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1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

TOPIRAMATE TABLETS

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2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITAVE COMPOSITION

Each film coated tablet contains

Topiramate USP 50 mg

Topiramate USP 100 mg

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated Tablet

METAPIR 50mg

Yellow colored, circular, biconvex, film coated tablets, with both faces plain.

METAPIR 100mg

Yellow colored, oval shaped, biconvex, film coated tablets, with both the faces plain

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Monotherapy in adults, adolescents and children over 6 years of age with partial seizures with or without secondary generalised seizures, and primary generalised tonic-clonic seizures.

Adjunctive therapy in children aged 2 years and above, adolescents and adults with partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalization or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures and for the treatment of seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.

Topiramate is indicated in adults for the prophylaxis of migraine headache after careful evaluation of possible alternative treatment options. Topiramate is not intended for acute treatment.

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4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

It is recommended that therapy be initiated at a low dose followed by titration to an effective

dose. Dose and titration rate should be guided by clinical response.

It is not necessary to monitor topiramate plasma concentrations to optimize therapy with

Topiramate. On rare occasions, the addition of topiramate to phenytoin may require an

adjustment of the dose of phenytoin to achieve optimal clinical outcome. Addition or

withdrawal of phenytoin and carbamazepine to adjunctive therapy with **Topiramate** may

require adjustment of the dose of **Topiramate**.

In patients with or without a history of seizures or epilepsy, antiepileptic drugs (AEDs)

including topiramate should be gradually withdrawn to minimize the potential for seizures or

increased seizure frequency. In clinical trials, daily dosages were decreased in weekly

intervals by 50-100 mg in adults with epilepsy and by 25-50 mg in adults receiving

topiramate at doses up to 100 mg/day for migraine prophylaxis. In paediatric clinical trials,

topiramate was gradually withdrawn over a 2-8 week period.

Monotherapy epilepsy

General

When concomitantAEDs are withdrawn to achieve monotherapy with topiramate,

consideration should be given to the effects this may have on seizure control. Unless safety

concerns require an abrupt withdrawal of the concomitant AED, a gradual discontinuation at

the rate of approximately one-third of the concomitant AED dose every 2 weeks is

recommended.

When enzyme inducing medicinal products are withdrawn, topiramate levels will increase. A

decrease in **Topiramate** (topiramate) dosage may be required if clinically indicated.

Adults

Dose and titration should be guided by clinical response. Titration should begin at 25 mg

nightly for 1 week. The dosage should then be increased at 1- or 2-week intervals by

increments of 25 or 50 mg/day, administered in two divided doses. If the patient is unable to

tolerate the titration regimen, smaller increments or longer intervals between increments can

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The recommended initial target dose for topiramate monotherapy in adults is 100 mg/day to

200 mg/day in 2 divided doses. The maximum recommended daily dose is 500 mg/day in 2

divided doses. Some patients with refractory forms of epilepsy have tolerated topiramate

monotherapy at doses of 1,000 mg/day. These dosing recommendations apply to all adults

including the elderly in the absence of underlying renal disease.

Paediatric population (children over 6 years of age)

Dose and titration rate in children should be guided by clinical outcome. Treatment of

children over 6 years of age should begin at 0.5 to 1 mg/kg nightly for the first week. The

dosage should then be increased at 1 or 2 week intervals by increments of 0.5 to 1 mg/kg/day,

administered in two divided doses. If the child is unable to tolerate the titration regimen,

smaller increments or longer intervals between dose increments can be used.

The recommended initial target dose range for topiramate monotherapy in children over 6

years of age is 100 mg/day depending on clinical response, (this is about 2.0mg/kg/day in

children 6-16 years).

Adjunctive therapy epilepsy (partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalization,

primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures, or seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut

syndrome)

Adults

Therapy should begin at 25-50 mg nightly for one week. Use of lower initial doses has been

reported, but has not been studied systematically. Subsequently, at weekly or bi-weekly

intervals, the dose should be increased by 25-50 mg/day and taken in two divided doses.

Some patients may achieve efficacy with once-a-day dosing.

In clinical trials as adjunctive therapy, 200 mg was the lowest effective dose. The usual daily

dose is 200-400 mg in two divided doses.

These dosing recommendations apply to all adults, including the elderly; in the absence of

underlying renal disease (see section 4.4).

Paediatric population (children aged 2 years and above)

The recommended total daily dose of **Topiramate** (topiramate) as adjunctive therapy is

approximately 5 to 9 mg/kg/day in two divided doses. Titration should begin at 25 mg (or

less, based on a range of 1 to 3 mg/kg/day) nightly for the first week. The dosage should then

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be increased at 1- or 2-week intervals by increments of 1 to 3 mg/kg/day (administered in two

divided doses), to achieve optimal clinical response.

Daily doses up to 30 mg/kg/day have been studied and were generally well tolerated.

Migraine

Adults

The recommended total daily dose of topiramate for prophylaxis of migraine headache is 100 mg/day administered in two divided doses. Titration should begin at 25 mg nightly for 1 week. The dosage should then be increased in increments of 25 mg/day administered at 1-week intervals. If the patient is unable to tolerate the titration regimen, longer intervals

between dose adjustments can be used.

Some patients may experience a benefit at a total daily dose of 50 mg/day. Patients have received a total daily dose up to 200 mg/day. This dose may be benefit in some patients,

nevertheless, caution is advised due to an increase incidence of side effects.

Paediatric population

Topiramate (topiramate) is not recommended for treatment or prevention of migraine in children due to insufficient data on safety and efficacy.

General dosing recommendations for **Topiramate** in special patient populations

Renal impairment

In patients with impaired renal function (CL $_{\mbox{\footnotesize{CR}}} \leq 70$ mL/min) topiramate should be

administered with caution as the plasma and renal clearance of topiramate are decreased.

Subjects with known renal impairment may require a longer time to reach steady-state at each

dose. Half of the usual starting and maintenance dose is recommended (see section 5.2).

In patients with end-stage renal failure, since topiramate is removed from plasma by

haemodialysis, a supplemental dose of Topiramate equal to approximately one-half the daily

dose should be administered on haemodialysis days. The supplemental dose should be

administered in divided doses at the beginning and completion of the haemodialysis

procedure. The supplemental dose may differ based on the characteristics of the dialysis

equipment being used (see section 5.2).

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Hepatic impairment

In patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment topiramate should be administered

with caution as the clearance of topiramate is decreased.

Elderly

No dose adjustment is required in the elderly population providing renal function is intact.

Method of administration

Topiramate is available in film-coated tablets and a hard capsule formulation, for oral

administration. It is recommended that film-coated tablets not be broken. The hard capsule

formulation is provided for those patients who cannot swallow tablets, e.g. paediatric and the

elderly.

Topiramate can be taken without regard to meals.

4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

Migraine prophylaxis in pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential if not using a

highly effective method of contraception.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

In situations where rapid withdrawal of topiramate is medically required, appropriate

monitoring is recommended (see section 4.2).

As with other AEDs, some patients may experience an increase in seizure frequency or the

onset of new types of seizures with topiramate. These phenomena may be the consequence of

an overdose, a decrease in plasma concentrations of concomitantly used AEDs, progress of

the disease, or a paradoxical effect.

Adequate hydration while using topiramate is very important. Hydration can reduce the risk

of nephrolithiasis (see below). Proper hydration prior to and during activities such as exercise

or exposure to warm temperatures may reduce the risk of heat-related adverse reactions (see

section 4.8).

Women of childbearing potential

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Topiramate may cause fetal harm and fetal growth restriction (small for gestational age and

low birth weight) when administered to a pregnant woman. The North American

Antiepileptic Drug pregnancy registry data for topiramate monotherapy showed an

approximate 3-fold higher prevalence of major congenital malformations (4.3%), compared

with a reference group not taking AEDs (1.4%). In addition, data from other studies indicate

that, compared with monotherapy, there is an increased risk of teratogenic effects associated

with the use of AEDs in combination therapy.

Before the initiation of treatment with topiramate in a woman of childbearing potential,

pregnancy testing should be performed and a highly effective contraceptive method advised

(see section 4.5). The patient should be fully informed of the risks related to the use of

topiramate during pregnancy (see sections 4.3 and 4.6).

Oligohydrosis

Oligohydrosis (decreased sweating) has been reported in association with the use of

topiramate. Decreased sweating and hyperthermia (rise in body temperature) may occur

especially in young children exposed to high ambient temperature.

Mood disturbances/depression

An increased incidence of mood disturbances and depression has been observed during

topiramate treatment.

Suicide/suicide ideation

Suicidal ideation and behaviour have been reported in patients treated with anti-epileptic

agents in several indications. A meta-analysis of randomised placebo-controlled trials of

AEDs has shown a small increased risk of suicidal ideation and behaviour. The mechanism of

this risk is not known and the available data do not exclude the possibility of an increased risk

for topiramate.

In double blind clinical trials, suicide related events (SREs) (suicidal ideation, suicide

attempts and suicide) occurred at a frequency of 0.5% in topiramate treated patients (46 out of

8,652 patients treated) and at a nearly 3-fold higher incidence than those treated with placebo

(0.2%; 8 out of 4,045 patients treated).

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Patients therefore should be monitored for signs of suicidal ideation and behaviour and

appropriate treatment should be considered. Patients (and caregivers of patients) should be

advised to seek medical advice should signs of suicidal ideation or behaviour emerge.

Serious skin reactions

Serious skin reactions (Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis

(TEN)) have been reported in patients receiving topiramate (see section 4.8). It is

recommended that patients be informed about the signs of serious skin reactions. If SJS or

TEN are suspected, use of **Topiramate** should be discontinued.

<u>Nephrolithiasis</u>

Some patients, especially those with a predisposition to nephrolithiasis, may be at increased

risk for renal stone formation and associated signs and symptoms such as renal colic, renal

pain or flank pain.

Risk factors for nephrolithiasis include prior stone formation, a family history of

nephrolithiasis and hypercalciuria (see below - Metabolic acidosis). None of these risk factors

can reliably predict stone formation during topiramate treatment. In addition, patients taking

other medicinal products associated with nephrolithiasis may be at increased risk.

Decreased renal function

In patients with impaired renal function ($CL_{CR} \le 70$ mL/min) topiramate should be

administered with caution as the plasma and renal clearance of topiramate are decreased. For

specific posology recommendations in patients with decreased renal function, see section 4.2.

Decreased hepatic function

In hepatically-impaired patients, topiramate should be administered with caution as the

clearance of topiramate may be decreased.

Acute myopia and secondary angle closure glaucoma

A syndrome consisting of acute myopia associated with secondary angle closure glaucoma

has been reported in patients receiving topiramate. Symptoms include acute onset of

decreased visual acuity and/or ocular pain. Ophthalmologic findings can include myopia,

anterior chamber shallowing, ocular hyperaemia (redness) and increased intraocular pressure.

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Mydriasis may or may not be present. This syndrome may be associated with supraciliary effusion resulting in anterior displacement of the lens and iris, with secondary angle closure

glaucoma. Symptoms typically occur within 1 month of initiating topiramate therapy. In

contrast to primary narrow angle glaucoma, which is rare under 40 years of age, secondary

angle closure glaucoma associated with topiramate has been reported in paediatric patients as

well as adults. Treatment includes discontinuation of topiramate, as rapidly as possible in the

judgment of the treating physician, and appropriate measures to reduce intraocular pressure.

These measures generally result in a decrease in intraocular pressure.

Elevated intraocular pressure of any aetiology, if left untreated, can lead to serious sequelae

including permanent vision loss.

A determination should be made whether patients with history of eye disorders should be

treated with topiramate.

Visual field defects

Visual field defects have been reported in patients receiving topiramate independent of

elevated intraocular pressure. In clinical trials, most of these events were reversible after

topiramate discontinuation. If visual field defects occur at any time during topiramate

treatment, consideration should be given to discontinuing the drug.

Metabolic acidosis

Hyperchloremic, non-anion gap, metabolic acidosis (i.e. decreased serum bicarbonate below

the normal reference range in the absence of respiratory alkalosis) is associated with

topiramate treatment. This decrease in serum bicarbonate is due to the inhibitory effect of

topiramate on renal carbonic anhydrase. Generally, the decrease in bicarbonate occurs early in

treatment although it can occur at any time during treatment. These decreases are usually mild

to moderate (average decrease of 4 mmol/l at doses of 100 mg/day or above in adults and at

approximately 6 mg/kg/day in paediatric patients). Rarely, patients have experienced

decreases to values below 10 mmol/l. Conditions or therapies that predispose to acidosis

(such as renal disease, severe respiratory disorders, status epilepticus, diarrhoea, surgery,

ketogenic diet, or certain medicinal products) may be additive to the bicarbonate lowering

effects of topiramate.

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nephrocalcinosis, and may potentially lead to osteopenia (see above - Nephrolithiasis).

Chronic, untreated metabolic acidosis increases the risk of nephrolithiasis

Chronic metabolic acidosis in paediatric patients can reduce growth rates. The effect of

topiramate on bone-related sequelae has not been systematically investigated in paediatric or

adult populations.

Depending on underlying conditions, appropriate evaluation including serum bicarbonate

levels is recommended with topiramate therapy. If signs or symptoms are present (e.g.

Kussmaul's deep breathing, dyspnoea, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, excessive tiredness,

tachycardia or arrhythmia), indicative of metabolic acidosis, measurement of serum

bicarbonate is recommended. If metabolic acidosis develops and persists, consideration

should be given to reducing the dose or discontinuing topiramate (using dose tapering).

Topiramate should be used with caution in patients with conditions or treatments that

represent a risk factor for the appearance of metabolic acidosis.

Impairment of cognitive function

Cognitive impairment in epilepsy is multifactorial and may be due to the underlying

aetiology, due to the epilepsy or due to the anti-epileptic treatment. There have been reports

in the literature of impairment of cognitive function in adults on topiramate therapy which

required reduction in dosage or discontinuation of treatment. However, studies regarding

cognitive outcomes in children treated with topiramate are insufficient and its effect in this

regard still needs to be elucidated.

Hyperammonemia and encephalopathy

Hyperammonemia with or without encephalopathy has been reported with topiramate

treatment (see section 4.8). The risk for hyperammonemia with topiramate appears dose-

related. Hyperammonemia has been reported more frequently when topiramate is used

concomitantly with valproic acid (see section 4.5).

In patients who develop unexplained lethargy or changes in mental status associated with

topiramate monotherapy or adjunctive therapy, it is recommended to consider

hyperammonemic encephalopathy and measuring ammonia levels.

Nutritional supplementation

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Some patients may experience weight loss whilst on treatment with topiramate. It is

recommended that patients on topiramate treatment should be monitored for weight loss. A

dietary supplement or increased food intake may be considered if the patient is losing weight

while on topiramate.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Effects of **Topiramate** on other antiepileptic medicinal products

The addition of **Topiramate** to other AEDs (phenytoin, carbamazepine, valproic acid,

phenobarbital, primidone) has no effect on their steady-state plasma concentrations, except in

the occasional patient, where the addition of **Topiramate** to phenytoin may result in an

increase of plasma concentrations of phenytoin. This is possibly due to inhibition of a specific

enzyme polymorphic isoform (CYP2C19). Consequently, any patient on phenytoin showing

clinical signs or symptoms of toxicity should have phenytoin levels monitored.

A pharmacokinetic interaction study of patients with epilepsy indicated the addition of

topiramate to lamotrigine had no effect on steady state plasma concentration of lamotrigine at

topiramate doses of 100 to 400 mg/day. In addition, there was no change in steady state

plasma concentration of topiramate during or after removal of lamotrigine treatment (mean

dose of 327 mg/day).

Topiramate inhibits the enzyme CYP 2C19 and may interfere with other substances

metabolized via this enzyme (e.g., diazepam, imipramin, moclobemide, proguanil,

omeprazole).

Effects of other antiepileptic medicinal products on **Topiramate**

Phenytoin and carbamazepine decrease the plasma concentration of topiramate. The addition

or withdrawal of phenytoin or carbamazepine to Topiramate therapy may require an

adjustment in dosage of the latter. This should be done by titrating to clinical effect. The

addition or withdrawal of valproic acid does not produce clinically significant changes in

plasma concentrations of **Topiramate** and, therefore, does not warrant dosage adjustment of

Topiramate. The results of these interactions are summarized below:

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AED Coadministered	AED Concentration	Topiramate Concentration
Phenytoin	↔* *	\downarrow
Carbamazepine (CBZ)	\leftrightarrow	↓
Valproic acid	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Lamotrigine	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Phenobarbital	\leftrightarrow	NS
Primidone	\leftrightarrow	NS

 $[\]leftrightarrow$ = No effect on plasma concentration (\leq 15% change)

↓ = Plasma concentrations decrease

NS = Not studied

AED = antiepileptic drug

Other medicinal product interactions

Digoxin

In a single-dose study, serum digoxin area under plasma concentration curve (AUC) decreased 12% due to concomitant administration of **Topiramate**. The clinical relevance of this observation has not been established. When **Topiramate** is added or withdrawn in patients on digoxin therapy, careful attention should be given to the routine monitoring of serum digoxin.

Central nervous system depressants

Concomitant administration of **Topiramate** and alcohol or other central nervous system (CNS) depressant medicinal products has not been evaluated in clinical studies. It is recommended that **Topiramate** not be used concomitantly with alcohol or other CNS depressant medicinal products.

St John's Wort (Hypericum perforatum)

A risk of decreased plasma concentrations resulting in a loss of efficacy could be observed with co-administration of topiramate and St John's Wort. There have been no clinical studies evaluating this potential interaction.

^{** =} Plasma concentrations increase in individual patients

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Oral contraceptives

In a pharmacokinetic interaction study in healthy volunteers with a concomitantly administered combination oral contraceptive product containing 1 mg norethindrone (NET) plus 35 µg ethinyl estradiol (EE), Topiramate given in the absence of other medications at doses of 50 to 200 mg/day was not associated with statistically significant changes in mean exposure (AUC) to either component of the oral contraceptive. In another study, exposure to EE was statistically significantly decreased at doses of 200, 400, and 800 mg/day (18%, 21%, and 30%, respectively) when given as adjunctive therapy in epilepsy patients taking valproic acid. In both studies, **Topiramate** (50-200 mg/day in healthy volunteers and 200-800 mg/day in epilepsy patients) did not significantly affect exposure to NET. Although there was a dose dependent decrease in EE exposure for doses between 200-800 mg/day (in epilepsy patients), there was no significant dose dependent change in EE exposure for doses of 50-200 mg/day (in healthy volunteers). The clinical significance of the changes observed is not known. The possibility of decreased contraceptive efficacy and increased breakthrough bleeding should be considered in patients taking combination oral contraceptive products with **Topiramate**. Patients taking estrogen containing contraceptives should be asked to report any change in their bleeding patterns. Contraceptive efficacy can be decreased even in the absence of breakthrough bleeding.

Lithium

In healthy volunteers, there was an observed reduction (18% for AUC) in systemic exposure for lithium during concomitant administration with topiramate 200 mg/day. In patients with bipolar disorder, the pharmacokinetics of lithium were unaffected during treatment with topiramate at doses of 200 mg/day; however, there was an observed increase in systemic exposure (26% for AUC) following topiramate doses of up to 600 mg/day. Lithium levels should be monitored when co-administered with topiramate.

Risperidone

Drug-drug interaction studies conducted under single dose conditions in healthy volunteers and multiple dose conditions in patients with bipolar disorder, yielded similar results. When administered concomitantly with topiramate at escalating doses of 100, 250 and 400 mg/day there was a reduction in risperidone (administered at doses ranging from 1 to 6 mg/day)

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systemic exposure (16% and 33% for steady-state AUC at the 250 and 400 mg/day doses, respectively). However, differences in AUC for the total active moiety between treatment with risperidone alone and combination treatment with topiramate were not statistically significant. Minimal alterations in the pharmacokinetics of the total active moiety (risperidone plus 9-hydroxyrisperidone) and no alterations for 9-hydroxyrisperidone were observed. There were no significant changes in the systemic exposure of the risperidone total active moiety or of topiramate. When topiramate was added to existing risperidone (1-6 mg/day) treatment, adverse events were reported more frequently than prior to topiramate (250-400 mg/day) introduction (90% and 54% respectively). The most frequently reported AE's when topiramate was added to risperidone treatment were: somnolence (27% and 12%), paraesthesia (22% and 0%) and nausea (18% and 9% respectively).

Hydrochlorothiazide (*HCTZ*)

A drug-drug interaction study conducted in healthy volunteers evaluated the steady-state pharmacokinetics of HCTZ (25 mg every 24 h) and topiramate (96 mg every 12 h) when administered alone and concomitantly. The results of this study indicate that topiramate C_{max} increased by 27% and AUC increased by 29% when HCTZ was added to topiramate. The clinical significance of this change is unknown. The addition of HCTZ to topiramate therapy may require an adjustment of the topiramate dose. The steady-state pharmacokinetics of HCTZ were not significantly influenced by the concomitant administration of topiramate. Clinical laboratory results indicated decreases in serum potassium after topiramate or HCTZ administration, which were greater when HCTZ and topiramate were administered in combination.

Metformin

A drug-drug interaction study conducted in healthy volunteers evaluated the steady-state pharmacokinetics of metformin and topiramate in plasma when metformin was given alone and when metformin and topiramate were given simultaneously. The results of this study indicated that metformin mean C_{max} and mean AUC_{0-12h} increased by 18% and 25%, respectively, while mean CL/F decreased 20% when metformin was co-administered with topiramate. Topiramate did not affect metformin t_{max} . The clinical significance of the effect of topiramate on metformin pharmacokinetics is unclear. Oral plasma clearance of topiramate appears to be reduced when administered with metformin. The extent of change in the

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clearance is unknown. The clinical significance of the effect of metformin on topiramate

pharmacokinetics is unclear.

When **Topiramate** is added or withdrawn in patients on metformin therapy, careful attention

should be given to the routine monitoring for adequate control of their diabetic disease state.

Pioglitazone

A drug-drug interaction study conducted in healthy volunteers evaluated the steady-state

pharmacokinetics of topiramate and pioglitazone when administered alone and

concomitantly. A 15% decrease in the AUC T, ss of pioglitazone with no alteration in

C_{max,ss} was observed. This finding was not statistically significant. In addition, a 13% and

16% decrease in C_{max,ss} and AUCt_{,ss} respectively, of the active hydroxy-metabolite was noted

as well as a 60% decrease in C_{max.ss} and AUCT_{.ss} of the active keto-metabolite. The clinical

significance of these findings is not known. When Topiramate is added to pioglitazone

therapy or pioglitazone is added to **Topiramate** therapy, careful attention should be given to

the routine monitoring of patients for adequate control of their diabetic disease state.

Glibenclamide

A drug-drug interaction study conducted in patients with type 2 diabetes evaluated the steady-

state pharmacokinetics of glibenclamide (5 mg/day) alone and concomitantly with topiramate

(150 mg/day). There was a 25% reduction in glibenclamide AUC₂₄ during topiramate

administration. Systemic exposure of the active metabolites, 4-trans-hydroxy-glyburide (M1)

and 3-cis-hydroxyglyburide (M2), were also reduced by 13% and 15%, respectively. The

steady-state pharmacokinetics of topiramate were unaffected by concomitant administration

of glibenclamide.

When topiramate is added to glibenclamide therapy or glibenclamide is added to topiramate

therapy, careful attention should be given to the routine monitoring of patients for adequate

control of their diabetic disease state.

Other forms of interactions

Agents predisposing to nephrolithiasis

Topiramate, when used concomitantly with other agents predisposing to nephrolithiasis, may

increase the risk of nephrolithiasis. While using Topiramate, agents like these should be

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avoided since they may create a physiological environment that increases the risk of renal stone formation.

Valproic acid

Concomitant administration of topiramate and valproic acid has been associated with hyperammonemia with or without encephalopathy in patients who have tolerated either medicinal product alone. In most cases, symptoms and signs abated with discontinuation of either medicinal product (see section 4.4 and section 4.8). This adverse reaction is not due to a pharmacokinetic interaction.

Hypothermia, defined as an unintentional drop in body core temperature to <35°C, has been reported in association with concomitant use of topiramate and valproic acid (VPA) both in conjunction with hyperammonemia and in the absence of hyperammonemia. This adverse event in patients using concomitant topiramate and valproate can occur after starting topiramate treatment or after increasing the daily dose of topiramate.

Warfarin

Decreased Prothrombin Time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR) has been reported in patients treated with topiramate in combination with warfarin. Therefore, INR should be carefully monitored in patients concomitantly treated with topiramate and warfarin.

Additional pharmacokinetic drug interaction studies

Clinical studies have been conducted to assess the potential pharmacokinetic drug interaction between topiramate and other agents. The changes in C_{max} or AUC as a result of the interactions are summarized below. The second column (concomitant drug concentration) describes what happens to the concentration of the concomitant drug listed in the first column when topiramate is added. The third column (topiramate concentration) describes how the coadministration of a drug listed in the first column modifies the concentration of topiramate.

Summary of Results from Additional Clinical Pharmacokinetic Drug Interaction Studies						
Concomitant Drug Concomitant Drug Topiramate Concentration ^a Concentration ^a						
Amitriptyline	↔ 20% increase in	n C _{max} and	NS			







	AUC of nortriptyline metabolite	
Dihydroergotamine (Oral and Subcutaneous)	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Haloperidol	⇔ 31% increase in AUC of the reduced metabolite	NS
Propranolol		9% and 16% increase in C _{max} , 9% and17% increase in AUC (40 and 80 mg propranolol q12h respectively)
Sumatriptan (Oral and Subcutaneous)	\leftrightarrow	NS
Pizotifen	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Diltiazem	25% decrease in AUC of diltiazem and 18% decrease in DEA, and ↔ for DEM*	20% increase in AUC
Venlafaxine	\leftrightarrow	\leftrightarrow
Flunarizine	16% increase in AUC (TPM 50 mg q12h) ^b	\leftrightarrow

a = % values are the changes in treatment mean C_{max} or AUC with respect to monotherapy

NS = Not studied

*DEA = des acetyl diltiazem, DEM = N-demethyl diltiazem

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

Risk related to epilepsy and AEDs in general

 $[\]leftrightarrow$ = No effect on C_{max} and AUC (\le 15% change) of the parent compound

b = Flunarizine AUC increased 14% in subjects taking flunarizine alone. Increase in exposure may be attributed to accumulation during achievement of steady state.

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Specialist advice should be given to women who are of childbearing potential. The need for treatment with AEDs should be reviewed when a woman is planning to become pregnant. In

women being treated for epilepsy, sudden discontinuation of AED therapy should be avoided

as this may lead to breakthrough seizures that could have serious consequences for the

woman and the unborn child.

Monotherapy should be preferred whenever possible because therapy with multiple AEDs

could be associated with a higher risk of congenital malformations than monotherapy,

depending on the associated antiepileptics.

Risk related to topiramate

Topiramate was teratogenic in mice, rats and rabbits (see section 5.3). In rats, topiramate

crosses the placental barrier.

In humans, topiramate crosses the placenta and similar concentrations have been reported in

the umbilical cord and maternal blood.

Clinical data from pregnancy registries indicate that infants exposed to topiramate

monotherapy have:

• An increased risk of congenital malformations (particularly cleft lip/palate, hypospadias,

and anomalies involving various body systems) following exposure during the first trimester.

The North American Antiepileptic Drug pregnancy registry data for topiramate monotherapy

showed an approximate 3-fold higher prevalence of major congenital malformations (4.3%),

compared with a reference group not taking AEDs (1.4%). In addition, data from other

studies indicate that, compared with monotherapy, there is an increased risk of teratogenic

effects associated with the use of AEDs in combination therapy. The risk has been reported to

be dose dependent; effects were observed in all doses. In women treated with topiramate who

have had a child with a congenital malformation, there appears to be an increased risk of

malformations in subsequent pregnancies when exposed to topiramate.

• A higher prevalence of low birth weight (<2500 grams) compared with a reference group.

• An increased prevalence of being small for gestational age (SGA; defined as birth weight

below the 10th percentile corrected for their gestational age, stratified by sex). The long term

consequences of the SGA findings could not be determined.

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Indication epilepsy

It is recommended to consider alternative therapeutic options in women of child bearing

potential. If topiramate is used in women of childbearing potential, it is recommended that

highly effective contraception be used (see section 4.5), and that the woman is fully informed

of the known risks of uncontrolled epilepsy to the pregnancy and the potential risks of the

medicinal product to the foetus. If a woman plans a pregnancy, a preconceptional visit is

recommended in order to reassess the treatment, and to consider other therapeutic options. In

case of administration during the first trimester, careful prenatal monitoring should be

performed.

Indication migraine prophylaxis

Topiramate is contraindicated in pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential if a

highly effective method of contraception is not used (see sections 4.3 and 4.5).

Breast-feeding

Animal studies have shown excretion of topiramate in milk. The excretion of topiramate in

human milk has not been evaluated in controlled studies. Limited observations in patients

suggest an extensive excretion of topiramate into human milk. Effects that have been

observed in breastfed newborns/infants of treated mothers, include diarrhea, drowsiness,

irritability and inadequate weight gain. Therefore, a decision must be made whether to

suspend breast-feeding or to discontinue/ abstain from topiramate therapy taking into account

the benefit of breast-feeding for the child and the benefit of topiramate therapy for the women

(see section 4.4).

Fertility

Animal studies did not reveal impairment of fertility by topiramate (see section 5.3). The

effect of topiramate on human fertility has not been established.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Topiramate has minor or moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

Topiramate acts on the central nervous system and may produce drowsiness, dizziness or

other related symptoms. It may also cause visual disturbances and/or blurred vision. These

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adverse reactions could potentially be dangerous in patients driving a vehicle or operating machinery, particularly until such time as the individual patient's experience with the medicinal products established.

4.8 Undesirable effects

The safety of topiramate was evaluated from a clinical trial database consisting of 4,111 patients (3,182 on topiramate and 929 on placebo) who participated in 20 double-blind trials and 2,847 patients who participated in 34 open-label trials, respectively, for topiramate as adjunctive treatment of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures, partial onset seizures, seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, monotherapy for newly or recently diagnosed epilepsy or migraine prophylaxis. The majority of adverse reactions were mild to moderate in severity. Adverse reactions identified in clinical trials, and during post-marketing experience (as indicated by "*") are listed by their incidence in clinical trials in Table 1. Assigned frequencies are as follows:

Very common	≥1/10
Common	$\geq 1/100 \text{ to } < 1/10$
Uncommon	$\geq 1/1,000 \text{ to } < 1/100$
Rare	$\geq 1/10,000 \text{ to } < 1/1,000$
Not known	cannot be estimated from the available data

The most common adverse reactions (those with an incidence of >5% and greater than that observed in placebo in at least 1 indication in double-blind controlled studies with topiramate) include: anorexia, decreased appetite, bradyphrenia, depression, expressive language disorder, insomnia, coordination abnormal, disturbance in attention, dizziness, dysarthria, dysgeusia, hypoesthesia, lethargy, memory impairment, nystagmus, paresthesia, somnolence, tremor, diplopia, vision blurred, diarrhoea, nausea, fatigue, irritability, and weight decreased.

Table 1: Topiramate Adverse Reactions						
System Organ						
Class	Very common	Common	Uncommon	Rare	Not known	
Infections and	nasopharyngitis*					
infestations						







Blood and lymphatic system disorders		anaemia	leucopenia, thrombocytopenia lymphadenopathy, eosinophilia		
Immune system disorders		hypersensitivity			allergic oedema*
Metabolism and nutrition		anorexia, decreased	metabolic acidosis,	acidosis hyperchloraemic,	
disorders		appetite	hypokalaemia, increased appetite, polydipsia	hyperammonemia*, hyperammonemic encephalopathy*	
Psychiatric disorders	depression	bradyphrenia, insomnia, expressive language disorder, anxiety, confusional state, disorientation, aggression, mood altered, agitation, mood swings, depressed mood, anger, abnormal behaviour	hallucination, psychotic disorder, hallucination auditory, hallucination visual, apathy, lack of spontaneous	disorder, feeling of despair*, hypomania	

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			paranoia,		
			perseveration,		
			panic attack,		
			tearfulness,		
			reading disorder,		
			initial insomnia,		
			flat affect,		
			thinking		
			abnormal, loss of		
			libido, listless,		
			middle insomnia,		
			distractibility,		
			early morning		
			awakening, panic		
			reaction, elevated		
			mood		
Nervous system			depressed level of		
disorders	somnolence	attention,	consciousness,	rhythm sleep	
	dizziness	memory		disorder,	
		impairment,	convulsion, visual		
		amnesia,		hyposmia,	
		cognitive		anosmia, essential	
			_	tremor, akinesia,	
		impairment,	disorder,	unresponsive to	
		psychomotor	psychomotor	stimuli	
		_	hyperactivity,		
		convulsion,	syncope, sensory		
		coordination	disturbance,		
		abnormal, tremor,	drooling,		
		lethargy,	hypersomnia,		
		hypoaesthesia,	aphasia, repetitive		

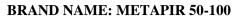
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		1		
	nystagmus,	speech,		
	dysgeusia,	hypokinesia,		
	balance disorde	r, dyskinesia,		
	dysarthria,	dizziness postural,		
	intention tremo	r, poor quality sleep,		
	sedation,	burning sensation,		
		sensory loss,		
		parosmia,		
		cerebellar		
		syndrome,		
		dysaesthesia,		
		hypogeusia,		
		stupor,		
		clumsiness, aura,		
		ageusia,		
		dysgraphia,		
		dysphasia,		
		neuropathy		
		peripheral,		
		presyncope,		
		dystonia,		
		formication		
Eye disorders	vision blurre	d, visual acuity	blindness	angle closure
		al reduced, scotoma,		glaucoma*,
	disturbance	myopia*,	blindness transient,	
		abnormal	glaucoma,	eye movement
		sensation in eye*,		disorder* ,
				conjunctival
		photophobia,		oedema*,
		blepharospasm,	perception,	uveitis
		lacrimation	scintillating	
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		increased,	scotoma,	eyelid	
		photopsia,	oedema*,	night	
		mydriasis,	blindness,		
		presbyopia	amblyopia		
	vertigo, tinnitus,	deafness, deafness			
	ear pain	unilateral,			
		deafness			
		neurosensory, ear			
		discomfort,			
		hearing impaired			
		bradycardia, sinus			
		bradycardia,			
		palpitations			
		hypotension,	Raynaud's		
		orthostatic	phenomenon		
		hypotension,			
		flushing, hot flush			
	dyspnoea ,	dyspnoea			
	epistaxis, nasal	exertional,			
	congestion,	paranasal sinus			
	rhinorrhoea,	hypersecretion,			
	cough*	dysphonia			
ausea,	vomiting,	pancreatitis,			
iarrhoea	constipation,	flatulence,			
	abdominal pain	gastrooesophageal			
	upper, dyspepsia,	reflux disease,			
	abdominal pain,	abdominal pain			
	dry mouth,	lower,			
	stomach	hypoaesthesia			
	discomfort,	oral, gingival			
	paraesthesia oral,	bleeding,			
	ausea, iarrhoea	dyspnoea , epistaxis, nasal congestion, rhinorrhoea, cough* ausea, vomiting, iarrhoea constipation, abdominal pain upper, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, dry mouth, stomach discomfort,	photopsia, mydriasis, presbyopia vertigo, tinnitus, deafness, deafness unilateral, deafness neurosensory, ear discomfort, hearing impaired bradycardia, sinus bradycardia, palpitations hypotension, orthostatic hypotension, flushing, hot flush dyspnoea epistaxis, nasal congestion, paranasal sinus rhinorrhoea, hypersecretion, cough* dysphonia ausea, vomiting, pancreatitis, flatulence, abdominal pain upper, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, dry mouth, lower, stomach hypoaesthesia	photopsia, mydriasis, blindness, amblyopia vertigo, tinnitus, deafness, deafness ear pain vertigo, tinnitus, deafness, deafness unilateral, deafness neurosensory, ear discomfort, hearing impaired bradycardia, sinus bradycardia, palpitations hypotension, orthostatic hypotension, flushing, hot flush dyspnoea epistaxis, nasal congestion, paranasal sinus rhinorrhoea, hypersecretion, cough* dysphonia ausea, vomiting, pancreatitis, flatulence, abdominal pain upper, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, dry mouth, stomach discomfort, oral, gingival	photopsia, oedema*, night mydriasis, presbyopia amblyopia vertigo, tinnitus, deafness, deafness unilateral, deafness neurosensory, ear discomfort, hearing impaired bradycardia, sinus bradycardia, palpitations hypotension, orthostatic phenomenon hypotension, flushing, hot flush dyspnoea epistaxis, nasal exertional, congestion, paranasal sinus rhinorrhoea, cough* dysphonia ausea, vomiting, pancreatitis, flatulence, abdominal pain upper, dyspepsia, abdominal pain, abdominal pain dry mouth, lower, stomach discomfort, oral, gingival

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	gastritis,	abdominal		
	abdominal	distension,		
	discomfort	epigastric		
		discomfort,		
		abdominal		
		tenderness,		
		salivary		
		hypersecretion,		
		oral pain, breath		
		odour,		
		glossodynia		
Hepatobiliary			hepatitis, hepatic	
disorders			failure	
Skin and	alopecia, rash,	anhidrosis,	Stevens-Johnson	toxic
subcutaneous	pruritus	hypoaesthesia	syndrome*	epidermal
tissue disorders		facial, urticaria,	erythema	necrolysis*
		erythema, pruritus	multiforme*, skin	
		generalised, rash	odour abnormal,	
		macular, skin	periorbital	
		discolouration,	oedema*, urticaria	
		dermatitis	localised	
		allergic, swelling		
		face		
Musculoskeletal	arthralgia, muscle	joint swelling*,	limb discomfort*	
and connective	spasms, myalgia,	musculoskeletal		
tissue disorders	muscle twitching,	stiffness, flank		
	muscular	pain, muscle		
	weakness,	fatigue		
	musculoskeletal			
	chest pain			
Renal and	nephrolithiasis,	calculus urinary,	calculus ureteric,	

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urinary		pollakiuria,	urinary	renal tubular
disorders		dysuria,	incontinence,	acidosis*
		nephrocalcinosis*	haematuria,	
			incontinence,	
			micturition	
			urgency, renal	
			colic, renal pain	
Reproductive			erectile	
system and			dysfunction,	
breast disorders			sexual	
			dysfunction	
General	fatigue	pyrexia, asthenia,	hyperthermia,	face oedema
disorders and		irritability, gait	thirst, influenza	
administration		disturbance,	like illness*,	
site conditions		feeling abnormal,	sluggishness,	
		malaise	peripheral	
			coldness, feeling	
			drunk, feeling	
			jittery	
Investigations	weight	weight	crystal urine	blood bicarbonate
	decreased	increased*	present, tandem	decreased
			gait test abnormal,	
			white blood cell	
			count decreased,	
			Increase in liver	
			enzymes	
Social			learning disability	
circumstances				

^{*} identified as an adverse reaction from Postmarketting spontaneous reports. Its frequency was calculated based on the incidence in clinical trials, or was calculated if the event did not occur in clinical trials.

Congenital malformations and fetal growth restrictions (see section 4.4 and section 4.6).

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Paediatric population

Adverse reactions reported more frequently (≥2-fold) in children than in adults in double-blind controlled studies include:

- Decreased appetite
- · Increased appetite
- Hyperchloraemic acidosis
- Hypokalaemia
- Abnormal behaviour
- Aggression
- Apathy
- Initial insomnia
- Suicidal ideation
- Disturbance in attention
- Lethargy
- Circadian rhythm sleep disorder
- Poor quality sleep
- Lacrimation increased
- Sinus bradycardia
- Feeling abnormal
- Gait disturbance.

Adverse reactions that were reported in children but not in adults in double-blind controlled studies include:

- Eosinophilia
- Psychomotor hyperactivity
- Vertigo
- Vomiting
- Hyperthermia
- Pyrexia
- Learning disability.

4.9 Overdose

Signs and symptoms

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Overdoses of topiramate have been reported. Signs and symptoms included convulsions,

drowsiness, speech disturbances, blurred vision, diplopia, impaired mentation, lethargy,

abnormal coordination, stupor, hypotension, abdominal pain, agitation, dizziness and

depression. The clinical consequences were not severe in most cases, but deaths have been

reported after overdoses with multiple medicinal products including topiramate.

Topiramate overdose can result in severe metabolic acidosis (see section 4.4).

Treatment

In the event of overdose, topiramate should be discontinued and general supportive treatment

given until clinical toxicity has been diminished or resolved. The patient should be well

hydrated. Haemodialysis has been shown to be an effective means of removing topiramate

from the body. Other measures may also be taken at the physician's discretion.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: antiepileptics, other antiepileptics, antimigraine preparations,

antimigraine preparations, ATC code: N03AX11.

Topiramate is classified as a sulfamate-substituted monosaccharide. The precise mechanism

by which topiramate exerts its antiseizure and migraine prophylaxis effects are unknown.

Electrophysiological and biochemical studies on cultured neurons have identified three

properties that may contribute to the antiepileptic efficacy of topiramate.

Action potentials elicited repetitively by a sustained depolarization of the neurons were

blocked by topiramate in a time-dependent manner, suggestive of a state-dependent sodium

channel blocking action. Topiramate increased the frequency at which γ -aminobutyrate

(GABA) activated GABA_A receptors, and enhanced the ability of GABA to induce a flux of

chloride ions into neurons, suggesting that topiramate potentiates the activity of this

inhibitory neurotransmitter.

This effect was not blocked by flumazenil, a benzodiazepine antagonist, nor did topiramate

increase the duration of the channel open time, differentiating topiramate from barbiturates

that modulate GABAA receptors.

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Because the antiepileptic profile of topiramate differs markedly from that of the benzodiazepines, it may modulate a benzodiazepine-insensitive subtype of GABA_A receptor. Topiramate antagonized the ability of kainate to activate the kainate/AMPA (α -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methylisoxazole-4-propionic acid) subtype of excitatory amino acid (glutamate) receptor, but had no apparent effect on the activity of N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) at the NMDA receptor subtype. These effects of topiramate were concentration-dependent over a range of 1 μ M to 200 μ M, with minimum activity observed at 1 μ M to 10 μ M.

In addition, topiramate inhibits some isoenzymes of carbonic anhydrase. This pharmacologic effect is much weaker than that of acetazolamide, a known carbonic anhydrase inhibitor, and is not thought to be a major component of topiramate's antiepileptic activity.

In animal studies, topiramate exhibits anticonvulsant activity in rat and mouse maximal electroshock seizure (MES) tests and is effective in rodent models of epilepsy, which include tonic and absence-like seizures in the spontaneous epileptic rat (SER) and tonic and clonic seizures induced in rats by kindling of the amygdala or by global ischemia. Topiramate is only weakly effective in blocking clonic seizures induced by the GABA_A receptor antagonist, pentylenetetrazole.

Studies in mice receiving concomitant administration of topiramate and carbamazepine or phenobarbital showed synergistic anticonvulsant activity, while combination with phenytoin showed additive anticonvulsant activity. In well-controlled add-on trials, no correlation has been demonstrated between trough plasma concentrations of topiramate and its clinical efficacy. No evidence of tolerance has been demonstrated in man.

Absence seizures

Two small one arm studies were carried out with children aged 4-11 years old (CAPSS-326 and TOPAMAT-ABS-001). One included 5 children and the other included 12 children before it was terminated early due to lack of therapeutic response. The doses used in these studies were up to approximately 12 mg/kg in study TOPAMAT-ABS-001 and a maximum of the lesser of 9 mg/kg/day or 400 mg/day in study CAPSS-326. These studies do not provide sufficient evidence to reach conclusion regarding efficacy or safety in the paediatric population.

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5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The film-coated tablet and hard capsule formulations are bioequivalent.

The pharmacokinetic profile of topiramate compared to other AEDs shows a long plasma

half-life, linear pharmacokinetics, predominantly renal clearance, absence of significant

protein binding, and lack of clinically relevant active metabolites.

Topiramate is not a potent inducer of drug metabolizing enzymes, can be administered

without regard to meals, and routine monitoring of plasma topiramate concentrations is not

necessary. In clinical studies, there was no consistent relationship between plasma

concentrations and efficacy or adverse events.

Absorption

Topiramate is rapidly and well absorbed. Following oral administration of 100 mg topiramate

to healthy subjects, a mean peak plasma concentration (C_{max}) of 1.5 µg/ml was achieved

within 2 to 3 hours (T_{max}) .

Based on the recovery of radioactivity from the urine the mean extent of absorption of a 100

mg oral dose of ¹⁴C-topiramate was at least 81%. There was no clinically significant effect of

food on the bioavailability of topiramate.

Distribution

Generally, 13 to 17% of topiramate is bound to plasma protein. A low capacity binding site

for topiramate in/on erythrocytes that is saturable above plasma concentrations of 4 µg/ml has

been observed. The volume of distribution varied inversely with the dose. The mean apparent

volume of distribution was 0.80 to 0.55 l/kg for a single dose range of 100 to 1200 mg. An

effect of gender on the volume of distribution was detected, with values for females circa

50% of those for males. This was attributed to the higher percent body fat in female patients

and is of no clinical consequence.

Biotransformation

Topiramate is not extensively metabolized (~20%) in healthy volunteers. It is metabolized up

to 50% in patients receiving concomitant antiepileptic therapy with known inducers of drug

metabolizing enzymes. Six metabolites, formed through hydroxylation, hydrolysis and

glucuronidation, have been isolated, characterized and identified from plasma, urine and

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faeces of humans. Each metabolite represents less than 3% of the total radioactivity excreted following administration of ¹⁴C-topiramate. Two metabolites, which retained most of the

structure of topiramate, were tested and found to have little or no anticonvulsant activity.

Elimination

In humans, the major route of elimination of unchanged topiramate and its metabolites is via

the kidney (at least 81% of the dose). Approximately 66% of a dose of ¹⁴C-topiramate was

excreted unchanged in the urine within four days. Following twice a day dosing with 50 mg

and 100 mg of topiramate the mean renal clearance was approximately 18 ml/min and 17

ml/min, respectively. There is evidence of renal tubular reabsorption of topiramate. This is

supported by studies in rats where topiramate was co-administered with probenecid, and a

significant increase in renal clearance of topiramate was observed. Overall, plasma clearance

is approximately 20 to 30 ml/min in humans following oral administration.

Linearity/non-linearity

Topiramate exhibits low intersubject variability in plasma concentrations and, therefore, has

predictable pharmacokinetics. The pharmacokinetics of topiramate are linear with plasma

clearance remaining constant and area under the plasma concentration curve increasing in a

dose-proportional manner over a 100 to 400 mg single oral dose range in healthy subjects.

Patients with normal renal function may take 4 to 8 days to reach steady-state plasma

concentrations. The mean C_{max} following multiple, twice a day oral doses of 100 mg to

healthy subjects was 6.76 µg/ml. Following administration of multiple doses of 50 mg and

100 mg of topiramate twice a day, the mean plasma elimination half-life was approximately

21 hours.

Use with other AEDs

Concomitant multiple-dose administration of topiramate, 100 to 400 mg twice a day, with

phenytoin or carbamazepine shows dose proportional increases in plasma concentrations of

topiramate.

Renal impairment

The plasma and renal clearance of topiramate are decreased in patients with moderate and

severe impaired renal function (CL_{CR} ≤ 70 ml/min). As a result, higher steady-state

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topiramate plasma concentrations are expected for a given dose in renal-impaired patients as

compared to those with normal renal function. In addition, patients with renal impairment will

require a longer time to reach steady-state at each dose. In patients with moderate and severe

renal impairment, half of the usual starting and maintenance dose is recommended.

Topiramate is effectively removed from plasma by haemodialysis. A prolonged period of

hemodialysis may cause topiramate concentration to fall below levels that are required to

maintain an anti-seizure effect. To avoid rapid drops in topiramate plasma concentration

during hemodialysis, a supplemental dose of topiramate may be required. The actual

adjustment should take into account 1) the duration of dialysis period, 2) the clearance rate of

the dialysis system being used, and 3) the effective renal clearance of topiramate in the patient

being dialyzed.

Hepatic impairment

Plasma clearance of topiramate decreased a mean of 26% in patients with moderate to severe

hepatic impairment. Therefore, topiramate should be administered with caution in patients

with hepatic impairment.

Elderly population

Plasma clearance of topiramate is unchanged in elderly subjects in the absence of underlying

renal disease.

Paediatric population (pharmacokinetics, up to 12 years of age)

The pharmacokinetics of topiramate in children, as in adults receiving add-on therapy, are

linear, with clearance independent of dose and steady-state plasma concentrations increasing

in proportion to dose. Children, however, have a higher clearance and a shorter elimination

half-life. Consequently, the plasma concentrations of topiramate for the same mg/kg dose

may be lower in children compared to adults. As in adults, hepatic enzyme inducing AEDs

decrease the steady-state plasma concentrations.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

In nonclinical studies of fertility, despite maternal and paternal toxicity as low as 8

mg/kg/day, no effects on fertility were observed, in male or female rats with doses up to 100

mg/kg/day.

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In preclinical studies, topiramate has been shown to have teratogenic effects in the species studied (mice, rats and rabbits). In mice, fetal weights and skeletal ossification were reduced at 500 mg/kg/day in conjunction with maternal toxicity. Overall numbers of fetal malformations in mice were increased for all drug-treated groups (20, 100 and 500 mg/kg/day).

In rats, dosage-related maternal and embryo/fetal toxicity (reduced fetal weights and/or skeletal ossification) were observed down to 20 mg/kg/day with teratogenic effects (limb and digit defects) at 400 mg/kg/day and above. In rabbits, dosage-related maternal toxicity was noted down to 10 mg/kg/day with embryo/fetal toxicity (increased lethality) down to 35 mg/kg/day, and teratogenic effects (rib and vertebral malformations) at 120 mg/kg/day.

The teratogenic effects seen in rats and rabbits were similar to those seen with carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, which have not been associated with malformations in humans. Effects on growth were also indicated by lower weights at birth and during lactation for pups from female rats treated with 20 or 100 mg/kg/day during gestation and lactation. In rats, topiramate crosses the placental barrier.

In juvenile rats, daily oral administration of topiramate at doses up to 300 mg/kg/day during the period of development corresponding to infancy, childhood, and adolescence resulted in toxicities similar to those in adult animals (decreased food consumption with decreased body weight gain, centrolobullar hepatocellular hypertrophy). There were no relevant effects on long bone (tibia) growth or bone (femur) mineral density, preweaning and reproductive development, neurological development (including assessments on memory and learning), mating and fertility or hysterotomy parameters.

In a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* mutagenicity assays, topiramate did not show genotoxic potential.

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6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Topiramate 50mg

Mannitol

Sodium starch glycolate Type A

Hypromellose

Butylated hydroxy anisole

Magnesium stearate

Opadry yellow 138520016

Topiramate 100mg

Mannitol

Sodium starch glycolate Type A

Hypromellose

Butylated hydroxy anisole

Magnesium stearate

Opadry yellow 138520018

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable

6.3 Shelf life

2 years

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C. Keep out from the reach of children

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Alu/Alu Blister pack of 10 tablets

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

No special requirements

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