Adefovir PK Fact Sheet

Details

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<td>Acyclic nucleotide analog of adenosine, with antiviral activity against HBV polymerases</td>
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Summary of Key Pharmacokinetic Parameters

Following oral administration, adefovir dipivoxil is rapidly converted to adefovir which is phosphorylated by cellular kinases to active adefovir diphosphate. The intracellular half life of adefovir diphosphate is 12-36 h in activated and resting lymphocytes.

Linearity/non-linearity  The pharmacokinetics of adefovir are dose proportional over an adefovir dipivoxil dose range of 10 to 60 mg and are not affected by repeat dosing.

Steady state  Data unavailable

Plasma half life  Terminal elimination half-life 7.22 h (4.72-10.70)

Cmax  16.70 (9.66-30.56) ng/ml (10 mg single dose adefovir dipivoxil)

Cmin  Data unavailable

AUC  204.40 (109.75-356.05) ng.h/ml (10 mg single dose adefovir dipivoxil)

Bioavailability  Oral bioavailability of adefovir from 10 mg adefovir dipivoxil is 59%

Absorption  Absorption may be delayed but is not reduced when given with food. Adefovir may therefore be taken without regard to food.

Protein Binding  ≤4% in vitro

Volume of Distribution  392 ± 75 ml/kg (1.0 mg/kg/day IV, steady state)
                         352 ± 9 ml/kg (3.0 mg/kg/day IV, steady state)

CSF:Plasma ratio  Data unavailable

Semen:Plasma ratio  Data unavailable

Renal Clearance  Predominant mode of clearance. Undergoes glomerular filtration and active tubular secretion. With repeated administration of 10 mg adefovir dipivoxil, 45% of the dose is recovered as adefovir in the urine over 24 hours.

Renal Impairment  The manufacturer advises adjustment of dosing interval in patients with creatinine clearance <50 ml/min or on dialysis. Use of adefovir is not recommended with creatinine clearance <30 ml/min and should only be considered if potential benefits outweigh potential risks. A 4-hour period of haemodialysis removed approximately 35% of the adefovir dose. The effect of peritoneal dialysis on adefovir removal has not been evaluated.
**Hepatic Impairment**
Pharmacokinetic properties were similar in patients with moderate and severe hepatic impairment compared to healthy volunteers. No dose adjustment is required in patients with hepatic impairment.

**Metabolism and Distribution**

*Metabolised by*  
No CYP450 involvement in vitro

*Inducer of*  
Potential for adefovir to induce CYP450 enzymes is unknown

*Inhibitor of*  
No inhibition of CYP450 in vitro

*Transported by*  
hOAT1, MRP2,4,5 [1,2]

**References**

*Unless otherwise stated (see below), information is from:*

Hepsera® Summary of Product Characteristics, Gilead Sciences Ltd.

Hepsera® US Prescribing Information, Gilead Sciences Inc.
