

Package leaflet: Information for the patient**Desloratadine 5 mg film-coated tablets**

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. What this medicine is and what it is used for

This medicine contains an active substance desloratadine which is an antihistamine.

This is an anti allergy medicine that does not make you drowsy. It helps control your allergic reaction and its symptoms.

This medicine relieves symptoms associated with allergic rhinitis (inflammation of the nasal passages caused by an allergy, for example, hay fever or allergy to dust mites) in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older. These symptoms include sneezing, runny or itchy nose, itchy palate, and itchy, red or watery eyes.

This medicine is also used to relieve the symptoms associated with urticaria (a skin condition caused by an allergy). These symptoms include itching and hives. Relief of these symptoms lasts a full day and helps you to resume your normal daily activities and sleep.

2. What you need to know before you take this medicine**Do not take this medicine**

- if you are allergic to desloratadine, or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6) or to loratadine.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse before taking this medicine:

- if you have poor kidney function.
- if you have medical or familial history of seizures

Use in children and adolescents

Do not give this medicine to children less than 12 years of age.

Taking other medicines

There are no known interactions of desloratadine with other medicines.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines.

Taking with food and drink

This medicine may be taken with or without a meal.

Use caution when taking desloratadine with alcohol.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Taking this medicine is not recommended if you are pregnant or nursing a baby.

Fertility

There is no data available on male/female fertility.

Driving and using machines

At the recommended dose, this medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive or use machines. Although most people do not experience drowsiness, it is recommended not to engage in activities requiring mental alertness, such as driving a car or operating machinery until you have established your own response to the medicinal product.

3. How to take this medicine

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults and adolescents 12 years of age and over

The recommended dose is one tablet once a day.

This medicine is for oral use. Swallow the tablet whole with water, with or without food.

Regarding the duration of treatment, your physician will determine the type of allergic rhinitis you are suffering from and will determine for how long you should take this medicine.

If your allergic rhinitis is intermittent (presence of symptoms for less than 4 days per week or for less than 4 weeks), your physician will recommend you a treatment schedule that will depend on the evaluation of the history of your disease.

If your allergic rhinitis is persistent (presence of symptoms for 4 days or more per week and for more than 4 weeks), your physician may recommend you a longer term treatment.

For urticaria, the duration of treatment may be variable from patient to patient and therefore you should follow the instructions of your physician.

If you take more of this medicine than you should

Take this medicine only as it is prescribed for you. No serious problems are expected with accidental overdose. However, if you take more of this medicine than you were told to, tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse immediately.

If you forget to take this medicine

If you forget to take your dose on time, take it as soon as possible and then go back to your regular dosing schedule. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you stop taking this medicine

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

4. Possible side effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

During the marketing of desloratadine, cases of severe allergic reactions (difficulty in breathing, wheezing, itching, hives and swelling) have been reported very rarely. If you notice any of these serious side effects, stop taking the medicine and seek urgent medical advice straight away. *****

FLAT DIMENSION = 150 x 430mm
FOLDED DIMENSION = 150 x 27mm

In clinical studies in adults, side effects were about the same as with a dummy tablet. However, fatigue, dry mouth and headache were reported more often than with a dummy tablet. In adolescents, headache was the most commonly reported side effect.

In clinical studies with desloratadine, the following side effects were reported as:

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- fatigue
- dry mouth
- headache

Adults

During the marketing of desloratadine the following side effects were reported as:

Very rare: may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people

- severe allergic reactions
- rash
- pounding or irregular heartbeat
- fast heartbeat
- stomach ache
- feeling sick (nausea)
- vomiting
- upset stomach
- diarrhoea
- dizziness
- drowsiness
- inability to sleep
- muscle pain
- hallucinations
- seizures
- restlessness with increased body movement
- liver inflammation
- abnormal liver function tests

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- unusual weakness
- yellowing of the skin and/or eyes

- increased sensitivity of the skin to the sun, even in case of hazy sun, and to UV light, for instance to UV lights of a solarium
- change in the way the heart beats
- Abnormal behaviour
- Aggression
- Weight increased, increased appetite
- Depressed mood
- Dry eyes

Children

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- slow heartbeat
- change in the way the heart beats
- abnormal behaviour (including anger, aggression and agitation)

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store this medicine

- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store below 30°C. Store in the original packaging.
- Do not throw away any medicines via waste water or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What this medicine contains

- The active substance is desloratadine 5 mg.
- The other ingredients of the tablet are:
- Tablet core: Cellulose microcrystalline, partially pregelatinised maize starch, magnesium stearate, colloidal anhydrous silica,

- Tablet coating: Hypromellose 5cPs, Titanium dioxide (E171), microcrystalline cellulose, indigo carmine (E132).

What this medicine looks like and contents of the pack

- The tablets are blue, round and biconvex tablets. The tablet dimensions are 6.5 mm x 3.2 mm.
- This medicine is packed in blisters in packs of 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 14, 15, 20, 21, 30, 50, 90 or 100 tablets. Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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