

## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

### **Bronchitol**

40 mg inhalation powder, hard capsules

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each hard capsule contains 40 mg mannitol.

Mean delivered dose per capsule is 32.2 mg.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Inhalation powder, hard capsule.

Clear colourless hard capsules marked with 'PXS 40 mg' and containing white or almost white powder.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Bronchitol is indicated for the treatment of cystic fibrosis (CF) in adults aged 18 years and above as an add-on therapy to best standard of care.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

The patient's initiation dose of Bronchitol (400 mg) must be used under the supervision and monitoring of an experienced physician or another health care professional appropriately trained and equipped to perform spirometry, monitor oxygen saturation (SpO<sub>2</sub>), and manage acute bronchospasm (see sections 4.4 and 4.8) including appropriate use of resuscitation equipment.

#### Posology

##### *Initiation dose assessment*

Before commencing treatment with Bronchitol, all patients should be assessed for bronchial hyperresponsiveness to inhaled mannitol during administration of their initiation dose (see sections 4.4 and 5.1).

The patient should be pre-medicated with a bronchodilator 5-15 minutes prior to the initiation dose but after the baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> and SpO<sub>2</sub> (Oxygen saturation in the blood) measurement. All FEV<sub>1</sub> measurements and SpO<sub>2</sub> monitoring should be performed 60 seconds after dose inhalation.

Training the patient to practice correct inhaler technique during the initiation dose assessment is important.

The initiation dose assessment must be performed according to the following steps:

Step 1: Patients baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> and SpO<sub>2</sub> is measured prior to the initiation dose

Step 2: Patient inhales 40 mg (1x40 mg capsules) and SpO<sub>2</sub> is monitored

Step 3: Patient inhales 80 mg (2x40 mg capsules) and SpO<sub>2</sub> is monitored

Step 4: Patient inhales 120 mg (3x40 mg capsules), FEV<sub>1</sub> is measured and SpO<sub>2</sub> is monitored

Step 5: Patient inhales 160 mg (4x40 mg capsules), FEV<sub>1</sub> is measured and SpO<sub>2</sub> is monitored  
Step 6: Patients FEV<sub>1</sub> is measured 15 minutes post initiation dose.

Patients with asthma may experience reversible temporary mild bronchospasm after passing the initiation dose assessment and therefore all patients should be monitored until their FEV<sub>1</sub> has returned to baseline levels.

#### *Therapeutic dose regimen*

The therapeutic dose regimen should not be prescribed until the initiation dose assessment has been performed.

For patients receiving several respiratory therapies, the recommended order is:

1. Bronchodilator
2. Bronchitol
3. Physiotherapy/exercise
4. Dornase alfa (if applicable)
5. Inhaled antibiotics (if applicable)

A bronchodilator must be administered 5-15 minutes before each dose of Bronchitol.

The recommended dose of Bronchitol is 400 mg twice a day. This requires the inhalation of the contents of ten capsules via the inhaler device twice a day.

#### Special populations

##### *Renal or hepatic impairment*

Bronchitol has not specifically been studied in patients with impaired renal and hepatic function. Available data from studies DPM-CF-301 and 302 suggest that no dose adjustments are required for these patient populations.

##### *Elderly patients (≥65 years)*

There are insufficient data in this population to support a recommendation for or against dose adjustment.

##### *Paediatric population*

The safety and efficacy of Bronchitol in children and adolescents aged 6 to 18 years has not yet been established. Currently available data are described in sections 4.8, 5.1 and 5.2 but no recommendation on a posology can be made.

The safety and efficacy of Bronchitol in children aged less than 6 years has not been established. No data are available.

#### Method of administration

Bronchitol is administered by the oral inhalation route using the inhaler provided in the pack. It must not be administered by any other route or using any other inhaler. The capsules must not be swallowed.

The doses should be taken morning and night with the evening dose taken 2-3 hours before bedtime.

Each of the capsules is loaded into the device separately. The contents of the capsules are inhaled via the inhaler device with one or two breaths. After inhalation, each empty capsule is discarded before inserting the next capsule into the inhaler device with as little delay as possible between capsules.

The inhaler device is to be replaced after one week of use. If the inhaler does require cleaning, ensure the device is empty then wash in warm water and before re-use, allow the inhaler to thoroughly air dry.

Detailed instructions on how to use the inhaler can be found in the patient information leaflet. Patients

should be advised to carefully read them.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance.

Bronchial hyperresponsiveness to inhaled mannitol (see section 4.4).

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

#### Hyperresponsiveness to mannitol

Patients must be monitored for bronchial hyperresponsiveness to inhaled mannitol during their initiation dose assessment before commencing the therapeutic dose regimen of Bronchitol. If unable to perform spirometry patients cannot undergo the initiation dose assessment and must not be prescribed Bronchitol. The usual precautions regarding bronchial hyperresponsiveness monitoring apply (see section 4.2). Hyperresponsive patients should not be prescribed the therapeutic dose regimen of Bronchitol (see section 4.3).

A patient is defined as hyperresponsive to inhaled mannitol and must not be prescribed the therapeutic dose regimen if they experience any of the following:

- $\geq 10\%$  fall from baseline in SpO<sub>2</sub> at any point of the assessment;
- FEV<sub>1</sub> fall from baseline is  $\geq 20\%$  at 240 mg cumulative dose;
- FEV<sub>1</sub> has fallen 20- $<50\%$  (from baseline) at the end of the assessment and does not return to  $<20\%$  within 15 minutes;
- FEV<sub>1</sub> has fallen  $\geq 50\%$  (from baseline) at the end of the assessment.

If a therapy induced hyperresponsive reaction is suspected, Bronchitol should be discontinued.

#### Bronchospasm

Bronchospasm can occur with inhalation of medicinal product and has been reported with Bronchitol in clinical studies, even in patients who were not hyperresponsive to the initiation dose of inhaled mannitol (see section 4.8). Bronchospasm should be treated with a bronchodilator or as medically appropriate.

If there is evidence of therapy induced bronchospasm, the physician should carefully evaluate whether the benefits of continued use of Bronchitol outweigh the risks to the patient.

All patients should be formally reviewed after approximately six weeks of Bronchitol treatment to assess for signs and symptoms suggestive of drug induced bronchospasm. The initiation dose assessment described in section 4.2 should be repeated if uncertainty exists.

#### Asthma

The safety/efficacy of mannitol in patients with asthma has not been properly studied. Patients with asthma must be carefully monitored for worsening signs and symptoms of asthma after the initiation dose of Bronchitol.

Patients must be advised to report worsening signs and symptoms of asthma during therapeutic use to their physician. If there is evidence of therapy induced bronchospasm, the physician should carefully evaluate whether the benefits of continued use of Bronchitol outweigh the risks to the patient. Bronchospasm should be treated with a bronchodilator or as medically appropriate.

#### Haemoptysis

Haemoptysis has been commonly reported with Bronchitol in clinical studies. Bronchitol has not been studied in patients with a history of significant episodes of haemoptysis ( $>60$  ml) in the previous three months. As a consequence, these patients should be carefully monitored, and Bronchitol should be withheld in the event of massive haemoptysis. A massive/serious haemoptysis is considered to be:

- acute bleeding  $\geq 240$  ml in a 24-hour period 3

- recurrent bleeding  $\geq 100$  ml/day over several days

The reinstatement or withholding of Bronchitol following smaller episodes of haemoptysis should be based on clinical judgement.

### Cough

Cough was very commonly reported with use of Bronchitol in clinical studies (see section 4.8). Patients should be trained to practice correct inhaler technique during treatment and advised to report persistent cough with the use of Bronchitol to their physician.

### Impaired lung function

Safety and efficacy have not been demonstrated in patients with a FEV<sub>1</sub> of less than 30% of predicted (see section 5.1). The use of Bronchitol is not recommended in these patients.

### Non-CF Bronchiectasis

Efficacy and safety have not been established in non-CF bronchiectasis patients. Therefore, treatment with Bronchitol is not recommended.

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

No formal interaction studies have been conducted.

However, Bronchitol has been used in clinical studies in conjunction with standard cystic fibrosis therapies such as mucolytics, antibiotics (including tobramycin and colistimethate sodium), bronchodilators, pancreatic enzymes, vitamins, inhaled and systemic corticosteroids, and analgesics.

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

### Pregnancy

There are limited data (less than 300 pregnancy outcomes) from the use of mannitol in pregnant women. Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). As the effects of a possible hyperresponsive reaction on the mother and/or foetus are unknown, caution should be exercised when prescribing bronchitol to pregnant women. As a precautionary measure, it is preferable to avoid the use of Bronchitol during pregnancy.

### Breastfeeding

It is unknown whether mannitol is excreted in human milk. The excretion of mannitol in milk has not been studied in animals. A risk to the newborns/infants cannot be excluded. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast feeding or to discontinue Bronchitol therapy taking into account the benefit of breast feeding for the child and the benefit of Bronchitol therapy for the woman.

### Fertility

For mannitol no clinical data on fertility is available. Animal reproduction studies have not been carried out with inhaled mannitol. However, studies with orally administered mannitol indicate no fertility effects (see section 5.3).

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

Bronchitol has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

## **4.8 Undesirable effects**

### Summary of the safety profile

#### Initiation dose assessment

The most commonly observed adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol during the initiation dose assessment is cough (3.6% of patients), (see section 4.4).

The most important adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol during the initiation dose

assessment is bronchospasm (see section 4.4).

Therapeutic dose regimen

The most commonly observed adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol is cough (see section 4.4). This was observed in 10.2% of patients compared to 5.0% of patients in the control arm. Cough which led to cessation of treatment was also commonly experienced and was observed in 4.7% of patients in the Bronchitol treatment arm.

The most important adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol is haemoptysis. The proportion of patients who experienced haemoptysis as an adverse reaction was 7.3% and 2.9% in the Bronchitol arms for studies 301 and 302, respectively vs. 3.4% and 0% in the control arms. Total haemoptysis incidence including during exacerbation was 15.8% in the mannitol arm and 14.6% in the control arm (see section 4.4).

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Frequencies provided in Table 1 and 2 are based on the observations on the day of screening and during two pivotal comparative clinical studies investigating the effect of Bronchitol (safety population, 361 patients on Bronchitol).

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 ( $\geq 1/100,000$  to  $< 1/10,000$ ); Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

Within each frequency grouping, adverse reactions are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 1: Frequency of adverse reactions with Bronchitol during the treatment phase and on the day of screening

Uncommon	Common	Very common	System organ class
Bacterial disease carrier Oral candidiasis Staphylococcal infection			Infections and infestations
Decreased appetite CF related diabetes Dehydration <sup>1</sup>			Metabolism and nutrition disorders
Initial insomnia Morbid thoughts			Psychiatric Disorders
Dizziness <sup>2</sup>	Headache		Nervous system disorders
Ear Pain			Ear and labyrinth disorders
Wheezing <sup>1</sup> Bacteria sputum identified Asthma Rhinorrhoea Bronchospasm <sup>2</sup>	Haemoptysis Condition aggravated <sup>2</sup> Pharyngolaryngeal pain Cough <sup>1</sup> Chest discomfort <sup>2</sup> Wheezing	Cough	Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders

Fungus sputum test positive Dysphonia Dyspnoea Hyperventilation Obstructive airways disorder Respiratory tract congestion Sputum discoloured Bronchitis Bronchopneumonia Lung infection Pharyngitis Upper respiratory tract infection Hypoxia <sup>1</sup> Productive cough <sup>1</sup> Forced expiratory volume decreased <sup>1</sup> Chest pain <sup>1</sup> Throat irritation <sup>1</sup>	Productive cough Throat irritation		
Nausea <sup>2</sup> Vomiting <sup>1</sup> Diarrhoea <sup>1</sup> Eructation Flatulence Gastrooesophageal reflux disease Glossodynia Retching <sup>2</sup> Stomatitis Abdominal pain upper <sup>1</sup> Apthous Stomatitis <sup>1</sup> Odynophagia <sup>1</sup> Post-tussive vomiting <sup>1</sup>	Post-tussive vomiting Vomiting		Gastrointestinal disorders
Acne Cold sweat Pruritus Rash Rash pruritic			Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders
Musculoskeletal chest pain Arthralgia Back pain Joint stiffness Musculoskeletal pain			Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders
Urinary incontinence			Renal and urinary disorders
Influenza like illness Fatigue <sup>2</sup> Hernia pain Malaise Pyrexia			General disorders and administration site conditions
Blood alkaline phosphatase increased <sup>1</sup>			Investigations

<sup>1</sup>Adverse reaction occurred on the day of screening

<sup>2</sup>Adverse reaction occurred both during the treatment phase and on the day of screening

Twenty seven (7%) out of 389 patients enrolled in study 301 and 14 (4.1%) out of 342 enrolled in study 302 were not randomised due to a positive mannitol tolerance test (MTT). In study 301, overall the most frequently reported events during the MTT were cough in 18 (4.8%) subjects, wheezing/bronchospasm in eight (2.1%) subjects and chest discomfort in six (1.6%) subjects. In study 302 the most frequent clinical sign or symptom reported during the MTT was cough (7.9%).

#### Paediatric population (6 to 17 years of age)

Frequency, type and severity of adverse reactions in children are similar to those observed in adults.

#### *Initiation dose*

The most commonly observed adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol during the initiation dose assessment with the paediatric population is cough (4.8% of patients).

The most important adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol during the initiation dose assessment with the paediatric population is bronchospasm.

#### *Therapeutic dose regimen*

The most commonly observed adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol is cough. This was observed in 7.8% of patients compared to 3.8% of patients in the control arm.

The most important adverse reaction associated with the use of Bronchitol is haemoptysis.

Table2: Frequency of adverse reactions with Bronchitol during the treatment phase and on the day of screening-paediatric population

Uncommon	Common	Very common	System organ class
Initial insomnia			Psychiatric disorders
Dizziness <sup>2</sup>	Headache		Nervous system disorders
Ear Pain			Ear and labyrinth disorders
Bronchitis Bronchopneumonia Dysphonia Hyperventilation Sputum Discoloured Throat irritation Pharyngitis Upper respiratory tract infection Bronchospasm <sup>1</sup> Dyspnoea Chest discomfort <sup>1</sup> Chest pain <sup>1</sup>	Cough <sup>2</sup> Condition aggravated Haemoptysis Pharyngolaryngeal pain Bacteria sputum identified Chest discomfort Wheezing Asthma Productive cough		Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders
Nausea <sup>2</sup> Vomiting <sup>1</sup> Odynophagia <sup>1</sup> Post-tussive vomiting <sup>1</sup> Retching <sup>1</sup>	Vomiting Post-tussive vomiting		Gastrointestinal disorders
Pruritus Pruritic rash			Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders
Musculoskeletal chest pain			Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders
Urinary incontinence			Renal and urinary disorders
Pyrexia			General disorders and

administration site conditions			
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<sup>1</sup>Adverse reaction occurred on the day of screening

<sup>2</sup>Adverse reaction occurred both during the treatment phase and on the day of screening

#### 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://forms.gov.il/globaldata/getsequence/getsequence.aspx?formType=AdversEffectMedic@moh.gov.il>

and emailed to the Registration Holder's Patient Safety Unit at: [drugsafety@neopharmgroup.com](mailto:drugsafety@neopharmgroup.com)

### **4.9 Overdose**

Susceptible persons may suffer bronchoconstriction in the event of an inhaled overdose. If excessive coughing and bronchoconstriction occurs, a beta<sub>2</sub> agonist should be given, and oxygen if necessary.

## **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Cough and cold preparations, Mucolytic. ATC code: R05CB16

#### Mechanism of action

Bronchitol is an inhaled hyperosmotic medicinal product. While the exact mechanism of action is unknown, inhaled mannitol may change the viscoelastic properties of mucus, increase the hydration of the periciliary fluid layer and contribute to increased mucus clearance of the retained secretions through mucociliary activity. Productive cough can contribute to sputum clearance.

#### Pharmacodynamic effects

In the ITT population of an open label dose response study, DPM-CF-202, the mean (SD) percent change in FEV<sub>1</sub> for the 400 mg dose was 8.75 (SD: 12.4) and -1.569 (SD: 9.0) for 40 mg dose (p < 0.0001).

#### Clinical efficacy and safety

Two Phase 3, 26-week double blind, randomised, parallel arm, controlled, intervention studies (DPM-CF-301 and DPM-CF-302) have been performed in which 324 (DPM-CF-301) and 318 (DPM-CF-302) patients aged 6 years and above were randomised in a 3:2 ratio to inhaled mannitol 400 mg twice daily or to control (inhaled mannitol 50 mg twice daily). Twenty seven (7%) out of 389 patients enrolled in study 301 and 14 (4.1%) out of 342 enrolled in study 302 were not randomised due to a positive mannitol tolerance test (MTT) defined as either 1) a fall in FEV<sub>1</sub> >20% from baseline at midpoint (step 4) or 2) fall from baseline > 20 % at end of test that did not recover to < 20% within 15 minutes or 3) who had a fall in FEV<sub>1</sub> > 50% from baseline at end of test (step 6) or 4) who had a fall in SpO<sub>2</sub> to < 89% during the procedure. An additional 4% (n=27) of patients from the two studies had incomplete MTTs and were not randomised.

Mean (SD) baseline FEV<sub>1</sub> percent predicted in study DPM-CF-301 (safety population, N= 295) was 62.4 (SD:16.45) and 61.4 (SD:16.13) in the mannitol and control groups, respectively. These figures for study DPM-CF-302 (N=305) are as follows: 65.24 (SD:13.90) and 64.35 (SD:15.29). In study DPM-CF-301 64.4 % of the patient population were adults while in study DPM-CF-302 this figure was 49.5%. Fifty five % of patients were receiving rhDNase in study DPM-CF-301 while in study DPM-CF-302 this number was 75%. The percentage of patients receiving inhaled antibiotics was 55% in study DPM-CF-301 and 56% in study DPM-CF-302. Concomitant administration with hypertonic saline was not permitted in these trials.

The primary pre-specified endpoint i.e. the change from baseline in FEV<sub>1</sub> (ml) in the modified ITT



(mITT) population (n=269 and 297 in studies DPM-CF-301 and DPM-CF-302, respectively) compared to control over the 26 weeks period is provided in Table 1 alongside FEV<sub>1</sub> presented as absolute and relative change % predicted.

Table 1 – Change in FEV<sub>1</sub> from baseline over 26 weeks in the mITT and adult populations

	<b>Effect size estimate</b>			
	<b>DPM-CF-301</b>		<b>DPM-CF-302</b>	
	<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>p</b>	<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	<b>p</b>
	<b>(95% CI)</b>	<b>value</b>	<b>(95% CI)</b>	<b>value</b>
	<b>Overall Population</b>			
	<b>N=269</b>		<b>N=297</b>	
<b>Absolute mL</b>	<b>94.5</b> (46.2, 142.7)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>54.1</b> (-1.97, 110.3)	<b>0.059</b>
<b>Absolute % predicted</b>	<b>2.4</b> (0.9, 3.9)	<b>0.001</b>	<b>1.9</b> (-0.02, 3.8)	<b>0.052</b>
<b>Relative % predicted</b>	<b>3.5</b> (1.0, 6.1)	<b>0.007</b>	<b>3.6</b> (0.3, 6.9)	<b>0.033</b>
	<b>Adult Population</b>			
	<b>N=171</b>		<b>N=144</b>	
<b>Absolute mL</b>	<b>108.5</b> (47.6, 169.4)	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>85.9</b> (4.6, 167.3)	<b>0.038</b>
<b>Absolute % predicted</b>	<b>2.7</b> (0.9, 4.5)	<b>0.004</b>	<b>2.3</b> (-0.4, 5.1)	<b>0.095</b>
<b>Relative % predicted</b>	<b>4.3</b> (1.1, 7.5)	<b>0.008</b>	<b>5.0</b> (0.2, 9.8)	<b>0.040</b>

In rhDNase users in study 301 the relative change in FEV<sub>1</sub> % predicted from baseline across 26 weeks of treatment was 2.83 (95% CI -0.62, 6.27). For non-users the relative change was 4.30 (95% CI 0.53, 8.07). In study 302 the relative change (95% CI) for rhDNase users and non-users was 3.21 (-0.61, 7.03) and 4.73 (-1.93, 11.40), respectively.

The number of subjects with at least one protocol defined pulmonary exacerbation (PDPE, defined by the presence of at least 4 symptoms and signs plus the use of intravenous antibiotics) was 18.1% in the mannitol arm and 28% in the control arm in study 301 (ITT population). In study 302 15.2% subjects in the mannitol arm and 19% in the control had a PDPE.

The estimated effect of treatment (mean change and 95% CI from baseline over 26 weeks, mITT population) on FVC was 108.78 ml (95% CI: 49.21, 168.35) in study 301 and 71.4 ml (95% CI: 10.57, 132.13) in study 302.

#### Paediatric population

As stated in section 4.2, the safety and efficacy of Bronchitol in children and adolescents aged less

than 18 years has not been established.

In studies DPM-CF-301 and 302 relative % predicted FEV<sub>1</sub> compared to control in children (6-11 years) was improved by 0.44% (95% CI -5.90, 6.77, N=43) and 6.1% (95% CI -1.28, 13.54, N=59) over 26 weeks (p=0.892 and 0.104) respectively.

In adolescents (12-17 years) relative change in % predicted FEV<sub>1</sub> compared to control improved by 3.31% (95% CI -2.29, 8.90, N=55) and 0.42% (95% CI -5.45, 6.29, N=94) over 26 weeks (p=0.245 and 0.888) respectively.

## **5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties**

### Absorption

In a study of 18 healthy male adult volunteers, the absolute bioavailability of mannitol powder for inhalation by comparison to mannitol administered intravenously was 0.59% ± 0.15.

The rate and extent of absorption of mannitol after inhaled administration was very similar to that observed after oral administration. The T<sub>max</sub> after inhaled administration was 1.5 ± 0.5 hours.

In a study of 9 cystic fibrosis patients (6 adults, 3 adolescents), using 400 mg inhaled mannitol as a single dose (Day 1) then twice a day for 7 days (Days 2 - 7), pharmacokinetic parameters were similar for adults and adolescents, except for a longer average apparent terminal half life for adolescents (Day 1 = 7.29 hours, Day 7 = 6.52 hours) compared with adults (Day 1 = 6.10 hours, Day 7 = 5.42 hours). Overall, the comparison of AUCs between Day 1 and Day 7 showed a time independence of pharmacokinetics, indicating linearity at the dose level administered in this study.

### Biotransformation

A small percentage of systemically absorbed mannitol undergoes hepatic metabolism to glycogen and carbon dioxide. Studies in rats, mice and humans have demonstrated that mannitol has no toxic metabolites. The metabolic pathway of inhaled mannitol was not examined in pharmacokinetic studies.

### Distribution

Lung deposition studies have demonstrated a 24.7% deposition of inhaled mannitol confirming its distribution to the target organ. Nonclinical toxicology studies indicate that mannitol inhaled into the lungs is absorbed into the bloodstream, with the maximum serum concentration being achieved occurring at 1 hour. There is no evidence that mannitol is accumulated in the body, therefore distribution of inhaled mannitol was not examined in PK studies.

### Elimination

The cumulative amount of mannitol filtered into the urine over the 24 hour collection period was similar for inhaled (55%) and oral (54%) mannitol. When administered intravenously, mannitol is eliminated largely unchanged by glomerular filtration and 87% of the dose is excreted in the urine within 24 hours. The mean terminal half-life in adults was approximately 4 to 5 hours from serum and approximately 3.66 hours from urine.

### Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of Bronchitol in children and adolescents aged 6 to 18 years has not yet been established.

Adolescents aged 12 to 17 years. Limited data available in the population indicate the pharmacokinetic parameters of inhaled mannitol are similar to the adult population. There are no data available for children under 12 years of age.

## **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

In male rats after 13 weeks of inhaled mannitol dosing, elevated circulating lymphocyte numbers and mandibular lymph node plasmacytosis was observed at doses greater than 9.3 fold the maximal dose. The elevated lymphocyte count was within historical control values, did not progress and was essentially resolved by the end of the in life phase of the study and following withdrawal of treatment.

This effect was not noted in any other species and did not result in clinical signs.

In dogs an increased occurrence of coughing was observed both during and immediately post dose for low and high dose inhaled mannitol administration. No treatment-related adverse effect occurred greater than 13 fold the maximal therapeutic dose.

No mutagenic or genotoxic effect has been revealed when mannitol was assayed in a standard battery of genotoxicity tests.

Mannitol was shown not to be an irritant in an isolated bovine eye assay or when introduced into rabbit eyes.

No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed when dietary mannitol ( $\leq 5\%$ ) was administered to mice and rats for 2 years. Carcinogenicity studies have not been carried out with inhaled mannitol.

Reproduction and developmental toxicity studies have not been carried out with inhaled mannitol. However, studies conducted with mannitol administered via other routes indicated no effect on foetal survival in mice, rats and hamsters and on embryo and foetal development in rats and rabbits.

Animal reproduction studies have not been carried out with inhaled mannitol. However, studies conducted with orally administered mannitol indicated no teratogenic effects in mice or rats, at doses of up to 1.6 g/kg, or in hamsters at 1.2 g/kg.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

gelatin

### **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

### **6.3 Shelf life**

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

Discard the inhaler and its cap 1 week after first use.

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

Store below 30°C.

Bronchitol capsules must always be stored in the blister and only removed immediately before use.

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

Bronchitol 40 mg capsules are presented in double aluminium blisters in cartons containing 10, 140 or 280 capsules for initial dose and treatment use respectively.

The initiation dose carton contains 1 blister strip (of 10 capsules) and one inhaler device.

The 1-week carton contains 14 blister strips (of 10 capsules each) and one inhaler devices.

The 2-week carton contains 28 blister strips (of 10 capsules each) and two inhaler devices.

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

No special requirements.

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements

**7. MANUFACTURER**

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**8. REGISTRATION HOLDER**

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**9. REGISTRATION NUMBER**

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