

# 5 reasons to consider Ferinject®

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## Ferinject® (ferric carboxymaltose) Iron deficiency anaemia treatment for ND-CKD patients

**From the pioneers of iron-based therapies**

Ferinject® is indicated for the treatment of iron deficiency when oral iron preparations are ineffective or cannot be used or if there is a clinical need to deliver iron rapidly. The diagnosis of iron deficiency must be based on laboratory tests.<sup>1</sup>

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## ***Ferinject® can be used to treat iron deficiency (ID) – one of the most common causes of anaemia in ND-CKD<sup>1,2</sup>***

Anaemia affects up to 75% of patients with ND-CKD and kidney failure,<sup>3</sup> with 42–53% of anaemic stage 3–5 ND-CKD patients diagnosed as iron deficient.\*<sup>2</sup>

### **According to NICE guidelines:**

- **Patients should be tested to diagnose ID** and determine potential responsiveness to iron therapy,<sup>†4</sup> and
- **Iron therapy should be offered** to correct ID **before** considering or when starting ESAs **and** during maintenance ESA therapy<sup>4</sup>

Patients also need to be iron replete before initiating anaemia treatment with the HIF-PHI therapy roxadustat.<sup>5,6</sup>

\* ID was defined as ferritin <100 µg/L or TSAT <20%, and kidney failure was defined as eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>

† Long-term iron requirements also should be monitored every 3 months

## **Ferinject® – dosing that achieves high ferritin levels<sup>1,7</sup>**

Results from the FIND-CKD study showed that treating ID with Ferinject® and a dosing strategy that achieves high ferritin levels (400–600 µg/L) allowed **76.5%** (117/153) of patients to maintain a Hb level of  $\geq 10$  g/dL or not require further anaemia treatment, compared with dosing strategies that achieved lower ferritin levels of 100-200 ug/L with either Ferinject® (67.8%, 104/153,  $p=0.082$ ) or oral ferrous sulphate (68.2%, 210/308,  $p=0.026$ ).

- FIND-CKD was a 56-week, 3-arm, open-label, randomised study comparing the efficacy and safety of Ferinject®, targeted to different ferritin levels, with oral ferrous sulphate therapy in 626 pts with ND-CKD and iron deficiency anaemia
- The primary endpoint was the time to initiation of further anaemia management or Hb trigger
- Key secondary endpoints included the percentage of pts with an Hb increase  $\geq 1$  g/dL, change in eGFR, and the % of pts discontinuing study drug due to intolerance



## ***Ferinject® – a well-characterised safety profile and licence for use in adults and paediatric patients aged 1 or older<sup>1</sup>***

The safety and tolerability profile of Ferinject® is based on data reported in clinical studies and post-marketing surveillance from **>9,000 patients, including >100 children and adolescents aged 1–17.<sup>1</sup>**

- In FIND-CKD, treating iron deficiency anaemia (IDA) with Ferinject® to achieve high ferritin levels was not associated with an increased AE rate vs achieving lower ferritin levels with Ferinject®
- Common ADRs ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ) include nausea, injection/infusion site reactions, hypophosphataemia, headache, flushing, dizziness and hypertension<sup>1</sup>
- The most serious ADR with Ferinject® is anaphylactic reactions, which is rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ); fatalities have been reported<sup>1</sup>
- For more information on the facilities required for identifying and managing anaphylactic reactions, please refer to the SmPC






***Ferinject® – infusion/injection time  
from only 15 minutes<sup>1</sup>***

Offering a minimum administration time of 15 minutes for doses of 1000 mg of iron, which must be followed by a 30-minute observation period.<sup>1</sup>

Refer to the SmPC for further information.

***Ferinject® is backed by >15 years  
of post-marketing experience<sup>1</sup>***

Discover the high-dose IV iron treatment with more than 15 years and 29 million patient-years' exposure.<sup>1,8</sup>



**With over 15 years of heritage, *Ferinject*<sup>®</sup> helps your patients with ND-CKD and ID anaemia get back to what matters**

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**ADR:** Adverse drug reaction; **AE:** Adverse event; **eGFR:** Estimated glomerular filtration rate; **ESA:** Erythropoiesis stimulating agent; **Hb:** Haemoglobin; **HIF-PHI:** Hypoxia-inducible factor prolyl-hydroxylase inhibitor; **ID:** Iron deficiency; **IDA:** Iron deficiency anaemia; **IV:** Intravenous; **ND-CKD:** Non-dialysis chronic kidney disease; **NICE:** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; **PTS:** Patients; **SmPC:** Summary of Product Characteristics; **TSAT:** Transferrin saturation.

## **Ferinject® UK Prescribing Information**

**Ferric Carboxymaltose 50mg iron/mL dispersion for injection/infusion**

10mL/5 vials, 20mL/1 vial



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