Vabysmo Vial Storage and Handling Conditions

This letter responds to your request for information on the storage and handling conditions of Vabysmo[™] (faricimab-svoa) solution for intravitreal injection.

Please refer to the storage information provided in the manufacturers label. Any deviation from this information is considered off-label and any treatment decisions based on such deviations are the full responsibility of the prescribing physician.

Recommendation for Vabysmo vial storage conditions

Store the upopened vial at temperatures between 2°C to 8°C (36°F to 46°F). It should only be removed from the refrigerator in preparation for administration.¹

Store the unopened vial in the original carton to protect it from light.¹

Recommendation for Vabysmo vial handling conditions

Prior to use, allow the unopened vial of Vabysmo to reach room temperature (20°C to 25°C or 68°F to 77°F) for at least 5 minutes before proceeding with the administration. The unopened vial may be kept at room temperature for up to 24 hours.^{2,3}Keep the vial in the original carton while acclimating to room temperature to protect it from light.²

Rationale of room temperature equilibrium

Allowing Vabysmo to reach room temperature reduces the viscosity of the solution. This is an important step for dosing accuracy as a less viscose solution allows the product to be drawn up and injected more easily.⁴

Tracking the 24-hour room temperature period

The unopened vial may be removed from the refrigerator (2°C to 8°C or 36°F to 46°F), kept at room temperature (20°C to 25°C or 68°F to 77°F) and then returned prior to use, as long as the total cumulative excursion time does not exceed a maximum of 24 hours.⁵

This means the vial may be exposed to several excursions. However, it is critical to ensure that all individual excursion durations are tracked because the 24-hour period is cumulative.⁵

References

- 1. Data on file (Accessed on March 10 2023).
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