

**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Myfenax 250 mg hard capsules

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each capsule contains 250 mg mycophenolate mofetil.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Hard capsule (capsule)

The capsule body is caramel opaque, printed with '250' axially in black ink.  
The capsule cap is light blue opaque printed 'M' axially in black ink.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Myfenax is indicated in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids for the prophylaxis of acute transplant rejection in patients receiving allogeneic renal, cardiac or hepatic transplants.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Treatment with Myfenax should be initiated and maintained by appropriately qualified transplant specialists.

#### Posology

##### *Use in renal transplant*

##### Adults

Oral Myfenax should be initiated within 72<sup>o</sup>hours following transplantation. The recommended dose in renal transplant patients is 1 g administered twice daily (2 g daily dose).

##### Paediatric population aged 2 to 18 years

The recommended dose of mycophenolate mofetil is 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered orally twice daily (up to a maximum of 2 g daily). Myfenax capsules should only be prescribed to patients with a body surface area of at least 1.25 m<sup>2</sup>. Patients with a body surface area of 1.25 to 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> may be prescribed Myfenax capsules at a dose of 750 mg twice daily (1.5 g daily dose). Patients with a body surface area greater than 1.5 m<sup>2</sup> may be prescribed Myfenax capsules at a dose of 1 g twice daily (2 g daily dose). As some adverse reactions occur with greater frequency in this age group (see section 4.8) compared with adults, temporary dose reduction or interruption may be required; these will need to take into account relevant clinical factors including severity of reaction.

##### Paediatric population < 2 years

There are limited safety and efficacy data in children below the age of 2<sup>o</sup>years. These are insufficient to make dosage recommendations and therefore use in this age group is not recommended.

### *Use in cardiac transplant:*

#### Adults

Oral Myfenax should be initiated within 5 days following transplantation. The recommended dose in cardiac transplant patients is 1.5°g administered twice daily (3°g daily dose).

#### Paediatric population

No data are available for paediatric cardiac transplant patients.

### *Use in hepatic transplant*

#### Adults

Intravenous mycophenolate mofetil should be administered for the first 4°days following hepatic transplant, with oral Myfenax initiated as soon after this as it can be tolerated. The recommended oral dose in hepatic transplant patients is 1.5°g administered twice daily (3°g daily dose).

#### Paediatric population

No data are available for paediatric hepatic transplant patients.

### *Use in special populations*

#### Elderly

The recommended dose of 1°g administered twice a day for renal transplant patients and 1.5°g twice a day for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients is appropriate for the elderly.

#### Renal impairment

In renal transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment (glomerular filtration rate  $< 25 \text{ mL/min/1.73 m}^2$ ), outside the immediate post-transplant period, doses greater than 1 g administered twice a day should be avoided. These patients should also be carefully observed. No dose adjustments are needed in patients experiencing delayed renal graft function post-operatively (see section 5.2). No data are available for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment.

#### Severe hepatic impairment

No dose adjustments are needed for renal transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease. No data are available for cardiac transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease.

#### Treatment during rejection episodes

Mycophenolic acid (MPA) is the active metabolite of mycophenolate mofetil. Renal transplant rejection does not lead to changes in MPA pharmacokinetics; dosage reduction or interruption of Myfenax is not required. There is no basis for Myfenax dose adjustment following cardiac transplant rejection. No pharmacokinetic data are available during hepatic transplant rejection.

### Method of administration

#### Oral administration

#### *Precautions to be taken before handling or administering the medicinal product*

Because mycophenolate mofetil has demonstrated teratogenic effects in rats and rabbits, Myfenax capsules should not be opened or crushed to avoid inhalation or direct contact with skin or mucous membranes of the powder contained in Myfenax capsules. If such contact occurs, wash thoroughly with soap and water; rinse eyes with plain water.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Myfenax should not be given to patients with hypersensitivity to mycophenolate mofetil, mycophenolic acid or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1. Hypersensitivity reactions to Myfenax have been observed (see section 4.8).

Myfenax should not be given to women of childbearing potential who are not using highly effective contraception (see section 4.6).

Myfenax treatment should not be initiated in women of child bearing potential without providing a pregnancy test result to rule out unintended use in pregnancy (see section 4.6).

Myfenax should not be used during pregnancy unless there is no suitable alternative treatment to prevent transplant rejection (see section 4.6).

Myfenax should not be given to women who are breastfeeding (see section 4.6).

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

#### Neoplasms

Patients receiving immunosuppressive regimens involving combinations of medicinal products, including Myfenax, are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see section 4.8). The risk appears to be related to the intensity and duration of immunosuppression rather than to the use of any specific agent. As general advice to minimise the risk for skin cancer, exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet (UV) light should be limited by wearing protective clothing and using a sunscreen with a high protection factor.

#### Infections

Patients treated with immunosuppressants, including Myfenax, are at increased risk for opportunistic infections (bacterial, fungal, viral and protozoal), fatal infections and sepsis (see section 4.8). Such infections include latent viral reactivation, such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C reactivation and infections caused by polyomaviruses (BK virus associated nephropathy, JC virus associated progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy PML). Cases of hepatitis due to reactivation of hepatitis B or hepatitis C have been reported in carrier patients treated with immunosuppressants. These infections are often related to a high total immunosuppressive burden and may lead to serious or fatal conditions that physicians should consider in the differential diagnosis in immunosuppressed patients with deteriorating renal function or neurological symptoms.

There have been reports of hypogammaglobulinaemia in association with recurrent infections in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. In some of these cases switching mycophenolate mofetil to an alternative immunosuppressant resulted in serum IgG levels returning to normal. Patients on mycophenolate mofetil who develop recurrent infections should have their serum immunoglobulins measured. In cases of sustained, clinically relevant hypogammaglobulinaemia, appropriate clinical action should be considered taking into account the potent cytostatic effects that mycophenolic acid has on T- and B-lymphocytes.

There have been published reports of bronchiectasis in adults and children who received mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. In some of these cases switching mycophenolate mofetil to another immunosuppressant resulted in improvement in respiratory symptoms. The risk of bronchiectasis may be linked to hypogammaglobulinaemia or to a direct effect on the lung. There have also been isolated reports of interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis, some of which were fatal (see section 4.8). It is recommended that patients who develop persistent pulmonary symptoms, such as cough and dyspnoea, are investigated.

## Blood and immune system

Patients receiving Myfenax should be monitored for neutropenia, which may be related to Myfenax itself, concomitant medicinal products, viral infections, or some combination of these causes. Patients taking Myfenax should have complete blood counts weekly during the first month, twice monthly for the second and third months of treatment then monthly through the first year. If neutropenia develops (absolute neutrophil count  $< 1.3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{l}$ ) it may be appropriate to interrupt or discontinue Myfenax.

Cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. The mechanism for mycophenolate mofetil induced PRCA is unknown. PRCA may resolve with dose reduction or cessation of Myfenax therapy. Changes to Myfenax therapy should only be undertaken under appropriate supervision in transplant recipients in order to minimise the risk of graft rejection (see section 4.8).

Patients receiving Myfenax should be instructed to report immediately any evidence of infection, unexpected bruising, bleeding or any other manifestation of bone marrow depression.

Patients should be advised that during treatment with Myfenax, vaccinations may be less effective and the use of live attenuated vaccines should be avoided (see section 4.5). Influenza vaccination may be of value. Prescribers should refer to national guidelines for influenza vaccination.

## Gastro-intestinal

Mycophenolate mofetil has been associated with an increased incidence of digestive system adverse events, including infrequent cases of gastrointestinal tract ulceration, haemorrhage and perforation. Myfenax should be administered with caution in patients with active serious digestive system disease.

Myfenax is an inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) inhibitor. Therefore, it should be avoided in patients with rare hereditary deficiency of hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl-transferase (HGPRT) such as Lesch-Nyhan and Kelley-Seegmiller syndrome.

## Interactions

Caution should be exercised when switching combination therapy from regimens containing immunosuppressants, which interfere with MPA enterohepatic recirculation e.g. ciclosporin to others devoid of this effect e.g. sirolimus, belatacept, or vice versa, as this might result in changes of MPA exposure. Drugs of other classes which interfere with MPA's enterohepatic cycle e.g. cholestyramine should be used with caution due to their potential to reduce the plasma levels and efficacy of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.5).

It is recommended that mycophenolate mofetil should not be administered concomitantly with azathioprine because such concomitant administration has not been studied.

The risk/benefit ratio of mycophenolate mofetil in combination with tacrolimus or sirolimus has not been established (see also section 4.5).

## Special populations

Elderly patients may be at an increased risk of adverse events such as certain infections (including cytomegalovirus tissue invasive disease) and possibly gastrointestinal haemorrhage and pulmonary oedema, compared with younger individuals (see section 4.8).

## Teratogenic effects

Mycophenolate is a powerful human teratogen. Spontaneous abortion (rate of 45-49%) and congenital malformations (estimated rate of 23-27%) have been reported following MMF exposure during pregnancy. Therefore Myfenax is contraindicated in pregnancy unless there are no suitable alternative

treatments to prevent transplant rejection. Female and male patients of reproductive potential should be made aware of the risks and follow the recommendations provided in section 4.6 (e.g. contraceptive methods, pregnancy testing) prior to, during, and after therapy with mycophenolate. Physicians should ensure that women and men taking mycophenolate understand the risk of harm to the baby, the need for effective contraception, and the need to immediately consult their physician if there is a possibility of pregnancy.

#### Contraception (see section 4.6)

Because of the genotoxic and teratogenic potential of mycophenolate, women with childbearing potential should use two reliable forms of contraception simultaneously before starting Myfenax therapy, during therapy, and for six weeks after stopping the therapy; unless abstinence is the chosen method of contraception (see section 4.5).

Sexually active men are recommended to use condoms during treatment and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. Condom use applies for both reproductively competent and vasectomized men, because the risks associated with the transfer of seminal fluid also apply to men who have had a vasectomy. In addition, female partners of male patients treated with mycophenolate are recommended to use highly effective contraception during treatment and for a total of 90 days after the last dose of mycophenolate.

#### Educational materials

In order to assist patients in avoiding foetal exposure to mycophenolate and to provide additional important safety information, the Marketing Authorisation holder will provide educational materials to healthcare professionals. The educational materials will reinforce the warnings about the teratogenicity of mycophenolate, provide advice on contraception before therapy is started and guidance on the need for pregnancy testing. Full patient information about the teratogenic risk and the pregnancy prevention measures should be given by the physician to women of childbearing potential and, as appropriate, to male patients.

#### Additional precautions

Patients should not donate blood during therapy or for at least 6 weeks following discontinuation of mycophenolate. Men should not donate semen during therapy or for 90 days following discontinuation of mycophenolate.

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

#### Aciclovir

Higher aciclovir plasma concentrations were observed when mycophenolate mofetil was administered with aciclovir in comparison to the administration of aciclovir alone. The changes in MPAG (the phenolic glucuronide of MPA) pharmacokinetics (MPAG increased by 8%) were minimal and are not considered clinically significant. Because MPAG plasma concentrations are increased in the presence of renal impairment, as are aciclovir concentrations, the potential exists for mycophenolate mofetil and aciclovir, or its prodrugs, e.g. valaciclovir, to compete for tubular secretion and further increases in concentrations of both substances may occur.

#### Antacids and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)

Decreased MPA exposure has been observed when antacids, such as magnesium and aluminium hydroxides, and PPIs, including lansoprazole and pantoprazole, were administered with mycophenolate mofetil. When comparing rates of transplant rejection or rates of graft loss between mycophenolate mofetil patients taking PPIs vs. mycophenolate mofetil patients not taking PPIs, no significant differences were seen. These data support extrapolation of this finding to all antacids because the reduction in exposure when mycophenolate mofetil was co-administered with magnesium and aluminium hydroxides is considerably less than when mycophenolate mofetil was co-administered with PPIs.

### Cholestyramine

Following single dose administration of 1.5°g of mycophenolate mofetil to normal healthy subjects pre-treated with 4°g three times a day (TID) of cholestyramine for 4°days, there was a 40% reduction in the AUC of MPA (see section 4.4 and section 5.2). Caution should be used during concomitant administration because of the potential to reduce efficacy of Myfenax.

### Medicinal products that interfere with enterohepatic circulation

Caution should be used with medicinal products that interfere with enterohepatic circulation because of their potential to reduce the efficacy of Myfenax.

### Ciclosporin A

Ciclosporin A (CsA) pharmacokinetics are unaffected by mycophenolate mofetil. In contrast, if concomitant ciclosporin treatment is stopped, an increase in MPA AUC of around 30% should be expected. CsA interferes with MPA enterohepatic recycling, resulting in reduced MPA exposures by 30-50% in renal transplant patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil and CsA compared with patients receiving sirolimus or belatacept and similar doses of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.4). Conversely, changes of MPA exposure should be expected when switching patients from CsA to one of the immunosuppressants which does not interfere with MPA's enterohepatic cycle.

### Telmisartan

Concomitant administration of telmisartan and mycophenolate mofetil resulted in an approximately 30% decrease of MPA concentrations. Telmisartan changes MPA's elimination by enhancing PPAR gamma (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma) expression, which in turn results in an enhanced UGT1A9 expression and activity. When comparing rates of transplant rejection, rates of graft loss or adverse event profiles between mycophenolate mofetil patients with and without concomitant telmisartan medication, no clinical consequences of the pharmacokinetic drug-drug interaction were seen.

### Ganciclovir

Based on the results of a single dose administration study of recommended doses of oral mycophenolate mofetil and intravenous ganciclovir and the known effects of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of mycophenolate mofetil (see section 4.2) and ganciclovir, it is anticipated that co-administration of these agents (which compete for mechanisms of renal tubular secretion) will result in increases in MPAG and ganciclovir concentration. No substantial alteration of MPA pharmacokinetics is anticipated and mycophenolate mofetil dose adjustment is not required. In patients with renal impairment in whom Myfenax and ganciclovir or its prodrugs, e.g. valganciclovir, are co-administered the dose recommendations for ganciclovir should be observed and patients monitored carefully.

### Oral contraceptives

The pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of oral contraceptives were unaffected by co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 5.2).

### Rifampicin

In patients not also taking ciclosporin, concomitant administration of mycophenolate mofetil and rifampicin resulted in a decrease in MPA exposure ( $AUC_{0-12h}$ ) of 18% to 70%. It is recommended to monitor MPA exposure levels and to adjust Myfenax doses accordingly to maintain clinical efficacy when rifampicin is administered concomitantly.

### Sevelamer

Decrease in MPA  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-12h}$  by 30% and 25%, respectively, were observed when mycophenolate mofetil was concomitantly administered with sevelamer without any clinical consequences (i.e. graft rejection). It is recommended, however, to administer Myfenax at least one hour before or three hours after sevelamer intake to minimise the impact on the absorption of MPA. There are no data on mycophenolate mofetil with phosphate binders other than sevelamer.

#### Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole

No effect on the bioavailability of MPA was observed.

#### Norfloxacin and metronidazole

In healthy volunteers, no significant interaction was observed when mycophenolate mofetil was concomitantly administered with norfloxacin or metronidazole separately. However, norfloxacin and metronidazole combined reduced the MPA exposure by approximately 30% following a single dose of mycophenolate mofetil.

#### Ciprofloxacin and amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid

Reductions in pre-dose (trough) MPA concentrations of about 50% have been reported in renal transplant recipients in the days immediately following commencement of oral ciprofloxacin or amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid. This effect tended to diminish with continued antibiotic use and to cease within a few days of antibiotic discontinuation. The change in predose level may not accurately represent changes in overall MPA exposure. Therefore, a change in the dose of Myfenax should not normally be necessary in the absence of clinical evidence of graft dysfunction. However, close clinical monitoring should be performed during the combination and shortly after antibiotic treatment.

#### Tacrolimus

In hepatic transplant patients initiated on mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus, the AUC and C<sub>max</sub> of MPA, the active metabolite of mycophenolate mofetil, were not significantly affected by co-administration with tacrolimus. In contrast, there was an increase of approximately 20% in tacrolimus AUC when multiple doses of mycophenolate mofetil (1.5<sup>o</sup>g taken twice a day [BID], morning and evening) were administered to hepatic transplant patients taking tacrolimus. However, in renal transplant patients, tacrolimus concentration did not appear to be altered by mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.4).

#### Other interactions

Co-administration of probenecid with mycophenolate mofetil in monkeys raises plasma AUC of MPAG by 3-fold. Thus, other substances known to undergo renal tubular secretion may compete with MPAG and thereby raise plasma concentrations of MPAG or the other substance undergoing tubular secretion.

#### Live vaccines

Live vaccines should not be given to patients with an impaired immune response. The antibody response to other vaccines may be diminished (see also section 4.4).

#### Paediatric population

Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

### **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

#### Contraception in males and females

Myfenax is contraindicated in women of childbearing potential who are not using highly effective contraception.

Because of the genotoxic and teratogenic potential of mycophenolate, women with childbearing potential should use two reliable forms of contraception simultaneously before starting Myfenax therapy, during therapy, and for six weeks after stopping the therapy; unless abstinence is the chosen method of contraception (see section 4.5).

Sexually active men are recommended to use condoms during treatment and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. Condom use applies for both reproductively competent and vasectomized men, because the risks associated with the transfer of seminal fluid also apply to men who have had a vasectomy. In addition, female partners of male patients treated with mycophenolate are recommended



to use highly effective contraception during treatment and for a total of 90 days after the last dose of mycophenolate.

### Pregnancy

Myfenax is contraindicated during pregnancy unless there is no suitable alternative treatment to prevent transplant rejection. Treatment should not be initiated without providing a negative pregnancy test result to rule out unintended use in pregnancy (see section 4.3).

Female and male patients of reproductive potential must be made aware of the increased risk of pregnancy loss and congenital malformations at the beginning of the treatment and must be counselled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning.

Before starting Myfenax treatment, women of child bearing potential should have a pregnancy test in order to exclude unintended exposure of the embryo to mycophenolate. Two serum or urine pregnancy tests with a sensitivity of at least 25 mIU/mL are recommended; the second test should be performed 8-10°days after the first one and immediately before starting mycophenolate mofetil. Pregnancy tests should be repeated as clinically required (e.g. after any gap in contraception is reported). Results of all pregnancy tests should be discussed with the patient. Patients should be instructed to consult their physician immediately should pregnancy occur.

Mycophenolate is a powerful human teratogen, with an increased risk of spontaneous abortions and congenital malformations in case of exposure during pregnancy;

- Spontaneous abortions have been reported in 45 to 49% of pregnant women exposed to mycophenolate mofetil, compared to a reported rate of between 12 and 33% in solid organ transplant patients treated with immunosuppressants other than mycophenolate mofetil.
- Based on literature reports, malformations occurred in 23 to 27% of live births in women exposed to mycophenolate mofetil during pregnancy (compared to 2 to 3% of live births in the overall population and approximately 4 to 5% of live births in solid organ transplant recipients treated with immunosuppressants other than mycophenolate mofetil).

Congenital malformations, including reports of multiple malformations, have been observed post-marketing in children of patients exposed to mycophenolate in combination with other immunosuppressants during pregnancy. The following malformations were most frequently reported:

- Abnormalities of the ear (e.g. abnormally formed or absent external/middle ear), external auditory canal atresia;
- Congenital heart disease such as atrial and ventricular septal defects;
- Facial malformations such as cleft lip, cleft palate, micrognathia and hypertelorism of the orbits;
- Abnormalities of the eye (e.g. coloboma);
- Malformations of the fingers (e.g. polydactyly, syndactyly);
- Tracheo-Oesophageal malformations (e.g. oesophageal atresia);
- Nervous system malformations such as spina bifida;
- Renal abnormalities.

In addition there have been isolated reports of the following malformations:

- Microphthalmia;
- Congenital choroid plexus cyst;
- Septum pellucidum agenesis;
- Olfactory nerve agenesis.

Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3).

### Breast-feeding

Mycophenolate mofetil has been shown to be excreted in the milk of lactating rats. It is not known whether this substance is excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse

reactions to mycophenolate mofetil in breast-fed infants, Myfenax is contraindicated in breast-feeding mothers (see section 4.3).

#### **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. The pharmacodynamic profile and the reported adverse reactions indicate that an effect is unlikely.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

The following undesirable effects cover adverse reactions from clinical trials

The principal adverse reactions associated with the administration of mycophenolate mofetil in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids include diarrhoea, leucopenia, sepsis and vomiting and there is evidence of a higher frequency of certain types of infections (see section 4.4).

##### *Malignancies*

Patients receiving immunosuppressive regimens involving combinations of medicinal products, including mycophenolate mofetil, are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see section 4.4). Lymphoproliferative disease or lymphoma developed in 0.6% of patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2°g or 3°g daily) in combination with other immunosuppressants in controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients followed for at least 1°year. Non-melanoma skin carcinomas occurred in 3.6% of patients; other types of malignancy occurred in 1.1% of patients. Three-year safety data in renal and cardiac transplant patients did not reveal any unexpected changes in incidence of malignancy compared to the 1-year data. Hepatic transplant patients were followed for at least 1°year, but less than 3°years.

##### *Opportunistic infections*

All transplant patients are at increased risk of opportunistic infections; the risk increased with total immunosuppressive load (see section 4.4). The most common opportunistic infections in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2°g or 3°g daily) with other immunosuppressants in controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients followed for at least 1°year were candida mucocutaneous, cytomegalovirus (CMV) viraemia/syndrome and Herpes simplex. The proportion of patients with CMV viraemia/syndrome was 13.5%.

##### *Paediatric population*

The type and frequency of adverse reactions in a clinical study, which recruited 92 paediatric patients aged 2 to 18°years who were given 600°mg/m<sup>2</sup> mycophenolate mofetil orally twice daily, were generally similar to those observed in adult patients given 1°g mycophenolate mofetil twice daily. However, the following treatment-related adverse events were more frequent in the paediatric population, particularly in children under 6°years of age, when compared to adults: diarrhoea, sepsis, leucopenia, anaemia and infection.

##### *Elderly*

Elderly patients (≥ 65 years) may generally be at increased risk of adverse reactions due to immunosuppression. Elderly patients receiving Myfenax as part of a combination immunosuppressive regimen may be at increased risk of certain infections (including cytomegalovirus tissue invasive disease) and possibly gastrointestinal haemorrhage and pulmonary oedema, compared to younger individuals.

##### Other adverse reactions

Adverse reactions, probably or possibly related to mycophenolate mofetil, reported in ≥1/10 and in ≥1/100 to <1/10 of patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in the controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients are listed in the following table.

Within the system organ classes, undesirable effects are listed under headings of frequency, using the following categories: very common (≥1/10); common (≥1/100 to <1/10); uncommon (≥1/1,000 to

<1/100); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ); very rare ( $\leq 1/10,000$ ), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data). Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

**Adverse reactions, probably or possibly related to mycophenolate mofetil, reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in renal, cardiac and hepatic clinical trials when used in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids**

System organ class	Frequency	Adverse drug reactions
Investigations	Very common	-
	Common	Hepatic enzyme increased, blood creatinine increased, blood lactate dehydrogenase increased, blood urea increased, blood alkaline phosphatase increased, weight decreased
Cardiac disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Tachycardia
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Very common	Leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, anaemia
	Common	Pancytopenia, leukocytosis
Nervous system disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Convulsion, hypertonia, tremor, somnolence, myasthenic syndrome, dizziness, headache, paraesthesia, dysgeusia
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Pleural effusion, dyspnoea, cough
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, nausea
	Common	Gastrointestinal haemorrhage, peritonitis, ileus, colitis, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, gastritis, oesophagitis, stomatitis, constipation, dyspepsia, flatulence, eructation
Renal and urinary disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Renal impairment
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Skin hypertrophy, rash, acne, alopecia
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Arthralgia
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Acidosis, hyperkalaemia, hypokalaemia, hyperglycaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hypocalcaemia, hypercholesterolaemia, hyperlipidaemia, hypophosphataemia, hyperuricaemia, gout, anorexia
Infections and infestations	Very common	Sepsis, gastrointestinal candidiasis, urinary tract infection, herpes simplex, herpes zoster
	Common	Pneumonia, influenza, respiratory tract infection, respiratory moniliasis, gastrointestinal infection, candidiasis, gastroenteritis, infection, bronchitis, pharyngitis, sinusitis, fungal skin infection, skin candida, vaginal candidiasis, rhinitis
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	Very common	-
	Common	Skin cancer, benign neoplasm of skin
Vascular disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Hypotension, hypertension, vasodilatation

<b>System organ class</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Adverse drug reactions</b>
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	-
	Common	Oedema, pyrexia, chills, pain, malaise, asthenia
Hepatobiliary disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Hepatitis, jaundice, hyperbilirubinaemia
Psychiatric disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Agitation, confusional state, depression, anxiety, thinking abnormal, insomnia

Note: 501 (2°g mycophenolate mofetil daily), 289 (3°g mycophenolate mofetil daily) and 277 (2°g intravenous/3°g oral mycophenolate mofetil daily) patients were treated in Phase III studies for the prevention of rejection in renal, cardiac and hepatic transplantation, respectively.

#### The following undesirable effects cover adverse reactions from post-marketing experience

The types of adverse reactions reported during post-marketing with mycophenolate mofetil are similar to those seen in the controlled renal, cardiac and hepatic transplant studies. Additional adverse reactions reported during post-marketing are described below with the frequencies reported within brackets if known.

#### *Gastrointestinal*

Gingival hyperplasia ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ), colitis including cytomegalovirus colitis ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ), pancreatitis ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ) and intestinal villous atrophy.

#### *Infections*

Serious life-threatening infections including meningitis, endocarditis, tuberculosis and atypical mycobacterial infection. Cases of BK virus associated nephropathy, as well as cases of JC virus associated progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy (PML), have been reported in patients treated with immunosuppressants, including Myfenax. Agranulocytosis ( $\geq 1/1000$  to  $< 1/100$ ) and neutropenia have been reported; therefore regular monitoring of patients taking Myfenax is advised (see section 4.4). There have been reports of aplastic anaemia and bone marrow depression in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil, some of which have been fatal.

#### *Blood and lymphatic system disorder*

Cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil (see section 4.4).

Isolated cases of abnormal neutrophil morphology, including the acquired Pelger-Huet anomaly, have been observed in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil. These changes are not associated with impaired neutrophil function. These changes may suggest a 'left shift' in the maturity of neutrophils in haematological investigations, which may be mistakenly interpreted as a sign of infection in immunosuppressed patients such as those that receive Myfenax.

#### *Hypersensitivity*

Hypersensitivity reactions, including angioneurotic oedema and anaphylactic reaction have been reported.

#### *Pregnancy, puerperium and perinatal conditions*

Cases of spontaneous abortions have been reported in patients exposed to mycophenolate mofetil, mainly in the first trimester, see section 4.6.

#### *Congenital disorders*

Congenital malformations have been observed post-marketing in children of patients exposed to mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants, see section 4.6.

#### *Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders*

There have been isolated reports of interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants, some of which have been fatal. There have also been reports of bronchiectasis in children and adults (frequency not known).

### *Immune system disorders*

Hypogammaglobulinaemia has been reported in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants (frequency not known).

### 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 via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#).

## **4.9 Overdose**

Reports of overdoses with mycophenolate mofetil have been received from clinical trials and during post-marketing experience. In many of these cases, no adverse events were reported. In those overdose cases in which adverse events were reported, the events fall within the known safety profile of the medicinal product.

It is expected that an overdose of mycophenolate mofetil could possibly result in oversuppression of the immune system and increase susceptibility to infections and bone marrow suppression (see section 4.4). If neutropenia develops, dosing with Myfenax should be interrupted or the dose reduced (see section 4.4).

Haemodialysis would not be expected to remove clinically significant amounts of MPA or MPAG. Bile acid sequestrants, such as cholestyramine, can remove MPA by decreasing the enterohepatic recirculation of the drug (see section 5.2).

## **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: immunosuppressive agents ATC code: LO4A A06

#### Mechanism of action

Mycophenolate mofetil is the 2-morpholinoethyl ester of mycophenolic acid (MPA). MPA is a potent, selective, uncompetitive and reversible inhibitor of inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase, and therefore inhibits the *de novo* pathway of guanosine nucleotide synthesis without incorporation into DNA. Because T- and B-lymphocytes are critically dependent for their proliferation on *de novo* synthesis of purines whereas other cell types can utilise salvage pathways, MPA has more potent cytostatic effects on lymphocytes than on other cells.

### **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

#### Absorption

Following oral administration, mycophenolate mofetil undergoes rapid and extensive absorption and complete presystemic metabolism to the active metabolite, MPA. As evidenced by suppression of acute rejection following renal transplantation, the immunosuppressant activity of mycophenolate mofetil is correlated with MPA concentration. The mean bioavailability of oral mycophenolate mofetil, based on MPA AUC, is 94% relative to intravenous mycophenolate mofetil. Food had no effect on the extent of absorption (MPA AUC) of mycophenolate mofetil when administered at doses of 1.5 g BID to renal transplant patients. However, MPA  $C_{max}$  was decreased by 40% in the presence of food. Mycophenolate mofetil is not measurable systemically in plasma following oral administration.

### Distribution

As a result of enterohepatic recirculation, secondary increases in plasma MPA concentration are usually observed at approximately 6-12<sup>o</sup>hours post-dose. A reduction in the AUC of MPA of approximately 40% is associated with the co-administration of cholestyramine (4<sup>o</sup>g TID), indicating that there is a significant amount of enterohepatic recirculation.

MPA at clinically relevant concentrations is 97% bound to plasma albumin.

### Biotransformation

MPA is metabolised principally by glucuronyl transferase (isoform UGT1A9) to form the inactive phenolic glucuronide of MPA (MPAG). *In vivo*, MPAG is converted back to free MPA via enterohepatic recirculation. A minor acylglucuronide (AcMPAG) is also formed. AcMPAG is pharmacologically active and is suspected to be responsible for some of MMF's side effects (diarrhoea, leucopenia).

### Elimination

A negligible amount of substance is excreted as MPA (<<sup>o</sup>1% of dose) in the urine. Oral administration of radiolabelled mycophenolate mofetil results in complete recovery of the administered dose; with 93% of the administered dose recovered in the urine and 6% recovered in the faeces. Most (about 87%) of the administered dose is excreted in the urine as MPAG.

At clinically encountered concentrations, MPA and MPAG are not removed by haemodialysis. However, at high MPAG plasma concentrations (><sup>o</sup>100 µg/mL), small amounts of MPAG are removed. By interfering with enterohepatic circulation of the drug, bile acid sequestrants such as cholestyramine, reduce MPA AUC (see section 4.9).

MPA's disposition depends on several transporters. Organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATPs) and multidrug resistance-associated protein 2 (MRP2) are involved in MPA's disposition; OATP isoforms, MRP2 and breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP) are transporters associated with the glucuronides' biliary excretion. Multidrug resistance protein 1 (MDR1) is also able to transport MPA, but its contribution seems to be confined to the absorption process. In the kidney MPA and its metabolites potentially interact with renal organic anion transporters.

In the early post-transplant period (<<sup>o</sup>40 days post-transplant), renal, cardiac and hepatic transplant patients had mean MPA AUCs approximately 30% lower and C<sub>max</sub> approximately 40% lower compared to the late post-transplant period (3 - 6<sup>o</sup>months post-transplant).

### Special populations

#### *Renal impairment*

In a single dose study (6 subjects/group), mean plasma MPA AUC observed in subjects with severe chronic renal impairment (glomerular filtration rate < 25<sup>o</sup>mL/min/1.73<sup>o</sup>m<sup>2</sup>) were 28-75% higher relative to the means observed in normal healthy subjects or subjects with lesser degrees of renal impairment. However, the mean single dose MPAG AUC was 3-6-fold higher in subjects with severe renal impairment than in subjects with mild renal impairment or normal healthy subjects, consistent with the known renal elimination of MPAG. Multiple dosing of mycophenolate mofetil in patients with severe chronic renal impairment has not been studied. No data are available for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment.

#### *Delayed renal graft function*

In patients with delayed renal graft function post-transplant, mean MPA AUC (0-12<sup>o</sup>h) was comparable to that seen in post-transplant patients without delayed graft function. Mean plasma MPAG AUC (0-12<sup>o</sup>h) was 2-3-fold higher than in post-transplant patients without delayed graft function. There may be a transient increase in the free fraction and concentration of plasma MPA in patients with delayed renal graft function. Dose adjustment of Myfenax does not appear to be necessary.

### *Hepatic impairment*

In volunteers with alcoholic cirrhosis, hepatic MPA glucuronidation processes were relatively unaffected by hepatic parenchymal disease. Effects of hepatic disease on this process probably depend on the particular disease. However, hepatic disease with predominantly biliary damage, such as primary biliary cirrhosis, may show a different effect.

### *Paediatric population*

Pharmacokinetic parameters were evaluated in 49 paediatric renal transplant patients (aged 2 to 18 years) given 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> mycophenolate mofetil orally twice daily. This dose achieved MPA AUC values similar to those seen in adult renal transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil at a dose of 1 g BID in the early and late post-transplant period. MPA AUC values across age groups were similar in the early and late post-transplant period.

### *Elderly*

Pharmacokinetic behaviour of mycophenolate mofetil in the elderly ( $\geq 65$  years) has not been formally evaluated.

### *Patients taking oral contraceptives*

The pharmacokinetics of oral contraceptives were unaffected by co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.5). A study of the co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (1 g BID) and combined oral contraceptives containing ethinylestradiol (0.02 mg to 0.04 mg) and levonorgestrel (0.05 mg to 0.15 mg), desogestrel (0.15 mg) or gestodene (0.05 mg to 0.10 mg) conducted in 18 non-transplant women (not taking other immunosuppressants) over 3 consecutive menstrual cycles showed no clinically relevant influence of mycophenolate mofetil on the ovulation suppressing action of the oral contraceptives. Serum levels of luteinizing hormone (LH), follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and progesterone were not significantly affected.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

In experimental models, mycophenolate mofetil was not tumourigenic. The highest dose tested in the animal carcinogenicity studies resulted in approximately 2-3 times the systemic exposure (AUC or C<sub>max</sub>) observed in renal transplant patients at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day and 1.3-2 times the systemic exposure (AUC or C<sub>max</sub>) observed in cardiac transplant patients at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day.

Two genotoxicity assays (*in vitro* mouse lymphoma assay and *in vivo* mouse bone marrow micronucleus test) showed a potential of mycophenolate mofetil to cause chromosomal aberrations. These effects can be related to the pharmacodynamic mode of action, i.e. inhibition of nucleotide synthesis in sensitive cells. Other *in vitro* tests for detection of gene mutation did not demonstrate genotoxic activity.

Mycophenolate mofetil had no effect on fertility of male rats at oral doses up to 20 mg/kg/day. The systemic exposure at this dose represents 2-3 times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day in renal transplant patients and 1.3-2 times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day in cardiac transplant patients. In a female fertility and reproduction study conducted in rats, oral doses of 4.5 mg/kg/day caused malformations (including anophthalmia, agnathia and hydrocephaly) in the first generation offspring in the absence of maternal toxicity. The systemic exposure at this dose was approximately 0.5 times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant patients and approximately 0.3 times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day for cardiac transplant patients. No effects on fertility or reproductive parameters were evident in the dams or in the subsequent generation.

In teratology studies in rats and rabbits, foetal resorptions and malformations occurred in rats at 6 mg/kg/day (including anophthalmia, agnathia, and hydrocephaly) and in rabbits at 90 mg/kg/day (including cardiovascular and renal anomalies, such as ectopia cordis and ectopic kidneys, and diaphragmatic and umbilical hernia), in the absence of maternal toxicity. The systemic exposure at these levels is approximately equivalent to or less than 0.5 times the clinical exposure at the

recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant patients and approximately 0.3°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day for cardiac transplant patients (see section 4.6).

The haematopoietic and lymphoid systems were the primary organs affected in toxicology studies conducted with mycophenolate mofetil in the rat, mouse, dog and monkey. These effects occurred at systemic exposure levels that are equivalent to or less than the clinical exposure at the recommended dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant recipients. Gastrointestinal effects were observed in the dog at systemic exposure levels equivalent to or less than the clinical exposure at the recommended doses. Gastrointestinal and renal effects consistent with dehydration were also observed in the monkey at the highest dose (systemic exposure levels equivalent to or greater than clinical exposure). The nonclinical toxicity profile of mycophenolate mofetil appears to be consistent with adverse events observed in human clinical trials which now provide safety data of more relevance to the patient population (see section 4.8).

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

#### Capsule content

Pregelatinised starch (maize)  
Povidone K-30  
Croscarmellose sodium  
Magnesium stearate

#### Capsule shell

##### *Cap*

Indigo carmine (E132)  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Gelatin

##### *Body*

Red iron oxide (E172)  
Yellow iron oxide (E172)  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Gelatin

Black ink containing: shellac, black iron oxide (E172), propylene glycol and potassium hydroxide.

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

3 years.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

Transparent PVC/PVdC – aluminium blisters in pack sizes of 100 or 300 or 100 x 1 capsules per carton.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.



## **6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling**

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

## **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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## **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/07/438/001 (100 capsules)  
EU/1/07/438/002 (300 capsules)  
EU/1/07/438/006 (100 x 1 capsules)

## **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

Date of first authorisation: 21 February 2008  
Date of first renewal: 19 November 2012

## **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>.

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Myfenax 500 mg film-coated tablets

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains 500 mg mycophenolate mofetil.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet (tablet)

Pale purple, oval shaped film-coated tablet, debossed with "M500" on one side and plain on the other side.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Myfenax is indicated in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids for the prophylaxis of acute transplant rejection in patients receiving allogeneic renal, cardiac or hepatic transplants.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Treatment with Myfenax should be initiated and maintained by appropriately qualified transplant specialists.

#### Posology

##### *Use in renal transplant*

##### Adults

Oral Myfenax should be initiated within 72<sup>o</sup>hours following transplantation. The recommended dose in renal transplant patients is 1<sup>o</sup>g administered twice daily (2<sup>o</sup>g daily dose).

##### Paediatric population aged 2 to 18 years

The recommended dose of mycophenolate mofetil is 600 mg/m<sup>2</sup> administered orally twice daily (up to a maximum of 2<sup>o</sup>g daily). Myfenax tablets should only be prescribed to patients with a body surface area greater than 1.5<sup>o</sup>m<sup>2</sup>, at a dose of 1<sup>o</sup>g twice daily (2<sup>o</sup>g daily dose). As some adverse reactions occur with greater frequency in this age group (see section 4.8) compared with adults, temporary dose reduction or interruption may be required; these will need to take into account relevant clinical factors including severity of reaction.

##### Paediatric population < 2 years

There are limited safety and efficacy data in children below the age of 2<sup>o</sup>years. These are insufficient to make dose recommendations and therefore use in this age group is not recommended.

##### *Use in cardiac transplant*

##### Adults

Oral Myfenax should be initiated within 5<sup>o</sup>days following transplantation. The recommended dose in cardiac transplant patients is 1.5<sup>o</sup>g administered twice daily (3<sup>o</sup>g daily dose).

Paediatric population

No data are available for paediatric cardiac transplant patients.

#### *Use in hepatic transplant*

Adults

Intravenous mycophenolate mofetil should be administered for the first 4° days following hepatic transplant, with oral Myfenax initiated as soon after this as it can be tolerated. The recommended oral dose in hepatic transplant patients is 1.5°g administered twice daily (3°g daily dose).

Paediatric population

No data are available for paediatric hepatic transplant patients.

#### *Use in special populations*

Elderly

The recommended dose of 1°g administered twice a day for renal transplant patients and 1.5°g twice a day for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients is appropriate for the elderly.

Renal impairment

In renal transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment (glomerular filtration rate < 25 mL/min/1.73°m<sup>2</sup>), outside the immediate post-transplant period, doses greater than 1 g administered twice a day should be avoided. These patients should also be carefully observed. No dose adjustments are needed in patients experiencing delayed renal graft function post-operatively (see section 5.2). No data are available for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment.

Severe hepatic impairment

No dose adjustments are needed for renal transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease. No data are available for cardiac transplant patients with severe hepatic parenchymal disease.

Treatment during rejection episodes

Mycophenolic acid (MPA) is the active metabolite of mycophenolate mofetil. Renal transplant rejection does not lead to changes in MPA pharmacokinetics; dose reduction or interruption of Myfenax is not required. There is no basis for Myfenax dose adjustment following cardiac transplant rejection. No pharmacokinetic data are available during hepatic transplant rejection.

#### Method of administration

Oral administration

#### *Precautions to be taken before handling or administering the medicinal product*

Because mycophenolate mofetil has demonstrated teratogenic effects in rats and rabbits, Myfenax tablets should not be crushed.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

Myfenax should not be given to patients with hypersensitivity to mycophenolate mofetil, mycophenolic acid or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1. Hypersensitivity reactions to Myfenax have been observed (see section 4.8).

Myfenax should not be given to women of childbearing potential who are not using highly effective contraception (see section 4.6).

Myfenax treatment should not be initiated in women of child bearing potential without providing a pregnancy test result to rule out unintended use in pregnancy (see section 4.6).

Myfenax should not be used during pregnancy unless there is no suitable alternative treatment to prevent transplant rejection (see section 4.6).

Myfenax should not be given to women who are breastfeeding (see section 4.6).

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

##### Neoplasms

Patients receiving immunosuppressive regimens involving combinations of medicinal products, including Myfenax, are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see section 4.8). The risk appears to be related to the intensity and duration of immunosuppression rather than to the use of any specific agent. As general advice to minimise the risk for skin cancer, exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet (UV) light should be limited by wearing protective clothing and using a sunscreen with a high protection factor.

##### Infections

Patients treated with immunosuppressants, including Myfenax, are at increased risk for opportunistic infections (bacterial, fungal, viral and protozoal), fatal infections and sepsis (see section 4.8). Such infections include latent viral reactivation, such as hepatitis B or hepatitis C reactivation and infections caused by polyomaviruses (BK virus associated nephropathy, JC virus associated progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy PML). Cases of hepatitis due to reactivation of hepatitis B or hepatitis C have been reported in carrier patients treated with immunosuppressants. These infections are often related to a high total immunosuppressive burden and may lead to serious or fatal conditions that physicians should consider in the differential diagnosis in immunosuppressed patients with deteriorating renal function or neurological symptoms.

There have been reports of hypogammaglobulinaemia in association with recurrent infections in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. In some of these cases switching mycophenolate mofetil to an alternative immunosuppressant resulted in serum IgG levels returning to normal. Patients on mycophenolate mofetil who develop recurrent infections should have their serum immunoglobulins measured. In cases of sustained, clinically relevant hypogammaglobulinaemia, appropriate clinical action should be considered taking into account the potent cytostatic effects that mycophenolic acid has on T- and B-lymphocytes.

There have been published reports of bronchiectasis in adults and children who received mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. In some of these cases switching mycophenolate mofetil to another immunosuppressant resulted in improvement in respiratory symptoms. The risk of bronchiectasis may be linked to hypogammaglobulinaemia or to a direct effect on the lung. There have also been isolated reports of interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis, some of which were fatal (see section 4.8). It is recommended that patients who develop persistent pulmonary symptoms, such as cough and dyspnoea, are investigated.

##### Blood and immune system

Patients receiving Myfenax should be monitored for neutropenia, which may be related to Myfenax itself, concomitant medicinal products, viral infections, or some combination of these causes. Patients taking Myfenax should have complete blood counts weekly during the first month, twice monthly for the second and third months of treatment then monthly through the first year. If neutropenia develops (absolute neutrophil count  $< 1.3 \times 10^3/\mu\text{l}$ ) it may be appropriate to interrupt or discontinue Myfenax.

Cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants. The mechanism for mycophenolate mofetil induced PRCA is unknown. PRCA may resolve with dose reduction or cessation of Myfenax therapy. Changes to Myfenax therapy should only be undertaken under appropriate supervision in transplant recipients in order to minimise the risk of graft rejection (see section 4.8).

Patients receiving Myfenax should be instructed to report immediately any evidence of infection, unexpected bruising, bleeding or any other manifestation of bone marrow depression.

Patients should be advised that during treatment with Myfenax, vaccinations may be less effective and the use of live attenuated vaccines should be avoided (see section 4.5). Influenza vaccination may be of value. Prescribers should refer to national guidelines for influenza vaccination.

### Gastro-intestinal

Mycophenolate mofetil has been associated with an increased incidence of digestive system adverse events, including infrequent cases of gastrointestinal tract ulceration, haemorrhage and perforation. Myfenax should be administered with caution in patients with active serious digestive system disease.

Myfenax is an inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase (IMPDH) inhibitor. Therefore, it should be avoided in patients with rare hereditary deficiency of hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl-transferase (HGPRT) such as Lesch-Nyhan and Kelley-Seegmiller syndrome.

### Interactions

Caution should be exercised when switching combination therapy from regimens containing immunosuppressants, which interfere with MPA enterohepatic recirculation e.g. ciclosporin to others devoid of this effect e.g. sirolimus, belatacept, or vice versa, as this might result in changes of MPA exposure. Drugs of other classes which interfere with MPA's enterohepatic cycle e.g. cholestyramine, should be used with caution due to their potential to reduce the plasma level and efficacy of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.5).

It is recommended that mycophenolate mofetil should not be administered concomitantly with azathioprine because such concomitant administration has not been studied.

The risk/benefit ratio of mycophenolate mofetil in combination with tacrolimus or sirolimus has not been established (see also section 4.5).

### Special populations

Elderly patients may be at an increased risk of adverse events such as certain infections (including cytomegalovirus tissue invasive disease) and possibly gastrointestinal haemorrhage and pulmonary oedema, compared with younger individuals (see section 4.8).

### Teratogenic effects

Mycophenolate is a powerful human teratogen. Spontaneous abortion (rate of 45-49%) and congenital malformations (estimated rate of 23-27%) have been reported following MMF exposure during pregnancy. Therefore Myfenax is contraindicated in pregnancy unless there are no suitable alternative treatments to prevent transplant rejection. Female and male patients of reproductive potential should be made aware of the risks and follow the recommendations provided in section 4.6 (e.g. contraceptive methods, pregnancy testing) prior to, during, and after therapy with mycophenolate. Physicians should ensure that women and men taking mycophenolate understand the risk of harm to the baby, the need for effective contraception, and the need to immediately consult their physician if there is a possibility of pregnancy.

### Contraception (see section 4.6)

Because of the genotoxic and teratogenic potential of mycophenolate, women with childbearing potential should use two reliable forms of contraception simultaneously before starting Myfenax therapy, during therapy, and for six weeks after stopping the therapy; unless abstinence is the chosen method of contraception (see section 4.5).

Sexually active men are recommended to use condoms during treatment and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. Condom use applies for both reproductively competent and vasectomized men, because the risks associated with the transfer of seminal fluid also apply to men who have had a vasectomy. In addition, female partners of male patients treated with mycophenolate are recommended to use highly effective contraception during treatment and for a total of 90 days after the last dose of mycophenolate.

#### Educational materials

In order to assist patients in avoiding foetal exposure to mycophenolate and to provide additional important safety information, the Marketing Authorisation holder will provide educational materials to healthcare professionals. The educational materials will reinforce the warnings about the teratogenicity of mycophenolate, provide advice on contraception before therapy is started and guidance on the need for pregnancy testing. Full patient information about the teratogenic risk and the pregnancy prevention measures should be given by the physician to women of childbearing potential and, as appropriate, to male patients.

#### Additional precautions

Patients should not donate blood during therapy or for at least 6 weeks following discontinuation of mycophenolate. Men should not donate semen during therapy or for 90 days following discontinuation of mycophenolate.

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

#### Aciclovir

Higher aciclovir plasma concentrations were observed when mycophenolate mofetil was administered with aciclovir in comparison to the administration of aciclovir alone. The changes in MPAG (the phenolic glucuronide of MPA) pharmacokinetics (MPAG increased by 8%) were minimal and are not considered clinically significant. Because MPAG plasma concentrations are increased in the presence of renal impairment, as are aciclovir concentrations, the potential exists for mycophenolate mofetil and aciclovir, or its prodrugs, e.g. valaciclovir, to compete for tubular secretion and further increases in concentrations of both substances may occur.

#### Antacids and proton pump inhibitors (PPIs)

Decreased MPA exposure has been observed when antacids, such as magnesium and aluminium hydroxides, and PPIs, including lansoprazole and pantoprazole, were administered with mycophenolate mofetil. When comparing rates of transplant rejection or rates of graft loss between mycophenolate mofetil patients taking PPIs vs. mycophenolate mofetil patients not taking PPIs, no significant differences were seen. These data support extrapolation of this finding to all antacids because the reduction in exposure when mycophenolate mofetil was co-administered with magnesium and aluminium hydroxides is considerably less than when mycophenolate mofetil was co-administered with PPIs.

#### Cholestyramine

Following single dose administration of 1.5°g of mycophenolate mofetil to normal healthy subjects pre-treated with 4°g three times a day (TID) of cholestyramine for 4°days, there was a 40% reduction in the AUC of MPA (see section 4.4 and section 5.2). Caution should be used during concomitant administration because of the potential to reduce efficacy of Myfenax.

#### Medicinal products that interfere with enterohepatic circulation

Caution should be used with medicinal products that interfere with enterohepatic circulation because of their potential to reduce the efficacy of mycophenolate mofetil.

#### Ciclosporin A

Ciclosporin A (CsA) pharmacokinetics are unaffected by mycophenolate mofetil.

In contrast, if concomitant ciclosporin treatment is stopped, an increase in MPA AUC of around 30% should be expected. CsA interferes with MPA enterohepatic recycling, resulting in reduced MPA exposures by 30-50% in renal transplant patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil and CsA compared with patients receiving sirolimus or belatacept and similar doses of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.4). Conversely, changes of MPA exposure should be expected when switching patients from CsA to one of the immunosuppressants which does not interfere with MPA's enterohepatic cycle.

#### Telmisartan

Concomitant administration of telmisartan and mycophenolate mofetil resulted in an approximately 30% decrease of MPA concentrations. Telmisartan changes MPA's elimination by enhancing PPAR $\gamma$  (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor  $\gamma$ ) expression, which in turn results in an enhanced UGT1A9 expression and activity. When comparing rates of transplant rejection, rates of graft loss or adverse event profiles between mycophenolate mofetil patients with and without concomitant telmisartan medication, no clinical consequences of the pharmacokinetic drug-drug interaction were seen.

#### Ganciclovir

Based on the results of a single dose administration study of recommended doses of oral mycophenolate mofetil and intravenous ganciclovir and the known effects of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of mycophenolate mofetil (see section 4.2) and ganciclovir, it is anticipated that co-administration of these agents (which compete for mechanisms of renal tubular secretion) will result in increases in MPAG and ganciclovir concentration. No substantial alteration of MPA pharmacokinetics is anticipated and Myfenax dose adjustment is not required. In patients with renal impairment in whom mycophenolate mofetil and ganciclovir or its prodrugs, e.g. valganciclovir, are co-administered the dose recommendations for ganciclovir should be observed and patients monitored carefully.

#### Oral contraceptives

The pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of oral contraceptives were unaffected by co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 5.2).

#### Rifampicin

In patients not also taking ciclosporin, concomitant administration of mycophenolate mofetil and rifampicin resulted in a decrease in MPA exposure ( $AUC_{0-12h}$ ) of 18% to 70%. It is recommended to monitor MPA exposure levels and to adjust Myfenax doses accordingly to maintain clinical efficacy when rifampicin is administered concomitantly.

#### Sevelamer

Decrease in MPA  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-12h}$  by 30% and 25%, respectively, were observed when mycophenolate mofetil was concomitantly administered with sevelamer without any clinical consequences (i.e. graft rejection). It is recommended, however, to administer Myfenax at least one hour before or three hours after sevelamer intake to minimise the impact on the absorption of MPA. There are no data on mycophenolate mofetil with phosphate binders other than sevelamer.

#### Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole

No effect on the bioavailability of MPA was observed.

#### Norfloxacin and metronidazole

In healthy volunteers, no significant interaction was observed when mycophenolate mofetil was concomitantly administered with norfloxacin or metronidazole separately. However, norfloxacin and metronidazole combined reduced the MPA exposure by approximately 30% following a single dose of mycophenolate mofetil.

#### Ciprofloxacin and amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid

Reductions in pre-dose (trough) MPA concentrations of about 50% have been reported in renal transplant recipients in the days immediately following commencement of oral ciprofloxacin or amoxicillin plus clavulanic acid. This effect tended to diminish with continued antibiotic use and to

cease within a few days of antibiotic discontinuation. The change in predose level may not accurately represent changes in overall MPA exposure. Therefore, a change in the dose of Myfenax should not normally be necessary in the absence of clinical evidence of graft dysfunction. However, close clinical monitoring should be performed during the combination and shortly after antibiotic treatment.

#### Tacrolimus

In hepatic transplant patients initiated on mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus, the AUC and C<sub>max</sub> of MPA, the active metabolite of mycophenolate mofetil, were not significantly affected by co-administration with tacrolimus. In contrast, there was an increase of approximately 20% in tacrolimus AUC when multiple doses of mycophenolate mofetil (1.5 g taken twice a day [BID], morning and evening) were administered to hepatic transplant patients taking tacrolimus. However, in renal transplant patients, tacrolimus concentration did not appear to be altered by mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.4).

#### Other interactions

Co-administration of probenecid with mycophenolate mofetil in monkeys raises plasma AUC of MPAG by 3-fold. Thus, other substances known to undergo renal tubular secretion may compete with MPAG and thereby raise plasma concentrations of MPAG or the other substance undergoing tubular secretion.

#### Live vaccines

Live vaccines should not be given to patients with an impaired immune response. The antibody response to other vaccines may be diminished (see also section 4.4).

#### Paediatric population

Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

### **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

#### Contraception in males and females

Myfenax is contraindicated in women of childbearing potential who are not using highly effective contraception.

Because of the genotoxic and teratogenic potential of mycophenolate, women with childbearing potential should use two reliable forms of contraception simultaneously before starting Myfenax therapy, during therapy, and for six weeks after stopping the therapy; unless abstinence is the chosen method of contraception (see section 4.5).

Sexually active men are recommended to use condoms during treatment and for at least 90 days after cessation of treatment. Condom use applies for both reproductively competent and vasectomized men, because the risks associated with the transfer of seminal fluid also apply to men who have had a vasectomy. In addition, female partners of male patients treated with mycophenolate are recommended to use highly effective contraception during treatment and for a total of 90 days after the last dose of mycophenolate.

#### Pregnancy

Myfenax is contraindicated during pregnancy unless there is no suitable alternative treatment to prevent transplant rejection. Treatment should not be initiated without providing a negative pregnancy test result to rule out unintended use in pregnancy (see section 4.3).

Female and male patients of reproductive potential must be made aware of the increased risk of pregnancy loss and congenital malformations at the beginning of the treatment and must be counselled regarding pregnancy prevention and planning.



Before starting Myfenax treatment, women of child bearing potential should have a pregnancy test in order to exclude unintended exposure of the embryo to mycophenolate. Two serum or urine pregnancy tests with a sensitivity of at least 25 mIU/mL are recommended; the second test should be performed 8-10 days after the first one and immediately before starting mycophenolate mofetil. Pregnancy tests should be repeated as clinically required (e.g. after any gap in contraception is reported). Results of all pregnancy tests should be discussed with the patient. Patients should be instructed to consult their physician immediately should pregnancy occur.

Mycophenolate is a powerful human teratogen, with an increased risk of spontaneous abortions and congenital malformations in case of exposure during pregnancy;

- Spontaneous abortions have been reported in 45 to 49% of pregnant women exposed to mycophenolate mofetil, compared to a reported rate of between 12 and 33% in solid organ transplant patients treated with immunosuppressants other than mycophenolate mofetil.
- Based on literature reports, malformations occurred in 23 to 27% of live births in women exposed to mycophenolate mofetil during pregnancy (compared to 2 to 3% of live births in the overall population and approximately 4 to 5% of live births in solid organ transplant recipients treated with immunosuppressants other than mycophenolate mofetil).

Congenital malformations, including reports of multiple malformations, have been observed post-marketing in children of patients exposed to mycophenolate in combination with other immunosuppressants during pregnancy. The following malformations were most frequently reported:

- Abnormalities of the ear (e.g. abnormally formed or absent external/middle ear), external auditory canal atresia;
- Congenital heart disease such as atrial and ventricular septal defects;
- Facial malformations such as cleft lip, cleft palate, micrognathia and hypertelorism of the orbits;
- Abnormalities of the eye (e.g. coloboma);
- Malformations of the fingers (e.g. polydactyly, syndactyly);
- Tracheo-Oesophageal malformations (e.g. oesophageal atresia);
- Nervous system malformations such as spina bifida;
- Renal abnormalities.

In addition there have been isolated reports of the following malformations:

- Microphthalmia;
- Congenital choroid plexus cyst;
- Septum pellucidum agenesis;
- Olfactory nerve agenesis.

Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3).

#### Breast-feeding

Mycophenolate mofetil has been shown to be excreted in the milk of lactating rats. It is not known whether this substance is excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions to mycophenolate mofetil in breast-fed infants, Myfenax is contraindicated in breast-feeding mothers (see section 4.3).

#### **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. The pharmacodynamic profile and the reported adverse reactions indicate that an effect is unlikely.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

##### The following undesirable effects cover adverse reactions from clinical trials

The principal adverse reactions associated with the administration of mycophenolate mofetil in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids include diarrhoea, leucopenia, sepsis and vomiting and there is evidence of a higher frequency of certain types of infections (see section 4.4).

### *Malignancies*

Patients receiving immunosuppressive regimens involving combinations of medicinal products, including mycophenolate mofetil, are at increased risk of developing lymphomas and other malignancies, particularly of the skin (see section 4.4). Lymphoproliferative disease or lymphoma developed in 0.6% of patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2°g or 3°g daily) in combination with other immunosuppressants in controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients followed for at least 1°year. Non-melanoma skin carcinomas occurred in 3.6% of patients; other types of malignancy occurred in 1.1% of patients. Three-year safety data in renal and cardiac transplant patients did not reveal any unexpected changes in incidence of malignancy compared to the 1-year data. Hepatic transplant patients were followed for at least 1°year, but less than 3°years.

### *Opportunistic infections*

All transplant patients are at increased risk of opportunistic infections; the risk increased with total immunosuppressive load (see section 4.4). The most common opportunistic infections in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil (2°g or 3°g daily) with other immunosuppressants in controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients followed for at least 1°year were candida mucocutaneous, cytomegalovirus (CMV) viraemia/syndrome and Herpes simplex. The proportion of patients with CMV viraemia/syndrome was 13.5%.

### *Paediatric population*

The type and frequency of adverse reactions in a clinical study, which recruited 92 paediatric patients aged 2 to 18°years who were given 600°mg/m<sup>2</sup> mycophenolate mofetil orally twice daily, were generally similar to those observed in adult patients given 1°g mycophenolate mofetil twice daily. However, the following treatment-related adverse events were more frequent in the paediatric population, particularly in children under 6°years of age, when compared to adults: diarrhoea, sepsis, leucopenia, anaemia and infection.

### *Elderly*

Elderly patients (≥°65 years) may generally be at increased risk of adverse reactions due to immunosuppression. Elderly patients receiving Myfenax as part of a combination immunosuppressive regimen, may be at increased risk of certain infections (including cytomegalovirus tissue invasive disease) and possibly gastrointestinal haemorrhage and pulmonary oedema, compared to younger individuals.

### Other adverse reactions:

Adverse reactions, probably or possibly related to mycophenolate mofetil, reported in ≥1/10 and in ≥1/100 to <1/10 of patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in the controlled clinical trials of renal (2°g data), cardiac and hepatic transplant patients are listed in the following table.

Within the system organ classes, undesirable effects are listed under headings of frequency, using the following categories: very common (≥1/10); common (≥1/100 to <1/10); uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100); rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000); very rare (≤1/10,000), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data). Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

### **Adverse reactions, probably or possibly related to mycophenolate mofetil, reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in renal, cardiac and hepatic clinical trials when used in combination with ciclosporin and corticosteroids**

<b>System organ class</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Adverse drug reactions</b>
Investigations	Very common	-
	Common	Hepatic enzyme increased, blood creatinine increased, blood lactate dehydrogenase increased, blood urea increased, blood alkaline phosphatase increased,

<b>System organ class</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Adverse drug reactions</b>
		weight decreased
Cardiac disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Tachycardia
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Very common	Leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, anaemia
	Common	Pancytopenia, leukocytosis
Nervous system disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Convulsion, hypertonia, tremor, somnolence, myasthenic syndrome, dizziness, headache, paraesthesia, dysgeusia
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Pleural effusion, dyspnoea, cough
Gastrointestinal disorders	Very common	Vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, nausea
	Common	Gastrointestinal haemorrhage, peritonitis, ileus, colitis, gastric ulcer, duodenal ulcer, gastritis, oesophagitis, stomatitis, constipation, dyspepsia, flatulence, eructation
Renal and urinary disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Renal impairment
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Skin hypertrophy, rash, acne, alopecia
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Arthralgia
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Acidosis, hyperkalaemia, hypokalaemia, hyperglycaemia, hypomagnesaemia, hypocalcaemia, hypercholesterolaemia, hyperlipidaemia, hypophosphataemia, hyperuricaemia, gout, anorexia
Infections and infestations	Very common	Sepsis, gastrointestinal candidiasis, urinary tract infection, herpes simplex, herpes zoster
	Common	Pneumonia, influenza, respiratory tract infection, respiratory moniliasis, gastrointestinal infection, candidiasis, gastroenteritis, infection, bronchitis, pharyngitis, sinusitis, fungal skin infection, skin candida, vaginal candidiasis, rhinitis
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	Very common	-
	Common	Skin cancer, benign neoplasm of skin
Vascular disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Hypotension, hypertension, vasodilatation
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	-
	Common	Oedema, pyrexia, chills, pain, malaise, asthenia
Hepatobiliary disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Hepatitis, jaundice, hyperbilirubinaemia
Psychiatric disorders	Very common	-
	Common	Agitation, confusional state, depression, anxiety, thinking abnormal, insomnia

Note: 501 (2°g mycophenolate mofetil daily), 289 (3°g mycophenolate mofetil daily) and 277 (2°g intravenous/3°g oral mycophenolate mofetil daily) patients were treated in Phase III studies for the prevention of rejection in renal, cardiac and hepatic transplantation, respectively.

### The following undesirable effects cover adverse reactions from post-marketing experience

The types of adverse reactions reported during post-marketing with mycophenolate mofetil are similar to those seen in the controlled renal, cardiac and hepatic transplant studies. Additional adverse reactions reported during post-marketing are described below with the frequencies reported within brackets if known.

#### *Gastrointestinal*

Gingival hyperplasia ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ), colitis including cytomegalovirus colitis ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ), pancreatitis ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ) and intestinal villous atrophy.

#### *Infections*

Serious life-threatening infections including meningitis, endocarditis, tuberculosis and atypical mycobacterial infection. Cases of BK virus associated nephropathy, as well as cases of JC virus associated progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy (PML), have been reported in patients treated with immunosuppressants, including Myfenax. Agranulocytosis ( $\geq 1/1000$  to  $< 1/100$ ) and neutropenia have been reported; therefore regular monitoring of patients taking Myfenax is advised (see section 4.4). There have been reports of aplastic anaemia and bone marrow depression in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil, some of which have been fatal.

#### *Blood and lymphatic system disorder*

Cases of pure red cell aplasia (PRCA) have been reported in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil (see section 4.4).

Isolated cases of abnormal neutrophil morphology, including the acquired Pelger-Huet anomaly, have been observed in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil. These changes are not associated with impaired neutrophil function. These changes may suggest a 'left shift' in the maturity of neutrophils in haematological investigations, which may be mistakenly interpreted as a sign of infection in immunosuppressed patients such as those that receive Myfenax.

#### *Hypersensitivity*

Hypersensitivity reactions, including angioneurotic oedema and anaphylactic reaction have been reported.

#### *Pregnancy, puerperium and perinatal conditions*

Cases of spontaneous abortions have been reported in patients exposed to mycophenolate mofetil, mainly in the first trimester, see section 4.6.

#### *Congenital disorders*

Congenital malformations have been observed post-marketing in children of patients exposed to mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants, see section 4.6.

#### *Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders*

There have been isolated reports of interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis in patients treated with mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants, some of which have been fatal. There have also been reports of bronchiectasis in children and adults (frequency not known).

#### Immune system disorders

Hypogammaglobulinaemia has been reported in patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil in combination with other immunosuppressants (frequency not known).

#### 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 via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#).

## 4.9 Overdose

Reports of overdoses with mycophenolate mofetil have been received from clinical trials and during post-marketing experience. In many of these cases, no adverse events were reported. In those overdose cases in which adverse events were reported, the events fall within the known safety profile of the medicinal product.

It is expected that an overdose of mycophenolate mofetil could possibly result in oversuppression of the immune system and increase susceptibility to infections and bone marrow suppression (see section 4.4). If neutropenia develops, dosing with Myfenax should be interrupted or the dose reduced (see section 4.4).

Haemodialysis would not be expected to remove clinically significant amounts of MPA or MPAG. Bile acid sequestrants, such as cholestyramine, can remove MPA by decreasing the enterohepatic recirculation of the drug (see section 5.2).

## 5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: immunosuppressive agents ATC code: LO4A A06

#### Mechanism of action

Mycophenolate mofetil is the 2-morpholinoethyl ester of mycophenolic acid (MPA). MPA is a potent, selective, uncompetitive and reversible inhibitor of inosine monophosphate dehydrogenase, and therefore inhibits the *de novo* pathway of guanosine nucleotide synthesis without incorporation into DNA. Because T- and B-lymphocytes are critically dependent for their proliferation on *de novo* synthesis of purines whereas other cell types can utilise salvage pathways, MPA has more potent cytostatic effects on lymphocytes than on other cells.

### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

#### Absorption

Following oral administration, mycophenolate mofetil undergoes rapid and extensive absorption and complete presystemic metabolism to the active metabolite, MPA. As evidenced by suppression of acute rejection following renal transplantation, the immunosuppressant activity of mycophenolate mofetil is correlated with MPA concentration. The mean bioavailability of oral mycophenolate mofetil, based on MPA AUC, is 94% relative to intravenous mycophenolate mofetil. Food had no effect on the extent of absorption (MPA AUC) of mycophenolate mofetil when administered at doses of 1.5°g BID to renal transplant patients. However, MPA  $C_{max}$  was decreased by 40% in the presence of food. Mycophenolate mofetil is not measurable systemically in plasma following oral administration.

#### Distribution

As a result of enterohepatic recirculation, secondary increases in plasma MPA concentration are usually observed at approximately 6-12 hours post-dose. A reduction in the AUC of MPA of approximately 40% is associated with the co-administration of cholestyramine (4°g TID), indicating that there is a significant amount of enterohepatic recirculation.

MPA at clinically relevant concentrations is 97% bound to plasma albumin.

#### Biotransformation

MPA is metabolised principally by glucuronyl transferase (isoform UGT1A9) to form the inactive phenolic glucuronide of MPA (MPAG). *In vivo*, MPAG is converted back to free MPA via enterohepatic recirculation. A minor acylglucuronide (AcMPAG) is also formed. AcMPAG is pharmacologically active and is suspected to be responsible for some of MMF's side effects (diarrhoea, leucopenia).

### Elimination

A negligible amount of substance is excreted as MPA (<°1% of dose) in the urine. Oral administration of radiolabelled mycophenolate mofetil results in complete recovery of the administered dose; with 93% of the administered dose recovered in the urine and 6% recovered in the faeces. Most (about 87%) of the administered dose is excreted in the urine as MPAG.

At clinically encountered concentrations, MPA and MPAG are not removed by haemodialysis. However, at high MPAG plasma concentrations (>°100°µg/mL), small amounts of MPAG are removed. By interfering with enterohepatic circulation of the drug, bile acid sequestrants such as cholestyramine, reduce MPA AUC (see section 4.9).

MPA's disposition depends on several transporters. Organic anion-transporting polypeptides (OATPs) and multidrug resistance-associated protein 2 (MRP2) are involved in MPA's disposition; OATP isoforms, MRP2 and breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP) are transporters associated with the glucuronides' biliary excretion. Multidrug resistance protein 1 (MDR1) is also able to transport MPA, but its contribution seems to be confined to the absorption process. In the kidney MPA and its metabolites potentially interact with renal organic anion transporters.

In the early post-transplant period (<°40 days post-transplant), renal, cardiac and hepatic transplant patients had mean MPA AUCs approximately 30% lower and  $C_{max}$  approximately 40% lower compared to the late post-transplant period (3 – 6°months post-transplant).

### Special populations

#### *Renal impairment*

In a single dose study (6 subjects/group), mean plasma MPA AUC observed in subjects with severe chronic renal impairment (glomerular filtration rate < 25 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) were 28-75% higher relative to the means observed in normal healthy subjects or subjects with lesser degrees of renal impairment. However, the mean single dose MPAG AUC was 3-6-fold higher in subjects with severe renal impairment than in subjects with mild renal impairment or normal healthy subjects, consistent with the known renal elimination of MPAG. Multiple dosing of mycophenolate mofetil in patients with severe chronic renal impairment has not been studied. No data are available for cardiac or hepatic transplant patients with severe chronic renal impairment.

#### *Delayed renal graft function*

In patients with delayed renal graft function post-transplant, mean MPA AUC (0-12°h) was comparable to that seen in post-transplant patients without delayed graft function. Mean plasma MPAG AUC (0-12°h) was 2-3-fold higher than in post-transplant patients without delayed graft function. There may be a transient increase in the free fraction and concentration of plasma MPA in patients with delayed renal graft function. Dose adjustment of Myfenax does not appear to be necessary.

#### *Hepatic impairment*

In volunteers with alcoholic cirrhosis, hepatic MPA glucuronidation processes were relatively unaffected by hepatic parenchymal disease. Effects of hepatic disease on this process probably depend on the particular disease. However, hepatic disease with predominantly biliary damage, such as primary biliary cirrhosis, may show a different effect.

#### *Paediatric population*

Pharmacokinetic parameters were evaluated in 49 paediatric renal transplant patients (aged 2 to 18°years) given 600°mg/m<sup>2</sup> mycophenolate mofetil orally twice daily. This dose achieved MPA AUC values similar to those seen in adult renal transplant patients receiving mycophenolate mofetil at a dose of 1°g BID in the early and late post-transplant period. MPA AUC values across age groups were similar in the early and late post-transplant period.

### *Elderly*

Pharmacokinetic behaviour of mycophenolate mofetil in the elderly ( $\geq 65$  years) has not been formally evaluated.

### *Patients taking oral contraceptives*

The pharmacokinetics of oral contraceptives were unaffected by co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (see also section 4.5). A study of the co-administration of mycophenolate mofetil (1°g BID) and combined oral contraceptives containing ethinylestradiol (0.02°mg to 0.04°mg) and levonorgestrel (0.05°mg to 0.15°mg), desogestrel (0.15°mg) or gestodene (0.05°mg to 0.10°mg) conducted in 18 non-transplant women (not taking other immunosuppressants) over 3 consecutive menstrual cycles showed no clinically relevant influence of mycophenolate mofetil on the ovulation suppressing action of the oral contraceptives. Serum levels of luteinizing hormone (LH), follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and progesterone were not significantly affected.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

In experimental models, mycophenolate mofetil was not tumourigenic. The highest dose tested in the animal carcinogenicity studies resulted in approximately 2-3 times the systemic exposure (AUC or  $C_{max}$ ) observed in renal transplant patients at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day and 1.3-2°times the systemic exposure (AUC or  $C_{max}$ ) observed in cardiac transplant patients at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day.

Two genotoxicity assays (*in vitro* mouse lymphoma assay and *in vivo* mouse bone marrow micronucleus test) showed a potential of mycophenolate mofetil to cause chromosomal aberrations. These effects can be related to the pharmacodynamic mode of action, i.e. inhibition of nucleotide synthesis in sensitive cells. Other *in vitro* tests for detection of gene mutation did not demonstrate genotoxic activity.

Mycophenolate mofetil had no effect on fertility of male rats at oral doses up to 20 mg/kg/day. The systemic exposure at this dose represents 2-3°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day in renal transplant patients and 1.3-2°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day in cardiac transplant patients. In a female fertility and reproduction study conducted in rats, oral doses of 4.5 mg/kg/day caused malformations (including anophthalmia, agnathia and hydrocephaly) in the first generation offspring in the absence of maternal toxicity. The systemic exposure at this dose was approximately 0.5°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant patients and approximately 0.3°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day for cardiac transplant patients. No effects on fertility or reproductive parameters were evident in the dams or in the subsequent generation.

In teratology studies in rats and rabbits, foetal resorptions and malformations occurred in rats at 6 mg/kg/day (including anophthalmia, agnathia, and hydrocephaly) and in rabbits at 90 mg/kg/day (including cardiovascular and renal anomalies, such as ectopia cordis and ectopic kidneys, and diaphragmatic and umbilical hernia), in the absence of maternal toxicity. The systemic exposure at these levels is approximately equivalent to or less than 0.5°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant patients and approximately 0.3°times the clinical exposure at the recommended clinical dose of 3 g/day for cardiac transplant patients (see section 4.6).

The haematopoietic and lymphoid systems were the primary organs affected in toxicology studies conducted with mycophenolate mofetil in the rat, mouse, dog and monkey. These effects occurred at systemic exposure levels that are equivalent to or less than the clinical exposure at the recommended dose of 2 g/day for renal transplant recipients. Gastrointestinal effects were observed in the dog at systemic exposure levels equivalent to or less than the clinical exposure at the recommended doses. Gastrointestinal and renal effects consistent with dehydration were also observed in the monkey at the highest dose (systemic exposure levels equivalent to or greater than clinical exposure). The nonclinical toxicity profile of mycophenolate mofetil appears to be consistent with adverse events observed in

human clinical trials which now provide safety data of more relevance to the patient population (see section 4.8).

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

#### Tablet core

Microcrystalline cellulose

Povidone K-30

Magnesium stearate

Croscarmellose sodium

#### Tablet coat

Hypromellose (HPMC 2910)

Titanium dioxide (E171)

Macrogol (PEG 400)

Talc

Indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132)

Iron oxide black (E172)

Iron oxide red (E172)

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

3 years.

### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

Transparent PVC/PVdC-aluminium blisters in pack sizes of 50 or 150 or 50 x 1 tablets per carton. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

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

## **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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Netherlands



**8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/07/438/003 (50 tablets)  
EU/1/07/438/004 (150 tablets)  
EU/1/07/438/005 (50 x 1 tablets)

**9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

Date of first authorisation: 21 February 2008  
Date of first renewal: 19 November 2012

**10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>.

## **ANNEX II**

- A. MANUFACTURER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

## **A. MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

### Name and address of the manufacturers responsible for batch release

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The printed package leaflet of the medicinal product must state the name and address of the manufacturer responsible for the release of the concerned batch.

## **B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**

Medicinal product subject to restricted medical prescription.

## **C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

- **Periodic Safety Update Reports**

The requirements for submission of periodic safety update reports for this medicinal product are set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and any subsequent updates published on the European medicines web-portal.

## **D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

- **Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

Not applicable

- **Additional risk minimisation measures**

The Marketing Authorisation Holder (MAH) must agree about the content and format of the educational programme and a follow-up pregnancy questionnaire, including communication media,

distribution modalities, and any other aspects of the programme, with the National Competent Authority.

The educational programme is aimed at ensuring that the health professionals and patients are aware of the teratogenicity and mutagenicity, the need for pregnancy tests before starting therapy with Myfenax, the contraceptive requirements for both male and female patients and what to do in case of pregnancy during treatment with Myfenax.

The MAH shall ensure that in each MS where Myfenax is marketed, all healthcare professionals and patients who are expected to prescribe, dispense or use Myfenax are provided with the following educational package:

- Physician educational material
- Patient information pack

The health professional educational material should contain:

- The Summary of Product Characteristics
- Guide for healthcare professionals

The patient information pack should contain:

- The Package Leaflet
- Guide for patients

The educational materials should be implemented within four months after completion of this procedure and shall contain the following key elements:

Separate guides for healthcare professionals and patients should be provided. For patients, the text should be appropriately separated for men and women. The following areas should be covered in these guides:

- An introduction in each guide will inform the reader that the purpose of the guide is to tell them that a foetal exposure must be avoided and how to minimize the risk of birth defects and miscarriage associated with mycophenolate mofetil. It will explain that although this guide is very important it does not provide full information on mycophenolate mofetil and that the SmPC (healthcare professionals) and package leaflet (patients) supplied with the medicine must also be read carefully.
- Background information on mycophenolate mofetil teratogenicity and mutagenicity in humans. This section will provide important background information concerning the teratogenicity and mutagenicity of mycophenolate mofetil. It will provide details about the nature and magnitude of the risk, in line with the information provided in the SmPC. The information provided in this section will facilitate a correct understanding of the risk and explain the rationale for the following pregnancy prevention measures. Guides should also mention that patients should not to give this drug to any other person.
- Counselling of patients: This section will emphasise the importance of a thorough, informative and ongoing dialogue between patient and healthcare professional about the pregnancy risks associated with mycophenolate mofetil and the relevant minimisation strategies including alternative treatment choices, if applicable. The need to plan a pregnancy will be highlighted.
- The need to avoid foetal exposure: Contraceptive requirements for patients of reproductive potential prior to, during and after treatment with mycophenolate mofetil. Contraceptive requirements for sexually active male patients (including vasectomised men) and female patients of childbearing potential will be explained. The need for contraception prior to, during and after treatment with mycophenolate mofetil, including details of the duration of time for which contraception must be continued after cessation of therapy, will be clearly stated.

In addition, the text relating to women should explain the pregnancy test requirements prior to and during therapy with mycophenolate mofetil; including the advice for two negative pregnancy tests prior to starting therapy and the importance of the timing of these tests. The need for subsequent pregnancy tests during treatment will also be explained.

Advice that patients should not donate blood during therapy or for at least 6 weeks following discontinuation of mycophenolate. Furthermore, men should not donate semen during therapy or for 90 days following discontinuation of mycophenolate.

Advice on action if a pregnancy occurs or is suspected during or shortly after being treated with mycophenolate mofetil. Patients will be informed that they should not stop taking mycophenolate mofetil but must contact their doctor immediately. It will be explained that the correct course of action, based on an assessment of the individual benefit-risk, will be determined on a case by case basis through a discussion between the treating physician and the patient.

In addition, a pregnancy follow-up questionnaire including details of exposure during pregnancy, including timing and dose; duration of therapy, before and during pregnancy; concomitant drugs; known teratogenic risks and full details of congenital malformations should be agreed to with the national competent authorities and implemented within four months after completion of this procedure.

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **A.LABELLING**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**OUTER CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Myfenax 250mg hard capsules  
Mycophenolate mofetil

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each capsule contains 250 mg mycophenolate mofetil

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

100 capsules  
300 capsules  
100 x 1 capsules

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Oral use.  
Read the package leaflet before use.

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

Myfenax capsules should be handled with care.  
Do not open or crush the capsules and breathe the powder inside the capsules or allow it to touch your skin.

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**



**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

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

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Teva B.V.  
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2031GA Haarlem  
Netherlands

**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/07/438/001 (100 capsules)  
EU/1/07/438/002 (300 capsules)  
EU/1/07/438/006 (100 x 1 capsules)

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Batch

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Myfenax 250 mg Capsules

**17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE**

2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.

**18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – HUMAN READABLE DATA**

PC:  
SN:  
NN:

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS**

**BLISTER FOIL**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Myfenax 250mg hard capsules  
Mycophenolate mofetil

**2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Teva B.V.

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot

**5. OTHER**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**OUTER CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Myfenax 500mg film-coated tablets  
Mycophenolate mofetil

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each tablet contains 500 mg mycophenolate mofetil

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

50 tablets  
150 tablets  
50 x 1 tablets

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Oral use.  
Read the package leaflet before use.

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

Myfenax film-coated tablets should be handled with care.  
Do not crush the tablets.

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP:

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

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**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/07/438/003 (50 tablets)  
EU/1/07/438/004 (150 tablets)  
EU/1/07/438/005 (50 x 1 tablets)

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Batch

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Myfenax 500 mg Film-coated Tablets

**17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE**

2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.

**18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – HUMAN READABLE DATA**

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SN:  
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**BLISTER FOIL**

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Mycophenolate mofetil

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**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

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Lot

**5. OTHER**

**B.PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## Package leaflet: Information for the user

### Myfenax 250 mg hard capsules Mycophenolate mofetil

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- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What Myfenax is and what it is used for
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3. How to take Myfenax
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Myfenax
6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### **1. What Myfenax is and what it is used for**

Myfenax is a medicine that is used to suppress immune activity.

The active substance in this medicine is called mycophenolate mofetil.

Myfenax is used to prevent your body rejecting a transplanted kidney, heart or liver. It is used in combination with other medicines with a similar function (i.e. ciclosporin and corticosteroids).

#### **2. What you need to know before you take Myfenax**

##### **WARNING**

Mycophenolate causes birth defects and miscarriage. If you are a woman who could become pregnant, you must provide a negative pregnancy test before starting treatment and must follow the contraception advice given to you by your doctor.

Your doctor will speak to you and give you written information, particularly on the effects of mycophenolate on unborn babies. Read the information carefully and follow the instructions.

If you do not fully understand these instructions, please ask your doctor to explain them again before you take mycophenolate. See also further information in this section under “Warnings and precautions” and “Pregnancy, contraception and breast-feeding”.

##### **Do not take Myfenax,**

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to mycophenolate mofetil, mycophenolic acid or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you are a woman who could be pregnant and you have not provided a negative pregnancy test before your first prescription, as mycophenolate causes birth defects and miscarriage.
- if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant or think you may be pregnant.
- if you are not using effective contraception (see Pregnancy, contraception and breast-feeding).
- if you are breast-feeding.

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Talk to your doctor immediately,

- if you experience any evidence of infection (e.g. fever, sore throat), unexpected bruising and/or bleeding.
- if you have or ever have had any problems with your digestive system, e.g. stomach ulcers.
- if you are planning to become pregnant, or if you get pregnant while taking Myfenax.

Myfenax reduces your body's defence mechanism. Because of this, there is an increased risk of skin cancer. Therefore you should limit your exposure to sunlight and ultraviolet (UV) light by wearing appropriate protective clothing and using a sunscreen with a high protection factor.

You must not donate blood during treatment with Myfenax and for at least 6 weeks after stopping treatment. Men must not donate semen during treatment with Myfenax and for at least 90°days after stopping treatment.

## **Children and adolescents**

Myfenax is used in children and adolescents (aged 2 to 18) to prevent a body rejecting a transplanted kidney.

Myfenax should not be used in children and adolescents (aged 2 to 18) for heart or liver transplantation.

Myfenax should not be used at all in children under 2 years old.

## **Other medicines and Myfenax**

Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, even those not prescribed.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions talk to your doctor before you start to take Myfenax:

- Are you taking any medicines containing: azathioprine or other immunosuppressive agents (which are sometimes given to patients after a transplant operation), cholestyramine (used to treat patients with high blood cholesterol), rifampicin (antibiotic), antacids or proton pump inhibitors (used for acid problem in your stomach such as indigestion), phosphate binders (used in patients with chronic kidney failure to reduce the absorption of phosphate) or any other medicines (including those you can buy without a prescription) that your doctor does not know about?
- Do you need to receive vaccines (live vaccines)? Your doctor will have to advise you what is indicated for you.

## **Pregnancy, contraception and breast-feeding**

### **Contraception in women taking Myfenax**

If you are a woman who could become pregnant you must always use two effective methods of contraception with Myfenax. This includes:

- Before you start taking Myfenax
- During your entire treatment with Myfenax
- For 6°weeks after you stop taking Myfenax.

Talk to your doctor about the most suitable contraception for you. This will depend on your individual situation. **Contact your doctor as soon as possible, if you think your contraception may not have been effective or if you have forgotten to take your contraceptive pill.**

You are a woman who is not capable of becoming pregnant if any of the following applies to you:

- You are post-menopausal, i.e. at least 50 years old and your last period was more than a year ago (if your periods have stopped because you have treatment for cancer, then there is still a chance you could become pregnant).
- Your fallopian tubes and both ovaries have been removed (bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy).
- Your uterus has been surgically removed (hysterectomy).
- You have premature failure of the ovaries, confirmed by a specialist gynaecologist.



- You have been diagnosed with one of the following rare conditions that some patients are born with that make pregnancy impossible: the XY genotype, Turner's syndrome or uterine agenesis.
- You are a child/teenager who has not started having periods, and cannot become pregnant.

### **Contraception in men taking Myfenax**

You must always use condoms during treatment and for 90°days after you stop taking Myfenax. If you are planning to have a child, your doctor will talk to you about the risks and the alternative treatments you can take to prevent rejection of your transplant organ.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. Your doctor will talk to you about the risks in case of pregnancy and the alternatives you can take to prevent rejection of your transplant organ if:

- You plan to become pregnant.
- You miss or think you have missed a period, or you have unusual menstrual bleeding, or suspect you are pregnant.
- You have sex without using an effective method of contraception.

If you do become pregnant during the treatment with mycophenolate, you must inform your doctor immediately. However, keep taking Myfenax until you see him or her.

#### *Pregnancy*

Mycophenolate causes a very high frequency of miscarriage (50%) and of severe birth defects (23-27%) in the unborn baby. Birth defects which have been reported include anomalies of ears, of eyes, of face (cleft lip/palate), of development of fingers, of heart, oesophagus (tube that connects the throat with the stomach), kidneys and nervous system (for example spina bifida (where the bones of the spine are not properly developed)). Your baby may be affected by one or more of these.

If you are a woman who could become pregnant, you must provide a negative pregnancy test before starting treatment and must follow the contraception advice given to you by your doctor. Your doctor may request more than one test to ensure you are not pregnant before starting treatment.

#### *Breast-feeding*

Do not take Myfenax if you are breast-feeding. This is because small amounts of the medicine can pass into the mother's milk.

### **Driving and using machines**

Myfenax has not been shown to impair your ability to drive or operate machines.

## **3. How to take Myfenax**

Always take Myfenax exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your treatment is started and monitored by a doctor who is specialised in transplants.

The usual way to take Myfenax is as follows:

### **Kidney Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose will be given within 72°hours after the transplant operation. The recommended daily dose is 8 capsules (2°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2 separate doses. This means taking 4 capsules in the morning then 4 capsules in the evening.

### Children and adolescents (aged 2 to 18)

The dose given will vary depending on the size of the child. Your doctor will decide the most appropriate dose based on body surface area (height and weight). The recommended dose is 600°mg/m<sup>2</sup> taken twice a day.

### **Heart Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose will be given within 5 days following the transplant operation. The recommended daily dose is 12°capsules (3°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2 separate doses. This means taking 6 capsules in the morning then 6 capsules in the evening.

### **Liver Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose of oral Myfenax will be given to you at least 4°days after the transplant operation and when you are able to swallow oral medicines. The recommended daily dose is 12°capsules (3°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2°separate doses. This means taking 6°capsules in the morning then 6°capsules in the evening.

### **Method and route of administration**

Swallow your capsules whole with a glass of water. You can take them with or without food. Do not break or crush them and do not take any capsules that have broken open or split. Avoid contact with any powder that spills out from damaged capsules. If a capsule breaks open accidentally, wash any powder from your skin with soap and water. If any powder gets into your eyes or mouth, rinse thoroughly with plenty of plain, fresh water.

Treatment will continue for you as long as you need immunosuppression to prevent your body from rejecting your transplanted organ.

### **If you take more Myfenax than you should**

It is important not to take too many capsules. Contact your nearest hospital Accident and Emergency department or a doctor for advice if you have swallowed more capsules than you have been told to take or if you think a child has swallowed any.

### **If you forget to take Myfenax**

If you forget to take your medicine at any time, take it as soon as you remember, then continue to take it at the usual times.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

### **If you stop taking Myfenax**

Do not stop taking Myfenax because you feel better. It is important to take the medicine for as long as the doctor has told you to. Stopping your treatment with Myfenax may increase the chance of rejection of your transplanted organ. Do not stop taking your medicine unless your doctor tells you to.

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

## **4. Possible side effects**

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

**Talk to a doctor straight away if you notice any of the following serious side effects – you may need urgent medical treatment:**

- you have a sign of infection such as a fever or sore throat.
- you have any unexpected bruising or bleeding.

- you have a rash, swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat, with difficulty breathing - you may be having a serious allergic reaction to the medicine (such as anaphylaxis, angioedema).
- you have black or bloody stool or if you vomit blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds. These may be signs of bleeding in the stomach or intestines.

### **Other side effects**

*Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)*

- serious infection which may affect the whole body
- fungal infection of the digestive tract
- infection of the urinary tract
- cold sores, shingles
- decrease in the number of white blood cells, platelets or red blood cells, which can result in increased risk of infections, bruising, bleeding, breathlessness and weakness
- vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhoea, feeling sick

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

- infection of the lung, flu, infection of the respiratory tract
- infection of the digestive tract
- inflammation of the digestive tract
- infection
- fungal infections (e.g. of the respiratory tract, skin and vagina)
- chest cold, sore throat, inflammation of the sinuses, stuffy and runny nose, sneezing
- skin cancer, non-cancerous growth of the skin
- decrease in the number of all blood cells, increase in the number of white blood cells
- too much acid in the body
- high level of potassium in the blood, low level of potassium, magnesium, calcium and/or phosphate in the blood
- high level of sugar in the blood
- high level of cholesterol and/or lipids in the blood
- high level of uric acid in the blood, gout
- loss of appetite
- feeling restless, abnormalities of thought, perception and levels of awareness, depression, feeling anxious, abnormal thinking, difficulty in sleeping
- fit, increased tension of the muscles, shaking, sleepiness, feeling dizzy, headache, tingling, pricking or numbness
- muscle weakness of the limbs, drooping or falling of the upper eyelid (myasthenic syndrome)
- distortion of the sense of taste
- faster heart beat
- low/high blood pressure, widening of blood vessels
- accumulation of fluid in the lung, shortness of breath, cough
- inflammation of the tissue that lines the inner wall of the abdomen and covers most of the abdominal organs
- bowel blockage
- inflammation of the colon which causes abdominal pain or diarrhoea (sometimes caused by cytomegalovirus), ulcer of the stomach and/or duodenum, inflammation of the stomach, oesophagus and/or mouth and lips
- constipation, indigestion, wind (flatulence), belching
- inflammation of the liver, yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes
- growth of the skin, rash, acne, hair loss
- joint pain
- kidney problems
- fluid retention in the body
- fever, feeling of coldness, pain, feeling unwell, feeling weak and feeble
- changes in different laboratory parameters

- weight loss
- overgrowth of the gum tissue
- inflammation of the pancreas, which causes severe pain in the abdomen and back

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

- proliferation of the lymphatic tissue, including malignant tumours
- severe reduction in the number of certain white blood cells (possible symptoms are fever, sore throat, frequent infections) (agranulocytosis)

*Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)*

- alterations of the inner wall of the small intestine (intestinal villous atrophy)
- serious inflammation of the membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord
- serious inflammation of the heart and its valves
- bacterial infections usually resulting in a serious lung disorder (tuberculosis, atypical mycobacterial infection)
- serious disease of the kidney (BK virus associated nephropathy)
- serious disease of the central nervous system (JC virus associated progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy)
- decrease in the number of certain white blood cells (neutropenia)
- serious diseases of the bone marrow
- insufficient production of red blood cells
- change of the shape of certain white blood cells
- shortness of breath, cough, which can be due to bronchiectasis (a condition in which the lung airways are abnormally dilated) or pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lung). Talk to your doctor if you develop a persistent cough or breathlessness.
- decrease in the amount of antibodies in the blood

Do not stop taking your medicine unless you have discussed this with your doctor first.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist 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 listed in [Appendix V](#). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Myfenax**

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

Do not use Myfenax after the expiry date as stated on the blister and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.

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

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

### **What Myfenax contains**

- The active substance is mycophenolate mofetil.  
Each capsule contains 250 mg mycophenolate mofetil.
- The other ingredients are:

#### Capsule content

Pregelatinised maize starch

Povidone K-30

Croscarmellose sodium

Magnesium stearate

#### Capsule shells

##### *Cap*

Indigo carmine (E132)

Titanium dioxide (E171)

Gelatin

##### *Body*

Red iron oxide (E172)

Yellow iron oxide (E172)

Titanium dioxide (E171)

Gelatin

Black ink containing: shellac, black iron oxide (E172), propylene glycol and potassium hydroxide

### **What Myfenax looks like and contents of the pack**

Hard capsules

Body: caramel opaque, printed '250' axially in black ink.

Cap: light blue opaque printed 'M' axially in black ink.

Myfenax 250 mg hard capsules are available in PVC/PVdC-aluminium blisters in pack sizes of 100 or 300 or 100 x 1 capsules per carton.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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Please inform your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, even those not prescribed.

If you answer yes to any of the following questions talk to your doctor before you start to take Myfenax:

- Are you taking any medicines containing: azathioprine or other immunosuppressive agents (which are sometimes given to patients after a transplant operation), cholestyramine (used to treat patients with high blood cholesterol), rifampicin (antibiotic), antacids or proton pump inhibitors (used for acid problem in your stomach such as indigestion), phosphate binders (used in patients with chronic kidney failure to reduce the absorption of phosphate), or any other medicines (including those you can buy without a prescription) that your doctor does not know about?
- Do you need to receive vaccines (live vaccines)? Your doctor will have to advise you what is indicated for you.

## **Pregnancy, contraception and breast-feeding**

### **Contraception in women taking Myfenax**

If you are a woman who could become pregnant you must always use two effective methods of contraception with Myfenax. This includes:

- Before you start taking Myfenax
- During your entire treatment with Myfenax
- For 6°weeks after you stop taking Myfenax.

Talk to your doctor about the most suitable contraception for you. This will depend on your individual situation. **Contact your doctor as soon as possible, if you think your contraception may not have been effective or if you have forgotten to take your contraceptive pill.**

You are a woman who is not capable of becoming pregnant if any of the following applies to you:

- You are post-menopausal, i.e. at least 50 years old and your last period was more than a year ago (if your periods have stopped because you have treatment for cancer, then there is still a chance you could become pregnant).
- Your fallopian tubes and both ovaries have been removed (bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy).
- Your uterus has been surgically removed (hysterectomy).
- You have premature failure of the ovaries, confirmed by a specialist gynaecologist.

- You have been diagnosed with one of the following rare conditions that some patients are born with that make pregnancy impossible: the XY genotype, Turner's syndrome or uterine agenesis.
- You are a child/teenager who has not started having periods, and cannot become pregnant.

### **Contraception in men taking Myfenax**

You must always use condoms during treatment and for 90°days after you stop taking Myfenax. If you are planning to have a child, your doctor will talk to you about the risks and the alternative treatments you can take to prevent rejection of your transplant organ.

### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. Your doctor will talk to you about the risks in case of pregnancy and the alternatives you can take to prevent rejection of your transplant organ if:

- You plan to become pregnant.
- You miss or think you have missed a period, or you have unusual menstrual bleeding, or suspect you are pregnant.
- You have sex without using an effective method of contraception.

If you do become pregnant during the treatment with mycophenolate, you must inform your doctor immediately. However, keep taking Myfenax until you see him or her.

#### *Pregnancy*

Mycophenolate causes a very high frequency of miscarriage (50%) and of severe birth defects (23-27%) in the unborn baby. Birth defects which have been reported include anomalies of ears, of eyes, of face (cleft lip/palate), of development of fingers, of heart, oesophagus (tube that connects the throat with the stomach), kidneys and nervous system (for example spina bifida (where the bones of the spine are not properly developed)). Your baby may be affected by one or more of these.

If you are a woman who could become pregnant, you must provide a negative pregnancy test before starting treatment and must follow the contraception advice given to you by your doctor. Your doctor may request more than one test to ensure you are not pregnant before starting treatment.

#### *Breast-feeding*

Do not take Myfenax if you are breast-feeding. This is because small amounts of the medicine can pass into the mother's milk.

### **Driving and using machines**

Myfenax has not been shown to impair your ability to drive or operate machines.

## **3. How to take Myfenax**

Always take Myfenax exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Your treatment is started and monitored by a doctor who is specialised in transplants.

The usual way to take Myfenax is as follows:

### **Kidney Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose will be given within 72°hours after the transplant operation. The recommended daily dose is 4°tablets (2°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2°separate doses. This means taking 2°tablets in the morning then 2°tablets in the evening.

### Children and adolescents (aged 2 to 18)

The dose given will vary depending on the size of the child. Your doctor will decide the most appropriate dose based on body surface area (height and weight). The recommended dose is 600°mg/m<sup>2</sup> taken twice a day.

### **Heart Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose will be given within 5°days following the transplant operation. The recommended daily dose is 6°tablets (3°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2°separate doses. This means taking 3°tablets in the morning then 3°tablets in the evening.

### **Liver Transplant**

#### Adults

The first dose of oral Myfenax will be given to you at least 4°days after the transplant operation and when you are able to swallow oral medicines. The recommended daily dose is 6°tablets (3°g of the active ingredient) taken as 2°separate doses. This means taking 3°tablets in the morning then 3°tablets in the evening.

### **Method and route of administration**

Swallow your tablets whole with a glass of water. You can take them with or without food. Do not break or crush them.

Treatment will continue for you as long as you need immunosuppression to prevent your body from rejecting your transplanted organ.

### **If you take more Myfenax than you should**

It is important not to take too many tablets. Contact your nearest hospital Accident and Emergency department or a doctor for advice if you have swallowed more tablets than you have been told to take or if you think a child has swallowed any.

### **If you forget to take Myfenax**

If you forget to take your medicine at any time, take it as soon as you remember, then continue to take it at the usual times.

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

### **If you stop taking Myfenax**

Do not stop taking Myfenax because you feel better. It is important to take the medicine for as long as the doctor has told you to. Stopping your treatment with Myfenax may increase the chance of rejection of your transplanted organ. Do not stop taking your medicine unless your doctor tells you to.

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

## **4. Possible side effects**

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

### **Talk to a doctor straight away if you notice any of the following serious side effects – you may need urgent medical treatment:**

- you have a sign of infection such as a fever or sore throat.
- you have any unexpected bruising or bleeding.
- you have a rash, swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat, with difficulty breathing - you may be having a serious allergic reaction to the medicine (such as anaphylaxis, angioedema).
- you have black or bloody stool or if you vomit blood or dark particles that look like coffee grounds. These may be signs of bleeding in the stomach or intestines.

## Other side effects

*Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people)*

- serious infection which may affect the whole body
- fungal infection of the digestive tract
- infection of the urinary tract
- cold sores, shingles
- decrease in the number of white blood cells, platelets or red blood cells, which can result in increased risk of infections, bruising, bleeding, breathlessness and weakness
- vomiting, stomach pain, diarrhoea, feeling sick

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

- infection of the lung, flu, infection of the respiratory tract
- infection of the digestive tract
- inflammation of the digestive tract
- infection
- fungal infections (e.g. of the respiratory tract, skin and vagina)
- chest cold, sore throat, inflammation of the sinuses, stuffy and runny nose, sneezing
- skin cancer, non-cancerous growth of the skin
- decrease in the number of all blood cells, increase in the number of white blood cells
- too much acid in the body
- high level of potassium in the blood, low level of potassium, magnesium, calcium and/or phosphate in the blood
- high level of sugar in the blood
- high level of cholesterol and/or lipids in the blood
- high level of uric acid in the blood, gout
- loss of appetite
- feeling restless, abnormalities of thought, perception and levels of awareness, depression, feeling anxious, abnormal thinking, difficulty in sleeping
- fit, increased tension of the muscles, shaking, sleepiness, feeling dizzy, headache, tingling, pricking or numbness
- muscle weakness of the limbs, drooping or falling of the upper eyelid (myasthenic syndrome)
- distortion of the sense of taste
- faster heart beat
- low/high blood pressure, widening of blood vessels
- accumulation of fluid in the lung, shortness of breath, cough
- inflammation of the tissue that lines the inner wall of the abdomen and covers most of the abdominal organs
- bowel blockage
- inflammation of the colon which causes abdominal pain or diarrhoea (sometimes caused by cytomegalovirus), ulcer of the stomach and/or duodenum, inflammation of the stomach, oesophagus and/or mouth and lips
- constipation, indigestion, wind (flatulence), belching
- inflammation of the liver, yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes
- growth of the skin, rash, acne, hair loss
- joint pain
- kidney problems
- fluid retention in the body
- fever, feeling of coldness, pain, feeling unwell, feeling weak and feeble
- changes in different laboratory parameters
- weight loss
- overgrowth of the gum tissue
- inflammation of the pancreas, which causes severe pain in the abdomen and back

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

- proliferation of the lymphatic tissue, including malignant tumours
- severe reduction in the number of certain white blood cells (possible symptoms are fever, sore throat, frequent infections) (agranulocytosis)

*Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)*

- alterations of the inner wall of the small intestine (intestinal villous atrophy)
- serious inflammation of the membrane that covers the brain and spinal cord
- serious inflammation of the heart and its valves
- bacterial infections usually resulting in a serious lung disorder (tuberculosis, atypical mycobacterial infection)
- serious disease of the kidney (BK virus associated nephropathy)
- serious disease of the central nervous system (JC virus associated progressive multifocal leucoencephalopathy)
- decrease in the number of certain white blood cells (neutropenia)
- serious diseases of the bone marrow
- insufficient production of red blood cells
- change of the shape of certain white blood cells
- shortness of breath, cough, which can be due to bronchiectasis (a condition in which the lung airways are abnormally dilated) or pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lung). Talk to your doctor if you develop a persistent cough or breathlessness.
- decrease in the amount of antibodies in the blood

Do not stop taking your medicine unless you have discussed this with your doctor first.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist 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 listed in [Appendix V](#). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## **5. How to store Myfenax**

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

Do not use Myfenax after the expiry date as stated on the blister and carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicine does not require any special storage conditions.

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

## **6. Contents of the pack and other information**

### **What Myfenax contains**

- The active substance is mycophenolate mofetil.  
Each tablet contains 500mg of mycophenolate mofetil.
- The other ingredients are:  
Tablet core  
Microcrystalline cellulose  
Povidone K-30  
Magnesium stearate

Croscarmellose sodium  
Tablet coat  
Hypromellose (HPMC 2910)  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Macrogol (PEG 400)  
Talc  
Indigo carmine aluminium lake (E132)  
Iron oxide black (E172)  
Iron oxide red (E172)

### **What Myfenax looks like and contents of the pack**

Film-coated tablets

Pale purple, oval shaped film-coated tablet, debossed with "M500" on one side and plain on the other side.

Myfenax 500 mg film-coated tablets are available in PVC/PVdC-aluminium blisters in pack sizes of 50 or 150 or 50 x 1 tablets per carton.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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