

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

**Generic Name or International Non-Proprietary Name (INN)**

Dihydroartemisinin with Piperaquine Phosphate for oral Suspension 80/640 mg

**Brand Name**

PIPART SUSPENSION

**Strength**

80/640mg

**Pharmaceutical Dosage Form**

Powder for oral suspension

**2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

Each 80 ml after reconstitution contains:

Dihydroartemisinin..... 80 mg

Piperaquine Phosphate.....640 mg

Excipients.....Q.S

**Batch Size:** 10,000 Bottles

Ingredients	Specification	Qty/ Bottle (gm)	OV %	Qty/ Batch in Kg	Function
<b>Sifting/Mixing</b>					
Dihydroartemisinin	IH	0.080	---	0.800	Active
Piperaquine Phosphate	IH	0.640	---	6.400	Active
Sodium citrate	BP	0.900	---	9.000	Buffering agent
Sugar (Pharma grade)	BP	15.780	---	157.800	Sweetening agent
Colloidal Silicon Dioxide (Light)	BP	0.600	---	6.000	Stabilizer
Xanthan gum	BP	0.100	---	1.000	Suspending agent
Flavour Banana	IH	0.900	---	9.000	Flavor
Aspartame	BP	1.000	---	10.000	Sweetening agent
Sodium Benzoate	BP	0.300 (mg)	---	0.003	Antimicrobial preservative

**Note:** Active material was calculated on assay or Potency Basis.

IHS = In-house Specification

BP = British Pharmacopoeia

\*Does not found in finished product

**3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

PIPART DS, Dihydroartemisinin with Piperaquine Phosphate for oral Suspension available as,

White coloured granular powder which reconstitution with water gives white to off white coloured suspension

**4. Clinical particulars**

**4.1 Therapeutic indications**

Dihydroartemisinin and Piperaquine Phosphate Suspension is indicated for the treatment of acute

uncomplicated Plasmodium falciparum malaria in adults, adolescents, children and infants 6 months and over and weighing 5 kg or more.

Consideration should be given to official guidance on the appropriate use of antimalarial medicinal products.

#### **4.2 Posology and method of administration**

PIPART DS should be administered over three consecutive days for a total of three doses taken at the same time each day.

##### **Posology**

Suspension should be administered over three consecutive days for a total of three doses taken at the same time each day. If a patient vomits within 30 minutes, the whole dose should be re-administered; if a patient vomits within 30-60 minutes, half the dose should be re-administered. Re-dosing should not be attempted more than once. If the second dose is vomited, alternative antimalarial therapy should be instituted. If a dose is missed, it should be taken as soon as realised and then the recommended regimen continued until the full course of treatment has been completed. There is no data on a second course of treatment. No more than two courses may be given within a 12-month period. A second course should not be given within 2 months after the first course due to the long elimination half-life of piperazine.

Special populations

##### **Elderly**

Clinical studies of PIPART SUSPENSION did not include patients aged 65 years and over, therefore no dosing recommendation can be made. Considering the possibility of age-associated decrease in hepatic and renal function, as well as a potential for heart disorders caution should be exercised when administering the product to the elderly.

Hepatic and renal impairment

It has not been evaluated in subjects with moderate or severe renal or hepatic insufficiency.

Paediatric population The safety and efficacy in infants aged less than 6 months and in children weighing less than 5 kg has not been established. No data are available for these paediatric subsets.

##### **Method of administration**

FACIRID DS should be taken orally with water and without food.

Each dose should be taken no less than 3 hours after the last food intake.

No food should be taken within 3 hours after each dose.

#### **4.3 Contraindications**

- Family history of sudden death or of congenital prolongation of the QTc interval.
- Known congenital prolongation of the QTc-interval or any clinical condition known to prolong the QTc interval.
- History of symptomatic cardiac arrhythmias or with clinically relevant bradycardia.
- Any predisposing cardiac conditions for arrhythmia such as severe hypertension, left ventricular

hypertrophy (including hypertrophic cardiomyopathy) or congestive cardiac failure accompanied by reduced left ventricle ejection fraction.

- Electrolyte disturbances, particularly hypokalaemia, hypocalcaemia or hypomagnesaemia.
- Taking medicinal products that are known to prolong the QTc interval. These include (but are not limited to):
  - Antiarrhythmics (e.g. amiodarone, disopyramide, dofetilide, ibutilide, procainamide, quinidine, hydroquinidine, sotalol).
  - Neuroleptics (e.g. phenothiazines, sertindole, sultopride, chlorpromazine, haloperidol, mesoridazine, pimozide, or thioridazine), antidepressive medicinal products.
  - Certain antimicrobial medicinal products, including medicinal products of the following classes:
    - macrolides (e.g. erythromycin, clarithromycin),
    - fluoroquinolones (e.g. moxifloxacin, sparfloxacin),
    - imidazole and triazole antifungal medicinal products,
    - and also pentamidine and saquinavir.
  - Certain non-sedating antihistamines (e.g. terfenadine, astemizole, mizolastine). Cisapride, droperidol, domperidone, bepridil, diphemanil, probucol, levomethadyl, methadone, vinca alkaloids, arsenic trioxide.

#### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension should not be used to treat severe falciparum malaria and, due to insufficient data, should not be used to treat malaria due to Plasmodium vivax, Plasmodium malariae or Plasmodium ovale.

The long half-life of piperaquine (about 22 days) should be kept in mind in the event that another anti-malarial agent is started due to treatment failure or a new malaria infection

Piperaquine is an inhibitor of CYP3A4. Caution is recommended when co-administering Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension with medicinal products exhibiting variable patterns of inhibition, induction or competition for CYP3A4 as the therapeutic and/or toxic effects of some co-administered medicinal products could be altered.

Piperaquine is also a substrate of CYP3A4. A moderate increase of piperaquine plasma concentrations (<2-fold) was observed when co-administered with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, resulting in a potential exacerbation of the effect on QTc prolongation. Exposure to piperaquine may also be increased when co-administered with mild or moderate CYP3A4-inhibitors (e.g. oral contraceptives). Therefore, caution should be applied when co-administering Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension with any CYP3A4-inhibitor and ECG monitoring should be considered. Due to the lack of multiple dose PK data for piperaquine, administration of any strong CYP3A4-inhibitors should be discouraged after initiation (i.e. the first dose). Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension should not be used during pregnancy in situations where

other suitable and effective antimalarials are available . In the absence of carcinogenicity study data, and due to lack of clinical experience with repeated courses of treatment in humans, no more than two courses of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension should be given in a 12month period.

### **Effects on cardiac repolarization**

In clinical trials with Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension limited ECGs were obtained during treatment. These showed that QTc prolongation occurred more frequently and to a larger extent in association with Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension therapy than with the comparators Analysis of cardiac adverse events in clinical trials showed that these were reported more frequently in Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension treated patients than in those treated with comparator antimalarial. Before the third dose of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension, in one of the two Phase III studies 3/767 patients (0.4%) were reported to have a QTcF value of > 500 ms versus none in the comparator group.

The potential for Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension to prolong the QTc interval was investigated in parallel groups of healthy volunteers who took each dose with high (~1000 Kcal) or low (~400 Kcal) fat/calorie meals or in fasting conditions. Compared to placebo, the maximum mean increases in QTcF on day 3 of dosing with FALCIRIDSUSPENSION were 45.2, 35.5 and 21.0 msec under respective dosing conditions. The QTcF prolongation observed under fasting conditions lasted between 4 and 11 hours after the last dose was administered on day 3. The mean QTcF prolongation compared to placebo decreased to 11.8 msec at 24 hours and to 7.5 msec at 48 hours. No healthy subject dosed in fasting conditions showed a QTcF greater than 480 msec or an increase over baseline greater than 60 msec. The number of subjects with QTcF greater than 480 msec after dosing with low fat meals was 3/64, while 10/64 had QTcF values over this threshold after dosing with high fat meals. No subject had a QTcF value greater than 500 msec in any of the dosing conditions.

An ECG should be obtained as early as possible during treatment with FALCIRIDSUSPENSION and ECG monitoring should be applied in patients who may have a higher risk of developing arrhythmia in association with QTc prolongation.

When clinically appropriate, consideration should be given to obtaining an ECG from all patients before the last of the three daily doses is taken and approximately 4-6 hours after the last dose, since the risk of QTc interval prolongation may be greatest during this period. QTc intervals of more than 500 ms are associated with a pronounced risk for potentially life-threatening ventricular tachyarrhythmias. Therefore, ECG monitoring during the following 24-48 hours should be applied for patients found to have a prolongation to this extent. These patients should not receive another dose of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension and alternative antimalarial therapy should be instituted.

Compared to adult males, female patients and elderly patients have longer QTc intervals. Therefore, they may be more sensitive to the effects of QTc-prolonging medications such as Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension so that special caution is required.

#### **Paediatric population**

Special precaution is advised in young children when vomiting, as they are likely to develop electrolyte disturbances. These may increase the QTc-prolonging effect of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension.

#### **Hepatic and renal impairment**

Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension has not been evaluated in patients with moderate or severe renal or hepatic insufficiency. Due to the potential for higher plasma concentrations of piperazine to occur, caution is advised if Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg is administered to patients with jaundice and/or with moderate or severe renal or hepatic insufficiency, and ECG and blood potassium monitoring are advised.

### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension is contraindicated in patients already taking other medicinal products that are known to prolong the QTc interval due to the risk of a pharmacodynamic interaction leading to an additive effect on the QTc interval. A limited number of drug-drug pharmacokinetic interaction studies with Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension have been performed in healthy adult subjects. Therefore, the assessment of the potential for drug-drug interactions to occur is based on either in vivo or in vitro studies.

#### **Effects on co-administered medicinal products**

Piperaquine is metabolised by, and is an inhibitor of CYP3A4. The concurrent administration of oral Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension with 7.5 mg oral midazolam, a CYP3A4 probe substrate, led to a modest increase ( $\leq 2$ -fold) in midazolam and its metabolites exposures in healthy adult subjects. This inhibitory effect was no longer evident one week after last administration of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension. Therefore, particular attention should be paid when medicinal products that have a narrow therapeutic index (e.g. antiretroviral medicinal products and cyclosporine) are co-administered with Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension.

From in vitro data, piperazine undergoes a low level of metabolism by CYP2C19, and is also an inhibitor of this enzyme. There is the potential for reducing the rate of metabolism of other substrates of this enzyme, such as omeprazole, with consequent increase of their plasma concentration, and therefore, of their toxicity.

Piperaquine has the potential to increase the rate of metabolism for CYP2E1 substrates resulting in a decrease in the plasma concentrations of substrates such as paracetamol or theophylline, and the anaesthetic gases enflurane, halothane and isoflurane. The main consequence of this interaction could be a reduction of efficacy of the co-administered medicinal products.

#### **Paediatric population**

Drug-drug interaction studies have only been performed in adults. The extent of interactions in the paediatric population is not known. The above mentioned interactions for adults and the warnings should be taken into account for the paediatric population.

#### **Oral contraceptives**

When co-administered to healthy women, Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension exerted only a minimum effect on an estrogen/progestinic combination oral contraceptive treatment increasing the ethynilestradiol rate of absorption (expressed by geometric mean C<sub>max</sub>) of about 28% but not significantly changing the exposure to ethynilestradiol and levonorgestrel and not influencing contraception activity as demonstrated by the similar plasma concentrations of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), luteinizing hormone (LH) and progesterone observed after oral contraceptive treatment with or without concomitant Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension administration.

#### **Food interaction**

Absorption of piperaquine is increased in the presence of fatty food which may increase its effect on QTc interval. Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension should not be taken with grapefruit juice as it is likely to lead to increased piperaquine plasma concentrations.

### **4.6 Pregnancy and Lactation**

#### **Pregnancy**

There are insufficient data on the use of suspension. Based on animal data, Suspension is suspected to cause serious birth defects when administered during the first trimester of pregnancy. Reproductive studies with artemisinin derivatives have demonstrated teratogenic potential with an increased risk during early gestation. Piperaquine was not teratogenic in the rat or rabbit. In perinatal and postnatal studies in rats, piperaquine was associated with delivery complications. However, there was no delay in neonatal development following exposure in utero or via milk. Suspension should not be used during pregnancy in situations where other suitable and effective anti-malarials are available.

#### **Lactation**

Animal data suggest excretion of piperaquine into breast milk but no data are available in humans. Women taking Dihydroartemisinin and Piperaquine Suspension should not breast-feed during their treatment.

#### **Fertility**

There are no specific data relating to the effects of piperaquine on fertility, however, to date no adverse events have been reported during clinical use. Moreover, data obtained in animal studies show that fertility is unaffected by artemimol in both females and males.

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

Adverse event data collected in clinical trials suggest that Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine

640 mg Suspension has no influence on the ability to drive and operate machines once the patient has recovered from the acute infection.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

##### **Summary of the safety profile**

The safety of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension has been evaluated in two phase III open-label studies involving 1,239 paediatric patients up to 18 years and 566 adult patients >18 years treated with Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension.

In a randomized trial in which 767 adults and children with uncomplicated *P. falciparum* malaria were exposed to PIPART SUSPENSION, 25% of subjects were judged to have experienced an adverse drug reaction (ADR). No single type of ADR occurred at an incidence of  $\geq 5\%$ . The most frequent ADRs observed at an incidence  $\geq 1.0\%$  were: Headache (3.9%), Electrocardiogram QTc Prolonged (3.4%), *P. falciparum* infection (3.0%), Anaemia (2.8%), Eosinophilia (1.7%), Haemoglobin decreased (1.7%), Sinus tachycardia (1.7%), Asthenia (1.6%), Haematocrit [decreased] (1.6%), Pyrexia (1.5%), Red Blood Cell Count decreased (1.4%). A total of 6 (0.8%) subjects had serious ADRs in the study.

In a second randomized trial, 1,038 children, aged between 6 months and 5 years, were exposed to Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension and 71% were judged to have experienced an ADR. The following ADRs were observed at an incidence of  $\geq 5.0\%$ : Cough (32%), Pyrexia (22.4%), Influenza (16.0%), *P. falciparum* infection (14.1%), Diarrhoea (9.4%), Vomiting (5.5%) and Anorexia (5.2%). A total of 15 (1.5%) subjects had serious ADRs in the study.

The ADRs noted were generally mild in severity, and the majority were non-serious. Reactions such as cough, pyrexia, headache, *P. falciparum* infection, anaemia, asthenia, anorexia and the observed changes in blood cell parameters are consistent with those expected in patients with acute malaria. The effect on prolongation of the QTc interval was observed on Day 2, and had resolved by Day 7 (the next time point at which ECGs were performed).

##### **Reporting of suspected adverse reactions**

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the the Yellow Card Scheme at the website: [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard).

#### **4.9 Overdose**

In clinical trials, nine patients received double the cumulative intended dose of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension. The safety profile of these patients did not differ from that of patients receiving the recommended dose, with no patient reporting SAEs.

In cases of suspected overdose, symptomatic and supportive therapy should be given as appropriate,

including ECG monitoring because of the possibility of QTc interval prolongation.

## 5. Pharmacological properties

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamics properties

**Pharmacotherapeutic group:** Antiprotozoals, antimalarials, Artemisinin and derivatives, combinations,

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#### Pharmacodynamic effects

DHA is able to reach high concentrations within the parasitized erythrocytes. Its endoperoxide bridge is thought to be essential for its antimalarial activity, causing free-radical damage to parasite membrane systems including:

- Inhibition of falciparum sarcoplasmic-endoplasmic reticulum calcium ATPase,
- Interference with mitochondrial electron transport
- Interference with parasite transport proteins
- Disruption of parasite mitochondrial function

The exact mechanism of action of piperazine is unknown, but it likely mirrors that of chloroquine, a close structural analogue. Chloroquine binds to toxic haeme (derived from the patient's haemoglobin) within the malaria parasite, preventing its detoxification via a polymerisation step.

Piperazine is a bisquinoline, and this class has shown good antimalarial activity against chloroquine-resistant Plasmodium strains in vitro. The bulky bisquinolone structure may be important for activity against chloroquine-resistant strains, and may act through the following mechanisms:

- Inhibition of the transporters that efflux chloroquine from the parasite food vacuole
- Inhibition of haem-digestion pathway in the parasite food vacuole.

Resistance to piperazine (when used as monotherapy) has been reported.

### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Pharmacokinetic profiles of Dihydroartemisinin and piperazine have been investigated in animal models and in different human populations (healthy volunteers, adult patients and paediatric patients).

#### Absorption

Very rapidly absorbed, T<sub>max</sub> being approximately 1-2 hrs after single and multiple dosing. In patients, mean C<sub>max</sub> (CV%) and AUC<sub>INF</sub> of observed after the first dose of were 752 (47%) mg/ml and 2,002 (45 %) ng/ml\*h, respectively. Arteminol bioavailability appears to be higher in malaria patients than in healthy volunteers, possibly because malaria per se has an effect on arteminol disposition. This may reflect malaria-associated impairment of hepatic function, causing an increase in arteminol bioavailability (reduction of first hepatic effect) without affecting its apparent elimination half-life, which is absorption rate limited. In healthy male volunteers under fasting conditions, mean C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>INF</sub> of arteminol ranged between 180-252 ng/ml and 516-684 mg/ml\*h, respectively. Piperazine, a highly lipophilic compound, is slowly absorbed. In humans, piperazine has a T<sub>max</sub> of approximately 5 hours following a single and repeated dose. In patients mean (CV%) C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>0-24</sub>(observed after the



first dose of Dihydroartemisinin 80 mg and Piperaquine 640 mg Suspension were 179 (62%) mg/ml and 1,679 (47%) mg/ml\*h, respectively. Due to its slow elimination, piperaquine accumulates in plasma after multiple doses with an accumulation factor of approximately 3. Piperaquine pharmacokinetic parameters were found to be similar in healthy volunteers of Asian and Caucasian origin. In healthy volunteers, piperaquine exposure is increased approximately 3-fold when administered with a high fat/high calorie meal. This pharmacokinetic effect is accompanied by an increased effect on prolongation of the QT interval. Distribution Both piperaquine and arteminol are highly bound to human plasma proteins: the protein binding observed in in vitro studies was 44-93% for arteminol and >99% for piperaquine. Moreover, from in vitro and in vivo data in animals, piperaquine and arteminol tend to accumulate in RBC. Arteminol was observed to have a small volume of distribution in humans (0.8 l/kg; CV 35.5%). Pharmacokinetic parameters observed for piperaquine in humans indicate that this active substance has a large volume of distribution (730 l/kg; CV 37.5%). Biotransformation Principally converted to  $\alpha$ - arteminol- $\beta$ -glucuronide ( $\alpha$ - arteminol-G). Studies in human liver microsomes showed that arteminol was metabolised by the UDP- glucuronosyltransferase (UGT1A9 and UGT2B7) to  $\alpha$ - arteminol-G with no cytochrome P450-mediated metabolism. In vitro drug-drug interaction studies revealed that arteminol is an inhibitor of CYP1A2; therefore, there is the potential for arteminol to increase plasma concentrations of CYP1A2 substrates. In vitro metabolism studies demonstrated that piperaquine is metabolised by human hepatocytes (approximately 85% of piperaquine remained after 2 hours incubation at 37°C). Piperaquine was mainly metabolised by CYP3A4 and to a lesser extent by CYP2C9 and CYP2C19. Piperaquine was found to be an inhibitor of CYP3A4 (also in a time- dependent way) and to a lesser extent of CYP2C19, while it stimulated the activity of CYP2E1. No effect on the metabolite profile of piperaquine in human hepatocytes was observed when piperaquine was co-incubated with arteminol. The piperaquine major metabolites were a carboxyl acid cleavage product, and a mono-N-oxidated product. In human studies, piperaquine was found to be a mild inhibitor of CYP3A4 enzyme while potent inhibitors of CYP3A4 activity caused mild inhibition of piperaquine metabolism.

### **Elimination**

The elimination half-life of arteminol is approximately 1 hour. The mean oral clearance for adult patients with malaria was 1.34 l/h/kg. The mean oral clearance was slightly higher for paediatric patients, however the differences were minor in magnitude (<20%). Arteminol is eliminated by metabolism (mainly glucuroconjugation). Its clearance was found to be slightly lower in female than in male healthy volunteers. Data regarding arteminol excretion in humans are scarce. However, it is reported in the literature that the excretion of unchanged active substance in human urine and faeces is negligible for artemisinin derivatives. The elimination half-life of piperaquine is around 22 days for adult patients and around 20 days for paediatric patients. The mean oral clearance for adult patients with malaria was 2.09 l/h/kg, while in paediatric patients was 2.43 l/h/kg. Due to its long elimination half-life, piperaquine accumulates after multiple dosing. Animal studies showed that radio labelled piperaquine is excreted by the biliary route, while urinary excretion is negligible.

### **5.3 Pre-clinical safety data**

Literature data concerning chronic toxicity of piperazine in dogs and monkeys indicate some hepatotoxicity and mild reversible depression of total white cell and neutrophil counts. The most important nonclinical safety findings after repeated dosing were the infiltration of macrophages with intracytoplasmic basophilic granular material consistent with phospholipidosis and degenerative lesions in numerous organs and tissues. These adverse reactions were seen in animals at exposure levels similar to clinical exposure levels, and with possible relevance to clinical use. It is not known whether these toxic effects are reversible. Piperazine did not induce malformation in rats and rabbits. In a perinatal and postnatal development study (segment III) in female rats treated with 80 mg/kg, some animals had a delay of delivery inducing mortality of the neonates. In females delivering normally the development, behaviour and growth of the surviving progeny was normal following exposure in utero or via milk. No reproduction toxicity studies have been performed with the combination of arteminol and piperazine

#### **Central nervous system (CNS) toxicity**

There is potential for neurotoxicity of artemisinin derivatives in man and animals, which is strongly related to the dose, route and formulations of the different arteminol pro-drugs. In humans, the potential neurotoxicity of orally administered arteminol can be considered highly unlikely, given the rapid clearance of arteminol, and its short exposure (3 days of treatment for malaria patients). There was no evidence of arteminol-induced lesions in the specific nuclei in rats or dogs, even at lethal dose.

#### **Cardiovascular toxicity**

Effects on blood pressure and on PR and QRS duration were observed at high piperazine doses. The most important potential cardiac effect was related to cardiac conduction.

In the hERG test, the IC<sub>50</sub> was 0.15 µmol for piperazine and 7.7 µmol for arteminol. The association of arteminol and piperazine does not produce hERG inhibition greater than that of the single compounds.

#### **Phototoxicity**

There are no phototoxicity concerns with arteminol, as it does not absorb in the range of 290-700 nm. Piperazine has an absorption maximum at 352 nm. Since piperazine is present in the skin (about 9% in the non-pigmented rat and only 3% in the pigmented rat), slight phototoxic reactions (swelling and erythema) were observed 24 hours after oral treatment in mice exposed to UV radiation.

## **6. Pharmaceutical Particulars**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

- Sodium Citrate
- Sugar (Pharma grade)
- Colloidal Silicon Dioxide (Light)
- Xanthan gum
- Flavour Banana
- Aspartame