

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

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

JUXTAPID® (lomitapide) capsules, for oral use  
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**WARNING: RISK OF HEPATOTOXICITY**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

JUXTAPID can cause elevations in transaminases (5.1).

- Measure alanine and aspartate aminotransferases (ALT, AST), alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin before initiating treatment and then ALT and AST regularly as recommended (2.4, 5.1).
- During treatment, adjust the dose of JUXTAPID if the ALT or AST is ≥3 times the upper limit of normal (ULN) (2.4, 5.1).
- Discontinue JUXTAPID for clinically significant liver toxicity (2.4, 5.1).

JUXTAPID increases hepatic fat (hepatic steatosis) with or without concomitant increases in transaminases (5.1).

- Hepatic steatosis associated with JUXTAPID may be a risk factor for progressive liver disease, including steatohepatitis and cirrhosis (5.1).

Because of the risk of hepatotoxicity, JUXTAPID is available only through a restricted program called the JUXTAPID REMS Program (5.2).

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

JUXTAPID is a microsomal triglyceride transfer protein inhibitor indicated as an adjunct to a low-fat diet and other lipid-lowering treatments, including LDL apheresis where available, to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), total cholesterol (TC), apolipoprotein B (apo B), and non-high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL-C) in patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH) (1).

Limitations of Use

- The safety and effectiveness of JUXTAPID have not been established in patients with hypercholesterolemia who do not have HoFH (1).
- The effect of JUXTAPID on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined (1).

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- Before treatment, measure ALT, AST, alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin; obtain a negative pregnancy test in females of reproductive potential; and initiate a low-fat diet supplying <20% of energy from fat (2.1).
- Initiate treatment at 5 mg once daily. Titrate dose based on acceptable safety/tolerability: increase to 10 mg daily after at least 2 weeks; and then, at a minimum of 4-week intervals, to 20 mg, 40 mg, and up to the maximum recommended dose of 60 mg daily (2.1).
- Due to reduced absorption of fat-soluble vitamins/fatty acids: Take daily vitamin E, linoleic acid, alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) supplements (2.1, 5.4).
- Take once daily, whole, with water and without food, at least 2 hours after evening meal (2.2).
- Patients with end-stage renal disease on dialysis or with baseline mild hepatic impairment should not exceed 40 mg daily (2.5, 2.6).

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**DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

Capsules: 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg, 30 mg, 40 mg, and 60 mg (3).

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Pregnancy (4).
- Concomitant use with strong or moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors (4).
- Moderate or severe hepatic impairment or active liver disease including unexplained persistent abnormal liver function tests (4).

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: Females of Reproductive Potential should have a negative pregnancy test before starting JUXTAPID and use contraception during treatment (5.3).
- Gastrointestinal adverse reactions occur in 93% of patients and could affect absorption of concomitant oral medications (5.5).

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥28%) are diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, dyspepsia, and abdominal pain (6.1).

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Aegerion Pharmaceuticals at 1-855-303-2347 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

- CYP3A4 inhibitors increase exposure to lomitapide. Strong and moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors are contraindicated with JUXTAPID. Patients must avoid grapefruit juice (4, 5.6, 7.1).
- When administered with weak CYP3A4 inhibitors, the dose of JUXTAPID should be decreased by half. The dosage of JUXTAPID may then be up-titrated to a maximum recommended dosage of 30 mg daily (2.3, 5.6, 7.2).
- Warfarin: Lomitapide increases plasma concentrations of warfarin. Monitor international normalized ratio (INR) regularly, especially with JUXTAPID dose adjustment (5.8, 7.3).
- Simvastatin and lovastatin exposure increase with JUXTAPID. Limit dose when co-administered with JUXTAPID due to myopathy risk (5.7, 7.4).
- P-glycoprotein (P-gp) Substrates: Consider dose reduction of P-gp substrate because of possible increased absorption with JUXTAPID (7.5).
- Bile Acid Sequestrants: Separate JUXTAPID dosing by at least 4 hours (7.6).

**USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

- Nursing Mothers: Discontinue drug or nursing (8.3).
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### WARNING: RISK OF HEPATOTOXICITY

**JUXTAPID can cause elevations in transaminases. In the JUXTAPID clinical trial, 10 (34%) of the 29 patients treated with JUXTAPID had at least one elevation in alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST)  $\geq 3x$  upper limit of normal (ULN). There were no concomitant clinically meaningful elevations of total bilirubin, international normalized ratio (INR), or alkaline phosphatase [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].**

**JUXTAPID also increases hepatic fat, with or without concomitant increases in transaminases. The median absolute increase in hepatic fat was 6% after both 26 and 78 weeks of treatment, from 1% at baseline, measured by magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Hepatic steatosis associated with JUXTAPID treatment may be a risk factor for progressive liver disease, including steatohepatitis and cirrhosis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].**

**Measure ALT, AST, alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin before initiating treatment and then ALT and AST regularly as recommended. During treatment, adjust the dose of JUXTAPID if the ALT or AST are  $\geq 3x$  ULN. Discontinue JUXTAPID for clinically significant liver toxicity [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)* and *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].**

**Because of the risk of hepatotoxicity, JUXTAPID is available only through a restricted program under a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) called the JUXTAPID REMS Program [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].**

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

### 1.1 Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolemia

JUXTAPID is indicated as an adjunct to a low-fat diet and other lipid-lowering treatments, including LDL apheresis where available, to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), total cholesterol (TC), apolipoprotein B (apo B), and non-high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL-C) in patients with homozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HoFH).

#### Limitations of Use

- The safety and effectiveness of JUXTAPID have not been established in patients with hypercholesterolemia who do not have HoFH.
- The effect of JUXTAPID on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality has not been determined.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Initiation and Maintenance of Therapy

Before beginning treatment with JUXTAPID:

- Measure transaminases (ALT, AST), alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*];
- Obtain a negative pregnancy test in females of reproductive potential [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]; and,
- Initiate a low-fat diet supplying <20% of energy from fat [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

The recommended starting dosage of JUXTAPID is 5 mg once daily, and the dose should be escalated gradually based on acceptable safety and tolerability. Transaminases should be measured prior to any increase in dose [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]. The maintenance dosage of JUXTAPID should be individualized, taking into account patient characteristics such as goal of therapy and response to treatment, to a maximum of 60 mg daily as described in Table 1. Modify dosing for patients taking concomitant weak CYP3A4 inhibitors and for those with renal impairment or baseline hepatic impairment [*see Dosage and Administration (2.3), (2.5), and (2.6)*]. Dose adjustments are also required for patients who develop transaminase values  $\geq 3x$

the upper limit of normal (ULN) during treatment with JUXTAPID [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*].

**Table 1: Recommended Regimen for Titrating Dosage**

DOSAGE	DURATION OF ADMINISTRATION BEFORE CONSIDERING INCREASE TO NEXT DOSAGE
5 mg daily	At least 2 weeks
10 mg daily	At least 4 weeks
20 mg daily	At least 4 weeks
40 mg daily	At least 4 weeks
60 mg daily	Maximum recommended dosage

To reduce the risk of developing a fat-soluble nutrient deficiency due to JUXTAPID's mechanism of action in the small intestine, patients treated with JUXTAPID should take daily supplements that contain 400 international units vitamin E and at least 200 mg linoleic acid, 210 mg alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), 110 mg eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and 80 mg docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

## 2.2 Administration

JUXTAPID should be taken once daily with a glass of water, without food, at least 2 hours after the evening meal because administration with food may increase the risk of gastrointestinal adverse reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]. Patients should swallow JUXTAPID capsules whole. Capsules should not be opened, crushed, dissolved, or chewed.

## 2.3 Dosing with Cytochrome P450 3A4 Inhibitors

JUXTAPID is contraindicated with concomitant use of moderate and strong cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4) inhibitors [see *Contraindications (4)* and *Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

The recommended maximum dosage of JUXTAPID is 30 mg daily with concomitant use of weak CYP3A4 inhibitors (such as alprazolam, amiodarone, amlodipine, atorvastatin, bicalutamide, cilostazol, cimetidine, cyclosporine, fluoxetine, fluvoxamine, ginkgo, goldenseal, isoniazid, lapatinib, nilotinib, pazopanib, ranitidine, ranolazine, ticagrelor, zileuton). However, the recommended maximum dosage of JUXTAPID is 40 mg daily with concomitant use of oral contraceptives.

When initiating a weak CYP3A4 inhibitor in a patient already taking JUXTAPID 10 mg daily or more, decrease the dose of JUXTAPID by half; patients taking JUXTAPID 5 mg daily may continue with the same dosage. Careful titration of JUXTAPID may then be considered according to LDL-C response and safety/tolerability to a maximum recommended dosage of

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