SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8 for how to report adverse reactions.

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Paxlovid 150 mg + 100 mg film-coated tablets

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each pink film-coated tablet contains 150 mg of nirmatrelvir. Each white film-coated tablet contains 100 mg of ritonavir.

Excipients with known effect

Each pink 150 mg film-coated tablet of nirmatrelvir contains 176 mg of lactose.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Nirmatrelvir

Film-coated tablet (tablet).

Pink, oval, with a dimension of approximately 17.6 mm in length and 8.6 mm in width debossed with 'PFE' on one side and '3CL' on the other side.

Ritonavir

Film-coated tablet (tablet).

White to off white, capsule shaped tablets, with a dimension of approximately 17.1 mm in length and 9.1 mm in width, debossed with 'H' on one side and 'R9' on other side.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Paxlovid is indicated for the treatment of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults who do not require supplemental oxygen and who are at increased risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 (see section 5.1).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Posology

The recommended dose is 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) all taken together orally every 12 hours for 5 days. Paxlovid should be administered as soon as possible after a diagnosis of COVID-19 has been made and within 5 days of symptom onset. Completion of the full 5-day treatment course is recommended even if the patient

requires hospitalisation due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with this medicinal product.

If the patient misses a dose within 8 hours of the time it is usually taken, the patient should take it as soon as possible and resume the normal dosing schedule. If the patient misses a dose by more than 8 hours, the patient should not take the missed dose and instead take the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. The patient should not double the dose to make up for a missed dose.

Special populations

Renal impairment

No dose adjustment is needed in patients with mild renal impairment [estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) \geq 60 to < 90 mL/min]. In patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR \geq 30 to < 60 mL/min) or with severe renal impairment [eGFR < 30 mL/min, including patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) under haemodialysis], the dose should be reduced as shown in Table 1 to avoid over-exposure. The treatment should be administered at approximately the same time each day for 5 days. On days patients with severe renal impairment undergo haemodialysis, the dose should be administered after haemodialysis (see section 5.2).

Table 1: Recommended dose and regimen for patients with renal impairment

Renal function	Days of treatment	Dose and dose frequency
Moderate renal impairment (eGFR \geq 30 to < 60 mL/min)	Days 1-5	150 mg nirmatrelvir (one 150 mg tablet) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) every 12 hours
Severe renal impairment (eGFR < 30 mL/min) including those requiring	Day 1	300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) once
haemodialysis	Days 2-5	150 mg nirmatrelvir (one 150 mg tablet) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) once daily

Abbreviation: eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate.

Special attention for patients with MODERATE renal impairment

The daily blister contains two separated parts each containing two tablets of nirmatrelvir and one tablet of ritonavir corresponding to the daily administration at the standard dose.

Therefore, patients with moderate renal impairment should be alerted on the fact that only one tablet of nirmatrelvir with the tablet of ritonavir should be taken every 12 hours.

Special attention for patients with SEVERE renal impairment

There is a daily blister specific for patients with severe renal impairment that contains two tablets of nirmatrelvir and one tablet of ritonavir for administration once on Day 1, and one tablet of nirmatrelvir and one tablet of ritonavir for administration once daily on Days 2 to 5.

Hepatic impairment

No dose adjustment is needed for patients with either mild (Child-Pugh Class A) or moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic impairment. Paxlovid should not be used in patients with severe (Child-Pugh Class C) hepatic impairment (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

Concomitant therapy with ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing regimen

No dose adjustment is needed. Patients diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection who are receiving ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing regimen should continue their treatment as indicated.

Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of Paxlovid in patients below 18 years of age have not been established. No data are available.

Method of administration

For oral use.

Nirmatrelvir must be coadministered with ritonavir. Failure to correctly coadminister nirmatrelvir with ritonavir will result in plasma levels of this active substance that will be insufficient to achieve the desired therapeutic effect.

This medicinal product can be taken with or without food (see section 5.2). The tablets should be swallowed whole and not chewed, broken or crushed, as no data is currently available.

4.3 Contraindications

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

Medicinal products listed below are a guide and not considered a comprehensive list of all possible medicinal products that are contraindicated with Paxlovid.

Medicinal products that are highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening reactions.

- Alpha₁-adrenoreceptor antagonist: alfuzosin
- Antianginal: ranolazine
- Antiarrhythmic: dronedarone, propafenone, quinidine
- Anticancer drugs: neratinib, venetoclax
- Anti-gout: colchicine
- Antihistamines: terfenadine
- Antipsychotics/neuroleptics: lurasidone, pimozide, quetiapine
- Benign prostatic hyperplasia medicinal products: silodosin
- Cardiovascular medicinal products: eplerenone, ivabradine
- Ergot derivatives: dihydroergotamine, ergonovine, ergotamine, methylergonovine
- GI motility agents: cisapride
- Immunosuppressants: voclosporin
- Lipid-modifying agents:
 - o HMG Co-A reductase inhibitors: lovastatin, simvastatin
 - o Microsomal triglyceride transfer protein (MTTP) inhibitor: lomitapide
- Migraine medicinal products: eletriptan
- Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists: finerenone
- Neuropsychiatric agents: cariprazine
- Opioid antagonists: naloxegol
- PDE5 inhibitor: avanafil, sildenafil, tadalafil, vardenafil
- Sedative/hypnotics: clorazepate, diazepam, estazolam, flurazepam, oral midazolam and triazolam
- Vasopressin receptor antagonists: tolvaptan

Medicinal products that are potent CYP3A inducers where significantly reduced nirmatrelvir/ritonavir plasma concentrations may be associated with the potential for loss of virologic response and possible resistance.

- Antibiotics: rifampicin, rifapentine
- Anticancer drugs: apalutamide, enzalutamide
- Anticonvulsants: carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, primidone
- Cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator potentiators: lumacaftor/ivacaftor
- Herbal products: St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

Paxlovid cannot be started immediately after discontinuation of CYP3A4 inducers due to the delayed offset of the recently discontinued CYP3A4 inducer (see section 4.5).

A multi-disciplinary approach (e.g., involving physicians and specialists in clinical pharmacology) should be considered to determine the adequate timing for Paxlovid initiation taking into account the delayed offset of the recently discontinued CYP3A inducer and the need to initiate Paxlovid within 5 days of symptom onset.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Risk of serious adverse reactions due to interactions with other medicinal products

Management of drug-drug interactions (DDIs) in high-risk COVID-19 patients receiving multiple concomitant medications can be complex and require a thorough understanding of the nature and magnitude of interaction with all concomitant medications. In certain patients, a multi-disciplinary approach (e.g., involving physicians and specialists in clinical pharmacology) should be considered for management of DDIs especially if concomitant medications are withheld, their dose is reduced, or if monitoring of side effects is necessary.

Effects of Paxlovid on other medicinal products

Initiation of Paxlovid, a CYP3A inhibitor, in patients receiving medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A or initiation of medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A in patients already receiving Paxlovid, may increase plasma concentrations of medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A (see section 4.5).

Consultation of Paxlovid with calcineurin inhibitors and mTOR inhibitors

Consultation of a multidisciplinary group (e.g., involving physicians, specialists in immunosuppressive therapy, and/or specialists in clinical pharmacology) is required to handle the complexity of this coadministration by closely and regularly monitoring immunosuppressant blood concentrations and adjusting the dose of the immunosuppressant in accordance with the latest guidelines (see section 4.5).

Effects of other medicinal products on Paxlovid Initiation of medicinal products that inhibit or induce CYP3A may increase or decrease concentrations of Paxlovid, respectively.

These interactions may lead to:

- Clinically significant adverse reactions with severe, life-threatening or fatal events from greater exposures of concomitant medicinal products.
- Clinically significant adverse reactions from greater exposures of Paxlovid.
- Loss of therapeutic effect of Paxlovid and possible development of viral resistance.

See Table 2 for medicinal products that are contraindicated for concomitant use with nirmatrelvir/ritonavir and for potentially significant interactions with other medicinal products (see section 4.5). Potential for interactions should be considered with other medicinal products prior to and during Paxlovid therapy; concomitant medicinal products should be reviewed during Paxlovid therapy and the patient should be monitored for the adverse reactions associated with the concomitant medicinal products.

Hypersensitivity reactions

Anaphylaxis, hypersensitivity reactions and serious skin reactions (including toxic epidermal necrolysis and Stevens-Johnson syndrome) have been reported with Paxlovid (see section 4.8). If signs and symptoms of a clinically significant hypersensitivity reaction or anaphylaxis occur,

immediately discontinue this medicinal product and initiate appropriate medications and/or supportive care.

Severe hepatic impairment

No pharmacokinetic and clinical data are available in patients with severe hepatic impairment. Therefore, this medicinal product should not be used in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Hepatotoxicity

Hepatic transaminase elevations, clinical hepatitis and jaundice have occurred in patients receiving ritonavir. Therefore, caution should be exercised when administering this medicinal product to patients with pre-existing liver diseases, liver enzyme abnormalities or hepatitis.

Elevation in blood pressure

Cases of hypertension, generally non serious and transient, have been reported during treatment with Paxlovid. Specific attention including regular monitoring of blood pressure should be paid notably to elderly patients since they are at higher risk of experiencing serious complications of hypertension.

Risk of HIV-1 resistance development

Because nirmatrelvir is coadministered with ritonavir, there may be a risk of HIV-1 developing resistance to HIV protease inhibitors in individuals with uncontrolled or undiagnosed HIV-1 infection.

Excipients

Lactose

Nirmatrelvir tablets contain lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicinal product.

Sodium

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir tablets each contain less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Effect of other medicinal products on Paxlovid

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir are CYP3A substrates.

Coadministration of Paxlovid with medicinal products that induce CYP3A may decrease nirmatrelvir and ritonavir plasma concentrations and reduce Paxlovid therapeutic effect.

Coadministration of Paxlovid with medicinal product that inhibits CYP3A4 may increase nirmatrelvir and ritonavir plasma concentrations.

Effects of Paxlovid on other medicinal products

Medicinal products CYP3A4 substrates

Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir) is a strong inhibitor of CYP3A and increases plasma concentrations of medicinal products that are primarily metabolised by CYP3A. Thus, coadministration of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir with medicinal products highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening events is contraindicated (see Table 2). Coadministration of other CYP3A4 substrates that may lead to

potentially significant interaction (see Table 2) should be considered only if the benefits outweigh the risks.

Medicinal products CYP2D6 substrates

Based on *in vitro* studies, ritonavir has a high affinity for several cytochrome P450 (CYP) isoforms and may inhibit oxidation with the following ranked order: CYP3A4 > CYP2D6. Coadministration of Paxlovid with drug substrates of CYP2D6 may increase the CYP2D6 substrate concentration.

Medicinal products P-glycoprotein substrates

Paxlovid also has a high affinity for P-glycoprotein (P-gp) and inhibits this transporter; caution should thus be exercised in case of concomitant treatment. Close drug monitoring for safety and efficacy should be performed, and dose reduction may be adjusted accordingly, or avoid concomitant use.

Paxlovid may induce glucuronidation and oxidation by CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9 and CYP2C19 thereby increasing the biotransformation of some medicinal products metabolised by these pathways and may result in decreased systemic exposure to such medicinal products, which could decrease or shorten their therapeutic effect.

Based on *in vitro* studies there is a potential for nirmatrelvir to inhibit MDR1 and OATP1B1 at clinically relevant concentrations.

Dedicated drug-drug interactions studies conducted with Paxlovid indicate that the drug interactions are primarily due to ritonavir. Hence, drug interactions pertaining to ritonavir are applicable for Paxlovid.

Medicinal products listed in Table 2 are a guide and not considered a comprehensive list of all possible medicinal products that are contraindicated or may interact with nirmatrelvir/ritonavir.

Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
Alpha ₁ -adrenoreceptor antagonist	†Alfuzosin	Increased plasma concentrations of alfuzosin may lead to severe hypotension and is therefore contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	†Tamsulosin	Tamsulosin is extensively metabolized, mainly by CYP3A4 and CYP2D6, both of which are inhibited by ritonavir. Avoid concomitant use with Paxlovid.
Amphetamine derivatives	†Amphetamine	Ritonavir administered at high dose in accordance with its previous use as an antiretroviral agent is likely to inhibit CYP2D6 and as a result is expected to increase concentrations of amphetamine and its derivatives. Careful monitoring of adverse effects is recommended when these medicines are coadministered with Paxlovid.
Analgesics	†Buprenorphine (57%, 77%)	The increases of plasma levels of buprenorphine and its active metabolite did not lead to clinically significant pharmacodynamic changes in a population of opioid tolerant patients. Adjustment to the dose of buprenorphine may therefore not be necessary when the two are dosed together.

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Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
	↑Fentanyl,	Ritonavir inhibits CYP3A4 and as a result is
	↑Oxycodone	expected to increase the plasma
		concentrations of these narcotic analgesics.
		If concomitant use with Paxlovid is
		necessary, consider a dose reduction of
		these narcotic analgesics and closely
		monitor therapeutic and adverse effects
		(including respiratory depression). Refer to
		the individual SmPCs for more information.
	↓Methadone (36%, 38%)	Increased methadone dose may be
		necessary when coadministered with
		ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
		enhancer due to induction of
		glucuronidation. Dose adjustment should be
		considered based on the patient's clinical
		response to methadone therapy.
	↓Morphine	Morphine levels may be decreased due to
		induction of glucuronidation by
		coadministered ritonavir dosed as a
		pharmacokinetic enhancer.
	↑Pethidine	Coadministration could result in increased
		or prolonged opioid effects. If concomitant
		use is necessary, consider dose reduction of
		pethidine. Monitor for respiratory
		depression and sedation.
	↓Piroxicam	Decreased piroxicam exposure due to
	Thomeson.	CYP2C9 induction by Paxlovid.
Antianginal	↑Ranolazine	Due to CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir,
T minungmun	Translazine	concentrations of ranolazine are expected to
		increase. The concomitant administration
		with ranolazine is contraindicated (see
		section 4.3).
Antiarrhythmics	↑Amiodarone	Given the risk of substantial increase in
Annarmyumines	↑Flecainide	
	Trecamine	amiodarone or flecainide exposure and thus of its related adverse events,
		coadministration should not be used unless
		a multidisciplinary consultation could be
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	↑Digayin	obtained to safely guide it.
	↑Digoxin	This interaction may be due to modification
		of P-gp mediated digoxin efflux by ritonavir
		dosed as a pharmacokinetic enhancer.
		Digoxin drug concentration is expected to
		increase. Monitor digoxin levels if possible
	ADiscommenda	and digoxin safety and efficacy.
	†Disopyramide	Ritonavir may increase plasma
		concentrations of disopyramide which could
		result in an increased risk of adverse events
		such as cardiac arrhythmias. Caution is
		warranted and therapeutic concentration
		monitoring is recommended for
	AD 1	disopyramide if available.
	†Dronedarone,	Ritonavir coadministration is likely to result
	↑Propafenone,	in increased plasma concentrations of

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Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
	↑Quinidine	dronedarone, propafenone and quinidine and is therefore contraindicated (see section 4.3).
Antiasthmatic	↓Theophylline (43%, 32%)	An increased dose of the ophylline may be required when coadministered with ritonavir, due to induction of CYP1A2.
Anticancer agents	†Abemaciclib	Serum concentrations may be increased due to CYP3A4 inhibition by ritonavir. Coadministration of abemaciclib and Paxlovid should be avoided. If this coadministration is judged unavoidable, refer to the abemaciclib SmPC for dose adjustment recommendations. Monitor for ADRs related to abemaciclib.
	†Afatinib	Serum concentrations may be increased due to Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (BCRP) and acute P-gp inhibition by ritonavir. The extent of increase in AUC and C_{max} depends on the timing of ritonavir administration. Caution should be exercised in administering afatinib with Paxlovid (refer to the afatinib SmPC). Monitor for ADRs related to afatinib.
	†Apalutamide	Apalutamide is a moderate to strong CYP3A4 inducer and this may lead to a decreased exposure of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir and potential loss of virologic response. In addition, serum concentrations of apalutamide may be increased when coadministered with ritonavir resulting in the potential for serious adverse events including seizure. Concomitant use of Paxlovid with apalutamide is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	↑Ceritinib	Serum concentrations of ceritinib may be increased due to CYP3A and P-gp inhibition by ritonavir. Caution should be exercised in administering ceritinib with Paxlovid. Refer to the ceritinib SmPC for dose adjustment recommendations. Monitor for ADRs related to ceritinib.
	↑Dasatinib, ↑Nilotinib, ↑Vinblastine, ↑Vincristine ↑Encorafenib, ↑Ivosidenib	Serum concentrations may be increased when coadministered with ritonavir resulting in the potential for increased incidence of adverse events. Serum concentrations of encorafenib or ivosidenib may be increased when coadministered with ritonavir which may increase the risk of toxicity, including the
		risk of serious adverse events such as QT interval prolongation. Avoid coadministration of encorafenib or ivosidenib. If the benefit is considered to outweigh the risk and ritonavir must be

Table 2: Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction		
Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
		used, patients should be carefully monitored for safety.
	Enzalutamide	Enzalutamide is a strong CYP3A4 inducer, and this may lead to decreased exposure of Paxlovid, potential loss of virologic response, and possible resistance. Concomitant use of enzalutamide with Paxlovid is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	†Fostamatinib	Coadministration of fostamatinib with ritonavir may increase fostamatinib metabolite R406 exposure resulting in doserelated adverse events such as hepatotoxicity, neutropenia, hypertension or diarrhoea. Refer to the fostamatinib SmPC for dose reduction recommendations if such events occur.
	↑Ibrutinib	Serum concentrations of ibrutinib may be increased due to CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir, resulting in increased risk for toxicity including risk of tumour lysis syndrome. Coadministration of ibrutinib and ritonavir should be avoided. If the benefit is considered to outweigh the risk and ritonavir must be used, reduce the ibrutinib dose to 140 mg and monitor patient closely for toxicity.
	↑Neratinib	Serum concentrations may be increased due to CYP3A4 inhibition by ritonavir. Concomitant use of neratinib with Paxlovid is contraindicated due to serious and/or life-threatening potential reactions including hepatotoxicity (see section 4.3).
	↑Venetoclax	Serum concentrations may be increased due to CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir, resulting in increased risk of tumour lysis syndrome at the dose initiation and during the ramp-up phase and is therefore contraindicated (see section 4.3 and refer to the venetoclax SmPC). For patients who have completed the ramp-up phase and are on a steady daily dose of venetoclax, reduce the venetoclax dose to 100 mg or less (or by at least 75% if already modified for other reasons) when used with strong CYP3A inhibitors.
Anticoagulants	†Apixaban	Combined P-gp and strong CYP3A4 inhibitors increase blood levels of apixaban and increase the risk of bleeding. Dosing recommendations for coadministration of apixaban with Paxlovid depend on the apixaban dose. For apixaban doses of 5 mg or 10 mg twice daily, reduce the apixaban dose by 50%. In patients already taking

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class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
		apixaban 2.5 mg twice daily, avoid
	AD 11: (0.40/ 1000/)/h	coadministration with Paxlovid.
	↑Dabigatran (94%, 133%)*	Concomitant administration of Paxlovid is
		expected to increase dabigatran
		concentrations resulting in increased risk of
		bleeding. Reduce dose of dabigatran or
		avoid concomitant use.
	↑Rivaroxaban (153%, 53%)	Inhibition of CYP3A and P-gp lead to
		increased plasma levels and
		pharmacodynamic effects of rivaroxaban
		which may lead to an increased bleeding
		risk. Therefore, the use of Paxlovid is not
		recommended in patients receiving rivaroxaban.
	Warfarin,	Induction of CYP1A2 and CYP2C9 lead to
	↑↓S-Warfarin (9%, 9%),	decreased levels of R-warfarin while little
	↓↔R-Warfarin (33%)	pharmacokinetic effect is noted on
		S-warfarin when coadministered with
		ritonavir. Decreased R-warfarin levels may
		lead to reduced anticoagulation, therefore it
		is recommended that anticoagulation
		parameters are monitored when warfarin is
		coadministered with ritonavir.
Anticonvulsants	Carbamazepine*,	Carbamazepine decreases AUC and C _{max} of
	Phenobarbital,	nirmatrelvir by 55% and 43%, respectively.
	Phenytoin,	Phenobarbital, phenytoin and primidone are
	Primidone	strong CYP3A4 inducers, and this may lead
		to a decreased exposure of nirmatrelvir and
		ritonavir and potential loss of virologic
		response. Concomitant use of
		carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin
		and primidone with Paxlovid is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	↑Clonazepam	A dose decrease may be needed for
	Cionazepani	clonazepam when coadministered with
		Paxlovid and clinical monitoring is
		recommended.
	↓Divalproex,	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
	Lamotrigine	enhancer induces oxidation by CYP2C9 and
		glucuronidation and as a result is expected
		to decrease the plasma concentrations of
		anticonvulsants. Careful monitoring of
		serum levels or therapeutic effects is
		recommended when these medicines are
		coadministered with ritonavir.
Anticorticosteroids	†Ketoconazole (3.4-fold, 55%)	Ritonavir inhibits CYP3A-mediated
		metabolism of ketoconazole. Due to an
		increased incidence of gastrointestinal and
		hepatic adverse reactions, a dose reduction
		of ketoconazole should be considered when
		coadministered with ritonavir.

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Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
Antidepressants	↑Amitriptyline,	Ritonavir administered at high dose in
	Fluoxetine,	accordance with its previous use as an
	Imipramine,	antiretroviral agent is likely to inhibit
	Nortriptyline,	CYP2D6 and as a result is expected to
	Paroxetine,	increase concentrations of imipramine,
	Sertraline	amitriptyline, nortriptyline, fluoxetine,
		paroxetine or sertraline. Careful monitoring
		of therapeutic and adverse effects is
		recommended when these medicines are
		concomitantly administered with
		antiretroviral doses of ritonavir.
Anti-gout	↑Colchicine	Concentrations of colchicine are expected to
Time gode		increase when coadministered with
		ritonavir. Life-threatening and fatal drug
		interactions have been reported in patients
		treated with colchicine and ritonavir
		(CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibition).
		Concomitant use of colchicine with
		Paxlovid is contraindicated (see
		section 4.3).
Anti-HCV	↑Glecaprevir/pibrentasvir	,
Allu-ne v	Glecaprevii/plorentasvii	Serum concentrations may be increased due
		to P-gp, BCRP and OATP1B inhibition by
		ritonavir. Concomitant administration of
		glecaprevir/pibrentasvir and Paxlovid is not
		recommended due to an increased risk of
		ALT elevations associated with increased
	10.01	glecaprevir exposure.
	↑Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/	Serum concentrations may be increased due
	voxilaprevir	to OATP1B inhibition by ritonavir.
		Concomitant administration of
		sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir and
		Paxlovid is not recommended. Refer to the
		sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir SmPC
		for further information.
Antihistamines	↑Fexofenadine	Ritonavir may modify P-gp mediated
		fexofenadine efflux when dosed as a
		pharmacokinetic enhancer resulting in
		increased concentrations of fexofenadine.
	↑Loratadine	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
		enhancer inhibits CYP3A and as a result is
		expected to increase the plasma
		concentrations of loratadine. Careful
		monitoring of therapeutic and adverse
		effects is recommended when loratadine is
		coadministered with ritonavir.
	↑Terfenadine	Increased plasma concentrations of
		terfenadine. Thereby, increasing the risk of
		serious arrhythmias from this agent and
		therefore concomitant use with Paxlovid is
		contraindicated (see section 4.3).
Anti-HIV	↑Bictegravir/	Ritonavir may significantly increase the
	→Emtricitabine/	plasma concentrations of bictegravir
	↑Tenofovir	through CYP3A inhibition. Ritonavir is
		expected to increase the absorption of
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class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
		tenofovir alafenamide by inhibition of P-gp,
		thereby increasing the systemic
		concentration of tenofovir.
	†Efavirenz (21%)	A higher frequency of adverse reactions
		(e.g., dizziness, nausea, paraesthesia) and
		laboratory abnormalities (elevated liver
		enzymes) have been observed when
		efavirenz is coadministered with ritonavir.
		Refer to efavirenz SmPC for more
		information.
	↑Maraviroc (161%, 28%)	Ritonavir increases the serum levels of
		maraviroc as a result of CYP3A inhibition.
		Maraviroc may be given with ritonavir to
		increase the maraviroc exposure. For further
		information, refer to the Summary of
		Product Characteristics for maraviroc.
	↓Raltegravir (16%, 1%)	Coadministration of ritonavir and raltegravir
		results in a minor reduction in raltegravir
		levels.
	↓Zidovudine (25%, ND)	Ritonavir may induce the glucuronidation of
		zidovudine, resulting in slightly decreased
		levels of zidovudine. Dose alterations
		should not be necessary.
Anti-infectives	↓Atovaquone	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
	_	enhancer induces glucuronidation and as a
		result is expected to decrease the plasma
		concentrations of atovaquone. Careful
		monitoring of serum levels or therapeutic
		effects is recommended when atovaquone is
		coadministered with ritonavir.
	↑Bedaquiline	No interaction study is available with
		ritonavir only. Due to the risk of
		bedaquiline related adverse events,
		coadministration should be avoided. If the
		benefit outweighs the risk, coadministration
		of bedaquiline with ritonavir must be done
		with caution. More frequent
		electrocardiogram monitoring and
		monitoring of transaminases is
		recommended (see bedaquiline Summary of
		Product Characteristics).
	↑Clarithromycin (77%, 31%),	Due to the large therapeutic window of
	↓14-OH clarithromycin	clarithromycin no dose reduction should be
	metabolite (100%, 99%)	necessary in patients with normal renal
		function. Clarithromycin doses greater than
		1 g per day should not be coadministered
		with ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
		enhancer. For patients with renal
		impairment, a clarithromycin dose reduction
		should be considered: for patients with
		creatinine clearance of 30 to 60 mL/min the
		dose should be reduced by 50% (see section
		4.2 for patients with severe renal
		impairment).

Medicinal product	Medicinal product within class	Clinical comments
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	
	Delamanid	No interaction study is available with ritonavir only. In a healthy volunteer drug interaction study of delamanid 100 mg
		twice daily and lopinavir/ritonavir 400/100 mg twice daily for 14 days, the exposure of the delamanid metabolite DM-6705 was 30% increased. Due to the
		risk of QTc prolongation associated with DM-6705, if coadministration of delamanid with ritonavir is considered necessary, very
		frequent ECG monitoring throughout the full Paxlovid treatment period is recommended (see section 4.4 and refer to
	†Erythromycin,	the delamanid Summary of Product Characteristics). Itraconazole increases AUC and C _{max} of
	†Itraconazole*	nirmatrelvir by 39% and 19%, respectively. Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic enhancer inhibits CYP3A4 and as a result is expected to increase the plasma
		concentrations of itraconazole and erythromycin. Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects is recommended when erythromycin or itraconazole is coadministered with
	†Fusidic acid (systemic route)	ritonavir. Given the risk of substantial increase in fusidic acid (systemic route) exposure and thus of its related adverse events, coadministration should not be used unless
	AD'C. Lord's (4 C. 11 2 5 C. 11)	a multidisciplinary consultation could be obtained to safely guide it.
	†Rifabutin (4-fold, 2.5-fold), †25- <i>O</i> -desacetyl rifabutin metabolite (38-fold, 16-fold)	An increase in rifabutin exposure is expected due to the inhibition of CYP3A4 by ritonavir. The consultation of a
		multidisciplinary group is recommended to safely guide the co-administration and the need of a reduction of the rifabutin dose.
	Rifampicin, Rifapentine	Rifampicin and rifapentine are strong CYP3A4 inducers, and this may lead to a decreased exposure of
		nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance. Concomitant use of rifampicin or rifapentine with Paxlovid is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim	Dose alteration of sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim during concomitant ritonavir therapy should not be necessary.
	↓Voriconazole (39%, 24%)	Coadministration of voriconazole and ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic enhancer should be avoided unless an

	on with other medicinal products a	nu other forms of interaction
Medicinal product	Medicinal product within class	Clinical comments
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Chinear comments
		assessment of the benefit/risk to the patient
		justifies the use of voriconazole.
Antipsychotics	↑Clozapine	Given the risk of increase in clozapine
		exposure and thus of its related adverse
		events, coadministration should not be used
		unless a multidisciplinary consultation
		could be obtained to safely guide it.
	↑Haloperidol,	Ritonavir is likely to inhibit CYP2D6 and as
	†Risperidone,	a result is expected to increase
	↑Thioridazine	concentrations of haloperidol, risperidone
		and thioridazine. Careful monitoring of
		therapeutic and adverse effects is
		recommended when these medicines are
		concomitantly administered with
		antiretroviral doses of ritonavir.
	↑Lurasidone	Due to CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir,
		concentrations of lurasidone are expected to
		increase. The concomitant administration
		with lurasidone is contraindicated (see
		section 4.3).
	↑Pimozide	Ritonavir coadministration is likely to result
		in increased plasma concentrations of
		pimozide and is therefore contraindicated
		(see section 4.3).
	↑Quetiapine	Due to CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir,
		concentrations of quetiapine are expected to
		increase. Concomitant administration of
		Paxlovid and quetiapine is contraindicated
		as it may increase quetiapine-related
		toxicity (see section 4.3).
Benign prostatic	↑Silodosin	Coadministration is contraindicated due to
hyperplasia agents		potential for postural hypotension (see
		section 4.3).
β2-agonist (long	↑Salmeterol	Ritonavir inhibits CYP3A4 and as a result a
acting)		pronounced increase in the plasma
		concentrations of salmeterol is expected,
		resulting in increased risk of cardiovascular
		adverse events associated with salmeterol,
		including QT prolongation, palpitations and
		sinus tachycardia. Therefore, avoid
		concomitant use with Paxlovid.
Calcium channel	↑Amlodipine,	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
antagonists	↑Diltiazem,	enhancer or as an antiretroviral agent
	↑Felodipine,	inhibits CYP3A4 and as a result is expected
	↑Nicardipine,	to increase the plasma concentrations of
	↑Nifedipine,	calcium channel antagonists. Careful
	†Verapamil	monitoring of therapeutic and adverse
		effects is recommended when amlodipine,
		diltiazem, felodipine, nicardipine, nifedipine
		or verapamil are concomitantly
		administered with ritonavir.
	†Lercanidipine	Given the risk of significant increase in
		lercanidipine exposure and thus of its
		related adverse events, coadministration

Table 2: Interaction Medicinal product	Medicinal product within class	nd other forms of interaction
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	should not be used unless a
		multidisciplinary consultation could be
		obtained to safely guide it.
Cardiovascular agents	↑Aliskiren	Avoid concomitant use with Paxlovid.
	↑Cilostazol	Dose adjustment of cilostazol is
		recommended. Refer to the cilostazol SmPC
		for more information.
	Clopidogrel	Coadministration with clopidogrel may
		decrease levels of clopidogrel active
		metabolite. Avoid concomitant use with
		Paxlovid.
	↑Eplerenone	Coadministration with eplerenone is
		contraindicated due to potential for
		hyperkalemia (see section 4.3).
	↑Ivabradine	Coadministration with ivabradine is
		contraindicated due to potential for
		bradycardia or conduction disturbances (see
		section 4.3).
	↑Ticagrelor	Given the risk of substantial increase in
		ticagrelor exposure and thus of its related
		adverse events, coadministration should not
		be used unless a multidisciplinary
		consultation could be obtained to safely
G	AEI C. /	guide it.
Cystic fibrosis	↑Elexacaftor/	Reduce dose when coadministered with
transmembrane	tezacaftor/ivacaftor,	Paxlovid. Refer to individual SmPCs for
conductance regulator	↑Ivacaftor,	more information.
potentiators	↑Tezacaftor/ivacaftor	Conductation contain first of the te
	Lumacaftor/ivacaftor	Coadministration contraindicated due to
		potential loss of virologic response and
Dipeptidyl peptidase 4	↑Saxagliptin	possible resistance (see section 4.3). Dose adjustment of saxagliptin to 2.5 mg
(DPP4) inhibitors		once daily is recommended.
Endothelin antagonists	↑Bosentan	Coadministration of bosentan and ritonavir
Endotherm antagonists	Bosentan	resulted in an increase of steady-state
		bosentan maximum concentrations (C_{max})
		and AUC. Avoid concomitant use with
		Paxlovid. Refer to bosentan SmPC for more
		information.
	↑Riociguat	Serum concentrations may be increased due
	1	to CYP3A and P-gp inhibition by ritonavir.
		The coadministration of riociguat with
		Paxlovid is not recommended (refer to
		riociguat SmPC).
Ergot derivatives	↑Dihydroergotamine,	Ritonavir coadministration is likely to result
	†Ergonovine,	in increased plasma concentrations of ergot
	↑Ergotamine,	derivatives and is therefore contraindicated
	↑Methylergonovine	(see section 4.3).
GI motility agent	↑Cisapride	Increased plasma concentrations of
		cisapride. Thereby, increasing the risk of
		serious arrhythmias from this agent and
		therefore concomitant use with Paxlovid is
		contraindicated (see section 4.3).

	with other medicinal products an	
Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class (AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
Herbal products	St. John's Wort	Herbal preparations containing St John's wort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>) due to the risk of decreased plasma concentrations and reduced clinical effects of nirmatrelvir and ritonavir and therefore concomitant use with Paxlovid is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
HMG Co-A reductase inhibitors	†Lovastatin, Simvastatin	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors which are highly dependent on CYP3A metabolism, such as lovastatin and simvastatin, are expected to have markedly increased plasma concentrations when coadministered with ritonavir at high dose in accordance with its previous use as an antiretroviral agent or as a pharmacokinetic enhancer. Since increased concentrations of lovastatin and simvastatin may predispose patients to myopathies, including rhabdomyolysis, the combination of these medicinal products with ritonavir is contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	†Atorvastatin, Rosuvastatin (31%, 112%)*	Atorvastatin is less dependent on CYP3A for metabolism. While rosuvastatin elimination is not dependent on CYP3A, an elevation of rosuvastatin exposure has been reported with ritonavir coadministration. The mechanism of this interaction is not clear, but may be the result of transporter inhibition. When used with ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic enhancer or as an antiretroviral agent, the lowest possible doses of atorvastatin or rosuvastatin should be administered.
	†Fluvastatin, Pravastatin	While not dependent on CYP3A for metabolism, pravastatin and fluvastatin exposure may be increased due to transporter inhibition. Consider temporary discontinuation of pravastatin and fluvastatin during treatment with Paxlovid.
Hormonal contraceptive	↓Ethinyl Estradiol (40%, 32%)	Due to reductions in ethinyl estradiol concentrations, barrier or other non-hormonal methods of contraception should be considered with concomitant ritonavir use at high dose in accordance with its previous use as an antiretroviral agent or as a pharmacokinetic enhancer. Ritonavir is likely to change the uterine bleeding profile and reduce the effectiveness of estradiol-containing contraceptives.
Immunosuppressants	↑Voclosporin	Coadministration is contraindicated due to potential for acute and/or chronic nephrotoxicity (see section 4.3).

	Table 2: Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction			
Medicinal product	Medicinal product within class	Clinical comments		
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)			
Immunosuppressants	Calcineurin inhibitors:	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic		
	↑Cyclosporine,	enhancer inhibits CYP3A4 and as a result is		
	↑Tacrolimus	expected to increase the plasma		
	TOD : 1:1:4	concentrations of cyclosporine, everolimus,		
	mTOR inhibitors:	sirolimus and tacrolimus. This		
	†Everolimus,	coadministration should only be considered		
	↑Sirolimus	with close and regular monitoring of		
		immunosuppressant blood concentrations,		
		to reduce the dose of the		
		immunosuppressant in accordance with the		
		latest guidelines and to avoid over-exposure		
		and subsequent increase of serious adverse		
		reactions of the immunosuppressant. It is		
		important that the close and regular		
		monitoring is performed not only during the		
		coadministration with Paxlovid but is also		
		pursued after the treatment with Paxlovid.		
		As overall recommended for managing the		
		drug-drug interaction, consultation of a		
		multidisciplinary group is required to		
		handle the complexity of this		
	ATT 0 11 11	coadministration (see section 4.4).		
Janus kinase (JAK)	†Tofacitinib	Dose adjustment of tofacitinib is		
inhibitors		recommended. Refer to the tofacitinib		
		SmPC for more information.		
	↑Upadacitinib	Dosing recommendations for		
		coadministration of upadacitinib with		
		Paxlovid depends on the upadacitinib		
		indication. Refer to the upadacitinib SmPC		
		for more information.		
Lipid-modifying	†Lomitapide	CYP3A4 inhibitors increase the exposure of		
agents		lomitapide, with strong inhibitors increasing		
		exposure approximately 27-fold. Due to		
		CYP3A inhibition by ritonavir,		
		concentrations of lomitapide are expected to		
		increase. Concomitant use of Paxlovid with		
		lomitapide is contraindicated (see		
		prescribing information for lomitapide) (see		
3.61	ATT	section 4.3).		
Migraine medicinal	↑Eletriptan	Coadministration of eletriptan within at		
products		least 72 hours of Paxlovid is contraindicated		
		due to potential for serious adverse		
		reactions including cardiovascular and		
	AD:	cerebrovascular events (see section 4.3).		
NC 1 2 2	↑Rimegepant	Avoid concomitant use with Paxlovid.		
Mineralocorticoid	↑Finerenone	Coadministration contraindicated due to		
receptor antagonists		potential for serious adverse reactions		
		including hyperkalemia, hypotension and		
26	AD 'C '	hyponatremia (see section 4.3).		
Muscarinic receptor	↑Darifenacin	Given the risk of substantial increase in		
antagonists		darifenacin exposure and thus of its related		
		adverse events, coadministration should not		
		be used unless a multidisciplinary		

Table 2: Interaction Medicinal product	n with other medicinal products as Medicinal product within class	
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments
		consultation could be obtained to safely
		guide it.
	↑Solifenacine	Given the risk of substantial increase in
		solifenacine exposure and thus of its related
		adverse events, coadministration should not
		be used unless a multidisciplinary
		consultation could be obtained to safely
		guide it.
Neuropsychiatric	↑Aripiprazole,	Dose adjustment of aripiprazole and
agents	↑Brexpiprazole	brexpiprazole is recommended. Refer to
		aripiprazole or brexpiprazole SmPCs for
		more information.
	↑Cariprazine	Coadministration is contraindicated due to
		increased plasma exposure of cariprazine
		and its active metabolites (see section 4.3).
Opioid antagonists	↑Naloxegol	Coadministration contraindicated due to the
		potential for opioid withdrawal symptoms
		(see section 4.3).
Phosphodiesterase	↑Avanafil (13-fold, 2.4-fold),	Concomitant use of avanafil, sildenafil,
(PDE5) inhibitors	↑Sildenafil (11-fold, 4-fold),	tadalafil and vardenafil with Paxlovid is
	\uparrow Tadalafil (124%, \leftrightarrow),	contraindicated (see section 4.3).
	↑Vardenafil (49-fold, 13-fold)	
Sedatives/hypnotics	\uparrow Alprazolam (2.5-fold, \leftrightarrow)	Alprazolam metabolism is inhibited
		following the introduction of ritonavir.
		Caution is warranted during the first several
		days when alprazolam is coadministered
		with ritonavir at high dose in accordance
		with its previous use as an antiretroviral
		agent or as a pharmacokinetic enhancer,
		before induction of alprazolam metabolism
		develops.
	↑Buspirone	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic
		enhancer or as an antiretroviral agent
		inhibits CYP3A and as a result is expected
		to increase the plasma concentrations of
		buspirone. Careful monitoring of
		therapeutic and adverse effects is
		recommended when buspirone
	AC1	concomitantly administered with ritonavir.
	↑Clorazepate,	Ritonavir coadministration is likely to result
	†Diazepam,	in increased plasma concentrations of
	†Estazolam,	clorazepate, diazepam, estazolam, and
	†Flurazepam	flurazepam and is therefore contraindicated
		(see section 4.3).

Table 2: Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction			
Medicinal product class	Medicinal product within class	Clinical comments	
Class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Midagalam is autonaiyaly matabaliaad by	
	†Oral Midazolam (1330%,	Midazolam is extensively metabolised by CYP3A4. Coadministration with Paxlovid	
	268%)* and parenteral Midazolam		
	Midazolam	may cause a large increase in the	
		concentration of midazolam. Plasma	
		concentrations of midazolam are expected	
		to be significantly higher when midazolam	
		is given orally. Therefore, coadministration	
		of Paxlovid with orally administered	
		midazolam is contraindicated (see section	
		4.3), whereas caution should be used with	
		coadministration of Paxlovid and parenteral	
		midazolam. Data from concomitant use of	
		parenteral midazolam with other protease	
		inhibitors suggests a possible 3- to 4-fold	
		increase in midazolam plasma levels. If	
		Paxlovid is coadministered with parenteral	
		midazolam, it should be done in an	
		intensive care unit (ICU) or similar setting	
		which ensures close clinical monitoring and	
		appropriate medical management in case of	
		respiratory depression and/or prolonged	
		sedation. Dose adjustment for midazolam	
		should be considered, especially if more	
		than a single dose of midazolam is	
		administered.	
	↑Triazolam (> 20-fold, 87%)	Ritonavir coadministration is likely to result	
		in increased plasma concentrations of	
		triazolam and is therefore contraindicated	
		(see section 4.3).	
Sleeping agent	↑Zolpidem (28%, 22%)	Zolpidem and ritonavir may be	
		coadministered with careful monitoring for	
		excessive sedative effects.	
Smoke cessation	↓Bupropion (22%, 21%)	Bupropion is primarily metabolised by	
		CYP2B6. Concurrent administration of	
		bupropion with repeated doses of ritonavir	
		is expected to decrease bupropion levels.	
		These effects are thought to represent	
		induction of bupropion metabolism.	
		However, because ritonavir has also been	
		shown to inhibit CYP2B6 in vitro, the	
		recommended dose of bupropion should not	
		be exceeded. In contrast to long-term	
		administration of ritonavir, there was no	
		significant interaction with bupropion after	
		short-term administration of low doses of	
		ritonavir (200 mg twice daily for 2 days),	
		suggesting reductions in bupropion	
		concentrations may have onset several days	
		after initiation of ritonavir coadministration.	
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Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction Table 2:

Medicinal product	ledicinal product			
class	(AUC change, C _{max} Change)	Clinical comments		
Steroids	Budesonide, Inhaled, injectable or intranasal fluticasone propionate, Triamcinolone	Systemic corticosteroid effects including Cushing's syndrome and adrenal suppression (plasma cortisol levels were noted to be decreased 86%) have been reported in patients receiving ritonavir and inhaled or intranasal fluticasone propionate; similar effects could also occur with other corticosteroids metabolised by CYP3A e.g., budesonide and triamcinolone. Consequently, concomitant administration of ritonavir at high dose in accordance with its previous use as an antiretroviral agent or as a pharmacokinetic enhancer and these glucocorticoids is not recommended unless the potential benefit of treatment outweighs		
	↑Downwath acome	the risk of systemic corticosteroid effects. A dose reduction of the glucocorticoid should be considered with close monitoring of local and systemic effects or a switch to a glucocorticoid, which is not a substrate for CYP3A4 (e.g., beclomethasone). Moreover, in case of withdrawal of glucocorticoids progressive dose reduction may be required over a longer period.		
	↑Dexamethasone	Ritonavir dosed as a pharmacokinetic enhancer or as an antiretroviral agent inhibits CYP3A and as a result is expected to increase the plasma concentrations of dexamethasone. Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects is recommended when dexamethasone is concomitantly administered with ritonavir.		
	†Prednisolone (28%, 9%)	Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects is recommended when prednisolone is concomitantly administered with ritonavir. The AUC of the metabolite prednisolone increased by 37% and 28% after 4 and 14 days ritonavir, respectively.		
Thyroid hormone replacement therapy	Levothyroxine	Post-marketing cases have been reported indicating a potential interaction between ritonavir containing products and levothyroxine. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) should be monitored in patients treated with levothyroxine at least the first month after starting and/or ending ritonavir treatment.		
Vasopressin receptor antagonists	↑Tolvaptan	Coadministration is contraindicated due to potential for dehydration, hypovolemia and hyperkalemia (see section 4.3).		

Abbreviations: ATL=alanine aminotransferase; AUC=area under the curve. * Results from DDI studies conducted with Paxlovid (see section 5.2).

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Women of childbearing potential

There are limited data on the use of Paxlovid in pregnant women to inform the drug-associated risk of adverse developmental outcomes; women of childbearing potential should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with this medicinal product and as a precautionary measure for 7 days after completing the treatment.

Use of ritonavir may reduce the efficacy of combined hormonal contraceptives. Patients using combined hormonal contraceptives should be advised to use an effective alternative contraceptive method or an additional barrier method of contraception during treatment with this medicinal product, and until one menstrual cycle after stopping the treatment (see section 4.5).

Pregnancy

There are limited data from the use of Paxlovid in pregnant women.

Animal data with nirmatrelvir have shown developmental toxicity in the rabbit (lower foetal body weights) but not in the rat (see section 5.3).

A large number of women exposed to ritonavir during pregnancy indicate no increase in the rate of birth defects compared to rates observed in population-based birth defect surveillance systems.

Animal data with ritonavir have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3).

Paxlovid is not recommended during pregnancy and in women of childbearing potential not using contraception unless the clinical condition requires treatment with this medicinal product.

Breast-feeding

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir are excreted in breast milk (see section 5.2).

There are no available data on the effects of nirmatrelvir and ritonavir on the breast-fed newborn/infant or on milk production. A risk to the newborn/infant cannot be excluded. Breast-feeding should be discontinued during treatment and as a precautionary measure for 48 hours after completing the treatment.

Fertility

There are no human data on the effect of Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir) or ritonavir alone on fertility. Both nirmatrelvir and ritonavir, tested separately, produced no effects on fertility in rats (see section 5.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Paxlovid is expected to have no influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Summary of the safety profile

The most common adverse reactions reported during treatment with Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg) were dysgeusia (4.6%), diarrhoea (3.0%), headache (1.2%) and vomiting (1.2%).

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The safety profile of the product is based on adverse reactions reported in clinical trials and spontaneous reporting.

The adverse reactions in Table 3 are listed below by system organ class and frequency. Frequencies are defined as follows: Very common ($\geq 1/10$); common ($\geq 1/100$ to < 1/100); uncommon ($\geq 1/100$); rare ($\geq 1/10,000$ to < 1/1000); not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data).

Table 3: Adverse reactions with Paxlovid

	Frequency	
System organ class	category	Adverse reactions
Immune system disorders	Uncommon	Hypersensitivity
	Rare	Anaphylaxis
Nervous system disorders	Common	Dysgeusia, headache
Vascular disorders	Uncommon	Hypertension
Gastrointestinal disorders	Common	Diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea
	Uncommon	Abdominal pain
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	Uncommon	Rash*
	Rare	Toxic epidermal necrolysis,
		Stevens-Johnson syndrome,
		Pruritus*
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue	Uncommon	Myalgia
disorders		
General disorders and administration site	Rare	Malaise
conditions		

^{*} These adverse reactions are also manifestations of hypersensitivity reaction.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Patients with severe renal impairment

Based on limited data from a Phase 1, open-label study, the safety profile of Paxlovid in participants with severe renal impairment, including those requiring haemodialysis, was consistent with the safety profile observed in clinical trials.

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 HPRA Pharmacovigilance. Website: www.hpra.ie.

4.9 Overdose

Treatment of overdose with Paxlovid should consist of general supportive measures including monitoring of vital signs and observation of the clinical status of the patient. There is no specific antidote for overdose with this medicinal product.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: antivirals for systemic use, protease inhibitors, ATC code: J05AE30

Mechanism of action

Nirmatrelvir is a peptidomimetic inhibitor of the SARS-CoV-2 main protease (Mpro), also referred to as 3C-like protease (3CLpro) or nsp5 protease. Inhibition of the SARS-CoV-2 Mpro renders the protein incapable of processing polyprotein precursors which leads to the prevention of viral replication.

Ritonavir inhibits the CYP3A-mediated metabolism of nirmatrelvir, thereby providing increased plasma concentrations of nirmatrelvir.

Antiviral activity

Nirmatrelvir exhibited antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2 infection of differentiated normal human bronchial epithelial (dNHBE) cells, a primary human lung alveolar epithelial cell line (EC₅₀ value of 61.8 nM and EC₉₀ value of 181 nM) after 3 days of drug exposure.

The antiviral activity of nirmatrelvir against the Omicron sub-variants BA.2, BA.2.12.1, BA.4, BA.4.6, BA.5, BF.7 (P252L+F294L), BF.7 (T243I), BQ.1.11, BQ.1, XBB.1.5, EG.5, and JN.1 was assessed in Vero E6-TMPRSS2 cells in the presence of a P-gp inhibitor. Nirmatrelvir had a median EC₅₀ value of 88 nM (range: 39-146 nM) against the Omicron sub-variants, reflecting EC₅₀ value fold-changes \leq 1.8 relative to the USA-WA1/2020 isolate.

In addition, the antiviral activity of nirmatrelvir against the SARS-CoV-2 Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Lambda, Mu, and Omicron BA.1 variants was assessed in Vero E6 P-gp knockout cells. Nirmatrelvir had a median EC_{50} value of 25 nM (range: 16-141 nM). The Beta variant was the least susceptible variant tested, with an EC_{50} value fold-change of 3.7 relative to USA-WA1/2020. The other variants had EC_{50} value fold-changes ≤ 1.1 relative to USA-WA1/2020.

Antiviral resistance in cell cultures and biochemical assays

SARS-CoV-2 M^{pro} residues potentially associated with nirmatrelvir resistance have been identified using a variety of methods, including SARS-CoV-2 resistance selection, testing of recombinant SARS-CoV-2 viruses with M^{pro} substitutions, and biochemical assays with recombinant SARS-CoV-2 M^{pro} containing amino acid substitutions. Table 4 indicates M^{pro} substitutions and combinations of M^{pro} substitutions that have been observed in nirmatrelvir-selected SARS-CoV-2 in cell culture. Individual M^{pro} substitutions are listed regardless of whether they occurred alone or in combination with other M^{pro} substitutions. Note that the M^{pro} S301P and T304I substitutions overlap the P6 and P3 positions of the nsp5/nsp6 cleavage site located at the C-terminus of M^{pro}. Substitutions at other M^{pro} cleavage sites have not been associated with nirmatrelvir resistance in cell culture. The clinical significance of these substitutions is unknown.

Table 4: SARS-CoV-2 M^{pro} amino acid substitutions selected by nirmatrelvir in cell culture (with EC₅₀ fold change > 5)

\$144A (2.2-5.3), E166V (25-288), P252L (5.9), T304I (1.4-5.5), T21I+\$144A (9.4), T21I+E166V (83), T21I+A173V (3.1-8.9), T21I+T304I (3.0-7.9), L50F+E166V (34-175), L50F+T304I (5.9), F140L+A173V (10.1), A173V+T304I (20.2), T21+L50F+A193P+S301P (28.8), T21I+S144A+T304I (27.8), T21I+C160F+A173V+V186A+T304I (28.5), T21I+A173V+T304I (15), L50F+F140L+L167F+T304I (54.7)

Most single and some double M^{pro} amino acid substitutions identified which reduced the susceptibility of SARS-CoV-2 to nirmatrelvir resulted in an EC₅₀ shift of < 5-fold compared to wild type SARS-CoV-2. In general, triple and some double M^{pro} amino acid substitutions led to EC₅₀ changes of > 5-fold to that of wild type. The clinical significance of these substitutions needs to be further understood.

Viral load rebound

Post-treatment viral nasal RNA rebounds were observed on Day 10 and/or Day 14 in a subset of Paxlovid and placebo recipients in EPIC-HR, irrespective of COVID-19 symptoms. The incidence of viral rebound in EPIC-HR occurred in both the Paxlovid treated participants and the untreated (placebo) participants, but at a numerically higher incidence in the Paxlovid arm (6.3% vs. 4.2%). Viral rebound and recurrence of COVID-19 symptoms were not associated with progression to severe disease including hospitalisation, death or emergence of resistance.

Clinical efficacy

The efficacy of Paxlovid is based on the interim analysis and the supporting final analysis of EPIC-HR, a phase 2/3, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in non-hospitalised, symptomatic adult participants with a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Eligible participants were 18 years of age and older with at least 1 of the following risk factors for progression to severe disease: diabetes, overweight (BMI > 25 kg/m²), chronic lung disease (including asthma), chronic kidney disease, current smoker, immunosuppressive disease or immunosuppressive treatment, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, sickle cell disease, neurodevelopmental disorders, active cancer, medically-related technological dependence, or were 60 years of age and older regardless of comorbidities. Participants with COVID-19 symptom onset of \leq 5 days were included in the study. The study excluded individuals with a history of prior COVID-19 infection or vaccination.

Participants were randomised (1:1) to receive Paxlovid (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg) or placebo orally every 12 hours for 5 days. The primary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of participants with COVID-19 related hospitalisation or death from any cause through Day 28. The analysis was conducted in the modified intent-to-treat (mITT) analysis set (all treated participants with onset of symptoms ≤ 3 days who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment), the mITT1 analysis set (all treated participants with onset of symptoms ≤ 5 days who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment), and the mITT2 analysis set (all treated participants with onset of symptoms ≤ 5 days).

A total of 2113 participants were randomised to receive either Paxlovid or placebo. At baseline, mean age was 45 years with 12% of participants 65 years of age and older (3% were 75 years of age and older); 51% were male; 71% were White, 4% were Black or African American, and 15% were Asian; 41% were Hispanic or Latino; 67% of participants had onset of symptoms \leq 3 days before initiation of study treatment; 80% had a BMI \geq 25 kg/m² (36% a BMI \geq 30 kg/m²); 11% had diabetes mellitus; less than 1% of the study population had immune deficiency, 49% of participants were serological negative at baseline and 49% were serological positive. The mean (SD) baseline viral load was 4.71 log₁₀ copies/mL (2.89); 27% of participants had a baseline viral load of \geq 10^7 (copies/mL); 6.0% of participants either received or were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment at the time of randomisation and were excluded from the mITT and mITT1 analyses. The primary SARS-CoV-2 variant across both treatment arms was Delta (99%), mostly clade 21J.

The baseline demographic and disease characteristics were balanced between the Paxlovid and placebo groups.

The determination of primary efficacy was based on a planned interim analysis of 754 participants in mITT population. The estimated risk reduction was -6.5% with unadjusted 95% CI of (-9.3%, -3.7%) and a 95% CI of (-10.92%, -2.09%) when adjusting for multiplicity. The 2-sided p-value was < 0.0001 with 2-sided significance level of 0.002.

Table 5 provides results of the primary endpoint in the mITT1 analysis population for the full data set at final study completion.

Table 5: Efficacy results in non-hospitalised adults with COVID-19 dosed within 5 days of symptom onset who did not receive COVID-19 mAb treatment at baseline (mITT1 analysis set^b)

	Paxlovid (N=977)	Placebo (N=989)	
COVID-19 related hospitalisation or death from any cause through Day 28			
n (%)	9 (0.9%)	64 (6.5%)	
Reduction relative to placebo ^a (95% CI), %	-5.64 (-7.31, -3.97)		
p-value	< 0.0001		
All-cause mortality through Day 28, %	0	12 (1.2%)	

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval; COVID-19=Coronavirus Disease 2019; mAb=monoclonal antibody; mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1 (all participants randomly assigned to study intervention, who took at least 1 dose of study intervention, with at least 1 post-baseline visit through Day 28, who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment and were treated \leq 5 days after COVID-19 symptom onset).

- a. The estimated cumulative proportion of participants hospitalised or death by Day 28 was calculated for each treatment group using the Kaplan-Meier method, where participants without hospitalisation and death status through Day 28 were censored at the time of study discontinuation.
- b. Data analysis set was updated after post-hoc removal of data for 133 participants due to GCP quality issues

The estimated risk reduction was -6.1% with 95% CI of (-8.2%, -4.1%) in participants dosed within 3 days of symptom onset, and -4.6% with 95% CI of (-7.4%, -1.8%) in the mITT1 subset of participants dosed > 3 days from symptom onset.

Consistent results were observed in the final mITT and mITT2 analysis populations. A total of 1318 participants were included in the mITT analysis population. The event rates were 5/671 (0.75%) in the Paxlovid group, and 44/647 (6.80%) in the placebo group.

Table 6: Progression of COVID-19 (hospitalisation or death) through Day 28 in symptomatic adults at increased risk of progression to severe illness; mITT1 analysis set

	Paxlovid 300 mg/100 mg	Placebo
Number of patients	N=977	N=989
Serology Negative	n=475	n=497
Patients with hospitalisation or death ^a (%) Estimated proportion over 28 days [95% CI], % Estimated reduction relative to placebo (95% CI)	8 (1.7%) 1.72 (0.86, 3.40) -9.79 (-12.86, -6.72)	56 (11.3%) 11.50 (8.97, 14.68)
Serology Positive	n=490	n=479
Patients with hospitalisation or death ^a (%) Estimated proportion over 28 days [95% CI], % Estimated reduction relative to placebo (95% CI)	1 (0.2%) 0.20 (0.03, 1.44) -1.5 (-2.70, -0.25)	8 (1.7%) 1.68 (0.84, 3.33)

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval; COVID-19=Coronavirus Disease 2019; mITT1=modified intent-to-treat 1 (all participants randomly assigned to study intervention, who took at least 1 dose of study intervention, who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic monoclonal antibody treatment, and were treated ≤ 5 days after COVID-19 symptom onset).

Seropositivity was defined if results were positive in a serological immunoassay specific for host antibodies to either S or N viral proteins.

The difference between the proportions in the 2 treatment groups and its 95% confidence interval based on normal approximation of the data are presented.

a. COVID-19 related hospitalisation or death from any cause.

Efficacy results for mITT1 were consistent across subgroups of participants including age (\geq 65 years) and BMI (BMI > 25 and BMI > 30) and diabetes.

Paediatric population

The European Medicines Agency has deferred the obligation to submit the results of studies with Paxlovid in one or more subsets of the paediatric population in treatment of COVID-19 (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir have been studied in healthy participants and in participants with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

Ritonavir is administered with nirmatrelvir as a pharmacokinetic enhancer resulting in higher systemic concentrations and longer half-life of nirmatrelvir.

Upon repeat-dose of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 75 mg/100 mg, 250 mg/100 mg, and 500 mg/100 mg administered twice daily, the increase in systemic exposure at steady-state appears to be less than dose proportional. Multiple dosing over 10 days achieved steady-state on Day 2 with approximately 2-fold accumulation. Systemic exposures on Day 5 were similar to Day 10 across all doses.

Absorption

Following oral administration of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg after a single dose, the geometric mean nirmatrelvir C_{max} and AUC_{inf} at steady-state was 2.21 μ g/mL and 23.01 μ g*hr/mL, respectively. The median time to C_{max} (T_{max}) was 3.00 hrs. The arithmetic mean terminal elimination half-life was 6.1 hours.

Following oral administration of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg after a single dose, the geometric mean ritonavir C_{max} and AUC_{inf} was $0.36~\mu g/mL$ and $3.60~\mu g*hr/mL$, respectively. The median time to C_{max} (T_{max}) was 3.98~hrs. The arithmetic mean terminal elimination half-life was 6.1~hours.

Effect of food on oral absorption

Dosing with a high fat meal increased the exposure of nirmatrelvir (approximately 61% increase in mean C_{max} and 20% increase in mean AUC_{last}) relative to fasting conditions following administration of 300 mg nirmatrelvir (2 × 150 mg)/100 mg ritonavir tablets.

Distribution

The protein binding of nirmatrelvir in human plasma is approximately 69%.

The protein binding of ritonavir in human plasma is approximately 98-99%.

Biotransformation

In vitro studies assessing nirmatrelvir without concomitant ritonavir suggest that nirmatrelvir is primarily metabolised by cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4. However, administration of nirmatrelvir with ritonavir inhibits the metabolism of nirmatrelvir. In plasma, the only medicinal product-related entity observed was unchanged nirmatrelvir. Minor oxidative metabolites were observed in the faeces and urine.

In vitro studies utilising human liver microsomes have demonstrated that CYP3A is the major isoform involved in ritonavir metabolism, although CYP2D6 also contributes to the formation of oxidation metabolite M–2.

Elimination

The primary route of elimination of nirmatrelvir when administered with ritonavir was renal excretion of intact medicinal product. Approximately 49.6% and 35.3% of the administered dose of nirmatrelvir 300 mg was recovered in urine and faeces, respectively. Nirmatrelvir was the predominant drug-related entity with small amounts of metabolites arising from hydrolysis reactions in excreta. In plasma, the only drug-related entity quantifiable was unchanged nirmatrelvir.

Human studies with radiolabelled ritonavir demonstrated that the elimination of ritonavir was primarily via the hepatobiliary system; approximately 86% of radiolabel was recovered from stool, part of which is expected to be unabsorbed ritonavir.

Specific populations

Age and gender

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir based on age and gender have not been evaluated.

Racial or ethnic groups

Systemic exposure in Japanese participants was numerically lower but not clinically meaningfully different than those in Western participants.

Renal impairment

Compared to healthy controls with no renal impairment, the C_{max} and AUC of nirmatrelvir in patients with mild renal impairment was 30% and 24% higher, in patients with moderate renal impairment was 38% and 87% higher, and in patients with severe renal impairment was 48% and 204% higher, respectively.

Severe renal impairment including those requiring haemodialysis

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir in participants with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 and severe renal impairment (eGFR< 30 mL/min) either requiring haemodialysis (n=12) or not requiring haemodialysis (n=2) were evaluated after administration of 300 mg/100 mg nirmatrelvir/ritonavir once on Day 1 followed by 150 mg/100 mg nirmatrelvir/ritonavir once daily on Days 2-5 for a total of 5 doses.

During a 4-hour haemodialysis session, approximately 6.9% of nirmatrelvir dose was cleared through dialysis. Haemodialysis clearance was 1.83 L/h.

Population pharmacokinetic model-based simulations showed that administration of 300 mg/100 mg nirmatrelvir/ritonavir once on Day 1 followed by 150 mg/100 mg nirmatrelvir/ritonavir once daily on Days 2-5 in participants with severe renal impairment resulted in comparable exposures on Day 1 and at steady-state (AUC $_{0-24}$ and C_{max}) to those observed in participants with normal renal function receiving 300 mg/100 mg nirmatrelvir/ritonavir twice daily for 5 days.

Hepatic impairment

Compared to healthy controls with no hepatic impairment, the pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir in participants with moderate hepatic impairment was not significantly different. Adjusted geometric mean ratio (90% CI) of AUC_{inf} and C_{max} of nirmatrelvir comparing moderate hepatic impairment (test) to normal hepatic function (reference) was 98.78% (70.65%, 138.12%) and 101.96% (74.20%, 140.11%), respectively.

Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Breast-feeding mothers

Following 3 doses of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg administered twice daily in 8 healthy lactating women, under high-fat high-calorie fed conditions, both nirmatrelvir and ritonavir were excreted into breast milk. The estimated milk to plasma ratios for C_{max} and AUC were 0.27 and 0.26, respectively for nirmatrelvir and 0.06 and 0.07, respectively for ritonavir.

Interaction studies conducted with nirmatrelvir/ritonavir

CYP3A4 was the major contributor to the oxidative metabolism of nirmatrelvir when nirmatrelvir was tested alone in human liver microsomes. Ritonavir is an inhibitor of CYP3A and increases plasma concentrations of nirmatrelvir and other drugs that are primarily metabolised by CYP3A. Despite being coadministered with ritonavir as a pharmacokinetic enhancer, there is potential for strong inhibitors and inducers to alter the pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir.

Nirmatrelvir does not reversibly inhibit CYP2B6, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2C8, or CYP1A2 *in vitro* at clinically relevant concentrations. *In vitro* study results showed nirmatrelvir may be inducer of CYP3A4, CYP2B6, CYP2C8 and CYP2C9. The clinical relevance is unknown. Based on *in vitro* data, nirmatrelvir has a low potential to inhibit BCRP, MATE1, MATE2K, OAT1, OAT3, OATP1B3, OCT1 and OCT2. There is a potential for nirmatrelvir to inhibit MDR1 and OATP1B1 at clinically relevant concentrations.

The effect on the pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir was assessed with itraconazole (CYP3A inhibitor) and carbamazepine (CYP3A inducer). The test/reference ratios of the adjusted geometric means for nirmatrelvir AUC $_{inf}$ and C_{max} were 44.50% and 56.82%, respectively, following nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg coadministration with multiple oral doses of carbamazepine. The test/reference ratios of the adjusted geometric means for nirmatrelvir AUC $_{tau}$ and C_{max} were 138.82% and 118.57%, respectively, when nirmatrelvir/ritonavir was coadministered with multiple doses of itraconazole as compared to nirmatrelvir/ritonavir administered alone.

The effect of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir on other drugs was assessed with midazolam (CYP3A substrate), dabigatran (P-gp substrate), and rosuvastatin (OATP1B1 substrate). The test/reference ratios of the adjusted geometric means for midazolam AUC $_{inf}$ and C_{max} were 1430.02% and 368.33%, respectively, when midazolam was coadministered with multiple doses of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir compared to midazolam administered alone. The test/reference ratios of the adjusted geometric means for dabigatran AUC $_{inf}$ and C_{max} were 194.47% and 233.06%, respectively, following dabigatran administration with multiple doses of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir as compared to administration of dabigatran alone. The test/reference ratios of the adjusted geometric means for rosuvastatin AUC $_{inf}$ and C_{max} were 131.18% and 212.44%, respectively, following rosuvastatin administration with multiple doses of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir as compared to administration of rosuvastatin alone.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

No nonclinical safety studies have been conducted with nirmatrelvir in combination with ritonavir.

Nirmatrelvir

Studies of repeated dose toxicity and genotoxicity revealed no risk due to nirmatrelvir. No adverse effects were observed in fertility, embryo-foetal development, or pre- and postnatal development studies in rats. A study in pregnant rabbits showed an adverse decrease in foetal body weight, in the absence of significant maternal toxicity. Systemic exposure (AUC₂₄) in rabbits at the maximum dose without adverse effect in foetal body weight was estimated to be approximately 3 times higher than exposure in humans at recommended therapeutic dose of Paxlovid.

No carcinogenicity studies have been conducted with nirmatrelvir.

Ritonavir

Repeat-dose toxicity studies of ritonavir in animals identified major target organs as the liver, retina, thyroid gland and kidney. Hepatic changes involved hepatocellular, biliary and phagocytic elements and were accompanied by increases in hepatic enzymes. Hyperplasia of the retinal pigment epithelium and retinal degeneration have been seen in all of the rodent studies conducted

with ritonavir, but have not been seen in dogs. Ultrastructural evidence suggests that these retinal changes may be secondary to phospholipidosis. However, clinical trials revealed no evidence of medicinal product-induced ocular changes in humans. All thyroid changes were reversible upon discontinuation of ritonavir. Clinical investigation in humans has revealed no clinically significant alteration in thyroid function tests.

Renal changes including tubular degeneration, chronic inflammation and proteinuria were noted in rats and are considered to be attributable to species-specific spontaneous disease. Furthermore, no clinically significant renal abnormalities were noted in clinical trials.

Genotoxicity studies revealed no risk due to ritonavir. Long-term carcinogenicity studies of ritonavir in mice and rats revealed tumourigenic potential specific for these species, but are regarded as of no relevance for humans. Ritonavir produced no effects on fertility in rats. Developmental toxicity observed in rats (embryo-lethality, decreased foetal body weight and ossification delays and visceral changes, including delayed testicular descent) occurred mainly at a maternally toxic dose. Developmental toxicity in rabbits (embryo-lethality, decreased litter size and decreased foetal weights) occurred at a maternally toxic dose.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Nirmatrelvir film-coated tablets

Tablet core
Microcrystalline cellulose
Lactose monohydrate
Croscarmellose sodium
Colloidal silicon dioxide
Sodium stearyl fumarate

Film coat
Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (E464)
Titanium dioxide (E171)
Macrogol/polyethylene glycol (E1521)
Iron oxide red (E172)

Ritonavir film-coated tablets

Tablet core
Copovidone
Sorbitan laurate
Silica, colloidal anhydrous (E551)
Calcium hydrogen phosphate
Sodium stearyl fumarate

Film coat
Hypromellose (E464)
Titanium dioxide (E171)
Macrogol/polyethylene glycol (E1521)
Hydroxypropyl cellulose (E463)
Talc (E553b)
Silica, colloidal anhydrous (E551)
Polysorbate 80 (E433)

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

2 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

OPA/Al/PVC foil blister cards.

Twice daily dose blister card

Pack size of 5 blister cards each containing 4 nirmatrelvir tablets and 2 ritonavir tablets for morning and evening dose (total of 30 tablets).

Once daily dose blister card

Pack size of one blister card of 11 tablets. The blister card contains 6 nirmatrelvir tablets and 5 ritonavir tablets for once daily dose.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

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