

# AMYVIL 25MG TABLET

## 1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

AMYVIL 25MG TABLET

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains amitriptyline hydrochloride 25mg.

Excipient(s) with known effect

Contains lactose monohydrate 44.0 mg.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablets

Circular, biconvex, pale yellow, film-coated tablets.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic Indications

-The treatment of major depressive disorder in adults

-The treatment of neuropathic pain in adults

-The prophylactic treatment of chronic tension type headache (CTTH) in adults

-The prophylactic treatment of migraine in adults

-The treatment of nocturnal enuresis in children aged 6 years and above when organic pathology, including spina

bifida and related disorders, have been excluded and no response has been achieved to all other non-drug and drug treatments, including antispasmodics and vasopressin-related products. This medicinal product should only

be prescribed by a healthcare professional with expertise in the management of persistent enuresis.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

Not all dosage schemes can be achieved with all the pharmaceutical forms/strengths. The appropriate formulation/strength

should be selected for the starting doses and any subsequent dose increments.

*Major depressive disorder*

Dosage should be initiated at a low level and increased gradually, noting carefully the clinical response and any evidence of intolerability.

*Adults*

Initially 25 mg 2 times daily (50 mg daily). If necessary, the dose can be increased by 25 mg every other day up to 150 mg daily divided into two doses.

The maintenance dose is the lowest effective dose.

*Elderly patients over 65 years of age and patients with cardiovascular disease*

Initially 10 mg – 25 mg daily.

The daily dose may be increased up to 100 mg – 150 mg divided in to two doses, depending on individual patient response and tolerability.

Doses above 100 mg should be used with caution.

The maintenance dose is the lowest effective dose.

*Paediatric population*

Amitriptyline should not be used in children and adolescents aged less than 18 years, as long term safety and efficacy have not been established (see section 4.4).

*Duration of treatment*

The antidepressant effect usually sets in after 2 - 4 weeks. Treatment with antidepressants is symptomatic and must therefore

be continued for an appropriate length of time usually up to 6 months after recovery in order to prevent relapse.

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*Neuropathic pain, prophylactic treatment of chronic tension type headache and prophylactic treatment of migraine prophylaxis*

Patients should be individually titrated to the dose that provides adequate analgesia with tolerable adverse drug reactions.

Generally, the lowest effective dose should be used for the shortest duration required to treat the symptoms.

### *Adults*

Recommended doses are 25 mg - 75 mg daily in the evening. Doses above 100 mg should be used with caution.

The initial dose should be 10 mg - 25 mg in the evening. Doses can be increased with 10 mg - 25 mg every 3 – 7 days as tolerated.

The dose can be taken once daily, or be divided into two doses. A single dose above 75 mg is not recommended.

The analgesic effect is normally seen after 2-4 weeks of dosing.

### *Elderly patients over 65 years of age and patients with cardiovascular disease*

A starting dose of 10 mg -25 mg in the evening is recommended. Doses above 75 mg should be used with caution.

It is generally recommended to initiate treatment in the lower dose range as recommended for adult. The dose may be

increased depending on individual patient response and tolerability.

### *Paediatric population*

Amitriptyline should not be used in children and adolescents aged less than 18 years, as safety and efficacy have not been established (see section 4.4).

## **Duration of treatment**

### *Neuropathic pain*

Treatment is symptomatic and should therefore be continued for an appropriate length of time. In many patients, therapy may be needed for several years. Regular reassessment is recommended to confirm that continuation of the treatment remains appropriate for the patient.

### *Prophylactic treatment of chronic tension type headache and prophylactic treatment of migraine in adults*

Treatment must be continued for an appropriate length of time. Regular reassessment is recommended to confirm that continuation of the treatment remains appropriate for the patient.

### *Nocturnal enuresis*

### *Paediatric population*

The recommended doses for:

- children aged 6 to 10 years: 10 mg – 20 mg. A suitable dosage form should be used for this age group.
- children aged 11 years and above: 25 mg– 50 mg daily

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The dose should be increased gradually.

Dose to be administered 1-1½ hours before bedtime.

An ECG should be performed prior to initiating therapy with amitriptyline to exclude long QT syndrome.

The maximum period of treatment course should not exceed 3 months.

If repeated courses of amitriptyline are needed, a medical review should be conducted every 3 months. When stopping

treatment, amitriptyline should be withdrawn gradually.

### *Special populations*

#### *Renal impairment*

This medicinal product can be given in usual doses to patients with renal failure.

#### *Hepatic impairment*

Careful dosing and, if possible, a serum level determination is advisable.

#### *Cytochrome P450 inhibitors of CYP2D6*

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Depending on individual patient response, a lower dose of amitriptyline should be considered if a strong CYP2D6 inhibitor (e.g.

bupropion, quinidine, fluoxetine, paroxetine) is added to amitriptyline treatment (see section 4.5).

*Known poor metabolisers of CYP2D6 or CYP2C19*

These patients may have higher plasma concentrations of amitriptyline and its active metabolite nortriptyline.

Consider a 50%

reduction of the recommended starting dose.

Method of administration

Oral.

Discontinuation of treatment

When stopping therapy the drug should be gradually withdrawn during several weeks.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

Recent myocardial infarction. Any degree of heart block or disorders of cardiac rhythm and coronary artery insufficiency.

Concomitant treatment with MAOIs (monoamine oxidase inhibitors) is contra-indicated (see section 4.5).

Simultaneous administration of amitriptyline and MAOIs may cause serotonin syndrome (a combination of symptoms, possibly

including agitation, confusion, tremor, myoclonus and hyperthermia).

Treatment with amitriptyline may be instituted 14 days after discontinuation of irreversible non-selective MAOIs and minimum

one day after discontinuation of the reversible moclobemide. Treatment with MAOIs may be introduced 14 days after

discontinuation of amitriptyline.

Severe liver disease.

In children under 6 years of age.

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Cardiac arrhythmias and severe hypotension are likely to occur with high dosage. They may also occur in patients with

pre-existing heart disease taking normal dosage.

*Suicide/suicidal thoughts or clinical worsening*

Depression is associated with an increased risk of suicidal thoughts, self harm and suicide (suicide-related events). This risk

persists until significant remission occurs. As improvement may not occur during the first few weeks or more of treatment,

patients should be closely monitored until such improvement occurs. It is general clinical experience that the risk of suicide

may increase in the early stages of recovery.

Patients with a history of suicide-related events, or those exhibiting a significant degree of suicidal ideation prior to

commencement of treatment are known to be at greater risk of suicidal thoughts or suicide attempts, and should receive

careful monitoring during treatment. A meta-analysis of placebo-controlled clinical trials of antidepressant drugs in adult

patients with psychiatric disorders showed an increased risk of suicidal behaviour with antidepressants compared to placebo in

patients less than 25 years old.

Close supervision of patients and in particular those at high risk should accompany drug therapy especially in early treatment

and following dose changes. Patients (and care givers of patients) should be alerted about the need to monitor for any clinical

worsening, suicidal behaviour or thoughts and unusual changes in behaviour and to seek medical advice immediately if these

symptoms present. The risk of suicide remains during treatment of depressed patients and until significant remission occurs.

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Such patients require careful supervision.

In manic-depressives, a shift towards the manic phase may occur; should the patient enter a manic phase amitriptyline should be discontinued.

As described for other psychotropics, amitriptyline may modify insulin and glucose responses calling for adjustment of the antidiabetic therapy in diabetic patients; in addition the depressive illness itself may affect patients' glucose balance.

Hyperpyrexia has been reported with tricyclic antidepressants when administered with anticholinergic or with neuroleptic medications, especially in hot weather.

After prolonged administration, abrupt cessation of therapy may produce withdrawal symptoms such as headache, malaise, insomnia and irritability.

Amitriptyline should be used with caution in patients receiving SSRIs (see sections 4.2 and 4.5).

### *QT interval prolongation*

Cases of QT interval prolongation and arrhythmia have been reported during the post-marketing period.

Caution is advised in patients with significant bradycardia, in patients with uncompensated heart failure, or in patients concurrently taking

QT-prolonging drugs. Electrolyte disturbances (hypokalaemia, hyperkalaemia, hypomagnesaemia) are known to be conditions increasing the proarrhythmic risk.

Anaesthetics given during tri/tetracyclic antidepressant therapy may increase the risk of arrhythmias and hypotension. If

possible, discontinue this medicinal product several days before surgery; if emergency surgery is unavoidable, the anaesthetist

should be informed that the patient is being so treated.

Great care is necessary if amitriptyline is administered to hyperthyroid patients or to those receiving thyroid medication, since cardiac arrhythmias may develop.

Elderly patients are particularly susceptible to orthostatic hypotension.

This medical product should be used with caution in patients with convulsive disorders, urinary retention, prostatic

hypertrophy, hyperthyroidism, paranoid symptomatology and advanced hepatic or cardiovascular disease, pylorus stenosis and paralytic ileus.

In patients with the rare condition of shallow anterior chamber and narrow chamber angle, attacks of acute glaucoma due to dilation of the pupil may be provoked.

### *Nocturnal enuresis*

An ECG should be performed prior to initiating therapy with amitriptyline to exclude long QT syndrome.

Amitriptyline for enuresis should not be combined with an anticholinergic drug.

Suicidal thoughts and behaviours may also develop during early treatment with antidepressants for disorders other than

depression; the same precautions observed when treating patients with depression should therefore be followed when treating patients with enuresis.

### *Paediatric population*

Long-term safety data in children and adolescents concerning growth, maturation and cognitive and behavioural development are not available (see section 4.2).

### *Excipients*

This medicinal product contains lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

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### 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interactions

Contraindicated combinations

*MAOIs (non-selective as well as selective A (moclobemide) and B (selegiline))*- risk of "serotonin syndrome" (see section 4.3).

Combinations that are not recommended

*Sympathomimetic agents*: Amitriptyline may potentiate the cardiovascular effects of adrenaline, ephedrine, isoprenaline, noradrenaline, phenylephrine, and phenylpropanolamine (e.g. as contained in local and general anaesthetics and nasal decongestants).

*Adrenergic neurone blockers*: Tricyclic antidepressants may counteract the antihypertensive effects of centrally acting

antihypertensives such as guanethidine, betanidine, reserpine, clonidine and methyldopa. It is advisable to review all

antihypertensive therapy during treatment with tricyclic antidepressants.

*Anticholinergic agents*: Tricyclic antidepressants may potentiate the effects of these drugs on the eye, central nervous system,

bowel and bladder; concomitant use of these should be avoided due to an increased risk of paralytic ileus, hyperpyrexia, etc.

*Drugs which prolong the QT-interval* including antiarrhythmics such as quinidine, the antihistamines astemizole and terfenadine,

some antipsychotics (notably pimozide and sertindole), cisapride, halofantrine, and sotalol, may increase the likelihood of

ventricular arrhythmias when taken with tricyclic antidepressants.

Use caution when using amitriptyline and methadone concomitantly due to a potential for additive effects on the QT interval

and increased risk of serious cardiovascular effects.

Caution is also advised for co-administration of amitriptyline and diuretics inducing hypokalaemia (e.g. furosemide)

*Thioridazine*: Co-administration of amitriptyline and thioridazine (CYP2D6 substrate) should be avoided due to inhibition of

thioridazine metabolism and consequently increased risk of cardiac side effects

*Tramadol*: Concomitant use of tramadol (a CYP2D6 substrate) and tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs), such as amitriptyline

increases the risk for seizures and serotonin syndrome. Additionally, this combination can inhibit the metabolism of tramadol

to the active metabolite and thereby increasing tramadol concentrations potentially causing opioid toxicity.

*Antifungals* such as fluconazole and terbinafine increase serum concentrations of tricyclics and accompanying toxicity. Syncope

and torsade de pointes have occurred.

Combinations requiring precautions for use

*CNS depressants*: Amitriptyline may enhance the sedative effects of alcohol, barbiturates and other CNS depressants.

Potential of other medicinal products to affect amitriptyline

Tricyclic antidepressants (TCA) including amitriptyline are primarily metabolised by the hepatic cytochrome P450 isozymes

CYP2D6 and CYP2C19, which are polymorphic in the population. Other isozymes involved in the metabolism of amitriptyline

are CYP3A4, CYP1A2 and CYP2C9.

*CYP2D6 inhibitors*: The CYP2D6 isozyme can be inhibited by a variety of drugs, e.g. neuroleptics, serotonin reuptake inhibitors,

beta blockers, and antiarrhythmics. Examples of strong CYP2D6 inhibitors include bupropion, fluoxetine, paroxetine and

quinidine. These drugs may produce substantial decreases in TCA metabolism and marked increases in plasma concentrations.

Consider to monitor TCA plasma levels, whenever a TCA is to be co-administered with another drug known to be

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strong inhibitor of CYP2D6. Dose adjustment of amitriptyline may be necessary (see section 4.2). Caution is advised in the case

of co-administration of amitriptyline with duloxetine, a moderate CYP2D6 inhibitor.

*Other Cytochrome P450 inhibitors:* Cimetidine, methylphenidate and calcium-channel blockers (e.g. diltiazem and verapamil)

may increase plasma levels of tricyclic antidepressants and accompanying toxicity. Antifungals such as fluconazole (CYP2C9

inhibitor) and terbinafine (CYP2D6 inhibitor) have been observed to increase serum levels of amitriptyline and nortriptyline.

*The CYP3A4 and CYP1A2 isozymes* metabolise amitriptyline to a lesser extent. However, fluvoxamine (strong CYP1A2 inhibitor)

was shown to increase amitriptyline plasma concentrations and this combination should be avoided. Clinically relevant

interactions may be expected with concomitant use of amitriptyline and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors such as ketoconazole,

itraconazole and ritonavir.

*Tricyclic antidepressants and neuroleptics* mutually inhibit the metabolism of each other; this may lead to a lowered convulsion

threshold, and seizures. It may be necessary to adjust the dosage of these drugs.

*Cytochrome P450 inducers:* Oral contraceptives, rifampicin, phenytoin, barbiturates, carbamazepine and St. John's Wort

(*Hypericum perforatum*) may increase the metabolism of tricyclic antidepressants and result in lowered plasma levels of

tricyclic antidepressants and reduced antidepressant response.

*In the presence of ethanol* amitriptyline free plasma concentrations and nortriptyline concentrations were increased.

Amitriptyline plasma concentration can be increased by sodium valproate and valpromide. Clinical monitoring is therefore recommended.

### 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

#### Pregnancy

For amitriptyline only limited clinical data are available regarding exposed pregnancies.

Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3).

Amitriptyline is not recommended during pregnancy unless clearly necessary and only after careful consideration of the risk/benefit.

During chronic use and after administration in the final weeks of pregnancy, neonatal withdrawal symptoms can occur. This

may include irritability, hypertonia, tremor, irregular breathing, poor drinking and loud crying and possibly anticholinergic

symptoms (urinary retention, constipation).

#### Breast-feeding

Amitriptyline and its metabolites are excreted into breast milk (corresponding to 0.6 % - 1 % of the maternal dose). A risk to

the suckling child cannot be excluded. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue/abstain from the therapy of this medicinal product taking into account the benefit of breast feeding for the child

and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

#### Fertility

Amitriptyline reduced the pregnancy rate in rats (see section 5.3).

No data on the effects of amitriptyline on human fertility are available.

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

Amitriptyline is a sedative drug.

Patients who are prescribed psychotropic medication may be expected to have some impairment in general attention and

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concentration and should be cautioned about their ability to drive or operate machinery. These adverse effects can be potentiated by the concomitant intake of alcohol.

### 4.8 Undesirable effects

Amitriptyline may induce side effects similar to other tricyclic antidepressants. Some of the below mentioned side effects e.g.

headache, tremor, disturbance in attention, constipation and decreased libido may also be symptoms of depression and usually

attenuate when the depressive state improves.

\*Case reports of suicidal thoughts or behaviour were reported during the treatment with or just after conclusion of the

treatment with amitriptyline (see section 4.4).

Epidemiological studies, mainly conducted in patients 50 years of age and older, show an increased risk of bone fractures in

patients receiving SSRIs and TCAs. The mechanism leading to this risk is unknown.

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

### 4.9 Overdose

Symptoms

*Anticholinergic symptoms*

Mydriasis, tachycardia, urinary retention, dry mucous membranes, reduced bowel motility. Convulsions. Fever. Sudden

occurrence of CNS depression. Lowered consciousness progressing into coma. Respiratory depression.

*Cardiac symptoms*

Arrhythmias (ventricular tachyarrhythmias, torsade de pointes, ventricular fibrillation). The ECCT

characteristically show

prolonged PR interval, widening of the QRS-complex, QT prolongation, T wave flattening or inversion, ST segment depression,

and varying degrees of heart block progressing to cardiac standstill. Widening of the QRS-complex usually correlates well with

the severity of the toxicity following acute overdoses. Heart failure, hypotension, cardiogenic shock. Metabolic acidosis,

hypokalemia, hyponatraemia. Post-marketing surveillance and literature reported cases of Brugada syndrome unmasking and

Brugada ECG patterns (BEP) with amitriptyline overdose.

Ingestion of 750 mg or more by an adult may result in severe toxicity. The effects in overdose will be potentiated by

simultaneous ingestion of alcohol and other psychotropic. There is considerably individual variability in response to overdose.

Overdose with amitriptyline in children could have serious consequences, children are especially susceptible to coma,

cardiotoxicity, respiratory depression, seizures, hyponatraemia, lethargy, sinus tachycardia, drowsiness, nausea, vomiting and

hyperglycaemia.

During awakening possibly again confusion, agitation and hallucinations and ataxia.

Treatment

1. Admission to hospital (intensive care unit) if required. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

2. Assess and treat ABC's (airway, breathing and circulation) as appropriate. Secure an IV access. Close monitoring even in

apparently uncomplicated cases.

3. Examine for clinical features. Check urea and electrolytes-look for low potassium and monitor urine output. Check arterial

blood gases-look for acidosis. Perform electrocardiograph-look for QRS>0.16 seconds

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4. Do not give flumazenil to reverse benzodiazepine toxicity in mixed overdoses.
5. Consider gastric lavage only if within one hour of a potentially fatal overdose.
6. Give 50 g of charcoal if within one hour of ingestion.
7. Patency of the airway is maintained by intubation where required. Treatment in respirator is advised to prevent a possible respiratory arrest. Continuous ECG-monitoring of cardiac function for 3-5 days. Treatment of the following will be decided on a case by case basis:
  - Wide QRS-intervals, cardiac failure and ventricular arrhythmias
  - Circulatory failure
  - Hypotension
  - Hyperthermia
  - Convulsions
  - Metabolic acidosis.
8. Unrest and convulsions may be treated with diazepam.
9. Patients who display signs of toxicity should be monitored for a minimum of 12 hours.
10. Monitor for rhabdomyolysis if the patient has been unconscious for a considerable time.
11. Since overdosage is often deliberate patients may attempt suicide by other means during the recovery phase. Deaths by deliberate or accidental overdosage have occurred with this class of medicament.

## 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antidepressants - Non-selective monoamine reuptake inhibitor (tricyclic antidepressant)

ATC code: N06A A09

Mechanism of action

Amitriptyline is a tricyclic antidepressant and an analgesic. It has marked anticholinergic and sedative properties. It prevents the re-uptake, and hence the inactivation of noradrenaline and serotonin at nerve terminals. Reuptake prevention of these monoamine neurotransmitters potentiate their action in the brain. This appears to be associated with the antidepressant activity.

The mechanism of action also includes ion-channel blocking effects on sodium, potassium and NMDA channel at both central and spinal cord level. The noradrenaline, sodium and the NMDA effects are mechanisms known to be involved in the

maintenance of neuropathic pain, chronic tension type headache prophylaxis and migraine prophylaxis. The pain-reducing

effect of amitriptyline is not linked to its anti-depressive properties.

Tricyclic antidepressants possess affinity for muscarinic and histamine H1 receptors to varying degrees.

Clinical efficacy and safety

The efficacy and safety of amitriptyline has been demonstrated in treatments of the following indications in adults:

- Major Depressive Disorder
- Neuropathic pain
- Chronic tension type headache prophylaxis
- Migraine prophylaxis

The efficacy and safety of amitriptyline has been demonstrated for treatments of nocturnal enuresis in children aged 6 years and above (see section 4.1).

The recommended doses are provided in section 4.2. For treatment of depression, doses of up to 200 mg daily and,

occasionally, up to 300 mg daily have been used in severely depressed patients in hospital only.

The antidepressant and analgesic effects usually set in after 2-4 weeks; the sedative action is not delayed.

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### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

#### Absorption

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Oral administration of tablets results in maximum serum levels in about 4 hours. ( $t_{\max}=3.89 \pm 1.87$  hours; range 1.93 - 7.98

hours). After per oral administration of 50 mg the mean  $C_{\max}= 30.95 \pm 9.61$  ng/ml; range 10.85 - 45.70 ng/ml ( $111.57 \pm 34.64$

nmol/l; range 39.06 - 164.52 nmol/l).

The mean absolute oral bioavailability is 53% ( $F_{\text{abs}} = 0.527 \pm 0.123$ ; range 0.219 - 0.756).

#### Distribution

The apparent volume of distribution ( $V_d$ ) $_{\beta}$  estimated after intravenous administration is  $1221 \text{ L} \pm 280 \text{ L}$ ; range 769-1702 L ( $16 \pm$

3 L/kg).

The plasma protein binding is about 95%.

Amitriptyline and the main metabolite nortriptyline pass across the placental barrier.

In nursing mothers amitriptyline and nortriptyline are excreted in small amounts with the breast milk. The ratio milk

concentration/plasma concentration in women is around 1:1. The estimated daily infant exposure

(amitriptyline + nortriptyline)

averages 2% of the corresponding maternal weight related doses of amitriptyline (in mg/kg) (see section 4.6).

#### Biotransformation

*In vitro* the metabolism of amitriptyline proceeds mainly by demethylation (CYP2C19, CYP3A4) and hydroxylation (CYP2D6)

followed by conjugation with glucuronic acid. Other isozymes involved are CYP1A2 and CYP2C9. The metabolism is subject to

genetic polymorphism. The main active metabolite is the secondary amine, nortriptyline.

Nortriptyline is a more potent inhibitor of noradrenaline than of serotonin uptake, while amitriptyline inhibits the uptake of

noradrenaline and serotonin equally well. Other metabolites such as cis- and trans-10-hydroxyamitriptyline and cis- and

trans-10-hydroxynortriptyline have the same profile as nortriptyline but is considerably weaker.

Demethylnortriptyline and

amitriptyline N oxide are only present in plasma in minute amounts; the latter is almost inactive. All the metabolites are less

anticholinergic than amitriptyline and nortriptyline. In plasma the amount of total 10- hydroxynortriptyline dominates but most

of the metabolites are conjugated.

#### Elimination

The elimination half-life( $t_{1/2\beta}$ ) amitriptyline after peroral administration is about 25 hours ( $24.65 \pm 6.31$  hours; range 16.49 -

40.36 hours). The mean systemic clearance ( $Cl_s$ ) is  $39.24 \pm 10.18$  L/h, range 24.53 -53.73 L/h.

The excretion proceeds mainly with urine. The renal elimination of unchanged amitriptyline is insignificant (about 2%).

Steady state plasma levels of amitriptyline + nortriptyline are reached within a week for most patients, and in steady state the

plasma level comprises approximately equal parts of amitriptyline and nortriptyline around the clock following treatment with

conventional tablets 3 times a day.

#### *Elderly*

Longer half-lives and decreased oral ( $Cl_o$ ) clearance values due to a reduced rate of metabolism have been demonstrated in

elderly patients.

#### *Hepatic impairment*

Hepatic impairment may reduce hepatic extraction resulting in higher plasma levels and caution should be exercised when

dosing these patients (see section 4.2).

#### *Renal impairment*

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Renal failure has no influence on the kinetics.

Polymorphism

The metabolism is subject to genetic polymorphism (CYP2D6 and CYP2C19) (see section 4.2).

Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic relationship

Plasma concentrations of amitriptyline and nortriptyline vary very widely between individuals and no simple correlation with

therapeutic response has been established.

The therapeutic plasma concentration in major depression is around 80 – 200 ng/ml ( $\approx$ 280 – 700 nmol/l) (for amitriptyline

+nortriptyline). Levels above 300 - 400 ng/ml are associated with increased risk of disturbance in cardiac conduction in terms

of prolonged QRS-complex or AV block.

### 5.3 Preclinical safety data

Amitriptyline inhibited ion channels, which are responsible for cardiac repolarization (hERG channels), in the upper micromolar

range of therapeutic plasma concentrations. Therefore, amitriptyline may increase the risk for cardiac arrhythmia (see section

4.4).

The genotoxic potential of amitriptyline has been investigated in various *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies. Although these

investigations revealed partially contradictory results, particularly a potential to induce chromosome aberrations cannot be

excluded. Long-term carcinogenicity studies have not been performed.

In reproductive studies teratogenic effects were not observed in mice, rats, or rabbits when amitriptyline was given orally at

doses of 2-40 mg/kg/day (up to 13 times the maximum recommended human amitriptyline dose of 150 mg/day or 3

mg/kg/day for a 50-kg patient). However, literature data suggested a risk for malformations and delays in ossification of mice,

hamsters, rats and rabbits at 9-33 times the maximum recommended dose. There was a possible association with an effect on

fertility in rats, namely a lower pregnancy rate. The reason for the effect on fertility is unknown.

## 6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

### 6.1 List of excipients

Tablet Core:

Lactose monohydrate

Maize starch

Povidone

Microcrystalline cellulose

Purified talc

Colloidal anhydrous silica

Magnesium stearate

Film-Coating:

Hypromellose

Propylene glycol

Talc

Yellow iron oxide (E172)

Titanium dioxide (E171)

Quinoline yellow aluminium lake (E104)

### 6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

### 6.3 Shelf life

5 years

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### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

Do not store above 25°C.

### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

**Alu Alu PVC**

### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal of a used medicinal product or waste materials derived from such medicinal product and other handling of the product**

No special requirements.

### **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Zolon Healthcare Limited

### **8 MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

**A4-5073**

### **9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

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### **10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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