

HESTAZINE

Film Coated Tablets & Syrup



Composition:

Tablets: Each HESTAZINE Film Coated Tablet contains:

Cetirizine Hydrochloride 10 mg.

Syrup: Each 5 ml HESTAZINE Syrup contains:

Cetirizine Hydrochloride 5 mg.

Pharmacological Properties:

Cetirizine, a human metabolite of hydroxyzine, is a potent antihistamine, selective H₁ receptors antagonist. The histamine-mediated «early» phase of the allergic reaction is inhibited by cetirizine, which also reduces the migration of inflammatory cells and the release of mediators associated with the «late» allergic responses. Cetirizine is unlikely to cause undesirable anti-cholinergic and anti-serotonin effects.

Pharmacokinetics:

Cetirizine is rapidly absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract with a time to maximum concentration (T_{max}) of about 1 hour after oral administration of tablets or syrup formulation in adult volunteers. Bioavailability was found to be similar between the tablet and syrup dosage forms. Plasma protein binding of cetirizine is 93 ± 0.3%. Cetirizine does not undergo extensive first pass metabolism. The terminal half-life is approximately 10 hours. About two thirds of the dose are excreted unchanged in urine.

Indications:

In adults and children aged 2 years and above:

- HESTAZINE is indicated for the relief of nasal and ocular symptoms of seasonal and perennial allergic rhinitis.

- HESTAZINE is indicated for the relief of symptoms of chronic idiopathic urticaria.

Contraindications:

- In patients who are hypersensitive to cetirizine, to any components of the product, to hydroxyzine or to any piperazine derivatives.

- In patients with severe renal impairment at less than 30 ml/min creatinine clearance.

Warnings & Precautions:

- Caution should be taken in patients with predisposition factors of urinary retention (e.g. spinal cord lesion, prostatic hyperplasia) as cetirizine may increase the risk of urinary retention.

- Caution in epileptic patients and patients at risk of convulsions are recommended.

- Allergy skin tests are inhibited by antihistamines and a wash-out period (of 3 days) is required before doing this test when taking the drug.

Pregnancy & Lactation:

Pregnancy: Cetirizine may be used for pregnant women, but caution should be exercised.

Lactation: Cetirizine is excreted in mother milk at concentrations representing (25- 90)% of those measured in plasma depending on sampling time after administration. Caution therefore should be exercised when prescribing cetirizine to lactating women.

Driving & Using Machines:

Do not exceed the recommended dose in patients who intend to drive, operate machinery or perform precise activities. The simultaneous use of CNS inhibitors may result in additional decrease in vigilance and poor performance.

Side Effects:

Clinical studies have shown that cetirizine at the recommended dosage has minor adverse effects on the CNS, including somnolence, fatigue, dizziness and headache. In some cases, paradoxical CNS stimulation.

Rare cases of micturition difficulty, eye disorders and dry mouth have been reported.

Instances of abnormal hepatic function with elevated hepatic

enzymes accompanied by elevated bilirubin have been reported. Mostly these symptoms go away when treatment is stopped. The following adverse effects were reported for cetirizine 10 mg in clinical trials at rates of 1% or greater: Fatigue, dizziness, headache, abdominal pain, dry mouth, nausea, somnolence, and pharyngitis.

Adverse effects that occurred in children aged 6 months to 12 years, at a rate of 1% or more: diarrhea, drowsiness, rhinitis, fatigue.

Drug Interactions:

Concomitant use of cetirizine with other CNS depressants should be avoided as reduction in alertness and impairment of performance may occur.

Dosage & Administration:

● Infants aged ≥ 6 months: 2.5 mg once daily (equivalent to 2.5 ml of syrup).

● Children aged < 2 years: 2.5 mg once daily (equivalent to 2.5 mL of syrup), which may be increased to 2.5 mg twice daily if required.

● Children aged ≥ 2 years to < 6 years: 2.5 – 5 mg once daily (equivalent to 2.5 – 5 mL of syrup).

● Children aged ≥ 6 years and adolescents: 5 – 10 mg once daily (equivalent to 5 – 10 mL of syrup or one tablet once daily).

● Adults: 10 mg once daily

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Patients with moderate to severe renal impairment: Since cetirizine is mainly eliminated via renal route, in cases no alternative treatment can be used, the dosing intervals must be individualized according to renal function as follows:

Group	Creatinine clearance (ml/min)	Dosage and Frequency
Normal	≥80	10 mg once daily
Mild	50 - 79	10 mg once daily
Moderate	30 - 49	5 mg once daily
Severe	< 30	5 mg once every 2 days
End-stage renal disease-Patients undergoing dialysis	< 10	Contraindicated

In pediatric patients suffering from renal impairment, the dose will have to be adjusted on an individual basis taking into account the renal clearance of the patient, age and body weight.

Patients with hepatic impairment: No dose adjustment is needed in patients with solely hepatic impairment.

Overdose:

Symptoms: Side effects reported after an intake of at least 5 times the recommended daily dose are: Confusion, diarrhoea, dizziness, fatigue, headache, malaise, mydriasis, pruritus, restlessness, sedation, somnolence, stupor, tachycardia, tremor, and urinary retention.

Treatment: There is no known specific antidote to cetirizine. Should overdose occur symptomatic or supportive treatment is recommended.

Storage:

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

Packaging:

Tablets: Each HESTAZINE carton box contains 10 Film Coated Tablets in a blister strip.

Syrup: Each HESTAZINE Syrup carton box contains amber glass bottle of 100 ml.

-A medication is a product which affects your health, and it's consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
-Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medication.
-The doctor and the pharmacist experts in medicine, it's benefits and risks.
-Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.
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