### Package leaflet: Information for the user

## Moxalole powder for oral solution,

Macrogol 3350 Sodium chloride Sodium hydrogen carbonate Potassium chloride

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

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist has told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 2 weeks of constipation. If you are treated for very bad constipation (called faecal impaction) you should follow your doctors instruction..

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#### 1. What Moxalole is and what it is used for

Moxalole helps you to have a comfortable bowel movement even if you have been constipated for a long time. After consulting a doctor, Moxalole can also be used for treatment ofvery bad constipation (called faecal impaction).

Macrogol 3350 increases the volume of faeces by binding water leading to a normalisation of motility in the colon. The physiological consequences are an increased movement of the softened stools and easing of defecation. The salts in the formulation help maintain the body's normal salt and waterbalance.

You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 2 weeks of constipation. If you are treated for very bad constipation (called faecal impaction) you should follow your doctors instruction

## 2. What you need to know before you take Moxalole

#### Do not take Moxalole:

- if you are allergic to any of the active substances macrogol, sodium chloride, potassium chloride or sodium hydrogen carbonate or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6),
- if you have an obstruction in the intestine (gut), a perforated gut wall or severe inflammatory bowel disease like ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, toxic megacolon or ileus,

#### **Warnings and Precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Moxalole:

When taking Moxalole you should continue to take plenty of fluids. The fluid content of Moxalole should not replace your regular liquid intake.

If you develop side effects, such as swelling, shortness of breath, feeling tired, dehydration (symptoms include increasing thirst, dry mouth and weakness) or heart problems, you should stop taking Moxalole and tell your doctor immediately.

Do not take Moxalole for longer periods of time unless you have been instructed to do so by your doctor for example if you take drugs that can cause constipation or if you have a disease which cause constipation for example Parkinson's disease or multiple sclerosis (MS).

#### Children

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

#### Other medicines and Moxalole

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

Some medicines, e.g. anti-epileptics may not work as effectively during use with Moxalole.

Molaxole may interact with starch-based food thickeners causing preparations that need to remain thick for people with swallowing problems to liquefy. Molaxole should be used with caution when used with starch-based thickeners.

#### 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 for advice before taking this medicine.

Moxalole can be used during pregnancy and breast-feeding.

## **Driving and using machines**

There is no effect on the ability to drive or use machines.

#### Moxalole contains sodium

This medicine contains 187 mg sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) in each sachet. This is equivalent to 9.5 % of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult.

#### 3. How to take Moxalole

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

The recommended dose for constipation is:

1 sachet one to three times daily. Normal dose for most patients is 1-2 sachets per day. Depending on the individual response 3 sachets per day might be needed. The dose depends on the severity of your constipation. The dose can be adjusted down to the lowest effective dose after a couple of days. The time of the treatment is normally 2 weeks. If the symptoms persist after 2 weeks treatment contact your doctor.

Mix the content of 1 sachet with a ½ glass of water (about 125 ml). Stir until the powder is dissolved and drink. If you wish you can add fruit juice or fruit syrup immediately before drinking.

Children (below 12 years of age): not recommended.

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The recommended dose for Faecal impaction is:

Adults: The usual dose is 8 sachets a day. The 8 sachets should be taken within a 6 hour period each day for up to 3 days if required. A course of treatment for faecal impaction does not normally exceed 3 days.

If you use Moxalole for treatment of faecal impaction you can mix 8 sachets in one litre of water. The solution can then be stored in the refrigerator.

Patients with impaired cardiovascular function:

For the treatment of faecal impaction the dose should be divided so that no more than two sachets are taken in any one hour.

Patients with renal insufficiency:

No dosage change is necessary for treatment of either constipation or faecal impaction.

## If you take more Moxalole than you should

If you take too much Moxalole and get bad diarrhoea or start vomiting, stop taking Moxalole until it clears, then start again at a lower dose. If you are worried, contact your doctor or pharmacist.

## If you forget to take Moxalole

Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

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

#### 4. Possible side effects

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

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people): Stomach ache and cramp, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, stomach rumbles and gastrointestinal gas problems.

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): Itching, headache, swollen hands, feet or ankles.

Uncommon (may affect up to 1 in 100 people): Skin rash, indigestion and bloated stomach.

Very rare (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people): Serious allergic reactions which cause difficulty in breathing, or swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat. If any of these symptoms occur, tell your doctor immediately and stop taking Moxalole. Allergic reactions (e.g. skin reaction and runny nose), high and low levels of potassium in the blood and anal discomfort.

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data): Change in your body's fluid or electrolyte levels (low levels of sodium).

## **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: <a href="https://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard">www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard</a> 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 Moxalole

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 sachet and the carton after {Exp.}. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This product does not require any special temperature storage conditions. Store in original package in order to protect from moisture. Ready mixed solution can be stored well covered in refrigerator (2  $^{\circ}$ C to 8  $^{\circ}$ C). Throw away any solution not used within a six hour period.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater 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 Moxalole contains

- The active substances are macrogol 3350 (also known as polyethylene glycol 3350) 13.125 g, sodium chloride 350.7 mg, sodium hydrogen carbonate 178.5 mg, potassium chloride 46.6 mg.
- The other ingredients (excipients) are acesulfame potassium (E950)(sweetener) and lemon flavour (flavouring).

#### What Moxalole looks like and contents of the pack

White powder for oral solution.

Sachets of 13.8 g in a box of 2, 6, 8, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 100 or 2x50 sachets.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

#### **Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer**

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