

# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## Peginterferon Alfa-2b Powder Formulation

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### SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION

Product name : Peginterferon Alfa-2b Powder Formulation

#### Manufacturer or supplier's details

Company name of supplier : Merck & Co., Inc  
Address : 126 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Rahway, New Jersey U.S.A. 07065  
Telephone : 908-740-4000  
Emergency telephone : 1-908-423-6000  
E-mail address : EHSDATASTEWARD@merck.com

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use

Recommended use : Pharmaceutical  
Restrictions on use : Not applicable

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### SECTION 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### GHS classification in accordance with the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Combustible dust

Reproductive toxicity : Category 1B

#### GHS label elements

Hazard pictograms :



Signal Word : Danger

Hazard Statements : If small particles are generated during further processing, handling or by other means, may form combustible dust concentrations in air.  
H360FD May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

Precautionary Statements : **Prevention:**  
P201 Obtain special instructions before use.  
P202 Do not handle until all safety precautions have been read and understood.  
P280 Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection and face protection.

**Response:**  
P308 + P313 IF exposed or concerned: Get medical attention.

**Storage:**  
P405 Store locked up.

**Disposal:**

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P501 Dispose of contents and container to an approved waste disposal plant.

### Other hazards

Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.

### SECTION 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Substance / Mixture : Mixture

#### Components

Chemical name	CAS-No.	Concentration (% w/w)
Sucrose	57-50-1	>= 90 - <= 100
Peginterferon Alfa-2b	215647-85-1	>= 0.1 - < 1

Actual concentration is withheld as a trade secret

### SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

- General advice : In the case of accident or if you feel unwell, seek medical advice immediately.  
When symptoms persist or in all cases of doubt seek medical advice.
- If inhaled : If inhaled, remove to fresh air.  
Get medical attention.
- In case of skin contact : In case of contact, immediately flush skin with soap and plenty of water.  
Remove contaminated clothing and shoes.  
Get medical attention.  
Wash clothing before reuse.  
Thoroughly clean shoes before reuse.
- In case of eye contact : If in eyes, rinse well with water.  
Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
- If swallowed : If swallowed, DO NOT induce vomiting.  
Get medical attention.  
Rinse mouth thoroughly with water.
- Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed : May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.  
Contact with dust can cause mechanical irritation or drying of the skin.  
Dust contact with the eyes can lead to mechanical irritation.
- Protection of first-aiders : First Aid responders should pay attention to self-protection, and use the recommended personal protective equipment when the potential for exposure exists (see section 8).
- Notes to physician : Treat symptomatically and supportively.

### SECTION 5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES

- Suitable extinguishing media : Water spray  
Alcohol-resistant foam  
Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)  
Dry chemical
- Unsuitable extinguishing : None known.

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- media  
Specific hazards during fire fighting : Avoid generating dust; fine dust dispersed in air in sufficient concentrations, and in the presence of an ignition source is a potential dust explosion hazard. Exposure to combustion products may be a hazard to health.
- Hazardous combustion products : Metal oxides  
Phosphorus compounds  
Oxides of phosphorus  
Carbon oxides
- Specific extinguishing methods : Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment. Use water spray to cool unopened containers. Remove undamaged containers from fire area if it is safe to do so. Evacuate area.
- Special protective equipment for fire-fighters : In the event of fire, wear self-contained breathing apparatus. Use personal protective equipment.
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### SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

- Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures : Use personal protective equipment. Follow safe handling advice (see section 7) and personal protective equipment recommendations (see section 8).
- Environmental precautions : Avoid release to the environment. Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Retain and dispose of contaminated wash water. Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained.
- Methods and materials for containment and cleaning up : Sweep up or vacuum up spillage and collect in suitable container for disposal. Avoid dispersal of dust in the air (i.e., clearing dust surfaces with compressed air). Dust deposits should not be allowed to accumulate on surfaces, as these may form an explosive mixture if they are released into the atmosphere in sufficient concentration. Local or national regulations may apply to releases and disposal of this material, as well as those materials and items employed in the cleanup of releases. You will need to determine which regulations are applicable. Sections 13 and 15 of this SDS provide information regarding certain local or national requirements.
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### SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Technical measures : Static electricity may accumulate and ignite suspended dust causing an explosion. Provide adequate precautions, such as electrical grounding and bonding, or inert atmospheres.
- Local/Total ventilation : If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust
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Advice on safe handling	:	ventilation. Do not get on skin or clothing. Do not breathe dust. Do not swallow. Avoid contact with eyes. Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice, based on the results of the workplace exposure assessment Keep container tightly closed. Minimize dust generation and accumulation. Keep container closed when not in use. Keep away from heat and sources of ignition. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. Take care to prevent spills, waste and minimize release to the environment.
Conditions for safe storage	:	Keep in properly labeled containers. Store locked up. Keep tightly closed. Store in accordance with the particular national regulations.
Materials to avoid	:	Do not store with the following product types: Strong oxidizing agents Self-reactive substances and mixtures Organic peroxides Explosives Gases

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### SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### Ingredients with workplace control parameters

inert or nuisance dust	50 Million particles per cubic foot Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (total dust) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction) Basis: OSHA Z-3
	15 Million particles per cubic foot Value type (Form of exposure): TWA (respirable fraction) Basis: OSHA Z-3
Dust, nuisance dust and particulates	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (Total dust) Basis: CAL PEL
	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Value type (Form of exposure): PEL (respirable dust fraction) Basis: CAL PEL

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Components	CAS-No.	Value type (Form of exposure)	Control parameters / Permissible concentration	Basis
Sucrose	57-50-1	TWA	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ACGIH
		TWA (Respirable)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH REL
		TWA (total)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	NIOSH REL
		TWA (total dust)	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
		TWA (respirable fraction)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	OSHA Z-1
Peginterferon Alfa-2b	215647-85-1	TWA (inhalable fraction)	0.2 µg/m <sup>3</sup> (OEB 5)	Internal

**Engineering measures** : Minimize workplace exposure concentrations.  
Apply measures to prevent dust explosions.  
Ensure that dust-handling systems (such as exhaust ducts, dust collectors, vessels, and processing equipment) are designed in a manner to prevent the escape of dust into the work area (i.e., there is no leakage from the equipment).  
If sufficient ventilation is unavailable, use with local exhaust ventilation.

### Personal protective equipment

**Respiratory protection** : General and local exhaust ventilation is recommended to maintain vapor exposures below recommended limits. Where concentrations are above recommended limits or are unknown, appropriate respiratory protection should be worn. Follow OSHA respirator regulations (29 CFR 1910.134) and use NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. Protection provided by air purifying respirators against exposure to any hazardous chemical is limited. Use a positive pressure air supplied respirator if there is any potential for uncontrolled release, exposure levels are unknown, or any other circumstance where air purifying respirators may not provide adequate protection.

### Hand protection

**Material** : Chemical-resistant gloves

**Remarks** : Choose gloves to protect hands against chemicals depending on the concentration specific to place of work. Breakthrough time is not determined for the product. Change gloves often!  
For special applications, we recommend clarifying the resistance to chemicals of the aforementioned protective gloves with the glove manufacturer. Wash hands before breaks and at the end of workday.

**Eye protection** : Wear the following personal protective equipment:  
Safety goggles

**Skin and body protection** : Select appropriate protective clothing based on chemical resistance data and an assessment of the local exposure potential.

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Hygiene measures : Skin contact must be avoided by using impervious protective clothing (gloves, aprons, boots, etc).  
: If exposure to chemical is likely during typical use, provide eye flushing systems and safety showers close to the working place.  
When using do not eat, drink or smoke.  
Wash contaminated clothing before re-use.

### SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	:	powder
Color	:	White to light yellow
Odor	:	No data available
Odor Threshold	:	No data available
pH	:	No data available
Melting point/freezing point	:	No data available
Initial boiling point and boiling range	:	No data available
Flash point	:	No data available
Evaporation rate	:	No data available
Flammability (solid, gas)	:	May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.
Flammability (liquids)	:	No data available
Upper explosion limit / Upper flammability limit	:	No data available
Lower explosion limit / Lower flammability limit	:	No data available
Vapor pressure	:	No data available
Relative vapor density	:	No data available
Density	:	1 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Solubility(ies)	:	
Water solubility	:	No data available
Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water	:	No data available
Autoignition temperature	:	No data available
Decomposition temperature	:	No data available

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Viscosity  
Viscosity, dynamic : No data available  
Viscosity, kinematic : No data available  
Explosive properties : Not explosive  
Oxidizing properties : The substance or mixture is not classified as oxidizing.  
Molecular weight : No data available  
Particle size : No data available

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### SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity : Not classified as a reactivity hazard.  
Chemical stability : Stable under normal conditions.  
Possibility of hazardous reactions : May form explosive dust-air mixture during processing, handling or other means.  
Can react with strong oxidizing agents.  
Conditions to avoid : Heat, flames and sparks.  
Avoid dust formation.  
Incompatible materials : Oxidizing agents  
Hazardous decomposition products : No hazardous decomposition products are known.

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### SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

Inhalation  
Skin contact  
Ingestion  
Eye contact

#### Acute toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

##### Sucrose:

Acute oral toxicity : LD50 (Rat): 29,700 mg/kg

##### Peginterferon Alfa-2b:

Acute toxicity (other routes of administration) : LD50 (Rat): > 20.1 mg/kg  
Application Route: Intravenous

LD50 (Monkey): > 9.8 mg/kg

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### Skin corrosion/irritation

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

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Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Mild skin irritation

### Serious eye damage/eye irritation

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Species	:	Rabbit
Result	:	Mild eye irritation

### Respiratory or skin sensitization

#### **Skin sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

#### **Respiratory sensitization**

Not classified based on available information.

#### **Germ cell mutagenicity**

Not classified based on available information.

#### Components:

#### **Sucrose:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: In vitro mammalian cell gene mutation test Result: negative
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#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Genotoxicity in vitro	:	Test Type: reverse mutation assay Result: negative
		Test Type: Chromosomal aberration Test system: Human lymphocytes Result: negative
Genotoxicity in vivo	:	Test Type: In vivo micronucleus test Species: Mouse Result: negative

### Carcinogenicity

Not classified based on available information.

**IARC** No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as probable, possible or confirmed human carcinogen by IARC.

**OSHA** No component of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is

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on OSHA's list of regulated carcinogens.

**NTP**      No ingredient of this product present at levels greater than or equal to 0.1% is identified as a known or anticipated carcinogen by NTP.

### **Reproductive toxicity**

May damage fertility. May damage the unborn child.

### **Components:**

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Effects on fertility      :    Test Type: Fertility/early embryonic development  
Species: Monkey, female  
Application Route: Subcutaneous  
Dose: 0.35 milligram per kilogram  
Symptoms: Effect on estrous cycle

Reproductive toxicity - Assessment      :    Clear evidence of adverse effects on development, based on animal experiments., Clear evidence of adverse effects on sexual function and fertility, based on animal experiments.

### **STOT-single exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

### **STOT-repeated exposure**

Not classified based on available information.

### **Components:**

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Target Organs      :    Gastrointestinal tract, Immune system, Cardio-vascular system, Endocrine system, Central nervous system, Liver, Respiratory Tract, Eye  
Assessment      :    Causes damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

### **Repeated dose toxicity**

### **Components:**

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Species      :    Mouse  
NOAEL      :    0.0038 mg/kg  
Application Route      :    Subcutaneous  
Exposure time      :    9 d

Species      :    Rat  
NOAEL      :    0.0042 mg/kg  
Application Route      :    Subcutaneous  
Exposure time      :    30 d

Species      :    Monkey  
LOAEL      :    0.12 mg/kg

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Application Route : Subcutaneous  
Exposure time : 30 d  
Target Organs : Blood, Bone marrow, Immune system

Species : Monkey  
NOAEL : 0.015 mg/kg  
LOAEL : 0.077 mg/kg  
Exposure time : 3 Months  
Target Organs : Respiratory Tract, Cardio-vascular system, Central nervous system, Bone marrow

### Aspiration toxicity

Not classified based on available information.

### Experience with human exposure

#### Components:

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Inhalation : Symptoms: flu-like symptoms, Gastrointestinal disturbance, mental depression, tingling

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## SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### Ecotoxicity

#### Components:

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

#### **Ecotoxicology Assessment**

Acute aquatic toxicity : No data available

Chronic aquatic toxicity : No data available

### Persistence and degradability

#### Components:

#### **Peginterferon Alfa-2b:**

Biodegradability : Result: Readily biodegradable.  
Biodegradation: 63 %  
Exposure time: 28 d  
Method: OECD Test Guideline 301B

### Bioaccumulative potential

#### Components:

#### **Sucrose:**

Partition coefficient: n-octanol/water : Pow: < 1

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### Mobility in soil

No data available

### Other adverse effects

No data available

## SECTION 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Disposal methods

Waste from residues : Dispose of in accordance with local regulations.  
Do not dispose of waste into sewer.

Contaminated packaging : Empty containers should be taken to an approved waste handling site for recycling or disposal.  
If not otherwise specified: Dispose of as unused product.

## SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### International Regulations

#### UNRTDG

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### IATA-DGR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

#### IMDG-Code

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code

Not applicable for product as supplied.

### Domestic regulation

#### 49 CFR

Not regulated as a dangerous good

### Special precautions for user

Not applicable

## SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### CERCLA Reportable Quantity

Listed substances in the product are at low enough levels to not be expected to exceed the RQ

### SARA 304 Extremely Hazardous Substances Reportable Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 304 EHS RQ.

### SARA 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances Threshold Planning Quantity

This material does not contain any components with a section 302 EHS TPQ.

**SARA 311/312 Hazards** : Combustible dust  
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**SARA 313** : This material does not contain any chemical components with known CAS numbers that exceed the threshold (De Minimis) reporting levels established by SARA Title III, Section 313.

### US State Regulations

#### Pennsylvania Right To Know

Sucrose 57-50-1  
Disodium hydrogenorthophosphate 7558-79-4

#### California List of Hazardous Substances

Disodium hydrogenorthophosphate 7558-79-4

#### California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants

Sucrose 57-50-1

#### The ingredients of this product are reported in the following inventories:

AICS : not determined

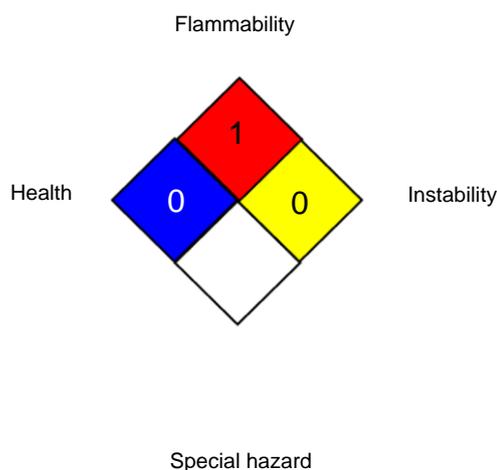
DSL : not determined

IECSC : not determined

## SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### Further information

#### NFPA 704:



#### HMIS® IV:

HEALTH	*	0
FLAMMABILITY		3
PHYSICAL HAZARD		0

HMIS® ratings are based on a 0-4 rating scale, with 0 representing minimal hazards or risks, and 4 representing significant hazards or risks. The "\*" represents a chronic hazard, while the "/" represents the absence of a chronic hazard.

### Full text of other abbreviations

ACGIH : USA. ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)  
CAL PEL : California permissible exposure limits for chemical contaminants (Title 8, Article 107)

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NIOSH REL	:	USA. NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits
OSHA Z-1	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-1 Limits for Air Contaminants
OSHA Z-3	:	USA. Occupational Exposure Limits (OSHA) - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts
ACGIH / TWA	:	8-hour, time-weighted average
CAL PEL / PEL	:	Permissible exposure limit
NIOSH REL / TWA	:	Time-weighted average concentration for up to a 10-hour workday during a 40-hour workweek
OSHA Z-1 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average
OSHA Z-3 / TWA	:	8-hour time weighted average

AIIC - Australian Inventory of Industrial Chemicals; ASTM - American Society for the Testing of Materials; bw - Body weight; CERCLA - Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act; CMR - Carcinogen, Mutagen or Reproductive Toxicant; DIN - Standard of the German Institute for Standardisation; DOT - Department of Transportation; DSL - Domestic Substances List (Canada); ECx - Concentration associated with x% response; EHS - Extremely Hazardous Substance; ELx - Loading rate associated with x% response; EmS - Emergency Schedule; ENCS - Existing and New Chemical Substances (Japan); ErCx - Concentration associated with x% growth rate response; ERG - Emergency Response Guide; GHS - Globally Harmonized System; GLP - Good Laboratory Practice; HMIS - Hazardous Materials Identification System; IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer; IATA - International Air Transport Association; IBC - International Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk; IC50 - Half maximal inhibitory concentration; ICAO - International Civil Aviation Organization; IECSC - Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China; IMDG - International Maritime Dangerous Goods; IMO - International Maritime Organization; ISHL - Industrial Safety and Health Law (Japan); ISO - International Organisation for Standardization; KECI - Korea Existing Chemicals Inventory; LC50 - Lethal Concentration to 50 % of a test population; LD50 - Lethal Dose to 50% of a test population (Median Lethal Dose); MARPOL - International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships; MSHA - Mine Safety and Health Administration; n.o.s. - Not Otherwise Specified; NFPA - National Fire Protection Association; NO(A)EC - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Concentration; NO(A)EL - No Observed (Adverse) Effect Level; NOELR - No Observable Effect Loading Rate; NTP - National Toxicology Program; NZIoC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals; OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development; OPPTS - Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention; PBT - Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic substance; PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances; (Q)SAR - (Quantitative) Structure Activity Relationship; RCRA - Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; REACH - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals; RQ - Reportable Quantity; SADT - Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature; SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act; SDS - Safety Data Sheet; TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substance Inventory; TECL - Thailand Existing Chemicals Inventory; TSCA - Toxic Substances Control Act (United States); UN - United Nations; UNRTDG - United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods; vPvB - Very Persistent and Very Bioaccumulative

Sources of key data used to compile the Material Safety Data Sheet : Internal technical data, data from raw material SDSs, OECD eChem Portal search results and European Chemicals Agency, <http://echa.europa.eu/>

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