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3 **HYCAMTIN[®]**
4 **(topotecan hydrochloride)**
5 **For Injection**
6 **FOR INTRAVENOUS USE**

7 **WARNING**

8 HYCAMTIN (topotecan hydrochloride) for Injection should be administered under the
9 supervision of a physician experienced in the use of cancer chemotherapeutic agents.
10 Appropriate management of complications is possible only when adequate diagnostic and
11 treatment facilities are readily available.

12 Therapy with HYCAMTIN should not be given to patients with baseline neutrophil counts of
13 less than 1,500 cells/mm³. In order to monitor the occurrence of bone marrow suppression,
14 primarily neutropenia, which may be severe and result in infection and death, frequent peripheral
15 blood cell counts should be performed on all patients receiving HYCAMTIN.

16 **DESCRIPTION**

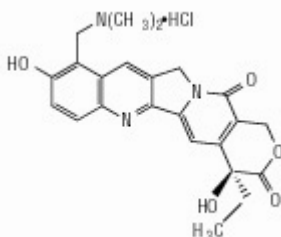
17 HYCAMTIN (topotecan hydrochloride) is a semi-synthetic derivative of camptothecin and is
18 an anti-tumor drug with topoisomerase I-inhibitory activity.

19 HYCAMTIN for Injection is supplied as a sterile lyophilized, buffered, light yellow to
20 greenish powder available in single-dose vials. Each vial contains topotecan hydrochloride
21 equivalent to 4 mg of topotecan as free base. The reconstituted solution ranges in color from
22 yellow to yellow-green and is intended for administration by intravenous infusion.

23 Inactive ingredients are mannitol, 48 mg, and tartaric acid, 20 mg. Hydrochloric acid and
24 sodium hydroxide may be used to adjust the pH. The solution pH ranges from 2.5 to 3.5.

25 The chemical name for topotecan hydrochloride is (S)-10-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-4-ethyl-
26 4,9-dihydroxy-1*H*-pyrano[3',4':6,7] indolizino [1,2-*b*]quinoline-3,14-(4*H*,12*H*)-dione
27 monohydrochloride. It has the molecular formula C₂₃H₂₃N₃O₅•HCl and a molecular weight of
28 457.9.

29 Topotecan hydrochloride has the following structural formula:



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31 It is soluble in water and melts with decomposition at 213° to 218°C.

32 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

33 **Mechanism of Action:** Topoisomerase I relieves torsional strain in DNA by inducing
34 reversible single strand breaks. Topotecan binds to the topoisomerase I-DNA complex and
35 prevents religation of these single strand breaks. The cytotoxicity of topotecan is thought to be
36 due to double strand DNA damage produced during DNA synthesis, when replication enzymes
37 interact with the ternary complex formed by topotecan, topoisomerase I, and DNA. Mammalian
38 cells cannot efficiently repair these double strand breaks.

39 **Pharmacokinetics:** The pharmacokinetics of topotecan have been evaluated in cancer patients
40 following doses of 0.5 to 1.5 mg/m² administered as a 30-minute infusion. Topotecan exhibits
41 multiexponential pharmacokinetics with a terminal half-life of 2 to 3 hours. Total exposure
42 (AUC) is approximately dose-proportional. Binding of topotecan to plasma proteins is about
43 35%.

44 **Metabolism and Elimination:** Topotecan undergoes a reversible pH dependent hydrolysis
45 of its lactone moiety; it is the lactone form that is pharmacologically active. At pH ≤4, the
46 lactone is exclusively present, whereas the ring-opened hydroxy-acid form predominates at
47 physiologic pH. In vitro studies in human liver microsomes indicate topotecan is metabolized to
48 an N-demethylated metabolite. The mean metabolite:parent AUC ratio was about 3% for total
49 topotecan and topotecan lactone following IV administration.

50 Renal clearance is an important determinant of topotecan elimination (see Special
51 Populations: Renal Impairment).

52 In a mass balance/excretion study in 4 patients with solid tumors, the overall recovery of total
53 topotecan and its N-desmethyl metabolite in urine and feces over 9 days averaged 73.4 ± 2.3% of
54 the administered IV dose. Mean values of 50.8 ± 2.9% as total topotecan and 3.1 ± 1.0% as N-
55 desmethyl topotecan were excreted in the urine following IV administration. Fecal elimination of
56 total topotecan accounted for 17.9 ± 3.6% while fecal elimination of N-desmethyl topotecan was
57 1.7 ± 0.6%. An O-glucuronidation metabolite of topotecan and N-desmethyl topotecan has been
58 identified in the urine. These metabolites, topotecan-O-glucuronide and N-desmethyl topotecan-
59 O-glucuronide, were less than 2% of the administered dose.

60 **Special Populations: Gender:** The overall mean topotecan plasma clearance in male patients
61 was approximately 24% higher than that in female patients, largely reflecting difference in body
62 size.

63 **Geriatrics:** Topotecan pharmacokinetics have not been specifically studied in an elderly
64 population, but population pharmacokinetic analysis in female patients did not identify age as a
65 significant factor. Decreased renal clearance, which is common in the elderly, is a more
66 important determinant of topotecan clearance (see PRECAUTIONS and DOSAGE AND
67 ADMINISTRATION).

68 **Race:** The effect of race on topotecan pharmacokinetics has not been studied.

69 **Renal Impairment:** In patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance of 40 to
70 60 mL/min.), topotecan plasma clearance was decreased to about 67% of the value in patients
71 with normal renal function. In patients with moderate renal impairment (Cl_{cr} of 20 to

72 39 mL/min.), topotecan plasma clearance was reduced to about 34% of the value in control
73 patients, with an increase in half-life. Mean half-life, estimated in 3 renally impaired patients,
74 was about 5.0 hours. Dosage adjustment is recommended for these patients (see DOSAGE AND
75 ADMINISTRATION).

76 **Hepatic Impairment:** Plasma clearance in patients with hepatic impairment (serum
77 bilirubin levels between 1.7 and 15.0 mg/dL) was decreased to about 67% of the value in patients
78 without hepatic impairment. Topotecan half-life increased slightly, from 2.0 hours to 2.5 hours,
79 but these hepatically impaired patients tolerated the usual recommended topotecan dosage
80 regimen (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

81 **Drug Interactions:** Pharmacokinetic studies of the interaction of topotecan with concomitantly
82 administered medications have not been formally investigated. In vitro inhibition studies using
83 marker substrates known to be metabolized by human P450 CYP1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2C8/9,
84 CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E, CYP3A, or CYP4A or dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase indicate
85 that the activities of these enzymes were not altered by topotecan. Enzyme inhibition by
86 topotecan has not been evaluated in vivo.

87 Administration of cisplatin (60 or 75 mg/m² on Day 1) before topotecan (0.75 mg/m²/day on
88 Days 1-5 in 9 patients with ovarian cancer had no significant effect on the C_{max} and AUC of
89 total topotecan.

90 Topotecan had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of free platinum in 15 patients with ovarian
91 cancer who were administered cisplatin 50 mg/m² (n = 9) or 75 mg/m² (n = 6) on day 2 after
92 paclitaxel 110 mg/m² on day 1 before topotecan 0.3 mg/m² IV daily on days 2-6. Topotecan had
93 no effect on dose-normalized (60 mg/m²) C_{max} values of free platinum in 13 patients with ovarian
94 cancer who were administered 60 mg/m² (n = 10) or 75 mg/m² (n = 3) cisplatin on day 1 before
95 topotecan 0.75 mg/m² IV daily on days 1-5.

96 No pharmacokinetic data are available following topotecan (0.75 mg/m²/day for 3 consecutive
97 days) and cisplatin (50 mg/m²/day on day 1) in patients with cervical cancer.

98 **Pharmacodynamics:** The dose-limiting toxicity of topotecan is leukopenia. White blood cell
99 count decreases with increasing topotecan dose or topotecan AUC. When topotecan is
100 administered at a dose of 1.5 mg/m²/day for 5 days, an 80% to 90% decrease in white blood cell
101 count at nadir is typically observed after the first cycle of therapy.

102 CLINICAL STUDIES

103 **Ovarian Cancer:** HYCAMTIN was studied in 2 clinical trials of 223 patients given topotecan
104 with metastatic ovarian carcinoma. All patients had disease that had recurred on, or was
105 unresponsive to, a platinum-containing regimen. Patients in these 2 studies received an initial
106 dose of 1.5 mg/m² given by intravenous infusion over 30 minutes for 5 consecutive days, starting
107 on day 1 of a 21-day course.

108 One study was a randomized trial of 112 patients treated with HYCAMTIN (1.5 mg/m²/day ×
109 5 days starting on day 1 of a 21-day course) and 114 patients treated with paclitaxel (175 mg/m²
110 over 3 hours on day 1 of a 21-day course). All patients had recurrent ovarian cancer after a

111 platinum-containing regimen or had not responded to at least 1 prior platinum-containing
 112 regimen. Patients who did not respond to the study therapy, or who progressed, could be given
 113 the alternative treatment.

114 Response rates, response duration, and time to progression are shown in Table 1.

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116 **Table 1. Efficacy of HYCAMTIN Versus Paclitaxel in Ovarian Cancer**

Parameter	HYCAMTIN (n = 112)	Paclitaxel (n = 114)
Complete response rate	5%	3%
Partial response rate	16%	11%
Overall response rate	21%	14%
95% Confidence interval (p-value)	13 to 28%	8 to 20% (0.20)
Response duration* (weeks)	n = 23	n = 16
Median	25.9	21.6
95% Confidence interval	22.1 to 32.9	16.0 to 34.0
hazard-ratio (HYCAMTIN:paclitaxel) (p-value)		0.78 (0.48)
Time to progression (weeks)		
Median	18.9	14.7
95% Confidence interval	12.1 to 23.6	11.9 to 18.3
hazard-ratio (HYCAMTIN:paclitaxel) (p-value)		0.76 (0.07)
Survival (weeks)		
Median	63.0	53.0
95% Confidence interval	46.6 to 71.9	42.3 to 68.7
hazard-ratio (HYCAMTIN:paclitaxel) (p-value)		0.97 (0.87)

117 * The calculation for duration of response was based on the interval between first response and
 118 time to progression.

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120 The median time to response was 7.6 weeks (range 3.1 to 21.7) with HYCAMTIN compared
 121 to 6.0 weeks (range 2.4 to 18.1) with paclitaxel. Consequently, the efficacy of HYCAMTIN may
 122 not be achieved if patients are withdrawn from treatment prematurely.

123 In the crossover phase, 8 of 61 (13%) patients who received HYCAMTIN after paclitaxel had
 124 a partial response and 5 of 49 (10%) patients who received paclitaxel after HYCAMTIN had a
 125 response (2 complete responses).

126 HYCAMTIN was active in ovarian cancer patients who had developed resistance to
127 platinum-containing therapy, defined as tumor progression while on, or tumor relapse within
128 6 months after completion of, a platinum-containing regimen. One complete and 6 partial
129 responses were seen in 60 patients, for a response rate of 12%. In the same study, there were no
130 complete responders and 4 partial responders on the paclitaxel arm, for a response rate of 7%.

131 HYCAMTIN was also studied in an open-label, non-comparative trial in 111 patients with
132 recurrent ovarian cancer after treatment with a platinum-containing regimen, or who had not
133 responded to 1 prior platinum-containing regimen. The response rate was 14% (95% CI = 7% to
134 20%). The median duration of response was 22 weeks (range 4.6 to 41.9 weeks). The time to
135 progression was 11.3 weeks (range 0.7 to 72.1 weeks). The median survival was 67.9 weeks
136 (range 1.4 to 112.9 weeks).

137 **Small Cell Lung Cancer:** HYCAMTIN was studied in 426 patients with recurrent or
138 progressive small cell lung cancer in 1 randomized, comparative study and in 3 single-arm
139 studies.

140 **Randomized Comparative Study:** In a randomized, comparative, Phase 3 trial,
141 107 patients were treated with HYCAMTIN (1.5 mg/m²/day × 5 days starting on day 1 of a
142 21-day course) and 104 patients were treated with CAV (1,000 mg/m² cyclophosphamide,
143 45 mg/m² doxorubicin, 2 mg vincristine administered sequentially on day 1 of a 21-day course).
144 All patients were considered sensitive to first-line chemotherapy (responders who then
145 subsequently progressed ≥60 days after completion of first-line therapy). A total of 77% of
146 patients treated with HYCAMTIN and 79% of patients treated with CAV received
147 platinum/etoposide with or without other agents as first-line chemotherapy.

148 Response rates, response duration, time to progression, and survival are shown in Table 2.
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