

Package leaflet: Information for the user
Ferant 250 micrograms solution for injection
Palonosetron

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Ferant is and what it is used for

Ferant contains the active substance palonosetron. This belongs to a group of medicines called serotonin (5HT₃) antagonists.

Ferant is used in adults, adolescents and children over one month of age to help stop you feeling or being sick (nausea and vomiting) when having cancer treatments called chemotherapy.

It works by blocking the action of a chemical called serotonin, which can cause you to feel sick or to vomit.

2. What you need to know before you use Ferant

Do not use Ferant:

- If you are allergic to palonosetron or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

You will not be given Ferant if any of the above apply to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or nurse before you are given this medicine.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or nurse before using Ferant:

- If you have a blocked bowel or have had repeated constipation in the past.
- If you have had heart problems or heart problems run in your family, such as changes in your heart beat ('QT prolongation').
- If you have an imbalance of certain minerals in your blood which has not been treated - such as potassium and magnesium.

If any of the above applies to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or nurse before you are given Ferant.

Other medicines and Ferant

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. In particular, tell them if you are taking the following medicines:

Medicines for depression or anxiety

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any medicines for depression or anxiety, including:

- medicines called SSRIs ('selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors') – such as fluoxetine, paroxetine, sertraline, fluvoxamine, citalopram, escitalopram
- medicines called SNRIs ('serotonin noradrenaline reuptake inhibitors') – such as venlafaxine, duloxetine (can lead to the development of serotonin syndrome and should be used with caution).

Medicines that can affect your heartbeat

Tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any medicines that affect your heartbeat – this is because they could cause a heartbeat problem when taken with Ferant. This includes:

- medicines for heart problems such as amiodarone, nicardipine, quinidine
- medicines for infections such as moxifloxacin, erythromycin
- medicines for serious mental health problems such as haloperidol, chlorpromazine, quetiapine, thioridazine
- a medicine for feeling or being sick (nausea and vomiting) called domperidone.

If any of the above applies to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or nurse before taking Ferant – this is because these medicines could cause a heartbeat problem when taken with Ferant.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Pregnancy

If you are pregnant or think you might be pregnant, your doctor will not give you Ferant unless it is clearly necessary. This is because we do not know if palonosetron may harm the baby.

Ask your doctor or nurse for advice before being given this medicine if you are pregnant or think you might be.

Breast-feeding

It is not known if Ferant is found in breast milk.

Ask your doctor or nurse for advice before being given this medicine if you are breast-feeding.

Driving and using machines

You may feel dizzy or tired after being given this medicine. If this happens, do not drive or use any tools or machines.

Ferant contains sodium

This medicinal product contains 0.20mmol (or 4.65mg) sodium per dose (up to 1.2mmol or 27.9mg for the highest dose). To be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

3. How to use Ferant

Ferant is normally given by a doctor or nurse.

- You will be given the medicine about 30 minutes before the start of chemotherapy.

Adults

- The recommended dose of Ferant is 250 micrograms
- It is given as a rapid injection into a vein.

Use in children and Adolescents (aged 1 month to 17 years)

- The doctor will decide the dose, depending on bodyweight.
- The maximum dose is 1500 micrograms.
- Ferant will be given as a drip (a slow infusion into a vein).

It is not recommended you are given Ferant in the days following chemotherapy unless you are going to have another chemotherapy cycle.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Serious side effects

Tell your doctor straight away if you notice any of the following serious side effects:

- allergic reaction - the signs may include swelling of the lips, face, tongue or throat, having difficulty breathing or collapsing, an itchy, lumpy rash (hives). This is very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people.

Tell your doctor straight away if you notice any of the serious side effects listed above.

Other side effects

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following side effects:

Adults

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- headache, feeling dizzy,
- constipation, diarrhoea.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- change in the colour of the vein and veins becoming larger
- feeling happier than usual or feeling anxious
- feeling sleepy or trouble sleeping
- decrease or loss of appetite
- weakness, feeling tired, fever or flu like symptoms
- numbness, burning, prickling or tingling sensations on the skin
- itchy skin rash
- impaired vision or eye irritation
- motion sickness
- ringing in the ear
- hiccups, passing wind (flatulence), dry mouth or indigestion
- abdominal (stomach) pain
- difficulty passing water (urinating)
- joint pain.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the side effects listed above.

Uncommon side effects shown in tests (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- high or low blood pressure
- abnormal heart rate or lack of blood flow to the heart
- abnormally high or low levels of potassium in the blood
- high levels of sugar in the blood or sugar in the urine
- low levels of calcium in the blood
- high levels of the pigment bilirubin in the blood
- high levels of certain liver enzymes
- ECG (electrocardiogram) abnormalities ('QT prolongation').

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people):

- Burning, pain or redness at the injection site

Children and young people

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- headache.

Uncommon: (may affect up to 1 in 100 people):

- dizziness
- jerky body movements
- abnormal heart rate
- coughing or shortness of breath
- nosebleed
- itchy skin rash or hives
- fever
- pain at the site of infusion.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the side effects listed above.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the national reporting system to:

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By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Ferant

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the ampoule and carton after 'EXP'.

The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special temperature storage conditions. Store in the original package, in order to protect from light.

Single use only, any unused solution should be disposed of.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Ferant contains

- The active substance is palonosetron (as hydrochloride). Each ml of solution contains 50 micrograms palonosetron. Each ampoule of 5 ml of solution contains 250 micrograms of palonosetron.
- The other ingredients are mannitol, disodium edetate, sodium citrate, citric acid monohydrate, sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment), hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment), water for injections.

What Ferant looks like and contents of the pack

Ferant solution for injection is a clear, colourless solution and is supplied in clear glass ampoules of 5 ml filling capacity.

Carton box of 1, 5, 10 ampoules.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer

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