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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use HYPERRAB safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for HYPERRAB.

HYPERRAB [rabies immune globulin (human)] solution for infiltration and intramuscular injection
Initial U.S. Approval: 1974

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

HYPERRAB® is a human rabies immune globulin indicated for postexposure prophylaxis, along with rabies vaccine, for all persons suspected of exposure to rabies. (1)

Limitations of Use

Persons previously immunized with rabies vaccine that have a confirmed adequate rabies antibody titer should receive only vaccine.

For unvaccinated persons, the combination of HYPERRAB and vaccine is recommended for both bite and nonbite exposures regardless of the time interval between exposure and initiation of postexposure prophylaxis.

Beyond 7 days (after the first vaccine dose), HYPERRAB is not indicated since an antibody response to vaccine is presumed to have occurred.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

For infiltration and intramuscular use only.

Administer HYPERRAB within 7 days after the first dose of rabies vaccine.

Postexposure prophylaxis, along with rabies vaccine, after suspected exposure to rabies (2.1)	HYPERRAB 20 IU/kg body weight OR 0.0665 mL/kg body weight Single-dose	Administer as soon as possible after exposure, preferably at the time of the first rabies vaccine dose. Infiltrate the full dose of HYPERRAB thoroughly in the area around and into the wound(s), if anatomically feasible. Inject the remainder, if any, intramuscularly.
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DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

300 IU/mL solution for injection supplied in 1 mL, 3 mL and 5 mL single-dose vials. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Severe hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, may occur with HYPERRAB. Have epinephrine available immediately to treat any acute severe hypersensitivity reactions. (5.1)
- HYPERRAB is made from human blood, it may carry a risk of transmitting infectious agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent, and, theoretically, the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent. (5.2)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reactions in >5% of subjects in clinical trials were injection site pain, headache, injection site nodule, abdominal pain, diarrhea, flatulence, nasal congestion, and oropharyngeal pain. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Grifols Therapeutics LLC at 1-800-520-2807 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Repeated dosing after administration of rabies vaccine may suppress the immune response to the vaccine. (7)
- Defer live vaccine (measles, mumps, rubella) administration for 4 months. (7)

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1 **FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

2 **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

3 HYPERRAB is a human rabies immune globulin indicated for postexposure prophylaxis,
4 along with rabies vaccine, for all persons suspected of exposure to rabies.

5 Limitations of Use

6 Persons who have been previously immunized with rabies vaccine and have a confirmed
7 adequate rabies antibody titer should receive only vaccine.¹⁻³

8 For unvaccinated persons, the combination of HYPERRAB and vaccine is recommended for
9 both bite and nonbite exposures regardless of the time interval between exposure and
10 initiation of postexposure prophylaxis.¹⁻³

11 Beyond 7 days (after the first vaccine dose), HYPERRAB is not indicated since an antibody
12 response to vaccine is presumed to have occurred.

13 **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

14 **For infiltration and intramuscular use only.**

15 **The strength of HYPERRAB is 300 IU/mL.**

16 **2.1 Dose**

17 Use HYPERRAB in combination with rabies vaccine series to be effective. Do not use
18 HYPERRAB alone for prevention.

19 Administer HYPERRAB within 7 days after the first dose of rabies vaccine.

20 **Rabies Postexposure Prophylaxis Schedule***

Vaccination Status	Treatment	Regimen[†]
Not previously vaccinated	Wound cleansing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleanse all wounds immediately and thoroughly with soap and water.• Irrigate the wounds with a virucidal agent such as a povidone-iodine solution, if available.

Vaccination Status	Treatment	Regimen [†]
	HYPERRAB 20 IU/kg body weight OR 0.0665 mL/kg body weight Single-dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer HYPERRAB as soon as possible after exposure, preferably at the time of the first vaccine dose. Infiltrate the full dose of HYPERRAB thoroughly in the area around and into the wound(s), if anatomically feasible. <i>[see Dosage and Administration (2.3)]</i> Inject the remainder, if any, intramuscularly at an anatomical site distant from the site of vaccine administration. <i>[see Dosage and Administration (2.3)]</i> Do not exceed the recommended dose of HYPERRAB, otherwise the active production of rabies antibody may be partially suppressed. <i>[see Drug Interactions (7)]</i> Use separate syringes, needles, and anatomical injection sites for HYPERRAB and for rabies vaccine.
	Rabies Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer rabies vaccine on day 0[‡]. Complete a rabies vaccination series for previously unvaccinated persons.[†]
Previously vaccinated [§]	Wound cleansing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanse all wounds immediately and thoroughly with soap and water. Irrigate the wounds with a virucidal agent such as a povidone-iodine solution, if available.
	HYPERRAB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not administer HYPERRAB. <i>[see Indications and Usage (1)]</i>
	Rabies Vaccine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer rabies vaccine on day 0[‡]. Complete a rabies vaccination series for previously vaccinated persons.[†]

21 * Adapted from reference 1.

22 † These regimens are applicable for all age groups, including children.

23 ‡ Day 0 is the day the first dose of vaccine is administered. Refer to vaccine manufacturer's
 24 instructions or to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices
 25 (ACIP)^{1,3} for appropriate rabies vaccine formulations, schedules and dosages.

26 § Any person with a history of rabies vaccination and a documented history of antibody response to
 27 the prior vaccination.

28 2.2 Preparation

- 29 • Calculate the volume of HYPERRAB for the recommended dose of 20 IU/kg.

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- 31 • Ensure the correct strength is used for the calculation. HYPERRAB is formulated with a
32 strength of 300 IU/mL. The predecessor product, HYPERRAB S/D [rabies immune
33 globulin (human)] was formulated at 150 IU/mL. The volume required of HYPERRAB
34 (300 IU/mL) to achieve the recommended dose of 20 IU/kg is approximately one half of
35 that required for the previous HYPERRAB S/D (150 IU/mL).
- 36 • Visually inspect parenteral drug products for particulate matter and discoloration prior to
37 administration, whenever solution and container permit. HYPERRAB is a clear or
38 slightly opalescent, and colorless or pale yellow sterile solution.
- 39 • Do not use HYPERRAB if the product shows any sign of tampering. Notify Grifols
40 Therapeutics LLC immediately [1-800-520-2807].
- 41 • Do not freeze. Do not use any solution that has been frozen.
- 42 • Discard unused portion.

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44 **2.3 Administration**

- 45 • Administer HYPERRAB at the time of the first vaccine dose (day 0), but no later than
46 day 7.¹⁻³
- 47 • Infiltrate the full dose of HYPERRAB in the area around the wound, if anatomically
48 feasible. Dilute HYPERRAB with an equal volume of dextrose, 5% (D5W), if additional
49 volume is needed to infiltrate the entire wound. Do not dilute with normal saline.
- 50 • Inject the remainder, if any, of the HYPERRAB dose intramuscularly into the deltoid
51 muscle of the upper arm or into the lateral thigh muscle, and distant from the site of
52 vaccine administration.
- 53 • Do not administer HYPERRAB in the same syringe or needle or in the same anatomic
54 site as vaccine.

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56 **3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

57 HYPERRAB is a sterile, 300 IU/mL solution for injection supplied in 1 mL, 3 mL and 5 mL
58 single-dose vials. The 1 mL vial is sufficient for a child weighing 15 kg. The 3 mL vial is
59 sufficient for a person weighing 45 kg. The 5 mL vial is sufficient for an adult weighing 75
60 kg.

61 HYPERRAB is standardized against the U.S. Standard Rabies Immune Globulin to contain a
62 potency of ≥ 300 IU/mL. The U.S. unit of potency is equivalent to the international unit (IU)
63 for rabies antibody.

64 **4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

65 None.

66 **5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

67 **5.1 Hypersensitivity Reactions**

68 Severe hypersensitivity reactions may occur with HYPERRAB. Patients with a history of
69 prior systemic allergic reactions to human immunoglobulin preparations are at a greater risk
70 of developing severe hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions. Have epinephrine available
71 for treatment of acute allergic symptoms, should they occur.

72 Patients with isolated immunoglobulin A (IgA) deficiency may develop severe
73 hypersensitivity reactions to HYPERRAB, or subsequently, to the administration of blood
74 products that contain IgA.⁴

75 **5.2 Transmissible Infectious Agents**

76 HYPERRAB is made from human blood and may carry a risk of transmitting infectious
77 agents, e.g., viruses, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD) agent, and, theoretically,
78 the Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agent. HYPERRAB is purified from human plasma
79 obtained from healthy donors. When medicinal biological products are administered,
80 infectious diseases due to transmission of pathogens cannot be totally excluded. However, in
81 the case of products prepared from human plasma, the risk of transmission of pathogens is
82 reduced by: (1) epidemiological controls on the donor population and selection of individual
83 donors by a medical interview and screening of individual donations and plasma pools for
84 viral infection markers; (2) testing of plasma for hepatitis C virus (HCV), human
85 immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), HAV and human parvovirus
86 (B19V) genomic material; and (3) manufacturing procedures with demonstrated capacity to
87 inactivate/remove pathogens.

88 ALL infections thought by a physician possibly to have been transmitted by this product
89 should be reported by the physician or other healthcare provider to Grifols Therapeutics LLC
90 [1-800-520-2807].

91 **6 ADVERSE REACTIONS**

92 The most common adverse reactions in >5% of subjects during clinical trials were injection
93 site pain, headache, injection site nodule, abdominal pain, diarrhea, flatulence, nasal
94 congestion, and oropharyngeal pain.

95 **6.1 Clinical Trials Experience**

96 Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates
97 observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical
98 trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

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100 The new formulation for HYPERRAB is manufactured using caprylate/chromatography
101 purification and has a rabies antibody concentration of 300 IU/mL. The previous formulation,
102 HYPERRAB S/D, was manufactured using a solvent detergent process and had a rabies
103 antibody concentration of 150 IU/mL. These products were evaluated in 2 clinical trials in a
104 total of 20 healthy subjects using a 20 IU/kg single-dose. The initial study evaluated the
105 original 150 IU/mL HYPERRAB S/D in 8 subjects and the second study evaluated
106 HYPERRAB in 12 subjects. The original study of HYPERRAB S/D reported headache (1/8;
107 13%).

108 In the study with HYPERRAB at 300 IU/mL, 5 subjects (5/12; 42%) experienced at least 1
109 adverse reaction. These were: injection site pain (4/12; 33%), injection site nodule (1/12;
110 8%), abdominal pain (1/12; 8%), diarrhea (1/12; 8%), flatulence (1/12; 8%), headache (1/12;
111 8%), nasal congestion (1/12; 8%), and oropharyngeal pain (1/12; 8%).

112 **6.2 Postmarketing Experience**

113 There are no data on the postmarketing use of HYPERRAB (300 IU/mL). The following
114 adverse reactions have been identified during post approval use of the predecessor
115 formulation, HYPERRAB S/D. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a
116 population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or
117 establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

118 Among patients treated with HYPERRAB S/D, cases of allergic/hypersensitivity reactions
119 including anaphylaxis have been reported. Soreness at the site of injection (injection site
120 pain) may be observed following intramuscular injection of immune globulins. Sensitization
121 to repeated injections has occurred occasionally in immunoglobulin-deficient patients.

122 The following have been identified as the most frequently reported post-marketing adverse
123 reactions:

Immune system disorder	Anaphylactic reaction*, hypersensitivity*
Nervous system disorders	Hypoesthesia
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	Arthralgia, myalgia, pain in extremity

124 * These reactions have been manifested by dizziness, paresthesia, rash, flushing, dyspnea,
125 tachypnea, oropharyngeal pain, hyperhidrosis, and erythema

126 **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- 127 • Do not administer repeated doses of HYPERRAB® [rabies immune globulin (human)]
128 once vaccine treatment has been initiated as this could prevent the full expression of
129 active immunity expected from the rabies vaccine.¹

- 130 • Other antibodies in the HYPERRAB preparation may interfere with the response to live
131 vaccines such as measles, mumps, polio or rubella. Defer immunization with live
132 vaccines for 4 months after HYPERRAB administration.⁵

133 **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

134 **8.1 Pregnancy**

135 Risk Summary

136 There are no data with HYPERRAB use in pregnant women to inform a drug-associated risk.
137 Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with HYPERRAB. It is not known
138 whether HYPERRAB can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman or can
139 affect reproduction capacity. HYPERRAB should be given to a pregnant woman only if
140 clearly needed. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth
141 defect and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%,
142 respectively.

143 **8.2 Lactation**

144 Risk Summary

145 There is no information regarding the presence of HYPERRAB in human milk, the effect on
146 the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits
147 of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for HYPERRAB
148 and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from HYPERRAB.

149 **8.4 Pediatric Use**

150 Safety and effectiveness in the pediatric population have not been established.

151 **8.5 Geriatric Use**

152 Safety and effectiveness in geriatric population have not been established.

153 **10 OVERDOSAGE**

154 Because rabies immune globulin (human) may partially suppress active production of
155 antibody in response to the rabies vaccine, do not give more than the recommended dose of
156 rabies immune globulin (human).¹

157 **11 DESCRIPTION**

158 HYPERRAB is a clear or slightly opalescent, and colorless or pale yellow sterile solution of
159 human antirabies immune globulin for infiltration and intramuscular administration.
160 HYPERRAB is provided in a single-dose vial and contains no preservative. HYPERRAB is
161 prepared from pools of human plasma collected from healthy donors (hyperimmunized with
162 rabies vaccine) by a combination of cold ethanol fractionation, caprylate precipitation and

163 filtration, caprylate incubation, anion-exchange chromatography, nanofiltration and low pH
164 incubation. HYPERRAB consists of 15 to 18% protein at pH 4.1 to 4.8 in 0.16 to 0.26 M
165 glycine. The product is standardized against the U.S. Standard Rabies Immune Globulin to
166 contain a potency value of not less than 300 IU/mL. The U.S. unit of potency is equivalent to
167 the international unit (IU) for rabies antibody.

168 When medicinal biological products are administered, infectious diseases due to transmission
169 of pathogens cannot be totally excluded. However, in the case of products prepared from
170 human plasma, the risk of transmission of pathogens is reduced by epidemiological
171 surveillance of the donor population and selection of individual donors by medical interview;
172 testing of individual donations and plasma pools; and the presence in the manufacturing
173 processes of steps with demonstrated capacity to inactivate/remove pathogens.

174 In the manufacturing process of HYPERRAB, there are several steps with the capacity for
175 virus inactivation or removal.⁶ The main steps of the manufacturing process that contribute to
176 the virus clearance capacity are as follows:

- 177 • Caprylate precipitation/depth filtration
- 178 • Caprylate incubation
- 179 • Depth filtration
- 180 • Column chromatography
- 181 • Nanofiltration
- 182 • Low pH final container incubation

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184 To provide additional assurance of the pathogen safety of the final product, the capacity of
185 the HYPERRAB manufacturing process to remove and/or inactivate viruses has been
186 demonstrated by laboratory spiking studies on a scaled down process model using a wide
187 range of viruses with diverse physicochemical properties.

188 The combination of all of the above mentioned measures provides the final product with a
189 high margin of safety from the potential risk of transmission of infectious viruses.

190 The caprylate/chromatography manufacturing process was also investigated for its capacity
191 to decrease the infectivity of an experimental agent of transmissible spongiform
192 encephalopathy (TSE), considered as a model for the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease
193 (vCJD), and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) agents.⁶ These studies provide reasonable
194 assurance that low levels of vCJD/CJD agent infectivity, if present in the starting material,
195 would be removed by the caprylate/chromatography manufacturing process.

196 **12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

197 **12.1 Mechanism of Action**

198 HYPERRAB provides immediate, passive, rabies virus neutralizing antibody coverage until
199 the previously unvaccinated patient responds to rabies vaccine by actively producing
200 antibodies.¹

201 **12.2 Pharmacodynamics**

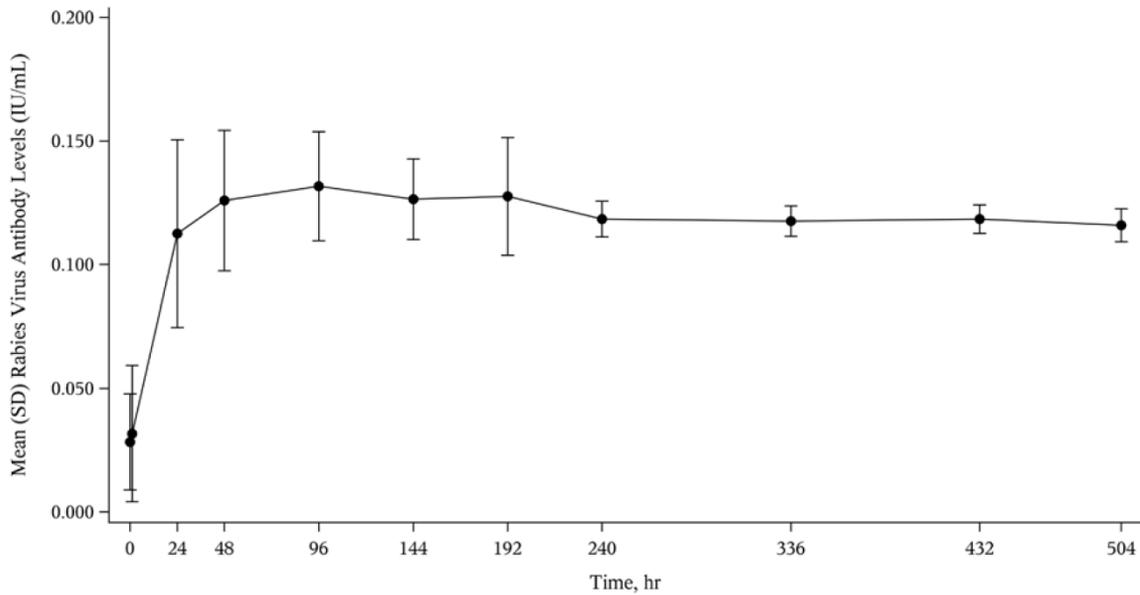
202 The usefulness of prophylactic rabies antibody in preventing rabies in humans when
203 administered immediately after exposure was dramatically demonstrated in a group of
204 persons bitten by a rabid wolf in Iran.^{7,8} Similarly, beneficial results were later reported from
205 the U.S.S.R.⁹ Studies coordinated by WHO (World Health Organization) helped determine
206 the optimal conditions under which antirabies serum of equine origin and rabies vaccine can
207 be used in man.¹⁰⁻¹³ These studies showed that antirabies serum can interfere to a variable
208 extent with the active immunity induced by the vaccine, but could be minimized by booster
209 doses of vaccine after the end of the usual dosage series.

210 Preparation of rabies immune globulin of human origin with adequate potency was reported
211 by Cabasso et al.¹⁴ In carefully controlled clinical studies, this globulin was used in
212 conjunction with rabies vaccine of duck-embryo origin (DEV).^{14,15} These studies determined
213 that a human globulin dose of 20 IU/kg of rabies antibody, given simultaneously with the
214 first DEV dose, resulted in amply detectable levels of passive rabies antibody 24 hours after
215 injection in all recipients. The injections produced minimal, if any, interference with the
216 subject's endogenous antibody response to DEV.

217 Subsequently, human diploid cell rabies vaccines (HDCV) prepared from tissue culture fluids
218 containing rabies virus have received substantial clinical evaluation in Europe and the United
219 States.¹⁴⁻²² In a study in adult volunteers, the administration of rabies immune globulin
220 (human) did not interfere with antibody formation induced by HDCV when given in a dose
221 of 20 IU per kilogram body weight simultaneously with the first dose of vaccine.²¹

222 **12.3 Pharmacokinetics**

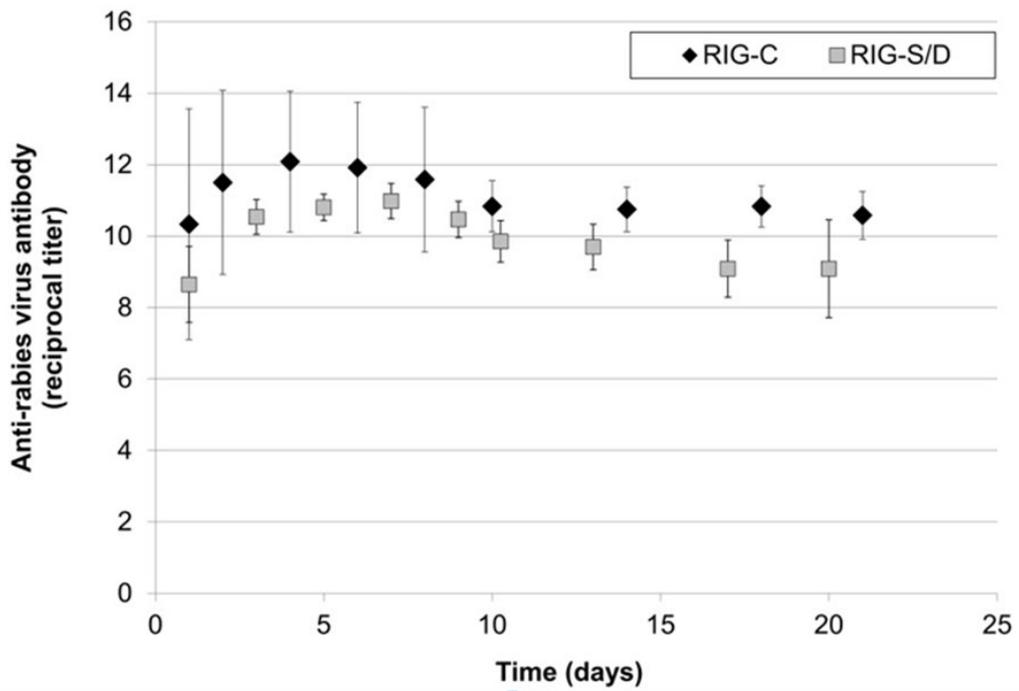
223 In a clinical study of 12 healthy human subjects receiving a 20 IU/kg intramuscular dose of
224 HYPERRAB detectable passive rabies neutralizing antibody was present by 24 hours and
225 persisted through the 21 day follow-up evaluation period. Figure 1 shows the mean levels of
226 rabies virus antibodies in IU/mL across the 21 day evaluation period and indicates that the
227 titer remains stable during this period. This level of passive rabies neutralizing antibody is
228 similar to that reported in the literature for administration of human rabies immune globulin,
229 and is clinically important because it provides interim protection until the host immune
230 response to rabies vaccine produces definitive protective titers of neutralizing rabies antibody
231 (therefore the rabies vaccine series is also essential).²³⁻²⁴



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233 **Figure 1: Mean (Standard Deviation) Rabies Virus Neutralizing Antibody Levels**
 234 **(IU/mL) versus Time following a Single 20 IU/kg Dose of HYPERRAB® (300 IU/mL) by**
 235 **Intramuscular Injection**

236 The previous formulation, HYPERRAB® S/D, was studied in 8 healthy subjects over 21
 237 days. As with the new formulation, rabies neutralizing antibody was present by 24 hours and
 238 persisted through the 21 day follow up period (Figure 2).



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240 **Figure 2: Reciprocal of Anti-Rabies Virus Neutralizing Antibody Titer Following a**
 241 **Single 20 IU/kg Dose of HYPERRAB® (300 IU/mL; RIG-C) or HYPERRAB® S/D (150**
 242 **IU/mL; RIG-S/D) Product (mean [standard deviation])**

243 **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

244 HYPERRAB was administered to a total of 20 healthy adult subjects in two clinical trials.
245 *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]* A single intramuscular dose of 20 IU/kg HYPERRAB
246 (12 subjects) or HYPERRAB S/D (8 subjects) was administered and rabies neutralizing
247 antibody titers were monitored in serum for 21 days. Administration of both HYPERRAB
248 formulations resulted in detectable titers of neutralizing antibodies to the rabies virus that
249 persisted throughout the 21 day study period ([Figure 2](#)).

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318 **16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

319 HYPERRAB is supplied in 1 mL, 3 mL and 5 mL single-dose vials of ready-to-use solution
320 with a potency value of not less than 300 IU/mL.

321 HYPERRAB contains no preservative and is not made with natural rubber latex.

<u>NDC Number</u>	<u>Size</u>
13533-318-01	1 mL
13533-318-03	3 mL
13533-318-05	5 mL

- 322 • Store HYPERRAB at 2 to 8°C (36 to 46°F). Do not freeze.
- 323 ○ HYPERRAB may be stored at room temperatures not to exceed 25°C (77°F) for up to
324 6 months.
- 325 ○ Use within 6 months after removal from refrigeration at any time prior to the
326 expiration date, after which the product must be used or discarded. Do not return to
327 refrigeration.
- 328 • Do not use after expiration date printed on the label.
- 329 • Discard unused portion.

330 **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

331 Discuss the risks and benefits of this product with the patient, before prescribing or
332 administering it to the patient.

333 Inform the patient who is allergic to human immune globulin products that severe, potentially
334 life-threatening allergic reactions could occur. *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*

335 Inform the patient who is deficient in IgA the potential for developing anti-IgA antibodies
336 and severe potentially life-threatening allergic reactions. *[see Warnings and Precautions*
337 *(5.1)]*

338 Inform the patient that HYPERRAB is made from human plasma and may carry a risk of
339 transmitting infectious agents that can cause disease. While the risk that HYPERRAB can
340 transmit an infectious agent has been reduced by screening plasma donors for prior exposure,
341 testing donated plasma, and including manufacturing steps with the capacity to inactivate
342 and/or remove pathogens, the patient should report any symptoms that concern them. *[see*
343 *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*

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