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STABLE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

The present invention relates to stable pharmaceutical compositions comprising a human β -glucocerebrosidase or an analogue thereof and miglustat.

- 5 Human β -glucocerebrosidase and/or synthetic analogues thereof, such as imiglucerase (commercially available under the trademark Cerezyme[®]) or velaglucerase alfa (commercially available under the trademark Vpriv[®]), are enzymes used in the Enzyme Replacement Therapy (hereafter ERT) treatment of Gaucher disease.

- 10 A major drawback of the ERT enzymes is their relatively low stability. Thus pharmaceutical products containing such enzymes are provided as freeze-dried formulations that must be stored in a refrigerator. Similarly, the liquid formulations obtained after reconstitution with water are to be used right away as the ERT enzyme is unstable.

- 15 An alternative treatment to the ERT treatment of Gaucher disease is a substrate replacement therapy using the iminosugar miglustat (*N*-butyl-deoxynojirimycin), commercially available under the trademark Zavesca[®].

- WO 00/62779 discloses the synergistic effect of the combined use of an inhibitor of glycolipid synthesis (such as miglustat) and an agent capable of increasing the rate of glycolipid degradation (such as human β -glucocerebrosidase or an analogue thereof) for
20 simultaneous, sequential or separate use in the treatment of, among others, Gaucher disease. Data about the use of the combination of miglustat and β -glucocerebrosidase are reported in WO 00/62779 as well as in an article by Priestman et al. (*Glycobiology* (2000), **10**(11), iv-ix).

- 25 No concrete pharmaceutical composition comprising miglustat and an ERT enzyme together is however described in these documents. A reason for the absence of pharmaceutical compositions comprising both miglustat and an ERT enzyme is that miglustat can be administered orally whereas the ERT enzyme has to be administered by infusion (because it would be degraded if it went through the gastrointestinal tract). As a result, to offer a combined treatment with an ERT enzyme and miglustat, one skilled in the

art would not combine miglustat and an ERT enzyme in the same formulation; instead, he would provide the two components separately, namely miglustat in the form of capsules for oral administration and the ERT enzyme in the form of a solid composition to be reconstituted with water for intravenous administration.

5 It has now been surprisingly found that, under certain conditions, miglustat has the ability to stabilise solid and liquid pharmaceutical compositions comprising human β -glucocerebrosidase or a synthetic analogue thereof. The quantity of miglustat required to obtain this stabilising effect can be much lower than the dose that would be used to obtain a therapeutic effect of miglustat itself.

10 Various embodiments of the invention are presented hereafter:

1) The invention thus firstly relates to the use of miglustat to stabilise a pharmaceutical composition comprising an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues of human β -glucocerebrosidase.

The following paragraphs provide definitions of various terms used herein and are intended
15 to apply uniformly throughout the specification and claims, unless an otherwise expressly set out definition provides a broader or narrower definition:

❖ A "synthetic analogue of human β -glucocerebrosidase" refers to an analogue of human β -glucocerebrosidase either obtained by recombinant technology or to a modified form of human β -glucocerebrosidase where the non-reducing ends of the oligosaccharide
20 chains have been terminated with mannose residues. Representative examples of synthetic analogues of human β -glucocerebrosidase include imiglucerase, velaglucerase alfa, taliglucerase alfa and alglucerase. Preferred are imiglucerase and velaglucerase alfa.

❖ A "normal saline solution" refers to a sodium chloride solution obtained by dissolving
25 about 9 grams of sodium chloride (NaCl) in 1 liter of distilled water.

❖ A "half-normal saline solution" refers to a sodium chloride solution obtained by dissolving about 4.5 grams of sodium chloride (NaCl) and about 4.5 grams glucose in 1 liter of distilled water.

❖ A "lactated Ringer's solution" refers to a water solution containing about 130 mmol/L sodium ions, about 109 mmol/L chloride ions, about 28 mmol/L lactate ions, about 4 mmol/L potassium ions and about 1.5 mmol/L calcium ions.

❖ Unless used regarding temperatures or pH values, the term "about" placed before a numerical value "X" refers in the current application to an interval extending from X minus 10% of X to X plus 10% of X, and preferably to an interval extending from X minus 5% of X to X plus 5% of X. In the particular case of temperatures, the term "about" placed before a temperature "Y" refers in the current application to an interval extending from the temperature Y minus 10°C to Y plus 10°C, and preferably to an interval extending from Y minus 5°C to Y plus 5°C. Furthermore, in the case of pH values, the term "about" placed before a pH value "Z" refers in the current application to an interval extending from the pH Z minus 0.2 pH unit to Z plus 0.2 pH unit, and preferably to an interval extending from Z minus 0.1 pH unit to Z plus 0.1 pH unit.

2) According to a sub-embodiment of embodiment 1), the enzyme will be imiglucerase.

3) According to another sub-embodiment of embodiment 1), the enzyme will be velaglucerase alfa.

4) According to a further sub-embodiment of embodiment 1), the enzyme will be taliglucerase alfa.

5) According to yet a further sub-embodiment of embodiment 1), the enzyme will be alglucerase.

6) According to one main variant of this invention, the use according to embodiments 1) to 5) will be to stabilise a liquid composition.

7) According to the other main variant of this invention, the use according to embodiments 1) to 5) will be to stabilise a solid composition.

8) Preferably, for the use according to embodiments 1) to 7), the molar ratio of miglustat used with respect to the enzyme will be from 25 to 75 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme, notably from 40 to 60 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme, and in particular about 50 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme.

9) The invention also relates to a liquid pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

a) an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues thereof and

b) miglustat,

5 wherein the pH of said liquid pharmaceutical composition is a pH of from 6 to 8.

10) Preferably, the pH of the liquid pharmaceutical composition according to embodiment 9) will be from 6.5 to 7.5 (and in particular from 6.7 to 7.5 and notably about 7.2).

11) According to more specific sub-embodiments of embodiments 9) or 10), the liquid
10 pharmaceutical composition according to embodiment 9) or 10) will be any water solution suitable for injection to which the enzyme and miglustat have been added, said liquid pharmaceutical composition being in particular selected from a normal saline solution, a half-normal saline solution and a lactated Ringer's solution, to which the enzyme and miglustat have been added.

12) In particular, the liquid pharmaceutical composition according to embodiment 11) will
15 be a normal saline solution to which the enzyme and miglustat have been added.

13) According to particular sub-embodiments of embodiments 9) to 12), the enzyme will be imiglucerase.

14) According to other particular sub-embodiments of embodiments 9) to 12), the enzyme
20 will be velaglucerase alfa.

15) According to further particular sub-embodiments of embodiments 9) to 12), the enzyme will be taliglucerase alfa.

16) According to yet further particular sub-embodiments of embodiments 9) to 12), the enzyme will be alglucerase.

17) Preferably, the molar ratio of miglustat with respect to the enzyme in the liquid
25 composition according to one of embodiments 9) to 16) will be from 25 to 75 moles of

miglustat per mole of enzyme, notably from 40 to 60 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme, and in particular about 50 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme.

18) The invention furthermore relates to a solid pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

- 5 a) an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues thereof
 and
 b) miglustat,

wherein the pH of the solution obtained after adding water to said solid pharmaceutical composition is a pH of from 6 to 8.

10 19) Preferably, the pH of the solution obtained after adding water to the solid pharmaceutical composition according to embodiment 18) will be from 6.5 to 7.5 (and in particular from 6.8 to 7.2).

20) According to a sub-embodiment of embodiment 18) or 19), the enzyme will be imiglucerase.

15 21) According to another sub-embodiment of embodiment 18) or 19), the enzyme will be velaglucerase alfa.

22) According to a further sub-embodiment of embodiment 18) or 19), the enzyme will be taliglucerase alfa.

23) According to yet a further sub-embodiment of embodiment 18) or 19), the enzyme will be alglucerase.

20 24) Preferably, the molar ratio of miglustat with respect to the enzyme in the solid composition according to one of embodiments 18) to 23) will be from 25 to 75 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme, notably from 40 to 60 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme, and in particular about 50 moles of miglustat per mole of enzyme.

25 25) The invention also relates to a pharmaceutical composition according to one of embodiments 9) to 24) for use in the treatment of Gaucher disease (notably for use in the treatment of Gaucher disease type 1).

26) The invention furthermore relates to a method of treating a patient having Gaucher disease (notably Gaucher disease type 1), said method comprising administering by intravenous route to said patient an effective amount of a liquid pharmaceutical composition according to one of embodiments 9) to 17).

- 5 27) The invention moreover relates to a method of treating a patient having Gaucher disease (notably Gaucher disease type 1), said method comprising administering by intravenous route to said patient a solution obtained by adding water to a solid pharmaceutical composition according to one of embodiments 18) to 24).

The production of the pharmaceutical compositions according to this invention can be
10 effected in a manner which will be familiar to any person skilled in the art (see for example Remington, *The Science and Practice of Pharmacy*, 21st Edition (2005), Part 5, "Pharmaceutical Manufacturing" [published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins]) by bringing the described components, optionally in combination with other therapeutically valuable substances, into a galenical administration form together with suitable, non-toxic,
15 inert, therapeutically compatible solid or liquid carrier materials and, if desired, usual pharmaceutical adjuvants.

The solid pharmaceutical solutions according to this invention can in particular be obtained by lyophilising water solutions containing the respective components in the appropriate proportions.

- 20 Particular embodiments of the invention are described in the following Examples, which serve to illustrate the invention in more detail without limiting its scope in any way.

EXAMPLES**Example 1: liquid composition containing imiglucerase and miglustat:**

A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	164 mM
Sodium phosphate	10 mM
Imiglucerase	4 μ M
Miglustat	200 μ M

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The pH measured for this water solution is 7.2.

Example 2: solid composition containing imiglucerase and miglustat:

The water solution of Example 1 may be freeze-dried to give a solid composition.

Example 3: liquid composition containing velaglucerase alfa and miglustat:

10 A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Sodium chloride	164 mM
Sodium phosphate	10 mM
Velaglucerase alfa	4 μ M
Miglustat	200 μ M

The pH measured for this water solution is 7.2.

Example 4: solid composition containing velaglucerase alfa and miglustat:

The water solution of Example 4 may be freeze-dried to give a solid composition.

Experimental results

5 The stability of the compositions of Examples 1 and 3, in comparison with reference compositions which contain the same enzyme but not miglustat or have a slightly acidic pH, has been studied thanks to the methods described hereafter.

Reference compositions:*Reference liquid composition RE1:*

10 A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	164 mM
Sodium phosphate	10 mM
Imiglucerase	4 μ M

The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 7.2.

Reference liquid composition RE2:

15 A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	178 mM
Sodium acetate	10 mM
Imiglucerase	4 μ M

The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 5.

Reference liquid composition RE3:

A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	178 mM
Sodium acetate	10 mM
Imiglucerase	4 μ M
Miglustat	200 μ M

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The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 5.

Reference liquid composition RE4:

A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	164 mM
Sodium phosphate	10 mM
Velaglucerase alfa	4 μ M

10

The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 7.2.

Reference liquid composition RE5:

A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	178 mM
Sodium acetate	10 mM
Velaglycerase alfa	4 μ M

- 5 The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 5.

Reference liquid composition RE6:

A water solution was prepared (using distilled water) which contains the components listed in the table hereafter:

Component	Concentration
Sodium chloride	178 mM
Sodium acetate	10 mM
Velaglycerase alfa	4 μ M
Miglustat	200 μ M

- 10 The pH measured for this reference liquid composition was 5.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry test:

- 15 The heat capacity of the proteins was measured as a function of temperature with a high precision differential scanning VP-DSC microcalorimeter (MicroCal, Northampton, MA). Protein samples and reference solutions were properly degassed and carefully loaded into the cells to avoid bubble formation. Thermal denaturation scans were performed with freshly prepared buffer-exchanged protein solutions. The baseline of the instrument was routinely recorded before the experiments. Experiments were performed in 164 mM NaCl,

10 mM sodium phosphate, pH 7.2 or 178 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium acetate, pH 5, at a scanning rate of 1 °C/min. Data were analyzed using software developed in our laboratory implemented in Origin 7 (OriginLab).

- 5 In the case of imiglucerase, a thermodynamic model could not be applied to analyze the data because severe aggregation upon denaturation occurred. This phenomenon had been previously reported (Lieberman et al, *Biochemistry* (2009), **48**, 4816-4827). In this case, the analysis was limited to differences in the temperature at maximum heat capacity T_m of the normalized data.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry results:

- 10 The temperatures at maximum heat capacity T_m obtained by performing the Differential Scanning Calorimetry test described in the preceding section regarding the compositions containing imiglucerase are summarised in Table 1 hereafter. Those obtained regarding the compositions containing velaglucerase alfa are summarised in Table 2 hereafter.

Composition	T_m
RE1	50.0
Example 1	50.4
RE2	55.3
RE3	55.3

Table 1

Composition	T _m
RE3	50.2
Example 2	50.6
RE4	55.5
RE6	55.5

Table 2

As can be seen from Tables 1 and 2:

- ❖ There is no difference in T_m between the reference compositions RE2 and RE3 or between the reference compositions RE5 and RE6. Thus, miglustat does not stabilise imiglucerase or velaglucerase alfa at pH 5.
- ❖ There is a difference of 0.4 °C in T_m between the composition of Example 1 and the reference composition RE1. This significant T_m difference shows that miglustat stabilises imiglucerase at pH 7.2.
- ❖ There is also a difference of 0.4 °C in T_m between the composition of Example 2 and the reference composition RE4. This significant T_m difference shows that miglustat stabilises velaglucerase alfa at pH 7.2.

Claims

1. Use of miglustat to stabilise a pharmaceutical composition comprising an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues thereof.
2. Use according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is imiglucerase.
3. Use according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is velaglucerase alfa.
- 5 4. Use according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is taliglucerase alfa.
5. Use according to claim 1, wherein the enzyme is alglucerase.
6. A liquid pharmaceutical composition, comprising:
 - c) an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues thereof and
 - 10 d) miglustat,wherein the pH of said liquid pharmaceutical composition is a pH of from 6 to 8.
7. A liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6, which has a pH of from 6.5 to 7.5.
8. A liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the enzyme is
15 imiglucerase.
9. A liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the enzyme is velaglucerase alfa.
10. A liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the enzyme is taliglucerase alfa.
- 20 11. A liquid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 or 7, wherein the enzyme is alglucerase.

12. A solid pharmaceutical composition, comprising:

- a) an enzyme selected from human β -glucocerebrosidase and synthetic analogues thereof and
- b) miglustat,

5 wherein the pH of the solution obtained after adding water to said solid pharmaceutical composition is a pH of from 6 to 8.

13. A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12, wherein the pH of the solution obtained after adding water to said solid pharmaceutical composition is a pH of from 6.5 to 7.5.

10 14. A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the enzyme is imiglucerase.

15. A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the enzyme is velaglucerase alfa.

15 16. A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the enzyme is taliglucerase alfa.

17. A solid pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 or 13, wherein the enzyme is alglucerase.

18. A pharmaceutical composition according to one of claims 6 to 17 for use in the treatment of Gaucher disease.

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