APPROVED PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

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PROPRIETARY NAME (and dosage form):

AUROVIRAR (film-coated tablet)

COMPOSITION:

Each film-coated tablet contains dolutegravir sodium equivalent to 50 mg dolutegravir.

The other ingredients of **AUROVIRAR are** microcrystalline cellulose, Opadry II brown 85F565096, povidone, sodium starch glycolate and sodium stearyl fumarate.

In addition Opadry II brown 85F565096 contains iron oxide (C.I. No: 77491), polyethylene glycol 3350, polyvinyl alcohol, talc and titanium dioxide (C.I. No: 77891).

Contains sugar: 145.40 mg mannitol.

PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION :

A 20.2.8 Antiviral agents

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION :

Pharmacodynamic properties:

Dolutegravir inhibits HIV integrase by binding to the integrase active site and blocking the strand transfer step of retroviral Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) integration which is essential for the HIV replication cycle. *In vitro*, dolutegravir dissociates slowly from the active site of the wild type integrase-DNA complex ($t_{½}$ 71 hours).

Resistance *in vitro:*

Isolation from wild type HIV-1: Viruses highly resistant to dolutegravir were not observed during HIV-1 passage. During wild type HIV-1 passage in the presence of dolutegravir integrase substitutions observed were S153Y and S153F with FCs≤4,1 for strain IIIB, or E92Q with FC=3,1 and G193E with FC=3,2 for strain NL432. Additional passage of wildtype subtype B, C and A/G

viruses in the presence of dolutegravir selected for R263K, G118R, and S153T.

Anti-HIV activity against resistant strains: Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor – and Protease Inhibitor-Resistant Strains: Dolutegravir demonstrated equivalent potency against 2 non-nucleoside (NNRTI) resistant, 3 nucleoside NRTI resistant and 2 PI resistant HIV-1 mutant clones (1 triple and 1 sextuple) compared to the wildtype strain.

Integrase inhibitor resistant HIV-1 strains: Dolutegravir showed anti-HIV activity (susceptibility) with FC<5 against 27 of 28 integrase inhibitor-resistant mutant viruses with single substitutions including T66A/I/K, E92Q/V, Y143C/H/R, Q148H/K/R, and N155H.

Integrase inhibitor-resistant HIV-2 strains: Site directed mutant HIV-2 viruses were constructed based on subjects infected with HIV-2 and treated with raltegravir who showed virologic failure. Overall the HIV-2 FCs observed were similar to HIV-1 FCs observed for similar pathway mutations.

Clinical isolates from raltegravir treatment virologic failure subjects: 705 raltegravir resistant clinical isolates were analyzed for susceptibility to dolutegravir using the Monogram Biosciences Phenosense assay. Dolutegravir has a <10 FC against 93,9 % of the 705 clinical isolates.

Resistance *in vivo*: integrase inhibitor naïve patients:

No integrase inhibitor (INI) resistant mutations or treatment emergent resistance to NRTI backbone therapy were isolated with dolutegravir 50 mg once daily in treatment-naïve studies (SPRING-1, SPRING-2 and SINGLE studies).In the SAILING study for treatment experienced (and integrase naïve) patients (n=354 in the dolutegravir arm), treatment emergent integrase resistance was observed in 2 of 9 subjects with virologic failure. In both cases, a unique R263K integrase substitution was observed, with a maximum FC of 1,93.

Resistance *in vivo*: integrase inhibitor resistant patients:

The VIKING-3 study examined dolutegravir (plus optimised background therapy) in subjects with pre-existing INI resistance. Twenty six subjects (26/114) experienced protocol defined virologic failure through to Week 24. Of these, 25 had paired baseline and PDVF resistance data for analysis and 13/25 (52 %) had treatment emergent mutations.

Treatment emergent mutations or mixtures of mutations observed were E92Q (n=2), T97A (n=6), E138K/A (n=4), G140S (n=2), Y143H (n=1), S147G (n=1), Q148H/K/R (n=3), and N155H (n=1). Eleven of the 13 subjects with virus exhibiting treatment emergent mutations harboured Q148 pathway virus present at baseline or historically.

Pharmacokinetic properties:

Dolutegravir pharmacokinetics are reported as similar between healthy and HIV-infected subjects. The pharmacokinetic variability of dolutegravir is between low to moderate. In Phase 1 studies in healthy subjects, between-subject CVb % for AUC and C_{max} ranged from ~20 to 40 % and C_T from 30 to 65 % across studies. The between-subject pharmacokinetic variability of dolutegravir was higher in HIV-infected subjects than healthy subjects. Within-subject variability (CVw %) is lower than between-subject variability.

Absorption:

Dolutegravir is absorbed following oral administration, with median T_{max} at 2 to 3 hours post dose. The linearity of dolutegravir pharmacokinetics is dependent on dose and formulation. Following oral administration, dolutegravir exhibited non linear pharmacokinetics with less than dose-proportional increases in plasma exposure from 2 to 100 mg; however increase in dolutegravir exposure appears dose proportionally from 25 mg to 50 mg.

Dolutegravir may be administered with or without food. Food increased the extent and slowed the rate of absorption of dolutegravir. Bioavailability of dolutegravir depends on meal content: low, moderate and high fat meals increased dolutegravir $AUC_{(0-\infty)}$ by 34 %, 41 %, and 66 %, increased C_{max} by 46 %, 52 % and 67 %, prolonged T_{max} to 3,4, and 5 hours from 2 hours under fasted

conditions, respectively. These increases are not clinically significant.

The absolute bioavailability of dolutegravir has not been established.

Distribution:

Dolutegravir is highly plasma protein bound (approximately 99,3 %). The apparent volume of distribution (following oral administration of suspension formulation, Vd/F) is estimated at 12,5l. Binding of dolutegravir to plasma proteins was independent of concentration. Total blood and plasma drug-related radioactivity concentration ratios averaged from 0,441 to 0,535 indicating minimal

association of radioactivity with blood cellular components. Free fraction of dolutegravir in plasma is estimated at approximately 0,2 to 1,1 % in healthy subjects, approximately 0,4 to 0,5 % in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment and 0,8 to 1,0 % in subjects with severe renal impairment and 0,5 % in HIV-1 infected patients. Dolutegravir is present in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). In 13 treatment-naïve subjects on a stable dolutegravir plus abacavir/lamivudine regimen, dolutegravir concentration in CSF averaged 18 ng/mL (comparable to unbound plasma concentration, and above the IC50); CSF:plasma concentration ratio of dolutegravir ranged from 0,11 to 0,66 %. Dolutegravir concentrations in CSF exceeded the IC50, supporting the median reduction from baseline in CSF HIV-1 RNA of 2,1 log after 2 weeks of therapy (see **Pharmacodynamic properties**).

Metabolism:

Dolutegravir is primarily metabolised via UGT1A1 with a minor CYP3A component (9,7 % of total dose administered in a human mass balance study). Dolutegravir is the predominant circulating compound in plasma; renal elimination of unchanged medicine is low (< 1 % of the dose). Fifty-three percent of total oral dose is excreted unchanged in the faeces. It is unknown if all or part of this is due to unabsorbed medicine or biliary excretion of the glucuronidate conjugate, which can be further degraded to form the parent compound in the gut lumen. Thirty-one percent of the total oral dose is excreted in the urine, represented by either glucuronide of dolutegravir (18,9 % of total

dose), N-dealkylation metabolite (3,6 % of total dose) and a metabolite formed by oxidation at the benzylic carbon (3,0 % of total dose).

Elimination:

Dolutegravir has a terminal half-life of ~14 hours and an apparent clearance (CL/F) of 0,56 l/hr.

Special patient populations:

Adolescents:

The pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir in 10 antiretroviral treatment-experienced HIV-1 infected adolescents (12 to <18 years of age) showed that dolutegravir 50 mg once daily dosage resulted in dolutegravir exposure comparable to that observed in adults who received dolutegravir 50 mg once daily.

Due to lack of clinical data, dolutegravir, as in **AUROVIRAR,** is not recommended for use in patients under 18 years of age (see **DOSAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE**).

Table 1: Adolescent pharmacokinetic parameters

Age/weight	**Dolutegravir Dose**	**Dolutegravir Pharmacokinetic Parameter Estimates Geometric Mean (CV %)**		
		$AUC_{(0-24)}$ µg.hr/mL	**C_{max} µg/mL**	**C_{24} µg/mL**
12 to <18 years ≥40 kg[a]	50 mg once daily[a]	46 (43)	3,49 (38)	0,90 (59)

Elderly:

Population pharmacokinetic analysis of dolutegravir using data in HIV-1 infected adults showed that there was no clinically relevant effect of age on dolutegravir exposure.

Pharmacokinetic data for dolutegravir in subjects of >65 years old are limited.

Renal impairment:

Renal clearance of unchanged medicine is a minor pathway of elimination for dolutegravir. A study of the pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir was performed in subjects with severe renal impairment (CL_{CR} <30 mL/min). No clinically important pharmacokinetics differences between subjects with

severe renal impairment (CL_{CR} <30 mLmin) and matching healthy subjects were observed, AUC, C_{max}, and C_{24} if dolutegravir were decreased by 40 %, 23 % and 43 %, respectively, compared with those in matched healthy subjects. No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with renal impairment. Dolutegravir has not been studied in patients on dialysis, though differences in exposure are not expected.

Hepatic impairment:

Dolutegravir is primarily metabolised and eliminated by the liver. In a study comparing 8 subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh category B) to 8 matched healthy adult controls, the single 50 mg dose exposure of dolutegravir was similar between the 2 groups. No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild hepatic impairment. The effect of severe hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir has not been studied.

Polymorphisms in metabolising enzymes:

There is no evidence that common polymorphisms in metabolising enzymes alter dolutegravir pharmacokinetics to a clinically meaningful extent. In a meta-analysis using pharmacogenomics samples collected in clinical studies in healthy subjects, subjects with UGT1A1 (n=7) genotypes conferring poor dolutegravir metabolism had a 32 % lower clearance of dolutegravir and 46 % higher AUC compared with subjects with genotypes associated with normal metabolism via UGT1A1 (n=41). Polymorphisms in CYP3A4, CYP3A5, and NR1I2 were not associated with differences in the pharmacokinetics of dolutegravir.

Co-infection with Hepatitis B or C:

Population pharmacokinetic analysis indicated that hepatitis C virus co-infection had no clinically relevant effect on the exposure to dolutegravir. There are limited data on subjects with hepatitis B co-infection.

INDICATIONS:

AUROVIRAR is indicated for the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in combination with other antiretroviral agents in adults aged 18 years and older.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS:

AUROVIRAR is contra-indicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to dolutegravir or to any of the excipients.

AUROVIRAR is contra-indicated in combination with dofetilide and pilsicainide.

AUROVIRAR is contra-indicated in moderate and severe hepatic impairment.

Metformin is contra-indicated in patients taking **AUROVIRAR.**

WARNINGS AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

Hypersensitivity reactions:

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported with integrase inhibitors, including **AUROVIRAR and** were characterised by rash, constitutional findings and sometimes, organ dysfunction, including liver injury. Discontinue **AUROVIRAR and** other suspect medicines immediately if signs or symptoms of hypersensitivity reactions develop (including, but not limited to, severe rash or rash accompanied by fever, general malaise, fatigue, muscle or joint aches, blisters, oral lesions, conjunctivitis, facial oedema, hepatitis, eosinophilia, angioedema). Clinical status including liver aminotransferases should be monitored and appropriate therapy initiated. Delay in stopping treatment with **AUROVIRAR or** other suspect medicines after the onset of hypersensitivity may result in a life-threatening reaction.

Lipodystrophy and metabolic abnormalities:

Combination antiretroviral therapy (cART) has been associated with the redistribution/accumulation of body fat, including central obesity, dorso-cervical fat enlargement (buffalo hump), peripheral wasting, facial wasting, breast enlargement and elevated serum lipid and glucose levels in HIV patients. Clinical examination should include evaluation for physical signs of fat redistribution. Patients with evidence of lipodystrophy should have a thorough cardiovascular risk assessment.

Immune Reconstitution Syndrome:

In HIV-infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of initiation of antiretroviral therapy (ART), an inflammatory reaction to asymptomatic or residual opportunistic infections may

arise and cause serious clinical conditions, or aggravation of symptoms. Typically, such reactions have been observed within the first few weeks or months of initiation of ART. Relevant examples are tuberculosis, cytomegalovirus retinitis, generalised and/or focal atypical mycobacterial infections and *Pneumocystis jiroveci* (*P. carinii*) pneumonia. Any inflammatory symptoms must be evaluated without delay and treatment initiated when necessary. Auto-immune disorders (such as Graves' disease, polymyositis and Guillain-Barre syndrome) have also been reported to occur in the setting of immune reconstitution, however, the time to onset is more variable and can occur many months after initiation of treatment and sometimes can be an atypical presentation.

Liver chemistry elevations consistent with immune reconstitution syndrome were observed in some hepatitis B and/or C co-infected patients at the start of **AUROVIRAR therapy**. Monitoring of liver chemistry is recommended in patients with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection. Particular diligence should be applied in initiating or maintaining effective hepatitis B therapy (referring to treatment guidelines) when starting dolutegravir-based therapy in hepatitis B co-infected patients (see **SIDE EFFECTS**).

Osteonecrosis:

Although the aetiology is considered to be multifactorial (including corticosteroid use, alcohol consumption, severe immunosuppression, higher body mass index), cases of osteonecrosis have been reported, particularly in patients with advanced HIV-disease and/or long-term exposure to cART. Patients should be advised to seek medical advice if they experience joint aches and pain, joint stiffness or difficulty in movement.

Hepatic impairment:

The unbound fraction of **AUROVIRAR in** the blood is doubled in patients with moderate hepatic impairment.

AUROVIRAR is contra-indicated in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS**).

Interactions:

Caution should be given to co-administering medicines (prescription and non-prescription) that may change the exposure of **AUROVIRAR or** medicines that may have their exposure changed by **AUROVIRAR (**see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** and **INTERACTIONS**).

The co-administration of **AUROVIRAR with** etravirine (ETR) is not recommended unless the patient is also receiving concomitant atazanavir and ritonavir (ATV + RTV), lopinavir and ritonavir (LPV + RTV) or darunavir and ritonavir (DRV + RTV) (see **INTERACTIONS**).

The recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with efavirenz, nevirapine, tipranavir/ritonavir, or rifampicin (see **INTERACTIONS**).

AUROVIRAR should not be co-administered with polyvalent cation-containing antacids. **AUROVIRAR** is recommended to be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after these medicines (see **"INTERACTIONS"**).

Metformin concentrations may be increased by **AUROVIRAR.** Metformin is contra-indicated in patients taking **AUROVIRAR (**see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS**).

Co-infection with Hepatitis B or C:

Overall, the safety profile in patients co-infected with hepatitis B and/or C was similar to that reported in patients without hepatitis B or C co-infection, although the rates of AST and ALT abnormalities were higher in the subgroup with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection for all treatment groups. Liver chemistry elevations consistent with immune reconstitution syndrome were reported in some subjects with hepatitis B and/or C co-infection at the start of dolutegravir therapy, particularly in those whose anti-hepatitis B therapy was withdrawn.

Opportunistic infections:

Patients receiving **AUROVIRAR or** any other antiretroviral therapy may still develop opportunistic infections and other complications of HIV infection. Therefore patients should remain under close clinical observation by medical practitioners experienced in the treatment of these associated HIV diseases.

Transmission of infection:

Patients should be advised that current antiretroviral therapy, including **AUROVIRAR** , has not been proven to prevent the risk of transmission of HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination. Appropriate precautions should continue to be taken.

Effects on ability to drive and use machines:

The clinical reports of the patient and the adverse event profile of **AUROVIRAR should** be borne in mind when considering the patient's ability to drive or operate machinery.

Important information about some of the ingredients of AUROVIRAR :

Contains mannitol and may have a laxative effect.

INTERACTIONS:

Effect of AUROVIRAR on the Pharmacokinetics of other agents:

In vitro, dolutegravir demonstrated no direct, or weak inhibition (IC50 > 50 µM) of the enzymes cytochrome P450 (CYP)1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP3A, uridine diphosphate glucuronosyl transferase (UGT)1A1 or UGT2B7, or the transporters Pgp, BCRP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, OCT1 or MRP2.

In vitro, dolutegravir did not induce CYP1A2, CYP2B6 or CYP3A4. *In vivo*, dolutegravir did not have an effect on midazolam, a CYP3A4 probe. Based on this data, **AUROVIRAR** is not expected to affect the pharmacokinetics of medicines that are substrates of these enzymes or transporters (e.g. reverse transcriptase and protease inhibitors, opioid analgesics, antidepressants, statins, azole antifungals (such as fluconazole, itraconazole, clotrimazole), proton pump inhibitors (such as esomeprazole, lansoprazole, omeprazole), anti-erectile dysfunction medicines (such as sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil), aciclovir, valaciclovir, sitagliptin, adefovir).

In medicine interaction study reports, dolutegravir did not have a clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of the following: tenofovir, methadone, efavirenz, lopinavir, atazanavir, darunavir,

etravirine, fosamprenavir, rilpivirine, telaprevir and oral contraceptives containing norgestimate and ethinyl estradiol.

In vitro, dolutegravir inhibited the renal organic cation transporter 2 (OCT2). Based on this report, **AUROVIRAR may** increase plasma concentrations of medicines in which excretion is dependent upon OCT2 (dofetilide, pilsicainide, metformin) (see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS** and Table 2: Medicine Interactions - Other Agents).

Therefore the OTC_2 inhibitors are contra-indicated with the use with **AUROVIRAR.**

Effect of other agents on the Pharmacokinetics of AUROVIRAR:

AUROVIRAR is eliminated mainly through metabolism by UGT1A1. **AUROVIRAR is** also a substrate of UGT1A3, UGT1A9, CYP3A4, Pgp, and BCRP; therefore medicines that induce those enzymes may theoretically decrease **AUROVIRAR** plasma concentration and reduce the therapeutic effect of **AUROVIRAR .**

Co-administration of **AUROVIRAR and** other medicines that inhibit UGT1A1, UGT1A3, UGT1A9, CYP3A4, and/or Pgp may increase **AUROVIRAR** plasma concentration (see Table 2).

Efavirenz, nevirapine, rifampicin and tipranavir in combination with ritonavir each reduced the plasma concentrations of dolutegravir significantly and require **AUROVIRAR dose** adjustment to 50 mg twice daily. Etravirine also reduced plasma concentrations, but the effect of etravirine was mitigated by co-administration of the CYP3A4 inhibitors lopinavir/ritonavir, darunavir/ritonavir and is expected to be mitigated by atazanavir/ritonavir. Therefore no **AUROVIRAR dose** adjustment is necessary when co-administered with etravirine and either lopinavir/ritonavir, darunavir/ritonavir, or atazanavir/ritonavir. Another inducer, fosamprenavir in combination with ritonavir decreased plasma concentrations of dolutegravir but does not require a dosage adjustment of **AUROVIRAR.** Caution is warranted and clinical monitoring is recommended when these combinations are given in INI-resistant patients (see Table 2: Medicine Interactions - HIV-1 Antiviral Agents). A medicine interaction study with the UGT1A1 inhibitor, atazanavir, did not result in a clinically meaningful increase in the plasma concentrations of dolutegravir. Tenofovir, ritonavir, lopinavir/ritonavir, darunavir/ritonavir, rilpivirine, bocepravir, telaprevir, prednisone, rifabutin, and omeprazole had no or a minimal effect on dolutegravir pharmacokinetics, therefore no **AUROVIRAR dose** adjustment

is required when co-administered with these medicines.

Table 2: Medicine Interactions

Concomitant Medicine Class: Medicine Name	**Effect on Concentration of AUROVIRAR or Concomitant Medicine**	**Clinical Comment**
HIV-1 Antiviral Agents		
Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor: Etravirine (ETR)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 71 % C_{max}↓ 52 % C_T↓ 88 % ETR↔	Etravirine decreased dolutegravir plasma concentration, which may result in loss of virologic response and possible resistance to **AUROVIRAR** .
Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor: Efavirenz (EFV)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 57 % C_{max}↓ 39 % C_T↓ 75 % EFV↔	Efavirenz decreased dolutegravir plasma concentrations. The recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with efavirenz. Alternative combinations that do not include efavirenz should be used where possible in INI-resistant patients.
Non-nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor: Nevirapine	Dolutegravir↓	Co-administration with nevirapine has the potential to decrease dolutegravir plasma concentration due to enzyme induction and has not been studied. Effect of nevirapine on dolutegravir exposure is likely similar to or less than that of efavirenz. The recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR** is 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with nevirapine. Alternative combinations that do not include nevirapine should be used where possible in INI-resistant patients.

Protease Inhibitor: Atazanavir (ATV)	Dolutegravir↑ AUC↑ 91 % C_{max}↑ 49 % C_T↑ 180 % ATV↔	Atazanavir increased dolutegravir plasma concentration. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Protease Inhibitor: Atazanavir/ritonavir (ATV + RTV)	Dolutegravir↑ AUC↑ 62 % C_{max}↑ 33 % C_T↑ 121 % ATV↔ RTV↔	Atazanavir/ritonavir increased dolutegravir plasma concentration. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Protease Inhibitor: Tipranavir/ritonavir (TPV + RTV)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 59 % C_{max}↓ 47 % C_T↓ 76 % TPV↔ RTV↔	Tipranavir/ritonavir decreases dolutegravir concentrations. The recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with tipranavir/ ritonavir. Alternative combinations that do not include tipranavir/ritonavir should be used where possible in INI resistant patients.
Protease Inhibitor: Fosamprenavir/ritonavir (FPV + RTV)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 35 % C_{max}↓ 24 % C_T↓ 49 % FPV↔ RTV↔	Fosamprenavir/ritonavir decreases dolutegravir concentrations, but based on limited data, did not result in decreased efficacy in Phase III studies. No dose adjustment is necessary in INI-naïve patients. Alternative combinations that do not include fosamprenavir/ritonavir should be used where possible in INI resistant patients.
Protease Inhibitor: Nelfinavir	Dolutegravir↔	This interaction has not been studied. Although an inhibitor of CYP3A4, based on data from other inhibitors, an increase is not expected. No dose adjustment is necessary.

Protease Inhibitor: Lopinavir/ritonavir (LPV + RTV)	Dolutegravir↔ AUC↔ C_{max}↔ C_T↔ LPV↔ RTV↔	Lopinavir/ritonavir did not change dolutegravir plasma concentration to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Protease Inhibitor: Darunavir/ritonavir (DRV + RTV)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 32 % C_{max}↓ 11 % C_T↓ 38 % DRV↔ RTV↔	Darunavir/ritonavir did not change dolutegravir plasma concentrations to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor: Tenofovir (TDV)	Dolutegravir↔ TDV↔	Tenofovir did not change dolutegravir plasma concentration to clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Protease Inhibitor: Lopinavir/ritonavir + Etravirine (LPV/RTV + ETR)	Dolutegravir↔ AUC↑ 10 % C_{max}↑ 7 % C_T↑ 28 % LPV↔ RTV↔ ETR↔	Lopinavir/ritonavir and etravirine did not change dolutegravir plasma concentration to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Protease Inhibitor: Darunavir/ritonavir + Etravirine (DRV/RTV+ ETR)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 25 % C_{max}↓ 12 % C_T↓ 36 % DRV↔ RTV↔	Darunavir/ritonavir and etravirine did not change dolutegravir plasma concentration to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment is necessary.
Other Agents		
Antidysrhythmics Dofetilide, Pilsicainide	Dofetilide↑ Pilsicainide↑	Co-administration of dolutegravir has the potential to increase dofetilide or pilsicainide plasma concentration via inhibition of OCT2 transporter; co-administration has not been studied. Dofetilide or pilsicainide co-administration with dolutegravir is contra-indicated due to the potential life-threatening toxicity caused by high

		dofetilide or pilsicainide concentration (see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS**).
Oxcarbazepine Phenytoin Phenobarbital Carbamazepine St. John's wort	Dolutegravir↓	Co-administration may decrease dolutegravir plasma concentration and has not been studied. Co-administration with these metabolic inducers should be avoided.
Antacids containing polyvalent cations (e.g. Mg, Al or Ca)	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 74 % C_{max}↓ 72 % C_{24}↓ 74 %	Co-administration of antacids containing polyvalent cations decreased dolutegravir plasma concentration. **AUROVIRAR is** recommended to be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after taking antacid products containing polyvalent cations.
Calcium supplements	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 39 % C_{max}↓ 37 % C_{24}↓ 39 %	**AUROVIRAR is** recommended to be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after taking products containing calcium, or alternatively, administer with food.
Iron supplements	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 54 % C_{max}↓ 57 % C24↓ 56 %	**AUROVIRAR is** recommended to be administered 2 hours before or 6 hours after taking products containing iron, or alternatively, administer with food.
Metformin	Metformin↑	Co-administration of dolutegravir increased metformin plasma concentration. Metformin is contra-indicated in patients taking **AUROVIRAR (**see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS**).
Rifampicin	Dolutegravir↓ AUC↓ 54 % Cmax↓ 43 % CT↓ 72 %	Rifampicin decreased dolutegravir plasma concentration. The recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg twice daily when co-administered with rifampicin. Alternatives to rifampicin should be used where possible for INI resistant patients.

Oral contraceptives (Ethinyl estradiol (EE) and Norgestromin (NGMN)	Effect of dolutegravir: EE↔ AUC↑ 3 % Cmax↓ 1 % CT↑ 2 % Effect of dolutegravir: NGMN↔ AUC↓ 2 % Cmax↓ 11 % CT↓ 7 %	Dolutegravir did not change ethinyl estradiol and norgestromin plasma concentrations to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment of oral contraceptives in necessary when co-administered with **AUROVIRAR.**
Methadone	Effect of dolutegravir: Methadone↔ AUC↓ 2 % Cmax ↔ 0 % CT↓ 1 %	Dolutegravir did not change methadone plasma concentrations to a clinically relevant extent. No dose adjustment of methadone is necessary when co-administered with **AUROVIRAR** .

Abbreviations: ↑ = increase; ↓ = decrease; ↔ = no significant change; AUC = area under the concentration versus time curve; Cmax = maximum observed concentration; CT = concentration at the end of dosing interval.

PREGNANCY AND LACTATION:

Women of childbearing potential should be counselled about the potential risk of neural tube defects with dolutegravir (see below), including consideration of using effective contraceptive measures. Perform pregnancy testing before initiation of PN in women of childbearing potential to exclude inadvertent (unintentional) use of AUROVIRAR during the first trimester of pregnancy. If a woman plans pregnancy, the benefits and the risks of starting or continuing treatment with dolutegravir versus using another antiretroviral regimen should be discussed with her. Pregnancy Use of dolutegravir during pregnancy was associated with a small increase in the prevalence of neural tube defects(0.19%) compared to non-dolutegravir regimens(0.11%). Most neural tube defects occur within the first 4 weeks of embryonic development after conception (approximately 6 weeks after the last menstrual period). If a pregnancy is confirmed in the first_trimester while on dolutegravir, the benefits and risks of continuing dolutegravir versus switching to another antiretroviral regimen should be discussed with the patient, taking the gestational age and the critical time period of neural tube defect development into account. Dolutegravir may be used

during the second and third trimester of pregnancy when the expected benefit outweighs the potential risk to the foetus. Dolutegravir was shown to cross the placenta in humans, leading to significant exposure to the foetus, but the implications of such exposure are not yet known. Breast-feeding HIV infected women should not breast-feed their infants in order to avoid transmission of HIV or follow appropriate guidelines. Dolutegravir is excreted in human breast milk, and there is significant exposure to the neonate/infants due to slow elimination; the half-life of dolutegravir in the new born was 33 hr compared to 14 hr in the adults. There is insufficient information on the effects of dolutegravir in neonates/infants. Fertility There are no data on the effects of dolutegravir on human male or female fertility. Animal studies indicate no effects of dolutegravir on male or female fertility (see section 5.3).

DOSAGE AND DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

AUROVIRAR therapy should be initiated by a medical practitioner experienced in the management of HIV infection. **AUROVIRAR can** be taken with or without food.

Method of Administration:

Adults:

Treatment-naïve:

For patients initiating antiretroviral therapy for the first time (treatment-naïve) the recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg once daily.

Treatment-experienced, and integrase inhibitor naïve:

For patients who are treatment experienced and have not previously been treated with an integrase inhibitor, the recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR is** 50 mg once daily.

Integrase inhibitor resistant:

For patients with integrase inhibitor resistance, the recommended dose of **AUROVIRAR** is 50 mg twice daily.

Elderly:

There are limited data available on the use of **AUROVIRAR** in patients aged 65 years and over. However, there is no evidence that elderly patients require a different dose than younger adult

patients.

Renal impairment:

No dosage adjustment is required in patients with mild, moderate or severe (CrCl < 30 mL/min, not on dialysis) renal impairment. No data are available in subjects receiving dialysis, although differences in pharmacokinetics are not expected in this population.

Treatment with **AUROVIRAR** resulted in an early small increase of mean serum creatinine levels by 10-14 % which remained stable over time and is not considered clinically relevant (see **SIDE EFFECTS**).

Hepatic impairment:

No dosage adjustment is required in patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh grade A or B). **AUROVIRAR** is contra-indicated in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (see **CONTRA-INDICATIONS**).

SIDE EFFECTS:

Immune system disorders:

Less frequent: Hypersensitivity, Immune Reconstitution Syndrome

Psychiatric disorders:

Frequent: Insomnia, depression

Less frequent: Suicidal ideation or suicide attempt

Nervous system disorders:

Frequent: Headache, dizziness, abnormal dreams

Gastrointestinal disorders:

Frequent: Nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, flatulence, upper abdominal pain

Less frequent: Abdominal pain, abdominal discomfort

Hepatobiliary disorders:

Frequent: Hepatitis

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:

Frequent: Rash, pruritus

General disorders and administration site conditions:

Frequent: Fatigue

Investigation:

Frequent: Increased AST, ALT, CPK, bilirubin

Changes in laboratory chemistries:

Increases in serum creatinine occurred within the first week of treatment with **AUROVIRAR** and remained stable through 48 weeks. In treatment naïve patients a mean change from baseline of 9,96 µmol/L (range:-53 µmol/L to 54,8 µmol/L) was observed after 48 weeks of treatment. Creatinine increases were comparable by background NRTIs and were similar in treatment experienced patients. These changes are not considered to be clinically relevant since they do not reflect a change in glomerular filtration rate.

Small increases in total bilirubin (without clinical jaundice) were observed on **AUROVIRAR** and raltegravir (but not efavirenz) arms in the programme. These changes are not considered clinically relevant as they likely reflect competition between **AUROVIRAR** and unconjugated bilirubin for a common clearance pathway (UGT1A1) (see **Pharmacokinetic properties – Metabolism**).

Asymptomatic creatine phosohokinase (CPK) elevations mainly in association with exercise have also been reported with **AUROVIRAR** therapy.

KNOWN SYMPTOMS OF OVERDOSAGE AND PARTICULARS OF ITS TREATMENT:

Symptoms may be an exacerbation of side effects.

Management should be as clinically indicated or as recommended by the national poisons centre, where available.

There is no specific treatment for an overdose of **AUROVIRAR** . If overdose occurs, the patient should be treated supportively with appropriate monitoring as necessary. As **AUROVIRAR** is highly bound to plasma proteins, it is unlikely that it will be significantly removed by dialysis.

IDENTIFICATION:

Reddish brown coloured, round, biconvex, film-coated tablets debossed with ‘T’ over ‘50’ on one

side and plain on the other side.

PRESENTATION:

HDPE Container pack:

Tablets are packed in white opaque round 60 mL HDPE container of 33 mm neck finish closed with white opaque 33 mm- 400 child resistance polypropylene closure with wad having induction sealing liner. Each HDPE container is packaged in an outer cardboard carton.

Pack size:

30's – One HDPE container contains 30 tablets.

STORAGE INSTRUCTIONS:

Store at or below 30 °C.

Keep HDPE containers tightly closed. Keep the HDPE container in the pre-printed carton which contains the package insert.

STORE ALL MEDICINES OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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