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Tarceva®

Erlotinib



1. DESCRIPTION

1.1 Therapeutic / Pharmacologic Class of Drug

Antineoplastic agent.

ATC code L01EB02

1.2 Type of Dosage Form

Tarceva film-coated tablets 25 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg.

Film-coated white to yellowish, round, biconvex tablets, with 'T25 or T100 or T150' engraved on one side according to tablet strength.

1.3 Route of Administration

Oral.

1.4 Qualitative and Quantitative Composition

Active ingredient: erlotinib hydrochloride.

One film-coated tablet of each strength contains erlotinib hydrochloride, corresponding to 25 mg, 100 mg and 150 mg of erlotinib.

List of excipient

Tablet core

Lactose monohydrate
Cellulose, microcrystalline
Sodium starch glycolate
Sodium laurilsulfate
Magnesium stearate

Ph. Eur./USP/JP
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Tablet coat

Hydroxypropyl cellulose
Titanium dioxide
Polyethylene glycol
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose

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2. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

2.1 Therapeutic Indications)

Non-small cell lung cancer

Tarceva is indicated for the first-line treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) with EGFR activating mutations. Tarceva is indicated for maintenance treatment in patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC with EGFR activating mutations who have not progressed after first-line chemotherapy.

Tarceva is also indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC after failure of at least one prior chemotherapy regimen.

Pancreatic Cancer
Tarceva in combination with gemcitabine is indicated for the treatment of patients with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer.

2.2 Dosage and Administration

2.2.1 Standard Dosage

Non-small cell lung cancer

EGFR mutation testing should be performed prior to initiation of Tarceva as first-line or maintenance therapy in patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC.

The recommended daily dose of Tarceva is 150 mg taken at least one hour before or two hours after the ingestion of food.

Pancreatic Cancer
The recommended daily dose of Tarceva is 100 mg taken at least one hour before or two hours after the ingestion of food, in combination with gemcitabine (see the package insert of gemcitabine for the pancreatic cancer indication).

2.2.2 Special Dosage Instructions

Drug Interactions: Concomitant use of CYP 3A4 substrates and modulators may require dose adjustment (see section 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction).

When dose adjustment is necessary, it is recommended to reduce in 50 mg steps (see sections 2.4, Warnings and Precautions and 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction).

Hepatic impairment: Erlotinib is eliminated by hepatic metabolism and biliary excretion. Although erlotinib exposure was similar in patients with moderately impaired hepatic function (Child-Pugh score 7-9) compared with patients with adequate hepatic function, caution should be used when administering Tarceva to patients with hepatic impairment. Dose reduction or interruption of Tarceva should be considered if severe adverse reactions occur. Safety and efficacy have not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see sections 2.4.1, Warnings & Precautions [Hepatitis, hepatic failure] and 3.2.5, Pharmacokinetics [in Special Populations]).

Renal impairment: The safety and efficacy of Tarceva has not been studied in patients with renal impairment. (see section 3.2.5, Pharmacokinetics [in Special Populations]).

Pediatric use: The safety and efficacy of Tarceva in the approved indications has not been established in patients under the age of 18 years.

Smokers: Cigarette smoking has been shown to reduce erlotinib exposure by 50-60%. The maximum tolerated dose of Tarceva in NSCLC patients who currently smoke cigarettes was 300 mg. The 300mg dose did not show improved efficacy in second line treatment after failure of chemotherapy compared to the recommended 150mg dose in patients who continue to smoke cigarettes (see section 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction and section 3.2.5 Pharmacokinetics in Special Populations).

2.3 Contraindications

Tarceva is contraindicated in patients with severe hypersensitivity to erlotinib or to any component of Tarceva.

2.4 Warnings and Precautions

2.4.1 General

Interstitial Lung Disease: Cases of interstitial lung disease (ILD)-like events, including fatalities, have been reported uncommonly in patients receiving Tarceva for treatment of NSCLC (non-small cell lung carcinoma), pancreatic cancer or other advanced solid tumors. In

pivotal study BR 21, in NSCLC, the incidence of serious ILD-like events was 0.8% in each of the placebo and Tarceva arms. In a meta-analysis of NSCLC randomized controlled clinical trials, the incidence of ILD-like events was 0.9% on Tarceva compared to 0.4% in patients in the control arms. In the pancreatic cancer study in combination with gemcitabine, the incidence of ILD-like events was 2.5% in the Tarceva plus gemcitabine group versus 0.4% in the placebo plus gemcitabine treated group. Some examples of reported diagnoses in patients suspected of having ILD-like events include pneumonitis, radiation pneumonitis, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, interstitial pneumonia, interstitial lung disease, obliterative bronchiolitis, pulmonary fibrosis, Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, lung infiltration and alveolitis. These ILD-like events started from a few days to several months after initiating Tarceva therapy. Most of the cases were associated with confounding or contributing factors such as concomitant or prior chemotherapy, prior radiotherapy, pre-existing parenchymal lung disease, metastatic lung disease, or pulmonary infections.

In patients who develop acute onset of new and/or progressive unexplained pulmonary symptoms, such as dyspnea, cough and fever, Tarceva therapy should be interrupted pending diagnostic evaluation. If ILD is diagnosed, Tarceva should be discontinued and appropriate treatment initiated as necessary (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects).

Diarrhea has occurred in patients receiving Tarceva in monotherapy or severe diarrhea should be treated with loperamide. In some cases, dose reduction may be necessary. In the event of severe or persistent diarrhea, nausea, anorexia, or vomiting associated with dehydration, Tarceva therapy should be interrupted and appropriate measures should be taken to treat the dehydration (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects). There have been rare reports of hypokalemia and renal failure (including fatalities). Some reports of renal failure were secondary to severe dehydration due to diarrhea, vomiting and/or anorexia while others were confounded by concomitant chemotherapy.

In more severe or persistent cases of diarrhea, or cases leading to dehydration, particularly in groups of patients with aggravating risk factors (concomitant medications, symptoms or diseases or other predisposing conditions including advanced age), Tarceva therapy should be interrupted and appropriate measures should be taken to intensively rehydrate the patients intravenously. In addition, renal function and serum electrolytes including potassium should be monitored in patients at risk of dehydration.

Hepatitis, hepatic failure: Rare cases of hepatic failure (including fatalities) have been reported during use of Tarceva. Confounding factors have included pre-existing liver disease or concomitant hepatotoxic medications. Therefore, in such patients, periodic liver function testing should be considered. Tarceva dosing should be interrupted if changes in liver function are severe (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects).

Gastrointestinal Perforation: Patients receiving Tarceva are at increased risk of developing gastrointestinal perforation, which was observed uncommonly (including some cases with a fatal outcome). Patients receiving concomitant anti-angiogenic agents, corticosteroids, NSAIDs, and/or taxane based-chemotherapy, or who have prior history of peptic ulceration or diverticular disease are at increased risk. Tarceva should be permanently discontinued in patients who develop gastrointestinal perforation (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects).

Bullous and exfoliative skin disorders: Bullous, blistering and exfoliative skin conditions have been reported, including very rare cases suggestive of Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis, which in some cases were fatal (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects). Tarceva treatment should be interrupted or discontinued if the patient develops severe bullous, blistering or exfoliating conditions.

Ocular Disorders: Very rare cases of corneal perforation or ulceration have been reported during use of Tarceva. Other ocular disorders including abnormal eyelash growth, keratoconjunctivitis sicca or keratitis have been observed with Tarceva treatment which are also risk factors for corneal perforation/ulceration. Tarceva therapy should be interrupted or discontinued if patients present with ocular or worsening ocular disorders such as eye pain (see section 2.6, Undesirable Effects).

Drug Interactions: Tarceva has a potential for clinically significant drug-drug interactions. (See section 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction)

2.4.2 Ability to Drive and Use Machines
Erlotinib has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

2.5 Use in Special Populations

2.5.1 Potential Females and Males of Reproductive Potential
Contraception: Females: Adequate contraceptive methods should be used during therapy, and for at least 2 weeks after completing therapy.

2.5.2 Pregnancy

There are no adequate or well controlled studies in pregnant women using Tarceva. Studies in animals have shown some reproductive toxicity (see sections 3.3.3, Impairment of Fertility and 3.3.4, Reproductive toxicity). The potential risk for humans is unknown. Women of childbearing potential must be advised to avoid pregnancy while on Tarceva. Treatment should only be continued in pregnant women if the potential benefit to the mother outweighs the risk to the fetus.

2.5.3 Lactation

Nursing mothers: It is not known whether erlotinib is excreted in human milk. No studies have been conducted to assess the impact of Tarceva on milk production or its presence in breast milk. As the potential for harm to the nursing infant is unknown, mothers should be advised against breastfeeding while receiving Tarceva and for at least 2 weeks after the final dose.

2.5.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and efficacy of Tarceva in the approved indications has not been established in patients under the age of 18 years (see sections 2.2.2, Special Dosage Instructions and 3.2.5 Pharmacokinetics [in Special Population]).

2.5.5 Geriatric Use

See section 3.2.5, Pharmacokinetics in Special Population.

2.5.6 Renal Impairment

See sections 2.2.2, Special Dosage Instructions and 3.2.5, Pharmacokinetics in Special Population.

2.5.7 Hepatic Impairment

Erlotinib exposure was similar in patients with moderately impaired hepatic function (Child-Pugh score 7-9) compared with patients with adequate hepatic function including patients with primary liver cancer or hepatic metastases (see section 2.4.1 Warnings and Precautions). Safety and efficacy have not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see section 2.2.2, Special Dosage Instructions).

2.6 Undesirable Effects

2.6.1 Clinical Trials

Safety evaluation of Tarceva is based on the data from more than 1500 patients treated with at least one 150 mg dose of Tarceva monotherapy, more than 300 patients who received Tarceva 100 mg or 150 mg in combination with gemcitabine.

The incidence of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) reported with Tarceva alone or in combination with chemotherapy are summarized in the tables below and are based on data from clinical trials. The listed ADRs were those reported in at least 10% in the Tarceva group of patients and occurred more frequently ($\geq 3\%$) in patients treated with Tarceva than in the comparator arm.

Adverse drug reactions from clinical trials (Table 1) are listed by MedDRA system organ class. The corresponding frequency category for each adverse drug reaction is based on the following convention: very common ($\geq 1/10$), common ($\geq 1/100$), uncommon ($\geq 1/1,000$ to $<1/100$), rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to $<1/1,000$), very rare ($<1/10,000$).

• **Non-small cell lung cancer - Tarceva administered as monotherapy**

First-Line Treatment of Patients with EGFR Mutations
In an open-label, randomized phase III study, ML 20650 conducted in 154 patients, the safety of Tarceva for first-line treatment of NSCLC patients with EGFR activating mutations was assessed in 75 patients; no new safety signals were observed in these patients. The most frequent ADRs seen in patients treated with Tarceva in study ML 20650 were rash and diarrhoea (any Grade 80% and 57%, respectively), most were Grade 1/2 in severity and manageable without intervention. Grade 3 rash and diarrhoea occurred in 9% and 4% of patients, respectively. No Grade 4 rash or diarrhoea was observed. Both rash and diarrhoea resulted in discontinuation of Tarceva in 1% of patients. Dose modifications (interruptions or reductions) for rash and diarrhoea were needed in 11% and 7% of patients, respectively.

Maintenance treatment
In two other double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase III studies (B018192 and B025460) conducted in a total of 1532 patients, with advanced, recurrent or metastatic NSCLC following first-line standard platinum-based chemotherapy, no new safety signals were identified. The most frequent ADRs seen in patients treated with Tarceva in studies B018192 and B025460 were rash (B018192: all grades 49.2%, grade 3: 6.0%; B025460: all grades 39.4%, grade 3: 5.0%) and diarrhoea (B018192: all grades 20.3%, grade 3: 1.8%; B025460: all grades 24.2%, grade 3: 2.5%).

No Grade 4 rash or diarrhoea was observed in either study. Rash and diarrhoea resulted in discontinuation of Tarceva in 1% and $< 1\%$ of patients, respectively, while no patient discontinued for rash or diarrhoea in B025460. Dose modifications (interruptions or reductions) for rash and diarrhoea were needed in 8.3% and 3% of patients, respectively, in study B018192 and 5.6% and 2.8% of patients, respectively, in study B025460.

Second and Further Line Treatment
The ADRs in Table 1 are based on data from a randomized double-blind study (BR-21) conducted in 731 patients with locally advanced or metastatic NSCLC after failure of at least one prior chemotherapy regimen. Patients were randomized 2:1 to receive Tarceva 150 mg or placebo. Study drug was taken orally once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity.

The most frequent ADRs were rash and diarrhoea (any Grade 75% and 54% respectively), most were Grade 1/2 in severity and manageable without intervention. Grade 3/4 rash and diarrhoea occurred in 5% and 6%, respectively, in patients treated with Tarceva and each resulted in study discontinuation in 1% of patients. Dose reduction for rash and diarrhoea was needed in 6% and 1% of patients, respectively. In study BR-21, the median time to onset of rash was 8 days, and the median time to onset of diarrhoea was 12 days.

• **Pancreatic cancer- Tarceva administered concurrently with gemcitabine**

The ADRs listed in the Table 1 below are based on erlotinib-arm data from a controlled clinical trial (PA-3), 259 patients with pancreatic cancer received Tarceva 100 mg plus gemcitabine compared to 256 patients in the placebo plus gemcitabine-arm.

The most frequent ADRs in study PA-3 in pancreatic cancer patients receiving Tarceva 100 mg plus gemcitabine were fatigue, rash and diarrhoea. In the Tarceva plus gemcitabine arm, Grade 3/4 rash and diarrhoea were reported in 5% of patients. The median time to onset of rash and diarrhoea was 10 days and 15 days, respectively. Rash and diarrhoea each resulted in dose reductions in 2% of patients, and resulted in study discontinuation in up to 1% of patients receiving Tarceva plus gemcitabine.

The Tarceva 150 mg plus gemcitabine cohort (23 patients) was associated with a higher rate of certain class-specific adverse reactions including rash and required more frequent dose reduction or interruption.

Table 1 ADRs occurring in $\geq 10\%$ of patients in BR-21 (treated with Tarceva) and PA-3 (treated with Tarceva plus gemcitabine) studies and ADRs occurring more frequently ($\geq 3\%$) than placebo in BR-21 (treated with Tarceva) and PA-3 (treated with Tarceva plus gemcitabine) studies

NCI-CTC Grade	Tarceva (BR-21) N=485			Tarceva (PA-3) N=259			Frequency category of highest incidence
	Any Grade	3	4	Any Grade	3	4	
MedDRA Preferred Term	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Infections and infestations							
Infection*	24	4	0	31	3	<1	very common
Metabolism and nutrition disorders							
Anorexia	52	8	1	--	--	--	very common
Weight decreased	--	--	--	39	2	--	very common
Eye disorders							
Conjunctivitis	12	<1	0	--	--	--	very common
Keratoconjunctivitis sicca	12	0	0	--	--	--	very common
Psychiatric disorders							
Depression	--	--	--	19	2	0	very common
Nervous system disorders							
Headache	--	--	--	15	<1	0	very common
Neuropathy	--	--	--	13	<1	<1	very common
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders							
Dyspnea	41	17	11	--	--	--	very common
Cough†	33	4	0	16	0	--	very common
Gastrointestinal disorders							
Diarrhea	54	6	<1	48	5	<1	very common
Nausea	33	3	0	--	--	--	very common
Vomiting	23	2	<1	--	--	--	very common
Stomatitis	17	<1	0	22	<1	0	very common
Abdominal pain	11	2	<1	--	--	--	very common
Dyspepsia	--	--	--	17	<1	0	very common
Flatulence	--	--	--	13	0	--	very common
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders							
Rash	75	8	<1	69	5	0	very common
Pruritus	13	<1	0	--	--	--	very common
Dry skin	12	0	0	--	--	--	very common
Alopecia	--	--	--	14	0	0	very common

NCI-CTC Grade	Tarceva (BR-21) N=485			Tarceva (PA-3) N=259			Frequency category of highest incidence
	Any Grade	3	4	Any Grade	3	4	
MedDRA Preferred Term	%	%	%	%	%	%	
General disorders & administration site conditions							
Fatigue	52	14	4	73	14	2	very common
Pyrexia	--	--	--	36	3	0	very common
Rigors	12	2	0	0	0	0	very common
* Severe infections, with or without neutropenia, have included pneumonia, sepsis, and cellulitis.							
-- corresponds to percentage below threshold							

Further information on ADRs of special interest
The following ADRs have been observed in patients who received Tarceva 150 mg as monotherapy or 100 mg or 150 mg in combination with gemcitabine.

Very common ADRs are presented in Table 1, ADRs in other frequency categories are summarized below.

Gastrointestinal disorders:
Gastrointestinal perforations have been reported uncommonly (in less than 1% of patients) with Tarceva treatment, in some cases with a fatal outcome (see section 2.4 Warnings and Precautions).

Cases of gastrointestinal bleeding have been reported commonly (including some fatalities), some associated with concomitant warfarin administration (see also section 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction), and some with concomitant NSAIDs.

Hepatobiliary disorders:
Liver function test abnormalities (including raised ALT, AST, bilirubin) have been observed commonly in clinical trials of Tarceva. In study PA3, these occurred very commonly. These were mainly mild or moderate in severity, transient in nature or associated with liver metastases. Rare cases of hepatic failure (including fatalities) have been reported during use of Tarceva. Confounding factors have included pre-existing liver disease or concomitant hepatotoxic medications (see section 2.4, Warnings and Precautions).

Eye disorders:
Corneal ulcerations or perforations have been reported very rarely in patients receiving Tarceva treatment (see section 2.4 Warnings and Precautions). Keratitis and conjunctivitis have been reported commonly with Tarceva.

Abnormal eyelash growth including, in-growing eyelash, excessive growth and thickening of the eyelashes have been reported (see section 2.4 Warnings and Precautions).

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:
There have been uncommon reports of serious interstitial lung disease (ILD)-like events, including fatalities in patients receiving Tarceva for treatment of NSCLC and other advanced solid tumors (see section 2.4, Warnings and Precautions).

Cases of epistaxis have also been reported commonly in both the NSCLC and the pancreatic cancer trials.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:
Rash has been reported very commonly in patients receiving Tarceva and in general, manifests as a mild or moderate erythematous and papulopustular rash, which may occur or worsen in sun exposed areas. For patients who are exposed to sun, protective clothing, and/or use of sun screen (e.g. mineral-containing) may be advisable. Acne, dermatitis acneiform and folliculitis have been observed commonly, most of these events were mild or moderate and non-serious. Skin fissures, mostly non-serious, were reported commonly and in the majority of cases were associated with rash and dry skin. Other mild skin reactions such as hyperpigmentation have been observed uncommonly (in less than 1% of patients).

Bullous, blistering and exfoliative skin conditions have been reported, including very rare cases suggestive of Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis, which in some cases were fatal (see section 2.4 Warnings and Precautions).

Hair and nail changes, mostly non-serious, were reported in clinical trials, e.g. paronychia was reported commonly and hirsutism, eyelash/eyebrow changes and brittle and loose nails were reported uncommonly.

2.6.2 Post Marketing Experience
The following adverse drug reactions have been identified from postmarketing experience with Tarceva based on spontaneous case reports and literature cases.

Table 2 Adverse drug reactions from postmarketing experience

Adverse reactions	Frequency category	CDs reference
Eye disorders		
Uveitis	Unknown	101
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		
Hair and nail changes, mostly non-serious, e.g. hirsutism, eyelash/eyebrow changes, paronychia and brittle and loose nails	Uncommon	77, 78

2.7 Overdose
Single oral doses of Tarceva up to 1000 mg in healthy subjects and up to 1600 mg given as a single dose once weekly in cancer patients, have been tolerated. Repeated twice daily doses of 200 mg in healthy subjects were

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Pancreatic Cancer (Tarceva administered concurrently with gemcitabine)
The efficacy and safety of Tarceva in combination with gemcitabine as a first line treatment was assessed in a randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled trial in 569 patients with locally advanced, unresectable or metastatic pancreatic cancer. Patients were randomized 1:1 to receive Tarceva (100 mg or 150 mg) or placebo once daily on a continuous schedule plus gemcitabine IV (1000 mg/m², Cycle 1 - Days 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 36 and 43 of an 8 week cycle; Cycle 2 and subsequent cycles - Days 1, 8 and 15 of a 4 week cycle (approved dose and schedule for pancreatic cancer, see the gemcitabine SPC)). Tarceva or placebo was taken orally once daily until disease progression or unacceptable toxicity. Study end points included overall survival, response rate and PFS. Duration of response was also examined. The primary endpoint was survival. A total of 285 patients were randomized to receive gemcitabine plus Tarceva (261 patients in the 100 mg cohort and 24 patients in the 150 mg cohort) and 284 patients were randomized to receive gemcitabine plus placebo (260 patients in the 100 mg cohort and 24 patients in the 150 mg cohort). Too few observations were made for the 150 mg cohort to draw conclusions.

Baseline demographic and disease characteristics of the patients were similar between the 2 treatment groups, 100 mg Tarceva plus gemcitabine or placebo plus gemcitabine, except for a slightly larger proportion of females in the Tarceva arm (51%) compared with the placebo arm (44%). The median time from initial diagnosis to randomization was approximately 1.0 month. Approximately half of the patients had a baseline ECOG performance status (PS) of 1, and 17 % had a baseline ECOG PS of 2. Most patients presented with metastatic disease at study entry as the initial manifestation of pancreatic cancer (77% in the Tarceva arm, 76% in the placebo arm).

Survival was evaluated in the intent-to-treat population based on follow-up survival data including 551 deaths. Results are presented for the 100 mg dose cohort (504 deaths). The adjusted hazard ratio for death in the Tarceva group relative to the placebo group was 0.82 (95 % CI, 0.69 to 0.98) (p = 0.028). The percent of patients alive at 12 months was 23.8 % in the Tarceva group compared to 19.4% in the placebo group. The median overall survival was 6.4 months in the Tarceva group compared with 6 months in the placebo group. Table 4 summarizes the results of the study.

	Tarceva 100mg plus gemcitabine (N=261)	Placebo plus gemcitabine (N=260)	p-value
Median survival	6.4 months	6 months	
Hazard ratio, mortality (erlotinib:placebo) (95%CI)	0.82 (0.69 to 0.98)		p = 0.028
% Patients alive at 12 months	23.8	19.4	

The median PFS was 3.81 months (16.5 weeks) in the Tarceva group (95 % CI, 3.58 to 4.93 months) compared with 3.55 months (15.2 weeks) in the placebo group (95 % CI, 3.29 to 3.75 months) (p = 0.006).

The median duration of response was 23.9 weeks, ranging from 3.71 to 56+ weeks. The objective response rate (complete response and partial response) was 8.6 % in the Tarceva group and 7.9% in the placebo group. The proportion of patients who experienced complete response, partial response or stable disease was 5.9 % and 49.4 %, respectively, for the Tarceva and placebo groups (p = 0.036).

3.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties

Exposure
Following a 150 mg oral dose of Tarceva, at steady state, the median time to reach maximum plasma concentrations is approximately 4.0 hours with median maximum plasma concentrations achieved of 1,995 ng/mL. Prior to the next dose at 24 hours, the median minimum plasma concentrations are 1,238 ng/mL. Median AUC achieved during the dosing interval at steady state are 41,300 mcg·h/mL.

3.2.1 Absorption

Oral erlotinib is well absorbed and has an extended absorption phase, with mean peak plasma levels occurring at 4 hours after oral dosing. A study in normal healthy volunteers provided an estimate of bioavailability of 59%. The exposure after an oral dose may be increased by food.

Following absorption, erlotinib is highly bound in blood, with approximately 95% bound to blood components, primarily to plasma proteins (i.e. albumin and alpha-1 acid glycoprotein [AAG]), with a free fraction of approximately 5%.

3.2.2 Distribution

Erlotinib has a mean apparent volume of distribution of 232 L and distributes into tumor tissue of humans. In a study of 4 patients (3 NSCLC, and 1 with laryngeal cancer) receiving 150 mg daily oral doses of Tarceva, tumor samples from surgical excisions on Day 9 of treatment revealed tumor concentrations of erlotinib that averaged 1,185 ng/g of tissue. This corresponded to an overall average of 63% of the steady state observed peak plasma concentrations. The primary active metabolites were present in tumor at concentrations averaging 160 ng/g tissue, which corresponded to an overall average of 113% of the observed steady state peak plasma concentrations. Tissue distribution studies using whole body autoradiography following oral administration with [¹⁴C] labeled erlotinib in athymic nude mice with HNS tumor xenografts have shown rapid and extensive tissue distribution with maximum concentrations of radiolabeled drug (approximately 73% of that in plasma) observed at 1 hour.

3.2.3 Metabolism

Erlotinib is metabolised in humans by hepatic cytochrome P450 enzymes, primarily by CYP3A4 and to a lesser extent by CYP1A2. Extrahepatic metabolism by CYP3A4 in intestine, CYP1A1 in lung, and CYP1B1 in tumour tissue potentially contribute to the metabolic clearance of erlotinib. *In vitro* studies indicate approximately 80-95% of erlotinib metabolism by the CYP3A4 enzyme. There are three main metabolic pathways identified: 1) O-demethylation of either side chain or both, followed by oxidation to the carboxylic acids; 2) oxidation of the acetylene moiety followed by hydrolysis to the aryl carboxylic acid; and 3) aromatic hydroxylation of the phenyl-acetylene moiety. The primary metabolites of erlotinib produced by O-demethylation of either side chain have comparable potency to erlotinib in nonclinical *in vitro* assays and *in vivo* tumor models. They are present in plasma at levels that are <10% of erlotinib and display similar pharmacokinetics as erlotinib.

3.2.4 Elimination

The metabolites and trace amounts of erlotinib are excreted predominantly via the feces (>90%), with renal elimination accounting for only a small amount of an oral dose.

Clearance:
A population pharmacokinetic analysis in 591 patients receiving single agent Tarceva show a mean apparent clearance of 4.47 L/hour with a median half-life of 36.2 hours. Therefore, the time to reach steady state plasma concentration would be expected to occur in approximately 7-8 days. No significant relationships between predicted apparent clearance and patient age, body weight, gender, and ethnicity were observed.

Patient factors, which correlate with erlotinib pharmacokinetics, are serum total bilirubin, AAG concentrations and current smoking. Increased serum concentrations of total bilirubin and AAG concentrations were associated with a slower rate of erlotinib clearance. Smokers had a higher rate of erlotinib clearance.

(See 2.8, Interactions with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction).

A second population pharmacokinetic analysis was conducted that incorporated erlotinib data from 204 pancreatic cancer patients who received erlotinib plus gemcitabine. This analysis demonstrated that covariates affecting erlotinib clearance in patients from the pancreatic study were very similar to those seen in the prior single-agent pharmacokinetic analysis. No new covariate effects were identified: Co-administration of gemcitabine had no effect on erlotinib plasma clearance.

3.2.5 Pharmacokinetics in Special Populations

There have been no specific studies in pediatric or elderly patients.

Hepatic impairment: Erlotinib is mainly cleared by the liver. Erlotinib exposure was similar in patients with moderately impaired hepatic function (Child-Pugh score 7-9) compared with patients with adequate hepatic function including patients with primary liver cancer or hepatic metastases.

Renal impairment: Erlotinib and its metabolites are not significantly excreted by the kidneys, as less than 9% of a single dose is excreted in the urine. No clinical studies have been conducted in patients with compromised renal function.

Smokers: A pharmacokinetic study in non-smoking and currently cigarette smoking healthy subjects has shown that cigarette smoking leads to increased clearance of, and decreased exposure to, erlotinib. The AUC_{0-∞} in smokers was about 1/3 of that in never/former smokers (n=16 in each of smoker and never/former smoker arms). This reduced exposure in current smokers is presumably due to induction of CYP1A1 in lung and CYP1A2 in the liver.

In the pivotal Phase III NSCLC trial, current smokers achieved erlotinib steady state trough plasma concentration of 0.65 µg/mL (n=16) which was approximately 2-fold less than the former smokers or patients who had never smoked (1.28 µg/mL, n=108). This effect was accompanied by a 24% increase in apparent erlotinib plasma clearance.

In a phase I dose escalation study in NSCLC patients who were current smokers, pharmacokinetic analyses at steady-state indicated a dose proportional increase in erlotinib exposure when the Tarceva dose was increased from 150 mg to the maximum tolerated dose of 300 mg. Steady-state trough plasma concentrations at a 300mg dose in current smokers in this study was 1.22 µg/mL (n=17) (See sections 2.2.2 Special Dosage Instructions, 2.8, Interactions with other Medicinal Products and other Forms of Interaction).

3.3 Nonclinical Safety

3.3.1 Carcinogenicity

Evidence for a carcinogenic potential was not seen in nonclinical studies. Erlotinib was neither genotoxic nor clastogenic in genetic toxicity studies. Two year carcinogenicity studies with erlotinib conducted in rats and mice at exposures exceeding human therapeutic exposure were negative.

3.3.2 Genotoxicity

Erlotinib was negative in the standard battery of genotoxicity assays.

3.3.3 Impairment of Fertility

Impairment of fertility was not observed in studies with male and female rats at doses near the MTD levels.

3.3.4 Reproductive Toxicity

Data from reproductive toxicology tests in rats and rabbits indicate that, following exposure to erlotinib at doses near the MTD and/or doses that were maternally toxic, there was embryotoxicity, but there was no evidence of teratogenicity, or abnormal pre- or postnatal physical or behavioral development. Maternal toxicity in both rats and rabbits in these studies occurred at plasma exposure levels that were similar to those in humans following a 150 mg dose of erlotinib.

3.3.5 Other

Chronic dosing effects observed in at least 1 animal species or study included effects on the cornea (atrophy, ulceration), skin (follicular degeneration and inflammation, redness, and alopecia), ovary (atrophy), liver (liver necrosis), kidney (renal papillary necrosis and tubular dilatation), and gastrointestinal tract (delayed gastric emptying and diarrhea). Red blood cell (RBC) counts, hematocrit and hemoglobin were decreased and reticulocytes were increased. White blood cells (WBCs), primarily neutrophils, were increased. There were treatment-related increases in alanine aminotransferase (ALT), aspartate aminotransferase (AST), and bilirubin.

In vitro studies of erlotinib showed inhibition of hERG channels at concentrations at least 20 times higher than the free drug concentration in humans at therapeutic doses. Studies in dogs did not show QT-prolongation. A systematic centralized review of ECG data from 152 individuals from seven studies with healthy volunteers found no evidence of QT prolongation and clinical studies have found no evidence of arrhythmias, associated with QT prolongation.

4. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Storage

Tarceva should not be used after the expiry date (EXP) shown on the pack.

Do not store above 30°C.

4.2 Special Instructions for Use, Handling and Disposal

Disposal of unused/expired medicines

The release of pharmaceuticals in the environment should be minimized. Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater and disposal through household waste should be avoided. Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements

4.3 Packs

25 mg tablets	30
100 mg tablets	30
150 mg tablets	30

Medicine: keep out of reach of children

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