

FENOFIBRIC ACID - fenofibric acid capsule, delayed release

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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use FENOFIBRIC ACID DELAYED-RELEASE CAPSULES safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for FENOFIBRIC ACID DELAYED-RELEASE CAPSULES.

FENOFIBRIC ACID Delayed-Release capsules, for oral use

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RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

Indications and Usage, Combination With a Statin - removal (1) 04/2015
Dosage and Administration, Combination With a Statin - removal (2) 04/2015

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are a peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR) alpha agonist indicated as adjunctive therapy to diet to:

- Reduce TG in patients with severe hypertriglyceridemia (1.1). (1)
- Reduce elevated LDL-C, Total-C, TG and Apo B, and to increase HDLC in patients with primary hypercholesterolemia or mixed dyslipidemia (1.2). (1)

Limitations of Use: Fenofibrate at a dose equivalent to 135 mg of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules did not reduce coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (5.1) (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Hypertriglyceridemia: 45 to 135 mg once daily (2.2).
- Primary hypercholesterolemia or mixed dyslipidemia: 135 mg once daily (2.3).
- Renally impaired patients: 45 mg once daily (2.4).
- Maximum dose: 135 mg once daily (2.1).
- May be taken without regard to food (2.1). (2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Oral Delayed Release Capsules: 45 mg and 135 mg (3) (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Severe renal dysfunction, including patients receiving dialysis (4, 12 3).
- Active liver disease (4, 5.3).
- Gallbladder disease (4, 5.5).
- Nursing mothers (4, 8.3).
- Known hypersensitivity to fenofibric acid or fenofibrate (4, 5.9) (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Myopathy and rhabdomyolysis have been reported in patients taking fenofibrate. The risks for myopathy and rhabdomyolysis are increased in elderly patients; patients with diabetes, renal failure, or hypothyroidism; and patients being treated with a statin (5.2).
- Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules can increase serum transaminases. Liver tests should be monitored periodically (5.3).
- Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules can reversibly increase serum creatinine levels (5.4). Renal function should be monitored periodically in patients with renal insufficiency (8.6).
- Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules increases cholesterol excretion into the bile, leading to risk of cholelithiasis. If cholelithiasis is suspected, gallbladder studies are indicated (5.5).
- Exercise caution in concomitant treatment with oral coumarin anticoagulants. Adjust the dosage of coumarin anticoagulant to maintain the prothrombin time/INR at the desired level to prevent bleeding complications (5.6). (5)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse events reported during clinical trials with fenofibrate ($\geq 2\%$ and at least 1% greater than placebo) were abnormal liver tests, increased AST, increased ALT, increased CPK, and rhinitis (6.1). (6)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch (6)

DRUG INTERACTIONS

- Coumarin Anticoagulants: (7.1).
- Bile Acid Binding Resins: (7.2).
- Immunosuppressants: (7.3). (7)

----- **USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS** -----

Geriatric Use: Dose selection for the elderly should be made on the basis of renal function (8.5). (8)
Renal Impairment: Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be avoided in patients with severe renal impairment. Dose adjustment is required in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment (8.6). (8)
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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Treatment of Severe Hypertriglyceridemia

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are indicated as adjunctive therapy to diet to reduce triglycerides (TG) in patients with severe hypertriglyceridemia. Improving glycemic control in diabetic patients showing fasting chylomicronemia will usually obviate the need for pharmacological intervention. Markedly elevated levels of serum triglycerides (e.g. > 2,000 mg/dL) may increase the risk of developing pancreatitis. The effect of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules therapy on reducing this risk has not been adequately studied.

1.2 Treatment of Primary Hypercholesterolemia or Mixed Dyslipidemia

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are indicated as adjunctive therapy to diet to reduce elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), total cholesterol (Total-C), triglycerides (TG), and apolipoprotein B (Apo B), and to increase high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) in patients with primary hypercholesterolemia or mixed dyslipidemia.

1.3 Limitations of Use

Fenofibrate at a dose equivalent to 135 mg of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules did not reduce coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality in 2 large, randomized controlled trials of patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus [see *Warnings and Precautions*

(5.1)].

1.4 General Considerations for Treatment

Laboratory studies should be performed to establish that lipid levels are abnormal before instituting fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules therapy.

Every reasonable attempt should be made to control serum lipids with non-drug methods including appropriate diet, exercise, weight loss in obese patients, and control of any medical problems such as diabetes mellitus and hypothyroidism that may be contributing to the lipid abnormalities. Medications known to exacerbate hypertriglyceridemia (beta-blockers, thiazides, estrogens) should be discontinued or changed if possible, and excessive alcohol intake should be addressed before triglyceride-lowering drug therapy is considered. If the decision is made to use lipid-altering drugs, the patient should be instructed that this does not reduce the importance of adhering to diet.

Drug therapy is not indicated for patients who have elevations of chylomicrons and plasma triglycerides, but who have normal levels of VLDL.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 General Considerations

Patients should be placed on an appropriate lipid-lowering diet before receiving fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, and should continue this diet during treatment. Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules can be taken without regard to meals. Patients should be advised to swallow fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules whole. Do not open, crush, dissolve, or chew capsules. Serum lipids should be monitored periodically.

2.2 Severe Hypertriglyceridemia

The initial dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules is 45 to 135 mg once daily. Dosage should be individualized according to patient response, and should be adjusted if necessary following repeat lipid determinations at 4 to 8 week intervals. The maximum dose is 135 mg once daily.

2.3 Primary Hypercholesterolemia or Mixed Dyslipidemia

The dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule is 135 mg once daily.

2.4 Impaired Renal Function

Treatment with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be initiated at a dose of 45 mg once daily in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment and should only be increased after evaluation of the effects on renal function and lipid levels at this dose. The use of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be avoided in patients with severely impaired renal function [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

2.5 Geriatric Patients

Dose selection for the elderly should be made on the basis of renal function [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*].

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- 45 mg capsules with a brown opaque cap/ yellow opaque body size '3' hard gelatin capsule imprinted with 'A' on the cap in white ink and '138' on the body in black ink, filled with white to off white mini tablets.
- 135 mg capsules with a blue opaque cap/ yellow opaque body size '0' hard gelatin capsule imprinted with 'A' on the cap in white ink and '139' on the body in black ink, filled with white to off white mini tablets.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are contraindicated in:

- patients with severe renal impairment, including those receiving dialysis [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].
- patients with active liver disease, including those with primary biliary cirrhosis and unexplained persistent liver function abnormalities [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].
- patients with preexisting gallbladder disease [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].
- nursing mothers [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.3)*].
- patients with hypersensitivity to fenofibric acid or fenofibrate [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Mortality and Coronary Heart Disease Morbidity

The effect of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules on coronary heart disease morbidity and mortality and non-cardiovascular mortality has not been established. Because of similarities between fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules and fenofibrate, clofibrate, and gemfibrozil, the findings in the following large randomized, placebo-controlled clinical studies with these fibrate drugs may also apply to fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.

The Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes Lipid (ACCORD Lipid) trial was a randomized placebo-controlled study of 5518 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus on background statin therapy treated with fenofibrate. The mean duration of follow-up was 4.7 years. Fenofibrate plus statin combination therapy showed a non-significant 8% relative risk reduction in the primary outcome of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), a composite of non-fatal myocardial infarction, non-fatal stroke, and cardiovascular disease death (hazard ratio [HR] 0.92, 95% CI 0.79 to 1.08) ($p=0.32$) as

compared to statin monotherapy. In a gender subgroup analysis, the hazard ratio for MACE in men receiving combination therapy versus statin monotherapy was 0.82 (95% CI 0.69 to 0.99), and the hazard ratio for MACE in women receiving combination therapy versus statin monotherapy was 1.38 (95% CI 0.98 to 1.94) (interaction $p=0.01$). The clinical significance of this subgroup finding is unclear.

The Fenofibrate Intervention and Event Lowering in Diabetes (FIELD) study was a 5-year randomized, placebo-controlled study of 9795 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with fenofibrate. Fenofibrate demonstrated a non-significant 11% relative reduction in the primary outcome of coronary heart disease events (hazard ratio [HR] 0.89, 95% CI 0.75 to 1.05, $p = 0.16$) and a significant 11% reduction in the secondary outcome of total cardiovascular disease events (HR 0.89 [0.8 to 0.99], $p = 0.04$). There was a non-significant 11% (HR 1.11 [0.95, 1.29], $p = 0.18$) and 19% (HR 1.19 [0.9, 1.57], $p = 0.22$) increase in total and coronary heart disease mortality, respectively, with fenofibrate as compared to placebo.

In the Coronary Drug Project, a large study of post-myocardial infarction patients treated for 5 years with clofibrate, there was no difference in mortality seen between the clofibrate group and the placebo group. There was, however, a difference in the rate of cholelithiasis and cholecystitis requiring surgery between the two groups (3% vs. 1.8%).

In a study conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), 5000 subjects without known coronary artery disease were treated with placebo or clofibrate for 5 years and followed for an additional one year. There was a statistically significant, higher age-adjusted all-cause mortality in the clofibrate group compared with the placebo group (5.7% vs. 3.96%, $p = < 0.01$). Excess mortality was due to a 33% increase in non-cardiovascular causes, including malignancy, postcholecystectomy complications, and pancreatitis. This appeared to confirm the higher risk of gallbladder disease seen in clofibrate-treated patients studied in the Coronary Drug Project.

The Helsinki Heart Study was a large ($N = 4081$) study of middle-aged men without a history of coronary artery disease. Subjects received either placebo or gemfibrozil for 5 years, with a 3.5 year open extension afterward. Total mortality was numerically higher in the gemfibrozil randomization group but did not achieve statistical significance ($p = 0.19$, 95% confidence interval for relative risk G:P = 0.91 to 1.64). Although cancer deaths trended higher in the gemfibrozil group ($p = 0.11$), cancers (excluding basal cell carcinoma) were diagnosed with equal frequency in both study groups. Due to the limited size of the study, the relative risk of death from any cause was not shown to be different than that seen in the 9 year follow-up data from WHO study (RR = 1.29). A secondary prevention component of the Helsinki Heart Study enrolled middle-aged men excluded from the primary prevention study because of known or suspected coronary heart disease. Subjects received gemfibrozil or placebo for 5 years. Although cardiac deaths trended higher in the gemfibrozil group, this was not statistically significant (hazard ratio 2.2, 95% confidence interval: 0.94 to 5.05).

5.2 Skeletal Muscle

Fibrates increase the risk of myositis or myopathy and have been associated with

rhabdomyolysis. The risk for serious muscle toxicity appears to be increased in elderly patients and in patients with diabetes, renal failure, or hypothyroidism.

Myopathy should be considered in any patient with diffuse myalgias, muscle tenderness or weakness, and/or marked elevations of CPK levels. Patients should promptly report unexplained muscle pain, tenderness or weakness, particularly if accompanied by malaise or fever. CPK levels should be assessed in patients reporting these symptoms, and Trilipix should be discontinued if markedly elevated CPK levels occur or myopathy or myositis is suspected or diagnosed.

Data from observational studies suggest that the risk for rhabdomyolysis is increased when fibrates are co-administered with a statin.

Cases of myopathy, including rhabdomyolysis, have been reported with fenofibrates co-administered with colchicine, and caution should be exercised when prescribing fenofibrate with colchicine [see *Drug Interactions (7.4)*].

5.3 Liver Function

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules at a dose of 135 mg once daily has been associated with increases in serum transaminases [AST (SGOT) or ALT (SGPT)]. In a pooled analysis of three 12-week, double-blind, controlled studies of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, increases in ALT and AST to > 3 times the upper limit of normal on two consecutive occasions occurred in 1.9% and 0.2%, respectively, of patients receiving fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules without other lipid-altering drugs. Increases in ALT and/or AST were not accompanied by increases in bilirubin or clinically significant increases in alkaline phosphatase.

In a pooled analysis of 10 placebo-controlled trials of fenofibrate, increases to > 3 times the upper limit of normal in ALT occurred in 5.3% of patients taking fenofibrate versus 1.1% of patients treated with placebo. The incidence of increases in transaminases observed with fenofibrate therapy may be dose related. In an 8-week dose-ranging study of fenofibrate in hypertriglyceridemia, the incidence of ALT or AST elevations ≥ 3 times the upper limit of normal was 13% in patients receiving dosages equivalent to 90 mg to 135 mg fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules once daily and was 0% in those receiving dosages equivalent to 45 mg Trilipix once daily or less, or placebo. Hepatocellular, chronic active, and cholestatic hepatitis observed with fenofibrate therapy have been reported after exposures of weeks to several years. In extremely rare cases, cirrhosis has been reported in association with chronic active hepatitis.

Baseline and regular monitoring of liver function, including serum ALT (SGPT) should be performed for the duration of therapy with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, and therapy discontinued if enzyme levels persist above 3 times the upper limit of normal.

5.4 Serum Creatinine

Reversible elevations in serum creatinine have been reported in patients receiving fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules as well as patients receiving fenofibrate. In the

pooled analysis of three 12-week, double-blind, controlled studies of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, increases in creatinine to > 2 mg/dL occurred in 0.8% of patients treated with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules without other lipid-altering drugs. Elevations in serum creatinine were generally stable over time with no evidence for continued increases in serum creatinine with long-term therapy and tended to return to baseline following discontinuation of treatment. The clinical significance of these observations is unknown. Monitoring renal function in patients with renal impairment taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are suggested. Renal monitoring should be considered for patients at risk for renal insufficiency, such as the elderly and those with diabetes.

5.5 Cholelithiasis

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, like fenofibrate, clofibrate, and gemfibrozil, may increase cholesterol excretion into the bile, potentially leading to cholelithiasis. If cholelithiasis is suspected, gallbladder studies are indicated. Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules therapy should be discontinued if gallstones are found.

5.6 Coumarin Anticoagulants

Caution should be exercised when fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are given in conjunction with oral coumarin anticoagulants. Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules may potentiate the anticoagulant effects of these agents resulting in prolongation of the prothrombin time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR). Frequent monitoring of PT/INR and dose adjustment of the oral anticoagulant are recommended until the PT/INR has stabilized in order to prevent bleeding complications [*see Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

5.7 Pancreatitis

Pancreatitis has been reported in patients taking drugs of the fibrate class, including fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. This occurrence may represent a failure of efficacy in patients with severe hypertriglyceridemia, a direct drug effect, or a secondary phenomenon mediated through biliary tract stone or sludge formation with obstruction of the common bile duct.

5.8 Hematological Changes

Mild to moderate hemoglobin, hematocrit, and white blood cell decreases have been observed in patients following initiation of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules and fenofibrate therapy. However, these levels stabilize during long-term administration. Thrombocytopenia and agranulocytosis have been reported in individuals treated with fenofibrates. Periodic monitoring of red and white blood cell counts are recommended during the first 12 months of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules administration.

5.9 Hypersensitivity Reactions

Acute hypersensitivity reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic necrolysis requiring patient hospitalization and treatment with steroids have been reported in individuals treated with fenofibrates.

5.10 Venothromboembolic Disease

In the FIELD trial, pulmonary embolus (PE) and deep vein thrombosis (DVT) were

observed at higher rates in the fenofibrate- than the placebo-treated group. Of 9,795 patients enrolled in FIELD, there were 4,900 in the placebo group and 4,895 in the fenofibrate group. For DVT, there were 48 events (1%) in the placebo group and 67 (1%) in the fenofibrate group ($p = 0.074$); and for PE, there were 32 (0.7%) events in the placebo group and 53 (1%) in the fenofibrate group ($p = 0.022$).

In the Coronary Drug Project, a higher proportion of the clofibrate group experienced definite or suspected fatal or nonfatal PE or thrombophlebitis than the placebo group (5.2% vs. 3.3% at five years; $p < 0.01$).

5.11 Paradoxical Decreases in HDL Cholesterol Levels

There have been postmarketing and clinical trial reports of severe decreases in HDL cholesterol levels (as low as 2 mg/dL) occurring in diabetic and non-diabetic patients initiated on fibrate therapy. The decrease in HDL-C is mirrored by a decrease in apolipoprotein A1. This decrease has been reported to occur within 2 weeks to years after initiation of fibrate therapy. The HDL-C levels remain depressed until fibrate therapy has been withdrawn; the response to withdrawal of fibrate therapy is rapid and sustained. The clinical significance of this decrease in HDL-C is unknown. It is recommended that HDL-C levels be checked within the first few months after initiation of fibrate therapy. If a severely depressed HDL-C level is detected, fibrate therapy should be withdrawn, and the HDL-C level monitored until it has returned to baseline, and fibrate therapy should not be re-initiated.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical studies are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical studies of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical studies of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Fenofibric acid is the active metabolite of fenofibrate. Adverse events reported by 2% or more of patients treated with fenofibrate and greater than placebo during double-blind, placebo-controlled trials are listed in Table 1. Adverse events led to discontinuation of treatment in 5% of patients treated with fenofibrate and in 3% treated with placebo. Increases in liver tests were the most frequent events, causing discontinuation of fenofibrate treatment in 1.6% of patients in double-blind trials.

Table 1. Adverse Events Reported by 2% or More of Patients Treated with Fenofibrate and Greater than Placebo During the Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials

| BODY SYSTEM Adverse Event | Fenofibrate* (N = 439) | Placebo (N = 365) |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| BODY AS A WHOLE | | |
| Abdominal Pain | 4.6% | 4.4% |
| Back Pain | 3.4% | 2.5% |

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|--|------|------|
| Headache | 3.2% | 2.7% |
| DIGESTIVE | | |
| Nausea | 2.3% | 1.9% |
| Constipation | 2.1% | 1.4% |
| INVESTIGATIONS | | |
| Abnormal Liver Tests | 7.5% | 1.4% |
| Increased AST | 3.4% | 0.5% |
| Increased ALT | 3% | 1.6% |
| Increased Creatine Phosphokinase | 3% | 1.4% |
| RESPIRATORY | | |
| Respiratory Disorder | 6.2% | 5.5% |
| Rhinitis | 2.3% | 1.1% |
| * Dosage equivalent to 135 mg fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules | | |

Clinical trials with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules did not include a placebo-control arm. However, the adverse event profile of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules was generally consistent with that of fenofibrate. The following adverse events not listed above were reported in $\geq 3\%$ of patients taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules alone:

Gastrointestinal Disorders: Diarrhea, dyspepsia

General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions: Pain

Infections and Infestations: Nasopharyngitis, sinusitis, upper respiratory tract infection

Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders: Arthralgia, myalgia, pain in extremity

Nervous System Disorders: Dizziness

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse events have been identified during postapproval use of fenofibrate: rhabdomyolysis, pancreatitis, renal failure, muscle spasms, acute renal failure, hepatitis, cirrhosis, anemia, asthenia, and severely depressed HDL-cholesterol levels.

Because these events are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Coumarin Anticoagulants

Potential of coumarin-type anticoagulant effect has been observed with prolongation

of the PT/INR.

Caution should be exercised when oral coumarin anticoagulants are given in conjunction with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. The dosage of the anticoagulant should be reduced to maintain the PT/INR at the desired level to prevent bleeding complications. Frequent PT/INR determinations are advisable until it has been definitely determined that the PT/INR has stabilized [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].

7.2 Bile Acid Binding Resins

Since bile acid binding resins may bind other drugs given concurrently, patients should take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules at least 1 hour before or 4 to 6 hours after a bile acid resin to avoid impeding its absorption.

7.3 Immunosuppressants

Immunosuppressants such as cyclosporine and tacrolimus can produce nephrotoxicity with decreases in creatinine clearance and rises in serum creatinine, and because renal excretion is the primary elimination route of drugs of the fibrate class including fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, there is a risk that an interaction will lead to deterioration of renal function. The benefits and risks of using fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules with immunosuppressants and other potentially nephrotoxic agents should be carefully considered, and the lowest effective dose employed.

7.4 Colchicine

Cases of myopathy, including rhabdomyolysis, have been reported with fenofibrates co-administered with colchicine, and caution should be exercised when prescribing fenofibrate with colchicine.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Category: C

The safety of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules in pregnant women has not been established. There are no adequate and well controlled studies of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules in pregnant women. Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

In pregnant rats given oral dietary doses of 14, 127, and 361 mg/kg/day from gestation day 6 to 15 during the period of organogenesis, adverse developmental findings were not observed at 14 mg/kg/day (less than 1 times the maximum recommended human dose [MRHD], based on body surface area comparisons; mg/m²). At higher multiples of human doses evidence of maternal toxicity was observed.

In pregnant rabbits given oral gavage doses of 15, 150, and 300 mg/kg/day from

gestation day 6 to 18 during the period of organogenesis and allowed to deliver, aborted litters were observed at 150 mg/kg/day (10 times the MRHD, based on body surface area comparisons; mg/m²). No developmental findings were observed at 15 mg/kg/day (at less than 1 times the MRHD, based on body surface area comparisons; mg/m²).

In pregnant rats given oral dietary doses of 15, 75, and 300 mg/kg/day from gestation day 15 through lactation day 21 (weaning), maternal toxicity was observed at less than 1 times the MRHD, based on body surface area comparisons; mg/m².

8.3 Nursing Mothers

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should not be used in nursing mothers. A decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

8.4 Pediatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules in pediatric patients have not been established.

8.5 Geriatric Use

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are substantially excreted by the kidney as fenofibric acid and fenofibric acid glucuronide, and the risk of adverse reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Fenofibric acid exposure is not influenced by age. Since elderly patients have a higher incidence of renal impairment, dose selection for the elderly should be made on the basis of renal function [see *Dosage and Administration (2.5) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. Elderly patients with normal renal function should require no dose modifications. Consider monitoring renal function in elderly patients taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.

8.6 Renal Impairment

The use of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be avoided in patients who have severe renal impairment [see *Contraindications (4)*]. Dose reduction is required in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. Monitoring renal function in patients with renal impairment is recommended.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

The use of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules have not been evaluated in subjects with hepatic impairment [see *Contraindications (4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

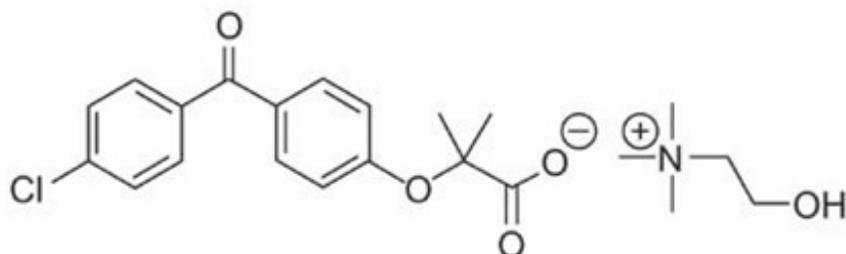
10 OVERDOSAGE

There is no specific treatment for overdose with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. General supportive care of the patient is indicated, including monitoring of vital signs and observation of clinical status, should an overdose occur. If indicated, elimination of unabsorbed drug should be achieved by emesis or gastric lavage; usual precautions should be observed to maintain the airway. Because fenofibric acid delayed-release

capsules are highly bound to plasma proteins, hemodialysis should not be considered.

11 DESCRIPTION

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are a lipid regulating agent available as delayed release capsules for oral administration. Each delayed release capsule contains choline fenofibrate, equivalent to 45 mg or 135 mg of fenofibric acid. The chemical name for choline fenofibrate is ethanaminium, 2-hydroxy-N,N,N-trimethyl, 2-{4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)phenoxy} -2-methylpropanoate (1:1) with the following structural formula:



The empirical formula is $C_{22}H_{28}ClNO_5$ and the molecular weight is 421.91. Choline fenofibrate is freely soluble in water and methanol. The melting point is approximately $210^{\circ}C$. Choline fenofibrate is a white to off-white crystalline powder, which is stable under ordinary conditions.

Each delayed release capsule contains enteric coated mini-tablets comprised of choline fenofibrate and the following inactive ingredients: hypromellose, povidone, water, hydroxypropyl cellulose, colloidal silicon dioxide, sodium stearyl fumarate, methacrylic acid copolymer, talc, triethyl citrate. The capsule shell of the 45 mg capsule contains the following inactive ingredients: gelatin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide yellow, and iron oxide red. The capsule shell of the 135 mg capsule contains the following inactive ingredients: gelatin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide yellow, and FD&C Blue #2. The capsule shells are printed with edible white ink and black ink. The edible white ink contains shellac, propylene glycol, potassium hydroxide, and titanium dioxide and the edible black ink contains shellac, propylene glycol, iron oxide black and, potassium hydroxide.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

The active moiety of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule is fenofibric acid. The pharmacological effects of fenofibric acid in both animals and humans have been extensively studied through oral administration of fenofibrate.

The lipid-modifying effects of fenofibric acid seen in clinical practice have been explained *in vivo* in transgenic mice and *in vitro* in human hepatocyte cultures by the activation of peroxisome proliferator activated receptor α (PPAR α). Through this mechanism, fenofibric acid increases lipolysis and elimination of triglyceride-rich particles from plasma by activating lipoprotein lipase and reducing production of Apo CIII (an inhibitor of

lipoprotein lipase activity). Activation of PPAR α also induces an increase in the synthesis of HDL-C and Apo AI and AII.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules contain fenofibric acid, which is the only circulating pharmacologically active moiety in plasma after oral administration of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. Fenofibric acid is also the circulating pharmacologically active moiety in plasma after oral administration of fenofibrate, the ester of fenofibric acid.

Plasma concentrations of fenofibric acid after administration of one 135 mg fenofibric acid delayed release capsule are equivalent to those after one 200 mg capsule of micronized fenofibrate administered under fed conditions.

Absorption

Fenofibric acid is well absorbed throughout the gastrointestinal tract. The absolute bioavailability of fenofibric acid is approximately 81%.

Peak plasma levels of fenofibric acid occur within 4 to 5 hours after a single dose administration of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule under fasting conditions.

Fenofibric acid exposure in plasma, as measured by C_{max} and AUC, is not significantly different when a single 135 mg dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule is administered under fasting or nonfasting conditions.

Distribution

Upon multiple dosing of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, fenofibric acid levels reach steady state within 8 days. Plasma concentrations of fenofibric acid at steady state are approximately slightly more than double those following a single dose. Serum protein binding is approximately 99% in normal and dyslipidemic subjects.

Metabolism

Fenofibric acid is primarily conjugated with glucuronic acid and then excreted in urine. A small amount of fenofibric acid is reduced at the carbonyl moiety to a benzhydrol metabolite which is, in turn, conjugated with glucuronic acid and excreted in urine.

In vivo metabolism data after fenofibrate administration indicate that fenofibric acid does not undergo oxidative metabolism (e.g., cytochrome P450) to a significant extent.

Elimination

After absorption, fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are primarily excreted in the urine in the form of fenofibric acid and fenofibric acid glucuronide.

Fenofibric acid is eliminated with a half-life of approximately 20 hours, allowing once daily administration of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.

Specific Populations

Geriatrics

In five elderly volunteers 77 to 87 years of age, the oral clearance of fenofibric acid following a single oral dose of fenofibrate was 1.2 L/h, which compares to 1.1 L/h in young adults. This indicates that an equivalent dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules can be used in elderly subjects with normal renal function, without increasing accumulation of the drug or metabolites [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*].

Pediatrics

The pharmacokinetics of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules has not been studied in pediatric populations.

Gender

No pharmacokinetic difference between males and females has been observed for fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.

Race

The influence of race on the pharmacokinetics of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules has not been studied; however, fenofibric acid is not metabolized by enzymes known for exhibiting inter-ethnic variability.

Renal Impairment

The pharmacokinetics of fenofibric acid was examined in patients with mild, moderate, and severe renal impairment. Patients with severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] <30 mL/min/1.73m²) showed a 2.7-fold increase in exposure for fenofibric acid and increased accumulation of fenofibric acid during chronic dosing compared to that of healthy subjects. Patients with mild to moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30 to 59 mL/min/1.73m²) had similar exposure but an increase in the half-life for fenofibric acid compared to that of healthy subjects. Based on these findings, the use of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules should be avoided in patients who have severe renal impairment and dose reduction is required in patients having mild to moderate renal impairment [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*].

Hepatic Impairment

No pharmacokinetic studies have been conducted in patients with hepatic impairment.

Drug-drug Interactions

In vitro studies using human liver microsomes indicate that fenofibric acid is not an inhibitor of cytochrome (CYP) P450 isoforms CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP2E1, or CYP1A2. It is a weak inhibitor of CYP2C8, CYP2C19, and CYP2A6, and mild-to-moderate inhibitor of

CYP2C9 at therapeutic concentrations.

Comparison of atorvastatin exposures when atorvastatin (80 mg once daily for 10 days) is given in combination with fenofibric acid (fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg once daily for 10 days) and ezetimibe (10 mg once daily for 10 days) versus when atorvastatin is given in combination with ezetimibe only (ezetimibe 10 mg once daily and atorvastatin, 80 mg once daily for 10 days): The C_{max} decreased by 1% for atorvastatin and ortho-hydroxy-atorvastatin and increased by 2% for para-hydroxy-atorvastatin. The AUC decreased 6% and 9% for atorvastatin and ortho-hydroxy-atorvastatin, respectively, and did not change for para-hydroxy-atorvastatin.

Comparison of ezetimibe exposures when ezetimibe (10 mg once daily for 10 days) is given in combination with fenofibric acid (fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg once daily for 10 days) and atorvastatin (80 mg once daily for 10 days) versus when ezetimibe is given in combination with atorvastatin only (ezetimibe 10 mg once daily and atorvastatin, 80 mg once daily for 10 days): The C_{max} increased by 26% and 7% for total and free ezetimibe, respectively. The AUC increased by 27% and 12% for total and free ezetimibe, respectively.

Table 2 describes the effects of co-administered drugs on fenofibric acid systemic exposure. Table 3 describes the effects of co-administered fenofibric acid on other drugs.

Table 2. Effects of Co-Administered Drugs on Fenofibric Acid Systemic Exposure from Fenofibric Acid Delayed-Release Capsules or Fenofibrate Administration

| Co-Administered Drug | Dosage Regimen of Co-Administered Drug | Dosage Regimen of Fenofibric Acid Delayed-Release Capsules or Fenofibrate | Changes in Fenofibric Acid Exposure | |
|------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | | | AUC | C_{max} |
| <i>Lipid-lowering agents</i> | | | | |
| Rosuvastatin | 40 mg once daily for 10 days | Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg once daily for 10 days | ↓2% | ↓2% |
| Atorvastatin | 20 mg once daily for 10 days | Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ once daily for 10 days | ↓2% | ↓4% |
| Atorvastatin + ezetimibe | Atorvastatin, 80 mg once daily and ezetimibe, 10 mg once daily for 10 days | Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg once daily for 10 days | ↑5% | ↑5% |
| Pravastatin | 40 mg as a single dose | Fenofibrate 3 x 67 mg ² as a single dose | ↓1% | ↓2% |
| Fluvastatin | 40 mg as a single dose | Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ as a single dose | ↓2% | ↓10% |
| Simvastatin | 80 mg once daily for 7 | Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ | ↓5% | ↓11% |

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|------|------|
| | days | once daily for 7 days | | |
| <i>Anti-diabetic agents</i> | | | | |
| Glimepiride | 1 mg as a single dose | Fenofibrate 145 mg ¹ once daily for 10 days | ↑1% | ↓1% |
| Metformin | 850 mg 3 times daily for 10 days | Fenofibrate 54 mg ¹ 3 times daily for 10 days | ↓9% | ↓6% |
| Rosiglitazone | 8 mg once daily for 5 days | Fenofibrate 145 mg ¹ once daily for 14 days | ↑10% | ↑3% |
| <i>Gastrointestinal agents</i> | | | | |
| Omeprazole | 40 mg once daily for 5 days | Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg as a single dose fasting | ↑6% | ↑17% |
| Omeprazole | 40 mg once daily for 5 days | Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg as a single dose with food | ↑4% | ↓2% |
| ¹ TriCor (fenofibrate) oral tablet | | | | |
| ² TriCor (fenofibrate) oral micronized capsule | | | | |

Table 3. Effects of Fenofibric Acid Delayed-Release Capsules or Fenofibrate Co-Administration on Systemic Exposure of Other Drugs

| Dosage Regimen of Fenofibric Acid Delayed-Release Capsules or Fenofibrate | Dosage Regimen of Co-Administered Drug | Change in Co-Administered Drug Exposure | | |
|---|--|---|------|------------------|
| | | Analyte | AUC | C _{max} |
| <i>Lipid-lowering agents</i> | | | | |
| Trilipix 135 mg once daily for 10 days | Rosuvastatin, 40 mg once daily for 10 days | Rosuvastatin | ↑6% | ↑20% |
| Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ once daily for 10 days | Atorvastatin, 20 mg once daily for 10 days | Atorvastatin | ↓17% | 0% |
| Fenofibrate 3 x 67 mg ² as a single dose | Pravastatin, 40 mg as a single dose | Pravastatin | ↑13% | ↑13% |
| | | 3α-Hydroxyl-iso-pravastatin | ↑26% | ↑29% |
| Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ as a single dose | Fluvastatin, 40 mg as a single dose | (+)-3R, 5S-Fluvastatin | ↑15% | ↑16% |
| Fenofibrate 160 mg ¹ once daily for 7 days | Simvastatin, 80 mg once daily for 7 days | Simvastatin acid | ↓36% | ↓11% |
| | | Simvastatin | ↓11% | ↓17% |
| | | Active HMG-CoA Inhibitors | ↓12% | ↓1% |
| | | Total HMG-CoA Inhibitors | ↓8% | ↓10% |
| <i>Anti-diabetic agents</i> | | | | |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---------------|------|------|
| Fenofibrate 145 mg ¹ once daily for 10 days | Glimepiride, 1 mg as a single dose | Glimepiride | ↑35% | ↑18% |
| Fenofibrate 54 mg ¹ 3 times daily for 10 days | Metformin, 850 mg 3 times daily for 10 days | Metformin | ↑3% | ↑6% |
| Fenofibrate 145 mg ¹ once daily for 14 days | Rosiglitazone, 8 mg once daily for 5 days | Rosiglitazone | ↑6% | ↓1% |
| ¹ TriCor (fenofibrate) oral tablet | | | | |
| ² TriCor (fenofibrate) oral micronized capsule | | | | |

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules

No carcinogenicity and fertility studies have been conducted with choline fenofibrate or fenofibric acid. However, because fenofibrate is rapidly converted to its active metabolite, fenofibric acid, either during or immediately following absorption both in animals and humans, studies conducted with fenofibrate are relevant for the assessment of the toxicity profile of fenofibric acid. A similar toxicity spectrum is expected after treatment with either fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules or fenofibrate.

Fenofibrate

Two dietary carcinogenicity studies have been conducted in rats with fenofibrate. In the first 24-month study, Wistar rats were dosed with fenofibrate at 10, 45, and 200 mg/kg/day, approximately 0.3, 1, and 6 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD), based on body surface area comparisons (mg/m²). At a dose of 200 mg/kg/day (6 times the MRHD), the incidence of liver carcinomas was significantly increased in both sexes. A statistically significant increase in pancreatic carcinomas was observed in males at 1 and 6 times the MRHD; an increase in pancreatic adenomas and benign testicular interstitial cell tumors was observed at 6 times the MRHD in males. In a second 24-month rat carcinogenicity study in a different strain of rats (Sprague-Dawley), (doses of 10 and 60 mg/kg/day (0.3 and 2 times the MRHD), produced significant increases in the incidence of pancreatic acinar adenomas in both sexes and increases in interstitial cell tumors of the testes at 2 times the MRHD.

A 117-week carcinogenicity study was conducted in rats comparing three drugs: fenofibrate 10 and 60 mg/kg/day (0.3 and 2 times the MRHD), clofibrate (400 mg/kg/day; 2 times the human dose), and gemfibrozil (250 mg/kg/day; 2 times the MRHD). Fenofibrate increased pancreatic acinar adenomas in both sexes. Clofibrate increased hepatocellular carcinoma and pancreatic acinar adenomas in males and hepatic neoplastic nodules in females. Gemfibrozil increased hepatic neoplastic nodules in males and females, while all three drugs increased testicular interstitial cell tumors in

males.

In a 21-month study in CF-1 mice, fenofibrate 10, 45, and 200 mg/kg/day (approximately 0.2, 1, and 3 times the MRHD on the basis of mg/m² surface area) significantly increased the liver carcinomas in both sexes at 3 times the MRHD. In a second 18-month study at 10, 60, and 200 mg/kg/day, fenofibrate significantly increased the liver carcinomas in male and female mice at 3 times the MRHD.

Electron microscopy studies have demonstrated peroxisomal proliferation following fenofibrate administration to the rat. An adequate study to test for peroxisome proliferation in humans has not been done, but changes in peroxisome morphology and numbers have been observed in humans after treatment with other members of the fibrate class when liver biopsies were compared before and after treatment in the same individual.

Mutagenesis:

Fenofibrate has been demonstrated to be devoid of mutagenic potential in the following tests: Ames, and micronucleus *in vivo*/rat. In addition, fenofibric acid, has been demonstrated to be devoid of mutagenic potential in the following tests: Ames, mouse lymphoma, chromosomal aberration and sister chromatid exchange in human lymphocytes, and unscheduled DNA synthesis in primary rat hepatocytes.

Impairment of Fertility:

In a fertility study, rats were given oral dietary doses of fenofibrate. Males received doses for 61 days prior to mating and females for 15 days prior to mating through weaning, which resulted in no adverse effect on fertility at doses up to 300 mg/kg/day (~10 times the MRHD, based on mg/m² surface area comparisons).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Severe Hypertriglyceridemia

The effects of fenofibrate on serum triglycerides were studied in two randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trials of 147 hypertriglyceridemic patients. Patients were treated for eight weeks under protocols that differed only in that one entered patients with baseline TG levels of 500 to 1500 mg/dL, and the other TG levels of 350 to 500 mg/dL. In patients with hypertriglyceridemia and normal cholesterolemia with or without hyperchylomicronemia, treatment with fenofibrate at dosages equivalent to 135 mg once daily of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules decreased primarily VLDL-TG and VLDL-C. Treatment of patients with elevated TG often results in an increase of LDL-C (Table 4).

Table 4. Effects of Fenofibrate in Patients With Severe Hypertriglyceridemia

| Study 1 | | Placebo | | | Fenofibrate | | | |
|--|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Baseline TG levels to 350 to 499 mg/dL | N | Baseline Mean (mg/dL) | Endpoint Mean (mg/dL) | Mean % Change | N | Baseline Mean (mg/dL) | Endpoint Mean (mg/dL) | Mean % Change |
| Triglycerides | 28 | 449 | 450 | -0.5 | 27 | 432 | 223 | -46.2* |
| VLDL Triglycerides | 19 | 367 | 350 | 2.7 | 19 | 350 | 178 | -44.1* |
| Total Cholesterol | 28 | 255 | 261 | 2.8 | 27 | 252 | 227 | -9.1* |
| HDL Cholesterol | 28 | 35 | 36 | 4 | 27 | 34 | 40 | 19.6* |
| LDL Cholesterol | 28 | 120 | 129 | 12 | 27 | 128 | 137 | 14.5 |
| VLDL Cholesterol | 27 | 99 | 99 | 5.8 | 27 | 92 | 46 | -44.7* |
| Study 2 | | Placebo | | | Fenofibrate | | | |
| Baseline TG levels to 500 to 1500 mg/dL | N | Baseline Mean (mg/dL) | Endpoint Mean (mg/dL) | Mean % Change | N | Baseline Mean (mg/dL) | Endpoint Mean (mg/dL) | Mean % Change |
| Triglycerides | 44 | 710 | 750 | 7.2 | 48 | 726 | 308 | -54.5* |
| VLDL Triglycerides | 29 | 537 | 571 | 18.7 | 33 | 543 | 205 | -50.6* |
| Total Cholesterol | 44 | 272 | 271 | 0.4 | 48 | 261 | 223 | -13.8* |
| HDL Cholesterol | 44 | 27 | 28 | 5 | 48 | 30 | 36 | 22.9* |
| LDL Cholesterol | 42 | 100 | 90 | -4.2 | 45 | 103 | 131 | 45* |
| VLDL Cholesterol | 42 | 137 | 142 | 11 | 45 | 126 | 54 | -49.4* |

* = p < 0.05 vs. Placebo

14.2 Primary Hypercholesterolemia (Heterozygous Familial and Nonfamilial) and Mixed Dyslipidemia

The effects of fenofibrate at a dose equivalent to fenofibric acid delayed-release capsule 135 mg once daily were assessed from four randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind, parallel-group studies including patients with the following mean baseline lipid values: Total-C 306.9 mg/dL; LDL-C 213.8 mg/dL; HDL-C 52.3 mg/dL; and triglycerides 191.0 mg/dL. Fenofibrate therapy lowered LDL-C, Total-C, and the LDL-C/HDL-C ratio. Fenofibrate therapy also lowered triglycerides and raised HDL-C (Table 5).

Table 5. Mean Percent Change in Lipid Parameters at End of Treatment†

| Treatment Group | Total-C (mg/dL) | LDL-C (mg/dL) | HDL-C (mg/dL) | TG (mg/dL) |
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|

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|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Pooled Cohort | | | | |
| Mean baseline lipid values (n = 646) | 306.9 | 213.8 | 52.3 | 191 |
| All Fenofibrate (n = 361) | -18.7%* | -20.6%* | +11.0%* | -28.9%* |
| Placebo (n = 285) | -0.4% | -2.2% | +0.7% | +7.7% |
| Baseline LDL-C > 160 mg/dL and TG < 150 mg/dL | | | | |
| Mean baseline lipid values (n = 334) | 307.7 | 227.7 | 58.1 | 101.7 |
| All Fenofibrate (n = 193) | -22.4%* | -31.4%* | +9.8%* | -23.5%* |
| Placebo (n = 141) | +0.2% | -2.2% | +2.6% | +11.7% |
| Baseline LDL-C > 160 mg/dL and TG ≥ 150 mg/dL | | | | |
| Mean baseline lipid values (n = 242) | 312.8 | 219.8 | 46.7 | 231.9 |
| All Fenofibrate (n = 126) | -16.8%* | -20.1%* | +14.6%* | -35.9%* |
| Placebo (n = 116) | -3% | -6.6% | +2.3% | +0.9% |
| † Duration of study treatment was 3 to 6 months | | | | |
| * p = < 0.05 vs. Placebo | | | | |

In a subset of the subjects, measurements of Apo B were conducted. Fenofibrate treatment significantly reduced Apo B from baseline to endpoint as compared with placebo (-25.1% vs. 2.4%, p < 0.0001, n = 213 and 143, respectively).

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules 45 mg have a brown opaque cap/ yellow opaque body size '3' hard gelatin capsule imprinted with 'A' on the cap in white ink and '138' on the body in black ink, filled with white to off white mini tablets.

NDC 46708-244-30 30 Capsules HDPE Bottle Pack
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Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules 135 mg have a blue opaque cap/ yellow opaque body size '0' hard gelatin capsule imprinted with 'A' on the cap in white ink and '139' on the body in black ink, filled with white to off white mini tablets.

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NDC 46708-245-91 1000 Capsules HDPE Bottle Pack

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Keep out of the reach of children. Protect from moisture.

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

See Medication Guide

17.1 Patient Counseling

Patients should be advised:

- of the potential benefits and risks of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- to read the Medication Guide before starting Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules therapy and to reread it each time the prescription is renewed.
- of medications that should not be taken in combination with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- to continue to follow an appropriate lipid-modifying diet while taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- to take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules once daily, without regard to food, at the prescribed dose, swallowing each capsule whole.
- to return for routine monitoring.
- to inform their physician of all medications, supplements, and herbal preparations they are taking and any change to their medical condition. Patients should also be advised to inform their physicians prescribing a new medication that they are taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- to inform their physician of any muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness; onset of abdominal pain; or any other new symptoms.

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Fenofibric Acid (FEN-oh-FYE-bric AS-id) Delayed-Release Capsules

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or your treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules can cause muscle pain, tenderness or weakness, which may be symptoms of a rare but serious muscle condition called rhabdomyolysis. In some cases rhabdomyolysis can cause kidney damage and death. The risk of rhabdomyolysis may be higher when fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are given with statins. If you take a statin, tell your healthcare provider.

What are fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules are a prescription medicine used to treat cholesterol in the blood by lowering the total amount of triglycerides and LDL (bad) cholesterol, and increasing the HDL (good) cholesterol. **Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules have not been shown to lower your risk of having heart problems or a stroke.** You should be on a low fat and low cholesterol diet while you take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.

The safety and effectiveness of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules in children is not known.

Who should not take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Do not take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules if you:

- are allergic to fenofibric acid, or any of the ingredients in fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. See the end of this Medication Guide for a list of all the ingredients in fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- have severe kidney disease.
- have liver disease.
- have gallbladder disease.
- are a nursing mother.

Talk to your healthcare provider before you take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules if you have any of these conditions.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Before taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:

- are allergic to any medicines.
- have ever had kidney problems.
- have ever had liver problems.
- have ever had gallbladder problems.
- are pregnant or if you plan to become pregnant. It is not known if fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules will harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if fenofibric acid passes into your breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules or breastfeed. You should not do both.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements.

Using fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules with certain other medicines can affect the way these medicines work and other medicines may affect how fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules works. In some cases, using fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules with other medicines can cause serious side effects.

Know all the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your healthcare provider when you get a new medicine.

It is especially important to tell your healthcare provider if you take any of the medicines listed below:

- **anticoagulants**, also known as blood thinners (warfarin, Coumadin)
- **bile acid resins**
- **cyclosporine**

Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if your medicine is one of these.

How should I take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

- You should be on a low fat and low cholesterol diet while you take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules.
- Take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules one time each day as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
- Take fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules with or without food.

- Swallow fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules whole. Do not break, crush, dissolve, or chew fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules before swallowing. If you cannot swallow fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules whole, tell your healthcare provider, you may need a different medicine.
- If you miss a dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, just skip the missed dose. Take the next dose at your regular time. If you are not sure about your dosing, call your healthcare provider. **Do not take more than one dose of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules a day unless your healthcare provider tells you to.**
- If you take too much fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules, contact your healthcare provider or your local emergency department.
- Do not change your dose or stop fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules unless your healthcare provider tells you to.
- Your healthcare provider may do blood tests before you start taking fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules and during treatment. See your healthcare provider regularly to check your cholesterol and triglyceride levels and to check for side effects.

What are the possible side effects with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules may cause serious side effects, including:

- **muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness.** See “What is the most important information that I should know about fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?”
- **tiredness and fever.**
- **abdominal pain, nausea, or vomiting.** These may be signs of inflammation (swelling) of the gallbladder or pancreas.

Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these serious side effects.

The most common side effects with fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules include:

- headache
- heartburn (indigestion)
- nausea
- muscle aches
- increases in muscle or liver enzymes that are measured by blood tests

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. These are not all the possible side effects of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How do I store fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

- Store fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules between 59° to 86°F (15° to 30°C).
- Protect fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules from moisture.

Keep fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in the Medication Guide. Do not use fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules to other people, even if they have the same condition you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules. If you would like more information, talk to your healthcare provider. You can also ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information that is written for health professionals.

For more information call 1-866 210 9797.

What are the ingredients in fenofibric acid delayed-release capsules?

Active Ingredient: Fenofibric acid

Inactive Ingredients: Hypromellose, povidone, water, hydroxypropyl cellulose, colloidal silicon dioxide, sodium stearyl fumarate, methacrylic acid copolymer, talc, triethyl citrate. The capsule shell of the 45 mg capsule contains the following inactive ingredients: gelatin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide yellow, and iron oxide red. The capsule shell of the 135 mg capsule contains the following inactive ingredients: gelatin, titanium dioxide, iron oxide yellow, and FD&C Blue #2. The capsule shells are printed with edible white ink and black ink. The edible white ink contains shellac, propylene glycol, potassium hydroxide, and titanium dioxide and the edible black ink contains shellac, propylene glycol, iron oxide black and, potassium hydroxide.

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PACKAGE LABEL.PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 135 mg

Fenofibric Acid Delayed-Release Capsules 135 mg - 30 Capsules HDPE Bottle Pack
Each delayed release capsule contains: choline fenofibrate equivalent to 135 mg of fenofibric acid.
46708-245-30

Do not accept if seal over bottle opening is broken or missing.

*Each delayed release capsule contains: choline fenofibrate equivalent to 135 mg of fenofibric acid.

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15° to 30°C (59° to 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

Protect from moisture.

See package insert for full prescribing information.

Manufactured by:
Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited
(Formulation Division),
Village Panelav, P. O. Tajpura, Near Baska,
Taluka-Halol, Panchmahal 389350, Gujarat, India.

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**Fenofibric Acid
Delayed-Release
Capsules**

135 mg*

PHARMACIST: Dispense the accompanying Medication Guide to each patient.

Rx only 30 Capsules



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FENOFIBRIC ACID

fenofibric acid capsule, delayed release

Product Information

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Product Type | HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG | Item Code (Source) | NDC:46708-244 |
| Route of Administration | ORAL | | |

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

| Ingredient Name | Basis of Strength | Strength |
|--|-------------------|----------|
| FENOFIBRIC ACID (UNII: BGF9MN2HU1) (FENOFIBRIC ACID - UNII: BGF9MN2HU1) | FENOFIBRIC ACID | 45 mg |

Inactive Ingredients

| Ingredient Name | Strength |
|--|----------|
| HYPROMELLOSE, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: 3NXW29V3WO) | |
| POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U725QWY32X) | |
| WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R) | |
| HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE (70000 WAMW) (UNII: 66O7AQV0RT) | |
| SILICON DIOXIDE (UNII: ETJ7Z6XBU4) | |
| SODIUM STEARYL FUMARATE (UNII: 7CV7WJK4UI) | |
| METHACRYLIC ACID (UNII: 1CS02G8656) | |
| TALC (UNII: 7SEV7J4R1U) | |
| TRIETHYL CITRATE (UNII: 8Z96QXD6UM) | |
| GELATIN (UNII: 2G86QN327L) | |
| TITANIUM DIOXIDE (UNII: 15FIX9V2JP) | |
| FERRIC OXIDE YELLOW (UNII: EX438O2MRT) | |
| FERRIC OXIDE RED (UNII: 1K09F3G675) | |
| SHELLAC (UNII: 46N107B71O) | |
| PROPYLENE GLYCOL (UNII: 6DC9Q167V3) | |
| POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (UNII: WZH3C48M4T) | |

FERROSO FERRIC OXIDE (UNII: XM0M87F357)

Product Characteristics

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|-----------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| Color | BROWN (brown opaque cap yellow opaque body) | Score | no score |
| Shape | CAPSULE | Size | 16mm |
| Flavor | | Imprint Code | A;138 |
| Contains | | | |

Packaging

| # | Item Code | Package Description | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:46708-244-30 | 30 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/15/2017 | |
| 2 | NDC:46708-244-90 | 90 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/15/2017 | |
| 3 | NDC:46708-244-91 | 1000 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/15/2017 | |

Marketing Information

| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| ANDA | ANDA208705 | 05/15/2017 | |

FENOFIBRIC ACID

fenofibric acid capsule, delayed release

Product Information

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Product Type | HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG | Item Code (Source) | NDC:46708-245 |
| Route of Administration | ORAL | | |

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety

| Ingredient Name | Basis of Strength | Strength |
|--|-------------------|----------|
| FENOFIBRIC ACID (UNII: BGF9MN2HU1) (FENOFIBRIC ACID - UNII: BGF9MN2HU1) | FENOFIBRIC ACID | 135 mg |

Inactive Ingredients

| Ingredient Name | Strength |
|--|----------|
| HYPROMELLOSE, UNSPECIFIED (UNII: 3NXW29V3WO) | |
| POVIDONE K30 (UNII: U725QWY32X) | |
| WATER (UNII: 059QF0KO0R) | |
| HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE (70000 WAMW) (UNII: 6607AQV0RT) | |
| SILICON DIOXIDE (UNII: ETJ7Z6XBU4) | |
| SODIUM STEARYL FUMARATE (UNII: 7CV7WJK4UI) | |

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| METHACRYLIC ACID (UNII: 1CS02G8656) | |
| TALC (UNII: 7SEV7J4R1U) | |
| TRIETHYL CITRATE (UNII: 8Z96QXD6UM) | |
| GELATIN (UNII: 2G86QN327L) | |
| TITANIUM DIOXIDE (UNII: 15FIX9V2JP) | |
| FERRIC OXIDE YELLOW (UNII: EX438O2MRT) | |
| FD&C BLUE NO. 2 (UNII: L06K8R7DQK) | |
| SHELLAC (UNII: 46N107B71O) | |
| PROPYLENE GLYCOL (UNII: 6DC9Q167V3) | |
| POTASSIUM HYDROXIDE (UNII: WZH3C48M4T) | |
| FERROSO FERRIC OXIDE (UNII: XM0M87F357) | |

Product Characteristics

| | | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|----------|
| Color | BLUE (blue opaque cap yellow opaque body) | Score | no score |
| Shape | CAPSULE | Size | 21mm |
| Flavor | | Imprint Code | A;139 |
| Contains | | | |

Packaging

| # | Item Code | Package Description | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|---|------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | NDC:46708-245-30 | 30 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/18/2017 | |
| 2 | NDC:46708-245-90 | 90 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/18/2017 | |
| 3 | NDC:46708-245-91 | 1000 in 1 BOTTLE; Type 0: Not a Combination Product | 05/18/2017 | |

Marketing Information

| Marketing Category | Application Number or Monograph Citation | Marketing Start Date | Marketing End Date |
|--------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| ANDA | ANDA208705 | 05/18/2017 | |

Labeler - Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited (650574663)

Establishment

| Name | Address | ID/FEI | Business Operations |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Alembic Pharmaceuticals Limited | | 650574671 | MANUFACTURE(46708-244, 46708-245) |