



# Irish Blood Transfusion Service

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PRODUCT MASTER FILE**

**TITLE: LEUCOCYTES POOLED, RED CELL REDUCED, IRRADIATED, (SOURCE OF GRANULOCYTES)**

**Change Description:**

1. In "Pathogen Transmission" section: Change remove the word "leucodepleted" in the following sentence: "The risk of CMV transmission is minimal as the components are leucodepleted"
2. In "Pathogen Transmission" section: Change add word "CMV-" to the following sentence: "The risk of CMV transmission is minimal as the components are CMV-"
3. In "Pathogen Transmission" section: Remove: "reduced but not eliminated by bacterial screening" from sentence: "Sepsis due to bacterial contamination (reduced but not eliminated by bacterial screening)"

**Reason for Change:**

1. Leucodepleted" is not correct.
2. Only CMV – components are used.
3. Bacterial screening not performed.

**Change order No.:**

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**Referenced Documents**

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PRODUCT MASTER FILE**

**TITLE: LEUCOCYTES POOLED, RED CELL REDUCED, IRRADIATED, (SOURCE OF GRANULOCYTES)**

**Name of Product: LEUCOCYTES Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated,  
(Source of Granulocytes)**

**E Progesa Codabar Component Code: 54264**

**E Progesa ISBT-128 Component Code: E8208V00**

**General Description:** Leucocytes Pooled obtained by pooling up to 5 units of buffy coats derived from whole blood within 24 hours of venepuncture by centrifugation and automated separation. The selected donors meet the additional criteria for neonatal use. These pools contain granulocytes as a major cellular component suspended in anticoagulated blood. Red cell content is reduced by removal following centrifugation.

**General Specification:**

Parameter	Quality Requirement	Frequency of Control
Volume Range	44 - 62 ml per unit pooled	100 %
Leucocyte Content	$1.6 \times 10^9$ per unit pooled	1%

**Labelling:** See Appendix A

**Storage:** Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) should be used as soon as possible. If delay is unavoidable, the component should be stored at a core temperature of  $22^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$  without agitation and used within 24 hours.

**Irradiation:** Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) **must** be irradiated **immediately** before issue.

**Transportation:** Transport containers should be kept open at room temperature for 30 minutes before use. During transportation from the Irish Blood Transfusion Service to the place where they are intended for use, the temperature of Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) must be kept as close as possible to the recommended storage temperature. On receipt, if not transfused immediately, they should be transferred to storage at  $22^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ , unagitated.

**Indications for Use:** May be used in severely neutropenic patients with proven sepsis while receiving adequate antibiotic therapy.

**Precautions in Use:**

- As there is significant red cell contamination, compatibility testing is required.
- Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) should be infused intravenously through a set containing an inline 170-200  $\mu\text{m}$  filter.
- Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) **must** be irradiated before transfusion.
- No solution should be added to the bag or giving set.
- Components should be inspected visually for defects, leakage, abnormal colour or visible clots.
- Rh D negative female recipients of child bearing potential should preferably not be transfused with Leucocytes Pooled, Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated, (Source of Granulocytes) from Rh D positive donors
- HLA alloimmunised recipients require HLA matched components if available.

**Adverse Effects Include:**

- Circulatory overload;
- Haemolytic transfusion reaction;
  - Graft versus host disease due to transfusion of viable lymphocytes can occur, but is minimised by exposure of the suspension to ionising radiation before transfusion;
- Hypersensitivity reactions may occur but there is a reduced incidence of chills and fever;
- Non-haemolytic transfusion reactions may occur (namely fever, chills and urticaria);
- Anaphylaxis
- Pathogen transmission
  - Despite careful donor selection and laboratory screening procedures, infections including Syphilis, Viral Hepatitis, HIV, HTLV 1 & 11 and other viruses and protozoa (e.g. malaria) may, in rare instances, occur.
  - vCJD transmission
  - Transmission of other pathogens that are not tested for or recognised.
  - The risk of CMV transmission is minimal as the components are CMV-
  - Sepsis due to bacterial contamination
- Immunological effects
  - Alloimmunisation to HLA, HPA and red cell antigens
  - Post Transfusion purpura (PTP), especially in parous female recipients

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- Transfusion related Acute Lung injury (TRALI) by donor HLA/granulocyte antibodies
- Metabolic upset
  - Citrate toxicity, especially in neonates and in patients with impaired hepatic function.
  - $\uparrow$  K<sup>+</sup> in massive transfusions, especially where patient is hypothermic or acidotic or has impaired renal function.
  - Hypocalcaemia.
  - Hypoglycaemia.
  - Hypokalaemia.
- Iron overload
  - In patients on chronic red cell transfusion support programmes.

### Serious Adverse Reaction

Please inform the IBTS immediately about any event relating to suspected bacterial sepsis/transfusion associated bacterial sepsis

Serious adverse reactions should be reported to:

#### **National Haemovigilance Office**

Irish Blood Transfusion Service  
National Blood Centre  
James's Street  
Dublin 8

AND

#### **Quality Assurance Manager**

Irish Blood Transfusion Service

AT EITHER

National Blood Centre  
James's Street  
Dublin 8

OR

Munster Regional Transfusion Centre  
St Finbarr's Hospital  
Douglas Road, Cork

APPENDIX A

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**Product Name**

LEUCOCYTES Pooled,  
Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated,  
(Source of Granulocytes)

**Shelf Life**

24 hours

**Labelling and Barcode:**

(for illustration purposes only – barcodes not suitable for scanning – label not to scale)

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LEUCOCYTES Pooled,  
Red Cell Reduced, Irradiated,  
(Source of Granulocytes)  
Store at 22°C ± 2°C

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Drawn 29 Mar 2021

300 ml

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This component must not be used if there are visible signs of deterioration. This component may transmit infection  
DO NOT AGITATE  
Must be administered using a suitable transfusion set incorporating a 170 – 200 µm filter.

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**Rh D Positive**  
CMV Antibody Negative

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Expiry 30 Mar 2021 14:32

Units in pool: 1

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Expiry 30/03/2021

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