

that medication would have a clinically significant effect on its safety or efficacy (e.g., cyclosporine, tacrolimus, levothyroxine), consider separation of the timing of the administration of the two drugs. The duration of separation depends upon the absorption characteristics of the medication concomitantly administered, such as the time to reach peak systemic levels and whether the drug is an immediate release or an extended-release product. Where possible consider monitoring clinical responses and/or blood levels of concomitant drugs that have a narrow therapeutic range.

OVERDOSAGE

In Chronic Kidney Disease patients on dialysis, the maximum dose studied was 14 grams of sevelamer carbonate and 13 grams of sevelamer hydrochloride. There are no reports of overdosage with sevelamer carbonate or sevelamer hydrochloride in patients. Since sevelamer is not absorbed, the risk of systemic toxicity is low.

PRESENTATION

Sevemer Sachet 2.4g available in pack of 3 x10's, 6x10's & 9x10's

DOSAGE:

As directed by the physician.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Store below 30°C in a dry place, protect from light.
To be dispensed on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner only.
Keep out of the reach of children.

خوراک:

ڈاکٹر کی ہدایت کے مطابق استعمال کریں۔

ہدایات:

دوا کو ۳۰ کو ڈگری سینٹی گریڈ سے کم درجہ حرارت پر روشنی سے بچا کر رکھنا چاہئے۔

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Sevemer

(Sevelamer Carbonate)

2.4g Sachet

سیو میمر
(سیو میمر کاربونیٹ)

۲.۴ گرام ساشے

COMPOSITION:

Sevemer Sachet 2.4g

Each sachet contains:

Sevelamer Carbonate..... 2.4g

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

PHARMACODYNAMICS

Mechanism Of Action

Sevelamer carbonate for oral suspension contains sevelamer carbonate, a non-absorbed phosphate binding cross-linked polymer, free of metal and calcium. It contains multiple amines separated by one carbon from the polymer backbone. These amines exist in a protonated form in the intestine and interact with phosphate molecules through ionic and hydrogen bonding. By binding phosphate in the gastrointestinal tract and decreasing absorption, sevelamer carbonate lowers the phosphate concentration in the serum (serum phosphorus).

PHARMACOKINETICS

A mass balance study using C-sevelamer hydrochloride, in 16 healthy male and female volunteers showed that sevelamer hydrochloride is not systemically absorbed. No absorption studies have been performed in patients with renal disease.

In vivo:

Sevelamer carbonate has been studied in human drug-drug interaction studies (9.6 grams once daily with a meal) with warfarin and digoxin. Sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, has been studied in human drug-drug interaction studies (2.4 to 2.8 grams single dose or three times daily with meals or two times daily without meals) with ciprofloxacin, digoxin, enalapril, iron, metoprolol, mycophenolate mofetil and warfarin. Coadministered single dose of 2.8 grams of sevelamer hydrochloride in fasted state decreased the bioavailability of ciprofloxacin by approximately 50% in healthy subjects. Concomitant administration of sevelamer and mycophenolate mofetil in adult and pediatric patients decreased the mean MPA C and AUC by 36% and 26% respectively. Sevelamer carbonate or sevelamer hydrochloride did not alter the pharmacokinetics of enalapril, digoxin, iron, metoprolol and warfarin when coadministered. During post marketing experience, cases of increased thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) levels have been reported in patients coadministered sevelamer hydrochloride and levothyroxine. Reduction in concentrations of cyclosporine and tacrolimus leading to dose increases has also been reported in transplant patients when coadministered with sevelamer hydrochloride without any clinical consequences (for example, graft rejection). The possibility of an interaction cannot be excluded with these drugs.

SPECIAL POPULATION

Pregnancy:

Sevelamer carbonate is not absorbed systemically following oral administration and maternal use is not expected to result in fetal exposure to the drug. Sevelamer carbonate may decrease serum levels of fat-soluble vitamins and folic acid in pregnant women. Consider supplementation

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Lactation:

Sevelamer carbonate is not absorbed systemically by the mother following oral administration, and breastfeeding is not expected to result in exposure of the child to sevelamer carbonate. Sevelamer carbonate may decrease serum levels of fat-soluble vitamins and folic acid in pregnant Women. Consider supplementation.

Pediatric Use:

The safety and efficacy of sevelamer carbonate in lowering serum phosphorus levels was studied in patients 6 years of age and older with CKD. In this study, sevelamer carbonate was apparently less effective in children with a low baseline serum phosphorus, which described children <13 years of age and children not on dialysis. Given its mechanism of action, sevelamer carbonate is expected to be effective in lowering serum phosphorus levels in pediatric patients with CKD. Most adverse events that were reported as related, or possibly related, to sevelamer carbonate were gastrointestinal in nature. No new risks or safety signals were identified with the use of sevelamer carbonate in the trial.

Geriatric Use:

Clinical studies of sevelamer carbonate did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range

THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

Sevelamer carbonate for oral suspension is indicated for the control of serum phosphorus in adults and children 6 years of age and older with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on dialysis.

DOSEAGE & ADMINISTRATION

Starting Dose for Adult Patients Not Taking a Phosphate Binder. The recommended starting dose of sevelamer carbonate is 0.8 to 1.6 grams taken orally with meals based on serum phosphorus level.

Posology

For a 2.4 g dose, the powder for oral suspension should be dispersed in 60 ml of water per sachet. Drink within 30 minutes of being prepared. It is important to drink all of the liquid and it may be necessary to rinse the glass with water and drink this as well to ensure that all of the powder is swallowed.

Instead of water, the powder may be premixed with a small amount of cold beverage (about 120 ml or half a glass) or food (about 100 g) and consumed within 30 minutes. Do not heat Sevelamer powder (e.g., Microwave) or add to hot foods or liquids.

The recommended starting dose of this medicine for adults and elderly is 2.4-4.8 g per day equally divided over three meals. The exact starting dose and regimen will be determined by your doctor. Check with your doctor, pharmacist or nurse if you are not sure.

Take Sevelamer after your meal or with food. If a dose of 0.4 g is to be administered, please use the dedicated 0.8 g powder presentation with dosing spoon.

Use in children and adolescents:

The recommended starting dose of Sevelamer for children is based on their height and weight (used to calculate body surface area by your physician). For children, the powder is preferred, as tablets are not appropriate in this population. This medicine should not be given on an empty stomach and should be taken with meals or snacks. The exact starting dose and regimen will be determined by your doctor. Initially, your doctor will check the levels of phosphorus in your blood every 2-4 weeks and they may adjust the dose of Sevelamer when necessary to reach an adequate phosphate level.

METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

For oral administration only.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Constipation is a very common side effect (may affect more than 1 in 10 people). It can be an early symptom of a blockage in your intestine. In case of constipation, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

Some side effects could be serious.

If you get any of the following side effects, seek immediate medical attention: - Allergic reaction (signs including rash, hives, swelling, trouble breathing). This is a very rare side effect (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people).

Blockage in the intestine (signs include: severe bloating, abdominal pain, swelling or cramps, severe constipation) has been reported. Frequency is not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data).

Rupture in the intestinal wall (signs include: severe stomach pain, chills, fever, nausea, vomiting, or a tender abdomen) has been reported. Frequency is not known.

Serious inflammation of the large bowel (symptoms include: severe abdominal pain, stomach or intestine disorders, or blood in the stool [gastrointestinal bleeding]) and crystal deposit in the intestine have been reported. Frequency is not known.

Other side effects have been reported in patients taking Sevelamer:

Very common: (may affect more than 1 in 10 people): vomiting, upper abdominal pain, nausea

Common: (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): diarrhea, stomach ache, indigestion, flatulence

Not known: (frequency cannot be estimated from available data): cases of itching, rash, slow intestine motility (movement)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Sevelamer carbonate for oral suspension is contraindicated in patients with bowel obstruction. Sevelamer carbonate for oral suspension is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to sevelamer carbonate, sevelamer hydrochloride, or to any of the excipients.

PRECAUTIONS**Gastrointestinal Adverse Events:**

Patients with dysphagia, swallowing disorders, severe gastrointestinal (GI) motility disorders, including severe constipation, or major GI tract surgery were not included in the sevelamer carbonate clinical studies.

Cases of dysphagia and esophageal tablet retention have been reported in association with use of the tablet formulation of sevelamer, some requiring hospitalization and intervention. Consider using sevelamer suspension in patients with a history of swallowing disorders. Cases of bowel obstruction, bleeding gastrointestinal ulcers, colitis, ulceration, necrosis, and perforation have also been reported with sevelamer use. Inflammatory disorders may resolve upon sevelamer discontinuation. Treatment with sevelamer should be reevaluated in patients who develop severe gastrointestinal symptoms.

Monitor for Reduced Vitamins D, E, K (clotting factors) and Folic Acid Levels

In preclinical studies in rats and dogs, sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, reduced vitamins D, E, and K (coagulation parameters) and folic acid levels at doses of 6 to 10 times the recommended human dose. In short-term clinical trials, there was no evidence of reduction in serum levels of vitamins. However, in a one-year clinical trial, 25-hydroxyvitamin D (Normal range 10 to 55 ng/mL) fell from 39 ± 22 ng/mL to 34 ± 22 ng/mL ($p < 0.01$) with sevelamer hydrochloride treatment. Most (approximately 75%) patients in sevelamer hydrochloride clinical trials were receiving vitamin supplement.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

There are no empirical data on avoiding drug interactions between sevelamer carbonate and most concomitant oral drugs. For oral medication where a reduction in the bioavailability of

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Ciprofloxacin

In interaction studies in healthy volunteers, sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, decreased the bioavailability of ciprofloxacin by approximately 50% when co-administered with sevelamer hydrochloride in a single dose study. Consequently, sevelamer carbonate should not be taken simultaneously with ciprofloxacin.

Ciclosporin, mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus in transplant patients

Reduced levels of ciclosporin, mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus have been reported in transplant patients when co-administered with sevelamer hydrochloride without any clinical consequences (e.g., graft rejection). The possibility of an interaction cannot be excluded and a close monitoring of blood concentrations of ciclosporin, mycophenolate mofetil and tacrolimus should be considered during the use of combination and after its withdrawal.

Levothyroxine

Very rare cases of hypothyroidism have been reported in patients co-administered with sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, and levothyroxine. Closer monitoring of thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH) levels is therefore recommended in patients receiving sevelamer carbonate and levothyroxine.

Anti-arrhythmics and anti-seizure medicinal products

Patients taking anti-arrhythmic medicinal products for the control of arrhythmias and anti-seizure medicinal products for the control of seizure disorders were excluded from clinical trials. Therefore, possible reduction in absorption cannot be excluded. The anti-arrhythmic medicinal product should be taken at least one hour before or three hours after Sevelamer and blood monitoring can be considered.

Proton pump inhibitors

During post-marketing experience, very rare cases of increased phosphate levels have been reported in patients taking proton pump inhibitors co-administered with sevelamer carbonate. Caution should be exercised when prescribing PPI to patients concomitantly treated with Sevelamer carbonate Winthrop. The phosphate serum level should be monitored and the Sevelamer carbonate dosage adjusted consequently.

Bioavailability

Sevelamer carbonate is not absorbed and may affect the bioavailability of other medicinal products. When administering any medicinal product where a reduction in the bioavailability could have a clinically significant effect on safety or efficacy, the medicinal product should be administered at least one hour before or three hours after sevelamer carbonate, or the physician should consider monitoring blood levels.

Digoxin, warfarin, enalapril or metoprolol

In interaction studies in healthy volunteers, sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, had no effect on the bioavailability of digoxin, warfarin, enalapril or metoprolol.

OVERDOSAGE

The symptoms observed in case of overdose are similar to adverse reactions, including mainly constipation and other known gastrointestinal disorders. Appropriate symptomatic treatment should be provided.

PRESENTATION

Sevemer 800mg Tablet available in blister pack of 1x10's
Sevemer 800mg Tablet available in blister pack of 3x10's

Dosage:

As directed by the physician.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Store below 30°C.

Protect from sunlight & moisture.

Keep out of the reach of children.

To be dispensed on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner only.

خوراک : ڈاکٹر کی ہدایت کے مطابق استعمال کریں۔

ہدایت : دوا کو 30°C ذریعہ کی پٹی میں گریڈ سے کم درجہ حرارت پر روشنی سے

بچا کر رکھیں۔ صرف رجسٹرڈ ڈاکٹر کے نسخے ہی فروخت کریں۔

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Sevemer

(Sevelamer Carbonate)

سیو میمر
(سیو میمر کاربونیٹ)

۸۰۰ ملی گرام گولیاں

800mg Tablets**COMPOSITION:**

Each film coated tablet contains:

Sevelamer carbonate.....800mg

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**Pharmacodynamic properties****Mechanism of action**

Sevemer contains sevelamer, a non-absorbed phosphate binding crosslinked polymer. Sevelamer contains multiple amines separated by one carbon from the polymer backbone which become protonated in the stomach. These protonated amines bind negatively charged ions such as dietary phosphate in the intestine.

Pharmacodynamic effects

By binding phosphate in the gastrointestinal tract and decreasing absorption, sevelamer lowers the phosphorus concentration in the serum. Regular monitoring of serum phosphorus levels is always necessary during phosphate binder administration

PHARMACOKINETICS

Pharmacokinetic studies have not been carried out with sevelamer carbonate. Sevelamer hydrochloride, which contains the same active moiety as sevelamer carbonate, is not absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract, as confirmed by an absorption study in healthy volunteers.

In a clinical trial of one year, no evidence of accumulation of sevelamer was seen. However the potential absorption and accumulation of sevelamer during long-term chronic treatment (> one year) cannot be totally excluded.

SPECIAL POPULATION**Elderly population**

No dosage adjustment is necessary in the elderly population.

Hepatic impairment

No studies have been performed in patients with hepatic impairment.

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of Sevemer in children below the age of 6 years or in children with a BSA below 0.75 m² have not been established. No data are available.

THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

Sevelamer carbonate is indicated for the control of hyperphosphataemia in adult patients receiving haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis.

Sevemer is also indicated for the control of hyperphosphataemia in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) not on dialysis with serum phosphorus ≥ 1.78 mmol/L.

Sevemer should be used within the context of a multiple therapeutic approach, which could include calcium supplement, 1,25-dihydroxy Vitamin D3 or one of its analogues to control the development of renal bone disease.

DOSAGE & ADMINISTRATION**Posology****Starting dose**

The recommended starting dose of sevelamer carbonate is 2.4 g or 4.8 g per day based on

clinical needs and serum phosphorus level. Sevelmer must be taken three times per day with meals.

Serum phosphorus level in patients	Total daily dose of sevelamer carbonate to be taken over 3 meals per day
1.78 – 2.42 mmol/L (5.5 – 7.5 mg/dl)	2.4 g*
> 2.42 mmol/L (> 7.5 mg/dl)	4.8 g*

*Plus subsequent titrating, see section "Titration and maintenance"

For patients previously on phosphate binders (sevelamer hydrochloride or calcium based), Sevelmer should be given on a gram for gram basis with monitoring of serum phosphorus levels to ensure optimal daily doses.

Titration and maintenance

Serum phosphorus levels must be monitored and the dose of sevelamer carbonate titrated by 0.8 g three times per day (2.4 g/day) increments every 2-4 weeks until an acceptable serum phosphorus level is reached, with regular monitoring thereafter.

Patients taking Sevelmer should adhere to their prescribed diets.

METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Oral use.
Tablets should be swallowed intact and should not be crushed, chewed, or broken into pieces prior to administration.
Sevelmer should be taken with food and not on an empty stomach.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

System Organ Class	Very common	Common	Very rare	Not known
Immune system disorders			Hypersensitivity	
Gastrointestinal disorders	Nausea, Vomiting, Upper abdominal pain, Constipation	Diarrhoea, Dyspepsia, Flatulence, Abdominal pain		Intestinal obstruction, Ileus/subileus, Intestinal perforation ¹ , Gastrointestinal hemorrhage ¹ , Intestinal ulceration ¹ , Gastrointestinal necrosis ¹ , Colitis ¹ , Intestinal mass ¹
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders				Pruritus, Rash
Investigations				Crystal deposit intestine ¹

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.
- Hypophosphataemia.
- Bowel obstruction.

PRECAUTIONS

The safety and efficacy of sevelamer carbonate have not been established in adult patients with chronic kidney disease not on dialysis with serum phosphorus < 1.78 mmol/L. Therefore, it is currently not recommended for use in these patients.

The safety and efficacy of sevelamer carbonate have not been established in patients with the following disorders:

- dysphagia
- swallowing disorders
- severe gastrointestinal motility disorders including untreated or severe gastroparesis, retention of gastric contents and abnormal or irregular bowel motion
- active inflammatory bowel disease
- major gastrointestinal tract surgery

Treatment of these patients with Sevelmer should only be initiated after careful benefit/risk assessment. If the therapy is initiated, patients suffering from these disorders should be monitored. Sevelamer carbonate treatment should be reevaluated in patients who develop severe constipation or other severe gastrointestinal symptoms.

Intestinal obstruction and ileus/subileus

In rare cases, sevelamer carbonate may cause bowel blockage or reduced bowel movement. Constipation can be an early warning sign, so patients with constipation should be monitored closely. Treatment should be reconsidered if severe constipation or serious stomach/bowel symptoms occur.

Fat-soluble vitamins and folate deficiency

In rare cases, sevelamer carbonate may cause low levels of vitamins A, D, E, K, and folic acid. Sevelamer carbonate may reduce absorption of these vitamins from food. Vitamin levels should be checked regularly, and supplements should be given if needed. CKD patients not on dialysis are usually advised to take vitamin D supplements. Patients on peritoneal dialysis may need extra monitoring for vitamin and folate levels.

Hypocalcemia/ hypercalcaemia

CKD patients can develop low or high calcium levels. Regular blood calcium monitoring is recommended, and calcium supplements may be needed.

Metabolic acidosis

CKD patients are at risk of metabolic acidosis, so serum bicarbonate levels should be checked regularly.

Peritonitis

Patients on peritoneal dialysis have a risk of infection called peritonitis. Proper dialysis hygiene and early recognition of symptoms are important. Patients should be monitored closely.

Hypothyroidism

Patients taking both sevelamer carbonate and levothyroxine should have closer thyroid monitoring.

Hyperparathyroidism

Sevelamer carbonate alone is not used to control hyperparathyroidism. It should be used along with other treatments such as calcium and vitamin D to reduce parathyroid hormone levels.

Inflammatory gastrointestinal disorders

Serious inflammation and complications in the digestive tract have been reported with sevelamer use. Symptoms may improve after stopping the medicine. Treatment should be reviewed if severe gastrointestinal symptoms develop.

Sodium content

This medicine contains very little sodium and is considered essentially sodium-free.

Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

There are no or limited amount of data from the use of sevelamer in pregnant women.

Breast-feeding

It is unknown whether sevelamer/metabolites are excreted in human milk. The non-absorbed nature of sevelamer indicates that excretion of sevelamer in breast milk is unlikely.

Fertility

There are no data from the effect of sevelamer on fertility in humans.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Dialysis

Interaction studies have not been conducted in patients on dialysis.

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Mode of Actions:

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Key Feature Benefits:

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Dosage:

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