Revision of PRECAUTIONS

Filgrastim (genetical recombination)
Filgrastim (genetical recombination, biosimilar 1)
Filgrastim (genetical recombination, biosimilar 2)

October 12, 2023

Therapeutic category
Other agents relating to blood and body fluids

Non-proprietary name
Filgrastim (genetical recombination)
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Safety measure
PRECAUTIONS should be revised.
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):

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N/A: Not Applicable. No corresponding language is included in the current PRECAUTIONS.

Revision in line with the Instructions for Electronic Package Inserts of Prescription Drugs, PSEHB Notification No. 0611-1 by the Director-General of Pharmaceutical Safety and Environmental Health Bureau, MHLW, dated June 11, 2021 (New instructions):

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