

Arcet

Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP

Arcet (Cetirizine Hydrochloride) is a potent H₁ receptor antagonist without any significant anticholinergic and antiserotonic effects. At pharmacologically active dose levels, it has almost no drowsiness effect and does not cause behavioural changes. It inhibits the histamine mediated early phase of the allergic reaction and also reduces the migration of inflammatory cells and the release of mediators associated with the late phase of the allergic reaction.

COMPOSITION

Arcet Tablet : Each film coated tablet contains Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 10 mg.

Arcet Syrup : Each 5 ml syrup contains Cetirizine Hydrochloride BP 5 mg.

INDICATION

It is indicated for the relief of symptoms associated with seasonal & perennial allergic rhinitis. It is also indicated for the treatment of the uncomplicated skin manifestations of chronic idiopathic urticaria and allergen induced asthma.

DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION

Adults and Children 6 years and older : 1 tablet or 2 teaspoonfuls daily (or 1 teaspoonful twice daily).

Children 2-6 years : 1 teaspoonful once daily or 1/2 teaspoonful twice daily.

Children 6 months - <2 years : 1/2 teaspoonful once daily. The dose in children 12-23 months of age can be increased to a maximum dose as 1/2 teaspoonful every 12 hours.

SIDE EFFECT

The most common side effects that occurred more frequently on Cetirizine is somnolence.

PRECAUTION

Caution should be exercised when driving a car or operating a heavy machinery.

CONTRAINDICATION

It is contraindicated in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to Cetirizine or hydroxyzine.

DRUG INTERACTION

No clinically significant drug interactions have been found with Theophylline, Azithromycin, Pseudoephedrine, Ketoconazole or Erythromycin and with other drugs.

USE IN PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

US FDA Pregnancy Category of Cetirizine Hydrochloride is B. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Cetirizine Hydrochloride has been shown to be excreted in human milk. So, caution should be exercised when Cetirizine Hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.

STORAGE CONDITION

Keep in a dry place away from light and heat. Keep out of the reach of children.

HOW SUPPLIED

Arcet Tablet: Each box contains 100 tablets in Alu-PVC blister pack.

Arcet Syrup: Each amber PET bottle contains 60 ml Syrup.