SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTIC

1. Name of the medicinal product

SOLIFEN

2. Qualitative and quantitative declaration

Each 1 mL contains:-

Ketotifen fumarate 0.345 mg
Equivalent to Ketotifen 0.25 mg

3. Pharmaceutical form

Clear colorless sterile solution

4. Clinical particulars

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Symptomatic treatment of seasonal allergic conjunctivitis.

Reference 1/1.1: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.1 Therapeutic indications (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

4.2 Posology and method of administration

- Adults, elderly and children (age 3 and older): one drop of SOLIFEN into the conjunctival sac twice a day.
- The contents and dispenser remain sterile until the original closure is broken.
- To avoid contamination do not touch any surface with the dropper tip.
- The safety and efficacy of Ketotifen 0.25 mg/ml in children aged from birth to 3 years have not yet been established.

Reference 1/1.2: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.2 Posology and method of administration (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product /4327/smpc/print)

4.3 Contraindications

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

Reference 1/1.3: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.3 Contraindications (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

The formulation of SOLIFEN eye drops contains benzalkonium chloride as a preservative, which may be deposited in soft contact lenses; therefore SOLIFEN eye drops should not be instilled while the patient is wearing

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these lenses. The lenses should be removed before application of the drops and not reinserted earlier than 15 minutes after use.

All eye drops preserved with benzalkonium chloride may possibly discolour soft contact lenses. Benzalkonium chloride may cause eye irritation.

Reference 1/1.4: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/ 4327/smpc/print)

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

If SOLIFEN is used concomitantly with other eye medications there must be an interval of at least 5 minutes between the two medications.

The use of oral dosage forms of ketotifen may potentiate the effect of CNS depressants, antihistamines and alcohol. Although this has not been observed with Ketotifen 0.25 mg/ml eye drops, the possibility of such effects cannot be excluded.

Reference 1/1.5: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

There are no adequate data from the use of Ketotifen 0.25 mg/ml eye drops in pregnant women. Animal studies using maternally toxic oral doses showed increased pre- and postnatal mortality, but no teratogenicity. Systemic levels after ocular administration are much lower than after oral use. Caution should be exercised when prescribing to pregnant women.

Breast-feeding

Although animal data following oral administration show excretion into breast milk, topical administration to human is unlikely to produce detectable quantities in breast milk. Ketotifen 0.25 mg/ml eye drops can be used during lactation.

Reference 1/1.6: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/ smpc/print)

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4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Any patient who experiences blurred vision or somnolence should not drive or operate machines.

Reference 1/1.7: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.7

Effects on ability to drive and use machines (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/

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4.8 Undesirable effects

Adverse reactions are ranked under heading of frequency, using the following convention: Very common

 $(\geq 1/10)$; common $(\geq 1/100 \text{ to } \leq 1/10)$; uncommon $(\geq 1/1,000 \text{ to } \leq 1/100)$; rare $(\geq 1/10,000 \text{ to } \leq 1/1,000)$; very rare

(<1/10,000), not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Immune system disorders

Uncommon: Hypersensitivity

Nervous system disorders

Uncommon: Headache

Eye disorders

Common: Eye irritation, eye pain, punctate keratitis, punctate corneal epithelial erosion.

Uncommon: Vision blurred (during instillation), dry eye, eyelid disorder, conjunctivitis, photophobia,

conjunctival haemorrhage.

Gastrointestinal disorders

Uncommon: Dry mouth

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders

Uncommon: Rash, eczema, urticarial

General disorders and administration site conditions

Uncommon: Somnolence

Adverse drug reactions from post-marketing experience (Frequency not known):

The following post marketing events have also been observed: hypersensitivity reactions including local

allergic reaction (mostly contact dermatitis, eye swelling, eyelid pruritis and oedema), systemic allergic reactions

including facial swelling/oedema (in some cases associated with contact dermatitis) and exacerbation of pre-existing

allergic conditions such as asthma and eczema.

Reference 1/1.8: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.8

Undesirable effects (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

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4.9 Overdose

No case of overdose has been reported.

Oral ingestion of the contents of a 5 ml bottle would be equivalent to 1.25 mg of ketotifen which is 60% of a

recommended oral daily dose for a 3 year old child. Clinical results have shown no serious signs or symptoms after

oral ingestion of up to 20 mg of ketotifen.

Reference 1/1.10: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 4.9

Overdose (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

5. Pharmacological properties

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Ophthalmologicals, other antiallergics

ATC code: S01GX08

Ketotifen is a histamine H1-receptor antagonist. In vivo animal studies and in vitro studies suggest the

additional activities of mast cell stabilisation and inhibition of infiltration, activation and degranulation of

eosinophils.

Reference 1/2.1: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 5.1

Pharmacodynamic properties (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/

print)

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

In a pharmacokinetic study conducted in 18 healthy volunteers with SOLIFEN eye drops, plasma levels of

ketotifen after repeated ocular administration for 14 days were in most cases below the limit of quantitation (20

pg/ml).

After oral administration, ketotifen is eliminated biphasically with an initial half-life of 3 to 5 hours and a

terminal half-life of 21 hours. About 1 % of the substance is excreted unchanged in the urine within 48 hours and 60

to 70% as metabolites. The main metabolite is the practically inactive ketotifen-Nglucuronide.

Reference 1/2.2: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 5.2

Pharmacokinetic properties (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/

print)

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Preclinical data reveal no special hazard which is considered relevant in connection with use of Ketotifen

0.25 mg/ml eye drops in humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity,

genotoxicity, carcinogenic potential and toxicity to reproduction.

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Reference 1/2.3: ZADITEN 0.25 mg/ml, eye drops, solution – Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC), 5.3

Preclinical safety data (Electronic document retrieved from www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/4327/smpc/print)

6. Pharmaceutical particulars

6.1 List of excipients

- Glycerin
- Benzalkonium chloride
- Sodium hydroxide
- Water for injection

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable

6.3 Shelf life

Shelf-life 2 years

After opening: 30 days

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Store below 30°C

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Clear plastic bottle (LPDE) of 5 and 10 mL with a paper box of 1, 10, 20, 50 and 100 ampoules.

7. Marketing authorisation holder

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8. Marketing authorisation number(s)

xx xxx/xx

9. Date of first authorization/ renewal of the authorization

DD/MM/YYYY

10. Date of revision of the text

19 October 2021