

Nevirapine PK Fact Sheet

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Details

Generic Name Nevirapine

Trade Name Viramune®

Class Non-Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor

Molecular Weight 260

Structure

H₃C H O

Summary of Key Pharmacokinetic Parameters

Linearity/non-linearity Following multiple doses, nevirapine peak concentrations appear to increase linearly in the dose

range of 200 to 400 mg/day.

Steady state Steady state attained after ~2-4 weeks due to autoinduction of CYP3A and CYP2B6.

Plasma half life 25-30 h following multiple dosing

Cmax 5.74 μ g/ml (5.00-7.44), 200 mg twice daily Cmin 3.73 μ g/ml (3.20-5.08), 200 mg twice daily

AUC 109.0 μg/ml.hr (96.0-143.5), 200 mg twice daily

Bioavailability 93% for 50 mg tablet, 91% for oral solution

Absorption Nevirapine may be administered with or without food. When nevirapine (200 mg) was

administered to 24 healthy adults (12 female, 12 male) with a high-fat breakfast (857 kcal, 50 g fat, 53% of calories from fat), nevirapine AUC was comparable to that observed under fasting

conditions.

Protein Binding ~60%

Volume of Distribution 1.21 ± 0.09 L/kg

CSF:Plasma ratio $45 \pm 5\%$ of concentrations in plasma

Semen:Plasma ratio 0.6-1.0 [1]

Renal Clearance <3% as unchanged drug

Renal Impairment Renal impairment (mild, moderate and severe) has been found to result in no significant change

in the pharmacokinetics of nevirapine.

Hepatic Impairment Safety and efficacy not established in patients with significant underlying liver disorders.

Nevirapine is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh C). Caution

should be exercised in patients with moderate hepatic dysfunction (Child-Pugh B).



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Metabolism and Distribution

Metabolised by CYP3A4, CYP2B6

Inducer of CYP3A4, potentially CYP2B6

Inhibitor of BCRP(in vitro) [2]; MRP1, MRP2, MRP3 [3]

Transported by Unknown

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