



# Certificate of a Medicinal Product<sup>1</sup>

## Certificado de Medicamento<sup>1</sup>

## Certificat de Médicament<sup>1</sup>

This Certificate conforms to the format recommended by the World Health Organization. (Explanatory notes attached) /  
El presente certificado se adapta al formato recomendado por la Organización Mundial de la Salud. (Se adjuntan notas explicativas) /  
Ce Certificat est conforme à la présentation recommandée par l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé. (Voir notes explicatives ci-jointes)

No. of Certificate / N° de certificado / N° du certificat: **01/20/152333**

Exporting (Certifying) region / Región exportadora (que certifica) / Région d'exportation (certificateur) :  
**European Union / Unión Europea / Union Européenne :**

**Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and United Kingdom.**

**Bélgica, Bulgaria, Chequia, Dinamarca, Alemania, Estonia, Irlanda, Grecia, España, Francia, Croatie, Italia, Chipre, Letonia, Lituania, Luxemburgo, Hungría, Malta, Países Bajos, Austria, Polonia, Portugal, Rumanía, Eslovenia, Eslovaquia, Finlandia, Suecia y Reino Unido.**

**Belgique, Bulgarie, Tchèque, Danemark, Allemagne, Estonie, Irlande, Grèce, Espagne, France, Croacia, Italie, Chypre, Lettonie, Lituanie, Luxembourg, Hongrie, Malte, Pays-Bas, Autriche, Pologne, Portugal, Roumanie, Slovénie, Slovaquie, Finlande, Suède et Royaume-Uni.**

As of 1.2.2020, the UK is no longer an EU Member State. However, EU law still applies to the UK during the transition period /  
Depuis le 1er février 2020, le Royaume-Uni n'est plus un État membre de l'UE. Cependant, il continue d'être soumis au droit de l'UE pendant la période transitoire /  
A partir del 1 de febrero de 2020, el Reino Unido dejará de ser Estado miembro de la UE. Sin embargo, el Derecho de la UE se seguirá aplicando en el Reino Unido durante el período de transición

Importing (requesting) country / País importador (solicitante) / Pays importateur (sollicitant):

### CHILE

- 1 Name and pharmaceutical form of the product / Nombre y forma farmacéutica del medicamento /  
Dénomination et forme pharmaceutique du médicament:

**Rivaroxaban Accord (Trade Name "Trombex" in the importing country, as provided by the requester) Film-coated tablet**

- 1.1 Active substance(s)<sup>2</sup> and amount(s) per unit dose or unit volume<sup>3</sup>:  
Principio(s) activo(s)<sup>2</sup> y cantidad(es) por unidad de dosis o unidad de volumen<sup>3</sup>:  
Substance(s) active(s)<sup>2</sup> et quantité(s) par unité de dose ou unité de volume<sup>3</sup>:

**Rivaroxaban; 2.5 mg, 10 mg, 15 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg or 20 mg**

For complete composition including excipients, see attached. <sup>4</sup> / Para la composición completa incluidos los excipientes, véase información anexa. <sup>4</sup> / La composition complète du médicament, y compris les excipients, voir annexe. <sup>4</sup>

- 1.2 Is this product subject to a Community Marketing Authorisation? <sup>5</sup>  
¿Está sujeto este medicamento a una autorización de comercialización comunitaria? <sup>5</sup>  
Ce médicament fait-il l'objet d'une autorisation communautaire de mise sur le marché? <sup>5</sup>

**yes**

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- 1.3 Is this product actually on the market in the exporting region?  
¿Se encuentra este medicamento en el mercado de la región exportadora?  
Ce médicament est-il actuellement commercialisé dans la région exportatrice?

**yes**

- 2.1 Number in the Community Register of Medicinal Products <sup>7</sup> and date of issue:  
Número de autorización de comercialización comunitaria <sup>7</sup> y fecha de emisión:  
Numéro au registre communautaire de mise sur le marché <sup>7</sup> et date de délivrance:

**EU/1/20/1488/001-053, 16.11.2020**

- 2.2 Community Marketing Authorisation Holder (name and address):  
Titular de la autorización de comercialización comunitaria (nombre y dirección):  
Titulaire de l'autorisation communautaire de mise sur le marché (nom et adresse) :

**Accord Healthcare S.L.U., World Trade Center, Moll de Barcelona s/n, Edifici Est, 6a Planta, Barcelona, 08039, Spain.**

- 2.3 Status of the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder: <sup>8</sup>  
Estatus del titular de la autorización de comercialización comunitaria: <sup>8</sup>  
Statut du titulaire de l'autorisation communautaire de mise sur le marché : <sup>8</sup>

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- 2.3.1 For categories (b) and (c) the name and address of the manufacturer producing the pharmaceutical form is: <sup>9</sup>  
Para las categorías (b) y (c), el nombre y dirección del fabricante que produce la forma farmacéutica es: <sup>9</sup>  
Pour les catégories (b) et (c), nom et l'adresse du fabricant de la forme pharmaceutique considérée : <sup>9</sup>

**Intas Pharmaceuticals Limited, Plot No. 457 and 458, Sarkhej-Bavla Highway, Matoda, Sanand, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-382210, India (also responsible for primary and secondary packaging).**

- 2.4 Is the European Public Assessment Report (EPAR) appended? <sup>10</sup>  
¿Se adjunta el informe europeo público de evaluación (EPAR)? <sup>10</sup>  
Un rapport européen public d'évaluation (EPAR) est-il annexé ? <sup>10</sup>

**no**

- 2.5 Is the attached, officially approved product information included in the Community Marketing Authorisation? <sup>11</sup>  
¿Se incluye la información sobre el medicamento adjunto en la autorización de comercialización comunitaria? <sup>11</sup>  
L'information sur le médicament, officiellement approuvée, fait elle partie de l'autorisation communautaire de mise sur le marché ? <sup>11</sup>

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- 2.6 Applicant for the Certificate, if different from the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder (name and address): <sup>12</sup>  
Solicitante del Certificado, si es diferente del titular de la autorización de comercialización comunitaria (nombre y dirección): <sup>12</sup>  
Demandeur du Certificat, s'il est autre que le titulaire de l'autorisation communautaire de mise sur le marché (nom et adresse) : <sup>12</sup>

3. Does the Certifying Authority arrange for periodic inspections of the manufacturing site in which the pharmaceutical form is produced?  
¿La autoridad certificadora, dispone la inspección periódica de la planta de fabricación en que se produce la forma farmacéutica?  
L'autorité certificatrice organise-t-elle des inspections périodiques de l'usine de production de la forme pharmaceutique?

**yes**

If no or not applicable, proceed to question 4 / Si no o no aplicable, pase a la pregunta 4 / Si la réponse est non ou sans objet, passer à la question 4.

- 3.1 Periodicity of routine inspections: **Frequency of inspections is determined on risk-based approach.**  
Periodicidad de las inspecciones de rutina: **La frecuencia de las inspecciones esta basada en función del riesgo.**  
Périodicité des inspections de routine: **L'évaluation du risque détermine la fréquence des inspections.**

- 3.2 Has the manufacture of this type of pharmaceutical form been inspected?  
¿Se ha inspeccionado la fabricación de este tipo de forma farmacéutica?  
La fabrication de ce type de forme pharmaceutique a-t-elle fait l'objet d'une inspection?

**yes**

- 3.3 Do the facilities and operations conform to GMP as recommended by the World Health Organization? <sup>15</sup>  
¿Se adaptan las instalaciones y procedimientos a las GMP recomendadas por la Organización Mundial de la Salud? <sup>15</sup>  
Est-ce que l'établissement pharmaceutique est conforme aux BPF recommandées par l'Organisation Mondiale de la Santé ? <sup>15</sup>

**yes**

4. Does the information submitted by the applicant satisfy the Certifying Authority on all aspects of the manufacture of the product undertaken by another party? <sup>16</sup>  
¿La información presentada por el solicitante satisface a la autoridad de certificación en relación a todos los aspectos de la fabricación del medicamento realizada por terceros? <sup>16</sup>  
Les informations fournies par le demandeur satisfont-elles aux exigences des autorités certificatrices sur tous les aspects de la fabrication du médicament pris en charge par une tierce partie ? <sup>16</sup>

**yes**

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Address of the Certifying Authority / Dirección de la autoridad certificadora / Adresse de l'autorité certificatrice :

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Name of authorised person / Nombre de la persona autorizada / Nom de la personne autorisée:

Signature / Firma / Signature:

Stamp and date / Sello y fecha / Tampon et date:

**4.12.2020**



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## Explanatory notes

<sup>1</sup> This Certificate, which is in the format recommended by WHO, establishes the status of the medicinal product and of the applicant for the Certificate in the exporting region at the time of issue. It is for a single product at a given point in time since manufacturing arrangements and approved information for different pharmaceutical forms and different strengths can vary.

<sup>2</sup> Whenever possible, International Non-proprietary Names (INNs) or national non-proprietary names are used.

<sup>3</sup> The formula (complete composition) of the pharmaceutical form is appended.

<sup>4</sup> Provision of the details of quantitative composition is attached on request of the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder.

<sup>5</sup> When applicable, details are appended of any conditions or restrictions applied to the supply and use of the product that is entered into the Community Marketing Authorisation.

<sup>6</sup> Not applicable.

<sup>7</sup> Indicated, when applicable, if the Community Marketing Authorisation has been granted under exceptional circumstances, conditional approval or if the product has not yet been approved.

<sup>8</sup> The person responsible for placing the product on the market:

- (a) manufactures the pharmaceutical form;
- (b) packages and/or labels a pharmaceutical form manufactured by an independent company; or
- (c) is involved in none of the above.

<sup>9</sup> This information can only be provided with the consent of the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder or, in the case of non-registered products, the applicant. Non-completion of this section (2.3.1) indicates that the party concerned has not agreed to inclusion of this information. It should be noted that information concerning the site of production is part of the Community Marketing Authorisation. If the production site is changed, the Community Marketing Authorisation has to be updated or it is no longer valid.

<sup>10</sup> This refers to the document that summarises the technical basis on which the product has been authorised.

<sup>11</sup> This refers to the product information which forms a part of the Community Marketing Authorisation, such as the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC).

<sup>12</sup> In this circumstance, permission for issuing the Certificate is required from the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder. This permission has to be provided to the European Medicines Agency by the applicant.

<sup>13</sup> If applicable the reason why the medicinal product does not have a Community Marketing Authorisation, e.g.:

- (a) the product has been developed exclusively for the treatment of conditions – particularly tropical diseases - not endemic in the exporting region;
- (b) the product has been reformulated with a view to improving its stability under tropical conditions;
- (c) the product has been reformulated to exclude excipients not approved for use in medicinal products in the country of import;
- (d) the product has been reformulated to meet a different maximum dosage limit for an active substance;
- (e) any other reason, as specified.

<sup>14</sup> "Not applicable" means the manufacture is taking place in a region other than that issuing the Certificate and inspection is conducted under the aegis of the country of manufacture.

<sup>15</sup> The requirements for good practices in the manufacture and quality control of medicinal products referred to in the Certificate are those included in the thirty-second report of the Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations (WHO Technical Report Series No 823, 1992, Annex 1). Recommendations specifically applicable to biological products have been formulated by the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization (WHO Technical Report Series, No 822, 1992, Annex 1).

<sup>16</sup> This section is to be completed when the Community Marketing Authorisation Holder or applicant conforms to status (b) or (c) as described in note 8 above. It is of particular importance when foreign contractors are involved in the manufacture of the product. In these circumstances the applicant should supply the Certifying Authority with information to identify the contracting parties responsible for each stage of manufacture of the pharmaceutical form, and the extent and nature of any controls exercised over each of these parties.



**STATEMENT OF QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION  
DECLARACIÓN DE COMPOSICIÓN CUANTITATIVA  
ÉNONCÉ DE LA COMPOSITION QUANTITATIVE**

1. Name and pharmaceutical form of the Medicinal Product:  
Nombre y forma farmacéutica del medicamento:  
Dénomination et forme pharmaceutique du médicament:

**Rivaroxaban Accord film-coated tablets**

2. Number(s) in the Community Register of Medicinal Products:  
Número(s) de autorización de comercialización comunitaria:  
Numéro(s) au registre communautaire de mise sur le marché:

**EU/1/20/1488/001-053**

3. Qualitative and quantitative composition of the Medicinal Product:  
Composición cualitativa y cuantitativa del medicamento:  
Composition qualitative et quantitative du médicament:

| Active ingredient(s):<br>Principio(s) activo(s):<br>Substance(s) active(s): | Quantities and units:<br>Cantidades y unidades:<br>Quantités et unités: |              |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                                             | <b>2.5 mg</b>                                                           | <b>10 mg</b> | <b>15 mg</b> | <b>20 mg</b> |
| Rivaroxaban (Form-I)<br>(Micronized)*                                       | 2.50 mg                                                                 | 10.00 mg     | 15.00 mg     | 20.00 mg     |
| Other ingredient(s):<br>Otros ingrediente(s):<br>Excipient(s):              | Quantities and units:<br>Cantidades y unidades:<br>Quantités et unités: |              |              |              |
| <u>Dry mixing</u>                                                           |                                                                         |              |              |              |
| Lactose monohydrate spray dried*                                            | 27.90 mg                                                                | 27.90 mg     | 20.92 mg     | 27.90 mg     |
| Croscarmellose sodium                                                       | 7.65 mg                                                                 | 7.65 mg      | 5.74 mg      | 7.65 mg      |
| Microcrystalline cellulose (PH 102)                                         | 40.91 mg                                                                | 33.41 mg     | 17.55 mg     | 23.41 mg     |
| <u>Granulation</u>                                                          |                                                                         |              |              |              |
| Sodium lauryl sulfate                                                       | 0.85 mg                                                                 | 0.85 mg      | 0.64 mg      | 0.85 mg      |
| Hypromellose (E5)                                                           | 4.25 mg                                                                 | 4.25 mg      | 3.19 mg      | 4.25 mg      |
| Purified water**                                                            | q.s.                                                                    | q.s.         | q.s.         | q.s.         |
| <u>Blending and lubrication</u>                                             |                                                                         |              |              |              |
| Colloidal anhydrous silica                                                  | 0.34 mg                                                                 | 0.34 mg      | 0.26 mg      | 0.34 mg      |
| Magnesium stearate                                                          | 0.60 mg                                                                 | 0.60 mg      | 0.45 mg      | 0.60 mg      |



|                         |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <u>Film-coating</u>     |         |         |         |         |
| Opadry 03F520298 yellow | 2.55 mg | -       | -       | -       |
| Opadry 03F540180 pink   | -       | 2.55 mg | -       | -       |
| Opadry 03F565136 brown  | -       | -       | 1.91 mg | -       |
| Opadry 03F565137 brown  | -       | -       | -       | 2.55 mg |
| Purified water**        | q.s     | q.s.    | q.s.    | q.s     |

\*Quantity of Rivaroxaban Form-I is based on potency; its quantity shall be adjusted with lactose monohydrate spray dried.

\*\*Not present in final formulation.



# **SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

as relevant example





## 1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Rivaroxaban Accord 15 mg film-coated tablets  
Rivaroxaban Accord 20 mg film-coated tablets

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each 15 mg film-coated tablet contains 15 mg rivaroxaban.  
Each 20 mg film-coated tablet contains 20 mg rivaroxaban.

### Excipient with known effect

Each 15 mg film-coated tablet contains 20.92 mg lactose (as monohydrate), see section 4.4.  
Each 20 mg film-coated tablet contains 27.90 mg lactose (as monohydrate), see section 4.4.

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Film-coated tablet (tablet)

Rivaroxaban Accord 15 mg: Red coloured, round, biconvex, approximately 5.00 mm in diameter, film coated tablets debossed with “IL” on one side and “2” on other side.

Rivaroxaban Accord 20 mg: Dark red coloured, round, biconvex, approximately 6.00 mm in diameter, film coated tablets debossed with “IL3” on one side and plain on other side.

## 4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Treatment of deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and pulmonary embolism (PE), and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE in adults. (See section 4.4 for haemodynamically unstable PE patients.)

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

#### Posology

##### *Treatment of DVT, treatment of PE and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE*

The recommended dose for the initial treatment of acute DVT or PE is 15 mg twice daily for the first three weeks followed by 20 mg once daily for the continued treatment and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE.

Short duration of therapy (at least 3 months) should be considered in patients with DVT or PE provoked by major transient risk factors (i.e. recent major surgery or trauma). Longer duration of therapy should be considered in patients with provoked DVT or PE not related to major transient risk factors, unprovoked DVT or PE, or a history of recurrent DVT or PE.

When extended prevention of recurrent DVT and PE is indicated (following completion of at least 6 months therapy for DVT or PE), the recommended dose is 10 mg once daily. In patients in whom the risk of recurrent DVT or PE is considered high, such as those with complicated comorbidities, or who have developed recurrent DVT or PE on extended prevention with Rivaroxaban Accord 10 mg once daily, a dose of Rivaroxaban Accord 20 mg once daily should be considered.



The duration of therapy and dose selection should be individualised after careful assessment of the treatment benefit against the risk for bleeding (see section 4.4).

|                                                  | <b>Time period</b>                                              | <b>Dosing schedule</b>               | <b>Total daily dose</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Treatment and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE | Day 1-21                                                        | 15 mg twice daily                    | 30 mg                   |
|                                                  | Day 22 onwards                                                  | 20 mg once daily                     | 20 mg                   |
| Prevention of recurrent DVT and PE               | Following completion of at least 6 months therapy for DVT or PE | 10 mg once daily or 20 mg once daily | 10 mg or 20 mg          |

The 4-week treatment initiation pack of Rivaroxaban Accord is dedicated to patients who will transition from 15 mg twice daily to 20 mg once daily from Day 22 onwards (see section 6.5). For patients with moderate or severe renal impairment where the decision has been taken for 15 mg once daily from Day 22 onwards, other pack sizes only containing 15 mg film-coated tablets are available (see dosing instructions in section “Special populations” below).

If a dose is missed during the 15 mg twice daily treatment phase (day 1-21), the patient should take Rivaroxaban Accord immediately to ensure intake of 30 mg rivaroxaban per day. In this case two 15 mg tablets may be taken at once. The patient should continue with the regular 15 mg twice daily intake as recommended on the following day.

If a dose is missed during the once daily treatment phase, the patient should take Rivaroxaban Accord immediately, and continue on the following day with the once daily intake as recommended. The dose should not be doubled within the same day to make up for a missed dose.

#### *Converting from Vitamin K Antagonists (VKA) to rivaroxaban*

For patients treated for DVT, PE and prevention of recurrence, VKA treatment should be stopped and Rivaroxaban Accord therapy should be initiated once the International Normalised Ratio (INR) is  $\leq 2.5$ .

When converting patients from VKAs to rivaroxaban, INR values will be falsely elevated after the intake of rivaroxaban. The INR is not valid to measure the anticoagulant activity of rivaroxaban, and therefore should not be used (see section 4.5).

#### *Converting from rivaroxaban to Vitamin K antagonists (VKA)*

There is a potential for inadequate anticoagulation during the transition from rivaroxaban to VKA. Continuous adequate anticoagulation should be ensured during any transition to an alternate anticoagulant. It should be noted that rivaroxaban can contribute to an elevated INR.

In patients converting from rivaroxaban to VKA, VKA should be given concurrently until the INR is  $\geq 2.0$ .

For the first two days of the conversion period, standard initial dosing of VKA should be used followed by VKA dosing, as guided by INR testing. While patients are on both rivaroxaban and VKA the INR should not be tested earlier than 24 hours after the previous dose but prior to the next dose of rivaroxaban. Once Rivaroxaban Accord is discontinued INR testing may be done reliably at least 24 hours after the last dose (see sections 4.5 and 5.2).

#### *Converting from parenteral anticoagulants to rivaroxaban*

For patients currently receiving a parenteral anticoagulant, discontinue the parenteral anticoagulant and start rivaroxaban 0 to 2 hours before the time that the next scheduled administration of the parenteral medicinal product (e.g. low molecular weight heparins) would be due or at the time of discontinuation of a continuously administered parenteral medicinal product (e.g. intravenous unfractionated heparin).

#### *Converting from rivaroxaban to parenteral anticoagulants*

Give the first dose of parenteral anticoagulant at the time the next rivaroxaban dose would be taken.

## Special populations

### *Renal impairment*

Limited clinical data for patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance 15-29 ml/min) indicate that rivaroxaban plasma concentrations are significantly increased. Therefore, Rivaroxaban Accord is to be used with caution in these patients. Use is not recommended in patients with creatinine clearance < 15 ml/min (see sections 4.4 and 5.2).

In patients with moderate (creatinine clearance 30-49 ml/min) or severe (creatinine clearance 15-29 ml/min) renal impairment the following dose recommendations apply:

- For the treatment of DVT, treatment of PE and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE, patients should be treated with 15 mg twice daily for the first 3 weeks. Thereafter, when the recommended dose is 20 mg once daily, a reduction of the dose from 20 mg once daily to 15 mg once daily should be considered if the patient's assessed risk for bleeding outweighs the risk for recurrent DVT and PE. The recommendation for the use of 15 mg is based on PK modelling and has not been studied in this clinical setting (see sections 4.4, 5.1 and 5.2). When the recommended dose is 10 mg once daily, no dose adjustment from the recommended dose is necessary.

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance 50 - 80 ml/min) (see section 5.2).

### *Hepatic impairment*

Rivaroxaban Accord is contraindicated in patients with hepatic disease associated with coagulopathy and clinically relevant bleeding risk including cirrhotic patients with Child Pugh B and C (see sections 4.3 and 5.2).

### *Elderly population*

No dose adjustment (see section 5.2)

### *Body weight*

No dose adjustment (see section 5.2)

### *Gender*

No dose adjustment (see section 5.2)

### *Paediatric population*

The safety and efficacy of rivaroxaban in children aged 0 to 18 years have not been established. No data are available. Therefore, Rivaroxaban Accord is not recommended for use in children below 18 years of age.

## Method of administration

Rivaroxaban Accord is for oral use.

The tablets are to be taken with food (see section 5.2).

For patients who are unable to swallow whole tablets, Rivaroxaban Accord tablet may be crushed and mixed with water or apple puree immediately prior to use and administered orally. After the administration of crushed Rivaroxaban Accord 15 mg or 20 mg film-coated tablets, the dose should be immediately followed by food.

The crushed Rivaroxaban Accord tablet may also be given through gastric tubes after confirmation of the correct gastric placement of the tube. The crushed tablet should be administered in a small amount of water via a gastric tube after which it should be flushed with water. After the administration of crushed Rivaroxaban Accord 15 mg or 20 mg film-coated tablets, the dose should then be immediately followed by enteral feeding (see section 5.2 and 6.6).



### 4.3 Contraindications

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

Active clinically significant bleeding.

Lesion or condition, if considered to be a significant risk for major bleeding. This may include current or recent gastrointestinal ulceration, presence of malignant neoplasms at high risk of bleeding, recent brain or spinal injury, recent brain, spinal or ophthalmic surgery, recent intracranial haemorrhage, known or suspected oesophageal varices, arteriovenous malformations, vascular aneurysms or major intraspinal or intracerebral vascular abnormalities.

Concomitant treatment with any other anticoagulants, e.g. unfractionated heparin (UFH), low molecular weight heparins (enoxaparin, dalteparin, etc.), heparin derivatives (fondaparinux, etc.), oral anticoagulants (warfarin, dabigatran etexilate, apixaban, etc.) except under specific circumstances of switching anticoagulant therapy (see section 4.2) or when UFH is given at doses necessary to maintain an open central venous or arterial catheter (see section 4.5).

Hepatic disease associated with coagulopathy and clinically relevant bleeding risk including cirrhotic patients with Child Pugh B and C (see section 5.2).

Pregnancy and breast-feeding (see section 4.6).

### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Clinical surveillance in line with anticoagulation practice is recommended throughout the treatment period.

#### Haemorrhagic risk

As with other anticoagulants, patients taking Rivaroxaban Accord are to be carefully observed for signs of bleeding. It is recommended to be used with caution in conditions with increased risk of haemorrhage. Rivaroxaban Accord administration should be discontinued if severe haemorrhage occurs. (see section 4.9)

In the clinical studies mucosal bleedings (i.e. epistaxis, gingival, gastrointestinal, genito urinary including abnormal vaginal or increased menstrual bleeding) and anaemia were seen more frequently during long term rivaroxaban treatment compared with VKA treatment. Thus, in addition to adequate clinical surveillance, laboratory testing of haemoglobin/haematocrit could be of value to detect occult bleeding and quantify the clinical relevance of overt bleeding, as judged to be appropriate.

Several sub-groups of patients, as detailed below, are at increased risk of bleeding. These patients are to be carefully monitored for signs and symptoms of bleeding complications and anaemia after initiation of treatment (see section 4.8).

Any unexplained fall in haemoglobin or blood pressure should lead to a search for a bleeding site.

Although treatment with rivaroxaban does not require routine monitoring of exposure, rivaroxaban levels measured with a calibrated quantitative anti-factor Xa assay may be useful in exceptional situations where knowledge of rivaroxaban exposure may help to inform clinical decisions, e.g. overdose and emergency surgery (see sections 5.1 and 5.2).

#### Renal impairment

In patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance < 30 ml/min) rivaroxaban plasma levels may be significantly increased (1.6-fold on average) which may lead to an increased bleeding risk. Rivaroxaban Accord is to be used with caution in patients with creatinine clearance 15-29 ml/min. Use is not recommended in patients with creatinine clearance < 15 ml/min (see sections 4.2 and 5.2).



Rivaroxaban Accord should be used with caution in patients with renal impairment concomitantly receiving other medicinal products which increase rivaroxaban plasma concentrations (see section 4.5).

#### Interaction with other medicinal products

The use of Rivaroxaban Accord is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics (such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole) or HIV protease inhibitors (e.g. ritonavir). These active substances are strong inhibitors of both CYP3A4 and P-gp and therefore may increase rivaroxaban plasma concentrations to a clinically relevant degree (2.6-fold on average) which may lead to an increased bleeding risk (see section 4.5).

Care is to be taken if patients are treated concomitantly with medicinal products affecting haemostasis such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicinal products (NSAIDs), acetylsalicylic acid and platelet aggregation inhibitors or selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), and serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs). For patients at risk of ulcerative gastrointestinal disease an appropriate prophylactic treatment may be considered (see section 4.5).

#### Other haemorrhagic risk factors

As with other antithrombotics, rivaroxaban is not recommended in patients with an increased bleeding risk such as:

- congenital or acquired bleeding disorders
- uncontrolled severe arterial hypertension
- other gastrointestinal disease without active ulceration that can potentially lead to bleeding complications (e.g. inflammatory bowel disease, oesophagitis, gastritis and gastroesophageal reflux disease)
- vascular retinopathy
- bronchiectasis or history of pulmonary bleeding

#### Patients with prosthetic valves

Rivaroxaban should not be used for thromboprophylaxis in patients having recently undergone transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). Safety and efficacy of rivaroxaban have not been studied in patients with prosthetic heart valves; therefore, there are no data to support that rivaroxaban provides adequate anticoagulation in this patient population. Treatment with Rivaroxaban Accord is not recommended for these patients.

#### Haemodynamically unstable PE patients or patients who require thrombolysis or pulmonary embolectomy

Rivaroxaban Accord is not recommended as an alternative to unfractionated heparin in patients with pulmonary embolism who are haemodynamically unstable or may receive thrombolysis or pulmonary embolectomy since the safety and efficacy of rivaroxaban have not been established in these clinical situations.

#### Patients with antiphospholipid syndrome

Direct acting Oral Anticoagulants (DOACs) including rivaroxaban are not recommended for patients with a history of thrombosis who are diagnosed with antiphospholipid syndrome. In particular for patients that are triple positive (for lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibodies, and anti-beta 2-glycoprotein I antibodies), treatment with DOACs could be associated with increased rates of recurrent thrombotic events compared with vitamin K antagonist therapy.

#### Spinal/epidural anaesthesia or puncture



When neuraxial anaesthesia (spinal/epidural anaesthesia) or spinal/epidural puncture is employed, patients treated with antithrombotic agents for prevention of thromboembolic complications are at risk of developing an epidural or spinal haematoma which can result in long-term or permanent paralysis. The risk of these events may be increased by the post-operative use of indwelling epidural catheters or the concomitant use of medicinal products affecting haemostasis. The risk may also be increased by traumatic or repeated epidural or spinal puncture. Patients are to be frequently monitored for signs and symptoms of neurological impairment (e.g. numbness or weakness of the legs, bowel or bladder dysfunction). If neurological compromise is noted, urgent diagnosis and treatment is necessary. Prior to neuraxial intervention the physician should consider the potential benefit versus the risk in anticoagulated patients or in patients to be anticoagulated for thromboprophylaxis. There is no clinical experience with the use of 15 mg or 20 mg rivaroxaban in these situations.

To reduce the potential risk of bleeding associated with the concurrent use of rivaroxaban and neuraxial (epidural/spinal) anaesthesia or spinal puncture, consider the pharmacokinetic profile of rivaroxaban. Placement or removal of an epidural catheter or lumbar puncture is best performed when the anticoagulant effect of rivaroxaban is estimated to be low. However, the exact timing to reach a sufficiently low anticoagulant effect in each patient is not known.

For the removal of an epidural catheter and based on the general PK characteristics at least 2x half-life, i.e. at least 18 hours in young patients and 26 hours in elderly patients should elapse after the last administration of rivaroxaban (see section 5.2). Following removal of the catheter, at least 6 hours should elapse before the next rivaroxaban dose is administered.

If traumatic puncture occurs the administration of rivaroxaban is to be delayed for 24 hours.

#### Dosing recommendations before and after invasive procedures and surgical intervention

If an invasive procedure or surgical intervention is required, Rivaroxaban Accord 15/20 mg should be stopped at least 24 hours before the intervention, if possible and based on the clinical judgement of the physician.

If the procedure cannot be delayed the increased risk of bleeding should be assessed against the urgency of the intervention.

Rivaroxaban Accord should be restarted as soon as possible after the invasive procedure or surgical intervention provided the clinical situation allows and adequate haemostasis has been established as determined by the treating physician (see section 5.2).

#### Elderly population

Increasing age may increase haemorrhagic risk (see section 5.2).

#### Dermatological reactions

Serious skin reactions, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome/toxic epidermal necrolysis and DRESS syndrome, have been reported during post-marketing surveillance in association with the use of rivaroxaban (see section 4.8). Patients appear to be at highest risk for these reactions early in the course of therapy: the onset of the reaction occurring in the majority of cases within the first weeks of treatment. Rivaroxaban should be discontinued at the first appearance of a severe skin rash (e.g. spreading, intense and/or blistering), or any other sign of hypersensitivity in conjunction with mucosal lesions.

#### Information about excipients

Rivaroxaban Accord contains lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicinal product. This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially "sodium-free".

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

#### CYP3A4 and P-gp inhibitors



Co-administration of rivaroxaban with ketoconazole (400 mg once a day) or ritonavir (600 mg twice a day) led to a 2.6-fold / 2.5-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and a 1.7-fold / 1.6-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban  $C_{max}$ , with significant increases in pharmacodynamic effects which may lead to an increased bleeding risk. Therefore, the use of rivaroxaban is not recommended in patients receiving concomitant systemic treatment with azole-antimycotics such as ketoconazole, itraconazole, voriconazole and posaconazole or HIV protease inhibitors. These active substances are strong inhibitors of both CYP3A4 and P-gp (see section 4.4).

Active substances strongly inhibiting only one of the rivaroxaban elimination pathways, either CYP3A4 or P-gp, are expected to increase rivaroxaban plasma concentrations to a lesser extent. Clarithromycin (500 mg twice a day), for instance, considered as a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor and moderate P-gp inhibitor, led to a 1.5-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and a 1.4-fold increase in  $C_{max}$ . The interaction with clarithromycin is likely not clinically relevant in most patients but can be potentially significant in high-risk patients. (For patients with renal impairment: see section 4.4).

Erythromycin (500 mg three times a day), which inhibits CYP3A4 and P-gp moderately, led to a 1.3-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and  $C_{max}$ . The interaction with erythromycin is likely not clinically relevant in most patients but can be potentially significant in high-risk patients. In subjects with mild renal impairment erythromycin (500 mg three times a day) led to a 1.8-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and 1.6-fold increase in  $C_{max}$  when compared to subjects with normal renal function. In subjects with moderate renal impairment, erythromycin led to a 2.0-fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and 1.6-fold increase in  $C_{max}$  when compared to subjects with normal renal function. The effect of erythromycin is additive to that of renal impairment (see section 4.4).

Fluconazole (400 mg once daily), considered as a moderate CYP3A4 inhibitor, led to a 1.4- fold increase in mean rivaroxaban AUC and a 1.3- fold increase in mean  $C_{max}$ . The interaction with fluconazole is likely not clinically relevant in most patients but can be potentially significant in high-risk patients. (For patients with renal impairment: see section 4.4).

Given the limited clinical data available with dronedarone, co-administration with rivaroxaban should be avoided.

#### Anticoagulants

After combined administration of enoxaparin (40 mg single dose) with rivaroxaban (10 mg single dose) an additive effect on anti-factor Xa activity was observed without any additional effects on clotting tests (PT, aPTT). Enoxaparin did not affect the pharmacokinetics of rivaroxaban. Due to the increased bleeding risk care is to be taken if patients are treated concomitantly with any other anticoagulants (see sections 4.3 and 4.4).

#### NSAIDs/platelet aggregation inhibitors

No clinically relevant prolongation of bleeding time was observed after concomitant administration of rivaroxaban (15 mg) and 500 mg naproxen. Nevertheless, there may be individuals with a more pronounced pharmacodynamic response.

No clinically significant pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic interactions were observed when rivaroxaban was co-administered with 500 mg acetylsalicylic acid.

Clopidogrel (300 mg loading dose followed by 75 mg maintenance dose) did not show a pharmacokinetic interaction with rivaroxaban (15 mg) but a relevant increase in bleeding time was observed in a subset of patients which was not correlated to platelet aggregation, P-selectin or GPIIb/IIIa receptor levels.

Care is to be taken if patients are treated concomitantly with NSAIDs (including acetylsalicylic acid) and platelet aggregation inhibitors because these medicinal products typically increase the bleeding risk (see section 4.4).



### SSRIs/SNRIs

As with other anticoagulants the possibility may exist that patients are at increased risk of bleeding in case of concomitant use with SSRIs or SNRIs due to their reported effect on platelets. When concomitantly used in the rivaroxaban clinical programme, numerically higher rates of major or non-major clinically relevant bleeding were observed in all treatment groups.

### Warfarin

Converting patients from the vitamin K antagonist warfarin (INR 2.0 to 3.0) to rivaroxaban (20 mg) or from rivaroxaban (20 mg) to warfarin (INR 2.0 to 3.0) increased prothrombin time/INR (Neoplastin) more than additively (individual INR values up to 12 may be observed), whereas effects on aPTT, inhibition of factor Xa activity and endogenous thrombin potential were additive.

If it is desired to test the pharmacodynamic effects of rivaroxaban during the conversion period, anti-factor Xa activity, PiCT, and HepTest can be used as these tests were not affected by warfarin. On the fourth day after the last dose of warfarin, all tests (including PT, aPTT, inhibition of factor Xa activity and ETP) reflected only the effect of rivaroxaban.

If it is desired to test the pharmacodynamic effects of warfarin during the conversion period, INR measurement can be used at the  $C_{trough}$  of rivaroxaban (24 hours after the previous intake of rivaroxaban) as this test is minimally affected by rivaroxaban at this time point.

No pharmacokinetic interaction was observed between warfarin and rivaroxaban.

### CYP3A4 inducers

Co-administration of rivaroxaban with the strong CYP3A4 inducer rifampicin led to an approximate 50 % decrease in mean rivaroxaban AUC, with parallel decreases in its pharmacodynamic effects. The concomitant use of rivaroxaban with other strong CYP3A4 inducers (e.g. phenytoin, carbamazepine, phenobarbital or St. John's Wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)) may also lead to reduced rivaroxaban plasma concentrations. Therefore, concomitant administration of strong CYP3A4 inducers should be avoided unless the patient is closely observed for signs and symptoms of thrombosis.

### Other concomitant therapies

No clinically significant pharmacokinetic or pharmacodynamic interactions were observed when rivaroxaban was co-administered with midazolam (substrate of CYP3A4), digoxin (substrate of P-gp), atorvastatin (substrate of CYP3A4 and P-gp) or omeprazole (proton pump inhibitor). Rivaroxaban neither inhibits nor induces any major CYP isoforms like CYP3A4.

### Laboratory parameters

Clotting parameters (e.g. PT, aPTT, HepTest) are affected as expected by the mode of action of rivaroxaban (see section 5.1).

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

### Pregnancy

Safety and efficacy of rivaroxaban have not been established in pregnant women. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). Due to the potential reproductive toxicity, the intrinsic risk of bleeding and the evidence that rivaroxaban passes the placenta, rivaroxaban is contraindicated during pregnancy (see section 4.3).

Women of child-bearing potential should avoid becoming pregnant during treatment with rivaroxaban.

### Breast-feeding

Safety and efficacy of rivaroxaban have not been established in breast-feeding women. Data from animals indicate that rivaroxaban is secreted into milk. Therefore, rivaroxaban is contraindicated





during breast-feeding (see section 4.3). A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue/abstain from therapy.

### Fertility

No specific studies with rivaroxaban in humans have been conducted to evaluate effects on fertility. In a study on male and female fertility in rats no effects were seen (see section 5.3).

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

Rivaroxaban has minor influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Adverse reactions like syncope (frequency: uncommon) and dizziness (frequency: common) have been reported (see section 4.8).

Patients experiencing these adverse reactions should not drive or use machines.

### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

#### Summary of the safety profile

The safety of rivaroxaban has been evaluated in thirteen phase III studies including 53,103 patients exposed to rivaroxaban (see Table 1).

**Table 1: Number of patients studied, total daily dose and maximum treatment duration in phase III studies**

| <b>Indication</b>                                                                                                | <b>Number of patients*</b> | <b>Total daily dose</b>                                                                            | <b>Maximum treatment duration</b> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Prevention of venous thromboembolism (VTE) in adult patients undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery | 6,097                      | 10 mg                                                                                              | 39 days                           |
| Prevention of VTE in medically ill patients                                                                      | 3,997                      | 10 mg                                                                                              | 39 days                           |
| Treatment of DVT, PE and prevention of recurrence                                                                | 6,790                      | Day 1 - 21: 30 mg<br>Day 22 and onwards: 20 mg<br>After at least 6 months: 10 mg or 20 mg          | 21 months                         |
| Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation                     | 7,750                      | 20 mg                                                                                              | 41 months                         |
| Prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients after an acute coronary syndrome (ACS)                         | 10,225                     | 5 mg or 10 mg respectively, co-administered with either ASA or ASA plus clopidogrel or ticlopidine | 31 months                         |
| Prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with CAD/PAD                                                   | 18,244                     | 5 mg co-administered with ASA or 10 mg alone                                                       | 47 months                         |

\*Patients exposed to at least one dose of rivaroxaban

The most commonly reported adverse reactions in patients receiving rivaroxaban were bleedings (see also section 4.4. and 'Description of selected adverse reactions' below) (Table 2). The most commonly reported bleedings were epistaxis (4.5 %) and gastrointestinal tract haemorrhage (3.8 %).



**Table 2: Bleeding\* and anaemia events rates in patients exposed to rivaroxaban across the completed phase III studies**

| Indication                                                                                   | Any bleeding              | Anaemia                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Prevention of VTE in adult patients undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery      | 6.8% of patients          | 5.9% of patients             |
| Prevention of VTE in medically ill patients                                                  | 12.6% of patients         | 2.1% of patients             |
| Treatment of DVT, PE and prevention of recurrence                                            | 23% of patients           | 1.6% of patients             |
| Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation | 28 per 100 patient years  | 2.5 per 100 patient years    |
| Prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients after an ACS                               | 22 per 100 patient years  | 1.4 per 100 patient years    |
| Prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients with CAD/PAD                               | 6.7 per 100 patient years | 0.15 per 100 patient years** |

\* For all rivaroxaban studies all bleeding events are collected, reported and adjudicated.

\*\* In the COMPASS study, there is a low anaemia incidence as a selective approach to adverse event collection was applied

#### Tabulated list of adverse reactions

The frequencies of adverse reactions reported with rivaroxaban are summarised in table 3 below by system organ class (in MedDRA) and by frequency.

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 ( $< 1/10,000$ )

not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)

**Table 3: All adverse reactions reported in patients in phase III clinical trials or through post marketing use\***

| Common                                           | Uncommon                                                                           | Rare | Very rare                                           | Not known |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>      |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |
| Anaemia (incl. respective laboratory parameters) | Thrombocytosis (incl. platelet count increased) <sup>A</sup> ,<br>Thrombocytopenia |      |                                                     |           |
| <b>Immune system disorders</b>                   |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |
|                                                  | Allergic reaction, dermatitis allergic, Angioedema and allergic oedema             |      | Anaphylactic reactions including anaphylactic shock |           |
| <b>Nervous system disorders</b>                  |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |
| Dizziness, headache                              | Cerebral and intracranial haemorrhage, syncope                                     |      |                                                     |           |
| <b>Eye disorders</b>                             |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |
| Eye haemorrhage (incl. conjunctival haemorrhage) |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |
| <b>Cardiac disorders</b>                         |                                                                                    |      |                                                     |           |

| Common                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Uncommon                                                                                                                | Rare                                                                                                                                         | Very rare                                                             | Not known                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tachycardia                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| <b>Vascular disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Hypotension, haematoma                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| <b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Epistaxis, haemoptysis                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Gingival bleeding, gastrointestinal tract haemorrhage (incl. rectal haemorrhage), gastrointestinal and abdominal pains, dyspepsia, nausea, constipation <sup>A</sup> , diarrhoea, vomiting <sup>A</sup> | Dry mouth                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| <b>Hepatobiliary disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Increase in transaminases                                                                                                                                                                               | Hepatic impairment, Increased bilirubin, increased blood alkaline phosphatase <sup>A</sup> , increased GGT <sup>A</sup> | Jaundice, Bilirubin conjugated increased (with or without concomitant increase of ALT), Cholestasis, Hepatitis (incl. hepatocellular injury) |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Pruritus (incl. uncommon cases of generalised pruritus), rash, ecchymosis, cutaneous and subcutaneous haemorrhage                                                                                       | Urticaria                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                              | Stevens-Johnson syndrome/ Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis , DRESS syndrome |                                                                                             |
| <b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Pain in extremity <sup>A</sup>                                                                                                                                                                          | Haemarthrosis                                                                                                           | Muscle haemorrhage                                                                                                                           |                                                                       | Compartment syndrome secondary to a bleeding                                                |
| <b>Renal and urinary disorders</b>                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Urogenital tract haemorrhage (incl. haematuria and menorrhagia <sup>B</sup> ), renal impairment (incl. blood creatinine increased, blood urea increased)                                                |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       | Renal failure/acute renal failure secondary to a bleeding sufficient to cause hypoperfusion |
| <b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                                             |
| Fever <sup>A</sup> , peripheral oedema, decreased general strength and                                                                                                                                  | Feeling unwell (incl. malaise)                                                                                          | Localised oedema <sup>A</sup>                                                                                                                |                                                                       |                                                                                             |

| Common                                                                                                                         | Uncommon                                                                                             | Rare                                    | Very rare | Not known |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| energy (incl. fatigue and asthenia)                                                                                            |                                                                                                      |                                         |           |           |
| <b>Investigations</b>                                                                                                          |                                                                                                      |                                         |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                | Increased LDH <sup>A</sup> ,<br>increased lipase <sup>A</sup> ,<br>increased<br>amylase <sup>A</sup> |                                         |           |           |
| <b>Injury, poisoning and procedural complications</b>                                                                          |                                                                                                      |                                         |           |           |
| Postprocedural haemorrhage (incl. postoperative anaemia, and wound haemorrhage),<br>contusion, wound<br>secretion <sup>A</sup> |                                                                                                      | Vascular<br>pseudoaneurysm <sup>C</sup> |           |           |

A: observed in prevention of VTE in adult patients undergoing elective hip or knee replacement surgery

B: observed in treatment of DVT, PE and prevention of recurrence as very common in women < 55 years

C: observed as uncommon in prevention of atherothrombotic events in patients after an ACS (following percutaneous coronary intervention)

\* A pre-specified selective approach to adverse event collection was applied. As incidence of adverse reactions did not increase and no new adverse reaction was identified, COMPASS study data were not included for frequency calculation in this table.

#### Description of selected adverse reactions

Due to the pharmacological mode of action, the use of rivaroxaban may be associated with an increased risk of occult or overt bleeding from any tissue or organ which may result in post haemorrhagic anaemia. The signs, symptoms, and severity (including fatal outcome) will vary according to the location and degree or extent of the bleeding and/or anaemia (see section 4.9 “Management of bleeding”). In the clinical studies mucosal bleedings (i.e. epistaxis, gingival, gastrointestinal, genito urinary including abnormal vaginal or increased menstrual bleeding) and anaemia were seen more frequently during long term rivaroxaban treatment compared with VKA treatment. Thus, in addition to adequate clinical surveillance, laboratory testing of haemoglobin/haematocrit could be of value to detect occult bleeding and quantify the clinical relevance of overt bleeding, as judged to be appropriate. The risk of bleedings may be increased in certain patient groups, e.g. those patients with uncontrolled severe arterial hypertension and/or on concomitant treatment affecting haemostasis (see section 4.4 “Haemorrhagic risk”). Menstrual bleeding may be intensified and/or prolonged. Haemorrhagic complications may present as weakness, paleness, dizziness, headache or unexplained swelling, dyspnoea and unexplained shock. In some cases as a consequence of anaemia, symptoms of cardiac ischaemia like chest pain or angina pectoris have been observed.

Known complications secondary to severe bleeding such as compartment syndrome and renal failure due to hypoperfusion have been reported for rivaroxaban. Therefore, the possibility of haemorrhage is to be considered in evaluating the condition in any anticoagulated patient.

#### 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



Rare cases of overdose up to 600 mg have been reported without bleeding complications or other adverse reactions. Due to limited absorption a ceiling effect with no further increase in average plasma exposure is expected at supratherapeutic doses of 50 mg rivaroxaban or above.

A specific reversal agent (andexanet alfa) antagonising the pharmacodynamic effect of rivaroxaban is available (refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics of andexanet alfa). The use of activated charcoal to reduce absorption in case of rivaroxaban overdose may be considered.

### Management of bleeding

Should a bleeding complication arise in a patient receiving rivaroxaban, the next rivaroxaban administration should be delayed or treatment should be discontinued as appropriate. Rivaroxaban has a half-life of approximately 5 to 13 hours (see section 5.2). Management should be individualised according to the severity and location of the haemorrhage. Appropriate symptomatic treatment could be used as needed, such as mechanical compression (e.g. for severe epistaxis), surgical haemostasis with bleeding control procedures, fluid replacement and haemodynamic support, blood products (packed red cells or fresh frozen plasma, depending on associated anaemia or coagulopathy) or platelets.

If bleeding cannot be controlled by the above measures, either the administration of a specific factor Xa inhibitor reversal agent (andexanet alfa), which antagonises the pharmacodynamic effect of rivaroxaban, or a specific procoagulant reversal agent, such as prothrombin complex concentrate (PCC), activated prothrombin complex concentrate (APCC) or recombinant factor VIIa (r-FVIIa) should be considered. However, there is currently very limited clinical experience with the use of these medicinal products in individuals receiving rivaroxaban. The recommendation is also based on limited non-clinical data. Re-dosing of recombinant factor VIIa shall be considered and titrated depending on improvement of bleeding.

Depending on local availability, a consultation with a coagulation expert should be considered in case of major bleedings (see section 5.1).

Protamine sulphate and vitamin K are not expected to affect the anticoagulant activity of rivaroxaban. There is limited experience with tranexamic acid and no experience with aminocaproic acid and aprotinin in individuals receiving rivaroxaban. There is neither scientific rationale for benefit nor experience with the use of the systemic haemostatic desmopressin in individuals receiving rivaroxaban. Due to the high plasma protein binding rivaroxaban is not expected to be dialysable.

## **5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

### **5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antithrombotic agents, direct factor Xa inhibitors, ATC code: B01AF01

#### Mechanism of action

Rivaroxaban is a highly selective direct factor Xa inhibitor with oral bioavailability. Inhibition of factor Xa interrupts the intrinsic and extrinsic pathway of the blood coagulation cascade, inhibiting both thrombin formation and development of thrombi. Rivaroxaban does not inhibit thrombin (activated factor II) and no effects on platelets have been demonstrated.

#### Pharmacodynamic effects

Dose-dependent inhibition of factor Xa activity was observed in humans. Prothrombin time (PT) is influenced by rivaroxaban in a dose dependent way with a close correlation to plasma concentrations (r value equals 0.98) if Neoplastin is used for the assay. Other reagents would provide different results. The readout for PT is to be done in seconds, because the INR is only calibrated and validated for coumarins and cannot be used for any other anticoagulant.



In patients receiving rivaroxaban for treatment of DVT and PE and prevention of recurrence, the 5/95 percentiles for PT (Neoplastin) 2 - 4 hours after tablet intake (i.e. at the time of maximum effect) for 15 mg rivaroxaban twice daily ranged from 17 to 32 s and for 20 mg rivaroxaban once daily from 15 to 30 s. At trough (8 - 16 h after tablet intake) the 5/95 percentiles for 15 mg twice daily ranged from 14 to 24 s and for 20 mg once daily (18 - 30 h after tablet intake) from 13 to 20 s.

In patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation receiving rivaroxaban for the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism, the 5/95 percentiles for PT (Neoplastin) 1 - 4 hours after tablet intake (i.e. at the time of maximum effect) in patients treated with 20 mg once daily ranged from 14 to 40 s and in patients with moderate renal impairment treated with 15 mg once daily from 10 to 50 s. At trough (16 - 36 h after tablet intake) the 5/95 percentiles in patients treated with 20 mg once daily ranged from 12 to 26 s and in patients with moderate renal impairment treated with 15 mg once daily from 12 to 26 s. In a clinical pharmacology study on the reversal of rivaroxaban pharmacodynamics in healthy adult subjects (n=22), the effects of single doses (50 IU/kg) of two different types of PCCs, a 3-factor PCC (Factors II, IX and X) and a 4-factor PCC (Factors II, VII, IX and X) were assessed. The 3-factor PCC reduced mean Neoplastin PT values by approximately 1.0 second within 30 minutes, compared to reductions of approximately 3.5 seconds observed with the 4-factor PCC. In contrast, the 3-factor PCC had a greater and more rapid overall effect on reversing changes in endogenous thrombin generation than the 4-factor PCC (see section 4.9).

The activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) and HepTest are also prolonged dose-dependently; however, they are not recommended to assess the pharmacodynamic effect of rivaroxaban. There is no need for monitoring of coagulation parameters during treatment with rivaroxaban in clinical routine. However, if clinically indicated rivaroxaban levels can be measured by calibrated quantitative anti-factor Xa tests (see section 5.2).

### Clinical efficacy and safety

#### *Treatment of DVT, PE and prevention of recurrent DVT and PE*

The rivaroxaban clinical programme was designed to demonstrate the efficacy of rivaroxaban in the initial and continued treatment of acute DVT and PE and prevention of recurrence.

Over 12,800 patients were studied in four randomised controlled phase III clinical studies (Einstein DVT, Einstein PE, Einstein Extension and Einstein Choice) and additionally a predefined pooled analysis of the Einstein DVT and Einstein PE studies was conducted. The overall combined treatment duration in all studies was up to 21 months.

In Einstein DVT 3,449 patients with acute DVT were studied for the treatment of DVT and the prevention of recurrent DVT and PE (patients who presented with symptomatic PE were excluded from this study). The treatment duration was for 3, 6 or 12 months depending on the clinical judgement of the investigator.

For the initial 3 week treatment of acute DVT 15 mg rivaroxaban was administered twice daily. This was followed by 20 mg rivaroxaban once daily.

In Einstein PE, 4,832 patients with acute PE were studied for the treatment of PE and the prevention of recurrent DVT and PE. The treatment duration was for 3, 6 or 12 months depending on the clinical judgement of the investigator.

For the initial treatment of acute PE 15 mg rivaroxaban was administered twice daily for three weeks. This was followed by 20 mg rivaroxaban once daily.

In both the Einstein DVT and the Einstein PE study, the comparator treatment regimen consisted of enoxaparin administered for at least 5 days in combination with vitamin K antagonist treatment until the PT/INR was in therapeutic range ( $\geq 2.0$ ). Treatment was continued with a vitamin K antagonist dose-adjusted to maintain the PT/INR values within the therapeutic range of 2.0 to 3.0.

In Einstein Extension 1,197 patients with DVT or PE were studied for the prevention of recurrent DVT and PE. The treatment duration was for an additional 6 or 12 months in patients who had completed 6 to 12 months of treatment for venous thromboembolism depending on the clinical judgment of the investigator. Rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily was compared with placebo.



Einstein DVT, PE and Extension used the same pre-defined primary and secondary efficacy outcomes. The primary efficacy outcome was symptomatic recurrent VTE defined as the composite of recurrent DVT or fatal or non-fatal PE. The secondary efficacy outcome was defined as the composite of recurrent DVT, non-fatal PE and all-cause mortality.

In Einstein Choice, 3,396 patients with confirmed symptomatic DVT and/or PE who completed 6-12 months of anticoagulant treatment were studied for the prevention of fatal PE or non-fatal symptomatic recurrent DVT or PE. Patients with an indication for continued therapeutic-dosed anticoagulation were excluded from the study. The treatment duration was up to 12 months depending on the individual randomisation date (median: 351 days). Rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily and rivaroxaban 10 mg once daily were compared with 100 mg acetylsalicylic acid once daily. The primary efficacy outcome was symptomatic recurrent VTE defined as the composite of recurrent DVT or fatal or non-fatal PE.

In the Einstein DVT study (see Table 4) rivaroxaban was demonstrated to be non-inferior to enoxaparin/VKA for the primary efficacy outcome ( $p < 0.0001$  (test for non-inferiority); HR: 0.680 (0.443 - 1.042),  $p=0.076$  (test for superiority)). The prespecified net clinical benefit (primary efficacy outcome plus major bleeding events) was reported with a HR of 0.67 (95% CI: 0.47 - 0.95), nominal  $p$  value  $p=0.027$ ) in favour of rivaroxaban. INR values were within the therapeutic range a mean of 60.3% of the time for the mean treatment duration of 189 days, and 55.4%, 60.1%, and 62.8% of the time in the 3-, 6-, and 12-month intended treatment duration groups, respectively. In the enoxaparin/VKA group, there was no clear relation between the level of mean centre TTR (Time in Target INR Range of 2.0 - 3.0) in the equally sized tertiles and the incidence of the recurrent VTE ( $P=0.932$  for interaction). Within the highest tertile according to centre, the HR with rivaroxaban versus warfarin was 0.69 (95% CI: 0.35 - 1.35).

The incidence rates for the primary safety outcome (major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding events) as well as the secondary safety outcome (major bleeding events) were similar for both treatment groups.

**Table 4: Efficacy and safety results from phase III Einstein DVT**

| <b>Study population</b>                         | <b>3,449 patients with symptomatic acute deep vein thrombosis</b> |                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Treatment dose and duration</b>              | <b>Rivaroxaban<sup>a)</sup><br/>3, 6 or 12 months<br/>N=1,731</b> | <b>Enoxaparin/VKA<sup>b)</sup><br/>3, 6 or 12 months<br/>N=1,718</b> |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE*                      | 36<br>(2.1%)                                                      | 51<br>(3.0%)                                                         |
| Symptomatic recurrent PE                        | 20<br>(1.2%)                                                      | 18<br>(1.0%)                                                         |
| Symptomatic recurrent DVT                       | 14<br>(0.8%)                                                      | 28<br>(1.6%)                                                         |
| Symptomatic PE and DVT                          | 1<br>(0.1%)                                                       | 0                                                                    |
| Fatal PE/death where PE cannot be ruled out     | 4<br>(0.2%)                                                       | 6<br>(0.3%)                                                          |
| Major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding | 139<br>(8.1%)                                                     | 138<br>(8.1%)                                                        |
| Major bleeding events                           | 14<br>(0.8%)                                                      | 20<br>(1.2%)                                                         |

a) Rivaroxaban 15 mg twice daily for 3 weeks followed by 20 mg once daily

b) Enoxaparin for at least 5 days, overlapped with and followed by VKA

\*  $p < 0.0001$  (non-inferiority to a prespecified HR of 2.0); HR: 0.680 (0.443 - 1.042),  $p=0.076$  (superiority)

In the Einstein PE study (see Table 5) rivaroxaban was demonstrated to be non-inferior to enoxaparin/VKA for the primary efficacy outcome ( $p=0.0026$  (test for non-inferiority); hazard ratio: 1.123 (0.749 - 1.684)). The prespecified net clinical benefit (primary efficacy outcome plus major

bleeding events) was reported with a HR of 0.849 ((95% CI: 0.633 - 1.139), nominal p value p= 0.275). INR values were within the therapeutic range a mean of 63% of the time for the mean treatment duration of 215 days, and 57%, 62%, and 65% of the time in the 3-, 6-, and 12-month intended treatment duration groups, respectively. In the enoxaparin/VKA group, there was no clear relation between the level of mean centre TTR (Time in Target INR Range of 2.0 - 3.0) in the equally sized tertiles and the incidence of the recurrent VTE (p=0.082 for interaction). Within the highest tertile according to centre, the HR with rivaroxaban versus warfarin was 0.642 (95% CI: 0.277 - 1.484).

The incidence rates for the primary safety outcome (major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding events) were slightly lower in the rivaroxaban treatment group (10.3% (249/2412)) than in the enoxaparin/VKA treatment group (11.4% (274/2405)). The incidence of the secondary safety outcome (major bleeding events) was lower in the rivaroxaban group (1.1% (26/2412)) than in the enoxaparin/VKA group (2.2% (52/2405)) with a HR 0.493 (95% CI: 0.308 - 0.789).

**Table 5: Efficacy and safety results from phase III Einstein PE**

| Study population                                | 4,832 patients with an acute symptomatic PE               |                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Treatment dose and duration                     | Rivaroxaban <sup>a)</sup><br>3, 6 or 12 months<br>N=2,419 | Enoxaparin/VKA <sup>b)</sup><br>3, 6 or 12 months<br>N=2,413 |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE*                      | 50<br>(2.1%)                                              | 44<br>(1.8%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic recurrent PE                        | 23<br>(1.0%)                                              | 20<br>(0.8%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic recurrent DVT                       | 18<br>(0.7%)                                              | 17<br>(0.7%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic PE and DVT                          | 0                                                         | 2<br>(<0.1%)                                                 |
| Fatal PE/death where PE cannot be ruled out     | 11<br>(0.5%)                                              | 7<br>(0.3%)                                                  |
| Major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding | 249<br>(10.3%)                                            | 274<br>(11.4%)                                               |
| Major bleeding events                           | 26<br>(1.1%)                                              | 52<br>(2.2%)                                                 |

a) Rivaroxaban 15 mg twice daily for 3 weeks followed by 20 mg once daily

b) Enoxaparin for at least 5 days, overlapped with and followed by VKA

\* p < 0.0026 (non-inferiority to a prespecified HR of 2.0); HR: 1.123 (0.749-1.684)

A prespecified pooled analysis of the outcome of the Einstein DVT and PE studies was conducted (see Table 6).

**Table 6: Efficacy and safety results from pooled analysis of phase III Einstein DVT and Einstein PE**

| Study population            | 8,281 patients with an acute symptomatic DVT or PE        |                                                              |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| Treatment dose and duration | Rivaroxaban <sup>a)</sup><br>3, 6 or 12 months<br>N=4,150 | Enoxaparin/VKA <sup>b)</sup><br>3, 6 or 12 months<br>N=4,131 |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE*  | 86<br>(2.1%)                                              | 95<br>(2.3%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic recurrent PE    | 43<br>(1.0%)                                              | 38<br>(0.9%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic recurrent DVT   | 32<br>(0.8%)                                              | 45<br>(1.1%)                                                 |
| Symptomatic PE and DVT      | 1<br>(<0.1%)                                              | 2<br>(<0.1%)                                                 |
| Fatal PE/death where PE     | 15                                                        | 13                                                           |



|                                                 |               |                |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| cannot be ruled out                             | (0.4%)        | (0.3%)         |
| Major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding | 388<br>(9.4%) | 412<br>(10.0%) |
| Major bleeding events                           | 40<br>(1.0%)  | 72<br>(1.7%)   |

a) Rivaroxaban 15 mg twice daily for 3 weeks followed by 20 mg once daily

b) Enoxaparin for at least 5 days, overlapped with and followed by VKA

\*  $p < 0.0001$  (non-inferiority to a prespecified HR of 1.75); HR: 0.886 (0.661 - 1.186)

The prespecified net clinical benefit (primary efficacy outcome plus major bleeding events) of the pooled analysis was reported with a HR of 0.771 ((95% CI: 0.614 - 0.967), nominal p value  $p = 0.0244$ ).

In the Einstein Extension study (see Table 7) rivaroxaban was superior to placebo for the primary and secondary efficacy outcomes. For the primary safety outcome (major bleeding events) there was a non-significant numerically higher incidence rate for patients treated with rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily compared to placebo. The secondary safety outcome (major or clinically relevant non-major bleeding events) showed higher rates for patients treated with rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily compared to placebo.

**Table 7: Efficacy and safety results from phase III Einstein Extension**

|                                             |                                                                                              |                                             |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Study population</b>                     | <b>1,197 patients continued treatment and prevention of recurrent venous thromboembolism</b> |                                             |
| <b>Treatment dose and duration</b>          | <b>Rivaroxaban<sup>a)</sup><br/>6 or 12 months<br/>N=602</b>                                 | <b>Placebo<br/>6 or 12 months<br/>N=594</b> |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE*                  | 8<br>(1.3%)                                                                                  | 42<br>(7.1%)                                |
| Symptomatic recurrent PE                    | 2<br>(0.3%)                                                                                  | 13<br>(2.2%)                                |
| Symptomatic recurrent DVT                   | 5<br>(0.8%)                                                                                  | 31<br>(5.2%)                                |
| Fatal PE/death where PE cannot be ruled out | 1<br>(0.2%)                                                                                  | 1<br>(0.2%)                                 |
| Major bleeding events                       | 4<br>(0.7%)                                                                                  | 0<br>(0.0%)                                 |
| Clinically relevant non-major bleeding      | 32<br>(5.4%)                                                                                 | 7<br>(1.2%)                                 |

a) Rivaroxaban 20 mg once daily

\*  $p < 0.0001$  (superiority), HR: 0.185 (0.087 - 0.393)

In the Einstein Choice study (see Table 8) rivaroxaban 20 mg and 10 mg were both superior to 100 mg acetylsalicylic acid for the primary efficacy outcome. The principal safety outcome (major bleeding events) was similar for patients treated with rivaroxaban 20 mg and 10 mg once daily compared to 100 mg acetylsalicylic acid.

**Table 8: Efficacy and safety results from phase III Einstein Choice**

|                                           |                                                                                |                                             |                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Study population</b>                   | <b>3,396 patients continued prevention of recurrent venous thromboembolism</b> |                                             |                                  |
| <b>Treatment dose</b>                     | <b>Rivaroxaban<br/>20 mg od<br/>N=1,107</b>                                    | <b>Rivaroxaban<br/>10 mg od<br/>N=1,127</b> | <b>ASA 100 mg<br/>od N=1,131</b> |
| Treatment duration median [interquartile] | 349 [189-362] days                                                             | 353 [190-362] days                          | 350 [186 362] days               |



| range]                                                               |                   |                    |              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE                                            | 17<br>(1.5%)<br>* | 13<br>(1.2%)*<br>* | 50<br>(4.4%) |
| Symptomatic recurrent PE                                             | 6<br>(0.5%)       | 6<br>(0.5%)        | 19<br>(1.7%) |
| Symptomatic recurrent DVT                                            | 9<br>(0.8%)       | 8<br>(0.7%)        | 30<br>(2.7%) |
| Fatal PE/death where PE cannot be ruled out                          | 2<br>(0.2%)       | 0<br>(0.0%)        | 2<br>(0.2%)  |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE, MI, stroke, or non- CNS systemic embolism | 19<br>(1.7%)      | 18<br>(1.6%)       | 56<br>(5.0%) |
| Major bleeding events                                                | 6<br>(0.5%)       | 5<br>(0.4%)        | 3<br>(0.3%)  |
| Clinically relevant non-major bleeding                               | 30<br>(2.7%)      | 22<br>(2.0%)       | 20<br>(1.8%) |
| Symptomatic recurrent VTE or major bleeding (net clinical benefit)   | 23<br>(2.1%)+     | 17<br>(1.5%)+      | 53<br>(4.7%) |

\* →p<0.001(superiority) rivaroxaban 20 mg od vs ASA 100 mg od; HR=0.34 (0.20-0.59)

\*\* →p<0.001 (superiority) rivaroxaban 10 mg od vs ASA 100 mg od; HR=0.26 (0.14-0.47)

+ →Rivaroxaban 20 mg od vs. ASA 100 mg od; HR=0.44 (0.27-0.71), p=0.0009 (nominal)

++ →Rivaroxaban 10 mg od vs. ASA 100 mg od; HR=0.32 (0.18-0.55), p<0.0001 (nominal)

In addition to the phase III EINSTEIN programme, a prospective, non-interventional, open-label cohort study (XALIA) with central outcome adjudication including recurrent VTE, major bleeding and death has been conducted. 5,142 patients with acute DVT were enrolled to investigate the long-term safety of rivaroxaban compared with standard-of-care anticoagulation therapy in clinical practice. Rates of major bleeding, recurrent VTE and all-cause mortality for rivaroxaban were 0.7%, 1.4% and 0.5%, respectively. There were differences in patient baseline characteristics including age, cancer and renal impairment. A pre-specified propensity score stratified analysis was used to adjust for measured baseline differences but residual confounding may, in spite of this, influence the results. Adjusted HRs comparing rivaroxaban and standard-of-care for major bleeding, recurrent VTE and all-cause mortality were 0.77 (95% CI 0.40 - 1.50), 0.91 (95% CI 0.54 - 1.54) and 0.51 (95% CI 0.24 - 1.07), respectively. These results in clinical practice are consistent with the established safety profile in this indication.

#### Patients with high risk triple positive antiphospholipid syndrome

In an investigator sponsored, randomised open-label multicenter study with blinded endpoint adjudication, rivaroxaban was compared to warfarin in patients with a history of thrombosis, diagnosed with antiphospholipid syndrome and at high risk for thromboembolic events (positive for all 3 antiphospholipid tests: lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibodies, and anti-beta 2-glycoprotein I antibodies). The trial was terminated prematurely after the enrolment of 120 patients due to an excess of events among patients in the rivaroxaban arm. Mean follow-up was 569 days. 59 patients were randomised to rivaroxaban 20 mg (15 mg for patients with creatinine clearance (CrCl) <50 mL/min) and 61 to warfarin (INR 2.0- 3.0). Thromboembolic events occurred in 12% of patients randomised to rivaroxaban (4 ischaemic strokes and 3 myocardial infarctions). No events were reported in patients randomised to warfarin. Major bleeding occurred in 4 patients (7%) of the rivaroxaban group and 2 patients (3%) of the warfarin group.

#### Paediatric population

The European Medicines Agency has deferred the obligation to submit the results of studies with the reference medicinal product containing rivaroxaban in one or more subsets of the paediatric population in the treatment of thromboembolic events.



The European Medicines Agency has waived the obligation to submit the results of studies with the reference medicinal product containing rivaroxaban in all subsets of the paediatric population in the prevention of thromboembolic events (see section 4.2 for information on paediatric use).

## 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

### Absorption

Rivaroxaban is rapidly absorbed with maximum concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) appearing 2 - 4 hours after tablet intake.

Oral absorption of rivaroxaban is almost complete and oral bioavailability is high (80 - 100%) for the 2.5 mg and 10 mg tablet dose, irrespective of fasting/fed conditions. Intake with food does not affect rivaroxaban AUC or  $C_{max}$  at the 2.5 mg and 10 mg dose.

Due to a reduced extent of absorption an oral bioavailability of 66% was determined for the 20 mg tablet under fasting conditions. When rivaroxaban 20 mg tablets are taken together with food increases in mean AUC by 39% were observed when compared to tablet intake under fasting conditions, indicating almost complete absorption and high oral bioavailability. Rivaroxaban 15 mg and 20 mg are to be taken with food (see section 4.2).

Rivaroxaban pharmacokinetics are approximately linear up to about 15 mg once daily in fasting state. Under fed conditions rivaroxaban 10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg tablets demonstrated dose-proportionality. At higher doses rivaroxaban displays dissolution limited absorption with decreased bioavailability and decreased absorption rate with increased dose.

Variability in rivaroxaban pharmacokinetics is moderate with inter-individual variability (CV%) ranging from 30% to 40%.

Absorption of rivaroxaban is dependent on the site of its release in the gastrointestinal tract. A 29% and 56% decrease in AUC and  $C_{max}$  compared to tablet was reported when rivaroxaban granulate is released in the proximal small intestine. Exposure is further reduced when rivaroxaban is released in the distal small intestine, or ascending colon. Therefore, administration of rivaroxaban distal to the stomach should be avoided since this can result in reduced absorption and related rivaroxaban exposure.

Bioavailability (AUC and  $C_{max}$ ) was comparable for 20 mg rivaroxaban administered orally as a crushed tablet mixed in apple puree, or suspended in water and administered via a gastric tube followed by a liquid meal, compared to a whole tablet. Given the predictable, dose-proportional pharmacokinetic profile of rivaroxaban, the bioavailability results from this study are likely applicable to lower rivaroxaban doses.

### Distribution

Plasma protein binding in humans is high at approximately 92% to 95%, with serum albumin being the main binding component. The volume of distribution is moderate with  $V_{ss}$  being approximately 50 litres.

### Biotransformation and elimination

Of the administered rivaroxaban dose, approximately 2/3 undergoes metabolic degradation, with half then being eliminated renally and the other half eliminated by the faecal route. The final 1/3 of the administered dose undergoes direct renal excretion as unchanged active substance in the urine, mainly via active renal secretion.

Rivaroxaban is metabolised via CYP3A4, CYP2J2 and CYP-independent mechanisms. Oxidative degradation of the morpholinone moiety and hydrolysis of the amide bonds are the major sites of biotransformation. Based on *in vitro* investigations rivaroxaban is a substrate of the transporter proteins P-gp (P-glycoprotein) and Bcrp (breast cancer resistance protein).

Unchanged rivaroxaban is the most important compound in human plasma, with no major or active circulating metabolites being present. With a systemic clearance of about 10 l/h, rivaroxaban can be classified as a low-clearance substance. After intravenous administration of a 1 mg dose the elimination half-life is about 4.5 hours. After oral administration the elimination becomes absorption



rate limited. Elimination of rivaroxaban from plasma occurs with terminal half-lives of 5 to 9 hours in young individuals, and with terminal half-lives of 11 to 13 hours in the elderly.

### Special populations

#### *Gender*

There were no clinically relevant differences in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics between male and female patients.

#### *Elderly population*

Elderly patients exhibited higher plasma concentrations than younger patients, with mean AUC values being approximately 1.5-fold higher, mainly due to reduced (apparent) total and renal clearance. No dose adjustment is necessary.

#### *Different weight categories*

Extremes in body weight (< 50 kg or > 120 kg) had only a small influence on rivaroxaban plasma concentrations (less than 25 %). No dose adjustment is necessary.

#### *Inter-ethnic differences*

No clinically relevant inter-ethnic differences among Caucasian, African-American, Hispanic, Japanese or Chinese patients were observed regarding rivaroxaban pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics.

#### *Hepatic impairment*

Cirrhotic patients with mild hepatic impairment (classified as Child Pugh A) exhibited only minor changes in rivaroxaban pharmacokinetics (1.2-fold increase in rivaroxaban AUC on average), nearly comparable to their matched healthy control group. In cirrhotic patients with moderate hepatic impairment (classified as Child Pugh B), rivaroxaban mean AUC was significantly increased by 2.3-fold compared to healthy volunteers. Unbound AUC was increased 2.6-fold. These patients also had reduced renal elimination of rivaroxaban, similar to patients with moderate renal impairment. There are no data in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

The inhibition of factor Xa activity was increased by a factor of 2.6 in patients with moderate hepatic impairment as compared to healthy volunteers; prolongation of PT was similarly increased by a factor of 2.1. Patients with moderate hepatic impairment were more sensitive to rivaroxaban resulting in a steeper PK/PD relationship between concentration and PT.

Rivaroxaban is contraindicated in patients with hepatic disease associated with coagulopathy and clinically relevant bleeding risk, including cirrhotic patients with Child Pugh B and C (see section 4.3).

#### *Renal impairment*

There was an increase in rivaroxaban exposure correlated to decrease in renal function, as assessed via creatinine clearance measurements. In individuals with mild (creatinine clearance 50 - 80 ml/min), moderate (creatinine clearance 30 - 49 ml/min) and severe (creatinine clearance 15 - 29 ml/min) renal impairment, rivaroxaban plasma concentrations (AUC) were increased 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6-fold respectively. Corresponding increases in pharmacodynamic effects were more pronounced. In individuals with mild, moderate and severe renal impairment the overall inhibition of factor Xa activity was increased by a factor of 1.5, 1.9 and 2.0 respectively as compared to healthy volunteers; prolongation of PT was similarly increased by a factor of 1.3, 2.2 and 2.4 respectively. There are no data in patients with creatinine clearance < 15 ml/min.

Due to the high plasma protein binding rivaroxaban is not expected to be dialysable.

Use is not recommended in patients with creatinine clearance < 15 ml/min. Rivaroxaban Accord is to be used with caution in patients with creatinine clearance 15 - 29 ml/min (see section 4.4).

### Pharmacokinetic data in patients

In patients receiving rivaroxaban for treatment of acute DVT 20 mg once daily the geometric mean concentration (90% prediction interval) 2 - 4 h and about 24 h after dose (roughly representing



maximum and minimum concentrations during the dose interval) was 215 (22 - 535) and 32 (6 - 239) mcg/l, respectively.

#### Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic relationship

The pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PK/PD) relationship between rivaroxaban plasma concentration and several PD endpoints (factor Xa inhibition, PT, aPTT, Heptest) has been evaluated after administration of a wide range of doses (5 - 30 mg twice a day). The relationship between rivaroxaban concentration and factor Xa activity was best described by an  $E_{\max}$  model. For PT, the linear intercept model generally described the data better. Depending on the different PT reagents used, the slope differed considerably. When Neoplastin PT was used, baseline PT was about 13 s and the slope was around 3 to 4 s/(100 mcg/l). The results of the PK/PD analyses in Phase II and III were consistent with the data established in healthy subjects.

#### Paediatric population

Safety and efficacy have not been established for children and adolescents up to 18 years.

### **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Non-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, single dose toxicity, phototoxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenic potential and juvenile toxicity.

Effects observed in repeat-dose toxicity studies were mainly due to the exaggerated pharmacodynamic activity of rivaroxaban. In rats, increased IgG and IgA plasma levels were seen at clinically relevant exposure levels.

In rats, no effects on male or female fertility were seen. Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity related to the pharmacological mode of action of rivaroxaban (e.g. haemorrhagic complications). Embryo-foetal toxicity (post-implantation loss, retarded/progressed ossification, hepatic multiple light coloured spots) and an increased incidence of common malformations as well as placental changes were observed at clinically relevant plasma concentrations. In the pre-and postnatal study in rats, reduced viability of the offspring was observed at doses that were toxic to the dams.

## **6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

#### Tablet core

Lactose monohydrate  
Croscarmellose sodium (E468)  
Sodium laurilsulfate (E487)  
Hypromellose 2910 (nominal viscosity 5.1 mPa.S) (E464)  
Cellulose, microcrystalline (E460)  
Silica, colloidal anhydrous (E551)  
Magnesium stearate (E572)

#### Film-coating

Macrogol 4000 (E1521)  
Hypromellose 2910 (nominal viscosity 5.1 mPa.S) (E464)  
Titanium dioxide (E171)  
Iron oxide red (E172)



## **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**

Treatment initiation pack for the first 4 weeks of treatment:

Clear PVC/Aluminium blisters in a wallet containing 49 film-coated tablets:

42 film-coated tablets Rivaroxaban Accord 15 mg and 7 film-coated tablets Rivaroxaban Accord 20 mg.

## **6.6 Special precautions for disposal and handling**

After confirming gastric placement of the tube, rivaroxaban tablets may be crushed and suspended in 50 mL of water and administered via an nasogastric tube or gastric feeding tube. Since rivaroxaban absorption is dependent on the site of drug release, avoid administration of rivaroxaban distal to the stomach which can result in reduced absorption and thereby, reduced drug exposure. After the administration of a crushed rivaroxaban 15 mg or 20 mg tablet, the dose should then be immediately followed by enteral feeding. Enteral feeding is not required following administration of the 2.5 mg or 10 mg tablets.

Crushed rivaroxaban tablets are stable in water and in apple sauce for up to 4 hours.

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

## **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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