

Title (en)
RIBAVIRIN-PEGYLATED INTERFERON ALFA INDUCTION HCV COMBINATION THERAPY

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RIBAVIRIN-PEG-INTERFERON ALPHA INDUKTIONS HCV KOMBINATIONSTHERAPIE

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TRAITEMENT DU VHC PAR INDUCTION D'INTERFERON-ALPHA PEGYLE COMBINE LA RIBAVIRINE

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Abstract (en)
[origin: WO0037110A2] The use of ribavirin and interferon alpha for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions for treating a patient having chronic hepatitis C infection, e.g., a patient having HCV genotype 1, 2 or 3, to eradicate detectable HCV-RNA by a method comprising administering an effective amount of ribavirin in association with an effective amount of pegylated interferon alpha, characterised in that treating patients having chronic hepatitis C infections is effected in two treatment time periods: (a) a first treatment time period of at least 20 to 30 wherein a therapeutically effective amount of ribavirin and a therapeutically effective induction dosing amount of pegylated interferon-alfa, e.g., pegylated interferon-alfa-2b sufficient to at least substantially lower, and preferably to eradicate, detectable HCV-RNA, are administered; and (b) a second treatment time period of at least 20 to 30 weeks wherein a therapeutically effective amount of ribavirin and a therapeutically effective amount of pegylated interferon-alfa are administered sufficient to maintain no detectable HCV-RNA for at least 20-30 weeks are administered after the end of the first treatment time period and to maintain no detectable HCV-RNA for at least 24 weeks after the end of the second treatment time period is disclosed.

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