

ABSTRACT

Modified Erythropoietin to which Water-Soluble Long Chain Molecule is Added

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An object of the invention is to provide a pharmaceutical composition that contains erythropoietin as the active ingredient and has, when administered in humans and/or animals, a hematopoietic effect that lasts for not
10 less than seven days. The invention provides a pharmaceutical composition containing, in an amount equal to not less than 50% of the total erythropoietin, erythropoietin to which two or more water-soluble long-chain molecules are added. The invention also provides a
15 pharmaceutical composition containing erythropoietin to which a water-soluble long-chain molecule is added, wherein the water-soluble long-chain molecule has a molecular weight of not less than 30 kDa. The invention further provides a pharmaceutical composition containing
20 erythropoietin to which a water-soluble long-chain molecule is added, wherein the water-soluble long-chain molecule has a branched chain.

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