SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

<Trade Name> <Strength> suppositories

1. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each suppository contains 2800 mg Glycerol

Excipient(s) with known effect:

<Regarding the approval>

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

1. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Amber coloured suppository, of nominal weight 4 g intended for rectal administration.

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1. CLINICAL PARTICULARS
	1. Therapeutic indications

 For occasional use as a stimulant laxative for the treatment of constipation.

* 1. Posology and method of administration

 *Adults and the elderly:*

 One 4 g suppository, to aid insertion the suppository tip should be moistened with water before use. No reduction in adult dosage is necessary for elderly patients.

 *Infants and Children:*

 Not recommended.

 Method of administration

 For rectal use.

* 1. Contraindications
* Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.
* The product is contraindicated if there is intestinal obstruction or blockage.
	1. Special warnings and precautions for use

 The product is intended for occasional use only. Prolonged or excessive use of the product is not recommended as this may cause diarrhoea. Use of this product may interfere with glucose control in diabetic patients. If symptoms persist consult a doctor.

* 1. Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

 None stated.

* 1. Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

 No evidence of harmful affects available. However, best avoided during the first trimester of pregnancy. May be used during breast feeding.

* 1. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

 None stated.

* 1. Undesirable effects

 Use of the product may occasionally cause abdominal cramps. Glycerol can cause irritation when given rectally.

* 1. Overdose

 Overdosage via rectal route is unlikely. However, if ingested treat symptomatically.

1. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES
	1. Pharmacodynamic properties

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 Glycerol is commonly classified as an osmotic laxative but may act additionally or alternatively by promoting peristalsis and evacuation of the lower bowel by virtue of a mild irritant effect. Glycerol suppositories possess also lubricating and faecal softening actions.

* 1. Pharmacokinetic properties

 Glycerol following rectal administration is poorly absorbed.

* 1. Preclinical safety data

 No additional pre-clinical data of relevance to the prescriber.

1. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS
	1. List of excipients

<Regarding the approval>

* 1. Incompatibilities

 None stated.

* 1. Shelf life

<Regarding the approval>

* 1. Special precautions for storage

<Regarding the approval>

* 1. Nature and contents of container

<Regarding the approval>

* 1. Special precautions for disposal

<Regarding the approval>

1. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

<Regarding the approval>

1. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)

<Regarding the approval>

1. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION

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1. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT1

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