1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Oncept IL-2 lyophilisate and solvent for suspension for injection for cats

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

After reconstitution, each 1 ml dose contains:

Active substances:
Canarypox virus, strain vCP1338, expressing feline interleukin-2 gene, live.....$\geq 10^{6.0}$ $EAID^{1}_{50}$

[1] $EAID_{50}$: ELISA infectious dose 50%.

Excipients:

Qualitative composition of excipients and other constituents
Lyophilisate:
Sucrose
Collagen hydrolysate
Casein hydrolysate
Sodium chloride
Disodium phosphate dihydrate
Potassium dihydrogen phosphate
Solvent:
Water for injections

Lyophilisate: whitish.
Solvent: clear colourless liquid.

3. CLINICAL INFORMATION

3.1 Target species

Cats.

3.2 Indications for use for each target species

Immunotherapy to be used in addition to surgery and radiotherapy in cats with fibrosarcoma (2 - 5 cm diameter) without metastasis or lymph node involvement in order to reduce the risk of relapse and to increase the time to relapse (local recurrence or metastasis). This was demonstrated in a field trial over a period of 2 years.

3.3 Contraindications

None.

3.4 Special warnings

Use of the recommended mode of administration in 5 injection points is important for achieving efficacy of the product; injection in 1 point may lead to reduced efficacy (see section 3.9).

Efficacy has only been tested in conjunction with surgery and radiotherapy; therefore the treatment should be conducted according to treatment course described in section 3.9.

Efficacy has not been tested in cats with metastasis or lymph node involvement.

As safety and efficacy of repetition of the treatment to treat fibrosarcoma recurrence have not been investigated, repetition of the treatment should be considered by the veterinarian taking into account the benefit-risk balance.

Efficacy of the treatment has not been investigated beyond 2 years following treatment.

3.5 Special precautions for use

Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Not applicable.

Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

Canarypox recombinants are known to be safe for humans. Mild local and/or systemic adverse events related to the injection itself may be observed transitorily. Moreover feline IL-2 has been shown to have very low biological activity on human leukocytes compared to human IL-2.

In case of accidental self-injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

Special precautions for the protection of the environment:

Not applicable.

3.6 Adverse events

Cats:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Injection site pain[1] Injection site swelling[1] Injection site scratching[1]
Common (1 to 10 animals / 100 animals treated):	Apathy[2] Elevated temperature[2,3]

[1] Moderate, usually disappears spontaneously within 1 week.
[2] Transient.
[3] Above 39.5 °C.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a veterinary medicinal product. Reports should be sent, preferably via a veterinarian, to either the marketing authorisation holder or its local representative or the national competent authority via the national reporting system. See the package leaflet for respective contact details.

3.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during pregnancy and lactation.

3.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No information is available on the safety and efficacy of this immunological veterinary medicinal product when used with any other veterinary medicinal product. A decision to use this immunological veterinary medicinal product before or after any other veterinary medicinal product therefore needs to be made on a case-by-case basis.

3.9 Administration routes and dosage

Subcutaneous use.

After reconstitution of the suspension shake gently and administer five injections (each approximately 0.2 ml) around the tumour excision site: one injection at each corner and one injection at the centre of a 5 cm x 5 cm square centred on the middle of the surgical scar.

Treatment course: 4 administrations at 1-week intervals (day 0, day 7, day 14, day 21) followed by 2 administrations at 2-week intervals (day 35, day 49).

Start the treatment course the day before radiation therapy, preferably within one month after surgical excision.

3.10 Symptoms of overdose (and where applicable, emergency procedures and antidotes)

After the administration of an overdose (10 doses), transient moderate to marked hyperthermia, as well as local reactions (swelling, erythema or slight pain, and in some cases, heat at the injection site) may occur.

3.11 Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use, including restrictions on the use of antimicrobial and antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products in order to limit the risk of development of resistance

Not applicable.

3.12 Withdrawal periods

Not applicable.

4. IMMUNOLOGICAL INFORMATION

4.1 ATCvet code: QL03AX90.

The vaccine strain vCP1338 is a recombinant canarypox virus expressing feline interleukin-2 (IL-2). The virus expresses the IL-2 gene at the inoculation site, but does not replicate in the cat.

Oncept IL-2 injected into the tumour bed thus delivers *in situ* a low dose of feline interleukin-2, which stimulates antitumour immunity while avoiding toxicity associated with systemic treatment. Specific mechanisms by which immunostimulation induces anti-tumoural activity are not known.

In a randomised clinical study, cats from different origins presenting a fibrosarcoma without metastasis or lymph node involvement were included in two groups, one receiving the reference treatment – surgery and radiotherapy – and the other receiving Oncept IL-2 in addition to surgery and radiotherapy. After two years of study follow-up, Oncept IL-2 treated cats showed a longer median time to relapse (above 730 days) compared to control cats (287 days). Oncept IL-2 treatment reduced the risk of relapse, from 6 months after the start of treatment, by approximately 56% after 1 year and 65% after 2 years, compared to the control group.

5. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

5.1 Major incompatibilities

Do not mix with any other veterinary medicinal product, except the solvent supplied for use with the veterinary medicinal product.

5.2 Shelf life

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 2 years.
Shelf life after reconstitution: use immediately.

5.3 Special precautions for storage

Store and transport refrigerated (2 °C – 8 °C).
Store in the original package.
Protect from light.
Do not freeze.

5.4 Nature and composition of immediate packaging

Type I glass vial with a butyl elastomer closure, sealed with an aluminium cap.

Cardboard box of 6 vials of 1 dose of lyophilisate and 6 vials of 1 ml of solvent.

5.5 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any national collection systems applicable to the veterinary medicinal product concerned.

6. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica GmbH

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

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