

Composition

1 sustained-release capsule contains 75 mg trans-4-[(2-amino-3,5-dibromo-benzyl) amino] cyclohexanol hydrochloride(= ambroxol hydorchloride)

Excipients:
Crospovidone collidon CL, carnauba wax, stearyl alcohol, magnesium stearate
Hard gelatin capsule composition: Gelatin, titanium dioxide, red iron oxide, yellow iron oxide
White printing ink composition: Shellac, isopropyl alcohol, n-Butyl alcohol, propylene glycol, titanium dioxide

Description

Oblong hard gelatin capsules consisting of red opaque cap and an orange opaque body; the cap is printed with “MUC 01” in white, the body is printed with the BI Company symbol.
Capsule contents : round, yellowish white-pallets with a smooth, shiny surface, mixed with a small quantity of powder.

Dimensions:
Capsule size : 2
Diameter of capsule cap : 6.0-6.4mm
Length of capsule : 17.4 – 18.4mm

Properties

Preclinically, ambroxol hydrochloride, the active ingredient of MUCOSOLVAN, has been shown to increase respiratory tract secretion. It enhances pulmonary surfactant production and stimulates ciliary activity. These actions result in improved mucus flow and transport (mucociliary clearance). Improvement of mucociliary clearance has been shown in clinical pharmacologic studies. Enhancement of fluid secretion and mucociliary clearance facilitates expectoration and eases cough.

In patients suffering from COPD, long-term treatment (6 months) with Mucosolvan® (Mucosolvan® Retard Capsule 75 mg) resulted in a significant reduction of exacerbations that became evident after 2 months of treatment. Patients in the Mucosolvan® treatment group lost significantly fewer days through illness and had fewer days when they needed antibiotic therapy. Treatment with Mucosolvan® Retard also induced a statistically significant improvement of symptoms (difficulty of expectoration, cough, dyspnea, auscultatory signs) compared with placebo.

Following the administration of ambroxol antibiotic concentrations (amoxicilline, cefuroxime, erythromycin) in bronchopulmonary secretions and in the sputum are increased.

Pharmacokinetics

Absorption:
Absorption of all immediate release oral forms of ambroxol hydrochloride is rapid and complete, with dose linearity in the therapeutic range. Maximum plasma levels are reached within 1 to 2.5 hours following oral administration of the immediate - release formulation and after a median of 6.5 hours of the slow release formulation. The absolute bioavailability after a 30 mg tablet was found to be 79%. The slow release capsule showed a relative availability of 95% (dose-normalized) in comparison to a daily dose of 60 mg (30 mg twice daily) administered as immediate-release tablet.

Distribution:
In the therapeutic range plasma protein binding was found to be approximately 90%. Distribution of ambroxol hydrochloride from blood to tissue is rapid and pronounced, with the highest concentration of the active substance found in the lungs. The volume of distribution following oral administration was estimated to be 552L.

Metabolism and elimination:
About 30% of an orally administered dose is eliminated via first pass metabolism. Studies in human liver microsomes have shown that CYP3A4 is responsible for the metabolism of ambroxol. Ambroxol hydrochloride is metabolized primarily in the liver by glucuronidation and some cleavage to dibromanthranilic acid (approximately 10% of dose) aside from some minor metabolites.
Ambroxol hydrochloride is eliminated with a terminal elimination half-life of approximately 10 hours. Total clearance is in the range of 660 ml/min, with renal clearance accounting for approximately 83% of the total clearance.

Pharmacokinetics in special populations:
In patients with hepatic dysfunction elimination of ambroxol hydrochloride is reduced, resulting in approximately 1.3 to 2-fold higher plasma levels.
Due to the high therapeutic range of ambroxol hydrochloride, dose adjustments are not necessary.

Others:
Age and gender were not found to affect the pharmacokinetics of ambroxol hydrochloride to a clinically relevant extent and thus there is no necessity for adjustment of dosage regimens.
Food was not found to influence the bioavailability of ambroxol hydrochloride.

Indications

Secretolytic therapy in acute and chronic bronchopulmonary diseases associated with abnormal mucus secretion and impaired mucus transport.

Dosage and Administration

Adult : 1 sustained-release capsule once daily.
The capsules should not be opened or chewed, but swallowed whole with ample liquid. The “carrier pellets” which are occasionally present in the stools have released the active substance during their passage through the digestive system and are therefore without significance.

In acute respiratory indications, medical advice should be sought if symptoms do not improve or worsen in the course of therapy.

Mucosolvan can be taken with or without food.

Contraindications

MUCOSOLVAN should not be used in patients known to be hypersensitive to ambroxol hydrochloride or other components of the formulation.

In case of rare hereditary conditions that may be incompatible with an excipient of the product (please refer to Special warnings and precautions) the use of the product is contraindicated.

Special warnings and precautions

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In the presence of impaired renal function MUCOSOLVAN® may be used only after consulting a physician.

Interactions

No clinically relevant unfavourable interaction with other medications have been reported

Fertility, pregnancy and Lactation

Pregnancy

Ambroxol hydrochloride crosses the placental barrier. Nonclinical studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to pregnancy, embryonal/ foetal development, parturition or postnatal development. Extensive clinical experience after the 28th week of pregnancy has shown no evidence of harmful effects on the foetus. Nonetheless, the usual precautions regarding the use of drugs during pregnancy should be observed. Especially during the first trimester, the use of MUCOSOLVAN is not recommended.

Lactation

Ambroxol hydrochloride is excreted in breast milk. Although unfavourable effects on breastfed infants would not be expected, MUCOSOLVAN is not recommended for use in nursing mothers.

Fertility

Nonclinical studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to fertility.

Effects on ability to drive and use machines
There is no evidence from postmarketing data for an effect on the ability to drive and use machines. Studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have not been performed.

Side Effects

Gastro-intestinal Disorders:
Dyspepsia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal pain.

Immune System Disorders, Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:

Anaphylactic reactions including anaphylactic shock, angioedema, rash, urticaria, pruritus, and other hypersensitivity

Overdosage
No specific overdose symptoms have been reported in man to date. Based on accidental overdose and/or medication error reports the observed symptoms are consistent with the known side effects of MUCOSOLVAN at recommended doses and may need symptomatic treatment.

Availability
10's & 50's
sustained-release capsules 75 mg

Store in a safe place out of reach of children!
Store below 30° C.
Please refer to packaging for information on shelf-life

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Composition
5 ml liquid contains 30 mg
trans-4-[(2-amino-3,5-dibromo-
benzyl)amino] cyclohexanol
hydrochloride(= ambroxol
hydrochloride)

Excipients
Liquid 30 mg:
hydroxyethylcellulose, benzoic
acid, sucralose, strawberry cream
aroma, vanilla flavour, water purified

Description
Clear or almost clear, colourless
elixir

Properties
Preclinically, ambroxol hydro-
chloride, the active ingredient of
MUCOSOLVAN, has been shown to
increase respiratory tract
secretion. It enhances pulmonary
surfactant production and
stimulates ciliary activity. These
actions result in improved mucus
flow and transport (mucociliary
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In patients suffering from COPD,
long-term treatment (6 months)
with Mucosolvan® (Mucosolvan®
Retard Capsule 75 mg) resulted in
a significant reduction of
exacerbations that became evident
after 2 months of treatment.
Patients in the Mucosolvan®
treatment group lost significantly
fewer days through illness and had
fewer days when they needed
antibiotic therapy. Treatment with
Mucosolvan® Retard also induced
a statistically significant
improvement of symptoms
(difficulty of expectoration, cough,

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compared with placebo.

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Cytokine release from blood but
also tissue-bound mononuclear
and polymorphonuclear cells was
found to be significantly reduced
by ambroxol hydrochloride in vitro.

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sore throat, pharyngeal pain and
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relative availability of 95% (dose-
normalized) in comparison to a
daily dose of 60 mg (30 mg twice
daily) administered as immediate-
release tablet.

Availability
Liquid 30 mg/5 ml. Store below
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information on shelf-life

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of severe skin lesions such as
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such as ambroxol hydrochloride.
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non-specific influenza-like
prodromes it is possible that
a symptomatic treatment is
started with a cough and cold
medication.
Therefore if new skin or mucosal
lesions occur, medical advice
should be sought immediately and
treatment with ambroxol
discontinued as a precaution.

In the presence of impaired renal
function MUCOSOLVAN® may be
used only after consulting
a physician.

Interactions
No clinically relevant unfavourable
interaction with other medications
have been reported

**Fertility, pregnancy and Lactation
Pregnancy**

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**Effects on ability to drive and use
machines**

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machines. Studies on the effects
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machines have not been performed.

Side Effects

Gastro-intestinal disorders and
Respiratory, mediastinal and
thoracic disorders:

Dyspepsia, nausea, vomiting,
diarrhoea and abdominal pain, oral
and pharyngeal hypoaesthesia,
dry mouth and dry throat.

Nervous system disorders:
Dysgeusia (e.g. changed taste)

Immune System Disorders, Skin
and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:

Anaphylactic reactions including
anaphylactic shock, angioedema,
rash, urticaria, pruritus, and other
hypersensitivity

Overdosage
No specific overdose symptoms
have been reported in man to
date. Based on accidental
overdose and/or medication error
reports the observed symptoms
are consistent with the known side
effects of MUCOSOLVAN at
recommended doses and may
need symptomatic treatment.

Indications
Secretolytic therapy in acute and
chronic bronchopulmonary
diseases associated with abnormal
mucus secretion and impaired
mucus transport.

Dosage and Administration
Liquid 30 mg/ 5 ml
Adults and children over 12 yrs:
10 ml 2 times daily.
This regimen is suitable for the
therapy of acute respiratory tract
disorders and for the initial
treatment of chronic conditions
up to 14 days.
Children 6 - 12 yrs: 5 ml 2 - 3
times daily.
Chirdren 2 - 5 yrs: 2.5 ml
3 times daily.
Children 1 - 2 yrs: 2.5 ml
2 times daily.

This dosage regimen is for initial
treatment; the dosage may be
halved after 14 days.

In acute respiratory indications,
medical advice should be sought
if symptoms do not improve or
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MUCOSOLVAN can be taken with
or without food.

Contraindications
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Food was not found to influence
the bioavailability of ambroxol
hydrochloride.

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30 mg Tablets

ambroxol hydrochloride

Composition

1 tablet contains..... 30 mg
trans-4-[(2-amino-3,5-dibromo-benzyl)amino] cyclohexanol hydrochloride (= ambroxol hydrochloride)

Excipients:

Lactose monohydrate, maize starch dried, silica colloidal anhydrous, magnesium stearate

Description

Round, whole tablets, both faces flat, with bevelled edges; one face is scored and impressed with '67C' above and below the score: the other face is impressed with the company symbol.

Properties

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Indications

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Dosage and Administration

Tablet 30 mg

Adult : 1 tablet 3 times daily.

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The therapeutic effect may be enhanced by administering 2 tablets 2 times daily. The tablets should be taken with liquid.

In acute respiratory indications, medical advice should be sought if symptoms do not improve or worsen in the course of therapy.

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Contraindications

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Special warnings and precautions

MUCOSOLVAN tablets (30mg): One tablet contains 171 mg lactose resulting in 684 mg lactose per maximum recommended daily dose (120 mg). Patients with rare hereditary condition of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

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50 Tablets

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