## Summary of prescribing information for GABAPIN PLUS tablets

Active Ingredient: each film-coated tablet of GABAPIN PLUS contains: gabapentin + Alpha-lipoic Acid + mecobalamin (100mg + 100mg + 500mcg; 300mg + 100mg + 500 mcg). Indication: treatment of pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy in adults. Dosage: should be taken orally with or without food. Initiate with GABAPIN PLUS 300 tablets - 1 tablet taken once on day 1 (preferably in the evening), twice on day 2 (12 hours apart, BID), and thrice on day 3 (8 hours apart, TID). The dose can subsequently be titrated up as needed for pain relief to a daily dose of up to 6 tablets of GABAPIN PLUS 300 (in 3 divided doses) delivering 1800 mg gabapentin. If GABAPIN PLUS dose is reduced, discontinued or substituted with an alternative medication, this should be done gradually over a minimum of 1 week (a longer period may be needed at the discretion of the prescriber). Contraindications: Known hypersensitivity to gabapentin, alpha-lipoic acid, mecobalamin or its ingredients. Warning and precautions: Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (Multiorgan hypersensitivity): Discontinue if alternative etiology is not established. Anaphylaxis and Angioedema: Discontinue. Driving Impairment; Somnolence/Sedation and Dizziness: Warn patients not to drive until they have gained sufficient experience. Increased seizure frequency may occur in patients with seizure disorders if gabapentin is abruptly discontinued. Suicidal Behavior and Ideation: Monitor for suicidal thoughts/behaviour. Neuropsychiatric Adverse Reactions in Children 3 to 12 Years of Age: Monitor for events. Pregnancy & Lactation: Pregnancy: Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm. Lactation: Gabapentin is secreted in human milk following oral administration. The effects on the breastfed infant and on milk production are unknown. Interaction: gabapentin: Concentrations increased by morphine; may need dose adjustment. Alpha-lipoic Acid: may lower blood glucose levels. Patients with diabetes on antidiabetic medication should have their blood glucose monitored and antidiabetic drug dose appropriately adjusted, if necessary, to avoid possible hypoglycemia. Mecobalamin: Absorption of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> from the gastrointestinal tract may be reduced by neomycin, aminosalicylic acid, histamine H2 receptor antagonists, omeprazole, and colchicine. Serum concentrations may be decreased by use of oral contraceptives. Many of these interactions are unlikely to be of clinical significance Adverse reactions: gabapentin: Most common Somnolence, dizziness, ataxia, fatigue, and nystagmus, viral infection, fever, nausea and/or vomiting, somnolence, and hostility. Alpha-lipoic Acid: ALA is generally well tolerated. Most frequent, allergic reactions affecting the skin, including rashes, hives and itching, Gastrointestinal symptoms, including abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, Malodorous urine (1200mg/day). Mecobalamin: occasionally cause anorexia, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Overdose: symptoms double vision, slurred speech, drowsiness, lethargy, and diarrhea, coma. Management: general supportive care. Gabapentin can be removed by hemodialysis. Although hemodialysis may be indicated by the patient's clinical state or in patients with significant renal impairment.

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It is recommended to refer full prescribing information before prescription.

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