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(cerliponase alfa injection)

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## PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS

Brineura (cerliponase alfa injection) is indicated for the treatment of neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2) disease, also known as tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (TPP1) deficiency.

#### 1.1 Pediatrics

Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of Brineura in pediatric patients has been established; therefore, Health Canada has authorized an indication for pediatric use.

#### 1.2 Geriatrics

No data are available to Health Canada; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for geriatric use.

### 2 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Brineura is contraindicated in:

- CLN2 patients with ventriculo-peritoneal shunts.
- Patients with signs of acute intracerebroventricular access device complications e.g., leakage, device failure, or device-related infection (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Device-related Complications).
- Patients who have severe hypersensitivity reactions to this drug or to any ingredient in the formulation, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container. For a complete listing, see DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING.

### 4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### 4.1 Dosing Considerations

Pre-treatment of patients with antihistamines with or without antipyretics or corticosteroids is recommended 30 to 60 minutes prior to the start of infusion.

Consideration of dose adjustments may be necessary for patients who may not tolerate the infusion. The infusion rate may be decreased to a slower rate and/or the dose may be reduced by 50%.

If the infusion is interrupted due to a hypersensitivity reaction, it should be restarted at approximately one-half the initial infusion rate at which the hypersensitivity reaction occurred.

The infusion should be interrupted and/or the rate slowed in patients who in the judgement of the treating physician have a possible increase in intracranial pressure during the infusion as suggested by symptoms such as headache, nausea, vomiting, or decreased mental state.

## 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

The safety and efficacy of Brineura in children less than 3 years of age has not yet been established. Limited data are available for children aged 2 years and no clinical trial data is available in children below 2 years of age.

The recommended dose in patients 2 years of age and older is 300 mg cerliponase alfa (10 mL solution) administered once every other week by intracerebroventricular infusion.

## 4.3 Administration

Aseptic technique must be strictly observed during preparation and administration.

Brineura must only be administered by a healthcare professional knowledgeable in intracerebroventricular administration in a healthcare setting.

- Brineura is administered to the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) by infusion via a surgically implanted reservoir and catheter (intracerebroventricular access device). The implanted intracerebroventricular access device should be appropriate for accessing the cerebral ventricles for therapeutic administration. It is recommended that the first dose be administered at least 5 to 7 days after device implantation.

Following Brineura infusion, a calculated amount of flushing solution must be used to flush the infusion components including the intracerebroventricular access device in order to fully administer Brineura and to maintain patency of the intracerebroventricular access device (see below section "*Withdraw flushing solution*"). Brineura and flushing solution vials should be thawed prior to administration. The infusion rate for Brineura and the flushing solution is 2.5 mL/hour. The complete infusion time, including Brineura and the required flushing solution, is approximately 2 to 4.5 hours, depending on the dose and volume administered.

### Thaw Brineura and flushing solution

Thaw Brineura vials and flushing solution vial at room temperature for approximately 60 minutes. Do not thaw or warm vials any other way. Do not shake vials. Condensation will occur during thawing period. Thawing the vials outside the carton is recommended.

Brineura and flushing solution must be completely thawed and used immediately.

Do not refreeze vials or freeze syringes containing Brineura or flushing solution.

### Inspect thawed Brineura and flushing solution vials

Inspect the vials to ensure they are fully thawed. Brineura should be clear to slightly opalescent and colourless to pale yellow. Brineura vials may occasionally contain thin translucent fibres or opaque particles. These naturally occurring particles are cerliponase alfa. These particles are removed via the 0.2 µm inline filter without having a detectable effect on the purity or strength of Brineura.

The flushing solution may contain particles, which appear during the thaw period; however, these dissolve when the solution reaches room temperature. The flushing solution should be clear and colourless.

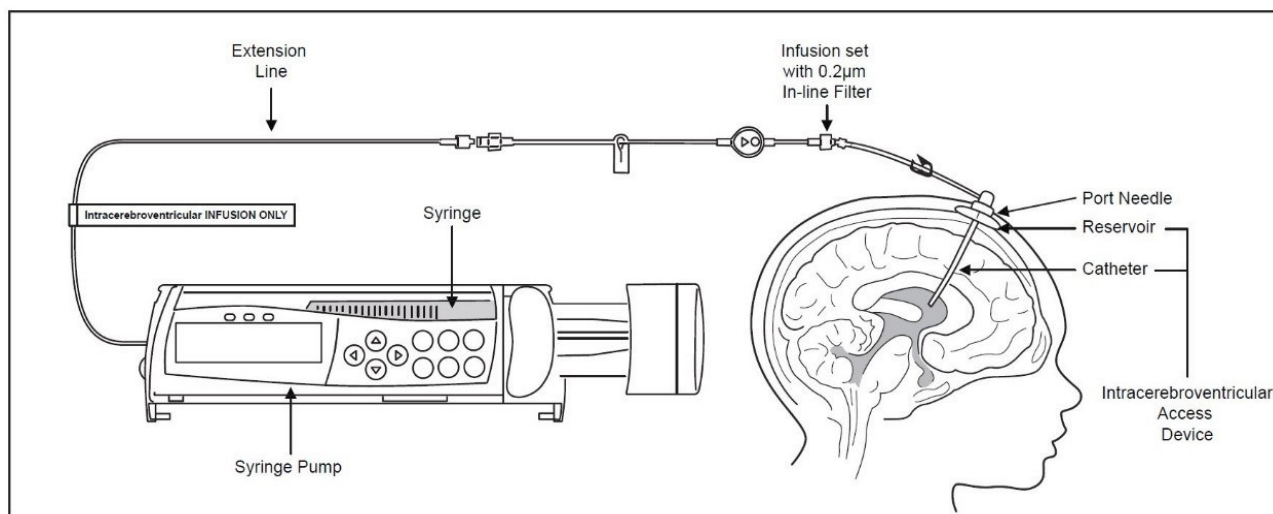
Do not use if the solutions are discoloured or if there is other foreign particulate matter in the solutions.

### Withdraw Brineura

Label one unused sterile syringe “Brineura” and attach a syringe needle. Remove the green flip-off caps from both Brineura vials. Using aseptic technique, withdraw the volume of Brineura solution per required dose (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION) into the sterile syringe labelled “Brineura”. Do not dilute Brineura. Do not mix Brineura with any other medicinal product. Discard the needle and empty vials per local requirements.

Administer Brineura before the flushing solution.

1. Label the infusion line for “Intracerebroventricular infusion only”.
2. Attach the syringe containing Brineura to the extension line, if used, otherwise connect the syringe to the infusion set. The infusion set must be equipped with a 0.2 µm inline filter. See Figure 1.
3. Inspect the scalp for signs of intracerebroventricular access device leakage or failure and for potential infections. Do not administer Brineura if there are signs and symptoms of acute intracerebroventricular access device leakage, device failure, or device-related infection (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Device-related Complications).
4. Prepare the scalp for intracerebroventricular infusion using aseptic technique per institution standard of care.
5. Insert the port needle into the intracerebroventricular access device.
6. Connect a separate empty sterile syringe (no larger than 3 mL) to the port needle. Withdraw CSF to check patency of the intracerebroventricular access device and for laboratory testing.
  - **Do not return CSF to the intracerebroventricular access device.** CSF samples should routinely be sent for infection monitoring (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Device-related Complications). Consult with institution for recommended amount to be withdrawn for testing purposes.
7. Attach the infusion set to the port needle (see Figure 1). A 0.2 µm inline filter is required.
  - Secure the components per institution standard of care.
8. Place the syringe containing Brineura into the syringe pump and program the pump to deliver at an infusion rate of 2.5 mL per hour.
  - Program the pump alarms to sound at the most sensitive settings for pressure (occlusion alarm), rate, and volume limits. See the syringe pump manufacturer’s operating manual for details.
  - **Do not deliver as a bolus or manually.**
9. Initiate infusion of Brineura at a rate of 2.5 mL per hour.
10. Periodically inspect the infusion system during the infusion for signs of leakage or delivery failure.
11. Verify that the “Brineura” syringe in the syringe pump is empty after the infusion is complete. Detach and remove the empty syringe from the pump and disconnect from the tubing. Discard the empty syringe in accordance with local requirements.



**Figure 1: Infusion System Set up**

### Withdraw flushing solution

Determine the volume of flushing solution needed to ensure complete delivery of Brineura to the cerebral ventricles. Calculate the flush volume by adding the priming volume of all infusion components, including the intracerebroventricular access device.

Label one unused sterile syringe “flushing solution” and attach a syringe needle. Remove the yellow flip-off cap from the flushing solution vial. Using aseptic technique, withdraw the appropriate amount of flushing solution from the vial into the new sterile syringe labeled “flushing solution”. Discard the needle and the vial with the remaining solution per local requirements.

Administer the flushing solution provided **after** the Brineura infusion is complete.

1. Attach the syringe containing the calculated volume of flushing solution to the infusion components.
2. Place the syringe containing the flushing solution into the syringe pump and program the pump to deliver an infusion rate of 2.5 mL per hour.
  - Program the pump alarms to sound at the most sensitive settings for pressure (occlusion alarm), rate, and volume limits. See the syringe pump manufacturer’s operating manual for details.
  - **Do not deliver as a bolus or manually.**
3. Initiate infusion of the flushing solution at a rate of 2.5 mL per hour.
4. Periodically inspect the infusion components during the infusion for signs of leakage or delivery failure.
5. Verify that the “flushing solution” syringe in the syringe pump is empty after the infusion is complete. Detach and remove the empty syringe from the pump and disconnect from the infusion line.
6. Remove the port needle. Apply gentle pressure and bandage the infusion site per institution standard of care.
7. Dispose of the infusion components, needles, unused solutions and other waste materials in accordance with local requirements.

#### 4.4 Missed Dose

In case of a missed dose, resume the regular schedule as soon as possible as determined by the healthcare provider.

#### 5 OVERDOSAGE

No information is available.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional poison control centre.

#### 6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

**Table 1: Dosage Forms, Strengths, Composition and Packaging.**

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength/Composition	Non-medicinal Ingredients
Intracerebroventricular infusion	Solution for infusion, 150 mg/5 mL	Calcium chloride dihydrate, Magnesium chloride hexahydrate, Potassium chloride, Sodium chloride, Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, Sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate, Water for injection

Each package contains:

Brineura (cerliponase alfa injection; 2 vials of 150 mg/5 mL)

Flushing Solution Injection (1 vial, 5 mL)

#### 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

##### General

##### Device-related Complications

Brineura must be administered using aseptic technique to reduce the risk of infection. Intracerebroventricular access device-related infections, including sub-clinical infections have been observed in patients treated with Brineura. In clinical studies, antibiotics were administered, the intracerebroventricular access device was replaced, and Brineura treatment was continued.

Brineura is contraindicated if there are signs of acute intraventricular access device-related complications (see CONTRAINDICATIONS). Healthcare professionals should inspect the scalp for skin integrity to ensure the intracerebroventricular access device is not compromised prior to each infusion. Inspection of the infusion site and a patency check must be performed to detect intracerebroventricular access device leakage, failure or infection prior to initiation of Brineura infusion (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Consultation with a neurosurgeon may be



needed to confirm the integrity of the device.

Common signs of device-related complications include device leakage and device failure or device-related infections such as swelling, erythema of the scalp, extravasation of fluid, or bulging of the scalp around or above the intraventricular access device. In case of intraventricular access device complications, discontinue the Brineura infusion and replacement of the access device may be required prior to subsequent infusions (refer to the device manufacturer's labeling for further instructions).

The signs and symptoms of device-related infections may not be apparent, therefore, CSF samples should routinely be sent for testing to detect subclinical device infections (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Material degradation of the intracerebroventricular access device reservoir occurs after approximately 4 years of use. Access device replacement should be considered prior to 4 years of single-puncture administrations of Brineura (approximately 105 administrations of Brineura).

### Meningitis

Meningitis, including life-threatening meningitis, has been observed in patients treated with Brineura. Meningitis may present with the following symptoms: fever, headache, neck stiffness, light sensitivity, nausea, vomiting, change in mental status and device site erythema. CSF samples should routinely be sent for testing to detect subclinical device infections. Seek immediate medical care if signs and symptoms of meningitis occur.

### Acute Systemic Hypersensitivity Reactions

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in Brineura-treated patients. The signs and symptoms included pyrexia, vomiting, pleocytosis or irritability. Patients were routinely pre-medicated with antihistamines with or without antipyretics or corticosteroids, prior to infusion of Brineura (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Hypersensitivity). The management of hypersensitivity reactions may include temporarily interrupting the infusion, and/or treatment with antihistamines, antipyretics, and/or corticosteroids.

Anaphylactic reactions have been reported in Brineura-treated patients during clinical trials and post-marketing use. Due to the potential for anaphylaxis, appropriate medical support should be readily available when Brineura is administered. If anaphylaxis occurs, immediately discontinue the infusion and initiate appropriate medical treatment. Observe patients closely during and after the infusion. Inform patients/caregivers of the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, and instruct them to seek immediate medical care should signs and symptoms occur. Symptoms of anaphylactic reactions may include generalized hives, pruritis or flushing, swollen lips, tongue, and or uvula, dyspnoea, bronchospasm, stridor, hypoxemia, hypotonia, syncope, diarrhoea or incontinence.

Consider the risks and benefits of readministration of Brineura following an anaphylactic reaction.

## **Immune**

### Immunogenicity

Anti-drug antibodies (ADAs) were detected in both serum and CSF in 79% and 33%, respectively, of patients treated with cerliponase alfa for up to 161 weeks. Drug-specific

neutralizing antibodies (NAb) capable of inhibiting receptor-mediated cellular uptake of cerliponase alfa were not detected in the CSF. No association was found between serum or CSF ADA titres and incidence or severity of hypersensitivity. Patients who experienced moderate hypersensitivity adverse events were tested for drug-specific IgE and found to be negative. No correlations were found between higher ADA titres and reductions in efficacy measurements. There was no apparent effect of serum or CSF ADA on the plasma or CSF pharmacokinetics, respectively.

## **Monitoring and Laboratory Tests**

### Clinical and cardiovascular monitoring

Vital signs (blood pressure, heart rate) should be monitored before infusion starts, periodically during infusion, and post-infusion in a healthcare setting (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Upon completion of the infusion, the patient status should be clinically assessed and continued observation may be necessary for longer periods if clinically indicated. In clinical studies, hypotension was reported in 2 (8%) patients, which occurred during or up to eight hours after Brineura infusion (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Electrocardiogram (ECG) monitoring during infusion should be performed in patients with a history of bradycardia, conduction disorder, or with structural heart disease, as some patients with CLN2 disease may develop conduction disorders or heart disease. In patients without cardiac abnormalities, regular 12-lead ECG evaluations should be performed every 6 months.

CSF samples should routinely be sent for testing to detect subclinical device infections (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION; WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

## **7.1 Special Populations**

### **7.1.1 Pregnant Women**

There are no data on the use of Brineura in pregnant women. Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted using Brineura.

### **7.1.2 Breast-feeding**

There are no data on the presence of cerliponase alfa in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production.

It is unknown if Brineura is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk precaution should be exercised.

### **7.1.3 Pediatrics**

Brineura has been studied in children 3 to 8 years of age at treatment initiation in a non-randomized single-arm clinical study with extension in patients with CLN2 disease.

Four patients aged 2 to 5 years of age at treatment initiation were included in an ongoing Study 190-203.

#### 7.1.4 Geriatrics (≥ 65 years of age)

Safety and efficacy of Brineura in elderly patients have not been established.

### 8 ADVERSE REACTIONS

#### 8.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

The most frequent (≥ 10%) adverse reactions observed during Brineura clinical trials include irritability, headache, CSF pleocytosis, pyrexia, vomiting, hypersensitivity and needle issue. Serious adverse reactions observed in clinical trials included pyrexia, hypersensitivity, convulsion, device-related infection, CSF pleocytosis, and device leakage.

During clinical trials, 8 (33%) patients had a total of 10 adverse reactions leading to dose modification which included needle issue in 3 patients (13%), convulsion in 2 patients (8%), device leakage, device-related infection and pyrexia in 1 patient each (4%). Twelve of 24 patients (50%) received antipyretics, 10 patients (42%) received benzodiazepines, and 8 patients (33%) received antibiotics for treatment of adverse reactions. Fifteen of 24 subjects (63%) required medical intervention for hypersensitivity reactions, including antipyretics, antihistamines, and/or corticosteroids.

#### 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

Because clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions, the adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse reaction information from clinical trials is useful for identifying drug-related adverse events and for approximating rates.

The adverse reactions described in this section were evaluated in a non-randomized single-arm dose escalation clinical study with extension in 24 patients with CLN2 disease who received at least one dose of 300 mg of Brineura up to 161 weeks.

**Table 2: Adverse Reactions Reported in ≥ 2 (8%) Symptomatic Pediatric Patients with CLN2 Disease in the Brineura Single-Arm Clinical Study with Extension at Week 96**

<b>Adverse Reactions MedDRA System Organ Class Preferred Term</b>	<b>Brineura 300 mg, every other week N = 24 N (%)</b>
<b>Cardiac disorders</b>	
ECG abnormalities <sup>a</sup>	17 (71%)
Bradycardia	2 (8%)
Hypotension	2 (8%)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	
Vomiting	15 (63%)

<b>Adverse Reactions MedDRA System Organ Class Preferred Term</b>	<b>Brineura 300 mg, every other week N = 24 N (%)</b>
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>	
Pyrexia <sup>b</sup>	17 (71%)
Feeling jittery	2 (8%)
<b>Immune system disorders</b>	
Hypersensitivity <sup>c</sup>	9 (38%)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>	
Device – related infection <sup>d</sup>	2 (8%)
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	
Decreased CSF protein	17 (71%)
Convulsion <sup>e</sup>	12 (50%)
Increased CSF protein	5 (21%)
Headache	4 (17%)
CSF Pleocytosis	4 (17%)
<b>Product issues</b>	
Needle issue <sup>f</sup>	5 (21%)
Device leakage	2 (8%)
<b>Psychiatric disorders</b>	
Irritability	4 (17%)

<sup>a</sup> ECG abnormalities include: non-specific repolarization abnormality, notched QRS, ST segment elevation, biphasic T wave abnormality, supraventricular extrasystoles, bradycardia, sinus tachycardia, and intraventricular conduction delay.

<sup>b</sup> Pyrexia includes combined preferred terms “Pyrexia” and “Increased body temperature”.

<sup>c</sup> Hypersensitivity includes: immune reactions and signs and symptoms observed concomitantly with hypersensitivity reactions including pyrexia, vomiting, pleocytosis or irritability.

<sup>d</sup> Device-related infections included *Propionibacterium acnes*, *staphylococcus epidermis*.

<sup>e</sup> Atonic, generalized tonic-clonic, focal and absence

<sup>f</sup> Dislodgement of infusion needle

#### Device-Related Complications

Adverse reactions related to the device were observed in 12 of 24 (50%) of patients.

Device-related adverse reactions include infection, delivery system-related complications, and pleocytosis. Nine of these patients (38%) experienced adverse reactions, which involved complications of the non-implanted delivery system components. Four patients (16%) had device-related adverse reactions, which required medical intervention, including two patients (8%) with intracerebroventricular access device-related CNS infections, and one patient (4%)

each with leakage of the intracerebroventricular access device and pleocytosis; 5 patients (21%) had to interrupt or reduce Brineura dosing; 4 patients (17%) had to remove/replace the device (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Device-related Complications). During clinical trials at week 96, a total of 3 infections were reported in 2 out of 24 patients (8%).

### Convulsions

In the clinical study, 23 (96%) subjects who received Brineura experienced 412 convulsion events, including seizure, epilepsy, generalized tonic-clonic seizure, etc. Twenty two (5%) of all convulsion events were considered related to cerliponase alfa and ranged from mild to severe. Convulsions resolved with standard anti-convulsive therapies, and did not result in discontinuation of Brineura treatment.

### Hypersensitivity

Hypersensitivity reactions were reported in 15 (63%) patients treated with Brineura during or within 24 hours after completion of the Brineura infusion, despite pre-medication with antihistamines with or without antipyretics or corticosteroids (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS). Severe (Common Terminology Criteria for Adverse Events (CTCAE) grade 3) hypersensitivity reactions occurred in three patients (13%) and no patients discontinued treatment. Nine events in 7 (29%) patients were classed as SAEs and were assessed by the investigator as related to treatment with Brineura. The most common manifestations included pyrexia with vomiting, pleocytosis, or irritability, which are inconsistent with classic immune mediated hypersensitivity. Symptoms resolved over time or with administration of antipyretics, antihistamines and/or glucocorticosteroids.

Two patients experienced hypoxia (decreased oxygen saturation less than 88% and 90% by pulse oximeter, respectively) after starting Brineura or after Brineura infusion. Symptoms resolved after oxygen administration, airway repositioning and normal saline infusion.

### Pediatric population

See INDICATIONS, Pediatrics and WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Pediatrics.

## **8.3 Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions**

Due to the size of the clinical trial and the lack of placebo control, all adverse drug reactions are presented above as common clinical trial adverse reactions.

## **8.4 Abnormal Laboratory Findings: Hematologic, Clinical Chemistry and Other Quantitative Data**

Elevated white blood cell count in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF pleocytosis) was observed in four patients (17%) during treatment with Brineura in clinical trials.

## **8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions**

Anaphylactic reactions and meningitis have been reported during post-approval use of Brineura.

## **9 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **9.1 Overview**

No interaction studies have been performed. Cerliponase alfa is a recombinant human protein and systemic exposure is limited due to intracerebroventricular administration, therefore interactions between cerliponase alfa and medicinal products metabolised by cytochrome P450 enzymes are unlikely to occur.

### **9.2 Drug-Drug Interactions**

Interactions with other drugs have not been established.

### **9.3 Drug-Food Interactions**

Interactions with food have not been established.

### **9.4 Drug-Herb Interactions**

Interactions with herbal products have not been established.

### **9.5 Drug-Laboratory Test Interactions**

Interactions with laboratory tests have not been established.

## **10 ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

### **10.1 Mechanism of Action**

CLN2 disease is a neurodegenerative disease caused by deficiency of the lysosomal enzyme tripeptidyl peptidase-1 (TPP1), which catabolizes polypeptides in the CNS. TPP1 has no known substrate specificity. Deficiency in TPP1 activity results in the accumulation of lysosomal storage materials normally metabolized by this enzyme in the central nervous system (CNS), leading to progressive decline in motor function.

Cerliponase alfa (rhTTP1), a proenzyme, is taken up by target cells in the CNS and is translocated to the lysosomes through the Cation Independent Mannose-6-Phosphate Receptor (CI-MPR, also known as M6P/IGF2 receptor). Cerliponase alfa is activated in the lysosome and the activated proteolytic form of rhTPP1 cleaves tripeptides from the N-terminus of proteins.

### **10.2 Pharmacokinetics**

The pharmacokinetics of cerliponase alfa were evaluated in patients with CLN2 disease who received intracerebroventricular infusions of 30 mg, 100 mg, and 300 mg over approximately 4.5 hours once every other week.

Following the initial single dose intracerebroventricular administration of Brineura in CLN2 patients at dose of 30 mg, 100 mg, or 300 mg, cerliponase alfa exposure ( $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  values) in CSF increased less than proportionally. Following the recommended intracerebroventricular infusions of 300 mg Brineura over approximately 4.5 hours once every other week, the estimated mean ( $\pm$ SD) pharmacokinetic parameters of cerliponase alfa at Day 1, Week 5, and Week 13 in CSF and plasma in 14 patients with CLN2 disease are summarized in Table 3. There was no apparent accumulation of cerliponase alfa in CSF or plasma. Cerliponase alfa pharmacokinetics has high inter-subject and intra-subject variability.

**Table 3: Pharmacokinetic properties following first Intracerebroventricular infusion (approximately 4 hours in duration) of 300 mg cerliponase alfa in CSF and Plasma**

Parameter Mean $\pm$ SD (CV%)	Day 1		Week 5		Week 13	
	CSF (N=13)	Plasma (N=12)	CSF (N=14)	Plasma (N=12)	CSF (N=13)	Plasma (N=9)
$T_{max}^*$ , hr	4.50 [4.25, 5.75]	12.0 [4.25, 24.5]	4.25 [3.83, 4.50]	12.0 [7.50, 24.2]	4.25 [4.00, 4.50]	12.3 [4.25, 75.9]
$C_{max}$ , $\mu$ g/mL	1430 $\pm$ 1040 (73.0)	1.43 $\pm$ 1.08 (75.2)	1770 $\pm$ 980 (55.3)	2.40 $\pm$ 1.30 (54.2)	1500 $\pm$ 382 (25.5)	1.08 $\pm$ 0.96 (89.2)
$AUC_{0-t}$ , $\mu$ g-hr/mL	9450 $\pm$ 4630 (49.0)	25.9 $\pm$ 23.2 (89.4)	13000 $\pm$ 5170 (39.8)	40.9 $\pm$ 24.3 (59.4)	11700 $\pm$ 3640 (31.0)	17.0 $\pm$ 17.5 (103)
Vss, mL	310 $\pm$ 213 (68.7)	NA	214 $\pm$ 139 (65.0)	NA	192 $\pm$ 41.2 (21.4)	NA
CL, mL/hr	40.8 $\pm$ 22.2 (54.5)	NA	26.8 $\pm$ 12.7 (47.1)	NA	27.8 $\pm$ 8.13 (29.2)	NA
$t_{1/2}$ , hr	7.74 $\pm$ 3.02 (38.9)	NA	7.10 $\pm$ 1.69 (23.8)	NA	7.34 $\pm$ 1.68 (22.8)	NA

\* $T_{max}$  expressed as time since start of ~4-hour infusion and presented as median [min, max], and occurred at the first sampling timepoint post infusion.

\*\*Plasma PK data did not support the estimation of Vss, CL, or  $t_{1/2}$  for most patients due to insufficient quantifiable samples during the terminal phase of the concentration-time profile.

The estimated CSF volume of distribution of cerliponase alfa following intracerebroventricular infusion of 300 mg of Brineura (mean Vss = 310 mL) exceeds the typical CSF volume (100 mL), suggesting distribution to tissues outside the CSF. The large CSF to plasma ratios in  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-t}$  (approximately 1000 and 400, respectively) suggest that the majority of administered cerliponase alfa remains localized within the CNS.

Cerliponase alfa is a protein and is expected to be metabolically degraded through peptide hydrolysis.

## 11 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

Store upright in a freezer (-25°C to -15°C).

Transport and distribute frozen (-85°C to -15°C).

Store in the original package in order to protect from light.

Thawed Brineura and flushing solution should be used immediately. Product should only be withdrawn from the unopened vials immediately prior to use. If immediate use is not possible,

unopened vials of Brineura or flushing solution should be stored at 2-8°C and used within 24 hours.

## 12 SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

For instructions for use, see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.

Intracerebroventricular access devices and disposable components listed below, or equivalent, should be used to administer Brineura.

Intracerebroventricular access devices used in Brineura clinical studies were: Codman® HOLTERRICKHAM and HOLTERRICKHAM Reservoirs (standard and large), Codman® Ventricular and Codman® Bactiseal® Catheters, and Medtronic CSF-Ventricular Reservoir (with catheter).

Syringe pumps used in Brineura clinical studies were: Braun Perfusor® FM, Braun Perfusor® Space, Alaris® CC, Alaris® CC Guardrails, and Medfusion® 3500.

The following disposable infusion components were used in Brineura clinical trials:

- Syringe: Braun Perfusor, BD Plastipak, BD Luer-Lok, and Artsana S.P.A. Luer-Lok;
- Extension Set: Fresenius Injectomat line, Alaris CC Extension set, Vygon Lectro-Cath Extension tube, and Smiths Medical MINI-VOL Extension;
- Extension Set with 0.2 micron filter: ICU Medical microbore tubing and filter, Braun Intrapur infusion filter set, and Smiths Medical MINI-VOL Extension with 0.2 micron filter;
- 0.2 micron filters: Impromediform GmbH Bacterial Filter and B. Braun Supor filter;
- Port needle: Smiths Medical Deltec GRIPPER Needle, DKS Loversan Huber set, and Bard Huber Plus Safety Infusion Set

### Preparation for administration of Brineura and flushing solution

The following components (not supplied) are required for proper administration of Brineura and flushing solution (see ADMINISTRATION, Figure 1). All infusion components must be sterile. Brineura and flushing solution are supplied and stored frozen (see STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL).

- A programmable syringe pump with appropriate delivery range, delivery rate, and alarms for occlusion. The pump must be programmable to deliver the medicinal product at a constant rate of 2.5 mL/hr.
- Two single-use syringes compatible with the pump equipment. A syringe volume of 10 to 20 mL is recommended.
- Two single-use hypodermic syringe needles, (21 G, 25.4 mm).
- One single-use infusion set. An extension line may be added if needed. A length of 150 to 206 cm (not to exceed 400 cm) and an inner diameter of 0.1 cm is recommended.
- A 0.2 µm inline filter is required. The inline filter may be integral to the infusion set. The inline filter should be placed as close as practically possible to the port needle.
- A non-coring port needle with a gauge of 22 or smaller and a suggested length of 16 mm. Refer to the intracerebroventricular access device manufacturer's recommendation for the port needle.



- One empty sterile single-use syringe (for collection of CSF to check patency).

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

## PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### 13 PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

#### Drug Substance

Proper name:

cerliponase alfa

Chemical name:

Recombinant human tripeptidyl peptidase 1  
(rhTPP1)

Molecular formula and molecular mass:

Recombinant human tripeptidyl peptidase-1 (rhTPP1) is an enzymatically-inactive, 544 amino acid zymogen (pro-enzyme) with a calculated isotope average molecular mass of 59307.7 kDa. rhTPP1 has identical primary amino acid sequence to the human tripeptidyl peptidase-1 (hTPP1) zymogen. The molecular formula for rhTPP1 is  $C_{2657}H_{4042}N_{734}O_{793}S_{11}$ .

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties:

The mature native human tripeptidyl peptidase 1 (hTPP1) protein is a lysosomal serine protease, and is the only known mammalian member of the sedolisin (serine-carboxyl peptidase) family characterized by a highly conserved Ser-Glu Asp (SED) catalytic triad. hTPP1 is an enzymatically inactive zymogen in vivo that is activated into a mature protease form through a series of proteolytic cleavages in the lysosome. Recombinant human TPP1 (rhTPP1) has identical primary amino acid sequence to the hTPP1 zymogen. rhTPP1 is produced in a Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO) cell line transfected with rhTPP1 cDNA, and is secreted as a monomer.

## 14 CLINICAL TRIALS

### 14.1 Trial Design and Study Demographics

The safety and efficacy of Brineura were assessed over 96 weeks in an open label, dose escalation clinical study (190-201; 48 Weeks) and an ongoing long term extension study (190-202; 48 Weeks) in patients with CLN2 disease compared to untreated patients with CLN2 disease, confirmed by TPP1 deficiency, from a natural history database (natural history control group).

Twenty-four patients, aged 3 to 8 years were enrolled in the Brineura single-arm clinical study. Sixty-three percent of patients were female and 37% were male. Ninety-six percent of patients were Caucasian and 4% were Asian. One patient withdrew after a single dose due to inability to continue with study procedures; 23 patients were treated with Brineura 300 mg every other week for 48 weeks, and continued treatment during the extension period.

**Table 4: Summary of patient demographics for clinical trials in CLN2 disease**

Study #	Trial design	Dosage, route of administration and duration	Study subjects (n)	Mean age (Range)	Sex
190-201	open label, dose escalation clinical study	300 mg, intracerebroventricular infusion, every other week	CLN2 patients (24)	3 to 8 years	9 M/ 15 F
190-202	open label, long term extension study	300 mg, intracerebroventricular infusion, every other week	CLN2 patients (23)	3 to 8 years	9 M / 14 F

These studies used the aggregate of the motor and language domains of a disease-specific clinical rating scale (see Table 5) to assess disease progression. Each domain encompasses scores of 3 (grossly normal) to 0 (profoundly impaired), for a total possible score of 6, with unit

decrements representing milestone events in the loss of previously attained functions of ambulation and speech.

**Table 5: CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale**

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Motor	3	Grossly normal gait. No prominent ataxia, no pathologic falls.
	2	Independent gait, as defined by ability to walk without support for 10 steps. Will have obvious instability, and may have intermittent falls.
	1	Requires external assistance to walk, or can crawl only.
	0	Can no longer walk or crawl.
Language	3	Apparently normal language. Intelligible and grossly age-appropriate. No decline noted yet.
	2	Language has become recognizably abnormal: some intelligible words, may form short sentences to convey concepts, requests, or needs. This score signifies a decline from a previous level of ability (from the individual maximum reached by the child).
	1	Hardly understandable. Few intelligible words
	0	No intelligible words or vocalizations

In the clinical study with extension, patients were assessed for decline in the Motor plus Language domain of the CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale at 48, 72 and 96 weeks. Decline was defined as having an unreversed (sustained) 2-point decline, or an unreversed score of 0, in the Motor plus Language domain of the CLN2 Clinical Rating Scale. Patients' responses to Brineura treatment were evaluated if at screening a combined Motor plus Language CLN2 score of less than 6 was recorded.

## 14.2 Study Results

A total of 24 patients, aged 3 to 8 years, were treated with Brineura 300 mg every other week. In study 190-201, 23 patients were treated for 48 weeks (1 patient withdrew after week 1 due to the inability to continue with study procedures). The mean baseline CLN2 score was 3.5 (standard deviation (SD) 1.20) with a range from 1 to 6. All 23 patients completed study 190-201 and continued to the ongoing extension study 190-202 treated with Brineura at 300 mg every other week to a maximum of 145 weeks.

Findings from studies 190-201 and 190-202 were compared with an expected rate of decline based on a natural history control group that included patients that satisfied the inclusion criteria for studies 190-201 and 190-202. Results from the natural history control group demonstrated an estimated mean rate of decline in the CLN2 score of 2 points per 48 weeks. There were

differences in the manner in which the CLN2 clinical rating scales were implemented between the natural history database and studies 190-201 and 190-202.

Treatment effect in patients receiving Brineura was assessed using the CLN2 clinical rating scale, and results were compared to the 2 points per 48 weeks predicted decline in the natural history control group. In study 190-201, 20 out of 23 (87%) patients receiving Brineura for 48 weeks did not have an unreversed 2 point decline ( $p=0.0002$ , binomial test assuming  $p_0=0.50$ ). A total of 15 patients out of 23 (65%) had no overall decline in CLN2 score, irrespective of baseline score, and 2 of these 15 patients increased their score by one point during the treatment period. Five patients experienced a single point decrease, and 3 patients experienced a 2 point decrease. The proportion of patients with no decline at both Week 48 (Study 190-201) and Week 96 (Week 48 of extension Study 190-202) was 83% and shows durability of treatment effect (see Table 6).

**Table 6: Response Status (Week 48, Week 96) of Two-point Decline in 0-to-6 Point CLN2 Score (Intent-to-treat population, 300 mg)**

<b>Response Status (Week 48, Week 96)</b>	<b>(N=23)</b>
W48 no decline, W96 no decline	19 (83%)
W48 no decline, W96 decline	1 (4%)
W48 decline, W96 no decline	1 (4%)
W48 decline, W96 decline	2 (9%)

While limited Brineura clinical data are available for children aged 2 years, the posology in patients under 3 years of age is explored in the ongoing clinical study 190-203.

## **15 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **15.1 General Toxicology**

Limited preclinical safety data of cerliponase alfa were generated from two single dose toxicity studies in monkeys and four repeated dose studies in a dachshund dog model of classic late infantile CLN2 disease. Two single dose toxicity studies were conducted in monkeys, with cerliponase alfa delivered as an ICV or intrathecal-lumbar (IT-L) infusion over approximately 4 hours. In each of these studies no BMN 190-related effects were observed up to the highest dose administered (20 mg or 14 mg for ICV or IT-L administration, respectively). In both monkey studies, exposure (based on AUC) in the plasma and CSF are approximately 1-2-fold exposure in patients following ICV administration of cerliponase alfa at a dose of 300 mg, every other week.

The dachshund dog disease model primarily served to investigate the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of cerliponase alfa, but also aimed to evaluate the toxicity of cerliponase alfa. In the dog, cerliponase alfa was delivered as a biweekly or monthly ICV infusion over four hours, or as an intrathecal-cisternal (IT-C) bolus, at doses up to 48 mg. Noteworthy findings were consistent with the administration of a heterologous protein in an animal model and included hypersensitivity reactions following multiple doses of cerliponase alfa, as well as inflammatory reactions which appear to be associated with the presence of the ICV or IT-L catheters. However, the results of these studies in dachshund dogs cannot reliably predict human safety, because the regimen of cerliponase alfa infusions was different and highly variable even within the same study due to difficulties with the in-dwelling catheter system and prominent hypersensitivity reactions. In addition, these investigations included small animal

numbers, mostly tested single dose groups and lacked appropriate controls. Thus, the non-clinical development is inconclusive with respect to the clinical safety of cerliponase alfa.

### **15.2 Carcinogenicity**

No studies have been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of cerliponase alfa.

### **15.3 Genotoxicity**

No studies have been performed to evaluate the genotoxic potential of cerliponase alfa.

### **15.4 Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology**

Developmental and reproductive toxicology (DART) studies have not been conducted with cerliponase alfa.

**READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE**  
**PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION**

**BRINEURA**  
**cerliponase alfa**

Read this carefully before you start taking **Brineura** and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **Brineura**.

**What is Brineura used for?**

- Brineura contains the active substance cerliponase alfa, which belongs to a group of medicines known as enzyme replacement therapies. It is used to treat patients with neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis type 2 (CLN2) disease, also known as tripeptidyl peptidase-1 (TPP1) deficiency.
- People with CLN2 disease do not have any enzyme called TPP1 or they have too little of it and this causes a build-up of substances called lysosomal storage materials. In people with CLN2 disease, these materials build-up in certain parts of the body, mainly the brain.

**How does Brineura work?**

This medicine replaces the missing enzyme, TPP1, which minimises the build-up of the lysosomal storage materials. This medicine works to slow the progression of the disease.

**What are the ingredients in Brineura?**

Medicinal ingredients: Cerliponase alfa

Non-medicinal ingredients: Calcium chloride dihydrate; Magnesium chloride hexahydrate; Potassium chloride; Sodium chloride; Sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate; Sodium phosphate dibasic heptahydrate; Water for injection.

**Brineura comes in the following dosage forms:**

Solution for Infusion; 150 mg/5 mL (30 mg/mL)

**Do not use Brineura if:**

- a device has been implanted to drain extra fluid from the brain.
- there are signs of a device infection or problems with the device.
- you are severely allergic to cerliponase alfa or any of the other ingredients of this medicine, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container (see “What are the ingredients in Brineura” for a complete list of ingredients in Brineura).

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to your healthcare professional before you take Brineura. Talk about any health conditions or problems you may have, including if you:**

- Get problems with the implanted device used during treatment with Brineura, including infection or a fault in the device. Some infections may be serious and require immediate medical attention. Signs that you may have an infection include fever, headache, neck stiffness, light sensitivity, nausea, vomiting, and change in mental status. Treatment may be

interrupted if the device needs to be replaced or until the infection clears. Talk to your doctor if you think you may have an infection or have any questions about your device.

- Experience allergic reactions. Your doctor will monitor for symptoms of allergic reactions, such as hives, itching or flushing, swollen lips, tongue, and/or throat, shortness of breath, hoarseness, turning blue around finger tips or lips, low muscle tone, fainting or incontinence.
- Have a history of seizures.
- Have a history of heart problems. Your doctor will check your heart rate, blood pressure, respiratory rate, and temperature before, during, and after treatment. Your doctor will check for abnormal heart electrical activities (ECG) every 6 months. Your doctor or nurse will monitor your heart activity during each infusion. The doctor may decide on additional monitoring if it is needed.

Your doctor may send samples of brain fluid to check for signs of infection.

**Tell your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.** Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines with you and show it to your healthcare provider when you get a new medicine. Studies to test how Brineura interactions with other medicines have not been done.

#### **How to take Brineura:**

You or your child will need to have surgery to implant the device for giving Brineura. The device helps the medicine to reach a specific part of the brain.

Brineura will be given by a doctor with knowledge of giving medicines by intracerebroventricular use (infusion into the fluid of the brain) in a hospital or clinic.

Brineura has not been given to patients younger than 2 years of age or older than 8 years of age (at the start of the clinical trial). There is limited experience in a few patients aged 2 years old.

The medicine is slowly pumped through the implanted device. After the medicine has been given, a shorter infusion of a solution is given to flush Brineura out of the infusion equipment so that the full dose reaches the brain. The medicine and solution will be given over about 2 to 4 hours and 30 minutes according to your or your child's dose. Your doctor may lower the dose or the speed of the infusion based on your response during the treatment.

Your doctor may give you or your child medicines, such as antipyretics to reduce fever or antihistamines to treat allergic reactions before each treatment with Brineura to reduce side effects that can occur during or shortly after treatment.

#### **Usual dose:**

The recommended dose of Brineura is based upon you or your child's age, and is given once every other week as follows:

- birth to < 6 months: 100 mg
- 6 months to < 1 year: 150 mg
- 1 year to < 2 years: 200 mg (first 4 doses), 300 mg (all other doses)
- $\geq$  2 years: 300 mg



**Overdose:**

Brineura is administered under the supervision of a health professional, who will check that the correct dose has been given and treat any overdose.

If you think you have been given too much Brineura, contact your healthcare professional, hospital emergency department or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

**Missed Dose:**

If you have missed a Brineura treatment, contact your healthcare professional.

**What are possible side effects from using Brineura?**

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking Brineura. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional.

Side effects may include:

Very common:  $\geq 1/10$  ( $\geq 10\%$ )

- Fever
- Convulsions (seizures)
- Needle issue (infusion needle falls out of implanted device)
- Increased or decreased protein in the brain fluid
- Abnormal results of heart electrical activity (ECG)
- Increased cells in the spinal fluid detected by laboratory monitoring
- Headache
- Vomiting
- Feeling irritable

Common (frequent):  $\geq 1/100$  and  $< 1/10$  ( $\geq 1\%$  and  $< 10\%$ )

- Rash
- Hives
- Leakage of the device
- Decreased blood pressure
- Feeling nervous
- Slower heart beat

<b>Serious side effects and what to do about them</b>			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>VERY COMMON</b>			
Fever		√	
Convulsion (seizures)		√	√
Increased cells in the spinal fluid detected by laboratory monitoring		√	√
Allergic reactions shortly after being given Brineura		√	√
<b>COMMON</b>			
Device-related bacterial infection		√	√
Leakage of the device		√	√
Needle falls out of implanted device		√	√
Severe allergic reaction		√	√
<b>Frequency not known</b>			
Inflammation of the brain due to device-related infection		√	√

If you have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your daily activities, talk to your healthcare professional.

<p><b>Reporting Side Effects</b></p> <p>You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/report-declaration/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/report-declaration/index-eng.php</a>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or</li> <li>• Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.</li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.</i></p>
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**Storage:**

Store upright in a freezer (-25°C to -15°C). Transport and distribute frozen (-85°C to -15°C). Store in the original package, in order to protect from light.

Thawed Brineura and flushing solution should be used immediately. Product should only be withdrawn from the unopened vials immediately prior to use. If immediate use is not possible, unopened vials of Brineura or flushing solution should be stored at 2-8°C and used within 24 hours.

Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for up to 12 hours at room temperature (19-25°C). From a microbiological point of view, open vials or medicinal product held in syringes should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user.

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

**If you want more information about Brineura:**

- Talk to your healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the [Health Canada website](http://hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php) (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php>); or by calling 1-877-597-6744.

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