

1. NAME OF THE FINISHED PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT

MILOXY SUSPENSION (Amoxicillin Oral Suspension BP 125mg/5ml)

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION:

Label Claim: Each 5ml of the reconstituted suspension contains Amoxicillin Trihydrate BP equivalent to Amoxicillin 125 mg.

Contains Sodium Benzoate 19.802 mg/5ml

For excipients see section 6.1

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM:

Powder for oral suspension

Light pink coloured powder having pleasant flavor.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

Amoxicillin is indicated for the treatment of the following infections in adults and children (see section 4.2, 4.4 and 5.1):

- > Acute bacterial sinusitis
- > Acute otitis media
- ➤ Acute streptococcal tonsillitis and pharyngitis
- > Acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis
- > Community acquired pneumonia
- > Acute cystitis
- ➤ Asymptomatic bacteriuria in pregnancy
- > Acute pyelonephritis
- > Typhoid and paratyphoid fever
- > Dental abscess with spreading cellulitis
- Prosthetic joint infections
- ➤ Helicobacter pylori eradication
- > Lyme disease

Amoxicillin is also indicated for the prophylaxis of endocarditis.

Consideration should be given to official guidance on the appropriate use of antibacterial agents.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Suspension to be administered orally.

Adults: 250 mg -1g four times daily.

Children: 125 mg- 250 mg four times daily.

Hepatic impairment

Dose with caution and monitor hepatic function at regular intervals

Method of administration

Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is for oral use.

Absorption of Amoxicillin Oral Suspension is unimpaired by food.

Therapy can be started parenterally according to the dosing recommendations of the intravenous formulation and continued with an oral preparation.

4.3 Contraindications:

Hypersensitivity to the active substance, to any of the penicillins or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

History of a severe immediate hypersensitivity reaction (e.g. anaphylaxis) to another betalactam agent (e.g. a cephalosporin, carbapenem or monobactam).

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use:

Hypersensitivity reactions

Before initiating therapy with amoxicillin, careful enquiry should be made concerning previous hypersensitivity reactions to penicillins, cephalosporins or other beta-lactam agents (see sections 4.3 and 4.8).

Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity reactions (including anaphylactoid and severe cutaneous adverse reactions) have been reported in patients on penicillin therapy. These reactions are more likely to occur in individuals with a history of penicillin hypersensitivity and in atopic individuals. If an allergic reaction occurs, amoxicillin therapy must be discontinued and appropriate alternative therapy instituted.

Non-susceptible microorganisms

Amoxicillin is not suitable for the treatment of some types of infection unless the pathogen is already documented andknown to be susceptible or there is a very high likelihood that the pathogen would be suitable for treatment with amoxicillin(see section 5.1). This particularly applies when considering the treatment of patients with urinary tract infections andsevere infections of the ear, nose and throat.

Convulsions

Convulsions may occur in patients with impaired renal function or in those receiving high doses or in patients with predisposing factors (e.g. history of seizures, treated epilepsy or meningeal disorders (see section 4.8).

Renal impairment

In patients with renal impairment the dose should be adjusted accordingly to the degree of impairment (see section 4.2).

Skin reactions

The occurrence at the treatment initiation of a feverish generalised erythema associated with pustula may be a symptom ofacute generalised exanthemous pustulosis (AEGP, see section 4.8). This reaction requires amoxicillin discontinuation and contra-indicates any subsequent administration.

Amoxicillin should be avoided if infectious mononucleosis is suspected since the occurrence of a morbilliform rash hasbeen associated with this condition following the use of amoxicillin.

Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction

The Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction has been seen following amoxicillin treatment of Lyme disease (see section 4.8). It results directly from the bactericidal activity of amoxicillin on the causative bacteria of Lyme disease, the spirochaete *Borreliaburg dorferi*. Patients should be reassured that this is a common and usually self-limiting consequence of antibiotic treatment of Lyme disease.

Overgrowth of non-susceptible microorganisms

Prolonged use may also occasionally result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms.

Antibiotic-associated colitis has been reported with nearly all antibacterial agents and may range in severity from mild to life-threatening (see section 4.8). Therefore, it is important to consider this diagnosis in patients who present with diarrhoea during, or subsequent to, the administration of any antibiotics. Should antibiotic-associated colitis occur, amoxicillin should immediately be discontinued, a physician consulted and an appropriate therapy initiated. Anti-peristaltic medicinal products are contra-indicated in this situation.

Prolonged therapy

Periodic assessment of organ system functions; including renal, hepatic and haematopoietic function is advisable during prolonged therapy. Elevated liver enzymes and changes in blood counts have been reported (see section 4.8).

Anticoagulants

Prolongation of prothrombin time has been reported rarely in patients receiving amoxicillin. Appropriate monitoring shouldbe undertaken when anticoagulants are prescribed concomitantly. Adjustments in the dose of oral anticoagulants may be necessary to maintain the desired level of anticoagulation (see section 4.5 and 4.8).

Crystalluria

In patients with reduced urine output, crystalluria has been observed very rarely, predominantly with parenteral therapy. During the administration of high doses of amoxicillin, it is advisable to maintain adequate fluid intake and urinary output inorder to reduce the possibility of amoxicillin crystalluria. In patients with bladder catheters, a regular check of patencyshould be maintained (see section 4.8 and 4.9).

Interference with diagnostic tests

Elevated serum and urinary levels of amoxicillin are likely to affect certain laboratory tests. Due to the high urinaryconcentrations of amoxicillin, false positive readings are common with chemical methods

It is recommended that when testing for the presence of glucose in urine during amoxicillin treatment, enzymatic glucoseoxidase methods should be used.

The presence of amoxicillin may distort assay results for oestriol in pregnant women.

Important Information about excipients

This medicinal product contains sucrose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance, glucose-galactose malabsorption or sucrase-isomaltase insufficiency should not take this medicine.

This medicinal product contains sodium benzoate (E211). Increase in bilirubinaemia following its displacement from albumin may increase neonatal jaundice which may develop into kernicterus (non-conjugated bilirubin deposits in the brain tissue).

Important information about excipients

Sodium benzoate may increase jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes) in new born babies (up to 4 weeks old)

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Probenecid

Concomitant use of probenecid is not recommended. Probenecid decreases the renal tubular secretion of amoxicillin. Concomitant use of probenecid may result in increased and prolonged blood levels of amoxicillin.

<u>Allopurinol</u>

Concurrent administration of allopurinol during treatment with amoxicillin can increase the likelihood of allergic skin reactions.

Tetracyclines

Tetracyclines and other bacteriostatic drugs may interfere with the bactericidal effects of amoxicillin.

Methotrexate

Penicillins may reduce the excretion of methotrexate causing a potential increase in toxicity.

Oral typhoid vaccine

The oral typhoid vaccine is inactivated by antibacterials.

Oral Anticoagulants

Oral anticoagulants and penicillin antibiotics have been widely used in practice without reports of interaction. However, in the literature there are cases of increased international normalised ratio in patients maintained on acenocoumarol orwarfarin and prescribed a course of amoxicillin. If co-administration is necessary, the prothrombin time or international normalised ratio should be carefully monitored with the addition or withdrawal of amoxicillin. Moreover, adjustments in the dose of oral anticoagulants may be necessary (see sections 4.4 and 4.8).

4.6 Fertility, Pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity.

Limited data on the use of amoxicillin during pregnancy in humans do not indicate an increased risk of congenital malformations. Amoxicillin may be used in pregnancy when the potential benefits outweigh the potential risks associated with treatment.

Breast-feeding

Amoxicillin is excreted into breast milk in small quantities with the possible risk of sensitisation. Consequently, diarrhoea and fungus infection of the mucous membranes are possible in the breast-fed infant, so that breast-feeding might have to be discontinued.

Amoxicillin should only be used during breast-feeding after benefit/risk assessment by the physician in charge.

Fertility

There are no data on the effects of amoxicillin on fertility in humans. Reproductive studies in animals have shown no effects on fertility.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed. However, undesirable effects may occur (e.g. allergic reactions, dizziness, convulsions), which may influence the ability to drive and use machines (see section 4.8).

4.8 Undesirable effects

The most commonly reported adverse drug reactions (ADRs) are diarrhoea, nausea and skin rash.

The ADRs derived from clinical studies and post-marketing surveillance with amoxicillin, presented by MedDRA System Organ Class are listed below.

The following terminologies have been used in order to classify the occurrence of undesirable effects

Very common ($\geq 1/10$)

common ($\ge 1/100$ to < 1/10)

uncommon ($\geq 1/1000$ to < 1/100)

rare ($\geq 1/10,000 \text{ to} < 1/1000$)

very rare (<1/10,000)

Not known (cannot be estimated from the available data)

Infections and infestations			
Very Rare:	Mucocutaneous Candidiasis		
Blood and lymphatic system disorders			
Very rare:	Reversible leucopenia (including severe		
	neutropenia or agranulocytosis), reversible		
	thrombocytopenia and haemolyticanaemia.		
	Prolongation of bleeding time and prothrombin time		
	(see section 4.4)		
Immune system disorders	•		

Very Rare:	Severe allergic reactions, including angioneurotic		
	oedema, anaphylaxis (see section 4.4), serum		
	sickness and hypersensitivity vasculitis.		
Not known:	Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction (see section 4.4).		
Nervous system disorders			
Very Rare:	Hyperkinesia, dizziness and convulsions (see section 4.4).		
Not known:	Aseptic meningitis		
Cardiac disorders			
Not known:	Kounis syndrome		
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Clinical Trial Data			
*Common:	Diarrhoea and nausea.		
*Uncommon:	Vomiting.		
Post-marketing Data	<u> </u>		
Very Rare:	Antibiotic associated colitis (including		
	pseudomembraneous colitis and haemorrhagic		
	colitis see section 4.4). Black hairy tongue		
	Superficial tooth discolouration [#]		
Hepato-biliary disorders			
Very Rare:	Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice. A moderate rise		
	in AST and/or ALT.		
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders			
Clinical Trial Data			
*Common:	Skin rash		
*Uncommon:	Urticaria and pruritus		
Post-marketing Data			
Very Rare:	Skin reactions such as erythema multiforme,		
	StevensJohnson syndrome, toxic epidermal		
	necrolysis, bullous and exfoliative dermatitis, acute		
	generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) (see		
	section 4.4) and drug reaction with eosinophilia and		
	systemic symptoms (DRESS).		

Renal and urinary tract disorders	
Very Rare:	Interstitial nephritis.
	Crystalluria (see section 4.4 and 4.9 Overdose)

*The incidence of these AE's was derived from clinical studies involving a total of approximately 6,000 adult and paediatric patients taking amoxicillin.

Superficial tooth discolouration has been reported in children. Good oral hygiene may help to prevent tooth discolouration as it can usually be removed by brushing.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorization of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product.

4.9 Overdose

Symptoms and signs of overdose

Gastrointestinal symptoms (such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea) and disturbance of the fluid and electrolyte balances may be evident. Amoxicillin crystalluria, in some cases leading to renal failure, has been observed. Convulsions may occur in patients with impaired renal function or in those receiving high doses (see sections 4.4 and 4.8).

Treatment of intoxication

Gastrointestinal symptoms may be treated symptomatically, with attention to the water/electrolyte balance. Amoxicillin may be removed from the circulation by haemodialysis.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamics Properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Penicillins with extended spectrum;

ATC Code J01CA04

Mechanism of action

Amoxicillin is a semisynthetic penicillin (beta-lactam antibiotic) that inhibits one or more enzymes (often referred to as penicillin-binding proteins, PBPs) in the biosynthetic pathway of bacterial peptidoglycan, which is an integral structural component of the bacterial cell

wall. Inhibition of peptidoglycan synthesis leads to weakening of the cell wall, which is usually followed by cell lysis and death.

Amoxicillin is susceptible to degradation by beta-lactamases produced by resistant bacteria and therefore the spectrum of activity of amoxicillin alone does not include organisms which produce these enzymes.

Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamics relationship

The time above the minimum inhibitory concentration (T>MIC) is considered to be the major determinant of efficacy for amoxicillin.

Mechanisms of resistance

The main mechanisms of resistance to amoxicillin are:

- Inactivation by bacterial beta-lactamases.
- Alteration of PBPs, which reduce the affinity of the antibacterial agent for the target.

Impermeability of bacteria or efflux pump mechanisms may cause or contribute to bacterial resistance, particularly in Gram-negative bacteria.

Breakpoints

MIC breakpoints for amoxicillin are those of the European Committee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (EUCAST) version 5.0.

Organism	MIC breakpoint (mg/L)		
	Susceptible ≤	Resistant >	
Enterobacteriaceae	8 1	<u>8</u>	
Staphylococcus spp.	Note ²	Note ²	
Enterococcus spp.3	4	8	
Streptococcus groups A, B, C and G	Note ⁴	Note ⁴	
Streptococcus pneumoniae	Note ⁵	Note ⁵	
Viridans group steprococci	0.5	2	
Haemophilus influenzae	26	2^6	

Moraxella catarrhalis	Note ⁷	Note ⁷
Neisseria meningitidis	0.125	1
Gram positive anaerobes except Clostridium difficile ⁸	4	8
Gram negative anaerobes ⁸	0.5	2
Helicobacter pylori	0.125^9	0.1259
Pasteurella multocida	1	1
Non- species related breakpoints ¹⁰	2	8

¹Wild type Enterobacteriaceae are categorised as susceptible to aminopenicillins. Some countries prefer to categorise wild type isolates of E. coli and P. mirabilis as intermediate. When this is the case, use the MIC breakpoint $S \le 0.5$ mg/L

The prevalence of resistance may vary geographically and with 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.

In vitro susceptibility of micro-organisms to Amoxicillin

²Most staphylococci are penicillinase producers, which are resistant to amoxicillin. Methicillin resistant isolates are, with few exceptions, resistant to all beta-lactam agents.

³Susceptibility to amoxicillin can be inferred from ampicillin

⁴The susceptibility of streptococcus groups A, B, C and G to penicillins is inferred from the benzylpenicillin susceptibility.

⁵Breakpoints relate only to non-meningitis isolates. For isolates categorised as intermediate to ampicillin avoid oral treatment with amoxicillin. Susceptibility inferred from the MIC of ampicillin.

⁶Breakpoints are based on intravenous administration. Beta-lactamase positive isolates should be reported resistant.

⁷Beta lactamase producers should be reported resistant

⁸Susceptibility to amoxicillin can be inferred from benzylpenicillin.

⁹The breakpoints are based on epidemiological cut-off values (ECOFFs), which distinguish wild-type isolates fromthose with reduced susceptibility

 $^{^{10}}$ The non-species related breakpoints are based on doses of at least 0.5 g x 3or 4 doses daily (1.5 to 2 g/day).

Commonly Susceptible Species		
Gram-positive aerobes:		
Enterococcus faecalis		
Beta-hemolytic streptococci (Groups A, B, C and G)		
Listeria monocytogenes		
Species for which acquired resistance may be a problem		
Gram-negative aerobes:		
Escherichia coli		
Haemophilus influenzae		
Helicobacter pylori		
Proteus mirabilis		
Salmonella typhi		
Salmonella paratyphi		
Pasteurella multocida		
Gram-positive aerobes:		
Coagulase negative staphylococcus		
Staphylococcus aureus [£]		
Streptococcus pneumoniae		
Viridans group streptococcus		
Gram-positive anaerobes:		
Clostridium spp.		
Gram-negative anaerobes:		
Fusobacterium spp.		
Other: Borrelia		
burgdorferi		
Inherently resistant organisms †		
Gram-positive aerobes:		
Enterococcus faecium †		
Gram-negative aerobes:		

Acinetobacter spp.

Enterobacter spp.

Klebsiella spp.

Pseudomonas spp.

Gram-negative anaerobes:

Bacteroides spp. (many strains of Bacteroides fragilis are resistant).

Others:

Chlamydia spp.

Mycoplasma spp.

Legionella spp.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

Absorption:

Absorption Amoxicillin fully dissociates in aqueous solution at physiological pH. It is rapidly and well absorbed by the oral route of administration. Following oral administration, amoxicillin is approximately 70% bioavailable. The time to peak plasma concentration (Tmax) is approximately one hour.

The pharmacokinetic results for a study, in which an amoxicillin dose of 250 mg three times daily was administered in the fasting state to groups of healthy volunteers are presented below.

C _{max}	T _{max} *	AUC (0-24h)	T ½
(μg/ml)	(h)	(µg.h/ml)	(h)
3.3 ± 1.12	1.5 (1.0-2.0)	26.7 ± 4.56	1.36 ± 0.56
*Median (range)			

In the range 250 to 3000 mg the bioavailability is linear in proportion to dose (measured as Cmax and AUC). The absorption is not influenced by simultaneous food intake.

Haemodialysis can be used for elimination of amoxicillin.

Distribution:

[†] Natural intermediate susceptibility in the absence of acquired mechanism of resistance.

[£] Almost all S.aureus are resistant to amoxilcillin due to production of penicillinase. In addition, all methicillin-resistant strains are resistant to amoxicillin.

About 18% of total plasma amoxicillin is bound to protein and the apparent volume of distribution is around 0.3 to 0.4 l/kg.

Following intravenous administration, amoxicillin has been found in gall bladder, abdominal tissue, skin, fat, muscle tissues, synovial and peritoneal fluids, bile and pus. Amoxicillin does not adequately distribute into the cerebrospinal fluid.

From animal studies there is no evidence for significant tissue retention of drug-derived material. Amoxicillin, like most penicillins, can be detected in breast milk (see section 4.6).

Amoxicillin has been shown to cross the placental barrier (see section 4.6).

Biotransformation:

Amoxicillin is partly excreted in the urine as the inactive penicilloic acid in quantities equivalent to up to 10 to 25% of the initial dose.

Elimination:

The major route of elimination for amoxicillin is via the kidney.

Amoxicillin has a mean elimination half-life of approximately one hour and a mean total clearance of approximately 25 l/hour in healthy subjects. Approximately 60 to 70% of the amoxicillin is excreted unchanged in urine during the first 6 hours after administration of a standard dose of amoxicillin. Various studies have found the urinary excretion to be 50-85% for amoxicillin over a 24hour period.

Concomitant use of probenecid delays amoxicillin excretion (see section 4.5).

<u>Age</u>

The elimination half-life of amoxicillin is similar for children aged around 3 months to 2 years and older children and adults. For very young children (including preterm newborns) in the first week of life the interval of administration should not exceed twice daily administration due to immaturity of the renal pathway of elimination. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function.

Gender

Following oral administration of amoxicillin/ to healthy males and female subjects, gender has no significant impact on the pharmacokinetics of amoxicillin.

Renal impairment

The total serum clearance of amoxicillin decreases proportionately with decreasing renal function (see sections 4.2 and 4.4).

Hepatic impairment

Hepatically impaired patients should be dosed with caution and hepatic function monitored at regular intervals.

5.3 PRECLINICAL SAFETY DATA

Non-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on studies of safety pharmacology, repeated dose toxicity, genotoxicity and toxicity to reproduction and development.

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with amoxicillin.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Sucrose, Carmellose Sodium, Sodium Benzoate, Anhydrous Citric Acid, Purified Talc, Colloidal Anhydrous Silica, Colour Erythrosine Supra, Essence BTM DM 7020A

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

36months

6.4 Special precautions for storage

The mixture and diluted mixture should be stored at a temperature not exceeding 25°C and to be used within 1 week of reconstitution

6.5 Nature and contents of container

100 ml Amber coloured glass bottle with a ringmark packed in printed carton along with pack insert.

6.6 Instructions for use and handling

Shake well before use. Reconstituted Suspension is stable for seven days only. Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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