



ADYNOVATE® (RURIOCTOCG ALFA PEGOL)

1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE

ADYNOVATE POWDER AND SOLVENT FOR SOLUTION FOR INJECTION 250IU/2ML
ADYNOVATE POWDER AND SOLVENT FOR SOLUTION FOR INJECTION 500IU/2ML

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

ADYNOVATE 250 and 500 International Units (IU).

ADYNOVATE (rurioctocog alfa pegol, Recombinant Coagulation Factor VIII (rch), PEGylated) is supplied in single-use vials containing nominal potencies of 250 and 500IU per vial with a diluent vial containing sterile water for injections for reconstitution to 2 mL.

The 2 mL diluent of water for injections is available for ADYNOVATE 250 and 500 IU.

The amounts of the inactive ingredients are constant in all strengths.

Excipient(s) with known effect

Each vial of ADYNOVATE contains 0.45 mmol (10 mg) sodium, see section 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1 LIST OF EXCIPIENTS.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Powder for injection with diluent.

ADYNOVATE is formulated as a sterile, non-pyrogenic, white to off-white, lyophilised powder for intravenous injection after reconstitution with water for injections.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

ADYNOVATE is a long-acting antihemophilic factor (recombinant) indicated in haemophilia A (congenital factor VIII deficiency) patients for:

- Control and prevention of bleeding episodes
- Routine prophylaxis to prevent or reduce the frequency of bleeding episodes
- Perioperative management (surgical prophylaxis)

ADYNOVATE is not indicated for the treatment of von Willebrand disease.

4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Treatment with ADYNOVATE should be under the supervision of a physician experienced in the treatment of haemophilia.

Previously untreated patients

The safety and efficacy of ADYNOVATE in previously untreated patients have not yet been established. No data are available.

Treatment monitoring

During the course of treatment, appropriate determination of factor VIII levels (by one-stage clotting or chromogenic assays) is advised to guide the dose to be administered and the frequency of repeated infusions. Individual patients may vary in their response to factor VIII, demonstrating different half-lives and recoveries. Dose based on bodyweight may require adjustment in underweight or overweight patients. In the case of major surgical interventions in particular, precise monitoring of the substitution therapy by means of coagulation analysis (plasma factor VIII activity) is indispensable.

Dosage

The dose and duration of the substitution therapy depend on the severity of the factor VIII deficiency, on the location and extent of the bleeding and on the patient's clinical condition.

The number of units of factor VIII administered is expressed in IU, which is related to the current WHO concentrate standard for factor VIII products. Factor VIII activity in plasma is expressed either as a percentage (relative to normal human plasma) or preferably in IU (relative to an International Standard for factor VIII in plasma).

One IU of factor VIII activity is equivalent to that quantity of factor VIII in one mL of normal human plasma.

On demand treatment

The calculation of the required dose of factor VIII is based on the empirical finding that 1 IU factor VIII per kg body weight raises the plasma factor VIII activity by 2 IU/dL. The required dose is determined using the following formula:

$$\text{Required units (IU)} = \text{body weight (kg)} \times \text{desired factor VIII rise (\%)} \times 0.5$$

The amount to be administered and the frequency of administration should always be oriented to the clinical effectiveness in the individual case.

In the case of the following haemorrhagic events, the factor VIII activity should not fall below the given plasma activity level (in % of normal or IU/dL) in the corresponding period.

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The following Table 1 can be used to guide dosing in bleeding episodes and surgery:

Table 1 Guide for dosing in bleeding episodes and surgery

Degree of haemorrhage/ type of surgical procedure	Factor VIII level required (% or IU/dL)	Frequency of doses (hours)/ duration of therapy (days)
Haemorrhage Early haemarthrosis, muscle bleeding or oral bleeding	20 – 40	Repeat injections every 12 to 24 hours for at least 1 day, until the bleeding episode, as indicated by pain, is resolved or healing is achieved.
More extensive haemarthrosis, muscle bleeding or haematoma	30 – 60	Repeat injections every 12 to 24 hours for 3 – 4 days or more until pain and acute disability are resolved.
Life threatening haemorrhages	60 – 100	Repeat injections every 8 to 24 hours until threat is resolved.
Surgery <i>Minor</i> Including tooth extraction	30 – 60	Every 24 hours (12 to 24 hours for patients under the age of 6), at least 1 day, until healing is achieved.
<i>Major</i>	80 – 100 (pre- and postoperative)	Repeat injections every 8 to 24 hours (6 to 24 hours for patients under the age of 6) until adequate wound healing then continue therapy for at least another 7 days to maintain a factor VIII activity of 30% to 60% (IU/dL).

Prophylaxis

For long term prophylaxis, the recommended dose is 40 to 50 IU per kg bodyweight of ADYNOVATE twice weekly in 3 to 4 day intervals. Dose and/or frequency should be adjusted to provide the necessary coverage to prevent bleeding. In some cases, doses up to 60 IU per kg can be used.

Paediatric population

On demand treatment dosing in paediatric patients (<12 years of age) does not differ from adult patients. Higher doses or more frequent dosing may be required in some children.

For prophylactic therapy in patients under the age of 12, the recommended dose is 40 to 60 IU per kg bodyweight of ADYNOVATE twice weekly in 3 to 4 day intervals. In some cases, doses up to 80 IU per kg can be used.

Method of administration

ADYNOVATE should be administered via the intravenous route.

ADYNOVATE should be administered at room temperature not more than 3 hours after reconstitution. Reconstituted products should be visually inspected for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. The solution should be clear to colourless. Do not administer if particulate matter or discoloration or cloudiness is found.

ADYNOVATE does not contain antimicrobial preservative. It is for single use in one patient only. Discard any residue.

The rate of administration should be determined to ensure the comfort of the patient up to a maximum of 10 mL/min.

After reconstitution, the solution is clear, colourless, free from foreign particles and has a pH of 6.7 to 7.3. The osmolality is ≥ 380 mOsmol/kg.

Preparation and reconstitution

Use aseptic technique.

Using the BAXJECT III system

Do not use if the lid is not completely sealed on the blister.

1. If the product is still stored in a refrigerator, take the sealed blister (contains powder and diluent vials preassembled with the system for reconstitution) from the refrigerator and let it reach room temperature.
2. Wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water.
3. Open the ADYNOVATE package by peeling away the lid. Remove the BAXJECT III system from the blister.
4. Place ADYNOVATE on a flat surface with the diluent vial on top (Figure 1). The diluent vial has a blue stripe. Do not remove the blue cap until instructed in a later step.
5. With one hand holding ADYNOVATE in the BAXJECT III system, press down firmly on the diluent vial with the other hand until the system is fully collapsed and the diluent flows down into the ADYNOVATE vial (Figure 2). Do not tilt the system until the transfer is complete.
6. Verify that the diluent transfer is complete. Swirl gently until all material is dissolved (Figure 3). Be sure that the ADYNOVATE powder is completely dissolved. Otherwise not all reconstituted solution will pass through the device filter. The product dissolves rapidly (usually in less than 1 minute). After reconstitution the solution should be clear, colourless and free from foreign particles.

Figure 1

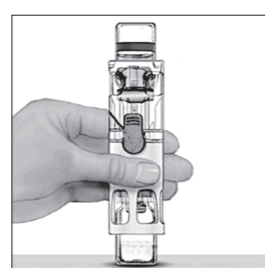


Figure 2

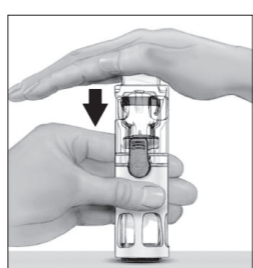
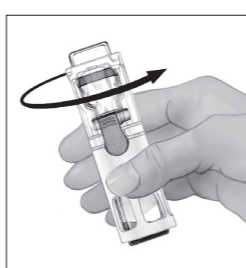


Figure 3



Administration

- Remove the blue cap from the BAXJECT III device. Connect the syringe to the BAXJECT III device. Use of a Luer-lock syringe is recommended. Do not inject air.
- Turn the system upside down (ADYNOVATE vial now on top). Draw the factor concentrate into the syringe by pulling the plunger back slowly.
- Disconnect the syringe; attach a suitable needle and inject intravenously. If a patient is to receive more than one vial of ADYNOVATE, the contents of multiple vials may be drawn into the same syringe.
- Administer ADYNOVATE over a period of less than or equal to 5 minutes (maximum infusion rate 10 mL per min).

4.3 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Known life-threatening hypersensitivity reaction, including anaphylaxis, to the parent molecule ADVATE (octocog alfa), mouse or hamster protein, or other constituents of ADYNOVATE.

4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Hypersensitivity

Hypersensitivity reactions can occur following administration of ADYNOVATE. Allergic-type hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis have been reported with factor VIII concentrates. Immediately discontinue administration and initiate treatment as clinically appropriate if hypersensitivity reactions occur.

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Inhibitor formation

The formation of neutralising antibodies (inhibitors) to factor VIII is a known complication in the management of individuals with haemophilia A. These inhibitors are usually IgG immunoglobulins directed against the factor VIII procoagulant activity, which are quantified in Bethesda Units (BU) per mL of plasma using the modified assay. The risk of developing inhibitors is correlated to the exposure to factor VIII, this risk being highest within the first 20 exposure days. Rarely, inhibitors may develop after the first 100 exposure days.

Cases of recurrent inhibitor (low titre) have been observed after switching from one factor VIII product to another in previously treated patients with more than 100 exposure days who have a previous history of inhibitor development. Therefore, it is recommended to monitor all patients carefully for inhibitor occurrence following any product switch.

In general, all patients treated with coagulation factor VIII products should be carefully monitored for the development of inhibitors by appropriate clinical observations and laboratory tests. If the expected factor VIII activity plasma levels are not attained, or if bleeding is not controlled with an appropriate dose, testing for factor VIII inhibitor presence should be performed. In patients with high levels of inhibitor, factor VIII therapy may not be effective and other therapeutic options should be considered. Management of such patients should be directed by physicians with experience in the care of haemophilia and factor VIII inhibitors.

Cardiovascular events

In patients with existing cardiovascular risk factors, substitution therapy with factor VIII may increase the cardiovascular risk.

Catheter-related complications in treatment

If a central venous access device (CVAD) is required, risk of CVAD-related complications including local infections, bacteraemia and catheter site thrombosis should be considered.

Excipient related considerations

After reconstitution this medicinal product contains 0.45 mmol sodium (10 mg) per vial. To be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

It is strongly recommended that every time ADYNOVATE is administered to a patient, the name and batch number of the product are recorded in order to maintain a link between the patient and the batch of the medicinal product.

Use in the elderly

Clinical studies of ADYNOVATE did not include subjects aged 65 and over.

Paediatric use

The listed precautions apply both to adults and children.

Effects on laboratory tests

No data available.

4.5 INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND OTHER FORMS OF INTERACTIONS

No interactions of human coagulation factor VIII (rDNA) products with other medicinal products have been reported.

4.6 FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

Effects on fertility

The effects of ADYNOVATE on fertility have not been established.

Use in pregnancy (Category B2)

The safety of ADYNOVATE for use in pregnant women has not been established. Animal reproduction studies with recombinant factor VIII, including ADYNOVATE, have not been conducted. Healthcare professionals should balance the potential risks and only prescribe ADYNOVATE if clearly needed.

Use in lactation

The safety of ADYNOVATE for use in lactating women has not been established. It is not known if ADYNOVATE or its metabolites are excreted in human milk. Healthcare professionals should balance the potential risks and only prescribe ADYNOVATE to a breastfeeding woman if clearly needed.

4.7 EFFECTS ON ABILITY TO DRIVE AND USE MACHINES

ADYNOVATE has no influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)

Summary of the safety profile

Hypersensitivity or allergic reactions (which may include angioedema, burning and stinging at the injection site, chills, flushing, generalised urticaria, headache, hives, hypotension, lethargy, nausea, restlessness, tachycardia, tightness of the chest, tingling, vomiting, wheezing) have been observed rarely after treatment with factor VIII and may in some cases progress to severe anaphylaxis (including shock).

Patients with haemophilia A may develop neutralising antibodies (inhibitors) to factor VIII. If such inhibitors occur, the condition will manifest itself as an insufficient clinical response. In such cases, it is recommended that a specialised haemophilia centre be contacted.

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The safety of ADYNOVATE has been evaluated in 6 multi-centre, prospective, open label clinical trials and 1 ongoing study in 365 previously treated and untreated patients with severe haemophilia A (factor VIII < 1% of normal), who received at least one dose of ADYNOVATE. Table 2 lists the adverse reactions reported during clinical studies.

Table 2 Adverse reaction reported for ADYNOVATE

MedDRA System Organ Class	Preferred MedDRA Term (Version 19.0)	Number and Rate by Subject ^a (N=365) n (%)	Frequency Category ^b	Number and Rate by Infusion ^c (N=74,487) n (%)	Frequency Category ^b
BLOOD AND LYMPHATIC DISORDERS	Factor VIII inhibition	1 (0,274)	Uncommon	1 (0,001)	Very Rare
GASTROINTESTINAL DISORDERS	Diarrhea	25 (6,849)	Common	31 (0,042)	Rare
	Nausea	8 (2,192)	Common	11 (0,015)	Rare
EYE DISORDERS	Ocular Hyperaemia	3 (0,822)	Uncommon	3 (0,004)	Very Rare
IMMUNE SYSTEM DISORDERS	Hypersensitivity ^d	2 (0,548)	Uncommon	2 (0,003)	Very Rare
NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS	Headache	41 (11,233)	Very Common	67 (0,090)	Rare
	Dizziness	7 (1,918)	Common	7 (0,009)	Very Rare
SKIN AND SUBCUTANEOUS TISSUE DISORDERS	Rash	10 (2,740)	Common	11 (0,015)	Rare
	Urticaria	7 (1,918)	Common	7 (0,009)	Very Rare
	Drug Eruption	1 (0,274)	Uncommon	1 (0,001)	Very Rare

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