

Tansin®
(Losartan potassium 50mg)

Tansin-DS®
(Losartan potassium 100mg)

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COMPOSITION:

Each film-coated tablet of TANSIN® contains:

Losartan potassium 50 mg.

Each film-coated tablet of TANSIN-DS® contains:

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DESCRIPTION:

Losartan potassium, the first of a new class of antihypertensives, is an angiotensin II receptor (type AT₁) antagonist. Losartan potassium, a non-peptide molecule, is chemically described as 2-buty-4-chloro-1-[p-1H-tetrazol-5-ylphenyl]-benzylimidazole-5-methanol monopotassium salt. Its empirical formula is C₂₂H₂₂ClKN₄O having molecular weight of 461.01.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:

Mechanism of Action

Angiotensin II formed from angiotensin I in a reaction catalyzed by angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE, kininase II), is a potent vasoconstrictor, the primary vasoactive hormone of the renin-angiotensin system and an important component in the pathophysiology of hypertension. It also stimulates aldosterone secretion by the adrenal cortex. Losartan potassium and its principal active metabolite block the vasoconstrictor and aldosterone-secreting effects of angiotensin II by selectively blocking the binding of angiotensin II to the AT₁ receptor found in many tissues, (e.g., vascular smooth muscle, adrenal gland). There is also an AT₂ receptor found in many tissues but it is not known to be associated with cardiovascular homeostasis. Both Losartan potassium and its principal active metabolite do not exhibit any partial agonist activity at the AT₁ receptor and have much greater affinity (about 1000-fold) for the AT₁ receptor than for the AT₂ receptor. In vitro binding studies indicate that Losartan potassium is a reversible is 10 to 40 times inhibitor of the AT₁ receptor. The active metabolite is 10 to 40 times more potent by weight than Losartan potassium and appears to be a reversible, non-competitive inhibitor of the AT₁ receptor. Neither Losartan potassium nor its active metabolite inhibits ACE (Kininase II, the enzyme that converts angiotensin I to angiotensin II and degrades bradykinin); nor do they bind to or block other hormone receptors or ion channels known to be important in cardiovascular regulation.

Pharmacokinetics

Losartan potassium is an orally active agent that undergoes substantial first-pass metabolism by cytochrome P450 enzymes. It is converted, in part, to an active carboxylic acid metabolite that is responsible for most of the angiotensin II receptor antagonism that follows Losartan potassium treatments. The terminal half-life of Losartan potassium is about 2 hours and of the metabolite is about 6-9 hours. The pharmacokinetic of Losartan potassium and its active metabolite are linear with oral Losartan potassium doses up to 200 mg and do not change over time. Neither Losartan potassium nor its metabolite accumulates in plasma upon repeated once-daily dosing.

Following oral administration, Losartan potassium is well absorbed

(based on absorption of radio-labeled losartan) and undergoes substantial first-pass metabolism; the systemic bioavailability of Losartan potassium is approximately 33%. Mean peak concentrations of Losartan potassium and its active metabolite are reached in 1 hour and in 3-4 hours, respectively. Both Losartan potassium and its active metabolite are highly bound to plasma proteins, primarily albumin, with plasma free fractions of 1.3% and 0.2% respectively. The volume of distribution of Losartan potassium is about 34 liters and of the active metabolite is about 12 liters. Total plasma clearance of Losartan potassium and the active metabolite is about 600 ml/min and 50 ml/min, respectively with renal clearance of about 75 ml/min and 25 ml/min, respectively. When Losartan potassium is administered orally, about 4% of the dose is excreted unchanged in the urine and about 6% is excreted in urine as active metabolite. Biliary excretion contributes to the elimination of Losartan potassium and its metabolites. Following oral 14C-labeled Losartan potassium, about 35% of radioactivity is recovered in the urine and about 60% in the feces. Following an intravenous dose of 14C-labeled Losartan potassium, about 45% of radioactivity is recovered in the urine and 50% in the feces.

INDICATIONS:

TANSIN® & TANSIN-DS® is indicated for the treatment of hypertension. It may be used alone or in combination with other antihypertensive agents.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION:

The usual starting and maintenance dose is 50 mg once daily for most patients. The maximal antihypertensive effect is attained within 3-6 weeks after initiation of therapy. For patients with intravascular volume depletion (e.g., those treated with high-dose diuretics), a starting dose of 25mg once daily should be considered (see PRECAUTIONS). Losartan can be administered once or twice daily with total daily doses ranging from 25mg to 100mg. No initial dosage adjustment is necessary for elderly patients or for patients with renal impairment including patients on dialysis. A lower dose should be considered for patients with a history of hepatic impairment (see PRECAUTIONS). TANSIN® & TANSIN-DS® may be administered with other antihypertensive agents. TANSIN® & TANSIN-DS® can be administered with or without food.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

Losartan potassium is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to any component of this product.

PRECAUTIONS:

Hypotension - Volume Depleted Patients:

In patients who are intravascularly volume-depleted (e.g., those treated with diuretics) symptomatic hypotension may occur after initiation of therapy with Losartan potassium. These conditions should be corrected prior to administration of Losartan Potassium or a lower starting dose should be used (see DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION).

Impaired Renal Function:

As a consequence of inhibiting the renin-angiotensin system, changes in renal function including renal failure have been reported in susceptible individuals; these changes in renal function may be reversible upon discontinuation of therapy.

Other drugs that affect the renin-angiotensin system may increase

blood urea and serum creatinine in patients with bilateral renal artery stenosis or stenosis of the artery to a solitary kidney. Similar effects have been reported with Losartan potassium; these changes in renal function may be reversible upon discontinuation of therapy.

Impaired Hepatic Function:

Based on pharmacokinetic data, which demonstrates significantly increased plasma concentrations of Losartan potassium in cirrhotic patients, a lower dose should be considered for patients with impaired liver function (see DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION).

PREGNANCY:

Drugs that act directly on the renin-angiotensin system can cause fetal and neonatal morbidity and death when administered to pregnant women. When pregnancy is detected Losartan potassium should be discontinued as soon as possible.

NURSING MOTHERS:

It is not known whether Losartan potassium is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk and because of the potential of adverse effects on the nursing infant, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

PEDIATRIC USE:

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

USE IN THE ELDERLY:

In clinical studies there was no age-related difference in the efficacy or safety profile of Losartan potassium.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

No significant drug-drug pharmacokinetic interactions have been found in interaction studies with hydrochlorothiazide, digoxin, warfarin, cimetidine and phenobarbital and ketoconazole. As with other drugs that block angiotensin II or its effects, concomitant use of potassium-sparing diuretics (e.g., spironolactone, triamterene, amiloride), potassium supplements, or salt substitutes containing potassium may lead to increases in serum potassium.

ADVERSE REACTIONS:

Losartan potassium has been found to be generally well tolerated in controlled clinical trials for hypertension; side effects have usually been mild and transient in nature and have not required discontinuation of therapy. The overall incidence of side effects reported with Losartan potassium was comparable to placebo. In controlled clinical trials for essential hypertension, dizziness was the only side effect reported as drugs related that occurred with an incidence greater than placebo in one percent or more of patients treated with Losartan potassium. In addition, dose-related orthostatic effects were seen in less than one percent of the patients. Rarely, rash was reported, although the incidence in controlled clinical trials was less than placebo.

The following additional adverse reactions were reported: *Hypersensitivity* : Angioedema including swelling of the larynx and glottis causing airway obstruction and/or (swelling of the face, lips, pharynx and/or tongue) has been reported rarely with losartan;

some for these patients previously experienced angioedema with other drugs including ACE inhibitors.

Gastrointestinal: Hepatitis (reported rarely), liver function abnormalities;

Hematologic: Anemia

Musculoskeletal: Myalgia

Nervous System/Psychiatric: Migraine

Skin: Urticaria, pruritus.

LABORATORY TEST FINDINGS:

In controlled clinical trials, clinically important changes in standard laboratory parameters were rarely associated with administration of Losartan potassium. Hyperkalemia (serum potassium > 5.5mEq/L) occurred in 1.5% of patients. Elevations of ALT occurred rarely and usually resolved upon discontinuation of therapy.

OVERDOSAGE:

Limited data are available in regard to overdosage in humans. The most likely manifestation of overdosage would be hypotension and tachycardia; bradycardia could occur from parasympathetic (vagal) stimulation. If symptomatic hypotension should occur, supportive treatment should be instituted.

Neither Losartan potassium nor its active metabolite can be removed by hemodialysis.

STORAGE:

Store below 30 C, protect from light and moisture.

PRESENTATION:

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