

**TOPCEF-O 200**

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**1. Generic Name**

Cefixime & Ofloxacin Tablets

**2. Qualitative and quantitative composition**

Each film coated tablet contains:

Cefixime I.P. as Trihydrate

equivalent to Anhydrous Cefixime.....200 mg

Ofloxacin I.P. ....200 mg

Colours: Lake of Tartrazine & Titanium Dioxide I.P.

The excipients used are Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Calcium Sulphate, Dicalcium Phosphate, Lactose, Sodium Benzoate, Magnesium Stearate, Talcum, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium Dioxide, Tartrazine Lake, Isopropyl Alcohol and Methylene Chloride.

**3. Dosage form and strength**

Coated tablet

Strength: Cefixime – 200 mg, Ofloxacin – 200 mg

**4. Clinical particulars**

**4.1 Therapeutic indication**

It is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with typhoid fever and urinary tract infection.

**4.2 Posology and method of administration**

Dosage: As directed by the Physician

**4.3 Contraindications**

Topcef-O 200 is contraindicated in:

- Patients with known hypersensitivity to cephalosporin antibiotics, quinolones antibacterials or to any of the excipients.
- Patients with a past history of tendinitis related to fluoroquinolone administration.
- Patients with a history of epilepsy or with a lowered seizure threshold.
- Children or growing adolescents and pregnant or breast-feeding women, since reported animal experiments do not entirely exclude the risk of damage to the cartilage of joints in the growing subject.
- Patients with latent or actual defects in glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase activity may be prone to haemolytic reactions when treated with quinolone antibacterial agents.

**4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use**

**Cefixime**

**Encephalopathy**

Beta-lactams, including cefixime, predispose the patient to encephalopathy risk (which may include convulsions, confusion, impairment of consciousness, movement disorders), particularly in case of overdose or renal impairment.

**Severe cutaneous adverse reactions**

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions such as toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome and drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) have been reported in some patients on cefixime. When severe cutaneous adverse reactions occur, cefixime should be discontinued and appropriate therapy and/or measures should be taken.

Topcef-O 200 should be given with caution to patients who have shown hypersensitivity to other drugs.

**Hypersensitivity to penicillins**

As with other cephalosporins, cefixime should be given with caution to patients with a history of hypersensitivity to penicillin, as there is some evidence of partial cross-allergenicity between the penicillins and cephalosporins.

Patients have had severe reactions (including anaphylaxis) to both classes of drugs. If an allergic effect occurs with Topcef-O 200, the drug should be discontinued and the patient treated with appropriate agents if necessary.

**Haemolytic anaemia**

Drug-induced haemolytic anaemia, including severe cases with a fatal outcome, has been described for cephalosporins (as a class). The recurrence of haemolytic anaemia after re-administration of cephalosporins in a patient with a history of cephalosporin (including cefixime) –associated haemolytic anaemia has also been reported.

**Acute renal failure**

As with other cephalosporins, cefixime may cause acute renal failure including tubulointerstitial nephritis as an underlying pathological condition. When acute renal failure occurs, cefixime should be discontinued and appropriate therapy and/or measures should be taken.

**Renal impairment**

Topcef-O 200 should be administered with caution in patients with markedly impaired renal function.

**Paediatric use**

Safety of cefixime in premature or newborn infant has not been established.

Treatment with broad spectrum antibiotics alters the normal flora of the colon and may permit overgrowth of clostridia. Studies indicate that a toxin produced by *Clostridium difficile* is a primary cause of antibiotic-associated diarrhoea. Pseudomembranous colitis is associated with the use of broad-spectrum antibiotics (including macrolides, semi-synthetic penicillins, lincosamides and cephalosporins); it is therefore important to consider its diagnosis in patients who develop diarrhoea in association with the use of antibiotics. Symptoms of pseudomembranous colitis may occur during or after antibiotic treatment.

Management of pseudomembranous colitis should include sigmoidoscopy, appropriate bacteriologic studies, fluids, electrolytes and protein supplementation. If the colitis does not improve after the drug has been discontinued, or if the symptoms are severe, oral vancomycin is the drug of choice for antibiotic-associated pseudomembranous colitis produced by *C. difficile*. Other causes of colitis should be excluded.

## **Ofloxacin**

The use of ofloxacin should be avoided in patients who have experienced serious adverse reactions in the past when using quinolone or fluoroquinolone containing products. Treatment of these patients with ofloxacin should only be initiated in the absence of alternative treatment options and after careful benefit/risk assessment.

Methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* are very likely to possess co-resistance to fluoroquinolones, including ofloxacin. Therefore ofloxacin is not recommended for the treatment of known or suspected MRSA infections unless laboratory results have confirmed susceptibility of the organism to ofloxacin (and commonly recommended antibacterial agents for the treatment of MRSA-infections are considered inappropriate).

### **Escherichia coli infection**

Resistance to fluoroquinolones of *E. coli* – the most common pathogen involved in urinary tract infections – varies across the European Union. Prescribers are advised to take into account the local prevalence of resistance in *E. coli* to fluoroquinolones.

Ofloxacin is not the drug of first choice for pneumonia caused by Pneumococci or Mycoplasma or infection caused by  $\beta$ -haemolytic Streptococci.

### **Neisseria gonorrhoeae infections**

Due to increase in resistance to *N. gonorrhoeae*, ofloxacin should not be used as empirical treatment option in suspected gonococcal infection (urethral gonococcal infection, pelvic inflammatory disease and epididymo-orchitis), unless the pathogen has been identified and confirmed as susceptible to ofloxacin. If clinical improvement is not achieved after 3 days of treatment, the therapy should be reconsidered.

### **Pelvic inflammatory disease**

For pelvic inflammatory disease, ofloxacin should only be considered in combination with anaerobe coverage.

### **Hypersensitivity and allergic reactions**

Hypersensitivity and allergic reactions have been reported for fluoroquinolones after first administration. Anaphylactic and anaphylactoid reactions can progress to life-threatening shock, even after the first administration. In these cases ofloxacin should be discontinued and suitable treatment (e.g. treatment for shock) should be initiated.

### **Severe bullous reactions**

Cases of severe bullous skin reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome or toxic epidermal necrolysis have been reported with ofloxacin. Patients should be advised to contact their doctor immediately prior to continuing treatment if skin and/or mucosal reactions occur.

### **Clostridium difficile-associated disease**

Diarrhoea, particularly if severe, persistent and/or bloody, during or after treatment with ofloxacin (including several weeks after treatment), may be symptomatic of pseudo-membranous colitis (CDAD). CDAD may range in severity from mild to life threatening, the most severe form which is pseudomembranous colitis. It is therefore important to consider this diagnosis in patients who develop serious diarrhoea during or after treatment with ofloxacin. If pseudo-membranous colitis is suspected, ofloxacin must be stopped immediately.

Appropriate specific antibiotic therapy must be started without delay (e.g. oral vancomycin, oral teicoplanin or metronidazole). Products inhibiting the peristalsis are contraindicated in this clinical situation.

### **Patients predisposed to seizures**

Quinolones may lower the seizure threshold and may trigger seizures. Ofloxacin is contraindicated in patients with a history of epilepsy and, as with other quinolones, ofloxacin should be used with extreme caution in patients predisposed to seizures.

Such patients may be patients with pre-existing central nervous system lesions, concomitant treatment with fenbufen and similar non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or with drugs which lower the cerebral seizure threshold, such as theophylline.

In case of convulsive seizures, treatment with ofloxacin should be discontinued

### **Prolonged, disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse drug reactions**

Very rare cases of prolonged (continuing months or years), disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse drug reactions affecting different, sometimes multiple, body systems (musculoskeletal, nervous, psychiatric and senses) have been reported in patients receiving quinolones and fluoroquinolones irrespective of their age and pre-existing risk factors. Ofloxacin should be discontinued immediately at the first signs or symptoms of any serious adverse reaction and patients should be advised to contact their prescriber for advice.

### **Tendinitis and tendon rupture**

Tendinitis and tendon rupture (especially but not limited to Achilles tendon), sometimes bilateral, may occur as early as within 48 hours of starting treatment with quinolones and fluoroquinolones and have been reported to occur even up to several months after discontinuation of treatment. The risk of tendinitis and tendon rupture is increased in older patients, patients with renal impairment, patients with solid organ transplants, and those treated concurrently with corticosteroids. Therefore, concomitant use of corticosteroids should be avoided.

At the first sign of tendinitis (e.g. painful swelling, inflammation) the treatment with ofloxacin should be discontinued and alternative treatment should be considered. The affected limb(s) should be appropriately treated (e.g. immobilisation). Corticosteroids should not be used if signs of tendinopathy occur.

### **Patients with renal impairment**

Since ofloxacin is mainly excreted by the kidneys, the dose of ofloxacin should be adjusted in patients with renal impairment.

### **QT interval prolongation**

Very rare cases of QT interval prolongation have been reported in patients taking fluoroquinolones. Caution should be taken when using fluoroquinolones, including ofloxacin, in patients with known risk factors for prolongation of the QT interval such as, for example:

- congenital long QT syndrome
  - concomitant use of drugs that are known to prolong the QT interval (e.g. Class IA and III anti-arrhythmics, tricyclic antidepressants, macrolides, antipsychotics)
  - uncorrected electrolyte imbalance (e.g. hypokalaemia, hypomagnesaemia)
  - cardiac disease (e.g. heart failure, myocardial infarction, bradycardia)
  - Elderly patients and women may be more sensitive to QTc-prolonging medications.
- Therefore, caution should be taken when using fluoroquinolones, including Ofloxacin, in these populations.

### **Aortic aneurysm and dissection**

Epidemiologic studies report an increased risk of aortic aneurysm and dissection after intake of fluoroquinolones, particularly in the older population.

Therefore, fluoroquinolones should only be used after careful benefit-risk assessment and after consideration of other therapeutic options in patients with positive family history of aneurysm disease, or in patients diagnosed with pre-existing aortic aneurysm and/or aortic dissection, or in presence of other risk factors or conditions predisposing for aortic aneurysm and dissection (e.g. Marfan syndrome, vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, Takayasu arteritis, giant cell arteritis, Behcet's disease, hypertension, known atherosclerosis).

In case of sudden abdominal, chest or back pain, patients should be advised to immediately consult a physician in an emergency department.

### **Patients with history of psychotic disorder**

Psychotic reactions have been reported in patients receiving fluoroquinolones. In some cases these have progressed to suicidal thoughts or self-endangering behaviour including suicide attempt, sometimes after a single dose. In the event that a patient develops these reactions, ofloxacin should be discontinued and appropriate measures instituted.

Ofloxacin should be used with caution in patients with a history of psychotic disorder or in patients with psychiatric disease.

### **Patients with impaired liver function**

Ofloxacin should be used with caution in patients with impaired liver function, as liver damage may occur. Cases of fulminant hepatitis potentially leading to liver failure (including fatal cases) have been reported with fluoroquinolones. Patients should be advised to stop treatment and contact their doctor if signs and symptoms of hepatic disease develop such as anorexia, jaundice, dark urine, pruritis or tender abdomen.

### **Patients treated with vitamin K antagonists**

Due to possible increase in coagulation tests (PT/INR) and/or bleeding in patients treated with fluoroquinolones, including ofloxacin, in combination with a vitamin K antagonist (e.g. warfarin), coagulation tests should be monitored when these drugs are given concomitantly.

### **Myasthenia gravis**

Fluoroquinolones, including ofloxacin, have neuromuscular blocking activity and may exacerbate muscle weakness in patients with myasthenia gravis. Postmarketing serious adverse reactions, including deaths and the requirement for respiratory support, have been associated with fluoroquinolone use in patients with myasthenia gravis. Ofloxacin is not recommended in patients with a known history of myasthenia gravis

### **Prevention of photosensitisation**

Photosensitisation has been reported with ofloxacin. It is recommended that patients should not expose themselves unnecessarily to strong sunlight or to artificial UV rays (e.g. sunray lamp, solarium), during treatment and for 48 hours following treatment discontinuation in order to prevent photosensitisation.

### **Superinfection**

As with other antibiotics, the use of ofloxacin, especially if prolonged, may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms. Repeated evaluation of the patient's condition is essential. If secondary infection occurs during therapy, appropriate measures should be taken.

### **Peripheral neuropathy**

Cases of sensory or sensorimotor polyneuropathy resulting in paraesthesia, hypaesthesia, dysesthesia, or weakness have been reported in patients receiving quinolones and fluoroquinolones. Patients under treatment with ofloxacin should be advised to inform their doctor prior to continuing treatment if symptoms of neuropathy such as pain, burning, tingling, numbness, or weakness develop in order to prevent the development of potentially irreversible condition.

### **Dysglycaemia**

As with all quinolones, disturbances in blood glucose, including both hyperglycaemia and hypoglycaemia have been reported, usually in diabetic patients receiving concomitant treatment with an oral hypoglycaemic agent (e.g. glibenclamide) or with insulin. Cases of hypoglycaemic coma have been reported. In these diabetic patients, careful monitoring of blood glucose is recommended.

### **Patients with glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase deficiency**

Patients with latent or diagnosed glucose-6-phosphate-dehydrogenase deficiency may be predisposed to haemolytic reactions if they are treated with quinolones. Therefore, if ofloxacin has to be used in these patients, potential occurrence of haemolysis should be monitored.

### **Vision disorders**

If vision becomes impaired or any effects on the eyes are experienced, an eye specialist should be consulted immediately.

### **Interference with laboratory tests**

In patients treated with ofloxacin, determination of opiates in urine may give false-positive results. It may be necessary to confirm positive opiate screens by more specific method.

### **Patients with rare hereditary disorders**

Patients with rare hereditary disorders of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

## **4.5 Drugs interactions**

### **Cefixime**

#### **Anticoagulants**

In common with other cephalosporins, increases in prothrombin times have been noted in a few patients. Care should therefore be taken in patients receiving anticoagulation therapy.

Cefixime should be administered with caution to patients receiving coumarin-type anticoagulants, e.g. warfarin potassium. Since cefixime may enhance effects of the anticoagulants, prolonged prothrombin time with or without bleeding may occur.

#### **Other forms of interaction**

A false positive reaction for glucose in the urine may occur with Benedict's or Fehling's solutions or with copper sulphate test tablets, but not with tests based on enzymatic glucose oxidase reactions.

A false positive direct Coombs test has been reported during treatment with cephalosporin antibiotics, therefore it should be recognised that a positive Coombs test may be due to the drug.

## **Ofloxacin**

### **Drugs known to prolong QT interval**

Ofloxacin, like other fluoroquinolones, should be used with caution in patients receiving drugs known to prolong the QT interval (e.g. Class IA and III anti-arrhythmics, tricyclic antidepressants, macrolides, antipsychotics).

### **Antacids, Sucralfate, Metal Cations**

Co-administered magnesium/aluminium antacids, sucralfate, zinc or iron preparations can reduce absorption. Therefore, ofloxacin should be taken 2 hours before such preparations.

Prolongation of bleeding time has been reported during concomitant administration of Topcef-O 200 and anticoagulants.

### **Theophylline, fenbufen or similar non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs**

No pharmacokinetic interactions of ofloxacin were found with theophylline in a clinical study. However, a pronounced lowering of the cerebral seizure threshold may occur when quinolones are given concurrently with theophylline, nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs, or other agents, which lower the seizure threshold.

In case of convulsive seizures, treatment with ofloxacin should be discontinued.

### **Glibenclamide**

Ofloxacin may cause a slight increase in serum concentrations of glibenclamide administered concurrently; patients treated with this combination should be closely monitored.

### **Probenecid, cimetidine, furosemide and methotrexate**

Probenecid decreased the total clearance of ofloxacin by 24%, and increased AUC by 16%. The proposed mechanism is a competition or inhibition for active transport at the renal tubular excretion. Caution should be exercised when ofloxacin is coadministered with drugs that affect the tubular renal secretion such as probenecid, cimetidine, furosemide and methotrexate.

### **Vitamin K antagonists**

Increased coagulation tests (PT/INR) and/or bleeding, which may be severe, have been reported in patients treated with ofloxacin in combination with a vitamin K antagonist (e.g. warfarin) Coagulation tests should be monitored in patients treated with vitamin K antagonists because of a possible increase in the effect of coumarin derivatives.

## **4.6 Use in special populations (such as pregnant women, lactating women, paediatric patients, geriatric patients etc.)**

### **Cefixime**

As per reported data, reproduction studies have been performed in mice and rats at doses up to 400 times the human dose and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the foetus due to cefixime. In the rabbit, at doses up to 4 times the human dose, there was no evidence of a teratogenic effect; there was a high incidence of abortion and maternal death which is an expected consequence of the known sensitivity of rabbits to antibiotic-induced changes in the population of the microflora of the intestine. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Topcef-O 200 should therefore not be used in pregnancy or in nursing mothers unless considered essential by the physician.

## **Ofloxacin**

### **Pregnancy**

Based on a limited amount of human data, the use of fluoroquinolones in the first trimester of pregnancy has not been associated with an increased risk of major malformations or other adverse effects on pregnancy outcome. Animal studies have shown damage to the joint cartilage in immature animals but no teratogenic effects. Therefore ofloxacin should not be used during pregnancy.

### **Breast-feeding**

Ofloxacin is excreted into human breast milk in small amounts. Because of the potential for arthropathy and other serious toxicity in the nursing infant, breast feeding should be discontinued during treatment with ofloxacin.

### **4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

In the case of side effects such as encephalopathy (which may include convulsion, confusion, impairment of consciousness, movement disorders), the patient should not operate machines or drive a vehicle. There have been occasional reports of somnolence, impairment of skills, dizziness and visual disturbances, patients should know how they react to Topcef-O 200 before they drive or operate machinery. These effects may be enhanced by alcohol.

### **4.8 Undesirable effects**

Topcef-O 200 is generally well tolerated. The majority of adverse reactions observed in clinical trials were mild and self-limiting in nature.

The following adverse reaction (Preferred term# or equivalent) will be considered listed:

Blood and lymphatic system disorders:	Eosinophilia Hypereosinophilia Agranulocytosis Leucopenia Neutropenia Granulocytopenia Anaemia Haemolytic anaemia Thrombocytopenia Thrombocytosis Bone marrow failure
Gastrointestinal disorders:	Abdominal pain Diarrhoea* Dyspepsia Nausea Vomiting Flatulence Enterocolitis, sometimes haemorrhagic Pseudo- membranous colitis Jaundice cholestatic Constipation Pancreatitis
Metabolism and Nutrition disorders:	Anorexia



	<p>Hypoglycaemia in diabetics treated with hypoglycaemic agents</p> <p>Hyperglycaemia</p> <p>Hypoglycaemic coma</p>
Hepatobiliary disorders:	<p>Jaundice</p> <p>Hepatitis, which may be severe</p> <p>Severe liver injury, including cases of acute liver failure, sometimes fatal, have been reported with ofloxacin, primarily in patients with underlying liver disorders</p>
Infections and infestations:	<p>Pseudomembranous colitis</p> <p>Fungal infection</p> <p>Pathogen resistance</p>
Investigations:	<p>Aspartate aminotransferase increased</p> <p>Alanine aminotransferase increased</p> <p>Blood bilirubin increased</p> <p>Blood urea increased</p> <p>Blood creatinine increased</p>
Psychiatric Disorders:	<p>Agitation</p> <p>Sleep disorder</p> <p>Insomnia</p> <p>Psychotic disorder (for e.g. hallucination), Anxiety</p> <p>Confusional state</p> <p>Nightmares</p> <p>Depression with self-endangering behaviour including suicidal ideation or suicide attempt</p> <p>Nervousness</p>
Nervous system disorders:	<p>Dizziness</p> <p>Headache</p> <p>Cases of convulsions have been reported with cephalosporins including cefixime (frequency not known)**</p> <p>Beta-lactams, including cefixime, predispose the patient to encephalopathy risk (which may include convulsions, confusion, impairment of consciousness, movement disorders), particularly in case of overdose or renal impairment (frequency not known)**</p> <p>Somnolence</p> <p>Paraesthesia</p> <p>Dysgeusia</p> <p>Parosmia</p> <p>Peripheral sensory neuropathy</p> <p>Peripheral sensory motor neuropathy</p> <p>Extra-pyramidal symptoms or other disorders of muscular coordination</p> <p>Tremor</p>

	Dyskinesia Ageusia Syncope Benign intracranial hypertension (Pseudotumor cerebri).
Eye disorders:	Eye irritation Visual disturbance Uveitis
Ear and labyrinth disorders:	Vertigo Tinnitus, Hearing loss Hearing impaired
Cardiac disorders:	Tachycardia Ventricular arrhythmias torsades de pointes (reported predominantly in patients with risk factors for QT prolongation) ECG QT prolonged
Vascular disorders	Hypotension
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:	Dyspnoea Cough Nasopharyngitis Bronchospasm Allergic pneumonitis
Renal and urinary disorders:	Renal failure acute including tubulointerstitial nephritis as an underlying pathological condition
Immune system disorders, administrative site conditions, skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:	Anaphylactic reaction Anaphylactoid reaction Angioedema Anaphylactic shock Anaphylactoid shock Serum sickness-like reaction Drug rash Drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) Pruritus Rash Drug Fever Arthralgia Erythema multiforme Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) Stevens-Johnson syndrome Toxic epidermal necrolysis Angio-oedema Urticaria Pyrexia Face oedema

	Genital pruritus Vaginitis Hot flushes Hyperhidrosis Pustular rash Photo-sensitivity reaction Drug eruption Vascular purpura Vasculitis, which can lead in exceptional cases to skin necrosis Stomatitis Exfoliative dermatitis
Musculoskeletal and Connective tissue disorders:	Tendonitis Arthralgia Myalgia Tendon rupture (e.g. Achilles tendon) which may occur within 48 hours of treatment start and may be bilateral Rhabdomyolysis and/or Myopathy, Muscular weakness Muscle tear, muscle rupture Ligament rupture Arthritis
Congenital and familial/genetic disorders:	Attacks of porphyria in patients with porphyria
General disorders and administration site conditions:	Asthenia Pyrexia Pain (including pain in the back, chest and extremities)

The above mentioned listed adverse reactions have been observed during clinical studies and/or during marketed use.

# Preferred term in MedDRA (v.14.0)

\*Diarrhoea has been more commonly associated with higher doses. Some cases of moderate to severe diarrhoea have been reported; this has occasionally warranted cessation of therapy. Topcef-O 200 should be discontinued if marked diarrhoea occurs

\*\* Cannot be estimated from available data.

- **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via any point of contact of Torrent Pharma available at: [http://www.torrentpharma.com/Index.php/site/info/adverse\\_event\\_reporting](http://www.torrentpharma.com/Index.php/site/info/adverse_event_reporting).

#### 4.9 Overdose

The most important signs to be expected following acute overdosage are CNS symptoms such as confusion, dizziness, impairment of consciousness and seizures, increases QT interval as well as gastrointestinal reactions such as nausea and mucosal erosions. There is a risk of encephalopathy in cases of administration of beta-lactam antibiotics, including cefixime, particularly in case of overdose or renal impairment.

In the case of overdose, steps to remove any unabsorbed ofloxacin e.g. gastric lavage, administration of adsorbents and sodium sulphate, if possible during the first 30 minutes, are recommended; antacids are recommended for protection of the gastric mucosa. A fraction of Topcef-O 200 may be removed from the body with haemodialysis. Peritoneal dialysis and CAPD are not effective in removing ofloxacin from the body. No specific antidote exists.

Elimination of ofloxacin may be increased by forced diuresis.

In the event of overdose, symptomatic treatment should be implemented. ECG monitoring should be undertaken, because of the possibility of QT interval prolongation.

## 5. Pharmacological properties

### 5.1 Mechanism of Action

#### **Cefixime**

The bactericidal action of cefixime is due to the inhibition of cell wall synthesis. It binds to one of the penicillin binding proteins (PBPs) which inhibits the final transpeptidation step of the peptidoglycan synthesis in the bacterial cell wall, thus inhibiting biosynthesis and arresting cell wall assembly resulting in bacterial cell death.

#### **Gram-positive Organisms:**

*Streptococcus pneumoniae*,  
*Streptococcus pyogenes*.

#### **Gram-negative Organisms:**

*Haemophilus influenzae* (beta-lactamase positive and negative strains),  
*Moraxella* (*Branhamella*) *catarrhalis* (most of which are beta-lactamase positive),  
*Escherichia coli*,  
*Proteus mirabilis*,  
*Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (including penicillinase - and non-penicillinase- producing strains).

Cefixime has been shown to be active in vitro against most strains of the following organisms; however, clinical efficacy has not been established.

#### **Gram-positive Organisms:**

*Streptococcus agalactiae*.

#### **Gram-negative Organisms:**

*Haemophilus parainfluenzae* (beta-lactamase positive and negative strains),  
*Proteus vulgaris*,  
*Klebsiella pneumoniae*,  
*Klebsiella oxytoca*,  
*Pasteurella multocida*,  
*Providencia species*,  
*Salmonella species*,  
*Shigella species*,  
*Citrobacter amalonaticus*,  
*Citrobacter diversus*,  
*Serratia marcescens*.

Note: *Pseudomonas* species, strains of group D streptococci (including enterococci), *Listeria monocytogenes*, most strains of staphylococci (including methicillin-resistant strains) and most strains of *Enterobacter* are resistant to cefixime. In addition, most strains of *Bacteroides fragilis* and *Clostridia* are resistant to cefixime.

Cefixime is highly stable in the presence of betalactamase enzymes. As a result, many organisms resistant to penicillins and some cephalosporins due to the presence of beta-lactamases, may be susceptible to cefixime. However, cefixime was found to be ineffective against bacteria which produces Extended Spectrum  $\beta$ -Lactamase enzyme and resistance is seen in such types of bacteria.

### **Ofloxacin**

Ofloxacin is a quinolone-carboxylic acid derivative with a wide range of antibacterial activity against both gram negative and gram positive organisms. It is active after oral administration.

The primary mode of action of the quinolones is the specific inhibition of bacterial DNA gyrase. This enzyme is required for DNA replication, transcription, repair and recombination. Its inhibition leads to expansion and destabilisation of the bacterial DNA and hence to cell death.

It appears that certain quinolones, including ofloxacin, have a second non RNA dependent action on bacterial cells, which enhances bactericidal effectiveness. The nature of this second action has not yet been clarified.

## **5.2 Pharmacodynamic properties**

### **Cefixime**

Cefixime: Pharmacotherapeutic group: third generation cephalosporin, ATC code: J01DD08.

Cefixime is an orally active third generation bactericidal cephalosporin (beta lactam antibiotic) with broad spectrum of coverage. Cefixime has been shown to be active against most strains of the following organisms both in vitro and in clinical infections.

### **Ofloxacin**

Ofloxacin: Pharmacotherapeutic group: Quinolone antibacterials, Fluoroquinolones. ATC code J01M A01

### **PK/PD relationship**

Fluoroquinolones have a concentration-dependent bactericidal activity, with a moderate post antibiotic effect. For this class of antimicrobials, the ratio between AUC and MIC or Cmax and MIC is predictive of clinical success.

### **Mechanisms of resistance**

Resistance to ofloxacin is acquired through a stepwise process by target site mutations in both type II topoisomerases, DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV. Other resistance mechanisms such as permeation barriers (common in *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) and efflux mechanisms may also affect susceptibility to ofloxacin

### **Susceptibility testing breakpoints**

Breakpoints separate susceptible strains from strains with intermediate susceptibility and the latter from resistant strains.

Breakpoints set by EUCAST:

<b>MIC breakpoint (mg/L)</b>		
<b>Microorganism</b>	<b>Susceptible <math>\leq</math></b>	<b>Resistant <math>&gt;</math></b>
Enterobacteriaceae	0.5	1
Staphylococcus spp.	1	1 <sup>a</sup>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> <sup>b</sup>	0.125	4

<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	0.5	0.5
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	0.5	0.5
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	0.125	0.25

a. Breakpoints relate to high dose therapy

b. Wild type *S. pneumoniae* are not considered susceptible to ofloxacin and are therefore categorized as intermediate

#### Susceptibility

The prevalence of resistance may vary geographically and over time for selected species and local information on resistance is desirable, particularly when treating severe infections. As necessary, expert advice should be sought when the local prevalence of resistance is such that the utility of the agent in at least some types of infections is questionable.

<b>Commonly susceptible species, including microorganisms with intermediate susceptibility</b>
<u>Aerobic Gram-positive micro-organisms</u> <i>Bacillus anthracis Bordetella pertussis Corynebacteria Streptococci</i>
<u>Aerobic Gram-negative micro-organisms</u> Campylobacter Enterobacter <i>Haemophilus influenzae Legionella pneumophila Moraxella catarrhalis Morganella morganii Proteus vulgaris Salmonella Shigella Yersinia</i>
<u>Other micro-organisms</u> Chlamydia <i>Chlamydomphila pneumonia Mycoplasma hominis Mycoplasma pneumoniae Ureaplasma urealyticum</i>
<b>Species for which acquired resistance may be a problem</b>
<u>Aerobic Gram-positive micro-organisms</u> <i>Staphylococci coagulase negative Staphylococcus aureus (methicillin-sensitive) Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>
<u>Aerobic Gram-negative micro-organisms</u> <i>Acinetobacter baumannii Citrobacter freundii Escherichia coli Klebsiella oxytoca Klebsiella pneumoniae Neisseria gonorrhoeae Proteus mirabilis Pseudomonas aeruginosa Serratia</i>
<b>Inherently resistant organisms</b>
<u>Aerobic Gram-positive micro-organisms</u> Enterococci <i>Listeria monocytogenes Nocardia Staphylococci methi-R</i>
<u>Anaerobic micro-organisms</u> Bacteroides spp. <i>Clostridium difficile</i>

Therapeutic doses of ofloxacin are devoid of pharmacological effects on the voluntary or autonomic nervous systems.

### 5.3 Pharmacokinetic properties

#### Cefixime

The absolute oral bioavailability of cefixime is in the range of 22-54%. Absorption is not significantly modified by the presence of food. Cefixime may therefore be given without regard to meals.

From reported in vitro studies, serum or urine concentrations of 1 mcg/mL or greater were considered to be adequate for most common pathogens against which cefixime is

active. Typically, the peak serum levels following the recommended adult or paediatric doses are between 1.5 and 3 mcg/mL. Little or no accumulation of cefixime occurs following multiple dosing.

The pharmacokinetics of cefixime in healthy elderly (age > 64 years) and young volunteers (11-35) compared the administration of 400 mg doses once daily for 5 days. Mean C<sub>max</sub> and AUC values were slightly greater in the elderly. Elderly patients may be given the same dose as the general population.

Cefixime is predominantly eliminated as unchanged drug in the urine. Glomerular filtration is considered the predominant mechanism. Metabolites of cefixime have not been isolated from human serum or urine.

Serum protein binding is well characterised for human and animal sera; cefixime is almost exclusively bound to the albumin fraction, the mean free fraction being approximately 30%. Protein binding of cefixime is only concentration dependent in human serum at very high concentrations which are not seen following clinical dosing. Transfer of <sup>14</sup>C-labelled cefixime from lactating rats to their nursing offspring through breast milk was quantitatively small (approximately 1.5% of the mothers' body content of cefixime in the pup). No data are available on secretion of cefixime in human breast milk. Placental transfer of cefixime was small in pregnant rats dosed with labelled cefixime.

### **Ofloxacin**

Ofloxacin is almost completely absorbed after oral administration. The peak serum concentration, after a single dose of 200 mg, averages 2.5 to 3 µg/ml within one hour. The serum elimination half-life is 6-7 hours and is linear. The apparent volume of distribution is 120 litres. Following multiple dosing, the serum concentration is not significantly increased (multiplication factor approximately 1.5). Ofloxacin concentrations in the urine and at the site of urinary tract infections exceed those measured in serum by 5 to 100- fold. Ofloxacin is primarily excreted unchanged in the urine.

In renal insufficiency the dose should be reduced.

No clinically relevant interactions were seen with food and no interaction was found between ofloxacin and theophylline.

## **6. Nonclinical properties**

### **6.1 Animal Toxicology or Pharmacology**

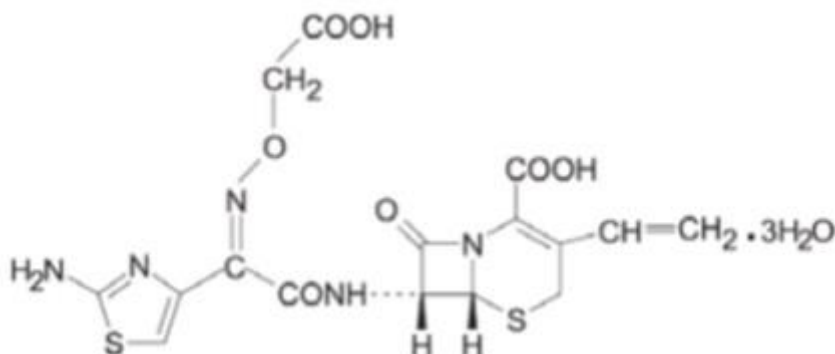
There are no pre-clinical data of relevance to the prescriber which are additional to that already included in other sections of the Summary of Product Characteristics.

## **7. Description**

### **Cefixime**

Cefixime is a semisynthetic, cephalosporin antibacterial for oral administration. Chemically, it is (6R,7R)-7-[2-(2-Amino-4-thiazolyl)glyoxylamido]-8-oxo-3-vinyl-5-thia-1-azabicyclo [4.2.0] oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid, 7Z-(Z)-[O-(carboxy methyl) oxime]

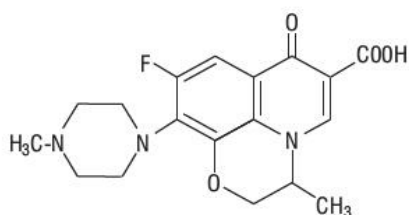
trihydrate. The molecular weight is 507.50 as the trihydrate and chemical formula is  $C_{16}H_{15}N_5O_7S_2 \cdot 3H_2O$ . The structural formula for cefixime is:



Cefixime is a white to light yellow, crystalline powder which is soluble in methanol; sparingly soluble in ethanol (95 percent); practically insoluble in ethyl acetate and in water.

### **Ofloxacin**

Ofloxacin tablets are a synthetic broad-spectrum antimicrobial agent for oral administration. Chemically, ofloxacin, USP, a fluorinated carboxyquinolone, is the racemate,  $(\pm)$ -9-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-3-methyl-10-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-7-oxo-7H-pyrido[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzoxazine-6-carboxylic acid having chemical formula is  $C_{18}H_{20}FN_3O_4$  and molecular weight is 361.4. The chemical structure is:



Ofloxacin is pale yellow to bright yellow crystalline powder which is soluble in glacial acetic acid, slightly soluble in water, dichloromethane and methanol.

Cefixime and Ofloxacin Tablets is yellow coloured, elongated, biconvex, scored on one side, plain on other side and film coated tablets. The excipients used are Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Calcium Sulphate, Dicalcium Phosphate, Lactose, Sodium Benzoate, Magnesium Stearate, Talcum, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium Dioxide, Tartrazine Lake, Isopropyl Alcohol and Methylene Chloride.

## **8. Pharmaceutical particulars**

### **8.1 Incompatibilities**

None Stated

### **8.2 Shelf-life**

Do not use later than the date of expiry.

### **8.3 Packaging information**

Topcef-O 200 is available in blister strip of 10 tablets.

### **8.4 Storage and handing instructions**

Store below 30°C, protected from light and moisture.

Keep out of reach of children.



## 9. Patient Counselling Information

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.**

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 9.4.

### **What is in this leaflet:**

1. What Topcef-O 200 is and what they are used for
2. What you need to know before you use Topcef-O 200
3. How to use Topcef-O 200
4. Possible side effects
5. How to store Topcef-O 200
6. Contents of the pack and other information

#### **9.1 What Topcef-O 200 is and what it is used for.**

Topcef-O 200 an antibiotic and works by killing bacteria that cause infections. It contains two different medicines called cefixime and ofloxacin. Cefixime belongs to a group of medicines called “cephalosporins” and ofloxacin belongs to a group of medicines called “quinolones”.

Topcef-O 200 is used for the treatment of adult patients with typhoid fever and urinary tract infection.

#### **9.2 What you need to know before you use Topcef-O 200.**

##### **Do not use Topcef-O 200 if:**

- You are allergic to cefixime, any other cephalosporin antibiotics including penicillin or to ofloxacin or to any of the other ingredients of this medicine.  
Signs of an allergic reaction include: a rash, swallowing or breathing problems, swelling of the lips, face, throat and tongue.
- You have ever had swelling of the tendons (called tendinitis) which can affect areas such as the wrist or the achilles tendon
- You have epilepsy or are at risk of fits You have a problem with your red blood cells known as ‘glucose-6-dehydrogenase deficiency’
- You are pregnant or breast-feeding (see ‘Pregnancy and breast-feeding’ section below)
- You are under 18 years of age or are still growing

Do not take this medicine if the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Topcef-O 200.

##### **Warnings and precautions**

You should not take fluoroquinolone/quinolone antibacterial medicines, including Topcef-O 200, if you have experienced any serious adverse reaction in the past when

taking a quinolone or fluoroquinolone. In this situation, you should inform your doctor as soon as possible

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Topcef-O 200:

- if you have ever had colitis
- if you have liver or kidney problems
- You have heart disease or problems with your heartbeat
- You have received a transplantation
- You have nerve problems (peripheral neuropathy)
- You are taking medicines that can affect your heart (see section Taking other medicines)
- You were born with or have family history of prolonged QT interval (seen on ECG, electrical recording of the heart)
- You have a salt imbalance in the blood (especially low levels of potassium or magnesium in the blood)
- You have a very slow heart rhythm (called ‘bradycardia’)
- You have a weak heart (heart failure)
- You have a history of heart attack (myocardial infarction)
- You are female or elderly
- You are taking other medicines that result in abnormal ECG changes (see section Taking other medicines)
- You have or have ever had any mental health problems
- You suffer from a condition called myasthenia gravis, which causes muscle weakness and excessive muscle fatigue
- You have been told by your doctor that you cannot tolerate some sugars.
- You have been diagnosed with an enlargement or ‘bulge’ of a large blood vessel (aortic aneurysm or large vessel peripheral aneurysm)
- You have experienced a previous episode of aortic dissection (a tear in the aorta wall)
- You have a family history of aortic aneurysm or aortic dissection or other risk factors or predisposing conditions (e.g. connective tissue disorders such as Marfan syndrome or vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, or vascular disorders such as Takayasu arteritis, giant cell arteritis, Behcet’s disease, high blood pressure, or known atherosclerosis)

**If you feel sudden, severe pain in your abdomen, chest or back, go immediately to an emergency room. If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.**

There have been very rare reports of potentially life-threatening skin rashes (Stevens - Johnson syndrome, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis) with the use of Topcef-O 200 tablets. Symptoms of which may include: flu-like symptoms followed by a painful red or purplish rash that spreads and blisters. If you develop any of the above you must stop taking your medicine and inform your doctor straight away. Topcef-O 200 tablets are not recommended if you have a suspected MRSA infection.

While being treated with Topcef-O 200 tablets, avoid strong sunlight and do not use sun lamps or solariums, as your skin may be more sensitive to light.

If you experience pain in your fingers or toes whilst being treated with Topcef-O 200 tablets, tell your doctor or nurse immediately. If you are not sure if any of the above apply to you, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Topcef-O 200 tablets.

### **When taking this medicine**

Pain and swelling in the joints and inflammation or rupture of tendons may occur rarely. Your risk is increased if you are elderly (above 60 years of age), have received an organ transplant, have kidney problems or if you are being treated with corticosteroids. Inflammation and ruptures of tendons may occur within the first 48 hours of treatment and even up to several months after stopping of Topcef-O 200 therapy. At the first sign of pain or inflammation of a tendon (for example in your ankle, wrist, elbow, shoulder or knee), stop taking Topcef-O 200, contact your doctor and rest the painful area. Avoid any unnecessary exercise as this might increase the risk of a tendon rupture.

You may rarely experience symptoms of nerve damage (neuropathy) such as pain, burning, tingling, numbness and/or weakness especially in the feet and legs or hands and arms. If this happens, stop taking Topcef-O 200 and inform your doctor immediately in order to prevent the development of potentially irreversible condition.

### **Prolonged, disabling and potentially irreversible serious side effects**

Fluoroquinolone/quinolone antibacterial medicines, including Topcef-O 200, have been associated with very rare but serious side effects, some of them being long lasting (continuing months or years), disabling or potentially irreversible. This includes tendon, muscle and joint pain of the upper and lower limbs, difficulty in walking, abnormal sensations such as pins and needles, tingling, tickling, numbness or burning (paraesthesia), sensory disorders including impairment of vision, taste and smell, and hearing, depression, memory impairment, severe fatigue, and severe sleep disorders.

If you experience any of these side effects after taking Topcef-O 200, contact your doctor immediately prior to continuing treatment. You and your doctor will decide on continuing the treatment considering also an antibiotic from another class.

### **Other medicines and Topcef-O 200**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines you buy without a prescription, including herbal medicines. This is because Topcef-O 200 can affect the way some other medicines work. Also some medicines can affect the way Topcef-O 200 works.

### **In particular, tell your doctor if you are taking the following:**

- Medicines to thin the blood such as warfarin
- Methotrexate used for rheumatism or cancer

Other medicines that can alter your heart rhythm:

- Medicines that belong to the group of antiarrhythmics (e.g. quinidine, hydroquinidine, disopyramide, amiodarone, sotalol, dofetilide, ibutilide)
- Tricyclic antidepressants
- Some antimicrobials (that belong to the group of macrolides)
- Some antipsychotics

### **The following medicines can change the way Topcef-O 200 tablets work or Topcef-O 200 tablets may change the way some of these medicines work:**

- Medicines used to stop your blood from clotting
- Medicines used for high blood pressure
- Medicines that contain iron (for anaemia) or zinc

- Medicines that help put you to sleep (anaesthetics)
- Water tablets (diuretics) such as furosemide
- Antacids that contain magnesium or aluminium - used for indigestion
- Glibenclamide - used for diabetes
- Probenecid - used for gout
- Cimetidine - used for stomach ulcers or indigestion
- Sucralfate - used for stomach ulcers

**The following medicines, when taken with Topcef-O 200 tablets, can increase the chance of you getting side effects:**

- Other antibiotics (such as erythromycin, azithromycin or clarithromycin)
- Medicines for depression (such as amitriptyline, clomipramine or imipramine)
- Theophylline – used for breathing problems
- Medicines used to control your heartbeat (such as amiodarone, quinidine, procainamide, or disopyramide)
- Non steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) – used for pain relief and inflammation (such as ibuprofen, diclofenac or indometacin)
- Corticosteroids - used for inflammation
- Antipsychotics - used to treat psychiatric disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

#### **Taking Topcef-O 200 tablets with food and drink**

Do not drink alcohol while taking Topcef-O 200 tablets. This is because it may make you feel dizzy or sleepy.

#### **Pregnancy and breast-feeding**

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

#### **Driving and using machines**

You may feel sleepy or dizzy or have problems with your eyesight while taking this medicine. This medicine can cause symptoms including fits (convulsions), feeling confused, feeling less alert or aware of things than usual, unusual muscle movements or stiffness. If you experience any of these effects don't drive or use machinery.

#### **Medical Tests**

If you require any tests (such as blood or urine tests) while taking this medicine, please make sure your doctor knows that you are taking Topcef-O 200.

### **9.3 How to use Topcef-O 200**

Always take Topcef-O 200 exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Carefully read the label from the pharmacist. Ask your pharmacist if you are not sure about the dose to take. The medicine should be taken for the prescribed number of days.

#### **Taking this medicine**

- Take this medicine by mouth
- Swallow the tablets whole with a drink of water
- When taking Topcef-O 200 tablets, avoid strong sunlight and do not use sun lamps or solaria

- Medicines containing iron (for anaemia), antacids (for indigestion or heartburn) or sucralfate (for stomach ulcers) should be avoided for two hours before or after taking Topcef-O 200 Tablets
- If you feel the effect of your medicine is too weak or strong, do not change the dose yourself, but ask your doctor
- When taking Topcef-O 200 tablets, if your eyesight becomes impaired or if your eyes seem to be otherwise affected, consult an eye specialist immediately.

#### **When to take your medicine**

- The length of your treatment will depend on how serious your infection is
- Treatment should not be longer than 2 months
- Higher doses should be taken in two doses, one in the morning and one in the evening

#### **Kidney or liver problems**

If you have any kidney or liver problems you may be given a lower dose.

#### **Children and Adolescents:**

This medicine should not be given to children or adolescents.

#### **Urine Tests**

Taking Topcef-O 200 tablets may affect the results of some urine tests. If you are going to have a urine test, it is important to tell your doctor you are taking Topcef-O 200 tablets.

#### **If you take more Topcef-O 200 than you should**

If you have too much of this medicine, talk to your doctor straightaway. Take the medicine pack with you. This is so the doctor knows what you have taken. The following effects may happen: feeling confused or dizzy, loss of consciousness, fits, feeling sick or blood in your stools.

#### **If you forget to take Topcef-O 200**

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

#### **If you stop taking Topcef-O 200**

Do not stop taking this medicine without talking to your doctor. You should not stop taking Topcef-O 200 just because you feel better. This is because the infection may come back or get worse again.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

### **9.4 Possible Side Effects**

Like all medicines, these suspension can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

**Tell your doctor straightaway or go to the nearest hospital casualty department if you notice any of the following serious side effects-you may need urgent medical treatment:**

- You have an allergic reaction. The signs may include a rash, joint pain, swallowing or breathing problems, swelling of your lips, face, throat or tongue
- Blistering or bleeding of the skin around the lips, eyes, mouth, nose and genitals. Also flu-like symptoms and fever. This may be something called ‘Stevens-Johnson’ syndrome.

- You have a skin rash or skin lesions with a pink/red ring and a pale centre which may be itchy, scaly or filled with fluid. The rash may appear especially on the palms or soles of your feet. These could be signs of a serious allergy to the medicine called ‘erythema multiforme’
- You get infections more easily than usual. This could be because of a blood disorder. This normally gets better after stopping the medicine
- You bruise or bleed more easily than normal. This could be because of a blood disorder. This normally gets better after stopping the medicine
- If your child gets nose bleeds, bleeding gums, chills, tiredness, pale skin (often with a yellow tinge), shortness of breath. This may be due to haemolytic anaemia.
- Changes in the way the kidneys are working or blood in your child’s urine
- Fits (convulsions) - Frequency not known • A brain condition with symptoms including fits (convulsions), feeling confused, feeling less alert or aware of things than usual, unusual muscle movements or stiffness. This may be something called encephalopathy. This side effect is more likely if you have taken an overdose or you already have a problem with your kidneys.
- An uneven or fast heartbeat, you may also feel faint
- Watery diarrhoea, which may have blood in it, possibly with stomach cramps and a high temperature
- Hearing problems or hearing loss
- Liver problems that may cause your eyes or skin to go yellow (jaundice)
- Severe skin rashes (Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis) which may include blistering or peeling of the skin around the lips, eyes, mouth, nose and genitals. Symptoms may include flu-like symptoms followed by a painful red or purplish rash that spreads and blisters. If you develop any of the above you must stop taking this medicine and inform your doctor straight away
- Skin rashes caused by strong sunlight
- Feeling faint, light-headed or dizzy, due to low blood pressure
- Muscle weakness, joint and muscle pains
- Feeling weak or irritable, sweating and/or trembling. This could be due to lowering of blood sugar levels
- Feeling thirsty and passing water more often than usual. This could be due to a raise in blood sugar levels
- Swelling or discomfort in your tendons, such as in the achilles tendon
- Severe inflammation of the kidneys, which may result in your kidneys stopping working. Signs may include a rash, high temperature and general aches and pains
- Severe depression or mental illness. Some people who are depressed think of harming or killing themselves
- Very rare cases of long lasting (up to months or years) or permanent adverse drug reactions, such as tendon inflammations, tendon rupture, joint pain, pain in the limbs, difficulty in walking, abnormal sensations such as pins and needles, tingling, tickling,

burning, numbness or pain (neuropathy), depression, fatigue, sleep disorders, memory impairment, as well as impairment of hearing, vision, and taste and smell have been associated with administration of quinolone and fluoroquinolone antibiotics, in some cases irrespective of pre-existing risk factors.

- Abnormal fast heart rhythm
- Life-threatening irregular heart rhythm
- Alteration of the heart rhythm (called 'prolongation of QT interval', seen on ECG, electrical activity of the heart)
- Indigestion, flatulence (passing wind), constipation
- Fever, pain (back, chest, limbs)
- Severe abdominal pain (pancreatitis)
- Impaired hearing
- Inflammation of the eye (uveitis)
- Skin redness with extensive scaling (exfoliative dermatitis)
- Loss of appetite, skin and eyes becoming yellow in colour, dark-coloured urine, itching, or tender stomach (abdomen). These may be signs of liver problems which may include a fatal failure of the liver
- Liver problems
- Problems with eyesight

**Stop taking this medicine and contact your doctor without delay if you get:**

- Severe watery diarrhoea that will not stop and you are feeling weak and have a fever. This may be something called 'Pseudomembranous colitis'

**Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of the following side effects get serious or lasts longer than a few days:**

- Feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting)
- Headaches, sleeping problems, feeling dizzy or restless
- Skin rash or itching
- Stomach pains, indigestion or wind
- Feeling itchy in the genital or vaginal area
- Loss of appetite
- Feeling confused or anxious, nightmares, seeing things that are not there, depression and mental illness, feeling drowsy, trembling, problems walking due to poor muscle control
- Changes in eyesight
- Changes in or loss of your sense of taste or smell
- Changes in levels of liver enzymes shown in blood tests
- A general feeling of being unwell
- You may bruise more easily than usual. This could be because of a blood problem called 'thrombocytopenia'

- Cough or shortness of breath, caused by lung inflammation

Tell your doctor if any of the side effects gets serious or lasts longer than a few days, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet.

### **Blood Tests**

Topcef-O 200 can cause blood clots or small changes to the way the liver and kidney work. This would be shown up in blood tests. This is not common and goes back to normal after stopping this medicine.

### **Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via any point of contact of Torrent Pharma available at: [http://www.torrentpharma.com/Index.php/site/info/adverse\\_event\\_reporting](http://www.torrentpharma.com/Index.php/site/info/adverse_event_reporting).

By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### **9.5 How to store Topcef-O 200**

Store below 30°C, protected from light and moisture.  
Keep out of reach of children.

### **9.6 Contents of the pack and other information**

#### **What Topcef-O 200 contains:**

The active substance in this product is Cefixime and ofloxacin.

The other ingredients are Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Calcium Sulphate, Dicalcium Phosphate, Lactose, Sodium Benzoate, Magnesium Stearate, Talcum, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Hydroxy Propyl Methyl Cellulose, Polyethylene Glycol, Titanium Dioxide, Tartrazine Lake, Isopropyl Alcohol and Methylene Chloride.

### **10. Details of manufacturer**

Manufactured by:  
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