

## Package leaflet: Information for the user

### Kabiven, emulsion for infusion

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

#### **What is in this leaflet:**

1. What Kabiven is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you are given Kabiven
3. How you are given Kabiven
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Kabiven
6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### **1. What Kabiven is and what it is used for**

Kabiven comes in a three chamber bag in an overpouch. Kabiven contains the following medicines: amino acids (components used to build proteins), fat, glucose and electrolyte solutions. It provides energy (as sugar and fat) and amino acids into your bloodstream when you cannot eat normally.

It is used as part of a balanced intravenous diet, together with salts, trace elements and vitamins which together provide your complete nutritional needs.

#### **2. What you need to know before you are given Kabiven**

##### **You should not receive Kabiven:**

- if you are allergic to any of the active substances or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).
- if you are allergic to products containing **egg, soya or peanut**
- if you have too much fatty substances (like cholesterol) in your blood
- if you have seriously reduced **liver** function
- if you suffer from **acute shock** (resulting from heavy blood loss or allergic reaction)
- if you have a **defect in your blood clotting system** (haemophagocytotic syndrome) or if your **blood is not clotting properly**
- if you have a condition where your body has problems using **proteins or amino acids**
- if you have severe problems with your **kidneys**
- if you have hyperglycaemia (**too much sugar in your blood**) where the administration of more than 6 units of insulin per hour is required
- if you have **raised levels of electrolytes** (salts) in your blood
- if you have **metabolic acidosis** (the acid levels of your body fluids and tissues become too high)
- if you have **too much fluid** in your body (hyperhydration)
- if you have **fluid on your lungs** (acute pulmonary oedema)
- if you are in a **coma**
- if you have **heart** problems
- if you are **dehydrated** with low levels of salts
- if you have **severe sepsis** (a condition in which your body is fighting a severe infection)

## **Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor before you are given Kabiven if you have:

- reduced **liver** function
- untreated **diabetes**
- a condition where your body has **problems using fat** properly
- **kidney** problems
- any **pancreas** problems
- **thyroid** problems - hypothyroidism
- **sepsis** (a condition in which your body is fighting an infection)
- your body has problems eliminating electrolytes
- a condition where there is **not enough oxygen** in your body cells
- increased serum osmolarity

If during the infusion you get a fever, rash, shiver or have difficulty breathing tell the health care professional immediately. These symptoms might be caused by an allergic reaction or show that you have been given too much of the medicine (see section 4).

This medicine may affect the results of other tests you may have. It is important to tell any doctor doing tests that you are using Kabiven.

Your doctor may want to do regular blood tests to make sure that the treatment with Kabiven is working correctly.

## **Children**

Kabiven will not be given to newborns or children under two years of age.

## **Other medicines and Kabiven**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

Inform your doctor if you are taking

- a drug known as heparin which is used to prevent the formation and aid in the dispersion of blood clots
- warfarin, because Vitamin K1, which is contained in soybean oil, could affect the blood clotting ability
- Insulin for the treatment of diabetes

## **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before you are given this medicine.

The safety of using Kabiven while pregnant or breast-feeding has not been looked into. If feeding directly into your vein (parenteral nutrition) becomes necessary during pregnancy or breast-feeding, your doctor will give you Kabiven only after careful consideration.

## **Driving and using machines**

Kabiven is not expected to affect your ability to drive and use machines.

## **3. How you are given Kabiven**

You will receive your medicine by infusion only into a central vein. The dose of Kabiven and which bag size is used depends on your bodyweight in kilograms and your body's ability to use fat and sugar. Kabiven will be infused slowly over a period of 12-24 hours. Your doctor will decide on the correct dose for you or your child to receive. You may be monitored during your treatment.

## **Children**

Kabiven is not suitable for use in newborns or children under two years of age.

### **If you are given more Kabiven than you should**

It is very unlikely that you will receive more infusion than you should as your doctor or nurse will monitor you during the treatment. The effects of an overdose may include nausea, vomiting, sweating and fluid retention. Hyperglycaemia (too much sugar in your blood) and electrolyte disturbances have also been reported. In case of overdose there is a risk of taking in too much fat. This is called 'fat overload syndrome'. See section 4 "Possible side effects" for more information. If you experience any of the symptoms described above or believe that you have received too much Kabiven inform your doctor or nurse immediately. The infusion may either be stopped immediately or continued with a reduced dosage. These symptoms will usually disappear on reducing the rate or stopping the infusion.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist

## **4. Possible side effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Kabiven may cause an allergic reaction (very rare, may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people). Tell your doctor immediately if:**

- a bumpy and itchy rash appears on your body
- you have very high temperature
- you have difficulties breathing

Other side effects include:

**Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)**

- a slightly raised body temperature

**Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)**

- chills
- tiredness
- stomach pain
- headache
- feeling sick or being sick
- increase of liver enzymes. Your doctor will tell you if this happens.

**Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)**

- high or low blood pressure
- difficulty in breathing
- prolonged, painful erections in men
- problems with your blood

### **Fat overload syndrome**

This might happen when your body has problems using fat, because of having too much Kabiven. It may also happen because of a sudden change in your condition (such as kidney problems or infection). Possible symptoms are fever, increased levels of fat in your blood, your cells and your tissues, disorders in various organs and coma. All these symptoms will usually disappear if the infusion is discontinued.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly (see details below). By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

For the UK: you can report side effects directly via the Yellow card Scheme [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)

For Ireland: You can also report side effects directly via HPRa Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517.  
Website: www.hpra.ie; E-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie.

## 5. How to store Kabiven

### Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Your doctor and hospital pharmacist are responsible for the correct storage, use and disposal of Kabiven. Do not store above 25° C. Do not freeze and always keep the container in the outer container.

The emulsion must not be used after the expiry date shown on the label.

Do not use if the bag is leaking

For single use only. Any mixture remaining after infusion must be discarded.

## 6. Contents of the pack and other information

### What Kabiven contains

Kabiven is available in a three chamber bag system. Each bag contains the following different volumes depending on the four pack sizes:

	2566 ml	2053 ml	1540 ml	1026 ml
Glucose (Glucose 19%)	1316 ml	1053 ml	790 ml	526 ml
Amino acids and electrolytes (Vamin 18 Novum)	750 ml	600 ml	450 ml	300 ml
Fat emulsion (Intralipid 20%)	500 ml	400 ml	300 ml	200 ml

- The active substances are

Purified soybean oil	100 g	80 g	60 g	40 g
Glucose monohydrate	275 g	220 g	165 g	110 g
Corresponding to Glucose (anhydrous)	250 g	200 g	150 g	100 g
Alanine	12.0 g	9.6 g	7.2 g	4.8 g
Arginine	8.5 g	6.8 g	5.1 g	3.4 g
Aspartic acid	2.6 g	2.0 g	1.5 g	1.0 g
Glutamic acid	4.2 g	3.4 g	2.5 g	1.7 g
Glycine	5.9 g	4.7 g	3.6 g	2.4 g
Histidine	5.1 g	4.1 g	3.1 g	2.0 g
Isoleucine	4.2 g	3.4 g	2.5 g	1.7 g
Leucine	5.9 g	4.7 g	3.6 g	2.4 g
Lysine hydrochloride	8.5 g	6.8 g	5.1 g	3.4 g
Corresponding to Lysine	6.8 g	5.4 g	4.1 g	2.7 g
Methionine	4.2 g	3.4 g	2.5 g	1.7 g
Phenylalanine	5.9 g	4.7 g	3.6 g	2.4 g
Proline	5.1 g	4.1 g	3.1 g	2.0 g
Serine	3.4 g	2.7 g	2.0 g	1.4 g
Threonine	4.2 g	3.4 g	2.5 g	1.7 g
Tryptophan	1.4 g	1.1 g	0.86 g	0.57 g
Tyrosine	0.17 g	0.14 g	0.10 g	0.07 g
Valine	5.5 g	4.4 g	3.3 g	2.2 g
Calcium chloride (as dihydrate)	0.56 g	0.44 g	0.33 g	0.22 g
Sodium glycerophosphate (as hydrated)	3.8 g	3.0 g	2.3 g	1.5 g
Magnesium sulphate (as heptahydrate)	1.2 g	0.96 g	0.72 g	0.48 g
Potassium chloride	4.5 g	3.6 g	2.7 g	1.8 g
Sodium acetate (as trihydrate)	3.7 g	2.9 g	2.2 g	1.5 g

- The other ingredients are  
Purified egg phospholipids  
Glycerol, sodium hydroxide  
Glacial acetic acid  
Water for injections

**What Kabiven looks like and contents of the pack**

Glucose and amino acid solutions are clear and colourless or slightly yellow and the fat emulsion is white. Kabiven consists of a three chamber bag and an overpouch. An oxygen absorber is placed between the inner bag and the overpouch, which should be discarded before use. The inner bag is separated into three chambers by peelable seals. The contents of the three chambers have to be mixed before use, by opening the peelable seals.

**Pack sizes:**

- 1 x 1026 ml, 4 x 1026 ml
- 1 x 1540 ml, 4 x 1540 ml
- 1 x 2053 ml, 4 x 2053 ml (Biofine)
- 1 x 2566 ml, 3 x 2566 (Biofine)

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer**

**Marketing Authorisation Holder**

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**Manufacturer**

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**This medicinal product is authorised in the Member States of the EEA under the following names:**

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Germany	Kabiven
Greece	Kabiven
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### **Warnings and precautions for use**

To avoid risks associated with too rapid infusion rates, it is recommended to use a continuous and well-controlled infusion, if possible by using a volumetric pump.

Since an increased risk of infection is associated with the use of any central vein, strict aseptic precautions should be taken to avoid any contamination especially during catheter insertion.

Serum glucose, electrolytes and osmolality as well as fluid balance, acid-base status and liver and enzyme tests should be monitored.

Any sign or symptom of anaphylactic reaction (such as fever, shivering, rash or dyspnoea) should lead to immediate interruption of the infusion.

Kabiven should not be given simultaneously with blood in the same infusion set due to the risk of pseudoagglutination.

### **Method of administration**

Intravenous use, infusion into a central vein.

To provide total parenteral nutrition, trace elements, vitamins and possibly electrolytes (taking into account the electrolytes already present in Kabiven) should be added to Kabiven according to the patients need.

### **Infusion rate**

The maximum infusion rate for glucose is 0.25 g/kg/h.

Amino acid dosage should not exceed 0.1 g/kg/h.

Fat dosage should not provide more than 0.15 g/kg/h.

The infusion rate should not exceed 2.6 ml/kg body weight/hour (corresponding to 0.25 g glucose, 0.09 g amino acid and 0.1 g fat/kg body weight). The recommended infusion period is 12-24 hours.

### **Precautions for disposal**

Do not use if package is damaged. Use only if the amino acid and glucose solutions are clear and colourless or slightly yellow and the fat emulsion is white and homogenous. The contents of the three separate chambers have to be mixed before use and before any additions are made via the additive port.

After separation of the peelable seals the bag should be inverted three times to ensure a homogenous mixture which does not show any evidence of phase separation.

For single use only. Any mixture remaining after infusion must be discarded.

### **Compatibility**

Only medicinal or nutrition solutions for which compatibility has been documented may be added to Kabiven. Compatibility for different additives and the storage time of the different admixtures will be available upon request.

Additions should be made aseptically.

## **Shelf-life**

### *Shelf-life after mixing*

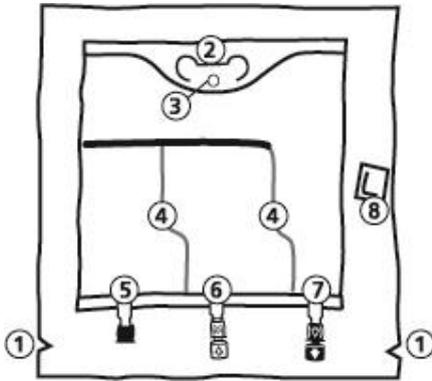
After breaking the seals, chemical and physical in-use stability of the mixed three chamber bag has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 25°C.

### *Shelf-life after mixing with additives*

After opening the peelable seals and mixing of the three solutions, additions can be made via additive port. From a microbiological point of view the product should be used immediately when additions have been made. If not used immediately, the in-use storage time and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and should normally not be longer than 24 hours at 2-8°C. If storage can not be avoided and provided that additions are made under controlled and validated aseptic conditions the mixed emulsion may be stored up to 6 days at 2-8°C before being used. After removal from storage at 2-8°C, the admixture should be infused within 24 hours.

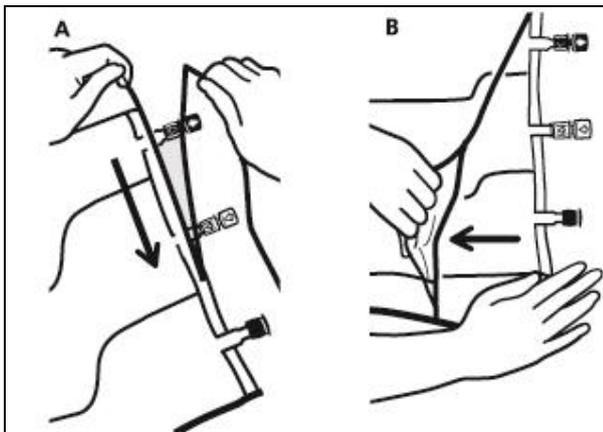
## Kabiven Instructions for use

### The bag



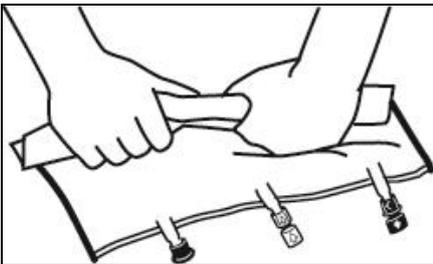
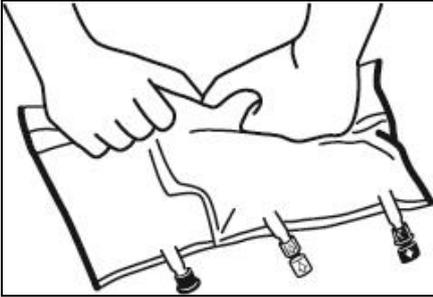
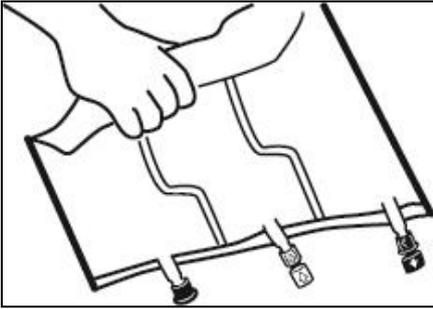
1. Notches in the overpouch
2. Handle
3. Hole for hanging the bag
4. Peelable seals
5. Blind port (only used during Manufacturing)
6. Additive port
7. Infusion port
8. Oxygen absorber

### 1. Removal of overpouch



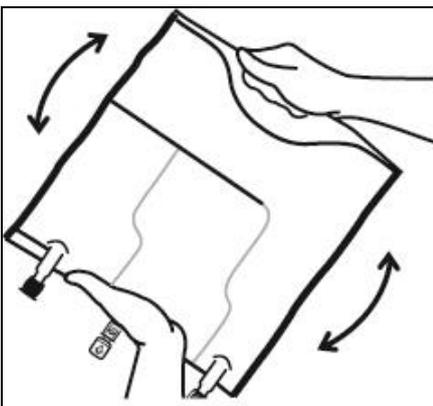
- To remove overpouch, hold the bag horizontally and tear from the notch close to the ports along the upper edge (A).
- Then simply tear the long side, pull off the overpouch and discard it along with the oxygen absorber (B).

## 2. Mixing



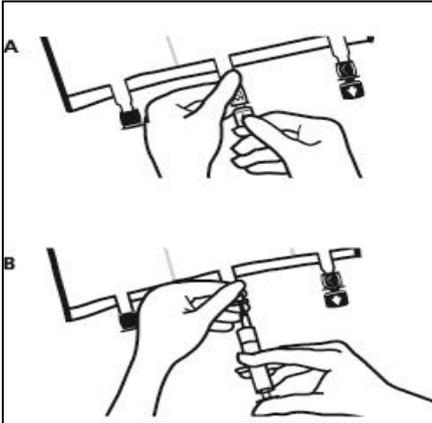
- Place the bag on a flat surface.
- Roll up the bag tightly from the handle side towards the ports, firstly with the right hand and then applying a constant pressure with the left hand until the vertical seals are broken. The vertical peel seals open due to the pressure of the fluid. The peel seals can also be opened before removing the overpouch.

**Please note:** The liquids mix easily although the horizontal seal remains closed.



- Mix the contents of the three chambers by inverting the bag three times until the components are thoroughly mixed.

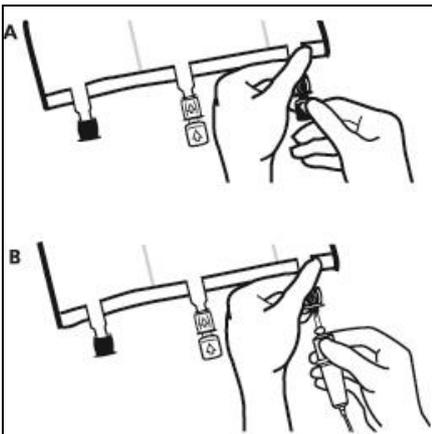
### 3. Finalising the preparation:



- Place the bag on a flat surface again. Shortly before injecting the additives, break off the tamper-evident arrow flag from the white additive port (A).

**Please note:** The membrane in the additive port is sterile.

- Hold the base of the additive port. Insert the needle, inject the additives (with known compatibility) through the centre of the injection site (B).
- Mix thoroughly between each addition by inverting the bag three times. Use syringes with needles of 18-23 gauge and a length of max. 40 mm.



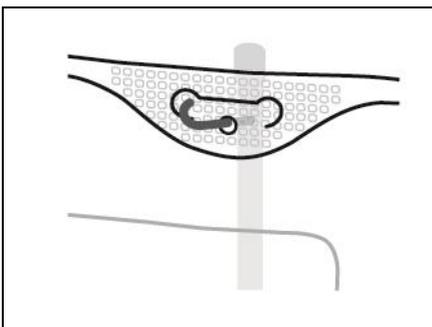
- Shortly before inserting the infusion set, break off the tamper-evident arrow flag from the blue infusion port (A).

**Please note:** The membrane in the infusion port is sterile.

- Use a non-vented infusion set or close the air-inlet on a vented set.
- Hold the base of the infusion port.
- Push the spike through the infusion port. The spike should be fully inserted to secure it in place.

**Please note:** The inner part of the infusion port is sterile.

### 4. Hooking up the bag



- Hook the bag up by the hole below the handle.