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For detailed information, please refer to the **Summary of Product Characteristics**.

#### Precautionary measures before starting treatment

Contraindications: - Known hypersensitivity to mistletoe preparations

- Acute inflammatory disorders or disorders accompanied by high fever: treatment should be

discontinued until all symptoms of inflammation have subsided.

- Chronic granulomatous diseases, florid autoimmune diseases and those treated with immuno-

suppressive therapy

- Hyperthyroidism with tachycardia

Surgery: In pre-operative patients, injections can be administered up to the day before surgery.

Post-operatively, therapy should not be started until wound healing is complete.

Chemotherapy / Therapy should be started as soon as possible before chemotherapy or immunotherapy.

Immunotherapy: It is also possible to start mistletoe therapy during chemotherapy or immunotherapy, but injections

should not be administered on the day of the chemotherapy or immunotherapy.

#### Side effects at the start of therapy

Each of the reactions 1 to 4 indicates an optimal dosage:

A local inflammatory reaction at the injection site with a diameter of 5 cm or less.

2 A temporary temperature increase of 0.5°C to 1.0°C within 12 hours of the injection.

The intensity of reactions 1 and 2 diminishes after approximately 2 ½ weeks of treatment (if this is not the case, treatment should be continued at a strength of 0.02 mg for a further 2 ½ weeks before increasing to the next higher dose).

- 3 Change in subjective state of health: alleviation of pain, deeper sleep, improved appetite.
- 4 Fatigue, slight chills, general malaise, headache and transient dizziness that occur on the day of injection and subside within 24 hours also indicate that the correct dose has been administered.

### **Excessive side effects**

The dose is too high, if:

- the local inflammatory reaction is greater than 5 cm, but less than 10 cm in diameter. In this case, the dose should be reduced to 0.5 ml (half an ampoule) for the next three injections.
- the local inflammatory reaction is greater than 10 cm in diameter: in this case, the next lower strength is injected for 2 ½ weeks (8 ampoules).
- there is persistent weakness, nausea and/or dizziness: in this case, the next lower strength is injected for 2 ½ weeks.
- the injections **continue to provoke excessively severe reactions and side effects:** in this case, abnobaVISCUM from the same type of mistletoe host tree with potency level D6 (0.002 mg) should be administered subcutaneously (SC) three times a week (8 ampoules in total). Therapy should then be started according to the protocol.

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Type: abnobaVISCUM Mali

WEEKS 1 to 3: 0.02 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (8 ampoules in total = one pack of 8)
WEEKS 3 to 6: 0.2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (8 ampoules in total = one pack of 8)

WEEK 7 and subsequent weeks: 2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly

For maintenance therapy, see below.

Cervical cancer associated with a poor general condition before, during or after standard therapy such as chemotherapy or immunotherapy.

Type: abnobaVISCUM Mali

**WEEKS 1 to 5:** 0.02 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (16 ampoules in total = two packs of 8) **WEEKS 5 to 7:** 0.2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (8 ampoules in total = one pack of 8)

WEEK 6 and subsequent weeks: 2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly

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**Metastatic cervical cancer** before, during or after standard therapy such as chemotherapy or immunotherapy. **Type:** abnobaVISCUM **Fraxini** 

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WEEKS 3 to 6: 0.2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (8 ampoules in total = one pack of 8)

WEEK 6 and subsequent weeks: 2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly

For maintenance therapy, see below.

## Palliative therapy for cervical cancer

Type: abnobaVISCUM Mali

WEEKS 1 to 5: 0.02 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (16 ampoules in total = two packs of 8)
WEEKS 5 to 7: 0.2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly (8 ampoules in total = one pack of 8)

WEEK 7 and subsequent weeks: 2 mg strength, 1 ml (= 1 ampoule) SC three times weekly

For maintenance therapy, see below.

## **Maintenance therapy**

After the highest strength specified above has been reached, treatment is continued at this strength for a period of two years. After this, injections are administered twice weekly for a period of one year. After three years, therapeutic pauses of three months can be introduced.

<u>CAUTION</u>: After therapeutic pauses of more than four weeks, treatment must, as at the beginning of therapy, be started again at a low dose (0.02 mg).

#### **Treatment information**

You can reach us by phone between 08:00 and 16:30 at the following telephone numbers:

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free call 0800 22 66 222

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abnobaVISCUM® is available in the following strengths

D6 (0.002 mg), 0.02 mg, 0.2 mg, 2 mg, 20 mg

and the following pack sizes

8 ampoules (start of therapy) N1 21 ampoules (quarterly pack) N2 48 ampoules (for hospital use) N2

Full name, for example:

abnobaVISCUM Quercus 0.02 mg, 8 ampoules