HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ENTECAVIR TABLETS safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ENTECAVIR TABLETS.

ENTECAVIR tablets, for oral use

Initial U.S. Approval: 2005

WARNING: SEVERE ACUTE EXACERBATIONS OF HEPATITIS B, PATIENTS CO-INFECTED WITH HIV AND HBV, and LACTIC ACIDOSIS AND HEPATOMEGALY

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B have been reported in patients who have discontinued anti-hepatitis B therapy, including entecavir. Hepatic function should be monitored closely for

at least several months after discontinuation. Initiation of anti-hepatitis B therapy may be warranted. (5.1) Entergain tablets are not recommended for natients co-infected with human immunodeficience

virus (HIV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) who are not also receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART), because of the potential for the development of resistance to HIV nucleoside rse transcriptase inhibitors. (5.2) Lactic acidosis and severe henatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been

reported with the use of nucleoside analogue inhibitors. (5.3)

----INDICATIONS AND USAGE----

Entecavir is a hepatitis B virus nucleoside analogue reverse transcriptase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis B virus infection in adults and children at least 2 years of age with evidence of active viral replication and either evidence of persistent elevations in serum aminotransfer-

2.4 Renal Impairment

2.5 Hepatic Impairment

2.6 Duration of Therapy

 Nucleoside-inhibitor-treatment-naïve with compensated liver disease (greater than or equal to 16
 See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA- approved patient labeling vears old): 0.5 mg once daily. (2.2) FILL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION: CONTENTS*

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anti-hepatitis B therapy, including entecavir. Hepatic function should be monitored closely with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months in patients who discontinue anti-hepatitis B therapy. If appropriate, initiation of anti-hepatitis B therapy may be warranted

Limited clinical experience suggests there is a potential for the development of resistance to HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors if entecavir tablets are used to treat chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in patients with HIV infection that is not being treated. Therapy with entecavir tablets are not recommended for HIV/HBV co-infected ients who are not also receiving highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART) [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)1.

actic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with the use of nucleoside analogue inhibitors alone or in combination with antiretrovirals [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Enterayir tablets are indicated for the treatment of chronic henatitis B virus infection in adults and pediatric patients 2 years of age and older with evidence of active viral replication and either evidence of persistent elevations in serum aminotransferases (ALT or AST) or histologically active disease. 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Timing of Administration

Entecavir Tablets

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Entecavir tablets should be administered on an empty stomach (at least 2 hours after a meal and 2 hours before the next meal).

2.2 Recommended Dosage in Adults

Compensated Liver Disease

The recommended dose of entecavir tablets for chronic hepatitis B virus infection in ide-inhibitor-treatment-naïve adults and adolescents 16 years of age and older is 0.5 mg once daily.

The recommended dose of entecavir tablets in adults and adolescents (at least 16 years of age) with a history of hepatitis B viremia while receiving lamivudine or known lamivudine or telbivudine resistance substitutions rtM204I/V with or without rtL180M, rtL80I/V, or rtV173L is 1 mg once daily.

<u>Decompensated Liver Disease</u>
The recommended dose of entecavir tablets for chronic hepatitis B virus infection in adults with decompensated liver disease is 1 mg once daily.

2.3 Recommended Dosage in Pediatric Patients
Table 1 describes the recommended dose of entecavir for pediatric patients 2 years of age or older and weighing at least 10 kg. The oral solution should be used for patients with body

Table 1: Dosing Schedule for Pediatric Patients

	Recommended Once-Daily Dose of Oral Solution (mL)			
Body Weight (kg)	Treatment-Naïve Patients ^a	Lamivudine-Experienced Patients ^b		
10 to 11	3	6		
greater than 11 to 14	4	8		
greater than 14 to 17	5	10		
greater than 17 to 20	6	12		
greater than 20 to 23	7	14		
greater than 23 to 26	8	16		
greater than 26 to 30	9	18		
greater than 30	10	20		

^a Children with body weight greater than 30 kg should receive 10 mL (0.5 mg) of oral solution or one 0.5 mg tablet once daily.

b Children with body weight greater than 30 kg should receive 20 mL (1 mg) of oral solution or one 1 mg tablet once daily

In adult subjects with renal impairment, the apparent oral clearance of entecavir decreased as creatinine clearance decreased [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. Dosage adjustment is recommended for patients with creatinine clearance less than 50 mL/min, including patients on hemodialysis or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD), as shown in Table 2. The once-daily dosing regimens are preferred.

Table 2: Recommended Dosage of Entecavir Tablets in Adult Patients with Renal Impairment				
Creatinine Clearance (mL/min)	Usual Dose (0.5 mg)	Lamivudine-Refractory or Decompensated Liver Disease (1 mg)		
50 or greater	0.5 mg once daily	1 mg once daily		
30 to less than 50	0.25 mg once dailya	0.5 mg once daily		
	0.5 mg every 48 hours	1 mg every 48 hours		
10 to less than 30	0.15 mg once dailya	0.3 mg once dailya		
TO TO TESS THAIT 30	0.5 mg every 72 hours	1 mg every 72 hours		
Less than 10	0.05 mg once dailya	0.1 mg once dailya		
Hemodialysis ^b or CAPD	0.5 mg every 7 days	1 mg every 7 days		
a For doses less than 0.5 r	ng, entecavir oral solution	is recommended.		

b If administered on a hemodialysis day, administer entecavir tablets after the hemodialysis session

· Nucleoside-inhibitor-treatment-naïve and lamivudine-experienced pediatric patients at least 2 years of age and weighing at least 10 kg: dosing is based on weight. (2.3)

Lamivudine-refractory or known lamivudine or telbivudine resistance substitutions (greater than or equal to 16 years old): 1 mg once daily. (2.2)

Decompensated liver disease (adults): 1 mg once daily. (2.2)

14.1 Outcomes in Adults

2.5 Henatic Impairment

2.6 Duration of Therapy

CONTRAINDICATIONS

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

Precautions (5.1)1.

6.1 Clinical Trial Experience

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Clinical Trial Experience in Adults

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

herany may be warranted

5.2 Patients Co-infected with HIV and HBV

14.2 Outcomes in Pediatric Subjects

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Renal impairment: Dosage adjustment is recommended if creatinine clearance is less than 50 mL/min. (2.4)

• Entecavir tablets should be administered on an empty stomach. (2.1)

----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-- Tablets: 0.5 mg and 1 mg (3, 16)
 CONTRAINDICATIONS-- None. (4) ---WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS--

 Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B virus infection after discontinuation: Monitor hepatic function closely for at least several months. (5.1, 6.1) Co-infection with HIV: Entecavir is not recommended unless the natient is also receiving HAART (5.2).

• Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis: If suspected, treatment should be suspended. (5.3) -----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----In adults, the most common adverse reactions (≥3%, all severity grades) are headache, fatique.

dizziness, and nausea. The adverse reactions observed in pediatric patients were consistent with those observed in adults. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Carlsbad Technology, Inc. at 1-760-431-8284

or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or <u>www.fda.gov/medwatch</u> ------USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS---Liver transplant recipients: Limited data on safety and efficacy are available. (8.8)

Sections or subsections omitted from the full prescribing information are not listed

lo dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with hepatic impairment.

irrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma are unknown.

on one side and "216" on the other side.

5.1 Severe Acute Exacerbations of Henatitis B

Although there are insufficient data to recommend a specific dose adjustment of entecavir in

pediatric patients with renal impairment, a reduction in the dose or an increase in the dosing interval similar to adjustments for adults should be considered.

The optimal duration of treatment with entecavir tablets for patients with chronic hepatitis B

virus infection and the relationship between treatment and long-term outcomes such as

Entecavir Tablets 0.5 mg are white to off-white triangular-shaped film-coated tablets

debossed with "YSP" on one side and "222" on the other side.

Entecavir Tablets, 1 mg are pink, triangular-shaped film-coated tablets, debossed with "YSP"

Severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B have been reported in patients who have discontinue

anti-hepatitis B therapy, including entecavir [see Adverse Reactions (6.1)]. Hepatic function should

be monitored closely with both clinical and laboratory follow-up for at least several months in

patients who discontinue anti-hepatitis B therapy. If appropriate, initiation of anti-hepatitis B

Entecavir has not been evaluated in HIV/HBV co-infected patients who were not simultaneously

receiving effective HIV treatment. Limited clinical experience suggests there is a potential for

the development of resistance to HIV nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors if entecavir

is used to treat chronic hepatitis B virus infection in patients with HIV infection that is not being treated [see Microbiology (12.4]]. Therefore, therapy with entecavir is not recommended for

HIV/HBV co-infected patients who are not also receiving HAART. Before initiating entecavir therapy, HIV antibody testing should be offered to all patients. Entecavir has not been studied

Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been

reported with the use of nucleoside analogue inhibitors, including entecavir, alone or in

combination with antiretrovirals. A majority of these cases have been in women. Obesity and prolonged nucleoside inhibitor exposure may be risk factors. Particular caution should be exercised when administering nucleoside analogue inhibitors to any patient with known risk

factors for liver disease; however, cases have also been reported in patients with no known

Lactic acidosis with entecavir use has been reported, often in association with hepatic

decompensation, other serious medical conditions, or drug exposures. Patients with decompensated liver disease may be at higher risk for lactic acidosis. Treatment with

entecavir should be suspended in any patient who develops clinical or laboratory findings suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity (which may include hepatomegaly

Exacerbations of hepatitis after discontinuation of treatment [see Boxed Warning, Warnings and

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates

observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical

sessment of adverse reactions is based on four studies (AI463014, AI463022, AI463026,

and Al463027) in which 1720 subjects with chronic hepatitis B virus infection and compensated liver disease received double-blind treatment with entecavir 0.5 mg/day (n=679), entecavir 1 mg/day (n=183), or lamivudine (n=858) for up to 2 years. Median duration of therapy was 69

weeks for entecavir-treated subjects and 63 weeks for lamivudine-treated subjects in Studies Al463022 and Al463027 and 73 weeks for entecavir-treated subjects and 51 weeks for

lamivudine-treated subjects in Studies Al463026 and Al463014. The safety profiles of

The most common adverse reactions of any severity (≥3%) with at least a possible relation to study drug for entecavir-treated subjects were headache, fatigue, dizziness, and nausea. The most common adverse reactions among lamivudine-treated subjects were headache. fatigue, and dizziness. One percent of entecavir-treated subjects in these four studies compared with 4% of lamivudine-treated subjects discontinued for adverse events or abnormal

Clinical adverse reactions of moderate-severe intensity and considered at least possibly

related to treatment occurring during therapy in four clinical studies in which entecavir was

Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis [see Boxed Warning, Warnings and

as a treatment for HIV infection and is not recommended for this use

and steatosis even in the absence of marked transaminase elevations

The following adverse reactions are discussed in other sections of the labeling:

trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

entecavir and lamivudine were comparable in these studies.

compared with lamivudine are presented in Table 3.

5.3 Lactic Acidosis and Severe Hepatomegaly with Steatosis

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and FDA-		Four Entecavir Cli				o noponou m
	Revised: 1/2024	Ni	ucleoside-	Inhibitor-Naïve	b Lamivudin	e-Refractory ^c
8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS			Entecavir		Ențecavir	Lamivudine
8.1 Pregnancy 8.5 Geriatric Use	8.8 Liver Transplant Recipients	Test	0.5 mg n=679	100 mg n=668	1 mg n=183	100 mg n=190
8.2 Lactation 8.6 Racial/Ethnic Groups		Any Grade 3-4 laboratory abnormality		36%	37%	45%
8.4 Pediatric Use 8.7 Renal Impairment 10 OVERDOSAGE		ALT > 10 × ULN and >2 × baseline	2%	4%	2%	11%
11 DESCRIPTION		ALT > 5 × ULN	11%	16%	12%	24%
12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY		Albumin < 2.5 g/dL	<1%	<1%	0	2%
12.1 Mechanism of Action		Total bilirubin >2.5 × ULN	2%	2%	3%	2%
12.3 Pharmacokinetics		Lipase ≥2.1 × ULN	7%	6%	7%	7%
12.4 Microbiology		Creatinine > 3 × ULN	0	0	0	0
13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY		Confirmed creatinine increase ≥0.5 mg/dl	1%	1%	2%	1%
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility		Hyperglycemia, fasting > 250 mg/dL	2%	1%	3%	1%
14 CLINICAL STUDIES		Glycosuriae	4%	3%	4%	6%
14 CENTIONE GIODIEG		Llomoturiof	00/	100/	00/	CO/

<1% On-treatment value worsened from baseline to Grade 3 or Grade 4 for all parameters except albumin (any on-treatment value <2.5 g/dL), confirmed creatinine increase ≥0.5 mg/dL, and ALT $> 10 \times ULN$ and $> 2 \times baseline$.

<1%

Clinical Adverse Reactions^a of Moderate-Severe Intensity (Grades

Lamivudine-Refractory^c

2% 0

3%

1% 1% 0

<1%

1 mg n=183

3%

4%

2-4) Reported in Four Entecavir Clinical Trials Through 2 Years

Nucleoside-Inhibitor -Naïveb

1%

< 1%

Lamivudi 100 mg n=668

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1%

< 1%

udes Study Al463026 and the entecavir 1 mg and lamivudine treatment arms of Study

r clinical trials of entecavir compared with lamivudine are listed in Table 4.

Selected Treatment-Emergenta Laboratory Abnormalities Reported in

Al463014, a Phase 2 multinational, randomized, double-blind study of three doses of

entecavir (0.1, 0.5, and 1 mg) once daily versus continued lamiyudine 100 mg once daily

for up to 52 weeks in subjects who experienced recurrent viremia on lamivudine therapy Abnormalities
es of selected treatment-emergent laboratory abnormalities reported during therapy

ible, probable, certain, or unknown relationship to treatment regimen

Studies Al463022 and Al463027

Platelets < 50.000/mm³

Body System/

Psychiatric

Includes events of possible, probability Studies Al463022 and Al463027

Includes Study Al463026 and the entecavir 1 mg and lamivudine treatment arms of Study Includes Study Al463026 and the entecavr 1 mg and lamivudine treatment arms or 5 tudy Al463014, a Phase 2 multinational, randomized, double-blind study of three doses of entecavr (0.1, 0.5, and 1 mg) once daily versus continued lamivudine 100 mg once daily for up to 52 weeks in subjects who experienced recurrent viremia on lamivudine therapy. Includes hematology, routine chemistries, renal and liver function tests, pancreatic enzymes, and urinalysis.

enzymes, and urinālysis. Grade 3 = 3+, large, ≥500 mg/dL; Grade 4 = 4+, marked, severe. Grade 3 = 3+, large; Grade 4 = ≥4+, marked, severe, many.

ULN=upper limit of normal.

ULN=upper limit of normal.

Among entecavir-treated subjects in these studies, on-treatment ALT elevations greater than 10 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) and greater than 2 times baseline generally resolved with continued treatment. A majority of these exacerbations were associated with a ≥2 log₀ofmL reduction in viral load that preceded or coincided with the ALT elevation. Periodic monitoring of hepatic function is recommended during treatment. Exacerbations of Hepatitis Alter Discontinuation of Treatment

An exacerbation of hepatitis or ALT flare was defined as ALT greater than 10 times ULN and regater than 2 times the subject's reference level (minimum of the baseline or last

greater than 2 times the subject's reference level (minimum of the baseline or last measurement at end of dosing). For all subjects who discontinued treatment (regardless of reason), Table 5 presents the proportion of subjects in each study who experienced post-treatment ALT flares. In these studies, a subset of subjects was allowed to discontinu treatment at or after 52 weeks if they achieved a protocol-defined response to therapy. If entecavir is discontinued without regard to treatment response, the rate of post-trea flares could be higher. [See also Warnings and Precautions (5.1).]

Exacerbations of Hepatitis During Off-Treatment Follow-up, Subjects

Subjects	with ALT Elevations >	> 10 × ULN and > 2 × Refe	rencea
	Entecavir	Lamivudine	
Nucleoside-inhibitor -naïve			
HBeAg-positive	4/174 (2%)	13/147 (9%)	
HBeAg-negative	24/302 (8%)	30/270 (11%)	
Lamivudine-refractory	6/52 (12%)	0/16	
a Reference is the minimum of the	he baseline or last mea	surement at end of dosing	. Median

time to off-treatment exacerbation was 23 weeks for entecavir-treated subjects and 10 weeks

Decompensated Liver Disease

Study Al463048 was a randomized, open-label study of entecavir 1 mg once daily versus adefovir dipiovail 10 mg once daily given for up to 48 weeks in adult subjects with chronic HBV infection and evidence of hepatic decompensation, defined as a Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) score of 7 or higher [see Clinical Studies (14.17]]. Among the 102 subjects receiving entecavir, the most common treatment-emergent adverse events of any severity, regardless of causality, occurring through Week 48 were peripheral edema (16%), ascites (15%), pyrexia (14%), hepatic encephalopathy (10%), and upper respiratory infection (10%). Clinical adverse reactions not listed in Table 2 that were observed through Week 48 include blood bicarbonate decreased (2%) and renal failure (<1%). Eighteen of 102 (18%) subjects treated with entecavir and 18/89 (20%) subjects treated with adefovir dipivoxil died during the first 48 weeks of therapy. The majority of deaths (11 in the entecavir group and 16 in the adefovir dipivoxil group) were due to liver-related causes such as hepatic failure, hepatic encephalopathy, hepatorenal syndrome, and upper gastrointestinal hemorrhage. The rate of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) through Week 48 was 6% (6/102) for subjects treated with adefovir dipivoxil. Five percent of subjects in either treatment arm discontinued therapy due to an adverse event

ive percent of subjects in either treatment àrm discontinued therapy due to an adverse event No subject in either treatment arm experienced an on-treatment henatic flare (ALT > 2 × baseline

inject in either treatment annix periodice an orthogen the periodic and either 2.4 bits 3.0 x ULN) through Week 48. Eleven of 102 (11%) subjects treated with antecavir 0 (13%) subjects treated with adefovir dipivoxil had a confirmed increase in seinine of 0.5 mg/dL through Week 48.

Filly Individual Chillipse of entecavir 1 mg (n=51) in HIV/HBV co-infected subjects enrolled in Study Al463038 was similar to that of placebo (n=17) through 24 weeks of blinded treatment and similar to that seen in non-HIV infected subjects [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)].

Elver transplain recipients Among 65 subjects receiving entecavir in an open-label, post-liver transplant trial [see *Use in* Specific Populations (8.8)1, the frequency and nature of adverse events were consist those expected in patients who have received a liver transplant and the known safety profile

on enteraviv.

Clinical Trial Experience in Pediatric Subjects

The safety of entecavir in pediatric subjects 2 to less than 18 years of age is based on two ongoing clinical trials in subjects with chronic HBV infection (one Phase 2 pharmacokinetic trial

Al463028] and one Phase 3 trial [Al463189]). These trials provide experience in 168 HBeAgpositive subjects treated with entecavir for a median duration of 72 weeks. The adverse reactions observed in pediatric subjects who received treatment with entecavir were consistent with those observed in clinical trials of entecavir in adults. Adverse drug reactions reported in greater than 1% of pediatric subjects included abdominal pain, rash events, poor alatability ("product taste abnormal"), nausea, diarrhea, and vomiting 6.2 Postmarketing Experience

Postmarketing Experience
Data from Long-Term Observational Study
Study Al463080 was a randomized, global, observational, open-label Phase 4 study to assess long-term risks and benefits of entecavir (0.5 mg/day or 1 mg/day) treatment as compared to other standard-of-care HBV nucleos(t)ide analogues in subjects with chronic LIDV intention HBV INTECTION. A total of 12,378 patients were treated with entecavir (n=6,216) or other HBV nucleos(t)id

treatment [non-entecavir (ETV)] (n-6,162). Patients were evaluated at baseline and subsequently every 6 months for up to 10 years. The principal clinical outcome events assessed during the study were overall malignant neoplasms, liver-related HBV disease progression, HCC, non-HCC malignant neoplasms, and death. The study showed that

entecavir was not significantly associated with an increased risk of malignant neoplasms compared to other standard-of-care HBV nucleos(t)ides, as assessed by either the composite endpoint of overall malignant neoplasms or the individual endpoint of non-HCC malignant neoplasms. The most commonly reported malignancy in both the entecavir and non-ETV groups was HCC followed by gastrointestinal malignancies. The data also showed that long-term entecavir use was not associated with a lower occurrence of HBV disease progression or a lower rate of death overall compared to other HBV nucleos(t)ides. The principal clinical outcome event assessments are shown in Table 6.

Principal Analyses of Time to Adjudicated Events - Randomized

	Number of Subj	ects with Events		
Endpointc	Entecavir N=6,216	Non-ETV N=6,162	Hazard Ratio [Entecavir:Non-ETV] (Cla)	
Primary Endpoints				
Overall malignant neoplasm	331	337	0.93 (0.800, 1.084)	
Liver-related HBV disease progression	350	375	0.89 (0.769, 1.030)	
Death	238	264	0.85 (0.713, 1.012)	
Secondary Endpoints			,	
Non-HCC malignant neoplasm	95	81	1.10 (0.817, 1.478)	
HCC	240b	263	0.87 (0.727, 1.032)	

^a 95.03% CI for overall malignant neoplasm, death, and liver-related HBV disease progression; 95% CI for non-HCC malignant neoplasm and HCC.
One subject had a pre-treatment HCC event and was excluded from the analysis.

Coverall malignant neoplasm is a composite event of HCC or non-HCC malignant neoplasm. Liver-related HBV disease progression is a composite event of liver-related death, HCC, or actually disease progression.

non-HCC HBV disease progression.

CI = confidence interval; N = total number of subjects.

Limitations of the study included population changes over the long-term follow-up period and more frequent post-randomization treatment changes in the non-ETV group. In addition, the study was underpowered to demonstrate a difference in the non-HCC malignancy rate because of the lower than expected background rate.

Adverse Reactions from Postmarketing Spontaneous Reports

The following adverse reactions have been reported during postmarketing use of entecavir. Because these reactions were reported during from a population of unknown size, it is not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to entecavir appossible.

Immune system disorders: Anaphylactoid reaction.

Metabolism and nutrition disorders: Lactic acidosis. Henatohiliary disorders: Increased transaminases taneous tissue disorders: Alopecia, rash.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

Since entecavir is primarily eliminated by the kidneys [see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)], coadministration of entecavir with drugs that reduce renal function or compete for active tubular secretion may increase serum concentrations of either entecavir or the coadministered drug. Coadministration of entecavir with lamivudine, adefovir dipivoxil, or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate did not result in significant drug interactions. The effects of coadministration of entecavir with other drugs that are renally eliminated or are known to affect renal function have not been evaluated, and patients should be monitored closely for adverse quents when enteractive is coadministrated with such drugs. should be monitored closely for adverse events when entecavir is coadministered with such drugs.

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy
Pregnancy Exposure Registry
There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to entecavir during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients by calling the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry (APR) at 1-800-258-4263.

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reference population. The estimated background rate for major birth defects is 2.7% in the U.S. reference population of the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program (MACDP). The rate of miscarriage is not reported in the APR. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated

birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 15–20%. In animal reproduction studies, no adverse developmental effects were observed with entecavir at clinically relevant exposures. No developmental toxicities were observed at systemic exposures (AUC) approximately 25 (rats) and 200 (rabbits) times the exposure at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 1 mg/day (see Data).

Entecavir was administered orally to pregnant rats (at 2, 20, and 200 mg per kg per day) and rabbits (at 1, 4, and 16 mg per kg per day) during organogenesis (on gestation Days 6 through 15 [rat] and 6 through 18 [rabbit]). In rats, embryofetal toxicity including post-implantation loss, resorptions, tail and vertebral malformations, skeletal variations including reduced ossification (vertebrate, sternebrae, and phalanges) and extra lumbar vertebrae and reduced ossification (vertebrate, sternebrae, and phalanges) and extra lumbar vertebrae and ribs, and lower fetal body weights were observed at systemic exposures (AUC) 3 100 times those in humans at the MRHD. Maternal toxicity was also observed at this dose level. In rabbits, embryofetal toxicity including post-implantation loss, resorptions and skeletal variations, including reduced ossification (hyoid) and increased incidence of 13th rib, were observed at systemic exposures (AUC) 883 times those in humans at the MRHD. There were no signs of embryofetal toxicity when pregnant animals received oral entecavir at 28 (rat) and 1212 (rabbit) times the human exposure (AUC) at the MRHD.

In a pre/postnatal development study, entecavir was administered orally to pregnant rats at 0.3.3. and 3.0 mm per kg neer day from gestation day 6 to lactation/gost-partum day 2.0. No.

0.3, 3, and 30 mg per kg per day from gestation day 6 to lactation/post-partum day 20. No adverse effects on the offspring occurred at up to the highest dose evaluated, resulting in exposures (AUC) greater than 94 times those in humans at the MRHD.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary
It is not known whether entecavir is present in human breast milk, affects human milk is not known whether effects on the breastfed infant. When administered to lactating rats, tleacaviff was present in milk (see Data). The developmental and health benefits of breastfeedg should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for entecavir and any potential between effects on the breastfed infant from entecavir or from the underlying maternal

intecavir was excreted into the milk of lactating rats following a single oral dose of 10 mg per kg on lactation day 7. Entecavir in milk was approximately 25% that in maternal plasma ed on ALIC)

8.4 Pediatric Use

Entecavir was evaluated in two clinical trials of pediatric subjects 2 years of age and older Entecavir was evaluated in two clinical trials of pediatric subjects 2 years of age and older with HBBAQ-positive chronic HBV infection and compensated liver disease. The exposure of entecavir in nucleoside-inhibitor-treatment-naïve and lamivudine-experienced pediatric subjects 2 years of age and older with HBBAQ-positive chronic HBV infection and compensated liver disease receiving 0.015 mg/kg (up to 0.5 mg once daily) or 0.03 mg/kg (up to 1 mg once daily), respectively, was evaluated in Study Al463028. Safety and efficacy of the selected dose in treatment-naïve pediatric subjects were confirmed in Study Al463189, a randomized, placebo-controlled treatment trial [see Indications and Usage (1), Dosage and Administration (2.3), Adverse Reactions (6.1), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), and Clinical Studies (14.2).

There are limited data available on the use of enteravir in lamivudine-experienced nediatric. There are limited data available on the use of entecavir in lamivudine-experienced pediatric

patients; entecavir should be used in these patients only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the child. Since some pediatric patients may require long-term or even lifetime management of chronic active hepatitis B, consideration should be given to the impact of entecavir on future treatment options [see *Microbiology* (12.4]]. The efficacy and safety of entecavir have not been established in patients less than 2 years of age. Use of entecavir in this age group has not been evaluated because treatment of HBV in this age group is carely required.

this age group is rarely required.

Geriatric Use

Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of entecavir did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Entecavir is substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to reporter renal function [see Dissane and Administration (2.4f). itor renal function [see Dosage and Administration (2.4)]. 8.6 Racial/Ethnic Groups There are no significant racial differences in entecavir pharmacokinetics. The safety and efficacy

There are no significant racial differences in entecavir pharmacokinetics. The safety and efficacy of entecavir 0.5 mg once daily were assessed in a single-arm, open-label trial of HBeAg-positive or -negative, nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve, Black/African American (n=40) and Hispanic (n=6) subjects with chronic HBV infection. In this trial, 76% of subjects were male, the mean age was 42 years, 57% were HBeAg-positive, the mean baseline HBV DNA was 7.0 log₁o IU/mL, and the mean baseline ALT was 162 U/L. At Week 48 of treatment, 32 of 46 (70%) subjects had HBV DNA < 50 IU/mL (approximately 300 copies/mL), 31 of 46 (67%) subjects had ALT normalization (≤1 × ULN), and 12 of 26 (46%) HBeAg-positive subjects had HBe seroconversion. Safety data were similar to those observed in the larger controlled clinical trials. Because of low enrollment, safety and efficacy have not been established in the US Hispanic population.

Renal Impairment adjustment of entecavir is recommended for patients with creatinine clearance less

than 50 mL/min, including patients on hemodialysis or CAPD [see Dosage and Admi (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)].

8.8 Liver Transplant Recipients

The safety and efficacy of entecavir were assessed in a single-arm, open-label trial in 65 subjects who received a liver transplant for complications of chronic HBV Infection. Eligible subjects who had HBV DNA less than 172 IU/mL (approximately 1000 copies/mL) at the time of transplant were treated with entecavir 1 mg once daily in addition to usual post-transplantation management, including hepatitis B immune globulin. The trial population was 82% male, 39% Caucasian, and 37% Asian, with a mean age of 49 years; 89% of subjects had HBeAgnegative disease at the time of transplant.

Four of the 65 subjects received 4 weeks or less of entecavir (2 deaths, 1 retransplantation, and 1 protocol violation) and were not considered evaluable. Of the 61 subjects who received more than 4 weeks of entecavir, 60 received hepatitis B immune globulin post-transplant. Fifty-three subjects (82% of all 65 subjects treated) completed the trial and had HBV DNA measurements at or after 72 weeks treatment post-transplant. All 53 subjects who the HBV DNA data available at 72 weeks, including 3 subjects who fied prior to study completion. No subjects had HBV DNA values ≥50 IU/mL while receiving entecavir (plus hepatitis B immune globulin decreased the proportion of subjects with measurable HBSQ without recurrence of HBV viremia. This trial was not designed to determine whether addition of entecavir to hepatitis B immune globulin decreased the proportion of subjects with measurable HBV DNA post-transplant. immune globulin alone.

If entecavir treatment is determined to be necessary for a liver transplant recipient who has

eceived or is receiving an immunosuppressant that may affect renal function, such as cyclosporine or tacrolimus, renal function must be carefully monitored both before and during nent with entecavir [see Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]. 10 OVERDOSAGE

OVERDOSAGE
There is limited experience of entecavir overdosage reported in patients. Healthy subjects who received single entecavir doses up to 40 mg or multiple doses up to 20 mg/day for up to 14 days had no increase in or unexpected adverse events. If overdose occurs, the patient must be monitored for evidence of toxicity, and standard supportive treatment applied as necessary. wing a single 1 mg dose of entecavir, a 4-hour hemodialysis session removed approximately

11 DESCRIPTION
Entecavir Tablets is a guanosine nucleoside analogue with selective activity against HBV. The chemical name for entecavir is 2-amino-1,9-dihydro-9-[(15,38,45)-4-hydroxy-3-(hydroxymethyl)-2-methylenecyclopentyl]-64-purin-6-one, monohydrate. Its molecular formula is 57,Hs/B₀3+H₀0. which corresponds to a molecular weight of 295.3. Entecavir has the following structural for

Entecavir is a white to off-white powder. It is slightly soluble in water (2.4 mg/mL), and the pH of the saturated solution in water is 7.9 at 25°C±0.5°C. Entecavir film-coated tablets are available for oral administration in strengths of 0.5 mg and 1 mg of entecavir. Entecavir 0.5 mg and 1 mg film-coated tablets contain the following inactive ingredients: lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, crospovidone, povidone, and magnesium stearate. The tablet coating contains titanium dioxide, hypromellose, polyethylene glycol 400, and iron oxide red (1 mg tablet only). Meet USP Dissolution Test 2.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
12.1 Mechanism of Action
Entecavir is an antiviral drug against hepatitis B virus[see Microbiology (12.4)].
12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacokineurs
The single- and multiple-dose pharmacokinetics of entecavir were evaluated in healthy subjects and subjects with chronic hepatitis B virus infection.

Absorption

Following oral administration in healthy subjects, entecavir peak plasma concentrations occurred between 0.5 and 1.5 hours. Following multiple daily doses ranging from 0.1 to 1 mg, C_{max} and area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) at steady state increased in proportion to dose. Steady state was achieved after 6 to 10 days of once-daily administration with approximately 2-fold accumulation. For a 0.5 mg oral dose, C_{max} at steady state was 4.2 ng/mL and trough plasma concentration (C_{trough}) was 0.3 ng/mL. For a 1 mg oral dose, C_{max} was 8.2 ng/mL and C_{constant} and S_{constant} and S_{constant}

plasma concentration (trough) was so nymer for a ling section of the tablet was 100% relative to the oral solution. The oral solution and tablet may be used interchangeably. Effects of food on oral absorption: Oral administration of 0.5 mg of entecavir with a standard high-fat meal (945 kcal, 54 6 g fat) row 10 ra light meal (379 kcal, 22 g fat) resulted in a delay in absorption (1–1.5 hours fed vs. 0.75 hours fasted), a decrease in C_{max} of 44%–46%, and a decrease in AUC of 18%–20% [see Dosage and Administration (2)].

<u>Distribution</u>

Based on the pharmacokinetic profile of entecavir after oral dosing, the estimated apparent volume of distribution is in excess of total body water, suggesting that entecavir is extensively

distributed into tissues. Binding of entecavir to human serum proteins in vitro was approximately 13%.

<u>Metabolism and Elimination</u> Following administration of ¹⁴C-entecavir in humans and rats, no oxidative or acetylated

Following administration of ¹⁴C-entecavir in humans and rats, no oxidative or acetylated metabolites were observed. Minor amounts of phase II metabolites (glucuronide and sulfate conjugates) were observed. Entecavir is not a substrate, inhibitor, or inducer of the cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzyme system. See *Drug Interactions*, *below*.

After reaching peak concentration, entecavir plasma concentrations decreased in a bi-exponential manner with a terminal elimination half-life of approximately 128–149 hours. The observed drug accumulation index is approximately 2-fold with once-daily dosing, suggesting an effective accumulation half-life of approximately 24 hours.

Entecavir is predominantly eliminated by the kidney with urinary recovery of unchanged drug at steady state ranging from 62% to 73% of the administered dose. Renal clearance is independent of dose and ranges from 360 to 471 mL/min suggesting that entecavir undergoes both olomerular filtration and net tubular secretion [see *Drug Interactions* (71). ooth glomerular filtration and net tubular secretion [see Drug Interactions (7)].

Special Populations
Gender: There are no significant gender differences in entecavir pharmacokinetics.

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Race: There are no significant racial differences in entecavir pharmacokinetics.

Elderly: The effect of age on the pharmacokinetics of entecavir was evaluated following administration of a single 1 mg oral dose in healthy young and elderly volunteers. Entecavir AUC was 29.3% greater in elderly subjects compared to young subjects. The disparity in exposure between elderly and young subjects was most likely attributable to differences in renal function. Dosage adjustment of entecavir should be based on the renal function of the patient, rather than age [see Dosage and Administration (2.4f).

Pediatrics: The steady-state pharmacokinetics of entecavir were evaluated in nucleoside-philitor-naive and lamivation-experienced HBeAd-nositive negliatric subjects 2 to less than

inhibitor-naïve and lamivudine-experienced HBeAg-positive pediatric subjects 2 to less than 18 years of age with compensated liver disease. Results are shown in Table 7. Entecavir exposure among nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve subjects was similar to the exposure achieved in adults receiving once-daily doses of 0.5 mg. Entecavir exposure among lamivudineexperienced subjects was similar to the exposure achieved in adults receiving once-daily

Table 7:	Pharmacokinetic Paramete	ers in Pediatric Subjects
	Nucleoside-Inhibitor-Naïve ^a n=24	Lamivudine-Experiencedb n=19
C _{max} (ng/mL)	6.31	14.48
(CV%)	(30)	(31)
AUC ₍₀₋₂₄₎ (ng•h/mL)	18.33	38.58
(CV%)	(27)	(26)
C _{min} (ng/mL)	0.28	0.47
(CV%)	(22)	(23)
a Subjects received o	nce-daily doses of 0.015 mg/kg	up to a maximum of 0.5 mg.

Subjects received once-daily doses of 0.030 mg/kg up to a maximum of 1 mg.

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**Renal impairment: The pharmacokinetics of entecavir following a single 1 mg dose were

studied in subjects (without chronic hepatitis B virus infection) with selected degrees of rena impairment, including subjects whose renal impairment was managed by hemodialysis or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Results are shown in Table 8 [see Dosage

Pharmacokinetic Parameters in Subjects with Selected Degrees of Renal Function Renal Function Group

	Baseline C	reatinine C	learance (n	nL/min)		
	Unimpaired > 80	Mild >50-≤80	Moderate 30-50	Severe <30	Severe Managed with Hemodialysis ^a	Severe Managed with CAPI
	n=6	n=6	n=6	n=6	n=6	n=4
C _{max} (ng/mL) (CV%)	8.1 (30.7)	10.4 (37.2)	10.5 (22.7)	15.3 (33.8)	15.4 (56.4)	16.6 (29.7)
AUC _(0-T) (ng•h/mL (CV)) 27.9 (25.6)	51.5 (22.8)	69.5 (22.7)	145.7 (31.5)	233.9 (28.4)	221.8 (11.6)
CLR (mL/min) (SD)	383.2 (101.8)	197.9 (78.1)	135.6 (31.6)	40.3 (10.1)	NA	NA
CLT/F (mL/min) (SD)	588.1 (153.7)	309.2 (62.6)	226.3 (60.1)	100.6 (29.1)	50.6 (16.5)	35.7 (19.6)
a Dosed immediat	elv following	hemodialys	is.			

CLR = renal clearance; CLT/F = apparent oral clearance.

Following a single 1 mg dose of entecavir administered 2 hours before the hemodialysis session, hemodialysis removed approximately 13% of the entecavir dose over 4 hours. CAPD removed approximately 0.3% of the dose over 7 days [see Dosage and Administration (2-4)]. Hepatic impairment: The pharmacokinnetics of entecavir following a single 1 mg dose were studied in adult subjects (without chronic hepatitis B virus infection) with moderate or severe

hepatic impairment (Child-Turcotte-Pugh Class B or C). The pharmacokinetics of entecavir were similar between hepatically impaired and healthy control subjects; therefore, no dosage adjustment of entecavir is recommended for patients with hepatic impairment. The pharmacokinetics of entecavir have not been studied in pediatric subjects with hepatic

Post-liver transplant: Limited data are available on the safety and efficacy of entecavir in liver Prost-liver transplant: Limited data are available on the satery and efficacy of entecavir in liver transplant recipients. In a small pilot study of entecavir use in IBV-infected liver transplant recipients on a stable dose of cyclosporine A (n=5) or tacrolimus (n=4), entecavir exposure was approximately 2-fold the exposure in healthy subjects with normal renal function. Altered renal function contributed to the increase in entecavir exposure in these subjects. The potential for pharmacokinetic interactions between entecavir and cyclosporine A or tacrolimus was not formally evaluated [see Use in Specific Populations (8.8)].

<u>Drug Interactions</u>
The metabolism of entecavir was evaluated in *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies. Entecavir is not a In a metabolism of entecavir was evaluated in *in vitro* and *in vivo* studies. Entecavir is not a substrate, inhibitor, or inducer of the cytochrome P450 (CYP450) enzyme system. At concentrations up to approximately 10,000-fold higher than those obtained in humans, entecavir inhibited none of the major human CYP450 enzymes 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4, 2B6, and 2E1. At concentrations up to approximately 340-fold higher than those observed in humans, entecavir did not induce the human CYP450 enzymes 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 3A4, 3A5, and 2B6. The pharmacokinetics of entecavir are unlikely to be affected by coadministration with agents that are either metabolized by, inhibit, or induce the CYP450 system, Likewise, the okinetics of known CYP substrates are unlikely to be affected by coadmin

The steady-state pharmacokinetics of entecavir and coadministered drug were not altered in interaction studies of entecavir with lamivudine, adefovir dipivoxil, and tenofovir disoproxil umarate [see Drug Interactions (7)].

12.4 Microbiology

Mechanism of Action Entecavir, a deoxyguand

Tentecavir, a deoxyguanosine nucleoside analogue with activity against HBV reverse transcriptase (r1), is efficiently phosphorylated to the active triphosphate form, which has an intracellular half-life of 15 hours. By competing with the natural substrate deoxyguanosine triphosphate, entecavir triphosphate functionally inhibits all three activities of the HBV reverse transcriptase: (1) base priming, (2) reverse transcription of the negative strand from the pregenomic messenger RNA, and (3) synthesis of the positive strand of HBV DNA. Entecavir triphosphate is a weak inhibitor of cellular DNA polymerases α , β , and δ and mitochondrial DNA polymerase with K_i values ranging from 18 to > 160 μ M.

Y with K, values ranging from 18 to >160 μ M. Antiviral Activity
Entecavir inhibited HBV DNA synthesis (50% reduction, EC₅₀) at a concentration of 0.004 μ M in human HepG2 cells transfected with wild-type HBV. The median EC₅₀ value for entecavir against lamivudine-resistant HBV (rtl. 180M, rtlM204V) was 0.026 μ M (range 0.010–0.059 μ M). The coadministration of HIV nucleoside/nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NRTIs) with entecavir is unlikely to reduce the antiviral efficacy of entecavir against HBV or of any of these agents against HIV. In HBV combination assays in cell culture, abacavir, didanosine, lamivudine, stavudine, tenofovir, or aidovudine were not antagonistic to the anti-HBV activity of entecavir over a wide range of concentrations. In HIV antiviral assays, entecavir was not antagonistic to the cell culture anti-HIV activity of these six NRTIs or emtricitabine at concentrations greater than 100 times the C_{max} of entecavir using the 1 mg dose.

greater than 100 times the O_{max} of emecavin using the 1 ring use. Antiviral Activity Against HV A comprehensive analysis of the inhibitory activity of entecavir against a panel of laboratory and clinical HIV type 1 (HIV-1) isolates using a variety of cells and assay conditions yielded EC₉₀ values ranging from 0.026 to > 10 μ M; the lower EC₉₀ values were observed when decreased levels of virus were used in the assay. In cell culture, entecavir selected for an M1841 substitution $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2$ in HIV reverse transcriptase at micromolar concentrations, confirming inhibitory pressure at high entecavir concentrations. HIV variants containing the M184V substitution showed loss of susceptibility to entecavir.

In cell-based assays, 8- to 30-fold reductions in entecavir phenotypic susceptibility were observed for lamivudine-resistant strains. Further reductions (>70-fold) in entecavir phenotypic susceptibility required the presence of amino acid substitutions rtM204I/V with or without rtL180M along with additional substitutions at residues rtT184, rtS202, or rtM250, or a combination of these substitutions with or without an rtl169 substitution in the HBV reverse transcriptase. Lamivudine-resistant strains harboring rtL180M plus rtM204V in combination with the amino acid substitution rtA181C conferred 16- to 122-fold reductions in entecavi phenotypic susceptibility. Clinical Studies

Clinical Studies Mucleoside-inhibitor-naïve subjects: Genotypic evaluations were performed on evaluable samples (> 300 copies/mL serum HBV DNA) from 562 subjects who were treated with entecavir for up to 96 weeks in nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve studies (Al463022, Al463027, and rollover study Al463901). By Week 96, evidence of emerging amino acid substitution rtS202G with rtt.180M and rtM204V substitutions was detected in the HBV of 2 subjects (2/562 < 1%), and 1 of them experienced virologic rebound (21 log₁₀ increase above nadir). In addition, emerging amino acid substitutions at rtM204I/V and rtt.801, rtV173L, or rtt.180M, which conferred decreased nenotypic susceptibility to enteravir in the absence of trt184. ttS202 conferred decreased phenotypic susceptibility to entecavir in the absence of rtT184, rtS202

conterred decreased priendypic susceptionity to efficient in the daspete of int 144, riscuc, or rtM250 changes, were detected in the HBV of 3 subjects (3/562–<1%) who experienced virologic rebound. For subjects who continued treatment beyond 48 weeks, 75% (202/269) had HBV DNA <300 copies/mL at end of dosing (up to 96 weeks).

HBeAg-positive (n=243) and -negative (n=39) treatment-naïve subjects who failed to achieve the study-defined complete response by 96 weeks were offered continued entecavir treatment in a rollover study. Complete response for HBeAg-positive was <0.7 MEg/mL (approximately 7 × 10° copies/mL) serum HBV DNA and HBeAg loss and, for HBeAg-negative was <0.7 MEg/mL HBV DNA and ALT normalization. Subjects received 1 mg entecavir once daily for up to an additional 144 weeks. Of these 282 subjects, 141 HBeAg-positive and 8 HBeAg-negative subjects entered the long-term follow-up rollover study and were evaluated for entecarir resistance. Of the 149 subjects entering the rollover study, 88% (131/149), 92% (137/149), and 92% (137/149) and 92% (137/149) and 92% (137/149) are subjects entering the rollover study, 88% (131/149), 92% (137/149) and 92% (137/149) are subjects entering the rollover study, 88% (131/149), 92% (137/149) and 92% (137/149) are subjects entering the rollover study and were evaluated for entering the rollower study and were identified in a comparison of the genotypes of evaluable isolates with their respective baseline isolates. The cumulative probability of developing rtT184, rtS202, or rtM250 entecavir basemie solates. The Cultilative probability of developing 111104, 15222, in this/2020 effective resistance-associated substitutions (in the presence of rtL180M and rtM204V substitutions) at Weeks 48, 96, 144, 192, and 240 was 0.2%, 0.5%, 1.2%, 1.2%, and 1.2%, respectively.

Lamivudine-refractory subjects: Genotypic evaluations were performed on evaluable samples from 190 subjects treated with entecavir for up to 96 weeks in studies of lamivudine-refractory HBV (Al463026, Al463014, Al463015, and rollover study Al463901). By Week 96, resistance-associated amino acid substitutions at rtT184, rtS202, or rtM250, with or without rt1169 associated alimin acti substitutions at 1104, 16222, it 1miz/32, with of without 11109 changes, in the presence of amino acid substitutions rtM204I/V with or without 11180V, rtV173L/M, or rtL180M emerged in the HBV from 22 subjects (22/190=12%), 16 of whom experienced virologic rebound (≥1 log₁₀ increase above nadir) and 4 of whom were never suppressed < 300 copies/mL. The HBV from 4 of these subjects had entecavir resistance substitutions at baseline and acquired further changes on entecavir treatment. In addition to the 22 subjects 3 subjects experienced virologic rebound with the emergence of addition to the 22 subjects, 3 subjects experienced virologic rebound with the emergence of rtM204I/V and rtL80V, rtV173L/M, or rtL180M. For isolates from subjects who experienced rtM204I/V and rtL8VV, rtV173L/M, or rtL18VM. For isolates from subjects wno experienced viriologic rebound with the emergence of resistance-associated substitutions (n=19), the median fold-change in entecavir EC_{sv} values from reference was 19-fold at baseline and 106-fold at the time of virologic rebound. For subjects who continued treatment beyond 48 weeks, 40% (31/77) had HBV DNA <300 copies/mL at end of dosing (up to 96 weeks). Lamivudine-refractory subjects (n=157) who failed to achieve the study-defined complete response by Week 96 were offered continued entecavir treatment. Subjects received 1 mg entecavir once daily for up to an additional 144 weeks. Of these subjects, 80 subjects entered the long-term follow-up is tudy and were evaluated for entecavir resistance. By Weeks 140 and 140 a

entecavir once alary for up to an additional 144 weeks. Ut these subjects, 80 Subjects entered the long-term follow-up study and were evaluated for entecavir resistance. By Weeks 144, 192, and 240 (including end of dosing), 34% (27/80), 35% (28/80), and 36% (29/80), respectively, attained HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL. The cumulative probability of developing rtT184, rtS202, or rtM250 entecavir resistance-associated substitutions (in the presence of rtM2041/V with or without rtL180M substitutions) at Weeks 48, 96, 144, 192, and 240 was 6.2%, 15%, 36.3%, 46.6%, and 51.5%, respectively. The HBV of 6 subjects developed rtA181C/G/S/T amino acid substitutions while receiving entecavir, and of these, 4 developed entercivir experience-associated substitutions at 4T184, 4T502, or rtM250, and 1925. entecavir resistance-associated substitutions at rtT184, rtS202, or rtM250 and 1 had an rtT184S substitution at baseline. Of 7 subjects whose HBV had an rtA181 substitution at

rt1184's Substitution at baseline. Ut 7 subjects whose HBV had an rtA181 Substitution at baseline, 2 also had substitutions at tr1184, rtS202, or rtM250 at baseline and another 2 developed them while on treatment with entecavir.

In a post-approval integrated analysis of entecavir resistance data from 17 Phase 2 and 3 clinical trials, an emergent entecavir resistance-associated substitution rtA181C was detected in 5 out of 1461 (0.3%) subjects during treatment with entecavir. This substitution was detected only in the presence of lamivudine resistance-associated substitutions rtL180M plus rtM204V

Cross-resistance has been observed among HBV nucleoside analogue inhibitors. In cell-based assays, entecavir had 8- to 30-fold less inhibition of HBV DNA synthesis for HBV containing lamivudine and telbivudine resistance-associated substitutions rtM204I/V with or without rtL180M than for wild-type HBV. Substitutions rtM204I/V with or without rtL80I/V, rtV1731 or rtl 180M which are associated with lamivudine and tellivudine resistance also confer decreased phenotypic susceptibility to entecavir. The efficacy of entecavir against

HBV harboring adefovir resistance-associated substitutions has not been established in clinical trials. HBV isolates from lamivudine-refractory subjects failing entecavir therapy were ususceptible in cell culture to adefovir but remained resistant to lamivudine. Recombinant HBV genomes encoding adefovir resistance-associated substitutions at either rtA181V or rtN236T had 1.1- or 0.3-fold shifts in susceptibility to entecavir in cell culture, respectively.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long-term oral carcinogenicity studies of entecavir in mice and rats were carried out at exposures up to approximately 42 times (mice) and 35 times (rats) those observed in humans at the highest recommended dose of 1 mg/day. In mouse and rat studies, entecavir was positive for carcinogenic findings. It is not known how predictive the results of rodent carcinogenicity studies may be for humans [see Adverse Reactions (6.2)].

In mice, lung adenomas were increased in males and females at exposures 3 and 40 times those in humans. Lung carcinomas in both male and female mice were increased at exposures 40 times those in humans. Combined lung adenomas and carcinomas were increased in male mice at exposures 3 times and in female mice at exposures 40 times those in humans. Tumor development was preceded by pneumocyte proliferation in the lung, which was not observed in rats, dogs, or monkeys administered entecavir, supporting the conclusion that lung tumors in mice may be a species-specific event. Hepatocellular carcinomas were increased in males and combined liver adenomas and carcinomas were also increased at exposures 42 times those in humans. Vascular tumors in female mice (hemangiomas of ovaries and uterus and hemangiosarcomas of spleen) were increased at exposures 40 times those in humans. In rats, hepatocellular adenomas were increased in females at exposures 24 times those in humans: combined adenomas and carcinomas were also increased in females at exposures 24 times those in humans. Brain gliomas were induced in both males and females at exposures 35 and 24 times those in humans. Skin fibromas were induced in females at exposures 4 times those

Entecavir was clastogenic to human lymphocyte cultures. Entecavir was not mutagenic in the Ames bacterial reverse mutation assay using *S. typhimurium* and *E. coli* strains in the presence of absence of metabolic activation, a mammalian-cell gene mutation assay, and a transformation assay with Syrian hamster embryo cells. Entecavir was also negative in an oral micronucleus study and an oral DNA repair study in rats. Impairment of Fertility

n reproductive toxicology studies, in which animals were administered entecavir at up to 30 mg/kg for up to 4 weeks, no evidence of impaired fertility was seen in male or female rats at systemic exposures greater than 90 times those achieved in humans at the highest recommended dose of 1 mg/day. In rodent and dog toxicology studies, seminiferous tubular degeneration was observed at exposures 35 times or greater than those achieved in numans. No testicular changes were evident in monkeys.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

At 48 Weeks

e safety and efficacy of entecavir in adults were evaluated in three Phase 3 active-controlled trials. These studies included 1633 subjects 16 years of age or older with chronic hepatitis B virus infection (serum HBsAg-positive for at least 6 months) accompanied by evidence of viral replication (detectable serum HBV DNA, as measured by the bDNA hybridization or PCR assay). Subjects had persistently elevated ALT levels at least 1.3 times ULN and chronic inflammation on liver biopsy compatible with a diagnosis of chronic viral hepatitis. The safety and efficacy of entecavir were also evaluated in a study of 191 HBV- infected subjects with decompensated liver disease and in a study of 68 subjects co-infected with HBV and HIV.

Nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve Subjects with Compensated Liver Disease <u>HBeAg-positive</u>: Study A1463022 was a multinational, randomized, double-blind study of entecavir 0.5 mg once daily versus lamiyudine 100 mg once daily for a minimum of 52 weeks in 709 (of 715 randomized) nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve subjects with chronic hepatitis B virus infection, compensated liver disease, and detectable HBeAg. The mean age of subjects was 35 years, 75% were male, 57% were Asian, 40% were Caucasian, and 13% had previously received interferon- a. At baseline, subjects had a mean Knodell Necroinflammatory Score of 7.8, mean serum HBV DNA as measured by Roche COBAS Amplicor® PCR assay was 9.66 log₁₀ copies/mL, and mean serum ALT level was 143 U/L. Paired, adequate liver biopsy samples were available for 89% of subjects.

**HBeAg-negative (anti-HBe-positive/HBV_DNA-positive): Study Al463027 was a multinational,

randomized, double-blind study of entecavir 0.5 mg once daily versus lamivudine 100 mg once daily for a minimum of 52 weeks in 638 (of 648 randomized) nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve subjects with HBeAg-negative (HBeAb-positive) chronic hepatitis B virus infection and compensated liver disease. The mean age of subjects was 44 years, 76% were male, 39% were Asian, 58% were Caucasian, and 13% had previously received interferon- α . At baseline, subjects had a mean Knodell Necroinflammatory Score of 7.8, mean serum HBV DNA as measured by Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay was 7.58 log₁₀ copies/mL, and mean serum ALT level was 142 U/L. Paired, adequate liver biopsy samples were available for 88% of subjects. n Studies Al463022 and Al463027, entecavir was superior to lamivudine on the primary efficacy endpoint of Histologic Improvement, defined as a 2-point or greater reduc Knodell Necroinflammatory Score with no worsening in Knodell Fibrosis Score at Week 48. and on the secondary efficacy measures of reduction in viral load and ALT normalization. Histologic Improvement and change in Ishak Fibrosis Score are shown in Table 9. Selected

virologic, biochemical, and serologic outcome measures are shown in Table 10.

	tologic Improvem Nucleoside-Inhibit			
	Study Al463022 (HBeAg-Positive)	Study Al463027	(HBeAg-Negative)
	Entecavir 0.5 mg n=314 ^a	Lamivudine 100 mg n=314 ^a	Entecavir 0.5 mg n=296a	Lamivudine 100 mg n=287ª
Histologic Improvem (Knodell Scores)	ent			
Improvement ^b	72%	62%	70%	61%
No improvement	21%	24%	19%	26%
Ishak Fibrosis Score				
Improvement ^c	39%	35%	36%	38%
No change	46%	40%	41%	34%
Worseningc	8%	10%	12%	15%
Missing Week 48 biop	osy 7%	14%	10%	13%

- a Subjects with evaluable baseline histology (baseline Knodell Necroinflammatory Score ≥2).
 b ≥2-point decrease in Knodell Necroinflammatory Score from baseline with no worsening of the Knodell Fibrosis Score.
- For Ishak Fibrosis Score, improvement = ≥1-point decrease from baseline and worsening =

≥1-point increase from baseline. Selected Virologic, Biochemical, and Serologic Endpoints at Week 48, Nucleoside-Inhibitor-Naïve Subjects in Studies Al463022 and Al463027

Study	y Al463022	(HBeAg-Positive)	Study Al463027	(HBeAg-Negative
	Entecavir 0.5 mg n=354	Lamivudine 100 mg n=355	Entecavir 0.5 mg n=325	Lamivudine 100 mg n=313
HBV DNAa				
Proportion undetectable (<300 copies/mL)	67%	36%	90%	72%
Mean change from baselin (log ₁₀ copies/mL)	e -6.86	-5.39	-5.04	-4.53
ALT normalization (≤1 × ULN	68%	60%	78%	71%
HBeAg seroconversion	21%	18%	NA	NA

a Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay [lower limit of quantification (LLOQ) = 300 copies/mL]. Histologic Improvement was independent of baseline levels of HBV DNA or ALT.

Lamivudine-refractory Subjects with Compensated Liver Disease.

Study Al463026 was a multinational, randomized, double-blind study of entecavir in 286 (of 293 randomized) subjects with lamivudine-refractory chronic hepatitis B virus infection and compensated liver disease. Subjects receiving lamivudine at study entry either switched to entecavir 1 mg once daily (with neither a washout nor an overlap period) or continued on lamivudine 100 mg for a minimum of 52 weeks. The mean age of subjects was 39 years, 76% were male, 37% were Asian, 62% were Caucasian, and 52% had previously received interferona. The mean duration of prior lamivudine therapy was 2.7 years, and 85% had lamivudine resistance subsitutions at baseline by an investigational line probe assay. At baseline, subjects had a mean Knodell Necroinflammatory Score of 6.5, mean serum HBV DNA as measured by Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay was 9.36 log10 copies/mL, and mean serum ALT level was 128 U/L. Paired, adequate liver biopsy samples were available for 87% of subjects

Entecavir was superior to lamivudine on a primary endpoint of Histologic Improvement (using the Knodell Score at Week 48). These results and change in Ishak Fibrosis Score are shown

in Table 11. Table 12 shows selected virologic, biochemical, and serologic endpoints Histologic Improvement and Change in Ishak Fibrosis Score at Week 48, Lamivudine-Refractory Subjects in Study Al463026 Table 11:

	Entecavir 1 mg n=124ª	Lamivudine 100 mg n=116ª
Histologic Improvement (Knodell Score	es)	
Improvement ^b	55%	28%
No improvement	34%	57%
Ishak Fibrosis Score		
Improvement ^c	34%	16%
No change	44%	42%
Worsening ^c	11%	26%
Missing Week 48 biopsy	11%	16%

- ^a Subjects with evaluable baseline histology (baseline Knodell Necroinflammatory Score ≥2). b≥2-point decrease in Knodell Necroinflammatory Score from baseline with no worsening of the Knodell Fibrosis Score.
- ^c For Ishak Fibrosis Score, improvement = ≥1-point decrease from baseline and worsening = ≥1-point increase from baseline

		I, and Serologic Endpoints at y Subjects in Study Al463026
	Entecavir 1 mg n=141	Lamivudine 100 mg n=145
HBV DNA ^a		
Proportion undetectable (< 300 copies/mL)	19%	1%
Mean change from baseline (log ₁₀ copies/mL) -5.11	-0.48
ALT normalization (≤1 × ULN)	61%	15%
HBeAg seroconversion	8%	3%
a Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay (LLOQ = 3	300 copies/mL).

Histologic Improvement was independent of baseline levels of HBV DNA or ALT. Subjects with Decompensated Liver Disease
Study Al463048 was a randomized, open-label study of entecavir 1 mg once daily versus

adefovir dipivoxil 10 mg once daily in 191 (of 195 randomized) adult subjects with HBeAgpositive or -negative chronic HBV infection and evidence of hepatic decompensation, defined as a Child-Turcotte-Pugh (CTP) score of 7 or higher. Subjects were either HBV-treatment-

naïve or previously treated, predominantly with lamivudine or interferon- α . In Study Al463048, 100 subjects were randomized to treatment with entecavir and 91 subjects to treatment with adefovir dipivoxil. Two subjects randomized to treatment with adefovir dipivoxil actually received treatment with entecavir for the duration of the study. The mean age of subjects was 52 years, 74% were male, 54% were Asian, 33% were Caucasian, and 5% were Black/African American. At baseline, subjects had a mean serum HBV DNA by PCR of 7.83 log₁₀ copies/mL and mean ALT level of 100 U/L; 54% of subjects were HBeAg-positive; 35% had genotypic evidence of lamivudine resistance. The baseline mean CTP score was 8.6. Results for selected study endpoints at Week 48 are shown in Table 13.

Selected Endpoints at Week 48, Subjects with Decompensate Liver Disease, Study Al463048 Table 13: Entecavir 1 mg Proportion undetectable (< 300 copies/mL) Stable or improved CTP score^c HBsAg loss Normalization of ALT (≤1 × ULN)^d 48 5% 49/78 (63%) 33/71 (46%) ^a Endpoints were analyzed using intention-to-treat (ITT) method, treated subjects as randomized.

- Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay (LLOQ = 300 copies/mL).
 Defined as decrease or no change from baseline in CTP score.
- d Denominator is subjects with abnormal values at baseline.
- ULN=upper limit of normal.

Subjects Co-infected with HIV and HBV

Study AH63038 was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of entecavir versus placebo in 68 subjects co-infected with HIV and HBV who experienced recurrence of HBV viremia while receiving a lamivudine-containing highly active antiretroviral (HAART) regimen. Subjects continued their lamivudine-containing HAART regimen (lamivudine dose 300 mg/day) and were assigned to add either entecavir 1 mg once daily (51 subjects) or placebo (17 subjects) for 24 weeks followed by an open-label phase for an additional 24 weeks where all subjects reached extraoriar At healths exhibited had a mean extra HIV DNA lavels by DCPs 61. received entecavir. At baseline, subjects had a mean serum HBV DNA level by PCR of 9.13 log₁₀ copies/mL. Ninety-nine percent of subjects were HBeAq-positive at baseline, with a mean baseline ALT level of 71.5 U/L. Median HIV RNA level remained stable at approximately 2 log₁₀ copies/mL through 24 weeks of blinded therapy. Virologic and biochemical endpoints at Week 24 are shown in Table 14. There are no data in natients with HIV/HBV co-infection who have 24 are shown in June 14. There are no data in patients with minyribb of co-infected patients who were not simultaneously receiving effective HIV treatment [see Warnings and

Table 14:	Virologic and Biochemical Endpoints at Week 24, Study Al463038			
	E	ntecavir 1 mg ^a n=51	Placebo ^a n=17	
HBV DNA ^b				
Proportion und	etectable (<300 copies/mL)	6%	0	
Mean change f	rom baseline (log ₁₀ copies/mL) -3.65	+0.11	
ALT normalization	n (≤1 × ULN)	34%⁵	8%°	

b Roche COBAS Amplicor PCR assay (LLOQ = 300 copies/mL).

c Percentage of subjects with abnormal ALT (>1 x ULN) at baseline who achieved ALT normalization (n=35 for entecavir and n=12 for placebo).

For subjects originally assigned to entecavir, at the end of the open-label phase (Week 48) 8% of subjects had HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL by PCR, the mean change from baseline HBV DNA by PCR was -4.20 log₁₀ copies/mL, and 37% of subjects with abnormal ALT at baseline had ALT normalization ($\leq 1 \times ULN$). Beyond 48 Weeks

The optimal duration of therapy with entecavir is unknown. According to protocol-mandated criteria in the Phase 3 clinical trials, subjects discontinued entecavir or lamivudine treatment after 52 weeks according to a definition of response based on HBV virologic suppression (<0.7 MEq/mL by bDNA assay) and loss of HBeAg (in HBeAg-positive subjects) or ALT $<1.25 \times$ ULN (in HBeAg-negative subjects) at Week 48. Subjects who achieved virologic sup but did not have serologic response (HBeAg-positive) or did not achieve ALT < 1.25 v ULN (HBeAg-negative) continued blinded dosing through 96 weeks or until the response criteria were met. These protocol-specified subject management guidelines are not intended as quidance for clinical practice.

Nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve subjects
Among nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve, HBeAg-positive subjects (Study Al463022), 243 (69%) entecavir-treated subjects and 164 (46%) lamivudine-treated subjects continued blinded treatment for up to 96 weeks. Of those continuing blinded treatment in Year 2, 180 (74%) entecavir subjects and 60 (37%) lamivudine subjects achieved HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL by PCR at the end of dosing (up to 96 weeks). 193 (79%) entecavir subjects achieved ALT≤1 × ULN

compared to 112 (68%) lamivudine subjects, and HBeAg seroconversion occurred in 26 (11%) entecavir subjects and 20 (12%) lamivudine subjects.

Among nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve, HBeAg-positive subjects, 74 (21%) entecavir subjects and 67 (19%) lamivudine subjects met the definition of response at Week 48, discontinued study or (13%) laimwale subjects make the definition of response at week −y, discontinued study drugs, and were followed off treatment for 24 weeks. Among entecavir responders, 26 (35%) subjects had HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL, 55 (74%) subjects had ALT≤1×ULN, and 56 (76%) subjects sustained HBeAg seroconversion at the end of follow-up. Among lamivudine esponders, 20 (30%) subjects had HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL, 41 (61%) subjects had ALT **Statistics of the state of th treatment for up to 96 weeks. In this small cohort continuing treatment in Year 2, 22 entecam; and 16 lamivudine subjects had HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL by PCR, and 7 and 6 subjects, respectively, had ALT≤1 × ULN at the end of dosing (up to 96 weeks).

Among nucleoside-inhibitor-naïve, HBeAg-negative subjects, 275 (85%) entecavir subjects and 245 (78%) lamivudine subjects met the definition of response at Week 48, discontinued study drugs, and were followed off treatment for 24 weeks. In this cohort, very few subjects in each treatment arm had HRV DNA < 300 conies/ml by PCR at the end of follow-up. At the end of follow-up, 126 (46%) entecavir subjects and 84 (34%) lamivudine subjects had ALT≤1 × ULN.

Among lamivudine-refractory subjects (Study Al463026), 77 (55%) entecavir-treated subjects and 3 (2%) laminudine subjects continued blinded treatment for up to 96 weeks. In this cohort of entecavir subjects, 31 (40%) subjects achieved HBV DNA < 300 copies/mL, 62 (81%) subjects had ALT≤1 × ULN, and 8 (10%) subjects demonstrated HBeAg seroconversion at the end of dosing.

14.2 Outcomes in Pediatric Subjects
The pharmacokinetics, safety and antiviral activity of entecavir in pediatric subjects were initially assessed in Study Al463028. Twenty-four treatment-naïve and 19 lamivudineexperienced HBeAg-positive pediatric subjects 2 to less than 18 years of age with compensated CHB and elevated ALT were treated with entecavir 0.015 mg/kg (up to 0.5 mg) or 0.03 mg/kg (up to 1 mg) once daily. Fifty-eight percent (14/24) of treatment-naïve subjects and 47% (9/19) of lamivudine-experienced subjects achieved HRV DNA < 50 III/mL at Week All and ALT normalized in 83% (20/24) of treatment-naïve and 95% (18/19) of lan experienced subjects. Safety and antiviral efficacy were confirmed in Study Al463189, an ongoing study of entecavi

among 180 nucleoside-inhibitor-treatment-naïve pediatric subjects 2 to less than 18 years of age with HBeAg-positive chronic hepatitis B infection, compensated liver disease, and elevated ALT. Subjects were randomized 2:1 to receive blinded treatment with entecavir 0.015 mg/kg up to 0.5 mg/day (N=120) or placebo (N=60). The randomization was stratified by age grou (2 to 6 years; > 6 to 12 years; and > 12 to < 18 years). Baseline demographics and HBV disease characteristics were comparable between the 2 treatment arms and across age cohorts. At study entry, the mean HBV DNA was 8.1 log₁₀ IU/mL and mean ALT was 103 U/L. The primar efficacy endpoint was a composite of HBeAg seroconversion and serum HBV DNA < 50 IU/ml at Week 48 assessed in the first 123 subjects reaching 48 weeks of blinded treatment Twenty-four percent (20/82) of subjects in the entecavir-treated group and 2% (1/41) of subjects in the placeho-treated group met the primary endpoint. Forty-six percent (38/82) of subjects in the placeborheated youth net under printed y emploit. Porty-stap bettern (5002) or entecavit-treated subjects and 2% (1/41) of placebo-treated subjects achieved HBV DNA < 50 IU/mL at Week 48. ALT normalization occurred in 67% (55/82) of entecavir-treated subjects and 22% (9/41) of placebo-treated subjects; 24% (20/82) of entecavir-treated subjects and 12% (5/41) of placebo-treated subjects had HBeAg seroconversion

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Entecavir Tablets are available in the following strengths and configurations of plastic bottles with child-resistant closures: Description

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	A white to off-white, triangular-shaped film-coated		
Entecavir Tablets, 0.5 mg	tablet, debossed with "YSP" on one side and	30 tablets	61442-311-30
	"222" on the other side.		
	A pink, triangular-shaped film-coated tablet,		
Entecavir Tablets, 1 mg	debossed with "YSP" on one side and "216" on	30 tablets	61442-312-30

the other side. Entecavir Tablets should be stored in a tightly closed container at 25° C (77° F); excursions permitted between 15–30° C (59–86° F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from

See FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information)

Severe Acute Exacerbation of Hepatitis after Discontinuation of Treatment
Inform patients that discontinuation of anti-hepatitis B therapy, including entecavir tablets, may
result in severe acute exacerbations of hepatitis B. Advise the patient to not discontinue entecavir tablets without first informing their healthcare provider [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].

Risk of Development of HIV-1 Resistance in Patients with HIV-1 Coinfection
Inform patients that if they have or develop HIV infection and are not receiving effective HIV treatment, entecavir tablets may increase the risk of development of resistance to HIV medication see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)

actic Acidosis and Severe Hepatomegaly Lactic acidosis and severe hepatomegaly with steatosis, including fatal cases, have been reported with use of drugs similar to entecavir tablets. Advise patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately and stop entecavir tablets if they develop clinical symptoms suggestive of lactic acidosis or pronounced hepatotoxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

Missed Dosage nform patients that it is important to take entecavir tablets on a regular dosing schedule on an empty stomach (at least 2 hours after a meal and 2 hours before the next meal) and to avo missing doses as it can result in development of resistance [see Dosage and Administration (2.1)]. Treatment Duration

Advise patients that in the treatment of chronic hepatitis B, the optimal duration of treatment is unknown. The relationship between response and long-term prevention of outcomes such as hepatocellular carcinoma is not known. Instructions for Use

Inform patients using the oral solution to hold the dosing spoon in a vertical position and fill it gradually to the mark corresponding to the prescribed dose. Rinsing of the dosing spoon with water is recommended after each daily dose. Some patients may find it difficult to accurately measure the prescribed dose using the provided dosing spoon; therefore, patients/caregivers should refer to the steps in the Patient Information section that demonstrate the correct technique of using the provided dosing spoon to measure the prescribed entecavir tablets dose.

Advise patients that there is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to entecavir during pregnancy [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)].

Patient Informatio Entecavir (en-TEK-a-vir) Tablets

Read this Patient Information before you start taking entecavir tablets and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about entecavir tablets?

1. Your hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection may get worse if you stop taking entecavir tablets. This usually happens within 6 months after stopping entecavir tablets. • Take entecavir tablets exactly as prescribed.

- Do not run out of entecavir tablets.
- Do not stop entecavir without talking to your healthcare provider.
 Your healthcare provider should monitor your health and do regular blood tests to check
- your liver if you stop taking entecavir tablets. If you have or get HIV that is not being treated with medicines while taking entecavir tablets, the HIV virus may develop resistance to certain HIV medicines and become harder to treat. You should get an HIV test before you start taking entecavir tablets and anytime after that when there is a chance you were exposed to HIV

there is a chance you were exposed to HIV.

Entecavir tablets can cause serious side effects including:

3. Lactic acidosis (buildup of acid in the blood). Some people who have taken entecavir tablets or medicines like entecavir tablets (a nucleoside analogue) have developed a serious condition called lactic acidosis. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can cause death. Lactic acidosis must be treated in the hospital. Reports of lactic acidosis with entecavir tablets generally involved patients who were seriously ill due to their liver disease or other nedical condition

Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms

of lactic acidosis: You feel very weak or tired.

long time.

- You have unusual (not normal) muscle pain.
 You have trouble breathing.
- You have stomach pain with nausea and vomiting.
- You feel cold, especially in your arms and legs.
 You feel dizzy or light-headed.
- You have a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- 4. Serious liver problems. Some people who have taken medicines like entecavir tablets have developed serious liver problems called hepatotoxicity, with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). Hepatomegaly with steatosis is a serious medical emergency that can cause death.
- Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms

overweight, or have been taking nucleoside analogue medicines, like entecavir tablets, for a

- of liver problems: • Your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice).
- Your urine turns dark.
 Your bowel movements (stools) turn light in color.
 You don't feel like eating food for several days or longer.
- You feel sick to your stomach (nausea).
- You have lower stomach pain You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems if you are female, very

- Entecavir tablets are a prescription medicine used to treat chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) in adults and children 2 years of age and older who have active liver disease

What are entecavir tablets?

- Entecavir tablets will not cure HBV.
 Entecavir tablets may lower the amount of HBV in the body.
- Entecavir tablets may lower the ability of HBV to multiply and infect new liver cells.
- Entecavir tablets may improve the condition of your liver.
 It is not known whether entecavir tablets will reduce your chances of getting liver cancer or liver.
- damage (cirrhosis), which may be caused by chronic HBV infection.
- It is not known if entecavir tablets are safe and effective for use in children less than 2 years of age.
- What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking entecavir tablets? Before you take entecavir tablets, tell your healthcare provider if you:
- have kidney problems. Your entecavir tablets dose or schedule may need to be changed.
- have received medicine for HBV before. Some people, especially those who have already been treated with certain other medicines for HBV infection, may develop resistance to entecavir tablets. These people may have less benefit from treatment with entecavir tablets and may have
 - the hepatitis B virus in your blood regularly. have any other medical conditions.
 - are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if entecavir will harm your unborn

worsening of hepatitis after resistant virus appears. Your healthcare provider will test the level of

- baby. Talk to your healthcare provider if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.

 Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry. If you take entecavir tablets while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in the Entecavir Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry. The purpose of the pregnancy registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby.

 ● are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if entecavir can pass into your breast
- milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take entecavir tablets or breastfeed Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you have taken a medicine to treat HBV in the past.
- Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines with you to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

 How should I take entecavir tablets?
- Take entecavir tablets exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how much entecavir tablets to take.
 Your healthcare provider will tell you when and how often to take entecavir tablets.
 Take entecavir tablets on an empty stomach, at least 2 hours after a meal and at least 2 hours.
- before the next meal. • Do not change your dose or stop taking entecavir tablets without talking to your healthcare
- If you miss a dose of entecavir tablets, take it as soon as you remember and then take your next dose at its regular time. If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take two doses at the same time. Call your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure what
- When your supply of entecavir tablets starts to run low, call your healthcare provider or pharmacy for a refill. Do not run out of entecavir tablets.
- If you take too much entecavir tablets, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest emergency room right away.

 What are the possible side effects of entecavir tablets?

Entecavir tablets may cause serious side effects. See "What is the most important information I should know about entecavir tablets?"

- imon side effects of entecavir tablets include:
- headache
- tiredness
- dizziness

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 entecavir tablets. For more information, ask your

healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to the FDA at

How should I store entecavir tablets?

Store entecavir tablets at room temperature, between 68° F to 77° F (20° C to 25° C).

Keep entecavir tablets in a tightly closed container and keep out of the light.

Safely throw away entecavir tablets that are out of date or no longer needed. Dispose of unused.

medicines through community take-back disposal programs when available or place entecavir tablets in an unrecognizable closed container in the household trash.

Keep entecavir tablets and all medicines out of the reach of children. General information about the safe and effective use of entecavir tablets

Entecavir tablets do not stop you from spreading the hepatitis B virus (HBV) to others by sex, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. Talk with your healthcare provider about safe sexual practices that protect your partner. Never share needles. Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes or razor blades. A shot (vaccine) is available to protect people at risk from becoming infected with HBV.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a patient information leaflet. Do not use entecavir tablets for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give

relations by that see effective labels for a common for which it was not prescribed. Do firely give entecavir tablets to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. This Patient Information Leaflet summarizes the most important information about entecavir tablets. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about entecavir tablets that is written for healthcare professionals. For more information, call 1-855-397-9777.

What are the ingredients in entecavir tablets?

Active ingredient: entecavir Inactive ingredients in Entecavir Tablets: lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, crospovidone, povidone, magnesium stearate.

Tablet film-coat: titanium dioxide, hypromellose, polyethylene glycol 400, and iron oxide red (1 mg

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