

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTIC

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Trade Name: Dol-P Tablet

INN: Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol

Strength: 37.5mg/325mg

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION:

Qualitative and Quantitative formula:

Each film-coated tablet contains:

Tramadol Hydrochloride 37.5 mg

Paracetamol 325 mg

Batch Size: 282 Kg (500,000 Tablets)

Ingredients	Specifications	Quantity per Vial (mg)	Quantity per batch (kg)
Active Ingredient			
Tramadol HCl	USP	37.50	18.7500
Paracetamol	BP	325.00	162.500
Maize Starch	BP	132.314	66.157
Methyl Paraben (Methyl Hydroxybenzoate)	USP	0.186	0.0930
Pregelatinized Starch	BP	45.0	22.500
Sodium Starch Glycolate	MS	20.0	10.00
Magnesium Stearate	USP	5.00	2.50
Coating			
Hypromellose (Pharmacoat 606)	USP	8.350	4.1750
Glycerin (Glycerol)	BP	0.68	0.3400
Titanium Dioxide	USP	0.68	0.3400
Povidone (PVP K-30)	USP	2.257	1.1285
Polyethylene Glycol 6000 Flakes	USP	2.257	1.1285

1. Quantity to be adjusted according to potency.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-Coated Tablet

Oblong, White to off-white, biconvex film coated tablets with Score line on one side & engraved "GENIX" on other side.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1. Therapeutic Indications:

Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol tablets are indicated for the symptomatic treatment of moderate to severe pain. The use of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should be restricted to patients whose moderate to severe pain is considered to require a combination of tramadol and paracetamol.

4.2. Posology and Method of Administration:

Posology

ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS (12 years and older)

The use of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should be restricted to patients whose moderate to severe pain is considered to require a combination of tramadol and Paracetamol.

The dose should be individually adjusted according to intensity of pain and response of the patient.

An initial dose of two tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is recommended. Additional doses can be taken as needed, not exceeding 8 tablets (equivalent to 300 mg tramadol and 2600 mg paracetamol) per day.

The dosing interval should not be less than six hours.

Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should under no circumstances be administered for longer than is strictly necessary (see also section 4.4 - Special warnings and precautions for use). If repeated use or long term treatment with Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is required as a result of the nature and severity of the illness, then careful, regular monitoring should take place (with breaks in the treatment, where possible), to assess whether continuation of the treatment is necessary.

CHILDREN

The effective and safe use of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol has not been established in children below the age of 12 years. Treatment is therefore not recommended in this population.

ELDERLY PATIENTS

The usual dosages may be used although it should be noted that in volunteers aged over 75 years the elimination half-life of tramadol was increased by 17% following oral administration. In patients over 75 years old, it is recommended that the minimum interval between doses should be not less than 6 hours, due to the presence of tramadol.

Renal insufficiency

Because of the presence of tramadol, the use of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is not recommended in patients with severe renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance < 10 ml/min). In cases of moderate renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance between 10 and 30 ml/min), the dosing should be increased to 12-hourly intervals. As tramadol is removed only very slowly by haemodialysis or by haemofiltration, post dialysis administration to maintain analgesia is not usually required.

Hepatic insufficiency

In patients with severe hepatic impairment Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should not be used (see Section 4.3). In moderate cases prolongation of the dosage interval should be carefully considered (see Section 4.4).

Method of administration

For oral administration.

Tablets must be swallowed whole, with a sufficient quantity of liquid. They must not be broken or chewed.

4.3 **Contraindications:**

- Hypersensitivity to tramadol, paracetamol or to any of the excipients (see 6.1. List of excipients) of the medicinal product,
- Acute intoxication with alcohol, hypnotic drugs, centrally-acting analgesics, opioids or psychotropic drugs,
- Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should not be administered to patients who are receiving monoamine oxidase inhibitors or within two weeks of their withdrawal (see 4.5. Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction),
- Severe hepatic impairment,
- Epilepsy not controlled by treatment (see. 4.4. Special Warnings)

4.4 **Special Warnings and Precautions for Use:**

Warnings:

- In adults and adolescents 12 years and older. The maximum dose of 8 tablets of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should not be exceeded. In order to avoid inadvertent overdose, patients should be advised not to exceed the recommended dose and not to use any other paracetamol (including over the counter) or tramadol hydrochloride containing products concurrently without the advice of a physician.
- In severe renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance <10 ml/min), Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is not recommended.
- In patients with severe hepatic impairment Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should not be used (See Section 4.3). The hazards of paracetamol overdose are greater in patients with non-cirrhotic alcoholic liver disease. In moderate cases prolongation of dosage interval should be carefully considered.
- In severe respiratory insufficiency, Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is not recommended.
- Tramadol is not suitable as a substitute in opioid-dependent patients. Although it is an opioid agonist, tramadol cannot suppress morphine withdrawal symptoms.
- Convulsions have been reported in tramadol-treated patients susceptible to seizures or taking other medications that lower the seizure threshold, especially selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors, tricyclic antidepressants, antipsychotics, centrally acting analgesics or local anaesthesia. Epileptic patients controlled by a treatment or patients susceptible to seizures should be treated with Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol only if there are compelling circumstances. Convulsions have been reported in patients receiving tramadol at the recommended dose levels. The risk may be increased when doses of tramadol exceed the recommended upper dose limit
- Concomitant use of opioid agonists-antagonists (nalbuphine, buprenorphine, pentazocine) is not recommended (see 4.5 Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction).

Precautions for use

Tolerance and physical and/or psychological dependence may develop, even at therapeutic doses. The clinical need for analgesic treatment should be reviewed regularly (see section 4.2). In opioid-dependent patients and patients with a history of drug abuse or dependence, treatment should only be for short period and under medical supervision. Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol should be used with caution in patients with cranial trauma, in patients prone to convulsive disorder, biliary tract disorders, in a state of shock, in an altered state of consciousness for unknown reasons, with problems affecting the respiratory center or the respiratory function, or with an increased intracranial pressure.

Paracetamol in overdose may cause hepatic toxicity in some patients.

Symptoms of withdrawal reaction, similar to those occurring during opiate withdrawal, may occur even at therapeutic doses and for short term treatment (see section 4.8). Withdrawal symptoms may be avoided by tapering it at the time of discontinuation especially after long treatment periods. Rarely, cases of dependence and abuse have been reported (see section 4.8).

Symptoms of withdrawal reactions, similar to those occurring during opiate withdrawal may occur (see section 4.8).

In one study, use of tramadol during general anesthesia with enflurane and nitrous oxide was reported to enhance intra-operative recall. Until further information is available, use of tramadol during light planes of anesthesia should be avoided.

4.5 Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction:

Concomitant use is contraindicated with:

Non-selective MAO Inhibitors

Risk of serotonergic syndrome: diarrhoea, tachycardia, sweating, trembling, confusion, even coma.

Selective-A MAO Inhibitors

Extrapolation from non-selective MAO inhibitors

Risk of serotonergic syndrome: diarrhoea, tachycardia, sweating, trembling, confusion, even coma.

Selective-B MAO Inhibitors

Central excitation symptoms evocative of a serotonergic syndrome: diarrhoea, tachycardia, sweating, trembling, confusion, even coma.

In case of recent treatment with MAO inhibitors, a delay of two weeks should occur before treatment with tramadol

Concomitant use is not recommended with:

Alcohol

Alcohol increases the sedative effect of opioid analgesics.

The effect on alertness can make driving of vehicles and the use of machines dangerous. Avoid intake of alcoholic drinks and of medicinal products containing alcohol.

Carbamazepine and other enzyme inducers

Risk of reduced efficacy and shorter duration due to decreased plasma concentrations of tramadol.

Opioid agonists-antagonists (buprenorphine, nalbuphine, pentazocine)

Decrease of the analgesic effect by competitive blocking effect at the receptors, with the risk of occurrence of withdrawal syndrome.

Concomitant use which needs to be taken into consideration:

- In isolated cases there have been reports of Serotonin Syndrome in a temporal connection with the therapeutic use of tramadol in combination with other serotonergic medicines such as selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and triptans. Signs of Serotonin Syndrome may be for example, confusion, agitation, fever, sweating, ataxia, hyperreflexia, myoclonus and diarrhoea.
- Other opioid derivatives (including antitussive drugs and substitutive treatments), benzodiazepines and barbiturates.

Increased risk of respiratory depression which can be fatal in cases of overdose.

- Other central nervous system depressants, such as other opioid derivatives (including antitussive drugs and substitutive treatments), barbiturates, benzodiazepines, other anxiolytics, hypnotics, sedative antidepressants, sedative antihistamines, neuroleptics, centrally-acting antihypertensive drugs, thalidomide and baclofen.

These drugs can cause increased central depression. The effect on alertness can make driving of vehicles and the use of machines dangerous.

- As medically appropriate, periodic evaluation of prothrombin time should be performed when Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol and warfarin like compounds are administered concurrently due to reports of increased INR.
- Other drugs known to inhibit CYP3A4, such as ketoconazole and erythromycin, might inhibit the metabolism of tramadol (N-demethylation) probably also the metabolism of the active O-demethylated metabolite. The clinical importance of such an interaction has not been studied.
- Medicinal products reducing the seizure threshold, such as bupropion, serotonin reuptake inhibitor antidepressants, tricyclic antidepressants and neuroleptics. Concomitant use of tramadol with these drugs can increase the risk of convulsions. The speed of absorption of paracetamol may be increased by metoclopramide or domperidone and absorption reduced by cholestyramine.
- In a limited number of studies the pre- or postoperative application of the antiemetic 5-HT₃ antagonist ondansetron increased the requirement of tramadol in patients with postoperative pain.

4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and Lactation

Pregnancy

Since Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is a fixed combination of active ingredients including tramadol, it should not be used during pregnancy.

Data regarding paracetamol:

A large amount of data on pregnant women indicate neither malformative, nor feto/neonatal toxicity. Paracetamol can be used during pregnancy if clinically needed however it should be used at the lowest effective dose for the shortest possible time and at the lowest possible frequency.

Data regarding tramadol:

Tramadol should not be used during pregnancy as there is inadequate evidence available to assess the safety of tramadol in pregnant women. Tramadol administered before or during birth does not affect uterine contractility. In neonates it may induce changes in the respiratory rate which are usually not clinically relevant. Long-term treatment during pregnancy may lead to withdrawal symptoms in the newborn after birth, as a consequence of habituation.

Breastfeeding

Since Tramadol Hydrochloride/ Paracetamol is a fixed combination of active ingredients including tramadol, it should not be ingested during breast feeding.

Approximately 0.1% of the maternal dose of tramadol is excreted in breast milk. In the immediate post-partum period, for maternal oral daily dosage up to 400 mg, this corresponds to a mean amount of tramadol ingested by breast-fed infants of 3% of the maternal weight-adjusted dosage. For this reason, tramadol should not be used during lactation or alternatively, breast-feeding should be discontinued during treatment with tramadol. Discontinuation of breast-feeding is generally not necessary following a single dose of tramadol

Data regarding paracetamol:

Paracetamol is excreted in breast milk but not in a clinically significant amount. Available published data do not contraindicate breast feeding by women using single ingredient medicinal products containing only paracetamol

Data regarding tramadol:

Tramadol and its metabolites are found in small amounts in human breast milk. An infant could ingest about 0.1% of the dose given to the mother. Tramadol should not be ingested during breast feeding.

Fertility

Animal studies do not show an effect of tramadol or of paracetamol on fertility (see Section 5.3). No study on fertility has been performed with the combination of tramadol and paracetamol. There are no data for effects of the combination on human fertility.”

4.7 Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines

- Tramadol may cause drowsiness or dizziness, which may be enhanced by alcohol or other CNS depressants. If affected, the patient should not drive or operate machinery.
- This medicine can impair cognitive function and can affect a patient's ability to drive safely. This class of medicine is in the list of drugs included in regulations under 5a of the Road Traffic Act 1988. When prescribing this medicine, patients should be told:
 - The medicine is likely to affect your ability to drive
 - Do not drive until you know how the medicine affects you
 - It is an offence to drive while under the influence of this medicine
 - However, you would not be committing an offence (called 'statutory defence') if:
 - The medicine has been prescribed to treat a medical or dental problem and
 - You have taken it according to the instructions given by the prescriber and in the information provided with the medicine and
 - It was not affecting your ability to drive safely

4.8 Side effects

The most commonly reported undesirable effects during the clinical trials performed with the Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol combination were nausea, dizziness and somnolence, observed in more than 10 % of the patients.

Cardiovascular system disorders:

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to $< 1/100$): hypertension, palpitations, tachycardia, arrhythmia

Central and peripheral nervous system disorders:

Very common ($\geq 1/10$): dizziness, somnolence

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$): headache trembling

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to $< 1/100$): involuntary muscular contractions, paraesthesia, tinnitus

Rare ($\geq 1/10000$ to $< 1/1000$): ataxia, convulsions, syncope

Psychiatric disorders:

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to $< 1/10$): confusion, mood changes (anxiety, nervousness, euphoria), sleep disorders

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to $< 1/100$): depression, hallucinations, nightmares, amnesia

Rare ($\geq 1/10000$ to $< 1/1000$): drug dependence

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Very rare (< 1/10000): abuse.

Vision disorders:

Rare ($\geq 1/10000$ to < 1/1000): blurred vision

Respiratory system disorders:

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): dyspnoea

Gastro-intestinal disorders:

Very common ($\geq 1/10$): nausea

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to < 1/10): vomiting, constipation, dry mouth, diarrhoea abdominal pain, dyspepsia, flatulence

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): dysphagia, melaena

Liver and biliary system disorders:

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): hepatic transaminases increase

Skin and appendages disorders:

Common ($\geq 1/100$ to < 1/10): sweating, pruritus

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): dermal reactions (e.g. rash, urticaria)

Urinary system disorders:

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): albuminuria, micturition disorders (dysuria and urinary retention)

Body as a whole:

Uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100): shivers, hot flushes, thoracic pain

Metabolism and nutrition disorders:

Unknown: hypoglycaemia

Although not observed during clinical trials, the occurrence of the following undesirable effects known to be related to the administration of tramadol or paracetamol cannot be excluded:

Tramadol

- Postural hypotension, bradycardia, collapse (tramadol).
- Post-marketing surveillance of tramadol has revealed rare alterations of warfarin effect, including elevation of prothrombin times.
- Rare cases ($\geq 1/10000$ to < 1/1000): allergic reactions with respiratory symptoms (e.g. dyspnoea, bronchospasm, wheezing, angioneurotic oedema) and anaphylaxis
- Rare cases ($\geq 1/10000$ to < 1/1000): changes in appetite, motor weakness, and respiratory depression
- Psychic side-effects may occur following administration of tramadol which vary individually in intensity and nature (depending on personality and duration of medication). These include changes in mood, (usually elation occasionally dysphoria), changes in activity (usually suppression occasionally increase) and changes in cognitive and sensorial capacity (e.g. decision behaviour perception disorders).
- Worsening of asthma has been reported though a causal relationship has not been established.
- Symptoms of withdrawal reactions, similar to those occurring during opiate withdrawal may occur as follows: agitation, anxiety, nervousness, insomnia, hyperkinesia, tremor and gastrointestinal symptoms.

Other symptoms that have very rarely been seen if tramadol hydrochloride is discontinued abruptly include: panic attacks, severe anxiety, hallucinations, paraesthesia, tinnitus and unusual CNS symptoms.

Paracetamol

- Adverse effects of paracetamol are rare but hypersensitivity including skin rash may occur.
- There have been reports of blood dyscrasias including thrombocytopenia and agranulocytosis, but these were not necessarily causally related to paracetamol.
- There have been several reports that suggest that paracetamol may produce hypoprothrombinemia when administered with warfarin-like compounds. In other studies, prothrombin time did not change.

4.9 Overdose

Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is a fixed combination of active ingredients. In case of overdose, the symptoms may include the signs and symptoms of toxicity of tramadol or paracetamol or of both these active ingredients.

Symptoms of overdose from tramadol:

In principle, on intoxication with tramadol, symptoms similar to those of other centrally acting analgesics (opioids) are to be expected. These include in particular, miosis, vomiting, cardiovascular collapse, consciousness disorders up to coma, convulsions and respiratory depression up to respiratory arrest.

Symptoms of overdose from paracetamol:

An overdose is of particular concern in young children. Symptoms of paracetamol overdosage in the first 24 hours are pallor, nausea, vomiting, anorexia and abdominal pain. Liver damage may become apparent 12 to 48 hours after ingestion. Abnormalities of glucose metabolism and metabolic acidosis may occur. In severe poisoning, hepatic failure may progress to encephalopathy, coma and death. Acute renal failure with acute tubular necrosis may develop even in the absence of severe liver damage. Cardiac arrhythmias and pancreatitis have been reported.

Liver damage is possible in adults who have taken 7.5-10 g or more of paracetamol. It is considered that excess quantities of a toxic metabolite (usually adequately detoxified by glutathione when normal doses of paracetamol are ingested), become irreversibly bound to liver tissue.

Emergency treatment:

- Transfer immediately to a specialised unit.
- Maintain respiratory and circulatory functions
- Prior to starting treatment, a blood sample should be taken as soon as possible after overdose in order to measure the plasma concentration of paracetamol and tramadol and in order to perform hepatic tests.
- Perform hepatic tests at the start (of overdose) and repeat every 24 hours. An increase in hepatic enzymes (ASAT, ALAT) is usually observed, which normalizes after one or two weeks.
- Empty the stomach by causing the patient to vomit (when the patient is conscious) by irritation or gastric lavage.

- Supportive measures such as maintaining the patency of the airway and maintaining cardiovascular function should be instituted; naloxone should be used to reverse respiratory depression; fits can be controlled with diazepam.
- Tramadol is minimally eliminated from the serum by hemodialysis or hemofiltration. Therefore, treatment of acute intoxication with Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol with hemodialysis or hemofiltration alone is not suitable for detoxification.

Immediate treatment is essential in the management of paracetamol overdose. Despite a lack of significant early symptoms, patients should be referred to hospital urgently for immediate medical attention and any adult or adolescent who had ingested around 7.5g or more of paracetamol in the preceding 4 hours or any child who has ingested ≥ 150 mg/kg of paracetamol in the preceding 4 hours should undergo gastric lavage. Paracetamol concentrations in blood should be measured later than 4 hours after overdose in order to be able to assess the risk of developing liver damage (via the paracetamol overdose nomogram). Administration of oral methionine or intravenous N-acetylcysteine (NAC) which may have a beneficial effect up to at least 48 hours after the overdose may be required. Administration of intravenous NAC is most beneficial when initiated within 8 hours of overdose ingestion. However, NAC should still be given if the time to presentation is greater than 8 hours after overdose and continued for a full course of therapy. NAC treatment should be started immediately when massive overdose is suspected. General supportive measures must be available.

Irrespective of the reported quantity of paracetamol ingested, the antidote for paracetamol, NAC, should be administered orally or intravenously, as quickly as possible, if possible, within 8 hours following the overdose.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Tramadol, combinations

ATC code: N02A X 52

ANALGESICS

Tramadol is an opioid analgesic that acts on the central nervous system. Tramadol is a pure non-selective agonist of the μ , δ , and κ opioid receptors with a higher affinity for the μ receptors. Other mechanisms which contribute to its analgesic effect are inhibition of neuronal reuptake of noradrenaline and enhancement of serotonin release. Tramadol has an antitussive effect. Unlike morphine, a broad range of analgesic doses of tramadol has no respiratory depressant effect. Similarly, the gastro-intestinal motility is not modified. The cardiovascular effects are generally slight. The potency of tramadol is considered to be one-tenth to one-sixth that of morphine.

The precise mechanism of the analgesic properties of paracetamol is unknown and may involve central and peripheral effects.

Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol is positioned as a step II analgesic in the WHO pain ladder and should be utilized accordingly by the physician.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Tramadol is administered in racemic form and the [-] and [+] forms of tramadol and its metabolite M1, are detected in the blood. Although tramadol is rapidly absorbed after administration, its absorption is slower (and its half-life longer) than that of paracetamol. After a single oral administration of a tramadol/paracetamol (37.5 mg/325 mg) tablet, peak plasma concentrations of 64.3/55.5 ng/ml [(+)-tramadol/(-)-tramadol] and 4.2 µg/ml (paracetamol) are reached after 1.8 h [(+)-tramadol/(-)-tramadol] and 0.9 h (paracetamol) respectively. The mean elimination half-lives $t_{1/2}$ are 5.1/4.7 h [(+)-tramadol/(-)-tramadol] and 2.5 h (paracetamol).

During pharmacokinetic studies in healthy volunteers after single and repeated oral administration of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol, no clinical significant change was observed in the kinetic parameters of each active ingredient compared to the parameters of the active ingredients used alone.

Absorption:

Racemic tramadol is rapidly and almost completely absorbed after oral administration. The mean absolute bioavailability of a single 100 mg dose is approximately 75 %. After repeated administration, the bioavailability is increased and reaches approximately 90 %.

After administration of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol, the oral absorption of paracetamol is rapid and nearly complete and takes place mainly in the small intestine. Peak plasma concentrations of paracetamol are reached in one hour and are not modified by concomitant administration of tramadol.

The oral administration of Tramadol Hydrochloride/Paracetamol with food has no significant effect on the peak plasma concentration or extent of absorption of either tramadol or paracetamol so that P can be taken independently of meal times.

Distribution

Tramadol has a high tissue affinity ($V_{d,\beta}=203 \pm 40$ l). It has a plasma protein binding of about 20%.

Paracetamol appears to be widely distributed throughout most body tissues except fat. Its apparent volume of distribution is about 0.9 l/kg. A relatively small portion (~20%) of paracetamol is bound to plasma proteins.

Metabolism

Tramadol is extensively metabolized after oral administration. About 30 % of the dose is excreted in urine as unchanged drug, whereas 60% of the dose is excreted as metabolites. Tramadol is metabolized through O-demethylation (catalyzed by the enzyme CYP2D6) to the metabolite M1, and through N-demethylation (catalyzed by CYP3A) to the metabolite M2. M1 is further metabolized through N-demethylation and by conjugation with glucuronic acid. The plasma elimination half-life of M1 is 7 hours. The metabolite M1 has analgesic properties and is more potent than the parent drug. The plasma concentrations of M1 are several-fold lower than those of tramadol and the contribution to the clinical effect is unlikely to change on multiple dosing.

Paracetamol is principally metabolized in the liver through two major hepatic routes: glucuronidation and sulphation. The latter route can be rapidly saturated at doses above the therapeutic doses. A small fraction (less than 4%) is metabolized by cytochrome P 450 to an active intermediate (the N-acetyl benzoquinoneimine) which, under normal conditions of use, is rapidly detoxified by reduced glutathione and excreted in urine after

conjugation to cysteine and mercapturic acid. However, during massive overdose, the quantity of this metabolite is increased.

Elimination

Tramadol and its metabolites are eliminated mainly by the kidneys. The half-life of paracetamol is approximately 2 to 3 hours in adults. It is shorter in children and slightly longer in the newborn and in cirrhotic patients. Paracetamol is mainly eliminated by dose- dependent formation of glucuro- and sulpho-conjugate derivatives. Less than 9 % of paracetamol is excreted unchanged in urine. In renal insufficiency, the half-life of both compounds is prolonged.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

No preclinical study has been performed with the fixed combination (tramadol and paracetamol) to evaluate its carcinogenic or mutagenic effects or its effects on fertility.

No teratogenic effect that can be attributed to the medicine has been observed in the progeny of rats treated orally with the combination tramadol/paracetamol.

The combination tramadol/paracetamol has proven to be embryotoxic and foetotoxic in the rat at materno-toxic dose (50/434 mg/kg tramadol/paracetamol), i.e., 8.3 times the maximum therapeutic dose in man. No teratogenic effect has been observed at this dose. The toxicity to the embryo and the foetus results in a decreased foetal weight and an increase in supernumerary ribs. Lower doses, causing less severe materno-toxic effect (10/87 and 25/217 mg/kg tramadol/paracetamol) did not result in toxic effects in the embryo or the foetus. Results of standard mutagenicity tests did not reveal a potential genotoxic risk for tramadol in man.

Results of carcinogenicity tests do not suggest a potential risk of tramadol for man.

Animal studies with tramadol revealed, at very high doses, effects on organ development, ossification and neonatal mortality, associated with maternotoxicity. Fertility reproductive performance and development of offspring were unaffected. Tramadol crosses the placenta. No effect on fertility has been observed after oral administration of tramadol up to doses of 50 mg/kg in the male rat and 75 mg/kg in the female rat.

Extensive investigations showed no evidence of a relevant genotoxic risk of paracetamol at therapeutic (i.e. non-toxic) doses.

Long-term studies in rats and mice yielded no evidence of relevant tumorigenic effects at non-hepatotoxic dosages of paracetamol.

Animal studies and extensive human experience to date yield no evidence of reproductive toxicity.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of Excipients

Core:

- Maize Starch
- Methyl Paraben (Methyl Hydroxybenzoate)
- Pregelatinized Starch
- Sodium Starch Glycolate
- Magnesium Stearate

Coating:

- Hypromellose (Pharmacoat 606)
- Glycerin (Glycerol)
- Titanium Dioxide
- Povidone (PVP K-30)
- Polyethylene Glycol 6000 Flakes

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 The duration of the conversion

2 years

6.4 Special Precautions for Storage:

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

6.5 Nature and Contents of the outer packaging:

DOL-P Tablet:

Dol-P (Tramadol HCl/Paracetamol) USP tablets 37.5mg/325mg are available in 1x10's Alu-Alu blister pack with leaflet.

6.6 Special Precautions for Disposal and Handling:

No special requirements.

7. MARKETING AUTHORIZATION HOLDER

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8. MARKET AUTHORIZATION NUMBER (S)

076424

9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORIZATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORIZATION

22nd April, 2014

10. DATE OF UPDATE OF THE TEXT

Not Applicable

11. DOSIMETRY

Not Applicable

12. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF RADIOPHARMACEUTICS

Not Applicable