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TOLDIN P

(Etodolac & Paracetamol Tablets)

COMPOSITION

Each film coated tablet contains :
Etodolac I.P. 400 mg
Paracetamol I.P. 325 mg
Excipients q.s.

Colours : Red oxide of Iron and Titanium Dioxide I.P.

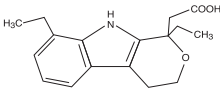
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DESCRIPTION

TOLDIN P is a combination product containing etodolac, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) with analgesic and antipyretic properties, and paracetamol which is an analgesic and an antipyretic drug.

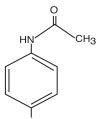
ETODOLAC

Etodolac is a member of the pyranocarboxylic acid group of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). The chemical name is 1,8-diethyl-1,3,4,9-tetra hydropryrano-[3,4-b]indole-1-acetic acid.



PARACETAMOL

Paracetamol is White crystals or a white, crystalline powder. It is freely soluble in ethanol (95%) and in acetone; sparingly soluble in water; very slightly soluble in dichloroethane and ether. Paracetamol is a Phenethyl acetaminol. Chemically, Paracetamol is 4-hydroxyacetanilide. The empirical formula is C₉H₉NO₂ and its molecular weight is 151.2. It has the following structural formula:



PHARMACOLOGY

Pharmacodynamics

Etodolac:

Etodolac is a NSAID that exhibits anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antipyretic activities in animal models. The mechanism of action of etodolac, like that of other NSAIDs, is not completely understood, reported to be a preferential inhibitor of cyclo-oxygenase 2 (COX-2).

Paracetamol:

Paracetamol produces analgesic and antipyretic as main effects and it has been also reported that paracetamol has a weak anti-inflammatory effect. Analgesic action: The central analgesic action of Paracetamol resembles that of aspirin. It produces analgesia by raising pain threshold. Antipyretic effect: The antipyretic effect of Paracetamol is attributed to its ability to inhibit COX in the brain where peroxide tone is low. Recent evidence suggests inhibition of COX-3 (believed to be splice variant product of the COX-1 gene) could represent a primary central mechanism by which Paracetamol decreases pain and possibly fever. Paracetamol is a peripherally acting analgesic with antipyretic activity.

Pharmacokinetics

Etodolac: Etodolac is a chiral compound given as the racemate. Peak plasma concentrations of the active (S) - enantiomer and of the inactive (R)-enantiomer are usually obtained within about 2 hours of a dose by mouth but plasma concentrations of the (R)-enantiomer have been reported to greatly exceed those of the (S)-enantiomer. Both enantiomers are highly bound to plasma proteins. Both are also distributed to the synovial fluid, although the difference in their concentrations may not be as marked as the difference in plasma concentrations. The plasma half-life of total etodolac has been reported to be about 7 hours; excretion is mainly in the urine as hydroxylated metabolites and glucuronide conjugates; some may be excreted in the bile.

Paracetamol:

Paracetamol is readily absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract with peak plasma concentrations occurring about 10 to 60 minutes after oral doses. Paracetamol is distributed into most body tissues except the placenta and breast milk. Plasma-protein binding is negligible. Usual doses produce usual therapeutic concentrations but increases with increasing concentrations. The elimination half-life of paracetamol varies from about 1 to 3 hours. Paracetamol is metabolised mainly in the liver and excreted in the urine mainly as the glucuronide and sulfate conjugates. Less than 5% is excreted as unchanged paracetamol. A minor hydroxylated metabolite (Nacetyl-p-benzo quinoneimine), is usually produced in very small amounts by cytochrome P450 isoenzymes (mainly CYP2E1 and CYP3A4) in the liver and kidney. It is usually detoxified by conjugation with glutathione but may accumulate after paracetamol overdose and cause tissue damage.

INDICATIONS

For the symptomatic treatment of acute pain and inflammation in patients with osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Etodolac:

Etodolac is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to etodolac. Etodolac should not be given to patients who have experienced asthma, urticaria, or other allergic-type reactions after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs and history of gastrointestinal bleeding or perforation, related to previous NSAIDs therapy. Severe, rarely fatal, anaphylactic-like reactions to NSAIDs have been reported in such patients. Etodolac is contraindicated for the treatment of peri-operative pain in the setting of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery. Etodolac should not be used in patients with severe heart failure, hepatic failure and renal failure. Etodolac should not be used in patients with acute or history of recurrent peptic ulceration or a history of peptic ulcer disease (with two or more distinct episodes of proven ulceration or bleeding). During the last trimester of pregnancy.

Paracetamol:

Paracetamol is contraindicated in patients with hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients. It should not be given to patients with severe liver disease.

SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Etodolac:

Cardiovascular Risk

- NSAIDs¹ may cause an increased risk of serious cardiovascular thrombotic events, myocardial infarction (MI), and stroke, which can be fatal. This risk may increase with duration of use. Patients with cardiovascular disease or risk factors for cardiovascular disease may be at greater risk.

- Etodolac tablets are contraindicated for the treatment of peri-operative pain in the setting of coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery.

Gastrointestinal Risk

- NSAIDs cause an increased risk of serious gastrointestinal adverse events including bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the stomach or intestines, which can be fatal. These events can occur at any time during use and without warning symptoms. Elderly patients are at greater risk for serious gastrointestinal (GI) events.

¹Throughout this package insert, the term NSAID refers to a non-aspirin non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

Special Precautions:-

General

Etodolac cannot be expected to substitute for corticosteroids or to treat corticosteroid insufficiency. Abrupt discontinuation of corticosteroids may lead to disease exacerbation. Patients on prolonged corticosteroid therapy should have their therapy tapered solely if a decision is made to discontinue corticosteroids. The pharmacological activity of etodolac in reducing fever and inflammation may diminish the utility of these diagnostic signs in detecting complications of presumed noninfectious, painful conditions.

Hepatic Effects

Borderline elevations of one or more liver tests may occur in up to 15% of patients taking NSAIDs including etodolac. These laboratory abnormalities may progress, may remain unchanged, or may be transient with continuing therapy. Notable elevations of ALT or AST (approximately three or more times the upper limit of normal) have been reported in approximately 1% of patients in clinical trials with NSAIDs. In addition, rare cases of severe hepatic reactions, including jaundice and fatal fulminant hepatitis, liver necrosis, and hepatic failure, some of them with fatal outcomes, have been reported. A patient with symptoms and/or signs suggesting liver dysfunction, or in whom an abnormal liver test has occurred, should be evaluated for evidence of the development of a more severe hepatic reaction while on therapy with etodolac. If clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver disease develop, or if systemic manifestations occur (e.g., eosinophilia, rash, etc.), etodolac should be discontinued.

Hematological Effects

Anemia is sometimes seen in patients receiving NSAIDs including etodolac. This may be due to fluid retention, occult or gross GI blood loss, or an incompletely described effect upon erythropoiesis. Patients on long-term treatment with NSAIDs, including etodolac, should have their hemoglobin/hematocrit checked if they exhibit any signs or symptoms of anemia. NSAIDs inhibit platelet aggregation and have been shown to prolong bleeding time in some patients. Unlike aspirin, their effect on platelet function is quantitatively less, of shorter duration, and reversible. Patients receiving etodolac who may be adversely affected by alterations in platelet function, such as those with coagulation disorders or patients receiving anticoagulants, should be carefully monitored.

Pre-existing Asthma

Patients with asthma may have aspirin-sensitive asthma. The use of aspirin in patients with aspirin-sensitive asthmas has been associated with severe bronchospasm which can be fatal. Since cross reactivity, including bronchospasm, between aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs has been reported in such aspirin-sensitive patients, etodolac should not be administered to patients with this form of aspirin sensitivity and should be used with caution in all patients with pre-existing asthma.

Information for Patients Patients should be informed of the following information before initiating therapy with an NSAID and periodically during the course of ongoing therapy. Etodolac, like other NSAIDs, may cause serious CV side effects, such as MI or stroke, which may result in hospitalization and even death. Although serious CV events can occur without warning symptoms, patients should be alert for the signs and symptoms of chest pain, shortness of breath, weakness, slurring of speech, and should ask for medical advice when observing any indicative sign or symptoms. Patients should be apprised of the importance of this follow-up. Etodolac, like other NSAIDs, can cause GI discomfort and, rarely, serious GI side effects, such as ulcers and bleeding, which may result in hospitalization and even death. Although serious GI tract ulcerations and bleeding can occur without warning symptoms, patients should be alert for the signs and symptoms of ulcerations and bleeding, and should ask for medical advice when observing any indicative sign or symptoms including epigastric pain, dyspepsia, melena, and hematemesis. Patients should be apprised of the importance of this follow-up. Etodolac, like other NSAIDs, can cause serious skin side effects such as exfoliative dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS), and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), which may result in hospitalizations and even death. Although serious skin reactions may occur without warning, patients should be alert for the signs and symptoms of skin rash and blistering/peeling or other signs of hypersensitivity such as itching, and should ask for medical advice when observing any indicative signs or symptoms. Patients should be advised to stop the drug immediately if they develop any type of rash and contact their physicians as soon as possible. Patients should promptly report signs or symptoms of unexplained weight gain or edema to their physicians. Patients should be informed of the warning signs and symptoms of hepatotoxicity (e.g., nausea, fatigue, lethargy, pruritus, jaundice, right upper quadrant tenderness, and "flu-like" symptoms). If these occur, patients should be instructed to stop therapy and seek immediate medical therapy. Patients should be informed of the signs of an anaphylactoid reaction (e.g., difficulty breathing, swelling of the face or throat). If these occur, patients should be instructed to seek immediate emergency help. In late pregnancy, the third trimester, as with other NSAIDs, etodolac should be avoided because it may cause premature closure of the ductus arteriosus.

Laboratory Tests

Because serious GI tract ulcerations and bleeding can occur without warning symptoms, physicians should monitor for signs or symptoms of GI bleeding. Patients on long-term treatment with NSAIDs should have their CBC and a chemistry profile checked periodically for signs or symptoms of anemia. Appropriate measures should be taken in case such signs of anemia occur. Clinical signs and symptoms consistent with liver or renal disease develop, systemic manifestations occur (e.g., eosinophilia, rash, etc.) or if abnormal liver tests persist or worsen, etodolac should be discontinued.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, and Impairment of Fertility

No carcinogenic effect of etodolac was observed in mice or rats receiving oral doses of 15 mg/kg/day (45 to 89 mg/m², respectively) or less for periods of 2 years or 18 months, respectively. Etodolac was not mutagenic in *in vitro* tests performed with *S. typhimurium* and mouse lymphoma cells as well as in *in vivo* mouse micronucleus tests. Human platelets from the *in vitro* human peripheral lymphocyte test showed an increase in the number of gaps (3.0 to 5.3% unstained regions in the chromatid without dislocation) among the etodolac-treated cultures (50 to 200 µg/mL) compared to negative controls (2.0%); no other difference was noted between the controls and drug-treated groups. Etodolac showed no impairment of fertility in male and female rats up to oral doses of 16 mg/kg (94 mg/m²). However, reduced implantation of fertilized eggs occurred in the 8 mg/kg group.

Warnings:-

Hyperkalemia

NSAIDs, including etodolac, can lead to onset of new hypertension or worsening of pre-existing hypertension, either of which may contribute to the increased incidence of CV events. Patients taking thiazides or loop diuretics may have impaired response to these therapies when taking NSAIDs. NSAIDs, including etodolac, should be used with caution in patients with hypertension. Blood pressure (BP) should be monitored closely during the initiation of NSAID treatment and throughout the course of therapy.

Congestive Heart Failure and Edema

Fluid retention and edema have been observed in some patients taking NSAIDs. Etodolac should be used with caution in patients with fluid retention or heart failure.

Gastrointestinal Effects -Risk of Ulceration, Bleeding, and Perforation

NSAIDs, including etodolac, can cause serious gastrointestinal (GI) adverse events including inflammation, bleeding, ulceration, and perforation of the stomach, small intestine or large intestine, which can be fatal. These serious adverse events can occur at any time, with or without warning symptoms, in patients treated with NSAIDs. Only one in five patients, who develop a serious upper GI adverse event on NSAID therapy, is symptomatic. Upper GI ulcers, gross bleeding, or perforation caused by NSAIDs occur in approximately 1% of patients treated for 3 to 6 months, and about 2-4% of patients treated for one year. These trends continue with longer duration of use, increasing the likelihood of developing a serious GI event at some time during the course of therapy. However, even short-term therapy is not without risk. Physicians should inform patients about the signs and/or symptoms of serious GI toxicity and what steps to take if they occur. NSAIDs should be prescribed with extreme caution in those with a prior history of ulcer disease or gastrointestinal bleeding. Patients with a prior history of peptic ulcer disease, and/or gastrointestinal bleeding, and who use aspirin, warfarin, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors, or anti-platelet agents should be instructed to patients with neither of these risk factors. Other factors that increase the risk for GI bleeding in patients treated with NSAIDs include concomitant use of oral corticosteroids, anticoagulants such as warfarin, selective serotoninreuptake inhibitors or anti-platelet agents such as aspirin, longer duration of NSAID therapy, smoking, use of alcohol, older age, and poor general health status. Most spontaneous reports of fatal GI events are in elderly or debilitated patients, and therefore, special care should be taken in treating this population. To minimize the potential risk for an adverse GI event in patients treated with an NSAID, the lowest effective dose should be used for the shortest duration possible. Patients and physicians should remain alert for signs and symptoms of GI ulceration and bleeding during NSAID therapy and promptly initiate additional evaluation and treatment if a serious GI adverse event is suspected. This should include discontinuation of the NSAID until a serious GI adverse event is ruled out. For high risk patients, alternate therapies that do not involve NSAIDs should be considered. NSAIDs should be given with care to patients with a history of gastrointestinal disease (ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease) as these conditions may be exacerbated.

SLE and mixed connective tissue disease:

Patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and mixed connective tissue disorders there may be an increased risk of aseptic meningitis.

Renal Effects

Long-term administration of NSAIDs has resulted in renal papillary necrosis and other renal injury. Renal toxicity has also been seen in patients in whom renal prostaglandins have a compensatory role in the maintenance of renal perfusion. In these patients, administration of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug may cause a dose-dependent reduction in prostaglandin formation and, secondarily, in renal blood flow, which may precipitate overt renal decompensation. Patients at greatest risk of this reaction are those with impaired renal function, heart failure, liver dysfunction, those taking diuretics and ACE inhibitors, and the elderly. Discontinuation of NSAID therapy is usually followed by recovery to the pretreatment state. Renal pelvic transitional epithelial hyperplasia, a spontaneous change occurring with variable frequency, was observed with increased frequency in treated male rats in a 2-year chronic study. Caution is recommended in patients with preexisting kidney disease.

Advanced Renal Disease

No information is available from controlled clinical studies regarding the use of etodolac in patients with advanced renal disease. Therefore, treatment with etodolac is not recommended in these patients with advanced renal disease. If etodolac therapy must be initiated, close monitoring of the patient's renal function is advisable.

Anaphylactoid Reactions

As with other NSAIDs, anaphylactoid reactions may occur in patients without prior exposure to etodolac. Etodolac should not be given to patients with the aspirin triad. This symptom complex typically occurs in asthmatic patients who experience rhinitis with or without nasal polyps, or who exhibit severe, persistent bronchospasm with other NSAIDs. Fatal reactions have been reported in such patients. Emergency help should be sought in cases where an anaphylactoid reaction occurs. **Respiratory disorders** Caution is required if etodolac is administered to patients suffering from, or with a previous history of, bronchial asthma since NSAIDs have been reported to precipitate bronchospasm in such patients. **Skin Reactions** NSAIDs, including etodolac, can cause serious skin adverse events such as exfoliative dermatitis, SJS, and TEN, which can be fatal. These serious events may occur without warning. Patients should be informed about the signs and symptoms of serious skin manifestations and use of the drug should be discontinued at the first appearance of skin rash or any other sign of hypersensitivity. **Impaired female fertility** The use of etodolac may impair female fertility and is not recommended in woman attempting to conceive. In women who have difficulty conceiving or who are undergoing investigation of infertility, withdrawal of etodolac should be considered.

Pregnancy In late pregnancy, the third trimester, as with other NSAIDs, etodolac should be avoided because it may cause premature closure of the ductus arteriosus. **Paracetamol:** **Special Precautions and Warnings:-** Should be taken with caution in patients with impaired liver and kidney function. The hazards of overdose are greater in those with non-cirrhotic alcoholic liver disease. Do not exceed the stated dose. Do not be given to children under 6 years, without medical advice. Dosage should not be continued for more than three days without consulting your doctor. If symptoms persist, consult your doctor. Do not take with any other paracetamol-containing products. Keep all medicines out of the reach of children. Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well. Immediate medical advice should be sought in the event of an overdose, even if you feel well, because of the risk of delayed, serious liver damage.

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DRUG INTERACTIONS

Etodolac: Since etodolac is extensively protein-bound, it may be necessary to modify the dosage of other highly proteinbound drugs.

ACE-inhibitors : Reports suggest that NSAIDs may diminish the antihypertensive effect of ACE-inhibitors. This interaction should be given consideration in patients taking NSAIDs concomitantly with ACE-inhibitors.

Antacids : The concomitant administration of antacids has no apparent effect on the extent of absorption of etodolac. However, antacids can decrease the peak concentration reached by 15% to 20% but have no detectable effect on the time-to-peak.

Aspirin : When etodolac is administered with aspirin, its protein binding is reduced, although the clearance of free etodolac is not altered. The clinical significance of this interaction is not known; however, as with other NSAIDs, concomitant administration of etodolac and aspirin is not generally recommended because of the potential of increased adverse effects. **Cyclosporin, Digoxin, Methotrexate :** Etodolac, like other NSAIDs, through effects on renal prostaglandins, may cause changes in the elimination of these drugs leading to elevated serum levels of cyclosporine, digoxin, methotrexate, and increased toxicity. NSAIDs may exacerbate cardiac failure, reduce GFR and increase plasma glycoside levels. Nephrotoxicity associated with cyclosporine may also be enhanced. Patients receiving these drugs who are given etodolac, or any other NSAID, and particularly those patients with altered renal function, should be observed for the development of the specific toxicities of these drugs. NSAIDs have been reported to competitively inhibit methotrexate accumulation in rabbit kidney slices. This may indicate that they could enhance the toxicity of methotrexate. Caution should be used when NSAIDs are administered concomitantly with methotrexate. **Diuretics :** Etodolac has no apparent pharmacokinetic interaction when administered with furosemide or hydrochlorothiazide. Nevertheless, clinical studies, as well as postmarketing observations have shown that etodolac can reduce the natriuretic effect of furosemide and thiazides in some patients. This response has been attributed to inhibition of renal prostaglandin synthesis. During concomitant therapy with NSAIDs, the patient should be observed closely for signs of renal failure, as well as to assure diuretic efficacy. Diuretics can increase the risk of nephrotoxicity of NSAIDs.

Glyburide : Etodolac has no apparent pharmacokinetic interaction when administered with glyburide. **Lithium :** NSAIDs have produced an elevation of plasma lithium levels and a reduction in renal lithiumclearance. The mean minimum lithium concentration increased 15% and the renal clearance was decreased by approximately 20%. These effects have been attributed to inhibition of renal prostaglandin synthesis by the NSAID. Thus, when NSAIDs and lithium are administered concurrently, subjects should be observed carefully for signs of lithium toxicity.

Phenylbutazone : Phenylbutazone causes increase (by about 80%) in the free fraction of etodolac. Although *in vivo* studies have been done to see if etodolac clearance is changed by coadmini-stration of phenylbutazone, it is not recommended that they be coadministered.

Phenytin : Etodolac has no apparent pharmacokinetic interaction when administered with phenytin. **Warfarin** : The effects of warfarin and NSAIDs on GI bleeding are synergistic, such that users of both drugs together have a risk of serious GI bleeding higher than that of users of either drug alone. Short-term pharmacokinetic studies have demonstrated that concomitant administration of warfarin and etodolac tablets results in reduced protein binding of warfarin, but there was no change in the clearance of free warfarin. There was no significant difference in the pharmacodynamic effect of warfarin administered alone and warfarin administered with etodolac as measured by prothrombin time. Thus, concomitant therapy with warfarin and etodolac should not require dosage adjustment of either drug. However, caution should be exercised because there have been a few spontaneous reports of prolonged prothrombin times, with or without bleeding, in etodolac-treated patients receiving concomitant warfarin therapy.

Anti-platelet agents and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)

Increased risk of bleeding has been reported in patients receiving NSAIDs and SSRIs. **Tacrolimus** : Possible increased risk of nephrotoxicity when NSAIDs are given with tacrolimus.

Zidovudine : Increased risk of haematological toxicity when NSAIDs are given with zidovudine. There is a evidence of an increased risk of haemorrhoses and haemtoima in HIV(+) haemophiliacs receiving concurrent treatment with zidovudine and ibuprofen. Bilirubin tests can give a false positive result due to the presence of phenolic metabolites of Etodolac in the urine.

Mifepristone: NSAIDs should not be used for 8-12 days after mifepristone administration as NSAIDs can reduce the effect of mifepristone. **Corticosteroids** : Increased risk of gastrointestinal ulceration or bleeding.

Quinolone antibiotics : Animal data indicate that NSAIDs can increase the risk of convulsions associated with quinolone antibiotics. Patients taking NSAIDs and quinolones may have an increased risk of developing convulsions.

Drug/Laboratory Test Interactions

The urine of patients who take etodolac can give a false-positive reaction for urinary bilirubin (urobilin) due to the presence of phenolic metabolites of etodolac by diazotization-dip-stick methodology, used to detect ketone bodies in urines, has resulted in false-positive findings in some patients treated with etodolac. Generally, this phenomenon has not been associated with other clinically significant events. No dose relationship has been observed. Etodolac treatment is associated with a small decrease in serum uric acid levels. In clinical trials, mean decreases of 1 to 2 mg/dL were observed in arthritic patients receiving etodolac (600 mg to 1000 mg/day) after 4 weeks of therapy. These levels then remained stable for up to 1 year of therapy.

Paracetamol:

Cholestyramine : The speed of absorption of paracetamol is reduced by cholestyramine. Therefore, the cholestyramine should not be taken within one hour if maximal analgesia is required. **Metoclopramide and Domperidone** : The absorption of paracetamol is increased by metoclopramide and domperidone. However, concurrent use need not be avoided. **Warfarin** : The anticoagulant effect of warfarin and other coumarins may be enhanced by prolonged regular use of paracetamol with increased risk of bleeding; occasional doses have no significant effect. **Chloramphenicol** : Increased plasma concentration of chloramphenicol.

ADVERSE EFFECTS

Etodolac: In patients taking etodolac or other NSAIDs, the most frequently reported adverse experiences occurring in approximately 1-10% of patients are:

Gastrointestinal experiences including: abdominal pain, constipation, diarrhea, dyspepsia, flatulence, gross bleeding/perforation, heartburn, nausea, GI ulcers (gastric/duodenal), vomiting, epigastric pain, indigestion, heart burn, ulcerative stomatitis, haematemesis, melanaea, rectal bleeding, exacerbation of colitis, vasculitis,

Other events including: abnormal renal function, anemia, fatigue, weakness/malaise, dizziness, edema, elevated liver enzymes, headache, increased bleeding time, pruritis, rashes, tinnitus, abnormal vision, pyrexia, drowsiness, bilirubinuria, hepatic function abnormalities, Crohn's disease. **Renal:** Nephrotoxicity in various forms, including interstitial nephritis, nephritic syndrome and renal failure. **Hepatic:** abnormal liver function, hepatitis and jaundice

Neurological and special senses: Visual disturbances, optic neuritis, headaches, paraesthesia, reports of aseptic meningitis (especially in patients with existing auto-immune disorders, such as systemic lupus erythematosus, mixed connective tissue disease), with symptoms such as stiff neck, headache, nausea, vomiting, vertigo, dizziness, depression, confusion, hallucinations, tinnitus, vertigo, dizziness, malaise, fatigue and drowsiness. **Haematological:** Thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, agranulocytosis, aplastic anaemia and haemolytic anaemia. **Dermatological:** Bullous reactions including Stevens Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (very rare), photosensitivity. Adverse-reaction information for etodolac was derived from 2,929 arthritic patients treated with etodolac tablets in double-blind and open-label clinical trials of 4 to 320 weeks in duration and various worldwide controlled and uncontrolled studies. In clinical trials, most adverse reactions were mild and transient. The discontinuation rate in controlled clinical trials, because of adverse events, was up to 10% for patients treated with etodolac. New patient complaints (with an incidence greater than or equal to 1%) are listed below by body system. The incidences were determined from clinical trials involving 465 patients with osteoarthritis treated with 300 to 500 mg of etodolac b.i.d. (i.e., 600 to 1000 mg/day).

Incidence Greater Than or Equal To 1%-Probably Causally Related

Body as a whole-Chills and fever. Digestive system - Dyspepsia (10%), abdominal pain¹, diarrhea², flatulence³, nausea⁴, constipation, gastritis, melena, vomiting Nervous system-Asthenia/malaise⁵, dizziness⁶, depression, nervousness, paraesthesia Skin and appendages-Pruritis, rash Special senses-Blurred vision, tinnitus Urogenital system-Dysuria, urinary frequency ¹Drug-related patient complaints occurring in 3 to 9% of patients treated with etodolac. Drug-related patient complaints occurring in fewer than 3% but more than 1%, are unmarked.

Incidence Less Than 1%-Probably Causally Related

(Adverse reactions reported only in worldwide postmarketing experience, not seen in clinical trials, are considered rarer and are italicized.)

Body as a whole-Allergic reaction, anaphylactoid/anaphylactoid reactions (including shock) **Cardiovascular system**-Hypertension, congestive heart failure, cardiac failure, arterial thrombotic events (myocardial infarction or stroke), oedema, flushing, palpitations, syncope, vasculitis (including necrotizing and gangrenous) **Central nervous system**-Headache **Digestive system**-Thirst, dry mouth, ulcerative stomatitis, anorexia, eructation, elevated liver enzymes, cholestatic hepatitis, hepatitis, cholestatic jaundice, duodenitis, jaundice, hepatic failure, liver necrosis, peptic ulcer with or without bleeding and/or perforation, intestinal ulceration, pancreatitis.

Hemic and lymphatic system-Echymosis, anemia, thrombocytopenia, bleeding time increased, agranulocytosis, hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia, pancytopenia **Metabolic and nutritional**-Edema, serum creatinine increase, hyperglycemia in previously controlled diabetic patients **Nervous system**-Insomnia, somnolence

Respiratory system-Asthma, aggravated asthma, bronchospasm, pulmonary infiltration with eosinophilia **Skin and appendages**-Angioedema, sweating, urticaria, purpura, exfoliative and bullous dermatoses, vesiculobullous rash, cutaneous vasculitis with purpura, Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, hyperpigmentation, erythema multiforme.

Special senses-Photophobia, transient visual disturbances. **Urogenital system**-Elevated BUN, renal failure, renal insufficiency, renal papillary necrosis.

Incidence Less Than 1%-Relationship Unknown (Medical events occurring under circumstances where causal relationship to etodolac is uncertain, these reactions are listed as alerting information for physicians.)

Body as a whole-Infection, headache **Cardiovascular system**-Arrhythmias, myocardial infarction, cerebrovascular accident **Digestive system**-Esophagitis with or without stricture or cardiospasm, colitis **Metabolic and nutritional**-Change in weight **Nervous system**-Paresthesia, confusion **Respiratory system**-Bronchitis, dyspnea, pharyngitis, rhinitis, sinusitis **Skin and appendages**-Alopecia, maculopapular rash, photosensitivity, skin peeling **Special senses**-Conjunctivitis, deafness, taste perversion **Urogenital system**-Cystitis, hematuria, leukorrhea, renal calculus, interstitial nephritis, uterine bleeding irregularities **Additional Adverse Reactions Reported with NSAIDs** **Body as a whole**-Sepsis, death **Cardiovascular system**-Tachycardia **Digestive system**-Gastric ulcers, gastritis, gastrointestinal bleeding, glossitis, hematemesis **Hemic and lymphatic system**-Lymphadenopathy **Nervous system**-Anxiety, dream abnormalities, convulsions, coma, hallucinations, meningitis, tremors, vertigo **Respiratory system**-Respiratory depression, pneumonia **Urogenital system**-Oliguria/polyuria, proteinuria **Paracetamol:** Adverse effects are usually mild and may include skin rashes and other allergic reactions occasionally. Very rarely there have been reports of blood dyscrasias including thrombocytopenia, methaemoglobin- aemia and agranulocytosis, but these were not necessarily causally related to paracetamol.

OVERDOSAGE

Etodolac

(a) Symptoms

Symptoms include headache, nausea, vomiting, epigastric pain, gastrotaestinal bleeding, rarely cholestatic jaundice and metabolic acidosis, coma, drowsiness, dizziness, tinnitus, fainting, occasionally convulsions. In cases of significant poisoning acute renal failure and liver damage are possible.

(b) Therapeutic measure

Patients should be treated symptomatically as required. Within one hour of ingestion of a potentially toxic amount, activated charcoal should be considered. Alternatively, in adults, gastric lavage should be considered within one hour of indigestion of a potentially lifethreatening overdose. Good urine output should be ensured. Renal and liver function should be closely monitored. Patients should be observed for at least four hours after ingestion of potentially toxic amounts. From an oral or prolonged convulsions should be treated with intravenous diazepam. Other measures may be indicated by the patient's clinical condition. The standard practices of gastric lavage, activated charcoal administration and general supportive therapy should be undertaken.

Paracetamol

Liver damage is possible in adults who have taken 10g or more of paracetamol. Ingestion of 5 or more of paracetamol may lead to liver damage if the patient has risk factors.

Risk Factors: If the patient:

- is on long term treatment with carbamazepine, phenobarbitone, phenytoin, primidone, rifampicin, St. John's Wort or other drugs that induce liver enzymes.
- Regularly consumes ethanol in excess of recommended amounts.
- is likely to be glutathione deplete e.g. eating disorders, cystic fibrosis, HIV infection, starvation, cachexia.

Symptoms