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**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all of the information needed to use XTORO safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for XTORO\*

**XTORO (finaxofloxacin otic suspension) 0.3%**  
**For topical otic administration**  
**Initial U.S. Approval: 2014**

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

XTORO\* is a quinolone antimicrobial indicated for the treatment of acute otitis externa (AOE) caused by susceptible strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. (1)

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

Instill four drops in the affected ear(s) twice daily for seven days. For patients requiring use of an otowick, the initial dose can be doubled (to 8 drops), followed by 4 drops instilled into the affected ear twice daily for seven days. (2)

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

5 mL of finaxofloxacin otic suspension, 0.3% in 8 mL bottle. (3)

-----**CONTRAINDICATIONS**-----

None. (4)

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

Prolonged use of this product may lead to overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms. Discontinue use if this occurs. (5.1)

Allergic reactions may occur in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to finaxofloxacin, to other quinolones, or to any of the components in this medication. Discontinue use if this occurs. (5.2)

-----**ADVERSE REACTIONS**-----

The most common adverse reactions occurring in 1% of patients with XTORO were ear pruritus and nausea. (6)

**To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Alcon Laboratories, Inc. at 1-800-757-9785 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).**

**See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA approved patient labeling.**

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

XTORO\* (flaxloxacine otic suspension), 0.3% is indicated for the treatment of acute otitis externa (AOE) with or without an otowick, caused by susceptible strains of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* in patients age 1 year and older.

### 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Instill four drops into the affected ear(s) twice daily for seven days. For patients requiring use of an otowick, the initial dose can be doubled (to 8 drops), followed by 4 drops instilled into the affected ear twice daily for seven days.

Important administration instructions include:

- Warm the suspension by holding the bottle in the hand for one or two minutes prior to dosing in order to avoid dizziness which may result from the instillation of a cold suspension. Shake bottle well before use.
- Lie with the affected ear upward, instill the drops, and maintain the position for 60 seconds to facilitate penetration of the drops into the ear canal.
- Repeat if necessary for the opposite ear.

### 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

5 mL of a 0.3% topical otic suspension in an eight (8) mL bottle.

### 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

### 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### 5.1 Growth of Resistant Organisms with Prolonged Use

As with other antibacterial preparations, prolonged use of XTORO (flaxloxacine otic suspension) 0.3% may lead to overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms, including yeast and fungi. If this occurs, discontinue use and institute alternative therapy.

#### 5.2 Allergic Reactions

Allergic reactions to XTORO (flaxloxacine otic suspension) 0.3% may occur in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to flaxloxacine, to other quinolones, or to any of the components in this medication. If this occurs, discontinue use and institute alternative therapy.

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 6.1 Clinical Studies Experience

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

A total of 618 patients were treated with XTORO in two Phase 3 clinical trials. The most frequently reported adverse reactions of those exposed to XTORO occurring at an incidence of 1% included ear pruritus and nausea.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Pregnancy Category C

##### *Risk Summary*

There are no adequate or well-controlled studies with XTORO in pregnant women. Finafloxacin was shown to be teratogenic in rabbits and rats following oral administration. Neural tube defects and skeletal anomalies in both species, and limb anomalies in rabbits, were observed at exposures estimated to be at least 1300 times the maximum human systemic exposure following topical otic administration of 0.3% finafloxacin. Because animal studies are not always predictive of human responses, XTORO should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

##### *Animal Data*

In rabbit embryofetal studies, maternal toxicity was not observed at oral doses up to 9 mg/kg/day (estimated 8000 times the maximum human systemic exposure [0.234 ng/mL] following topical otic administration with 0.3% finafloxacin). Fetal toxicity was observed at the lowest dose tested, 1 mg/kg/day (estimated 1300 times the maximum human systemic exposure following topical otic administration with 0.3% finafloxacin), and included exencephaly, enlarged fontanel, spina bifida, phocomelia, paw hyperflexure, missing lumbar vertebra, missing lumbar arch, and sternebra fusion.

In a rat embryofetal study, no adverse maternal toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 100 mg/kg/day (estimated 60,000 times the maximum human systemic exposure following topical otic administration with 0.3% finafloxacin). The developmental no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) was 30 mg/kg (estimated 22,000 times the maximum human systemic exposure following topical otic administration with 0.3% finafloxacin). Exencephaly was observed in one fetus at 100 mg/kg. At 500 mg/kg, additional developmental toxicities were observed including increased preimplantation loss, decreased fetal weight, decreased placental weight, increased incidence of non-ossified sternebrae, and delayed ossifications in the sternebrae, xiphisternum, sacral arches and metacarpals.

### 8.3 Nursing Mothers

Finafloxacin has been identified in the milk of nursing rats following oral administration. The human systemic concentration of XTORO following topical otic treatment is low [see *CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (12.3)*]. It is not known whether topical otic administration could result in sufficient systemic absorption to produce detectable quantities in the human breast milk. Caution should be exercised when finafloxacin is administered to a nursing mother.

### 8.4 Pediatric Use

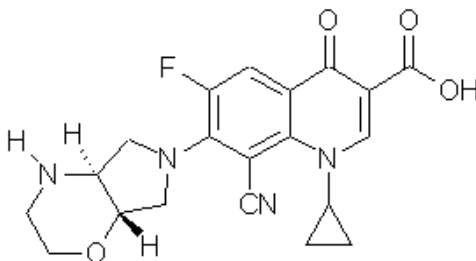
The safety and efficacy of XTORO in infants below one year of age have not been established. The safety and efficacy of XTORO in treating acute otitis externa in pediatric patients one year or older have been demonstrated in adequate and well controlled clinical trials [see *CLINICAL STUDIES 14*].

### 8.5 Geriatric Use

No overall differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger patients.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

XTORO (finafloxacin otic suspension), 0.3% is a quinolone antimicrobial. Its chemical name is (-)-8-cyano-1-cyclopropyl-6-fluoro-7-[(4a*S*,7a*S*)-hexahydropyrrolo[3,4-*b*]-1,4-oxazin-6(2*H*)-*y*]-4-oxo-1,4-dihydroquinoline-3-carboxylic acid (CAS number 209342-40-5). Its structural formula is:



Finafloxacin has a molecular weight of 398.4. Finafloxacin is a white to yellow powder or crystals that is slightly soluble in water (0.125 mg/mL).

XTORO (finafloxacin otic suspension), 0.3% is supplied as a sterile, preserved, aqueous suspension. It has a pH of approximately 6.0 and an osmolality of approximately 290 mOsm/kg. XTORO contains **Active ingredient:** finafloxacin, 0.3%. **Preservative:** benzalkonium chloride (0.005%). **Inactive ingredients include:** sodium chloride, hydroxyethylcellulose, tyloxapol, magnesium chloride, and purified water. May contain hydrochloric acid and/or sodium hydroxide to adjust pH.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Finafloxacin is a fluoroquinolone antimicrobial [*see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (12.4)*].

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Finafloxacin plasma concentrations were evaluated following single or repeated ototopical doses of XTORO (finafloxacin otic suspension), 0.3%. In healthy subjects administered 4 drops in each ear twice daily for seven days, quantifiable finafloxacin concentrations were observed in 2 of 14 subjects; and these concentrations were just above the quantitation limit (0.05 ng/mL). Similarly, in AOE patients administered a single dose of 4 or 8 drops in each ear, quantifiable finafloxacin concentrations of up to 0.234 ng/mL were observed in plasma samples from 2 of 36 AOE patients.

### 12.4 Microbiology

Finafloxacin belongs to the fluoroquinolone class of antibacterials which involves the inhibition of bacterial type II topoisomerase enzymes, DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV, which are required for bacterial DNA replication, transcription, repair and recombination.

Finafloxacin has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following bacteria, both *in vitro* and clinical studies as described in the INDICATIONS and USAGE section of the package insert for XTORO

*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

*Staphylococcus aureus*.

### Mechanism of Resistance

Resistance to fluoroquinolones occurs primarily by mutations in the chromosomal DNA that encode for DNA gyrase and DNA topoisomerase enzymes, decreased outer membrane permeability or drug efflux mechanisms. *In vitro* resistance to finafloxacin due to spontaneous mutation is rare.

### Cross Resistance

Cross-resistance has been observed between finafloxacin and other fluoroquinolones. No cross-resistance has been observed between finafloxacin and other classes of antibacterial agents.

## 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility

#### Carcinogenicity

Animal studies have not been conducted to determine the carcinogenic potential of finafloxacin.

### Mutagenesis

Fluorocycline was shown to be genotoxic and clastogenic *in vitro*, with and without metabolic activation, and *in vivo*. In a bacterial reverse mutation assay, fluorocycline was positive in only one strain (TA102). Fluorocycline was positive in mammalian cell culture assays: mouse lymphoma cell forward mutation assays, a mutagenicity assay in V79 Chinese hamster lung cells, and a micronucleus test in V79 cells. Fluorocycline was clastogenic in mouse micronucleus studies.

### Impairment of fertility

An oral rat fertility study detected a NOAEL for male and female fertility of 100 mg/kg/day (estimated 60,000 times the maximum human systemic exposure following topical otic administration with 0.3% fluorocycline). At 500 mg/kg/day, males were completely infertile, presumably due to low sperm count and sperm immobility.

General toxicity studies in rats have confirmed sperm toxicity following oral and intravenous dosing. Following intravenous dosing, the NOAEL for sperm toxicity was 30 mg/kg/day (150,000 times the maximum human exposure following topical otic administration with 0.3% fluorocycline).

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

In two randomized multicenter, vehicle controlled clinical trials, XTORO dosed four drops twice daily for 7 days was superior to its vehicle for both clinical and microbiological outcomes as well as in time to cessation of ear pain in patients with acute otitis externa (AOE).

Among 560 patients (161 with an otoscopy) that were pathogen positive (baseline microbiological specimen that contained *Staphylococcus aureus* and/or *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*), clinical cure on Day 11 was 71% in XTORO versus 37% in Vehicle. Among 1234 patients who received study treatment (Intent to Treat population (ITT)), aged 6 months to 85 years, clinical cures were 71% for XTORO and 50% in Vehicle.

**Clinical Cures<sup>a</sup> at Day 11 (Pathogen Positive Subset, and ITT)**

	Study 1			Study 2		
	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)
<b>Pathogen + Subset</b>	104/145 (71.7%)	46/138 (33.3%)	38.4% (27.6%, 49.1%)	101/147 (68.7%)	52/130 (40.0%)	28.7% (17.4%, 40.0%)
<b>ITT</b>	245/344 (71.2%)	173/342 (50.6%)	20.6% (13.5%, 27.8%)	194/274 (70.8%)	134/274 (48.9%)	21.9% (13.9%, 29.9%)

a A clinical cure was attained if the sum of the numerical scores of the 3 signs and symptoms of AOE (tenderness, erythema, and edema) was 0 at Day 11 (TOC).

The median time to cessation of ear pain in pathogen positive patients treated with XTORO was 3.5 days compared to 6.8 days in Vehicle. The median time to cessation of ear pain in ITT patients treated with XTORO was 3.5 days compared to 5.3 days in Vehicle.

**Median Time (in Days) to Cessation of Ear Pain (Pathogen Positive Subset and ITT)**

	Study 1			Study 2		
	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)
<b>Pathogen + Subset</b>	4.0	7.0	-3.0 (-5.0, -0.8)	3.0	6.5	-3.6 (-5.0, -2.0)
<b>ITT</b>	4.0	5.0	-1.0 (-2.0, -0.5)	3.0	5.5	-2.2 (-3.0, -1.0)

Among the pathogen positive patients, microbiological success (eradication of all baseline organisms) was achieved on Day 11 in 67% in XTORO versus 13% in the Vehicle treated patients.

**Microbiological Success<sup>b</sup> at Day 11 (Pathogen Positive Subset)**

	Study 1			Study 2		
	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)	XTORO	Vehicle	XTORO vs. Vehicle Difference (95% CI)
<b>Pathogen + Subset</b>	97/145 (66.9%)	18/138 (13.0%)	53.9% (44.4%, 63.4%)	97/147 (66.0%)	15/130 (11.5%)	54.4% (45.0%, 63.9%)

b Microbiological success was attained if all pre-therapy bacteria were absent from the exit otic specimen. The presence of fungi and/or yeast was not considered in the determination of microbiological success.

In clinically cured pathogen positive patients, XTORO demonstrated eradication rates of 89% in both *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Vehicle eradication rates were 33% for *Staphylococcus aureus* and 20% for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

**16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING**

XTORO (flaxloxacina otica suspension) 0.3% is a sterile, preserved, aqueous, otic suspension supplied in an opaque plastic bottle with a controlled drop tip and a white cap:

5 mL fill in an 8 mL bottle (NDC 0065-XXXX-XX)

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### **Storage and Handling**

Store at 2-25°C (36-77°F). Do not freeze.

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

### Allergic Reactions:

Advise patients that if a rash or allergic reaction occurs, they should discontinue the use of the product immediately and contact their physician.

### Warm the Bottle in Hands Before Use:

Advise patients or caregivers that prior to administration of XTORO, they should warm the bottle by holding it in their hands for one or two minutes to avoid dizziness which may result from the instillation of a cold solution.

### For Use with an Otowick:

Advise patients that following instillation of 8 drops at the time of otowick insertion, they should continue with the lower dose of 4 drops administered twice daily for seven days.

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