To be sold by retail on prescription of hepatologist only

SOFOCRUZ

(Sofosbuvir Tablets 400mg)

COMPOSITION

Each film coated tablet contains:
Sofosbuvir.....400mg
Colours: Red oxide of Iron and Titanium Dioxide I.P

DOSAGE FORM

Film coated tablet

INDICATION

In combination with other medicinal products for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C (CHC) in adults.

DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

Sofosbuvir treatment should be initiated and monitored by a physician experienced in the management of patients with CHC.

The recommended dose is one 400 mg tablet, taken orally, once daily with food. Sofosbuvir should be used in combination with other medicinal products. Monotherapy of Sofosbuvir is not recommended. The recommended co-administered medicinal product(s) and treatment duration for Sofosbuvir combination therapy are provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Recommended co-administered medicinal product(s) and treatment duration for sofosbuvir combination therapy

Patient population*	**Treatment**	**Duration**
Patients with genotype 1, 4, 5 or 6 CHC	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin + peginterferon alfa	12 weeks[a,b]
	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin Only for use in patients ineligible or intolerant to peginterferon alfa	24 weeks
Patients with genotype 2 CHC	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin	12 weeks[b]
Patients with genotype 3 CHC	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin + peginterferon alfa	12 weeks[b]
	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin	24 weeks
Patients with CHC awaiting liver transplantation	Sofosbuvir + ribavirin	Until liver transplantation[c]

* Includes patients co-infected with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

a. For previously treated patients with HCV genotype 1 infection, no data exists with the combination of Sofosbuvir, ribavirin and peginterferon alfa.

b. Consideration should be given to potentially extending the duration of therapy beyond 12 weeks and up to 24 weeks; especially for those subgroups who have one or more factors historically associated with lower response rates to interferon-based therapies (e.g. advanced fibrosis/cirrhosis, high baseline viral concentrations, black race, IL28B non CC genotype, prior null response to peginterferon alfa and ribavirin therapy).

c. See Special patient populations – Patients awaiting liver transplantation below.

The dose of ribavirin, when used in combination with Sofosbuvir is weight-based (<75 kg = 1,000 mg and ≥75 kg = 1,200 mg) and administered orally in two divided doses with food.

Concerning co-administration with other direct-acting antivirals against HCV.

Dose modification
Dose reduction of Sofosbuvir is not recommended.
If sofosbuvir is used in combination with peginterferon alfa, and a patient has a serious adverse reaction potentially related to this drug, the peginterferon alfa dose should be reduced or discontinued. Refer to the peginterferon alfa prescribing information for additional information about how to reduce and/or discontinue the peginterferon alfa dose.

If a patient has a serious adverse reaction potentially related to ribavirin, the ribavirin dose should be modified or discontinued, if appropriate, until the adverse reaction abates or decreases in severity. Table 2 provides guidelines for dose modifications and discontinuation based on the patient's haemoglobin concentration and cardiac status.

Table 2: Ribavirin dose modification guideline for co-administration with Sofosbuvir

Laboratory values	**Reduce ribavirin dose to 600 mg/day if:**	**Discontinue ribavirin if:**
Haemoglobin in subjects with no cardiac disease	<10 g/dL	<8.5 g/dL
Haemoglobin in subjects with history of stable cardiac disease	≥2 g/dL decrease in haemoglobin during any 4 week treatment period	<12 g/dL despite 4 weeks at reduced dose

Once ribavirin has been withheld due to either a laboratory abnormality or clinical manifestation, an attempt may be made to restart ribavirin at 600 mg daily and further increase the dose to 800mg daily. However, it is not recommended that ribavirin be increased to the original assigned dose (1,000 mg to 1,200 mg daily).

Discontinuation of dosing
If the other medicinal products used in combination with sofosbuvir are permanently discontinued, sofosbuvir should also be discontinued.

Special patient populations
Elderly
No dose adjustment is warranted for elderly patients.

Renal impairment
No dose adjustment of Sofosbuvir is required for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. The safety and appropriate dose of Sofosbuvir have not been established in patients with severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] <30 mL/min/1.73 m^2) or end stage renal disease (ESRD) requiring haemodialysis.

Hepatic impairment
No dose adjustment of Sofosbuvir is required for patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh-Turcotte [CPT] class A, B or C). The safety and efficacy of Sofosbuvir have not been established in patients with decompensated cirrhosis.

Patients awaiting liver transplantation
The duration of administration of sofosbuvir in patients awaiting liver transplantation should be guided by an assessment of the potential benefits and risks for the individual patient.

Paediatric population
The safety and efficacy of sofosbuvir in children and adolescents aged <18 years have not yet been established. No data are available.

Method of administration
The film-coated tablet is for oral use. Patients should be instructed to swallow the tablet whole. The film-coated tablet should not be chewed or crushed, due to the bitter taste of the active substance. The tablet should be taken with food.

Patients should be instructed that if vomiting occurs within 2 hours of dosing an additional tablet should be taken. If vomiting occurs more than 2 hours after dosing, no further dose is needed.

If a dose is missed and it is within 18 hours of the normal time, patients should be instructed to take the tablet as soon as possible and then patients should take the next dose at the usual time. If it is after 18 hours then patients should be instructed to wait and take the next dose at the usual time. Patients should be instructed not to take a double dose.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
General
Sofosbuvir is not recommended for administration as monotherapy and should be prescribed in combination with other medicinal products for the treatment of hepatitis C infection. If the other medicinal products used in combination with Sofosbuvir are permanently discontinued, sofosbuvir should also be discontinued.

Severe bradycardia and heart block
Cases of severe bradycardia and heart block have been observed when Sofosbuvir is used in combination with daclatasvir and concomitant amiodarone with or without other drugs that lower heart rate. The mechanism is not established.

The concomitant use of amiodarone was limited through the clinical development of sofosbuvir plus direct-acting antivirals (DAAs). Cases are potentially life threatening, therefore amiodarone should only be used in patients on sofosbuvir + daclatasvir when other alternative anti-arrhythmic treatments are not tolerated or are contraindicated.

Should concomitant use of amiodarone be considered necessary it is recommended that patients are closely monitored when initiating sofosbuvir + daclatasvir. Patients who are identified as being high risk of bradyarrhythmia should be continuously monitored for 48 hours in an appropriate clinical setting.

Due to the long half-life of amiodarone, appropriate monitoring should also be carried out for patients who have discontinued amiodarone within the past few months and are to be initiated on sofosbuvir in combination with daclatasvir.

All patients receiving Sofosbuvir + daclatasvir in combination with amiodarone with or without other drugs that lower heart rate should also be warned of the symptoms of bradycardia and heart block and should be advised to seek medical advice urgently should they experience them.

Treatment-experienced patients with genotype 1, 4, 5 and 6 HCV infection
Sofosbuvir has not been studied in a Phase 3 study in treatment-experienced patients with genotype 1, 4, 5 and 6 HCV infection. Thus, the optimal treatment duration in this population has not been established.

Consideration should be given to treating these patients, and potentially extending the duration of therapy with sofosbuvir, peginterfer on alfa and ribavirin beyond 12 weeks and up to 24 weeks; especially for those subgroups who have one or more factors historically associated with lower response rates to interferon-based therapies (advanced fibrosis/cirrhosis, high baseline viral concentrations, black race, IL28B non CC genotype).

Treatment of patients with genotype 5 or 6 HCV infection
The clinical data to support the use of sofosbuvir in patients with genotype 5 and 6 HCV infection is very limited.

Interferon-free therapy for genotype 1, 4, 5 and 6 HCV infection
Interferon-free regimens for patients with genotype 1, 4, 5 and 6 HCV infection with Sofosbuvir have not been investigated in Phase 3 studies. The optimal regimen and treatment duration have not been established. Such regimens should only be used for patients that are intolerant to or ineligible for interferon therapy, and are in urgent need of treatment.

Co-administration with other direct-acting antivirals against HCV
Sofosbuvir should only be co-administered with other direct-acting antiviral medicinal products if the benefit is considered to outweigh the risks based upon available data. There are no data to support the co-administration of Sofosbuvir and telaprevir or boceprevir. Such co-administration is not recommended.

Pregnancy and concomitant use with ribavirin
When sofosbuvir is used in combination with ribavirin or peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, women of childbearing potential or their male partners must use an effective form of contraception during the treatment and for a period of time after the treatment as recommended in the Summary of Product Characteristics for ribavirin.

Use with potent P-gp inducers
Medicinal products that are potent P-glycoprotein (P-gp) inducers in the intestine (e.g. rifampicin, St. John's wort *[Hypericum perforatum]*, carbamazepine and phenytoin) may significantly decrease sofosbuvir plasma concentration leading to reduced therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir. Such medicinal products should not be used with Sofosbuvir.

Renal impairment
The safety of Sofosbuvir has not been assessed in subjects with severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m^2) or ESRD requiring haemodialysis. Furthermore, the appropriate dose has not been established. When Sofosbuvir is used in combination with ribavirin or peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, refer also to the prescribing information for ribavirin for patients with creatinine clearance (CrCl) <50 mL/min.

HCV/HBV (hepatitis B virus) co-infection
There are no data on the use of sofosbuvir in patients with HCV/HBV co-infection.

Paediatric population
Sofosbuvir is not recommended for use in children and adolescents under 18 years of age because the safety and efficacy have not been established in this population.

Effects on ability to drive and use machines
Sofosbuvir has moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Patients should be informed that fatigue and disturbance in attention, dizziness and blurred vision have been reported during treatment with sofosbuvir in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATION
Fertility, pregnancy and lactation
Women of childbearing potential / contraception in males and females
When Sofosbuvir is used in combination with ribavirin or peginterferon alfa/ribavirin, extreme care must be taken to avoid pregnancy in female patients and in female partners of male patients. Significant teratogenic and/or embryocidal effects have been demonstrated in all animal species exposed to ribavirin. Women of childbearing potential or their male partners must use an effective form of contraception during treatment and for a period of time after the treatment has concluded as recommended in the Summary of Product Characteristics for ribavirin. Refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics for ribavirin for additional information.

Pregnancy
There are no or limited amount of data (less than 300 pregnancy outcomes) from the use of sofosbuvir in pregnant women.

Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity. No effects on foetal development have been observed in rats and rabbits at the highest doses tested. However, it has not been possible to fully estimate exposure margins achieved for sofosbuvir in the rat relative to the exposure in humans at the recommended clinical dose.

As a precautionary measure, it is preferable to avoid the use of sofosbuvir during pregnancy.
However, if ribavirin is co-administered with sofosbuvir, the contraindications regarding use of ribavirin during pregnancy apply (see also the prescribing information for ribavirin).

Breast-feeding
It is unknown whether sofosbuvir and its metabolites are excreted in human milk.
Available pharmacokinetic data in animals has shown excretion of metabolites in milk.

A risk to newborns/infants cannot be excluded. Therefore, Sofosbuvir should not be used during breast-feeding.

Fertility
No human data on the effect of Sofosbuvir on fertility are available. Animal studies do not indicate harmful effects on fertility.

DRUG INTERACTIONS
Sofosbuvir is a nucleotide prodrug. After oral administration of sofosbuvir, it is rapidly absorbed and subject to extensive first-pass hepatic and intestinal metabolism. Intracellular hydrolytic prodrug cleavage catalysed by enzymes including carboxylesterase 1 and sequential phosphorylation steps catalysed by nucleotide kinases result in formation of the pharmacologically active uridine nucleoside analogue triphosphate. The predominant inactive circulating metabolite GS-331007 that accounts for greater than 90% of drug-related material systemic exposure is formed through pathways sequential and parallel to formation of active metabolite. The parent sofosbuvir accounts for approximately 4% of drug-related material systemic exposure.

Sofosbuvir is a substrate of drug transporter P-gp and breast cancer resistance protein (BCRP) while GS-331007 is not. Medicinal products that are potent P-gp inducers in the intestine (e.g. rifampicin, St. John's wort, carbamazepine and phenytoin) may decrease sofosbuvir plasma concentration leading to reduced therapeutic effect of Sofosbuvir and thus should not be used with Sofosbuvir. Co-administration of Sofosbuvir with medicinal products that inhibit P-gp and/or BCRP may increase sofosbuvir plasma concentration without increasing GS-331007 plasma concentration, thus Sofosbuvir may be co-administered with P-gp and/or BCRP inhibitors. Sofosbuvir and GS-331007 are not inhibitors of P-gp and BCRP and thus are not expected to increase exposures of medicinal products that are substrates of these transporters.

The intracellular metabolic activation pathway of sofosbuvir is mediated by generally low affinity and high capacity hydrolase and nucleotide phosphorylation pathways that are unlikely to be affected by concomitant medicinal products.

Other interactions
Drug interaction information for Sofosbuvir with potential concomitant medicinal products is summarised in Table 3 below (where 90% confidence interval (CI) of the geometric least-squares mean (GLSM) ratio were within "↔", extended above "↑", or extended below "↓" the predetermined equivalence boundaries). The table is not all-inclusive.

Table 3: Interactions between sofosbuvir and other medicinal products

Medicinal product by therapeutic areas	**Effects on drug levels. Mean ratio (90% confidence interval) for AUC, C_{max}, C_{min} [a,b]**	**Recommendation concerning co-administration with sofosbuvir**
ANALEPTICS		
Modafinil	Interaction not studied. *Expected:* ↓ Sofosbuvir ↓ GS-331007	Co-administration of sofosbuvir with modafinil is expected to decrease the concentration of sofosbuvir, leading to reduced therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir. Such co-administration is not recommended.
ANTIARRHYTHMICS		
Amiodarone	Interaction not studied.	Use only if no other alternative is available. Close monitoring is recommended if this medicinal product is administered with Sofosbuvir + daclatasvir.
ANTICONVULSANTS		
Carbamazepine Phenytoin Phenobarbital Oxcarbazepine	Interaction not studied. *Expected:* ↓ Sofosbuvir ↓ GS-331007	Co-administration of sofosbuvir with carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital or oxcarbazepine is expected to decrease the concentration of sofosbuvir, leading to reduced therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir. Such co-administration is not recommended. sofosbuvir should not be used with carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital or oxcarbazepine, potent intestinal P-gp inducers.
ANTIMYCOBACTERIALS		
Rifabutin Rifampicin Rifapentine	Interaction not studied. *Expected:* ↓ Sofosbuvir ↓ GS-331007	Co-administration of sofosbuvir with rifabutin or rifapentine is expected to decrease the concentration of sofosbuvir, leading to reduced therapeutic effect of sofosbuvir. Such co-administration is not recommended. sofosbuvir should not be used with rifampicin, a potent intestinal P-gp inducer.
HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS		

St. John's wort *(Hypericum perforatum)*	Interaction not studied. *Expected:* ↓ Sofosbuvir ↓ GS-331007	Sofosbuvir should not be used with St. John's wort, a potent intestinal P-gp inducer.
HCV ANITIVIRAL AGENTS: HCV PROTEASE INHIBITORS		
Boceprevir (BOC) Telaprevir (TPV)	Interaction not studied. *Expected:* ↑ Sofosbuvir (TPV) ↔ Sofosbuvir (BOC) ↔ GS-331007 (TPV or BOC)	No drug-drug interactio data exists regarding the co-administration of sofosbuvir with boceprevir or telaprevir.
NARCOTIC ANALGESICS		
Methadone[f] (Methadone maintenance therapy [30 to 130 mg/daily])	*R-methadone* ↔ C_{max} 0.99 (0.85, 1.16) ↔ AUC 1.01 (0.85, 1.21) ↔ C_{min} 0.94 (0.77, 1.14) *S-methadone* ↔ C_{max} 0.95 (0.79, 1.13) ↔ AUC 0.95 (0.77, 1.17) ↔ C_{min} 0.95 (0.74, 1.22) *Sofosbuvir* ↓ C_{max} 0.95[c] (0.68, 1.33) ↑ AUC 1.30[c] (1.00, 1.69) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↓ C_{max} 0.73[c] (0.65, 0.83) ↔ AUC 1.04[c] (0.89, 1.22) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or methadone is required when sofosbuvir and methadone are used concomitantly.
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS		
Ciclosporin[e] (600 mg single dose)	*Ciclosporin* ↔ C_{max} 1.06 (0.94, 1.18) ↔ AUC 0.98 (0.85, 1.14) C_{min} (NA) *Sofosbuvir* ↑ C_{max} 2.54 (1.87, 3.45) ↑ AUC 4.53 (3.26, 6.30) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↓ C_{max} 0.60 (0.53, 0.69) ↔ AUC 1.04 (0.90, 1.20) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or ciclosporin is required when sofosbuvir and ciclosporin are used concomitantly.
Tacrolimus[e] (5 mg single dose)	*Tacrolimus* ↓ C_{max} 0.73 (0.59, 0.90) ↔ AUC 1.09 (0.84, 1.40)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or tacrolimus is required when sofosbuvir and tacrolimus are used concomitantly.

	C_{min} (NA) *Sofosbuvir* ↓ C_{max} 0.97 (0.65, 1.43) ↑ AUC 1.13 (0.81, 1.57) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↔ C_{max} 0.97 (0.83, 1.14) ↔ AUC 1.00 (0.87, 1.13) C_{min} (NA)	
HIV ANTIVIRAL AGENTS: REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE INHIBITORS		
Efavirenz[f] (600 mg once daily)[d]	*Efavirenz* ↔ C_{max} 0.95 (0.85, 1.06) ↔ AUC 0.96 (0.91, 1.03) ↔ C_{min} 0.96 (0.93, 0.98) *Sofosbuvir* ↓ C_{max} 0.81 (0.60, 1.10) ↔ AUC 0.94 (0.76, 1.16) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↓ C_{max} 0.77 (0.70, 0.84) ↔ AUC 0.84 (0.76, 0.92) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or efavirenz is required when sofosbuvir and efavirenz are used concomitantly.
Emtricitabine[f] (200 mg once daily)[d]	*Emtricitabine* ↔ C_{max} 0.97 (0.88, 1.07) ↔ AUC 0.99 (0.94, 1.05) ↔ C_{min} 1.04 (0.98, 1.11) *Sofosbuvir* ↓ C_{max} 0.81 (0.60, 1.10) ↔ AUC 0.94 (0.76, 1.16) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↓ C_{max} 0.77 (0.70, 0.84) ↔ AUC 0.84 (0.76, 0.92) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or emtricitabine is required when sofosbuvir and emtricitabine are used concomitantly.
Tenofovir disoproxil fumarate[f] (300 mg once daily)[d]	*Tenofovir* ↑ C_{max} 1.25 (1.08, 1.45) ↔ AUC 0.98 (0.91, 1.05) ↔ C_{min} 0.99 (0.91, 1.07) *Sofosbuvir* ↓ C_{max} 0.81 (0.60, 1.10) ↔ AUC 0.94 (0.76, 1.16) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↓ C_{max} 0.77 (0.70, 0.84) ↔ AUC 0.84 (0.76, 0.92)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or tenofovir disoproxil fumarate is required when sofosbuvir and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate are used concomitantly.

	C_{min} (NA)	
Rilpivirine[f] (25 mg once daily)	*Rilpivirine* ↔ C_{max} 1.05 (0.97, 1.15) ↔ AUC 1.06 (1.02, 1.09) ↔ C_{min} 0.99 (0.94, 1.04) *Sofosbuvir* ↑ C_{max} 1.21 (0.90, 1.62) ↔ AUC 1.09 (0.94, 1.27) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↔ C_{max} 1.06 (0.99, 1.14) ↔ AUC 1.01 (0.97, 1.04) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or rilpivirine is required when sofosbuvir and rilpivirine are used concomitantly.
HIV ANTIVIRAL AGENTS: HIV PROTEASE INHIBITORS		
Darunavir boosted with ritonavir[f] (800/100 mg once daily)	*Darunavir* ↔ C_{max} 0.97 (0.94, 1.01) ↔ AUC 0.97 (0.94, 1.00) ↔ C_{min} 0.86 (0.78, 0.96) *Sofosbuvir* ↑ C_{max} 1.45 (1.10, 1.92) ↑ AUC 1.34 (1.12, 1.59) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↔ C_{max} 0.97 (0.90, 1.05) ↔ AUC 1.24 (1.18, 1.30) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or darunavir (ritonavir boosted) is required when sofosbuvir and darunavir are used concomitantly.
HIV ANTIVIRAL AGENTS: INTEGRASE INHIBITORS		
Raltegravir[f] (400 mg twice daily)	*Raltegravir* ↓ C_{max} 0.57 (0.44, 0.75) ↓ AUC 0.73 (0.59, 0.91) ↔ C_{min} 0.95 (0.81, 1.12) *Sofosbuvir* ↔ C_{max} 0.87 (0.71, 1.08) ↔ AUC 0.95 (0.82, 1.09) C_{min} (NA) *GS-331007* ↔ C_{max} 1.09 (0.99, 1.20) ↔ AUC 1.03 (0.97, 1.08) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir or raltegravir is required when sofosbuvir and raltegravir are used concomitantly.
ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES		
Norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol	*Norgestromin* ↔ C_{max} 1.06 (0.93, 1.22) ↔ AUC 1.05 (0.92, 1.20) C_{min} (NA)	No dose adjustment of norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol is required when sofosbuvir and norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol are used concomitantly.

	Norgestrel ↔ C_{max} 1.18 (0.99, 1.41) ↔ AUC 1.19 (0.98, 1.44) C_{min} (NA) *Ethinyl estradiol* ↔ C_{max} 1.14 (0.96, 1.36) ↔ AUC 1.08 (0.93, 1.25) C_{min} (NA)	

NA = not available/not applicable
a. Mean ratio (90% CI) of co-administered drug pharmacokinetics with/without sofosbuvir and mean ratio of sofosbuvir and GS-331007 with/without co-administered drug. No effect = 1.00
b. All interaction studies conducted in healthy volunteers
c. Comparison based on historical control
d. Administered as efavirenz, emtricitabine, and tenofovir disoproxil
e. Bioequivalence boundary 80%-125%
f. Equivalence boundary 70%-143%
Medicinal products that are potent P-gp inducers in the intestine (rifampicin, St. John's wort, carbamazepine and phenytoin) may significantly decrease sofosbuvir plasma concentration leading to reduced therapeutic effect. For this reason, sofosbuvir should not be co-administered with known inducers of P-gp.

UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS

Summary of the safety profile

During treatment with sofosbuvir in combination with ribavirin or with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin, the most frequently reported adverse drug reactions were consistent with the expected safety profile of ribavirin and peginterfer on alfa treatment, without increasing the frequency or severity of the expected adverse drug reactions.

Assessment of adverse reactions is based on pooled data from five Phase 3 clinical studies (both controlled and uncontrolled).

The proportion of subjects who permanently discontinued treatment due to adverse reactions was 1.4% for subjects receiving placebo, 0.5% for subjects receiving sofosbuvir + ribavirin for 12 weeks, 0% for subjects receiving sofosbuvir + ribavirin for 16 weeks, 11.1% for subjects receiving peginterfer on alfa + ribavirin for 24 weeks and 2.4% for subjects receiving sofosbuvir + peginterferon alfa + ribavirin for 12 weeks.

Tabulated summary of adverse reactions

Sofosbuvir has mainly been studied in combination with ribavirin, with or without peginterferon alfa. In this context, no adverse drug reactions specific to sofosbuvir have been identified. The most common adverse drug reactions occurring in subjects receiving sofosbuvir and ribavirin or sofosbuvir, ribavirin and peginterferon alfa were fatigue, headache, nausea and insomnia.

The following adverse drug reactions have been identified with sofosbuvir in combination with ribavirin or in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin (Table 4). The adverse reactions are listed below by body system organ class and frequency. Frequencies are defined as follows:

very common (≥1/10), common (≥1/100 to <1/10), uncommon (≥1/1,000 to <1/100), rare (≥1/10,000 to <1/1,000) or very rare (<1/10,000).

Table 4: Adverse drug reactions identified with sofosbuvir in combination with ribavirin or peginterferon alfa and ribavirin

Frequency	**SOF[a] + RBV[b]**	**SOF + PEG[c] + RBV**
Infections and infestations:		
Common	nasopharyngitis	
Blood and lymphatic system disorders:		
Very common	haemoglobin decreased	anaemia, neutropenia, lymphocyte count decreased, platelet count decreased
Common	anaemia	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders:		
Very common		decreased appetite
Common		weight decreased
Psychiatric disorders:		
Very common	insomnia	insomnia
Common	depression	depression, anxiety, agitation
Nervous system disorders:		
Very common	headache	dizziness, headache
Common	disturbance in attention	migraine, memory impairment, disturbance in attention
Eye disorders:		
Common		vision blurred
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:		
Very common		dyspnoea, cough
Common	dyspnoea, dyspnoea exertional, cough	dyspnoea exertional
Gastrointestinal disorders:		
Very common	nausea	diarrhoea, nausea, vomiting
Common	abdominal discomfort, constipation, dyspepsia	constipation, dry mouth, gastroesophageal reflux
Hepatobiliary disorders:		
Very common	blood bilirubin increased	blood bilirubin increased
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:		
Very common		rash, pruritus
Common	alopecia, dry skin, pruritus	alopecia, dry skin
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:		

Very common		arthralgia, myalgia
Common	arthralgia, back pain, muscle spasms, myalgia	back pain, muscle spasms
General disorders and administration site conditions:		
Very common	fatigue, irritability	chills, fatigue, influenza-like illness, irritability, pain, pyrexia
Common	pyrexia, asthenia	chest pain, asthenia

a. SOF = sofosbuvir; b. RBV = ribavirin; c. PEG = peg interferon alfa.

Other special population(s)

HIV/HCV co-infection

The safety profile of sofosbuvir and ribavirin in HCV/HIV co-infected subjects was similar to that observed in mono-infected HCV subjects treated with sofosbuvir and ribavirin in Phase 3 clinical studies.

Patients awaiting liver transplantation

The safety profile of sofosbuvir and ribavirin in HCV infected subjects prior to liver transplantation was similar to that observed in subjects treated with sofosbuvir and ribavirin in Phase 3 clinical studies.

Description of selected adverse reactions

Cardiac arrhythmias

Cases of severe bradycardia and heart block have been observed when Sofosbuvir is used in combination with daclatasvir and concomitant amiodarone and/or other drugs that lower heart rate

OVERDOSE

The highest documented dose of sofosbuvir was a single supratherapeutic dose of sofosbuvir 1,200 mg administered to 59 healthy subjects. In that study, there were no untoward effects observed at this dose level, and adverse reactions were similar in frequency and severity to those reported in the placebo and sofosbuvir 400 mg treatment groups. The effects of higher doses are unknown.

No specific antidote is available for overdose with sofosbuvir. If overdose occurs the patient must be monitored for evidence of toxicity. Treatment of overdose with sofosbuvir consists of general supportive measures including monitoring of vital signs as well as observation of the clinical status of the patient. Haemodialysis can efficiently remove (53% extraction ratio) the predominant circulating metabolite GS-331007. A 4-hour haemodialysis session removed 18% of the administered dose.

PHARMACODYNAMIC AND PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES

Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Direct-acting antiviral; ATC code: J05AX15

Mechanism of action
Sofosbuvir is a pan-genotypic inhibitor of the HCV NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase, which is essential for viral replication. Sofosbuvir is a nucleotide prodrug that undergoes intracellular metabolism to form the pharmacologically active uridine analog triphosphate (GS-461203), which can be incorporated into HCV RNA by the NS5B polymerase and acts as a chain terminator. In a biochemical assay, GS-461203 inhibited the polymerase activity of the recombinant NS5B from HCV genotype 1b, 2a, 3a and 4a with a 50% inhibitory concentration (IC50) value ranging from 0.7 to 2.6 μM. GS-461203 (the active metabolite of sofosbuvir) is not an inhibitor of human DNA and RNA polymerases nor an inhibitor of mitochondrial RNA polymerase.

Antiviral activity
In HCV replicon assays, the effective concentration (EC50) values of sofosbuvir against full-length replicons from genotype 1a, 1b, 2a, 3a and 4a were 0.04, 0.11, 0.05, 0.05 and 0.04 μM, respectively, and EC50 values of sofosbuvir against chimeric 1b replicons encoding NS5B from genotype 2b, 5a or 6a were 0.014 to 0.015 μM. The mean ± SD EC50 of sofosbuvir against chimeric replicons encoding NS5B sequences from clinical isolates was 0.068 ± 0.024 μM for genotype 1a (n = 67), 0.11 ± 0.029 μM for genotype 1b (n = 29), 0.035 ± 0.018 μM for genotype 2 (n = 15) and 0.085 ± 0.034 μM for genotype 3a (n = 106). In these assays, the in vitro antiviral activity of sofosbuvir against the less common genotypes 4, 5 and 6 was similar to that observed for genotypes 1, 2 and 3.

The presence of 40% human serum had no effect on the anti-HCV activity of sofosbuvir.

Resistance
In cell culture
HCV replicons with reduced susceptibility to sofosbuvir have been selected in cell culture for multiple genotypes including 1b, 2a, 2b, 3a, 4a, 5a and 6a. Reduced susceptibility to sofosbuvir was associated with the primary NS5B substitution S282T in all replicon genotypes examined. Site-directed mutagenesis of the S282T substitution in replicons of 8 genotypes conferred 2- to 18-fold reduced susceptibility to sofosbuvir and reduced the replication viral capacity by 89% to 99% compared to the corresponding wild-type. In biochemical assays, recombinant NS5B polymerase from genotypes 1b, 2a, 3a and 4a expressing the S282T substitution showed reduced susceptibility to GS-461203 compared to respective wild-types.

Pharmacokinetic properties
Sofosbuvir is a nucleotide prodrug that is extensively metabolised. The active metabolite is formed in hepatocytes and not observed in plasma. The predominant (>90%) metabolite, GS-331007, is inactive. It is formed through sequential and parallel pathways to the formation of active metabolite.

Absorption
The pharmacokinetic properties of sofosbuvir and the predominant circulating metabolite GS-331007 have been evaluated in healthy adult subjects and in subjects with chronic hepatitis C. Following oral administration, sofosbuvir was absorbed quickly and the peak plasma concentration was observed ~0.5-2 hour post-dose, regardless of dose level. Peak plasma

concentration of GS-331007 was observed between 2 to 4 hours post-dose. Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis in subjects with genotypes 1 to 6 HCV infection (n = 986), steady-state AUC_{0-24} for sofosbuvir and GS-331007 was 1,010 ng•h/mL and 7,200 ng•h/mL, respectively. Relative to healthy subjects (n = 284), the sofosbuvir and GS-331007 AUC_{0-24} was 57% higher and 39% lower, respectively in HCV infected subjects.

Effects of food
Relative to fasting conditions, the administration of a single dose of sofosbuvir with a standardized high fat meal slowed the rate of absorption of sofosbuvir. The extent of absorption of sofosbuvir was increased approximately 1.8-fold, with little effect on peak concentration. The exposure to GS-331007 was not altered in the presence of a high-fat meal.

Distribution
Sofosbuvir is not a substrate for hepatic uptake transporters, organic anion-transporting polypeptide (OATP) 1B1 or 1B3, and organic cation transporter (OCT) 1. While subject to active tubular secretion, GS-331007 is not a substrate for renal transporters including organic anion transporter (OAT) 1 or 3, OCT2, MRP2, P-gp, BCRP or MATE1. Sofosbuvir and GS-331007 are not inhibitors of drug transporters P-gp, BCRP, MRP2, BSEP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3 and OCT1. GS-331007 is not an inhibitor of OAT1, OCT2, and MATE1.

Sofosbuvir is approximately 85% bound to human plasma proteins (*ex vivo* data) and the binding is independent of drug concentration over the range of 1 µg/mL to 20 µg/mL. Protein binding of GS-331007 was minimal in human plasma. After a single 400 mg dose of [^{14}C]-sofosbuvir in healthy subjects, the blood to plasma ratio of ^{14}C-radioactivity was approximately 0.7.

Biotransformation
Sofosbuvir is extensively metabolised in the liver to form the pharmacologically active nucleoside analog triphosphate GS-461203. The metabolic activation pathway involves sequential hydrolysis of the carboxyl ester moiety catalysed by human cathepsin A (CatA) or carboxylesterase 1 (CES1) and phosphoramidate cleavage by histidine triad nucleotide-binding protein 1 (HINT1) followed by phosphorylation by the pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis pathway. Dephosphorylation results in the formation of nucleoside metabolite GS-331007 that cannot be efficiently rephosphorylated and lacks anti-HCV activity *in vitro*. Sofosbuvir and GS-331007 are not substrates or inhibitors of UGT1A1 or CYP3A4, CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2D6 enzymes.

After a single 400 mg oral dose of [^{14}C]-sofosbuvir, sofosbuvir and GS-331007 accounted for approximately 4% and >90% of drug-related material (sum of molecular weight-adjusted AUC of sofosbuvir and its metabolites) systemic exposure, respectively.

Elimination
Following a single 400 mg oral dose of [^{14}C]-sofosbuvir, mean total recovery of the dose was greater than 92%, consisting of approximately 80%, 14%, and 2.5% recovered in urine, faeces, and expired air, respectively. The majority of the sofosbuvir dose recovered in urine was GS-331007 (78%) while 3.5% was recovered as sofosbuvir. This data indicate that renal clearance is

the major elimination pathway for GS-331007 with a large part actively secreted. The median terminal half-lives of sofosbuvir and GS-331007 were 0.4 and 27 hours respectively.

Linearity/non-linearity
The dose linearity of sofosbuvir and its primary metabolite, GS-331007, was evaluated in fasted healthy subjects. Sofosbuvir and GS-331007 AUCs are near dose proportional over the dose range of 200 mg to 400 mg.

Pharmacokinetics in special populations
Gender and race
No clinically relevant pharmacokinetic differences due to gender or race have been identified for sofosbuvir and GS-331007.

Elderly
Population pharmacokinetic analysis in HCV infected subjects showed that within the age range (19 to 75 years) analysed, age did not have a clinically relevant effect on the exposure to sofosbuvir and GS-331007. Clinical studies of sofosbuvir included 65 subjects aged 65 and over. The response rates observed for subjects over 65 years of age were similar to that of younger subjects across treatment groups.

Renal impairment
The pharmacokinetics of sofosbuvir were studied in HCV negative subjects with mild (eGFR ≥50 and <80 mL/min/1.73 m^2), moderate (eGFR ≥30 and <50 mL/min/1.73 m^2), severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m^2) and subjects with ESRD requiring haemodialysis following a single 400 mg dose of sofosbuvir. Relative to subjects with normal renal function (eGFR >80 mL/min/1.73 m^2), the sofosbuvir $AUC_{0\text{-}inf}$ was 61%, 107% and 171% higher in mild, moderate and severe renal impairment, while the GS-331007 $AUC_{0\text{-}inf}$ was 55%, 88% and 451% higher, respectively. In subjects with ESRD, relative to subjects with normal renal function, sofosbuvir $AUC_{0\text{-}inf}$ was 28% higher when sofosbuvir was dosed 1 hour before haemodialysis compared with 60% higher when sofosbuvir was dosed 1 hour after haemodialysis. The $AUC_{0\text{-}inf}$ of GS-331007 in subjects with ESRD could not be reliably determined. However, data indicate at least 10-fold and 20-fold higher exposure to GS-331007 in ESRD compared to normal subjects when sofosbuvir was administered 1 hour before or 1 hour after haemodialysis, respectively.
Haemodialysis can efficiently remove (53% extraction ratio) the predominant circulating metabolite GS-331007. A 4-hour haemodialysis session removed approximately 18% of administered dose. No dose adjustment is required for patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. The safety of sofosbuvir has not been assessed in patients with severe renal impairment or ESRD.

Hepatic impairment
The pharmacokinetics of sofosbuvir were studied following 7-day dosing of 400 mg sofosbuvir in HCV infected subjects with moderate and severe hepatic impairment (CPT class B and C). Relative to subjects with normal hepatic function, the sofosbuvir $AUC_{0\text{-}24}$ was 126% and 143% higher in moderate and severe hepatic impairment, while the GS-331007 $AUC_{0\text{-}24}$ was 18% and 9% higher, respectively. Population pharmacokinetics analysis in HCV infected subjects indicated that cirrhosis had no clinically relevant effect on the exposure to sofosbuvir and GS-

331007. No dose adjustment of sofosbuvir is recommended for patients with mild, moderate and severe hepatic impairment.

Paediatric population
The pharmacokinetics of sofosbuvir and GS-331007 in paediatric subjects has not been established.

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