# **CRESEMBA®** Powder for Concentrate for Solution for Infusion (Isavuconazonium sulfate)

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

CRESEMBA powder for concentrate for solution for infusion 200 mg

# 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each vial contains 200 mg isavuconazole (as 372.6 mg isavuconazonium sulfate).

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Powder for concentrate for solution for infusion White to yellow powder

#### 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

## 4.1 Therapeutic indications

CRESEMBA is indicated in adults for the treatment of

- invasive aspergillosis
- mucormycosis in patients for whom amphotericin B is inappropriate (see sections 4.4 and 5.1)

Consideration should be given to official guidance on the appropriate use of antifungal agents.

# 4.2 Posology and method of administration

# **Posology**

Early targeted therapy (pre-emptive or diagnostic-driven therapy) may be instituted pending confirmation of the disease from specific diagnostic tests. However, once these results become available, antifungal therapy should be adjusted accordingly.

# Loading dose

The recommended loading dose is one vial after reconstitution and dilution (equivalent to 200 mg of isavuconazole) every 8 hours for the first 48 hours (6 administrations in total).

#### Maintenance dose

The recommended maintenance dose is one vial after reconstitution and dilution (equivalent to 200 mg of isavuconazole) once daily, starting 12 to 24 hours after the last loading dose.

Duration of therapy should be determined by the clinical response (see section 5.1).

For long-term treatment beyond 6 months, the benefit-risk balance should be carefully considered (see sections 5.1 and 5.3).

#### Switch to oral isavuconazole

CRESEMBA is also available as hard capsules containing 100 mg isavuconazole.

On the basis of the high oral bioavailability (98%, see section 5.2), switching between intravenous and oral administration is appropriate when clinically indicated.

#### **Elderly**

No dose adjustment is necessary for elderly patients; however the clinical experience in elderly patients is limited.

#### Renal impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment, including patients with endstage renal disease (see section 5.2).

## Hepatic impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Classes A and B) (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

Isavuconazole has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risks (see sections 4.4, 4.8 and 5.2).

## Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of CRESEMBA in children aged below 18 years has not yet been established. No data are available.

## Method of administration

Intravenous use.

Precautions to be taken before handling or administering the medicinal product

CRESEMBA must be reconstituted and then further diluted to a concentration corresponding to approximately 0.8 mg/mL isavuconazole prior to administration by intravenous infusion over a minimum of 1 hour to reduce the risk of infusion-related reactions. The infusion must be administered via an infusion set with an in-line filter with a microporous membrane made of polyethersulfone (PES) and with a pore size of 0.2  $\mu$ m to 1.2  $\mu$ m. CRESEMBA must only be given as an intravenous infusion.

For detailed instructions on the reconstitution and dilution of CRESEMBA 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.

Co-administration with ketoconazole (see section 4.5).

Co-administration with high-dose ritonavir (>200 mg every 12 hours) (see section 4.5).

Co-administration with strong CYP3A4/5 inducers such as rifampicin, rifabutin, carbamazepine, long-acting barbiturates (e.g., phenobarbital), phenytoin and St. John's wort or with moderate CYP3A4/5 inducers such as efavirenz, nafcillin and etravirine (see section 4.5).

Patients with familial short QT syndrome (see section 4.4).

# 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

## **Hypersensitivity**

Hypersensitivity to isavuconazole may result in adverse reactions that include: anaphylactic reaction, hypotension, respiratory failure, dyspnoea, drug eruption, pruritus, and rash(see section 4.8). In case of anaphylactic reaction, isavuconazole should be discontinued immediately and appropriate medical treatment should be initiated.

Caution should be used in prescribing isavuconazole to patients with hypersensitivity to other azole antifungal agents.

# <u>Infusion-related reactions</u>

During intravenous administration of isavuconazole, infusion-related reactions including hypotension, dyspnoea, dizziness, paraesthesia, nausea, and headache were reported (see section 4.8). The infusion should be stopped if these reactions occur.

## Severe cutaneous adverse reactions

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions, such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome, have been reported during treatment with azole antifungal agents. If a patient develops a severe cutaneous adverse reaction, CRESEMBA should be discontinued.

#### Cardiovascular

#### QT shortening

Isavuconazole is contraindicated in patients with familial short QT syndrome (see section 4.3).

In a QT study in healthy human subjects, isavuconazole shortened the QTc interval in a concentration-related manner. For the 200 mg dosing regimen, the least squares mean (LSM) difference from placebo was 13.1 ms at 2 hours post dose [90% CI: 17.1, 9.1 ms]. Increasing the dose to 600 mg resulted in an LSM difference from placebo of 24.6 ms at 2 hours post dose [90% CI: 28.7, 20.4 ms].

Caution is warranted when prescribing isavuconazole to patients taking other medicinal products known to decrease the QT interval, such as rufinamide.

#### Elevated liver transaminases or hepatitis

Elevated liver transaminases have been reported in clinical studies (see section 4.8). The elevations in liver transaminases rarely required discontinuation of isavuconazole. Monitoring of hepatic enzymes should be considered, as clinically indicated. Hepatitis has been reported with azole antifungal agents including isavuconazole.

## Severe hepatic impairment

Isavuconazole has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risks. These patients should be carefully monitored for potential drug toxicity (see sections 4.2, 4.8 and 5.2).

## Concomitant use with other medicinal products

#### CYP3A4/5 inhibitors

Ketoconazole is contraindicated (see section 4.3). For the strong CYP3A4 inhibitor lopinavir/ritonavir, a two-fold increase in isavuconazole exposure was observed. For other strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors, a less pronounced effect can be expected. No dose adjustment of isavuconazole is necessary when co-administered with strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors, however caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase (see section 4.5).

#### CYP3A4/5 inducers

Co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers such as aprepitant, prednisone, and pioglitazone, may result in mild to moderate decreases of isavuconazole plasma levels; co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers should be avoided unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risk (see section 4.5).

## CYP3A4/5 substrates including immunosuppressants

Isavuconazole can be considered a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4/5, and systemic exposure to medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A4 may be increased when co-administered with isavuconazole. Concomitant use of isavuconazole with CYP3A4 substrates such as the immunosuppressants tacrolimus, sirolimus or ciclosporin may increase the systemic exposure to these medicinal products. Appropriate therapeutic drug monitoring and dose adjustment may be necessary during co-administration (see section 4.5).

## CYP2B6 substrates

Isavuconazole is an inducer of CYP2B6. Systemic exposure to medicinal products metabolised by CYP2B6 may be decreased when co-administered with isavuconazole. Therefore, caution is advised when CYP2B6 substrates, especially medicinal products with a narrow therapeutic index such as cyclophosphamide, are co-administered with isavuconazole. The use of the CYP2B6 substrate efavirenz with isavuconazole is contraindicated because efavirenz is a moderate inducer of CYP3A4/5 (see section 4.3).

#### *P-gp substrates*

Isavuconazole may increase the exposure of medicinal products that are P-gp substrates. Dose adjustment of medicinal products that are P-gp substrates, especially medicinal products with a narrow therapeutic index such as digoxin, colchicine and dabigatran etexilate, may be needed when concomitantly administered with isavuconazole (see section 4.5).

## Limitations of the clinical data

The clinical data for isavuconazole in the treatment of mucormycosis are limited to one prospective non-controlled clinical study in 37 patients with proven or probable mucormycosis who received isavuconazole for primary treatment, or because other antifungal treatments (predominantly amphotericin B) were inappropriate.

For individual *Mucorales* species, the clinical efficacy data are very limited, often to one or two patients (see section 5.1). Susceptibility data were available in only a small subset of cases. These data indicate that concentrations of isavuconazole required for inhibition *in vitro* are very variable between genera/species within the order of *Mucorales*, and generally higher than concentrations required to inhibit *Aspergillus* species. It should be noted that there was no dose-finding study in mucormycosis, and patients were administered the same dose of isavuconazole as was used for the treatment of invasive aspergillosis.

## 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

## Potential of medicinal products to affect the pharmacokinetics of isavuconazole

Isavuconazole is a substrate of CYP3A4 and CYP3A5 (see section 5.2). Co-administration of

medicinal products which are inhibitors of CYP3A4 and/or CYP3A5 may increase the plasma concentrations of isavuconazole. Co-administration of medicinal products which are inducers of CYP3A4 and/or CYP3A5 may decrease the plasma concentrations of isavuconazole.

# Medicinal products that inhibit CYP3A4/5

Co-administration of isavuconazole with the strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitor ketoconazole is contraindicated, since this medicinal product can significantly increase plasma concentrations of isavuconazole (see sections 4.3 and 4.5).

For the strong CYP3A4 inhibitor lopinavir/ritonavir, a two-fold increase in isavuconazole exposure was observed. For other strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, such as clarithromycin, indinavir and saquinavir, a less pronounced effect can be expected, based on their relative potency. No dose adjustment of isavuconazole is necessary when co-administered with strong CYP3A4/5 inhibitors, however caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase (see section 4.4).

No dose adjustment is warranted for moderate to mild CYP3A4/5 inhibitors.

# Medicinal products that induce CYP3A4/5

Co-administration of isavuconazole with potent CYP3A4/5 inducers such as rifampicin, rifabutin, carbamazepine, long-acting barbiturates (e.g., phenobarbital), phenytoin and St. John's wort, or with moderate CYP3A4/5 inducers such as efavirenz, nafcillin and etravirine, is contraindicated, since these medicinal products can significantly decrease plasma concentrations of isavuconazole (see section 4.3).

Co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers such as aprepitant, prednisone and pioglitazone, may result in mild to moderate decreases of isavuconazole plasma levels; co-administration with mild CYP3A4/5 inducers should be avoided unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risk (see section 4.4).

Co-administration with high-dose ritonavir (>200 mg twice daily) is contraindicated, as at high doses ritonavir may induce CYP3A4/5 and decrease isavuconazole plasma concentrations (see section 4.3).

# Potential for isavuconazole to affect exposures of other medicines

## Medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A4/5

Isavuconazole is a moderate inhibitor of CYP3A4/5; co-administration of isavuconazole with medicinal products which are substrates of CYP3A4/5 may result in increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

# Medicinal products metabolised by CYP2B6

Isavuconazole is a mild CYP2B6 inducer; co-administration of isavuconazole may result in decreased plasma concentrations of CYP2B6 substrates.

# *Medicinal products transported by P-gp in the intestine*

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of P-glycoprotein (P-gp); co-administration with isavuconazole may result in increased plasma concentrations of P-gp substrates.

# Medicinal products transported by BCRP

Isavuconazole is an inhibitor *in vitro* of BCRP, and plasma concentrations of substrates of BCRP may therefore be increased. Caution is advised when isavuconazole is given concomitantly with substrates of BCRP.

# Medicinal products renally excreted via transport proteins

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of the organic cation transporter 2 (OCT2). Co-administration

of isavuconazole with medicinal products which are substrates of OCT2 may result in increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

Uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferases (UGT) substrates

Isavuconazole is a mild inhibitor of UGT. Co-administration of isavuconazole with medicinal products which are substrates of UGT may result in mildly increased plasma concentrations of these medicinal products.

# Interaction table

Interactions between isavuconazole and co-administered medicinal products are listed in Table 1 (increase is indicated as " $\uparrow$ ", decrease as " $\downarrow$ "), ordered by therapeutic class. Unless otherwise stated, studies detailed in Table 1 have been performed with the recommended dose of isavuconazole.

**Table 1 Interactions** 

Co-administered	Effects on drug	Recommendation
medicinal product by	concentrations/Geometric mean	concerning co-
therapeutic area	change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	administration
•	(Mode of action)	
Anticonvulsants		
Carbamazepine,	Isavuconazole concentrations may	The concomitant
phenobarbital and	decrease (CYP3A induction by	administration of
phenytoin	carbamazepine, phenytoin and	isavuconazole and
(strong CYP3A4/5	long-acting barbiturates such as	carbamazepine, phenytoin
inducers)	phenobarbital).	and long-acting
		barbiturates such as
		phenobarbital is
		contraindicated.
Antibacterials	T-	L
Rifampicin	Isavuconazole:	The concomitant
(strong CYP3A4/5	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 90%	administration of
inducer)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 75%	isavuconazole and
		rifampicin is
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	contraindicated.
Rifabutin	Not studied.	The concomitant
(strong CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	administration of
inducer)	significantly decrease.	isavuconazole and
		rifabutin is
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	contraindicated.
Nafcillin	Not studied.	The concomitant
(moderate CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	administration of
inducer)	significantly decrease.	isavuconazole and
	(67.772.4.4/5.1.4.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.1.	nafcillin is
CI 'II '	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	contraindicated.
Clarithromycin	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(strong CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	adjustment necessary;
inhibitor)	increase.	caution is advised as
	(CV/D2 A 4/5 : 1 :1 :/: )	adverse drug reactions
A., C.C., 1-	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	may increase.
Antifungals Ketoconazole	Isavuconazole:	The concomitant
(strong CYP3A4/5		administration of
inhibitor)	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : † 422%	isavuconazole and
mmonor)	C <sub>max</sub> : † 9%	isavuconazore anu

Co-administered	Effects on drug	Recommendation
medicinal product by	concentrations/Geometric mean	concerning co-
therapeutic area	change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	administration
	(Mode of action)	
		ketoconazole is
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	contraindicated.
Herbal medicines		
St. John's wort	Not studied.	The concomitant
(strong CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	administration of
inducer)	significantly decrease.	isavuconazole and St. John's wort is
	(CYP3A4 induction)	contraindicated.
Immunosuppressants	(C113A4 muucuon)	contramulcated.
Ciclosporin, sirolimus,	Ciclosporin:	No isavuconazole dose
tacrolimus	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 29%	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 substrates)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 6%	
	max , v	Ciclosporin, sirolimus,
	Sirolimus:	tacrolimus: monitoring of
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 84%	plasma levels and
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 65%	appropriate dose adjustment if required.
	Tacrolimus:	
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 125%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : † 42%	
	Chiaxi 1270	
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	
Mycophenolate mofetil	Mycophenolic acid (MPA, active	No isavuconazole dose
(MMF)	metabolite):	adjustment necessary.
(UGT substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 35%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 11%	MMF: monitoring for
		MPA-related toxicities is
D 1:	(UGT inhibition)	advised.
Prednisone (CVP2 A 4 mala structure)	Prednisolone (active metabolite):	Co-administration should
(CYP3A4 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 8%	be avoided unless the
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 4%	potential benefit is considered to outweigh
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	the risk.
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	Isavuconazole concentrations may decrease.	
	decrease.	
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	
Opioids	1	1
Short-acting opiates	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(alfentanyl, fentanyl)	Short-acting opiate concentrations	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 substrate)	may increase.	
	(CY/D2 A 4/5 : 1 :1 :: : )	Short-acting opiates
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition).	(alfentanyl, fentanyl):
		careful monitoring for any
		occurrence of drug toxicity, and dose
		reduction if required.
Methadone	S-methadone (inactive opiate	No isavuconazole dose
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Co-administered medicinal product by therapeutic area	Effects on drug concentrations/Geometric mean change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub> (Mode of action)	Recommendation concerning co-administration
(CYP3A4/5, 2B6 and	isomer):	adjustment necessary.
2C9 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 35%	M.4. 1 1
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 1% 40% reduction in terminal half-life	Methadone: no dose adjustment required.
	R-methadone (active opiate isomer):	
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 10%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : † 4%	
	(CYP2B6 induction)	
Anti-cancer Vinca alkaloids	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(vincristine, vinblastine)	Vinca alkaloid concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
(P-gp substrates)	increase.	Vinca alkaloids: careful
	(P-gp inhibition)	monitoring for any
	(1 gp initiation)	occurrence of drug
		toxicity, and dose
		reduction if required.
Cyclophosphamide	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2B6, CYP3A4	Active metabolites of	adjustment necessary.
substrate)	cyclophosphamide may increase or decrease.	Cyclombosubomido
	decrease.	Cyclophosphamide: careful monitoring for any
	(CYP2B6 induction, CYP3A4	occurrence of lack of
	inhibition)	efficacy or increased
	,	toxicity, and dose
		adjustment if required.
Methotrexate	Methotrexate:	No isavuconazole dose
(BCRP, OAT1, OAT3	$AUC_{inf}: \downarrow 3\%$	adjustment necessary.
substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 11%	Methotrexate: no dose
	7-hydroxymetabolite:	adjustment required.
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 29%	adjustment required.
	C <sub>max</sub> : † 15%	
	(Mechanism unknown)	
Other anticancer agents	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(daunorubicin,	Daunorubicin, doxorubicin,	adjustment necessary.
doxorubicin, imatinib,	imatinib, irinotecan, lapatinib,	Doupombiair
irinotecan, lapatinib, mitoxantrone,	mitoxantrone, topotecan concentrations may increase.	Daunorubicin, doxorubicin, imatinib,
topotecan)	concentrations may mercase.	irinotecan, lapatinib,
(BCRP substrates)	(BCRP inhibition)	mitoxantrone or
	<u> </u>	topotecan: careful
		monitoring for any
		occurrence of drug
		toxicity, and dose
		reduction if required.

Co-administered medicinal product by therapeutic area	Effects on drug concentrations/Geometric mean change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	Recommendation concerning co-administration
therapeutic area	(Mode of action)	aummistration
Antiemetics		
Aprepitant	Not studied.	Co-administration should
(mild CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	be avoided unless the
inducer)	decrease.	potential benefit is considered to outweigh
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	the risk.
Antidiabetics	(C11311#2 madetion)	the fisk.
Metformin	Metformin:	No isavuconazole dose
(OCT1, OCT2 and	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 52%	adjustment necessary.
MATE1 substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 23%	
		Metformin: dose reduction
	(OCT2 inhibition)	may be required.
Repaglinide	Repaglinide:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2C8 and	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 8%	adjustment necessary.
OATP1B1 substrate)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 14%	Damaalinida, na daga
		Repaglinide: no dose adjustment required.
Pioglitazone	Not studied.	Co-administration should
(mild CYP3A4/5	Isavuconazole concentrations may	be avoided unless the
inducer)	decrease.	potential benefit is
,		considered to outweigh
	(CYP3A4/5 induction)	the risk.
Anticoagulants	1	1
Dabigatran etexilate	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(P-gp substrate)	Dabigatran etexilate concentrations may increase.	adjustment necessary.
	(2)	Dabigatran etexilate has a
	(P-gp inhibition)	narrow therapeutic index
		and should be monitored, and dose reduction if
		required.
Warfarin	S-warfarin:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2C9 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 11%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 12%	
		Warfarin: no dose
	R-warfarin:	adjustment required.
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 20%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 7%	
Antiretroviral agents		
Lopinavir 400	Lopinavir:	No isavuconazole dose
mg/Ritonavir 100 mg	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 27%	adjustment necessary;
(CYP3A4/5 strong inhibitors and	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 23%	caution is advised as
substrates)	$C_{\min}$ , ss: $\downarrow 16\%^{a)}$	adverse drug reactions may increase.
,	Ritonavir:	
	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↓ 31%	Lopinavir/ritonavir: no
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 33%	dose adjustment for
	- max	lopinavir 400 mg/ritonavir
	(Mechanism unknown)	100 mg every 12 hours

Co-administered medicinal product by therapeutic area	Effects on drug concentrations/Geometric mean change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub> (Mode of action)	Recommendation concerning co-administration
	Isavuconazole: AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↑ 96% C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 74%	required, but careful monitoring for any occurrence of lack of antiviral efficacy.
Ritonavir (at doses > 200 mg every 12 hours) (strong CYP3A4/5 inducer)	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)  Not studied. Ritonavir at high doses may significantly decrease isavuconazole concentrations.  (CYP3A4/5 induction)	The concomitant administration of isavuconazole and high doses of ritonavir (>200 mg every 12 hours) is contraindicated.
Efavirenz (CYP3A4/5 moderate inducer and CYP2B6 substrate)	Not studied. Efavirenz concentrations may decrease.  (CYP2B6 induction)  Isavuconazole drug concentrations may significantly decrease.	The concomitant administration of isavuconazole and efavirenz is contraindicated.
Etravirine (moderate CYP3A4/5 inducer)	(CYP3A4/5 induction) Not studied. Isavuconazole concentrations may significantly decrease. (CYP3A4/5 induction)	The concomitant administration of isavuconazole and etravirine is contraindicated.
Indinavir (CYP3A4/5 strong inhibitor and substrate)	Indinavir: <sup>b)</sup> AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 36%  C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 52%  (Mechanism unknown)	No isavuconazole dose adjustment necessary; caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase.
	Isavuconazole concentrations may increase.  (CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	Indinavir: careful monitoring for any occurrence of lack of antiviral efficacy, and dose increase if required.
Saquinavir (strong CYP3A4 inhibitor)	Not studied. Saquinavir concentrations may decrease (as observed with lopinavir/ritonavir) or increase.  (CYP3A4 inhibition)	No isavuconazole dose adjustment necessary; caution is advised as adverse drug reactions may increase.
	Isavuconazole concentrations may increase.  (CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	Saquinavir: careful monitoring for any occurrence of drug toxicity and /or lack of anti-viral efficacy, and dose adjustment if

Co-administered medicinal product by therapeutic area	Effects on drug concentrations/Geometric mean change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub> (Mode of action)	Recommendation concerning co-administration
		required.
Other protease	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
inhibitors (e.g.,	Protease inhibitor concentrations	adjustment necessary.
fosamprenavir)	may decrease (as observed with	
(CYP3A4/5 strong or	lopinavir/ritonavir) or increase.	Protease inhibitors:
moderate inhibitors and		careful monitoring for any
substrates)	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	occurrence of drug
		toxicity and /or lack of
	Isavuconazole concentrations may	anti-viral efficacy, and
	increase.	dose adjustment if
		required.
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	
Other NNRTI (e.g.,	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
nevirapine)	NNRTI concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 and 2B6	decrease (CYP2B6 induction by	
inducers and substrates)	isavuconazole) or increase.	NNRTIs: careful
		monitoring for any
	(CYP3A4/5 inhibition)	occurrence of drug
		toxicity and/or lack of
		anti-viral efficacy, and
		dose adjustment if
		required.
Antiacids		
Esomeprazole	Isavuconazole:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2C19 substrate	AUC <sub>tau</sub> : ↑ 8%	adjustment necessary.
and gastric pH ↑)	C <sub>max</sub> : † 5%	
		Esomeprazole: no dose
		adjustment required.
Omeprazole	Omeprazole:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2C19 substrate	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 11%	adjustment necessary.
and gastric pH ↑)	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 23%	
		Omeprazole: no dose
T		adjustment required.
Lipid-lowering agents	T A	NT 1 1
Atorvastatin and other	Atorvastatin:	No isavuconazole dose
statins (CYP3A4	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 37%	adjustment necessary.
substrates e.g.,	C <sub>max</sub> : † 3%	Dagad on magnitai41-
simvastatin, lovastatin,	Other statins were not studied.	Based on results with
rosuvastatin)	Statins concentrations may	atorvastatin, no statin dose
(CYP3A4/5 and/or	increase.	adjustment required.
BCRP substrates)		Monitoring of adverse
,	1 (CVD2 A 4/5 an DCDD inhihition)	reactions typical of statins
,	(CYP3A4/5 or BCRP inhibition)	
,	(CYP3A4/3 of BCRP innibition)	is advised.
Antiarrhythmics	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	is advised.
Antiarrhythmics Digoxin	Digoxin:	is advised.  No isavuconazole dose
Antiarrhythmics	Digoxin: AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 25%	is advised.
Antiarrhythmics Digoxin	Digoxin:	No isavuconazole dose adjustment necessary.
Antiarrhythmics Digoxin	Digoxin: AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 25%	is advised.  No isavuconazole dose

Co-administered	Effects on drug	Recommendation
medicinal product by	concentrations/Geometric mean	concerning co-
therapeutic area	change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	administration
therapeutic area	(Mode of action)	aummistration
	(Mode of action)	titration of the digoxin
		dose.
Oral contraceptives		
Ethinyl oestradiol and	Ethinyl oestradiol:	No isavuconazole dose
norethindrone	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 8%	adjustment necessary.
(CYP3A4/5 substrates)	C <sub>max</sub> : † 14%	
		Ethinyl oestradiol and
	Norethindrone:	norethindrone: no dose
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 16%	adjustment required.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 6%	
Antitussives		
Dextromethorphan	Dextromethorphan:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2D6 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 18%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 17%	
	Cinax. 1 1770	Dextromethorphan: no
	Dextrorphan (active metabolite):	dose adjustment required.
	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 4%	
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 2%	
Benzodiazepines	Cmax. V 270	
Midazolam	Oral midazolam:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP3A4/5 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : † 103%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↑ 72%	
	Cinax. 1 /2/3	Midazolam: careful
	(CYP3A4 inhibition)	monitoring of clinical
	(	signs and symptoms
		recommended, and dose
		reduction if required.
Antigout agent	1	
Colchicine	Not studied.	No isavuconazole dose
(P-gp substrate)	Colchicine concentrations may	adjustment necessary.
	increase.	Calabiaina hana
	(P. on inhibition)	Colchicine has a narrow
	(P-gp inhibition)	therapeutic index and should be monitored, dose
		reduction if required.
Natural products	1	roduction in required.
Caffeine	Caffeine:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP1A2 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↑ 4%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 1%	
	- max · · · · · · ·	Caffeine: no dose
		adjustment required.
Smoking cessation aids		<b>T</b>
Bupropion	Bupropion:	No isavuconazole dose
(CYP2B6 substrate)	AUC <sub>inf</sub> : ↓ 42%	adjustment necessary.
	C <sub>max</sub> : ↓ 31%	
		Bupropion: dose increase
NNDTI = man muslaasida m	(CYP2B6 induction)	if required.

NNRTI = non-nucleoside reverse-transcriptase inhibitor; P-gp = P-glycoprotein.

a) % decrease of the mean trough level values

Co-administered	Effects on drug	Recommendation
medicinal product by	concentrations/Geometric mean	concerning co-
therapeutic area	change (%) in AUC, C <sub>max</sub>	administration
	(Mode of action)	

b) Indinavir was only studied after a single dose of 400 mg isavuconazole.

# 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

# Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of CRESEMBA in pregnant women.

Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). The potential risk for humans is unknown.

CRESEMBA must not be used during pregnancy except in patients with severe or potentially life-threatening fungal infections, in whom isavuconazole may be used if the anticipated benefits outweigh the possible risks to the foetus.

# Women of child-bearing potential

CRESEMBA is not recommended for women of childbearing potential who are not using contraception.

# **Breast-feeding**

Available pharmacodynamic/toxicological data in animals have shown excretion of isavuconazole/metabolites in milk (see section 5.3).

A risk to newborns and infants cannot be excluded.

Breast-feeding should be discontinued during treatment with CRESEMBA.

## Fertility

There are no data on the effect of isavuconazole on human fertility. Studies in animals did not show impairment of fertility in male or female rats (see section 5.3).

# 4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Isavuconazole has a moderate potential to influence the ability to drive and use machines. Patients should avoid driving or operating machinery if symptoms of confusional state, somnolence, syncope, and/or dizziness are experienced.

#### 4.8 Undesirable effects

## Summary of the safety profile

The most common treatment-related adverse reactions were elevated liver chemistry tests (7.9%), nausea (7.4%), vomiting (5.5%), dyspnoea (3.2%), abdominal pain (2.7%), diarrhoea (2.7%), injection site reaction (2.2%), headache (2.0%), hypokalaemia (1.7%) and rash (1.7%).

 $AUC_{inf}$  = area under the plasma concentration-time profiles extrapolated to infinity;  $AUC_{tau}$  = area under the plasma concentration-time profiles during the 24 h interval at steady state;  $C_{max}$  = peak plasma concentration;  $C_{min,ss}$  = trough levels at steady state.

The adverse reactions which most often led to permanent discontinuation of isavuconazole treatment were confusional state (0.7%), acute renal failure (0.7%), increased blood bilirubin (0.5%), convulsion (0.5%), dyspnoea (0.5%), epilepsy (0.5%), respiratory failure (0.5%) and vomiting (0.5%).

# Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Table 2 presents adverse reactions with isavuconazole in the treatment of invasive fungal infections, by System Organ Class and frequency.

The frequency of adverse reactions is defined as follows: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to <1/10); and uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to <1/100); not known (frequency cannot be estimated from available data).

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 2 Summary of adverse reactions by MedDRA System Organ Class and frequency

	of adverse reactions by MedDRA System Organ Class and frequency
System Organ	
Class	Adverse Drug Reactions
Blood and lymph	natic system disorders
Uncommon	Neutropenia; Thrombocytopenia^; Pancytopenia; Leukopenia^;
	Anaemia^
Immune system	disorders
Uncommon	Hypersensitivity^
Not known	Anaphylactic reaction*
Metabolism and	nutrition disorders
Common	Hypokalaemia; Decreased appetite
Uncommon	Hypomagnesaemia; Hypoglycaemia; Hypoalbuminaemia; Malnutrition^
Psychiatric disor	ders
Common	Delirium^#
Uncommon	Depression; Insomnia^
Nervous system o	disorders
Common	Headache; Somnolence
Uncommon	Convulsion^; Syncope; Dizziness; Paraesthesia^;
	Encephalopathy; Presyncope; Neuropathy peripheral; Dysgeusia
Ear and labyrint	h disorders
Uncommon	Vertigo
Cardiac disorder	·s
Uncommon	Atrial fibrillation; Tachycardia; Bradycardia^; Palpitations;
	Atrial flutter; Electrocardiogram QT shortened; Supraventricular
	tachycardia; Ventricular extrasystoles; Supraventricular extrasystoles
Vascular disorde	
Common	Thrombophlebitis^
Uncommon	Circulatory collapse; Hypotension
Respiratory, tho	racic and mediastinal disorders
Common	Dyspnoea^; Acute respiratory failure^
Uncommon	Bronchospasm; Tachypnoea; Haemoptysis; Epistaxis
Gastrointestinal	
Common	Vomiting; Diarrhoea; Nausea; Abdominal pain^
Uncommon	Dyspepsia; Constipation; Abdominal distension
Hepatobiliary dis	
Common	Elevated liver chemistry tests^#

System Organ			
Class	Adverse Drug Reactions		
Uncommon	Hepatomegaly; Hepatitis		
Skin and subcuta	neous tissue disorders		
Common	Rash^; Pruritus		
Uncommon	Petechiae; Alopecia; Drug eruption; Dermatitis^		
Musculoskeletal	Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders		
Uncommon	Back pain		
Renal and urinary disorders			
Common	Renal failure		
General disorders and administration site conditions			
Common	Chest pain^; Fatigue; Injection site reaction^		
Uncommon	Oedema peripheral^; Malaise; Asthenia		

<sup>^</sup> Indicates that grouping of appropriate preferred terms into a single medical concept occurred.

# Description of selected adverse reactions

Delirium includes reactions of confusional state.

Elevated liver chemistry tests includes events of alanine aminotransferase increased, aspartate aminotransferase increased, blood alkaline phosphatase increased, blood bilirubin increased, blood lactate dehydrogenase increased, gamma-glutamyltransferase increased, hepatic enzyme increased, hepatic function abnormal, hyperbilirubinemia, liver function test abnormal, and transaminases increased.

## Laboratory effects

In a double-blind, randomized, active-controlled clinical study of 516 patients with invasive fungal disease caused by *Aspergillus* species or other filamentous fungi, elevated liver transaminases (alanine aminotransferase or aspartate aminotransferase)  $>3 \times$  Upper Limit of Normal (ULN) were reported at the end of study treatment in 4.4% of patients who received isavuconazole. Marked elevations of liver transaminases  $>10 \times$  ULN developed in 1.2% of patients on isavuconazole.

#### 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. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions.

#### 4.9 Overdose

# **Symptoms**

Symptoms reported more frequently at supratherapeutic doses of CRESEMBA (equivalent to isavuconazole 600 mg/day) evaluated in a QT study than in the therapeutic dose group (equivalent to isavuconazole 200 mg/day dose) included: headache, dizziness, paraesthesia, somnolence, disturbance in attention, dysgeusia, dry mouth, diarrhoea, oral hypoaesthesia, vomiting, hot flush, anxiety, restlessness, palpitations, tachycardia, photophobia and arthralgia.

#### Management of overdose

<sup>\*</sup> ADR identified post-marketing.

<sup>#</sup> See section Description of selected adverse reactions below.

Isavuconazole is not removed by haemodialysis. There is no specific antidote for isavuconazole. In the event of an overdose, supportive treatment should be instituted.

#### 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

## 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antimycotics for systemic use, triazole- and tetrazole derivative, ATC code: J02AC05.

#### Mechanism of action

Isavuconazole is the active moiety formed after oral or intravenous administration of isavuconazonium sulfate (see section 5.2).

Isavuconazole demonstrates a fungicidal effect by blocking the synthesis of ergosterol, a key component of the fungal cell membrane, through the inhibition of cytochrome P-450-dependent enzyme lanosterol 14-alpha-demethylase, responsible for the conversion of lanosterol to ergosterol. This results in an accumulation of methylated sterol precursors and a depletion of ergosterol within the cell membrane, thus weakening the structure and function of the fungal cell membrane.

# Microbiology

In animal models of disseminated and pulmonary aspergillosis, the pharmacodynamic (PD) index important in efficacy is exposure divided by minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) (AUC/MIC).

No clear correlation between *in vitro* MIC and clinical response for the different species (*Aspergillus* and *Mucorales*) could be established.

Concentrations of isavuconazole required to inhibit *Aspergillus* species and genera/species of the order *Mucorales in vitro* have been very variable. Generally, concentrations of isavuconazole required to inhibit *Mucorales* are higher than those required to inhibit the majority of *Aspergillus* species.

Clinical efficacy has been demonstrated for the following *Aspergillus species: Aspergillus fumigatus*, *A. flavus*, *A. niger*, and *A. terreus (see further below)*.

# Mechanism(s) of resistance

Reduced susceptibility to triazole antifungal agents has been associated with mutations in the fungal *cyp51A* and *cyp51B* genes coding for the target protein lanosterol 14-alpha-demethylase involved in ergosterol biosynthesis. Fungal strains with reduced *in vitro* susceptibility to isavuconazole have been reported, and cross-resistance with voriconazole and other triazole antifungal agents cannot be excluded.

# **EUCAST Breakpoints**

Aspergillus species	Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) breakpoint (mg/L)	
	≤S (Susceptible) >R (Resistant)	
Aspergillus flavus	1	2

Aspergillus species	Minimal Inhibitory Concentration (MIC) breakpoint (mg/L)	
	≤S (Susceptible) >R (Resistant)	
Aspergillus fumigatus	1	2
Aspergillus nidulans	0.25	0.25
Aspergillus terreus	1	1

There are currently insufficient data to set clinical breakpoints for other *Aspergillus* species.

# Clinical efficacy and safety

# Treatment of invasive aspergillosis

The safety and efficacy of isavuconazole for the treatment of patients with invasive aspergillosis was evaluated in a double-blind, active-controlled clinical study in 516 patients with invasive fungal disease caused by *Aspergillus* species or other filamentous fungi. In the intent-to-treat (ITT) population, 258 patients received isavuconazole and 258 patients received voriconazole. Isavuconazole was administered intravenously (equivalent to 200 mg isavuconazole) every 8 hours for the first 48 hours, followed by once-daily intravenous or oral treatment (equivalent to 200 mg isavuconazole). The protocol-defined maximum treatment duration was 84 days. Median treatment duration was 45 days.

The overall response at end-of-treatment (EOT) in the myITT population (patients with proven and probable invasive aspergillosis based on cytology, histology, culture or galactomannan testing) was assessed by an independent blinded Data Review Committee. The myITT population comprised 123 patients receiving isavuconazole and 108 patients receiving voriconazole. The overall response in this population was  $n = 43 \ (35\%)$  for isavuconazole and  $n = 42 \ (38.9\%)$  for voriconazole. The adjusted treatment difference (voriconazole–isavuconazole) was 4.0% (95% confidence interval: -7.9; 15.9).

The all-cause mortality at Day 42 in this population was 18.7% for isavuconazole and 22.2% for voriconazole. The adjusted treatment difference (isavuconazole–voriconazole) was -2.7% (95% confidence interval: -12.9; 7.5).

# Treatment of mucormycosis

In an open-label non-controlled study, 37 patients with proven or probable mucormycosis received isavuconazole at the same dose regimen as that used to treat invasive aspergillosis. Median treatment duration was 84 days for the overall mucormycosis patient population, and 102 days for the 21 patients not previously treated for mucormycosis. For patients with probable or proven mucormycosis as defined by the independent Data Review Committee (DRC), all-cause mortality at Day 84 was 43.2% (16/37) for the overall patient population, 42.9% (9/21) for mucormycosis patients receiving isavuconazole as primary treatment, and 43.8% (7/16) for mucormycosis patients receiving isavuconazole who were refractory to, or intolerant of, prior antifungal therapy (mainly amphotericin B-based treatments). The DRC-assessed overall success rate at EOT was 11/35 (31.4%), with 5 patients considered completely cured and 6 patients partially cured. A stable response was observed in an additional 10/35 patients (28.6%). In 9 patients with mucormycosis due to *Rhizopus* spp., 4 patients showed a favourable response to isavuconazole. In 5 patients with mucormycosis due to *Rhizomucor* spp., no favourable responses were observed. The clinical experience in other species is very limited (*Lichtheimia* spp. n = 2, *Cunninghamella* spp. n = 1, *Actinomucor elegans* n = 1).

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Isavuconazonium sulfate is a water-soluble prodrug that can be administered as an intravenous infusion or orally as hard capsules. Following administration, isavuconazonium sulfate is rapidly hydrolysed by plasma esterases to the active moiety isavuconazole; plasma

concentrations of the prodrug are very low, and detectable only for a short time after intravenous dosing.

# **Absorption**

Following oral administration of CRESEMBA in healthy subjects, the active moiety is avuconazole is absorbed and reaches maximum plasma concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) approximately 2–3 hours after single and multiple dosing (see Table 3).

Table 3 Steady state pharmacokinetic parameters of isavuconazole following oral administration of CRESEMBA

Parameter	Isavuconazole 200 mg	Isavuconazole 600 mg
Statistic	(n=37)	(n=32)
$C_{max}$ (ng/mL)		
Mean	7499	20028
SD	1893.3	3584.3
CV %	25.2	17.9
t <sub>max</sub> (h)		
Median	3.0	4.0
Range	2.0 - 4.0	2.0 - 4.0
AUC (h•ng/mL)	•	•
Mean	121402	352805
SD	35768.8	72018.5
CV %	29.5	20.4

As shown in table 4 below, the absolute bioavailability of isavuconazole following oral administration of a single dose of CRESEMBA is 98%. Based on these findings, intravenous and oral dosing can be used interchangeably.

Table 4 Pharmacokinetic comparison for oral and intravenous dose (Mean)

	ISA 400 mg oral	ISA 400 mg i.v.
AUC (h•ng/mL)	189462.8	193906.8
CV %	36.5	37.2
Half-life (h)	110	115

# Effect of food on absorption

Oral administration of CRESEMBA equivalent to 400 mg isavuconazole with a high-fat meal reduced isavuconazole  $C_{max}$  by 9% and increased AUC by 9%. CRESEMBA can be taken with or without food.

# **Distribution**

Isavuconazole is extensively distributed, with a mean steady state volume of distribution ( $V_{ss}$ ) of approximately 450 L. Isavuconazole is highly bound (>99%) to human plasma proteins, predominantly to albumin.

# Biotransformation

*In vitro/in vivo* studies indicate that CYP3A4, CYP3A5, and subsequently uridine diphosphate-glucuronosyltransferases (UGT), are involved in the metabolism of isavuconazole.

Following single doses of [cyano-<sup>14</sup>C] isavuconazonium and [pyridinylmethyl-<sup>14</sup>C] isavuconazonium sulfate in humans, in addition to the active moiety (isavuconazole) and the inactive cleavage product, a number of minor metabolites were identified. Except for the active

moiety isavuconazole, no individual metabolite was observed with an AUC > 10% of total radio-labelled material.

#### Elimination

Following oral administration of radio-labelled isavuconazonium sulfate to healthy subjects, a mean of 46.1% of the radioactive dose was recovered in faeces, and 45.5% was recovered in urine.

Renal excretion of intact isavuconazole was less than 1% of the dose administered.

The inactive cleavage product is primarily eliminated by metabolism and subsequent renal excretion of the metabolites.

# Linearity/non-linearity

Studies in healthy subjects have demonstrated that the pharmacokinetics of isavuconazole are proportional up to 600 mg/day.

# Pharmacokinetics in special populations

## Paediatric patients

The pharmacokinetics in paediatric patients (<18 years) have not yet been evaluated. No data are available.

#### Renal impairment

No clinically relevant changes were observed in the total  $C_{max}$  and AUC of isavuconazole in subjects with mild, moderate or severe renal impairment compared to subjects with normal renal function. Of the 403 patients who received isavuconazole in the Phase 3 studies, 79 (20%) of patients had an estimated glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m². No dose adjustment is required in patients with renal impairment, including those patients with end-stage renal disease. Isavuconazole is not readily dialysable (see section 4.2).

#### Hepatic impairment

After a single 100 mg dose of isavuconazole was administered to 32 patients with mild (Child-Pugh Class A) hepatic insufficiency and 32 patients with moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic insufficiency (16 intravenous and 16 oral patients per Child-Pugh class), the least square mean systemic exposure (AUC) increased 64% in the Child-Pugh Class A group, and 84% in the Child-Pugh Class B group, relative to 32 age- and weight-matched healthy subjects with normal hepatic function. Mean plasma concentrations (C<sub>max</sub>) were 2% lower in the Child-Pugh Class A group and 30% lower in the Child-Pugh Class B group. The population pharmacokinetic evaluation of isavuconazole in healthy subjects and patients with mild or moderate hepatic dysfunction demonstrated that the mild and moderate hepatic impairment populations had 40% and 48% lower isavuconazole clearance (CL) values, respectively, than the healthy population.

No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment.

Isavuconazole has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). Use in these patients is not recommended unless the potential benefit is considered to outweigh the risks (see sections 4.2 and 4.4).

## 5.3 Preclinical safety data

In rats and rabbits, isavuconazole at systemic exposures below the therapeutic level were

associated with dose-related increases in the incidence of skeletal anomalies (rudimentary supernumerary ribs) in offspring. In rats, a dose-related increase in the incidence of zygomatic arch fusion was also noted in offspring (see section 4.6).

Administration of isavuconazonium sulfate to rats at a dose of 90 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0-fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole) during pregnancy through the weaning period showed an increased perinatal mortality of the pups. *In utero* exposure to the active moiety isavuconazole had no effect on the fertility of the surviving pups.

Intravenous administration of <sup>14</sup>C-labelled isavuconazonium sulfate to lactating rats resulted in the recovery of radiolabel in the milk.

Isavuconazole did not affect the fertility of male or female rats treated with oral doses up to 90 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0-fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole).

Isavuconazole has no discernible mutagenic or genotoxic potential. Isavuconazole was negative in a bacterial reverse mutation assay, was weakly clastogenic at cytotoxic concentrations in the L5178Y tk+/- mouse lymphoma chromosome aberration assay, and showed no biologically relevant or statistically significant increase in the frequency of micronuclei in an *in vivo* rat micronucleus test.

Isavuconazole has demonstrated carcinogenic potential in 2-year rodent carcinogenicity studies. Liver and thyroid tumours are likely caused by a rodent-specific mechanism that is not relevant for humans. Skin fibromas and fibrosarcomas were seen in male rats. The mechanism underlying this effect is unknown. Endometrial adenomas and carcinomas of the uterus were seen in female rats, which is likely due to a hormonal disturbance. There is no safety margin for these effects. The relevance for humans of the skin and uterine tumours cannot be excluded.

Isavuconazole inhibited the hERG potassium channel and the L-type calcium channel with an IC $_{50}$  of 5.82  $\mu$ M and 6.57  $\mu$ M respectively (34- and 38-fold the human non-protein bound C $_{max}$  at maximum recommended human dose [MRHD], respectively). The *in vivo* 39-week repeated-dose toxicology studies in monkeys did not show QTcF prolongation at doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (approximately 1.0 fold the systemic exposure at the human clinical maintenance dose of 200 mg isavuconazole).

Environmental risk assessment has shown that CRESEMBA may pose a risk for the aquatic environment.

# 6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

## 6.1 List of excipients

Mannitol
Sulfuric acid (for pH-adjustment)

# 6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products except those mentioned in section 6.6.

## 6.3 Shelf life

Please refer to the outer carton for the expiry date.

Chemical and physical in-use stability after reconstitution and dilution has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 2°C to 8°C, or 6 hours at room temperature.

From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and would normally not be longer than 24 hours at 2°C to 8°C, unless reconstitution and dilution has taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions.

## 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C to 8°C).

For storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution of the medicinal product, see section 6.3.

#### 6.5 Nature and contents of container

One 10 mL Type I glass vial with rubber stopper and an aluminum cap with plastic seal.

# 6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

#### Reconstitution

One vial of the powder for concentrate for solution for infusion should be reconstituted by addition of 5 mL water for injections to the vial. The vial should be shaken to dissolve the powder completely. The reconstituted solution should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration. Reconstituted concentrate should be clear and free of visible particulate. It must be further diluted prior to administration.

## Dilution and administration

After reconstitution, the entire content of the reconstituted concentrate should be removed from the vial and added to an infusion bag containing at least 250 mL of either sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) dextrose solution. The infusion solution contains approximately 0.8 mg isavuconazole per mL. After the reconstituted concentrate is further diluted, the diluted solution may show fine white-to-translucent particulates of isavuconazole, that do not sediment (but will be removed by in-line filtration). The diluted solution should be mixed gently, or the bag should be rolled to minimise the formation of particulates. Unnecessary vibration or vigorous shaking of the solution should be avoided. The solution for infusion must be administered via an infusion set with an in-line filter (pore size  $0.2 \, \mu m$  to  $1.2 \, \mu m$ ) made of polyether sulfone (PES).

Isavuconazole should not be infused into the same line or cannula concomitantly with other intravenous products.

Storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution are provided in section 6.3.

If possible, the intravenous administration of isavuconazole should be completed within 6 hours after reconstitution and dilution at room temperature. If this is not possible, the infusion solution should be immediately refrigerated after dilution, and infusion should be completed within 24 hours. Further information regarding the storage conditions after reconstitution and dilution of the medicinal product is provided in section 6.3.

An existing intravenous line should be flushed with sodium chloride 9 mg/mL (0.9%) solution

for injection or 50 mg/mL (5%) dextrose solution.

This medicinal product is for single use only. Discard partially-used vials.

This medicinal product may pose a risk to the environment (see section 5.3).

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

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