HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use EOVIST® safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for EOVIST Injection.

EOVIST (gadoxetate disodium) injection, for intravenous use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2008

WARNING: NEPHROGENIC SYSTEMIC FIBROSIS (NSF)

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

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- **The risk for NSF appears highest among patients with:**
  - **Chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2), or**
  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function.**
- **For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age >60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing (5.1).**

----------RECENT MAJOR CHANGES----------

Warnings and Precautions, Gadolinium Retention (5.3) 4/2018

----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------

EOVIST is a gadolinium-based contrast agent indicated for use in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the liver to detect and characterize lesions in patients with known or suspected focal liver disease (1)

----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------

- Recommended dose is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (2.1)
- Administer as an intravenous bolus injection (2.2)
- Follow injection with a normal saline flush (2.2)

----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------

Injection: 181.43 mg/mL in single use vials (3)

----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------

History of severe hypersensitivity reaction to EOVIST (4)

----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------

- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis has occurred in patients with impaired elimination of GBCAs. Higher than recommended dosing or repeated dosing appears to increase the risk (5.1)
- Hypersensitivity: anaphylactoid/hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory and cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe reactions including shock can occur. Monitor patients closely for need of emergency cardiorespiratory support (5.2)
- Gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, and other organs. (5.3)

----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------

Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 0.5%) are nausea, headache, feeling hot, dizziness, and back pain (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-888-84-BAYER (1-888-842-2937) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide

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  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing.**
- **For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended EOVIST dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug from the body prior to any re-administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.**

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

EOVIST is indicated for intravenous use in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) of the liver to detect and characterize lesions in patients with known or suspected focal liver disease.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dose

The recommended dose of EOVIST is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (0.025 mmol/kg body weight).

2.2 Drug Handling and Administration

- Use sterile technique when preparing and administering EOVIST
- Visually inspect EOVIST, supplied in a single-use vial, for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or if particulate matter is present
- Use EOVIST immediately after obtaining appropriate dose from vial. The rubber stopper should never be pierced more than once. Discard any unused portion of an EOVIST vial
- Administer EOVIST undiluted as an intravenous bolus injection at a flow rate of approximately 2 mL/second
- Do not mix EOVIST with other medications and do not administer EOVIST in the same intravenous line simultaneously with other medications
- Flush the intravenous cannula with a normal saline solution after EOVIST injection
- Imaging can commence immediately following EOVIST administration

2.3 Imaging

- Liver lesions are detected and characterized with pre-contrast MRI and EOVIST MRI obtained during dynamic and hepatocyte imaging phases. Perform a pre-contrast MRI, inject EOVIST and begin dynamic imaging approximately 15–25 seconds after completion of the injection. Dynamic imaging consists of the arterial, the porto-venous (approximately 60 seconds post-injection), and the blood equilibrium (approximately 120 seconds) phases.
- Begin the hepatocyte imaging phase approximately 20 minutes post-injection. Hepatocyte phase imaging may be performed up to 120 minutes post-injection.

- Elevated intrinsic levels of bilirubin (>3 mg/dL) or ferritin can reduce the hepatic contrast effect of EOVIST. Perform MR imaging no later than 60 minutes following EOVIST administration to patients with these laboratory abnormalities, including patients who have elevated ferritin levels due to hemodialysis *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6) and Use in Specific Populations (8.6, 8.7)]*.
- Lesions with no or minimal hepatocyte function (cysts, metastases, and the majority of hepatocellular carcinomas) generally will not accumulate EOVIST. Well-differentiated hepatocellular carcinoma may contain functioning hepatocytes and can show some enhancement in the hepatocyte imaging phase. Additional clinical information is therefore needed to support a diagnosis of hepatocellular carcinoma.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

EOVIST is a sterile, clear, and colorless to pale yellow solution for injection containing 181.43 mg gadoxetate disodium per mL (equivalent to 0.25 mmol gadoxetate disodium per mL) supplied in single-use vials.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

EOVIST is contraindicated in patients with history of severe hypersensitivity reactions to EOVIST.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs among these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrast enhanced MRI or other modalities. The GBCA-associated NSF risk appears highest for patients with chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2) as well as patients with acute kidney injury. The risk appears lower for patients with chronic, moderate kidney disease (GFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m^2) and little, if any, for patients with chronic, mild kidney disease (GFR 60 to 89 mL/min/1.73m^2). NSF may result in fatal or debilitating fibrosis affecting the skin, muscle and internal organs. Report any diagnosis of NSF following EOVIST administration to Bayer HealthCare (1-888-842-2937) or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. Features of acute kidney injury consist of rapid (over hours to days) and usually reversible decrease in kidney function, commonly in the setting of surgery, severe infection, injury or drug-induced kidney toxicity. Serum creatinine levels and estimated GFR may not reliably assess renal function in the setting of acute kidney injury. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, diabetes mellitus or chronic hypertension), estimate the GFR through laboratory testing.

Among the factors that may increase the risk for NSF are repeated or higher than recommended doses of a GBCA and degree of renal impairment at the time of exposure. Record the specific GBCA and the dose administrated to a patient. For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended EOVIST dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug prior to any re-administration. For patients receiving hemodialysis, physicians may consider the prompt initiation of hemodialysis following the administration of a GBCA in order to enhance the contrast agent's elimination *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*. The usefulness of hemodialysis in the prevention of NSF is unknown.

5.2 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Anaphylactic and other hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory and cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe, including shock have uncommonly occurred following EOVIST administration *[see Adverse Reactions (6)]*.

- Before EOVIST administration, assess all patients for any history of a reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma and allergic disorders. These patients may have an increased risk for a hypersensitivity reaction to EOVIST.

- Administer EOVIST only in situations where trained personnel and therapies are promptly available for the treatment of hypersensitivity reactions, including personnel trained in resuscitation.

Most hypersensitivity reactions to EOVIST have occurred within half an hour after administration. Delayed reactions can occur up to several days after EOVIST administration. Observe patients for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions during and following EOVIST administration.

5.3 Gadolinium Retention

Gadolinium is retained for months or years in several organs. The highest concentrations (nanomoles per gram of tissue) have been identified in the bone, followed by other organs (for example, brain, skin, kidney, liver, and spleen). The duration of retention also varies by tissue and is longest in bone. Linear GBCAs cause more retention than macrocyclic GBCAs. At equivalent doses, gadolinium retention varies among the linear agents with Omniscan (gadodiamide) and Optimark (gadoversetamide) causing greater retention than other linear agents [Eovist (gadoxetate disodium), Magnevist (gadopentetate dimeglumine),MultiHance (gadobenate dimeglumine)]. Retention is lowest and similar among the macrocyclic GBCAs [Dotarem (gadoterate meglumine), Gadavist (gadobutrol), ProHance (gadoteridol)].

Consequences of gadolinium retention in the brain have not been established. Pathologic and clinical consequences of GBCA administration and retention in skin and other organs have been established in patients with impaired renal function *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. There are rare reports of pathologic skin changes in patients with normal renal function. Adverse events involving multiple organ systems have been reported in patients with normal renal function without an established causal link to gadolinium retention *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

While clinical consequences of gadolinium retention have not been established in patients with normal renal function, certain patients might be at higher risk. These include patients requiring multiple lifetime doses, pregnant and pediatric patients, and patients with inflammatory conditions. Consider the retention characteristics of the agent when choosing a GBCA for these patients. Minimize repetitive GBCA imaging studies particularly closely spaced studies, when possible.

5.4 Acute Kidney Injury

In patients with chronic renal impairment, acute kidney injury sometimes requiring dialysis has been observed with the use of some GBCAs. The risk of acute kidney injury might be lower with EOVIST due to its dual excretory pathways. Do not exceed the recommended dose; the risk of acute kidney injury may increase with higher than recommended doses.

5.5 Extravasation and Injection Site Reactions

Ensure catheter and venous patency before the injection of EOVIST. Extravasation into tissues during EOVIST administration may result in local tissue reactions. Strictly avoid intramuscular administration of EOVIST because it may cause myocyte necrosis and inflammation *[see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)]*.

5.6 Interference with Laboratory Tests

Serum iron determination using complexometric methods (for example, ferrocene complexation method) may result in falsely high or low values for up to 24 hours after the examination with EOVIST because of the caloxetate trisodium excipients *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*.

5.7 Interference with Visualization of Liver Lesions

Severe renal or hepatic failure may impair EOVIST imaging performance. In patients with end-stage renal failure, hepatic contrast was markedly reduced and was attributed to elevated serum ferritin levels. In patients with abnormally high (>3 mg/dL) serum bilirubin, reduced hepatic contrast was observed. If EOVIST is used in these patients, complete MRI no later than 60 minutes after EOVIST administration and use a paired non-contrast and contrast MRI set for diagnosis.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed elsewhere in the labeling:

- Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) *[see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*
- Hypersensitivity reactions *[see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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 clinical practice.

The adverse reactions described in this section reflect EOVIST exposure in 1,989 subjects with the majority (1,581 subjects) receiving the recommended dose. Overall, 59% of the subjects were men and the ethnic distribution was 64% Caucasian, 22% Asian, 3% Hispanic, 2% Black, and 0.5% of subjects consisted of other ethnic groups. The average age was 57 years (age range from 19 to 84 years).

Overall, 4% of subjects reported one or more adverse reactions following EOVIST administration. The most frequent (≥ 0.5%) adverse reactions associated with the use of EOVIST were nausea, headache, feeling hot, dizziness, and back pain. Adverse reactions were predominantly of mild to moderate severity.

Table 1 lists adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 0.1% of subjects treated with EOVIST.

Table 1 Adverse Reactions

Reaction	**Rate (%) n = 1581**
Nausea	1.1
Headache	1.1
Feeling hot	0.8
Dizziness	0.6
Back pain	0.6
Vomiting	0.4
Blood pressure increased	0.4
Injection site reactions (pain, burning, coldness, extravasation, irritation)	0.4
Dysgeusia	0.4
Paresthesia	0.3
Flushing	0.3
Parosmia	0.3
Pruritus (generalized, eye)	0.3
Rash	0.3
Respiratory disorders (dyspnea, respiratory distress)	0.2
Fatigue	0.2
Chest pain	0.1
Vertigo	0.1
Dry mouth	0.1
Chills	0.1
Feeling abnormal	0.1

Adverse reactions that occurred with a frequency of < 0.1% in subjects who received EOVIST include: tremor, akathisia, bundle branch block, palpitation, oral discomfort, salivary hypersecretion, maculopapular rash, hyperhidrosis, discomfort, and malaise.

Elevation of serum iron values and serum bilirubin laboratory values were reported in less than 1% of patients after administration of EOVIST. The values did not exceed more than 3 times the baseline values and returned to baseline within 1 to 4 days.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following additional adverse reactions have been reported during the postmarketing use of EOVIST. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

- Hypersensitivity reactions (anaphylactic shock, hypotension, pharyngolaryngeal edema, urticaria, face edema, rhinitis, conjunctivitis, abdominal pain, hypoesthesia, sneezing, cough and pallor) *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*
- Tachycardia
- Restlessness
- General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Adverse events with variable onset and duration have been reported after GBCA administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*. These include fatigue, asthenia, pain syndromes, and heterogeneous clusters of symptoms in the neurological, cutaneous, and musculoskeletal systems.
- Skin: Gadolinium associated plaques

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

GBCAs have been shown to cross the human placenta and result in fetal exposure and gadolinium retention. The human data on the association between GBCAs and adverse fetal outcomes are limited and inconclusive *(see Data)*. In animal reproduction studies, no teratogenicity was observed with repeated daily intravenous administration of gadoxetate disodium to rats during organogenesis at doses up to 32 times the recommended single human dose; however, an increase in preimplantation loss was noted at doses 3.2 times the single human dose. Post implantation loss was observed with repeated daily intravenous administration of gadoxetate disodium to rabbits on gestation days 6 through 18 at doses 26 times the recommended single human dose *(see Data)*. Because of the potential risks of gadolinium to the fetus, use EOVIST only if imaging is essential during pregnancy and cannot be delayed.

The background risk in the U.S. general population of major birth defects is 2 to 4% and of miscarriage is 15 to 20% of clinically recognized pregnancies.

Data

Human Data

Contrast enhancement is visualized in the placenta and fetal tissues after maternal GBCA administration.

Cohort studies and case reports on exposure to GBCAs during pregnancy have not reported a clear association between GBCAs and adverse effects in the exposed neonates. However, a retrospective cohort study, comparing pregnant women who had a GBCA MRI to pregnant women who did not have an MRI, reported a higher occurrence of stillbirths and neonatal deaths in the group receiving GBCA MRI. Limitations of this study include a lack of comparison with non-contrast MRI and lack of information about the maternal indication for MRI. Overall, these data preclude a reliable evaluation of the potential risk of adverse fetal outcomes with the use of GBCAs in pregnancy.

Animal Data

Gadolinium Retention

GBCAs administered to pregnant non-human primates (0.1 mmol/kg on gestational days 85 and 135) result in measurable gadolinium concentration in the offspring in bone, brain, skin, liver, kidney, and spleen for at least 7 months. GBCAs administered to pregnant mice (2 mmol/kg daily on gestational days 16 through 19) result in measurable gadolinium concentrations in the pups in bone, brain, kidney, liver, blood, muscle, and spleen at one month postnatal age.

Reproductive Toxicology

Animal reproductive and developmental toxicity studies were done in rats and rabbits. Gadoxetate disodium was not teratogenic when given intravenously during organogenesis to pregnant rats at doses up to 32 times the recommended single human dose (mmol/m^2 basis). However, an increase in preimplantation loss was noted at 3.2 times the human dose (mmol/m^2 basis). Compared to untreated controls, rates of postimplantation loss and absorption increased and litter size decreased when pregnant rabbits received gadoxetate disodium at doses 26 times the recommended human single dose (mmol/m^2 basis). This occurred without evidence of maternal toxicity. Because pregnant animals received repeated daily doses of gadoxetate disodium, their overall exposure was significantly higher than that achieved with the standard single dose administered to humans.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There is no information regarding the presence of gadoxetate disodium in human milk, the effects of the drug in a breastfed infant, or the effects of the drug on milk production. However, published lactation data on other GBCAs report that 0.01 to 0.04% of the maternal gadolinium dose is present in breast milk and there is limited GBCA gastrointestinal absorption in the breastfed infant. In rat lactation studies with [^{153}Gd] gadoxetate disodium, less than 0.5% of the total administered radioactivity was transferred to the nursing pup.

Clinical Considerations

A lactating woman may consider interrupting breastfeeding and pumping and discarding breast milk for up to 10 hours after EOVIST administration in order to minimize exposure to a breastfed infant.

Data

Animal Data

In lactating rats given 0.1 mmol/kg [^{153}Gd] gadoxetate disodium, less than 0.5% of the total administered radioactivity was transferred to the neonates via maternal milk, mostly within 2 hours.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Adequate and well-controlled studies of EOVIST in pediatric patients have not been conducted. An observational study with EOVIST was performed in 52 patients (aged > 2 months and < 18 years) referred for evaluation of suspected or known focal liver lesions. EOVIST improved border delineation and increased contrast of the primary lesion in the majority of patients when compared to non-contrast images. No safety issues were identified.

No dose adjustment according to age is necessary in pediatric patients. The safety and effectiveness of EOVIST have not been established in premature infants.

NSF Risk

No case of NSF associated with EOVIST or any other GBCA has been identified in pediatric patients ages 6 years and younger.

Juvenile Animal Data

Single and repeat-dose toxicity studies in neonatal and juvenile rats did not reveal findings suggestive of a specific risk for use in pediatric patients including term neonates and infants.

8.5 Geriatric Use

In clinical studies of EOVIST, 674 (34%) patients were 65 years of age and over, while 20 (1%) were 80 years of age and over. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, use of EOVIST in an elderly patient should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal or cardiac function and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

In a clinical pharmacology study, slight to moderate differences in pharmacokinetic parameters of gadoxetate disodium (increased AUC and terminal half-life, decreased total clearance) were found in a group of geriatric volunteers in comparison to non-geriatric volunteers. No clinically relevant differences in liver contrast enhancement were found.

8.6 Renal Impairment

In a clinical pharmacology study in a group of patients with moderate renal impairment, a moderate increase in AUC and terminal half-life was observed in comparison to healthy volunteers with normal renal function. Hepatic contrast did not differ among the groups.

End-stage renal failure may impair EOVIST imaging performance *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*. In a study of patients with end-stage renal failure, the terminal half-life was prolonged about 12-fold and the AUC was increased about 6-fold. Hepatic contrast was markedly reduced in these patients, which was attributed to significantly elevated serum ferritin levels *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. Approximately 30% of the injected dose was removed by dialysis in a single 3-hour dialysis session, which started one hour after an EOVIST dose. EOVIST was almost completely eliminated via dialysis and biliary excretion within the observation period of 6 days, predominantly within the first 3 days.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

In a clinical pharmacology study in groups of patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment, a slight to moderate increase in plasma AUC, half-life and urinary excretion, as well as decrease in hepatobiliary excretion was observed in comparison to healthy subjects with normal liver function. Hepatic contrast signal did not differ among the groups.

Severe hepatic impairment may impair EOVIST imaging performance *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*. In patients with severe hepatic impairment, especially in patients with abnormally high (> 3 mg/dL) serum bilirubin levels, the AUC was increased up to 60% and the elimination half-life was increased up to 49%. The hepatobiliary excretion substantially decreased to about 5% of the administered dose and reduced hepatic contrast signal was observed.

A dose adjustment is not necessary for patients with hepatic impairment.

In clinical studies, 489 patients had a diagnosis of liver cirrhosis (Child-Pugh category A, n = 270; category B, n = 98; category C, n = 24; unknown category, n = 97). No difference in diagnostic performance and safety was observed among these patients.

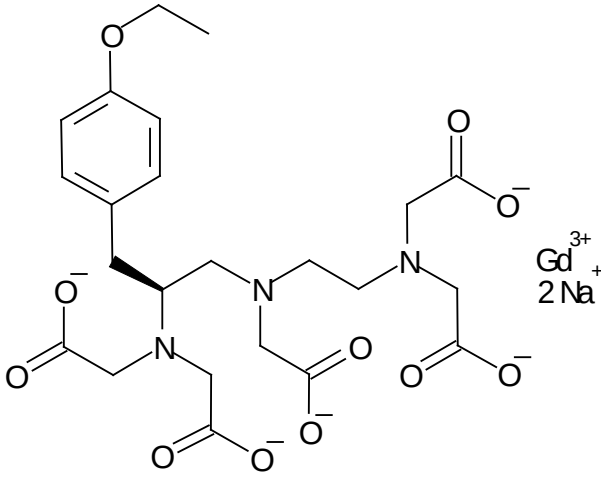
10 OVERDOSAGE

The maximum dose studied in MR imaging was 0.4 mL/kg (0.1 mmol/kg) body weight and was tolerated in a manner similar to lower doses. In case of inadvertent overdosage in patients with severely impaired renal and/or hepatic function, EOVIST can be partially removed by hemodialysis *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)]*.

11 DESCRIPTION

EOVIST (gadoxetate disodium) is a paramagnetic contrast agent administered for MRI. EOVIST is provided as a sterile, clear, colorless to pale yellow aqueous solution for intravenous injection.

EOVIST contains the active pharmaceutical ingredient, gadoxetate disodium (Gd-EOB-DTPA). The chemical name for gadoxetate disodium is (4S)-4-(4-Ethoxybenzyl)-3,6,9-tris(carboxylatomethyl)-3,6,9-triazaundecanedioic acid, gadolinium complex, disodium salt. Gadoxetate disodium has a molecular weight of 725.72 and an empirical formula of $GdC_{23}H_{28}N_3O_{11}Na_2$. The structural formula of gadoxetate disodium in aqueous solution is:



Each mL of EOVIST contains 181.43 mg of gadoxetate disodium (equivalent to 0.25 mmol/mL gadoxetate disodium) and the excipients caloxetate trisodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment), and water for injection. EOVIST contains no antimicrobial preservative.

Pertinent physiochemical properties of EOVIST are provided in Table 2.

Table 2 Physicochemical Properties

Osmolality at 37°C (Osm/kg H_2O)	0.688
Viscosity at 37°C (cP)	1.19
Density at 37°C (g/mL)	1.088
pH	6.8-8

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Gadoxetate disodium is a paramagnetic compound and develops a magnetic moment when placed in a magnetic field. The relatively large magnetic moment produced by gadoxetate disodium results in a local magnetic field, yielding enhanced relaxation rates (shortening of relaxation times) of water protons in the vicinity of the paramagnetic agent, which leads to an increase in signal intensity (brightening) of blood and tissue.

In MRI, visualization of normal and pathological tissue depends in part on variations in the radiofrequency signal intensity that occur with 1) differences in proton density; 2) differences of the spin-lattice or longitudinal relaxation times (T_1); and 3) differences in the spin-spin or transverse relaxation time (T_2). When placed in a magnetic field, gadoxetate disodium decreases the T_1 and T_2 relaxation time in target tissue. At the recommended dose, the effect is observed with greatest sensitivity in T_1-weighted MR sequences.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

EOB-DTPA forms a stable complex with the paramagnetic gadolinium ion with a thermodynamic stability of log KGdL=-23.46. Gadoxetate disodium is a highly water-soluble, hydrophilic compound with a lipophilic moiety, the ethoxybenzyl group (EOB). Gadoxetate disodium shows a weak (<10%), transient protein binding and the relaxivity in plasma is about 8.7 L/mmol/sec at pH 7, 39°C and 0.47 T.

Gadoxetate disodium is selectively taken up by hepatocytes *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]* resulting in increased signal intensity in liver tissue *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3)]*.

EOVIST exhibits a biphasic mode of action: first, distribution in the extracellular space after bolus injection and subsequently, selective uptake by hepatocytes (and biliary excretion) due to the lipophilic (EOB) moiety.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Distribution

After intravenous administration, the plasma concentration time profile of gadoxetate disodium is characterized by a bi-exponential decline. The total distribution volume of gadoxetate disodium at steady state is about 0.21 L/kg (extracellular space); plasma protein binding is less than 10%. Following GBCA administration, gadolinium is present for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Elimination

Gadoxetate disodium is equally eliminated via the renal and hepatobiliary routes. The mean terminal elimination half-life of gadoxetate disodium (0.01 to 0.1 mmol/kg) has been observed in healthy volunteers of 22–39 years of age to be 0.91 to 0.95 hour. Clearance appeared to decrease slightly with increasing age. The pharmacokinetics are dose-linear up to a dose of 0.4 mL/kg (0.1 mmol/kg), which is 4 times the recommended dose *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.4, 8.5, 8.6, and 8.7)]*.

A total serum clearance (Cl_{tot}) was 250 mL/min, whereas the renal clearance (Cl_r) corresponds to about 120 mL/min, a value similar to the glomerular filtration rate in healthy subjects.

Metabolism

Gadoxetate disodium is not metabolized.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No carcinogenicity studies of EOVIST have been conducted.

Gadoxetate disodium was not mutagenic in *in vitro* reverse mutation tests in bacteria, or in chromosome aberration tests in human peripheral blood lymphocytes, and was negative in an *in vivo* micronucleus test in mice after intravenous injection of doses up to 4 mmol/kg.

Gadoxetate disodium had no effect on fertility and general reproductive performance of male and female rats when given in doses 6.5 times the human dose (based on body surface area).

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

A dose-related increase in QTc which was resolved by 30 minutes post dosing was observed in dogs when given a single dose of EOVIST. The increase was noted when given in doses equal to or greater than 0.1 mmol/kg (2.2 times the human dose). Maximum increase in QTcF was equal to or less than 20 ms at doses up to 0.5 mmol/kg (11 times the human dose).

A gait disturbance was observed in 1 of 3 mice when given EOVIST at a dose of approximately 1.1 mmol/kg (3.6 times the human dose); the disturbance occurred at 30 minutes post dosing and resolved at 4 hours post dosing.

Local intolerance reactions, including moderate interstitial hemorrhage, edema, and focal muscle fiber necrosis, were observed after intramuscular administration of EOVIST *[see Warning and Precautions (5.4)]*.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

Patients with suspected or known focal liver lesions were enrolled in two of four non-randomized, intrapatient-controlled studies that evaluated predominantly the detection (studies 1 and 2) or morphological characterization (studies 3 and 4) of liver lesions. Studies 1 and 2 ("detection" studies) enrolled patients who were scheduled for liver surgery. MRI results were compared to a reference standard that consisted of surgical histopathology and the results from intra-operative ultrasound of the liver. The studies assessed the sensitivity of pre-contrast MRI and EOVIST-contrasted MRI for the detection of liver lesions, when each set of images was compared to the reference.

Studies 3 and 4 ("characterization" studies) enrolled patients with known or suspected focal liver lesions, including patients who were not scheduled for liver surgery. MRI results were compared to a reference standard that consisted of

surgical histopathology and other prospectively defined criteria. The studies assessed the correctness of liver lesion characterization by pre-contrast MRI and EOVIST-contrasted MRI, when each set of images was compared to the reference. Lesions were characterized as one of the following choices: hepatocellular carcinoma, cholangiocarcinoma, metastasis, focal lymphoma, adenoma, focal nodular hyperplasia, hemangioma, abscess, focal liver fibrosis, regenerative nodule, focal fat, hydatid cyst, liver cyst, "not assessable", normal, no lesion or "other."

In all four studies, patients underwent a baseline, pre-contrast MRI followed by the administration of EOVIST at a dose of 0.025 mmol/kg, with MRI performed immediately (the "dynamic" phase) and at 10 to 20 minutes following EOVIST administration (the "hepatocyte" phase). Patients also underwent computerized tomography with contrast examinations of the liver. Pre-contrast MRI and EOVIST-contrasted MR images were evaluated in a systematic, randomized, paired and unpaired fashion by three radiologists who were blinded to clinical information. CT images were also evaluated by the radiologists in a separate reading session.

Diagnostic efficacy was determined in 621 patients. The average age was 57 years (range 19 to 84 years) and 54% were male. The ethnic representations were 90% Caucasian, 4% Black, 3% Hispanic, 2% Asian, and 1% of other ethnic groups.

The combination of non-contrasted and EOVIST-contrasted MR images had improved sensitivity for the detection and characterization of liver lesions, compared to pre-contrasted MR images (Tables 3 and 4). The improved sensitivity in detection of lesions was predominantly related to the detection of additional lesions among patients with multiple lesions on the pre-contrast MR images. The false positive rates for detection of lesions were similar for non-contrasted MR images and EOVIST-contrasted MR images (32% versus 34%, respectively). Liver lesion detection and characterization results were similar between CT and the combination of pre-contrasted and EOVIST-contrasted MR images.

Table 3 Sensitivity in Liver Lesion Detection

Diagnostic Procedure	Reader	Study 1 Sensitivity (%) n=129	Study 2 Sensitivity (%) n=126
Pre-contrast MRI	Reader 1	76	77
	Reader 2	76	73
	Reader 3	71	72
Combined pre- and EOVIST-contrast MRI	Reader 1	81	82
	Reader 2	78	76
	Reader 3	74	78
Difference: combined pre + EOVIST-contrast MRI minus pre MRI (95% confidence interval)	Reader 1	5 (1, 9)*	5 (1, 9)*
	Reader 2	2 (-1, 5)	3 (-1, 7)
	Reader 3	3 (0, 6)*	6 (0, 10)*

* Statistically significant improvement

Table 4 Proportion of Correctly Characterized Lesions

		Study 3		Study 4	
Diagnostic Procedure	**Reader**	**n**	**Proportion correct (%) ****	**n**	**Proportion correct (%) ****
Pre-contrast MRI	Reader 1	182	51	177	60
	Reader 2	182	59	177	64
	Reader 3	182	53	177	48
Combined pre- and EOVIST-contrast MRI	Reader 1	182	67	177	61
	Reader 2	182	76	177	76
	Reader 3	182	58	177	67
Difference: combined pre- and EOVIST-contrast MRI minus pre-contrast MRI (95% confidence interval)	Reader 1		16 (7, 25)*		1 (-7, 10)
	Reader 2		17 (9, 25)*		11 (5, 18)*
	Reader 3		5 (-2, 12)		19 (11, 27)*

* Statistically significant improvement
** Proportion of correctly characterized lesions with respect to the reference

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

EOVIST is supplied in single-dose, rubber stoppered vials containing 181.43 mg/mL of gadoxetate disodium (equivalent to 0.25 mmol/mL gadoxetate disodium), in the following sizes:

10 mL single-dose vials filled with 10 mL, boxes of 5 (NDC 50419-320-05)
15 mL single-dose vials filled with 15 mL, boxes of 5 (NDC 50419-320-15)

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at temperatures between 20 to 25° C (68 to 77° F); excursions permitted to 15 to 30° C *[see USP Controlled Room Temperature]*.

EOVIST is a ready-to-use solution for single use only. Visually inspect EOVIST for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored or if particulate matter is present. The rubber stopper should not be pierced more than once. Use EOVIST immediately after opening. Unused portions should be discarded.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

- Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis
Instruct patients to inform their physician if they:

- Have a history of kidney disease and/or liver disease
- Have recently received a GBCA

GBCAs increase the risk of NSF among patients with impaired elimination of drugs. To counsel patients at risk of NSF:

- Describe the clinical manifestations of NSF
- Describe procedures to screen for the detection of renal impairment

Instruct the patients to contact their physician if they develop signs or symptoms of NSF following EOVIST administration, such as burning, itching, swelling, scaling, hardening and tightening of the skin; red or dark patches on the skin; stiffness in joints with trouble moving, bending or straightening the arms, hands, legs or feet; pain in the hip bones or ribs; or muscle weakness.

Common Adverse Reactions
Inform patients that they may experience:

- Reactions along the venous injection site, such as mild and transient burning or pain or feeling of warmth or coldness at the injection site
- Side effects of headache, nausea, abnormal taste and feeling hot

General Precautions
Gadolinium Retention

- Advise patients that gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs in patients with normal renal function. The clinical consequences of retention are unknown. Retention depends on multiple factors and is greater following administration of linear GBCAs than following administration of macrocyclic *GBCAs [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Instruct patients receiving EOVIST to inform their physician if they:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Have a history of allergic reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma or allergic respiratory disorder

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Medication Guide

MEDICATION GUIDE
EOVIST (e-o-vist)
(gadoxetate disodium)
Injection for intravenous use

What is Eovist?

- Eovist is a prescription medicine called a gadolinium-based contrast agent (GBCA). Eovist, like other GBCAs, is injected into your vein and used with a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner.
- An MRI exam with a GBCA, including Eovist, helps your doctor to see problems better than an MRI exam without a GBCA. Eovist is needed to better see the problems in your liver.
- Your doctor has reviewed your medical records and has determined that you would benefit from using a GBCA with your MRI exam.

What is the most important information I should know about Eovist?

- Eovist contains a metal called gadolinium. Small amounts of gadolinium can stay in your body including the brain, bones, skin and other parts of your body for a long time (several months to years).
- It is not known how gadolinium may affect you, but so far, studies have not found harmful effects in patients with normal kidneys.
- Rarely, patients have reported pains, tiredness, and skin, muscle or bone ailments for a long time, but these symptoms have not been directly linked to gadolinium.
- At equivalent doses, the amount of gadolinium that stays in the body is different for different gadolinium medicines. Gadolinium stays in the body more after Omniscan or Optimark than after Eovist, Magnevist, or MultiHance. Gadolinium stays in the body the least after Dotarem, Gadavist, or ProHance.
- People who get many doses of gadolinium medicines, women who are pregnant and young children may be at increased risk from gadolinium staying in the body.
- Some people with kidney problems who get gadolinium medicines can develop a condition with severe thickening of the skin, muscles and other organs in the body (nephrogenic systemic fibrosis). Your healthcare provider should screen you to see how well your kidneys are working before you receive Eovist.

Do not receive Eovist if you have had a severe allergic reaction to Eovist.

Before receiving Eovist, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have had any MRI procedures in the past where you received a GBCA. Your healthcare provider may ask you for more information including the dates of these MRI procedures.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Eovist can harm your unborn baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the possible risks to an unborn baby if a GBCA such as Eovist is received during pregnancy.
- have kidney problems, diabetes, or high blood pressure.
- have had an allergic reaction to dyes (contrast agents) including GBCAs

What are the possible side effects of Eovist?

- **See "What is the most important information I should know about Eovist?"**
- **Allergic reactions. Eovist can cause allergic reactions that can sometimes be serious. Your healthcare provider will monitor you closely for symptoms of an allergic reaction.**

The most common side effects of Eovist include: nausea, headache, feeling hot, dizziness, and back pain.
These are not all the possible side effects of Eovist.
Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of EOVIST.
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about EOVIST that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in Eovist?
Active ingredient: gadoxetate disodium
Inactive ingredients: caloxetate trisodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide (for pH adjustment), and water for injection.
Manufactured for Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Manufactured in Germany

For more information, go to www.eovist.com or call 1-888-842-2937.

This Medication Guide has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration 4/2018

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use GADAVIST safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for GADAVIST.

GADAVIST (gadobutrol) injection, for intravenous use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2011

WARNING: NEPHROGENIC SYSTEMIC FIBROSIS (NSF)
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for NSF among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs in these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrasted MRI or other modalities.

- **The risk for NSF appears highest among patients with:**
  - **Chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2), or**
  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age >60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing. (5.1).**

----------RECENT MAJOR CHANGES----------

Warnings and Precautions, Gadolinium Retention (5.3) 4/2018

----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------

Gadavist is a gadolinium-based contrast agent indicated for use with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI):

- To detect and visualize areas with disrupted blood brain barrier and/or abnormal vascularity of the central nervous system in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) (1.1)
- To assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease (1.2)
- To evaluate known or suspected supra-aortic or renal artery disease in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) (1.3)

----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------

- Recommended dose for adults and pediatric patients (including term neonates) is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (2.1)
- Administer as an intravenous bolus injection (2.2)
- Follow injection with a normal saline flush (2.2)

----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------

Gadavist injection contains 604.72 mg gadobutrol/mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol/mL) and is available in vials and prefilled syringes (3)

----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------

History of severe hypersensitivity reaction to Gadavist (4)

----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------

- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis has occurred in patients with impaired elimination of GBCAs. Higher than recommended dosing or repeated dosing appears to increase the risk. (5.1)
- Anaphylactic and other hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory or cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe, including death, have occurred. Monitor patients closely during and after administration of Gadavist. (5.2)
- Gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, and other organs. (5.3)

----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------

Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 0.5%) are headache, nausea, and dizziness (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-888-842-2937 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch*

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS*

*Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed

FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

WARNING: NEPHROGENIC SYSTEMIC FIBROSIS (NSF)

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for NSF among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs in these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrasted MRI or other modalities. NSF may result in fatal or debilitating fibrosis affecting the skin, muscle and internal organs.

- **The risk for NSF appears highest among patients with:**
  - **Chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2), or**
  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing.**
- **For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended Gadavist dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug from the body prior to any re-administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.**

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Central Nervous System (CNS)

Gadavist is indicated for use with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) to detect and visualize areas with disrupted blood brain barrier and/or abnormal vascularity of the central nervous system.

1.2 MRI of the Breast

Gadavist is indicated for use with MRI to assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease.

1.3 Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)

Gadavist is indicated for use in magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) to evaluate known or suspected supra-aortic or renal artery disease.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dose

The recommended dose of Gadavist for adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (0.1 mmol/kg). Refer to Table 1 to determine the volume to be administered.

Table 1: Volume of Gadavist Injection by Body Weight

Body Weight (kg)	Volume to be Administered (mL)
2.5	0.25
5	0.5
10	1
15	1.5
20	2
25	2.5
30	3
35	3.5
40	4
45	4.5
50	5
60	6
70	7
80	8
90	9
100	10
110	11
120	12
130	13
140	14

2.2 Administration Guidelines

- Gadavist is formulated at a higher concentration (1 mmol/mL) compared to certain other gadolinium based contrast agents, resulting in a lower volume of administration. Use Table 1 to determine the volume to be administered.
- Use sterile technique when preparing and administering Gadavist.

MRI of the Central Nervous System

- Administer Gadavist as an intravenous injection, manually or by power injector, at a flow rate of approximately 2 mL/second.
- Follow Gadavist injection with a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.
- Post contrast MRI can commence immediately following contrast administration.

MRI of the Breast

- Administer Gadavist as an intravenous bolus by power injector, followed by a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.
- Start image acquisition following contrast administration and then repeat sequentially to determine peak intensity and wash-out.

MR Angiography

Image acquisition should coincide with peak arterial concentration, which varies among patients.

Adults

- Administer Gadavist by power injector, at a flow rate of approximately 1.5 mL/second, followed by a 30 mL normal saline flush at the same rate to ensure complete administration of the contrast.

Pediatric patients

- Administer Gadavist by power injector or manually, followed by a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.

2.3 Drug Handling

- Visually inspect Gadavist for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored, if particulate matter is present or if the container appears damaged.
- Do not mix Gadavist with other medications and do not administer Gadavist in the same intravenous line simultaneously with other medications because of the potential for chemical incompatibility.

Vials

- Draw Gadavist into the syringe immediately before use.
- Do not pierce the rubber stopper more than once. Discard any unused vial contents.

Pre-filled syringes

- Remove the tip cap from the pre-filled syringe immediately before use. Discard any unused syringe contents.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Gadavist is a sterile, clear, and colorless to pale yellow solution for injection containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol/mL) supplied in single-dose vials and pre-filled disposable syringes.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Gadavist is contraindicated in patients with history of severe hypersensitivity reactions to Gadavist.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs among these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrast MRI or other modalities. The GBCA-associated NSF risk appears highest for patients with chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2) as well as patients with acute kidney injury. The risk appears lower for patients with chronic, moderate kidney disease (GFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m^2) and little, if any, for patients with chronic, mild kidney disease (GFR 60 to 89 mL/min/1.73m^2). NSF may result in fatal or debilitating fibrosis affecting the skin, muscle and internal organs. Report any diagnosis of NSF following Gadavist administration to Bayer Healthcare (1-888-842-2937) or FDA (1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch).

Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. Features of acute kidney injury consist of rapid (over hours to days) and usually reversible decrease in kidney function, commonly in the setting of surgery, severe infection, injury or drug-induced kidney toxicity. Serum creatinine levels and estimated GFR may not reliably assess renal function in the setting of acute kidney injury. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, diabetes mellitus or chronic hypertension), estimate the GFR through laboratory testing.

Among the factors that may increase the risk for NSF are repeated or higher than recommended doses of a GBCA and degree of renal impairment at the time of exposure. Record the specific GBCA and the dose administered to a patient. For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended Gadavist dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug prior to re-administration. For patients receiving hemodialysis, consider the prompt initiation of hemodialysis following the administration of a GBCA in order to enhance the contrast agent's elimination *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*. The usefulness of hemodialysis in the prevention of NSF is unknown *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

5.2 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Anaphylactic and other hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory or cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe, including death, have uncommonly occurred following Gadavist administration *[see Adverse Reactions (6)]*.

- Before Gadavist administration, assess all patients for any history of a reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma and/or allergic disorders. These patients may have an increased risk for a hypersensitivity reaction to Gadavist.

- Administer Gadavist only in situations where trained personnel and therapies are promptly available for the treatment of hypersensitivity reactions, including personnel trained in resuscitation.

Most hypersensitivity reactions to Gadavist have occurred within half an hour after administration. Delayed reactions can occur up to several days after administration. Observe patients for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions during and following Gadavist administration.

5.3 Gadolinium Retention

Gadolinium is retained for months or years in several organs. The highest concentrations (nanomoles per gram of tissue) have been identified in the bone, followed by other organs (for example, brain, skin, kidney, liver, and spleen). The duration of retention also varies by tissue and is longest in bone. Linear GBCAs cause more retention than macrocyclic GBCAs. At equivalent doses, gadolinium retention varies among the linear agents with Omniscan (gadodiamide) and Optimark (gadoversetamide) causing greater retention than other linear agents [Eovist (gadoxetate disodium), Magnevist (gadopentetate dimeglumine),MultiHance (gadobenate dimeglumine)]. Retention is lowest and similar among the macrocyclic GBCAs [Dotarem (gadoterate meglumine), Gadavist (gadobutrol), ProHance (gadoteridol)].

Consequences of gadolinium retention in the brain have not been established. Pathologic and clinical consequences of GBCA administration and retention in skin and other organs have been established in patients with impaired renal function *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. There are rare reports of pathologic skin changes in patients with normal renal function. Adverse events involving multiple organ systems have been reported in patients with normal renal function without an established causal link to gadolinium retention *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

While clinical consequences of gadolinium retention have not been established in patients with normal renal function, certain patients might be at higher risk. These include patients requiring multiple lifetime doses, pregnant and pediatric patients, and patients with inflammatory conditions. Consider the retention characteristics of the agent when choosing a GBCA for these patients. Minimize repetitive GBCA imaging studies particularly closely spaced studies, when possible.

5.4 Acute Kidney Injury

In patients with chronic renal impairment, acute kidney injury sometimes requiring dialysis has been observed with the use of some GBCAs. Do not exceed the recommended dose; the risk of acute kidney injury may increase with higher than recommended doses.

5.5 Extravasation and Injection Site Reactions

Ensure catheter and venous patency before the injection of Gadavist. Extravasation into tissues during Gadavist administration may result in moderate irritation *[see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)]*.

5.6 Overestimation of Extent of Malignant Disease in MRI of the Breast

Gadavist MRI of the breast overestimated the histologically confirmed extent of malignancy in the diseased breast in up to 50% of the patients *[see Clinical Studies (14.2)]*.

5.7 Low Sensitivity for Significant Arterial Stenosis

The performance of Gadavist MRA for detecting arterial segments with significant stenosis (>50% renal, >70% supra-aortic) has not been shown to exceed 55%. Therefore, a negative MRA study alone should not be used to rule out significant stenosis *[see Clinical Studies (14.3)]*.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed elsewhere in labeling:

- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) *[see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.
- Hypersensitivity reactions *[see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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 clinical practice.

The adverse reactions described in this section reflect Gadavist exposure in 6,809 subjects (including 184 pediatric patients, ages 0 to 17 years) with the majority receiving the recommended dose. Approximately 51% of the subjects were male and the ethnic distribution was 61% Caucasian, 29% Asian, 5% Hispanic, 2% Black, and 3% patients of other ethnic groups. The average age was 56 years (range from 1 week to 93 years).

Overall, approximately 4% of subjects reported one or more adverse reactions during a follow-up period that ranged from 24 hours to 7 days after Gadavist administration.

Adverse reactions associated with the use of Gadavist were usually mild to moderate in severity and transient in nature.

Table 2 lists adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 0.1% subjects who received Gadavist.

Table 2: Adverse Reactions

Reaction	**Rate (%) n=6809**
Headache	1.5
Nausea	1.1
Dizziness	0.5
Dysgeusia	0.4
Feeling Hot	0.4
Injection site reactions	0.4
Vomiting	0.4
Rash (includes generalized, macular, papular, pruritic)	0.3
Pruritus (includes generalized)	0.2
Erythema	0.2
Hypersensitivity/Anaphylactoid*	0.1
Dyspnea	0.1
Paresthesia	0.1

*Hypersensitivity/anaphylactoid reaction may occur with one or more of the following adverse reactions: for example, hypotension, urticaria, face edema, eyelid edema, flushing

Adverse reactions that occurred with a frequency of < 0.1% in subjects who received Gadavist include: loss of consciousness, convulsion, parosmia, tachycardia, palpitation, dry mouth, malaise and feeling cold.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following additional adverse reactions have been reported during postmarketing use of Gadavist. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

- Cardiac arrest
- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)
- Hypersensitivity reactions (anaphylactic shock, circulatory collapse, respiratory arrest, pulmonary edema, bronchospasm, cyanosis, oropharyngeal swelling, laryngeal edema, blood pressure increased, chest pain, angioedema, conjunctivitis, hyperhidrosis, cough, sneezing, burning sensation, and pallor) *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.
- General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Adverse events with variable onset and duration have been reported after GBCA administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*. These include fatigue, asthenia, pain syndromes, and heterogeneous clusters of symptoms in the neurological, cutaneous, and musculoskeletal systems.
- Skin: Gadolinium associated plaques

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

GBCAs cross the placenta and result in fetal exposure and gadolinium retention. The human data on the association between GBCAs and adverse fetal outcomes are limited and inconclusive *(see Data)*. In animal reproduction studies,

although teratogenicity was not observed, embryolethality was observed in monkeys, rabbits and rats receiving intravenous gadobutrol during organogenesis at doses 8 times and above the recommended human dose. Retardation of embryonal development was observed in rabbits and rats receiving intravenous gadobutrol during organogenesis at doses 8 and 12 times, respectively, the recommended human dose *[see Data]*. Because of the potential risks of gadolinium to the fetus, use Gadavist only if imaging is essential during pregnancy and cannot be delayed.

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

Data

Human Data.

Contrast enhancement is visualized in the placenta and fetal tissues after maternal GBCA administration.

Cohort studies and case reports on exposure to GBCAs during pregnancy have not reported a clear association between GBCAs and adverse effects in the exposed neonates. However, a retrospective cohort study, comparing pregnant women who had a GBCA MRI to pregnant women who did not have an MRI, reported a higher occurrence of stillbirths and neonatal deaths in the group receiving GBCA MRI. Limitations of this study include a lack of comparison with non-contrast MRI and lack of information about the maternal indication for MRI. Overall, these data preclude a reliable evaluation of the potential risk of adverse fetal outcomes with the use of GBCAs in pregnancy.

Animal Data

Gadolinium Retention

GBCAs administered to pregnant non-human primates (0.1 mmol/kg on gestational days 85 and 135) result in measurable gadolinium concentration in the offspring in bone, brain, skin, liver, kidney, and spleen for at least 7 months. GBCAs administered to pregnant mice (2 mmol/kg daily on gestational days 16 through 19) result in measurable gadolinium concentrations in the pups in bone, brain, kidney, liver, blood, muscle, and spleen at one month postnatal age.

Reproductive Toxicology

Embryolethality was observed when gadobutrol was administered intravenously to monkeys during organogenesis at doses 8 times the recommended single human dose (based on body surface area); gadobutrol was not maternally toxic or teratogenic at this dose. Embryolethality and retardation of embryonal development also occurred in pregnant rats receiving maternally toxic doses of gadobutrol (≥ 7.5 mmol/kg body weight; equivalent to 12 times the human dose based on body surface area) and in pregnant rabbits (≥ 2.5 mmol/kg body weight; equivalent to 8 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area). In rabbits, this finding occurred without evidence of pronounced maternal toxicity and with minimal placental transfer (0.01% of the administered dose detected in the fetuses).

Because pregnant animals received repeated daily doses of Gadavist, their overall exposure was significantly higher than that achieved with the standard single dose administered to humans.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of gadobutrol in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. However, published lactation data on other GBCAs indicate that 0.01 to 0.04% of the maternal gadolinium dose is present in breast milk and there is limited GBCA gastrointestinal absorption in the breast-fed infant. In rat lactation studies, gadobutrol was present in milk in amounts less than 0.1% of the dose intravenously administered and the gastrointestinal absorption is poor (approximately 5% of the dose orally administered was excreted in the urine). The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Gadavist and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Gadavist or from the underlying maternal condition.

Clinical Considerations

A lactating woman may consider interrupting breastfeeding and pumping and discarding breast milk up to 18 hours after Gadavist administration in order to minimize exposure to a breastfed infant.

Data

In lactating rats receiving 0.5 mmol/kg of intravenous [^{153}Gd]-gadobutrol, 0.01% of the total administered radioactivity was transferred to the pup via maternal milk within 3 hours after administration.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of Gadavist have been established in pediatric patients born at 37 weeks gestation or later based on imaging and pharmacokinetic data in 138 patients ages 2 to 17 years and 44 patients ages 0 to less than 2 years and extrapolation from adult data. The frequency, type, and severity of adverse reactions in pediatric patients were similar to adverse reactions in adults *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*. No dose adjustment according to age is necessary in pediatric patients *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), and Clinical Studies (14.1)]*. The safety and effectiveness of Gadavist have not been established in premature infants.

NSF Risk

No case of NSF associated with Gadavist or any other GBCA has been identified in pediatric patients ages 6 years and younger. Pharmacokinetic studies suggest that clearance of Gadavist is similar in pediatric patients and adults, including pediatric patients age younger than 2 years. No increased risk factor for NSF has been identified in juvenile animal studies of gadobutrol. Normal estimated GFR (eGFR) is around 30 mL/min/1.73m^2 at birth and increases to mature levels around 1 year of age, reflecting growth in both glomerular function and relative body surface area. Clinical studies in pediatric patients younger than 1 year of age have been conducted in patients with the following minimum eGFR: 31 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 2 to 7 days), 38 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 8 to 28 days), 62 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 1 to 6 months), and 83 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 6 to 12 months).

Juvenile Animal Data

Single and repeat-dose toxicity studies in neonatal and juvenile rats did not reveal findings suggestive of a specific risk for use in pediatric patients including term neonates and infants.

8.5 Geriatric Use

In clinical studies of Gadavist, 1,377 patients were 65 years of age and over, while 104 patients were 80 years of age and over. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, use of Gadavist in elderly patients should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of impaired renal function and concomitant disease or other drug therapy. No dose adjustment according to age is necessary in this population.

8.6 Renal Impairment

Prior to administration of Gadavist, screen all patients for renal dysfunction by obtaining a history and/or laboratory tests *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. No dosage adjustment is recommended for patients with renal impairment.

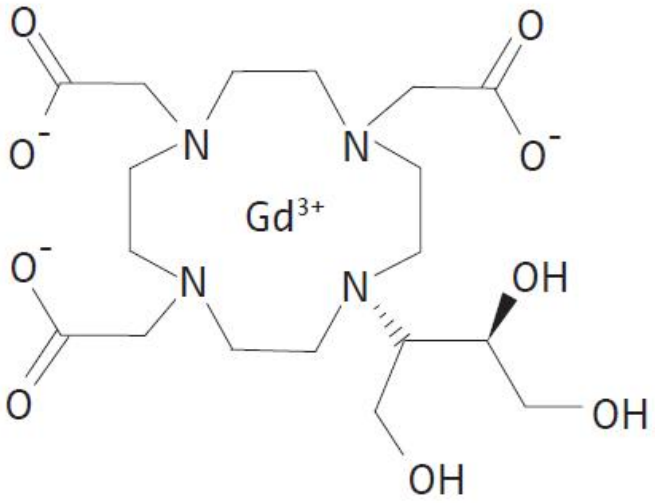
Gadavist can be removed from the body by hemodialysis *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

10 OVERDOSAGE

The maximum dose of Gadavist tested in healthy volunteers, 1.5 mL/kg body weight (1.5 mmol/kg; 15 times the recommended dose), was tolerated in a manner similar to lower doses. Gadavist can be removed by hemodialysis *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

11 DESCRIPTION

Gadavist (gadobutrol) injection is a paramagnetic macrocyclic contrast agent administered for magnetic resonance imaging. The chemical name for gadobutrol is 10–[(1SR,2RS)–2,3–dihydroxy–1–hydroxymethylpropyl]–1,4,7,10–tetraazacyclododecane–1,4,7–triacetic acid, gadolinium complex. Gadobutrol has a molecular formula of $C_{18}H_{31}GdN_4O_9$ and a molecular weight of 604.72.



Gadavist is a sterile, clear, colorless to pale yellow solution containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol/mL) as the active ingredient and the excipients calcobutrol sodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment) and water for injection. Gadavist contains no preservatives.

The main physicochemical properties of Gadavist (1 mmol/mL solution for injection) are listed below:

Density (g/mL at 37°C)	1.3
Osmolarity at 37°C (mOsm/L solution)	1117
Osmolality at 37°C (mOsm/kg H_2O)	1603
Viscosity at 37°C (mPa·s)	4.96
pH	6.6–8

The thermodynamic stability constants for gadobutrol (log Ktherm and log Kcond at pH 7.4) are 21.8 and 15.3, respectively.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

In MRI, visualization of normal and pathological tissue depends in part on variations in the radiofrequency signal intensity that occurs with:

- Differences in proton density
- Differences of the spin-lattice or longitudinal relaxation times (T_1)
- Differences in the spin-spin or transverse relaxation time (T_2)

When placed in a magnetic field, Gadavist shortens the T1 and T2 relaxation times. The extent of decrease of T1 and T2 relaxation times, and therefore the amount of signal enhancement obtained from Gadavist, is based upon several factors including the concentration of Gadavist in the tissue, the field strength of the MRI system, and the relative ratio of the longitudinal and transverse relaxation times. At the recommended dose, the T1 shortening effect is observed with greatest sensitivity in T1-weighted magnetic resonance sequences. In T2*-weighted sequences the induction of local magnetic field inhomogeneities by the large magnetic moment of gadolinium and at high concentrations (during bolus injection) leads to a signal decrease.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Gadavist leads to distinct shortening of the relaxation times even in low concentrations. At pH 7, 37°C and 1.5 T, the relaxivity (r_1) - determined from the influence on the relaxation times (T_1) of protons in plasma - is 5.2 L/(mmol·sec) and the relaxivity (r_2) - determined from the influence on the relaxation times (T_2) - is 6.1 L/(mmol·sec). These relaxivities

display only slight dependence on the strength of the magnetic field. The T_1 shortening effect of paramagnetic contrast agents is dependent on concentration and r_1 relaxivity (see Table 3). This may improve tissue visualization.

Table 3: Relaxivity (r_1) of Gadolinium Chelates at 1.5 T

Gadolinium-Chelate	r_1 ($L \cdot mmol^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$)
Gadobenate	6.3
Gadobutrol	5.2
Gadodiamide	4.3
Gadofosveset	16
Gadopentetate	4.1
Gadoterate	3.6
Gadoteridol	4.1
Gadoversetamide	4.7
Gadoxetate	6.9

r_1 relaxivity in plasma at 37°C

Compared to 0.5 molar gadolinium-based contrast agents, the higher concentration of Gadavist results in half the volume of administration and a more compact contrast bolus injection. At the site of imaging, the relative height and width of the time intensity curve for Gadavist varies as a function of imaging location and multiple patient, injection, and device-specific factors.

Gadavist is a water-soluble, hydrophilic compound with a partition coefficient between n-butanol and buffer at pH 7.6 of about 0.006.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Distribution

After intravenous administration, gadobutrol is rapidly distributed in the extracellular space. After a gadobutrol dose of 0.1 mmol/kg body weight, an average level of 0.59 mmol gadobutrol/L was measured in plasma 2 minutes after the injection and 0.3 mmol gadobutrol/L 60 minutes after the injection. Gadobutrol does not display any particular protein binding. Following GBCA administration, gadolinium is present for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Metabolism

Gadobutrol is not metabolized.

Elimination

Values for AUC, body weight normalized plasma clearance and half-life are given in Table 4, below.

Gadobutrol is excreted in an unchanged form via the kidneys. In healthy subjects, renal clearance of gadobutrol is 1.1 to 1.7 mL/(min·kg) and thus comparable to the renal clearance of inulin, confirming that gadobutrol is eliminated by glomerular filtration.

Within two hours after intravenous administration more than 50% and within 12 hours more than 90% of the given dose is eliminated via the urine. Extra-renal elimination is negligible.

Specific Populations

Gender

Gender has no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of gadobutrol.

Geriatric

A single IV dose of 0.1 mmol/kg Gadavist was administered to 15 elderly and 16 non-elderly subjects. AUC was slightly higher and clearance slightly lower in elderly subjects as compared to non-elderly subjects *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)]*.

Pediatric

The pharmacokinetics of gadobutrol were evaluated in two studies in a total of 130 patients age 2 to less than 18 years and in 43 patients less than 2 years of age (including term neonates). Patients received a single intravenous dose of 0.1 mmol/kg of Gadavist. The pharmacokinetic profile of gadobutrol in pediatric patients is similar to that in adults, resulting in similar values for AUC, body weight normalized plasma clearance, as well as elimination half-life. Approximately 99% (median value) of the dose was recovered in urine within 6 hours (this information was derived from the 2 to less than 18 year old age group).

Table 4: Pharmacokinetics by Age Group (Median [Range])

	0 to < 2 years N=43	**2 to 6 years N=45**	**7 to 11 years N=39**	**12 to < 18 years N=46**	**Adults N=93**
AUC (µmolxh/L)	781 [513, 1891]	846 [412, 1331]	1025 [623, 2285]	1237 [946, 2211]	1072 [667, 1992]
CL (L/h/kg)	0.128 [0.053, 0.195]	0.119 [0.080, 0.215]	0.099 [0.043, 0.165]	0.081 [0.046, 0.103]	0.094 [0.051, 0.150]
t1/2 (h)	2.91 [1.60, 12.4]	1.91 [1.04, 2.70]	1.66 [0.91, 2.71]	1.68 [1.31, 2.48]	1.80 [1.20, 6.55]
C20 (µmol/L)	367 [280, 427]	421 [369, 673]	462 [392, 760]	511 [387, 1077]	441 [281, 829]

Renal Impairment

In patients with impaired renal function, the serum half-life of gadobutrol is prolonged and correlated with the reduction in creatinine clearance.

After intravenous injection of 0.1 mmol gadobutrol/kg body weight, the elimination half-life was 5.8 ± 2.4 hours in mild to moderately impaired patients ($80 > CL_{CR} > 30$ mL/min) and 17.6 ± 6.2 hours in severely impaired patients not on dialysis ($CL_{CR} < 30$ mL/min). The mean AUC of gadobutrol in patients with normal renal function was 1.1 ± 0.1 mmol·h/L, compared to 4.0 ± 1.8 mmol·h/L in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment and 11.5 ± 4.3 mmol·h/L in patients with severe renal impairment.

Complete recovery in the urine was seen in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment within 72 hours. In patients with severely impaired renal function about 80% of the administered dose was recovered in the urine within 5 days.

For patients receiving hemodialysis, physicians may consider the prompt initiation of hemodialysis following the administration of Gadavist in order to enhance the contrast agent's elimination. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of gadobutrol is removed from the body after the first dialysis, 94% after the second dialysis, and 98% after the third dialysis session. *[See Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Use in Specific Populations (8.6).]*

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No carcinogenicity studies of gadobutrol have been conducted.

Gadobutrol was not mutagenic in *in vitro* reverse mutation tests in bacteria, in the HGPRT (hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase) test using cultured Chinese hamster V79 cells, or in chromosome aberration tests in human peripheral blood lymphocytes, and was negative in an *in vivo* micronucleus test in mice after intravenous injection of 0.5 mmol/kg.

Gadobutrol had no effect on fertility and general reproductive performance of male and female rats when given in doses 12.2 times the human equivalent dose (based on body surface area).

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Local intolerance reactions, including moderate irritation associated with infiltration of inflammatory cells was observed after paravenous administration to rabbits, suggesting the possibility of occurrence of local irritation if the contrast medium leaks around veins in a clinical setting *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]*.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 MRI of the CNS

Patients referred for MRI of the central nervous system with contrast were enrolled in two clinical trials that evaluated the visualization characteristics of lesions. In both studies, patients underwent a baseline, pre-contrast MRI prior to administration of Gadavist at a dose of 0.1 mmol/kg, followed by a post-contrast MRI. In Study A, patients also underwent an MRI before and after the administration of gadoteridol. The studies were designed to demonstrate superiority of Gadavist MRI to non-contrast MRI for lesion visualization. For both studies, pre-contrast and pre-plus-post contrast images (paired images) were independently evaluated by three readers for contrast enhancement and border delineation using a scale of 1 to 4, and for internal morphology using a scale of 1 to 3 (Table 5). Lesion counting was also performed to demonstrate non-inferiority of paired Gadavist image sets to pre-contrast MRI. Readers were blinded to clinical information.

Table 5: Primary Endpoint Visualization Scoring System

Score	Visualization Characteristics		
	Contrast Enhancement	**Border Delineation**	**Internal Morphology**
1	None	None	Poorly visible
2	Weak	Moderate	Moderately visible
3	Clear	Clear but incomplete	Sufficiently visible
4	Clear and bright	Clear and complete	N/A

Efficacy was determined in 657 subjects. The average age was 49 years (range 18 to 85 years) and 42% were male. The ethnic representations were 39% Caucasian, 4% Black, 16% Hispanic, 38% Asian, and 3% of other ethnic groups.

Table 6 shows a comparison of visualization results between paired images and pre-contrast images. Gadavist provided a statistically significant improvement for each of the three lesion visualization parameters when averaged across three independent readers for each study.

Table 6: Visualization Endpoint Results of Central Nervous System Adult MRI Studies with 0.1 mmol/kg Gadavist

Endpoint	Study A N=336			Study B N=321		
	Pre-contrast	Paired	Difference[1]	Pre-contrast	Paired	Difference
Contrast Enhancement	0.97	2.26	1.29[2]	0.93	2.86	1.94[2]
Border Delineation	1.98	2.58	0.60[2]	1.92	2.94	1.02[2]
Internal Morphology	1.32	1.93	0.60[2]	1.57	2.35	0.78[2]
Average # Lesions Detected	8.08	8.25	0.17[4]	2.65	2.97	0.32[3]

[1] Difference of means = (paired mean) – (pre-contrast mean)
[2] $p<0.001$
[3] Met noninferiority margin of -0.35
[4] Did not meet noninferiority margin of -0.35

Performances of Gadavist and gadoteridol for visualization parameters were similar. Regarding the number of lesions detected, Study B met the prespecified noninferiority margin of -0.35 for paired read versus pre-contrast read while in Study A, Gadavist and gadoteridol did not.

For the visualization endpoints contrast enhancement, border delineation, and internal morphology, the percentage of patients scoring higher for paired images compared to pre-contrast images ranged from 93% to 99% for Study A, and 95% to 97% for Study B. For both studies, the mean number of lesions detected on paired images exceeded that of the pre-contrast images; 37% for Study A and 24% for Study B. There were 29% and 11% of subjects in which the pre-contrast images detected more lesions for Study A and Study B, respectively.

The percentage of patients whose average reader mean score changed by ≤ 0, up to 1, up to 2, and ≥ 2 scoring categories presented in Table 5 is shown in Table 7. The categorical improvement of (≤ 0) represents higher (< 0) or identical ($= 0$)

scores for the pre-contrast read, the categories with scores > 0 represent the magnitude of improvement seen for the paired read.

Table 7: Primary Endpoint Visualization Categorical Improvement for Average Reader

	Study A N=336				**Study B N=321**			
Endpoint	**Categorical Improvement (Paired – Pre-Contrast) %**				**Categorical Improvement (Paired – Pre-Contrast) %**			
	≤ 0	> 0 – < 1	1 – < 2	≥ 2	≤ 0	> 0 – < 1	1 – < 2	≥ 2
Contrast Enhancement	1	30	55	13	3	6	34	57
Border Delineation	7	73	18	1	5	38	51	5
Internal Morphology	4	79	17	0	5	61	33	1

For both studies, the improvement of visualization endpoints in paired Gadavist images compared to pre-contrast images resulted in improved assessment of normal and abnormal CNS anatomy.

Pediatric Patients
Two studies in 44 pediatric patients age younger than 2 years and 135 pediatric patients age 2 to less than 18 years with CNS and non-CNS lesions supported extrapolation of adult CNS efficacy findings. For example, comparing pre vs paired pre- and post-contrast images, investigators selected the best of four descriptors under the heading, “Visualization of lesion-internal morphology (lesion characterization) or homogeneity of vessel enhancement” for 27/44 (62% = pre) vs 43/44 (98% = paired) MR images from patients age 0 to less than 2 years and 106/135 (78% = pre) vs 108/135 (80% = paired) MR images from patients age 2 to less than 18 years.

14.2 MRI of the Breast

Patients with recently diagnosed breast cancer were enrolled in two identical clinical trials to evaluate the ability of Gadavist to assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease prior to surgery. Patients underwent non-contrast breast MRI (BMR) prior to Gadavist (0.1 mmol/kg) breast MRI. BMR images and Gadavist BMR (combined contrast plus non-contrast) images were independently evaluated in each study by three readers blinded to clinical information. In separate reading sessions the BMR images and Gadavist BMR images were also interpreted together with X-ray mammography images (XRM).

The studies evaluated 787 patients: Study 1 enrolled 390 women with an average age of 56 years, 74% were white, 25% Asian, 0.5% black, and 0.5% other; Study 2 enrolled 396 women and 1 man with an average age of 57 years, 71% were white, 24% Asian, 3% black, and 2% other.

The readers assessed 5 regions per breast for the presence of malignancy using each reading modality. The readings were compared to an independent standard of truth (SoT) consisting of histopathology for all regions where excisions were made and tissue evaluated. XRM plus ultrasound was used for all other regions.

The assessment of malignant disease was performed using a region based within-subject sensitivity. Sensitivity for each reading modality was defined as the mean of the percentage of malignant breast regions correctly interpreted for each subject. The within-subject sensitivity of Gadavist BMR was superior to that of BMR. The lower bound of the 95% Confidence Interval (CI) for the difference in within-subject sensitivity ranged from 19% to 42% for Study 1 and from 12% to 27% for Study 2. The within-subject sensitivity for Gadavist BMR and BMR as well as for Gadavist BMR plus XRM and BMR plus XRM is presented in Table 8.

Table 8: Sensitivity of Gadavist BMR for Detection of Malignant Breast Disease

Study 1					Study 2				
Sensitivity (%) N=388 Patients					Sensitivity (%) N=390 Patients				
Reader	BMR	BMR + XRM	Gadavist BMR	Gadavist BMR +XRM	Reader	BMR	BMR + XRM	Gadavist BMR	Gadavist BMR +XRM
1	37	71	83	84	4	73	83	87	90
2	49	76	80	83	5	57	81	89	90
3	63	75	87	87	6	55	80	86	88

Specificity was defined as the percentage of non-malignant breasts correctly identified as non-malignant. The lower limit of the 95% confidence interval for specificity of Gadavist BMR was greater than 80% for 5 of 6 readers. (Table 9)

Table 9: Specificity of Gadavist BMR in Non-Malignant Breasts

Study 1			Study 2		
Specificity (%) N=372 Patients			Specificity (%) N=367 Patients		
Reader	Gadavist BMR	Lower Limit 95% CI	Reader	Gadavist BMR	Lower Limit 95% CI
1	86	82	4	92	89
2	95	93	5	84	80
3	89	85	6	83	79

Three additional readers in each study read XRM alone. For these readers over both studies, sensitivity ranged from 68% to 73% and specificity in non-malignant breasts ranged from 86% to 94%.

In breasts with malignancy, a false positive detection rate was calculated as the percentage of subjects for which the readers assessed a region as malignant which could not be verified by SoT. The false positive detection rates for Gadavist BMR ranged from 39% to 53% (95% CI Upper Bounds ranged from 44% to 58%).

14.3 MRA

Patients with known or suspected disease of the supra-aortic arteries (for evaluation up to but excluding the basilar artery) were enrolled in Study C, and patients with known or suspected disease of the renal arteries were enrolled in Study D. In both studies, non-contrast, 2D time-of-flight (ToF) magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) was performed prior to Gadavist MRA using a single intravenous injection of 0.1 mmol/kg. The injection rate of 1.5 mL/second was selected to extend the injection duration to at least half of the imaging duration. Imaging was performed with parallel-channel, 1.5T MRI devices and an automatic bolus tracking technique to trigger the image acquisition following Gadavist administration using elliptically encoded, T1-weighted, 3D gradient-echo image acquisition and single breath hold. Three central readers blinded to clinical information interpreted the ToF and Gadavist MRA images. Three additional central readers interpreted separately acquired computed tomographic angiography (CTA) images, which were used as the standard of reference (SoR) in each study.

The studies included 749 subjects: 457 were evaluated in Study C, with an average age of 68 (range 25–93); 64% were male; 80% white, 28% black, and 16% Asian. An additional 292 subjects were evaluated in Study D, with an average age of 55 (range 18–88); 54% were male; 68% white, 7% black, and 22% Asian.

Efficacy was evaluated based on anatomical visualization and performance for distinguishing between normal and abnormal anatomy. The visualization metric depended on whether readers selected, “Yes, it can be visualized along its entire length...” when responding to the question, “Is this segment assessable?” Twenty-one segments in Study C and six segments in Study D were presented per subject to each reader. The performance metrics, sensitivity and specificity, depended on digital caliper-based quantitation of arterial narrowing in visualized, non-occluded, abnormal-appearing segments. Significant stenosis was defined as at least 70% in Study C and 50% in Study D. Performance of Gadavist MRA compared to ToF MRA was calculated using an imputation method for non-visualized segments by assigning them as a 50% match with SoR and a 50% mismatch. Performance of Gadavist MRA compared to a pre-specified threshold of

50% was calculated after excluding non-visualized segments. Measurement variability and visualization of accessory renal arteries was also evaluated.

Results were analyzed for each of the three central readers.

Table 10: Visualization, Sensitivity, Specificity

STUDY C: SUPRA-AORTIC ARTERIES (457 patients) **Performance at the segment level** **9597[1] segments of which 158[1] were positive for stenosis by SoR[2]**									
	VISUALIZATION (%)			**SENSITIVITY (%)**			**SPECIFICITY (%)**		
READER	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[3])**	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[4])**	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[4])**
1	88	24	64 (61, 67)	60	54	6 (-4, 14)	92	62	30 (29, 32)
2	95	75	20 (18, 21)	60	54	6 (-3, 14)	95	85	10 (9, 11)
3	97	82	15 (13, 17)	58	55	3 (-4, 11)	97	89	8 (7, 9)
STUDY D: RENAL ARTERIES (292 patients) **Performance at the segment level** **1752[1] segments of which 133[1] were positive for stenosis by SoR[2]**									
4	98	82	16 (13, 20)	52	51	1(-9, 11)	94	83	11 (9, 14)
5	96	72	24 (21, 28)	54	39	15 (6, 24)	95	85	10 (8, 12)
6	96	78	17 (14, 21)	53	50	3 (-6, 12)	94	81	13 (11, 16)

[1]Number of segments varied between readers; number for majority-reader shown.
[2]Standard of Reference based on aggregate interpretation of three central CTA readers.
[3]95.1/95% (Study C/D) confidence interval for two-sided comparison.
[4]90.1/90% (Study C/D) confidence interval for one-sided comparison against non-inferiority margin of -7.5.

GAD MRA = Post-contrast Gadavist Magnetic Resonance Angiography, ToF = Non-contrast 2D-Time of Flight.

For all three supra-aortic artery readers in Study C, the lower bound of confidence for the sensitivity of Gadavist MRA did not exceed 54%. For all three renal artery readers in Study D, the lower bound of confidence for the sensitivity of Gadavist MRA did not exceed 46%.

Measurement Variability

For both MRA and CTA, readers varied in the quantity of narrowing they assigned to the same arterial segments. Table 11 shows the percentage of patients in whom the measurement range was 30% or greater for the left or right internal carotid and proximal renal artery segments. There were approximately four measurements per patient segment, one from the site and three central readers. Measurement variability was high for both CTA and MRA, but numerically lower for Gadavist compared to non-contrast ToF MRA.

Table 11: Percent of Patients with Range ≥ 30%, ≥ 50%, ≥ 70% for Measurement of Stenoses and Normal Vessel Diameters

	Internal Carotid				Proximal Main Renal			
	N	**≥ 30%**	**≥ 50%**	**≥ 70%**	**N**	**≥ 30%**	**≥ 50%**	**≥ 70%**
CTA	456	40	11	4	292	59	33	9
ToF MRA	443	55	22	9	270	44	22	9
Gadavist MRA	454	47	13	4	286	34	14	4

Visualization of Accessory Renal Arteries for Surgical Planning and Renal Donor Evaluation (Study D only)

Of 1752 main arteries visualized by the central CTA readers, 266 (15%) were also associated with positive visualization of at least one accessory (duplicate) artery. With the central MRA readers, the comparable rates were 232 of 1752 (13%) for Gadavist MRA compared to 53 of 1752 (3%) for ToF MRA.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

Gadavist is a sterile, clear and colorless to pale yellow solution containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol) per mL. Gadavist is supplied in the following sizes:

Single-Dose Vials

2 mL single-dose vials, rubber stoppered in cartons of 3, Boxes of 15	(NDC 50419-325-37)
7.5 mL single-dose vials, rubber stoppered in cartons of 10, Boxes of 20	(NDC 50419-325-11)
10 mL single-dose vials, rubber stoppered, in cartons of 10, Boxes of 20	(NDC 50419-325-12)
15 mL single-dose vials, rubber stoppered, in cartons of 10, Boxes of 20	(NDC 50419-325-13)

Single-Dose Pre-Filled Syringes

7.5 mL single-dose pre-filled disposable syringes, Boxes of 5	(NDC 50419-325-27)
10 mL single-dose pre-filled disposable syringes, Boxes of 5	(NDC 50419-325-28)
15 mL single-dose pre-filled disposable syringes, Boxes of 5	(NDC 50419-325-29)

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15–30°C (59–86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

Should freezing occur, Gadavist should be brought to room temperature before use. If allowed to stand at room temperature, Gadavist should return to a clear and colorless to pale yellow solution. Visually inspect Gadavist for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored, if particulate matter is present or if the container appears damaged.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

- Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

Instruct patients to inform their physician if they:
- Have a history of kidney disease and/or liver disease, or
- Have recently received a GBCA

GBCAs increase the risk of NSF among patients with impaired elimination of drugs. To counsel patients at risk of NSF:

- Describe the clinical manifestation of NSF
- Describe procedures to screen for the detection of renal impairment

Instruct the patients to contact their physician if they develop signs or symptoms of NSF following Gadavist administration, such as burning, itching, swelling, scaling, hardening and tightening of the skin; red or dark patches on the skin; stiffness in joints with trouble moving, bending or straightening the arms, hands, legs or feet; pain in the hip bones or ribs; or muscle weakness.

Common Adverse Reactions

Inform patients that they may experience:

- Reactions along the venous injection site, such as mild and transient burning or pain or feeling of warmth or coldness at the injection site
- Side effects of headache, nausea, abnormal taste and feeling hot

General Precautions

Gadolinium Retention

- Advise patients that gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs in patients with normal renal function. The clinical consequences of retention are unknown. Retention depends on multiple factors and is greater following administration of linear GBCAs than following administration of macrocyclic GBCAs. *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Instruct patients receiving Gadavist to inform their physician if they:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Have a history of allergic reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma or allergic respiratory disorder

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Medication Guide

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GADAVIST (gad-a-vist)
(gadobutrol)
Injection for intravenous use

What is Gadavist?

- Gadavist is a prescription medicine called a gadolinium-based contrast agent (GBCA). Gadavist, like other GBCAs, is injected into your vein and used with a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner.
- An MRI exam with a GBCA, including Gadavist, helps your doctor to see problems better than an MRI exam without a GBCA.
- Your doctor has reviewed your medical records and has determined that you would benefit from using a GBCA with your MRI exam.

What is the most important information I should know about Gadavist?

- Gadavist contains a metal called gadolinium. Small amounts of gadolinium can stay in your body including the brain, bones, skin and other parts of your body for a long time (several months to years).
- It is not known how gadolinium may affect you, but so far, studies have not found harmful effects in patients with normal kidneys.
- Rarely, patients have reported pains, tiredness, and skin, muscle or bone ailments for a long time, but these symptoms have not been directly linked to gadolinium.
- There are different GBCAs that can be used for your MRI exam. The amount of gadolinium that stays in the body is different for different gadolinium medicines. Gadolinium stays in the body more after Omniscan or Optimark than after Eovist, Magnevist, or MultiHance. Gadolinium stays in the body the least after Dotarem, Gadavist, or ProHance.
- People who get many doses of gadolinium medicines, women who are pregnant and young children may be at increased risk from gadolinium staying in the body.
- Some people with kidney problems who get gadolinium medicines can develop a condition with severe thickening of the skin, muscles and other organs in the body (nephrogenic systemic fibrosis). Your healthcare provider should screen you to see how well your kidneys are working before you receive Gadavist.

Do not receive Gadavist if you have had a severe allergic reaction to Gadavist.

Before receiving Gadavist, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have had any MRI procedures in the past where you received a GBCA. Your healthcare provider may ask you for more information including the dates of these MRI procedures.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Gadavist can harm your unborn baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the possible risks to an unborn baby if a GBCA such as Gadavist is received during pregnancy.
- have kidney problems, diabetes, or high blood pressure
- have had an allergic reaction to dyes (contrast agents) including GBCAs

What are the possible side effects of Gadavist?

- **See "What is the most important information I should know about Gadavist?"**
- **Allergic reactions. Gadavist can cause allergic reactions that can sometimes be serious. Your healthcare provider will monitor you closely for symptoms of an allergic reaction.**

The most common side effects of Gadavist include: headache, nausea, and dizziness.
These are not all the possible side effects of Gadavist.
Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of Gadavist.
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about Gadavist that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in Gadavist?
Active ingredient: gadobutrol
Inactive ingredients: calcobutrol sodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment) and water for injection
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GADAVIST (gadobutrol) injection, for intravenous use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2011

PHARMACY BULK PACKAGE
NOT FOR DIRECT INFUSION

WARNING: NEPHROGENIC SYSTEMIC FIBROSIS (NSF)
See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for NSF among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs in these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrasted MRI or other modalities.

- **The risk for NSF appears highest among patients with:**
  - **Chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2), or**
  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age >60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing (5.1).**

----------RECENT MAJOR CHANGES----------

Warnings and Precautions, Gadolinium Retention (5.3) 4/2018

----------INDICATIONS AND USAGE----------

Gadavist is a gadolinium-based contrast agent indicated for use with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI):

- To detect and visualize areas with disrupted blood brain barrier and/or abnormal vascularity of the central nervous system in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) (1.1)
- To assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease (1.2)
- To evaluate known or suspected supra-aortic or renal artery disease in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) (1.3)

----------DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION----------

- Recommended dose for adults and pediatric patients (including term neonates) is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (2.1)
- Administer as an intravenous bolus injection (2.2)
- Follow injection with a normal saline flush (2.2)

----------DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS----------

Gadavist injection contains 604.72 mg gadobutrol/mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol/mL) (3)

----------CONTRAINDICATIONS----------

History of severe hypersensitivity reaction to Gadavist (4)

----------WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS----------

- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis has occurred in patients with impaired elimination of GBCAs. Higher than recommended dosing or repeated dosing appears to increase the risk. (5.1)
- Anaphylactic and other hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory or cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe, including death, have occurred. Monitor patients closely during and after administration of Gadavist. (5.2)
- Gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, and other organs. (5.3)

----------ADVERSE REACTIONS----------

Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 0.5%) are headache, nausea, and dizziness (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-888-842-2937 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or *www.fda.gov/medwatch*

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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- **The risk for NSF appears highest among patients with:**
  - **Chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2), or**
  - **Acute kidney injury.**
- **Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, hypertension or diabetes), estimate the glomerular filtration rate (GFR) through laboratory testing.**
- **For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended Gadavist dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug from the body prior to any re-administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.**

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) of the Central Nervous System (CNS)

Gadavist is indicated for use with magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) to detect and visualize areas with disrupted blood brain barrier and/or abnormal vascularity of the central nervous system.

1.2 MRI of the Breast

Gadavist is indicated for use with MRI to assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease.

1.3 Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)

Gadavist is indicated for use in magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) in adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) to evaluate known or suspected supra-aortic or renal artery disease.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dose

The recommended dose of Gadavist for adult and pediatric patients (including term neonates) is 0.1 mL/kg body weight (0.1 mmol/kg). Refer to Table 1 to determine the volume to be administered.

Table 1: Volume of Gadavist Injection by Body Weight

Body Weight (kg)	Volume to be Administered (mL)
2.5	0.25
5	0.5
10	1
15	1.5
20	2
25	2.5
30	3
35	3.5
40	4
45	4.5
50	5
60	6
70	7
80	8
90	9
100	10
110	11
120	12
130	13
140	14

2.2 Administration Guidelines

Gadavist is formulated at a higher concentration (1 mmol/mL) compared to certain other gadolinium based contrast agents, resulting in a lower volume of administration. Use Table 1 to determine the volume to be administered.

Use sterile technique when preparing and administering Gadavist.

MRI of the Central Nervous System

- Administer Gadavist as an intravenous injection, manually or by power injector, at a flow rate of approximately 2 mL/second.
- Follow Gadavist injection with a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.
- Post contrast MRI can commence immediately following contrast administration.

MRI of the Breast

- Administer Gadavist as an intravenous bolus by power injector, followed by a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.
- Start image acquisition following contrast administration and then repeat sequentially to determine peak intensity and wash-out.

MR Angiography

Image acquisition should coincide with peak arterial concentration, which varies among patients.

Adults

- Administer Gadavist by power injector, at a flow rate of approximately 1.5 mL/second, followed by a 30 mL normal saline flush at the same rate to ensure complete administration of the contrast.

Pediatric patients

- Administer Gadavist by power injector or manually, followed by a normal saline flush to ensure complete administration of the contrast.

2.3 Drug Handling

- Visually inspect Gadavist for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored, if particulate matter is present or if the container appears damaged.
- Do not mix Gadavist with other medications and do not administer Gadavist in the same intravenous line simultaneously with other medications because of the potential for chemical incompatibility.
- Instructions of the device manufacturer must be followed.

Pharmacy Bulk Package Preparation

- Pharmacy Bulk Packages are not for use in direct intravenous infusions.
- After the Pharmacy Bulk Package has been opened, Gadavist remains stable for 24 hours at 20–25°C (68–77°F).
- The Pharmacy Bulk Package contains many single doses and is used with an appropriate transfer device for filling empty sterile syringes.
- The transfer of Gadavist from the Pharmacy Bulk Package must be performed in an aseptic work area, such as a laminar flow hood, using aseptic technique.
- Once the Pharmacy Bulk Package is punctured, it should not be removed from the aseptic work area during the entire 24 hour period of use.
- IV tubing and syringes used to administer Gadavist must be discarded at the conclusion of the radiological examination.
- The contents of the Pharmacy Bulk Package after initial puncture should be used within 24 hours. Discard any unused portion in accordance with regulations dealing with the disposal of such materials.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Gadavist is a sterile, clear, and colorless to pale yellow solution for injection containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol/mL).

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Gadavist is contraindicated in patients with history of severe hypersensitivity reactions to Gadavist.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

Gadolinium-based contrast agents (GBCAs) increase the risk for nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) among patients with impaired elimination of the drugs. Avoid use of GBCAs among these patients unless the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrast MRI or other modalities. The GBCA-associated NSF risk appears highest for patients with chronic, severe kidney disease (GFR < 30 mL/min/1.73m^2) as well as patients with acute kidney injury. The risk appears lower for patients with chronic, moderate kidney disease (GFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m^2) and little, if any, for patients with chronic, mild kidney disease (GFR 60 to 89 mL/min/1.73m^2). NSF may result in fatal or debilitating fibrosis affecting the skin, muscle and internal organs. Report any diagnosis of NSF following Gadavist administration to Bayer Healthcare (1-888-842-2937) or FDA (1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch).

Screen patients for acute kidney injury and other conditions that may reduce renal function. Features of acute kidney injury consist of rapid (over hours to days) and usually reversible decrease in kidney function, commonly in the setting of surgery, severe infection, injury or drug-induced kidney toxicity. Serum creatinine levels and estimated GFR may not reliably assess renal function in the setting of acute kidney injury. For patients at risk for chronically reduced renal function (for example, age > 60 years, diabetes mellitus or chronic hypertension), estimate the GFR through laboratory testing.

Among the factors that may increase the risk for NSF are repeated or higher than recommended doses of a GBCA and degree of renal impairment at the time of exposure. Record the specific GBCA and the dose administered to a patient. For patients at highest risk for NSF, do not exceed the recommended Gadavist dose and allow a sufficient period of time for elimination of the drug prior to re-administration. For patients receiving hemodialysis, consider the prompt initiation of

hemodialysis following the administration of a GBCA in order to enhance the contrast agent's elimination *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*. The usefulness of hemodialysis in the prevention of NSF is unknown *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

5.2 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Anaphylactic and other hypersensitivity reactions with cardiovascular, respiratory or cutaneous manifestations, ranging from mild to severe, including death, have uncommonly occurred following Gadavist administration *[see Adverse Reactions (6)]*.

- Before Gadavist administration, assess all patients for any history of a reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma and/or allergic disorders. These patients may have an increased risk for a hypersensitivity reaction to Gadavist.
- Administer Gadavist only in situations where trained personnel and therapies are promptly available for the treatment of hypersensitivity reactions, including personnel trained in resuscitation.

Most hypersensitivity reactions to Gadavist have occurred within half an hour after administration. Delayed reactions can occur up to several days after administration. Observe patients for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions during and following Gadavist administration.

5.3 Gadolinium Retention

Gadolinium is retained for months or years in several organs. The highest concentrations (nanomoles per gram of tissue) have been identified in the bone, followed by other organs (for example, brain, skin, kidney, liver, and spleen). The duration of retention also varies by tissue and is longest in bone. Linear GBCAs cause more retention than macrocyclic GBCAs. At equivalent doses, gadolinium retention varies among the linear agents with Omniscan (gadodiamide) and Optimark (gadoversetamide) causing greater retention than other linear agents [Eovist (gadoxetate disodium), Magnevist (gadopentetate dimeglumine),MultiHance (gadobenate dimeglumine)]. Retention is lowest and similar among the macrocyclic GBCAs [Dotarem (gadoterate meglumine), Gadavist (gadobutrol), ProHance (gadoteridol)].

Consequences of gadolinium retention in the brain have not been established. Pathologic and clinical consequences of GBCA administration and retention in skin and other organs have been established in patients with impaired renal function *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. There are rare reports of pathologic skin changes in patients with normal renal function. Adverse events involving multiple organ systems have been reported in patients with normal renal function without an established causal link to gadolinium retention *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

While clinical consequences of gadolinium retention have not been established in patients with normal renal function, certain patients might be at higher risk. These include patients requiring multiple lifetime doses, pregnant and pediatric patients, and patients with inflammatory conditions. Consider the retention characteristics of the agent when choosing a GBCA for these patients. Minimize repetitive GBCA imaging studies particularly closely spaced studies, when possible.

5.4 Acute Kidney Injury

In patients with chronic renal impairment, acute kidney injury sometimes requiring dialysis has been observed with the use of some GBCAs. Do not exceed the recommended dose; the risk of acute kidney injury may increase with higher than recommended doses.

5.5 Extravasation and Injection Site Reactions

Ensure catheter and venous patency before the injection of Gadavist. Extravasation into tissues during Gadavist administration may result in moderate irritation *[see Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)]*.

5.6 Overestimation of Extent of Malignant Disease in MRI of the Breast

Gadavist MRI of the breast overestimated the histologically confirmed extent of malignancy in the diseased breast in up to 50% of the patients *[see Clinical Studies (14.2)]*.

5.7 Low Sensitivity for Significant Arterial Stenosis

The performance of Gadavist MRA for detecting arterial segments with significant stenosis (>50% renal, >70% supra-aortic) has not been shown to exceed 55%. Therefore, a negative MRA study alone should not be used to rule out significant stenosis *[see Clinical Studies (14.3)]*.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed elsewhere in labeling:

- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF) *[see Boxed Warning and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.
- Hypersensitivity reactions *[see Contraindications (4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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 clinical practice.

The adverse reactions described in this section reflect Gadavist exposure in 6,809 subjects (including 184 pediatric patients, ages 0 to 17 years) with the majority receiving the recommended dose. Approximately 51% of the subjects were male and the ethnic distribution was 61% Caucasian, 29% Asian, 5% Hispanic, 2% Black, and 3% patients of other ethnic groups. The average age was 56 years (range from 1 week to 93 years).

Overall, approximately 4% of subjects reported one or more adverse reactions during a follow-up period that ranged from 24 hours to 7 days after Gadavist administration.

Adverse reactions associated with the use of Gadavist were usually mild to moderate in severity and transient in nature.

Table 2 lists adverse reactions that occurred in ≥ 0.1% subjects who received Gadavist.

Table 2: Adverse Reactions

Reaction	Rate (%) n=6809
Headache	1.5
Nausea	1.1
Dizziness	0.5
Dysgeusia	0.4
Feeling Hot	0.4
Injection site reactions	0.4
Vomiting	0.4
Rash (includes generalized, macular, papular, pruritic)	0.3
Pruritus (includes generalized)	0.2
Erythema	0.2
Hypersensitivity/Anaphylactoid*	0.1
Dyspnea	0.1
Paresthesia	0.1

*Hypersensitivity/anaphylactoid reaction may occur with one or more of the following adverse reactions: for example, hypotension, urticaria, face edema, eyelid edema, flushing

Adverse reactions that occurred with a frequency of < 0.1% in subjects who received Gadavist include: loss of consciousness, convulsion, parosmia, tachycardia, palpitation, dry mouth, malaise and feeling cold.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following additional adverse reactions have been reported during postmarketing use of Gadavist. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

- Cardiac arrest
- Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis (NSF)
- Hypersensitivity reactions (anaphylactic shock, circulatory collapse, respiratory arrest, pulmonary edema, bronchospasm, cyanosis, oropharyngeal swelling, laryngeal edema, blood pressure increased, chest pain, angioedema, conjunctivitis, hyperhidrosis, cough, sneezing, burning sensation, and pallor) *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]*.

- General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Adverse events with variable onset and duration have been reported after GBCA administration *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*. These include fatigue, asthenia, pain syndromes, and heterogeneous clusters of symptoms in the neurological, cutaneous, and musculoskeletal systems5.3.
- Skin: Gadolinium associated plaques

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

GBCAs cross the placenta and result in fetal exposure and gadolinium retention. The human data on the association between GBCAs and adverse fetal outcomes are limited and inconclusive (see Data). In animal reproduction studies, although teratogenicity was not observed, embryolethality was observed in monkeys, rabbits and rats receiving intravenous gadobutrol during organogenesis at doses 8 times and above the recommended human dose. Retardation of embryonal development was observed in rabbits and rats receiving intravenous gadobutrol during organogenesis at doses 8 and 12 times, respectively, the recommended human dose [see Data]. Because of the potential risks of gadolinium to the fetus, use Gadavist only if imaging is essential during pregnancy and cannot be delayed.

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

Data

Human Data.

Contrast enhancement is visualized in the placenta and fetal tissues after maternal GBCA administration.

Cohort studies and case reports on exposure to GBCAs during pregnancy have not reported a clear association between GBCAs and adverse effects in the exposed neonates. However, a retrospective cohort study, comparing pregnant women who had a GBCA MRI to pregnant women who did not have an MRI, reported a higher occurrence of stillbirths and neonatal deaths in the group receiving GBCA MRI. Limitations of this study include a lack of comparison with non-contrast MRI and lack of information about the maternal indication for MRI. Overall, these data preclude a reliable evaluation of the potential risk of adverse fetal outcomes with the use of GBCAs in pregnancy.

Animal Data

Gadolinium Retention

GBCAs administered to pregnant non-human primates (0.1 mmol/kg on gestational days 85 and 135) result in measurable gadolinium concentration in the offspring in bone, brain, skin, liver, kidney, and spleen for at least 7 months. GBCAs administered to pregnant mice (2 mmol/kg daily on gestational days 16 through 19) result in measurable gadolinium concentrations in the pups in bone, brain, kidney, liver, blood, muscle, and spleen at one month postnatal age.

Reproductive Toxicology

Embryolethality was observed when gadobutrol was administered intravenously to monkeys during organogenesis at doses 8 times the recommended single human dose (based on body surface area); gadobutrol was not maternally toxic or teratogenic at this dose. Embryolethality and retardation of embryonal development also occurred in pregnant rats receiving maternally toxic doses of gadobutrol (≥ 7.5 mmol/kg body weight; equivalent to 12 times the human dose based on body surface area) and in pregnant rabbits (≥ 2.5 mmol/kg body weight; equivalent to 8 times the recommended human dose based on body surface area). In rabbits, this finding occurred without evidence of pronounced maternal toxicity and with minimal placental transfer (0.01% of the administered dose detected in the fetuses).

Because pregnant animals received repeated daily doses of Gadavist, their overall exposure was significantly higher than that achieved with the standard single dose administered to humans.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There are no data on the presence of gadobutrol in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. However, published lactation data on other GBCAs indicate that 0.01 to 0.04% of the maternal gadolinium dose is present in breast milk and there is limited GBCA gastrointestinal absorption in the breast-fed infant. In rat lactation studies, gadobutrol was present in milk in amounts less than 0.1% of the dose intravenously administered and the gastrointestinal absorption is poor (approximately 5% of the dose orally administered was excreted in the urine). The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for Gadavist and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from Gadavist or from the underlying maternal condition.

Clinical Considerations

A lactating woman may consider interrupting breastfeeding and pumping and discarding breast milk up to 18 hours after Gadavist administration in order to minimize exposure to a breastfed infant.

Data

In lactating rats receiving 0.5 mmol/kg of intravenous [^{153}Gd]-gadobutrol, 0.01% of the total administered radioactivity was transferred to the pup via maternal milk within 3 hours after administration.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of Gadavist have been established in pediatric patients born at 37 weeks gestation or later based on imaging and pharmacokinetic data in 138 patients ages 2 to 17 years and 44 patients ages 0 to less than 2 years and extrapolation from adult data. The frequency, type, and severity of adverse reactions in pediatric patients were similar to adverse reactions in adults *[see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]*. No dose adjustment according to age is necessary in pediatric patients *[see Dosage and Administration (2.1), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), and Clinical Studies (14.1)]*. The safety and effectiveness of Gadavist have not been established in premature infants.

NSF Risk

No case of NSF associated with Gadavist or any other GBCA has been identified in pediatric patients ages 6 years and younger. Pharmacokinetic studies suggest that clearance of Gadavist is similar in pediatric patients and adults, including pediatric patients age younger than 2 years. No increased risk factor for NSF has been identified in juvenile animal studies of gadobutrol. Normal estimated GFR (eGFR) is around 30 mL/min/1.73m^2 at birth and increases to mature levels around 1 year of age, reflecting growth in both glomerular function and relative body surface area. Clinical studies in pediatric patients younger than 1 year of age have been conducted in patients with the following minimum eGFR: 31 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 2 to 7 days), 38 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 8 to 28 days), 62 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 1 to 6 months), and 83 mL/min/1.73m^2 (age 6 to 12 months).

Juvenile Animal Data

Single and repeat-dose toxicity studies in neonatal and juvenile rats did not reveal findings suggestive of a specific risk for use in pediatric patients including term neonates and infants.

8.5 Geriatric Use

In clinical studies of Gadavist, 1,377 patients were 65 years of age and over, while 104 patients were 80 years of age and over. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, use of Gadavist in elderly patients should be cautious, reflecting the greater frequency of impaired renal function and concomitant disease or other drug therapy. No dose adjustment according to age is necessary in this population.

8.6 Renal Impairment

Prior to administration of Gadavist, screen all patients for renal dysfunction by obtaining a history and/or laboratory tests *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*. No dosage adjustment is recommended for patients with renal impairment.

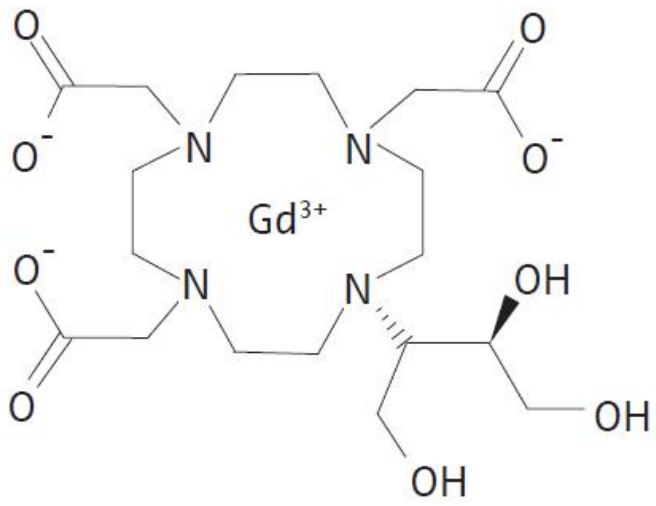
Gadavist can be removed from the body by hemodialysis *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

10 OVERDOSAGE

The maximum dose of Gadavist tested in healthy volunteers, 1.5 mL/kg body weight (1.5 mmol/kg; 15 times the recommended dose), was tolerated in a manner similar to lower doses. Gadavist can be removed by hemodialysis *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.6) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

11 DESCRIPTION

Gadavist (gadobutrol) injection is a paramagnetic macrocyclic contrast agent administered for magnetic resonance imaging. The chemical name for gadobutrol is 10–[(1SR,2RS)–2,3–dihydroxy–1–hydroxymethylpropyl]–1,4,7,10–tetraazacyclododecane–1,4,7–triacetic acid, gadolinium complex. Gadobutrol has a molecular formula of $C_{18}H_{31}GdN_4O_9$ and a molecular weight of 604.72.



Gadavist is a sterile, clear, colorless to pale yellow solution containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol/mL) as the active ingredient and the excipients calcobutrol sodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment) and water for injection. Gadavist contains no preservatives.

The main physicochemical properties of Gadavist (1 mmol/mL solution for injection) are listed below:

Density (g/mL at 37°C)	1.3
Osmolarity at 37°C (mOsm/L solution)	1117
Osmolality at 37°C (mOsm/kg H_2O)	1603
Viscosity at 37°C (mPa·s)	4.96
pH	6.6–8

The thermodynamic stability constants for gadobutrol (log Ktherm and log Kcond at pH 7.4) are 21.8 and 15.3, respectively.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

In MRI, visualization of normal and pathological tissue depends in part on variations in the radiofrequency signal intensity that occurs with:

- Differences in proton density
- Differences of the spin-lattice or longitudinal relaxation times (T_1)
- Differences in the spin-spin or transverse relaxation time (T_2)

When placed in a magnetic field, Gadavist shortens the T_1 and T_2 relaxation times. The extent of decrease of T_1 and T_2 relaxation times, and therefore the amount of signal enhancement obtained from Gadavist, is based upon several factors including the concentration of Gadavist in the tissue, the field strength of the MRI system, and the relative ratio of the longitudinal and transverse relaxation times. At the recommended dose, the T_1 shortening effect is observed with greatest sensitivity in T_1-weighted magnetic resonance sequences. In T_2*-weighted sequences the induction of local magnetic field inhomogeneities by the large magnetic moment of gadolinium and at high concentrations (during bolus injection) leads to a signal decrease.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Gadavist leads to distinct shortening of the relaxation times even in low concentrations. At pH 7, 37°C and 1.5 T, the relaxivity (r_1) - determined from the influence on the relaxation times (T_1) of protons in plasma - is 5.2 L/(mmol·sec) and the relaxivity (r_2) - determined from the influence on the relaxation times (T_2) - is 6.1 L/(mmol·sec). These relaxivities display only slight dependence on the strength of the magnetic field. The T_1 shortening effect of paramagnetic contrast agents is dependent on concentration and r_1 relaxivity (see Table 3). This may improve tissue visualization.

Table 3: Relaxivity (r_1) of Gadolinium Chelates at 1.5 T

Gadolinium-Chelate	r_1 ($L \cdot mmol^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}$)
Gadobenate	6.3
Gadobutrol	5.2
Gadodiamide	4.3
Gadofosveset	16
Gadopentetate	4.1
Gadoterate	3.6
Gadoteridol	4.1
Gadoversetamide	4.7
Gadoxetate	6.9

r_1 relaxivity in plasma at 37°C

Compared to 0.5 molar gadolinium-based contrast agents, the higher concentration of Gadavist results in half the volume of administration and a more compact contrast bolus injection. At the site of imaging, the relative height and width of the time intensity curve for Gadavist varies as a function of imaging location and multiple patient, injection, and device-specific factors-.

Gadavist is a water-soluble, hydrophilic compound with a partition coefficient between n-butanol and buffer at pH 7.6 of about 0.006.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Distribution

After intravenous administration, gadobutrol is rapidly distributed in the extracellular space. After a gadobutrol dose of 0.1 mmol/kg body weight, an average level of 0.59 mmol gadobutrol/L was measured in plasma 2 minutes after the injection and 0.3 mmol gadobutrol/L 60 minutes after the injection. Gadobutrol does not display any particular protein binding. Following GBCA administration, gadolinium is present for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Metabolism

Gadobutrol is not metabolized.

Elimination

Values for AUC, body weight normalized plasma clearance and half-life are given in Table 4, below.

Gadobutrol is excreted in an unchanged form via the kidneys. In healthy subjects, renal clearance of gadobutrol is 1.1 to 1.7 mL/(min·kg) and thus comparable to the renal clearance of inulin, confirming that gadobutrol is eliminated by glomerular filtration.

Within two hours after intravenous administration more than 50% and within 12 hours more than 90% of the given dose is eliminated via the urine. Extra-renal elimination is negligible.

Specific Populations

Gender

Gender has no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of gadobutrol.

Geriatric

A single IV dose of 0.1 mmol/kg Gadavist was administered to 15 elderly and 16 non-elderly subjects. AUC was slightly higher and clearance slightly lower in elderly subjects as compared to non-elderly subjects *[see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)]*.

Pediatric

The pharmacokinetics of gadobutrol were evaluated in two studies in a total of 130 patients age 2 to less than 18 years and in 43 patients less than 2 years of age (including term neonates). Patients received a single intravenous dose of 0.1 mmol/kg of Gadavist. The pharmacokinetic profile of gadobutrol in pediatric patients is similar to that in adults, resulting in similar values for AUC, body weight normalized plasma clearance, as well as elimination half-life. Approximately 99% (median value) of the dose was recovered in urine within 6 hours (this information was derived from the 2 to less than 18 year old age group).

Table 4: Pharmacokinetics by Age Group (Median [Range])

	0 to < 2 years N=43	**2 to 6 years N=45**	**7 to 11 years N=39**	**12 to < 18 years N=46**	**Adults N=93**
AUC (µmolxh/L)	781 [513, 1891]	846 [412, 1331]	1025 [623, 2285]	1237 [946, 2211]	1072 [667, 1992]
CL (L/h/kg)	0.128 [0.053, 0.195]	0.119 [0.080, 0.215]	0.099 [0.043, 0.165]	0.081 [0.046, 0.103]	0.094 [0.051, 0.150]
t1/2 (h)	2.91 [1.60, 12.4]	1.91 [1.04, 2.70]	1.66 [0.91, 2.71]	1.68 [1.31, 2.48]	1.80 [1.20, 6.55]
C20 (µmol/L)	367 [280, 427]	421 [369, 673]	462 [392, 760]	511 [387, 1077]	441 [281, 829]

Renal Impairment

In patients with impaired renal function, the serum half-life of gadobutrol is prolonged and correlated with the reduction in creatinine clearance.

After intravenous injection of 0.1 mmol gadobutrol/kg body weight, the elimination half-life was 5.8 ± 2.4 hours in mild to moderately impaired patients ($80 > CL_{CR} > 30$ mL/min) and 17.6 ± 6.2 hours in severely impaired patients not on dialysis ($CL_{CR} < 30$ mL/min). The mean AUC of gadobutrol in patients with normal renal function was 1.1 ± 0.1 mmol·h/L, compared to 4.0 ± 1.8 mmol·h/L in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment and 11.5 ± 4.3 mmol·h/L in patients with severe renal impairment.

Complete recovery in the urine was seen in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment within 72 hours. In patients with severely impaired renal function about 80% of the administered dose was recovered in the urine within 5 days.

For patients receiving hemodialysis, physicians may consider the prompt initiation of hemodialysis following the administration of Gadavist in order to enhance the contrast agent's elimination. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of gadobutrol is removed from the body after the first dialysis, 94% after the second dialysis, and 98% after the third dialysis session. *[See Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Use in Specific Populations (8.6).]*

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

No carcinogenicity studies of gadobutrol have been conducted.

Gadobutrol was not mutagenic in *in vitro* reverse mutation tests in bacteria, in the HGPRT (hypoxanthine-guanine phosphoribosyl transferase) test using cultured Chinese hamster V79 cells, or in chromosome aberration tests in human peripheral blood lymphocytes, and was negative in an *in vivo* micronucleus test in mice after intravenous injection of 0.5 mmol/kg.

Gadobutrol had no effect on fertility and general reproductive performance of male and female rats when given in doses 12.2 times the human equivalent dose (based on body surface area).

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Local intolerance reactions, including moderate irritation associated with infiltration of inflammatory cells was observed after paravenous administration to rabbits, suggesting the possibility of occurrence of local irritation if the contrast medium leaks around veins in a clinical setting *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]*.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 MRI of the CNS

Patients referred for MRI of the central nervous system with contrast were enrolled in two clinical trials that evaluated the visualization characteristics of lesions. In both studies, patients underwent a baseline, pre-contrast MRI prior to administration of Gadavist at a dose of 0.1 mmol/kg, followed by a post-contrast MRI. In Study A, patients also underwent an MRI before and after the administration of gadoteridol. The studies were designed to demonstrate superiority of Gadavist MRI to non-contrast MRI for lesion visualization. For both studies, pre-contrast and pre-plus-post contrast images (paired images) were independently evaluated by three readers for contrast enhancement and border delineation using a scale of 1 to 4, and for internal morphology using a scale of 1 to 3 (Table 5). Lesion counting was also performed to demonstrate non-inferiority of paired Gadavist image sets to pre-contrast MRI. Readers were blinded to clinical information.

Table 5: Primary Endpoint Visualization Scoring System

Score	Visualization Characteristics		
	Contrast Enhancement	**Border Delineation**	**Internal Morphology**
1	None	None	Poorly visible
2	Weak	Moderate	Moderately visible
3	Clear	Clear but incomplete	Sufficiently visible
4	Clear and bright	Clear and complete	N/A

Efficacy was determined in 657 subjects. The average age was 49 years (range 18 to 85 years) and 42% were male. The ethnic representations were 39% Caucasian, 4% Black, 16% Hispanic, 38% Asian, and 3% of other ethnic groups.

Table 6 shows a comparison of visualization results between paired images and pre-contrast images. Gadavist provided a statistically significant improvement for each of the three lesion visualization parameters when averaged across three independent readers for each study.

Table 6: Visualization Endpoint Results of Central Nervous System Adult MRI Studies with 0.1 mmol/kg Gadavist

Endpoint	Study A N=336			Study B N=321		
	Pre-contrast	Paired	Difference[1]	Pre-contrast	Paired	Difference
Contrast Enhancement	0.97	2.26	1.29[2]	0.93	2.86	1.94[2]
Border Delineation	1.98	2.58	0.60[2]	1.92	2.94	1.02[2]
Internal Morphology	1.32	1.93	0.60[2]	1.57	2.35	0.78[2]
Average # Lesions Detected	8.08	8.25	0.17[4]	2.65	2.97	0.32[3]

[1] Difference of means = (paired mean) – (pre-contrast mean)
[2] p<0.001
[3] Met noninferiority margin of -0.35
[4] Did not meet noninferiority margin of -0.35

Performances of Gadavist and gadoteridol for visualization parameters were similar. Regarding the number of lesions detected, Study B met the prespecified noninferiority margin of -0.35 for paired read versus pre-contrast read while in Study A, Gadavist and gadoteridol did not.

For the visualization endpoints contrast enhancement, border delineation, and internal morphology, the percentage of patients scoring higher for paired images compared to pre-contrast images ranged from 93% to 99% for Study A, and 95% to 97% for Study B. For both studies, the mean number of lesions detected on paired images exceeded that of the pre-contrast images; 37% for Study A and 24% for Study B. There were 29% and 11% of subjects in which the pre-contrast images detected more lesions for Study A and Study B, respectively.

The percentage of patients whose average reader mean score changed by ≤ 0, up to 1, up to 2, and ≥ 2 scoring categories presented in Table 5 is shown in Table 7. The categorical improvement of (≤ 0) represents higher (< 0) or identical (= 0) scores for the pre-contrast read, the categories with scores > 0 represent the magnitude of improvement seen for the paired read.

Table 7: Primary Endpoint Visualization Categorical Improvement for Average Reader

	Study A N=336				**Study B N=321**			
Endpoint	**Categorical Improvement (Paired – Pre-Contrast) %**				**Categorical Improvement (Paired – Pre-Contrast) %**			
	≤ 0	> 0 – < 1	1 – < 2	≥ 2	≤ 0	> 0 – < 1	1 – < 2	≥ 2
Contrast Enhancement	1	30	55	13	3	6	34	57
Border Delineation	7	73	18	1	5	38	51	5
Internal Morphology	4	79	17	0	5	61	33	1

For both studies, the improvement of visualization endpoints in paired Gadavist images compared to pre-contrast images resulted in improved assessment of normal and abnormal CNS anatomy.

Pediatric Patients

Two studies in 44 pediatric patients age younger than 2 years and 135 pediatric patients age 2 to less than 18 years with CNS and non-CNS lesions supported extrapolation of adult CNS efficacy findings. For example, comparing pre vs paired pre- and post-contrast images, investigators selected the best of four descriptors under the heading, “Visualization of lesion-internal morphology (lesion characterization) or homogeneity of vessel enhancement” for 27/44 (62% = pre) vs 43/44 (98% = paired) MR images from patients age 0 to less than 2 years and 106/135 (78% = pre) vs 108/135 (80% = paired) MR images from patients age 2 to less than 18 years.

14.2 MRI of the Breast

Patients with recently diagnosed breast cancer were enrolled in two identical clinical trials to evaluate the ability of Gadavist to assess the presence and extent of malignant breast disease prior to surgery. Patients underwent non-contrast breast MRI (BMR) prior to Gadavist (0.1 mmol/kg) breast MRI. BMR images and Gadavist BMR (combined contrast plus non-contrast) images were independently evaluated in each study by three readers blinded to clinical information. In separate reading sessions the BMR images and Gadavist BMR images were also interpreted together with X-ray mammography images (XRM).

The studies evaluated 787 patients: Study 1 enrolled 390 women with an average age of 56 years, 74% were white, 25% Asian, 0.5% black, and 0.5% other; Study 2 enrolled 396 women and 1 man with an average age of 57 years, 71% were white, 24% Asian, 3% black, and 2% other.

The readers assessed 5 regions per breast for the presence of malignancy using each reading modality. The readings were compared to an independent standard of truth (SoT) consisting of histopathology for all regions where excisions were made and tissue evaluated. XRM plus ultrasound was used for all other regions.

The assessment of malignant disease was performed using a region based within-subject sensitivity. Sensitivity for each reading modality was defined as the mean of the percentage of malignant breast regions correctly interpreted for each subject. The within-subject sensitivity of Gadavist BMR was superior to that of BMR. The lower bound of the 95% Confidence Interval (CI) for the difference in within-subject sensitivity ranged from 19% to 42% for Study 1 and from 12% to 27% for Study 2. The within-subject sensitivity for Gadavist BMR and BMR as well as for Gadavist BMR plus XRM and BMR plus XRM is presented in Table 8.

Table 8: Sensitivity of Gadavist BMR for Detection of Malignant Breast Disease

Study 1					**Study 2**				
Sensitivity (%) N=388 Patients					**Sensitivity (%) N=390 Patients**				
Reader	BMR	BMR + XRM	Gadavist BMR	Gadavist BMR +XRM	Reader	BMR	BMR + XRM	Gadavist BMR	Gadavist BMR +XRM
1	37	71	83	84	4	73	83	87	90
2	49	76	80	83	5	57	81	89	90
3	63	75	87	87	6	55	80	86	88

Specificity was defined as the percentage of non-malignant breasts correctly identified as non-malignant. The lower limit of the 95% confidence interval for specificity of Gadavist BMR was greater than 80% for 5 of 6 readers. (Table 9)

Table 9: Specificity of Gadavist BMR in Non-Malignant Breasts

Study 1			**Study 2**		
Specificity (%) N=372 Patients			Specificity (%) N=367 Patients		
Reader	Gadavist BMR	Lower Limit 95% CI	Reader	Gadavist BMR	Lower Limit 95% CI
1	86	82	4	92	89
2	95	93	5	84	80
3	89	85	6	83	79

Three additional readers in each study read XRM alone. For these readers over both studies, sensitivity ranged from 68% to 73% and specificity in non-malignant breasts ranged from 86% to 94%.

In breasts with malignancy, a false positive detection rate was calculated as the percentage of subjects for which the readers assessed a region as malignant which could not be verified by SoT. The false positive detection rates for Gadavist BMR ranged from 39% to 53% (95% CI Upper Bounds ranged from 44% to 58%).

14.3 MRA

Patients with known or suspected disease of the supra-aortic arteries (for evaluation up to but excluding the basilar artery) were enrolled in Study C, and patients with known or suspected disease of the renal arteries were enrolled in Study D. In both studies, non-contrast, 2D time-of-flight (ToF) magnetic resonance angiography (MRA) was performed prior to Gadavist MRA using a single intravenous injection of 0.1 mmol/kg. The injection rate of 1.5 mL/second was selected to extend the injection duration to at least half of the imaging duration. Imaging was performed with parallel-channel, 1.5T MRI devices and an automatic bolus tracking technique to trigger the image acquisition following Gadavist administration using elliptically encoded, T1-weighted, 3D gradient-echo image acquisition and single breath hold. Three central readers blinded to clinical information interpreted the ToF and Gadavist MRA images. Three additional central readers interpreted separately acquired computed tomographic angiography (CTA) images, which were used as the standard of reference (SoR) in each study.

The studies included 749 subjects: 457 were evaluated in Study C, with an average age of 68 (range 25–93); 64% were male; 80% white, 28% black, and 16% Asian. An additional 292 subjects were evaluated in Study D, with an average age of 55 (range 18–88); 54% were male; 68% white, 7% black, and 22% Asian.

Efficacy was evaluated based on anatomical visualization and performance for distinguishing between normal and abnormal anatomy. The visualization metric depended on whether readers selected, “Yes, it can be visualized along its entire length...” when responding to the question, “Is this segment assessable?.” Twenty-one segments in Study C and six

segments in Study D were presented per subject to each reader. The performance metrics, sensitivity and specificity, depended on digital caliper-based quantitation of arterial narrowing in visualized, non-occluded, abnormal-appearing segments. Significant stenosis was defined as at least 70% in Study C and 50% in Study D. Performance of Gadavist MRA compared to ToF MRA was calculated using an imputation method for non-visualized segments by assigning them as a 50% match with SoR and a 50% mismatch. Performance of Gadavist MRA compared to a pre-specified threshold of 50% was calculated after excluding non-visualized segments. Measurement variability and visualization of accessory renal arteries was also evaluated.

Results were analyzed for each of the three central readers.

Table 10: Visualization, Sensitivity, Specificity

STUDY C: SUPRA-AORTIC ARTERIES (457 patients) **Performance at the segment level** **9597[1] segments of which 158[1] were positive for stenosis by SoR[2]**									
	VISUALIZATION (%)			**SENSITIVITY (%)**			**SPECIFICITY (%)**		
READER	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[3])**	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[4])**	**GAD MRA**	**ToF MRA**	**GAD – ToF (CI[4])**
1	88	24	64 (61, 67)	60	54	6 (-4, 14)	92	62	30 (29, 32)
2	95	75	20 (18, 21)	60	54	6 (-3, 14)	95	85	10 (9, 11)
3	97	82	15 (13, 17)	58	55	3 (-4, 11)	97	89	8 (7, 9)
STUDY D: RENAL ARTERIES (292 patients) **Performance at the segment level** **1752[1] segments of which 133[1] were positive for stenosis by SoR[2]**									
4	98	82	16 (13, 20)	52	51	1 (-9, 11)	94	83	11 (9, 14)
5	96	72	24 (21, 28)	54	39	15 (6, 24)	95	85	10 (8, 12)
6	96	78	17 (14, 21)	53	50	3 (-6, 12)	94	81	13 (11, 16)

[1]Number of segments varied between readers; number for majority-reader shown.
[2]Standard of Reference based on aggregate interpretation of three central CTA readers.
[3]95.1/95% (Study C/D) confidence interval for two-sided comparison.
[4]90.1/90% (Study C/D) confidence interval for one-sided comparison against non-inferiority margin of -7.5.

GAD MRA = Post-contrast Gadavist Magnetic Resonance Angiography, ToF = Non-contrast 2D-Time of Flight.

For all three supra-aortic artery readers in Study C, the lower bound of confidence for the sensitivity of Gadavist MRA did not exceed 54%. For all three renal artery readers in Study D, the lower bound of confidence for the sensitivity of Gadavist MRA did not exceed 46%.

Measurement Variability

For both MRA and CTA, readers varied in the quantity of narrowing they assigned to the same arterial segments. Table 11 shows the percentage of patients in whom the measurement range was 30% or greater for the left or right internal carotid and proximal renal artery segments. There were approximately four measurements per patient segment, one from the site

and three from the central readers. Measurement variability was high for both CTA and MRA, but numerically lower for Gadavist compared to non-contrast ToF MRA.

Table 11: Percent of Patients with Range ≥ 30%, ≥ 50%, ≥ 70% for Measurement of Stenoses and Normal Vessel Diameters

	Internal Carotid				Proximal Main Renal			
	N	**≥ 30%**	**≥ 50%**	**≥ 70%**	**N**	**≥ 30%**	**≥ 50%**	**≥ 70%**
CTA	456	40	11	4	292	59	33	9
ToF MRA	443	55	22	9	270	44	22	9
Gadavist MRA	454	47	13	4	286	34	14	4

Visualization of Accessory Renal Arteries for Surgical Planning and Renal Donor Evaluation (Study D only)

Of 1752 main arteries visualized by the central CTA readers, 266 (15%) were also associated with positive visualization of at least one accessory (duplicate) artery. With the central MRA readers, the comparable rates were 232 of 1752 (13%) for Gadavist MRA compared to 53 of 1752 (3%) for ToF MRA.

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

16.1 How Supplied

Gadavist is a sterile, clear and colorless to pale yellow solution containing 604.72 mg gadobutrol per mL (equivalent to 1 mmol gadobutrol) per mL. Gadavist is supplied in the following sizes:

30 mL Pharmacy Bulk Package, rubber stoppered in cartons of 5, Boxes of 10 (NDC 50419-325-14)

65 mL Pharmacy Bulk Package, rubber stoppered, Boxes of 10 (NDC 50419-325-15)

16.2 Storage and Handling

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15–30°C (59–86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

Should freezing occur, Gadavist should be brought to room temperature before use. If allowed to stand at room temperature, Gadavist should return to a clear and colorless to pale yellow solution. Visually inspect Gadavist for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Do not use the solution if it is discolored, if particulate matter is present or if the container appears damaged.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

- Advise the patient to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide).

Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

Instruct patients to inform their physician if they:

- Have a history of kidney disease and/or liver disease, or
- Have recently received a GBCA

GBCAs increase the risk of NSF among patients with impaired elimination of drugs. To counsel patients at risk of NSF:

- Describe the clinical manifestation of NSF
- Describe procedures to screen for the detection of renal impairment

Instruct the patients to contact their physician if they develop signs or symptoms of NSF following Gadavist administration, such as burning, itching, swelling, scaling, hardening and tightening of the skin; red or dark patches on the skin; stiffness in joints with trouble moving, bending or straightening the arms, hands, legs or feet; pain in the hip bones or ribs; or muscle weakness.

Common Adverse Reactions

Inform patients that they may experience:

- Reactions along the venous injection site, such as mild and transient burning or pain or feeling of warmth or coldness at the injection site
- Side effects of headache, nausea, abnormal taste and feeling hot

General Precautions

Gadolinium Retention

- Advise patients that gadolinium is retained for months or years in brain, bone, skin, and other organs in patients with normal renal function. The clinical consequences of retention are unknown. Retention depends on multiple factors and is greater following administration of linear GBCAs than following administration of macrocyclic GBCAs *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Instruct patients receiving Gadavist to inform their physician if they:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Have a history of allergic reaction to contrast media, bronchial asthma or allergic respiratory disorder

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GADAVIST (gad-a-vist)
(gadobutrol)
Injection for intravenous use

What is Gadavist?

- Gadavist is a prescription medicine called a gadolinium-based contrast agent (GBCA). Gadavist, like other GBCAs, is injected into your vein and used with a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner.
- An MRI exam with a GBCA, including Gadavist, helps your doctor to see problems better than an MRI exam without a GBCA.
- Your doctor has reviewed your medical records and has determined that you would benefit from using a GBCA with your MRI exam.

What is the most important information I should know about Gadavist?

- Gadavist contains a metal called gadolinium. Small amounts of gadolinium can stay in your body including the brain, bones, skin and other parts of your body for a long time (several months to years).
- It is not known how gadolinium may affect you, but so far, studies have not found harmful effects in patients with normal kidneys.
- Rarely, patients have reported pains, tiredness, and skin, muscle or bone ailments for a long time, but these symptoms have not been directly linked to gadolinium.
- There are different GBCAs that can be used for your MRI exam. The amount of gadolinium that stays in the body is different for different gadolinium medicines. Gadolinium stays in the body more after Omniscan or Optimark than after Eovist, Magnevist, or MultiHance. Gadolinium stays in the body the least after Dotarem, Gadavist, or ProHance.
- People who get many doses of gadolinium medicines, women who are pregnant and young children may be at increased risk from gadolinium staying in the body.
- Some people with kidney problems who get gadolinium medicines can develop a condition with severe thickening of the skin, muscles and other organs in the body (nephrogenic systemic fibrosis). Your healthcare provider should screen you to see how well your kidneys are working before you receive Gadavist.

Do not receive Gadavist if you have had a severe allergic reaction to Gadavist.

Before receiving Gadavist, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- have had any MRI procedures in the past where you received a GBCA. Your healthcare provider may ask you for more information including the dates of these MRI procedures.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Gadavist can harm your unborn baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the possible risks to an unborn baby if a GBCA such as Gadavist is received during pregnancy.
- have kidney problems, diabetes, or high blood pressure
- have had an allergic reaction to dyes (contrast agents) including GBCAs

What are the possible side effects of Gadavist?

- **See "What is the most important information I should know about Gadavist?"**
- **Allergic reactions. Gadavist can cause allergic reactions that can sometimes be serious. Your healthcare provider will monitor you closely for symptoms of an allergic reaction.**

The most common side effects of Gadavist include: headache, nausea, and dizziness.
These are not all the possible side effects of Gadavist.
Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

General information about the safe and effective use of Gadavist.
Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. You can ask your healthcare provider for information about Gadavist that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in Gadavist?
Active ingredient: gadobutrol
Inactive ingredients: calcobutrol sodium, trometamol, hydrochloric acid (for pH adjustment) and water for injection
Manufactured for Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc.
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