BELATACEPT

BRAND NAME	NULOJIX
DRUG CLASS	Immunosupressant antibody
AVAILABILITY	Vial contains 250 mg of belatacept. Also contains sucrose, monobasic sodium phosphate and sodium chloride. Supplied with silicon-free syringe.[1]
pH	7.2–7.8 when reconstituted[1]
PREPARATION	Reconstitute the vial with 10.5 mL of water for injections, sodium chloride 0.9% or glucose 5% to make a concentration of 25 mg/mL. Only use the silicone-free syringe that is provided in the box. Rotate and gently invert the vial to avoid foaming. **Do not shake**. The solution is clear to slightly opalescent and colourless to pale yellow.[1]
STABILITY	Vial: store at 2 to 8 °C. Protect from light.[1] Reconstituted solution: use immediately.[1] Infusion solution: stable for 24 hours at 2 to 8 °C and 4 hours below 25 °C.[1] Complete the infusion within 24 hours of preparation.[1]
ADMINISTRATION	
IM injection	Not recommended
SUBCUT injection	Not recommended
IV injection	Not recommended
IV infusion	Dilute the dose in 100 mL of compatible fluid. Only use the silicone-free syringe that is provided in the box. Total infusion volumes ranging from 50 mL to 250 mL may be used. Infuse over 30 minutes using a 0.2–1.2 micrometre low-protein-binding filter.[1]
COMPATIBILITY	
Fluids	Glucose 5%[1], sodium chloride 0.9%[1]
Y-site	No information
INCOMPATIBILITY	No information
SPECIAL NOTES	If a syringe containing silicone is accidentally used the solution may develop a few translucent particles and must be discarded.[1]

REFERENCES

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