

# Physician's reference checklist for Toxefro<sup>®</sup> (Deferasirox) dosing and biological monitoring

Toxefro<sup>®</sup> 250 mg Dispersible Tablets  
Toxefro<sup>®</sup> 500 mg Dispersible Tablets  
Toxefro<sup>®</sup> 90mg F.C Tablets  
Toxefro<sup>®</sup> 180mg F.C Tablets  
Toxefro<sup>®</sup> 360mg F.C Tablets

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## Chronic transfusional iron overload

After ~100 ml/kg of packed red blood cells (~20 units) or serum ferritin levels > 1,000 µg/l  
→ Starting dose: 14 mg/kg/day (FCT), 20 mg/kg/day (DT)\*

## Non-transfusion dependent thalassemia

If LIC ≥5 mg Fe/g dw or serum ferritin consistently >800 µg/l  
→ Starting dose: 7 mg/kg/day (FCT), 10 mg/kg/day (DT)\*

Start treatment

### Biological monitoring

#### Serum ferritin:

- At baseline
- Routine monthly monitoring

#### LIC (NTDT patients only):

- At baseline
- Every 3 months (for pediatrics only, if serum ferritin is ≤ 800 µg/l)

#### Serum creatinine:

- At baseline in duplicate assessments
- Weekly, in the first month after initiation of deferasirox or after dose modification,
- Routine monthly monitoring

#### Creatinine clearance and/or plasma cystatin C:

- At baseline
- Weekly, in the first month after initiation of deferasirox or after dose modification
- Routine monthly monitoring

#### Proteinuria:

- At baseline
- Routine monthly monitoring

#### Hepatic function (serum transaminases, bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase):

- At baseline
- Every 2 weeks in the first month after initiation of deferasirox or after dose modification
- Routine monthly monitoring

#### Body weight and height:

- At baseline
- Routine yearly monitoring
- **Auditory and ophthalmic testing (including funduscopy)**
- At baseline
- Routine yearly monitoring
- **Sexual development status (pediatric patients)**
- At baseline
- Routine yearly monitoring
- **Concomitant medications to avoid drug interactions (type and concentration as per label)**
- Regularly
- Upon changes of therapy

#### Up-titrate if serum ferritin >2,500 µg/l

- Increase in increments of 3.5 to 7 mg/kg/day (FCT, **Max dose: 28mg/kg/day**), or 5 to 10 mg/kg/day (DT, **Max dose: 40 mg/kg/day**)

#### Down-titrate if serum ferritin <2,500 µg/l

- Decrease in steps of 3.5 to 7 mg/kg/day (FCT), or 5 to 10 mg/kg/day (DT) or closely monitor renal and hepatic function and serum ferritin levels\*

#### Up-titrate if serum ferritin >2,000 µg/l or if LIC ≥7 mg Fe/g dw

- Increase in increments of 3.5 to 7 mg/kg/day (FCT, **Max dose: 7mg/kg/day for pediatric patients and 14 mg/kg/day in adults**), or 5 to 10 mg/kg/day (DT, **Max dose: 10mg/kg/day for pediatric patients and 20mg/kg/day for adults**)\*

#### Down-titrate if serum ferritin is ≤2,000 µg/l or if LIC <7 mg Fe/g dw

- Decrease to 3.5 to 7 mg/kg/day (FCT), or 5 to 10 mg/kg/day (DT) or closely monitor renal and hepatic function and serum ferritin levels\*

Adjust dose  
During  
treatment

• If target serum ferritin level is achieved or when it is consistently <500 µg/l

Interrupt  
treatment

• If target serum ferritin level is achieved or is consistently <300 µg/l or if LIC <3 mg Fe/g dw. **Re-treatment is not recommended.**

- If after dose reduction, when serum creatinine remains >33% above baseline and/or creatinine clearance < LLN (90 ml/min)
- If there is a persistent proteinuria
- If there are abnormalities in levels of tubular markers and/or if clinically indicated
- If there is a persistent and progressive increase in liver enzymes (serum transaminases)
- If there are disturbances of vision or hearing
- If there is a development of unexplained cytopenia
- Other<sup>§</sup>

\* Further examples of dose calculation or adjustments are provided in the label.

§ refer to the product label for other dose adjustments/interruptions for renal and hepatic abnormalities, metabolic acidosis, SCARs, hypersensitivity reactions.

**FCT**= Film-Coated Tablets; **DT** = Dispersible Tablets; **LIC** = Liver Iron Concentration; **NTDT** = Non-Transfusion Dependent Thalassemia

### Call for reporting:

Additional copies of the materials can be obtained by contacting MS pharma for pharmaceuticals.

Report suspected adverse drug reactions associated with Toxefro<sup>®</sup> (Deferasirox) by contacting:

### Pharmacovigilance Department at MS Pharma:

- Email: [pharmacovigilance@mspharma.com](mailto:pharmacovigilance@mspharma.com)
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### The National Pharmacovigilance Center (NPC): (Saudi food and drug authority)

- Email: [npc.drug@sfd.gov.sa](mailto:npc.drug@sfd.gov.sa)
- Call Center: 19999
- Website: <https://ade.sfd.gov.sa/>
- QR Code

