

# Important safety information for patients treated with:

**RIMMYRAH ▼ (ranibizumab)  
with proliferative diabetic retinopathy  
(PDR) and/or visual impairment due to  
diabetic macular oedema (DMO)**

This booklet was created to help you better understand RIMMYRAH ▼ when used for the treatment of the following condition: Proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR)  
Diabetic Macular Oedema (DMO)

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**Reporting of side effects.** If you experience any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet.

▼ This medicine is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information.

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## Summary of important safety information

Contact your doctor as soon as possible if you experience any of the following symptoms after treatment with RIMMYRAH:

- Pain
- Light sensitivity/tearing
- Swollen lids or other swelling
- Light flashes
- Seeing flies, black spots or coloured halos
- Drying of the surface of your eye
- Increasing redness
- Blurred, distorted or sudden loss of vision

## What is RIMMYRAH?

In diseases such as PDR and DMO, abnormal blood vessels grow in the eye, which can leak and cause vision loss.

RIMMYRAH specifically recognises and blocks the action of new blood vessel growth in the eye, and so in turn can help to stop leakage and vision loss.

## Why have I been prescribed RIMMYRAH?

### DMO

- DMO is a condition that affects the macula, a part of the retina at the back of the eye
- The macula is the area that lets you see sharply in the centre of your vision
- In patients with diabetes, having high blood sugar for a long time may cause damage to blood vessels in the eye. Damaged blood vessels leak into the retina and the accumulation of this fluid causes damage to the retina and vision loss
- In some cases, abnormal new blood vessels also start to grow under the macula, which may contribute to your loss of vision

## PDR

- Diabetic retinopathy (DR) is a common eye condition caused by diabetes
- It is classified as either non-proliferative DR (early-stage disease) or proliferative DR (end stage disease in which abnormal new blood vessels grow in the retina)
- PDR can severely threaten vision, particularly in the later stages

## How is RIMMYRAH treatment given?

RIMMYRAH is given by your ophthalmologist (eye doctor) as an injection into the eye.

It is normal to worry about such injections, but usually the injection is virtually painless.

## What will happen at my appointment?

On the day of your treatment, care will be taken to make sure you are relaxed and comfortable

Before receiving RIMMYRAH, it is important to tell your doctor if:

- > You have had a stroke or experienced transient signs of stroke (weakness or paralysis of limbs or face, difficulty speaking or understanding)
- > You are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without prescription
- > You have an eye infection
- > You have any pain or redness in your eye
- > You think you may be allergic to RIMMYRAH or to Betadine<sup>®</sup> (iodine)

**Keeping your doctor informed will help them to decide whether RIMMYRAH is the most appropriate treatment for you**

A doctor or nurse will:

- > Cover your face and the area around the eye with a special drape
- > Clean your eye and the skin around it
- > Hold your eye open so you do not blink
- > Numb your eye with an anaesthetic to prevent pain

The doctor will then give the injection into the white part of your eye. You may feel a little pressure with the injection.

## After treatment

### What will happen after I receive my RIMMYRAH injection?

Your doctor will perform eye tests, such as measuring the pressure in your eye, to make sure the treatment went well.

The white area of the eye, where the injection is given, will likely be red.

> This redness is normal and it will go away in a few days

You may see a few spots or 'floaters' in your vision.

> These spots are normal and should go away in a few days

**Contact your doctor if either of these symptoms do not go away or get worse.**

Your pupils will be dilated for the injection, and this can make it difficult for you to see for a few hours after the treatment.

> You should not drive until your vision has returned to normal

**It is important to monitor any changes in the condition of your eye and your overall well-being in the week following your injection.**

Rarely, injections in the eye can cause infection.

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## **How long will I need to continue RIMMYRAH treatment?**

Every patient is different. It is likely that you will need additional RIMMYRAH injections, but this will depend on how you respond to treatment and how your vision changes.

If you are considering stopping treatment with RIMMYRAH, ask your doctor for advice first.

For any further questions on the use of this product, please ask your doctor.

Follow all your doctor's advice carefully. They may differ from the general information in this booklet.

**Your doctor will decide how often they wish to see you to monitor your condition and determine if you need additional injections.**

**Always go to every appointment that your doctor arranges for you.**

**If you miss an appointment for RIMMYRAH treatment, contact your doctor as soon as possible.**

**Keep this booklet; you may need to read it again.**

**If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.**

**If you experience any signs or symptoms that you consider to be associated with the use of RIMMYRAH, but are not listed in this booklet, please tell your doctor.**

**This booklet is provided for your education and complements the Patient Information Leaflet.**