1. **NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

SOMAVERT 10 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection  
SOMAVERT 15 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection  
SOMAVERT 20 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection  
SOMAVERT 25 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection  
SOMAVERT 30 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection

2. **QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

**SOMAVERT 10 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection**  
One vial contains 10 mg of pegvisomant.  
After reconstitution, 1 ml of solution contains 10 mg of pegvisomant.*

**Excipient with known effect**

The 10 mg strength of the medicinal product contains 0.4 mg of sodium per vial of powder.

**SOMAVERT 15 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection**  
One vial contains 15 mg of pegvisomant.  
After reconstitution, 1 ml of solution contains 15 mg of pegvisomant.*

**Excipient with known effect**

The 15 mg strength of the medicinal product contains 0.4 mg of sodium per vial of powder.

**SOMAVERT 20 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection**  
One vial contains 20 mg of pegvisomant.  
After reconstitution, 1 ml of solution contains 20 mg of pegvisomant.*

**Excipient with known effect:**

The 20 mg strength of the medicinal product contains 0.4 mg of sodium per vial of powder.

**SOMAVERT 25 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection**  
One vial contains 25 mg of pegvisomant.  
After reconstitution, 1 ml of solution contains 25 mg of pegvisomant.*

**Excipient with known effect**

The 25 mg strength of the medicinal product contains 0.5 mg of sodium per vial of powder.

**SOMAVERT 30 mg powder and solvent for solution for injection**  
One vial contains 30 mg of pegvisomant.  
After reconstitution, 1 ml of solution contains 30 mg of pegvisomant.*

**Excipient with known effect**

The 30 mg strength of the medicinal product contains 0.6 mg of sodium per vial of powder.

*produced in *Escherichia coli* cells by recombinant DNA technology.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.
3. **PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Powder and solvent for solution for injection (powder for injection).

The powder is white to slightly off-white.

4. **CLINICAL PARTICULARS**

4.1. **Therapeutic indications**

Treatment of adult patients with acromegaly who have had an inadequate response to surgery and/or radiation therapy and in whom an appropriate medical treatment with somatostatin analogues did not normalize IGF-I concentrations or was not tolerated.

4.2. **Posology and method of administration**

Treatment should be initiated under the supervision of a physician experienced in the treatment of acromegaly.

**Posology**

A loading dose of 80 mg pegvisomant should be administered subcutaneously under medical supervision. Following this, SOMAVERT 10 mg reconstituted in 1 ml of solvent should be administered once daily as a subcutaneous injection.

Dose adjustments should be based on serum IGF-I levels. Serum IGF-I concentrations should be measured every four to six weeks and appropriate dose adjustments made in increments of 5 mg/day in order to maintain the serum IGF-I concentration within the age-adjusted normal range and to maintain an optimal therapeutic response.

The maximum dose should not exceed 30 mg/day.

For the different dose regimens the following strengths are available: SOMAVERT 10 mg, SOMAVERT 15 mg, SOMAVERT 20 mg, SOMAVERT 25 mg and SOMAVERT 30 mg.

**Paediatric population**

The safety and efficacy of SOMAVERT in children aged 0 to 17 years have not been established. No data are available.

**Elderly**

No dose adjustment is required.

**Hepatic or renal impairment**

The safety and efficacy of SOMAVERT in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency has not been established.

**Method of administration**

Pegvisomant should be administered by subcutaneous injection.

The site of injection should be rotated daily to help prevent lipohypertrophy.

For instructions on reconstitution of the medicinal product before administration, see section 6.6.
4.3. **Contraindications**

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

4.4. **Special warnings and precautions for use**

**Growth hormone-secreting tumours**

Growth hormone-secreting pituitary tumours may sometimes expand, causing serious complications (for example, visual field defects). Treatment by pegvisomant does not reduce tumour size. All patients with these tumours should be carefully monitored in order to avoid any eventual progression in tumour size under treatment.

**Serum IGF-1 monitoring**

Pegvisomant is a potent antagonist of growth hormone action. A growth hormone deficient state may result from administration of this medicinal product, despite the presence of elevated serum growth hormone levels. Serum IGF-I concentrations should be monitored and maintained within the age-adjusted normal range by adjustment of the pegvisomant dose.

**ALT or AST elevations**

Serum concentrations of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate transaminase (AST) should be monitored at four to six week intervals for the first six months of treatment with pegvisomant, or at any time in patients exhibiting symptoms suggestive of hepatitis. Evidence of obstructive biliary tract disease should be ruled out in patients with elevations of ALT and AST or in patients with a prior history of treatment with any somatostatin analogue. Administration of pegvisomant should be discontinued if signs of liver disease persist.

**Hypoglycaemia**

The study conducted with pegvisomant in diabetic patients treated either by insulin or by oral hypoglycaemic medicinal products revealed the risk of hypoglycaemia in this population. Therefore, in acromegalic patients with diabetes mellitus, doses of insulin or hypoglycaemic medicinal products may need to be decreased (see section 4.5).

**Increased fertility**

The therapeutic benefits of a reduction in IGF-I concentration which results in improvement of the patient’s clinical condition could potentially increase fertility in female patients. Patients should be advised to use adequate contraception if necessary. Pegvisomant is not recommended during pregnancy (see section 4.6).

4.5. **Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

No interaction studies have been performed. It should be considered whether to continue treatment with somatostatin analogues. The use of this medicine in combination with other medicinal products for the treatment of acromegaly has not been extensively investigated.

Patients receiving insulin or oral hypoglycaemic medicinal products may require dose reduction of these active substances due to the effect of pegvisomant on insulin sensitivity (see section 4.4).

Pegvisomant has significant structural similarity to growth hormone which causes it to cross-react in commercially available growth hormone assays. Since serum concentrations of therapeutically-effective doses of this medicine are generally 100 to 1000 times higher than the actual serum growth hormone concentrations seen in acromegalics, measurements of serum growth hormone concentrations will be spuriously reported in commercially available growth hormone assays.
4.6. Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

See section 4.4.

Pregnancy

For pegvisomant no clinical data on exposed pregnancies are available.

Animal studies are insufficient with respect to effects on pregnancy, embryonal/foetal development, parturition or postnatal development (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown.

SOMAVERT should not be used during pregnancy unless clearly necessary (see section 4.4).

Breast-feeding

The excretion of pegvisomant in breast milk has not been studied in animals. Clinical data are too limited (one reported case) to draw any conclusion on the excretion of pegvisomant in human breast milk. Therefore, pegvisomant should not be used in breast-feeding women. However, breast-feeding may be continued if this medicine is discontinued: this decision should take into account the benefit of pegvisomant therapy to the mother and the benefit of breast-feeding to the child.

Fertility

For pegvisomant no data on fertility are available.

4.7. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed.

4.8. Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile

The list below contains adverse reactions seen in clinical trials with SOMAVERT.

In clinical studies, for patients treated with pegvisomant (n=550), the majority of adverse reactions to pegvisomant were of mild to moderate intensity, of limited duration and did not require discontinuation of treatment.

The most commonly reported adverse reactions occurring in ≥10% of patients with acromegaly treated with pegvisomant during the clinical trials were headache 25%, arthralgia 16% and diarrhoea 13%.

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The list below contains adverse reactions seen in clinical trials or that were spontaneously reported, classified by system organ class and frequency.

Adverse reactions are listed according to the following categories:

Very common: ≥1/10
Common: ≥1/100 to <1/10
Uncommon: $\geq 1/1,000$ to $<1/100$

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)

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<td>Renal and urinary disorders</td>
<td>haematuria</td>
<td>proteinuria, polyuria, renal impairment</td>
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<td>General disorders and administration site conditions</td>
<td>injection site reaction (including injection site hypersensitivity), injection site bruising or bleeding, injection site hypertrophy (e.g. lipohypertrophy)&lt;sup&gt;a&lt;/sup&gt;, influenza-like illness, fatigue, asthenia, pyrexia</td>
<td>feeling abnormal, impaired healing, hunger</td>
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<sup>a</sup> see Description of selected adverse reactions below

<sup>b</sup> ADR related to hypersensitivity reaction

### Description of selected adverse reactions

Most injection site reactions characterised as localised erythemas and soreness, spontaneously resolved with local symptomatic treatment, while pegvisomant therapy continued. Occurrence of injection site hypertrophy has been observed, including lipohypertrophy.

The development of isolated low-titre anti-growth hormone antibodies was observed in 16.9% of patients treated with pegvisomant. The clinical significance of these antibodies is unknown.

Systemic hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylactic/anaphylactoid reactions, laryngospasm, angioedema, generalized skin reactions (rash, erythema, pruritus, urticaria) have been reported in post marketing use. Some patients required hospitalization. Upon re-administration, symptoms did not re-occur in all patients.

### Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Any suspected adverse events should be reported to the Ministry of Health according to the National Regulation by using an online form [http://forms.gov.il/globalddata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=AdversEffectMedic@moh.gov.il](http://forms.gov.il/globalddata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=AdversEffectMedic@moh.gov.il).
4.9. Overdose

There is limited experience of overdose with pegvisomant. In the one reported incident of acute overdose, where 80 mg/day was administered for 7 days, the patient experienced a slight increase in fatigue and dry mouth. In the week following discontinuation of treatment the adverse reactions noted were: insomnia, increased fatigue, oedema peripheral, tremor, and weight gain. Two weeks after stopping treatment, leukocytosis and moderate bleeding from injection and vein puncture sites was observed which were considered possibly related to pegvisomant.

In cases of overdose, administration of this medicine should be discontinued and not resumed until IGF-I levels return to within or above the normal range.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other anterior pituitary lobe hormones and analogues, ATC code: H01AX01.

Mechanism of action

Pegvisomant is an analogue of human growth hormone that has been genetically modified to be a growth hormone receptor antagonist. Pegvisomant binds to growth hormone receptors on cell surfaces, where it blocks growth hormone binding, and thus interferes with intracellular growth hormone signal transduction. Pegvisomant is highly selective for the GH receptor, and does not cross-react with other cytokine receptors, including prolactin.

Pharmacodynamic effects

Inhibition of growth hormone action with pegvisomant leads to decreased serum concentrations of insulin-like growth factor-I (IGF-I), as well as other growth hormone-responsive serum proteins such as free IGF-I, the acid-labile subunit of IGF-I (ALS), and insulin-like growth factor binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3).

Clinical efficacy and safety

Acromegalic patients (n=112) have been treated in a 12-week, randomised, double-blind, multicentre study comparing placebo and pegvisomant. Dose-dependent, statistically significant reductions in mean IGF-I (p<0.0001), free IGF-I (p<0.05), IGFBP-3 (p<0.05) and ALS (p<0.05) were observed at all post-baseline visits in the pegvisomant treatment groups. The serum IGF-1 was normalised at the end of the study (week 12) in 9.7%, 38.5%, 75% and 82% of subjects treated with placebo, 10 mg/day, 15 mg/day or 20 mg/day pegvisomant respectively.

Statistically significant differences from placebo (p<0.05) were observed for improvements in the total signs and symptoms score for all dose groups compared to placebo.

A cohort of 38 acromegalic subjects has been followed in a long-term, open-label, dose-titration study for at least 12 consecutive months of daily dosing with pegvisomant (mean = 55 weeks). The mean IGF-I concentration in this cohort fell from 917 ng/ml to 299 ng/ml on pegvisomant, with 92% achieving a normal (age-adjusted) IGF-I concentration.
5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption

Absorption of pegvisomant following subcutaneous administration is slow and prolonged, and peak serum pegvisomant concentrations are not generally attained until 33-77 hours after administration. The mean extent of absorption of a subcutaneous dose was 57% relative to an intravenous dose.

Distribution

The apparent volume of distribution of pegvisomant is relatively small (7-12 L).

Biotransformation

The metabolism of pegvisomant has not been studied.

Elimination

The mean total body systemic clearance of pegvisomant following multiple doses is estimated to be 28 ml/h for subcutaneous doses ranging from 10 to 20 mg/day. Renal clearance of pegvisomant is negligible and accounts for less than 1% of total body clearance. Pegvisomant is slowly eliminated from serum, with mean estimates of half-life generally ranging from 74 to 172 hours following either single or multiple-doses.

Linearity/non-linearity

After single subcutaneous pegvisomant administration no linearity is observed with rising doses of 10, 15 or 20 mg. Approximately linear pharmacokinetics is observed at steady state in the population pharmacokinetic studies. The data from 145 patients in two long-term studies who received daily doses of 10, 15, or 20 mg, demonstrate pegvisomant mean serum concentrations (± SD) of approximately 8800 ± 6300, 13200 ± 8000 and 15600 ± 10300 ng/ml, respectively.

The pharmacokinetics of pegvisomant are similar in normal healthy volunteers and acromegaly patients, although heavier individuals tend to have a higher total body clearance of pegvisomant than lighter individuals, and may thus require greater doses of pegvisomant.

5.3. Preclinical safety data

Non-clinical data revealed no special hazard for humans based on studies of repeated dose toxicity in rat and monkey. However, due to the marked pharmacological response in monkey, systemic exposures higher than those achieved in patients at therapeutic doses have not been studied. Except for one segment II test in the rabbit, no other reproductive toxicity studies were conducted.

Malignant fibrous histiocytomas associated with fibrosis and histiocytic inflammation were observed at injection sites in males in the rat carcinogenicity study at exposure levels equivalent to three times the human exposure based on mean plasma concentrations in two long-term studies at a daily dose of 30 mg. The relevance of this response for humans is currently unknown.

6. Pharmaceutical particulars

6.1. List of excipients

Powder:
Glycine
Mannitol
Disodium phosphate anhydrous

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6.2. Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3. Shelf life

The expiry date of the product is indicated on the packaging materials.

After reconstitution, the product should be used immediately.

6.4. Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C). Do not freeze. Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

The pre-filled syringe(s) may be stored below 25

After reconstitution:
For storage conditions after reconstitution of the medicinal product, see section 6.3.

6.5. Nature and contents of container

Vial (type I glass) with a stopper (butyl rubber). The colour of the protective plastic cap is specific to the strength of the product.

The powder vial of SOMAVERT 10 mg contains 10 mg pegvisomant.
The powder vial of SOMAVERT 15 mg contains 15 mg pegvisomant.
The powder vial of SOMAVERT 20 mg contains 20 mg pegvisomant.
The powder vial of SOMAVERT 25 mg contains 25 mg pegvisomant.
The powder vial of SOMAVERT 30 mg contains 30 mg pegvisomant.

Solvent: 8 ml vial or 1 ml pre-filled syringe of water for injections.

Pack size of 30.

6.6. Special precautions for disposal and other handling

The powder should be reconstituted in 1 mL solvent.

Before attaching the supplied safety needle the syringe cap will need to be removed from the pre-filled syringe. This is achieved by snapping it off. The syringe should be kept upright to avoid leakage and the end of the syringe should not be allowed to contact anything.
When adding the solvent from the syringe the vial and syringe should held at an angle as shown in the diagram below.

Add the solvent to the vial of powder. The solvent should be emptied into the vial slowly to avoid the possibility of a foam forming. This would make the medicine unusable. Gently dissolve the powder with a slow, swirling motion. Do not shake vigorously, as this might cause denaturation of the active substance.

After reconstitution, the reconstituted solution should be inspected visually for extraneous (or for any foreign) particulate matter or any variation in physical appearance prior to administration. In the event of either being observed, discard the medicinal product.
Before withdrawing the dissolved Somavert invert the vial with the syringe still inserted into it and ensure the gap in the stopper can be seen as shown in the diagram below:

Pull the needle down so that the needle tip is at its lowest point in the liquid. Slowly withdraw the plunger in the syringe to withdraw the medicine from the vial. If air is seen in the syringe, tap the barrel to float the bubbles to the top, and then gently push the bubbles out into the vial.

Before disposing of the syringe and needle fold the needle guard over the needle and ensure it clicks into place. The syringe and needle should never be reused.

For single use only. Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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9. REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)

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Somavert 15mg 135.42.31358.00
Somavert 20mg 135.43.31359.00
Somavert 25mg 158.92.34994.00
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