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## **FIELD SAFETY NOTICE & FIELD SAFETY CORRECTIVE ACTION**

**Medical Device:** Hyalubrix 30 mg/2ml, hyaluronic acid sodium salt 1.5% solution for intra-articular injection

**Classification Number:** 530-09/18-02/301

We, *Fidia Farmaceutici S.p.A.*, a Company incorporated under the law of Italy, having its principal place of business at Via Ponte della Fabbrica 3/A, 35031 Abano Terme (PD) Italy, in the capacity of Legal Manufacturer of the Medical Device Hyalubrix 30 mg/2 ml,

### **hereby inform that**

monitoring the safety of the product on the market, an increase of non-serious expected undesirable effects (injection site joint pain, injection site swelling, injection site warmth) have been registered in the last two months.

These post-injection side effects are known undesirable events of hyaluronic acid injections and are also described in the Hyalubrix product information.

According to Article 88 of MDR 2017/745 a Trend Report has been issued and sent to the National competent Authority in which the Manufacturer has its place of business (Italian Ministry of Health).

Furthermore, as a precaution the Company has decided to proceed with a voluntary recall of the medical device Hyalubrix 30mg/2ml, batch number F22110, which has been distributed in the Croatian market.

Please note that according to Article 87, Field Safety Notice and Field Safety Corrective Action Report has been sent to Italian Ministry of Health that will act as coordinating Competent Authority.

A copy of the FSN and FSCA report are attached to this Communication.

We remain at your disposal for further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Abano Terme, 11 October 2022

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Alessia Gastaldi  
Corporate RA Director  
*Fidia Farmaceutici S.p.A.*



Date: 06/10/2022

**Field Safety Notice**

**Hyalubrix 30 mg/2 mL, acido ialuronico sale sodico 1,5%, soluzione per iniezione intrarticolare**

For Attention of\*: Client/Healthcare professional

Contact details of local representative (name, e-mail, telephone, address etc.)\*

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**URGENT FIELD SAFETY NOTICE  
URGENTE AVVISO DI SICUREZZA**

Dear Customer,

as manufacturer of the medical device subject to this safety notice, please, take note of the information reported and give us your feed-back, promptly.

Spett.le Cliente,

in qualità di fabbricante del dispositivo medico oggetto di questo avviso, si prega di prendere in considerazione quanto riportato e di fornirci riscontro tempestivamente.



### Field Safety Notice (FSN)

## Hyalubrix 30 mg/2 mL, acido ialuronico sale sodico 1,5%, soluzione per iniezione intrarticolare

<b>1. Information on Affected Devices*</b>	
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. Device Type(s)*</b></p> <p>HYALUBRIX è una soluzione viscoelastica sterile prodotta con acido ialuronico sale sodico ottenuto per fermentazione batterica da una frazione ad alto peso molecolare. Il dispositivo è fornito in una siringa pre-riempita da 30 mg/2 ml, sigillata in un blister. Il contenuto della siringa viene sterilizzato con calore umido. // HYALUBRIX is a sterile, viscoelastic solution, manufactured with hyaluronic acid sodium salt obtained by bacterial fermentation from a fraction of high molecular weight. The device is provided as a 30mg/2ml pre-filled syringe sealed in a blister. The content of the syringe is sterilized using moist-heat.</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2. Commercial name(s)*</b></p> <p>HYALUBRIX</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3. Unique Device Identifier(s) (UDI-DI)</b></p> <p>Complete when this becomes available.</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4. Primary clinical purpose of device(s)*</b></p> <p>HYALUBRIX è indicato per il trattamento del dolore e il miglioramento della funzionalità articolare in pazienti affetti da artropatia degenerativa o meccanica del ginocchio, dell'anca, della spalla, della caviglia e dell'articolazione trapezio-metacarpale. Il prodotto è indicato nel trattamento del dolore persistente dopo iniziale fallimento degli analgesici o in caso di fallimento o intolleranza ai farmaci antinfiammatori non steroidei. // HYALUBRIX is indicated for the treatment of pain and the improvement of joint functionality in patients affected by degenerative or mechanical arthropathy of the knee, hip, shoulder, ankle and trapezio-metacarpal joint. The product is indicated in the treatment of persistent pain after initial failure of analgesics or in case of failure or intolerance to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5. Device Model/Catalogue/part number(s)*</b></p> <p>Device model: EQ47-01-1C (HYALUBRIX 30mg/2mL, 1 siringa preriempita – ster. Vapore - HYALUBRIX 30mg/2mL, 1 prefilled syringe – moist-heat ster.)    /// Internal codes: 10000825 - 10000950 – 10000952 - 11000236</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6. Software version</b></p> <p>N.A.</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7. Affected serial or lot number range</b></p> <p>F12150; F12160; F16670; F19180; F20960; F21680; F22110; F12010</p>
1.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8. Associated devices</b></p> <p>N.A.</p>

<b>2. Reason for Field Safety Corrective Action (FSCA)*</b>	
2.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. Description of the product problem*</b></p> <p>Dal monitoraggio della sicurezza del prodotto sul mercato, abbiamo ricevuto un numero di segnalazioni di effetti indesiderati superiore a quello precedentemente osservato (vedi Trend Report inviato in data 3/10/2022). Tali effetti indesiderati sono prevalentemente rappresentati da dolore e gonfiore a livello dell'articolazione del ginocchio oggetto del trattamento per</p>

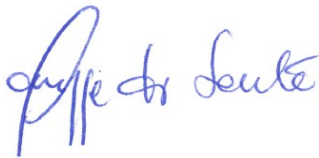


	infiltrazione intra-articolare con intensità clinica variabile e comunque tutti definiti non seri sulla base delle informazioni raccolte. Inoltre, gli effetti indesiderati riportati sono noti per le iniezioni intrarticolari di acido ialuronico e sono descritti nel foglietto illustrativo di Hyalubrix.// From monitoring the safety of the product on the market, we have received more reports of undesirable effects than previously observed (see Trend Report sent on 03/10/2022). These undesirable effects are mainly represented by pain and swelling at the level of the knee joint subject to treatment for intra-articular infiltration with variable clinical intensity and, in any case, all defined as not serious events on the basis of the information collected. In addition, side effects are known for hyaluronic acid intra-articular injections and are already described in the Hyalubrix package insert.
2.	<b>2. Hazard giving rise to the FSCA*</b>
	In via cautelativa per preservare la sicurezza del paziente. // As a precaution to preserve patient safety.
2.	<b>3. Probability of problem arising</b>
	Provide an indication (from incident data or prospective modelling) of the likelihood the problem will arise.
2.	<b>4. Predicted risk to patient/users</b>
	From the output of the Health Hazard Evaluation indicate the anticipated risk (product of severity x probability) of patient/end user harm (direct or indirect).
2.	<b>5. Further information to help characterise the problem</b>
	Include any further relevant statistics to help convey the seriousness of the issue.
2.	<b>6. Background on Issue</b>
	Eg how the manufacturer became aware; brief details of relevant incidents; root cause if known; rationale for containment of problem to only affected devices; other risk mitigation or longer-term preventative action etc.
2.	<b>7. Other information relevant to FSCA</b>
	Paesi coinvolti nel recall//Countries involved in the recall: DE, IT, HR, GR, PL

<b>3. Type of Action to mitigate the risk*</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>1. Action To Be Taken by the User*</b></p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify Device   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quarantine Device   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Device   <input type="checkbox"/> Destroy Device </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> On-site device modification / inspection </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow patient management recommendations </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Take note of amendment / reinforcement of Instructions For Use (IFU) </p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Other                      <input type="checkbox"/> None </p> <p>Provide further details of the action(s) identified.</p>
3.	<p><b>2. By when should the action be completed?</b></p> <p>Al momento dell'identificazione del prodotto/ As soon as the device identification</p>





4.	9. List of attachments/appendices:	If extensive consider providing web-link instead.
4.	10. Name/Signature	Giuseppe di Sante, MD Head, Safety Surveillance Unit
		

<b>Transmission of this Field Safety Notice</b>	
	<p>This notice needs to be passed on all those who need to be aware within your organisation or to any organisation where the potentially affected devices have been transferred. (As appropriate)</p> <p>Please transfer this notice to other organisations on which this action has an impact. (As appropriate)</p> <p>Please maintain awareness on this notice and resulting action for an appropriate period to ensure effectiveness of the corrective action.</p> <p>Please report all device-related incidents to the manufacturer, distributor or local representative, and the national Competent Authority if appropriate, as this provides important feedback.*</p>

Note: Fields indicated by \* are considered necessary for all FSNs. Others are optional.