

## LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM



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### 1. Product Name

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LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM, 150 mg dose film-coated tablets.

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### 2. Qualitative and Quantitative Composition

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Each LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM 150 mg film-coated tablet contains 150 mg of lamivudine.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

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### 3. Pharmaceutical Form

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LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM 150 mg: A white to off-white film coated, capsule shaped biconvex tablet debossed with "M105" on one side of the tablet and a functional score on the other side.

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### 4. Clinical Particulars

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#### 4.1 *Therapeutic indications*

Lamivudine in combination with other anti-retroviral agents is indicated for the treatment of HIV infected adults and children.

#### 4.2 *Dose and method of administration*

LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM therapy should be initiated by a physician experienced in the management of HIV infection.

##### **Dose**

##### ***Adults, adolescents and children weighing at least 25 kg***

The recommended dose of lamivudine is 300 mg daily. This may be administered as either 150 mg twice daily or 300 mg once daily.

##### ***Children weighing $\geq 20$ kg to $< 25$ kg***

The recommended total daily dose of lamivudine is 225 mg daily. This may be administered as, either 75 mg (one half of 150 mg tablet) in the morning and one whole 150 mg tablet in the evening, or 225 mg (one and a half 150 mg tablets) once daily.

##### ***Children weighing $\geq 14$ kg to $< 20$ kg***

The recommended total daily dose of lamivudine is 150 mg daily. This may be administered as, either 75 mg (one half of 150 mg tablet) twice daily, or one whole 150 mg tablet once daily.

For children weighing less than 14 kg requiring lower doses, the use of the oral solution is recommended.

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## **Special populations**

### **Elderly**

No specific data are available, however special care is advised in this age group due to age associated changes such as the decrease in renal function and alteration of haematological parameters.

### **Renal impairment**

Lamivudine plasma concentrations (AUC) are increased in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment due to decreased clearance (see section 5.2). The dosage should therefore be reduced for patients with a creatinine clearance of <50 mL/minute as shown in the table below. The same percentage reduction in dose applies for paediatric patients with renal impairment.

### **Dosing recommendations – adults, adolescents and children weighing at least 25 kg**

<b>Creatinine clearance (mL/min)</b>	<b>First dose</b>	<b>Maintenance dose</b>
30 to <50	150 mg	150 mg once daily
<30	As doses below 150 mg are needed, the use of the oral solution is recommended	

### **Hepatic impairment**

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment unless accompanied by renal impairment (see section 5.2).

### **Method of administration**

LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM can be taken with or without food.

## **4.3 Contraindications**

The use of LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to lamivudine or to any ingredients listed in section 6.1.

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

LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM is not recommended for use as monotherapy.

Patients should be advised that current antiretroviral therapy, including LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM, 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 employed.

Patients receiving lamivudine or any other antiretroviral therapy may continue to develop opportunistic infections and other complications of HIV infection, and therefore they should remain under close clinical observation by physicians experienced in the treatment of patients with associated HIV diseases.

### **Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)**

Internationally recognised guidelines (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention - June 1998), recommend that in the event of accidental exposure to HIV infected blood e.g. from a needlestick injury, a combination of zidovudine and lamivudine should be administered promptly (within one to two hours). In cases of higher risk of infection, a protease inhibitor should be included in the regimen. It is recommended that antiretroviral prophylaxis be continued for four weeks. No

controlled clinical studies have been carried out in post-exposure prophylaxis and supporting data is limited. Seroconversion may still occur despite prompt treatment with antiretroviral agents.

### **Renal impairment**

Lamivudine plasma concentrations (AUC) are increased in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment due to decreased clearance. The dose should therefore be adjusted (see section 4.2).

### **Pancreatitis**

Pancreatitis has been observed in some patients receiving lamivudine. However, it is unclear whether this was due to treatment with the medicinal product or to the underlying HIV disease. Pancreatitis must be considered whenever a patient develops abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting or elevated biochemical markers. Discontinue use of lamivudine until diagnosis of pancreatitis is excluded.

### **Lactic acidosis/severe hepatomegaly with steatosis**

Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of antiretroviral nucleoside analogues either alone or in combination, including lamivudine. A majority of these cases have been in women. Clinical features which may be indicative of the development of lactic acidosis include generalised weakness, anorexia, and sudden unexplained weight loss, gastrointestinal symptoms and respiratory symptoms (dyspnoea and tachypnoea). Caution should be exercised when administering lamivudine particularly to those with known risk factors for liver disease. Treatment with LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis with or without hepatitis (which may include hepatomegaly and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations).

### **Serum lipids and blood glucose**

Serum lipid and blood glucose levels may increase during antiretroviral therapy. Disease control and lifestyle changes may also be contributing factors. Consideration should be given to the measurement of serum lipids and blood glucose. Lipid disorders should be managed as clinically appropriate.

### **Immune reconstitution syndrome**

In HIV-infected patients with severe immune deficiency at the time of initiation of anti-retroviral 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 cytomegalovirus retinitis, generalised and/or focal mycobacterial infections and *Pneumocystis jirovecii* (*P. carinii*) pneumonia (often referred to as PCP). Any inflammatory symptoms must be evaluated without delay and treatment initiated when necessary. Autoimmune 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.

### **Patients co-infected with hepatitis B virus**

Clinical trial and marketed use of lamivudine, have shown that some patients with chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) disease may experience clinical or laboratory evidence of recurrent hepatitis upon discontinuation of lamivudine, which may have more severe consequences in patients with decompensated liver disease. If LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM is discontinued in a patient with HIV and HBV co-infection, periodic monitoring of both liver function tests and markers of HBV replication should be considered.

### **Special populations**

#### ***Paediatric***

Children who at any time received lamivudine oral solution concomitantly with other antiretroviral oral solutions in clinical trials experienced lower rates of virological suppression, had lower plasma lamivudine exposure and developed viral resistance more frequently than children receiving tablets.

An all-tablet antiretroviral regimen should be used when possible. Lamivudine oral solution given concomitantly with sorbitol-containing medicines should be used only when an all-tablet regimen cannot be used and the benefits of treatment outweigh possible risks including lower virological suppression. Consider more frequent monitoring of HIV-1 viral load when lamivudine is used with chronically-administered, sorbitol containing medicines (see section 4.5).

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction**

The likelihood of interactions is low due to limited metabolism and plasma protein binding and almost complete renal elimination of unchanged lamivudine.

Lamivudine is predominantly eliminated by active organic cationic secretion. The possibility of interactions with other medicinal products administered concurrently should be considered, particularly when their main route of elimination is active renal secretion via the organic cationic transport system for example trimethoprim. Other active substances (for example ranitidine, cimetidine) are eliminated only in part by this mechanism and were shown not to interact with lamivudine.

Active substances shown to be predominantly excreted either via the active organic anionic pathway, or by glomerular filtration are unlikely to yield clinically significant interactions with lamivudine.

#### **Effect of lamivudine on the pharmacokinetics of other agents**

*In vitro*, lamivudine demonstrates no or weak inhibition of the drug transporters organic anion transporter 1B1 (OATP1B1), OATP1B3, breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP) or P-glycoprotein (Pgp), multidrug and toxin extrusion protein 1 (MATE1), MATE2-K or organic cation transporter 3 (OCT3). Lamivudine is therefore not expected to affect the plasma concentrations of drugs that are substrates of these drug transporters.

Lamivudine is an inhibitor of OCT1 and OCT2 *in vitro* with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 17 and 33 µM, respectively, however lamivudine has low potential to affect the plasma concentrations of OCT1 and OCT2 substrates at therapeutic drug exposures (up to 300 mg).

#### **Effect of other agents on the pharmacokinetics of lamivudine**

Lamivudine is *in vitro* substrate of MATE1, MATE2-K and OCT2 *in vitro*. Trimethoprim (an inhibitor of these drug transporters) has been shown to increase lamivudine plasma concentrations, however this interaction is not considered clinically significant as no dose adjustment of lamivudine is needed.

Lamivudine is a substrate of the hepatic uptake transporter OCT1. As hepatic elimination plays a minor role in the clearance of lamivudine, drug interactions due to inhibition of OCT1 are unlikely to be of clinical significance.

Lamivudine is a substrate of Pgp and BCRP, however due to its high bioavailability it is unlikely that these transporters play a significant role in the absorption of lamivudine. Therefore, co-administration of drugs that are inhibitors of these efflux transporters is unlikely to affect the disposition and elimination of lamivudine.

#### **Interactions relevant to lamivudine**

Co-administration of sorbitol solution (3.2 g, 10.2 g, 13.4 g) with a single 300 mg dose of lamivudine oral solution resulted in dose-dependent decreases of 14%, 32% and 36% in lamivudine exposure (AUC<sub>∞</sub>) and 28%, 52% and 55% in the C<sub>max</sub> of lamivudine in adults. When

possible, avoid use of lamivudine with sorbitol-containing medicines or consider more frequent monitoring of HIV-1 viral load when chronic co-administration cannot be avoided (see section 4.4).

A modest increase in  $C_{max}$  (28%) was observed for zidovudine when administered with lamivudine, however overall exposure (AUC) was not significantly altered. Zidovudine had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of lamivudine (see section 5.2).

Administration of trimethoprim/sulphamethoxazole 160 mg/800 mg (co-trimoxazole) causes a 40% increase in lamivudine exposure because of the trimethoprim component. However, unless the patient has renal impairment, no dosage adjustment of lamivudine is necessary (see section 4.2). Lamivudine has no effect on the pharmacokinetics of trimethoprim or sulphamethoxazole. The effect of co-administration of lamivudine with higher doses of co-trimoxazole for the treatment of *Pneumocystis jirovecii* (*P. carinii*) pneumonia and toxoplasmosis has not been studied.

Lamivudine may inhibit the intracellular phosphorylation of zalcitabine when the two medicinal products are used concurrently. Lamivudine is therefore not recommended to be used in combination with zalcitabine.

Lamivudine may inhibit the intracellular phosphorylation of emtricitabine when the two medicinal products are used concurrently. Additionally, the mechanism of viral resistance for both lamivudine and emtricitabine is mediated via mutation of the same viral reverse transcriptase gene (M184V) and therefore the therapeutic efficacy of these drugs in combination therapy may be limited. Lamivudine is not recommended for use in combination with emtricitabine or emtricitabine-containing fixed dose combinations.

## **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

### **Pregnancy**

Lamivudine has been evaluated in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry in over 11,000 women during pregnancy and postpartum. Available human data from the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry do not show an increased risk of major birth defects for lamivudine compared to the background rate (see section 5.1). However, there are no adequate and well-controlled trials in pregnant women and the safe use of lamivudine in human pregnancy has not been established.

Studies in humans have confirmed that lamivudine crosses the placenta. Use in pregnancy should be considered only if the benefit outweighs the risk. Although the results of animal studies (see Preclinical Safety Data) are not always predictive of human response, the findings in the rabbit suggest a potential risk of early embryonic loss.

There have been reports of mild, transient elevations in serum lactate levels, which may be due to mitochondrial dysfunction, in neonates and infants exposed in utero or peri-partum to nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs). The clinical relevance of transient elevations in serum lactate is unknown. There have also been very rare reports of developmental delay, seizures and other neurological disease. However, a causal relationship between these events and NRTI exposure in utero or peri-partum has not been established. These findings do not affect current recommendations to use antiretroviral therapy in pregnant women to prevent vertical transmission of HIV.

### **Breast-feeding**

Health experts recommend that where possible women infected with HIV do not breast feed their infants in order to avoid the transmission of HIV. In settings where formula feeding is not feasible, local official lactation and treatment guidelines should be followed when considering breast feeding during antiretroviral therapy.

In a study following repeat oral dose of either 150 mg lamivudine twice daily (given in combination with 300 mg zidovudine twice daily) or 300 mg lamivudine twice daily, lamivudine was excreted in human breast milk (0.5 to 8.2 micrograms/ml) at similar concentrations to those found in serum. In other studies following repeat oral dose of 150 mg lamivudine twice daily (given either in

combination with 300 mg zidovudine or as zidovudine-containing fixed dose combinations) the maternal breast milk:plasma ratio ranged between 0.6 and 3.3. Lamivudine median infant serum concentrations ranged between 18 and 28 ng/mL and were not detectable in one of the studies (assay sensitivity 7 ng/mL). Intracellular lamivudine triphosphate (active metabolite of lamivudine) levels in the breastfed infants were not measured therefore the clinical relevance of the serum concentrations of the parent compound measured is unknown.

## **Fertility**

No data available. For pre-clinical fertility data refer to section 5.3.

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

There have been no studies to investigate the effect of lamivudine on driving performance or the ability to operate machinery. Further, a detrimental effect on such activities cannot be predicted from the pharmacology of lamivudine. Nevertheless, the clinical status of the patient and the adverse event profile of lamivudine should be borne in mind when considering the patient's ability to drive or operate machinery.

## **4.8 Undesirable effects**

The following events have been reported during therapy for HIV disease with lamivudine alone and in combination with other anti-retroviral agents. With many it is unclear whether they are related to medicinal products or are as a result of the underlying disease process.

The following convention has been utilised for the classification of undesirable effects:

Very common (>1/10), common (>1/100, <1/10), uncommon (>1/1,000, <1/100), rare (>1/10,000, <1/1,000) very rare (<1/10,000).

### **Blood and lymphatic systems disorders**

Uncommon: neutropenia, anaemia, thrombocytopenia.

Very rare: pure red cell aplasia.

### **Metabolism and nutrition disorders**

Common: hyperlactataemia.

Rare: lactic acidosis (see section 4.4).

### **Nervous system disorders**

Common: headache.

Very rare: paraesthesia. Peripheral neuropathy has been reported although a causal relationship to treatment is uncertain.

### **Gastrointestinal disorders**

Common: nausea, vomiting, upper abdominal pain, diarrhoea.

Rare: pancreatitis, although a causal relationship to treatment is uncertain. Rises in serum amylase.

### **Hepatobiliary disorders**

Uncommon: transient rises in liver enzymes (AST, ALT).

### **Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders**

Common: rash, alopecia.

### **Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders**

Common: arthralgia, muscle disorders.  
Rare: rhabdomyolysis.

## General disorders and administration site conditions

Common: fatigue, malaise, fever.

## Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicine is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicine. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions <https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting/>.

## 4.9 Overdose

Limited data are available on the consequences of ingestion of acute overdoses in humans. No fatalities occurred, and the patients recovered. No specific signs or symptoms have been identified following such overdose.

If overdosage occurs the patient should be monitored, and standard supportive treatment applied as required. Since lamivudine is dialysable, continuous haemodialysis could be used in the treatment of overdosage, although this has not been studied.

For further advice on management of overdose please contact the National Poisons Information Centre (0800 POISON or 0800 764 766).

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## 5. Pharmacological Properties

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### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: direct acting antivirals, ATC code: J05AF05.

#### Mechanism of action

Lamivudine is a potent, selective inhibitor of HIV-1 and HIV-2 replication *in vitro*. It is also active against zidovudine-resistant clinical isolates of HIV. Lamivudine is metabolised intracellularly to the 5'-triphosphate, the active moiety, which has an intra-cellular half-life of 16-19 hours. Lamivudine 5'-triphosphate is a weak inhibitor of the RNA and DNA dependant activities of HIV reverse transcriptase, its main mode of action is as a chain terminator of HIV reverse transcription. No antagonistic effects *in vitro* were seen with lamivudine and other anti retrovirals (tested agents: abacavir, didanosine, nevirapine, zalcitabine, and zidovudine). Lamivudine does not interfere with cellular deoxynucleotide metabolism and has little effect on mammalian cell and mitochondrial DNA content.

*In vitro*, lamivudine demonstrates low cytotoxicity to peripheral blood lymphocytes, to established lymphocyte and monocyte-macrophage cell lines, and to a variety of bone marrow progenitor cells *in vitro*. Lamivudine therefore has, *in vitro*, a high therapeutic index.

HIV-1 resistance to lamivudine involves the development of a M184V amino acid change close to the active site of the viral reverse transcriptase (RT). This variant arises both *in vitro* and in HIV-1 infected patients treated with lamivudine-containing antiretroviral therapy. M184V mutants display greatly reduced susceptibility to lamivudine and show diminished viral replicative capacity *in vitro*. *In vitro* studies indicate that zidovudine-resistant virus isolates can become zidovudine sensitive when they simultaneously acquire resistance to lamivudine. The clinical relevance of such findings remains, however, not well defined.

Cross-resistance conferred by the M184V RT is limited within the nucleoside inhibitor class of antiretroviral agents. Zidovudine and stavudine maintain their antiretroviral activities against lamivudine-resistant HIV-1. Abacavir maintains its antiretroviral activities against lamivudine-resistant HIV-1 harbouring only the M184V mutation. The M184V RT mutant shows a <4-fold

decrease in susceptibility to didanosine and zalcitabine; the clinical significance of these findings is unknown. *In vitro* susceptibility testing has not been standardised and results may vary according to methodological factors.

### **Clinical efficacy and safety**

In clinical trials, lamivudine in combination with zidovudine has been shown to reduce HIV-1 viral load and to increase CD<sub>4</sub> cell count. Clinical end-point data indicate that lamivudine in combination with zidovudine alone or in combination with zidovudine containing treatment regimens results in a significant reduction in the risk of disease progression and mortality.

Reduced *in vitro* sensitivity to lamivudine has been reported for HIV isolates from patients who have received lamivudine therapy. Evidence from clinical studies show that lamivudine plus zidovudine delays the emergence of zidovudine-resistant isolates in individuals with no prior anti-retroviral therapy.

Lamivudine has been widely used as a component of antiretroviral combination therapy with other antiretroviral agents of the same class (nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors) or different classes (protease inhibitors, non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors).

Multiple medicine antiretroviral therapy containing lamivudine has been shown to be effective in antiretrovirally-naive patients as well as in patients presenting with viruses containing the M184V mutations.

The relationship between *in vitro* susceptibility of HIV to lamivudine and the clinical response to therapy remain under investigation.

### **Pregnancy**

The Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry has received reports of over 11,000 exposures to lamivudine during pregnancy resulting in live birth. These consist of over 4,200 exposures during the first trimester, over 6,900 exposures during the second/third trimester and included 135 and 198 birth defects respectively. The prevalence (95% CI) of defects in the first trimester was 3.2% (2.6, 3.7%) and in the second/third trimester, 2.8% (2.4, 3.2%). Among pregnant women in the reference population, the background rate of birth defects is 2.7%. The Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry does not show an increased risk of major birth defects for lamivudine compared to the background rate.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

### **Absorption**

Lamivudine is well absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, and the bioavailability of oral lamivudine in adults is normally between 80 and 85%. Following oral administration, the mean time ( $T_{max}$ ) to maximal serum concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) is about an hour. At therapeutic dose levels i.e. 4 mg/kg/day (as two 12-hourly doses),  $C_{max}$  is in the order of 1-1.9 mcg/mL. Co-administration of lamivudine with food resulted in a delay of  $T_{max}$  and a lower  $C_{max}$  (decreased by up to 47%). However, the extent (based on the AUC) of lamivudine absorbed was not influenced. No dose adjustment is needed when co-administered with food.

### **Distribution**

From intravenous studies, the mean volume of distribution is 1.3 L/kg and the mean terminal half-life of elimination is 5 to 7 hours. Lamivudine exhibits linear pharmacokinetics over the therapeutic dose range and displays low plasma protein binding to albumin. Limited data shows lamivudine penetrates the central nervous system and reaches the cerebro-spinal fluid (CSF). The mean lamivudine CSF/serum concentration ratio 2-4 hours after oral administration was approximately 0.12. The true extent of penetration or relationship with any clinical efficacy is unknown.

### **Biotransformation**



The active moiety, intracellular lamivudine triphosphate, has a prolonged terminal half-life in the cell (16 to 19 hours) compared to the plasma lamivudine half-life (5 to 7 hours). In 60 healthy adult volunteers, lamivudine 300 mg once daily has been demonstrated to be pharmacokinetically equivalent at steady-state to lamivudine 150 mg twice daily with respect to intracellular AUC<sub>24</sub> and C<sub>max</sub>. The likelihood of adverse interactions between lamivudine and other medicinal products is low due to limited metabolism and plasma protein binding and almost complete renal elimination of unchanged lamivudine.

## **Elimination**

Lamivudine mean systemic clearance is approximately 0.32 L/h/kg, with predominantly renal clearance (>70%) via the organic cationic transport system, and little (<10%) hepatic metabolism.

## **Special populations**

### ***Renal impairment***

Lamivudine plasma concentrations (AUC) are increased in patients with renal dysfunction due to decreased clearance. The dosage should therefore be reduced for patients with a creatinine clearance of <50 mL/minute (see section 4.2).

### ***Hepatic impairment***

Data obtained in patients with moderate to severe hepatic impairment show that lamivudine pharmacokinetics are not significantly affected by hepatic dysfunction.

### ***Paediatric***

The absolute bioavailability (approximately 58-66%) was reduced in paediatric patients below 12 years of age. Paediatric pharmacokinetic studies have demonstrated that once daily dosing provides equivalent AUC<sub>0-24</sub> to twice daily dosing of the same total daily dose.

### ***Elderly***

No pharmacokinetic data are available in patients over 65 years of age.

### ***Pregnancy***

The pharmacokinetics of lamivudine are similar to that of non-pregnant adults. In humans, consistent with passive transmission of lamivudine across the placenta, lamivudine concentrations in infant serum at birth were similar to those in maternal and cord serum at delivery.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

### ***Animal toxicology***

Administration of lamivudine in animal toxicity studies at very high doses was not associated with any major organ toxicity. Reductions of erythrocyte and neutrophil counts were identified as the effects most likely to be of clinical relevance.

### ***Mutagenicity***

Lamivudine was not mutagenic in bacterial tests but, like many nucleoside analogues, showed activity in an *in vitro* cytogenetic assay and the mouse lymphoma assay. Lamivudine was not genotoxic *in vivo* at doses that gave plasma concentrations around 40-50 times higher than the anticipated clinical plasma levels. As the *in vitro* mutagenic activity of lamivudine could not be confirmed in *in vivo* tests, it is concluded that lamivudine should not represent a genotoxic hazard to patients undergoing treatment.

### ***Carcinogenicity***

The results of long term oral carcinogenicity studies with lamivudine in rats and mice did not show any carcinogenic potential.

### ***Reproductive toxicology***

Reproductive studies in animals have not shown evidence of teratogenicity, and showed no effect on male or female fertility. Lamivudine produced small increases in early embryonic loss when administered to pregnant rabbits, at exposure levels comparable to those achieved in man. However, there was no evidence of embryonic loss in rats at exposure levels of approximately 35 times the clinical exposure (based on  $C_{max}$ ).

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## **6. Pharmaceutical Particulars**

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### **6.1 *List of excipients***

*Tablet core:* microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycollate, magnesium stearate

*Tablet film coat:* hypromellose, titanium dioxide, propylene glycol.

The LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM 150 mg tablet is lactose and gluten free.

### **6.2 *Incompatibilities***

Not applicable.

### **6.3 *Shelf life***

3 years.

### **6.4 *Special precautions for storage***

Store at or below 30°C.

### **6.5 *Nature and contents of container***

LAMIVUDINE ALPHAPHARM 150 mg:

HDPE bottle with a child-resistant closure, pack-size of 60 film-coated tablets.

Blister pack, pack-size of 60 film-coated tablets.

Not all pack types may be marketed.

### **6.6 *Special precautions for disposal***

Not applicable.

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## **7. Medicines Schedule**

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Prescription Medicine

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## **8. Sponsor Details**

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## **9. Date of First Approval**

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## 10. Date of Revision of the Text

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### Summary table of changes

Section	Summary of new information
All	Removal of reference to 300 mg tablet as the registration of the 300 mg tablet has lapsed.