

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use FULVESTRANT INJECTION safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for FULVESTRANT INJECTION.

Fulvestrant Injection, for intramuscular use
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Fulvestrant Injection is an estrogen receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of:

- Hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women not previously treated with endocrine therapy. (1)
- HR-positive advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women with disease progression following endocrine therapy. (1)
- HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer in postmenopausal women in combination with ribociclib as initial endocrine based therapy or following disease progression on endocrine therapy. (1)
- HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer in combination with palbociclib or abemaciclib in women with disease progression after endocrine therapy. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Fulvestrant Injection 500 mg should be administered intramuscularly into the buttocks (gluteal area) slowly (1 - 2 minutes per injection) as two 5 mL injections, one in each buttock, on Days 1, 15, 29, and once monthly thereafter, (2.1, 4.6).

A dose of 250 mg is recommended in patients with moderate hepatic impairment to be administered intramuscularly into the buttock (gluteal area) slowly (1 - 2 minutes) as one 5 mL injection on Days 1, 15, 29, and once monthly thereafter. (2.2, 5.2, 8.6)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Fulvestrant Injection, an injection for intramuscular administration, is supplied as 250 mg/5 mL fulvestrant. (3)

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When Fulvestrant Injection is used in combination with palbociclib, ribociclib, or abemaciclib, the recommended dose of Fulvestrant Injection is 500 mg to be administered intramuscularly into the buttocks (gluteal area) slowly (1 - 2 minutes per injection) as two 5 mL injections, one in each buttock, on Days 1, 15, 29, and once monthly thereafter.

When Fulvestrant Injection is used in combination with fulvestrant, the recommended dose of palbociclib is a 125 mg capsule taken orally once daily for 21 consecutive days followed by 7 days off treatment to complete a cycle of 28 days. Palbociclib should be taken with food. Refer to the Full Prescribing Information for palbociclib.

When Fulvestrant Injection is used in combination with abemaciclib, the recommended dose of abemaciclib is 150 mg orally twice daily for 21 consecutive days followed by 7 days off treatment to complete a cycle of 28 days. Abemaciclib should be taken with or without food. Refer to the Full Prescribing Information for abemaciclib.

When Fulvestrant Injection is used in combination with fulvestrant, the recommended dose of fulvestrant is 500 mg orally twice daily for 21 consecutive days followed by 7 days off treatment in a complete cycle of 28 days. Fulvestrant can be taken with or without food. Refer to the Full Prescribing Information for fulvestrant.

Premenopausal women treated with the combination of Fulvestrant Injection plus palbociclib, abemaciclib, or ribociclib, should be treated with luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone (LHRH) agonists according to current clinical practice standards. [see Clinical Studies (14)].

2.1 Recommended Dose

Monotherapy

Hepatic Impairment:
A dose of 250 mg is recommended for patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B) to be administered intramuscularly into the buttock (gluteal area) slowly (1 - 2 minutes) as one 5 mL injection on Days 1, 15, 29, and once monthly thereafter.

Fulvestrant Injection has not been evaluated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C). [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2) and Use in Specific Populations (8.6)].

Combination Therapy

When Fulvestrant Injection is used in combination with palbociclib, abemaciclib, or ribociclib, refer to the combination dose modification instructions for Fulvestrant Injection.

Refer to the Full Prescribing Information of co-administered palbociclib, abemaciclib, or ribociclib, for dose modification guidelines in the event of toxicities, for use with concomitant medications, and for other relevant safety information.

2.3 Injection Administration

Administer the injection according to the local guidelines for performing large volume intramuscular injections.

NOTE: Due to the proximity of the underlying sciatic nerve, caution should be taken if administering Fulvestrant Injection at the dorsogluteal injection site [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

The proper method of administration of Fulvestrant Injection for intramuscular use is described in the following instructions.

For each single-dose prefilled syringe:

- Remove glass syringe from tray and check that it is not damaged.
- Inspect drug product in glass syringe for any visible particulate matter or discoloration prior to use. Discard if particulate matter or discoloration is present.
- Peel open the safety shield (SafetyGlide™) outer packaging.
- Hold the syringe upright. Twist and remove the top cap (see Figure 1).

Do Not Touch the Sterile Syringe Tip (Luer-Lok).

Attach the safety needle to the syringe tip (Luer-Lok). Twist needle until firmly seated (see Figure 2). Confirm that the needle is locked to the Luer connector before moving or tilting the syringe out of the vertical plane to avoid spillage of syringe contents.

For Administration:

- Pull needle cap straight off needle to avoid damaging needle point.
- Expel excess gas from the syringe (a small gas bubble may remain).
- Administer intramuscularly slowly (1-2 minutes/injection) into the buttock (gluteal area). For user convenience, the needle "bevel up" position is orientated to the lever arm, as shown in Figure 3.

After injection, immediately activate the lever arm to destroy the safety shield by applying a single finger stroke to the activation assisted lever arm to push the lever arm completely forward. Listen for a click. Confirm that the safety shield has completely covered the needle (see Figure 4).

NOTE: Activate away from self and others.

Discard the empty syringe into an approved sharps collector in accordance with applicable regulations and institutional policy.

Repeat steps 1 through 11 for second syringe.

HOW TO USE FULVESTRANT INJECTION

For the 2 x 5 mL syringe package, the contents of both syringes must be injected to receive the full recommended dose of Fulvestrant Injection (500 mg).

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Important Administration Information

To help avoid HIV (AIDS), HBV (Hepatitis), and other infectious diseases due to accidental needlesticks, contaminated needles should not be recycled or removed, unless there is an alternative or that such action is required by a specific medical procedure. Hands must remain behind the needle at all times during use and disposal.

Do not autoclave SafetyGlide™ Needle before use.

Becton Dickinson guarantees the contents of their unopened or undamaged packages to be sterile, non-toxic, and non-pyrogenic.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Fulvestrant Injection, an injection for intramuscular administration, is supplied as 5-mL single-dose prefilled syringes containing 250 mg/5 mL fulvestrant.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Fulvestrant Injection is contraindicated in patients with a known hypersensitivity to the drug or to any of its components. Hypersensitivity reactions, including urticaria and angioedema, have been reported in association with fulvestrant. [see Adverse Reactions (6.2)].

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Risk of Bleeding

Because Fulvestrant Injection is administered intramuscularly, it should be used with caution in patients with bleeding diatheses, thrombocytopenia, or anticoagulant use. (5.1)

5.2 Increased Exposure in Patients with Hepatic Impairment

The safety and pharmacokinetics of fulvestrant were evaluated in a study in seven subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B) and seven subjects with normal hepatic function. Exposure was increased in patients with moderate hepatic impairment, therefore, a dose of 250 mg is recommended. [see Dosage and Administration (2.2)].

Fulvestrant has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C). [see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)].

5.3 Injection Site Reaction

Injection site related events including sciatica, neuralgia, neuropathic pain, and peripheral neuropathy have been reported with Fulvestrant Injection. Caution should be taken while administering Fulvestrant Injection at the dorsogluteal injection site due to the proximity of the underlying sciatic nerve. [see Dosage and Administration (2.3) and Adverse Reactions (6.1)].

5.4 Embryo-Fetal Toxicity

Based on findings from animal studies and its mechanism of action, Fulvestrant Injection can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman. In animal reproduction studies, administration of fulvestrant to pregnant rats and rabbits during organogenesis resulted in embryo-fetal toxicity at daily doses that are significantly less than the maximum recommended human dose. Advise pregnant women of the potential risk to a fetus. Advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Fulvestrant Injection and for one year after the last dose. [see Use in Specific Populations (8.1), (8.3) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)].

5.5 Immunossay Measurement of Serum Estradiol

Due to structural similarity of fulvestrant and estradiol, fulvestrant can interfere with estradiol measurement by immunoassay, resulting in falsely elevated estradiol levels.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following adverse reactions are discussed in more detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Risk of Bleeding [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]
- Increased Exposure in Patients with Hepatic Impairment [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]
- Injection Site Reaction [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, the adverse reaction rates observed cannot be directly compared to rates in other trials and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

Monotherapy

Comparison of Fulvestrant Injection 500 mg and Fulvestrant Injection 250 mg (CONFIRM)

The following adverse reactions (ARs) were calculated based on the safety analysis of CONFIRM comparing the administration of fulvestrant 500 mg intramuscularly once a month with fulvestrant 250 mg intramuscularly once a month. The most frequently reported adverse reactions in the fulvestrant 500 mg group were injection site pain (11.6% of patients), nausea (9.7% of patients), and bone pain (9.4% of patients). The median duration of treatment for fulvestrant 250 mg group was 9.4 months (13.6% of patients), and injection site pain (9.1% of patients).

Table 1 lists adverse reactions reported with an incidence of 5% or greater, regardless of assessed causality, from CONFIRM. [see Clinical Studies (14)].

Table 1: Adverse Reactions in CONFIRM (≥ 5% in Either Treatment Group)

Adverse Reactions	Fulvestrant 500 mg N=361		Fulvestrant 250 mg N=374	
	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4
Body as a Whole				
Injection Site Pain ¹	12	9		
Headache	8	7		
Back Pain	8	11		
Fatigue	8	6		
Pain in Extremity	7	7		
Asthenia	6	6		
Vascular System				
Hot Flash	7	6		
Digestive System				
Nausea	10	14		
Vomiting	6	6		
Anorexia	6	4		
Constipation	5	4		
Musculoskeletal System				
Bone Pain	9	8		
Arthralgia	8	8		
Respiratory System	6	3		
Cough	4	5		
Dyspnea	5	5		

¹ Including more severe injection site related sciatica, neuralgia, neuropathic pain, and peripheral neuropathy. In the pooled safety population (N=1127) from clinical trials comparing fulvestrant 500 mg to fulvestrant 250 mg, post-baseline increases of ≥1 CTIC grade in either AST, ALT, or alkaline phosphatase were observed in 1-2% of patients. The incidence and severity of increased hepatic enzymes (ALT, AST, ALP) did not differ between the 250 mg and the 500 mg fulvestrant arms.

Comparison of Fulvestrant Injection 500 mg and Anastrozole 1 mg (FALCON)

The safety of fulvestrant 500 mg versus anastrozole 1 mg was evaluated in FALCON. The data described below reflect exposure to fulvestrant in 228 out of 460 patients with HR-positive advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women not previously treated with endocrine therapy who received at least one dose of treatment in FALCON.

Permanent discontinuation associated with an adverse reaction occurred in 4 of 228 (1.8%) patients receiving fulvestrant, and in 3 of 232 (1.3%) patients receiving anastrozole. Adverse reactions leading to discontinuation for those patients receiving fulvestrant included drug hypersensitivity (1.0%), injection site hypersensitivity (0.4%), and elevated liver enzymes (0.4%).

The most common adverse reactions (≥10% of any grade reported in patients in the fulvestrant arm were arthralgia, hot flash, fatigue, and nausea.

Adverse reactions reported in patients who received fulvestrant in FALCON at an incidence of ≥5% in either treatment arm are listed in Table 2, and laboratory abnormalities are listed in Table 3.

Table 2: Adverse Reactions in FALCON

Adverse Reactions	Fulvestrant 500 mg N=228		Anastrozole 1 mg N=232	
	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4
Vascular Disorders				
Hot flash/intensity	11	0	10	0
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Nausea	6	0	10	<1
Diarrhea	11	0	6	<1
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Arthralgia	17	0	10	0
Myalgia	7	0	3	0
Pain in extremity	6	0	4	0
Back pain	9	<1	6	0
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions				
Fatigue	11	<1	7	<1

Table 3: Laboratory Abnormalities in FALCON¹

Laboratory Parameters	Fulvestrant 500 mg N=228			Anastrozole 1 mg N=232		
	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	%	All Grades	Grade 3 or 4	%
Alanine aminotransferase increased (ALT)	7	1	3	0		
Aspartate aminotransferase increased (AST)	5	1	3	<1		
Chemistry						
Gamma-glutamyl transferase increased	52	6	1	49	8	2
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	49	5	2	43	3	0
Alanine aminotransferase increased	44	8	3	37	2	0
Glucose serum decreased	23	0	0	18	0	0
Urea nitrogen decreased	18	0	0	8	<1	0
Albumin decreased	12	0	0	8	0	0

¹ In FALCON, post-baseline increases of ≥1 CTIC grade in either AST, ALT, or alkaline phosphatase were observed in 1-2% of patients receiving fulvestrant. Grade 3 or 4 increases were observed in 1-2% of patients. The incidence and severity of increased hepatic enzymes (ALT, AST, ALP) did not differ between the 250 mg and the 500 mg fulvestrant arms.

Comparison of Fulvestrant Injection 500 mg and Anastrozole 1 mg in Combined Trials

The most commonly reported adverse reactions in the fulvestrant and anastrozole treatment groups were gastrointestinal disorders (including nausea, vomiting, constipation, diarrhea, and abdominal pain), headache, back pain, vasodilation (hot flashes), and pharyngitis.

Injection site reactions with mild tenderness/pain and inflammation were seen with fulvestrant and occurred in 7% of patients given the two 5 mL injection (Study 0020) and in 27% of patients given one 2 x 5 mL injections (Study 0021) in the two clinical trials that compared fulvestrant 250 mg and anastrozole 1 mg.

Table 4 lists adverse reactions reported with an incidence of 5% or greater, regardless of assessed causality, from the two controlled clinical trials comparing the administration of fulvestrant 250 mg intramuscularly once a month with anastrozole 1 mg orally once a day.

Table 4: Adverse Reactions in Studies 0020 and 0021 (≥ 5% from Combined Data)

Adverse Reactions	Fulvestrant 250 mg N=423		Anastrozole 1 mg N=423	
	All Grades	%	All Grades	%
Body as a Whole				
Asthenia	23	68		
Headache	19	20		
Pain	15	17		
Back Pain	14	13		
Abdominal Pain	12	12		
Injection Site Pain ¹	11	9		
Pelvic Pain	10	7		
Chest Pain	7	5		
Flu Syndrome	7	6		
Fever	6	6		
Accidental Injury	5	6		
Cardiovascular System				
Vasodilation	30	28		
Cardiovascular System	18	17		
Digestive System				
Nausea	26	25		
Vomiting	13	12		
Constipation	13	11		
Diarrhea	12	13		
Anorexia	9	11		
Hemic and Lymphatic Systems				
Anemia	14	14		
Anemia	5	5		
Metabolic and Nutritional Disorders				
Peripheral Edema	18	18		
Musculoskeletal System	16	28		
Bone Pain	16	14		
Arthritis	3	6		
Nervous System				
Dizziness	34	34		
Paresthesia	7	7		
Parosmia	6	8		
Depression	6	7		
Anxiety	5	4		
Respiratory System				
Pharyngitis	39	34		
Dyspnea	16	12		
Cough Increased	10	10		
Skin and Appendages	22	23		
Rash	7	8		
Sweating	5	5		
Urogenital System				
Urinary Tract Infection	18	15		
Urinary Tract Infection	6	4		

¹ Including more severe injection site related sciatica, neuralgia, neuropathic pain, and peripheral neuropathy. All patients with fulvestrant received injections, but only those anastrozole patients who were in Study 0021 received placebo injections.

Combination Therapy

Combination Therapy with Palbociclib (PALOMA-3)

The safety of fulvestrant 500 mg plus palbociclib 125 mg/day versus fulvestrant plus placebo was evaluated in PALOMA-3. The data described below reflect exposure to fulvestrant plus palbociclib in 345 out of 517 patients with HR-positive, HER2-negative advanced or metastatic breast cancer who received at least 1 dose of treatment in PALOMA-3. The median duration of treatment for fulvestrant plus palbociclib was 10.8 months while the median duration of fulvestrant plus placebo arm was 4.8 months.

No dose reduction was observed for fulvestrant in PALOMA-3. Dose reductions of fulvestrant due to an adverse reaction or any grade occurred in 36% of patients receiving fulvestrant plus palbociclib.

Permanent discontinuation associated with an adverse reaction occurred in 19 of 345 (6%) patients receiving fulvestrant plus palbociclib, and in 6 of 172 (3%) patients receiving fulvestrant plus placebo. Adverse reactions leading to discontinuation for those patients receiving fulvestrant plus palbociclib included fatigue (0.6%), infections (0.6%), and thrombocytopenia (0.6%).

The most common adverse reactions (≥10% of any grade reported in patients in the fulvestrant plus palbociclib arm by descending frequency were neutropenia, leukopenia, infections, fatigue, nausea, anemia, stomatitis, diarrhea (≥3 adverse reactions), vomiting, alopecia, rash, decreased appetite, and pyrexia.

The most frequently reported Grade ≥3 adverse reactions (≥5% in patients receiving fulvestrant plus palbociclib in descending frequency were neutropenia and leukopenia.

Adverse reactions (≥10%) reported in patients who received fulvestrant plus palbociclib or fulvestrant plus placebo in PALOMA-3 are listed in Table

8.5 Geriatric Use

For fulvestrant 250 mg when tumor response was considered by age, objective responses were seen in 22% and 24% of patients under 65 years of age and in 11% and 16% of patients 65 years of age and older, who were treated with fulvestrant in Study 0021 and Study 0020, respectively.

8.6 Hepatic Impairment

Fulvestrant is metabolized primarily in the liver.

The pharmacokinetics of fulvestrant were evaluated after a single dose of 100 mg in subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment and normal hepatic function ($n=7$ subjects/group), using a shorter-acting intramuscular injection formulation. Subjects with mild hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class A) had comparable mean AUC and clearance values to those with normal hepatic function. In subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B), the average AUC was increased by 70% compared to patients with normal hepatic function. AUC was positively correlated with total bilirubin concentration ($p=0.012$). Fulvestrant has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C).

A dose of fulvestrant injection 250 mg is recommended in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class B) (see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.2)).

8.7 Renal Impairment

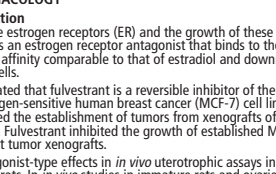
Negligible amounts of fulvestrant are eliminated in urine; therefore, a study in patients with renal impairment was not conducted. In the advanced breast cancer trials, fulvestrant concentrations in plasma were similar in patients with renal impairment as low as 30 mL/min, which were similar to women with normal creatinine.

10 OVERDOSAGE

Human experience of overdose with fulvestrant is limited. There are isolated reports of overdose with fulvestrant in humans. No adverse reactions were seen in healthy male and female volunteers who received a single 250 mg intramuscular injection, which resulted in peak plasma concentrations at the end of the infusion, that were approximately 10 to 15 times those seen after intramuscular injection. The potential toxicity of fulvestrant at these or higher concentrations in cancer patients who may have additional comorbidities is unknown. There is no specific treatment in the event of fulvestrant overdose, and symptoms of overdose are not established. In the event of an overdose, healthcare practitioners should follow general supportive measures and should treat symptomatically.

11 DESCRIPTION

Fulvestrant injection for intramuscular administration is an estrogen receptor antagonist. The chemical name is 7- α -[1-(4,4,5,5-tetrafluoroisopropyl)phenoxy]nonyl-1,3,5-(10 β)-triene-3,17 β -diol. The molecular formula is $C_{30}H_{42}O_2$ and its structural formula is:



Fulvestrant is a white powder with a molecular weight of 606.77. The solution for injection is a clear, colorless to yellow benzyl alcohol liquid. Each injection contains 250 mg fulvestrant in a solution composed of 10% w/v Dehydrated Alcohol, USP and 10% w/v Benzyl Alcohol, NF, as co-solvents, 0.12% w/v Polysorbate 80, NF as a solubilizing agent, 0.06% w/v alpha-Tocopherol, USP as a stabilizing agent, and made up to 100% w/v with Castor Oil, USP as a co-solvent and release rate modifier.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Many breast cancers have estrogen receptors (ER) and the growth of these tumors can be stimulated by estrogen. Fulvestrant is an estrogen receptor antagonist that binds to the estrogen receptor in a competitive manner with affinity comparable to that of estradiol and downregulates the ER protein in human breast cancer cells.

In vitro studies demonstrated that fulvestrant is a reversible inhibitor of the growth of tamoxifen-resistant, as well as estrogen-sensitive human breast cancer (MCF-7) cell lines. *In vivo* tumor studies, fulvestrant delayed the establishment of tumors from xenografts of human breast cancer MCF-7 cells in nude mice. Fulvestrant inhibited the growth of established MCF-7 xenografts and of tamoxifen-resistant breast tumor xenografts.

Fulvestrant showed no agonist-type effects in *in vivo* uterotropic assays in immature or ovariectomized mice and rats. *In vivo* studies in immature rats and ovariectomized monkeys, fulvestrant blocked the uterotropic action of estradiol. In postmenopausal women, the absence of changes in plasma concentrations of FSH and LH in response to fulvestrant treatment (250 mg monthly) suggests no peripheral steroid effects.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

In a clinical study in postmenopausal women with primary breast cancer treated with single doses of fulvestrant 15 \times 2 days prior to surgery, there was evidence of increasing down-regulation of ER with increasing dose. This was associated with a dose-related decrease in the expression of the progesterone receptor, an estrogen-regulated protein. These effects on the ER pathway were also associated with a decrease in Ki67 labeling index, a marker of cell proliferation.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The single dose and multiple dose PK parameters for the 500 mg dosing regimen with an additional dose (AD) 3 (Day 15) are reported in Table 11. The additional dose of Fulvestrant Injection given two weeks after the initial dosing cycle or steady state was administered to patients on the first month of dosing.

Table 11: Summary of Fulvestrant Pharmacokinetic Parameters by Mean (CV%) in Postmenopausal Advanced Breast Cancer Patients after Intramuscular Administration of Fulvestrant Dosing Regimens

	C_{max} (ng/mL)	C_{trough} (ng/mL)	AUC (ng·h/mL)
Single dose	25.0 (35.3)	16.2 (25.9)	11400 (33.4)
Multiple dose steady state ^a	28.0 (27.9)	12.2 (21.7)	13100 (23.4)

^a Additional 500 mg dose given on Day 15

Distribution: The apparent volume of distribution at steady state is approximately 3 to 5 L/kg. This suggests that distribution is largely extravascular. Fulvestrant is highly (99%) bound to plasma proteins: LDL, LDL, and high-density lipoprotein. Fulvestrant appears to be the major binding component. The role of sex hormone-binding globulin, if any, could not be determined.

Metabolism:

Biotransformation and disposition of fulvestrant in humans have been determined following intramuscular and intravenous administration of fulvestrant. Fulvestrant was metabolized primarily to involve combinations of a number of possible biotransformation pathways analogous to those of endogenous steroids, including oxidation, aromatic hydroxylation, conjugation with glucuronic acid or sulfate at the 2, 3, and 17 positions of the steroid nucleus, and oxidation of the side chain sulphoxide. Identified metabolites are either less active or exhibit similar activity to fulvestrant in antitumor models.

Studies using human liver preparations and recombinant human enzymes indicate that cytochrome P-450 3A4 (CYP 3A4) is the only P-450 isozyme involved in the oxidation of fulvestrant; however, the relative contribution of P-450 and non-P-450 routes in *in vivo* is unknown.

Excretion:

Fulvestrant was rapidly cleared by the hepatobiliary route with excretion primarily via the feces (approximately 90%). Renal elimination was negligible (less than 1%). After an intramuscular injection of 250 mg, the clearance (Mean \pm SD) was 630 ± 226 mL/min with an apparent half-life about 40 days.

Special Populations:

Geriatric:

In patients with breast cancer, there was no difference in fulvestrant pharmacokinetic profile related to age (range 33 to 89 years).

Gender:

Following administration of a single intravenous dose, there were no pharmacokinetic differences between men and women or between premenopausal and postmenopausal women. Similarly, there were no differences between men and postmenopausal women after intramuscular administration.

Race:

In the advanced breast cancer treatment trials, the potential for pharmacokinetic differences due to race have been evaluated in 294 patients including 87.4% Caucasian, 7.8% Black, and 4.4% Hispanic. No differences in fulvestrant plasma pharmacokinetic parameters were observed among these groups. In a separate trial, pharmacokinetic data from postmenopausal ethnic Japanese women were similar to those obtained in non-Japanese patients.

Drug-Drug Interactions:

There are no known clinically significant interactions. Fulvestrant does not significantly inhibit any of the major CYP isoenzymes, including CYP 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, and 3A4 *in vitro*, and studies of co-administration of fulvestrant with midazolam indicate that therapeutic doses of fulvestrant have no inhibitory effects on CYP 3A4 or alter blood levels of drug metabolized by that enzyme. Although fulvestrant is partly metabolized by CYP 3A4, a clinical study with rifampin, an inducer of CYP 3A4, showed no effect on the pharmacokinetics of fulvestrant. Also, results from a healthy volunteer study with ketoconazole, a potent inhibitor of CYP 3A4, indicated that ketoconazole had no effect on the pharmacokinetics and dosage adjustment was not necessary in patients who were prescribed CYP 3A4 inhibitors or inducers (see Drug Interactions (7)). Data from a clinical trial in patients with breast cancer showed that there was no clinically relevant drug interaction when fulvestrant is co-administered with palbociclib, abemaciclib, or ribociclib.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Two-year carcinogenicity studies were conducted in rats and mice. Positive findings were observed in both species. Rats were treated at intramuscular doses of 15 mg/kg/30 days, 10 mg/kg/15 days, and 10 mg/kg/15 days.

These doses correspond to 0.9-, 1.5-, and 3-fold (in females) and 0.8-, 0.8-, and 2-fold (in males) the systemic exposure (AUC_{0-24h}) achieved in the women receiving the recommended dose of 500 mg/month. An increased incidence of benign ovarian granulosa cell tumors and testicular Leydig cell tumors was evident in females dosed at 10 mg/kg/15 days and males dosed at 15 mg/kg/30 days, respectively. Mice were treated at oral doses of 0, 20, 150, and 500 mg/kg/day. These doses correspond to 0-, 0.8-, and 18-fold (in females) and 0.8-, 2.1-, and 11.4-fold (in males) the systemic exposure (AUC_{0-24h}) achieved in women receiving the recommended dose of 500 mg/month. There was an increased incidence of sex cord stromal tumors (both benign and malignant) in the ovary of mice dosed at 150 and 500 mg/kg/day. Induction of such tumors is consistent with the pharmacology-related endocrine feedback alterations in gonadotropin levels caused by an antiestrogen.

Fulvestrant was not mutagenic or clastogenic in multiple *in vitro* tests with and without the addition of a mammalian liver metabolic activation factor (bacterial mutagenicity assay in strains of *Salmonella typhimurium* and *Escherichia coli*, *in vitro* cytogenetics study in human lymphocytes, mammalian cell mutation assay in *Mesocricetus lopholabrus* cells, and *in vivo* micronucleus test in rat).

In female rats, fulvestrant administered at doses 20.01 mg/kg/day (0.6% the human recommended dose based on body surface area (BSA in mg/m²)) for 2 weeks prior to and during co-pulsed mating, caused a reduction in fertility and embryonic survival. No adverse effects on female fertility and embryonic survival were evident in female animals dosed at 0.001 mg/kg/day (0.06% the human dose based on BSA in mg/m²). Restoration of female fertility to values similar to controls was evident following a withdrawal period during at 2 mg/kg/day (equivalent to the human dose based on BSA in mg/m²). The effects of fulvestrant on the fertility of female rats appear to be consistent with its antiestrogenic activity. The potential effects of fulvestrant on the fertility of male animals were not studied, but in a 6-month toxicology study male rats treated with intramuscular dosing, caused a reduction in fertility and embryonic survival. 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