



# MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

## Section 1 – Identification of the Substance and Company

**Product Name:** Vidaza® (Azacitidine for injectable suspension {EU}/ Azacitidine for injection {US})  
**Synonyms:** Mylosar, Ladakamycin

**Intended Use:** Formulated pharmaceutical product for human use

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## Section 2 – Composition / Information on Ingredients

| <b>Ingredient(s):</b> | <b>CAS #</b> | <b>EINECS/ELINCS</b> | <b>% (by wt)</b> | <b>EU Classification</b>         |
|-----------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Azacitidine           | 320-67-2     | 206-280-2            | 50%              | T; R22, R36/37/38, R45, R62, R63 |
| D-Mannitol            | 69-65-8      | 200-711-8            | 50%              | None required                    |

## Section 3 – Hazards Identification

**Appearance:** Lyophilized powder in vial.

**Signal Word:** None Required

**Hazard Overview:** Contains a pharmacologically active compound currently indicated for the treatment of certain myelodysplastic syndromes. The physical, chemical, and ecological properties of this material have not been fully characterized. Exposure by any route should be minimized. Exercise due care: wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

**Statement of Known Hazard:** Contains azacitidine: Probable human carcinogen. May cause hematological toxicity, gastrointestinal effects, fever, fatigue and ecchymosis. Potential reproductive/developmental toxicant.

**EU Classification:** None required

## Section 4 – First Aid Measures

### Eye Contact

Immediately flush eyes thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes; Seek immediate medical assistance and notify supervisor.

### Skin Contact

Remove all contaminated clothing and rinse area thoroughly with soap and water for 15 minutes; Seek immediate medical assistance and notify supervisor.



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### Inhalation

Remove from exposure source; notify medical personnel and supervisor if breathing difficulties develop. Administer artificial respiration if necessary.

### Ingestion

Seek immediate medical assistance. Do not induce vomiting, give liquids, or use any other method to remove poison unless advised by physician or Poison Control.

### Medical Conditions Aggravated by Exposure

No information available.

### Notes to Physician

Formulated product contains azacitidine, a cytotoxic analog of the naturally occurring pyrimidine nucleoside, cytidine. Azacitidine is a probable human carcinogen and may cause hematological toxicity, gastrointestinal effects, fever, fatigue and ecchymosis. Potential reproductive/developmental toxicant. (see section 3 and 11 for more details).

## Section 5 – Fire Fighting Measures

### Flammability/Explosivity

Not considered to be a fire hazard. No explosivity data available.

### Extinguishing Media

Use suitable extinguishing media (e.g., water, alcohol foam, dry chemical, CO<sub>2</sub>).

### Special Fire Fighting Procedures

Wear full protective clothing and a self-contained breathing apparatus with a full facepiece operated in the pressure demand or other positive pressure mode. Decontaminate all equipment after use.

### Hazardous Combustion Products

Carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides

## Section 6 – Accidental Release Measures

If vial is crushed or broken, dust containing drug substance may be released. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust.

### Spill Protection Equipment

For large spills wear a respirator or other device that will protect you from dust or aerosols raised during the spill. Wear safety goggles, water-resistant coveralls, rubber boots and heavy rubber gloves.

### Procedures to be Followed in Case of Leak or Spill

Do not raise dust. Surround spill or powder with absorbents and place a damp cloth or towel over the area to minimize powder from entering the air. Add excess liquid to allow for the material to enter solution. Capture remaining liquid onto spill absorbents. Place spill materials into a leak-proof container suitable for disposal. Decontaminate area a second time. Dispose of material in a manner that is compliant with federal, state and local laws.



## Section 7 – Handling and Storage

### Storage

Store in a dark, well-ventilated area away from sources of ignition and incompatible materials. Protect against physical damage and keep containers tightly sealed. Store at 25°C, with excursions permitted in the range of 15-30°C.

### Other Precautions

Follow recommendations for handling pharmaceutical agents (i.e., use of engineering controls and/or other personnel protective equipment if needed). Wash thoroughly after handling.

## Section 8 – Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

If vials are broken, dust containing drug substance may be released. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Do not breathe dust.

### Occupational Exposure Limit / Occupational Exposure Category or Band

The following information is for components of the formulated product.

None currently established by OSHA, ACGIH or NIOSH.

Celgene has adopted an OEL<sub>8hr-TWA</sub> of 0.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup> for azacitidine.

### Engineering Controls

When practicable, handle material in enclosed processes or in processes with effective and well-engineered local exhaust ventilation. The emphasis of control should be no open handling and containment and control at the source of dust or aerosol generation. For re-constitution, powder should be handled in a barrier isolator, ventilated enclosure, or other equivalent containment device.

### Eye Protection

Wear safety glasses with side shields, chemical splash goggles, or full face shield, if necessary. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for contact with eyes or face.

### Respiratory Protection

- When possible, handle material in enclosed processes or containers. In the laboratory, if it is properly handled with effective containment, respiratory protection may not be needed.
- If conducting activities outside of containment where there is a potential for aerosolization of the drug product, use of an air-purifying respirator with NIOSH/MSHA approval for dusts and mists should be considered. The use of respiratory protection should be appropriate for the job activity being conducted.

### Skin Protection

Rubber (latex) or nitrile gloves are recommended to minimize potential for skin contact when handling in dry form or in aqueous solutions. Double gloves should be considered. When the material is dissolved in an organic solvent, wear gloves that provide protection against the solvent. Wear lab coat or other protective overgarment. Base the choice of protection on the job activity and potential for skin contact.

### Other

Wash hands, face and other potentially exposed areas immediately after handling material (especially before eating, drinking, or smoking). Decontaminate all protective equipment after use. Always exercise extreme care when working with sharps/needles/syringes and potent drugs.



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### Section 9 – Physical and Chemical Properties

**Physical State:** Lyophilized powder in vial

The following data describe the active ingredient, azacitidine.

**Physical State:** Solid  
**Color:** White to off-white  
**Molecular Formula:** C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub>  
**Molecular Weight:** 244.2  
**pH:** Not available  
**Boiling Point:** Not available  
**Melting Point:** 225-230°C  
**Vapor Pressure:** Not available  
**Solubility in Water:** Slightly soluble  
**Evaporation Rate:** Not available  
**Specific Gravity:** Not available  
**Vapor Density:** Not available  
**Percent Volatile:** Not available

### Section 10 – Stability and Reactivity

**Stability:** Rapid decomposition in neutral or alkaline solutions  
**Hazardous Polymerization:** Not expected to occur  
**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None known  
**Conditions to Avoid:** Avoid heat and sunlight  
**Materials to Avoid:** Strong oxidizing agents

### Section 11 – Toxicological Information

The following data describe the active ingredient, azacitidine.

**Acute Toxicity:**

LD<sub>50</sub> oral, mouse: 572 mg/kg  
LD<sub>10</sub> IV, mouse: 87-199 mg/kg  
LD<sub>50</sub> IV, mouse: 117-250 mg/kg  
LD<sub>10</sub> IV, rat: 38 mg/kg  
LD<sub>50</sub> IV, rat: 51 mg/kg  
LD<sub>50</sub> IV, dog: Lethal IV Dose, dog 13.3 mg/kg

**Repeat Dose Toxicity:**

Repeat-dose toxicity studies have been conducted in mice, dogs and monkeys. The main target organs of toxicity were the bone marrow, liver, kidneys and lymphoid tissue.

5-day IV study, dog: No-observed-adverse-effect level (NOAEL) = 0.28 mg/kg/day.

14-day oral study, dog: NOAEL ≈ 0.2 mg/kg/day.

14-day IV study, monkey: A dose of 2.2 mg/kg/day caused mortality, while 1.1 mg/kg/day caused leukopenia, anemia, elevated liver enzymes and increased BUN.



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### **Irritation/Sensitization:**

Mild skin irritation was observed when a 9% solution of azacitidine was topically applied to rabbits. No data on sensitization was identified.

### **Genotoxicity:**

Azacitidine was a weak mutagen in several bacterial systems. It was both mutagenic and clastogenic in mammalian cell systems. Additionally, it induced mitotic recombination and mutations in *Drosophila*. Azacitidine did not induce dominant lethal mutations in mice.

### **Carcinogenicity:**

The potential carcinogenicity of azacitidine was evaluated in mice and rats. Azacitidine induced tumors of the hematopoietic system in female mice at 2.2 mg/kg administered IP three times per week for 52 weeks. An increased incidence of tumors of the lymphoreticular system, lung, mammary gland, and skin was seen in mice treated with azacitidine IP at 2.0 mg/kg once a week for 50 weeks. A tumorigenicity study in rats dosed twice weekly at 2.5 of 10 mg/kg revealed an increased incidence of testicular tumors.

### **Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity:**

Intraperitoneal (IP) administration of azacitidine to male mice at 3.3 mg/kg daily for 3 days prior to mating resulted in decreased fertility and loss of offspring during embryonic and postnatal development periods. Treatment of male rats three times per week for 11 or 16 weeks at IP doses of 2.5 to 5 mg/kg resulted in reduced weight of the testes and epididymides, and decreased sperm counts accompanied by lower pregnancy rates and increased loss of embryos in mated females. In a related study, male rats treated IP for 16 weeks at 24 mg/m<sup>2</sup> resulted in an increase in abnormal embryos in mated females when examined on day 2 of gestation.

Early embryotoxicity studies in mice revealed a ~44% frequency of intrauterine embryonic death after a single IP injection of 6 mg/m<sup>2</sup> azacitidine on gestation day 10. Developmental abnormalities in the brain have been detected in mice given azacitidine on or before gestation day 15 at ~12 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IP. In rats, azacitidine was clearly embryotoxic when given IP on gestation days 4-8 at a dose of 6 mg/m<sup>2</sup>, although treatment earlier in gestation had no adverse effects on the embryos. Azacitidine caused multiple fetal abnormalities in rats after a single IP dose of 3 to 12 mg/m<sup>2</sup> given on gestation day 9, 10, 11 or 12. The fetal abnormalities included: exencephaly/encephalocele, micromelia, club foot, syndactyly, oligodactyly, micrognathia, gastroschisis, edema and rib abnormalities. An increased incidence of leukemia and other malignant neoplasms has also been observed in the offspring of pregnant mice treated with azacitidine at doses lower than the human therapeutic dose.

### **Human Clinical Data**

The recommended subcutaneous dose of azacitidine is 75 mg/m<sup>2</sup> daily for 7 days, every 4 weeks. The most commonly occurring adverse effects with therapeutic use include hematological toxicity (e.g., thrombocytopenia, anemia, neutropenia), fever, gastrointestinal effects (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation), fatigue, injection site erythema, ecchymosis (skin discoloration caused by escape of blood into tissues from ruptured blood vessels).

Azacitidine has been reported as a human skin/eye irritant. It is reasonable to assume that it may also be irritating to other mucous membranes (e.g., respiratory tract).

## **Section 12 – Environmental Information**

No studies identified.



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### Section 13 – Disposal Considerations

All wastes containing the material should be properly labeled. Dispose of wastes in accordance with prescribed federal, state, and local guidelines, e.g., appropriately permitted chemical waste incinerator. Rinse waters resulting from spill cleanups should be discharged in an environmentally safe manner, e.g., appropriately permitted municipal or on-site wastewater treatment facility.

### Section 14 – Transport Information

Hazard Class: Not regulated  
UN Number: None assigned

### Section 15 – Regulatory Information

This MSDS complies with the requirements under 29 CFR 1910.1200 and EU guidelines.

#### OSHA Label

Probable human carcinogen. May cause hematological toxicity, gastrointestinal effects, fever, fatigue and ecchymosis. Potential reproductive/developmental toxicant.

Containers of this material should have affixed the following label (in addition to the identity label):

**Caution:** Contains a pharmacologically active compound. Probable human carcinogen. May cause hematological toxicity, gastrointestinal effects, fever, fatigue and ecchymosis. Potential reproductive/developmental toxicant. Exposure by any route should be minimized. Read and understand the Material Safety Data Sheet before handling material.

**EU Indication of Danger:** None Required  
**EU Risk Phrases:** None Required  
**EU Safety Phrases:** None Required

#### Canada – WHMIS Classifications

None required

**California Proposition 65:** Azacitidine - Listed as carcinogen.  
**SARA 313:** Not listed.  
**CERCLA :** Not listed.  
**RCRA:** Not listed.  
**TSCA:** Not listed.  
**NTP:** Azacitidine -Reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen  
**IARC:** Azacitidine -Group 2A (Probably carcinogenic to humans)  
**NIOSH:** Azacitidine -Listed as a hazardous drug  
**Other:** Azacitidine -Listed as hazard communication carcinogen under OSHA.

### Section 16 – Other Information

#### Abbreviations from Sections 2, 3 and 15

R22 Harmful if swallowed



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| R36/37/28 | Irritating to eyes, respiratory system and skin |
| R45       | May cause cancer                                |
| R62       | Possible risk of impaired fertility             |
| R63       | Possible risk harm to the unborn child          |
| T - Toxic |   |

### Sources of Key Data Used to Compile MSDS

Information from published literature, Investigator's Brochure, previous versions of MSDS

This MSDS supersedes the previous Pharmion version 2.0.

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