

## **1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Cyproterone acetate 100 mg tablets

## **2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

Each white scored tablet contains 100 mg cyproterone acetate.

Excipient with known effect

Cyproterone Tablets contains lactose

For excipients, see 6.1.

## **3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Tablet

For oral administration

Cyproterone acetate 100 mg tablets are round white tablets marked CPA, breakline and 100 on one face and CP on the reverse.

### **4.1 Therapeutic indications**

Management of patients with prostatic cancer

- (1) To suppress "flare" with initial LHRH analogue therapy
- (2) In long-term palliative treatment where LHRH analogues or surgery are contraindicated, not tolerated, or where oral therapy is preferred, and
- (3) In the treatment of hot flushes in patients under treatment with LHRH analogues or who have had orchidectomy

### **4.2 Posology and method of administration**

Posology

Adults

The maximum daily dose is 300 mg.

For long-term palliative treatment where LHRH analogues or surgery are contraindicated, not tolerated, or where oral therapy is preferred, the dosage is 200- 300 mg/day.

Dosage for suppression of "flare" with initial LHRH analogue therapy:

Initially 2 tablets of Cyproterone Tablets 50 mg twice daily (200 mg) alone for 5-7 days, followed by 2 tablets of Cyproterone Tablets 50 mg twice daily (200 mg) for 3-4 weeks together with the LHRH analogue therapy in the dosage recommended by the marketing authorisation holder (see SmPC of LHRH analogue).

For the above two indications the dosage should be divided into 2-3 doses per day and taken with some liquid after meals.

For the treatment of hot flushes in patients under treatment with LHRH analogues or who have had orchidectomy a 50 mg starting dose, with upward titration if necessary, within the range 50-150 mg/day, is recommended. For this indication the dosage should be divided into 1-3 doses per day and taken with some liquid after meals

#### **Additional information on special populations**

*Paediatric population:* Cyproterone Tablets is not recommended for use in male children and adolescents below 18 years of age due to a lack of data on safety and efficacy.

Cyproterone Tablets must not be given before the conclusion of puberty since an unfavourable influence on longitudinal growth and the still unstabilised axes of endocrine function cannot be ruled out.

#### *Elderly*

There are no data suggesting the need for a dosage adjustment in elderly patients.

#### *Patients with hepatic impairment*

The use of Cyproterone Tablets is contraindicated in patients with liver diseases (see section 4.4 and 4.8).

#### *Renal impairment*

The use of Cyproterone Tablets in patients with renal impairment has not been investigated. There are no data suggesting the need for dosage adjustment in patients with renal impairment (see section 5.2).

#### Method of administration

For oral administration.

### **4.3 Contraindications**

Cyproterone Tablets must not be used in patients with:

Meningioma or a history of meningioma.

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

Liver disease (including Dubin-Johnson syndrome and Rotor syndrome)

Malignant tumours (except for carcinoma of prostate)

Previous or existing liver tumours (only if these are not due to metastases from carcinoma of the prostate)

Wasting diseases (with the exception of inoperable carcinoma of the prostate)

Existing thrombosis or embolism

### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

#### *Meningiomas;*

The occurrence of (single and multiple) meningiomas has been reported in association with longer term use of cyproterone acetate primarily at doses of 25mg/day and above. The risk of meningioma increases with increasing cumulative doses of cyproterone

acetate (see section 5.1). High cumulative doses can be reached with prolonged use (several years) or shorter duration with high daily doses. Patients should be monitored for meningiomas in accordance with clinical practice. If a patient treated with Cyproterone acetate is diagnosed with meningioma, treatment with Cyproterone acetate and other cyproterone containing products must be permanently stopped (see section 'Contraindications').

There is some evidence that the meningioma risk may decrease after treatment discontinuation of cyproterone.

*Thromboembolic events:* the occurrence of thromboembolic events has been reported in patients using cyproterone acetate, although a causal relationship has not been established. Patients with previous arterial or venous thrombotic/thromboembolic events (e.g. deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, myocardial infarction), with a history of cerebrovascular accidents or with advanced malignancies are at increased risk of further thromboembolic events and may be at risk of recurrence of the disease during cyproterone acetate therapy.

In patients with a history of thromboembolic processes or suffering from sickle-cell anaemia or severe diabetes with vascular changes, the risk: benefit ratio must be considered carefully in each individual case before Cyproterone acetate is prescribed

*Chronic depression:* It has been found that some patients with severe chronic depression deteriorate whilst taking acetate therapy. Such patients should be closely monitored for signs of deterioration and warned to contact their doctor immediately if their depression worsens.

*Liver disease:* direct hepatic toxicity, including jaundice, hepatitis and hepatic failure, which has been fatal in some cases, has been reported in patients treated with dosages of cyproterone acetate of 100mg and above. Most reported fatal cases were in men with advanced prostatic cancer. Toxicity is dose related and develops usually several months after treatment has begun. Liver function tests should be performed pretreatment, regularly during treatment and whenever any symptoms or signs suggestive of hepatotoxicity occur. If hepatotoxicity is confirmed, cyproterone acetate should normally be withdrawn, unless the hepatotoxicity can be explained by another cause, e.g. metastatic disease, in which case cyproterone acetate should be continued only if the perceived benefit outweighs the risk.

In very rare cases benign and malignant liver tumours, which may lead to life threatening intra-abdominal haemorrhage, have been observed after the use of cyproterone acetate. If severe upper abdominal complaints, liver enlargement or signs of intra-abdominal haemorrhage occur a liver tumour should be considered in the differential diagnosis.

*Shortness of breath:* Shortness of breath may occur under high-dosed treatment with cyproterone acetate. This may be due to the stimulatory effect of progesterone and synthetic progestogens on breathing, which is accompanied by hypocapnia and compensatory alkalosis and which is not considered to require treatment.

*Adrenocortical function:* During treatment, adrenocortical function should be monitored regularly during treatment as preclinical data suggest a possible suppression due to the corticoid-like effect of cyproterone acetate with high doses. (see section 5.3)

*Diabetes mellitus:* Strict medical supervision is necessary if the patient suffers from diabetes. Cyproterone acetate can influence carbohydrate metabolism. Parameters of carbohydrate metabolism should be examined carefully in all diabetics before and

regularly during treatment because the requirement for oral antidiabetics or insulin can change. See also section 4.5.

*Anaemia:* Anaemia has been reported during long-term treatment. Therefore, the red blood cell counts should be taken initially and at regular intervals during treatment.

*Lactose:* This product contains lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactose deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine. Patients who are on a lactose-free diet should take this into consideration

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

*Diabetes:* At high therapeutic cyproterone acetate doses of three times 100 mg per day, cyproterone acetate may inhibit CYP2C8 (see below).

Thiazolidinediones (e.g. the anti-diabetics pioglitazone and rosiglitazone) are substrates of CYP2C8 (increased blood levels of these antidiabetics may require dose adjustment).

Other interactions: Clinical interaction studies have not been performed. However, since cyproterone acetate is metabolised by CYP3A4, it is expected that ketoconazole, itraconazole, clotrimazole, ritonavir and other strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 inhibit the metabolism of cyproterone acetate. On the other hand, Inducers of CYP3A4 such as rifampicin, phenytoin and products containing St. John's wort may reduce the levels of cyproterone acetate.

Based on in vitro inhibition studies, an inhibition of the cytochrome P450 enzymes CYP2C8, 2C9, 2C19, 3A4 and 2D6 is possible at high cyproterone acetate doses of 100 mg three times per day.

*Statins:* The risk of statin-associated myopathy or rhabdomyolysis may be increased when those HMG-CoA inhibitors (statins) which are primarily metabolised by CYP3A4 are co-administered with high therapeutic cyproterone acetate doses, since they share the same metabolic pathway.

#### **4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and lactation**

Not applicable

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Lassitude and fatigue are common. Patients should be warned to take special care and if affected should not drive or operate machinery.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

The most frequently observed adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in patients receiving cyproterone acetate are decreased libido, erectile dysfunction and reversible inhibition of spermatogenesis.

The most serious ADRs in patients receiving cyproterone acetate are hepatic toxicity, benign and malignant liver tumours which may lead to intra-abdominal haemorrhage and thromboembolic events.

The following approximate incidences were estimated from published reports of a number of small clinical trials and spontaneous ADR reports:

- very common: incidence  $\geq 1:10$
- common: incidence  $< 1:10$  but  $\geq 1:100$
- uncommon: incidence  $< 1:100$  but  $\geq 1:1,000$
- rare: incidence  $< 1:1,000$  but  $\geq 1:10,000$
- very rare: incidence  $< 1:10,000$
- not known (cannot be estimated from available data)

*Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps):*

Rare: Meningioma. The occurrence of meningiomas (single and multiple) has been reported in association with use of cyproterone acetate (see section 4.4).

Very rare: Benign and malignant liver tumours which may lead to life threatening intra-abdominal haemorrhage (see section 4.4).

*Blood and lymphatic system disorders:*

Not known: Anaemia during long-term treatment (see section 4.4).

*Immune system disorders:*

Rare: Hypersensitivity reactions

*Endocrine disorders:*

Not known: Suppression of adrenocortical function

*Metabolism and nutrition disorders:*

Common: Changes in bodyweight during long term treatment (chiefly weight gains in association with fluid retention).

*Psychiatric disorders:*

Common: Depressive moods and restlessness (temporary)

*Nervous system disorders:* headache, stroke

*Vascular disorders:*

Not known: Thromboembolic events, although a causal relationship has not been established (see section 4.4).

*Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:*

Common: Dyspnoea (see section 4.4).

*Hepatobiliary disorders:*

Common: Direct hepatic toxicity, including jaundice, hepatitis and hepatic failure has been observed in patients treated with Cyproterone acetate. At dosages of 100 mg and above, cases with fatal outcome have also been reported. Most reported fatal cases were in men with advanced carcinoma of the prostate. Toxicity is dose related and develops, usually, several months after treatment has begun.

*Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:*

Uncommon: Rash

Not known: Reduction of sebum production leading to dryness of the skin and improvement of existing acne vulgaris has been reported as well as; transient patchy loss and reduced growth of body hair, increased growth of scalp hair, lightening of hair colour and female type of pubic hair growth.

*Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:*

Not known: Osteoporosis (due to long-term androgen deprivation).

*Reproductive system disorders:*

Very common: Decreased libido, erectile dysfunction, reduced sexual drive and inhibition of gonadal function. These changes are reversible after discontinuation of therapy.

*Inhibition of spermatogenesis:*

Very common: Sperm count, and volume of ejaculate are reduced

Infertility is usual, and there may be azoospermia after 8 weeks. There is usually slight atrophy of the seminiferous tubules. Follow-up examinations have shown these changes to be reversible, spermatogenesis usually reverting to its previous state about 3-5 months after stopping Cyproterone acetate, or in some users, up to 20 months. That spermatogenesis can recover even after very long treatment is not yet known. There is evidence that abnormal sperms which might give rise to malformed embryos are produced during treatment with Cyproterone acetate.

*Gynaecomastia:*

Common: Gynaecomastia (sometimes combined with tenderness to touch of the mamillae) which usually regresses after withdrawal of the preparation

Rare: Galactorrhoea and tender benign nodules.

Symptoms mostly subside after discontinuation of treatment or reduction of dosage

*General disorders and administration site conditions:*

Common: Hot flushes, sweating, fatigue and lassitude.

**Reporting of suspected adverse reactions**

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the Yellow Card Scheme at, [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard). or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

**4.9 Overdose**

There are no reports of ill effects from overdosage, which it is, therefore, generally unnecessary to treat. There are no specific antidotes and if treatment is required it should be symptomatic.

## 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: sex hormones and modulators of the genital system, antiandrogens, plain, ATC code: G03HA01

Prostatic carcinoma and its metastases are in general androgen dependent. Cyproterone acetate exerts a direct anti-androgen action on the tumour and its metastases. It also has progestogenic activity, which exerts a negative feedback effect on the hypothalamic receptors, so leading to a reduction in gonadotrophin release, and hence to diminished production of testicular androgens. Sexual drive and potency are reduced, and gonadal function is inhibited.

The antigonadotrophic effect of cyproterone acetate is also exerted when administered with LHRH analogues. The initial increase of testosterone caused by this class of substances is reduced by cyproterone acetate.

An occasional tendency for the prolactin levels to increase slightly has been observed under higher doses of cyproterone acetate.

### Meningioma

Based on results from a French epidemiological cohort study, a cumulative dose-dependent association between cyproterone acetate (CPA) and meningioma has been observed. This study was based on data from the French Health insurance (CNAM) and included a population of 253,777 women using 50-100 mg CPA tablets. The incidence of meningioma treated with surgery or radiotherapy was compared between women exposed to high-dose CPA (cumulative dose  $\geq 3$  g) and women who were slightly exposed to CPA (cumulative dose  $< 3$  g). A cumulative dose-response relationship was demonstrated.

### **Incidence and risk of meningioma with different cumulative doses of CPA**

Cumulative dose of cyproterone acetate	Incidence rate (in patient years)	HR <sub>adj</sub> (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>
Slightly exposed (<3 g)	4.5/100,000	Ref
Exposed to $\geq 3$ g	23.8/100,000	6.6 [4.0-11.1]
12 to 36 g	26/100,000	6.4 [3.6-11.5]
36 to 60g	54.4/100,000	11.3 [5.8-22.2]
more than 60 g	129.1/100,000	21.7 [10.8-43.5]

<sup>a</sup> Adjusted based on age as a time-dependent variable and oestrogen at inclusion

A cumulative dose of 36 g for example can correspond with one year of treatment with 100 mg/day.

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Following oral administration, cyproterone acetate is completely absorbed over a wide dose range. The ingestion of two cyproterone acetate 50 mg tablets gives maximum serum levels of about 285 ng/ml at about 3 hours. Thereafter, drug serum levels declined during a time interval of typically 24 to 120 h, with a terminal half-life of  $43.9 \pm 12.8$  h. The total clearance of cyproterone acetate from serum is  $3.5 \pm 1.5$  ml/min/kg. Cyproterone acetate is metabolised by various pathways, including hydroxylations and conjugations. The main metabolite in human plasma is the 15 $\beta$ -hydroxy derivative.

Some drug is excreted unchanged with bile fluid. Most of the dose is excreted in the form of metabolites at a urinary to biliary ratio of 3:7. The renal and biliary excretion proceeds with a half-life of 1.9 days. Metabolites from plasma are eliminated at a similar rate (half-life of 1.7 days).

Cyproterone acetate is almost exclusively bound to plasma albumin. About 3.5 - 4 % of total drug levels are present unbound. Because protein binding is nonspecific, changes in SHBG (sex hormone binding globulin) levels do not affect the pharmacokinetics of cyproterone acetate.

The absolute bioavailability of cyproterone acetate is almost complete (88 % of dose).

### 5.3 Preclinical safety data

#### *Systemic toxicity*

Preclinical data reveal no specific risk for humans based on conventional studies of repeated dose toxicity beyond those discussed in other sections of the SPC.

Experimental investigations produced corticoid-like effects on the adrenal glands in rats and dogs following higher dosages, which could indicate similar effects in humans at the highest given dose (300 mg/day).

#### *Genotoxicity and carcinogenicity*

Recognised first line tests of genotoxicity gave negative results when conducted with cyproterone acetate. However, further tests showed that cyproterone acetate was capable of producing adducts with DNA (and an increase in DNA repair activity) in liver cells from rats and monkeys and also in freshly isolated human hepatocytes, the DNA-adduct level in the dog liver cells was extremely low.

This DNA adduct formation occurred at exposures that might be expected to occur in the recommended dose regimens for cyproterone acetate. *In vivo* consequence of cyproterone acetate treatment was the increased incidence of focal, possibly preneoplastic, liver lesions in which cellular enzymes were altered in female rats, and an increase of mutation frequency in transgenic rats carrying a bacterial gene as target for mutation. The clinical relevance of these findings is presently uncertain.

In long-term carcinogenicity studies in rats cyproterone acetate increased the incidence of liver tumours including carcinomas at high doses which concomitantly caused liver toxicity and exceeded the maximum human dose. Further investigations into rodents at lower, non-hepatotoxic doses revealed benign liver proliferations similar to effects described for other steroid hormones. However, it must be borne in mind that sex steroids can promote the growth of certain hormone dependent tissues and tumours.

## 6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

### 6.1 List of excipients

Lactose

Maize starch

Povidone K 25

Colloidal silicon dioxide

Magnesium stearate

Purified water

### 6.2 Incompatibilities

None known.

### 6.3 Shelf life

3 years.

## 6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original package.

## 6.5 Nature and contents of container

Polypropylene containers with press-on tamper-evident lids. 50, 100 and 200 pack sizes.

Blister pack of PVC and aluminium foil. 21, 84 and 252 pack sizes.

## 6.6 Special precautions for disposal

No special instructions.

# 7 **MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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