the calculated dose (in grams) by 5.
- Provided the total weekly dose is maintained, any dosing interval from daily up to biweekly can be used and will result in systemic serum IgG exposure that is comparable to the previous IGIV or weekly Hizentra treatment *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]*.
- For biweekly dosing, multiply the calculated Hizentra weekly dose by 2.
- For frequent dosing (2 to 7 times per week), divide the calculated weekly dose by the desired number of times per week (e.g., for 3 times per week dosing, divide weekly dose by 3).

Dosage for patients switching to Hizentra from IGSC

- The previous weekly IGSC dose should be maintained.
- For biweekly dosing, multiply the previous weekly dose by 2.
- For frequent dosing (2 to 7 times per week), divide the previous weekly dose by the desired number of times per week (e.g., for 3 times per week dosing, divide weekly dose by 3).

Start Hizentra treatment:

- For weekly or frequent dosing, start treatment with Hizentra 1 week after the patient's last IGIV infusion or Hizentra/IGSC infusion.
- For biweekly dosing, start treatment 1 or 2 weeks after the last IGIV infusion or 1 week after the last weekly Hizentra/IGSC infusion.

Dose Adjustment

Over time, the dose may need to be adjusted to achieve the desired clinical response and serum IgG trough level, irrespective of the frequency of administration. To determine if a dose adjustment should be considered, measure the patient's serum IgG trough level 2 to 3 months after switching to Hizentra.

Weekly dosing: When switching from IGIV to weekly Hizentra dosing, the target serum IgG trough level is projected to be approximately 16% higher than the last trough level during prior IGIV therapy *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]*.

Biweekly dosing: When switching from IGIV to biweekly Hizentra dosing, the target serum IgG trough level is projected to be approximately 10% higher than the last IGIV trough level. When switching from weekly to biweekly Hizentra dosing, the target trough is projected to be approximately 5% lower than the last trough level on weekly therapy *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]*.

Frequent dosing: When switching from weekly dosing to more frequent Hizentra dosing, the target serum IgG trough level is projected to be approximately 3 to 4% higher than the last trough level on weekly therapy *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]*.

To adjust the dose based on serum trough levels, calculate the difference (in mg/dL) between the patient's serum IgG trough level and the target IgG trough level for weekly or biweekly dosing. Then find this difference in Table 1 (Column 1) and, based on the Hizentra dosing frequency (for weekly or biweekly) and the patient's body weight, locate the corresponding adjustment amount (in mL) by which to increase (or decrease) the dose. For frequent dosing, add the weekly increment from Table 1 to the weekly-equivalent dose and then divide by the number of days of dosing.

Use the patient's clinical response as the primary consideration in dose adjustment. Additional dosage increments may be indicated based on the patient's clinical response (infection frequency and severity).

Table 1. Incremental Adjustment (mL)* of the Hizentra Dose† Based on the Difference (±mg/dL) from the Target Serum IgG Trough Level

Difference From Target Serum IgG Trough Level (mg/dL)	Dosing Frequency	Weight Adjusted Dose Increment (mL)*				
		Weight Group				
		>10 to 30 kg	>30 to 50 kg	>50 to 70 kg	>70 to 90 kg	>90 kg
50	Weekly‡	n/a	2.5	5	5	10
	Biweekly	5	5	10	10	20
100	Weekly	2.5	5	10	10	15
	Biweekly	5	10	20	20	30
200	Weekly	5	10	15	20	30
	Biweekly	10	20	30	40	60

n/a, not applicable.

* Incremental adjustments based on slopes of the pharmacometric model-predicted relationship between serum IgG trough level and Hizentra dose increments of 1 mg/kg per week.

† Includes biweekly, weekly or frequent dosing.

‡ To determine the dose increment for frequent dosing, add the weekly increment to the weekly-equivalent dose and then divide by the number of days of dosing.

For example, if a patient with a body weight of 70 kg has an actual IgG trough level of 900 mg/dL and the target trough level is 1000 mg/dL, this results in a difference of 100 mg/dL. Therefore, increase the weekly dose of Hizentra by 10 mL. For biweekly dosing, increase the biweekly dose by 20 mL. For 2 times per week dosing, increase the dose by 5 mL.

Monitor the patient's clinical response, and repeat the dose adjustment as needed.

Dosage requirements for patients switching to Hizentra from another IGSC product: If a patient on Hizentra does not maintain an adequate clinical response or a serum IgG trough level equivalent to that of the previous IGSC treatment, the physician may want to adjust the dose. For such patients, Table 1 also provides guidance for dose adjustment if their desired IGSC trough level is known.

Measles Exposure

Administer a minimum total weekly Hizentra dose of 200 mg/kg body weight for two consecutive weeks if a patient is at risk of measles exposure (i.e., due to an outbreak in the US or travel to endemic areas outside of the US. For biweekly dosing, one infusion of a

minimum of 400 mg/kg is recommended. If a patient has been exposed to measles, ensure this minimum dose is administered as soon as possible after exposure.

2.3 Administration

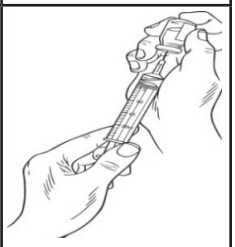
Hizentra is for subcutaneous infusion only.

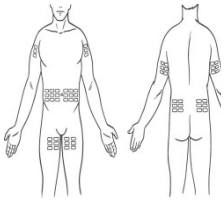
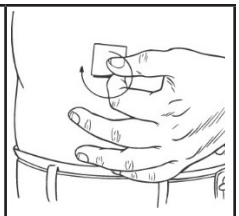
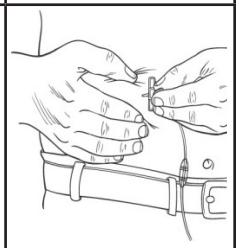
Hizentra is intended for subcutaneous administration using an infusion pump. Infuse Hizentra in the abdomen, thigh, upper arm, and/or lateral hip.

- Injection sites – A Hizentra dose may be infused into multiple injection sites. Use up to 4 sites simultaneously or up to 12 sites consecutively per infusion. Injection sites should be at least 2 inches apart. Change the actual site of injection with each administration.
- Volume – For the first infusion of Hizentra, do not exceed a volume of 15 mL per injection site. The volume may be increased to 20 mL per site for the fifth infusion and then to 25 mL per site as tolerated.
- Rate – For the first infusion of Hizentra, the recommended flow rate is 15 mL per hour per site. For subsequent infusions, the flow rate may be increased to 25 mL per hour per site as tolerated.

Follow the steps below and use aseptic technique to administer Hizentra.

1.	**Assemble supplies** – Gather the Hizentra vial(s), disposable supplies (not provided with Hizentra), and other items (infusion pump, sharps or other container, patient's treatment diary/log book) needed for the infusion.	
2.	**Clean surface** – Thoroughly clean a flat surface using an alcohol wipe.	
3.	**Wash hands** – Thoroughly wash and dry hands. The use of gloves when preparing and administering Hizentra is optional.	
4.	**Check vials** – Carefully inspect each vial of Hizentra. Do not use the vial if the liquid looks cloudy, contains particles, or has changed color, if the protective cap is missing, or if the expiration date on the label has passed.	

5.	**Transfer Hizentra from vial(s) to syringe**
	• Remove the protective cap from the vial to expose the central portion of the rubber stopper of the Hizentra vial.
	• Clean the stopper with an alcohol wipe and allow it to dry.
	  • If using a transfer device, follow the instructions provided by the device manufacturer.
	  • If using a needle and a syringe to transfer Hizentra, follow the instructions below.
	  • Attach a sterile transfer needle to a sterile syringe. Pull back on the plunger of the syringe to draw air into the syringe that is equal to the amount of Hizentra to be withdrawn.
	  • Insert the transfer needle into the center of the vial stopper and, to avoid foaming, inject the air into headspace of the vial (not into the liquid).
	  • Withdraw the desired volume of Hizentra.
	When using multiple vials to achieve the desired dose, repeat this step.
		

6.	**Prepare infusion pump and tubing** – Follow the manufacturer's instructions for preparing the pump, using subcutaneous administration sets and tubing, as needed. Be sure to prime the tubing with Hizentra to ensure that no air is left in the tubing.	
7.	**Prepare injection site(s)** • The number and location of injection sites depends on the volume of the total dose. Infuse Hizentra into a maximum of 4 sites simultaneously; or up to 12 consecutively per infusion. Injection sites should be at least 2 inches apart.	
	• Using an antiseptic skin preparation, clean each site beginning at the center and working outward in a circular motion. Allow each site to dry before proceeding.	
8.	**Insert needle(s)** • Grasp the skin between 2 fingers and insert the needle into the subcutaneous tissue. • If necessary, use sterile gauze and tape or transparent dressing to hold the needle in place.	
9.	**Start infusion** – Follow the manufacturer's instructions to turn on the infusion pump.	
10.	**Record treatment** – Remove the peel-off portion of the label from each vial used, and affix it to the patient's treatment diary/log book or scan the vial if recording the infusion electronically.	
11.	**Clean up** – After administration is complete, turn off the infusion pump. Take off the tape or dressing and remove the needle set from the infusion site(s). Disconnect the tubing from the pump. Immediately discard any unused product and all used disposable supplies in accordance with local requirements. Clean and store the pump according to the manufacturer's instructions.	

For self-administration, provide the patient with instructions and training for subcutaneous infusion in the home or other appropriate setting.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Hizentra is a 0.2 g/mL (20%) protein solution for subcutaneous injection.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Hizentra is contraindicated in patients who have had an anaphylactic or severe systemic reaction to the administration of human immune globulin or to components of Hizentra, such as polysorbate 80.

Hizentra is contraindicated in patients with hyperprolinemia (type I or II) because it contains the stabilizer L-proline *[see Description (11)]*.

Hizentra is contraindicated in IgA-deficient patients with antibodies against IgA and a history of hypersensitivity *[see Description (11)]*.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Hypersensitivity

Severe hypersensitivity reactions may occur to human immune globulin or components of Hizentra, such as polysorbate 80. If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs, discontinue the Hizentra infusion immediately and institute appropriate treatment.

Individuals with IgA deficiency can develop anti-IgA antibodies and anaphylactic reactions (including anaphylaxis and shock) after administration of blood components containing IgA. Patients with known antibodies to IgA may have a greater risk of developing potentially severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions with administration of Hizentra. Hizentra contains ≤50 mcg/mL IgA *[see Description (11)]*.

5.2 Thrombosis

Thrombosis may occur following treatment with immune globulin products[1-3], including Hizentra. Risk factors may include: advanced age, prolonged immobilization, hypercoagulable conditions, history of venous or arterial thrombosis, use of estrogens, indwelling central vascular catheters, hyperviscosity, and cardiovascular risk factors. Thrombosis may occur in the absence of known risk factors.

Consider baseline assessment of blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity, including those with cryoglobulins, fasting chylomicronemia/markedly high triacylglycerols (triglycerides), or monoclonal gammopathies. For patients at risk of thrombosis, administer Hizentra at the minimum dose and infusion rate practicable. Ensure adequate hydration in patients before administration. Monitor for signs and symptoms of thrombosis and assess blood viscosity in patients at risk for hyperviscosity *[see Boxed Warning* and *Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.

5.3 Aseptic Meningitis Syndrome (AMS)

AMS has been reported with use of IGIV[4] or IGSC. The syndrome usually begins within several hours to 2 days following immune globulin treatment. AMS is characterized by the following signs and symptoms: severe headache, nuchal rigidity, drowsiness, fever, photophobia, painful eye movements, nausea, and vomiting. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) studies frequently show pleocytosis up to several thousand cells per cubic millimeter, predominantly from the granulocytic series, and elevated protein levels up to several hundred mg/dL. AMS may occur more frequently in association with high doses (≥2 g/kg) and/or rapid infusion of immune globulin product.

Patients exhibiting such signs and symptoms should receive a thorough neurological examination, including CSF studies, to rule out other causes of meningitis. Discontinuation of immune globulin treatment has resulted in remission of AMS within several days without sequelae.

5.4 Renal Dysfunction/Failure

Acute renal dysfunction/failure, acute tubular necrosis, proximal tubular nephropathy, osmotic nephrosis and death may occur with use of human immune globulin products, especially those containing sucrose.[5] Hizentra does not contain sucrose. Ensure that patients are not volume depleted before administering Hizentra.

For patients judged to be at risk for developing renal dysfunction, including patients with any degree of pre-existing renal insufficiency, diabetes mellitus, age greater than 65, volume depletion, sepsis, paraproteinemia, or patients receiving known nephrotoxic drugs, monitor renal function and consider lower, more frequent dosing *[see Dosing and Administration (2.3)]*.

Periodic monitoring of renal function and urine output is particularly important in patients judged to have a potential increased risk of developing acute renal failure.[6] Assess renal function, including measurement of blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and serum creatinine, before the initial infusion of Hizentra and at appropriate intervals thereafter. If renal function deteriorates, consider discontinuing Hizentra.

5.5 Hemolysis

Hizentra can contain blood group antibodies that may act as hemolysins and induce in vivo coating of red blood cells (RBCs) with immunoglobulin, causing a positive direct antiglobulin (Coombs') test result and hemolysis.[7-9] Delayed hemolytic anemia can develop subsequent to immune globulin therapy due to enhanced RBC sequestration, and acute hemolysis, consistent with intravascular hemolysis, has been reported.[10]

Monitor recipients of Hizentra for clinical signs and symptoms of hemolysis. If signs and/or symptoms of hemolysis are present after Hizentra infusion, perform appropriate confirmatory laboratory testing.

5.6 Transfusion-Related Acute Lung Injury (TRALI)

Noncardiogenic pulmonary edema may occur in patients administered human immune globulin products.[11] TRALI is characterized by severe respiratory distress, pulmonary edema, hypoxemia, normal left ventricular function, and fever. Typically, it occurs within 1 to 6 hours following transfusion. Patients with TRALI may be managed using oxygen therapy with adequate ventilatory support.

Monitor Hizentra recipients for pulmonary adverse reactions. If TRALI is suspected, perform appropriate tests for the presence of anti-neutrophil antibodies in both the product and patient's serum.

5.7 Transmissible Infectious Agents

Because Hizentra is made from human plasma, it may carry a risk of transmitting infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent. This also applies to unknown or emerging viruses and other pathogens. No cases of transmission of viral diseases or CJD have been associated with the use of Hizentra. All infections suspected by a physician possibly to have been transmitted by Hizentra should be reported to CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958.

5.8 Laboratory Tests

Various passively transferred antibodies in immunoglobulin preparations may lead to misinterpretation of the results of serological testing.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions (ARs) observed in ≥5% of study subjects receiving Hizentra were local reactions (e.g., swelling, redness, heat, pain, and itching at the injection site), headache, diarrhea, fatigue, back pain, nausea, pain in extremity, cough, rash, pruritus, vomiting, abdominal pain (upper), migraine, and pain.

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, AR rates observed in clinical studies of a product cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical studies of another product and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

US Study

The safety of Hizentra was evaluated in a clinical study in the US for 15 months (3-month wash-in/wash-out period followed by a 12-month efficacy period) in subjects with PI who had been treated previously with IGIV every 3 or 4 weeks. The safety analyses included 49 subjects in the intention-to-treat (ITT) population. The ITT population consisted of all subjects who received at least one dose of Hizentra *[see Clinical Studies (14)]*.

Subjects were treated with Hizentra at weekly median doses ranging from 66 to 331 mg/kg body weight (mean: 181.4 mg/kg) during the wash-in/wash-out period and from 72 to 379 mg/kg (mean: 213.2 mg/kg) during the efficacy period. The 49 subjects received a total of 2264 weekly infusions of Hizentra.

Table 2 summarizes the most frequent adverse reactions (ARs) (experienced by at least 2 subjects) occurring during or within 72 hours after the end of an infusion. Local reactions were assessed by the investigators 15 to 45 minutes post-infusion and by the subjects 24 hours post-infusion. The investigators then evaluated the ARs arising from the subject assessments. Local reactions were the most frequent ARs observed, with injection-site reactions (e.g., swelling, redness, heat, pain, and itching at the site of injection) comprising 98% of local reactions.

Table 2. Incidence of Subjects with Adverse Reactions (ARs)* (Experienced by 2 or More Subjects) and Rate per Infusion (ITT Population), US Study

AR (≥2 Subjects)	ARs* Occurring During or Within 72 Hours of Infusion	
	Number (%) of Subjects (n=49)	Number (Rate†) of ARs (n=2264 Infusions)
Local reactions‡	49 (100)	1322 (0.584)
Other ARs:		
Headache	12 (24.5)	32 (0.014)
Diarrhea	5 (10.2)	6 (0.003)
Fatigue	4 (8.2)	4 (0.002)
Back pain	4 (8.2)	5 (0.002)
Nausea	4 (8.2)	4 (0.002)
Pain in extremity	4 (8.2)	6 (0.003)
Cough	4 (8.2)	4 (0.002)
Vomiting	3 (6.1)	3 (0.001)
Abdominal pain, upper	3 (6.1)	3 (0.001)
Migraine	3 (6.1)	4 (0.002)
Pain	3 (6.1)	4 (0.002)
Arthralgia	2 (4.1)	3 (0.001)
Contusion	2 (4.1)	3 (0.001)
Rash	2 (4.1)	3 (0.001)
Urticaria	2 (4.1)	2 (< 0.001)

* Excluding infections.
† Rate of ARs per infusion.
‡ Includes injection-site reactions as well as bruising, scabbing, pain, irritation, cysts, eczema, and nodules at the injection site.

The ratio of infusions with ARs, including local reactions, to all infusions was 1303 to 2264 (57.6%). Excluding local reactions, the corresponding ratio was 56 to 2264 (2.5%).

Table 3 summarizes injection-site reactions based on investigator assessments 15 to 45 minutes after the end of the 683 infusions administered during regularly scheduled visits (every 4 weeks).

Table 3. Investigator Assessment* of Injection-Site Reactions by Infusion, US Study

Injection-Site Reaction	Number† (Rate‡) of Reactions (n=683 Infusions§)
Edema/induration	467 (0.68)
Erythema	346 (0.51)
Local heat	108 (0.16)
Local pain	88 (0.13)
Itching	64 (0.09)

* 15 to 45 minutes following infusions administered at regularly scheduled visits (every 4 weeks).
† For multiple injection sites, every site was judged, but only the site with the strongest reaction was recorded.
‡ Rate of injection-site reactions per infusion.
§ Number of infusions administered during regularly scheduled visits.

Most local reactions were either mild (93.4%) or moderate (6.3%) in intensity.

No deaths or serious ARs occurred during the study. Two subjects withdrew from the study due to ARs. One subject experienced a severe injection-site reaction one day after the third weekly infusion, and the other subject experienced moderate myositis. Both reactions were judged to be "at least possibly related" to the administration of Hizentra.

European Study

In a clinical study conducted in Europe, the safety of Hizentra was evaluated for 10 months (3-month wash-in/wash-out period followed by a 7-month efficacy period) in 51 subjects with PI who had been treated previously with IGIV every 3 or 4 weeks or with IGSC weekly.

Subjects were treated with Hizentra at weekly median doses ranging from 59 to 267 mg/kg body weight (mean: 118.8 mg/kg) during the wash-in/wash-out period and from 59 to 243 mg/kg (mean: 120.1 mg/kg) during the efficacy period. The 51 subjects received a total of 1831 weekly infusions of Hizentra.

Table 4 summarizes the most frequent ARs (experienced by at least 2 subjects) occurring during or within 72 hours after the end of an infusion. Local reactions were assessed by the subjects between 24 and 72 hours post-infusion. The investigators then evaluated the ARs arising from the subject assessments.

Table 4. Incidence of Subjects with Adverse Reactions (ARs)* (Experienced by 2 or More Subjects) and Rate per Infusion, European Study

	ARs* Occurring During or Within 72 Hours of Infusion	
AR (≥2 Subjects)	**Number (%) of Subjects (n=51)**	**Number (Rate†) of ARs (n=1831 Infusions)**
Local reactions‡	24 (47.1)	105 (0.057)
Other ARs:		
Headache	9 (17.6)	20 (0.011)
Rash	4 (7.8)	4 (0.002)
Pruritus	4 (7.8)	13 (0.007)
Fatigue	3 (5.9)	5 (0.003)
Abdominal pain, upper	2 (3.9)	3 (0.002)
Arthralgia	2 (3.9)	2 (0.001)
Erythema	2 (3.9)	4 (0.002)
Abdominal discomfort	2 (3.9)	3 (0.002)
Back pain	2 (3.9)	2 (0.001)
Hematoma	2 (3.9)	3 (0.002)
Hypersensitivity	2 (3.9)	4 (0.002)

* Excluding infections.
† Rate of ARs per infusion.
‡ Includes infusion-related reaction; infusion-site mass; infusion/injection-site erythema, hematoma, induration, inflammation, edema, pain, pruritus, rash, reaction, swelling; injection-site extravasation, nodule; puncture-site reaction.

The proportion of subjects reporting local reactions decreased over time from approximately 20% following the first infusion to <5% by the end of the study.

Three subjects withdrew from the study due to ARs of mild to moderate intensity. One subject experienced injection-site pain and injection-site pruritus; the second subject experienced injection-site reaction, fatigue, and feeling cold; and the third subject experienced injection-site reaction and hypersensitivity. All reactions were judged by the investigator to be "at least possibly related" to the administration of Hizentra.

Biweekly (Every Two Weeks) or Frequent (2 To 7 Times per Week) Dosing

No data regarding ARs are available for these alternative Hizentra dosing regimens because no clinical trials using these regimens were conducted; however, it is unlikely that the safety profile is qualitatively different from that of weekly dosing.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Because postmarketing reporting of adverse reactions is voluntary and from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate the frequency of these reactions or establish a causal relationship to product exposure.

Hizentra

The following adverse reactions have been identified during postmarketing use of Hizentra. This list does not include reactions already reported in clinical studies with Hizentra *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*.

- *Infusion reactions:* Allergic-anaphylactic reactions such as swollen face or tongue and pharyngeal edema, pyrexia, chills, dizziness, hypertension/changes in blood pressure, malaise.
- *Cardiovascular:* Chest discomfort (including chest pain)
- *Respiratory:* Dyspnea
- *Neurological:* Tremor, burning sensation
- *General disorders and administration site conditions:* infusion site ulcer

The following adverse reactions have been reported during postmarketing use of immune globulin products:[5]

- *Infusion reactions:* Tachycardia, flushing, wheezing, rigors, myalgia
- *Renal:* Osmotic nephropathy
- *Respiratory:* Apnea, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), cyanosis, hypoxemia, pulmonary edema, bronchospasm
- *Cardiovascular:* Cardiac arrest, vascular collapse, hypotension
- *Neurological:* Coma, loss of consciousness, seizures, aseptic meningitis syndrome
- *Integumentary:* Stevens-Johnson syndrome, epidermolysis, erythema multiforme, dermatitis (e.g., bullous dermatitis)
- *Hematologic:* Pancytopenia, leukopenia, hemolysis, positive direct antiglobulin (Coombs') test
- *Gastrointestinal:* Hepatic dysfunction

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact CSL Behring Pharmacovigilance at 1-866-915-6958 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch*.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Live Virus Vaccines

The passive transfer of antibodies with immunoglobulin administration may interfere with the response to live virus vaccines such as measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella *[see Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.

7.2 Serological Testing

Various passively transferred antibodies in immunoglobulin preparations may lead to misinterpretation of the results of serological testing.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

No human data are available to indicate the presence or absence of drug-associated risk. Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with Hizentra. It is not known whether Hizentra can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can affect reproduction capacity. Immune globulins cross the placenta from maternal circulation increasingly after 30 weeks of gestation. Hizentra should be given to pregnant women only if clearly needed. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 4% and 15 20%, respectively.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

No human data are available to indicate the presence or absence of drug associated risk. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Hizentra and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Hizentra or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Clinical Studies (Weekly Dosing)

The safety and effectiveness of weekly Hizentra have been established in the pediatric age groups 2 to 16. Hizentra was evaluated in 10 pediatric subjects with PI (3 children and 7 adolescents) in a study conducted in the US *[see Clinical Studies (14)]* and in 23 pediatric subjects with PI (18 children and 5 adolescents) in Europe. There were no differences in the pharmacokinetics, safety and efficacy profiles as compared with adult subjects. No pediatric-specific dose requirements were necessary to achieve the desired serum IgG levels.

Pharmacokinetic Modeling and Simulation (Biweekly or more Frequent Dosing)

The biweekly (every two weeks) or more frequent dosing (2 to 7 times per week) regimens, developed from population PK-based modeling and simulation, included 57 pediatric subjects (32 from Hizentra clinical studies) *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]*. Hizentra dosing is adjusted to body weight. No pediatric-specific dose requirements are necessary for these regimens.

Safety and effectiveness of Hizentra in pediatric patients below the age of 2 have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Of the 49 subjects evaluated in the US clinical study of Hizentra, 6 subjects were 65 years of age or older. No overall differences in safety or efficacy were observed between these subjects and younger subjects. The clinical study of Hizentra in Europe did not include subjects over the age of 65.

11 DESCRIPTION

Hizentra, Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), 20% Liquid, is a ready-to-use, sterile 20% (0.2 g/mL) protein liquid preparation of polyvalent human immunoglobulin G (IgG) for subcutaneous administration. Hizentra is manufactured from large pools of human plasma by a combination of cold alcohol fractionation, octanoic acid fractionation, and anion exchange chromatography. The IgG proteins are not subjected to heating or to chemical or enzymatic modification. The Fc and Fab functions of the IgG molecule are retained. Fab functions tested include antigen binding capacities, and Fc functions tested include complement activation and Fc-receptor-mediated leukocyte activation (determined with complexed IgG).

Hizentra has a purity of ≥98% IgG and a pH of 4.6 to 5.2. Hizentra contains approximately 250 mmol/L (range: 210 to 290 mmol/L) L-proline (a nonessential amino acid) as a stabilizer, 8 to 30 mg/L polysorbate 80, and trace amounts of sodium. Hizentra contains ≤50 mcg/mL IgA. Hizentra contains no carbohydrate stabilizers (e.g., sucrose, maltose) and no preservative.

Plasma units used in the manufacture of Hizentra are tested using FDA-licensed serological assays for hepatitis B surface antigen and antibodies to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-1/2 and hepatitis C virus (HCV) as well as FDA-licensed Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) for HBV, HCV and HIV-1. All plasma units have been found to be nonreactive (negative) in these tests. In addition, the plasma has been tested for B19 virus (B19V) DNA by NAT. Only plasma that passes virus screening is used for production, and the limit for B19V in the fractionation pool is set not to exceed 10^4 IU of B19V DNA per mL.

The manufacturing process for Hizentra includes three steps to reduce the risk of virus transmission. Two of these are dedicated virus clearance steps: pH 4 incubation to inactivate enveloped viruses; and virus filtration to remove, by size exclusion, both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses as small as approximately 20 nanometers. In addition, a depth filtration step contributes to the virus reduction capacity.[12]

These steps have been independently validated in a series of in vitro experiments for their capacity to inactivate and/or remove both enveloped and non-enveloped viruses. Table 5 shows the virus clearance during the manufacturing process for Hizentra, expressed as the mean $\log_{10}$ reduction factor (LRF).

Table 5. Virus Inactivation/Removal in Hizentra*

	HIV-1	PRV	BVDV	WNV	EMCV	MVM
Virus Property						
Genome	RNA	DNA	RNA	RNA	RNA	DNA
Envelope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Size (nm)	80-100	120-200	50-70	50-70	25-30	18-24
Manufacturing Step	Mean LRF					
pH 4 incubation	≥5.4	≥5.9	4.6	≥7.8	nt	nt
Depth filtration	≥5.3	≥6.3	2.1	3.0	4.2	2.3
Virus filtration	≥5.3	≥5.5	≥5.1	≥5.9	≥5.4	≥5.5
Overall Reduction (Log_{10} Units)	**≥16.0**	**≥17.7**	**≥11.8**	**≥16.7**	**≥9.6**	**≥7.8**

HIV-1, human immunodeficiency virus type 1, a model for HIV-1 and HIV-2; PRV, pseudorabies virus, a nonspecific model for large enveloped DNA viruses (e.g., herpes virus); BVDV, bovine viral diarrhea virus, a model for hepatitis C virus; WNV, West Nile virus; EMCV, encephalomyocarditis virus, a model for hepatitis A virus; MVM, minute virus of mice, a model for a small highly resistant non-enveloped DNA virus (e.g., parvovirus); LRF, log_{10} reduction factor; nt, not tested; na, not applicable.
* The virus clearance of human parvovirus B19 was investigated experimentally at the pH 4 incubation step. The estimated LRF obtained was ≥5.3.

The manufacturing process was also investigated for its capacity to decrease the infectivity of an experimental agent of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), considered a model for CJD and its variant (vCJD).[12] Several of the production steps have been shown to decrease infectivity of an experimental TSE model agent. TSE reduction steps include octanoic acid fractionation (≥6.4 log_{10}), depth filtration (2.6 log_{10}), and virus filtration (≥5.8 log_{10}). These studies provide reasonable assurance that low levels of vCJD/CJD agent infectivity, if present in the starting material, would be removed.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Hizentra supplies a broad spectrum of opsonizing and neutralizing IgG antibodies against a wide variety of bacterial and viral agents. The mechanism of action in PI has not been fully elucidated.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Clinical Studies

The pharmacokinetics (PK) of Hizentra was evaluated in a PK substudy of subjects (14 adults, 1 pediatric subject aged 6 to <12 years, and 3 adolescent subjects aged12 to <16 years) with PI participating in the 15-month efficacy and safety study *[see **Clinical Studies (14**)]*. All PK subjects were treated previously with Privigen®, Immune Globulin Intravenous (Human), 10% Liquid and were switched to weekly subcutaneous treatment with Hizentra. After a 3-month wash-in/wash-out period, doses were adjusted individually with the goal of providing a systemic serum IgG exposure (area under the IgG serum concentration vs time curve; AUC) not inferior to that of the previous weekly-equivalent IGIV dose. Table 6 summarizes PK parameters for subjects in the substudy following treatment with Hizentra and IGIV.

Table 6. Pharmacokinetics Parameters of Hizentra and IGIV, US Study

	Hizentra	**IGIV*** (Privigen®)
Number of subjects	18	18
Dose* (mg/kg) Mean Range	 228 141-381	 152 86-254
IgG peak levels (mg/dL) Mean Range	 1616 1090-2825	 2564 2046-3456
IgG trough levels (mg/dL) Mean Range	 1448 952-2623	 1127 702-1810
AUC† (day x mg/dL) Mean Range	 10560 7210-18670	 10320 8051-15530
CL‡ (mL/day/kg) Mean Range	 2.2 1.2-3.7	 1.3§ 0.9-2.1

AUC, area under the curve; CL, clearance.
* For IGIV: weekly-equivalent dose.
† Standardized to a 7-day period.
‡ Apparent clearance (CL/F) for Hizentra (F = bioavailability)
§ Based on n=25 from the US Privigen PI study.

For the 19 subjects completing the wash-in/wash-out period, the average dose adjustment for Hizentra was 153% (range: 126% to 187%) of the previous weekly-equivalent IGIV dose. After 12 weeks of treatment with Hizentra at this individually adjusted dose, the final steady-state AUC determinations were made in 18 of the 19 subjects. The geometric mean ratio of the steady-state AUCs, standardized to a weekly treatment period, for Hizentra vs IGIV treatment was 1.002 (range: 0.77 to 1.20) with a 90% confidence limit of 0.951 to 1.055 for the 18 subjects.

With Hizentra, peak serum levels are lower (1616 vs 2564 mg/dL) than those achieved with IGIV while trough levels are generally higher (1448 vs 1127 mg/dL). In contrast to IGIV administered every 3 to 4 weeks, weekly subcutaneous administration results in relatively stable steady-state serum IgG levels.[13,14] After the subjects had reached steady-state with weekly administration of Hizentra, peak serum IgG levels were observed after a mean of 2.9 days (range: 0 to 7 days) in 18 subjects.

Table 7 summarizes PK parameters at steady state for pediatric subjects (age groups: 6 to <12 years and 12 to <16 years) and adults subjects (≥16 years) in the European Hizentra study following weekly treatment *[see Clinical Studies (14.2)]*. Pediatric PK parameters are similar to those of adult subjects; thus no pediatric specific dose requirements are needed for Hizentra dosing.

Table 7. Pediatric Pharmacokinetics Parameters of Hizentra, European Study

	Age Group			**Total (n=23)**
	6 to <12 years (n=9)	**12 to <16 years (n=3)**	**16 to <65 years (n=11)**	
Dose (mg/kg) Mean Range	 120 71-170	 115 72-150	 117 87-156	 118 71-170
IgG trough levels (mg/dL) Mean Range	 731 531-915	 764 615-957	 754 505-898	 746 505-957
$AUC_{0\text{-}7d}$ (day x mg/dL) Mean Range	 5230 3890-6950	 5491 4480-6750	 5452 3860-6810	 5370 3860-6950
CL (mL/day/kg) Mean Range	 2.19 1.57-3.05	 2.17 1.38-3.34	 2.30 1.82-3.01	 2.23 1.38-3.34

$AUC_{0\text{-}7d}$, area under the curve for the 7-day dosing interval; CL, apparent clearance (CL/F) (F = bioavailability).

Pharmacokinetic Modeling and Simulation

Biweekly (Every Two Weeks) or more Frequent Dosing

Pharmacokinetic characterization of biweekly or more frequent dosing of Hizentra was undertaken using population PK-based modeling and simulation. Serum IgG concentration data consisted of 3837 samples from 151 unique pediatric and adult subjects with PI from four clinical studies of IGIV (Privigen®) and/or Hizentra. Of the 151 subjects, 94 were adult subjects (63 from Hizentra clinical studies) and 57 were pediatric subjects (32 from Hizentra clinical studies). Compared with weekly administration, PK modeling and simulation predicted that administration of Hizentra on a biweekly basis at double the weekly dose results in comparable IgG exposure [equivalent AUCs, with a slightly higher IgG peak (C_{max}) and slightly lower trough (C_{min})]. In addition, PK modeling and simulation predicted that for the same total weekly dose, Hizentra infusions given 2, 3, 5, or 7 times per week (frequent dosing) produce IgG exposures comparable to weekly dosing [equivalent AUCs, with a slightly lower IgG peak (C_{max}) and slightly higher trough (C_{min})]. Frequent dosing reduces the peak-to-trough variation in Hizentra exposure, thus resulting in more sustained IgG exposures. See Table 8 (columns for AUC, C_{max} and C_{min}).

Dose Adjustment Factor

Using data from four clinical studies, results of model-based simulations demonstrated that weekly or biweekly Hizentra dosing regimens with an IGIV:IGSC dose adjustment factor of 1:1.37 adequately maintain median $AUC_{0\text{-}28days}$ and C_{min} ratios at ≥90% of values observed with 4-weekly IGIV dosing. See Table 8 (top two rows).

Prediction of Trough Levels Following Regimen Changes

PK modeling and simulation also predicted changes in trough levels after switching from (a) monthly IGIV to weekly or biweekly Hizentra dosing, (b) weekly to biweekly Hizentra dosing, or (c) weekly to more frequent dosing. Table 8 (last column) shows the predicted changes in steady-state IgG trough levels after switching between the various dosing regimens.

Table 8. Predicted Ratios* [Median (5th, 95th percentiles)] of AUC, C_{max} and C_{min} and Changes in IgG Trough Levels after Switching Between IgG Dosing Regimens

IgG Dosing Regimen Switch		**AUC**	**C_{max}**	**C_{min}**	**Predicted Change in Trough†**
From:	**To:**				
IGIV	Weekly Hizentra‡	0.97 (0.90-1.04)	0.68 (0.60-0.76)	1.16 (1.07-1.26)	16% increase
IGIV	Biweekly Hizentra§	0.97 (0.91-1.04)	0.71 (0.63-0.78)	1.10 (1.02-1.18)	10% increase
Weekly Hizentra	Biweekly Hizentra§	1.00 (0.98-1.03)	1.06 (1.02-1.09)	0.95 (0.92-0.98)	5% decrease
Weekly Hizentra	2 times per week Hizentra	1.01 (0.98-1.03)	0.99 (0.96-1.02)	1.03 (1.00-1.06)	3% increase
Weekly Hizentra	3 times per week Hizentra	1.01 (0.98-1.03)	0.99 (0.96-1.02)	1.04 (1.01-1.07)	4% increase
Weekly Hizentra	5 times per week Hizentra (daily for 5 days)	1.01 (0.98-1.03)	0.99 (0.97-1.01)	1.04 (1.01-1.06)	4% increase
Weekly Hizentra	Daily Hizentra (7 times per week)	1.00 (0.98-1.03)	0.98 (0.95-1.01)	1.04 (1.02-1.08)	4% increase

* Ratios are based on comparison of second regimen vs. first regimen.
† Approximate change in trough based on predicted median C_{min} ratio.
‡ Weekly dose based on dose adjustment factor of 1.37 when switching from IGIV.
§ Biweekly dose = 2x weekly dose, based on dose adjustment factor of 1.37 when switching from IGIV.
AUC, area under the curve, calculated as $AUC_{0\text{-}28days}$ for the IGIV to Hizentra switches, $AUC_{0\text{-}14days}$ for the weekly to biweekly Hizentra switch, and $AUC_{0\text{-}7days}$ for weekly to more frequent Hizentra switches; C_{max}, maximum IgG concentration; C_{min}, minimum IgG concentration during a 28-day period (for the IGIV to Hizentra switches), a 14-day period (for the weekly to biweekly Hizentra switch), or a 7-day period (for the weekly to more frequent Hizentra switches).

Pediatric Pharmacokinetics

PK-based modeling and simulation results indicate that, similar to observations from the clinical study with weekly Hizentra dosing (Table 7), body weight-adjusted biweekly dosing accounted for age-related (>3 years) differences in clearance of Hizentra, thereby maintaining systemic IgG exposure (AUC values) in the therapeutic range.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Long- and short-term memory loss was seen in juvenile rats in a study modeling hyperprolinemia. In this study, rats received daily subcutaneous injections with L-proline from day 6 to day 28 of life.[15] The daily amounts of L-proline used in this study were more than 60 times higher than the L-proline dose that would result from the administration of 400 mg/kg body weight of Hizentra once weekly. In unpublished studies using the same animal model (i.e., rats) dosed with the same amount of L-proline with a dosing interval relevant to IGSC treatment (i.e., on 5 consecutive days on days 9 to 13, or once weekly on days 9, 16, and 23), no effects on learning and memory were observed. The clinical relevance of these studies is not known.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 US Study

A prospective, open-label, multicenter, single-arm, clinical study conducted in the US evaluated the efficacy, tolerability, and safety of Hizentra in 49 adult and pediatric subjects with PI. Subjects previously receiving monthly treatment with IGIV were switched to weekly subcutaneous administration of Hizentra for 15 months. Following a 3-month wash-in/wash-out period, subjects received a dose adjustment to achieve an equivalent AUC to their previous IGIV dose *[see Pharmacokinetics (12.3)]* and continued treatment for a 12-month efficacy period. The efficacy analyses included 38 subjects in the modified intention-to-treat (MITT) population. The MITT population consisted of subjects who completed the wash-in/wash-out period and received at least one infusion of Hizentra during the efficacy period.

Although 5% of the administered doses could not be verified, the weekly median doses of Hizentra ranged from 72 to 379 mg/kg body weight during the efficacy period. The mean dose was 213.2 mg/kg, which was 149% of the previous IGIV dose.

In the study, the number of injection sites per infusion ranged from 1 to 12. In 73% of infusions, the number of injection sites was 4 or fewer. Up to 4 simultaneous injection sites were permitted using 2 pumps; however, more than 4 sites could be used consecutively during one infusion. The infusion flow rate did not exceed 50 mL per hour for all injection sites combined. During the efficacy period, the median duration of a weekly infusion ranged from 1.6 to 2.0 hours.

The study evaluated the annual rate of serious bacterial infections (SBIs), defined as bacterial pneumonia, bacteremia/septicemia, osteomyelitis/septic arthritis, bacterial meningitis, and visceral abscess. The study also evaluated the annual rate of any infections, the use of antibiotics for infection (prophylaxis or treatment), the days out of work/school/kindergarten/day care or unable to perform normal activities due to infections, hospitalizations due to infections, and serum IgG trough levels.

Table 9 summarizes the efficacy results for subjects in the efficacy period (MITT population) of the study. No subjects experienced an SBI in this study.

Table 9. Summary of Efficacy Results (MITT Population)

Number of subjects (efficacy period)	38
Total number of subject days	12,697
Infections	
Annual rate of SBIs*	0 SBIs per subject year†
Annual rate of any infections	2.76 infections/subject year‡
Antibiotic use for infection (prophylaxis or treatment)	
Number of subjects (%)	
Annual rate	27 (71.1) 48.5 days/subject year
Total number of subject days	12,605
Days out of work/school/kindergarten/day care or unable to perform normal activities due to infections	
Number of days (%)	71 (0.56)
Annual rate	2.06 days/subject year
Hospitalizations due to infections	
Number of days (%)	7 (0.06)§
Annual rate	0.2 days/subject year

* Defined as bacterial pneumonia, bacteremia/septicemia, osteomyelitis/septic arthritis, bacterial meningitis, and visceral abscess.
† Upper 99% confidence limit: 0.132.
‡ 95% confidence limits: 2.235; 3.370.
§ Based on 1 subject.

The mean IgG trough levels increased by 24.2%, from 1009 mg/dL prior to the study to 1253 mg/dL during the efficacy period.

14.2 European Study

In a prospective, open-label, multicenter, single-arm, clinical study conducted in Europe, 51 adult and pediatric subjects with PI switched from monthly IGIV (31 subjects) or weekly IGSC (20 subjects) to weekly treatment with Hizentra. For the 46 subjects in the efficacy analysis, the weekly mean dose in the efficacy period was 120.1 mg/kg (range 59 to 243 mg/kg), which was 104% of the previous weekly equivalent IGIV or weekly IGSC dose.

None of the subjects had an SBI during the efficacy period, resulting in an annualized rate of 0 (upper one-sided 99% confidence limit of 0.192) SBIs per subject. The annualized rate of any infections was 5.18 infections per subject for the efficacy period.

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16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

- Hizentra is supplied in a single-use, tamper-evident vial containing 0.2 grams of protein per mL of preservative-free liquid.

Each product presentation includes a package insert and the following components:

Presentation	Carton NDC Number	Components
5 mL	44206-451-01	Vial containing 1 gram of protein (NDC 44206-451-90)
10 mL	44206-452-02	Vial containing 2 grams of protein (NDC 44206-452-91)
20 mL	44206-454-04	Vial containing 4 grams of protein (NDC 44206-454-92)
50 mL	44206-455-10	Vial containing 10 grams of protein (NDC 44206-455-93)

16.2 Storage and Handling

- Keep Hizentra in its original carton to protect it from light.
- Each vial label contains a peel-off strip with the vial size and product lot number for use in recording doses in a patient treatment record.
- When stored at room temperature (up to 25°C [77°F]), Hizentra is stable for up to 30 months, as indicated by the expiration date printed on the outer carton and vial label.
- Do not shake.
- Do not freeze. Do not use product that has been frozen.
- The components used in the packaging for Hizentra contain no latex.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

Inform patients to immediately report the following signs and symptoms to their healthcare provider:

- Hypersensitivity reactions to Hizentra (including hives, generalized urticaria, tightness of the chest, wheezing, hypotension, and anaphylaxis) *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.1])*.
- Pain and/or swelling of an arm or leg with warmth over the affected area, discoloration of an arm or leg, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pain or

discomfort that worsens on deep breathing, unexplained rapid pulse, or numbness or weakness on one side of the body *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.2])*.
- Severe headache, neck stiffness, drowsiness, fever, sensitivity to light, painful eye movements, nausea, and vomiting *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.3])*.
- Decreased urine output, sudden weight gain, fluid retention/edema, and/or shortness of breath *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.4])*.
- Fatigue, increased heart rate, yellowing of the skin or eyes, and dark-colored urine *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.5])*.
- Severe breathing problems, lightheadedness, drops in blood pressure, and fever *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.6])*.

Inform patients that because Hizentra is made from human blood, it may carry a risk of transmitting infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent *(see Warnings and Precautions [5.7] and Description [11])*.

Inform patients that Hizentra may interfere with the response to live virus vaccines (e.g., measles, mumps, rubella, and varicella) and to notify their immunizing physician of recent therapy with Hizentra *(see Drug Interactions [7])*.

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- If self-administration is deemed to be appropriate, ensure that the patient receives clear instructions and training on subcutaneous administration in the home or other appropriate setting and has demonstrated the ability to independently administer subcutaneous infusions.
- Ensure the patient understands the importance of adhering to their prescribed administration schedule to maintain appropriate steady IgG levels.
- Instruct patients to scan the vial if recording the infusion electronically and keep a diary/log book that includes information about each infusion such as, the time, date, dose, lot number(s) and any reactions.
- Inform the patient that mild to moderate local injection-site reactions (e.g., swelling and redness) are a common side effect of subcutaneous therapy, but to contact their healthcare professional if a local reaction increases in severity or persists for more than a few days.
- Inform patients of the importance of having an infusion needle long enough to reach the subcutaneous tissue and of changing the actual site of injection with each infusion. Explain that Hizentra is for subcutaneous infusion only.
- Inform patients to consider adjusting the injection-site location, volume per site, and rate of infusion based on how infusions are tolerated.
- Inform patient to interrupt or terminate the Hizentra infusion if a hypersensitivity reaction occurs.
- Inform patients that they should be tested regularly to make sure they have the correct levels of Hizentra (IgG) in their blood. These tests may result in adjustments to the Hizentra dose.

Hizentra
Immune Globulin Subcutaneous (Human), 20% Liquid

Information for Patients

This patient package insert summarizes important information about Hizentra. Please read it carefully before using this medicine. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare professional, and it does not include all of the important information about Hizentra. If you have any questions after reading this, ask your healthcare professional.

What is the most important information I should know about Hizentra?

Hizentra is supposed to be infused under your skin only. DO NOT inject Hizentra into a blood vessel (vein or artery).

What is Hizentra?

Hizentra (Hi – ZEN – tra) is a prescription medicine used to treat primary immune deficiency (PI). Hizentra is made from human plasma. It contains antibodies, called immunoglobulin G (IgG), that healthy people have to fight germs (bacteria and viruses).

People with PI get a lot of infections. Hizentra helps lower the number of infections you will get.

Who should NOT take Hizentra?

Do not take Hizentra if you have too much proline in your blood (called "hyperprolinemia") or if you have had reactions to polysorbate 80.

Tell your doctor if you have had a serious reaction to other immune globulin medicines or if you have been told that you also have a deficiency of the immunoglobulin called IgA.

Tell your doctor if you have a history of heart or blood vessel disease or blood clots, have thick blood, or have been immobile for some time. These things may increase your risk of having a blood clot after using Hizentra. Also tell your doctor what drugs you are using, as some drugs, such as those that contain the hormone estrogen (for example, birth control pills), may increase your risk of developing a blood clot.

How should I take Hizentra?

You will take Hizentra through an infusion, only under your skin. You will place up to 4 needles into different areas of your body each time you use Hizentra. The needles are attached to a pump with an infusion tube. You can have infusions as often as every day up to every two weeks. For weekly infusions, it can take about 1 to 2 hours to complete an infusion; however, this time may be shorter or longer depending on the dose and frequency your doctor has prescribed for you.

Instructions for using Hizentra are at the end of this patient package insert (see "How do I use Hizentra?"). Do not use Hizentra by yourself until you have been taught how by your doctor or healthcare professional.

What should I avoid while taking Hizentra?

Vaccines may not work well for you while you are taking Hizentra. Tell your doctor or healthcare professional that you are taking Hizentra before you get a vaccine.

Tell your doctor or healthcare professional if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or if you are nursing.

What are possible side effects of Hizentra?

The most common side effects with Hizentra are:

- Redness, swelling, itching, and/or bruising at the injection site
- Headache/migraine
- Nausea and/or vomiting
- Pain (including pain in the chest, back, joints, arms, legs)
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Stomach ache/bloating
- Cough
- Rash (including hives)
- Itching
- Fever and/or chills
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness

Tell your doctor right away or go to the emergency room if you have hives, trouble breathing, wheezing, dizziness, or fainting. These could be signs of a bad allergic reaction.

Tell your doctor right away if you have any of the following symptoms. They could be signs of a serious problem.

- Reduced urination, sudden weight gain, or swelling in your legs. These could be signs of a kidney problem.
- Pain and/or swelling of an arm or leg with warmth over the affected area, discoloration of an arm or leg, unexplained shortness of breath, chest pain or discomfort that worsens on deep breathing, unexplained rapid pulse, or numbness or weakness on one side of the body. These could be signs of a blood clot.
- Bad headache with nausea, vomiting, stiff neck, fever, and sensitivity

to light. These could be signs of a brain swelling called meningitis.
- Brown or red urine, fast heart rate, yellow skin or eyes. These could be signs of a blood problem.
- Chest pains or trouble breathing.
- Fever over 100ºF. This could be a sign of an infection.

Tell your doctor about any side effects that concern you. You can ask your doctor to give you more information that is available to healthcare professionals.

How do I use Hizentra?

Infuse Hizentra only after you have been trained by your doctor or healthcare professional. Below are step-by-step instructions to help you remember how to use Hizentra. Ask your doctor or healthcare professional about any instructions you do not understand.

Instructions for use

Hizentra comes in single-use vials.
Keep Hizentra in the storage box at room temperature.

Step 1: Assemble supplies

Gather the Hizentra vial(s), the following disposable supplies (not provided with Hizentra), and other items (infusion pump, sharps or other container, treatment diary or log book):

Infusion administration tubing
Needle or catheter sets (for subcutaneous infusion)
Y-site connectors (if needed)
Alcohol wipes
Antiseptic skin preps
Syringes
Transfer device or needle(s)
Gauze and tape, or transparent dressing
Gloves (if recommended by your doctor)

Step 2: Clean surface

Thoroughly clean a table or other flat surface using one of the alcohol wipes.

Step 3: Wash hands

- Thoroughly wash and dry your hands (Figure 1).
- If you have been told to wear gloves when preparing your infusion, put the gloves on.


Figure 1

Step 4: Check vials

Carefully look at the liquid in each vial of Hizentra (Figure 2). Hizentra is a pale yellow to light brown solution. Check for particles or color changes. **Do not use the vial if**:


Figure 2

- The liquid looks cloudy, contains particles, or has changed color.
- The protective cap is missing.
- The expiration date on the label has passed.

Step 5: Transfer Hizentra from vial(s) to syringe

·Take the protective cap off the vial (Figure 3).


Figure 3

Clean the vial stopper with an alcohol wipe (Figure 4). Let the stopper dry.


Figure 4

- Attach a needle or transfer device to a syringe tip, using aseptic technique. If using a transfer device, follow the instructions provided by the device manufacturer. If using a needle and a syringe to transfer Hizentra, follow the instructions below.
  - Attach a sterile transfer needle to a sterile syringe (Figure 5).
  - Pull out the plunger of the syringe to fill the syringe with air. Make sure the amount of air is the same as the amount of Hizentra you will transfer from the vial.
  - Put the Hizentra vial on a flat surface. Keeping the vial upright, insert the transfer needle into the center of the rubber stopper.
  - Check that the tip of the needle is not in the liquid. Then, push the plunger of the syringe down. This will inject the air from the syringe into the airspace of the vial.
  - Leaving the needle in the stopper, carefully turn the vial upside down (Figure 6).
  - Slowly pull back on the plunger of the syringe to fill the syringe with Hizentra.
  - Take the filled syringe and needle out of the stopper. Take off the needle and throw it away in the sharps container.


Figure 5


Figure 6

When using multiple vials to achieve the desired dose, repeat this step.

Step 6: Prepare infusion pump and tubing

Prepare the infusion pump (following the manufacturer's instructions) and prime (fill) the infusion tubing. To prime the tubing, connect the syringe filled with Hizentra to the infusion tubing and gently push on the syringe plunger to fill the tubing with Hizentra (Figure 7).


Figure 7

Step 7: Prepare injection site(s)

·Select an area on your abdomen, thigh, upper arm, or side of upper leg/hip for the infusion (Figure 8).
·Use a different site from the last time you infused Hizentra. New sites should be at least 1 inch from a previous site.

Never infuse into areas where the skin is tender, bruised, red, or hard. Avoid infusing into scars or stretch marks.

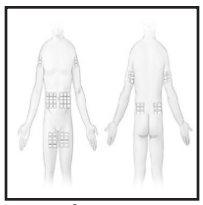
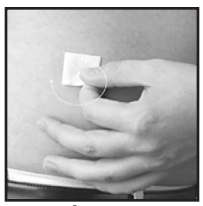


Figure 8

·If you are using more than one injection site, be sure the injection sites are at least 2 inches apart.
·During an infusion, do not use more than 4 injection sites at the same time.

Clean the skin at each site with an antiseptic skin prep (Figure 9). Let the skin dry.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Step 8: Insert needle(s)

·With two fingers, pinch together the skin around the injection site. Insert the needle under the skin (Figure 10).

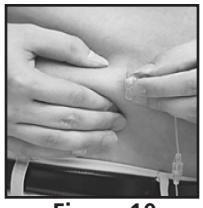

Figure 10

·Put sterile gauze and tape or a transparent dressing over the injection site (Figure 11). This will keep the needle from coming out.

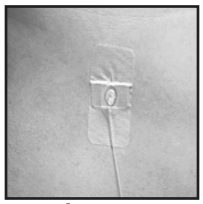

Figure 11

Step 9: Start infusion

Follow the manufacturer's instructions to turn on the infusion pump (Figure 12).

Figure 12

Step 10: Record treatment (Figure 13)

Peel off the removable part of the label of the Hizentra vial. Put this label in your treatment diary or log book with the date and time of the infusion. Also include the exact amount of Hizentra that you infused. Scan the vial if recording the infusion electronically.

Figure 13

Step 11: Clean up

- When all the Hizentra has been infused, turn off the pump.
- Take off the dressing and take the needle out of the injection site. Disconnect the tubing from the pump.
- Throw away any Hizentra that is leftover in the single-use vial, along with the used disposable supplies, in the sharps or other container (Figure 14) as recommended by your healthcare professional.
- Clean and store the infusion pump, following the manufacturer's instructions.

Figure 14

Be sure to tell your doctor about any problems you have doing your infusions. Your doctor may ask to see your treatment diary or log book, so be sure to take it with you each time you visit the doctor's office.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You can also report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch.*

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