



International Information for Hong Kong residents:

Ferriprox now recognized as first-line treatment for thalassaemia patients in Turkey

May 31, 2006 - Ferriprox[®] (deferiprone) is now being used as the first-line treatment for thalassemia major in Turkey. The Turkish government granted Ferriprox[®] first-line treatment after several clinical trials have proven its positive effects through use in monotherapy and combination therapy for thalassemia patients.

Ferriprox[®] is presently approved in almost 50 countries world wide. It is recognized for its ability to better protect the heart from iron overload in comparison to standard iron chelation therapy based on the use of deferoximine (Desferal[™]).