

For further information on adverse effects associated with HIV-protease inhibitors see under Indinavir Sulfate, p.882.

Precautions

Tipranavir should not be used in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B or C), and should be used with caution in those with mild impairment (Child-Pugh A). Treatment should not be started in patients with pre-treatment liver enzyme values more than 5 times the upper limit of normal. Patients should be closely monitored for clinical signs and symptoms of hepatitis; monitoring of liver enzymes is recommended before and during treatment with tipranavir. In patients with mild hepatic impairment, chronic hepatitis, or other underlying liver disease more frequent monitoring is recommended. Treatment should be interrupted or stopped if liver function deteriorates and should be permanently stopped in those patients with liver enzyme values more than 10 times the upper limit of normal or in those who develop signs or symptoms of clinical hepatitis. Patients with pre-existing liver disease or co-infected with chronic hepatitis B or C and treated with combination antiretroviral therapy are at increased risk for severe and potentially fatal hepatic adverse events.

Caution is advised in treating patients who are at increased risk of bleeding such as those with haemophilia A and B or who are taking antiplatelet drugs or anticoagulants as reports of spontaneous bleeding have been associated with the use of HIV-protease inhibitors. Tipranavir oral solution contains vitamin E and patients given the oral solution should not take high doses of supplemental vitamin E.

Tipranavir contains a sulfonamide moiety and should be used with caution in patients with a known sulfonamide allergy.

Interactions

Tipranavir is both an inducer and an inhibitor of the cytochrome P450 isoenzyme CYP3A4 although when given with low-dose ritonavir there is a net inhibition of CYP3A4; there is therefore the potential for complex interactions with other drugs metabolised by this enzyme. Ritonavir-boosted tipranavir is also a net inducer of P-glycoprotein.

Tipranavir is contra-indicated with drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A4 for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious or life-threatening events. These drugs include antiarrhythmics (amiodarone, bepridil, flecainide, metoprolol, propafenone, and quinidine), antihistamines (astemizole and terfenadine), ergot derivatives (dihydroergotamine, ergometrine, ergotamine, and methyl-ergometrine), gastrointestinal prokinetics (cisapride), antipsychotics (pimozide), sedatives and hypnotics (midazolam and triazolam), and statins (simvastatin and lovastatin). Rifampicin and St John's wort decrease the concentration of tipranavir; use with the antiretroviral is not recommended due to the possible loss of its activity and development of resistance.

For further information on drug interactions of HIV-protease inhibitors see under Indinavir Sulfate, p.883 and Table 1, p.917.

Antiviral Action

Tipranavir is a non-peptide HIV-protease inhibitor. It interferes with the formation of essential viral proteins making them incapable of infecting other cells. HIV isolates resistant to tipranavir have been reported and viral resistance develops rapidly when HIV-protease inhibitors are given alone and therefore they are used with other antiretrovirals. Various degrees of cross-resistance between HIV-protease inhibitors may occur.

Pharmacokinetics

Tipranavir is absorbed to a limited extent after oral doses. Food improves the tolerability and bioavailability is increased with a high fat meal. Peak plasma concentrations are reached within 1 to 5 hours and steady state is usually reached after 7 to 10 days of treatment. Tipranavir is about 99.9% bound to plasma proteins. It is metabolised by the cytochrome P450 system (predominantly the isoenzyme CYP3A4), although when given with ritonavir metabolism is minimal with the majority of tipranavir being excreted unchanged in the faeces. The mean elimination half-life of tipranavir is 4.8 to 6 hours.

Uses and Administration

Tipranavir is a non-peptide HIV-protease inhibitor with antiviral activity against HIV. It is used for the treatment of HIV infection and AIDS (p.856) in treatment-experienced patients or in those with multidrug-resistant HIV infection. Viral resistance emerges rapidly when tipranavir is used alone, and it is therefore used with other antiretrovirals.

It is given with low-dose ritonavir, which acts as a pharmacokinetic enhancer (ritonavir-boosted tipranavir). The dose is tipranavir 500 mg (with ritonavir 200 mg) twice daily with food.

For details of doses in children see below.

No dose adjustment is required for patients with renal impairment or mild liver disease. Tipranavir should not be given to patients with moderate to severe liver disease.

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Administration in children. For the treatment of HIV infection in children, tipranavir is given orally with other antiretroviral drugs. It is given with low-dose ritonavir, which acts as a pharmacokinetic enhancer. US licensed product information permits the use of oral tipranavir in children from 2 years of age. Doses are based on body-weight or body-surface and should not exceed the maximum adult dose (see above).

- The usual recommended dose in children is: tipranavir 14 mg/kg (with ritonavir 6 mg/kg) twice daily or tipranavir 375 mg/m² (with ritonavir 150 mg/m²) twice daily
- children who are intolerant or develop toxicities to the usual dose may take a reduced dose: tipranavir 12 mg/kg (with ritonavir 5 mg/kg) twice daily or tipranavir 290 mg/m² (with ritonavir 115 mg/m²) twice daily

Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)

Arg.: Aptivus; **Belg.:** Aptivus; **Ca.:** Aptivus; **Fin.:** Aptivus; **Fr.:** Aptivus; **Gr.:** Aptivus; **Hung.:** Aptivus; **It.:** Aptivus; **Ital.:** Aptivus; **Mex.:** Aptivus; **Pol.:** Aptivus; **Port.:** Aptivus; **Swed.:** Aptivus; **UK:** Aptivus; **USA:** Aptivus.

Trichosanthin

Compound Q; GLQ-223 (a purified form of trichosanthin); Trichosanthin.

CAS — 60318-52-7 (trichosanthin); 116899-30-0 (Trichosanthes kirilowii); 160185-58-0 (Trichosanthes kirilowii root); 120947-28-6 (GLQ-223).

Profile

Trichosanthin is a polypeptide extracted from the tuber of the Chinese cucumber, *Trichosanthes kirilowii* (Cucurbitaceae). It has been investigated in the treatment of HIV infection and is used in China as an abortifacient.

HIV infection and AIDS. Trichosanthin has been given to patients with AIDS, AIDS-related complex, or HIV infection.^{1,2} It has generally been given by intravenous injection, the use of the intramuscular route having been abandoned due to the occurrence of pain and necrosis at the injection site.¹ A common adverse effect with intravenous use was a flu-like syndrome with headache, myalgias, fever, and arthralgia and was generally mild to moderate,³ although neurological effects progressing to coma with fatalities have been reported.^{1,2} Improvements in surrogate markers for HIV infection have been reported including increases in CD4+ T lymphocyte counts in patients with moderate

disease³ and in patients failing to respond to reverse transcriptase inhibitors.⁴

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Trifluridine (USAN, rINN)

F₃T; F₃TDR; NSC-75520; Trifluorothymidine; Trifluorothymidin; Trifluorotymidiini; Trifluorotymidin; Trifluridini; Trifluridin; Trifluridina; Trifluridinum. α,α,α -Trifluorothymidine; 2'-Deoxy-5-trifluoromethyluridine.

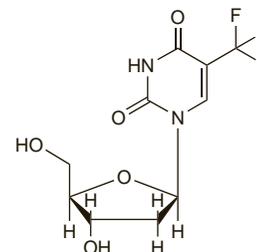
Трифлуридин

C₁₀H₁₁F₃N₂O₅ = 296.2.

CAS — 70-00-8.

ATC — S01AD02.

ATC Vet — Q051AD02.



Pharmacopoeias. In US.

USP 31 (Trifluridine). A white, odourless powder, appearing under the microscope as rod-like crystals. Store in airtight containers. Protect from light.

Adverse Effects

Adverse effects occurring after the use of trifluridine in the eyes are similar to those for idoxuridine (p.881) but have been reported to occur less frequently.

◇ References.

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Antiviral Action

Trifluridine acts similarly to idoxuridine to interfere with viral DNA synthesis after phosphorylation. It is reported to be active against herpes simplex viruses, some adenoviruses, vaccinia viruses, and CMV. Like idoxuridine it is incorporated into mammalian DNA.

Pharmacokinetics

Trifluridine is absorbed through the cornea after application to the eye and penetration may be increased in the presence of damage or inflammation. Systemic absorption does not appear to follow ocular administration.

Uses and Administration

Trifluridine is a pyrimidine nucleoside structurally related to thymidine. It is used in the treatment of primary keratoconjunctivitis and recurrent epithelial keratitis due to herpes simplex viruses (p.854). One drop of a 1% ophthalmic solution is instilled into the eye every 2 hours up to a maximum of 9 times daily until complete re-epithelialisation has occurred. Treatment is then reduced to one drop every 4 hours to a minimum of 5 drops daily for a further 7 days. Treatment should not be continued for more than a total of 21 days.

Trifluridine, alone or as a combined formulation with a thymidine phosphorylase inhibitor to reduce its metabolism (TAS-102), has been investigated in the treatment of malignant neoplasms.

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Preparations

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Canada: Viroptic; **Ca.:** Triherpine†; **Fr.:** Virophtha; **Ger.:** Triflumerin; **Gr.:** Thilol; **Hong Kong:** Triherpine†; **Hung.:** Triherpine†; **Ital.:** Triherpine; **Neth.:** TFI Ophthol; **Port.:** Adocil†; **Vindin.:** S.Afr.†; **Spain:** Viromidin; **Switz.:** Triherpine†; **Thal.:** Triherpine; **Turk.:** TFF-Thilo; **USA:** Viroptic.