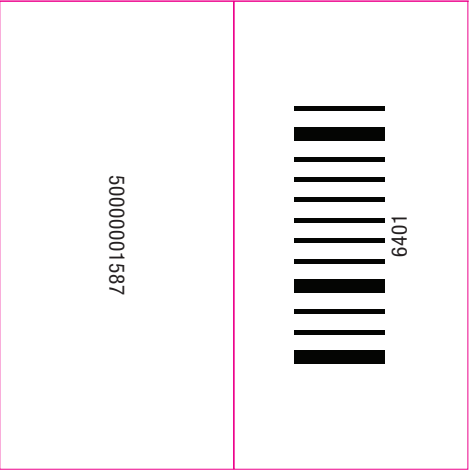




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JUBLEVET
Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg

1. Product Name:

Levetiracetam Tablets 500 mg

2. Name and Strength of Active Ingredient:

Each film-coated tablet contains:

Levetiracetam Ph.Eur. 500 mg

3. Product Description:

Levetiracetam Tablet 500 mg:

Yellow coloured, oblong shaped, film coated tablets, with a scoreline on one side and debossed with '500' on the other side of the tablet.

4. Pharmacodynamics / Pharmacokinetics:

Pharmacodynamic properties

Levetiracetam induces seizure protection in a broad range of animal models of partial and primary generalised seizures without having a pro-convulsant effect. The primary metabolite is inactive.

In man, an activity in both partial and generalised epilepsy conditions (epileptiform discharge/ photoparoxysmal response) has confirmed the broad spectrum pharmacological profile of levetiracetam.

Pharmacokinetic properties

Levetiracetam is a highly soluble and permeable compound. The pharmacokinetic profile is linear with low intra- and inter-subject variability. There is no modification of the clearance after repeated administration. There is no evidence for any relevant gender, race or circadian variability. The pharmacokinetic profile is comparable in healthy volunteers and in patients with epilepsy.

Due to its complete and linear absorption, plasma levels can be predicted from the oral dose of levetiracetam expressed as mg/kg bodyweight. Therefore there is no need for plasma level monitoring of levetiracetam.

A significant correlation between saliva and plasma concentrations has been shown in adults and children (ratio of saliva/plasma concentrations ranged from 1 to 1.7 for oral tablet formulation and after 4 hours post-dose for oral solution formulation).

Adults and adolescents

Absorption

Levetiracetam is rapidly absorbed after oral administration. Oral absolute bioavailability is close to 100 %.

Peak plasma concentrations (C_{max}) are achieved at 1.3 hours after dosing. Steady-state is achieved after two days of a twice daily administration schedule.

Peak concentrations (C_{max}) are typically 31 and 43 µg/ml following a single 1,000 mg dose and repeated 1,000 mg twice daily dose, respectively.

The extent of absorption is dose-independent and is not altered by food.

Distribution

No tissue distribution data are available in humans.

Neither levetiracetam nor its primary metabolite are significantly bound to plasma proteins (< 10 %).

The volume of distribution of levetiracetam is approximately 0.5 to 0.7 l/kg, a value close to the total body water volume.

Biotransformation

Levetiracetam is not extensively metabolised in humans. The major metabolic pathway (24 % of the dose) is an enzymatic hydrolysis of the acetamide group. Production of the primary metabolite, ucb L057, is not supported by liver cytochrome P₄₅₀ isoforms. Hydrolysis of the acetamide group was measurable in a large number of tissues including blood cells. The metabolite ucb L057 is pharmacologically inactive.

Two minor metabolites were also identified. One was obtained by hydroxylation of the pyrrolidone ring (1.6 % of the dose) and the other one by opening of the pyrrolidone ring (0.9 % of the dose).

Other unidentified components accounted only for 0.6 % of the dose.

No enantiomeric interconversion was evidenced *in vivo* for either levetiracetam or its primary metabolite.

In vitro, levetiracetam and its primary metabolite have been shown not to inhibit the major human liver cytochrome P₄₅₀ isoforms (CYP3A4, 2A6, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 2E1 and 1A2), glucuronyl transferase (UGT1A1 and UGT1A6) and epoxide hydroxylase activities. In addition, levetiracetam does not affect the *in vitro* glucuronidation of valproic acid.

In human hepatocytes in culture, levetiracetam had little or no effect on CYP1A2, SULT1E1 or UGT1A1. Levetiracetam caused mild induction of CYP2B6 and CYP3A4. The *in vitro* data and *in vivo* interaction data on oral contraceptives, digoxin and warfarin indicate that no significant enzyme induction is expected *in vivo*. Therefore, the interaction of Levetiracetam Tablet with other substances, or *vice versa*, is unlikely.

Elimination

The plasma half-life in adults was 7±1 hours and did not vary either with dose, route of administration or repeated administration. The mean total body clearance was 0.96 ml/min/kg.

The major route of excretion was via urine, accounting for a mean 95 % of the dose (approximately 93 % of the dose was excreted within 48 hours). Excretion *via* faeces accounted for only 0.3 % of the dose.

The cumulative urinary excretion of levetiracetam and its primary metabolite accounted for 66 % and 24 % of the dose, respectively during the first 48 hours.

The renal clearance of levetiracetam and ucb L057 is 0.6 and 4.2 ml/min/kg respectively indicating that levetiracetam is excreted by glomerular filtration with subsequent tubular reabsorption and that the primary metabolite is also excreted by active tubular secretion in addition to glomerular filtration. Levetiracetam elimination is correlated to creatinine clearance.

Elderly

In the elderly, the half-life is increased by about 40 % (10 to 11 hours). This is related to the decrease in renal function in this population.

Renal impairment

The apparent body clearance of both levetiracetam and of its primary metabolite is correlated to the creatinine clearance. It is therefore recommended to adjust the maintenance daily dose of Levetiracetam, based on creatinine clearance in patients with moderate and severe renal impairment.

In anuric end-stage renal disease adult subjects the half-life was approximately 25 and 3.1 hours during interdialytic and intradialytic periods, respectively.

The fractional removal of levetiracetam was 51 % during a typical 4-hour dialysis session.

Hepatic impairment

In subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment, there was no relevant modification of the clearance of levetiracetam. In most subjects with severe hepatic impairment, the clearance of levetiracetam was reduced by more than 50 % due to a concomitant renal impairment.

Paediatric population

Children (4 to 12 years)

Following single oral dose administration (20 mg/kg) to epileptic children (6 to 12 years), the half-life of levetiracetam was 6.0 hours. The apparent body weight adjusted clearance was approximately 30 % higher than in epileptic adults.

Following repeated oral dose administration (20 to 60 mg/kg/day) to epileptic children (4 to 12 years), levetiracetam was rapidly absorbed. Peak plasma concentration was observed 0.5 to 1.0 hour after dosing. Linear and dose proportional increases were observed for peak plasma concentration and area under the curve. The elimination half-life was approximately 5 hours. The apparent body clearance was 1.1 ml/min/kg.

Infants and children (1 month to 4 years)

Following single dose administration (20 mg/kg) of a 100 mg/ml oral solution to epileptic children (1 month to 4 years), levetiracetam was rapidly absorbed and peak plasma concentrations were observed approximately 1 hour after dosing. The pharmacokinetic results indicated that half-life was shorter (5.3 h) than for adults (7.2 h) and apparent clearance was faster (1.5 ml/min/kg) than for adults (0.96 ml/min/kg).

In the population pharmacokinetic analysis conducted in patients from 1 month to 16 years of age, body weight was significantly correlated to apparent clearance (clearance increased with an increase in body weight) and apparent volume of distribution. Age also had an influence on both parameters. This effect was pronounced for the younger infants, and subsided as age increased, to become negligible around 4 years of age.

In both population pharmacokinetic analyses, there was about a 20 % increase of apparent clearance of levetiracetam when it was co-administered with an enzyme-inducing antiepileptic medicinal product.

5. Indication:

Levetiracetam Tablet is indicated as monotherapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in patients from 16 years of age with newly diagnosed epilepsy.

Levetiracetam Tablet is indicated as adjunctive therapy

- in the treatment of partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults and children from 1 month of age with epilepsy.
- in the treatment of myoclonic seizures in adults and adolescents from 12 years of age with Juvenile Myoclonic Epilepsy.
- in the treatment of primary generalised tonic-clonic seizures in adults and adolescents from 12 years of age with Idiopathic Generalised Epilepsy.

6. Recommended Dose

Film-coated tablets

The film-coated tablets must be taken orally, swallowed with a sufficient quantity of liquid and may be taken with or without food. The daily dose is administered in two equally divided doses.

Adults

Monotherapy

Adults and adolescents from 16 years of age

The recommended starting dose is 250 mg twice daily which should be increased to an initial therapeutic dose of 500 mg twice daily after two weeks. The dose can be further increased by 250 mg twice daily every two weeks depending upon the clinical response. The maximum dose is 1500 mg twice daily.

Add-on therapy

Adults (>18 years) and adolescents (12 to 17 years) weighing 50kg or more

The initial therapeutic dose is 500 mg twice daily. This dose can be started on the first day of treatment.

Depending upon the clinical response and tolerability, the daily dose can be increased up to 1500 mg twice daily. Dose changes can be made in 500 mg twice daily increases or decreases every two to four weeks.

Children

The physician should prescribe the most appropriate pharmaceutical form, presentation and strength according to age, weight and dose.

The tablet formulation is not adapted for use in children under the age of 6 years. Levetiracetam oral solution is the preferred formulation for use in this population. In addition, the available dose strengths of the tablets are not appropriate for initial treatment in children weighing less than 25 kg, for patients unable to swallow tablets or for the administration of doses below 250 mg. In all of the above cases levetiracetam oral solution should be used.

Monotherapy

The safety and efficacy of levetiracetam in children and adolescents below 16 years as monotherapy treatment have not been established.

There are no data available.

Add-on Therapy

Add-on therapy for children (4 to 11 years) and adolescents (12 to 17 years) weighing less than 50 kg.

Levetiracetam oral solution is the preferred formulation for use in children under the age of 6 years.

For children 6 years and above, levetiracetam oral solution should be used for doses under 250 mg, for doses not multiple of 250 mg when dosing recommendation is not achievable by taking multiple tablets and for patients unable to swallow tablets.

The initial therapeutic dose is 10 mg/kg twice daily.

Depending upon the clinical response and tolerability, the dose can be increased up to 30 mg/kg twice daily. Dose changes should not exceed increases or decreases of 10 mg/kg twice daily every two weeks.

The lowest effective dose should be used.

Dose in children 50 kg or greater is the same as in adults.

Dose recommendations for children and adolescents:

Weight	Starting dose 10 mg/kg twice daily	Maximum dose 30 mg/kg twice daily
10 kg (1)	100 mg (1 ml) twice daily	300 mg (3 ml) twice daily
15 kg (1)	150 mg (1.5 ml) twice daily	450 mg (4.5 ml) twice daily
20 kg (1)	200 mg (2 ml) twice daily	600 mg (6 ml) twice daily
25 kg	250 mg twice daily	750 mg twice daily
From 50 kg (2)	500 mg twice daily	1500 mg twice daily

(1) Children 25 kg or less should preferably start the treatment with levetiracetam 100 mg/ml oral solution

(2) Dose in children and adolescents 50 kg or more is the same as in adults

Elderly

Adjustment of the dose is recommended in elderly patients with compromised renal function.

Renal impairment

The daily dose must be individualised according to renal function (see Section Warnings and Precautions).

For adult patients, refer to the following table and adjust the dose as indicated. To use this dosing table, an estimate of the patient's creatinine clearance (CLcr) in ml/min is needed. The CLcr in ml/min may be estimated from serum creatinine (mg/dl) determination, for adults and adolescents weighing 50 kg or more, using the following formula:

$$\text{CLcr (ml/min)} = \frac{[140 - \text{age (years)}] \times \text{weight (kg)}}{72 \times \text{serum creatinine (mg/dl)}} \times 0.85 \text{ for women}$$

Then CLcr is adjusted for body surface area (BSA) as follows:

$$\text{CLcr (ml/min/1.73 m}^2\text{)} = \frac{\text{CLcr (ml/min)}}{\text{BSA subject (m}^2\text{)}} \times 1.73$$

Dosing adjustment for adult and adolescent patients weighing more than 50kg with impaired renal function

Group	Creatinine clearance (ml/min/1.73m ²)	Dose and frequency
Normal	> 80	500 to 1,500 mg twice daily
Mild	50-79	500 to 1,000 mg twice daily
Moderate	30-49	250 to 750 mg twice daily
Severe	< 30	250 to 500 mg twice daily
End-stage renal disease patients undergoing dialysis ⁽¹⁾	-	500 to 1,000 mg once daily ⁽²⁾

(1) A 750 mg loading dose is recommended on the first day of treatment with levetiracetam.

(2) Following dialysis, a 250 to 500 mg supplemental dose is recommended.

For children with renal impairment, levetiracetam dose needs to be adjusted based on the renal function as levetiracetam clearance is related to renal function.

This recommendation is based on a study in adult renally impaired patients.

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The CLcr in ml/min/1.73 m2 may be estimated from serum creatinine (mg/dl) determination using, for young adolescents and children using the following formula (Schwartz formula):

CLcr (ml/min/1.73 m2) =
$$\frac{\text{Height (cm)} \times \text{ks}}{\text{Serum Creatinine (mg/dl)}}$$

ks = 0.45 in Children to less than 13 years and in adolescent female; ks= 0.7 in adolescent male
Dosing adjustment for children and adolescents patients weighing less than 50 kg with impaired renal function:

Group	Creatinine clearance (ml/min/1.73 m ²)	Dose and frequency ⁽¹⁾
		Infants 6 to 23 months, children and adolescents weighing less than 50 kg
Normal	> 80	10 to 30 mg/kg (0.10 to 0.30 ml/kg) twice daily
Mild	50-79	10 to 20 mg/kg (0.10 to 0.20 ml/kg) twice daily
Moderate	30-49	5 to 15 mg/kg (0.05 to 0.15 ml/kg) twice daily
Severe	< 30	5 to 10 mg/kg (0.05 to 0.10 ml/kg) twice daily
End-stage renal disease patients undergoing dialysis		10 to 20 mg/kg (0.10 to 0.20 ml/kg) once daily ^{(2) (3)}

- (1) Levetiracetam oral solution should be used for doses under 250 mg, for doses not multiple of 250 mg when dosing recommendation is not achievable by taking multiple tablets and for patients unable to swallow tablets.
(2) A 15 mg/kg (0.15 ml/kg) loading dose is recommended on the first day of treatment with levetiracetam.
(3) Following dialysis, a 5 to 10 mg/kg (0.05 to 0.10 ml/kg) supplemental dose is recommended.

Hepatic impairment

No dose adjustment is needed in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. In patients with severe hepatic impairment, the creatinine clearance may underestimate the renal insufficiency. Therefore a 50% reduction of the daily maintenance dose is recommended when the creatinine clearance is < 60 ml/min/1.73m² .

7. Contraindication:

Hypersensitivity to levetiracetam or other pyrrolidone derivatives or any of the excipients.

8. Warnings and Precautions:

Renal impairment

The administration of levetiracetam to patients with renal impairment may require dose adjustment. In patients with severely impaired hepatic function, assessment of renal function is recommended before dose selection (See Recommended dose).

Acute Kidney injury

The use of levetiracetam has been very rarely associated with acute kidney injury, with a time to onset ranging from a few days to several months.

Blood cell counts

Rare cases of decreased blood cell counts (neutropenia, agranulocytosis, leucopenia, thrombocytopenia and pancytopenia) have been described in association with levetiracetam administration, generally at the beginning of the treatment. Complete blood cell counts are advised in patients experiencing important weakness, pyrexia, recurrent infections or coagulation disorders (See Side effects).

Suicide

Suicide, suicide attempt, suicidal ideation and behaviour have been seen in patients treated with anti-epileptic agents (including levetiracetam). The mechanism of this risk is not known.

Therefore, patients should be monitored for signs of depression and/or suicidal ideation and behaviours and appropriate treatment should be considered. Patients (and caregivers of patients) should be advised to seek medical advice should signs of depression and/or suicidal ideation or behaviour emerge.

Paediatric population

The tablet formulation is not adapted for use in infants and children under the age of 6 years.

Long term effects on learning, intelligence, growth, endocrine function, puberty and childbearing potential in children remain unknown.

9. Interactions with Other Medicaments:

Antiepileptic medicinal products

In adults Levetiracetam did not influence the serum concentrations of existing antiepileptic medicinal products (phenytoin, carbamazepine, valproic acid, phenobarbital, lamotrigine, gabapentin and primidone) and that these antiepileptic medicinal products did not influence the pharmacokinetics of Levetiracetam.

In children and adolescents with epilepsy (4 to 17 years) confirmed that adjunctive therapy with orally administered levetiracetam did not influence the steady-state serum concentrations of concomitantly administered carbamazepine and valproate. Dose adjustment is not required.

Probenecid

Probenecid (500 mg four times daily), a renal tubular secretion blocking agent, has been shown to inhibit the renal clearance of the primary metabolite, but not of levetiracetam. Nevertheless, the concentration of this metabolite remains low.

Methotrexate

Concomitant administration of levetiracetam and methotrexate has been reported to decrease methotrexate clearance, resulting in increased/prolonged blood methotrexate concentration to potentially toxic levels. Blood methotrexate and levetiracetam levels should be carefully monitored in patients treated concomitantly with the two drugs.

Oral contraceptives and other pharmacokinetics interactions

Levetiracetam 1,000 mg daily did not influence the pharmacokinetics of oral contraceptives (ethinyl-estradiol and levonorgestrel); endocrine parameters (luteinizing hormone and progesterone) were not modified. Levetiracetam 2,000 mg daily did not influence the pharmacokinetics of digoxin and warfarin; prothrombin times were not modified. Co-administration with digoxin, oral contraceptives and warfarin did not influence the pharmacokinetics of levetiracetam.

Laxatives

There have been isolated reports of decreased levetiracetam efficacy when the osmotic laxative macrogol has been concomitantly administered with oral levetiracetam. Therefore, macrogol should not be taken orally for one hour before and for one hour after taking levetiracetam.

Food and alcohol

The extent of absorption of levetiracetam was not altered by food, but the rate of absorption was slightly reduced. No data on the interaction of levetiracetam with alcohol are available.

10. Pregnancy and Lactation:

Pregnancy:

Levetiracetam is not recommended during pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential not using contraception unless clinically necessary.

Physiological changes during pregnancy may affect levetiracetam concentration. Decrease in levetiracetam plasma concentrations has been observed during pregnancy. This decrease is more pronounced during the third trimester (up to 60% of baseline concentration before pregnancy). Appropriate clinical management of pregnant women treated with levetiracetam should be ensured. Discontinuation of antiepileptic treatments may result in exacerbation of the disease which could be harmful to the mother and the foetus.

Breastfeeding:

Levetiracetam is excreted in human breast milk. Therefore, breast-feeding is not recommended.

However, if levetiracetam treatment is needed during breastfeeding, the benefit/risk of the treatment should be weighed considering the importance of breastfeeding.

Fertility:

No impact on fertility was detected in animal studies. No clinical data are available, potential risk for human is unknown.

11. Undesirable Effects:

The most frequently reported adverse reactions were nasopharyngitis, somnolence, headache, fatigue and dizziness. Tabulated list of adverse reactions:

MedDRA SOC	Frequency category			
	Very common	Common	Uncommon	Rare
Infections and infestations	Nasopharyngitis			Infection
Blood and lymphatic system disorders			Thrombocytopenia, leukopenia	Pancytopenia, neutropenia, agranulocytosis
Immune system disorders				Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS), Hypersensitivity (including angioedema and anaphylaxis)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders		Anorexia	Weight decreased, weight increase	Hyponatraemia
Psychiatric disorders		Depression, hostility/ aggression, anxiety, insomnia, nervousness/ irritability	Suicide attempt, suicidal ideation, psychotic disorder, abnormal behaviour, hallucination, anger, confusional state , panic attack, affect lability/mood swings, agitation	Completed suicide, personality disorder, thinking abnormal
Nervous system disorders	Somnolence, headache	Convulsion, balance disorder, dizziness, lethargy, tremor	Amnesia, memory impairment, coordination abnormal/ataxia, paraesthesia, disturbance in attention	Choreoathetosis, dyskinesia, hyperkinesia
Eye disorders			Diplopia, vision blurred	
Ear and labyrinth disorders		Vertigo		
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders		Cough		
Gastrointestinal disorders		Abdominal pain, diarrhoea, dyspepsia, vomiting, nausea		Pancreatitis
Hepatobiliary disorders			Liver function test abnormal	Hepatic failure, hepatitis
Renal and Urinary Disorders				Acute Kidney injury
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		Rash	Alopecia, eczema, pruritus,	Toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, erythema multiforme
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders			Muscular weakness, myalgia	Rhabdomyolysis and blood creatine phosphokinase increased *
General disorders and administration site conditions		Asthenia/fatigue		
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications			Injury	

*Prevalence is significantly higher in Japanese patients when compared to non-Japanese patients.

Cases of encephalopathy have been rarely observed after levetiracetam administration. These undesirable effects generally occurred at the beginning of the treatment (few days to a few months) and were reversible after treatment discontinuation.

Description of selected adverse reactions

The risk of anorexia is higher when levetiracetam is coadministered with topiramate.

In several cases of alopecia, recovery was observed when levetiracetam was discontinued.

Bone marrow suppression was identified in some of the cases of pancytopenia.

12. Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Levetiracetam has minor or moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Due to possible different individual sensitivity, some patients might experience somnolence or other central nervous system related symptoms, especially at the beginning of treatment or following a dose increase. Therefore, caution is recommended in those patients when performing skilled tasks, e.g. driving vehicles or operating machinery. Patients are advised not to drive or use machines until it is established that their ability to perform such activities is not affected.

13. Overdose and treatment:

Symptoms

Somnolence, agitation, aggression, depressed level of consciousness, respiratory depression and coma were observed with Levetiracetam overdoses.

Management of overdose

After an acute overdose, the stomach may be emptied by gastric lavage or by induction of emesis. There is no specific antidote for levetiracetam. Treatment of an overdose will be symptomatic and may include haemodialysis. The dialyser extraction efficiency is 60 % for levetiracetam and 74 % for the primary metabolite.

14. Storage Condition:

Store below 30°C. Keep out of the reach of children.

15. Dosage Forms and packaging available:

Film coated tablets.

Blister of 10 tablets and such 3 blister packed in carton along with package insert (3x10's).

16. Name and Address of Manufacturer:

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