

**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains 5 mg desloratadine.

Excipient(s) with known effect:

Each film-coated tablet contains 1.2 mg of lactose monohydrate (see section 4.4).

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet

Blue, round, biconvex film-coated tablet - printed in with ink: "D5" on one side and plain on the other.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Desloratadine Teva is indicated in adults and adolescents aged 12 years and older for the relief of symptoms associated with:

- allergic rhinitis (see section 5.1)
- urticaria (see section 5.1)

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

#### Posology

*Adults and adolescents (12 years of age and over)*

The recommended dose of Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets is one tablet once a day.

Intermittent allergic rhinitis (presence of symptoms for less than 4 days per week or for less than 4 weeks) should be managed in accordance with the evaluation of patient's disease history and the treatment could be discontinued after symptoms are resolved and reinitiated upon their reappearance.

In persistent allergic rhinitis (presence of symptoms for 4 days or more per week and for more than 4 weeks), continued treatment may be proposed to the patients during the allergen exposure periods.

#### *Paediatric population*

There is limited clinical trial efficacy experience with the use of desloratadine in adolescents 12 through 17 years of age (see sections 4.8 and 5.1).

The safety and efficacy of Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets in children below the age of 12 years have not been established. No data are available.

#### Method of administration

Oral use.

The dose can be taken with or without food.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance, to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1, or to loratadine.

#### **4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

In the case of severe renal insufficiency, Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets should be used with caution (see section 5.2).

Desloratadine should be administered with caution in patients with medical or familial history of seizures, and mainly young children, being more susceptible to develop new seizures under desloratadine treatment. Healthcare providers may consider discontinuing desloratadine in patients who experience a seizure while on treatment.

Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

#### **4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

No clinically relevant interactions were observed in clinical trials with desloratadine tablets in which erythromycin or ketoconazole were co-administered (see section 5.1).

##### Paediatric population

Interaction studies have only been performed in adults.

In a clinical pharmacology trial, desloratadine tablets taken concomitantly with alcohol did not potentiate the performance impairing effects of alcohol (see section 5.1). However, cases of alcohol intolerance and intoxication have been reported during post-marketing use. Therefore, caution is recommended if alcohol is taken concomitantly.

#### **4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**

##### Pregnancy

A large amount of data on pregnant women (more than 1,000 pregnancy outcomes) indicate no malformative nor foeto/ neonatal toxicity of desloratadine. Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). As a precautionary measure, it is preferable to avoid the use of Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets during pregnancy.

##### Breast-feeding

Desloratadine has been identified in breastfed newborns/infants of treated women. The effect of desloratadine on newborns/infants is unknown. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue/abstain from Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets therapy taking into account the benefit of breast feeding for the child and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

##### Fertility

There are no data available on male and female fertility.

#### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Desloratadine has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines based on clinical trials. Patients should be informed that most people do not experience drowsiness. Nevertheless, as there is individual variation in response to all medicinal products, it is recommended that patients are advised not to engage in activities requiring mental alertness, such as driving a car or using machines, until they have established their own response to the medicinal product.

#### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

### Summary of the safety profile

In clinical trials in a range of indications including allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria, at the recommended dose of 5 mg daily, undesirable effects with desloratadine were reported in 3 % of patients in excess of those treated with placebo. The most frequent of adverse reactions reported in excess of placebo were fatigue (1.2 %), dry mouth (0.8 %) and headache (0.6 %).

### Paediatric population

In a clinical trial with 578 adolescent patients, 12 through 17 years of age, the most common adverse event was headache; this occurred in 5.9 % of patients treated with desloratadine and 6.9 % of patients receiving placebo.

### Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The frequency of the clinical trial adverse reactions reported in excess of placebo and other undesirable effects reported during the post-marketing period are listed in the following table. Frequencies are defined as very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ), common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ), uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ ), rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ), very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ ) and not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

<b>System Organ Class</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Adverse reactions seen with desloratadine</b>
<b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>	Not known	Increased appetite
<b>Psychiatric disorders</b>	Very rare Not known	Hallucinations Abnormal behaviour, aggression
<b>Nervous system disorders</b>	Common Very rare	Headache Dizziness, somnolence, insomnia, psychomotor hyperactivity, seizures
<b>Cardiac disorders</b>	Very rare Not known	Tachycardia, palpitations QT prolongation
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>	Common Very rare	Dry mouth Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, dyspepsia, diarrhoea
<b>Hepatobiliary disorders</b>	Very rare  Not known:	Elevations of liver enzymes, increased bilirubin, hepatitis Jaundice
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>	Not known	Photosensitivity
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>	Very rare	Myalgia
<b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>	Common Very rare  Not known:	Fatigue Hypersensitivity reactions (such as anaphylaxis, angioedema, dyspnoea, pruritus, rash, and urticaria) Asthenia
<b>Investigations</b>	Not known	Weight increased

### Paediatric population

Other undesirable effects reported during the post-marketing period in paediatric patients with an unknown frequency included QT prolongation, arrhythmia, bradycardia, abnormal behaviour, and aggression.

### Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting system listed in [Appendix V\\*](#).

## **4.9 Overdose**

The adverse event profile associated with overdosage, as seen during post-marketing use, is similar to that seen with therapeutic doses, but the magnitude of the effects can be higher.

#### Treatment

In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove unabsorbed active substance. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.

Desloratadine is not eliminated by haemodialysis; it is not known if it is eliminated by peritoneal dialysis.

#### Symptoms

Based on a multiple dose clinical trial, in which up to 45 mg of desloratadine was administered (nine times the clinical dose), no clinically relevant effects were observed.

#### Paediatric population

The adverse event profile associated with overdosage, as seen during post-marketing use, is similar to that seen with therapeutic doses, but the magnitude of the effects can be higher.

## **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: antihistamines – H<sub>1</sub> antagonist, ATC code: R06A X27

#### Mechanism of action

Desloratadine is a non-sedating, long-acting histamine antagonist with selective peripheral H<sub>1</sub>-receptor antagonist activity. After oral administration, desloratadine selectively blocks peripheral histamine H<sub>1</sub>-receptors because the substance is excluded from entry to the central nervous system.

Desloratadine has demonstrated antiallergic properties from *in vitro* studies. These include inhibiting the release of proinflammatory cytokines such as IL-4, IL-6, IL-8, and IL-13 from human mast cells/basophils, as well as inhibition of the expression of the adhesion molecule P-selectin on endothelial cells. The clinical relevance of these observations remains to be confirmed.

#### Clinical efficacy and safety

In a multiple dose clinical trial, in which up to 20 mg of desloratadine was administered daily for 14 days, no statistically or clinically relevant cardiovascular effect was observed. In a clinical pharmacology trial, in which desloratadine was administered at a dose of 45 mg daily (nine times the clinical dose) for ten days, no prolongation of QTc interval was seen.

No clinically relevant changes in desloratadine plasma concentrations were observed in multiple-dose ketoconazole and erythromycin interaction trials.

Desloratadine does not readily penetrate the central nervous system. In controlled clinical trials, at the recommended dose of 5 mg daily, there was no excess incidence of somnolence as compared to placebo. Desloratadine given at a single daily dose of 7.5 mg did not affect psychomotor performance in clinical trials. In a single dose study performed in adults, desloratadine 5 mg did not affect standard measures of flight performance including exacerbation of subjective sleepiness or tasks related to flying.

In clinical pharmacology trials, co-administration with alcohol did not increase the alcohol-induced impairment in performance or increase in sleepiness. No significant differences were found in the psychomotor test results between desloratadine and placebo groups, whether administered alone or with alcohol.

In patients with allergic rhinitis, desloratadine was effective in relieving symptoms such as sneezing, nasal discharge and itching, as well as ocular itching, tearing and redness, and itching of palate. Desloratadine effectively controlled symptoms for 24 hours.

#### Paediatric population

The efficacy of desloratadine tablets has not been clearly demonstrated in trials with adolescent patients 12 through 17 years of age.

In addition to the established classifications of seasonal and perennial, allergic rhinitis can alternatively be classified as intermittent allergic rhinitis and persistent allergic rhinitis according to the duration of symptoms. Intermittent allergic rhinitis is defined as the presence of symptoms for less than 4 days per week or for less than 4 weeks. Persistent allergic rhinitis is defined as the presence of symptoms for 4 days or more per week and for more than 4 weeks.

Desloratadine was effective in alleviating the burden of seasonal allergic rhinitis as shown by the total score of the rhino-conjunctivitis quality of life questionnaire. The greatest amelioration was seen in the domains of practical problems and daily activities limited by symptoms.

Chronic idiopathic urticaria was studied as a clinical model for urticarial conditions, since the underlying pathophysiology is similar, regardless of etiology, and because chronic patients can be more easily recruited prospectively. Since histamine release is a causal factor in all urticarial diseases, desloratadine is expected to be effective in providing symptomatic relief for other urticarial conditions, in addition to chronic idiopathic urticaria, as advised in clinical guidelines.

In two placebo-controlled six week trials in patients with chronic idiopathic urticaria, desloratadine was effective in relieving pruritus and decreasing the size and number of hives by the end of the first dosing interval. In each trial, the effects were sustained over the 24 hour dosing interval. As with other antihistamine trials in chronic idiopathic urticaria, the minority of patients who were identified as nonresponsive to antihistamines was excluded. An improvement in pruritus of more than 50 % was observed in 55 % of patients treated with desloratadine compared with 19 % of patients treated with placebo. Treatment with desloratadine also significantly reduced interference with sleep and daytime function, as measured by a four-point scale used to assess these variables.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

### Absorption

Desloratadine plasma concentrations can be detected within 30 minutes of administration.

Desloratadine is well absorbed with maximum concentration achieved after approximately 3 hours; the terminal phase half-life is approximately 27 hours. The degree of accumulation of desloratadine was consistent with its half-life (approximately 27 hours) and a once daily dosing frequency. The bioavailability of desloratadine was dose proportional over the range of 5 mg to 20 mg.

In a pharmacokinetic trial in which patient demographics were comparable to those of the general seasonal allergic rhinitis population, 4 % of the subjects achieved a higher concentration of desloratadine. This percentage may vary according to ethnic background. Maximum desloratadine concentration was about 3-fold higher at approximately 7 hours with a terminal phase half-life of approximately 89 hours. The safety profile of these subjects was not different from that of the general population.

### Distribution

Desloratadine is moderately bound (83 % - 87 %) to plasma proteins. There is no evidence of clinically relevant medicine accumulation following once daily dosing of desloratadine (5 mg to 20 mg) for 14 days.

### Biotransformation

The enzyme responsible for the metabolism of desloratadine has not been identified yet, and therefore, some interactions with other medicinal products can not be fully excluded. Desloratadine does not inhibit

CYP3A4 *in vivo*, and *in vitro* studies have shown that the medicinal product does not inhibit CYP2D6 and is neither a substrate nor an inhibitor of P-glycoprotein.

#### Elimination

In a single dose trial using a 7.5 mg dose of desloratadine, there was no effect of food (high-fat, high caloric breakfast) on the disposition of desloratadine. In another study, grapefruit juice had no effect on the disposition of desloratadine.

#### Renally impaired patients

The pharmacokinetics of desloratadine in patients with chronic renal insufficiency (CRI) was compared with that of healthy subjects in one single-dose study and one multiple dose study. In the single-dose study, the exposure to desloratadine was approximately 2 and 2.5-fold greater in subjects with mild to moderate and severe CRI, respectively, than in healthy subjects. In the multiple-dose study, steady state was reached after Day 11, and compared to healthy subjects the exposure to desloratadine was ~1.5-fold greater in subjects with mild to moderate CRI and ~2.5-fold greater in subjects with severe CRI. In both studies, changes in exposure (AUC and C<sub>max</sub>) of desloratadine and 3-hydroxydesloratadine were not clinically relevant.

### **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Desloratadine is the primary active metabolite of loratadine. Non-clinical studies conducted with desloratadine and loratadine demonstrated that there are no qualitative or quantitative differences in the toxicity profile of desloratadine and loratadine at comparable levels of exposure to desloratadine.

Non-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenic potential, toxicity to reproduction and development. The lack of carcinogenic potential was demonstrated in studies conducted with desloratadine and loratadine.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

#### Tablet core

Microcrystalline cellulose  
Pregelatinised maize starch  
Talc  
Silica colloidal anhydrous

#### Tablet coating

Lactose monohydrate  
Hypromellose  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Macrogol 400  
Indigo carmine (E132)

#### Printing ink

Shellac  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Propylene glycol

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

2 years

#### **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

#### **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

OPA/Alu/PVC - Aluminium blisters.

Packs of 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 28, 30, 40, 50, 60, 90, 100 and 105 film-coated tablets.

OPA/Alu/PVC - Aluminium perforated unit dose blisters.

Pack of 50 x 1 film-coated tablet (unit dose).

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

#### **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

No special requirements.

### **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Teva B.V.  
Swensweg 5  
2031 GA Haarlem  
The Netherlands

### **8. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/11/732/001  
EU/1/11/732/002  
EU/1/11/732/003  
EU/1/11/732/004  
EU/1/11/732/005  
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EU/1/11/732/010  
EU/1/11/732/011  
EU/1/11/732/012  
EU/1/11/732/013  
EU/1/11/732/014

### **9. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

Date of first authorisation: 24 November 2011

Date of latest renewal: 8 August 2016

### **10. DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**



Detailed information on this medicinal product is available on the website of the European Medicines Agency <http://www.ema.europa.eu>

## **ANNEX II**

- A. MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**
- B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**
- C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**
- D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

## **A. MANUFACTURERS RESPONSIBLE FOR BATCH RELEASE**

### Name and address of the manufacturer(s) responsible for batch release

TEVA Pharmaceutical Works Private Limited Company  
Pallagi út 13  
HU-4042 Debrecen  
Hungary

TEVA UK Ltd.  
Brampton Road, Hampden Park, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN22 9AG  
United Kingdom

Pharmachemie B.V.  
Swensweg 5, 2031 GA Haarlem  
The Netherlands

Merckle GmbH  
Ludwig-Merckle-Strasse 3, D-89143 Blaubeuren  
Germany

The printed package leaflet of the medicinal product must state the name and address of the manufacturer responsible for the release of the concerned batch.

## **B. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS REGARDING SUPPLY AND USE**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

## **C. OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION**

### **• Periodic Safety Update Reports**

The requirements for submission of periodic safety update reports for this medicinal product are set out in the list of Union reference dates (EURD list) provided for under Article 107c(7) of Directive 2001/83/EC and any subsequent updates published on the European medicines web-portal.

## **D. CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

### **• Risk Management Plan (RMP)**

Not applicable.

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **A. LABELLING**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGING**

**OUTER CARTON**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets  
Desloratadine

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCE(S)**

Each film-coated tablet contains 5 mg desloratadine.

**3. LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

It also contains lactose monohydrate. See leaflet for further information.

**4. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM AND CONTENTS**

7 film-coated tablets  
10 film-coated tablets  
14 film-coated tablets  
20 film-coated tablets  
21 film-coated tablets  
28 film-coated tablets  
30 film-coated tablets  
40 film-coated tablets  
50 film-coated tablets  
50 x 1 film-coated tablet (unit dose)  
60 film-coated tablets  
90 film-coated tablets  
100 film-coated tablets  
105 film-coated tablets

**5. METHOD AND ROUTE(S) OF ADMINISTRATION**

Swallow the tablet whole with water.  
Read the package leaflet before use.  
Oral use.

**6. SPECIAL WARNING THAT THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT MUST BE STORED OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**7. OTHER SPECIAL WARNING(S), IF NECESSARY**

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE CONDITIONS**

**10. SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF UNUSED MEDICINAL PRODUCTS OR WASTE MATERIALS DERIVED FROM SUCH MEDICINAL PRODUCTS, IF APPROPRIATE**

**11. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Teva B.V.  
Swensweg 5  
2031 GA Haarlem  
The Netherlands

**12. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

EU/1/11/732/001 7 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/002 10 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/003 14 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/004 20 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/005 21 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/006 28 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/007 30 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/008 40 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/009 50 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/010 60 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/011 90 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/012 100 film-coated tablets  
EU/1/11/732/013 50 x 1 film-coated tablet (unit dose)  
EU/1/11/732/014 105 film-coated tablets

**13. BATCH NUMBER**

Batch

**14. GENERAL CLASSIFICATION FOR SUPPLY**

Medicinal product subject to medical prescription.

**15. INSTRUCTIONS ON USE**

**16. INFORMATION IN BRAILLE**

Desloratadine Teva 5 mg

**17. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – 2D BARCODE**

2D barcode carrying the unique identifier included.

**18. UNIQUE IDENTIFIER – HUMAN READABLE DATA**

PC:

SN:

NN:



**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON BLISTERS OR STRIPS**

**BLISTER**

**1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets  
Desloratadine

**2. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Teva B.V.

**3. EXPIRY DATE**

EXP

**4. BATCH NUMBER**

Batch

**5. OTHER**

**B. PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **Package leaflet: Information for the patient**

### **Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets** Desloratadine

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

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

#### **What is in this leaflet:**

1. What Desloratadine Teva is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you take Desloratadine Teva
3. How to take Desloratadine Teva
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Desloratadine Teva
6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### **1. What Desloratadine Teva is and what it is used for**

##### **What Desloratadine Teva is**

Desloratadine Teva contains desloratadine which is an antihistamine.

##### **How Desloratadine Teva works**

Desloratadine Teva is an antiallergy medicine that does not make you drowsy. It helps control your allergic reaction and its symptoms.

##### **When Desloratadine Teva should be used**

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

Desloratadine Teva is also used to relieve the symptoms associated with urticaria (a skin condition caused by an allergy). These symptoms include itching and hives.

Relief of these symptoms lasts a full day and helps you to resume your normal daily activities and sleep.

#### **2. What you need to know before you take Desloratadine Teva**

##### **Do not take Desloratadine Teva**

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

##### **Warnings and precautions**

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Desloratadine Teva

- if you have poor kidney function.

- if you have medical or familial history of seizures.

#### **Use in children and adolescents**

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

#### **Other medicines and Desloratadine Teva**

There are no known interactions of Desloratadine Teva with other medicines.

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

#### **Desloratadine Teva with food, drink and alcohol**

Desloratadine Teva may be taken with or without a meal.

Use caution when taking Desloratadine Teva with alcohol.

#### **Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

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

Taking Desloratadine Teva is not recommended if you are pregnant or nursing a baby.

#### **Fertility**

There is no data available on male/female fertility.

#### **Driving and using machines**

At the recommended dose, this medicine is not expected to affect your ability to drive or use machines.

Although most people do not experience drowsiness, it is recommended not to engage in activities requiring mental alertness, such as driving a car or operating machinery until you have established your own response to the medicinal product.

#### **Desloratadine Teva contains lactose**

Desloratadine Teva contains lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicine.

### **3. How to take Desloratadine Teva**

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

#### **Adults and adolescents 12 years of age and over**

The recommended dose is one tablet once a day with water, with or without food.

This medicine is for oral use.

Swallow the tablet whole.

Regarding the duration of treatment, your doctor will determine the type of allergic rhinitis you are suffering from and will determine for how long you should take Desloratadine Teva.

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

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

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

#### **If you take more Desloratadine Teva than you should**

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

**If you forget to take Desloratadine Teva**

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

**If you stop taking Desloratadine Teva**

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.

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

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

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

Common: the following may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- fatigue
- dry mouth
- headache

Adults

During the marketing of Desloratadine Teva, the following side effects were reported as:

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

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

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- unusual weakness
- yellowing of the skin and/or eyes
- increased sensitivity of the skin to the sun, even in case of hazy sun, and to UV light, for instance to UV lights of a solarium
- changes in the way the heart beats
- abnormal behaviour
- aggression
- weight increased
- increased appetite

Children

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- slow heartbeat
- change in the way the heart beats

- abnormal behaviour
- aggression

## 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 national reporting system listed in [Appendix V](#)\*. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

## 5. How to store Desloratadine Teva

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister after “EXP”. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not use this medicine if you notice any change in the appearance of the tablets.

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 Desloratadine Teva contains

- The active substance is 5 mg desloratadine.
- The other ingredients are microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinised maize starch, talc, silica colloidal anhydrous, lactose monohydrate, hypromellose, titanium dioxide (E171), macrogol 400, indigo carmine (E132), shellac and propylene glycol.

### What Desloratadine Teva looks like and contents of the pack

Blue, round, biconvex film-coated tablet - printed in with ink: “D5” on one side and plain on the other. Desloratadine Teva 5 mg film-coated tablets are supplied in blister packs of 7, 10, 14, 20, 21, 28, 30, 40, 50, 60, 90, 100 and 105 film-coated tablets and in perforated blister packs of 50 x 1 film-coated tablet (unit dose). Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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