

ANNEX I
SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Prolia 60 mg solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each pre-filled syringe contains 60 mg of denosumab in 1 ml of solution (60 mg/ml).

Denosumab is a human monoclonal IgG2 antibody produced in a mammalian cell line (CHO) by recombinant DNA technology.

Excipients known to have a recognised action:

Each ml of solution contains 47 mg sorbitol (E420) (see section 4.4).

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection (injection).

Clear, colourless to slightly yellow solution.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

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Treatment of bone loss associated with hormone ablation in men with prostate cancer at increased risk of fractures (see section 5.1). In men with prostate cancer receiving hormone ablation, Prolia significantly reduces the risk of vertebral fractures.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

The recommended dose of Prolia is 60 mg administered as a single subcutaneous injection once every 6 months into the thigh, abdomen or back of arm.

Patients must be adequately supplemented with calcium and vitamin D (see section 4.4).

Patients with renal impairment

No dose adjustment is required in patients with renal impairment (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

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The safety and efficacy of denosumab have not been studied in patients with hepatic impairment (see section 5.2).

Elderly Patients (age ≥ 65)

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Method of administration

Administration should be performed by an individual who has been adequately trained in injection techniques. For subcutaneous use.

The instructions for use, handling and disposal are given in section 6.6.

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- Hypocalcaemia (see section 4.4).
- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

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Calcium and Vitamin D supplementation

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4.8 Undesirable effects

Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

The safety of Prolia was evaluated in 10,534 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis (up to 5 years duration) and breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation in phase II and III placebo-controlled clinical trials.

The following convention has been used for the classification of the adverse reactions reported in these phase II and III clinical studies (see table 1): very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$), rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$) and very rare ($< 1/10,000$) based on 1-year event rates. Within each frequency grouping and system organ class, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 1 Adverse reactions reported in phase II and phase III placebo-controlled clinical studies in women with postmenopausal osteoporosis and breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation

MedDRA system organ class	Frequency category	Undesirable effect
Infections and infestations	Common Common Uncommon Uncommon Uncommon	Urinary tract infection Upper respiratory tract infection Diverticulitis ¹ Cellulitis ¹ Ear infection
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Very rare	Hypocalcaemia ¹
Nervous system disorders	Common	Sciatica
Eye disorders	Common	Cataracts ¹
Gastrointestinal disorders	Common	Constipation
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common Uncommon	Rash Eczema
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Pain in extremity

¹ See section Description of selected adverse reactions

In a pooled analysis of data from all phase II and phase III placebo controlled studies, Influenza-like illness was reported with an event rate of 0.006 per subject year for denosumab and 0.003 per subject year for placebo. Although this imbalance was identified via the pooled analysis, it was not identified via the stratified analysis which was used to calculate the adverse reactions reported in table 1. There were no individual studies in which this imbalance was observed.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Hypocalcaemia

In two phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis, approximately 0.05% (2 out of 4,050) of patients had declines of serum calcium levels (less than 1.88 mmol/l) following Prolia administration. Declines of serum calcium levels (less than 1.88 mmol/l) were not reported in the two phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials in patients receiving hormone ablation.

Skin infections

In phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials, the overall incidence of skin infections was similar in the placebo and the Prolia groups in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis (placebo [1.2%, 50 out of 4,041] versus Prolia [1.5%, 59 out of 4,050]) and in breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation (placebo [1.7%, 14 out of 845] versus Prolia [1.4%, 12 out of 860]). Skin infections leading to hospitalisation were reported in 0.1% (3 out of 4,041) of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis receiving placebo versus 0.4% (16 out of 4,050) of women receiving Prolia. These cases were predominantly cellulitis. Skin infections reported as serious adverse reactions were similar in the placebo (0.6%, 5 out of 845) and the Prolia (0.6%, 5 out of 860) groups in the breast and prostate cancer studies.

Osteonecrosis of the jaw

In the osteoporosis clinical trial program (8710 patients treated \geq 1 year), ONJ was reported rarely with Prolia (see section 4.4).

Cataracts

In a single phase III placebo-controlled clinical trial in patients with prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) an imbalance in cataract adverse events was observed (4.7%

denosumab, 1.2% placebo). No imbalance was observed in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis or in women undergoing aromatase inhibitor therapy for nonmetastatic breast cancer.

Diverticulitis

In a single phase III placebo-controlled clinical trial in patients with prostate cancer receiving ADT an imbalance in diverticulitis adverse events was observed (1.2% denosumab, 0% placebo). The incidence of diverticulitis was comparable between treatment groups in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and in women undergoing aromatase inhibitor therapy for nonmetastatic breast cancer.

Other special populations

In clinical studies, patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 30 ml/min) or receiving dialysis were at greater risk of developing hypocalcaemia in the absence of calcium supplementation. Adequate intake of calcium and vitamin D is important in patients with severe renal impairment or receiving dialysis (see section 4.4).

4.9 Overdose

There is no experience with overdose in clinical studies. Prolia has been administered in clinical studies using doses up to 180 mg every 4 weeks (cumulative doses up to 1,080 mg over 6 months), and no additional adverse reactions were observed.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Drugs for the treatment of bone diseases – Other drugs affecting bone structure and mineralization, ATC code: M05BX04

Mechanism of action

Denosumab is a human monoclonal antibody (IgG2) that targets and binds with high affinity and specificity to RANKL, preventing activation of its receptor, RANK, on the surface of osteoclast precursors and osteoclasts. Prevention of the RANKL/RANK interaction inhibits osteoclast formation, function and survival, thereby decreasing bone resorption in cortical and trabecular bone.

Pharmacodynamic effects

Prolia treatment rapidly reduced the rate of bone turnover, reaching a nadir for the bone resorption marker serum type 1 C-telopeptides (CTX) (85% reduction) by 3 days, with reductions maintained over the dosing interval. At the end of each dosing interval, CTX reductions were partially attenuated from maximal reduction of $\geq 87\%$ to approximately $\geq 45\%$ (range 45-80%), reflecting the reversibility of Prolia's effects on bone remodelling once serum levels diminish. These effects were sustained with continued treatment. Bone turnover markers generally reached pre-treatment levels within 9 months after the last dose. Upon re-initiation, reductions in CTX by denosumab were similar to those observed in patients initiating primary denosumab treatment.

Immunogenicity

In clinical studies, neutralising antibodies have not been observed for Prolia. Using a sensitive immunoassay < 1% of patients treated with denosumab for up to 5 years tested positive for non neutralising binding antibodies with no evidence of altered pharmacokinetics, toxicity, or clinical response.

Treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women

Efficacy and safety of Prolia administered once every 6 months for 3 years were investigated in postmenopausal women (7,808 women aged 60-91 years, of which 23.6% had prevalent vertebral fractures) with baseline bone mineral density (BMD) T-scores at the lumbar spine or total hip between -2.5 and -4.0 and a mean absolute 10-year fracture probability of 18.60% (deciles: 7.9-32.4%) for

major osteoporotic fracture and 7.22% (deciles: 1.4-14.9%) for hip fracture. Women with other diseases or on therapies that may affect bone were excluded from this study. Women received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

Effect on vertebral fractures

Prolia significantly reduced the risk of new vertebral fractures at 1, 2 and 3 years ($p < 0.0001$) (see table 2).

Table 2 The effect of Prolia on the risk of new vertebral fractures

	Proportion of women with fracture (%)		Absolute risk reduction (%) (95% CI)	Relative risk reduction (%) (95% CI)
	Placebo n = 3,906	Prolia n = 3,902		
0-1 year	2.2	0.9	1.4 (0.8, 1.9)	61 (42, 74)**
0-2 years	5.0	1.4	3.5 (2.7, 4.3)	71 (61, 79)**
0-3 years	7.2	2.3	4.8 (3.9, 5.8)	68 (59, 74)*

* $p < 0.0001$, ** $p < 0.0001$ – exploratory analysis

Effect on hip fractures

Prolia demonstrated a 40% relative reduction (0.5% absolute risk reduction) in the risk of hip fracture over 3 years ($p < 0.05$). The incidence of hip fracture was 1.2% in the placebo group compared to 0.7% in the Prolia group at 3 years.

In a post-hoc analysis in women > 75 years, a 62% relative risk reduction was observed with Prolia (1.4% absolute risk reduction, $p < 0.01$).

Effect on all clinical fractures

Prolia significantly reduced fractures across all fracture types/groups (see table 3).

Table 3 The effect of Prolia on the risk of clinical fractures over 3 years

	Proportion of women with fracture (%) ⁺		Absolute risk reduction (%) (95% CI)	Relative risk reduction (%) (95% CI)
	Placebo n = 3,906	Prolia n = 3,902		
Any clinical fracture ¹	10.2	7.2	2.9 (1.6, 4.2)	30 (19, 41)***
Clinical vertebral fracture	2.6	0.8	1.8 (1.2, 2.4)	69 (53, 80)***
Non-vertebral fracture ²	8.0	6.5	1.5 (0.3, 2.7)	20 (5, 33)**
Major non-vertebral fracture ³	6.4	5.2	1.2 (0.1, 2.2)	20 (3, 34)*
Major osteoporotic fracture ⁴	8.0	5.3	2.7 (1.6, 3.9)	35 (22, 45)***

* $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p = 0.0106$ (secondary endpoint included in multiplicity adjustment), *** $p \leq 0.0001$

+ Event rates based on Kaplan-Meier estimates at 3 years.

- (1) Includes clinical vertebral fractures and non-vertebral fractures.
- (2) Excludes those of the vertebrae, skull, facial, mandible, metacarpus, and finger and toe phalanges.
- (3) Includes pelvis, distal femur, proximal tibia, ribs, proximal humerus, forearm, and hip.
- (4) Includes clinical vertebral, hip, forearm, and humerus fractures, as defined by the WHO.

In women with baseline femoral neck BMD ≤ -2.5 , Prolia reduced the risk of non-vertebral fracture (35% relative risk reduction, 4.1% absolute risk reduction, $p < 0.001$, exploratory analysis).

The reduction in the incidence of new vertebral fractures, hip fractures and non-vertebral fractures by Prolia over 3 years were consistent regardless of the 10-year baseline fracture risk.

Effect on bone mineral density

Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, versus placebo at 1, 2 and 3 years. Prolia increased BMD by 9.2% at the lumbar spine, 6.0% at the total hip, 4.8% at the femoral neck,

7.9% at the hip trochanter, 3.5% at the distal 1/3 radius and 4.1% at the total body over 3 years (all $p < 0.0001$).

In clinical studies examining the effects of discontinuation of Prolia, BMD returned to approximately pre-treatment levels and remained above placebo within 18 months of the last dose. These data indicate that continued treatment with Prolia is required to maintain the effect of the medicinal product. Re-initiation of Prolia resulted in gains in BMD similar to those when Prolia was first administered.

Bone histology

Bone histology was evaluated in 62 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis or with low bone mass who had transitioned from previous alendronate therapy following 1-3 years treatment with Prolia. Bone biopsy results from both studies showed bone of normal architecture and quality with no evidence of mineralisation defects, woven bone or marrow fibrosis.

Treatment of bone loss associated with androgen deprivation

Efficacy and safety of Prolia once every 6 months for 3 years were investigated in men with histologically confirmed non-metastatic prostate cancer receiving ADT (1,468 men aged 48-97 years) who were at increased risk of fracture (defined as > 70 years, or < 70 years with a BMD T-score at the lumbar spine, total hip, or femoral neck < -1.0 or a history of an osteoporotic fracture.) All men received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, relative to treatment with placebo at 3 years: 7.9% at the lumbar spine, 5.7% at the total hip, 4.9% at the femoral neck, 6.9% at the hip trochanter, 6.9% at the distal 1/3 radius and 4.7% at the total body (all $p < 0.0001$). In a prospectively planned exploratory analysis, significant increases in BMD were observed at the lumbar spine, total hip, femoral neck and the hip trochanter 1 month after the initial dose.

Prolia demonstrated a significant relative risk reduction of new vertebral fractures at 1 year: 85% (1.6% absolute risk reduction) at 1 year, 69% (2.2% absolute risk reduction) at 2 years and 62% (2.4% absolute risk reduction) at 3 years (all $p < 0.01$).

Treatment of bone loss associated with adjuvant aromatase inhibitor therapy

Efficacy and safety of Prolia once every 6 months for 2 years was investigated in women with non-metastatic breast cancer (252 women aged 35-84 years) and baseline BMD T-scores between -1.0 to -2.5 at the lumbar spine, total hip or femoral neck. All women received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

The primary efficacy variable was percent change in lumbar spine BMD, fracture efficacy was not evaluated. Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, relative to treatment with placebo at 2 years: 7.6% at lumbar spine, 4.7% at total hip, 3.6% at femoral neck, 5.9% at hip trochanter, 6.1% at distal 1/3 radius and 4.2% at total body (all $p < 0.0001$).

The European Medicines Agency has waived the obligation to submit the results of studies with Prolia in all subsets of the paediatric population in the treatment of menopausal and other perimenopausal disorders, and in the treatment of bone loss associated with sex hormone ablative therapy. See 4.2 for information on paediatric use.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Following subcutaneous administration of a 1.0 mg/kg dose, which approximates the approved 60 mg dose, exposure based on AUC was 78% as compared to intravenous administration at the same dose level. For a 60 mg subcutaneous dose, maximum serum denosumab concentrations (C_{max}) of 6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (range 1-17 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) occurred in 10 days (range 2-28 days). After C_{max} , serum levels declined with a half-life of 26 days (range 6-52 days) over a period of 3 months (range 1.5-4.5 months). Fifty-three percent (53%) of patients had no measurable amounts of denosumab detected at 6 months post-dose. In dose ranging studies, denosumab exhibited nonlinear, dose-dependent pharmacokinetics, with lower

clearance at higher doses or concentrations, but approximately dose-proportional increases in exposures for doses of 60 mg and greater.

No accumulation or change in denosumab pharmacokinetics with time was observed upon subcutaneous multiple-dosing of 60 mg once every 6 months. Denosumab pharmacokinetics was not affected by the formation of binding antibodies to denosumab and was similar in men and women. Age (28-87 years), race and disease state (low bone mass or osteoporosis; prostate or breast cancer) do not appear to significantly affect the pharmacokinetics of denosumab.

A trend was observed between higher body weight and lower exposure based on AUC and C_{max} . However, the trend is not considered clinically important, since pharmacodynamic effects based on bone turnover markers and BMD increases were consistent across a wide range of body weight.

Denosumab is composed solely of amino acids and carbohydrates as native immunoglobulin and is unlikely to be eliminated via hepatic metabolic mechanisms. Its metabolism and elimination are expected to follow the immunoglobulin clearance pathways, resulting in degradation to small peptides and individual amino acids.

Special populations

In a study of 55 patients with varying degrees of renal function, including patients on dialysis, the degree of renal impairment had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of denosumab.

No specific study in patients with hepatic impairment was performed. In general, monoclonal antibodies are not eliminated via hepatic metabolic mechanisms. The pharmacokinetics of denosumab is not expected to be affected by hepatic impairment.

The pharmacokinetic profile in paediatric populations has not been assessed.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

In single and repeated dose toxicity studies in cynomolgus monkeys, denosumab doses resulting in 100 to 150 times greater systemic exposure than the recommended human dose had no impact on cardiovascular physiology, male or female reproduction, or produced specific target organ toxicity.

Standard tests to investigate the genotoxicity potential of denosumab have not been evaluated, since such tests are not relevant for this molecule. However, due to its character it is unlikely that denosumab has any potential for genotoxicity.

The carcinogenic potential of denosumab has not been evaluated in long-term animal studies.

At exposures up to 100-fold higher than the human exposure, denosumab showed no evidence of impaired female fertility and harm to the foetus in cynomolgus monkeys in development toxicity studies. In preclinical studies conducted in knockout mice lacking RANK or RANKL, impairment of lymph node formation was observed in the foetus. An absence of lactation due to inhibition of mammary gland maturation (lobulo-alveolar gland development during pregnancy) was also observed in knockout mice lacking RANK or RANKL.

In preclinical bone quality studies in monkeys on long-term denosumab treatment, decreases in bone turnover were associated with improvement in bone strength and normal bone histology. Calcium levels were transiently decreased and parathyroid hormone levels transiently increased in ovariectomised monkeys treated with denosumab.

In male mice genetically engineered to express huRANKL (knock-in mice), which were subjected to a transcortical fracture, denosumab delayed the removal of cartilage and remodelling of the fracture callus compared to control, but biomechanical strength was not adversely affected.

Knockout mice (see section 4.6) lacking RANK or RANKL exhibited decreased body weight, reduced bone growth and lack of tooth eruption. In neonatal rats, inhibition of RANKL (target of denosumab therapy) with high doses of a construct of osteoprotegerin bound to Fc (OPG-Fc) was associated with inhibition of bone growth and tooth eruption. The reversibility of the effects of OPG-Fc has not been examined. Adolescent primates dosed with denosumab at 27 and 150 times (10 and 50 mg/kg dose) the clinical exposure had abnormal growth plates. Therefore, treatment with denosumab may impair bone growth in children with open growth plates and may inhibit eruption of dentition.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Glacial acetic acid*

Sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment)*

Sorbitol (E420)

Polysorbate 20

Water for injections

* Acetate buffer is formed by mixing acetic acid with sodium hydroxide

6.2 Incompatibilities

This medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf life

30 months.

Prolia may be stored at room temperature (up to 25°C) for up to 30 days in the original container. Once removed from the refrigerator, Prolia must be used within this 30 day period.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).

Do not freeze.

Keep the pre-filled syringe in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

Do not shake excessively.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

One ml solution in a single use pre-filled syringe made from type I glass with stainless steel 27 gauge needle, with or without needle guard.

The needle cover of the pre-filled syringe contains dry natural rubber, which is a derivative of latex (see section 4.4).

Pack size of one, presented in blistered (pre-filled syringe with or without a needle guard) or unblistered packaging (pre-filled syringe only).

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before administration, the Prolia solution should be inspected. Do not inject the solution if it contains particles, or is cloudy or discoloured. Do not shake excessively. To avoid discomfort at the site of injection, allow the pre-filled syringe to reach room temperature (up to 25°C) before injecting and inject slowly. Inject the entire contents of the pre-filled syringe. Dispose of any medicinal product remaining in the pre-filled syringe.

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

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

The safety of Prolia was evaluated in 10,534 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis (up to 5 years duration) and breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation in phase II and III placebo-controlled clinical trials.

The following convention has been used for the classification of the adverse reactions reported in these phase II and III clinical studies (see table 1): very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $< 1/100$), rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $< 1/1,000$) and very rare ($< 1/10,000$) based on 1-year event rates. Within each frequency grouping and system organ class, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 1 Adverse reactions reported in phase II and phase III placebo-controlled clinical studies in women with postmenopausal osteoporosis and breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation

MedDRA system organ class	Frequency category	Undesirable effect
Infections and infestations	Common Common Uncommon Uncommon Uncommon	Urinary tract infection Upper respiratory tract infection Diverticulitis ¹ Cellulitis ¹ Ear infection
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Very rare	Hypocalcaemia ¹
Nervous system disorders	Common	Sciatica
Eye disorders	Common	Cataracts ¹
Gastrointestinal disorders	Common	Constipation
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Common Uncommon	Rash Eczema
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Common	Pain in extremity

¹ See section Description of selected adverse reactions

In a pooled analysis of data from all phase II and phase III placebo controlled studies, Influenza-like illness was reported with an event rate of 0.006 per subject year for denosumab and 0.003 per subject year for placebo. Although this imbalance was identified via the pooled analysis, it was not identified via the stratified analysis which was used to calculate the adverse reactions reported in table 1. There were no individual studies in which this imbalance was observed.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Hypocalcaemia

In two phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis, approximately 0.05% (2 out of 4,050) of patients had declines of serum calcium levels (less than 1.88 mmol/l) following Prolia administration. Declines of serum calcium levels (less than 1.88 mmol/l) were not reported in the two phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials in patients receiving hormone ablation.

Skin infections

In phase III placebo-controlled clinical trials, the overall incidence of skin infections was similar in the placebo and the Prolia groups in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis (placebo [1.2%, 50 out of 4,041] versus Prolia [1.5%, 59 out of 4,050]) and in breast or prostate cancer patients receiving hormone ablation (placebo [1.7%, 14 out of 845] versus Prolia [1.4%, 12 out of 860]). Skin infections leading to hospitalisation were reported in 0.1% (3 out of 4,041) of postmenopausal women with osteoporosis receiving placebo versus 0.4% (16 out of 4,050) of women receiving Prolia. These cases were predominantly cellulitis. Skin infections reported as serious adverse reactions were similar in the placebo (0.6%, 5 out of 845) and the Prolia (0.6%, 5 out of 860) groups in the breast and prostate cancer studies.

Osteonecrosis of the jaw

In the osteoporosis clinical trial program (8710 patients treated \geq 1 year), ONJ was reported rarely with Prolia (see section 4.4).

Cataracts

In a single phase III placebo-controlled clinical trial in patients with prostate cancer receiving androgen deprivation therapy (ADT) an imbalance in cataract adverse events was observed (4.7%

denosumab, 1.2% placebo). No imbalance was observed in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis or in women undergoing aromatase inhibitor therapy for nonmetastatic breast cancer.

Diverticulitis

In a single phase III placebo-controlled clinical trial in patients with prostate cancer receiving ADT an imbalance in diverticulitis adverse events was observed (1.2% denosumab, 0% placebo). The incidence of diverticulitis was comparable between treatment groups in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and in women undergoing aromatase inhibitor therapy for nonmetastatic breast cancer.

Other special populations

In clinical studies, patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 30 ml/min) or receiving dialysis were at greater risk of developing hypocalcaemia in the absence of calcium supplementation. Adequate intake of calcium and vitamin D is important in patients with severe renal impairment or receiving dialysis (see section 4.4).

4.9 Overdose

There is no experience with overdose in clinical studies. Prolia has been administered in clinical studies using doses up to 180 mg every 4 weeks (cumulative doses up to 1,080 mg over 6 months), and no additional adverse reactions were observed.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Drugs for the treatment of bone diseases – Other drugs affecting bone structure and mineralization, ATC code: M05BX04

Mechanism of action

Denosumab is a human monoclonal antibody (IgG2) that targets and binds with high affinity and specificity to RANKL, preventing activation of its receptor, RANK, on the surface of osteoclast precursors and osteoclasts. Prevention of the RANKL/RANK interaction inhibits osteoclast formation, function and survival, thereby decreasing bone resorption in cortical and trabecular bone.

Pharmacodynamic effects

Prolia treatment rapidly reduced the rate of bone turnover, reaching a nadir for the bone resorption marker serum type 1 C-telopeptides (CTX) (85% reduction) by 3 days, with reductions maintained over the dosing interval. At the end of each dosing interval, CTX reductions were partially attenuated from maximal reduction of $\geq 87\%$ to approximately $\geq 45\%$ (range 45-80%), reflecting the reversibility of Prolia's effects on bone remodelling once serum levels diminish. These effects were sustained with continued treatment. Bone turnover markers generally reached pre-treatment levels within 9 months after the last dose. Upon re-initiation, reductions in CTX by denosumab were similar to those observed in patients initiating primary denosumab treatment.

Immunogenicity

In clinical studies, neutralising antibodies have not been observed for Prolia. Using a sensitive immunoassay < 1% of patients treated with denosumab for up to 5 years tested positive for non neutralising binding antibodies with no evidence of altered pharmacokinetics, toxicity, or clinical response.

Treatment of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women

Efficacy and safety of Prolia administered once every 6 months for 3 years were investigated in postmenopausal women (7,808 women aged 60-91 years, of which 23.6% had prevalent vertebral fractures) with baseline bone mineral density (BMD) T-scores at the lumbar spine or total hip between -2.5 and -4.0 and a mean absolute 10-year fracture probability of 18.60% (deciles: 7.9-32.4%) for major osteoporotic fracture and 7.22% (deciles: 1.4-14.9%) for hip fracture. Women with other

diseases or on therapies that may affect bone were excluded from this study. Women received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

Effect on vertebral fractures

Prolia significantly reduced the risk of new vertebral fractures at 1, 2 and 3 years ($p < 0.0001$) (see table 2).

Table 2 The effect of Prolia on the risk of new vertebral fractures

	Proportion of women with fracture (%)		Absolute risk reduction (%) (95% CI)	Relative risk reduction (%) (95% CI)
	Placebo n = 3,906	Prolia n = 3,902		
0-1 year	2.2	0.9	1.4 (0.8, 1.9)	61 (42, 74)**
0-2 years	5.0	1.4	3.5 (2.7, 4.3)	71 (61, 79)**
0-3 years	7.2	2.3	4.8 (3.9, 5.8)	68 (59, 74)*

* $p < 0.0001$, ** $p < 0.0001$ – exploratory analysis

Effect on hip fractures

Prolia demonstrated a 40% relative reduction (0.5% absolute risk reduction) in the risk of hip fracture over 3 years ($p < 0.05$). The incidence of hip fracture was 1.2% in the placebo group compared to 0.7% in the Prolia group at 3 years.

In a post-hoc analysis in women > 75 years, a 62% relative risk reduction was observed with Prolia (1.4% absolute risk reduction, $p < 0.01$).

Effect on all clinical fractures

Prolia significantly reduced fractures across all fracture types/groups (see table 3).

Table 3 The effect of Prolia on the risk of clinical fractures over 3 years

	Proportion of women with fracture (%) ⁺		Absolute risk reduction (%) (95% CI)	Relative risk reduction (%) (95% CI)
	Placebo n = 3,906	Prolia n = 3,902		
Any clinical fracture ¹	10.2	7.2	2.9 (1.6, 4.2)	30 (19, 41)***
Clinical vertebral fracture	2.6	0.8	1.8 (1.2, 2.4)	69 (53, 80)***
Non-vertebral fracture ²	8.0	6.5	1.5 (0.3, 2.7)	20 (5, 33)**
Major non-vertebral fracture ³	6.4	5.2	1.2 (0.1, 2.2)	20 (3, 34)*
Major osteoporotic fracture ⁴	8.0	5.3	2.7 (1.6, 3.9)	35 (22, 45)***

* $p \leq 0.05$; ** $p = 0.0106$ (secondary endpoint included in multiplicity adjustment), *** $p \leq 0.0001$

+ Event rates based on Kaplan-Meier estimates at 3 years.

- (1) Includes clinical vertebral fractures and non-vertebral fractures.
- (2) Excludes those of the vertebrae, skull, facial, mandible, metacarpus, and finger and toe phalanges.
- (3) Includes pelvis, distal femur, proximal tibia, ribs, proximal humerus, forearm, and hip.
- (4) Includes clinical vertebral, hip, forearm, and humerus fractures, as defined by the WHO.

In women with baseline femoral neck BMD ≤ -2.5 , Prolia reduced the risk of non-vertebral fracture (35% relative risk reduction, 4.1% absolute risk reduction, $p < 0.001$, exploratory analysis).

The reduction in the incidence of new vertebral fractures, hip fractures and non-vertebral fractures by Prolia over 3 years were consistent regardless of the 10-year baseline fracture risk.

Effect on bone mineral density

Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, versus placebo at 1, 2 and 3 years. Prolia increased BMD by 9.2% at the lumbar spine, 6.0% at the total hip, 4.8% at the femoral neck,

7.9% at the hip trochanter, 3.5% at the distal 1/3 radius and 4.1% at the total body over 3 years (all $p < 0.0001$).

In clinical studies examining the effects of discontinuation of Prolia, BMD returned to approximately pre-treatment levels and remained above placebo within 18 months of the last dose. These data indicate that continued treatment with Prolia is required to maintain the effect of the medicinal product. Re-initiation of Prolia resulted in gains in BMD similar to those when Prolia was first administered.

Bone histology

Bone histology was evaluated in 62 postmenopausal women with osteoporosis or with low bone mass who had transitioned from previous alendronate therapy following 1-3 years treatment with Prolia. Bone biopsy results from both studies showed bone of normal architecture and quality with no evidence of mineralisation defects, woven bone or marrow fibrosis.

Treatment of bone loss associated with androgen deprivation

Efficacy and safety of Prolia once every 6 months for 3 years were investigated in men with histologically confirmed non-metastatic prostate cancer receiving ADT (1,468 men aged 48-97 years) who were at increased risk of fracture (defined as > 70 years, or < 70 years with a BMD T-score at the lumbar spine, total hip, or femoral neck < -1.0 or a history of an osteoporotic fracture.) All men received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, relative to treatment with placebo at 3 years: 7.9% at the lumbar spine, 5.7% at the total hip, 4.9% at the femoral neck, 6.9% at the hip trochanter, 6.9% at the distal 1/3 radius and 4.7% at the total body (all $p < 0.0001$). In a prospectively planned exploratory analysis, significant increases in BMD were observed at the lumbar spine, total hip, femoral neck and the hip trochanter 1 month after the initial dose.

Prolia demonstrated a significant relative risk reduction of new vertebral fractures at 1 year: 85% (1.6% absolute risk reduction) at 1 year, 69% (2.2% absolute risk reduction) at 2 years and 62% (2.4% absolute risk reduction) at 3 years (all $p < 0.01$).

Treatment of bone loss associated with adjuvant aromatase inhibitor therapy

Efficacy and safety of Prolia once every 6 months for 2 years was investigated in women with non-metastatic breast cancer (252 women aged 35-84 years) and baseline BMD T-scores between -1.0 to -2.5 at the lumbar spine, total hip or femoral neck. All women received calcium (at least 1,000 mg) and vitamin D (at least 400 IU) supplementation daily.

The primary efficacy variable was percent change in lumbar spine BMD, fracture efficacy was not evaluated. Prolia significantly increased BMD at all clinical sites measured, relative to treatment with placebo at 2 years: 7.6% at lumbar spine, 4.7% at total hip, 3.6% at femoral neck, 5.9% at hip trochanter, 6.1% at distal 1/3 radius and 4.2% at total body (all $p < 0.0001$).

The European Medicines Agency has waived the obligation to submit the results of studies with Prolia in all subsets of the paediatric population in the treatment of menopausal and other perimenopausal disorders, and in the treatment of bone loss associated with sex hormone ablative therapy. See 4.2 for information on paediatric use.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Following subcutaneous administration of a 1.0 mg/kg dose, which approximates the approved 60 mg dose, exposure based on AUC was 78% as compared to intravenous administration at the same dose level. For a 60 mg subcutaneous dose, maximum serum denosumab concentrations (C_{max}) of 6 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ (range 1-17 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) occurred in 10 days (range 2-28 days). After C_{max} , serum levels declined with a half-life of 26 days (range 6-52 days) over a period of 3 months (range 1.5-4.5 months). Fifty-three percent (53%) of patients had no measurable amounts of denosumab detected at 6 months post-dose. In dose ranging studies, denosumab exhibited nonlinear, dose-dependent pharmacokinetics, with lower

clearance at higher doses or concentrations, but approximately dose-proportional increases in exposures for doses of 60 mg and greater.

No accumulation or change in denosumab pharmacokinetics with time was observed upon subcutaneous multiple-dosing of 60 mg once every 6 months. Denosumab pharmacokinetics was not affected by the formation of binding antibodies to denosumab and was similar in men and women. Age (28-87 years), race and disease state (low bone mass or osteoporosis; prostate or breast cancer) do not appear to significantly affect the pharmacokinetics of denosumab.

A trend was observed between higher body weight and lower exposure based on AUC and C_{max} . However, the trend is not considered clinically important, since pharmacodynamic effects based on bone turnover markers and BMD increases were consistent across a wide range of body weight.

Denosumab is composed solely of amino acids and carbohydrates as native immunoglobulin and is unlikely to be eliminated via hepatic metabolic mechanisms. Its metabolism and elimination are expected to follow the immunoglobulin clearance pathways, resulting in degradation to small peptides and individual amino acids.

Special populations

In a study of 55 patients with varying degrees of renal function, including patients on dialysis, the degree of renal impairment had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of denosumab.

No specific study in patients with hepatic impairment was performed. In general, monoclonal antibodies are not eliminated via hepatic metabolic mechanisms. The pharmacokinetics of denosumab is not expected to be affected by hepatic impairment.

The pharmacokinetic profile in paediatric populations has not been assessed.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

In single and repeated dose toxicity studies in cynomolgus monkeys, denosumab doses resulting in 100 to 150 times greater systemic exposure than the recommended human dose had no impact on cardiovascular physiology, male or female reproduction, or produced specific target organ toxicity.

Standard tests to investigate the genotoxicity potential of denosumab have not been evaluated, since such tests are not relevant for this molecule. However, due to its character it is unlikely that denosumab has any potential for genotoxicity.

The carcinogenic potential of denosumab has not been evaluated in long-term animal studies.

At exposures up to 100-fold higher than the human exposure, denosumab showed no evidence of impaired female fertility and harm to the foetus in cynomolgus monkeys in development toxicity studies. In preclinical studies conducted in knockout mice lacking RANK or RANKL, impairment of lymph node formation was observed in the foetus. An absence of lactation due to inhibition of mammary gland maturation (lobulo-alveolar gland development during pregnancy) was also observed in knockout mice lacking RANK or RANKL.

In preclinical bone quality studies in monkeys on long-term denosumab treatment, decreases in bone turnover were associated with improvement in bone strength and normal bone histology. Calcium levels were transiently decreased and parathyroid hormone levels transiently increased in ovariectomised monkeys treated with denosumab.

In male mice genetically engineered to express huRANKL (knock-in mice), which were subjected to a transcortical fracture, denosumab delayed the removal of cartilage and remodelling of the fracture callus compared to control, but biomechanical strength was not adversely affected.

Knockout mice (see section 4.6) lacking RANK or RANKL exhibited decreased body weight, reduced bone growth and lack of tooth eruption. In neonatal rats, inhibition of RANKL (target of denosumab therapy) with high doses of a construct of osteoprotegerin bound to Fc (OPG-Fc) was associated with inhibition of bone growth and tooth eruption. The reversibility of the effects of OPG-Fc has not been examined. Adolescent primates dosed with denosumab at 27 and 150 times (10 and 50 mg/kg dose) the clinical exposure had abnormal growth plates. Therefore, treatment with denosumab may impair bone growth in children with open growth plates and may inhibit eruption of dentition.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Glacial acetic acid*

Sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment)*

Sorbitol (E420)

Water for injections

* Acetate buffer is formed by mixing acetic acid with sodium hydroxide

6.2 Incompatibilities

This medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf life

30 months.

Prolia may be stored at room temperature (up to 25°C) for up to 30 days in the original container. Once removed from the refrigerator, Prolia must be used within this 30 day period.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).

Do not freeze.

Keep the vial in the outer carton in order to protect from light.

Do not shake excessively.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

One ml solution in a single use vial made from type I glass with fluoropolymer coated elastomeric stopper and aluminium seal with flip-off cap.

Pack size of one.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Before administration, the Prolia solution should be inspected. The solution may contain trace amounts of translucent to white proteinaceous particles. Do not inject the solution if it is cloudy or discoloured. Do not shake excessively. To avoid discomfort at the site of injection, allow the vial to reach room temperature (up to 25°C) before injecting and inject slowly. Inject the entire contents of the vial. Dispose of any medicinal product remaining in the vial.

A 27 gauge needle is recommended for the administration of denosumab. Do not re-enter the vial.

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

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Amgen Europe B.V.
Minervum 7061
NL-4817 ZK Breda
The Netherlands

8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT

Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>

ANNEX II

- A. MANUFACTURER OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE
SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION
HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

- B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

A. MANUFACTURER OF THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVE SUBSTANCE AND MANUFACTURING AUTHORISATION HOLDER RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE

Name and address of the manufacturer of the biological active substance

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Puerto Rico

Name and address of the manufacturer responsible for batch release

Amgen Europe B.V.
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The Netherlands

B. CONDITIONS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION

• **CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE IMPOSED ON THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

• **CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Not applicable

• **OTHER CONDITIONS**

Pharmacovigilance system

The MAH must ensure that the system of pharmacovigilance, as described in version 3.3 presented in Module 1.8.1. of the Marketing Authorisation Application, is in place and functioning before and whilst the product is on the market.

Risk Management plan

The MAH commits to performing the studies and additional pharmacovigilance activities detailed in the Pharmacovigilance Plan, as agreed in version 1.3 from 03 December 2009 of the Risk Management Plan (RMP) presented in Module 1.8.2. of the Marketing Authorisation Application and any subsequent updates of the RMP agreed by the CHMP.

As per the CHMP Guideline on Risk Management Systems for medicinal products for human use, the updated RMP should be submitted at the same time as the next Periodic Safety Update Report (PSUR).

In addition, an updated RMP should be submitted:

- When new information is received that may impact on the current Safety Specification, Pharmacovigilance Plan or risk minimisation activities
- Within 60 days of an important (pharmacovigilance or risk minimisation) milestone being reached
- At the request of the European Medicines Agency.

ANNEX III
LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET

A. LABELLING

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

PRE-FILLED SYRINGE CARTON

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Prolia 60 mg solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe
denosumab

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

1 ml pre-filled syringe containing 60 mg of denosumab (60 mg/ml).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Glacial acetic acid, sodium hydroxide, sorbitol (E420), polysorbate 20 and water for injections.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection
One pre-filled syringe with automatic needle guard.
One pre-filled syringe.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Subcutaneous use.
Read the package leaflet before use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Do not shake excessively.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator.
Do not freeze.
Store in the original carton in order to protect from light.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Amgen Europe B.V.
Minervum 7061,
NL-4817 ZK Breda,
The Netherlands

12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

13. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

Prolia

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS

BLISTERED PRE-FILLED SYRINGE

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Prolia 60 mg injection
denosumab

2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Amgen Europe B.V.

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

5. OTHER

SC

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
PRE-FILLED SYRINGE LABEL (UNBLISTERED)**

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Prolia 60 mg injection
denosumab
SC

2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT

1 ml

6. OTHER

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS
PRE-FILLED SYRINGE LABEL (BLISTERED)**

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Prolia 60 mg
denosumab
SC

2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT

1 ml

6. OTHER

PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING

VIAL CARTON

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Prolia 60 mg solution for injection
denosumab

2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)

1 ml vial containing 60 mg of denosumab (60 mg/ml).

3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Glacial acetic acid, sodium hydroxide, sorbitol (E420) and water for injections.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS

Solution for injection
One vial.

5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Subcutaneous use.
Read the package leaflet before use.

6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE REACH AND SIGHT OF CHILDREN

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY

Do not shake excessively.

8. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store in a refrigerator.
Do not freeze.
Store in the original carton in order to protect from light.

10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE

11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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13. BATCH NUMBER

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14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE

16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE

Prolia

MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS

VIAL LABEL

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION

Prolia 60 mg injection
denosumab
SC

2. METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

3. EXPIRY DATE

EXP

4. BATCH NUMBER

Lot

5. CONTENTS BY WEIGHT, BY VOLUME OR BY UNIT

1 ml

6. OTHER

REMINDER STICKERS TEXT (included in pack)

Next injection

Prolia 60 mg injection
denosumab

SC

Every 6 months

Amgen Europe B.V.

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B. PACKAGE LEAFLET

PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Prolia 60 mg solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe denosumab

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

In this leaflet:

1. What Prolia is and what it is used for
2. Before you use Prolia
3. How to use Prolia
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Prolia
6. Further information

1. WHAT PROLIA IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

What Prolia is and how it works

Prolia contains denosumab, a protein (monoclonal antibody) that interferes with the action of another protein, in order to treat bone loss and osteoporosis. Treatment with Prolia makes bone stronger and less likely to break.

Bone is a living tissue and is renewed all the time. Oestrogen helps keep bones healthy. After the menopause, oestrogen level drops which may cause bones to become thin and fragile. This can eventually lead to a condition called osteoporosis. Many women with osteoporosis have no symptoms, but they are still at risk of breaking bones, especially in the spine, hips and wrists.

Surgery or medicines that stop the production of oestrogen or testosterone used to treat patients with breast or prostate cancer can also lead to bone loss. The bones become weaker and break more easily.

What Prolia is used for

Prolia is used to treat:

- osteoporosis in women after the menopause (postmenopausal), reducing the risk of spinal, non-spinal and hip fractures.
- bone loss that results from a reduction in hormone (testosterone) level caused by surgery or treatment with medicines in patients with prostate cancer.

2. BEFORE YOU USE PROLIA

Do not use Prolia

- if you have low calcium levels in the blood (hypocalcaemia).
- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to denosumab or any of the other ingredients of Prolia.

Take special care with Prolia

Please tell your doctor immediately if you develop a swollen, red area of skin, most commonly in the lower leg, that feels hot and tender (cellulitis), and possibly with symptoms of fever while being on treatment with Prolia.

Please tell your doctor if you have an allergy to latex (the needle cover on the pre-filled syringe contains a derivative of latex).

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had severe kidney problems, kidney failure or have needed dialysis.

You should also take calcium and vitamin D supplements while being on treatment with Prolia. Your doctor will discuss this with you.

A dental examination should be considered before you start treatment with Prolia if you have cancer, are undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy, are taking steroids, do not receive routine dental care or have gum disease.

If you are under dental treatment or will undergo dental surgery, tell your dentist that you are being treated with Prolia.

It is important to maintain good oral hygiene when being on treatment with Prolia.

Prolia is not recommended for anyone under 18 years of age. The use of Prolia in children and adolescents has not been studied.

Using other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Prolia has not been tested in pregnant women. It is important to tell your doctor if you are pregnant; think you may be pregnant; or plan to get pregnant. Prolia is not recommended for use if you are pregnant.

It is not known whether Prolia is excreted in breast milk. It is important to tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or plan to do so. Your doctor will then help you decide whether to stop breast-feeding, or whether to stop taking Prolia, considering the benefit of breast-feeding to the baby and the benefit of Prolia to the mother.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

Driving and using machines

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Important information about some of the ingredients of Prolia

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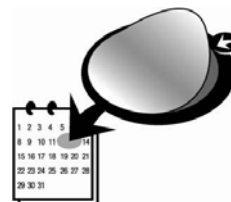
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If you are on a controlled sodium diet

This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per 60 mg, i.e. essentially 'sodium-free'.

3. HOW TO USE PROLIA

The usual dose is one pre-filled syringe of 60 mg administered once every 6 months, as a single injection under the skin (subcutaneous). The best places to inject are the top of your thighs and the abdomen. Your carer can also use the outer area of your upper arm. Each pack of Prolia contains a reminder card with stickers that can be removed from the carton. Use the peel-off stickers to mark the next injection date on your personal calendar and/or the reminder card to keep a record of the next injection date.



You should also take calcium and vitamin D supplements while being on treatment with Prolia. Your doctor will discuss this with you.

Your doctor may decide that it is best for you or a carer to inject Prolia. Your doctor or healthcare provider will show you or your carer how to use Prolia. For instructions on how to inject Prolia, please read the section at the end of this leaflet.

If you forget to use Prolia

If a dose of Prolia is missed, the injection should be administered as soon as possible. Thereafter, injections should be scheduled every 6 months from the date of the last injection.

If you stop using Prolia

To get the most benefit from your treatment, it is important to use Prolia for as long as your doctor prescribes it for you. Please talk to your doctor before you consider stopping the treatment.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Uncommonly, patients receiving Prolia may develop skin infections (predominantly cellulitis). **Please tell your doctor immediately** if you develop any of these symptoms while being on treatment with Prolia: swollen, red area of skin, most commonly in the lower leg, that feels hot and tender, and possibly with symptoms of fever.

Like all medicines, Prolia can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

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Very common (affects more than 1 user in 10)

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Common side effects:

- painful urination, frequent urination, blood in the urine, inability to hold your urine,
- upper respiratory tract infection,
- pain, tingling or numbness that moves down your leg (sciatica),
- cloudy area in the lens of the eye (cataracts),
- constipation,
- rash,
- arm or leg pain (pain in extremity).

Uncommon side effects:

- swollen, red area of skin, most commonly in the lower leg, that feels hot and tender (cellulitis), and possibly with symptoms of fever,
- fever, vomiting and abdominal pain and discomfort (diverticulitis),
- ear infection,
- skin condition with itching, redness and/or dryness (eczema).

Rare side effects:

- Persistent pain and/or non-healing sores of the mouth or jaw.

Very rare side effects:

- low calcium levels in the blood (hypocalcaemia).

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5. HOW TO STORE PROLIA

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

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Store in a refrigerator (2°C – 8°C).

Do not freeze.

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

Do not shake excessively.

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Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. FURTHER INFORMATION**What Prolia contains**

- The active substance is denosumab. Each 1 ml pre-filled syringe contains 60 mg of denosumab (60 mg/ml).

- The other ingredients are glacial acetic acid, sodium hydroxide, sorbitol (E420), polysorbate 20 and water for injections.

What Prolia looks like and contents of the pack

Prolia is a clear, colourless to slightly yellow solution for injection provided in a ready to use pre-filled syringe.

Each pack contains one pre-filled syringe with a needle guard.

Each pack contains one pre-filled syringe.

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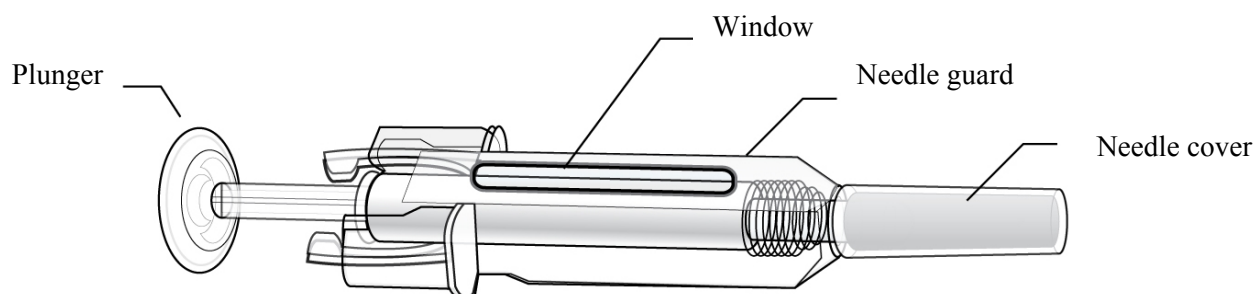
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR INJECTING WITH THE PROLIA PRE-FILLED SYRINGE WITH AN AUTOMATIC NEEDLE GUARD

This section contains information on how to use the Prolia pre-filled syringe. **It is important that you or your carer do not give the injection unless training from your doctor or healthcare provider has been received.** Always wash your hands before every injection. If you have questions about how to inject, please ask your doctor or healthcare provider for assistance.



Before you begin

Read all instructions thoroughly before using the pre-filled syringe.

To reduce the risk of accidental needle sticks to users, each pre-filled syringe comes with a needle guard that is automatically activated to cover the needle after complete delivery of the pre-filled syringe content.

DO NOT attempt to activate the needle guard prior to injection.

DO NOT use the pre-filled syringe if the needle cover has been removed, or the needle guard has been activated (covering the needle).

How do you use the Prolia pre-filled syringe?

Your doctor has prescribed a Prolia pre-filled syringe for injection into the tissue just under the skin (subcutaneous). You must inject the entire content (1 ml) of the Prolia pre-filled syringe and it should be injected once every 6 months as instructed by your doctor or healthcare provider.

Equipment:

To give an injection, you will need:

1. A new Prolia pre-filled syringe; and
2. Alcohol wipes or similar.

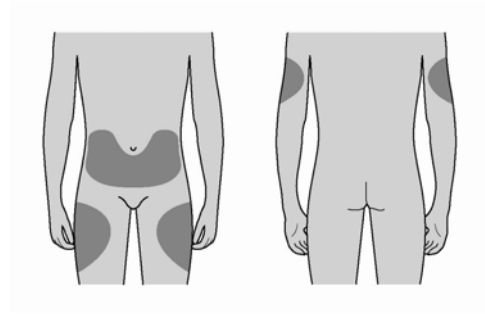
What to do before you give a subcutaneous injection of Prolia

1. Remove the pre-filled syringe from the refrigerator.
DO NOT pick up the pre-filled syringe by the plunger or needle cover. This could damage the device.
2. The pre-filled syringe may be left outside the refrigerator to reach room temperature. This will make the injection more comfortable.
DO NOT warm it in any other way, for example, in a microwave or in hot water.
DO NOT leave the syringe exposed to direct sunlight.
3. **DO NOT** shake the pre-filled syringe excessively.
4. **DO NOT** remove the needle cover from the pre-filled syringe until you are ready to inject.
5. Check the expiry date on the pre-filled syringe label (EXP:).
DO NOT use it if the date has passed the last day of the month shown.
6. Check the appearance of Prolia.
It must be a clear, colourless to slightly yellow solution.
The solution should not be injected if it contains particles or if it is cloudy or discoloured.
7. Find a comfortable, well-lit, clean surface and put all the equipment within reach.
8. Wash your hands thoroughly.

Where should you give the injection?

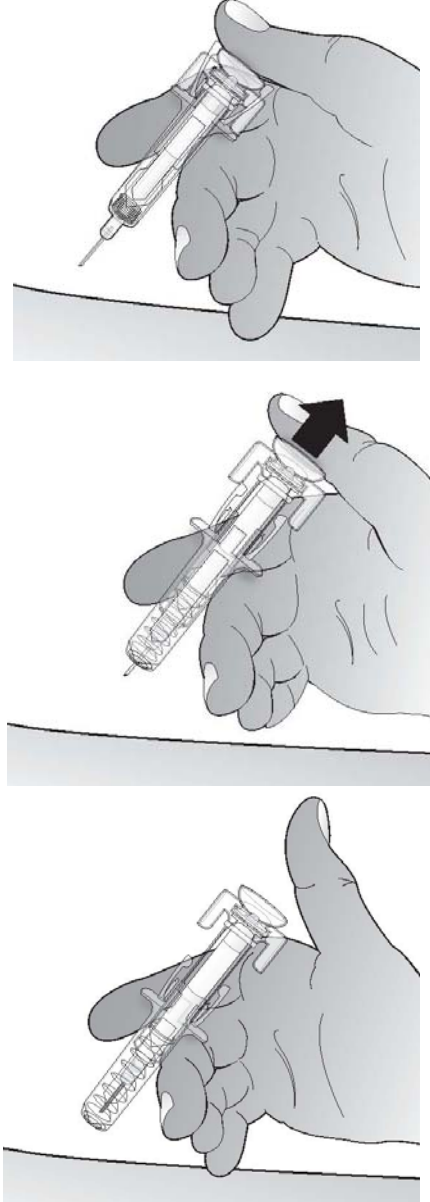
The best places to inject are the top of your thighs and the abdomen.

Your carer can also use the outer area of your upper arms.



How do you give the injection?

1. Disinfect the skin by using an alcohol wipe.	
2. To avoid bending the needle, gently pull the cover from the needle straight off without twisting, as shown. DO NOT touch the needle or push the plunger.	
3. You may notice a small bubble in the pre-filled syringe. You do not have to remove the air bubble before injecting. Injecting the solution with the air bubble is harmless.	
4. Pinch (without squeezing) the skin between your thumb and forefinger. Put the needle fully into the skin as shown by your doctor or healthcare provider.	
5. Push the plunger with a slow constant pressure, always keeping the skin pinched. Push the plunger all the way down as far as it will go to inject all the solution . The needle guard will not activate unless you empty the pre-filled syringe.	

<p>6. While the plunger is still pressed all the way down, remove the needle and let go of the skin.</p> <p>Release the plunger and allow the syringe to move up until the entire needle is covered by the needle guard.</p>	
<p>7. If the needle guard is not activated, an incomplete injection may have occurred.</p> <p>Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you think you have not received the full dose.</p> <p>DO NOT put the needle cover back on used syringes.</p>	
<p>8. If you notice a spot of blood, you may gently dab it away with a cotton ball or tissue. Do not rub the injection site. If needed, you may cover the injection site with a plaster.</p>	
<p>9. Only use each pre-filled syringe for one injection. DO NOT use any Prolia that is left in the syringe.</p>	
<p>Remember: If you have any problems, please ask your doctor or healthcare provider for help and advice.</p>	

Disposing of used syringes

- **DO NOT** put the needle cover back on used syringes.

- Keep used syringes out of the reach and sight of children.
- The used syringe should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INJECTING WITH THE PROLIA PRE-FILLED SYRINGE

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Before you begin

Read all instructions thoroughly before using the pre-filled syringe.

DO NOT use the pre-filled syringe if the needle cover has been removed.

How do you use the Prolia pre-filled syringe?

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Equipment:

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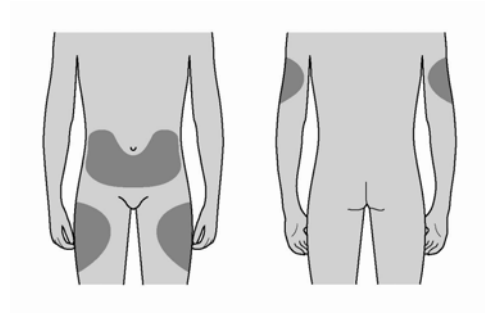
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5. Check the expiry date on the pre-filled syringe label (EXP:).
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7. Find a comfortable, well-lit, clean surface and put all the equipment within reach.
8. Wash your hands thoroughly.

Where should you give the injection?

The best places to inject are the top of your thighs and the abdomen.

Your carer can also use the outer area of your upper arms.



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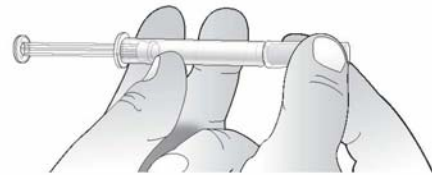
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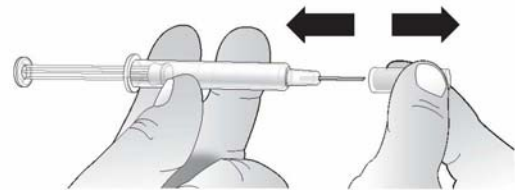
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PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

Prolia 60 mg solution for injection denosumab

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

In this leaflet:

1. What Prolia is and what it is used for
2. Before you use Prolia
3. How to use Prolia
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Prolia
6. Further information

1. WHAT PROLIA IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR

What Prolia is and how it works

Prolia contains denosumab, a protein (monoclonal antibody) that interferes with the action of another protein, in order to treat bone loss and osteoporosis. Treatment with Prolia makes bone stronger and less likely to break.

Bone is a living tissue and is renewed all the time. Oestrogen helps keep bones healthy. After the menopause, oestrogen level drops which may cause bones to become thin and fragile. This can eventually lead to a condition called osteoporosis. Many women with osteoporosis have no symptoms, but they are still at risk of breaking bones, especially in the spine, hips and wrists.

Surgery or medicines that stop the production of oestrogen or testosterone used to treat patients with breast or prostate cancer can also lead to bone loss. The bones become weaker and break more easily.

What Prolia is used for?

Prolia is used to treat:

- osteoporosis in women after the menopause (postmenopausal), reducing the risk of spinal, non-spinal and hip fractures.
- bone loss that results from a reduction in hormone (testosterone) level caused by surgery or treatment with medicines in patients with prostate cancer.

2. BEFORE YOU USE PROLIA

Do not use Prolia

- if you have low calcium levels in the blood (hypocalcaemia).
- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to denosumab or any of the other ingredients of Prolia.

Take special care with Prolia

Please tell your doctor immediately if you develop a swollen, red area of skin, most commonly in the lower leg, that feels hot and tender (cellulitis), and possibly with symptoms of fever while being on treatment with Prolia.

Tell your doctor if you have or have ever had severe kidney problems, kidney failure or have needed dialysis.

You should also take calcium and vitamin D supplements while being on treatment with Prolia. Your doctor will discuss this with you.

A dental examination should be considered before you start treatment with Prolia if you have cancer, are undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy, are taking steroids, do not receive routine dental care or have gum disease.

If you are under dental treatment or will undergo dental surgery, tell your dentist that you are being treated with Prolia.

It is important to maintain good oral hygiene when being on treatment with Prolia.

Prolia is not recommended for anyone under 18 years of age. The use of Prolia in children and adolescents has not been studied.

Using other medicines

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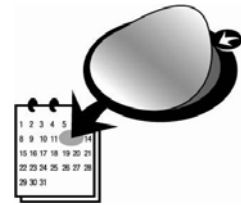
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- arm or leg pain (pain in extremity).

Uncommon side effects:

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- fever vomiting and abdominal pain or discomfort (diverticulitis),
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Rare side effects:

- Persistent pain and/or non-healing sores of the mouth or jaw.

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- low calcium levels in the blood (hypocalcaemia).

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What Prolia looks like and contents of the pack

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