TAMSULOSIN-TEVA PROLONGED RELEASE FILM-COATED TABLET 400MCG

ACTIVE SUBSTANCE

Tamsulosin hydrochloride DESCRIPTION

Tamsulosin-Teva is a film-coated, prolonged release tablet containing 400 mcg tamsulosin hydrochloride, an ɑ1-adrenoceptor blocking agent. It has a high affinity for the a1A- receptor subtype predominantly present in the human prostate. The chemical structure of tamsulosin hydrochloride is:

The chemical name is (R)-5-[2-[[2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl]amino]propyl]-2methoxybenzenesulfonamide, monohydrochloride. The molecular weight is 444.98 The CAS registry number is CAS-106463-17-6 (hydrochloride).

Tamsulosin-Teva also contains cellulose microcrystalline, polyethylene oxide, colloidal anhydrous silica, magnesium stearate, hypromellose, titanium dioxide, macrogol 8000, iron oxide yellow, iron oxide red. None of the excipients is derived from animal sources.

Tamsulosin hydrochloride is sparingly soluble in water (1:85) and slightly soluble in alcohol. It is stable in an acid environment.

PHARMACOLOGY The tone of the human prostate smooth muscle is maintained primarily by noradrenaline

symptoms associated with benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH).

prostate and urethra and thereby relieving obstruction.

Pharmacodynamics Pharmacological studies have established that tamsulosin is a selective, potent and competitive a1-adrenoceptor antagonist and that it has a greater affinity for the a1A-

released from adrenergic nerves and stimulating post-junctional a1-adrenoceptors. This provides the rationale for the use of a1-adrenoceptor antagonists for lower urinary tract

receptor subtype, predominantly present in the human prostate.

ol-adrenoceptor antagonists generally can reduce blood pressure by lowering peripheral resistance. However, no reduction in blood pressure of any clinical significance was observed during studies with Tamsulosin.

The binding of tamsulosin to a1-adrenoceptors in the prostate results in relaxation of

prostate smooth muscle followed by improvements in urodynamics. Thus, Tamsulosin increases maximum urinary flow rate by reducing smooth muscle tension in the

It also improves the symptoms related to bladder instability and tension of the smooth muscle of the lower urinary tract.

These effects on urinary storage and voiding symptoms are maintained during longterm therapy. The need for surgery or catheterisation is significantly delayed.

Pharmacokinetics

over the whole pH range encountered in the gastro-intestinal tract, resulting in an

Tamsulosin is a prolonged release tablet of the non-ionic gel matrix type. Tamsulosin-Teva formulation provides consistent slow release of tamsulosin, which is maintained

adequate exposure, with little fluctuation, over 24 hours.

C24 (ng/mL) AUC*

(ng.hr/mL)

T, (hr)

TPF

Tamsulosin is absorbed from the intestine. Of the administered dose, approximately

Absorption and distribution

55 to 59% is estimated to be absorbed. The rate and extent of absorption of tamsulosin hydrochloride are only slightly affected by food, but this is unlikely to be

clinically significant.

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet exhibits near linear pharmacokinetics (plasma

0.8 mg to 1.2 mg once daily. Steady state is reached by day 4 of multiple dosing. The pharmacokinetics of a 400 mcg once daily dose of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet as a single dose under fasted conditions, and steady state under fed and fasted conditions, are shown in Table 1.

concentrations Cmax and AUC vs dose) over the dosage range 0.4 mg through

Table 1: Mean (SD) pharmacokinetic parameters following once daily dosing with 400 µg of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets. Parameter 400µg single dose to 400µg multiple dose to healthy males at

fasted healthy males

4.16 (1.98)

201.6 (104.0)

18.67 (6.99)

NA

AUC for single dose; AUC for multiple dose

	(n=12)	Fasted	Fed		
T _{max} (hr)	8.51 (7.32)	4.75 (1.65)	4.16 (1.47)		
Cmax (ng/ml)	5.88 (2.61)	10.7 (5.5)	11.1 (3.7)		

4.6 (3.6)

162.4 (104.2)

15.6 (4.4)

0.404 (0.144)

steady state (n=24)

4.8 (2.7)

165.9 (69.1)

14.6 (7.0)

0.421 (0.116)

PF: trough-peak	fluctuation. NA: not applicabl	ie.
s a result of th	ie prolonged release char	acteristic of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet:
he trough conc	entrations - at steady sta	ate, of tamsulosin hydrochloride in plasma
mount to appro	oximately 40% of the pe	ak plasma concentrations, under fasted and

There is a considerable inter-patient variation in the plasma concentrations of

tamsulosin hydrochloride, after both single and multiple dosing.

In man, tamsulosin is about 99% bound to plasma proteins. The volume of distribution is small (about 0.2 l/kg). Metabolism and Excretion Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet 400 μg contains tamsulosin as the R(-) isomer. In

liver enzymes. No dose adjustment is warranted in hepatic insufficiency (see also CONTRAINDICATIONS). None of the metabolites is more active than the original precursor compound.

as unchanged drug is estimated to be about 4 - 6% of the dose administered as

humans, there is no *in vivo* conversion to the less active S(+) isomer. Tamsulosin

has a low first-pass effect, being metabolised slowly. Most tamsulosin is present in

plasma in the form of unchanged drug. Tamsulosin is metabolised in the liver but the

specific cytochrome P450 isoenzymes responsible for this metabolism have not have

been identified. In rats, tamsulosin was seen to cause minimal induction of microsomal

No dose adjustment is warranted in renal impairment (see also CONTRAINDICATIONS). CLINICAL TRIALS

Tamsulosin and its metabolites are mainly excreted in the urine. The amount excreted

The efficacy of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets has been evaluated in 2 randomised, placebo-controlled studies: the phase 2 dose-response study 617-CL-303 and the phase 3 study 617-CL-307. A total of 2962 patients were studied, of which 560 were treated with 0.4 mg of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets and 564 were treated with

In both studies the inclusion criteria were: male patients aged >45 years, diagnosed as

placebo. The remaining subjects were treated with 0.4 mg (capsules), 0.8 mg and

1.2 mg (tablets) doses of tamsulosin hydrochloride. Inclusion Criteria

are summarised in Table 2.

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets.

having lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) suggestive of BPH, with voiding/ obstructive symptoms (including incomplete emptying of the bladder, intermittency, poor stream or hesitancy), and/or storage/irritative/filling symptoms (including daytime frequency, urgency or nocturia) These patients had a total International Prostate Symptom Score (I-PSS) of >13, both

<12.0 mL/s, with a voided volume >120 mL during free flow. Patients with cardiac ischaemia were excluded from participation in these trials. Safety in such patients has not been formally assessed.

at enrolment (Visit 1) and at baseline after the 2-week placebo run-in period (Visit 2).

At enrolment, they also had to have a maximum flow rate (Qmax) of >4.0 mL/s and

Study 617-CL-303: Study 617-CL-303 was a multi-centre, double-blind, randomised placebo-controlled, parallel group, dose-response study. In this study, 211 patients received placebo and

203 patients received 400 µg of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets once daily for

12 weeks of the double- blind randomised treatment. The results of study 617-CL-303

and 357 patients received 400 µg of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets once daily for 12 weeks of the double-blind randomised treatment. The results of study 617-CL-307 are summarised in Table 3.

Parameter Treat

Voiding

I-PSS

Voiding

I-PSS

I-PSS

SD

CI

Tamsulosin

HCl tablets

Tamsulosin

HCI tablets

Placebo

Placebo

tablets

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets

18.5 (4.4)

10.6 (3.4)

10.7 (3.4)

Study 617-CL-307:

The primary efficacy parameter in both studies following 400 µg Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets treatment was the change from baseline to endpoint in total I-PSS scores. The secondary efficacy analyses contained the changes from baseline in voiding and storage I-PSS sub-scores, and I-PSS Quality of Life scores. The I-PSS questionnaire was developed and validated by the American Urological Association (I-PSS previously called the AUA Symptom Index) and consisted of 7 questions evaluating the frequency of 7 urinary symptoms. These included 4

voiding symptoms (poor stream, hesitancy, intermittency and incomplete bladder

emptying) and 3 storage symptoms (daytime frequency, nocturia and urgency). The patient rated each of the 7 symptoms on a scale of 0-5 of increasing symptom

severity. The total score could therefore range from 0-35, the voiding sub-score

from 0-20 and the storage sub-score from 0-15. The questionnaire was adopted by

the World Health Organisation, who added a further question assessing the impact of the urinary symptoms on the Quality of Life. The Quality of Life question asked

Study 617-CL-307 was a multi-centre, double-blind, randomised, placebo and active- controlled, parallel group study. In this study, 353 patients received placebo

how the patient would feel about his current level of symptoms for the rest of his life, ranging from 1 (delighted) to 6 (terrible). Table 2: Results from clinical trial 617-CL-303 showing mean (SD) changes from baseline scores following daily treatment with placebo or 400 μg of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets.

Mean

-3.6

(1.3)

Mean %

-35.1

Mean

-1.2

value

		Mean	(SD)	(SD)	(SD)	Vs placebo	placebo
		(SD)				(95%	
						CI)	
Total	Placebo	17.8	11.7	-6.0	-34.5	-1.6	0.0016*
I-PSS	Tamsu-	(4.0)	(6.1)	(5.4)	(30.1)	(-2.5, -0.6)	
	losin HCI	18.0	10.4	-7.6	-42.4		
	tablete	(4.5)	(5.5)	(5.2)	(27.6)		

Endpoint

6.9

(1.3)

Table 3: Results from clinical trial 617-CL-307 showing mean (SD) changes

from baseline scores following daily treatment with placebo or 400 μg of

Base-

10.4

(1.0)

I-PSS	Tamsu-	(3.2)	(4.1)	(3.5)	(33.6)	(-1.9, -0.6)	
	losin HCI	10.6	5.7	-4.8	-44.2		
	tablets	(3.3)	(3.6)	(3.8)	(32.9)		
Storage	Placebo	7.3	4.9	-2.4	-30.0	-0.3	
I-PSS	Tamsu-	(2.6)	(2.7)	(2.9)	(40.0)	(-0.8, 0.2)	
	losin HCI	7.4	4.6	-2.8	-37.2		
	tablets	(2.7)	(2.7)	(2.5)	(31.9)		
Quality**	Placebo	3.7	2.8	-0.9	-	-0.4	
Of Life	Tamsu-	(1.0)	(1.2)	(1.3)		(-0.6, -0.2)	
l	Insin HCI	27	24	-1 3			

Param Treatment Baseline Endpoint Mean Mean % Mean P value vs Change Change Difference eter Mean Mean placebo (SD) (SD) (SD) (SD) Vs placebo (95%- CI) Tota 18.3 (4.5) 12.4 (6.4) -5.8 (5.6) -32.0 (30.8) <0.0001* Placebo

-7.7 (5.8)

-3.7 (3.8)

-4.7 (4.0)

-41.7 (29.6)

-32.6 (41.4)

-43.9 (34.4)

International Prostate Symptom Score

(-2.5, -1.0)

-10

(-1.5, 0.5)

10.8 (6.2)

7.0 (4.1)

6.0 (4.2)

Storage	Placebo	/.b (2.b)	5.4 (3.0)	-2.2 (2.7)	-27.2 (34.b)	-0./	
I-PSS	Tamsulosin	7.8 (2.6)	4.8 (2.8)	-3.0 (2.8)	-37.4 (32.5)	(-1.1, -0.4)	
	HCI tablets						
Qual-	Placebo	3.8 (1.0)	2.7 (1.3)	-1.1 (1.3)	-	1.53	
ity**	Tamsulosin	3.8 (1.0)	2.4 (1.3)	-1.4 (1.3)		(1.18, 2.00)	
0f	HCI tablets						
Life							
*	=		statistic	cally signif	icant		

Standard Deviation

Confidence Interval Odds ratio

For the relief of lower urinary tract symptoms (LUTS) associated with benign prostatic

 $Hypersensitivity to\ tamsulos in\ hydrochloride,\ including\ drug-induced$

angioedema or any other component of the product.

Concurrent use of another α_1 -adrenoceptor inhibitor

A history of orthostatic hypotension. Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh scores >9). Severe renal impairment with creatinine clearance of less than 10mL/min.

hyperplasia (BPH).

CONTRAINDICATIONS

PRECAUTIONS Syncope and Postural hypotension

Patients beginning treatment with Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets should be cautioned to avoid situations where injury could result should syncope occur Postural hypotension can occur during treatment with Tamsulosin hydrochloride

Exclusion of prostatic carcinoma and other urological conditions

treatment and at regular intervals afterwards.

this possibility and advised to sit or lie down if symptoms of hypotension should occur.

tablets but rarely results in syncope. However, the patient should be warned of

Carcinoma of the prostate and other conditions which can cause the same symptoms

Patients with myocardial infarction or angina pectoris within the preceding six months

were excluded from the Phase III clinical studies. As a result, the safety of Tamsulosin

As Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets may cause dizziness, patients should be warned

Intra-operative Floppy Iris Syndrome (IFIS) has been observed during cataract and

as benign prostatic hyperplasia should be excluded before starting therapy with Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets. Digital rectal examination and, as considered appropriate, determination of prostate specific antigen should be performed before

hydrochloride tablets in these patients has not been formally assessed. Dizziness

Mvocardial ischaemia

glaucoma surgery in some patients taking or who have previously been treated with a1- adrenoceptor antagonists, including tamsulosin. This variant of small pupil

Intra-operative Floppy Iris Syndrome

to take care whilst operating machinery or driving.

syndrome is characterised by the combination of a flaccid iris that billows in response to intra-operative irrigation currents, progressive intra-operative miosis despite

preoperative dilation with standard mydriatic drugs, and potential prolapse of the iris

toward the phaco- emulsification incisions.

During pre-operative assessment, ophthalmologists and ophthalmic teams should

consider whether patients scheduled for cataract or glaucoma surgery are being,

or have been, treated with a1-adrenoceptor antagonists in order to ensure that appropriate measures will be in place to manage IFIS during surgery if it occurs. The patient's ophthalmologist should be prepared for possible modifications to their

surgical technique, such as the utilisation of iris hooks, iris dilator rings, or viscoelastic substances. The benefit of stopping o1-adrenoceptor antagonist therapy prior to cataract or glaucoma surgery has not been established.

Effects on fertility a-adrenoceptor antagonists are known to reduce male fertility by affecting penile

erection, emission and/or ejaculation. In male rats, a severe reduction in male

Sulfa Allergy

copulation rate and fertility was observed after a single dose or after repeated oral doses of tamsulosin. Spermatogenesis was not affected in the rat studies, and the effect on fertility was reversible. The no effect dose on male rat fertility was

Cases of allergic reaction to tamsulosin in patients with a past history of sulphonamide allergy have been reported. If a patients reports a sulfa allergy, caution is warranted when administering Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets.

associated with plasma tamsulosin levels (AUC) at least 50% of those expected in Treatment of female rats with tamsulosin caused disruption of the oestrus cycle and

Table 4: Adverse events associated

	Placebo N=356	Tamsulosin HCl
	I lacebo N-330	tablet N=360
Retrograde ejaculation	1 (0.3%)	6 (1.7%)
Ejaculation failure	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Semen volume reduced	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Ejaculation delayed	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Ejaculation disorder NOS	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Abnormal ejaculation pooled	1 (0.3%)	7 (1.9)%
Headache NOS	4 (1.1%)	3 (0.8%)
Asthenia	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.3%)
Fatigue	1 (0.3%)	3 (0.8%)
Somnolence	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Rhinitis NOS	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Nasal congestion	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Nasal obstruction	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
SUB-TOTAL	7 (2.0%)	16 (4.4%)
Cardiovascula	r class effects	
Dizziness	5 (1.4%)	5 (1.4%)
Dizziness aggravated	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Dizzy spell	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Dizziness pooled	5 (1.4%)	5 (1.4%)
Palpitations	2 (0.6%)	2 (0.6%)
Tachycardia NOS	0 (0.0%)	1 (0.3%)
Hypotension NOS	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)
Orthostatic hypotension	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Dizziness postural	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Syncope	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Orthostatic/ circulatory collapse	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Depressed level/loss of consciousness	0 (0.0%)	1 (.03%)
SUB-TOTAL	8 (2.2%)	9 (2.5%)
TOTAL	13 (3.7%)	25 (6.9%)

NOS = Not Otherwise Specified.

The following treatment-related adverse events were reported from clinical trials; where: Common is ≥1% and <10%; Uncommon is ≥0.01% and <1%; Rare is ≥0.01% and <0.1%; and Very rare is <0.01%.

A patient may experience a TEAE more than once or may experience more than one

TEAE within the same System Organ Class. Data from clinical trial study 617-CL-307.

Common: ejaculation disorders, including retrograde ejaculation and ejaculation failure.

Uncommon: constipation, diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting. General disorders

Uncommon: asthenia Nervous system disorders

Gastro-intestinal disorders

Cardiac disorders Uncommon: palpitations.

Common: dizziness (1.3%). Uncommon: headache. Rare: syncope.

Reproductive system disorders Very rare: priapism.

Uncommon: rhinitis.

Uncommon: rash, pruritus, urticaria.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Rare: angioedema.

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders

Very rare: Stevens-Johnson syndrome

Vascular disorders

Uncommon: postural hypotension.

Post-marketing experience The following events have been reported during the post-marketing period. These

events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, therefore it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency.

Vision disorders: blurred vision, vision impairment.

During cataract and glaucoma surgery, a variant of small pupil syndrome known as Intra- operative Floppy Iris Syndrome (IFIS) has been reported in association with $\alpha\mbox{1-}$ adrenoceptor antagonist therapy (See PRECAUTIONS).

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders: dyspnoea, epistaxis.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: skin desquamation, dermatitis exfoliative,

erythema multiforme, photosensitivity reaction.

As with other a-blockers, drowsiness, dry mouth or oedema can occur during treatment with tamsulosin hydrochloride

The tablet must be swallowed whole and not be broken, crunched or chewed, as this

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

compromises the prolonged release properties of the tablet for the active ingredient. Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet can be taken on an empty stomach, or before, with or after food OVERDOSAGE

One tablet daily.

Acute overdose with 5 mg tamsulosin hydrochloride has been reported. Acute hypotension (systolic blood pressure 70 mm Hg), vomiting and diarrhoea were observed, which were treated with fluid replacement and the patient could be discharged the same day.

If acute hypotension occurs after overdosage, cardiovascular support should be

given and maintained. Blood pressure can be restored and heart rate brought back

to normal by lying the patient down. If this is insufficient then volume expanders en necessary, vasopressors could be administered. Renal function should be monitored and general supportive measures applied. Dialysis is unlikely to be of help

as tamsulosin is very highly bound to plasma proteins.

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet is a sustained release formulation. The signs and symptoms of overdose may be delayed or prolonged from the time of ingestion. PRESENTATION

are yellow, biconvex, oval film-coated tablets debossed "T04" on one side and plain on the other.

Tamsulosin-Teva is a film-coated, prolonged release tablet containing 400 mcg of tamsulosin hydrochloride equivalent to 367 mcg of tamsulosin per tablet. The tablets

Tamsulosin-Teva prolonged release tablet is available in pack of 3 blisters of

STORAGE

10 tablets (OPA/Alu/PVC-Alu blister).

Tamsulosin-Teva prolonged release tablets should be stored at or below 30°C.

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a severe reduction in fertility, due to interference of fertilisation with the ova. These effects were shown to be reversible. Ejaculation disorders have been observed in short and long term clinical studies with tamsulosin. Events of ejaculation disorder, retrograde ejaculation and ejaculation failure have been reported in the post authorization phase. Use in pregnancy (Category B2) Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet is intended for use only in males.

Tamsulosin, at oral doses causing maternal toxicity, was not embryotoxic or teratogenic when administered during gestation in rats (doses up to 300 mg/kg/ day) or rabbits (doses up to 50 mg/kg/day). However, administration of tamsulosin during the peri-/post- natal period was associated with a higher incidence of stillbirths and reduced pup weight gain after birth. No adverse effects on development or reproductive performance were observed on surviving pups, however, there is some evidence for impairment of offspring reproductive capacity when maternal treatment with tamsulosin is started before pregnancy.

human male treated with Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablets.

In female rats, tamsulosin and/or its metabolites were shown to pass into milk after oral administration of the drug during lactation. The effect on the newborn is not

Use in lactation

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet is intended for use only in males.

Other populations Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet is not indicated for use in women or children. Renal impairment

CONTRAINDICATION, as these patients have not been studied. Hepatic impairment

In a study of patients with moderate hepatic impairment, free tamsulosin levels remained unchanged after treatment with 400 µg tamsulosin hydrochloride in a modified release capsule formulation when compared to normal subjects. Since the

for Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet is expected in patients with mild to moderate

Severe renal impairment, with creatinine clearance of less than 10 mL/min is a

type of formulation will not affect the disposition of tamsulosin no dose adjustment

hepatic impairment

Severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh scores >9) is a CONTRAINDICATION. Genotoxicity

In vivo and in vitro genotoxicity studies have been conducted. Tamsulosin HCI produced no evidence of genotoxic potential in assays for gene mutation) Ames reverse mutation test and mouse lymphoma thymidine kinase assay),

chromosomal damage (Chinese hamster ovary cells and mouse micronucleus assay)

and other genotoxic effects (unscheduled DNA repair synthesis and in vivo sister chromatid exchange).

Carcinogenicity Reproduction toxicity studies in rats and carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats have

been conducted. Oral (dietary) administration of tamsulosin for up to 2 years in rats and mice was

associated with an increased incidence of pituitary adenoma, mammary gland hyperplasia, mammary gland fibroadenoma and (in mice only) mammary gland adenocarcinoma. These effects occurred at plasma tamsulosin concentrations (AUC) up to 10 times lower than those expected in men undergoing treatment with Tamsulosin

hydrochloride tablet, but they were observed only in female animals and are probably

hydrochloride tablet elevates prolactin during prolonged administration in humans. The

due to the hyperprolactinaemic effect of tamsulosin. It is not known if Tamsulosin

relevance for human risk of the findings of prolactin-mediated endocrine tumours in female rodents is unknown. Interactions with other drugs Drugs known to interact with tamsulosin Concomitant cimetidine leads to a rise in plasma levels of tamsulosin, while furosemide eads to a fall (about 12% following a single 20 mg intravenous dose). However, as evels remain within the normal range, dosage need not be adjusted.

Concurrent administration of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet with other

Drugs which may interact with tamsulosin

a1-adrenoceptor antagonists is contraindicated because of the potential for hypotensive effects (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

Tamsulosin binds extensively to plasma proteins and may displace other protein-bound drugs. Clinical trial data are not available No interactions at the level of hepatic metabolism have been seen during in vitro

studies with liver microsomal fractions (representative of the cytochrome P450-linked drug metabolising enzyme system), involving amitriptyline, salbutamol, glibenclamide and finasteride. Diclofenac and warfarin, however, may increase the elimination rate

Drugs which do not interact significantly with tamsulosin

Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet did not affect the pharmacokinetics of a single intravenous dose of digoxin 0.5 mg. No interactions have been seen when tamsulosin hydrochloride was given

Tamsulosin is metabolized in the liver, and may be expected to interact with other hepatically-metabolised drugs. Pharmacokinetic studies in healthy volunteers revealed that concomitant administration with strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 or CYP2D6

of tamsulosin. Tamsulosin 400 µg should not be used in combination with strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 in patients known to be CYP2D6 poor metabolizers. Concomitant

administration with paroxetine (a known CYP2D6 inhibitor) resulted in an increased Cmax and AUC of tamsulosin. Tamsulosin should therefore be used with caution

in patients who are taking other drugs, particularly those which undergo hepatic

concomitantly with either atenolol, enalapril, nifedipine or theophylline.

may lead to increased exposure to tamsulosin. Concomitant administration with ketoconazole (a known CYP3A4 inhibitor) resulted in an increased Cmax and AUC

metabolism.

of tamsulosin.

Other in vitro findings In vitro, neither diazepam nor propranolol, trichlormethiazide, chlormadinone, amitriptyline, diclofenac, glibenclamide, simvastatin and warfarin change the free fraction of tamsulosin in human plasma. Neither does tamsulosin change the free fractions of diazepam, propranolol, trichlormethiazide and chlormadinone.

amitriptyline, salbutamol, glibenclamide and finasteride on the rate of disappearance of tamsulosin. The clinical relevance of these findings is uncertain. ADVERSE REACTIONS

An in vitro study using human liver microsomal fractions showed no effect of

(persistent painful penile erection unrelated to sexual activity). Patients should be

Priapism

informed that this reaction is extremely rare, but if not brought to immediate medical attention, can lead to permanent erectile dysfunction. Abnormal ejaculation

Patients should be advised on the potential for abnormal ejaculation to occur upon commencement of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet treatment. Retrograde ejaculation

Rarely, tamsulosin, like other alpha-1 antagonists, has been associated with priapism

is the most commonly reported abnormal ejaculation event associated with the use of Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet (see Table 4).

Clinical Trials

Table 4 shows the incidence of undesirable effects following 400 µg Tamsulosin hydrochloride tablet treatment. This data is based on a phase 3 clinical study in which there were no relevant differences between the treatment and placebo groups in the percentage of patients reporting at least 1 Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE). Most TEAEs were of mild or moderate intensity. The most frequent TEAEs were ejacu-

lation disorders. These are TEAEs that are often associated with a1-AR antagonists.

