

B.1. SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

FLOXAMAX 100 mg/ml concentrate for oral solution for chickens and turkeys

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each ml contains:

Active substance:

Enrofloxacin 100 mg

Excipients:

Benzyl alcohol (E1519)..... 0.014 ml

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Concentrate for oral solution.

Clear yellow solution.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1. Target species

Chickens and turkeys

4.2. Indications for use

Treatment of infections caused by the following bacteria susceptible to enrofloxacin:

Chickens

Mycoplasma gallisepticum,

Mycoplasma synoviae,

Avibacterium paragallinarum,

Pasteurella multocida

Turkeys

Mycoplasma gallisepticum,
Mycoplasma synoviae,
Pasteurella multocida

4.3. Contraindications

Do not use for prophylaxis.

Do not use when resistance / cross-resistance to (fluoro)quinolones is known to occur in the flock intended for treatment.

4.4. Special warnings for each target species

Treatment of *Mycoplasma spp* infections may not eradicate the organism.

4.5. Special precautions for use

i) Special precautions for use in animals

Official and local antimicrobial policies should be taken into account when the product is used.

Fluoroquinolones should be reserved for the treatment of clinical conditions which have responded poorly, or are expected to respond poorly, to other classes of antimicrobials.

Since enrofloxacin was first authorised for use in poultry, there has been widespread reduction in susceptibility of *E. coli* to fluoroquinolones and emergence of resistant organisms. Resistance has also been reported in *Mycoplasma synoviae* in the EU.

Whenever possible fluoroquinolones should only be used based on susceptibility testing.

Use of the product deviating from the instructions given by in the SPC may increase the prevalence of bacteria resistant to the fluoroquinolones and may decrease the effectiveness of treatment with other fluoroquinolones due to the potential for cross-resistance.

ii) Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the product to animals

Those with known hypersensitivity to (fluoro)quinolones should avoid contact with this product.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Rinse any splashes from skin or eyes immediately with water.

Wash hands and exposed skin after use.

Do not eat, drink or smoke whilst using the product.

4.6. Adverse reactions

None

4.7. Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Do not use in laying hens producing eggs for human consumption.
Do not administer to layer replacement birds within 14 days of coming into lay.

4.8. Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

In vitro, an antagonism was shown, when combining fluoroquinolones with bacteriostatic antimicrobial agents such as macrolides or tetracyclines and phenicols. The simultaneous application of substances containing aluminium or magnesium can impair the absorption of enrofloxacin.

4.9. Amount to be administered and administration route

Chickens and turkeys

10 mg enrofloxacin/kg bodyweight per day for 3–5 consecutive days.

Treatment for 3–5 consecutive days; for 5 consecutive days in mixed infections and chronic progressive forms. If no clinical improvement is achieved within 2–3 days, alternative antimicrobial therapy should be considered based on susceptibility testing.

Calculate the daily quantity (ml) of the product required for treatment period as follows:

Total number of birds x Average body weight in kg x 0.1 = Total volume (ml) per day

The product may be put directly into the header tank or introduced via a water proportioner pump.

Via the drinking water. Always make sure that the entire dose offered has been consumed. The medicated water should be made up fresh each day just before it is offered to the animals. The drinking water must be medicated throughout the treatment period, and no other water source should be available. Determine the bodyweight of the birds as accurately as possible in order to avoid underdosing.

Use only fresh pre-solutions, prepared every day before start of treatment. Pumping systems should be checked constantly to assure proper medication. Empty the water system and fill it with medicated water before starting the treatment.

4.10. Overdose (symptoms, emergency procedures, antidotes if necessary)

No adverse clinical symptoms were observed in chickens and turkeys treated respectively with doses up to 10 and 6 times higher than the therapy dose. The use of fluoroquinolones during the growth phase combined with a marked and prolonged increase in the intake of drinking water, and hence active ingredient, possibly due to high temperatures, may potentially be associated with damage of the articular cartilage.

4.11. Withdrawal period

Chickens: Meat and offal: 7 days.

Turkeys: Meat and offal: 13 days.

Not authorised for use in birds producing eggs for human consumption.

Do not administer to layer replacement birds within 14 days of coming into lay.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

Pharmacotherapeutic group: quinolone and quinoxaline antibacterials, fluoroquinolones.

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5.1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Mode of action

Two enzymes essential in DNA replication and transcription, DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV, have been identified as the molecular targets of fluoroquinolones. They modulate the topological state of DNA through cleaving and resealing reactions. Initially, both strands of the DNA double helix are cleaved. Then, a distant segment of DNA is passed through this break before the strands are resealed. Target inhibition is caused by non-covalent binding of fluoroquinolone molecules to an intermediate state in this sequence of reactions, in which DNA is cleaved, but both strands are retained covalently attached to the enzymes.

Replication forks and translational complexes cannot proceed beyond such enzyme-DNA-fluoroquinolone complexes, and inhibition of DNA and mRNA synthesis triggers events resulting in a rapid, drug concentration-dependent killing of pathogenic bacteria.

Antibacterial spectrum

Enrofloxacin is active against many Gram-negative bacteria, against Gram-positive bacteria and *Mycoplasma* spp.

In vitro susceptibility has been shown in strains of (i) Gram-negative species such as *Pasteurella multocida* and *Avibacterium (Haemophilus) paragallinarum* and (ii) *Mycoplasma gallisepticum* and *Mycoplasma synoviae*. (See section 4.5)

Types and mechanisms of resistance

Resistance to fluoroquinolones has been reported to arise from five sources, (i) point mutations in the genes encoding for DNA gyrase and/or topoisomerase IV leading to alterations of the respective enzyme, (ii) alterations of drug permeability in Gram-negative bacteria, (iii) efflux mechanisms, (iv) plasmid mediated resistance and (v) gyrase protecting proteins. All mechanisms lead to a reduced susceptibility of the bacteria to fluoroquinolones. Cross-resistance within the fluoroquinolone class of antimicrobials is common.

5.2. Pharmacokinetic properties

Enrofloxacin administered via drinking water to poultry is rapidly and very well absorbed with a bioavailability of approx. 90 %. Maximum plasma concentrations of 2 mg/L are reached within 1.5 hours after a single bolus dose rate of 10 mg/kg body weight with a total systemic availability of 14.4 mg-hr/L.

Enrofloxacin is eliminated from the body with a total body clearance of 10.3 mL/min·kg. If dosed as continuous drinking water medication (multiple dosing) steady-state concentrations of 0.5 mg (turkeys) to 0.8 mg (chicken) enrofloxacin per litre are achieved. A high mean volume of distribution (5 L/kg) indicates good tissue penetration of enrofloxacin. Concentrations in target tissues like lungs, liver, kidney, intestine and muscle tissue, exceed plasma concentrations by far. In poultry enrofloxacin is poorly metabolized to its active metabolite ciprofloxacin (approximately 5 %). Enrofloxacin is eliminated from the body at a half-life of 6 hours. Protein binding in poultry is approximately 25 %.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1. List of excipients

Potassium hydroxide
Purified water
Benzyl alcohol (E1519)

6.2. Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

6.3. Shelf-life

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 3 years

Shelf life after dilution according to directions: 24 hours

Shelf life after first opening the container: 3 months

6.4. Special precautions for storage

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

6.5. Nature and content of container

1 L and 5 L white high density polyethylene containers with a green screw cap of the same material.

Presentations: 1 L, 5 L.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6. Special precautions for disposal of unused product or waste materials, if any

Any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived from such veterinary medicinal products should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

7. NAME OR STYLE AND PERMANENT ADDRESS OR REGISTERED PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE HOLDER OF THE AUTHORISATION TO PLACE THE PRODUCT ON MARKET

SP VETERINARIA, S.A.
Ctra. Reus – Vinyols Km 4,1
Riudoms 43330 (Tarragona)
SPAIN

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Prohibition of sale, supply and/or use:

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