



Gadovist®

(gadobutrol)

SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Gadovist 1.0 mmol/ml solution for injection in prefilled syringe

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

1 ml of solution for injection contains 604.72 mg gadobutrol (equivalent to 1.0 mmol gadobutrol containing 157.25 mg gadolinium).

1 prefilled syringe with 7.5 ml contains 4535.4 mg gadobutrol.

Excipient with known effect:

1 ml contains 0.00056 mmol (equivalent to 0.013 mg) of sodium (see section 4.4).

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection in prefilled syringe

Clear, colourless to pale yellow liquid.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

This medicinal product is for diagnostic use only. Gadovist is indicated in adults and children of all ages (including term neonates) for:

- Contrast enhancement in cranial and spinal magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).
- Contrast-enhanced MRI of liver or kidneys in patients with high suspicion or evidence of having focal lesions to classify these lesions as benign or malignant.
- Contrast enhancement in magnetic resonance angiography (CE-MRA).

Gadovist can also be used for MR imaging of pathologies of the whole body. It facilitates visualisation of abnormal structures or lesions and helps in the differentiation between healthy and pathological tissue.

Gadovist should be used only when diagnostic information is essential and not available with unenhanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Gadovist should only be administered by healthcare professionals experienced in the field of clinical MRI practice.

Method of administration

This medicinal product is for intravenous administration only.

The dose required is administered intravenously as a bolus injection.

Contrast-enhanced MRI can commence immediately afterwards (shortly after the injection depending on the pulse sequences used and the protocol for the examination).

Optimal signal enhancement is observed during arterial first pass for CE-MRA and within a period of about 15 minutes after injection of Gadovist for CNS indications (time depending on type of lesion/tissue).

T₁-weighted scanning sequences are particularly suitable for contrast-enhanced examinations.

Intravascular administration of contrast media should, if possible, be done with the patient lying down. After the administration, the patient should be kept under observation for at least half an hour, since experience shows that the majority of undesirable effects occur within this time (see section 4.4).

Instructions for use:

This product is intended for single use only.

This medicinal product should be visually inspected before use.

Gadovist should not be used in case of severe discolouration, the occurrence of particulate matter or a defective container.

Prefilled syringes

The prefilled syringe must be taken from the pack and prepared for the injection immediately before the administration.

The tip cap should be removed from the prefilled syringe immediately before use.

Cartridges

Administration of contrast media should be performed by qualified personnel with the appropriate procedures and equipment. Sterile technique must be used in all injections involving contrast media.

The contrast medium must be administered by means of a MEDRAD Spectris® type injector.

Instructions of the device manufacturer must be followed.

Posology

The lowest dose that provides sufficient enhancement for diagnostic purposes should be used. The dose should be calculated based on the patient's body weight, and should not exceed the recommended dose per kilogram of body weight detailed in this section.

Adults

CNS indications

The recommended dose for adults is 0.1 mmol per kilogram body weight (mmol/kg BW). This is equivalent to 0.1 ml/kg BW of the 1.0 M solution.

If a strong clinical suspicion of a lesion persists despite an unremarkable MRI or when more accurate information might influence therapy of the patient, a further injection of up to 0.2 ml/kg BW within 30 minutes of the first injection may be performed.

A dose of 0.075 mmol gadobutrol per kg body weight (equivalent to 0.075 ml Gadovist per kg body weight) may be administered at minimum for imaging of the CNS (see section 5.1).

Whole-body MRI (except MRA)

In general, the administration of 0.1 ml Gadovist per kg body weight is sufficient to answer the clinical question.

CE-MRA

Imaging of 1 field of view (FOV): 7.5 ml for body weight below 75 kg; 10 ml for body weight of 75 kg and higher (corresponding to 0.1-0.15 mmol/kg BW).

Imaging of >1 field of view (FOV): 15 ml for body weight below 75 kg; 20 ml for body weight of 75 kg and higher (corresponding to 0.2-0.3 mmol/kg BW).

Special populations

Renal impairment

Gadovist should only be used in patients with severe renal impairment (GFR < 30 ml/min/1.73 m²) and in patients in the perioperative liver transplantation period after careful risk/benefit assessment and if the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrast-enhanced MRI (see section 4.4). If it is necessary to use Gadovist, the dose should not exceed 0.1 mmol/kg body weight. More than one dose should not be used during a scan. Because of the lack of information on repeated administration, Gadovist injections should not be repeated unless the interval between injections is at least 7 days.

Paediatric population

For children of all ages (including term neonates) the recommended dose is 0.1 mmol gadobutrol per kg body weight (equivalent to 0.1 ml Gadovist per kg body weight) for all indications (see section 4.1).

Neonates up to 4 weeks of age and infants up to 1 year of age

Due to immature renal function in neonates up to 4 weeks of age and infants up to 1 year of age, Gadovist should only be used in these patients after careful consideration at a dose not exceeding 0.1 mmol/kg body weight. More than one dose should not be used during a scan. Because of the lack of information on repeated administration, Gadovist injections should not be repeated unless the interval between injections is at least 7 days.

Elderly (aged 65 years and above)

No dosage adjustment is considered necessary. Caution should be exercised in elderly patients (see section 4.4).

4.3 Contraindications

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

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

While injecting Gadovist into veins with a small lumen there is the possibility of adverse effects such as reddening and swelling.

The usual safety requirements for magnetic resonance imaging, especially the exclusion of ferromagnetic materials, also apply when using Gadovist.

Hypersensitivity reactions

As with other intravenous contrast agents, Gadovist can be associated with anaphylactoid/hypersensitivity or other idiosyncratic reactions, characterized by cardiovascular, respiratory or cutaneous manifestations, and ranging to severe reactions including shock. In general, patients with cardiovascular disease are more susceptible to serious or even fatal outcomes of severe hypersensitivity reactions.

The risk of hypersensitivity reactions may be higher in case of:

- previous reaction to contrast media
- history of bronchial asthma
- history of allergic disorders

In patients with an allergic disposition the decision to use Gadovist must be made after particularly careful evaluation of the risk-benefit ratio.

Most of these reactions occur within half an hour of administration.

Therefore, post-procedure observation of the patient is recommended.

Medication for the treatment of hypersensitivity reactions as well as preparedness for institution of emergency measures are necessary (see section 4.2).

Delayed reactions (after hours up to several days) have been rarely observed (see section 4.8).

Impaired renal function

Prior to administration of Gadovist, it is recommended that all patients are screened for renal dysfunction by obtaining laboratory tests.

There have been reports of nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF) associated with use of some gadolinium-containing contrast agents in patients with acute or chronic severe renal impairment (GFR < 30 ml/min/1.73 m²). Patients undergoing liver transplantation are at particular risk since the incidence of acute renal failure is high in this group.

As there is a possibility that NSF may occur with Gadovist, it should therefore only be used in patients with severe renal impairment and in patients in the perioperative liver transplantation period after careful risk/benefit assessment and if the diagnostic information is essential and not available with non-contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Haemodialysis shortly after Gadovist administration may be useful at removing Gadovist from the body. There is no evidence to support the initiation of haemodialysis for prevention or treatment of NSF in patients not already undergoing haemodialysis.

Neonates and infants

Due to immature renal function in neonates up to 4 weeks of age and infants up to 1 year of age, Gadovist should only be used in these patients after careful consideration.

Elderly

As the renal clearance of gadobutrol may be impaired in the elderly, it is particularly important to screen patients aged 65 years and older for renal dysfunction.

Seizure disorders

Like with other gadolinium-containing contrast agents special precaution is necessary in patients with a low threshold for seizures.

Excipients

This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose (based on the average amount given to a 70 kg person), i.e. essentially 'sodium-free'. To be taken into consideration by patients on a controlled sodium diet.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

No interaction studies have been performed.

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation

Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of gadobutrol in pregnant women. Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity at repeated high doses (see section 5.3).

Gadovist should not be used during pregnancy unless the clinical condition of the woman requires use of gadobutrol.

Breast-feeding

Gadolinium-containing contrast agents are excreted into breast milk in very small amounts (see section 5.3). At clinical doses, no effects on the infant are anticipated due to the small amount excreted in milk and poor absorption from the gut. Continuing or discontinuing of breast-feeding for a period of 24 hours after administration of Gadovist should be at the discretion of the doctor and lactating mother.

Fertility

Animal studies do not indicate impairment of fertility.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Not relevant.

4.8 Undesirable effects

The overall safety profile of Gadovist is based on data from more than 6,300 patients in clinical trials and from post-marketing surveillance.

The most frequently observed adverse drug reactions (≥0.5%) in patients receiving Gadovist are headache, nausea and dizziness.

The most serious adverse drug reactions in patients receiving Gadovist are cardiac arrest and severe anaphylactoid reactions (including respiratory arrest and anaphylactic shock).

Delayed anaphylactoid reactions (hours later up to several days) have been rarely observed (see section 4.4).

Most of the undesirable effects were of mild to moderate intensity.

The adverse drug reactions observed with Gadovist are represented in the table below. They are classified according to system organ class (MedDRA). The most appropriate MedDRA term is used to describe a certain reaction and its synonyms and related conditions.

Adverse drug reactions from clinical trials are classified according to their frequencies.

Frequency groupings are defined according to the following convention: common: ≥ 1/100 to < 1/10; uncommon: ≥ 1/1,000 to < 1/100; rare: ≥ 1/10,000 to < 1/1,000. The adverse drug reactions identified only during post-marketing surveillance, and for which a frequency could not be estimated, are listed under 'not known'.

Within each frequency grouping, undesirable effects are presented in order of decreasing seriousness.

Table 1: Adverse drug reactions reported in clinical trials or during post-marketing surveillance in patients treated with Gadovist

System organ class	Frequency				
	Common	Uncommon	Rare	Not known	
Immune system disorders		Hypersensitivity/anaphylactoid reaction* (e.g. anaphylactoid shock ^{1*} , circulatory collapse ^{1*} , respiratory arrest ^{1*} , pulmonary oedema ^{1*} , bronchospasm ¹ , cyanosis ^{1*} , oropharyngeal swelling ^{1*} , laryngeal oedema ¹ , hypotension ¹ , blood pressure increased ¹ , chest pain ¹ , urticaria ¹ , face oedema ¹ , angioedema ¹ , conjunctivitis ¹ , eyelid oedema ¹ , flushing ¹ , hyperhidrosis ¹ , cough ¹ , sneezing ¹ , burning ¹ , sensation ¹ , pallor ¹)			
Nervous system disorders	Headache	Dizziness, dysgeusia, paresthesia	Loss of consciousness*, convulsion, paroxysmia		
Cardiac disorders		Dyspnoea*	Tachycardia, palpitations	Cardiac arrest*	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders					
Gastro-intestinal disorders	Nausea	Vomiting	Dry mouth		
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders		Erythema, pruritus (including generalised pruritus), rash (including generalised, macular, papular, pruritic rash)		Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (NSF)	
General disorders and administration site conditions		Injection site reaction ¹ , feeling hot	Malaise, feeling cold		

* There have been reports of life-threatening and/or fatal outcomes from this ADR.

* None of the individual symptoms ADRs listed under hypersensitivity/anaphylactoid reactions identified in clinical trials reached a frequency greater than 'rare' (except for urticaria).

* Hypersensitivity/anaphylactoid reactions identified only during post-marketing surveillance (frequency not known)

* Injection site reactions (various kinds) comprise the following terms: injection site extravasation, injection site burning, injection site coldness, injection site warmth, injection site erythema or rash, injection site pain, injection site haematoma

Patients with an allergic disposition suffer more frequently than others from hypersensitivity reactions.

Characteristics in special patient populations

Paediatric population

Pharmacokinetics of gadobutrol in paediatric population aged < 18 years and in adults are similar (see section 4.2).

Two single-dose phase I/III studies in paediatric patients < 18 years have been performed.

The pharmacokinetics were evaluated in 130 paediatric patients aged 2 < 18 years and in 43 paediatric patients < 2 years of age (including term neonates).

It was shown that the pharmacokinetic (PK) profile of gadobutrol in children of all ages is similar to that in adults resulting in similar values for area under the curve (AUC), body weight normalised plasma clearance ($CL_{\text{t}_{0.5}}$) and volume of distribution (V_{ss}), as well as elimination half-life and excretion rate.

Approximately 99% (median value) of the dose was recovered in urine, within 6 hours (this information was derived from the 2 to < 18 year old age group).

Elderly (aged 65 years and above)

Due to physiological changes in renal function with age, in elderly healthy volunteers (aged 65 years and above) systemic exposure was increased by approximately 33% (men) and 54% (women) and terminal half-life by approximately 33% (men) and 58% (women). The plasma clearance is reduced by approximately 25% (men) and 35% (women) respectively. The recovery of the administered dose in urine was complete after 24 h in all volunteers and there was no difference between elderly and non-elderly healthy volunteers.

Renal impairment

In patients with impaired renal function, the serum half-life of gadobutrol is prolonged due to the reduced glomerular filtration. The mean terminal half-life was prolonged to 5.8 hours in moderately impaired patients ($80 > CL_{\text{t}_{0.5}} > 30 \text{ ml/min}$) and further prolonged to 17.6 hours in severely impaired patients not on dialysis ($CL_{\text{t}_{0.5}} < 30 \text{ ml/min}$). The mean serum clearance was reduced to 0.49 ml/min/kg in mild to moderately impaired patients ($80 > CL_{\text{t}_{0.5}} > 30 \text{ ml/min}$) and to 0.16 ml/min/kg in severely impaired patients not on dialysis ($CL_{\text{t}_{0.5}} < 30 \text{ ml/min}$). Complete recovery in the urine was seen in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment within 72 hours. In patients with severely impaired renal function about 80% of the administered dose was recovered in the urine within 5 days (see also sections 4.2 and 4.4).

In patients requiring dialysis, gadobutrol was almost completely removed from serum after the third dialysis.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

Preclinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on conventional studies of safety pharmacology, repeated-dose toxicity and genotoxicity.

Repeated intravenous treatment in reproductive toxicology studies caused a retardation of embryonal development in rats and rabbits and an increase in embryolethality in rats, rabbits and monkeys at dose levels being 8 to 16 times (based on body surface area) or 25 to 50 times (based on body weight) above the diagnostic dose in humans. It is not known whether these effects can also be induced by a single administration. Single and repeat-dose toxicity studies in neonatal and juvenile rats did not reveal findings suggestive of a specific risk for use in children of all ages including term neonates and infants.

Radioactively labelled gadobutrol administered intravenously to lactating rats was transferred to the neonates via milk at less than 0.1% of the administered dose.

In rats, absorption after oral administration was found to be very small and amounted to about 5% based on the fraction of the dose excreted in urine.

In preclinical cardiovascular safety pharmacology studies, depending on the dose administered, transient increases in blood pressure and myocardial contractility were observed. These effects have not been observed in humans.

Environmental studies have shown that persistence and mobility of GBCAs indicate a potential for distribution in the water column and possibly into groundwater.

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Calcobutrol sodium

Trometamol

Hydrochloric acid 1N (pH-adjustment)

Water for injections

6.2 Incompatibilities

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

6.3 Shelf life

36 months.

Shelf life after first opening of the container:

Any solution for injection not used in one examination must be discarded. Chemical, physical and microbiological in-use stability has been demonstrated for 24 hours at 20-25°C. From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30°C.

For storage conditions after first opening of the medicinal product, see section 6.3.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Glass syringes:

One 10-ml prefilled syringe (type I glass) with a plunger stopper (chlorobutyl elastomer) and a tip cap (chlorobutyl elastomer) contains 7.5 ml solution for injection.

Pack sizes of:

1 and 5 prefilled syringes

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

Any contrast medium solution not used in one examination must be discarded.

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

The peel-off tracking label on the pre-filled syringes/carttridges should be stuck onto the patient record to enable accurate recording of the gadolinium contrast agent used. The dose used should also be recorded.

If electronic patient records are used, the name of the product, the batch number and the dose should be entered into the patient record.

7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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9. PRESCRIPTION/PHARMACY STATUS

Available on prescription only

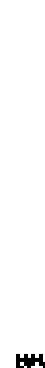
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