

SAME SIZE ARTWORK
LEAFLET SIZE : 176 mm x 220 mm

In several studies, the mean plasma half-life of Montelukast ranged from 2.7 to 5.5 hours in healthy young adults. The pharmacokinetics of Montelukast are nearly linear for oral doses up to 50 mg.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Gender: The pharmacokinetics of Montelukast are similar in males and females.

Elderly: The plasma half-life of Montelukast is slightly longer in the elderly. No dosage adjustment in the elderly is required.

Race : Pharmacokinetic differences due to race have not been studied.

Hepatic insufficiency: No dosage adjustment is required in patients with mild-to-moderate hepatic insufficiency. The pharmacokinetics of Montelukast in patients with more severe hepatic impairment or with hepatitis have not been evaluated.

Renal Insufficiency: Since Montelukast and its metabolites are not excreted in the urine, the pharmacokinetics of Montelukast were not evaluated in patients with renal insufficiency. No dosage adjustment is recommended in these patients.

Adolescents and Pediatric Patients: The mean systemic exposure of the 5-mg chewable tablets in pediatric patients 6 to 14 years of age is similar to the mean systemic exposure of the 10-mg film-coated tablet in adults.

INDICATIONS

Montelukast is indicated for the prophylaxis & chronic treatment of asthma in adults & pediatric patients 12 months of age & older. Montelukast is indicated in adults & pediatric patients 2 years of age & older for the relief of daytime & nighttime symptoms of seasonal allergic rhinitis.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Hypersensitivity to any component of this product

UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS

Gelmont has been generally well tolerated. Side effects which were usually mild generally did not require discontinuation of therapy. The overall incidence of side effects reported with Gelmont was similar to placebo.

Adults 15 years of age and older with Asthma

Montelukast has been evaluated in approximately 2600 adult patients 15 years of age and older in clinical studies. In two similarly designed 12 week placebo controlled clinical studies, the adverse experiences reported as drug related in ≥ 1% of patients treated with Montelukast and at a greater incidence than in patients treated with placebo were abdominal pain and headache. The incidences of these events were not significantly different in the two treatment groups.

Cumulatively 544 patients were treated with Montelukast for atleast 6 months, 253 for 1 year and 21 for 2 years in clinical studies. With prolonged treatment, the adverse experience profile did not change.

Pediatric Patients 6 to 14 Years of Age with Asthma

Montelukast has been evaluated for safety in 476 pediatric patients 6 to 14 years of age. Cumulatively, 289 pediatric patients were treated with SINGULAIR for at least 6 months, and 241 for one year or longer in clinical trials. The safety profile of Montelukast in the 8-week, doubleblind, pediatric efficacy trial was generally similar to the adult safety profile. In pediatric patients 6 to 14 years of age receiving Montelukast, the following events occurred with a frequency ≥2% and more frequently than in pediatric patients who received placebo: pharyngitis, influenza, fever, sinusitis, nausea, diarrhea, dyspepsia, otitis, viral infection, and laryngitis. The frequency of less common adverse events was comparable between Montelukast and placebo. With prolonged treatment, the adverse experience profile did not significantly change.

In studies evaluating growth rate, the safety profile in these pediatric patients was consistent with the safety profile previously described for Montelukast.

Cumulatively, 263 patients 6 to 14 years of age were treated with Montelukast for at least 3 months and 164 for 6 months or longer. With prolonged treatment, the adverse event profile didn't change.

Pediatric Patients 2 to 5 Years of Age with Asthma

Montelukast has been evaluated for safety in 573 pediatric patients 2 to 5 years of age in singleand multiple-dose studies. In a 12 week placebo controlled clinical study, the only adverse experience reported as drug related in > 1% of patients treated with Montelukast and at a greater incidence than in patients treated with placebo thirst. The incidence of thirst was not significantly different in the two treatment groups.

In a 12 month, placebo controlled clinical study (PREvention of Viral Induced Asthma - PREVIA), the safety profile was consistent with the safety profile previously described for Montelukast.

Cumulatively, 426 pediatric patients 2 to 5 years of age were treated with Montelukast for at least 3 months, 230 for 6 months or longer, and 63 patients for one year or longer in clinical trials. With prolonged treatment the adverse effect profile did not change.

Pediatric Patients 6 to 2 years of age with asthma

Montelukast has been evaluated for safety in 175 pediatric patients 6 to 2 years of age. In a 6- week, placebo-controlled clinical study the adverse experiences reported as drug related in > 1% of patients treated with Montelukast and at a greater incidence than in patients treated with pacebo were diarrhoea, hyperkinesia, asthma, eczematous dermatitis and rash. The incidence of these adverse experiences were not significantly different in the two treatment groups.

Adults and Adolescents 15 Years of Age and Older with Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

Montelukast has been evaluated for safety in 2199 adult and adolescent patients 15 years of age and older in clinical trials. Montelukast administered once daily in the morning or in the evening had a safety profile similar to that of placebo. In placebo-controlled clinical trials, the

following event was reported with Montelukast with a frequency ≥1% and at an incidence greater than placebo: upper respiratory infection, 1.9% of patients receiving Montelukast vs. 1.5% of patients receiving placebo. In a 4-week, placebo-controlled clinical study, the safety profile was consistent with that observed in 2-week studies. The incidence of somnolence was similar to that of placebo in all studies.

Pediatric Patients 2 to 14 Years of Age with Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

Montelukast has been evaluated in 280 pediatric patients 2 to 14 years of age in a 2-week, multicenter, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group safety study. Montelukast administered once daily in the evening had a safety profile similar to that of placebo. In this study, the following events occurred with a frequency ≥2% and at an incidence greater than placebo: headache, otitis media, pharyngitis, and upper respiratory infection.

Adults and Adolescents 15 Years of Age and Older with Perennial Allergic Rhinitis

Montelukast has been evaluated for safety in 3357 adult and adolescent patients 15 years of age and older with perennial allergic rhinitis of whom 1632 received SINGULAIR in two, 6-week, clinical studies.

Montelukast administered once daily had a safety profile consistent with that observed in patients with seasonal allergic rhinitis and similar to that of placebo. In these two studies, the following events were reported with Montelukast with a frequency ≥1% and at an incidence greater than placebo: sinusitis, upper respiratory infection, sinus headache, cough, epistaxis, and increased ALT. The incidence of somnolence was similar to that of placebo.

Pediatric Patients 2 years to 14 Years of Age with Perennial Allergic Rhinitis

The safety in patients 2 to 14 years of age with perennial allergic rhinitis is supported by the safety in patients 2 to 14 years of age with seasonal allergic rhinitis. The safety in patients 6 to 23 months of age is supported by data from pharmacokinetic and safety and efficacy studies in asthma in this pediatric population and from adult pharmacokinetic studies.

Postmarketing Experience

Psychiatric disorders

obsessive-compulsive symptoms

Blood and lymphatic system disorders: thrombocytopenia

SPECIAL WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

Montelukast is not indicated for use in the reversal of bronchospasm in acute asthma attacks, including status asthmaticus. Patients should be advised to have appropriate rescue medication available.

Therapy with Montelukast can be continued during acute exacerbations of asthma.

While the dose of inhaled corticosteroid may be reduced gradually under medical supervision. Montelukast should not be abruptly substituted for inhaled or oral corticosteroids.

Montelukast should not be used as monotherapy for the treatment and management of exercise induced bronchospasm. Patients who have exacerbations of asthma after exercise should continue to use their usual regimen of inhaled (beta)-agonists as prophylaxis and have available for rescue a short-acting inhaled (beta)-agonist.

Patients with known aspirin sensitivity should continue avoidance of aspirin or non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents while taking Montelukast. Although Montelukast is effective in improving airway function in asthmatics with documented aspirin sensitivity, it has not been shown to truncate bronchoconstrictor response to aspirin and other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs in aspirin-sensitive asthmatic patients.

Eosinophilic Conditions

In rare cases, patients with asthma on therapy with Montelukast may present with systemic eosinophilia, sometimes presenting with clinical features of vasculitis consistent with Churg-Strauss syndrome, a condition which is often treated with systemic corticosteroid therapy. These events usually, but not always, have been associated with the reduction of oral corticosteroid therapy. Physicians should be alert to eosinophilia, vasculitic rash, worsening pulmonary symptoms, cardiac complications, and/or neuropathy presenting in their patients. A causal association between Montelukast and these underlying conditions has not been established.

Phenylketonurics

Aspartame is unsuitable for Phenylketonurics.

Pregnancy

Category B : No teratogenicity was observed in rats at oral doses up to 400 mg/kg/day (estimated exposure was approximately 100 times the AUC for adults at the maximum recommended daily oral dose) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 300 mg/kg/day (estimated exposure was approximately 110 times the AUC for adults at the maximum recommended daily oral dose). Montelukast crosses the placenta following oral dosing in rats and rabbits. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response. Montelukast should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed.

Lactation

Studies in rats have shown that Montelukast is excreted in milk. It is not known if Montelukast is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Montelukast is given to a nursing mother.

Effects on ability to drive and use machine.

Montelukast has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines. However, individuals have reported drowsiness or dizziness.

INTERACTION WITH OTHER DRUGS, OTHER FORM OF INTERACTIONS

Montelukast has been administered with other therapies routinely used in the prophylaxis and chronic treatment of asthma with no apparent increase in adverse reactions. In drug interaction studies, the recommended clinical dose of Montelukast did not have clinically

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