

1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

RESTASIS™

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

ciclosporin 0.05% w/v

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Ophthalmic Emulsion

4 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion is indicated to increase tear production in patients whose tear production is presumed to be suppressed due to ocular inflammation associated with keratoconjunctivitis sicca. Increased tear production was not seen in patients currently taking topical anti-inflammatory drugs or using punctal plugs.

5 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Invert the unit dose vial a few times to obtain a uniform, white, opaque emulsion before using. Instill one drop of RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion twice a day in each eye approximately 12 hours apart. RESTASIS can be used concomitantly with lubricant eye drops, allowing a 15-minute interval between products. Discard vial immediately after use.

6 CONTRAINDICATIONS

RESTASIS is contraindicated in patients with known or suspected hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 10.

7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

7.1 Potential for Eye Injury and Contamination

Be careful not to touch the vial tip to your eye or other surfaces to avoid potential for eye injury and contamination.

7.2 Use with Contact Lenses

RESTASIS should not be administered while wearing contact lenses. Patients with decreased tear production typically should not wear contact lenses. If contact lenses are worn, they should be removed prior to the administration of the emulsion. Lenses may be reinserted 15 minutes following administration of RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion.

8 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Potential for Eye Injury and Contamination [*see Warnings and Precautions (7.1)*]

8.1 Clinical Trials Experience

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

In clinical trials, the most common adverse reaction following the use of RESTASIS was ocular burning (17%).

Other reactions reported in 1% to 5% of patients included conjunctival hyperemia, discharge, epiphora, eye pain, foreign body sensation, pruritus, stinging, and visual disturbance (most often blurring).

8.2 Post-marketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post approval use of RESTASIS. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Reported reactions have included: hypersensitivity (including eye swelling, urticaria, rare cases of severe angioedema, face swelling, tongue swelling, pharyngeal edema, and dyspnea); and superficial injury of the eye (from the vial tip touching the eye during administration).

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. Any suspected adverse events should be reported to the Ministry of Health according to the National Regulation by using an online form:

<https://sideeffects.health.gov.il>

9 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

9.1 Pregnancy

Risk Summary

Clinical administration of ciclosporin ophthalmic emulsion 0.05% is not detected systemically following topical ocular administration [*see Clinical Pharmacology (11)*], and maternal use is not expected to result in fetal exposure to the drug. Oral administration of ciclosporin to pregnant rats or rabbits did not produce teratogenicity at clinically relevant doses [*see Data*].

Data

Animal Data

At maternally toxic doses (30 mg/kg/day in rats and 100 mg/kg/day in rabbits), ciclosporin oral solution (USP) was teratogenic as indicated by increased pre- and postnatal mortality, reduced fetal weight and skeletal retardations. These doses (normalized to body surface area) are 5,000 and 32,000 times greater, respectively, than the daily recommended human dose of one-drop (approximately 28 mcL) of ciclosporin ophthalmic emulsion 0.05% twice daily into each eye of a 60 kg person (0.001 mg/kg/day), assuming that the entire dose is absorbed. No evidence of embryofetal toxicity was observed in rats or rabbits receiving ciclosporin during organogenesis at oral doses up to 17 mg/kg/day or 30 mg/kg/day, respectively. These doses in rats and rabbits are approximately 3,000 and 10,000 times greater, respectively, than the daily recommended human dose.

An oral dose of 45 mg/kg/day ciclosporin administered to rats from Day 15 of pregnancy until Day 21 postpartum produced maternal toxicity and an increase in postnatal mortality in offspring. This dose is 7,000 times greater than the daily recommended human dose. No adverse effects in dams or offspring were observed at oral doses up to 15 mg/kg/day (2,000 times greater than the daily recommended human dose).

9.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

Ciclosporin is known to appear in human milk following systemic administration, but its presence in human milk following topical treatment has not been investigated. Although blood concentrations are undetectable following topical administration of RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion [*see Clinical Pharmacology (11.2)*], caution should be exercised when RESTASIS is administered to a nursing woman. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for RESTASIS and any potential adverse effects on the breast-fed child from ciclosporin.

9.3 Pediatric Use

Safety and efficacy have not been established in pediatric patients below the age of 16.

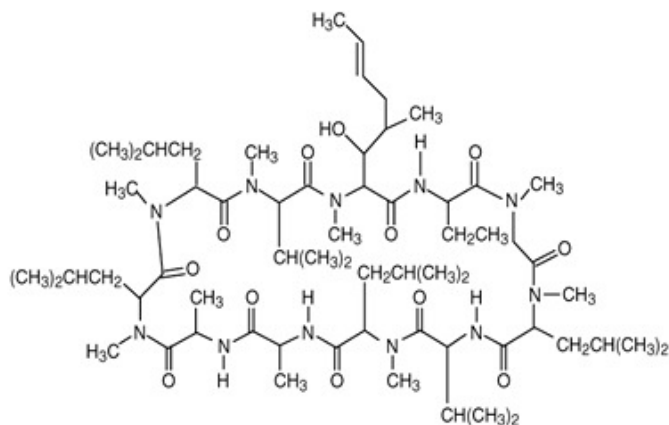
9.4 Geriatric Use

No overall difference in safety or effectiveness has been observed between elderly and younger patients.

10 DESCRIPTION

RESTASIS (cyclosporin ophthalmic emulsion) 0.05% contains a topical calcineurin inhibitor immunosuppressant with anti-inflammatory effects. Cyclosporin's chemical name is Cyclo[[*(E)*-(2*S*,3*R*,4*R*)-3-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-(methylamino)-6-octenoyl]-*L*-2-aminobutyryl-*N*-methylglycyl-*N*-methyl-*L*-leucyl-*L*-valyl-*N*-methyl-*L*-leucyl-*L*-alanyl-*D*-alanyl-*N*-methyl-*L*-leucyl-*N*-methyl-*L*-leucyl-*N*-methyl-*L*-valyl] and it has the following structure:

Structural Formula



Formula: C₆₂H₁₁₁N₁₁O₁₂ Mol. Wt.: 1202.6

Cyclosporin is a fine white powder. RESTASIS appears as a white opaque to slightly translucent homogeneous emulsion. It has an osmolality of 230 to 320 mOsmol/kg and a pH of 6.5-8.0.

RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion contains:

Active: cyclosporin 0.05% w/v.

Inactives: glycerin, castor oil, polysorbate 80, sodium hydroxide to adjust pH, carbomer copolymer type A and purified water.

11 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

11.1 Mechanism of Action

Cyclosporin is an immunosuppressive agent when administered systemically.

In patients whose tear production is presumed to be suppressed due to ocular inflammation associated with keratoconjunctivitis sicca, cyclosporin emulsion is thought to act as a partial immunomodulator. The exact mechanism of action is not known.

11.2 Pharmacokinetics

Blood cyclosporin A concentrations were measured using a specific high pressure liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry assay. Blood concentrations of cyclosporin, in all the samples collected, after topical administration of RESTASIS 0.05%, twice daily, in humans for up to 12 months, were below the quantitation limit of 0.1 ng/mL. There was no detectable drug accumulation in blood during 12 months of treatment with RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion.

12 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

12.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

Systemic carcinogenicity studies were conducted in male and female mice and rats. In the 78-week oral (diet) mouse study, at doses of 1, 4, and 16 mg/kg/day, evidence of a statistically significant trend was found for lymphocytic lymphomas in females, and the incidence of hepatocellular carcinomas in mid-dose males significantly exceeded the control value.

In the 24-month oral (diet) rat study, conducted at 0.5, 2, and 8 mg/kg/day, pancreatic islet cell adenomas significantly exceeded the control rate in the low dose level. The hepatocellular carcinomas and pancreatic islet cell adenomas were not dose related. The low doses in mice and rats are approximately 80 times greater (normalized to body surface area)

than the daily recommended human dose of one drop (approximately 28 mcL) of 0.05% RESTASIS twice daily into each eye of a 60 kg person (0.001 mg/kg/day), assuming that the entire dose is absorbed.

Mutagenesis

Ciclosporin has not been found to be mutagenic/genotoxic in the Ames Test, the V79-HGPRT Test, the micronucleus test in mice and Chinese hamsters, the chromosome-aberration tests in Chinese hamster bone-marrow, the mouse dominant lethal assay, and the DNA-repair test in sperm from treated mice. A study analyzing sister chromatid exchange (SCE) induction by ciclosporin using human lymphocytes *in vitro* gave indication of a positive effect (i.e., induction of SCE).

Impairment of Fertility

No impairment in fertility was demonstrated in studies in male and female rats receiving oral doses of ciclosporin up to 15 mg/kg/day (approximately 2,000 times the human daily dose of 0.001 mg/kg/day normalized to body surface area) for 9 weeks (male) and 2 weeks (female) prior to mating.

13 CLINICAL STUDIES

Four multicenter, randomized, adequate and well-controlled clinical studies were performed in approximately 1,200 patients with moderate to severe keratoconjunctivitis sicca. RESTASIS demonstrated statistically significant increases in Schirmer wetting of 10 mm versus vehicle at six months in patients whose tear production was presumed to be suppressed due to ocular inflammation. This effect was seen in approximately 15% of RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion-treated patients versus approximately 5% of vehicle-treated patients. Increased tear production was not seen in patients currently taking topical anti-inflammatory drugs or using punctal plugs.

No increase in bacterial or fungal ocular infections was reported following administration of RESTASIS.

14 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

RESTASIS ophthalmic emulsion is packaged in sterile, preservative-free single use vials.

Each vial contains 0.4 mL fill in a 0.9 mL LDPE vial; 30 vials are packaged in a polypropylene tray with an aluminum peelable lid. The entire contents of each tray (30 vials) must be dispensed intact.

Storage: Do not store above 25° C. Protect from light.

The expiry date of the product is indicated on the packaging materials.

15 REGISTRATION HOLDER

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16 MANUFACTURER

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17 REGISTRATION NUMBER

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