

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use XROMI safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for XROMI.

XROMI (hydroxyurea) oral solution

Initial U.S. Approval: 1967

### WARNING: MYELOSUPPRESSION and MALIGNANCIES

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- **Myelosuppression:** XROMI may cause severe myelosuppression. Do not give if bone marrow function is markedly depressed. Monitor blood counts at baseline and throughout treatment. Interrupt treatment and reduce dose as necessary (5.1).
- **Malignancies:** Hydroxyurea is carcinogenic. Advise sun protection and monitor patients for malignancies (5.3).

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- XROMI is an antimetabolite indicated to reduce the frequency of painful crises and reduce the need for blood transfusions in pediatric patients aged 6 months of age to less than 2 years with sickle cell anemia with recurrent moderate to severe painful crises. (1)

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Initial dose: 15 mg/kg orally once daily. Monitor the patient's blood count every two weeks. (2.1)
- The dose may be increased by 5 mg/kg/day every 8 to 12 weeks until a maximum tolerated dose or 35 mg/kg/day is reached if blood counts are in an acceptable range. (2.1)
- The dose is not increased if blood counts are below the acceptable range and toxic. Discontinue XROMI until hematologic recovery if blood counts are considered toxic. Treatment may be resumed after reducing the dose by 2.5 mg/kg/day to 5 mg/kg/day from the dose associated with hematological toxicity. (2.1)
- Renal impairment: Reduce the dose of XROMI by 50% in patients with creatinine clearance less than 60 mL/min. (2.2, 8.6, 12.3)

### DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Oral Solution: 100 mg/mL in a 150 mL multiple-dose bottle (3)

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- In patients who have demonstrated a previous hypersensitivity to hydroxyurea or any other component of its formulation. (4)

### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Hemolytic anemia: Monitor blood counts throughout treatment. If hemolysis persists, discontinue XROMI. (5.2)
- Embryo-Fetal toxicity: Can cause fetal harm. Advise of potential risk to a fetus and use of effective contraception. (5.4, 8.1, 8.3)
- Vasculitic toxicities: Institute treatment and discontinue XROMI if this occurs. (5.5)
- Live Vaccinations: Avoid live vaccine use in a patient taking XROMI. (5.6)
- Risks with concomitant use of antiretroviral drugs: Pancreatitis, hepatotoxicity, and neuropathy have occurred. Monitor for signs and symptoms in patients with HIV infection using antiretroviral drugs; discontinue XROMI and implement treatment. (5.7)

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (incidence > 33%) are neutropenia and thrombocytopenia. (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Rare Disease Therapeutics, Inc. at 844-472-7389 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Antiretroviral drug. (7.1)
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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### WARNING: MYELOSUPPRESSION and MALIGNANCIES

- **Myelosuppression:** XROMI may cause severe myelosuppression. Do not give if bone marrow function is markedly depressed. Monitor blood counts at baseline and throughout treatment. Interrupt treatment and reduce dose as necessary [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)].
- **Malignancies:** Hydroxyurea is carcinogenic. Advise sun protection and monitor patients for malignancies [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3\)](#)].

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

XROMI is indicated to reduce the frequency of painful crises and reduce the need for blood transfusions in pediatric patients aged 6 months of age to less than 2 years, with sickle cell anemia with recurrent moderate to severe painful crises.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Recommended Dosage

The recommended XROMI dosage in pediatric patients aged 6 months to less than 2 years is described in Table 1.

**Table 1. Dosing Recommendation Based on Blood Count**

Dosing Regimen	Dose	Dose modification criteria	Monitoring parameters
Initial Recommended dosing	15 mg/kg/day (rounded to nearest 10 mg) orally as a single dose once daily based on the patient's actual body weight.		Monitor the patient's complete blood count (CBC) with differential and reticulocyte count every 2 weeks while adjusting dosage [see <a href="#">Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</a> ].
Dosing Adjustment Based on Blood Counts in the acceptable range	Increase dose 5 mg/kg/day every 8 to 12 weeks. Maximal dose: 35 mg/kg/day*.  *Maximal dose is the highest dose that does not produce toxic blood counts over 24 consecutive weeks.	Increase dose only if blood counts are in an acceptable range.  Do not increase if myelosuppression occurs.	<b>Target Blood Counts</b> Absolute neutrophil count (ANC) 1 to 3 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L and platelets at least 80 x 10 <sup>9</sup> /L
Dosing Adjustment Based on Blood Counts below acceptable range	Do not increase dose.	If blood counts are considered <b>toxic</b> , discontinue XROMI until hematologic recovery.	<b>Blood Counts Toxic Range</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANC less than 1,000/mcL</li> <li>• Platelets less than 80 x10<sup>9</sup>/L</li> <li>• Hemoglobin 20% decrease from baseline or hemoglobin less than 4.5 g/dL</li> <li>• Reticulocytes less than 80 x10<sup>9</sup>/L if the hemoglobin concentration is less than 9 g/dL.</li> </ul>

Dosing after Hematologic Recovery	If hematologic toxicity resolved within 1 week, restart at the same XROMI dose. If hematologic toxicity persisted for more than 1 week or occurred twice in a 3 month period, reduce dose by 5 mg/kg/day.		Once a stable dose is established, monitor CBC with differential and reticulocyte count every 4 weeks for 2 months and then as clinically indicated.
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Caregivers must be able to follow directions regarding drug administration and their monitoring and care.

If a dose of XROMI is missed at the scheduled time, the patient should take the missed dose as soon as possible once it is noticed, but only on the same day. If this is not possible, the patient should skip the dose and continue with the next dose as prescribed.

The patient should not take two doses to make up for a missed dose.

Fetal hemoglobin (HbF) levels may be used to evaluate the efficacy of XROMI in clinical use. Obtain HbF levels every three to four months. Monitor for an increase in HbF of at least two-fold over the baseline value.

XROMI causes macrocytosis, which may mask the incidental development of folic acid deficiency. Prophylactic administration of folic acid is recommended.

## 2.2 Administration Instructions

XROMI is for oral use. See Instructions for Use for details on preparation and administration of XROMI for oral solution.

Do not shake.

Two dosing oral dosing syringes (a red oral dosing syringe graduated to 3 mL and a white oral dosing syringe graduated to 12 mL) are provided for accurate measurement of the prescribed dose of the oral solution. It is recommended that the healthcare professional advises the caregiver which oral dosing syringe to use to ensure that the correct volume is administered.

The smaller 3 mL oral dosing syringe (red), marked from 0.5 mL to 3 mL, is for measuring doses of less than or equal to 3 mL. This oral dosing syringe should be recommended for doses less than or equal to 3 mL (each graduation of 0.1 mL contains 10 mg of hydroxyurea).

The larger 12 mL oral dosing syringe (white), marked 1 mL to 12 mL, is for measuring doses of more than 3 mL. This oral dosing syringe should be recommended for doses greater than 3 mL (each graduation of 0.25 mL contains 25 mg of hydroxyurea).

XROMI may be taken with or after meals at any time of the day but caregivers should standardize the method of administration and time of day.

XROMI is a hazardous drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures [see [References \(15\)](#)].

## 2.3 Dosage Modifications in Renal Impairment

Reduce the dose of XROMI by 50% in patients with creatinine clearance of less than 60 mL/min or with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.6\)](#) and [Clinical Pharmacology \(12.3\)](#)]. Creatinine clearance were obtained using 24-hour urine collections.

**Table 2. Creatine Clearance**

Creatinine Clearance (mL/ min)	Recommended XROMI Initial Dose
Greater than or equal to 60	15 mg/kg once daily
Less than 60 or ESRD*	7.5 mg/kg once daily
* On dialysis days, administer XROMI to patients with ESRD following hemodialysis	

Monitor the hematologic parameters closely in these patients.

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Oral solution: 100 mg/mL clear colorless to pale yellow liquid in a multiple-dose amber bottle.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

XROMI is contraindicated in patients who have demonstrated a previous hypersensitivity to hydroxyurea or any other component of its formulation [see [Adverse Reactions \(6\)](#)].

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Myelosuppression

Hydroxyurea causes severe myelosuppression. Do not initiate treatment with XROMI in patients if bone marrow function is markedly depressed. Bone marrow suppression may occur, and leukopenia is generally its first and most common manifestation. Thrombocytopenia and anemia occur less often and are seldom seen without a preceding leukopenia.

Some patients, treated at the recommended initial dose of 15 mg/kg/day, have experienced severe or life-threatening myelosuppression.

Evaluate hematologic status (CBC, reticulocyte count) prior to and every 2 weeks during dose-escalation period of XROMI treatment. Once a stable dose of XROMI is achieved, monitor every 4 weeks. Provide supportive care and modify dose or discontinue XROMI as needed. Recovery from myelosuppression is usually rapid when therapy is interrupted [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.1\)](#)].

### 5.2 Hemolytic Anemia

Cases of hemolytic anemia in patients treated with hydroxyurea for myeloproliferative diseases have been reported [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)]. Patients who develop acute jaundice or hematuria in the presence of persistent or worsening of anemia should have laboratory tests evaluated for hemolysis (e.g., measurement of serum lactate dehydrogenase, haptoglobin, reticulocyte, unconjugated bilirubin levels, urinalysis, and direct and indirect antiglobulin [Coombs] tests). In the setting of confirmed diagnosis of hemolytic anemia and in the absence of other causes, discontinue XROMI.

### 5.3 Malignancies

Hydroxyurea is a human carcinogen. In patients receiving long-term hydroxyurea for myeloproliferative disorders (a condition for which XROMI is not approved), secondary leukemia has been reported.

Secondary leukemia has also been reported in patients treated with long-term hydroxyurea for sickle cell anemia. Leukemia has also been reported in patients with sickle cell anemia and no prior history of treatment with hydroxyurea.

All patients using XROMI should be followed up on a long-term basis with regular blood counts to detect development of leukemia.

Skin cancer has also been reported in patients receiving long-term hydroxyurea. Advise protection from sun exposure and monitor for the development of secondary malignancies.

### 5.4 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity with Unapproved Use in Adolescents and Adults

Based on the mechanism of action and findings in animals, XROMI can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. Hydroxyurea was embryotoxic and teratogenic in rats and rabbits at doses 0.8 times and 0.3 times, respectively, the maximum recommended human daily dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

### 5.5 Vasculitic Toxicities

Cutaneous vasculitic toxicities, including vasculitic ulcerations and gangrene, have occurred in patients with myeloproliferative disorders during therapy with hydroxyurea. These vasculitic toxicities were reported most often in patients with a history of, or currently receiving, interferon therapy. If cutaneous vasculitic ulcers occur, institute treatment and discontinue XROMI.

### 5.6 Live Vaccinations

Avoid use of live vaccines in patients taking XROMI. Concomitant use of XROMI with a live virus vaccine may potentiate the replication of the virus and/or may increase the adverse reaction of the vaccine because normal defense mechanisms may be suppressed by XROMI. Vaccination with live vaccines in a patient receiving XROMI may result in severe infection [see [Drug Interactions \(7.2\)](#)]. Patient's antibody response to vaccines may be decreased. Consider consultation with a specialist.

### 5.7 Risks with Concomitant Use of Antiretroviral Drugs

Pancreatitis, hepatotoxicity, and peripheral neuropathy have occurred when hydroxyurea was administered concomitantly with antiretroviral drugs, including didanosine and stavudine [see [Drug Interactions \(7.1\)](#)].

### 5.8 Macrocytosis

XROMI may cause macrocytosis, which is self-limiting, and is often seen early in the course of treatment. The morphologic change resembles pernicious anemia, but is not related to vitamin B<sub>12</sub> or folic acid deficiency. This may mask the diagnosis of pernicious anemia. Prophylactic administration of folic acid is recommended.

### 5.9 Pulmonary Toxicity

Interstitial lung disease including pulmonary fibrosis, lung infiltration, pneumonitis, and alveolitis/allergic alveolitis (including fatal cases) have been reported in patients treated for myeloproliferative neoplasm. Safety and effectiveness have not been established for the use of XROMI in the treatment of myeloproliferative neoplasms and the use is not approved by the FDA. Monitor patients developing pyrexia, cough, dyspnea, or other respiratory symptoms frequently, investigate and treat promptly. Discontinue XROMI and manage with corticosteroids [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)].

### 5.10 Laboratory Test Interference

Interference with uric acid, Urea, or lactic acid assays is possible, rendering falsely elevated results of these in patients treated with hydroxyurea [see [Drug Interactions \(7.2\)](#)].

Hydroxyurea may falsely elevate sensor glucose results from certain continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems and may lead to hypoglycemia if sensor glucose results are relied upon to dose insulin.

If a patient using a CGM is to be prescribed hydroxyurea, consult with the CGM prescriber about alternative glucose monitoring methods [see [Drug Interactions \(7.2\)](#)].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following clinically significant adverse reactions are described in detail in other labeling sections:

- Myelosuppression [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)]
- Hemolytic anemia [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.2\)](#)]
- Malignancies [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3\)](#)]
- Vasculitic toxicities [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.5\)](#)]
- Live vaccinations [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.6\)](#)]
- Risks with concomitant use of antiretroviral drugs [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.7\)](#)]
- Macrocytosis [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.8\)](#)]
- Pulmonary toxicity [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.9\)](#)]

### 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

The safety of XROMI was evaluated in 32 pediatric patients aged 10 months -16 years with sickle cell anemia in a single-arm, open-label, prospective, multi-center, pharmacokinetic, safety and efficacy study (HUPK study). Only adverse reactions associated with the use of XROMI in pediatric patients aged 10 months to less than 2 years are presented.

The most frequently reported adverse reactions in HUPK study (>33%) were neutropenia, and thrombocytopenia [see Table 3].

**Table 3. Adverse Reactions Reported in Pediatric Patients Aged 10 Months to Less Than 2 Years Enrolled in HUPK**

	10 Months–<2 Years
Body System Adverse Reactions	(n=6) %
Neutropenia	50
Thrombocytopenia	33

<i>Diarrhea</i>	17
<i>Absolute Reticulocyte Count Decreased</i>	17

## 6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of hydroxyurea. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency.

- Reproductive System and Breast disorders: azoospermia, and oligospermia
- Gastrointestinal disorders: stomatitis, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and constipation
- Metabolism and Nutrition disorders: anorexia
- Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: maculopapular rash, skin ulceration, cutaneous lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis-like skin changes, peripheral and facial erythema, hyperpigmentation, nail hyperpigmentation, atrophy of skin and nails, scaling, violet papules, and alopecia
- Renal and urinary disorders: dysuria, elevations in serum uric acid, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), and creatinine levels
- Nervous system disorders: headache, dizziness, drowsiness, disorientation, hallucinations, and convulsions
- General disorders: fever, chills, malaise, edema, and asthenia
- Hepatobiliary disorders: elevation of hepatic enzymes, cholestasis, and hepatitis
- Respiratory disorders: diffuse pulmonary infiltrates, dyspnea, and pulmonary fibrosis, interstitial lung disease, pneumonitis, alveolitis, allergic alveolitis and cough
- Immune disorders: systemic lupus erythematosus
- Hypersensitivity: Drug-induced fever (pyrexia) (>39°C, >102°F) requiring hospitalization has been reported concurrently with gastrointestinal, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, hepatobiliary, dermatological or cardiovascular manifestations. Onset typically occurred within 6 weeks of initiation and resolved upon discontinuation of hydroxyurea. Upon re-administration fever reoccurred typically within 24 hours.
- Blood and lymphatic system disorders: hemolytic anemia

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

### 7.1 Increased Toxicity with Concomitant Use of Antiretroviral Drugs

#### Pancreatitis

In patients with HIV infection during therapy with hydroxyurea and didanosine, with or without stavudine, fatal and nonfatal cases of pancreatitis have occurred. Hydroxyurea is not indicated for the treatment of HIV infection; however, if patients with HIV infection are treated with hydroxyurea, and in particular, in combination with didanosine and/or stavudine, close monitoring for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis is recommended. Permanently discontinue therapy with hydroxyurea in patients who develop signs and symptoms of pancreatitis.

#### Hepatotoxicity

Hepatotoxicity and hepatic failure resulting in death have been reported during postmarketing surveillance in patients with HIV infection treated with hydroxyurea and other antiretroviral drugs. Fatal hepatic events were reported most often in patients treated with the combination of hydroxyurea, didanosine, and stavudine. Avoid this combination.

#### Peripheral Neuropathy

Peripheral neuropathy, which was severe in some cases, has been reported in patients with HIV infection receiving hydroxyurea in combination with antiretroviral drugs, including didanosine, with or without stavudine.

### 7.2 Laboratory Test Interference

#### Interference with Uric Acid, Urea, or Lactic Acid Assays

Studies have shown that there is an analytical interference of hydroxyurea with the enzymes (urease, uricase, and lactate dehydrogenase) used in the determination of urea, uric acid, and lactic acid, rendering falsely elevated results of these in patients treated with hydroxyurea.

#### *Interference with Continuous Glucose Monitoring Systems*

Hydroxyurea may falsely elevate sensor glucose results from certain continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) systems and may lead to hypoglycemia if sensor glucose results are relied upon to dose insulin.

If a patient using a CGM is to be prescribed hydroxyurea, consult with the CGM prescriber about alternative glucose monitoring methods.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

XROMI is not approved in males or females of reproductive potential.

#### Infertility

##### *Males*

Based on findings in animals and humans, male fertility may be compromised by treatment with XROMI. Azoospermia or oligospermia, sometimes reversible, has been observed in men. [see [Nonclinical Toxicology \(13.1\)](#)].

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of XROMI have been established in pediatric patients aged 6 months to less than 2 years with sickle cell anemia with recurrent moderate to severe painful crises. Use of XROMI in these age groups is supported by evidence from a pharmacokinetic, efficacy and safety study, in which 32 pediatric patients ages 6 months to <18 years were enrolled. Among the 32 pediatric patients treated with XROMI, 6 were infants (6 months – 2 years). The safety and effectiveness of XROMI have not been established in pediatric patients less than 6 months of age. Continuous follow-up of the growth of treated children is recommended.

### 8.6 Renal Impairment

The exposure to XROMI is higher in patients with creatinine clearance of less than 60 mL/min. Reduce dosage and closely monitor the hematologic parameters when XROMI is to be administered to these patients [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.2\)](#) and [Clinical Pharmacology \(12.3\)](#)].

### 8.7 Hepatic Impairment

There are no data that support specific guidance for dosage adjustment in patients with hepatic impairment. Close monitoring of hematologic parameters is advised in these patients.

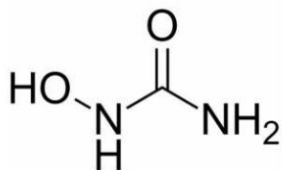
## 10 OVERDOSAGE

Acute mucocutaneous toxicity and neutropenia has been reported in patients receiving hydroxyurea at doses several times above the therapeutic dose. Soreness, violet erythema, oedema on palms and soles followed by scaling of hand and feet, severe generalized hyperpigmentation of the skin and stomatitis have been observed.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

XROMI (hydroxyurea) is an antimetabolite available for oral use as oral solution containing 100 mg/mL hydroxyurea. Inactive ingredients include methyl parahydroxybenzoate, purified water, sodium hydroxide, strawberry flavor, sucralose, and xanthan gum.

Hydroxyurea is a white to off-white crystalline powder. It is hygroscopic and freely soluble in water, but practically insoluble in alcohol. The empirical formula is  $\text{CH}_4\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$  and it has a molecular weight of 76.05. Its structural formula is:



## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action



The precise mechanism by which hydroxyurea produces its cytotoxic and cytoreductive effects is not known. However, various studies support the hypothesis that hydroxyurea causes an immediate inhibition of DNA synthesis by acting as a ribonucleotide reductase inhibitor, without interfering with the synthesis of ribonucleic acid or of protein.

The mechanisms by which XROMI produces its beneficial effects in patients with sickle cell anemia are uncertain. Known pharmacologic effects of XROMI that may contribute to its beneficial effects include increasing HbF levels in red blood cells (RBCs), decreasing neutrophils, increasing the water content of RBCs, increasing deformability of sickled cells, and altering the adhesion of RBCs to endothelium.

## 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

In pediatric patients treated with hydroxyurea for up to 15 months, the ratio of fetal hemoglobin to total hemoglobin was 25%, at the end of the study, representing a change from baseline increase of 9% in patients aged 6 months to <2 years.

## 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

### Absorption

Following oral administration of XROMI, hydroxyurea reaches peak plasma concentrations in 0 to 2 hours. Mean peak plasma concentrations and AUCs increase more than proportionally with increase of dose.

### *Effect of Food*

There are no data on the effect of food on the absorption of hydroxyurea.

### Distribution

Hydroxyurea distributes throughout the body with a volume of distribution approximating total body water. Hydroxyurea concentrates in leukocytes and erythrocytes.

### Elimination

#### *Metabolism*

Up to 60% of an oral dose undergoes conversion through saturable hepatic metabolism and a minor pathway of degradation by urease found in intestinal bacteria.

#### *Excretion*

In patients with sickle cell anemia, the mean cumulative urinary recovery of hydroxyurea was about 40% of the administered dose.

### Specific Populations

#### *Renal Impairment*

The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of hydroxyurea was assessed in adult patients with sickle cell disease and renal impairment. Patients with normal renal function (creatinine clearance [CrCl] >80 mL/min), mild (CrCl 50-80 mL/min), moderate (CrCl =30-<50 mL/min), or severe (<30 mL/min) renal impairment received a single oral dose of 15 mg/kg hydroxyurea. Creatinine clearance values were obtained using 24-hour urine collections. Patients with ESRD received two doses of 15 mg/kg separated by 7 days; the first was given following a 4-hour hemodialysis session, the second prior to hemodialysis. The exposure to hydroxyurea (mean AUC) in patients with CrCl <60 mL/min and those with ESRD was 64% higher than in patients with normal renal function (CrCl >60 mL/min) [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.2\)](#) and [Use in Specific Populations \(8.6\)](#)].

#### *Pediatric Patients*

The model estimated steady state exposures (AUC) in pediatric patients receiving a daily dose of 15 mg/kg is lower in patients aged 6 months to <2 years by 40% compared to adults receiving the same dose (XROMI is not approved for use in adults).

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Conventional long-term studies to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of hydroxyurea have not been performed. However, intraperitoneal administration of 125 to 250 mg/kg hydroxyurea (about 0.6-1.2 times the maximum recommended human oral daily dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) thrice weekly for 6 months to female rats increased the incidence of mammary tumors in rats surviving to 18 months compared to control. Hydroxyurea is mutagenic *in vitro* to bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and mammalian cells. Hydroxyurea is clastogenic *in vitro* (hamster cells, human lymphoblasts) and *in vivo* (SCE assay in rodents, mouse micronucleus assay). Hydroxyurea causes the transformation of rodent embryo cells to a tumorigenic phenotype [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3, 5.4\)](#)].



Hydroxyurea administered to male rats at 60 mg/kg /day (about 0.3 times the maximum recommended human daily dose on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis) produced testicular atrophy, decreased spermatogenesis and significantly reduced their ability to impregnate females [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.3\)](#)].

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The effectiveness of XROMI has been established for the indication, “to reduce the frequency of painful crises and to reduce the need for blood transfusions in pediatric patients aged 6 months to less than 2 years with sickle cell anemia with recurrent moderate to severe painful crises” based on an adequate and well-controlled study of hydroxyurea capsules in adult patients with sickle cell anemia with recurrent moderate to severe pain crises and additional pharmacokinetic data from a single-arm, open-label study of XROMI in pediatric patients aged 10 months to less than 2 years with sickle cell anemia, who were treatment naïve or had not received hydroxyurea in the 6 months prior to enrollment: HUPK study [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)].

## 15 REFERENCES

OSHA Hazardous Drugs. OSHA. <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hazardousdrugs/index.html>

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 How Supplied

XROMI (hydroxyurea) 100 mg/mL is a colorless to pale yellow liquid supplied in an Amber type III glass bottle with tamper evident child-resistant closure (HDPE with expanded polyethylene liner) containing 150 mL of oral solution.

Each carton NDC 62484-0015-2 contains 1 bottle XROMI NDC 62484-0015-1, an LDPE bottle adaptor and 2 oral dosing syringes (a red oral dosing syringe graduated to 3 mL and a white oral dosing syringe graduated to 12 mL).

### 16.2 Storage

Store XROMI between 2°C to 8°C (35°F to 46°F) excursions permitted to 25°C (77° F) for up to 72 hours. Keep the bottle tightly closed to protect the integrity of the product and minimize the risk of accidental spillage. **Do not freeze.**

Use within 12 weeks after initially opening the bottle. Discard unused XROMI remaining after 12 weeks of first opening the bottle.

### 16.3 Handling and Disposal

XROMI is a hazardous drug. Follow applicable special handling and disposal procedures [see [References \(15\)](#)].

Anyone handling XROMI should wash their hands before and after administering a dose. To decrease the risk of exposure, parents and caregivers should wear disposable gloves when handling XROMI. To minimize air bubbles, the bottle should not be shaken prior to dosing. XROMI contact with skin or mucous membrane must be avoided. If XROMI comes into contact with skin or mucosa, it should be washed immediately and thoroughly with soap and water. Spillages must be wiped immediately with a damp disposable towel and discarded in a closed container, such as a plastic bag. The spill areas should be cleaned three times using a detergent solution followed by clean water. If contact with XROMI occurs in the eye(s), flush the eye(s) thoroughly with water or isotonic eyewash designated for that purpose for at least 15 minutes. Women who are pregnant, planning to be or breast-feeding should not handle XROMI. Parents / care givers should be advised to keep hydroxyurea out of the sight and reach of children. Accidental ingestion can be lethal for children.

Oral dosing syringes should be rinsed and washed with cold or warm water and dried completely before the next use. Store oral dosing syringes in a hygienic place with the medicine.

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the caregiver to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Instructions for Use and Medication Guide).

- There is a risk of myelosuppression. Emphasize the importance of monitoring blood counts every two weeks throughout the duration of therapy to caregivers of patients taking XROMI [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)]. Advise caregivers to report signs and symptoms of infection or bleeding in patients immediately.
- Advise caregivers of the risk of hemolytic anemia. Advise caregivers that the patient will have blood tests to evaluate for this if the develop persistent anemia. [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.2\)](#)].
- Advise caregivers that there is a risk of cutaneous vasculitic toxicities and secondary malignancies including leukemia. Advise use of sun protection [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3, 5.5\)](#)].

- Advise caregivers to inform the patient's healthcare provider if they have received or are planning to receive vaccinations while taking XROMI as this may result in a severe infection [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.6\)](#)*].
- Advise caregivers of male patients of potential risk to fertility.
- Advise caregivers of patients with HIV infection to contact their healthcare provider for signs and symptoms of pancreatitis, hepatic events, and peripheral neuropathy [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.7\)](#)*].
- Advise patients to notify their healthcare provider if they are using a continuous glucose monitoring system while taking XROMI [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.9\)](#)*].
- Advise caregivers of the symptoms of potential pulmonary toxicity and instruct them to seek prompt medical attention for the patient in the event of pyrexia, cough, dyspnea, or other respiratory symptoms [*see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.9\)](#)*].

Because XROMI package includes two oral dosing syringes, advise patients on which oral dosing syringe they should use.

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