

Arip[®]

Aripiprazole

Presentation

Arip[®] 10: Each tablet contains Aripiprazole BP 10 mg.

Arip[®] 15: Each tablet contains Aripiprazole BP 15 mg.

Arip[®] Oral Solution: Each 1 ml solution contains Aripiprazole BP 1 mg.

Description

Arip[®] (Aripiprazole) is an atypical antipsychotic that has both dopamine and serotonin receptors activity. It is a partial agonist of dopamine D₂ receptors that relieves the symptoms of schizophrenia. It is characterized as a dopamine system stabilizer. It is a potent partial agonist at serotonin 5-HT_{1A} receptors and antagonist at 5-HT_{2A} receptors. This is associated with improvement of depressive, cognitive and negative symptoms.

Indications and Uses

- Schizophrenia
- Schizoaffective disorder
- Acute manic and mixed episodes associated with Bipolar I Disorder
- Maintaining efficacy in patients with Bipolar I Disorder who are stabilized

Dosage and Administration

For Schizophrenia:

Adults-10 to 15 mg, once daily, without regard to food. Dose increment should not be made before 2 weeks, the time needed to achieve steady state.

For Bipolar mania:

Adults- 30 mg, once daily, without regard to food.

Side-effects

Headache, constipation, asthenia, nausea, dyspepsia, vomiting, coughing, abdominal pain.

Precautions

Aripiprazole may be associated with orthostatic hypotension (orthostatic lightheadedness).

Aripiprazole should be used with caution in patients with known cardiovascular disease (myocardial infarction or ischaemic heart disease, heart failure or conduction abnormalities), cerebrovascular disease, or conditions that would predispose patients to hypotension (dehydration, hypovolemia, and treatment with antihypertensive medications).

Seizures occurred in aripiprazole-treated patients. As with other antipsychotic drugs, aripiprazole should be used cautiously in patients with Alzheimer's dementia.

Aripiprazole is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis.

Contraindications

Aripiprazole is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to it or to any component of this product.

Use in Pregnancy and Lactation

Aripiprazole should not be used in pregnancy as no human trial is performed. Patients should be advised not to breast-feed an infant if they are taking aripiprazole.

Drug Interactions

Caution should be exercised when aripiprazole is taken in combination with other centrally acting drugs and alcohol.

Carbamazepine could cause an increase in aripiprazole clearance and lower blood levels. Ketoconazole, quinidine, fluoxetine or paroxetine can inhibit aripiprazole elimination and cause increased blood levels.

Overdose

Aripiprazole at doses up to 1080 mg causes no fatalities. The signs and symptoms observed with aripiprazole overdose included nausea, vomiting, asthenia, diarrhea, and somnolence.

Storage

Do not store above 30 °C. Keep away from light and out of the reach of children.

Commercial pack

Arip[®] 10: Each box contains 5 blister strips of 10 tablets.

Arip[®] 15: Each box contains 5 blister strips of 10 tablets.

Arip[®] Oral Solution: Each bottle contains 50 ml oral solution.