Dislep [®] Levosulpiride

Pharmacological action

Dislep (Levosulpiride) is a digestive pro-kinetic agent with activity at different levels of the gastrointestinal tract on the basis of a specific mechanism on Dopamine and Serotonine receptors. Dislep increases the tone of the esophageal sphincter and makes the gastric emptying easier. It normalizes the intestinal transit and normalizes the peristalsis.

Composition

Each tablet contains levosulpiride 25 mg with the following excipients: microcrystalline cellulose, lactose, sodium glycolate starch, and magnesium stearate.

Indications

Dyspeptic syndrome (anorexia, meteorism, feeling of epigastric tension, postprandial cephalea, pyrosis, eructation, stypsis, diarrhea, vomits, nauseas, etc.) of retarded gastric depletion linked to organic (diabetic gastroparesis, neoplasia, etc.) and/or functional factors (visceral somatizations).

Dosage Adults Tablets: 1 tablet 3 times daily before meals.

In the treatment of elderly patients, dosage must be carefully established by the physician who must evaluate a possible reduction of the above indicated doses.

Contraindications

Dislep is contraindicated in patients with pheochromocytoma because it may cause a hypertensive crisis probably due to the release of catecholamines by the tumor. These hypertensive crises can be controlled with **phentolamine**. Dislep is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity or intolerance to the drug. It must not be used in epilepsy, in maniac states or in maniac crises of maniac-depressive psychoses. Owing to the possible correlation the hyperprolactinemizant effect that the drug may sporadically have and mammary dysplasias, it is not convenient to use Dislep in subjects who are already carriers of a malignant mastopathy.

Pregnancy and lactation: Since no clinical trials have been performed in pregnant or lactating women, it is not recommended for use in confirmed or suspected pregnancy or during the period of lactation.

Precautions for use

Levosulpiride must not be used when the stimulation of the gastrointestinal motility may be harmful, for example in the presence of gastrointestinal hemorrhages, mechanical obstructions or perforations. Avoid the simultaneous consumption of alcohol.

Interactions

The association with psychodrugs requires a special precaution and vigilance on the part of the physician to avoid unforeseen undesirable effects by interactions.

Warnings

The effects of levosulpiride on gastrointestinal motility can be antagonized by anticholinergic, narcotic and major analgesic drugs.

Effects on the capacity to drive and use machines

It may provoke somnolence, torpor and dyskinesia, the patients under treatment must be warned of this in order that they avoid driving vehicles and taking care of operations requiring full vigilance because of the possible danger.

Undesirable effects

In the long-term administration, in some cases disorders such as amenorrhea, gynecomastia, galactorrhea and alterations of libido may appear, because of the action of levosulpiride on the functionality of the hypothalamus-hypophysis-gonads axis. These effects are reversible.

If undesirable effects other than above described ones were observed, it is advisable to report them to the physician.

Overdosage

An overdosage could produce extrapyramidal disorders and alterations of sleep. Should they occur, get in touch with your physician.

Presentation: Pack with 20 tablets of 25 mg.

Keep medicaments out of reach and sight of children

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