

GANIRELIX ACETATE- ganirelix acetate injection, solution
Lupin Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

GANIRELIX ACETATE INJECTION
250 mcg/0.5 mL

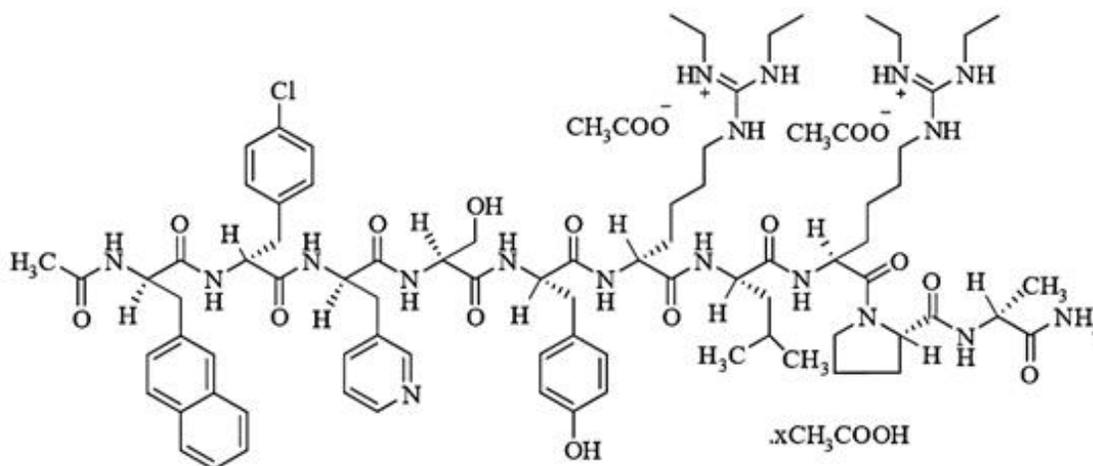
For Subcutaneous Use Only

Rx Only

DESCRIPTION

Ganirelix acetate injection is a synthetic decapeptide with high antagonistic activity against naturally occurring gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH). Ganirelix acetate is derived from native GnRH with substitutions of amino acids at positions 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 10 to form the following molecular formula of the peptide: N-acetyl-3-(2-naphthyl)-D-alanyl-4-chloro-D-phenylalanyl-3-(3-pyridyl)-D-alanyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosyl-N⁹,N¹⁰-diethyl-D-homoarginyl-L-leucyl-N⁹,N¹⁰-diethyl-L-homoarginyl-L-prolyl-D-alanylamide acetate. The molecular weight for ganirelix acetate is 1570.42 as an anhydrous free base. The structural formula is as follows:

Ganirelix Acetate



Ganirelix acetate injection is supplied as a colorless, sterile, ready-to-use, aqueous solution intended for SUBCUTANEOUS administration only. Each single dose, sterile, prefilled syringe contains 250 mcg/0.5 mL of ganirelix acetate, 0.1 mg glacial acetic acid, 23.5 mg mannitol, and water for injection adjusted to pH 5 with glacial acetic acid, USP and/or sodium hydroxide, NF.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

The pulsatile release of GnRH stimulates the synthesis and secretion of luteinizing

hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH). The frequency of LH pulses in the mid and late follicular phase is approximately 1 pulse per hour. These pulses can be detected as transient rises in serum LH. At midcycle, a large increase in GnRH release results in an LH surge. The midcycle LH surge initiates several physiologic actions including: ovulation, resumption of meiosis in the oocyte, and luteinization. Luteinization results in a rise in serum progesterone with an accompanying decrease in estradiol levels.

Ganirelix acetate acts by competitively blocking the GnRH receptors on the pituitary gonadotroph and subsequent transduction pathway. It induces a rapid, reversible suppression of gonadotropin secretion. The suppression of pituitary LH secretion by ganirelix acetate is more pronounced than that of FSH. An initial release of endogenous gonadotropins has not been detected with ganirelix acetate, which is consistent with an antagonist effect. Upon discontinuation of ganirelix acetate, pituitary LH and FSH levels are fully recovered within 48 hours.

Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetic parameters of single and multiple injections of ganirelix acetate injection in healthy adult females are summarized in Table 1. Steady-state serum concentrations are reached after 3 days of treatment. The pharmacokinetics of ganirelix acetate are dose-proportional in the dose range of 125 to 500 mcg.

Table 1: Mean (SD) Pharmacokinetic Parameters of 250 mcg of Ganirelix Acetate Following a Single Subcutaneous (SC) Injection (n=15) and Daily SC Injections (n=15) for seven days

	t_{\max} h	$t_{1/2}$ h	C_{\max} ng/mL	AUC ng•h/mL	CL/F L/h	V_d/F L
Ganirelix Acetate single dose	1.1 (0.3)	12.8 (4.3)	14.8 (3.2)	96 (12)	2.4 (0.2) [†]	43.7 (11.4) [†]
Ganirelix Acetate multiple dose	1.1 (0.2)	16.2 (1.6)	11.2 (2.4)	77.1 (9.8)	3.3 (0.4)	76.5 (10.3)

t_{\max} Time to maximum concentration

$t_{1/2}$ Elimination half-life

C_{\max} Maximum serum concentration

AUC Area under the curve; Single dose: $AUC_{0\text{ to } \infty}$; multiple dose: $AUC_{0\text{ to } 24}$

V_d Volume of distribution

[†] Based on intravenous administration

CL Clearance = Dose/ $AUC_{0\text{ to } \infty}$

F Absolute bioavailability

Absorption

Ganirelix Acetate is rapidly absorbed following subcutaneous injection with maximum serum concentrations reached approximately one hour after dosing. The mean absolute bioavailability of ganirelix acetate following a single 250 mcg subcutaneous injection to healthy female volunteers is 91.1%.

Distribution

The mean (SD) volume of distribution of ganirelix acetate in healthy females following

intravenous administration of a single 250-mcg dose is 43.7 (11.4) liters (L). *In vitro* protein binding to human plasma is 81.9%.

Metabolism

Following single-dose intravenous administration of radiolabeled ganirelix acetate to healthy female volunteers, ganirelix acetate is the major compound present in the plasma (50 to 70% of total radioactivity in the plasma) up to 4 hours and urine (17.1 to 18.4% of administered dose) up to 24 hours. Ganirelix acetate is not found in the feces. The 1 to 4 peptide and 1 to 6 peptide of ganirelix acetate are the primary metabolites observed in the feces.

Excretion

On average, 97.2% of the total radiolabeled ganirelix acetate dose is recovered in the feces and urine (75.1% and 22.1%, respectively) over 288 h following intravenous single dose administration of 1 mg [¹⁴C]-ganirelix acetate. Urinary excretion is virtually complete in 24 h, whereas fecal excretion starts to plateau 192 h after dosing.

Special Populations

The pharmacokinetics of ganirelix acetate injection have not been determined in special populations such as geriatric, pediatric, renally impaired and hepatically impaired patients (see **PRECAUTIONS**).

Drug-Drug Interactions

Formal *in vivo* or *in vitro* drug-drug interaction studies have not been conducted (see **PRECAUTIONS**). Since ganirelix acetate can suppress the secretion of pituitary gonadotropins, dose adjustments of exogenous gonadotropins may be necessary when used during controlled ovarian hyperstimulation (COH).

Clinical Studies

The efficacy of ganirelix acetate injection was established in two adequate and well-controlled clinical studies which included women with normal endocrine and pelvic ultrasound parameters. The studies intended to exclude subjects with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and subjects with low or no ovarian reserve. One cycle of study medication was administered to each randomized subject. For both studies, the administration of exogenous recombinant FSH [Follistim[®] (follitropin beta for injection)] 150 IU daily was initiated on the morning of Day 2 or 3 of a natural menstrual cycle. Ganirelix acetate injection was administered on the morning of Day 7 or 8 (Day 6 of recombinant FSH administration). The dose of recombinant FSH administered was adjusted according to individual responses starting on the day of initiation of ganirelix acetate. Both recombinant FSH and ganirelix acetate were continued daily until at least three follicles were 17 mm or greater in diameter at which time hCG [Pregnyl[®] (chorionic gonadotropin for injection, USP)] was administered. Following hCG administration, ganirelix acetate and recombinant FSH administration were discontinued. Oocyte retrieval, followed by *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), was subsequently performed.

In a multicenter, double-blind, randomized, dose-finding study, the safety and efficacy of ganirelix acetate injection were evaluated for the prevention of LH surges in women undergoing COH with recombinant FSH. Ganirelix acetate injection doses ranging from

62.5 mcg to 2000 mcg and recombinant FSH were administered to 332 patients undergoing COH for IVF (see Table 2). Median serum LH on the day of hCG administration decreased with increasing doses of ganirelix acetate. Median serum E₂ (17 β -estradiol) on the day of hCG administration was 1475, 1110, and 1160 pg/mL for the 62.5-, 125-, and 250-mcg doses, respectively. Lower peak serum E₂ levels of 823, 703, and 441 pg/mL were seen at higher doses of ganirelix acetate 500, 1000, and 2000 mcg, respectively. The highest pregnancy and implantation rates were achieved with the 250-mcg dose of ganirelix acetate injection as summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: Results from the Multicenter, Double-blind, Randomized, Dose-finding Study to Assess the Efficacy of Ganirelix Acetate Injection to Prevent Premature LH Surges in Women Undergoing COH with Recombinant FSH

	Daily dose (mcg) of Ganirelix Acetate Injection					
	62.5 mcg	125 mcg	250 mcg	500 mcg	1000 mcg	2000 mcg
No. subjects receiving ganirelix acetate	31	66	70	69	66	30
No. subjects with ET*	27	61	62	54	61	27
No. of subjects with LH rise \geq 10 mIU/mL [†]	4	6	1	0	0	0
Serum LH (mIU/mL) on day of hCG [‡] 5 th to 95 th percentiles	3.6 0.6 to 19.9	2.5 0.6 to 11.4	1.7 < 0.25 to 6.4	1 0.4 to 4.7	0.6 < 0.25 to 2.2	0.3 < 0.25 to 0.8
Serum E ₂ (pg/mL) on day of hCG [‡] 5 th to 95 th percentiles	1475 645 to 3720	1110 424 to 3780	1160 384 to 3910	823 279 to 2720	703 284 to 2360	441 166 to 1940
Vital pregnancy rate [§]						
per attempt, n (%)	7 (22.6)	17 (25.8)	25 (35.7)	8 (11.6)	9 (13.6)	2 (6.7)
per transfer, n (%)	7 (25.9)	17 (27.9)	25 (40.3)	8 (14.8)	9 (14.8)	2 (7.4)
Implantation rate (%) [¶]	14.2 (26.8)	16.3 (30.5)	21.9 (30.6)	9 (23.7)	8.5 (21.7)	4.9 (20.1)

(Protocol 38602)

* ET: Embryo Transfer

† Following initiation of ganirelix acetate therapy. Includes subjects who have complied with daily injections

‡ Median values

§ As evidenced by ultrasound at 5 to 6 weeks following ET

¶ Mean (standard deviation)

Transient LH rises alone were not deleterious to achieving pregnancy with ganirelix acetate at doses of 125 mcg (3/6 subjects) and 250 mcg (1/1 subjects). In addition, none of the subjects with LH rises \geq 10 mIU/mL had premature luteinization indicated by a serum progesterone above 2 ng/mL.

A multicenter, open-label, randomized study was conducted to assess the efficacy and

safety of ganirelix acetate injection in women undergoing COH. Follicular phase treatment with ganirelix acetate 250 mcg was studied using a luteal phase GnRH agonist as a reference treatment. A total of 463 subjects were treated with ganirelix acetate by subcutaneous injection once daily starting on Day 6 of recombinant FSH treatment. Recombinant FSH was maintained at 150 IU for the first 5 days of ovarian stimulation and was then adjusted by the investigator on the sixth day of gonadotropin use according to individual responses. The results for the ganirelix acetate arm are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3: Results from the Multicenter, Open-label, Randomized Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Ganirelix Acetate Injection in Women Undergoing COH

	Ganirelix Acetate 250 mcg
No. subjects treated	463
Duration of GnRH analog (days) ^{§, *}	5.4 (2)
Duration of recombinant FSH (days) ^{§, *}	9.6 (2)
Serum E ₂ (pg/mL) on day of hCG [†] 5 th to 95 th percentiles	1190 373 to 3105
Serum LH (mIU/mL) on day of hCG [†] 5 th to 95 th percentiles	1.6 0.6 to 6.9
No. of subjects with LH rise ≥ 10 mIU/mL [‡]	13
No. of follicles > 11 mm ^{§, *}	10.7 (5.3)
No. of subjects with oocyte retrieval	440
No. of oocytes [*]	8.7 (5.6)
Fertilization rate	62.1%
No. subjects with ET [§]	399
No. of embryos transferred [*]	2.2 (0.6)
No. of embryos [*]	6 (4.5)
Ongoing pregnancy rate ¶, #	
per attempt, n (%) [Ⓟ]	94 (20.3)
per transfer, n (%)	93 (23.3)
Implantation rate (%) [*]	15.7 (29)

(Protocol 38607)

* Mean (standard deviation)

† Median values

‡ Following initiation of ganirelix acetate therapy

§ ET: Embryo Transfer

¶ As evidenced by ultrasound at 12 to 16 weeks following ET

Restricted to subjects with hCG injection

Ⓟ Includes one patient who achieved pregnancy with intrauterine induction

Some centers were limited to the transfer of ≤ 2 embryos based on local practice standards

The mean number of days of ganirelix acetate treatment was 5.4 (2 to 14).

LH Surges

The midcycle LH surge initiates several physiologic actions including: ovulation, resumption of meiosis in the oocyte, and luteinization. In 463 subjects administered ganirelix acetate injection 250 mcg, a premature LH surge prior to hCG administration, (LH rise ≥ 10 mIU/mL with a significant rise in serum progesterone > 2 ng/mL, or a significant decline in serum estradiol) occurred in less than 1% of subjects.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Ganirelix acetate injection is indicated for the inhibition of premature LH surges in women undergoing controlled ovarian hyperstimulation.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Ganirelix acetate injection is contraindicated under the following conditions:

- Known hypersensitivity to ganirelix acetate or to any of its components.
- Known hypersensitivity to GnRH or any other GnRH analog.
- Known or suspected pregnancy (see **PRECAUTIONS**).

WARNINGS

Ganirelix acetate injection should be prescribed by physicians who are experienced in infertility treatment. Before starting treatment with ganirelix acetate, pregnancy must be excluded. Safe use of ganirelix acetate during pregnancy has not been established (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS** and **PRECAUTIONS**).

PRECAUTIONS

General

Special care should be taken in women with signs and symptoms of active allergic conditions. Cases of hypersensitivity reactions (both generalized and local), including anaphylaxis (including anaphylactic shock), angioedema and urticaria, have been reported with ganirelix acetate, as early as with the first dose, during post-marketing surveillance (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**). If a hypersensitivity reaction is suspected, ganirelix acetate should be discontinued and appropriate treatment administered. In the absence of clinical experience, ganirelix acetate treatment is not advised in women with severe allergic conditions.

Information for Patients

Prior to therapy with ganirelix acetate injection, patients should be informed of the duration of treatment and monitoring procedures that will be required. The risk of possible adverse reactions should be discussed (see **ADVERSE REACTIONS**).

Ganirelix acetate should not be prescribed if the patient is pregnant.

Laboratory Tests

A neutrophil count ≥ 8.3 ($\times 10^9$ /L) was noted in 11.9% (up to 16.8×10^9 /L) of all subjects treated within the adequate and well-controlled clinical trials. In addition,

downward shifts within the ganirelix acetate injection group were observed for hematocrit and total bilirubin. The clinical significance of these findings was not determined.

Drug Interactions

No formal drug-drug interaction studies have been performed.

Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long-term toxicity studies in animals have not been performed with ganirelix acetate injection to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of the drug. Ganirelix acetate did not induce a mutagenic response in the Ames test (*S. typhimurium* and *E. coli*) or produce chromosomal aberrations in *in vitro* assay using Chinese Hamster Ovary cells.

Pregnancy

Ganirelix acetate injection is contraindicated in pregnant women. When administered from Day 7 to near term to pregnant rats and rabbits at doses up to 10 and 30 mcg/day (approximately 0.4 to 3.2 times the human dose based on body surface area), ganirelix acetate increased the incidence of litter resorption. There was no increase in fetal abnormalities. No treatment-related changes in fertility, physical, or behavioral characteristics were observed in the offspring of female rats treated with ganirelix acetate during pregnancy and lactation.

The effects on fetal resorption are logical consequences of the alteration in hormonal levels brought about by the antigonadotropic properties of this drug and could result in fetal loss in humans. Therefore, this drug should not be used in pregnant women (see **CONTRAINDICATIONS**).

Nursing Mothers

Ganirelix acetate injection should not be used by lactating women. It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk.

Geriatric Use

Clinical studies with ganirelix acetate injection did not include a sufficient number of subjects aged 65 and over.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The safety of ganirelix acetate injection was evaluated in two randomized, parallel-group, multicenter controlled clinical studies. Treatment duration for ganirelix acetate ranged from 1 to 14 days. Table 4 represents adverse events (AEs) from first day of ganirelix acetate administration until confirmation of pregnancy by ultrasound at an incidence of $\geq 1\%$ in ganirelix acetate-treated subjects without regard to causality.

Table 4: Incidence of Common Adverse Events (Incidence $\geq 1\%$ in Ganirelix Acetate-treated Subjects). Completed Controlled Clinical Studies (All-subjects-treated Group)

Adverse Events Occurring in \geq 1%	Ganirelix Acetate N=794 % (n)
Abdominal Pain (gynecological)	4.8 (38)
Death Fetal	3.7 (29)
Headache	3 (24)
Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome	2.4 (19)
Vaginal Bleeding	1.8 (14)
Injection Site Reaction	1.1 (9)
Nausea	1.1 (9)
Abdominal Pain (gastrointestinal)	1 (8)

During post-marketing surveillance, rare cases of hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis (including anaphylactic shock), angioedema and urticaria have been reported with ganirelix acetate, as early as with the first dose (see **PRECAUTIONS**).

Congenital Anomalies

An observational study in more than 1000 newborns compared the incidence of congenital anomalies in newborns of women administered ganirelix acetate to historical controls of a GnRH agonist. This study demonstrated that the incidence of congenital anomalies in children born after COH treatment in women using ganirelix acetate was comparable with that reported after a COH treatment cycle using a GnRH agonist.

The incidence of congenital malformations after some Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) [specifically *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)] may be slightly higher than after spontaneous conception. This slightly higher incidence is thought to be related to differences in parental characteristics (e.g., maternal age, maternal and paternal genetic background, sperm characteristics) and to the higher incidence of multi-fetal gestations after IVF or ICSI. The causal relationship between these congenital anomalies and ganirelix acetate injection is unknown.

OVERDOSAGE

There have been no reports of overdosage with ganirelix acetate injection in humans.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

After initiating FSH therapy on Day 2 or 3 of the cycle, ganirelix acetate injection 250 mcg may be administered subcutaneously once daily during the mid to late portion of the follicular phase. By taking advantage of endogenous pituitary FSH secretion, the requirement for exogenously administered FSH may be reduced. Treatment with ganirelix acetate should be continued daily until the day of hCG administration. When a sufficient number of follicles of adequate size are present, as assessed by ultrasound, final maturation of follicles is induced by administering hCG. The administration of hCG should be withheld in cases where the ovaries are abnormally enlarged on the last day of FSH therapy to reduce the chance of developing OHSS (Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome).

Directions for Using Ganirelix Acetate Injection

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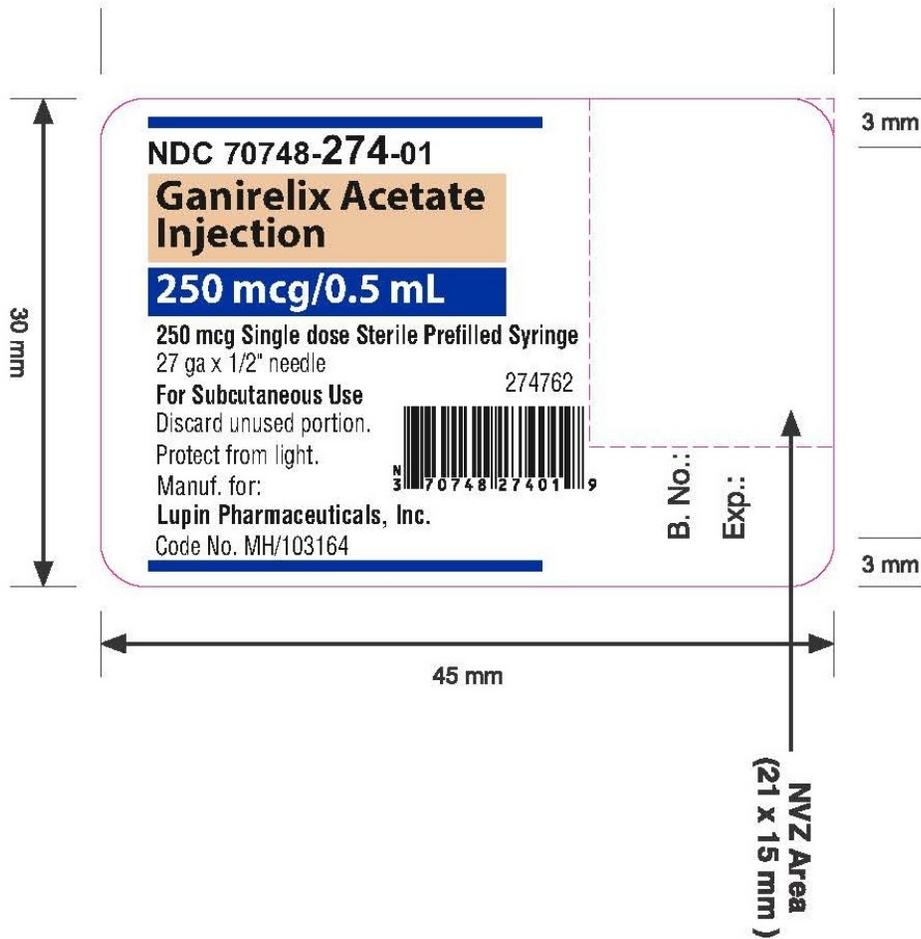
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Ganirelix Acetate Injection

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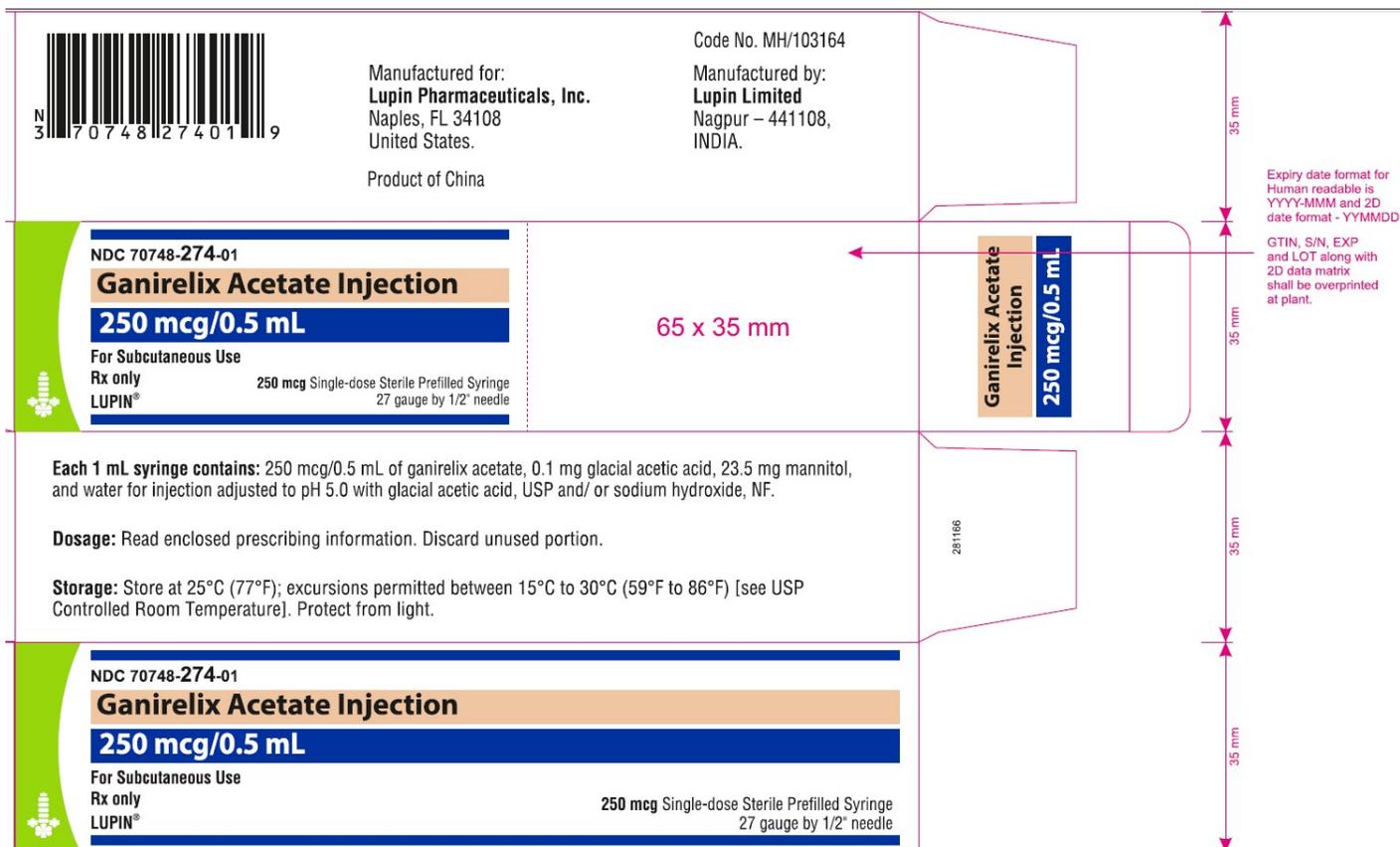
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Product Information

Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:70748-274
Route of Administration	SUBCUTANEOUS		

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength
GANIRELIX ACETATE (UNII: 56U7906FQW) (GANIRELIX - UNII: IX503L9VW0)	GANIRELIX ACETATE	250 ug in 0.5 mL

Inactive Ingredients

Ingredient Name	Strength
ACETIC ACID (UNII: Q40Q9N063P)	0.1 mg in 0.5 mL
MANNITOL (UNII: 3OWL53L36A)	23.5 mg in 0.5 mL
SODIUM HYDROXIDE (UNII: 55X04QC32I)	
WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R)	

Packaging

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