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XALACOM™

1. NAME(S) OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

XALACOM™

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each ml contains 50 mcg of latanoprost and 6.8 mg of timolol maleate equivalent to 5 mg

timolol.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Ophthalmic solution

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic Indications

Reduction of elevated intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients with open-angle glaucoma or

ocular hypertension who are insufficiently responsive to topical IOP lowering agents.

4.2 Posology and Method of Administration

Use in adults (including the elderly):

One drop in the affected eye(s) once daily.

The dosage of latanoprost-timolol maleate should not exceed once daily since it has been

shown that more frequent administration of latanoprost decreases the intraocular pressure

lowering effect.

If one dose is missed, treatment should continue with the next dose as planned.

If more than one topical ophthalmic drug is being used, they should be administered at

least five minutes apart.

Contact lenses should be removed before instillation of the eye drops and may be

reinserted after fifteen minutes (See section 4.4).

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When using nasolacrimal occlusion or closing the eyelids for 2 minutes, the systemic

absorption is reduced. This may result in a decrease in systemic side effects and an

increase in local activity.

Use in children:

Safety and effectiveness in children have not been established.

4.3 Contraindications

Latanoprost-timolol maleate is contraindicated in patients with:

• Reactive airway disease including bronchial asthma, a history of bronchial asthma, or

severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Sinus bradycardia, sick sinus syndrome, sino-atrial block, second or third-degree

atrioventricular block not controlled with pace-maker, overt cardiac failure, or

cardiogenic shock.

Known hypersensitivity to latanoprost, timolol maleate, or any other component of the

product.

4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions for Use

General

This product contains benzalkonium chloride, which may be absorbed by contact lenses

(See section 4.2).

Latanoprost

Iris pigmentation changes

Latanoprost may gradually increase the brown pigment of the iris. The eye color change is

due to increased melanin content in the stromal melanocytes of the iris, rather than to an

increase in the number of melanocytes. Typically, the brown pigmentation around the pupil

spreads concentrically towards the periphery of the iris and the entire iris or parts of the

iris become more brownish. The change in iris color is mild in the majority of cases and may

not be detected clinically. The increase in iris pigmentation in one or both eyes has been

documented predominantly in patients who have mixed-color irides that contain the color

brown at baseline. Neither nevi nor freckles of the iris have been affected by treatment. No

accumulation of pigment in the trabecular meshwork or elsewhere in the anterior chamber

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has been observed in clinical trials.

In a clinical trial designed to assess iris pigmentation over five years, there was no evidence of adverse consequences due to increased pigmentation even when administration of latanoprost continued. These results are consistent with post-marketing clinical experience since 1996. In addition, IOP reduction was similar in patients regardless of the development of increased iris pigmentation. Therefore, treatment with latanoprost can be continued in patients who develop increased iris pigmentation. These patients should be examined regularly and, depending on the clinical situation, treatment may be stopped.

Onset of increased iris pigmentation typically occurs within the first year of treatment, rarely during the second or third year, and has not been seen after the fourth year of treatment. The rate of progression of iris pigmentation decreases with time and is stable by five years. The effects of increased pigmentation beyond five years have not been evaluated. During clinical trials, the increase in brown iris pigment has not been shown to progress further upon discontinuation of treatment, but the resultant color change may be permanent.

The potential for heterochromia exists for patients receiving unilateral treatment.

Eyelid and Eyelash changes

Eyelid skin darkening, which may be reversible, has been reported in association with the use of latanoprost.

Latanoprost may gradually change eyelashes and vellus hair in the treated eye; these changes include increased length, thickness, pigmentation, and number of lashes or hairs, and misdirected growth of eyelashes. Eyelash changes are reversible upon discontinuation of treatment.

Macular oedema

Macular oedema, including cystoid macular oedema, has been reported during treatment with latanoprost. These reports have mainly occurred in aphakic patients, in pseudophakic patients with torn posterior lens capsule, or in patients with known risk factors for macular oedema. Caution is recommended when using latanoprost in these patients.

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Glaucoma

There is no documented experience with latanoprost-timolol in inflammatory, neovascular,

chronic angle closure glaucoma, in open angle glaucoma of pseudophakic patients and in

pigmentary glaucoma. Therefore it is recommended that latanoprost-timolol should be

used with caution in these conditions until more experience is obtained.

Herpetic keratitis

Latanoprost should be used with caution in patients with a history of herpetic keratitis, and

should be avoided in cases of active herpes simplex keratitis and in patients with a history

of recurrent herpetic keratitis specifically associated with prostaglandin analogues.

Timolol Maleate

Cardiovascular and Respiratory reactions

The same adverse reactions found with systemic administration of beta-adrenergic

blocking agents may occur with their topical administration. Patients with a history of

severe cardiac disease should be monitored closely for signs of cardiac failure. The

following cardiac and respiratory reactions may occur after topical application of timolol

maleate:

aggravation of Prinzmetal's angina

aggravation of peripheral and central circulatory disorders

hypotension

cardiac failure resulting in death

severe respiratory reactions, including fatal bronchospasm in patients with asthma

bradycardia

Due to its negative effect on conduction time, beta-blockers should only be given with

caution to patients with first degree heart block.

Patients with severe peripheral circulatory disturbance/disorders (i.e. severe forms of

Raynaud's disease or Raynaud's syndrome) should be treated with caution.

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Timolol maleate should be used with caution, in patients with mild/moderate chronic

obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and only if the potential benefit outweighs the

potential risk.

A gradual withdrawal of beta-adrenergic blocking agents prior to major surgery should be

considered. Beta-adrenergic blocking agents impair the ability of the heart to respond to

beta-adrenergically mediated reflex stimuli, which may augment the risk of general

anesthesia in surgical procedures. Protracted severe hypotension during anesthesia and

difficulty restarting and maintaining the heartbeat have been reported. During surgery, the

effects of beta-adrenergic blocking agents may be reversed by sufficient doses of

adrenergic agonists.

Beta-blocking ophthalmological preparations may block systemic beta-agonist effects e.g.,

of adrenaline. The anaesthesiologist should be informed when the patient is receiving

timolol.

Hypoglycaemia

Beta-adrenergic blocking agents may increase the hypoglycaemic effect of agents used to

treat diabetes, and can mask the signs and symptoms of hypoglycaemia. They should be

used with caution in patients with spontaneous hypoglycaemia or diabetes (especially

those with labile diabetes), who are receiving insulin or oral hypoglycaemic agents.

Hyperthyroidism

Therapy with beta-adrenergic blocking agents may mask certain signs and symptoms of

hyperthyroidism. Abrupt withdrawal of therapy may precipitate a worsening of this

condition.

Hypersensitivity reactions

When treated with beta-adrenergic blocking agents, patients with a history of atopy or

severe anaphylactic reaction to a variety of allergens may be more reactive to repeated

challenge with such allergens. They may be unresponsive to the usual doses of

epinephrine used to treat anaphylactic reactions.

Myasthenia gravis

Timolol maleate has been reported to rarely increase muscle weakness in some patients

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with myasthenia gravis or myasthenic symptoms (e.g., diplopia, ptosis, generalized

weakness).

Choroidal detachment and Corneal disease

Choroidal detachment after filtration procedures has been reported with the administration

of ocular hypotensive agents.

Ophthalmic beta-blockers may induce dryness of eyes. Patients with corneal diseases

should be treated with caution.

4.5 Interaction with Other Medicinal Products and Other Forms of Interaction

Specific medicinal product interaction studies have not been performed with

latanoprost-timolol maleate.

The effect on intraocular pressure or the known effects of systemic beta-blockade may be

potentiated when latanoprost-timolol maleate is given to patients already receiving an oral

beta-adrenergic blocking agent, and the use of two or more topical beta-adrenergic

blocking agents is not recommended.

There have been reports of paradoxical elevations in IOP following the concomitant

ophthalmic administration of two prostaglandin analogs. Therefore, the use of two or more

prostaglandins, prostaglandin analogs, or prostaglandin derivatives is not recommended.

Mydriasis has occasionally been reported when timolol maleate was given with

epinephrine.

The potential exists for additive effects resulting in systemic hypotension and/or marked

bradycardia when timolol maleate is administered with:

calcium channel blockers

catecholamine-depleting drugs or beta-adrenergic blocking agents

antiarrhythmics (including amiodarone)

digitalis glycosides

guanethidine

Potentiated systemic beta blockade (e.g., decreased heart rate, depression) has been

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reported during combined treatment with CYP2D6 inhibitors (e.g., quinidine, fluoxetine,

paroxetine) and timolol.

Beta-adrenergic blocking agents may increase the hypoglycaemic effect of agents used to

treat diabetes (See section 4.4 - Timolol Maleate).

4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and Lactation

Fertility:

Latanoprost has not been found to have any effect on male or female fertility in animal

studies. Reproduction and fertility studies of timolol maleate in rats demonstrated no

adverse effect on male or female fertility at doses up to 21,000 times the systemic

exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose (See section 5.3

Impairment of Fertility - Latanoprost and Timolol Maleate).

Pregnancy:

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Latanoprost-timolol

maleate should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential

risk to the fetus (See section 5.3- Latanoprost and Timolol Maleate).

Lactation:

Latanoprost and its metabolites may pass into breast milk. Timolol maleate has been

detected in human milk following oral and ocular drug administration. Because of the

potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants, a decision should be made

whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the

importance of the drug to the mother.

4.7 Effects on Ability to Drive and Use Machines

Instillation of eye drops may cause transient blurring of vision. Until this has resolved,

patients should not drive or use machines.

4.8 Undesirable Effects

Latanoprost/timolol maleate

The following adverse drug reactions have been observed in clinical trials with

latanoprost/timolol maleate.

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ADRs by SOC and CIOMS frequency category for latanoprost/timolol maleate listed in order of decreasing medical seriousness or clinical importance within each frequency category and SOC.

System Organ Class	Common ≥ 1/100 to <1/10	Uncommon ≥ 1/1,000 to <1/100	Frequency not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)
Nervous system	Headache		
disorders			
Eye disorders	Corneal disorder,	Conjunctival disorder,	Abnormal vision,
	Keratitis, Conjunctivitis,	Hypertrichosis	Errors of refraction
	Blepharitis, Eye pain, Eye	(eyelash and vellus	
	irritation, Eye hyperaemia,	hair changes of the	
	Iris hyperpigmentation	eyelid; increased	
		length, thickness,	
		pigmentation, and	
		number of	
		eyelashes),	
		Photophobia	
Vascular disorders	Hypertension		
Skin and subcutaneous		Rash, Skin disorder	
tissue disorders			

The following are adverse events that have been observed in clinical trials with latanoprost/timolol maleate; causality to study drug has not been established.

Adverse Events by SOC and CIOMS frequency category for latanoprost/timolol listed in order of decreasing medical seriousness or clinical importance within each frequency category and SOC.

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System Organ Class	Very Common ≥ 1/10	Common ≥ 1/100 to	Uncommon ≥ 1/1,000 to
		<1/10	<1/100
Infections and infestations		Upper	Infection, Sinusitis
		respiratory tract	
		infection	
Metabolism and nutrition			Diabetes mellitus,
disorders			Hypercholesterolemia
Psychiatric disorders			Depression
Eye disorders	Cataract	Visual field	
		defect	
Musculoskeletal and			Arthritis
connective tissue disorders			

Latanoprost:

Additional adverse drug reactions have been observed in clinical trials and post-marketing with the single component latanoprost.

ADRs by SOC and CIOMS frequency category for latanoprost monotherapy listed in order of decreasing medical seriousness or clinical importance within each frequency category and SOC.

System Organ Class	Common ≥1/100 to <1/10	Uncommon ≥1/1,000 to <1/100	Rare ≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000	Frequency not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)
Infections and infestations				Herpetic keratitis*
Nervous system disorders		Dizziness*,		
Eye disorders	Eye irritation	Macular oedema	Corneal oedema*,	Corneal erosion*,

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System Organ	Common	Uncommon	Rare	Frequency
Class	≥1/100 to <1/10	≥1/1,000 to	≥1/10,000 to	not known
		<1/100	<1/1,000	(cannot be
				estimated
				from the available
				data)
	(burning, grittiness;	including cystoid	Iritis*	Punctate keratitis*,
	itching; stinging and	macular oedema*,		Pseudopemphigoid of
	foreign body	Uveitis*		ocular conjunctiva*,
	sensation), Eyelash	Photophobia*,		Trichiasis*, Vision
	and vellus hair	Eyelid oedema		blurred*, Localized skin
	changes of the			reaction on the
	eyelid (increased			eyelids*, Iris cyst*;
	length, thickness,			Periorbital and lid
	pigmentation, and			changes resulting in
	number of			deepening of the
	eyelashes)*			eyelid sulcus*,
				Darkening of palpebral
				skin of eyelids*
Cardiac disorders		Angina*,		Angina unstable*
		Palpitations*		
Respiratory,		Asthma*		Acute asthma attacks*,
thoracic and		Dyspnoea*		Asthma aggravation*
mediastinal				
disorders				
Gastrointestinal		Nausea*	Vomiting*	
disorders				
Skin and		Rash	Pruritus*	
subcutaneous				
tissue disorders				
Musculoskeletal		Myalgia*,		
and connective		Arthralgia*		
tissue disorders				

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System Organ	Common	Uncommon	Rare	Frequency
Class	≥1/100 to <1/10	≥1/1,000 to	≥1/10,000 to	not known
		<1/100	<1/1,000	(cannot be
				estimated
				from the available
				data)
General disorders		Chest pain*		
and administration				
site conditions				
*ADR identified post-marketing				

Timolol Maleate (Ocular Administration):

Additional adverse drug reactions have been observed with the single component timolol maleate when used by ocular administration

Adverse Drug Reaction Table : Timolol Maleate (ocular administration)

System Organ Class	Adverse Drug Reactions
Immune system disorders	Signs and symptoms of systemic allergic reactions
	including anaphylaxis; angioedema; urticaria; pruritus;
	localised and generalised rash
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	Masked symptoms of hypoglycaemia in diabetic patients;
	anorexia
Psychiatric disorders	Behavioral changes and psychic disturbances including,
	confusion, hallucinations, anxiety, disorientation,
	nervousness, and memory loss; insomnia; depression;
	nightmares
Nervous system disorders	Cerebral vascular accident; cerebral ischemia; dizziness;
	increase in signs and symptoms of myasthenia gravis;
	paraesthesia; somnolence; headache; syncope
Eye disorders	Cystoid macular edema; choroidal detachment following
	filtration surgery; corneal erosion; keratitis; diplopia;
	decreased corneal sensitivity; signs and symptoms of
	ocular irritation (e.g., burning, stinging, itching, tearing,
	redness); dry eyes; ptosis; blepharitis; visual disturbances

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Adverse Drug Reaction Table: Timolol Maleate (ocular administration)

System Organ Class	Adverse Drug Reactions
	including refractive changes; vision blurred
Ear and labyrinth disorders	Tinnitus
Cardiac disorders	Cardiac arrest; cardiac failure; heart block; atrioventricular
	block; congestive heart failure; worsening of angina
	pectoris; arrhythmia; bradycardia; palpitation
Vascular disorders	Claudication; cold hands and feet; hypotension;
	Raynaud's phenomenon
Respiratory, thoracic and	Respiratory failure; pulmonary oedema; bronchospasm
mediastinal disorders	(predominantly in patients with pre-existing
	bronchospastic disease); cough; dyspnoea; nasal
	congestion
Gastrointestinal disorders	Retroperitoneal fibrosis; abdominal pain; vomiting;
	diarrhoea; dry mouth; dysgeusia; dyspepsia; nausea
Skin and subcutaneous tissue	Rash; psoriasiform rash; pseudopemphigoid; exacerbation
disorders	of psoriasis; alopecia
Musculoskeletal and connective	Myalgia, Systemic lupus erythematosus
tissue disorders	
Reproductive system and breast	Sexual dysfunction; decreased libido; impotence;
disorders	Peyronie's disease
General disorders and	Chest pain; oedema; asthenia; fatigue
administration site conditions	

Adverse reactions reported with the use of eyedrops containing phosphate buffers.

Cases of corneal calcification have been reported very rarely in association with the use of phosphate-containing eye drops in some patients with significantly damaged corneas.

4.9 Overdose

If overdosage with latanoprost-timolol occurs, treatment should be symptomatic.

Information concerning overdose with the individual components is provided below:

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Latanoprost:

Apart from ocular irritation and conjunctival hyperemia, no other ocular adverse effects are

known if latanoprost is overdosed.

If latanoprost is accidentally ingested the following information may be useful: One 2.5 ml

bottle contains 125 micrograms latanoprost. More than 90% is metabolized during the first

pass through the liver. Intravenous infusion of 3 mcg/kg in healthy volunteers induced no

symptoms, but a dose of 5.5 – 10 mcg/kg caused nausea, abdominal pain, dizziness, fatigue,

hot flushes and sweating. In patients with moderate bronchial asthma, bronchoconstriction

was not induced by latanoprost when applied topically on the eyes in a dose of seven times

the clinical dose of latanoprost (See section 5.3 Latanoprost: Systemic/Ocular Effects).

Timolol Maleate:

There have been reports of inadvertent overdosage with timolol-maleate ophthalmic

solution resulting in systemic effects similar to those seen with systemic beta-adrenergic

blocking agents such as dizziness, headache, shortness of breath, bradycardia,

bronchospasm, and cardiac arrest (See section 4.8 Timolol Maleate (Ocular

Administration)).

An in vitro hemodialysis study demonstrated that timolol was readily dialyzed from human

plasma or whole blood.

A study with renal failure patients demonstrated that timolol was not readily dialyzed.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic Properties

Mechanism of Action:

Product consists of two components: latanoprost and timolol maleate. These two

components decrease elevated IOP by different mechanisms of action and the combined

effect results in additional IOP reduction compared to either compound administered

alone.

Latanoprost:

The active substance latanoprost, a prostaglandin $F_{2\alpha}$ analogue, is a selective prostanoid

FP receptor agonist that reduces the intraocular pressure by increasing the outflow of

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aqueous humor, primarily through the uveoscleral route and also through the trabecular

meshwork.

Clinical trials have shown that latanoprost has no significant effect on the production of

aqueous humour. Latanoprost has not been found to have any effect on the blood-aqueous

barrier.

Latanoprost has not induced fluorescein leakage in the posterior segment of pseudophakic

human eyes during short-term treatment.

Latanoprost in clinical doses has not been found to have any significant pharmacological

effects on the cardiovascular or respiratory system.

Timolol Maleate:

Timolol maleate is a beta-1 and beta-2 (non-selective) adrenergic receptor blocking agent

that does not have significant intrinsic sympathomimetic, direct myocardial depressant, or

local anesthetic (membrane-stabilizing) activity.

Beta-adrenergic receptor blockade reduces cardiac output in both healthy subjects and

patients with heart disease. In patients with severe impairment of myocardial function,

beta-adrenergic receptor blockade may inhibit the stimulatory effect of the sympathetic

nervous system necessary to maintain adequate cardiac function.

Beta-adrenergic receptor blockade in the bronchi and bronchioles results in increased

airway resistance from unopposed parasympathetic activity. Such an effect in patients with

asthma or other bronchospastic conditions is potentially dangerous (See sections 4.3 and

4.4- Timolol Maleate).

Timolol maleate ophthalmic solution, when applied topically on the eye, has the action of

reducing elevated as well as normal intraocular pressure, whether or not accompanied by

glaucoma. Elevated intraocular pressure is a major risk factor in the pathogenesis of

glaucomatous visual field loss. The higher the level of intraocular pressure, the greater the

likelihood of glaucomatous visual field loss and optic nerve damage.

The precise mechanism of the ocular hypotensive action of timolol maleate is not clearly

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established at this time. Tonography and fluorophotometry studies in man suggest that its

predominant action may be related to reduced aqueous formation. However, in some

studies a slight increase in outflow facility was also observed.

Clinical Effects:

In dose finding studies, latanoprost-timolol maleate produced significantly greater

decreases in mean diurnal IOP compared to latanoprost and timolol maleate administered

once daily as monotherapy. In two well controlled, double masked six-month clinical

studies the IOP reducing effect of latanoprost-timolol maleate was compared with

latanoprost and timolol maleate monotherapy in patients with an IOP of at least 25 mm Hg

or greater. Following a 2 to 4 week run-in with timolol maleate (mean decrease in IOP

from enrollment of 5 mm Hg), additional decreases in mean diurnal IOP of 3.1, 2.0 and

0.6 mm Hg were observed after 6 months of treatment with latanoprost-timolol maleate

and latanoprost and timolol maleate (twice daily), respectively. The IOP lowering effect of

latanoprost-timolol maleate was maintained in a 6 month open label extension of these

studies.

Onset of action of latanoprost-timolol maleate is within one hour and maximal effect occurs

within six to eight hours. Adequate IOP reducing effect has been shown to be present up

to 24 hours post-dosage after multiple treatments.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties

Latanoprost-Timolol Maleate:

No pharmacokinetic interactions between latanoprost and timolol maleate were observed,

although there was an approximate two-fold increased concentration of the acid of

latanoprost in aqueous humour 1 to 4 hours after administration of latanoprost-timolol

maleate compared to monotherapy.

Latanoprost:

Absorption:

Latanoprost is absorbed through the cornea where the isopropyl ester prodrug is hydrolyzed

to the acid form to become biologically active. Studies in man indicate that the peak

concentration in the aqueous humor is reached about two hours after topical administration.

Distribution:

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The distribution volume in humans is 0.16 ± 0.02 L/kg. The acid of latanoprost can be measured in aqueous humor during the first four hours, and in plasma only during the first

hour after local administration.

Metabolism:

Latanoprost, an isopropyl ester prodrug, is hydrolyzed by esterases in the cornea to the

biologically active acid. The active acid of latanoprost reaching the systemic circulation is

primarily metabolized by the liver to the 1,2-dinor and 1,2,3,4-tetranor metabolites via fatty

acid β -oxidation.

Excretion:

The elimination of the acid of latanoprost from human plasma is rapid ($t_{1/2}$ =17 min) after both

intravenous and topical administration. Systemic clearance is approximately 7 mL/min/kg.

Following hepatic β -oxidation, the metabolites are mainly eliminated via the kidneys.

Approximately 88% and 98% of the administered dose is recovered in the urine after topical

and intravenous dosing, respectively.

Timolol Maleate:

The maximum concentration of timolol maleate in the aqueous humor is reached about

one hour after topical administration of eye drops. Part of the dose is absorbed

systemically and a maximum plasma concentration of 1 ng/ml is reached 10 to 20 minutes

after topical administration of one eye drop to each eye once daily (300 micrograms/day).

The half-life of timolol maleate in plasma is about six hours. Timolol maleate is extensively

metabolized in the liver. The metabolites are excreted in the urine together with some

unchanged timolol maleate.

5.3 Preclinical Safety Data

The ocular and systemic safety profile of the individual components is well established. No

adverse ocular or systemic effects were seen in rabbits treated topically with the fixed

combination or with concomitantly administered latanoprost and timolol ophthalmic

solutions. Safety pharmacology, genotoxicity and carcinogenicity studies with each of the

components revealed no special hazards for humans. Latanoprost did not affect corneal

wound healing in the rabbit eye, whereas timolol inhibited the process in the rabbit and the

monkey eye when administered more frequently than once a day.

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Latanoprost:

Systemic/Ocular Effects:

The ocular as well as systemic toxicity of latanoprost has been investigated in several animal

species. Generally, latanoprost is well tolerated with a safety margin between clinical ocular

dose and systemic toxicity of at least 1000 times. High doses of latanoprost, approximately

100 times the clinical dose/kg body weight, administered intravenously to unanesthetized

monkeys have been shown to increase the respiration rate probably reflecting

bronchoconstriction of short duration. In monkeys, latanoprost has been infused intravenously

in doses of up to 500 mcg/kg without major effects on the cardiovascular system. In animal

studies, latanoprost has not been found to have sensitizing properties.

In the eye, no toxic effects have been detected with doses of up to 100 micrograms/eye/day

in rabbits or monkeys (clinical dose is approximately 1.5 micrograms/eye/day). Latanoprost

has no or negligible effects on the intraocular blood circulation when used at the clinical dose

and studied in monkeys.

In chronic ocular toxicity studies, administration of latanoprost 6 micrograms/eye/day has

also been shown to induce increased palpebral fissure. This effect is reversible and occurs at

doses above the clinical dose level. The effect has not been seen in humans.

Carcinogenesis:

Carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats were negative.

Mutagenesis:

Latanoprost was found negative in reverse mutation tests in bacteria, gene mutation in

mouse lymphoma and mouse micronucleus test. Chromosome aberrations were observed in

vitro with human lymphocytes. Similar effects were observed with prostaglandin $F_{2}\alpha$, a

naturally occurring prostaglandin, and indicates that this is a class effect.

Additional mutagenicity studies on in vitro/in vivo unscheduled DNA synthesis in rats were

negative and indicate that latanoprost does not have mutagenic potency.

Impairment of Fertility:

Latanoprost has not been found to have any effect on male or female fertility in animal

studies. In the embryotoxicity study in rats, no embryotoxicity was observed at intravenous

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doses (5, 50 and 250 micrograms/kg/day) of latanoprost. However, latanoprost induced embryolethal effects in rabbits at doses of 5 micrograms/kg/day and above. Latanoprost has been shown to cause embryofetal toxicity in rabbits characterized by increased incidences of late resorption and abortion and reduced fetal weight when given in intravenous doses approximately 100 times the human dose.

Teratogenesis:

No teratogenic potential has been detected.

Timolol Maleate:

Carcinogenesis:

In a two-year study of timolol maleate administered orally to rats, there was a statistically significant increase in the incidence of adrenal pheochromocytomas in male rats administered 300 mg/kg/day (approximately 42,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose). Similar differences were not observed in rats administered oral doses equivalent to approximately 14,000 times the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose.

In a lifetime oral study in mice, there were statistically significant increases in the incidence of benign and malignant pulmonary tumors, benign uterine polyps and mammary adenocarcinomas in female mice at 500 mg/kg/day, (approximately 71,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose), but not at 5 or 50 mg/kg/day (approximately 700 or 7,000, respectively, times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose). In a subsequent study in female mice, in which post-mortem examinations were limited to the uterus and the lungs, a statistically significant increase in the incidence of pulmonary tumors was again observed at 500 mg/kg/day.

The increased occurrence of mammary adenocarcinomas was associated with elevations in serum prolactin which occurred in female mice administered oral timolol maleate at 500 mg/kg/day, but not at doses of 5 or 50 mg/kg/day. An increased incidence of mammary adenocarcinomas in rodents has been associated with administration of several other therapeutic agents that elevate serum prolactin, but no correlation between serum prolactin levels and mammary tumors has been established in humans.

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Mutagenesis:

Timolol maleate was devoid of mutagenic potential when tested *in vivo* (mouse) in the micronucleus test and cytogenetic assay (doses up to 800 mg/kg) and *in vitro* in a neoplastic cell transformation assay (up to 100 mcg/mL). In Ames tests the highest concentrations of timolol maleate employed, 5,000 or 10,000 mcg/plate, were associated with statistically significant elevations of revertants observed with tester strain TA100 (in seven replicate assays), but not in the remaining three strains. In the assays with tester strain TA100, no consistent dose response relationship was observed, and the ratio of test to control revertants did not reach 2. A ratio of 2 is usually considered the criterion for a positive Ames test.

Impairment of Fertility:

Reproduction and fertility studies in rats demonstrated no adverse effect on male or female fertility at doses up to 21,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose.

Teratogenesis:

Teratogenicity studies with timolol maleate in mice, rats, and rabbits at oral doses up to 50 mg/kg/day (7,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose) demonstrated no evidence of fetal malformations. Although delayed fetal ossification was observed at this dose in rats, there were no adverse effects on post-natal development of offspring. Doses of 1000 mg/kg/day (142,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose) were maternotoxic in mice and resulted in an increased number of fetal resorptions. Increased fetal resorptions were also seen in rabbits at doses of 14,000 times the systemic exposure following the maximum recommended human ophthalmic dose, in this case without apparent maternotoxicity.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of Excipients

Sodium chloride, benzalkonium chloride, sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, disodium phosphate anhydrous, hydrochloric acid solution (for adjustment to pH 6.0), sodium hydroxide solution (for adjustment to pH 6.0), and water for injection.

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6.2 Shelf Life

Please see details on carton.

Shelf life after opening container: 4 weeks.

6.3 Special Precautions for Storage

Store unopened bottle(s) under refrigeration at 2°C to 8°C.

After first opening the container, store at or below 30°C and use within four weeks.

Protect from light.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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