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Summary of investigation results

Memantine hydrochloride

February 17, 2015

Non-proprietary Name

memantine hydrochloride

Brand Name (Marketing Authorization Holder)

Memary Tablets 5 mg, 10 mg, and 20 mg, and Memary OD Tablets 5 mg, 10 mg, and 20 mg (Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited)

Indications

Prevent progression of dementia symptoms in patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's type dementia

Summary of revision

'Hepatic function disorder and jaundice' should be added in the Clinically significant adverse reactions section.

Background of the revision and investigation results

Cases of hepatic function disorder and jaundice have been reported in patients treated with memantine in Japan. Following an investigation based on the opinions of expert advisors and available evidence, the MHLW/PMDA concluded that revision of the package insert was necessary.

The number of reported adverse reactions and fatal cases in the last 3 fiscal years in Japan

A total of 9 cases of adverse events suggestive of hepatic function disorder and jaundice have been reported (including 3 cases in which causality could not be ruled out). A total of 2 fatalities have been reported (including 1 case in which causality could not be ruled out).

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