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Revision of Precautions Empagliflozin

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Therapeutic category

Antidiabetic agents

Non-proprietary name

Empagliflozin

Safety measure

Precautions should be revised in the package insert.

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Revision in line with the Instructions for Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, PAB Notification No. 606 by the Director General of Pharmaceutical Affairs Bureau, MHW, dated April 25, 1997 (Old instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

Current Revision

Important Precautions

Urinary tract infection may occur, which may lead to serious infections such as pyelonephritis and sepsis. Genital infection such as vaginal candidiasis may also occur. Patients should be carefully monitored for urinary tract infection and genital infection. If such infections occur, appropriate measures should be taken, and measures such as temporary discontinuation of this drug should be considered based on the patient's condition. Symptoms and management of urinary tract infection and genital infection should be explained to patients.

Adverse Reactions

Clinically Significant Adverse reactions

Pyelonephritis, sepsis:

Pyelonephritis may occur, which may lead to sepsis (including septic shock). Patients should be carefully monitored. If any abnormalities are observed, administration of this drug should be discontinued, and appropriate measures should be taken.

Important Precautions

Urinary tract infection and genital infection may occur, which may lead to serious infections such as pyelonephritis, necrotising fasciitis of the external genitalia and perineum (Fournier's gangrene), and sepsis. Patients should be carefully monitored for urinary tract infection and genital infection. If such infections occur, appropriate measures should be taken, and measures such as temporary discontinuation of this drug should be considered based on the patient's condition. Symptoms and management of urinary tract infection and genital infection should be explained to patients.

Adverse Reactions

Clinically Significant Adverse reactions

Pyelonephritis, necrotising fasciitis of the external genitalia and perineum (Fournier's gangrene), sepsis:

Pyelonephritis, necrotising fasciitis of the external genitalia and perineum (Fournier's gangrene), may occur, which may lead to sepsis (including septic shock). Patients should be carefully monitored. If any abnormalities are observed, administration of this drug should be discontinued, and appropriate measures should be taken.

Revision in line with the Instructions for Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, etc. PSEHB Notification No. 0608-1 by the Director of Pharmaceutical Safety and Environmental Health Bureau, MHLW, dated June 8, 2017(New instructions):

Revised language is underlined.

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