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Summary of investigation results Dulaglutide (genetical recombination)

May 9, 2019

Non-proprietary name Dulaglutide (genetical recombination)

Branded name (Marketing authorization holder)

Trulicity Subcutaneous Injection 0.75 mg Ateos (Eli Lilly Japan K.K.)

Indications Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Summary of revision

"Severe diarrhoea and vomiting" should be added to the Clinically Significant Adverse Reactions section.

Investigation results and background of the revision

Several cases of severe diarrhoea and vomiting have been reported in patients treated with dulaglutide for which a causal relationship to the drug could not be ruled out. Of those, some cases subsequently had dehydration which led to acute kidney injury. Based on the results of their investigation of the currently available evidence and in consultation with expert advisors, MHLW/PMDA concluded that it was necessary to add "severe diarrhoea and vomiting" to the Clinically Significant Adverse Reactions section and a cautionary statement that they may subsequently cause dehydration, leading to acute kidney injury.

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Number of adverse reactions and patient mortalities reported in Japan during the previous 3 fiscal years

A total of 7 cases involving severe gastrointestinal disorders have been reported to date (including 3 cases for which a causal relationship to the product could not be ruled out). No patient mortalities have been reported to date.

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