

Prescription Label

Patient Name:
Species:
Drug Name & Strength:
Directions (amount to give how often & for how long):

Prescribing Veterinarian's Name & Contact Information:

Refills:

[Content to be provided by prescribing veterinarian]

Molidustat

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Description:

Treatment for anemia caused by chronic kidney disease

Other Names for this Medication:

Varenzin-CA1

Common Dosage Forms:

Veterinary: Oral suspension. **Human:** None.

This information sheet does not contain all available information for this medication and has not been reviewed by FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine. This sheet can help answer commonly asked questions but is not a substitute for medical advice. If you have other questions or need more information about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.

Key Information

- Used to treat anemia in cats with chronic kidney disease
- The most common side effect is vomiting.
- This medication will be stopped and restarted at different times based on your cat's response to it.
- Your veterinarian will need to do regular blood tests while your cat is taking this medication. Do not miss these important follow-up visits.

How is this medication useful?

Molidustat is used to treat anemia in cats caused by chronic kidney disease. Molidustat helps to increase red blood cell production.

The FDA (US Food & Drug Administration) has conditionally approved this medication for use in cats. Conditional approval means that the FDA has found this medication safe to use and is continuing to gather information about how well it works. You and your veterinarian can discuss why this medication is the most appropriate choice.

What should I tell my veterinarian to see if this medication can be safely given?

Many things might affect how well this medication will work in your cat. Be sure to discuss the following with your veterinarian so together you can make the best treatment decisions.

- Be sure to tell your veterinarian and pharmacist what medications (including vitamins, supplements, or herbal therapies) you give your cat, including the amount and time you give each.
- Tell your veterinarian about any conditions or diseases your cat may have now or has had in the past.

- If your cat has been treated for the same disease or condition in the past, tell your veterinarian about the treatment and how well it did or didn't work.
- If your cat is pregnant or nursing, talk to your veterinarian about the risks of using this medication.
- Tell your veterinarian and pharmacist about any medication side effects (including allergic reactions, lack of appetite, diarrhea, itching, hair loss) your cat has developed in the past.

How long until I will know if this medication is working, and how long will the effects of this medication last?

This medication may take several days to begin working. Your veterinarian will need to run blood tests to see if the medication is working properly.

The effects of this medication are moderate in duration, meaning they may last for a few days after the last dose

When should this medication not be used or be used very carefully?

No medication is 100% safe in all patients, but your veterinarian will discuss with you any specific concerns about using this medication in your cat.

This medication **SHOULD NOT** be used in cats that:

- Are allergic to it
- Are pregnant, nursing, or used for breeding

This medication should be used **WITH CAUTION** in cats:

- Younger than 1 year of age
- That have a history of seizures
- At risk for blood clots

What are the side effects of this medication?

Side effects that are usually not serious include:

- Vomiting

You don't have to be overly concerned if you see this, unless it is severe, worsens, or continues to be a problem. Contact your veterinarian if this happens.

Side effects that may be serious or indicate a serious problem:

- Changes in gum color or fast heart rate
- Seizures

If you see any of these signs, contact your veterinarian immediately.

If my animal gets too much of this medication (an overdose), what should I do?

If you witness or suspect an overdose, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center for further advice. Animal poison control centers that are open 24 hours a day include: **ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center** (888-426-4435) and **Pet Poison Helpline** (855-764-7661); a consultation fee is charged for these services.

How should this medication be given?

For this medication to work, give it exactly as your veterinarian has prescribed. Always check the prescription label to be sure you are giving the medication correctly.

- Shake well before each dose.
- Using the syringe provided with the medication, firmly attach the syringe to the nozzle of the medication bottle. Once firmly attached, turn the bottle upside down and pull the syringe plunger to the correct dose. Flip the bottle to an upright position before removing the syringe.
- Administer this medication directly into your cat's mouth.
- Do not take apart or wash the syringe after use.
- This medication can be given with or without food.
- This medication will be stopped and restarted at different times based on your cat's response to it. It should be stopped for at least 7 days between treatment cycles. Be sure you understand how long and how often your veterinarian wants you to continue giving this medication.

What should I do if I miss giving a dose of this medication?

If you miss a dose, give it when you remember, but if it is close to the time for the next dose, skip the dose you missed and give it at the next scheduled time. After that, return to the regular dosing schedule. Do not double-up or give extra doses.

How should I store this medication?

- Store in the original bottle at room temperature.
- Keep out of reach of children and animals.

Can handling this medication be hazardous to me, my family, or other animals?

Consider wearing gloves to prevent the medication from being absorbed through your skin. Do not eat, drink, or smoke while handling. Wash your hands immediately after handling this medication.

Handle with caution if you are pregnant or might become pregnant because this medication may be harmful to the baby.

How should I dispose of this medication if I don't use it all?

- Do not flush this medication down the toilet or wash it down the sink. If a community drug “take-back” program is available, use this option. If there is no take-back program, throw the medication out with the regular trash.
- Do not save leftover medication for future use or give it to others to use.

What other information is important for this medication?

- If your cat vomits after receiving a dose, do NOT re-dose. Wait until the next dose is due before giving again.
- Medications containing calcium, phosphate, iron, or aluminum may prevent this medication from working well. Give these medications at least 1 hour before or after giving molidustat.
- For the safety of your cat, your veterinarian will need to do regular blood tests to check if the medication is working. Do not miss these important follow-up visits.
- Use of this medication may not be allowed in certain animal competitions. Check rules and regulations before entering your animal in a competition while this medication is being administered.

If you have any other questions about this medication, contact your veterinarian or pharmacist.