

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use GATTEX safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for GATTEX.

GATTEX (teduglutide) for injection, for subcutaneous use
Initial U.S. Approval: 2012

RECENT MAJOR CHANGES

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Warnings and Precautions (5.1)	05/2019

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

GATTEX® is a glucagon-like peptide-2 (GLP-2) analog indicated for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with Short Bowel Syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Important Administration Information

GATTEX is for adult self-administration or caregiver administration. Self-administration in pediatric patients has not been tested. Use of the GATTEX 5 mg kit is not recommended in pediatric patients weighing less than 10 kg.

Within 6 months prior to initiating treatment with GATTEX:

- Adults: Perform a colonoscopy with removal of polyps. (2.1, 5.1)
- Pediatric patients: Perform fecal occult blood testing; if there is unexplained blood in the stool, perform colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy. (2.1, 5.1)
- Obtain baseline laboratory assessments (bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, lipase and amylase). (2.1, 5.3)

Dosage and Administration

- For subcutaneous use only. (2.2)
- The recommended dosage of GATTEX for both adults and pediatric patients is 0.05 mg/kg once daily by subcutaneous injection. (2.2)
- Alternate sites between 1 of the 4 quadrants of the abdomen, or into alternating thighs or alternating arms. (2.2)

Dosage Adjustment for Renal Impairment

- For adult and pediatric patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and end-stage renal disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m²) the recommended dosage is 0.025 mg/kg once daily. (2.3)

Discontinuation

- When treatment is discontinued, monitor for fluid and electrolyte imbalances. (2.5, 5.4)

Preparation

- See full prescribing information for instructions on reconstitution. (2.6)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

For injection: 5 mg teduglutide in a single-dose vial supplied with 0.5 mL Sterile Water for Injection in a single-dose prefilled syringe. (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None. (4)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Acceleration of Neoplastic Growth:** In adults and pediatric patients, colonoscopy is recommended after 1 year of treatment. Perform subsequent colonoscopies no less frequently than every 5 years. In case of intestinal malignancy, discontinue GATTEX. The decision to continue GATTEX in patients with non-gastrointestinal malignancy should be made based on benefit-risk considerations. (5.1)
- Intestinal Obstruction:** In patients who develop intestinal or stomal obstruction, temporarily discontinue GATTEX pending further clinical evaluation and management. (5.2)
- Biliary and Pancreatic Disease:** Obtain bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, lipase, amylase every 6 months. If clinically meaningful changes are seen, further evaluation is recommended including imaging, and reassess continued GATTEX treatment. (5.3)
- Fluid Overload, Including Congestive Heart Failure:** If fluid overload occurs, adjust parenteral support, and reassess continued GATTEX treatment. (5.4)
- Potential for Increased Absorption of Oral Medications:** Monitor patients on concomitant oral medications (e.g., benzodiazepines) for adverse reactions related to the concomitant drug; dosage reduction of the other drug may be required. (5.5, 7.1)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions (≥10%) are: abdominal pain, nausea, upper respiratory tract infection, abdominal distension, injection site reaction, vomiting, fluid overload, and hypersensitivity. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Shire-NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 1-800-828-2088 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

Lactation: Breastfeeding not recommended. (8.2)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

GATTEX® is indicated for the treatment of adults and pediatric patients 1 year of age and older with Short Bowel Syndrome (SBS) who are dependent on parenteral support.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Important Administration Information

GATTEX is for adult self-administration or caregiver administration. Self-administration in pediatric patients has not been tested.

Use of the GATTEX 5 mg kit is not recommended in pediatric patients weighing less than 10 kg.

Within 6 months prior to starting treatment with GATTEX:

- Adults: Perform a colonoscopy of the entire colon with removal of polyps [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)].
- Pediatric patients: Perform fecal occult blood testing; if there is unexplained blood in the stool, perform colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)].
- Obtain baseline laboratory assessments (bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, lipase and amylase) [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3\)](#)].

2.2 Recommended Dosage and Administration for Adults and Pediatric Patients 1 Year of Age and Older

GATTEX is for subcutaneous injection only. Not for intravenous or intramuscular administration.

The recommended dosage of GATTEX is 0.05 mg/kg once daily administered by subcutaneous injection.

If a dose is missed, that dose should be taken as soon as possible on that day. Do not take 2 doses on the same day.

Alternation of sites for subcutaneous injection is recommended, and can include the thighs, arms, and the quadrants of the abdomen.

2.3 Dosage Adjustment for Renal Impairment

The recommended dosage in adult and pediatric patients with moderate and severe renal impairment and end-stage renal disease (estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) less than 60 mL/min/1.73 m²) is 0.025 mg/kg once daily [see [Use in Specific Populations \(8.6\)](#)].

2.4 Monitoring to Assess Safety

Colonoscopy Schedule in Adults

A follow-up colonoscopy (or alternate imaging) is recommended at the end of 1 year of GATTEX. If no polyp is found, subsequent colonoscopies should be done no less frequently than every 5 years. If a polyp is found, adherence to current polyp follow-up guidelines is recommended [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)].

Colonoscopy Schedule in Pediatric Patients

Perform subsequent fecal occult blood testing annually in children and adolescents while they are receiving GATTEX.

Colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy is recommended for all children and adolescents after 1 year of treatment, every 5 years thereafter while on continuous treatment with GATTEX, and if they have new or unexplained gastrointestinal bleeding [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)].

Laboratory Testing

Laboratory assessments are recommended every 6 months. If any clinically meaningful elevation is seen, further diagnostic workup is recommended as clinically indicated (i.e., imaging of the biliary tract, liver, or pancreas) [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#), [\(5.3\)](#)].

2.5 Discontinuation of Treatment

Discontinuation of treatment with GATTEX may result in fluid and electrolyte imbalance. Monitor fluid and electrolyte status in patients who discontinue GATTEX treatment [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.4\)](#)].

2.6 Preparation Instructions

- Reconstitute each vial of GATTEX by slowly injecting the 0.5 mL of preservative-free Sterile Water for Injection provided in the prefilled syringe. A 10 mg/mL sterile solution is obtained after reconstitution.
- Allow the vial containing GATTEX and water to stand for approximately 30 seconds and then gently roll the vial between the palms for about 15 seconds. Do not shake the vial.
- Allow the mixed contents to stand for about 2 minutes. Inspect the vial for any undissolved powder. If undissolved powder is observed, gently roll the vial again until all material is dissolved. Do not shake the vial.
- Reconstituted GATTEX is a sterile, clear, colorless to light straw-colored solution, which should be free from particulates. If there is any discoloration or particulates, discard the solution.
- A maximum of 0.38 mL of the reconstituted solution, containing 3.8 mg of teduglutide, can be withdrawn from the vial for dosing.
- If the product remains undissolved after the second attempt, do not use.

Storage of the reconstituted solution

- Administer within 3 hours after reconstitution. Discard any unused portion.
- Do not shake or freeze the reconstituted solution.
- For single use only.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

For Injection: 5 mg teduglutide as a white lyophilized powder for reconstitution in a single-dose vial supplied with 0.5 mL Sterile Water for Injection in a single-dose prefilled syringe.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Acceleration of Neoplastic Growth

Based on the pharmacologic activity and findings in animals, GATTEX has the potential to cause hyperplastic changes including neoplasia [see [Clinical Pharmacology \(12.1\)](#), [Nonclinical Toxicology \(13.1\)](#)]. In patients at increased risk for malignancy, the clinical decision to use GATTEX should be considered only if the benefits outweigh the risks. In patients who develop active gastrointestinal malignancy (GI tract, hepatobiliary, pancreatic) while on GATTEX, discontinue GATTEX treatment. In patients who develop active non-gastrointestinal malignancy while on GATTEX, the clinical decision to continue GATTEX should be made based on benefit-risk considerations.

Colorectal Polyps

Colorectal polyps were identified during the clinical studies [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)]. In adults, within 6 months prior to starting treatment with GATTEX, perform colonoscopy of the entire colon with removal of polyps. A follow-up colonoscopy (or alternate imaging) is recommended at the end of 1 year of GATTEX. Perform subsequent colonoscopies every 5 years or more often as needed. If a polyp is found, adherence to current polyp follow-up guidelines is recommended. If colorectal cancer is diagnosed, discontinue GATTEX therapy.

In children and adolescents, perform fecal occult blood testing prior to initiating treatment with GATTEX. Colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy is required if there is unexplained blood in the stool. Perform subsequent fecal occult blood testing annually in children and adolescents while they are receiving GATTEX. Colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy is recommended for all children and adolescents after 1 year of treatment, every 5 years thereafter while on continuous treatment with GATTEX, and if they have new or unexplained gastrointestinal bleeding [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.1\)](#)].

Small Bowel Neoplasia

Based on tumor findings in the rat and mouse carcinogenicity studies, monitor patients clinically for small bowel neoplasia [see [Nonclinical Toxicology \(13.1\)](#)]. If a benign neoplasm is found, it should be removed. In case of small bowel cancer, discontinue GATTEX therapy.

5.2 Intestinal Obstruction

Intestinal obstruction has been reported in clinical studies [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)] and postmarketing. In patients who develop intestinal or stomal obstruction, temporarily discontinue GATTEX while the patient is clinically managed. GATTEX may be restarted when the obstructive presentation resolves, if clinically indicated.

5.3 Biliary and Pancreatic Disease

Gallbladder and Biliary Tract Disease

Cholecystitis, cholangitis, and cholelithiasis have been reported in clinical studies [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)] and postmarketing. For identification of the onset or worsening of gallbladder/biliary disease, obtain laboratory assessment of bilirubin and alkaline phosphatase within 6 months prior to starting GATTEX, and at least every 6 months while on GATTEX; or more frequently if needed. If clinically meaningful changes are seen, further evaluation including imaging of the gallbladder and/or biliary tract is recommended; and reassess the need for continued GATTEX treatment.

Pancreatic Disease

Pancreatitis has been reported in clinical studies [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)]. For identification of onset or worsening of pancreatic disease, obtain laboratory assessments of lipase and amylase within 6 months prior to starting GATTEX, and at least every 6 months while on GATTEX; or more frequently if needed. If clinically meaningful changes are seen, further evaluation such as imaging of the pancreas is recommended; and reassess the need for continued GATTEX treatment.

5.4 Fluid Imbalance and Fluid Overload

Fluid Overload

Fluid overload and congestive heart failure have been observed in clinical studies, which were deemed to be related to enhanced fluid absorption associated with GATTEX [see [Adverse Reactions \(6.1\)](#)]. If fluid overload occurs, adjust parenteral support and reassess GATTEX treatment, especially in patients with underlying cardiovascular disease. If significant cardiac deterioration develops while on GATTEX, reassess the need for continued GATTEX treatment.

Fluid and Electrolyte Imbalance

Discontinuation of treatment with GATTEX may also result in fluid and electrolyte imbalance. Monitor fluid and electrolyte status in patients who discontinue treatment with GATTEX [see [Dosage and Administration \(2.5\)](#)].

5.5 Increased Absorption of Concomitant Oral Medication

In the adult placebo-controlled studies, an analysis of episodes of cognition and attention disturbances was performed for patients on benzodiazepines. One patient receiving prazepam concomitantly with GATTEX 0.05 mg/kg once daily experienced a dramatic deterioration in mental status progressing to coma during the first week of GATTEX therapy. The patient was admitted to the ICU and the prazepam blood concentration was >300 mcg/L. GATTEX and prazepam were discontinued, and coma resolved 5 days later.

Monitor patients receiving concomitant oral drugs requiring titration or with a narrow therapeutic index, for adverse reactions due to potential increased absorption of the concomitant drug. The concomitant drug may require a reduction in dosage [see [Drug Interactions \(7.1\)](#)].

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described elsewhere in the labeling:

- Acceleration of Neoplastic Growth [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.1\)](#)]
- Intestinal Obstruction [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.2\)](#)]

- Biliary and Pancreatic Disease [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.3\)](#)]
- Fluid Imbalance and Fluid Overload [see [Warnings and Precautions \(5.4\)](#)]

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Adults

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, the adverse reaction rates observed cannot be directly compared to rates in other clinical trials and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

The rates of adverse reactions in 136 adult patients with SBS participating in two randomized, placebo-controlled, 24-week, double-blind clinical studies (Study 1 and Study 3) are summarized in [Table 1](#). Only those reactions with a rate of at least 5% in the GATTEX group, and greater than placebo group, are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Common Adverse Reactions* in Adult Patients with SBS in Placebo-Controlled Studies: Studies 1 and 3

Adverse Reaction	Placebo (N=59) (%)	GATTEX 0.05 mg/kg Once Daily (N=77) (%)
Abdominal pain ¹	22	30
Nausea	20	23
Upper respiratory tract infection ²	12	21
Abdominal distension	2	20
Injection site reaction ³	12	13
Vomiting	10	12
Fluid Overload ⁴	7	12
Hypersensitivity ⁵	7	10
Flatulence	7	9
Decreased appetite	3	7
Influenza ⁶	2	7
Skin hemorrhage ⁷	2	5
Cough	0	5
Sleep disturbances ⁸	0	5

* Reported at a rate of at least 5% in the GATTEX group, and greater than the placebo group.

¹ Includes: Abdominal pain, upper abdominal pain, lower abdominal pain

² Includes: Upper respiratory tract infection, nasopharyngitis, pharyngitis, sinusitis, laryngitis, rhinitis, viral upper respiratory tract infection

³ Includes: Injection site hematoma, injection site erythema, injection site pain, injection site swelling, injection site hemorrhage, injection site discoloration, injection site reaction, injection site rash

⁴ Includes: Fluid overload, peripheral edema, edema, generalized edema, fluid retention and jugular vein distension

⁵ Includes: Erythema, rash, dermatitis allergic, pruritus, rash macular, drug eruption, eyelid edema, flushing

⁶ Includes: Influenza, influenza-like illness

⁷ Includes: Hematoma, abdominal wall hematoma, post procedural hematoma, umbilical hematoma, blood blister

⁸ Includes: Insomnia (3 patients) and hypersomnia (1 patient)

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