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What is ALVIRA used for

ALVIRA is used for the treatment of patients with mild to moderately severe dementia of Alzheimer's Type, also termed probable Alzheimer's disease. Treatment of patients with mild to moderately severe dementia associated with Parkinson's disease.

How ALVIRA works

Rivastigmine which is the active ingredient of ALVIRA inhibits the degradation of a chemical called acetylcholine that is present in the nerve pathways. Rivastigmine inhibits the enzyme which breaks down acetylcholine, prolonging its action in the nerve pathways. This improves acetylcholine function and cognitive deficits in dementia associated with Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

Before you use ALVIRA

-When you must not use it

Do not use if you are hypersensitive to the active substance, other carbamate derivatives or to any of the excipients used in the formulation.

-Before you start to use it

The incidence and severity of adverse reactions generally increase with higher doses. Tell your doctor if you have or are prone to gastric problems as ALVIRA may increase gastric acid secretions. Your doctor must also be aware if you have any

problems relating to the heart before prescribing you ALVIRA.

Tell your doctor if you have a history of asthma or a lung condition called obstructive pulmonary disease.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to get pregnant or if you are breastfeeding. Despite limited studies on pregnant and breastfeeding women, it is not recommended to take ALVIRA during these stages unless really necessary as determined by your doctor.

Tell the doctor if you have, or have ever had heart conditions such as irregular or slow heartbeat, OTc prolongation, a family history of OTc prolongation, torsade de pointes, or have low potassium or magnesium. Your doctor may need to monitor you more closely while you are on this medicine.

-Taking other medications

Inform your doctor, dentist or pharmacist of the medications you are taking before taking ALVIRA as there may be a potential for interaction between medications.

Caution when ALRIVA is taken together with medicinal product know to prolong the heart's electrical system (OT interval) [including but not limited to quinidine (medicine used to treat irregular heartbeat), amiodarone (medicine used to treat serious / fatal irregular heartbeat), pimozide (medicine works on central nervous system), halofantrine (antimalaria medicine), cisapride (medicine used to treat symptoms of night-time heartburn), citalopram (medicine used to treat depression), mizolastin (antihistamine medicine), medicine used to treat bacterial infection such as moxifloxacin, erythromycin]. Your doctor may also monitor your clinical condition as needed.

How to use ALVIRA

-How much to use

Your dose of ALVIRA will be determined by your doctor. It is

important to follow exact instructions of your doctor or pharmacist to get optimal results of treatment. ALVIRA should be taken after meals and the capsules should be swallowed whole

-When to use it

ALVIRA should be administered twice a day, with morning and evening meals.

-How long to use it

Continue taking ALVIRA for as long as your doctor recommends it. Do not stop taking this medication without consulting your doctor first.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to take a dose. Do not double the dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Seek medical attention immediately if you have overdosed on ALVIRA or suspect that you may have overdosed on this medication.

While you are using it

-Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking ALVIRA. Use your medicine as your doctor has told you. The label on it will usually tell you how much to use and how often. If you are not sure, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

-Things you must not do

This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not share this medication with anyone else although they may have the same symptoms as you as it may harm them.

-Things to be careful of

Rivastigmine may affect your ability to drive or operate machinery especially when you first start taking it. Caution is needed and your ability to drive or operate machinery should be routinely evaluated by your

doctor.

Side effects

The most common reported side effects are gastrointestinal, including nausea and vomiting especially during the adequate dose determination stage.

Other common side effects observed are headache, irritation, confusion and anxiety. Fatigue, weight loss and tremors are commonly experienced as well.

Uncommon side effects observed are difficulty sleeping, depression, feeling faint and elevated liver enzymes.

Rare side effects include seizures, chest pains, gastrointestinal bleeding and rash.

Very rare side effects reported are hallucinations, irregular heartbeats, and high blood pressure.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reaction directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website nptra.gov.my

[Consumers→Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)].

Storage and Disposal of ALVIRA

-Storage

Keep out of reach and sight of children. Do not use after the expiry date written on the pack. Do not store above 30°C.

-Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed off via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

-What it looks like

ALVIRA 1.5 is yellow cap and yellow body coloured size '2'

capsules imprinted in black ink with 'H' on cap and '67' on body, containing white to off-white granular powder.

ALVIRA 3 is orange cap and orange body coloured size '2' capsules imprinted in black ink with 'H' on cap and '68' on body, containing white to off-white granular powder.

-Ingredients

- Active ingredient(s)
Rivastigmine Hydrogen Tartarate
- Inactive ingredient(s)
Microcrystalline cellulose, hypromellose, colloidal anhydrous silica, magnesium stearate, gelatin, yellow iron oxide, red iron oxide, sodium lauryl sulfate, purified water, shellac and black iron oxide

-MAL number

ALRIVA 1.5 (Rivastigmine Capsules 1.5 mg):
MAL18046139AZ

ALRIVA 3 (Rivastigmine Capsules 3 mg): MAL17117030AZ

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