

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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

DUTASTERIDE capsules, for oral use

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Dutasteride is a 5 α -reductase inhibitor indicated for the treatment of symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) in men with an enlarged prostate (1, 11).

- improve symptoms,
- reduce the risk of acute urinary retention, and
- reduce the risk of the need for BPH-related surgery.

Dutasteride in combination with the alpha-adrenergic antagonist, tamsulosin, is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic BPH in men with an enlarged prostate. (1, 2)

Limitations of Use: Dutasteride is not approved for the prevention of prostate cancer. (1, 2)

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Monotherapy: 0.5 mg once daily (2, 3)
- Combination with tamsulosin: 0.5 mg once daily and tamsulosin 0.4 mg once daily (2, 3)
- Dosage considerations: Swallow whole. May take with or without food. (2)

DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

0.5-mg soft gelatin capsules (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Pregnancy: Dutasteride use is contraindicated in women who are pregnant. (4, 5, 8, 11)
- Patients with previously demonstrated, clinically significant hypersensitivity (e.g., serious skin reactions, angioedema) to dutasteride capsules or other 5 α -reductase inhibitors (4).

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Monotherapy

Dutasteride capsules are indicated for the treatment of symptomatic benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) in men with an enlarged prostate:

- improve symptoms,
- reduce the risk of acute urinary retention (AUR), and
- reduce the risk of the need for BPH-related surgery.

1.2 Combination with Alpha-adrenergic Antagonist

Dutasteride in combination with the alpha-adrenergic antagonist, tamsulosin, is indicated for the treatment of symptomatic BPH in men with an enlarged prostate.

1.3 Limitations of Use

Dutasteride is not approved for the prevention of prostate cancer.

2 DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

The capsules should be swallowed whole and not chewed or opened, as contact with the capsule contents may result in irritation of the respiratory tract. Dutasteride capsules may be administered with or without food.

2.1 Monotherapy

The recommended dose of dutasteride capsules is 1 capsule (0.5 mg) taken once daily.

2.2 Combination with Alpha-adrenergic Antagonist

The recommended dose of dutasteride capsules is 1 capsule (0.5 mg) taken once daily and tamsulosin 0.4 mg taken once daily.

3 DOSE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

0.5-mg, yellow to pale yellow/orange shaped soft gelatin capsules containing oral liquid imprinted with "0.5" in red ink.

HOW TO USE YOUR CAPSULES

Dutasteride is contraindicated for use in:

- Pregnancy: Dutasteride use is contraindicated in women who are pregnant. In animal reproductive and developmental toxicity studies, dutasteride inhibited development of male fetus external genitalia. Therefore, dutasteride may cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman (see Warnings and Precautions (8.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.1)).
- Patients with previously demonstrated, clinically significant hypersensitivity (e.g., serious skin reactions, angioedema) to dutasteride or other 5 α -reductase inhibitors (see Adverse Reactions (6.2)).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Effects on Prostate-specific Antigen (PSA) and the Use of PSA in Prostate Cancer Detection

In clinical trials, dutasteride reduced serum PSA concentration by approximately 50% within 3 to 6 months of treatment. This decrease was predictable over the entire range of PSA values in subjects with symptomatic BPH, although it may vary in individuals. Dutasteride may also cause decreases in serum PSA in the presence of prostate cancer. To interpret serum PSA in men taking dutasteride, a new PSA baseline should be established at least 3 months after starting treatment with PSA measured periodically thereafter. Any continued increase from the lowest PSA value while on dutasteride may signal the presence of prostate cancer and should be evaluated, even if PSA levels are still within the normal range for men not taking a 5 α -reductase inhibitor. Noncompliance with dutasteride may also affect PSA test results.

To interpret an isolated PSA value in a man treated with dutasteride for 3 months or more, the PSA value should be doubled for comparison with normal values in untreated men. The free-to-total PSA ratio (percent free PSA) remains constant, even under the influence of dutasteride. If clinicians elect to use percent free PSA as an aid in the detection of prostate cancer in men receiving dutasteride, no adjustment to its value appears necessary.

5.2 Increased Risk of High-grade Prostate Cancer

In men aged 50 to 75 years with a prior negative biopsy for prostate cancer and a baseline PSA between 2.5 ng/mL and 10.0 ng/mL, taking dutasteride in the 4-year Reduction by Dutasteride of Prostate Cancer Events (REDUCE) trial, there was an increased incidence of Gleason score 8-10 prostate cancer compared with men taking placebo (dutasteride 1.0% versus placebo 0.5%) (see Indications and Usage (1.2), Adverse Reactions (6.1)). In a 7-year placebo-controlled clinical trial with another 5 α -reductase inhibitor (dutasteride 5 mg, PROSCAR), similar results for Gleason score 8-10 prostate cancer were observed (dutasteride 1.8% versus placebo 1.1%). 5 α -reductase inhibitors may increase the risk of development of high-grade prostate cancer. Whether the effect of 5 α -reductase inhibitors to reduce prostate volume or total-related factors impacted the results of these trials has not been established.

5.3 Evaluation for Other Urological Diseases

Prior to initiating treatment with dutasteride capsules, consideration should be given to other urological conditions that may cause similar symptoms. In addition, BPH and prostate cancer may coexist.

5.4 Transdermal Exposure of Dutasteride Capsules in Pregnant Women-Risk to Male Fetus

Dutasteride capsules should not be handled by women who are pregnant or may be pregnant. Dutasteride can be absorbed through the skin and could result in unintended fetal exposure and potential risk to a male fetus. If a pregnant woman comes in contact with leaking dutasteride capsules, the contact area should be washed immediately with soap and water (see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)). Dutasteride can be absorbed through the skin based on animal studies (see Nonclinical Toxicology (12.2)).

5.5 Breast Feeding

Men being treated with dutasteride should not donate blood until at least 6 months have passed following their last dose. The purpose of this deferred period is to prevent administration of dutasteride to a pregnant female transfusion recipient.

5.6 Effect on Semen Characteristics

The effects of dutasteride 0.5 mg/day on semen characteristics were evaluated in healthy men throughout 52 weeks of treatment and 24 weeks of post-treatment follow-up. At 52 weeks, compared with placebo, dutasteride treatment resulted in mean reduction in total sperm count, semen volume, and sperm motility; the effects on total sperm count were not reversible 24 weeks of follow-up. Sperm concentration and sperm morphology were unaffected and mean values for all semen parameters remained within the normal range at all timepoints. The clinical significance of the effect of dutasteride on semen characteristics for an individual patient's fertility is not known (see Use in Specific Populations (8.3)).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared with rates in the clinical trial of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. From clinical trials with dutasteride as monotherapy or in combination with tamsulosin:

The most common adverse reaction reported in subjects receiving dutasteride were impotence, decreased libido, breast disorders (including breast enlargement and tenderness), and ejaculation disorders. The most common adverse reactions reported in subjects receiving combination therapy (dutasteride plus tamsulosin) were impotence, decreased libido, breast disorders (including breast enlargement and tenderness), ejaculation disorders, and dizziness. Ejaculation disorders occurred significantly more in subjects receiving combination therapy (11%) compared with those receiving dutasteride (2%) or tamsulosin (4%) as monotherapy.

The withdrawal due to adverse reactions occurred in 1% of subjects receiving placebo, and 2% of subjects receiving placebo in placebo-controlled trials with dutasteride. The most common adverse reaction leading to trial withdrawal was impotence (1%).

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Dutasteride reduces serum prostate-specific antigen (PSA) concentration by approximately 50%. However, any confirmed increase in PSA while on dutasteride capsules may signal the presence of prostate cancer and should be evaluated, even if those values are still within the normal range for untreated men. (5, 1)

Dutasteride may increase the risk of high-grade prostate cancer. (5.2, 5.1)

Prior to initiating treatment with dutasteride capsules, consideration should be given to other urological conditions that may cause similar symptoms. (5.3)

Women who are pregnant or may be pregnant should not handle dutasteride capsules due to potential risk to a male fetus. (5.4, 8.1)

Patients should not donate blood until 6 months after their last dose of dutasteride. (5.5)

The most common adverse reactions, reported in $\geq 1\%$ of subjects treated with dutasteride and more commonly than in subjects treated with placebo, are impotence, decreased libido, ejaculation disorders, and breast disorders. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Strides Pharma Inc. at 1-877-244-9825 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Use with caution in patients taking potent, chronic CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., rifampin). (7)

See full prescribing information for dutasteride and tamsulosin. The risk of dutasteride in this persistence is unknown. *Adverse reaction rates may vary after treatment discontinuation. The risk of dutasteride in this persistence is unknown. *Adverse reaction rates may vary after treatment discontinuation.

LONG-TERM TREATMENT (0.5 mg Daily)

In a 3-year placebo-controlled BPH trial with dutasteride, each 4 years in duration, there was no evidence of increased sexual adverse reactions (impotence, decreased libido, and ejaculation disorder) or breast disorders with increased duration of treatment. Among these 3 trials, there was a case of breast cancer in the dutasteride group and 1 case in the placebo group. No cases of breast cancer were reported in any treatment group in the 4-year COMBAT trial or the 4-year REDUCE trial.

The relationship between long-term use of dutasteride and male breast neoplasia is currently unknown.

COMBINATION WITH ALPHA-BLOCKERS (COMBAT)

Over 4,800 male subjects with BPH were randomly assigned to receive 0.5 mg dutasteride, 0.4 mg tamsulosin, or combination therapy (0.5 mg dutasteride plus 0.4 mg tamsulosin) administered once daily in a 4-year double-blind trial. Overall, 1,623 subjects received monotherapy with dutasteride, 1,611 subjects received monotherapy with tamsulosin, and 1,610 subjects received combination therapy. The population aged 40 to 88 years (mean age: 68 years) and 80% were white. Table 2 summarizes clinical adverse reactions reported in at least 1% of subjects in the combination group and at a higher incidence than subjects receiving monotherapy with dutasteride or tamsulosin.

Table 2. Adverse Reactions Reported Over a 48-Month Period in $\geq 1\%$ of Subjects and More Frequently in the Combination Therapy Group than the Group Receiving Monotherapy with Dutasteride or Tamsulosin (COMBAT) by Time of Onset

Adverse Reaction	Adverse Reaction Time of Onset			
	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	(n = 1,610)	(n = 1,527)	(n = 1,429)	(n = 1,200)
Dutasteride	(n = 1,610)	(n = 1,527)	(n = 1,429)	(n = 1,200)
Tamsulosin	(n = 1,610)	(n = 1,527)	(n = 1,429)	(n = 1,200)

Ejaculation disorders†

Adverse Reaction	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	7.8%	1.6%	1.0%	0.5%
Dutasteride	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%
Tamsulosin	2.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.2%

Impotence‡

Adverse Reaction	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	4.1%	1.1%	1.8%	0.5%
Dutasteride	2.6%	0.8%	1.0%	0.6%
Tamsulosin	2.6%	0.8%	1.0%	0.6%

Decreased libido‡

Adverse Reaction	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	4.5%	0.9%	0.8%	0.2%
Dutasteride	4.0%	0.7%	1.0%	0.2%
Tamsulosin	2.0%	0.6%	0.7%	0.2%

Breast disorders†

Adverse Reaction	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	1.1%	1.1%	0.8%	0.9%
Dutasteride	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%
Tamsulosin	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.2%

Dizziness

Adverse Reaction	Months 0-6 (n = 1,610)	Months 7-12 (n = 1,527)	Year 2 (n = 1,429)	Year 4 (n = 1,200)
Combination*	1.1%	0.4%	0.1%	<0.1%
Dutasteride	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%
Tamsulosin	0.9%	0.5%	0.4%	0.1%

* Combination = dutasteride 0.5 mg once daily plus tamsulosin 0.4 mg once daily

† Includes angioedema, detrusor muscle relaxation, semen volume decreased, orgasm sensation decreased, orgasm abnormal, ejaculation delayed, ejaculation disorder, ejaculation failure, and premature ejaculation.

‡ These sexual adverse reactions are associated with dutasteride treatment (including monotherapy and combination with tamsulosin). These adverse reactions may persist after treatment discontinuation. The risk of dutasteride in this persistence is unknown.

* Includes erectile dysfunction and disturbance in sexual arousal.

† Includes libido decreased, libido disorder, loss of libido, sexual dysfunction, and male sexual dysfunction.

‡ Includes breast tenderness, gynecomastia, nipple pain, nipple discharge, and nipple swelling.

Cardiac Failure: In COMBAT after 4 years of treatment, the incidence of the composite term cardiac failure in the combination therapy group (12.1/10,000 0.7%) was higher than in either monotherapy group: dutasteride, 21.6/10,000 (0.1%) and tamsulosin, 31.6/10,000 (0.3%). Composite cardiac failure also occurred in a separate 4-year placebo-controlled trial evaluating dutasteride in men at risk for development of prostate cancer. The incidence of cardiac failure in subjects taking dutasteride was 0.8% (2/24,150) compared with 0.4% (1/154,126) in placebo. A majority of subjects with cardiac failure in both trials had comorbidities associated with an increased risk of cardiac failure. Therefore, the clinical significance of the numerical imbalance in cardiac failure is unknown. No causal relationship between dutasteride alone or in combination with tamsulosin and cardiac failure has been established. No imbalance was observed in the incidence of overall cardiovascular adverse events in either trial.

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approved use of dutasteride. Because these reactions are reported subsequent to the initiation of a drug, they are not always complete to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to a drug exposure. These reactions have been chosen for inclusion due to a combination of their seriousness, frequency or potential for adverse outcome, or need for medical intervention.

Immune System Disorders

Hypersensitivity reactions, including: rash, pruritus, urticaria, localized edema, serious skin reactions, and angioedema.

Male Breast Cancer

Dutasteride is contraindicated for use in pregnancy because it may cause harm to the male fetus (see Contraindications (4)). Dutasteride is not indicated for use in women.

Depressed Mood

Respiratory System and Breast Disorders: Testicular pain and testicular swelling.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Cyclosporine P450 3A4 Inhibitors

Dutasteride is extensively metabolized in humans by the cyclosporine P450 (CYP3A4) and CYP3A5 isoenzymes. The effect of potent CYP3A4 inhibitors on dutasteride has not been studied. Because of the potential for drug-drug interaction, use caution when prescribing dutasteride to patients taking potent, chronic CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., rifampin) (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

7.2 Alpha-adrenergic Antagonists

The administration of dutasteride in combination with tamsulosin or terazosin has not been studied. The pharmacokinetics of either alpha-adrenergic antagonist. The effect of administration of tamsulosin or terazosin on dutasteride pharmacokinetic parameters has not been evaluated.

7.3 Calcium Channel Antagonists

Co-administration of verapamil or diltiazem decreases dutasteride clearance and leads to increased exposure to dutasteride. The change in dutasteride exposure is not considered to be clinically significant. No dose adjustment is recommended (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

7.4 Cholestyramine

Administration of a single 5-mg dose of dutasteride followed 1 hour later by 12 g of cholestyramine does not affect the relative bioavailability of dutasteride (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

7.5 Diprivate

Dutasteride does not alter the steady-state pharmacokinetics of diprivate when administered concomitantly at a dose of 0.5 mg/day for 3 weeks (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

7.6 Warfarin

Concurrent administration of dutasteride 0.5 mg/day for 3 weeks with warfarin does not alter the steady-state pharmacokinetics of the S- or R-warfarin isomers or the effect of warfarin on prothrombin time (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Dutasteride is contraindicated for use in pregnancy because it may cause harm to the male fetus (see Contraindications (4)). Dutasteride is not indicated for use in women.

Dutasteride is a 5 α -reductase inhibitor that prevents conversion of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone (DHT), a hormone necessary for normal development of male genitalia. Abnormalities in the genitalia of male fetuses is an expected physiological consequence of inhibition of this conversion. These results are similar to observations in male infants with genetic 5 α -reductase deficiency. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 3% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

In animal reproduction studies, dutasteride inhibited normal development of external genitalia in male offspring when given to rats or rabbits during organogenesis (i.e., the most rapid reproductive organ dose (MRHD) of 0.5 mg/day, in the absence of maternal toxicity. At 15 times the MRHD, prolonged pregnancy, decreased reproductive organ weights, and delayed puberty in male offspring were observed in rats, with no-effect levels less than the MRHD of 0.5 mg/day. Increased placental weights in rabbits were also observed, with no-effect levels less than the MRHD of 0.5 mg/day (see Data).

Although dutasteride is secreted into human semen, the drug concentration in the human female partner is approximately 100 times less than concentrations producing abnormalities of male genitalia in animal studies (see Data). In monkeys dosed during organogenesis at blood concentrations comparable to or above levels which a human female partner is estimated to be exposed, male offspring external genitalia was not adversely affected. No feminization occurred in male offspring of untreated female rats mated to treated male rats even though detectable blood levels of dutasteride were observed in the female rats (see Androtoxicology (12.1)).

DATA

Animal Data: The highest measured semen concentration of dutasteride in treated men was 14 ng/mL. Although dutasteride is detected in semen, assuming exposure of a 50-kg woman to 5 mL of semen and 100% absorption, the woman's expected dutasteride blood concentration through semen would be about 0.0175 ng/mL. This concentration is approximately 100 times less than blood concentrations producing abnormalities of male genitalia in animal studies. Dutasteride is highly protein bound in human semen (greater than 90%), which may reduce the amount of dutasteride available for vaginal absorption.

Animal Data: In an embryo-fetal development study in rats, oral administration of dutasteride at 10 times less than the MRHD of 0.5 mg daily (based on average blood levels in men) resulted in feminization of male genitalia in the fetuses (decreased anogenital distance at 0.5 mg/kg/day, with a lack of a no-effect level) in the absence of maternal toxicity. In addition, nipple development, hypoplasia, and dilated prostatic glands occurred in fetuses of dams treated at doses of 2.5 mg/kg/day or greater (approximately 5 times the MRHD). Reduced fetal body weight and associated delayed ossification in the presence of maternal toxicity (decreased body weight gain) were observed at maternal exposure approximately 15 times the MRHD (doses of 2.5 mg/kg/day or greater). An increase in stillborn pups was observed in dams treated at 20 mg/kg/day (approximately 111 times the MRHD), with a no-effect level of 12.5 mg/kg/day.

In a rabbit embryo-fetal development study, doses 28 times the MRHD (doses of 30 mg/kg/day or greater), based on average blood levels in men, were administered orally on Gestation Days 7 to 29 (during organogenesis and the late period of external genitalia development). Histological evaluation of the genitalia of fetuses revealed evidence of feminization of the male fetus as well as fused skull bones and increased placental weights at all doses in the absence of maternal toxicity. A second embryo-fetal development study in rabbits demonstrated that the genitalia of fetuses revealed evidence of feminization of the male fetus at doses of 0.5 mg/kg/day or greater, with no-effect level, also produced evidence of feminization of the genitalia in male fetuses and increased placental weights at all doses in the absence of maternal toxicity.

In an embryo-fetal development study, pregnant rhesus monkeys were exposed intravenously during organogenesis (Gestation Days 20 to 100) to a dutasteride blood level comparable to or above the estimated dutasteride exposure of a human female partner. Dutasteride was administered on Gestation Days 20 to 100 (during organogenesis) at doses of 400, 780, 1,320, or 2,010 ng/day (12 times the MRHD) or the termination of male external genitalia or male offspring was observed. Reduction of fetal adrenal weights, reduction in fetal prostate weights, and increases in fetal ovaries and testes weights were observed at the highest dose tested. Based on the highest measured semen concentration of dutasteride in treated men (14 ng/mL), these doses in the monkey represent up to 10 times the potential in vivo exposure of a 50-kg human female to 5 mL of semen daily from a dutasteride-treated male, assuming 100% absorption. The dose levels (on a mg/kg basis) administered to monkeys in this study are 32 to 186 times the nominal (mg/kg) dose to which a female would potentially be exposed via the semen. It is not known whether rabbits or rhesus monkeys produce any of the major human metabolites.

In an oral pre- and post-natal development study in rats, feminization of the male genitalia was observed. Decreased anogenital distance was observed at 0.05 times the MRHD and greater (0.05 mg/kg/day and greater), with a lack of a no-effect level, based on average blood levels in men as an estimate of 0.175 ng/mL. Hypoplasia was observed at 0.5 mg/kg/day or greater (14 times the MRHD) or greater, with a no-effect level at 0.05 mg/kg/day. Doses of 2.5 mg/kg/day and greater also resulted in prolonged gestation in the female fetuses, an increase in time to balance-prostatic prostatic gland in male offspring, a decrease in time to vaginal patency for female offspring, and a decrease in prostate and seminal vesicle weights in male offspring. Increased stillbirths and decreased neonatal viability in offspring were noted at 20 mg/kg/day (12 times the MRHD) in the presence of maternal toxicity (decreased body weights).

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary: Dutasteride is not indicated for use in women. There is no information available on the presence of dutasteride in human milk, the effects on the breastfed child, or the effects on milk production.

8.3 Female and Male of Reproductive Potential

Male: The effects of dutasteride 0.5 mg/day on semen characteristics were evaluated in normal volunteers aged 18 to 52 years (n = 20) dutasteride, n = 23 placebo) treated with dutasteride in 3 clinical trials. 60% were ages 15 years and older and 15% were ages 75 years and older. No overall differences in safety or efficacy were observed between these subjects and younger subjects. Other reported clinical studies have not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

Female: The effects of dutasteride 0.5 mg/day on semen characteristics were evaluated in normal volunteers aged 18 to 52 years (n = 20) dutasteride, n = 23 placebo) treated with dutasteride in 3 clinical trials. 60% were ages 15 years and older and 15% were ages 75 years and older. No overall differences in safety or efficacy were observed between these subjects and younger subjects. Other reported clinical studies have not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8.4 Pediatric Use

Dutasteride is not indicated for use in pediatric patients. Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.</

- Dutasteride capsules may become deformed and/or discolored if kept at high temperatures.
 - Do not use dutasteride capsules if your capsules are deformed, discolored, or leaking.
 - Safely throw away medicine that is no longer needed.
- Keep dutasteride capsules and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the safe and effective use of dutasteride capsule.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use dutasteride capsule for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give dutasteride capsule to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about dutasteride capsule that is written for health professionals.

For more information, go to www.strides.com or call toll free number 1-877-244-9825.

What are the ingredients in dutasteride capsules?

Active ingredient: dutasteride.
Inactive ingredients: anhydrous citric acid, butylated hydroxytoluene, ferrous oxide (yellow), gelatin, glycerol, glycine, isopropyl alcohol, mono-diglyceride of caprylic/capric acid, titanium dioxide, medium chain triglyceride and opacode WB red.

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isomers of human 5 α -reductase. The activity of 6 β -hydroxydutasteride is comparable to that of dutasteride. Dutasteride and its metabolites were excreted mainly in feces. As a percent of dose, there was approximately 5% unchanged dutasteride (~1% to ~15%) and 40% as dutasteride-related metabolites (~2% to ~30%). Only trace amounts of unchanged dutasteride were found in urine (<1%). Therefore, on average, the dose unaccounted for is approximately 55% (range: 5% to 97%). The terminal elimination half-life of dutasteride is approximately 5 weeks at steady state. The average steady-state serum dutasteride concentration was 40 ng/mL following 0.5 mg/day for 1 year. Following daily dosing, dutasteride serum concentrations achieve 65% of steady-state concentration after 1 month and approximately 90% after 3 months. Due to the long half-life of dutasteride, serum concentrations remain detectable (greater than 0.1 ng/mL) for up to 4 to 6 months after discontinuation of treatment.

Specific Populations
Pediatric Patients: Dutasteride pharmacokinetics have not been investigated in subjects younger than 18 years.
Geriatric Patients: No dose adjustment is necessary in the elderly. The pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of dutasteride were evaluated in 36 healthy male subjects aged between 24 and 87 years following administration of a single 5-mg dose of dutasteride. In this single-dose trial, dutasteride half-life increased with age (approximately 170 hours in men aged 20 to 40 years, approximately 300 hours in men aged 50 to 60 years, and approximately 300 hours in men older than 70 years). Of 2,187 men treated with dutasteride in the 3 pivotal trials, 60% were age 65 and over and 15% were age 75 and over. No overall differences in safety or efficacy were observed between these patients and younger patients.

Male and Female Patients: Dutasteride is contraindicated in pregnancy and is not indicated for use in women. See Contraindications (4), Warnings and Precautions (5.1). The pharmacokinetics of dutasteride in women have not been studied.

Racial and Ethnic Groups: The effect of race on dutasteride pharmacokinetics has not been studied.

Patients with Renal Impairment: The effect of renal impairment on dutasteride pharmacokinetics has not been studied. However, less than 0.1% of a steady-state 0.5-mg dose of dutasteride is recovered in human urine, so no adjustment in dosage is anticipated for patients with renal impairment.

Patients with Hepatic Impairment: The effect of hepatic impairment on dutasteride pharmacokinetics has not been studied. Because dutasteride is extensively metabolized, exposure could be higher in hepatically impaired patients.

Drug Interaction Studies
Cytochrome P450 Inhibitors: No clinical drug interaction trials have been performed to evaluate the impact of CYP450 enzyme inhibitors on dutasteride pharmacokinetics. However, based on *in vitro* data, blood concentrations of dutasteride may increase in the presence of inhibitors of CYP3A4 such as itraconazole, ketoconazole, voriconazole, diltiazem, cimetidine, tolanolol, and ciprofloxacin.

Dutasteride does not inhibit the *in vitro* metabolism of model substrates for the major human cytochrome P450 isoenzymes (CYP1A2, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, and CYP3A4) at a concentration of 1,000 ng/mL, 25 times greater than steady-state serum concentrations in humans.

Alpha-Adrenergic Antagonists: In a single-sequence, crossover trial in healthy volunteers, the administration of tamsulosin or terazosin in combination with dutasteride had no effect on the steady-state pharmacokinetics of either alpha-1 adrenergic antagonist. Although the effect of administration of tamsulosin or terazosin on dutasteride pharmacokinetic parameters was not evaluated, the percent change in DHT concentrations was similar for dutasteride alone compared with the combination treatment.

Calcium Channel Antagonists: In a population pharmacokinetics analysis, a decrease in clearance of dutasteride was noted when coadministered with dutasteride and verapamil (n=8) and diltiazem (n=8). In contrast, no decrease in clearance was seen when amiodipine, another calcium channel antagonist that is not a CYP3A4 inhibitor, was coadministered with dutasteride (+7%, n=4).

The decrease in clearance and subsequent increase in exposure to dutasteride in the presence of verapamil and diltiazem is not considered to be clinically significant. No dose adjustment is recommended.

Cholestyramine: Administration of a single 5-mg dose of dutasteride followed 1 hour later by 12 g of cholestyramine did not affect the relative bioavailability of dutasteride in 12 normal volunteers.

Digoxin: In a trial of 20 healthy volunteers, dutasteride did not affect the steady-state pharmacokinetics of digoxin when administered concomitantly at a dose of 0.5 mg/day for 3 weeks.

Warfarin: In a trial of 23 healthy volunteers, 3 weeks of treatment with dutasteride 0.5 mg/day did not alter the steady-state pharmacokinetics of the S- or R-warfarin enantiomers or alter the effect of warfarin on prothrombin time when administered with warfarin.

Other Concomitant Therapy: Although specific interaction trials were not performed with other compounds, approximately 90% of the subjects in the 3 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, efficacy trials receiving dutasteride were taking other concomitant therapy when dutasteride was administered with anti-hypertensives, angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors, beta-adrenergic blocking agents, calcium channel blockers, corticosteroids, diuretics, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), phosphodiesterase Type V inhibitors, and quinolone antibiotics.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY
13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility
Carcinogenesis

A 2-year carcinogenicity study was conducted in B6C3F1 mice at doses of 3, 35, 250, and 500 mg/kg/day for males and 3, 35, and 250 mg/kg/day for females; an increased incidence of benign hepatocellular adenomas was noted at 250 mg/kg/day (250-fold the MRHD of a 0.5-mg daily dose) in female mice only. Two of the 3 major human metabolites have been detected in mice. The exposure to these metabolites in mice is either lower than in humans or equivalent.

In a 2-year carcinogenicity study in Han Wistar rats, at doses of 1.5, 7.5, and 50 mg/kg/day in males and 0.8, 6.3, and 15 mg/kg/day in females, there was an increase in Leydig cell adenomas in the testes at 150-fold the MRHD (50 mg/kg/day and greater). An increased incidence of Leydig cell hyperplasia was present at 15-fold the MRHD (male rats at dose of 7.5 mg/kg/day and greater). A positive correlation between proliferative changes in the Leydig cells and an increase in circulating luteinizing hormone levels has been demonstrated with 5 α -reductase inhibitors and is consistent with an effect on the hypothalamic-pituitary-testicular axis involving 5 α -reductase inhibition. At tumorigenic doses, luteinizing hormone levels in rats were increased by 167%. In this study, the major human metabolites were tested for carcinogenicity at approximately 1 to 3 times the expected clinical exposure.

Mutagenesis
 Dutasteride was tested for genotoxicity in a bacterial mutagenicity assay (Ames test), a chromosomal aberration assay in Chinese hamster ovary cells, and a micronucleus assay in rats. The results did not indicate any genotoxic potential of the parent drug. Test major human metabolites were also negative in either the Ames test or an aberration Ames test.

Impairment of Fertility
 Treatment of sexually mature male rats with dutasteride at 0.1 times the MRHD (animal doses of 0.05 mg/kg/day or greater for up to 31 weeks) based on mean serum concentration resulted in dose- and time-dependent decreases in fertility at all doses; reduced cauda epididymal (epididymal) sperm counts but not sperm concentration at 50 and 500 mg/kg/day; reduced weights of the epididymis, prostate, and seminal vesicles; and microscopic changes (cytoplasmic vacuolation of tubular epithelium in the epididymis and/or decreased cytoplasmic content of epididymal, consistent with decreased secretory activity in the prostate and seminal vesicles) in the reproductive organs at all doses in the 14-week recovery period. The fertility effects were reversed by Recovery Week 4 at all doses, and sperm counts were normal at the end of a 14-week recovery period. The microscopic changes were no longer present by Recovery Week 14 at 0.1 times the MRHD and were partly recovered in the remaining treatment groups. Low levels of dutasteride (0.1 to 17 ng/mL) were detected in the testes of untreated female rats treated with dutasteride (10 to 500 mg/kg/day for 29 to 30 weeks) who are 16 to 110 times the MRHD based on mean serum concentration. No feminization occurred in male offspring of untreated female rats mated to treated male rats even though detectable levels of dutasteride were observed in the female rats.

In a fertility study in female rats with dosing 4 weeks prior to mating through early gestation, oral administration of dutasteride at doses of 0.05, 0.25, 1.25, 2.5, and 30 mg/kg/day resulted in reduced litter size due to increased resorptions and in feminization of male fetuses (decreased anogenital distance) at 2.5 to 10 times the MRHD (animal doses of 2.5 mg/kg/day or greater) based on mean serum concentration, in the presence of maternal gain. Fetal body weights were also reduced at approximately 0.02 times the MRHD (rat dose of 0.05 mg/kg/day or greater) based on mean serum concentration, with no effect level, in the absence of maternal toxicity.

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology
Central Nervous System Toxicology Studies

In rats and dogs, repeated oral administration of dutasteride resulted in some animals showing signs of non-specific, reversible, centrally-mediated toxicity without associated histopathological changes at exposures 425- and 315-fold the expected clinical exposure of parent drug, respectively.

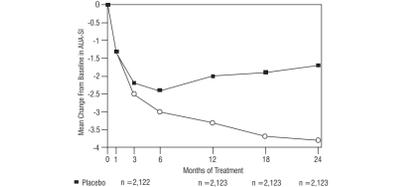
Rabbit Dermal Absorption
 In a rabbit dermal pharmacokinetics study, dermal absorption of dutasteride in CAPMIL (glyceryl oleate) in rabbits resulted in serum concentrations of 2.7 to 40.5 mg/mL. In doses of 1 to 20 mg/mL, respectively, or 50% to 100% of applied dutasteride to be absorbed under occlusive and prolonged conditions. Dutasteride capsules administered orally contain 0.5 mg dutasteride dissolved in a mixture of mono diglycerides of caprylic/capric acid and butylated hydroxytoluene. Dutasteride in water was minimally absorbed in rabbits (2,000 mg/kg).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES
14.1 Monotherapy

Dutasteride 0.5 mg/day (n = 2,167) or placebo (n = 2,158) was evaluated in male subjects with BPH in three 2-year multicenter, placebo-controlled, double-blind trials, each with 2-year open-label extensions (n = 2,340). More than 90% of the trial population was white. Subjects were aged at least 50 years with a mean PSA level of 1.9 and a total prostate score of 35, with higher numerical total symptom scores representing greater severity of symptoms. The baseline AUA-SI score across the 3 trials was approximately 17 units in both treatment groups. Subjects receiving dutasteride achieved statistically significant improvement in symptoms versus placebo by Month 3 in 1 trial and by Month 12 in the other 2 pivotal trials. At Month 12, the mean decrease from baseline in AUA-SI total symptom scores across the 3 trials pooled was -3.3 units for dutasteride and -2.0 units for placebo with a mean difference between the 2 treatment groups of -1.3 (range: -1.3 to -1.3 units in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001) and was consistent across the 3 trials. At Month 24, the mean decrease from baseline was -3.8 units for dutasteride and -1.7 units for placebo with a mean difference of -2.1 (range: -1.9 to -2.2 units in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001). See Figure 1. The improvement in BPH symptoms seen during the first 2 years of double-blind treatment was maintained throughout or additional 2 years of open-label extension trials.

These trials were prospectively designed to evaluate effects on symptoms based on prostate size at baseline. In men with prostate volumes <40 cc, the mean decrease was -3.8 units for dutasteride and -1.6 units for placebo, with a mean difference between the 2 treatment groups of 2.2 at Month 24. In men with prostate volumes >40 cc, the mean decrease was -1.7 units for dutasteride and -2.2 units for placebo, with a mean difference between the 2 treatment groups of -1.5 at Month 24.

Figure 1. AUA-SI Score Change from Baseline (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials Pooled)



Effect on Acute Urinary Retention and the Need for BPH-Related Surgery
 Efficacy was also assessed after 2 years of treatment by the incidence of AUR requiring catheterization and BPH-related urological surgical intervention. Compared with placebo, dutasteride was associated with a statistically significantly lower incidence of AUR (1.8% for dutasteride versus 4.2% for placebo, P<0.001; 57% reduction in risk, [95% CI: 38% to 71%]) and with a statistically significantly lower incidence of surgery (2.2% for dutasteride versus 4.1% for placebo, P<0.001; 46% reduction in risk, [95% CI: 26% to 65%]). See Figures 2 and 3.

Figure 2. Percent of Subjects Developing Acute Urinary Retention over a 24-Month Period (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials Pooled)

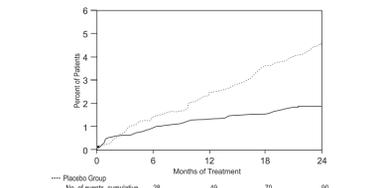
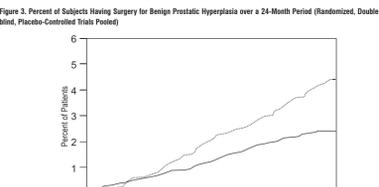
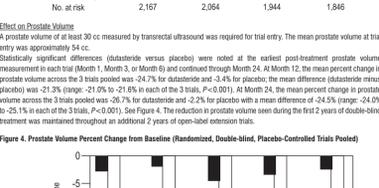


Figure 3. Percent of Subjects Having Surgery for Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia over a 24-Month Period (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials Pooled)



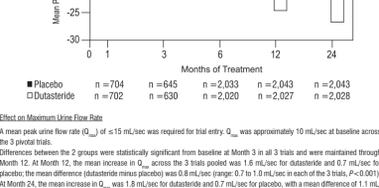
Effect on Prostate Volume
 A prostate volume of at least 30 cc measured by transrectal ultrasound was required for trial entry. The mean prostate volume at trial entry was approximately 54 cc. Statistically significant differences (dutasteride versus placebo) were noted at the earliest post-treatment prostate volume measurement in each trial (Month 1, Month 3, or Month 6) and continued through Month 24. At Month 12, the mean percent change in prostate volume across the 3 trials pooled was -24.7% for dutasteride and -3.3% for placebo; the mean difference (dutasteride minus placebo) was -21.3% (range: -21.0% to -21.6% in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001). At Month 24, the mean percent change in prostate volume across the 3 trials pooled was -26.7% for dutasteride and -2.2% for placebo with a mean difference of -24.5% (range: -24.0% to -25.1% in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001). See Figure 4. The reduction in prostate volume seen during the first 2 years of double-blind treatment was maintained throughout or additional 2 years of open-label extension trials.

Figure 4. Prostate Volume Percent Change from Baseline (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials Pooled)



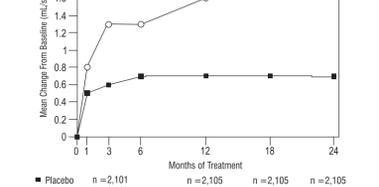
Effect on Maximum Urine Flow Rate
 A mean peak urine flow rate (Q_{max}) of <15 mL/sec was required for trial entry. Q_{max} was approximately 10 mL/sec at baseline across the 3 pivotal trials. Differences between the 2 groups were statistically significant from baseline at Month 3 in all 3 trials and were maintained through Month 12. At Month 12, the mean increase in Q_{max} across the 3 trials pooled was 1.6 mL/sec for dutasteride and 0.7 mL/sec for placebo; the mean difference (dutasteride minus placebo) was 0.9 mL/sec (range: 0.7 to 1.0 mL/sec in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001). At Month 24, the mean increase in Q_{max} was 1.9 mL/sec for dutasteride and 0.7 mL/sec for placebo, with a mean difference of 1.1 mL/sec (range: 1.0 to 1.2 mL/sec in each of the 3 trials, P<0.001). See Figure 5. The increase in maximum urine flow rate seen during the first 2 years of double-blind treatment was maintained throughout or additional 2 years of open-label extension trials.

Figure 5. Q_{max} Change from Baseline (Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trials Pooled)



Effect on International Prostate Symptom Score
 Symptoms were quantified using the first 7 questions of the International Prostate Symptom Score (IPSS) (identical to the AUA-SI). The baseline score was approximately 16.4 units for each treatment group. Combination therapy was statistically superior to each of the monotherapy treatments in decreasing symptom score at Month 24. The primary time point for this endpoint. At Month 24 the mean changes from baseline (±SD) in IPSS total symptom score were -6.2 (±7.14) for combination, -4.9 (±8.81) for dutasteride, and -4.3 (±7.37) for tamsulosin, with a mean difference between combination and dutasteride of -1.3 units (P<0.001; [95% CI: -1.89, -0.86]), and between combination and tamsulosin of -1.8 units (P<0.001; [95% CI: -2.33, -1.40]). A significant difference was seen by Month 9 and continued through Month 48. At Month 48 the mean change from baseline (±SD) in IPSS total symptom score was -4.3 (±7.40) for combination, -5.3 (±7.14) for dutasteride, and -3.8 (±7.74) for tamsulosin, with a mean difference between combination and dutasteride of -0.96 units (P<0.001; [95% CI: -1.40, -0.52]), and between combination and tamsulosin of -2.5 units (P<0.001; [95% CI: -2.96, -2.07]). See Figure 6.

Figure 6. International Prostate Symptom Score Change from Baseline over a 48-Month Period (Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel-Group Trial [CombAT Trial])



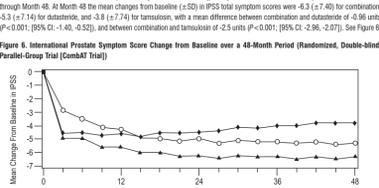
Summary of Clinical Trials
 Data from 3 large, well-controlled efficacy trials demonstrate that treatment with dutasteride (0.5 mg once daily) reduces the risk of both AUR and BPH-related surgical intervention relative to placebo, improves BPH-related symptoms, decreases prostate volume, and increases maximum urinary flow rates. These data suggest that dutasteride arrests the disease process of BPH in men with an enlarged prostate.

14.2 Combination with Alpha-Blocker Therapy (CombAT)

The efficacy of combination therapy (dutasteride 0.5 mg/day plus tamsulosin 0.4 mg/day, n = 1,818) was compared with dutasteride alone (n = 1,623) or tamsulosin alone (n = 1,611) in a 4-year multicenter, randomized, double-blind trial. Trial entry criteria were similar to the double-blind, placebo-controlled monotherapy efficacy trials described in Section 14.1. Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the enrolled trial population was white. Approximately 52% of subjects had previous exposure to 5 α -reductase inhibitor or alpha-1-adrenergic antagonist treatment. Of the 4,843 subjects randomly assigned to receive treatment, 69% of subjects in the combination group, 67% in the group receiving dutasteride, and 61% in the tamsulosin group completed 4 years of double-blind treatment.

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