

MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE- memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release
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MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE extended-release capsules, for oral use
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE
Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is a N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type. (1)

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION
• The recommended starting dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is 7 mg once daily; the dose should be increased in 7 mg increments to the recommended maintenance dose of 28 mg once daily; the minimum recommended interval between dose increases is one week. (2.1)
• Patients with severe renal impairment: the recommended maintenance dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is 14 mg once daily. (2.3)

DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS
Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is available as an extended-release capsule in the following strengths: 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg, 28 mg (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS
• Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to memantine hydrochloride or to any excipients used in the formulation. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
• Conditions that raise urine pH may decrease the urinary elimination of memantine resulting in increased plasma levels of memantine. (5.1, 7.1)

ADVERSE REACTIONS
The most commonly observed adverse reactions occurring at a frequency of at least 5% and greater than placebo with administration of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/day were headache, diarrhea and dizziness. (6.1)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dosing

The dosage of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules shown to be effective in a controlled clinical trial is 28 mg once daily.

The recommended starting dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is 7 mg once daily. The dose should be increased in 7 mg increments to the recommended maintenance dose of 28 mg once daily. The minimum recommended interval between dose increases is one week. The dose should only be increased if the previous dose has been well tolerated. The maximum recommended dose is 28 mg once daily.

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules can be taken with or without food. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules can be taken intact or may be opened, sprinkled on applesauce, and thereby swallowed. The entire contents of each memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsule should be consumed; the dose should not be divided.

Except when opened and sprinkled on applesauce, as described above, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules should be swallowed whole. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules should not be divided, chewed, or crushed.

If a patient misses a single dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, that patient should not double up on the next dose. The next dose should be taken as scheduled. If a patient fails to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules for several days, dosing may need to be resumed at lower doses and retraced as described above.

2.2 Switching from NAMENDA to Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules

Patients treated with NAMENDA may be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules as follows:

It is recommended that a patient who is on a regimen of 10 mg twice daily of NAMENDA be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg once daily capsules the day following the last dose of 10 mg NAMENDA. There is no study addressing the comparative efficacy of these 2 regimens.

In a patient with severe renal impairment, it is recommended that a patient who is on a regimen of 5 mg twice daily of NAMENDA be switched to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 14 mg once daily capsules the day following the last dose of 5 mg NAMENDA.

2.3 Dosing in Patients with Renal Impairment

In patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance of 5 - 29 mL/min, based on the Cockcroft-Gault equation), the recommended maintenance dose (and maximum recommended dose) is 14 mg/day [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Each capsule contains 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg, or 28 mg of memantine hydrochloride.

- The 7 mg capsules are an opaque light green cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "7 mg" black imprint on the body.
- The 14 mg capsules are an opaque light blue cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "14 mg" black imprint on the body.
- The 21 mg capsules are an opaque white cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "21 mg" black imprint on the body.
- The 28 mg capsules are a rich yellow cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "28 mg" black imprint on the body.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to memantine hydrochloride or to any excipients used in the formulation.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Genitourinary Conditions

Conditions that raise urine pH may decrease the urinary elimination of memantine resulting in increased plasma levels of memantine [see Drug Interactions (7.1)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules was evaluated in a double-blind placebo-controlled trial in which a total of 676 patients with moderate to severe dementia of the Alzheimer's type (341 patients on memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/day and 335 patients on placebo) were treated for up to 24 weeks.

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation

In the placebo-controlled clinical trial of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, the proportion of patients in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules group and the placebo group who discontinued treatment due to adverse reactions was 10% and 6%, respectively. The most common adverse reaction that led to treatment discontinuation in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release

capsules group was dizziness, at a rate of 1.5%.

Most Common Adverse Reactions

The most commonly observed adverse reactions seen in patients administered memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules in the controlled clinical trial, defined as those occurring at a frequency of at least 5% in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules group and at a frequency higher than placebo, were headache, diarrhea and dizziness.

Table 1 lists adverse reactions that were observed at an incidence of $\geq 2\%$ in the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules group and occurred at a rate greater than placebo.

Table 1: Adverse Reactions Observed with a Frequency of $\geq 2\%$ in the Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules Group and at a Rate Greater than Placebo

Adverse Reaction	Placebo (n=335) %	Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules 28 mg (n=341) %
Gastrointestinal Disorders		
Diarrhea	4	5
Constipation	1	3
Abdominal pain	1	2
Vomiting	1	2
Infections and Infestations		
Influenza	3	4
Investigations		
Weight increased	1	3
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders		
Back pain	1	3
Nervous System Disorders		
Headache	5	6
Dizziness	1	5
Somnolence	1	3
Psychiatric Disorders		
Anxiety	3	4
Depression	1	3
Aggression	1	2
Renal and Urinary Disorders		
Urinary incontinence	1	2
Vascular Disorders		
Hypertension	2	4
Hypotension	1	2

Seizure

Memantine has not been systematically evaluated in patients with a seizure disorder. In clinical trials of memantine, seizures occurred in 0.3% of patients treated with memantine and 0.6% of patients treated with placebo.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of memantine.

Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. These reactions include:

Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders: agranulocytosis, leukopenia (including neutropenia), pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

Cardiac Disorders: cardiac failure congestive.

Gastrointestinal Disorders: pancreatitis.

Hepatobiliary Disorders: hepatitis.

Psychiatric Disorders: suicidal ideation.

Renal and Urinary Disorders: acute renal failure (including increased creatinine and renal insufficiency).

Skin Disorders: Stevens Johnson syndrome.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Drugs That Make Urine Alkaline

The clearance of memantine was reduced by about 80% under alkaline urine conditions at pH 8. Therefore, alterations of urine pH towards the alkaline condition may lead to an accumulation of the drug with a possible increase in adverse effects. Urine pH is altered by diet, drugs (e.g. carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, sodium bicarbonate) and clinical state of the patient (e.g. renal tubular acidosis or severe infections of the urinary tract). Hence, memantine should be used with caution under these conditions.

7.2 Use with Other N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) Antagonists

The combined use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules with other NMDA antagonists (amantadine, ketamine, and dextromethorphan) has not been systematically evaluated and such use should be approached with caution.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

There are no adequate data on the developmental risk associated with the use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules in pregnant women.

Adverse developmental effects (decreased body weight and skeletal ossification) were observed in the offspring of rats administered memantine during pregnancy at doses associated with minimal maternal toxicity. These doses are higher than those used in humans at the maximum recommended daily dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules (see Data).

In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2-4% and 15-20%, respectively. The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown.

Data

Animal Data

Oral administration of memantine (0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day) to rats during the period of organogenesis resulted in decreased skeletal ossification in fetuses at the highest dose tested. The higher no-effect dose for adverse developmental effects (6 mg/kg/day) is 2 times the maximum recommended human daily dose (MRHD) of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules (28 mg) on a body surface area (mg/m²) basis.

Oral administration of memantine to rabbits (0, 3, 10, or 30 mg/kg/day) during the period of organogenesis resulted in no adverse developmental effects. The highest dose tested is approximately 20 times the MRHD of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules on a mg/m² basis.

In rats, memantine (0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day) was administered orally prior to and throughout mating and, in females, through the period of organogenesis or continuing throughout lactation to weaning. Decreased skeletal ossification in fetuses and decreased body weight in pups were observed at the highest dose tested. The higher no-effect dose (6 mg/kg/day) is approximately 2 times the MRHD of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules on a mg/m² basis.

Oral administration of memantine (0, 2, 6, or 18 mg/kg/day) to rats from late gestation throughout lactation to weaning, resulted in decreased pup weights at the highest dose tested. The higher no-effect dose (6 mg/kg/day) is approximately 2 times the MRHD of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules on a mg/m² basis.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of memantine in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules on milk production.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules or from the underlying maternal condition.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

Memantine failed to demonstrate efficacy in two 12-week controlled clinical studies of 578 pediatric patients aged 6-12 years with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), including autism, Asperger's disorder and Pervasive Development Disorder - Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS). Memantine has not been studied in pediatric patients under 6 years of age or over 12 years of age. Memantine treatment was initiated at 3 mg/day and the dose was escalated to the target dose (weight-based) by week 6. Oral doses of memantine 3, 6, 9, or 15 mg extended-release capsules were administered once daily to patients with weights < 20 kg, 20-39 kg, 40-59 kg and ≥ 60 kg, respectively.

In a randomized, 12-week double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel study (Study A) in patients with autism, there was no statistically significant difference in the Social Responsiveness Scale (SRS) total raw score between patients randomized to memantine (n=54) and those randomized to placebo (n=53). In a 12-week responder-enriched randomized withdrawal study (Study B) in 471 patients with ASD, there was no statistically significant difference in the loss of therapeutic response rates between patients randomized to remain on full-dose memantine (n=153) and those randomized to switch to placebo (n=158).

The overall safety profile of memantine in pediatric patients was generally consistent with the known safety profile in adults (see Adverse Reactions (6.1)).

In Study A, the adverse reactions in the memantine group (n=56) that were reported in at least 5% of patients and at least twice the frequency of the placebo group (N=58) are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Study A Commonly Reported Adverse Reactions with a Frequency $\geq 5\%$ and Twice That of Placebo

Adverse Reaction	Memantine N=56	Placebo N=58
Cough	8.9%	3.4%
Influenza	7.1%	3.4%
Rhinorrhea	5.4%	0%
Agitation	5.4%	1.7%
Discontinuations due to Adverse Reactions^a		
Aggression	3.6%	1.7%
Irritability	1.8%	3.4%

^a Reported adverse reactions leading to discontinuation in more than one patient in either

treatment group.

The adverse reactions that were reported in at least 5% of patients in the 12-48 week open-label study to identify responders to enroll in Study B are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: 12-48 Week Open Label Lead-In study to Study B Commonly Reported Adverse Reactions with a Frequency \geq 5%

Adverse Reaction	Memantine N=903
Headache	8.0%
Nasopharyngitis	6.3%
Pyrexia	5.8%
Irritability	5.4%
Discontinuations due to Adverse Reactions^a	
Irritability	1.2%
Aggression	1.0%

^a At least 1% incidence of adverse reactions leading to premature discontinuation.

In the randomized withdrawal study (Study B), the adverse reaction in patients randomized to placebo (n=180) and reported in at least 5% of patients and twice that of the full-dose memantine treatment group (n=157) was irritability (5.0% vs 2.5%).

Juvenile Animal Study

In a juvenile animal study, male and female juvenile rats were administered memantine (15, 30, and 45 mg/kg/day) starting on postnatal day (PND) 14 through PND 70. Body weights were reduced at 45 mg/kg/day. Delays in sexual maturation were noted in male and female rats at doses \geq 30 mg/kg/day. Memantine induced neuronal lesions in several areas of the brain on PND 15 and 17 at doses \geq 30 mg/kg/day. Behavioral toxicity (decrease percent of auditory startle habituation) was noted for animals in the 45 mg/kg/day dose group. The 15 mg/kg/day dose was considered the No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level (NOAEL) for this study.

In a second juvenile rat toxicity study, male and female juvenile rats were administered memantine (1, 3, 8, 15, 30, and 45 mg/kg/day) starting on postnatal day (PND) 7 through PND 70. Due to early memantine-related mortality, the 30 and 45 mg/kg/day dose groups were terminated without further evaluation. Memantine induced apoptosis or neuronal degeneration in several areas of the brain on PND 8, 10, and 17 at a dose of 15 mg/kg/day. The NOAEL for apoptosis and neuronal degeneration was 8 mg/kg/day. Behavioral toxicity (effects on motor activity, auditory startle habituation, and learning and memory) was noted at doses \geq 3 mg/kg/day during treatment, but was not seen after drug discontinuation. Therefore, the 1 mg/kg/day dose was considered the NOAEL for the neurobehavioral effect in this study.

8.5 Geriatric Use

The majority of people with Alzheimer's disease are 65 years of age and older. In the clinical study of memantine hydrochloride extended-release, the mean age of patients was approximately 77 years; over 91% of patients were 65 years and older, 67% were 75 years and older, and 14% were at or above 85 years of age. The efficacy and safety data presented in the clinical trial sections were obtained from these patients. There were no clinically meaningful differences in most adverse reactions reported by patient groups \geq 65 years old and < 65 years old.

8.6 Renal Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. A dosage reduction is recommended in patients with severe renal impairment [see Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules was not studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

10 OVERDOSAGE

Signs and symptoms most often accompanying overdose with other formulations of memantine in clinical trials and from worldwide marketing experience, alone or in combination with other drugs and/or alcohol, include agitation, asthenia, bradycardia, confusion, coma, dizziness, ECG changes, increased blood pressure, lethargy, loss of consciousness, psychosis, restlessness, slowed movement, somnolence, stupor, unsteady gait, visual hallucinations, vertigo, vomiting, and weakness. The largest known ingestion of memantine worldwide was 2 grams in a patient who took memantine in conjunction with unspecified antidiabetic medications. This patient experienced coma, diplopia, and agitation, but subsequently recovered.

One patient participating in a memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules clinical trial unintentionally took 112 mg of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules daily for 31 days and experienced an elevated serum uric acid, elevated serum alkaline phosphatase, and low platelet count.

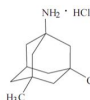
Fatal outcome has been very rarely reported with memantine, and the relationship to memantine was unclear.

Because strategies for the management of overdose are continually evolving, it is advisable to contact a poison control center to determine the latest recommendations for the management of an overdose of any drug. As in any cases of overdose, general supportive measures should be utilized, and treatment should be symptomatic.

Elimination of memantine can be enhanced by acidification of urine.

11 DESCRIPTION

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules is an orally active NMDA receptor antagonist. The chemical name for memantine hydrochloride is 1-amino-3,5-dimethyladamantane hydrochloride with the following structural formula:



The molecular formula is $C_{12}H_{21}N \cdot HCl$ and the molecular weight is 215.76. Memantine hydrochloride occurs as a fine white to off-white powder and is soluble in water.

Memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules are supplied for oral administration as 7 mg, 14 mg, 21 mg and 28 mg capsules. Among them, 7 mg strength is supplied in opaque light green cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "7 mg" black imprint on the body, 14 mg strength is supplied in opaque blue cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "14 mg" black imprint on the body, 21 mg strength is supplied in opaque white cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "21 mg" black imprint on the body, 28 mg strength is supplied in the opaque rich yellow cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "28 mg" black imprint on the body. Each capsule contains extended-release white to off-white beads with the labeled amount of memantine hydrochloride and the following inactive ingredients: sugar spheres (sucrose, maize starch, and dextrin), polyvinylpyrrolidone, hypromellose, talc, polyethylene glycol, triethyl citrate, ethylcellulose, ammonium hydroxide, oleic acid, and medium chain triglycerides in hard gelatin capsules.

In addition, the capsule shells contain gelatin and titanium dioxide and are imprinted with black ink. Colors in capsule shells are brilliant blue (7 mg, 14 mg), erythrosine (14 mg only) and ferric oxide yellow (7 mg, 28 mg). The black ink mainly contains shellac, black iron oxide, dehydrated alcohol, purified water and propylene glycol, with trace amount of isopropyl alcohol, butyl alcohol, strong ammonia solution and potassium hydroxide.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Persistent activation of central nervous system N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptors by the excitatory amino acid glutamate has been hypothesized to contribute to the symptomatology of Alzheimer's disease. Memantine is postulated to exert its therapeutic effect through its action as a low to moderate affinity uncompetitive (open-channel) NMDA receptor antagonist which binds preferentially to the NMDA receptor-operated cation channels. There is no evidence that memantine prevents or slows neurodegeneration in patients with Alzheimer's disease.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Memantine showed low to negligible affinity for GABA, benzodiazepine, dopamine, adrenergic, histamine and glycine receptors and for voltage-dependent Ca^{2+} , Na^{+} , or K^{+} channels. Memantine also showed antagonistic effects at the 5HT₂ receptor with a potency similar to that for the NMDA receptor and blocked nicotinic acetylcholine receptors with one-sixth to one-tenth the potency.

In vitro studies have shown that memantine does not affect the reversible inhibition of acetylcholinesterase by donepezil, galantamine, or tacrine.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Memantine is well absorbed after oral administration and has linear pharmacokinetics over the therapeutic dose range. It is excreted predominantly unchanged in urine and has a terminal elimination half-life of about 60-80 hours. In a study comparing 28 mg once daily memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules to 10 mg twice daily NAMENDA, the C_{max} and AUC₀₋₂₄ values were 48% and 33% higher for the extended-release dosage regimen, respectively.

Absorption

After multiple dose administration of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, memantine peak concentrations occur around 9-12 hours post-dose. There is no difference in the absorption of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules when the capsule is taken intact or when the contents are sprinkled on applesauce.

There is no difference in memantine exposure, based on C_{max} or AUC, for memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules whether that drug product is administered with food or on an empty stomach. However, peak plasma concentrations are achieved about 18 hours after administration with food versus approximately 25 hours after administration on an empty stomach.

Distribution

The mean volume of distribution of memantine is 9-11 L/kg and the plasma protein binding is low (45%).

Elimination

Metabolism

Memantine undergoes partial hepatic metabolism. The hepatic microsomal CYP450

enzyme system does not play a significant role in the metabolism of memantine.

Excretion

Memantine is excreted predominantly unchanged in the urine and has a terminal elimination half-life of about 60-80 hours. About 48% of administered drug is excreted unchanged in urine; the remainder is converted primarily to three polar metabolites which possess minimal NMDA receptor antagonistic activity: the glucuronide conjugate, 6-hydroxy-memantine, and 1-hydroxy-desamethylated memantine. A total of 74% of the administered dose is excreted as the sum of the parent drug and the N-glucuronide conjugate. Renal clearance involves active tubular secretion moderated by pH dependent tubular reabsorption.

Specific Populations

Elderly

The pharmacokinetics of memantine in young and elderly subjects are similar.

Gender

Following multiple dose administration of memantine hydrochloride 20 mg daily, females had about 45% higher exposure than males, but there was no difference in exposure when body weight was taken into account.

Renal Impairment

Memantine pharmacokinetics were evaluated following single oral administration of 20 mg memantine hydrochloride in 9 subjects with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance, CL_{CR} > 50 - 80 mL/min), 8 subjects with moderate renal impairment (CL_{CR} 30 - 49 mL/min), 7 subjects with severe renal impairment (CL_{CR} 5 - 29 mL/min) and 8 healthy subjects (CL_{CR} > 80 mL/min) matched as closely as possible by age, weight and gender to the subjects with renal impairment. Mean AUC_{0-∞} increased by 4%, 60%, and 115% in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment, respectively, compared to healthy subjects. The terminal elimination half-life increased by 18%, 41%, and 95% in subjects with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment, respectively, compared to healthy subjects.

Hepatic Impairment

Memantine pharmacokinetics were evaluated following the administration of single oral doses of 20 mg in 8 subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class B, score 7-9) and 8 subjects who were age-, gender-, and weight-matched to the hepatically-impaired subjects. There was no change in memantine exposure (based on C_{max} and AUC) in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment as compared with healthy subjects. However, terminal elimination half-life increased by about 16% in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment as compared with healthy subjects.

Drug-Drug Interactions

Use with Cholinesterase Inhibitors

Coadministration of memantine with the AChE inhibitor donepezil did not affect the pharmacokinetics of either compound. Furthermore, memantine did not affect AChE inhibition by donepezil. In a 24-week controlled clinical study in patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease, the adverse reaction profile observed with a combination of memantine immediate-release and donepezil was similar to that of donepezil alone.

Effect of Memantine on the Metabolism of Other Drugs

In vitro studies conducted with marker substrates of CYP450 enzymes (CYP1A2, -2A6, -2C9, -2D6, -2E1, -3A4) showed minimal inhibition of these enzymes by memantine. In addition, *in vitro* studies indicate that at concentrations exceeding those associated with efficacy, memantine does not induce the cytochrome P450 isozymes CYP1A2, -2C9, -2E1 and -3A4/5. No pharmacokinetic interactions with drugs metabolized by these enzymes are expected.

Pharmacokinetic studies evaluated the potential of memantine for interaction with warfarin and bupropion. Memantine did not affect the pharmacokinetics of the CYP2B6 substrate bupropion or its metabolite hydroxybupropion. Furthermore, memantine did not affect the pharmacokinetics or pharmacodynamics of warfarin as assessed by the prothrombin INR.

Effect of Other Drugs on Memantine

Memantine is predominantly renally eliminated, and drugs that are substrates and/or inhibitors of the CYP450 system are not expected to alter the metabolism of memantine.

Drugs Eliminated via Renal Mechanisms

Because memantine is eliminated in part by tubular secretion, coadministration of drugs that use the same renal cationic system, including hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ), tamoxifen (TA), metformin, cimetidine, ranitidine, quinidine, and nicotine, could potentially result in altered plasma levels of both agents. However, coadministration of memantine and HCTZ/TA did not affect the bioavailability of either memantine or TA, and the bioavailability of HCTZ decreased by 29%. In addition, coadministration of memantine with the antihyperglycemic drug Glucovance® (glyburide and metformin hydrochloride) did not affect the pharmacokinetics of memantine, metformin and glyburide. Furthermore, memantine did not modify the serum glucose lowering effect of Glucovance®, indicating the absence of a pharmacodynamic interaction.

Drugs Highly Bound to Plasma Proteins

Because the plasma protein binding of memantine is low (45%), an interaction with drugs that are highly bound to plasma proteins, such as warfarin and digoxin, is unlikely.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

There was no evidence of carcinogenicity in a 113-week oral study in mice at doses up to 40 mg/kg/day (7 times the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD] on a mg/m² basis). There was also no evidence of carcinogenicity in rats orally dosed at up to 40 mg/kg/day for 71 weeks followed by 20 mg/kg/day (14 and 7 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis, respectively) through 128 weeks.

Mutagenesis

Memantine produced no evidence of genotoxic potential when evaluated in the *in vitro* *S.typhimurium* or *E. coli* reverse mutation assay, an *in vitro* chromosomal aberration test in human lymphocytes, an *in vivo* cytogenetics assay for chromosome damage in rats, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus assay. The results were equivalent to an *in vitro* gene mutation assay using Chinese hamster V79 cells.

Impairment of Fertility

No impairment of fertility or reproductive performance was seen in rats administered up to 18 mg/kg/day (6 times the MRHD on a mg/m² basis) orally from 14 days prior to mating through gestation and lactation in females, or for 60 days prior to mating in males.

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Memantine induced neuronal lesions (vacuolation and necrosis) in the multipolar and pyramidal cells in cortical layers III and IV of the posterior cingulate and retrosplenial neocortices in rats, similar to those which are known to occur in rodents administered other NMDA receptor antagonists. Lesions were seen after a single dose of memantine. In a study in which rats were given daily oral doses of memantine for 14 days, the no-effect dose for neuronal necrosis was 4 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 28 mg/day on a mg/m² basis.

In acute and repeat-dose neurotoxicity studies in female rats, oral administration of memantine and donepezil in combination resulted in increased incidence, severity, and distribution of neurodegeneration compared with memantine alone. The no-effect levels of the combination were associated with clinically relevant plasma memantine and donepezil exposures.

The relevance of these findings to humans is unknown.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The effectiveness of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules as a treatment for patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease was based on the results of a double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.

24-week Study of Memantine Hydrochloride Extended-Release Capsules

This was a randomized double-blind clinical investigation in outpatients with moderate to severe Alzheimer's disease (diagnosed by DSM-IV criteria and NINCDS-ADRDA criteria for AD with a Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE) score ≥ 3 and ≤ 14 at Screening and Baseline) receiving acetylcholinesterase inhibitor (AChE) therapy at a stable dose for 3 months prior to screening. The mean age of patients participating in this trial was 76.5 years with a range of 49-97 years. Approximately 72% of patients were female and 94% were Caucasian.

Study Outcome Measures

The effectiveness of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules was evaluated in this study using the co-primary efficacy parameters of Severe Impairment Battery (SIB) and the Clinician's Interview-Based Impression of Change (CIBIC-Plus).

The ability of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules to improve cognitive performance was assessed with the Severe Impairment Battery (SIB), a multi-item instrument that has been validated for the evaluation of cognitive function in patients with moderate to severe dementia. The SIB examines selected aspects of cognitive performance, including elements of attention, orientation, language, memory, visuospatial ability, construction, praxis, and social interaction. The SIB scoring range is from 0 to 100, with lower scores indicating greater cognitive impairment.

The ability of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules to produce an overall clinical effect was assessed using a Clinician's Interview Based Impression of Change that required the use of caregiver information, the CIBIC-Plus. The CIBIC-Plus is not a single instrument and is not a standardized instrument like the ADCS-ADL or SIB. Clinical trials for investigational drugs have used a variety of CIBIC formats, each different in terms of depth and structure. As such, results from a CIBIC-Plus reflect clinical experience from the trial or trials in which it was used and cannot be compared directly with the results of CIBIC-Plus evaluations from other clinical trials. The CIBIC-Plus used in this trial was a structured instrument based on a comprehensive evaluation at baseline and subsequent time-points of four domains: general (overall clinical status), functional (including activities of daily living), cognitive, and behavioral. It represents the assessment of a skilled clinician using validated scales based on his/her observation during an interview with the patient, in combination with information supplied by a caregiver familiar with the behavior of the patient over the interval. The CIBIC-Plus is scored as a seven point categorical rating, ranging from a score of 1, indicating "marked improvement" to a score of 4, indicating "no change" to a score of 7, indicating "marked worsening." The CIBIC-Plus has not been systematically compared directly to assessments not using information from caregivers (CIBIC) or other global methods.

Study Results

In this study, 677 patients were randomized to one of the following 2 treatments: memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/day or placebo while still receiving an AChEi (either donepezil, galantamine, or rivastigmine).

Effects on Severe Impairment Battery (SIB)

Figure 1 shows the time course for the change from baseline in SIB score for the two treatment groups completing the 24 weeks of the study. At 24 weeks of treatment, the mean difference in the SIB score between the groups for the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/AChEi-treated (combination therapy) patients compared to the

patients on placebo/ACHEI (monotherapy) was 2.6 units. Using an LOCF analysis, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/ACHEI treatment was statistically significantly superior to placebo/ACHEI.

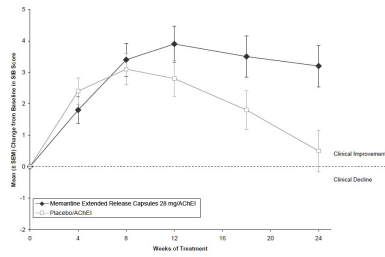


Figure 1: Time course of the change from baseline in SIB score for patients completing 24 weeks of treatment

Figure 2 shows the cumulative percentages of patients from each treatment group who had attained at least the measure of improvement in SIB score shown on the X axis. The curves show that both patients assigned to memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/ACHEI and placebo/ACHEI have a wide range of responses, but that the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/ACHEI group is more likely to show an improvement or a smaller decline.

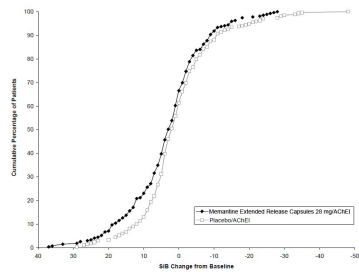


Figure 2: Cumulative percentage of patients completing 24 weeks of double-blind treatment with specified changes from baseline in SIB scores

Figure 3 shows the time course for the CIBIC-Plus score for patients in the two treatment groups completing the 24 weeks of the study. At 24 weeks of treatment, the mean difference in the CIBIC-Plus scores for the memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/ACHEI-treated patients compared to the patients on placebo/ACHEI was 0.3 units. Using an LOCF analysis, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules 28 mg/ACHEI treatment was statistically significantly superior to placebo/ACHEI.

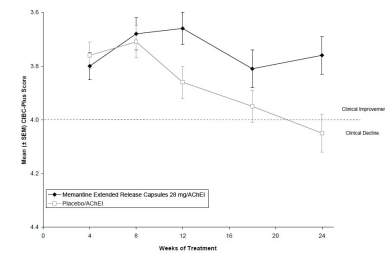


Figure 3: Time course of the CIBIC-Plus score for patients completing 24 weeks of treatment

Figure 4 is a histogram of the percentage distribution of CIBIC-Plus scores attained by patients assigned to each of the treatment groups who completed 24 weeks of treatment.

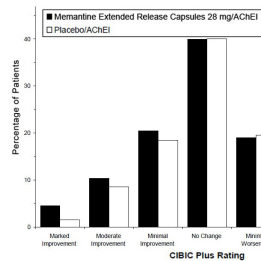


Figure 4: Distribution of CIBIC-Plus ratings at week 24

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

7 mg Capsule

Opaque light green cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "7 mg" black imprint on the body.

Bottle of 30: NDC# 69680-161-30

14 mg Capsule

Opaque blue cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "14 mg" black imprint on the body.

Bottle of 30: NDC# 69680-162-30

21 mg Capsule

Opaque white cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "21 mg" black imprint on the body.

Bottle of 30: NDC# 69680-163-30

28 mg Capsule

Opaque rich yellow cap and opaque white body capsule, with "LPM" black imprint on the cap and "28 mg" black imprint on the body.

Bottle of 30: NDC# 69680-164-30

Store memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15-30°C (59-86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information).

- To assure safe and effective use of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, the information and instructions provided in the patient information section should be discussed with patients and caregivers.
- Instruct patients and caregivers to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules only once per day, as prescribed.
- Instruct patients and caregivers that memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules be swallowed whole. Alternatively, memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may be opened and sprinkled on applesauce and the entire contents should be consumed. The capsules should not be divided, chewed or crushed.
- Warn patients not to use any capsules of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules that are damaged or show signs of tampering.
- If a patient misses a single dose of memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules, that patient should not double up on the next dose. The next dose should be taken as scheduled. If a patient fails to take memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules for several days, dosing should not be resumed without consulting that patient's healthcare professional.
- Advise patients and caregivers that memantine hydrochloride extended-release capsules may cause headache, diarrhea, and dizziness.

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Once-Daily
Memantine
Hydrochloride
Extended-Release
Capsules
14 mg
Rx Only

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MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE

memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release

Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC-69680-161	
Route of Administration	ORAL			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: Y0N0D0L840) (MEMANTINE -	Basis of Strength	Strength		
UNII: W60175JF3T)	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE	7 mg		
Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
SUCROSE (UNII: C151HBM554)				
POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U725QW32X)				
HYDROXYMELLOSE 2910 (6 MPALS) (UNII: 0VZ8W6Z0P6)				
TALC (UNII: 75V745L0)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 8000 (UNII: Q662Q8K8B)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 400 (UNII: 86978945GQ)				
TRIS(HP) CITRATE (UNII: F7260000UM)				
ETHYLCELLULOSE AQUEOUS DISPERSION TYPE B (UNII: HZJ2V81RYU)				
AMORPHIA (UNII: S1382L9F3X)				
OLEIC ACID (UNII: Z069627C7P)				
MEDIUM-CHAIN TRIGLYCERIDES (UNII: C9H2L21V7U)				
GELATIN, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: Z0690R257L)				
Product Characteristics				
Color	green (green cap and white opaque body)	Score	no score	
Shape	CAPSULE	Size	14mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code	LPM,7mg	
Contains				
Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
1	NDC-69680-161	30 in 1 BOTTLE, Type D, Not a Combination Product	12/15/2023	
Marketing Information				
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
ANDA	ANDA213985	12/15/2023		

MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE

memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release

Product Information				
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Route of Administration	ORAL			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: Y0N0D0L840) (MEMANTINE -	Basis of Strength	Strength		
UNII: W60175JF3T)	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE	14 mg		
Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
SUCROSE (UNII: C151HBM554)				
POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U725QW32X)				
HYDROXYMELLOSE 2910 (6 MPALS) (UNII: 0VZ8W6Z0P6)				
TALC (UNII: 75V745L0)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 8000 (UNII: Q662Q8K8B)				
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AMORPHIA (UNII: S1382L9F3X)				
OLEIC ACID (UNII: Z069627C7P)				
MEDIUM-CHAIN TRIGLYCERIDES (UNII: C9H2L21V7U)				
GELATIN, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: Z0690R257L)				
Product Characteristics				
Color	blue (blue cap and white opaque body)	Score	no score	
Shape	CAPSULE (CAPSULE)	Size	16mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code	LPM,14mg	
Contains				
Packaging				
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Marketing Information				
Marketing Category	Application Number or Monograph Citation	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date	
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MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE

memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release

Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Rem Code (Source)	NDC-69680-163	
Route of Administration	ORAL			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength		
MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: Y0W0UJAG) (MEMANTINE - UNII: W60375PFTT)	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE	21 mg		
Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
SUCROSE (UNII: C151H8M554)				
POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U72509832X)				
HYDROXYMELLOSE 2910 (6 MPa.S) (UNII: 0WZ8WG20PE)				
TALC (UNII: 75E7495U9)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 8000 (UNII: 0662Q68MSB)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 400 (UNII: B697845GQ)				
TRIMETHYL CITRATE (UNII: 8Z36QXG9LM)				
ETHYLCELLULOSE AQUEOUS DISPERSION TYPE B (UNII: HZJ2V63RYU)				
AMMONIA (UNII: S13BQ19F1X)				
OLEIC ACID (UNII: 2UM9937CF)				
MEDIUM-CHAIN TRIGLYCERIDES (UNII: C9H2L2V7U9)				
GELATIN, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: Z086QNZ7L)				
Product Characteristics				
Color	white (opaque white cap and opaque white body)	Score	no score	
Shape	CAPSULE (CAPSULE)	Size	16mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code	LPH21mg	
Contains				
Packaging				
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ANDA	ANDA213085	02/19/2024		

MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE				
memantine hydrochloride capsule, extended release				
Product Information				
Product Type	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG	Rem Code (Source)	NDC-69680-164	
Route of Administration	ORAL			
Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength		
MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE (UNII: Y0W0UJAG) (MEMANTINE - UNII: W60375PFTT)	MEMANTINE HYDROCHLORIDE	28 mg		
Inactive Ingredients				
Ingredient Name	Strength			
SUCROSE (UNII: C151H8M554)				
POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U72509832X)				
HYDROXYMELLOSE 2910 (6 MPa.S) (UNII: 0WZ8WG20PE)				
TALC (UNII: 75E7495U9)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 8000 (UNII: 0662Q68MSB)				
POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL 400 (UNII: B697845GQ)				
TRIMETHYL CITRATE (UNII: 8Z36QXG9LM)				
ETHYLCELLULOSE AQUEOUS DISPERSION TYPE B (UNII: HZJ2V63RYU)				
AMMONIA (UNII: S13BQ19F1X)				
OLEIC ACID (UNII: 2UM9937CF)				
MEDIUM-CHAIN TRIGLYCERIDES (UNII: C9H2L2V7U9)				
GELATIN, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: Z086QNZ7L)				
Product Characteristics				
Color	yellow (yellow cap and white opaque body)	Score	no score	
Shape	CAPSULE (CAPSULE)	Size	16mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code	LPH28mg	
Contains				
Packaging				
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date
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