

# Summary of Product Characteristics

## 1 NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Advantage 40 Spot-on solution for Cats

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each pipette of 0.4 ml contains:

### Active substance:

Imidacloprid 40 mg

### Excipient(s):

Butylhydroxytoluene (E 321) 0.4 mg

Benzyl alcohol (E 1519) 332.8 mg

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Spot-on solution.

Clear yellow to slightly brownish solution.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Target Species

Cats.

### 4.2 Indications for use, specifying the target species

For the prevention and treatment of flea infestations on cats of less than 4 kg body weight.

For cats of 4 kg body weight and greater use Advantage 80 for Cats

One treatment prevents further flea infestation for three to four weeks.

The product can be used as part of a treatment strategy for the control of Flea Allergy Dermatitis (FAD) where this has been previously diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Do not treat unweaned kittens of less than 8 weeks of age.

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

### 4.4 Special warnings for each target species

None.

### 4.5 Special precautions for use

#### **Special precautions for use in animals:**

This product is for topical use and should not be administered orally.

Care should be taken to avoid the contents of the pipette coming into contact with the eyes or mouth of the recipient animal.

Do not allow recently treated animals to groom each other.

Any collar should be removed prior to application of the product. Prior to re-fitting the collar, the treated area should be visually assessed to ensure it is dry.

**Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:**

People with known hypersensitivity to imidacloprid should avoid contact with the product.

This product contains benzyl alcohol and may cause skin sensitisation or transient skin reactions in rare cases (for example, irritation, tingling).

Avoid contact between the product and skin, eyes, or mouth. Do not massage the application site.

Do not eat, drink, or smoke during application.

Wash off any skin contamination with soap and water.

If the product gets

into eyes, the eyes should be thoroughly flushed with water.

If skin or eye irritation persists, obtain medical attention.

If the product is accidentally swallowed, obtain medical attention immediately.

After application, do not stroke or groom animals until application site is dry.

Wash hands thoroughly after use.

**Other precautions:**

The solvent in this product may stain certain materials including leather, fabrics, plastics and finished surfaces. Allow the application site to dry before permitting contact with such materials.

**4.6 Adverse reactions (frequency and seriousness)**

The product is bitter tasting and salivation may occasionally occur if the cat licks the application site immediately after treatment. This is not a sign of intoxication and disappears within some minutes without treatment (see also section 4.9 *Amounts to be administered and administration route*).

In very rare occasions skin reactions such as hair loss, redness, itching and skin lesions may occur. Agitation has also been reported. Excessive salivation and nervous signs such as incoordination, tremors and depression have been reported exceptionally in cats.

Oral ingestion may result in other gastro-intestinal signs (vomiting and diarrhoea) which have been observed very rarely based on post marketing data.

The frequency of adverse reactions is defined using the following convention:

- very common (more than 1 in 10 animals treated displaying adverse reaction(s))
- common (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 100 animals treated)
- uncommon (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 1,000 animals treated)
- rare (more than 1 but less than 10 animals in 10,000 animals treated)
- very rare (less than 1 animal in 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports)

**4.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay**

No reproductive toxic effects have been observed in rats and no primary embryotoxic or teratogenic toxic effects have been observed during the studies on rats and rabbits. Studies on pregnant and lactating queens together with their offspring are limited. Evidence so far suggests that no adverse effects are to be expected in these animals.

**4.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interactions**

No incompatibility has been observed between this product at twice the recommended dose and the following commonly used veterinary products: lufenuron, pyrantel and praziquantel. The compatibility of the product was also demonstrated with a wide range of routine treatments under field conditions including vaccination.

**4.9 Amounts to be administered and administration route***Dosage and Treatment Schedule*

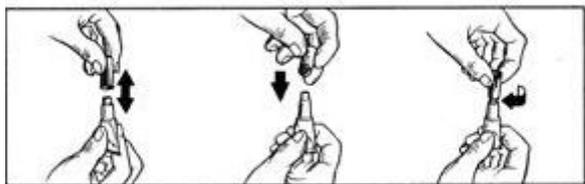
Cat (kg bw)	Product	Number of Pipettes	Imidacloprid (mg/kg bw)
< 4 kg	Advantage 40 for Cats	1 x 0.4 ml	minimum of 10
≥ 4 kg	Advantage 80 for Cats	1 x 0.8 ml	minimum of 10

Re-infestation from emergence of new fleas in the environment may continue to occur for six weeks or longer after treatment is initiated. More than one treatment may therefore be required, depending on the level of fleas in the environment. To aid in environmental challenge, the additional use of a suitable environmental treatment against adult fleas and their developing stages is recommended.

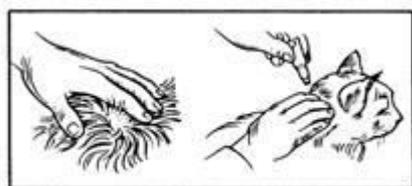
The product remains effective if the animal becomes wet, for example after exposure to heavy rain. However, re-treatment may become necessary, depending on the presence of fleas in the environment. In these cases do not re-treat more frequently than once weekly.

*Method of Administration*

Remove one pipette from the package. Hold pipette in an upright position, twist and pull off cap. Use reversed cap to twist and remove seal from pipette.



Part the hair on the cat's neck at the base of the skull until the skin is visible. Place the tip of the pipette on the skin and squeeze firmly several times to empty the contents directly onto the skin.



The product is bitter tasting and salivation may occasionally occur if the cat licks the application site immediately after treatment. This is not a sign of intoxication and disappears within some minutes without treatment. Application at the base of the skull will minimize the opportunity for the cat to lick the product.

Apply only to undamaged skin. Do not allow recently treated animals to groom each other.

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

No adverse clinical signs were produced using doses of five times the therapeutic level weekly for eight consecutive weeks. In rare cases of overdose or licking of treated fur, nervous system disorders (such as twitching, tremors, ataxia, mydriasis, miosis, lethargy) can occur.

Poisoning following inadvertent oral uptake in animals is unlikely. In this event, treatment should be symptomatic under veterinary medical attention. There is no known specific antidote but administration of activated charcoal may be beneficial.

**4.11 Withdrawal period(s)**

Not applicable.

**5 PHARMACOLOGICAL or IMMUNOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: antiparasitic agent

ATC vet code: QP53AX17

**5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties**

Imidacloprid, 1-(6-Chloro-3-pyridylmethyl)-N-nitro-imidazolidin-2-ylideneamine is an ectoparasiticide belonging to a group of chloronicotinyl compounds. Chemically, it is more accurately described as a chloronicotinyl nitroguanidine.

The substance has a high affinity for the nicotinic acetylcholine receptors in the post-synaptic region of the central nervous system (CNS). The ensuing inhibition of cholinergic transmission in insects results in paralysis and death. Due to the weak nature of the interaction with mammalian nicotinic receptor sites and the postulated poor penetration through the blood/brain barrier in mammals, it has virtually no effect on the mammalian CNS. The minimal pharmacological activity in mammals is supported by safety studies involving systemic administration of sub-lethal doses to rabbits, mice and rats.

In further studies, in addition to the adulticide flea efficacy of imidacloprid, a larvicidal flea efficacy in the surroundings of the treated pet has been demonstrated. Larval stages in the pet's surroundings are killed following contact with a treated animal.

**5.2 Pharmacokinetic particulars**

The product is indicated for cutaneous administration. Following topical application in cats, the solution is quickly distributed over the animal. Acute dermal studies in the rat and target animal overdose and serum kinetic studies have established that systemic absorption is very low, transient and not relevant for the clinical efficacy. This has been further demonstrated by a study in which fleas were not killed after having fed on previously treated animals once the animal's skin and fur had been cleaned of all active material.

**6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS****6.1 List of excipients**

Butylhydroxytoluene E321

Benzyl alcohol

Propylene carbonate

**6.2 Major incompatibilities**

None known.

**6.3 Shelf-life**

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 5 years

**6.4 Special precautions for storage**

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

Store away from food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

**6.5 Nature and composition of immediate packaging**

Pack sizes 0.4 ml solution per pipette

Pack containing 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 unit dose pipettes

Container White polypropylene pipettes with caps

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**6.6 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products**

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

The product should not enter water courses as this may be dangerous for fish and other aquatic organisms. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with the product or empty containers.

**7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

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**8 MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

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