WHO-PQ RECOMMENDED SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

This summary of product characteristics focuses on uses of the medicine covered by WHO's Prequalification Team - Medicines. The recommendations for use are based on WHO guidelines and on information from stringent regulatory authorities.[*]

The medicine may be authorised for additional or different uses by national medicines regulatory authorities.

[*]https://extranet.who.int/prequal/sites/default/files/document_files/75%20SRA%20clarification_Feb2017_newtempl.pdf

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

[TB412 trade name]†

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each dispersible tablet contains 150mg rifapentine

Excipients with potential clinical effect

Each tablet contains 10mg of aspartame.

For a full list of excipients see section 6.1.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Dispersible Tablets (uncoated)

Red, mottled, capsule-shaped, uncoated tablets. They are biconvex (rounded on top and bottom) with a flat edge. The tablets have a break line on one side and are plain on the other side.

The break line can be used to divide [TB412 trade name] into equal doses

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic indications

[TB412 trade name] is indicated in combination with other tuberculosis medicines for the initial treatment of tuberculosis due to *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.

It is also indicated together with other medicines for the prevention of tuberculosis in persons at risk.

Treatment and prophylaxis regimens should follow the most recent WHO guidelines, supplemented by other authoritative guidelines.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Use of [TB412 trade name] should be initiated and monitored by a health care provider experienced in the management and prevention of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* infection.

Patients should be advised to take [TB412 trade name] exactly as prescribed and to complete the full course.

Posology

Treatment

4-month regimen with isoniazid, moxifloxacin and pyrazinamide

For the treatment of drug-susceptible tuberculosis, [TB412 trade name] can be given to patients aged 12 years and older and weighing more than 40 kg as part of a regimen with isoniazid, moxifloxacin and pyrazinamide. The medicine is given once daily for a period of 4 months.

The daily dose of [TB412 trade name] is 1,200 mg (8 tablets) once daily, but formulations containing more rifapentine per tablet (e.g., 300 mg) should be preferred if available, to reduce the number of tablets the patient has to take.

† Trade names are not prequalified by WHO. This is the national medicines regulatory agency's responsibility.

Prophylaxis

3-month preventive regimen with isoniazid

The recommended dose for preventive treatment is given in the table below according to body weight. [TB412 trade name] is given with isoniazid **once weekly** for a period of 3 months, i.e. 12 doses in total.

Body weight		**Number of tablets**	**Dose of rifapentine**
3 to less than 6 kg	*If less than 3 months of age*	0.5 (5 mL*)	75 mg
	3 months of age or more	0.7 (7 mL*)	105 mg
6 to less than 10 kg		1.5	225 mg
10 to less than 15 kg		2	300 mg
15 to less than 20 kg		3	450 mg
20 to less than 30 kg		4	600 mg
30 to less than 35 kg		5	750 mg
35 kg and over		6	900 mg

* Volume to be administered after dispersing one 150-mg rifapentine tablet in 10 mL of water. See below for more information on how to prepare this dose.

1-month preventive regimen with isoniazid

In patients aged 13 years and older and weighing at least 25 kg, [TB412 trade name] may also be used as part of a **daily** prophylactic regimen with isoniazid, given for 1 month. The recommended dose is rifapentine 600 mg (4 tablets) daily.

Special populations

People living with HIV

The 4-month treatment regimen with rifapentine, isoniazid, moxifloxacin and pyrazinamide has been shown to be effective in patients with drug-sensitive TB who are also HIV-positive. However, the evidence on the use of this 4-month regimen in people with HIV was limited to those with a CD4 count of above 100 cells/mm^3. An alternative regimen is recommended in patients with CD4 counts below this value.

Elderly

Caution should be exercised in such patients especially if there is evidence of hepatic impairment.

Hepatic impairment

Use should be carefully monitored in patients with chronic liver disease.

Renal impairment

Rifapentine is eliminated by biliary excretion and can therefore be given in standard dosages to patients with renal failure.

Missed doses and vomiting after a dose

It is important that the patient takes the medicine regularly as prescribed.

If the patient forgets to take a **daily** dose and there are more than 6 hours till their next dose, they should take the missed dose as soon as possible. Then they should continue their treatment as before. If there are less than 6 hours till their next dose, the missed dose should be skipped. A double dose should not be taken to make up for a missed dose.

If a **weekly** dose is missed but it is remembered within the next 2 days, the person can take the dose immediately and continue the schedule as originally planned. If the missed dose is remembered more than 2

days later, the person can take the missed dose immediately and change the schedule for weekly intake to the day the missed dose was taken until treatment completion.

If 4 or more weekly doses are missed, consideration should be given to restarting the full preventive treatment.

If a patient vomits within 1 hour of taking [TB412 trade name], the dose should be repeated.

Method of administration

[TB412 trade name] should be taken by mouth with a meal. The patient should be advised on how to take the medicine as follows.

If 1 or more tablets are to be taken:

The tablets should be dispersed in drinking water before administration of the dose. Each tablet should be dispersed in a minimum of 10 mL water; the maximum volume of water recommended for dispersion of a dose is 50 mL.

1. The required amount of drinking water should be taken in a small and clean cup and the required number of tablets should be added.
2. The cup should be gently swirled until tablets disperse, and the entire mixture should be given/taken immediately.
3. The cup should be rinsed with an additional 10 mL of water, which should be drunk by the patient to ensure the entire dose is taken.

If less than 1 tablet is to be taken:

You will need:
1. 1 tablet of [TB412 trade name]
2. drinking water
3. a 10-mL oral syringe
4. a container such as a bowl or a cup

1. Use the oral syringe to measure 10 mL drinking water into the container.
2. Add 1 tablet of [TB412 trade name] and stir gently until the tablet breaks down and is fully mixed with the water. Make sure that the tablet breaks down completely.
3. Use the oral syringe to give the right amount of the mixture as per the table above.
4. Any mixture remaining in the container after the dose has been given should be discarded.

4.3 Contraindications

1. Hypersensitivity to any rifamycin or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.
2. Acute liver disease, icterus or severe liver impairment.
3. History of liver damage or other severe side effects such as drug fever or chills that is linked to rifapentine.
4. Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] with HIV protease inhibitors, elvitegravir/cobicistat, nevirapine, rilpivirine, etravirine, doravirine, bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide, or direct-acting antivirals for chronic Hepatitis C (see section 4.4).

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Hypersensitivity

Rifamycins such as rifapentine may cause a hypersensitivity syndrome including ‘flu-like’ symptoms or organ manifestation. The risk is higher in intermittent therapy or if treatment is resumed after discontinuation. If severe, acute signs of rifapentine hypersensitivity appear (e.g., thrombocytopenia, neutropenia, hypotension, angioedema, dyspnoea, conjunctivitis), then [TB412 trade name] should immediately be discontinued. Such patients should not be rechallenged with rifapentine.

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCARs) such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) syndrome have been reported in some patients taking rifapentine. [TB412 trade name] should be discontinued at the first appearance of skin rash, mucosal lesions, or any other sign of hypersensitivity.

Hepatotoxicity

[TB412 trade name] may cause hepatotoxicity (see section 4.8). Therefore, patients should be carefully monitored for symptoms of liver injury. In addition to symptom reviews, hepatic enzymes (specifically AST and ALT) should be measured when feasible prior to starting therapy with [TB412 trade name] and periodically throughout treatment. This is particularly important for individuals with risk factors such as a history of liver disease, regular use of alcohol, chronic liver disease, HIV infection, age ≥ 35 years and pregnancy or immediately post-partum (within 3 months of delivery). The contribution of other potentially hepatotoxic medicines used with [TB412 trade name] in combination TB regimens should be taken into consideration.

Tuberculosis preventive treatment (TPT) should be initiated with caution among individuals whose baseline liver transaminase values are found to be more than 3 times the upper limit of normal. TPT should not be given to individuals with end-stage liver disease. TPT is, however, well tolerated by individuals with chronic hepatitis B or hepatitis C infections. In people with acute hepatitis due to infection or another cause, TPT should be deferred until the condition has resolved.

Patients should be instructed to immediately report signs or symptoms consistent with liver damage. These include any of the following: unexplained anorexia, nausea, vomiting, persistent fatigue or rash, together with abdominal tenderness, especially in the right upper quadrant, pruritus, icterus, dark urine or abnormally pale stools. If these appear, [TB412 trade name] should be discontinued promptly, since continued use in these cases may cause a more severe form of liver damage.

Drug interactions

Rifapentine is an inducer of CYP450 enzymes. Concomitant use of [TB412 trade name] with other drugs metabolized by these enzymes, such as protease inhibitors and reverse transcriptase inhibitors, may cause a significant decrease in plasma concentrations and loss of their therapeutic effect (see Section 4.5).

For the effect of rifapentine on oral contraceptives and corticosteroids, see also under the headings ‘Contraception’ and ‘Addison’s disease’ below.

Interaction with malaria treatment

As rifampicin and other rifamycins are potent CYP3A4 inducers, they decrease exposure to quinine in adults on malaria treatment, leading to a 5-times increase in the rate of recrudescence. Similarly, concomitant administration with mefloquine reduces exposure to mefloquine by 3 times. A similar decrease in exposure was reported with co-administration of rifampicin and artemether, dihydroartemisinin and lumefantrine (decreases of 9, 6 and 3 times, respectively).

WHO current advice is that, if a person has diagnosed malaria but is not yet on rifamycin-containing tuberculosis preventive treatment (TPT), the episode of malaria should be prioritized and treated first. If a person has diagnosed malaria while on rifamycin-based TPT, malaria treatment should be started concomitantly to ensure that the malaria is cured. There is insufficient evidence to indicate that the doses of either TPT or artemisinin-based combination therapy should be adjusted.

Haematological toxicity

Rifapentine may be associated with haemolytic anaemia, leucopenia and thrombocytopenia; full blood count should be monitored regularly throughout therapy with [TB412 trade name]. In case of severe haematological disturbances, [TB412 trade name] must be discontinued.

Clostridioides difficile-*associated colitis*

C. difficile infection may develop after rifapentine administration. Patients should be evaluated for *C. difficile*-associated colitis if they have moderate to severe diarrhoea, fever, bloody stools and abdominal pain that last more than 2 days.

Contraception

Oral contraceptives do not provide adequate protection against conception when co-administered with [TB412 trade name]. This probably also pertains to other forms of hormonal contraceptives (e.g. patches, transdermal implants). Barrier or other non-hormonal methods of contraception should be used.

Addison's disease

[TB412 trade name] may reduce the efficacy of corticosteroids in Addison's disease and induce an Addisonian crisis (see section 4.5).

Porphyria

[TB412 trade name] should be used with caution in patients with porphyria, since the enzyme induction by rifapentine may cause symptoms.

Discoloration of body fluids

[TB412 trade name] may cause a reddish-orange discoloration of body fluids and/or fluids, e.g., skin, teeth, tongue, urine, faeces, saliva, sputum, tears, sweat, and cerebrospinal fluid. This is due to rifapentine, and does not require medical attention. In addition, contact lenses or dentures may be permanently stained red-orange.

Excipients

This medicine contains aspartame, a source of phenylalanine. It may be harmful for people with phenylketonuria (PKU). There are no non-clinical or clinical data available to assess the safety of aspartame in infants below 12 weeks of age. Therefore, caution is advised when administering to this age group.

It is important to consider the contribution of excipients from all the medicines that the patient is taking.

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Like other rifamycins, rifapentine is a potent inducer of the hepatic and intestinal cytochrome P-450 enzyme system, as well as of glucuronidation and the P-glycoprotein transport system. In vitro and in vivo enzyme induction studies have suggested that rifapentine induction potential may be less than rifampicin but more potent than rifabutin.

Administration of rifapentine with drugs that undergo biotransformation through these metabolic pathways is likely to accelerate elimination of co-administered drugs. To maintain optimum therapeutic blood levels, dosages of drugs metabolised by these enzymes may require adjustment when starting or stopping administration of [TB412 trade name]. This must be taken into account when giving [TB412 trade name] with other medicines.

The effects of rifapentine on biotransformation approach their maximum after about 10 days of treatment, and gradually return to normal within 2 or more weeks after discontinuation. The magnitude of enzyme induction by rifapentine is dependent on dose and dosing frequency; less enzyme induction occurred with rifapentine doses of 600 mg every 72 hours versus the same dose daily.

The following list of drug interactions with [TB412 trade name], based largely on what is known of the properties of rifapentine and experience with other rifamycins such as rifampicin, is not exhaustive, but is a selection of interactions of putative importance. The scope of the table is largely based on the WHO Essential Medicines List.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
ANTI-INFECTIVES		
Antiretrovirals		
Nucleoside/nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors **Didanosine** **Lamivudine** **Emtricitabine** **Stavudine** **Zidovudine**	No interaction expected.	No dose adjustment required.
Abacavir	Co-administration has not been studied but based on the metabolism and clearance a clinically significant drug-drug interaction is unlikely as rifapentine is deacetylated.	No dose adjustment required.
Tenofovir alafenamide	Co-administration with rifapentine, a P-gp inducer, may decrease tenofovir alafenamide plasma concentrations, which may result in loss of therapeutic effect and development of resistance.	Additional monitoring, alteration of tenofovir drug dosage or timing of administration may be required.
Bictegravir/ emtricitabine/ tenofovir alafenamide	Interaction not studied. Co-administration of rifapentine, a P-gp inducer, may decrease bictegravir and tenofovir alafenamide plasma concentrations, which may result in loss of therapeutic effect and development of resistance.	Co-administration with [TB412 trade name] is contraindicated.
Non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors **Doravirine**	Significant decrease in doravirine concentration.	Co-treatment of [TB412 trade name]and doravirine is contraindicated.
Efavirenz	Potential interaction likely to be of weak intensity.	Additional action/monitoring or dosage adjustment is unlikely to be required.
Etravirine	Rifapentine significantly reduces exposure to etravirine.	Co-treatment of [TB412 trade name] and etravirine is contraindicated.
Nevirapine	Rifapentine decreases the level or effect of nevirapine by altering drug metabolism.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] with nevirapine is contraindicated.
Rilpivirine	Significant decrease in rilpivirine concentration.	Co-treatment of [TB412 trade name]and rilpivirine is contraindicated.
Protease inhibitors **Atazanivir** **Darunavir** **Fosamprenavir** **Lopinavir** **Ritonavir** **Tipranavir**	Protease inhibitor exposure is reduced to subtherapeutic level due to interaction with rifapentine. Attempts to dose adjust by increased doses, or an increase in ritonavir-boosting, have been ineffective or ill-tolerated with a high rate of hepatotoxicity.	Co-administration with [TB412 trade name] is contraindicated.
Integrase inhibitors **Dolutegravir**	Dolutegravir AUC ↓	No dose adjustments are needed.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
Elvitegravir/cobicistat	Co-administration has not been studied. Rifapentine is a potent inducer of CYP450 metabolism and may cause significant decrease in the plasma concentration of cobicistat and consequently those of elvitegravir, resulting in loss of therapeutic effect.	Co-administration is contraindicated.
Raltegravir	Raltegravir AUC ↑	Once weekly rifapentine can be used with raltegravir without dose adjustment. However, a dosing strategy of daily rifapentine is still under clinical investigation.
CCR5 inhibitors **Maraviroc**	Maraviroc AUC ↓	Co-treatment should be avoided. If deemed necessary, the maraviroc dose should be increased to 600 mg b.i.d.
Antivirals Hepatitis C-infection		
Daclatasvir **Elbasvir/Grazoprevir** **Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir** **Ledipasvir/Sofosbuvir** **Ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir (with or without dasabuvir)** **Sofosbuvir (with or without velpatasvir with or without voxilaprevir)/**	Co-administration has not been studied but is expected to decrease concentrations of these HCV-antivirals due to induction of CYP3A4 by rifapentine and hence to reduce their therapeutic effect. Rifapentine will decrease the level or effect of sofosbuvir, ledipasvir/sofosbuvir by affecting how the drug is eliminated via what is known as the P-glycoprotein [MDR1] transporter.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] with these antivirals is contraindicated.
Antifungals		
Fluconazole	Fluconazole AUC ↓	Monitor therapeutic effect. An increased dose of fluconazole may be required.
Itraconazole	Itraconazole AUC ↓	Co-administration should be avoided.
Ketoconazole	Ketoconazole AUC ↓	Co-administration should be avoided. If deemed necessary, a dose increase of ketoconazole may be required.
Voriconazole	Based on interaction data from rifabutin and rifampicin, it is expected for expected for voriconazole plasma concentrations to significantly decrease.	Concomitant use of [TB412 trade name] and voriconazole should be avoided.
Antibacterials/TB medicines		
Bedaquiline	Co-administration with rifamycins, including rifapentine, significantly reduces concentrations of bedaquiline.	Co-administration should be avoided.
Chloramphenicol	Reduction of chloramphenicol exposure.	Co-administration should be avoided.
Clarithromycin	Clarithromycin mean serum concentration ↓.	Co-administration should be avoided.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
	14-OH clarithromycin levels unchanged.	
Dapsone	Co-administration has not been studied, but based on experience with rifampicin, exposure to dapsone may be reduced.	Dosage of dapsone may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Doxycycline	Doxycycline AUC ↓	If co-treatment is considered necessary, the dose of doxycycline should be doubled.
Ethionamide	Empirical data are not available.	Rifapentine and ethionamide should not be co-administered, due to a possible increased risk of hepatotoxicity.
Fluoroquinolones		Dosage of fluoroquinolone may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Metronidazole	Metronidazole AUC i.v. ↓	The clinical relevance of the interaction is unknown. No dose adjustment is routinely recommended. Efficacy should be monitored.
***p*-aminosalicylic acid**	Co-administration has not been studied, but based on experience with rifampicin, *p*-aminosalicylic acid granules may reduce absorption of rifapentine if given concomitantly.	If *p*-aminosalicylic acid and rifapentine are both included in the treatment regimen, they should be given not less than 8 hours apart to ensure satisfactory blood levels.
Sulfamethoxazole	Sulfamethoxazole AUC may decrease	Interaction probably not clinically significant. Efficacy of sulfamethoxazole should be monitored.
Trimethoprim	Trimethoprim AUC may decrease	A dose increase of trimethoprim may be required. Efficacy should be monitored.
Antimalarials		
Amodiaquine	Empirical data are not available. Since amodiaquine undergoes hepatic metabolism, it is likely that clearance is increased when co-treating with rifapentine.	Co-administration should be avoided.
Artemisinin and its derivatives	Based on experience with rifampicin and artemether and dihydroartemisinin, it is likely that: Artemether AUC ↓ Dihydroartemisinin AUC ↓	Treatment response should be closely monitored (see Section 4.4).
Atovaquone	Empirical data are not available but based on experience with rifampicin and atovaquone, it is likely that: Atovaquone AUC ↓ Rifapentine AUC ↑	Co-administration should be avoided.
Chloroquine	Empirical data are not available. Since chloroquine	Co-administration should be avoided.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
	undergoes polymorphic hepatic metabolism, lower levels are likely during rifapentine co-therapy.	
Lumefantrine	Empirical data are not available but based on data on rifampicin and lumefantrine, it is likely that: Lumefantrine AUC ↓	Treatment response should be closely monitored (see Section 4.4).
Mefloquine	Rifapentine may modify the metabolism of mefloquine, leading to a decrease in mefloquine plasma concentration.	Treatment response should be closely monitored (see Section 4.4).
Quinine	Quinine AUC ↓. This has been associated with significantly higher recrudescence rates.	Treatment response should be closely monitored (see Section 4.4).
ANTHELMINTICS		
Praziquantel	Therapeutically effective plasma levels of praziquantel may not be achieved when co-administered with rifapentine.	Co-administration should be avoided.
ANALGESICS, ANTIPYRETICS, NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS		
Codeine	Plasma levels of morphine, the active moiety of codeine, are likely to be substantially reduced.	Efficacy should be monitored and codeine dose increased if necessary.
Methadone	Methadone AUC expected to decrease when co-administered with rifapentine.	Patients should be monitored for possible withdrawal effects, and methadone dose increased as appropriate (up to 2-3 fold).
Morphine	Morphine AUC decreased with reduced analgesic effect.	Co-treatment should be avoided. If deemed necessary, efficacy should be monitored and the dose may need to be increased.
Paracetamol	Rifapentine may increase the glucuronidation of paracetamol and decrease the efficacy. There may be an increased risk of hepatotoxicity on co-administration, but data are inconclusive.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] and acetaminophen (paracetamol) should be avoided.
ANTICONVULSANTS		
Carbamazepine	Rifapentine is expected to decrease the serum concentration of carbamazepine. The risk of hepatotoxicity increases when co-treating with carbamazepine.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] and carbamazepine should be avoided.
Lamotrigine	Empirical data are not available but based on data on rifampicin and lamotrigine co-administration, it is likely that: Lamotrigine AUC ↓	Co-treatment should be avoided. If deemed necessary, lamotrigine dose should be increased as appropriate.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
Phenobarbital	Phenobarbital and rifapentine are both strong hepatic enzyme inducers, and each drug may lower the plasma concentrations of the other.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] and phenobarbital should be undertaken with caution, including monitoring of clinical effects and, if possible, plasma drug concentrations.
Phenytoin	Phenytoin AUC ↓	Co-treatment with phenytoin and [TB412 trade name] should be avoided.
Valproic acid	Interaction studies are lacking. Since valproic acid is eliminated through hepatic metabolism, including glucuronidation, reduced plasma levels of valproic acid are likely with concomitant use.	Co-treatment should be avoided. If deemed necessary, efficacy and, if possible, plasma concentrations of valproic acid should be carefully monitored.
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVES		
Ciclosporin	Substantially increased cyclosporine clearance when co-administered with rifapentine.	Co-administration should be avoided. If deemed necessary, plasma concentrations of ciclosporin should be monitored and doses adapted accordingly (3-5 fold increases in cyclosporine dose have been required).
Everolimus **Sirolimus** **Tacrolimus**	Everolimus AUC ↓ Sirolimus AUC ↓ Tacrolimus AUC i.v. ↓ AUC p.o ↓	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] and mTOR inhibitors should be avoided. If deemed necessary, plasma drug concentrations should be monitored, and the dose increased as appropriate.
CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICINES		
Antiarrhythmics **Diltiazem** **Disopyramide** **Mexiletine** **Propafenone** **Quinidine** **Tocainide**	Interaction studies are mostly lacking but based on rifampicin, an effect on antiarrhythmic exposure might be expected.	Dosage of these drugs may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Warfarin	Warfarin AUC ↓	Monitor closely and adjust warfarin dose as needed and reduce dose after withdrawing rifapentine treatment.
Other cardiovascular medicines **Atenolol** **Propranolol**	Atenolol AUC ↓	Dose adjustment may be required.
Amlodipine **Nifedipine**	Amlodipine and nifedipine like other calcium channel blockers, are metabolised by CYP3A; lower exposure is expected when co-treating with rifapentine.	Efficacy should be monitored.
Clofibrate	Rifapentine may increase the metabolism of clofibrate, thus decreasing its activity.	Dosage of clofibrate may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Clopidogrel	Rifapentine may increase active clopidogrel metabolite	Concomitant use of clopidogrel and rifapentine is discouraged.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
	exposure due to CYP2C19 induction. Increased level of clopidogrel active metabolite and platelet inhibition may potentiate the risk of bleeding.	
Digoxin **Digitoxin**	AUC p.o.↓	When co-administering [TB412 trade name] with digoxin, the efficacy and plasma concentration of digoxin should be monitored. A dose increase may be required.
Enalapril	No interaction expected. Empirical data are not available but based on data on rifampicin and enalapril, it is likely that enalapril active metabolite AUC ↓	Dosage of enalapril may require adjustment.
Eplerenone	Empirical data are not available but based on data on rifampicin and eplerenone, it is likely that: eplerenone AUC ↓	Dosage of eplerenone may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Lidocaine	Lidocaine CL i.v. ↑	Dose adjustment may be required.
Statins **Atorvastatin** **Simvastatin**	Atorvastatin AUC ↓ Simvastatin AUC ↓ Simvastatin acid AUC ↓	Co-administration is not recommended.
Verapamil	S-verapamil p.o CL/F ↑. With i.v. S-verapamil, CL ↑	[TB412 trade name] and verapamil per-orally should not be co-administered. If i.v. verapamil is given, the therapeutic effect should be carefully monitored; dose adjustment may be required.
GASTROINTESTINAL MEDICINES		
Antacids	Antacids may reduce the bioavailability of rifapentine.	The clinical importance is unknown.
Ranitidine	Ranitidine AUC ↓	Efficacy should be monitored, and ranitidine dose increased if necessary.
PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC MEDICINES		
Benzodiazepines **Alprazolam** **Diazepam** **Midazolam** **Nitrazepam** **Triazolam**	Diazepam AUC ↓ Midazolam AUC ↓ Triazolam AUC ↓ Alprazolam AUC ↓ Reduced nitrazepam through concentrations, increased clearance.	Co-treatment is not recommended. Benzodiazepine withdrawal may occur in dependent individuals.
Non-benzodiazepine sedative-hypnotics **Zolpidem** **Zopiclone**	Zolpidem AUC ↓ Zopiclone AUC ↓	Co-administration should be avoided.
Antipsychotics **Chlorpromazine**	Rifapentine may reduce chlorpromazine exposure.	Co-administration should be avoided.
Aripiprazole **Clozapine** **Haloperidol**	Haloperidol clearance is substantially increased by rifapentine, theoretical considerations imply that same	If co-treatment of [TB412 trade name] with aripiprazole, haloperidol or clozapine is deemed necessary,

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
	applies to aripiprazole and clozapine.	monitor clinical efficacy. A dose increase may be required.
Tricyclic antidepressants **Amitriptyline** **Nortriptyline**	Case reports (supported by theoretical considerations) suggest that rifapentine considerably increases clearance of tricyclic antidepressants.	Co-treatment should be avoided. If necessary, monitor for clinical response, side effects, and, if possible, plasma concentrations.
HORMONES; OTHER ENDOCRINE MEDICINES AND CONTRACEPTIVES		
Corticosteroids **Prednisolone** **Other systemically administered corticosteroids**	Prednisolone AUC ↓ Also, for other corticosteroids, exposure is likely to be substantially decreased when co-treating with rifapentine.	Co-administration of [TB412 trade name] with corticosteroids should be avoided. If deemed necessary, the clinical status of the patient should be carefully monitored, and corticosteroid doses adjusted as needed.
Oral hypoglycaemics *Sulfonylureas* **Glibenclamide** **Gliclazide** **Glimepiride** **Glipizide** **Glyburide, etc** *Other oral antidiabetics* **Repaglinide**	Glibenclamide AUC ↓ Glimepiride AUC ↓ Repaglinide AUC ↓	Blood glucose levels should be closely monitored. A dose increase of diabetes medication may be required.
Insulin	No interaction expected.	No dose adjustment required.
Levothyroxine	Case reports indicate that rifapentine may decrease the effect of levothyroxine.	TSH levels should be monitored.
Estrogens **Ethinylestradiol**	Ethinylestradiol AUC ↓	Co-adminstration with [TB412 trade name] may be associated with decreased contraceptive efficacy. Barrier or other non-hormonal methods of contraception should be used.
Progestogens **Levonorgestrel** **Norethindrone**	The metabolism of progestogens may be increased by concomitant administration of rifapentine.	Co-administration with [TB412 trade name] may be associated with decreased contraceptive efficacy. Barrier or other non-hormonal methods of contraception should be used.
CHEMOTHERAPEUTICS		
Cytotoxics **Irinotecan** **Imatinib**		Dosage of these drugs may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Hormone antagonist: antiestrogens **Tamoxifen** **Toremifene** **Gestrinone**		Dosages of these drugs may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
OTHERS		
Theophylline	Rifapentine may increase the clearance of theophylline.	Theophylline dose adjustment may be needed.

Drugs by Therapeutic Area	Interaction	Recommendations concerning co-administration
5-HT3 receptor antagonists		Dosages of these drugs may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Riluzole	Rifapentine may increase the clearance of riluzole.	Dosages of riluzole may require adjustment when starting or stopping concomitantly administered [TB412 trade name].
Phosphodiesterase-5 (PDE-5) Inhibitors	Rifapentine may increase clearance of PDE-5 inhibitors such as sildenafil.	Dosage of PDE-5 inhibitor may require adjustment during concomitant administration with [TB412 trade name].

Interactions with laboratory tests

Therapeutic levels of rifampicin may inhibit standard microbiological assays for serum folate and Vitamin B12. Similar effects may occur with rifapentine. Transient elevation of BSP and serum bilirubin may also occur. Rifapentine may impair biliary excretion of contrast media used for visualization of the gallbladder, due to competition for biliary excretion. Therefore, these tests should be performed before the morning dose of [TB412 trade name].

4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and breastfeeding

Pregnancy

[TB412 trade name] should only be used in pregnant women if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Few data are available on the efficacy and safety of rifapentine in pregnancy. In animal reproduction and developmental toxicity studies, rifapentine produced fetal harm and was teratogenic (see section 5.3).

When administered during the last few weeks of pregnancy, rifampicin, another rifamycin, may increase the risk for maternal postpartum haemorrhage and bleeding in the exposed infant. Therefore, pregnant women and their infants, who are exposed to rifapentine during the last few weeks of pregnancy, should have appropriate monitoring of clotting parameters. Treatment with vitamin K may be indicated.

Breast-feeding

It is not known whether rifapentine is excreted into human milk. Since rifapentine may produce a red-orange discoloration of body fluids, there is a potential for discoloration of breast milk.

The benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant.

Fertility

There are no data on the effects [TB412 trade name] on human male or female fertility. Fertility and reproductive performance were not affected by oral administration of rifapentine to male and female rats (see section 5.3).

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

[TB412 trade name] is unlikely to affect the ability to drive or operate machinery.

However, patients should be advised to consider if their clinical status, including any undesirable effects of the medicine, allows them to perform skilled tasks safely.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Below is a table showing adverse drug reactions that have occurred when rifapentine was administered as part of a combination regimen (including with isoniazid), and thus the adverse reaction profile reflects the entire regimen.

System Organ Class	Adverse effects with a frequency of ≥ 1%	Adverse effects with a frequency of < 1%
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	anaemia, lymphopenia, neutropenia, leukocytosis, thrombocytosis, thrombocytopenia, lymphadenopathy	lymphocytosis, haematoma purpura, thrombosis, leukopenia
Cardiovascular and vascular disorders		syncope, tachycardia, palpitation, orthostatic hypotension, pericarditis
Eye disorders	conjunctivitis	
Gastrointestinal disorders	dyspepsia, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, abdominal pain	gastritis, oesophagitis, pancreatitis, salivary gland enlargement, constipation, dry mouth, oesophageal irritation
General disorders	fever	fatigue, asthenia, chest pain, chills, feeling jittery, facial oedema
Hepatobiliary disorders	elevated ALT, elevated AST	bilirubinaemia, hepatomegaly, jaundice, hepatitis
Immune system disorders	hypersensitivity	
Investigations	blood urea increased	
Infections and infestations		pharyngitis, viral infection, vulvovaginal candidiasis, other fungal infections
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	decreased appetite	hyperglycaemia, gout, hyperkalaemia, hyperlipidaemia, alkaline phosphatase increased
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	arthralgia, back pain	myalgia, myositis, rhabdomyolysis
Nervous system disorders	headache, dizziness	somnolence, dysphonia, convulsions, paraesthesia, peripheral neuropathy
Pregnancy and perinatal conditions		abortion
Psychiatric disorders		confusion, depression, anxiety, disorientation, suicidal ideation.
Renal and urinary disorders		azotaemia
Reproductive disorders		vaginitis, vaginal haemorrhage, leucorrhoea, vulvovaginal pruritus

Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	cough, haemoptysis	dyspnoea, oropharyngeal pain, bronchial hyperactivity, epistaxis, pneumonitis, pulmonary fibrosis, asthma, bronchospasm, laryngeal oedema, laryngitis
Skin disorders	rash, hyperhidrosis, pruritus	urticaria, skin discoloration

The following serious and otherwise important adverse drug reactions are discussed in Section 4.4 'Warning and Precautions'. Their frequencies are unknown.

1. Severe cutaneous adverse reactions such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS)
2. Discoloration of body fluids
3. *Clostridioides difficile*–associated diarrhoea
4. Porphyria

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Health care providers are asked to report adverse reactions that may be linked to a medicine, to the marketing authorisation holder, or, if available, to the national reporting system. Reports of suspected adverse reactions to a medicine are important for the monitoring of the medicine's benefits and risks.

4.9 Overdose

Symptoms

When overdosed, rifapentine may cause heartburn, headache and pruritus. There is no experience with the treatment of acute overdose with rifapentine at doses exceeding 1200 mg per dose.

Treatment

There is no specific antidote. Treatment is symptomatic and supportive.

5. PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

1. Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antimycobacterials, ATC Code: J04AB05.

Mechanism of action

In vitro, rifapentine is bactericidal against a wide range of organisms, including *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. The mode of action is by inhibition of DNA-dependent RNA polymerase, inhibiting transcription. In tuberculosis, rifapentine is bactericidal for both intracellular and extracellular microorganisms. Both rifapentine and the 25-desacetyl metabolite accumulate in human monocyte-derived macrophages with intracellular/extracellular ratios of approximately 24:1 and 7:1, respectively.

Microbial resistance may occur and is a result of alterations in the target enzyme (RNA polymerase). Development of rifapentine resistance in *M. tuberculosis* strains is principally due to one of several single point mutations that occur in the *rpo*β portion of the gene coding for the beta subunit of the DNA-dependent RNA polymerase. The incidence of rifapentine-resistant mutants in an otherwise susceptible population of *M. tuberculosis* strains is approximately one in 10^7 to 10^8 bacilli.

M. tuberculosis organisms resistant to other rifamycins are likely to be resistant to rifapentine. A high level of cross-resistance between rifampicin and rifapentine has been demonstrated. Cross-resistance does not appear between rifapentine and non-rifamycin antimycobacterial agents.

2. Pharmacokinetic properties

The absorption characteristics of [TB412 trade name] have been determined after administration of 300 mg(two-150mg) tablets in healthy volunteers in a fed state as follows:

Pharmacokinetic variable	**Mean Value (± Standard Deviation)**
Maximum concentration (C_{max})	9.70 ± 2.19 µg/mL
Area under the curve (AUC_{0-inf}), a measure of the extent of absorption	236 ± 54 µg.h/lmL
Time to attain maximum concentration (t_{max})	5.45 ± 0.61 h

Pharmacokinetics of rifapentine

Absorption	
Absolute bioavailability	NA*
Oral bioavailability	>32%
Food effect	High fat meal: AUC ↑ 43%, C_{max} ↑ 44%
Distribution	
Volume of distribution (mean)	70.2 ± 9.1 L
Plasma protein-binding *in vitro*	Rifapentine 98% 25-desacetyl rifapentine 93%
Tissue distribution	NA*
	hydrolyzed by esterase enzymes and CYP3A4
Active metabolite(s)	25-desacetyl rifapentine
Elimination	
Elimination half life	Rifapentine: 13.2 – 14.1 hours 25-desacetyl rifapentine: 13.3 – 24.3 hours
Mean systemic clearance (Cl/F)	2.0 ± 0.6 L
% of dose excreted in urine	17%
% of dose excreted in faeces	70%
Pharmacokinetic linearity	Linear up to a 600 mg dose; at higher dose less than dose proportional increase
Drug interactions *(in vitro*)	Rifapentine is an inducer of CYP3A4, 2C8 and 2C9 and P-gp Rifapentine is an auto-inducer by CYP3A
Transporters	NA*
Metabolizing enzymes	Esterases and CYP3A4

*Information not available

Special populations

Gender

The estimated apparent oral clearance of rifapentine for males and females was 2.51 ± 0.14 L/h and 1.69 ± 0.41 L/h, respectively. The clinical significance of the difference in the estimated apparent oral clearance is not known.

Elderly

Pharmacokinetic profile in patient over 65 years is similar to that of male healthy volunteers.

Children

In a pharmacokinetic study in paediatric patients (age 2 to 12 years), a single oral dose of 150 mg rifapentine was administered to those weighing <30 kg (n=11) and a single oral dose of 300 mg was administered to those weighing >30 kg (n=12). The mean estimates of AUC and C_{max} were approximately 30% to 50% lower in these paediatric patients than those observed in healthy adults administered single oral doses of 600 mg and 900 mg.

In another pharmacokinetics study of rifapentine in healthy adolescents (age 12 to 15 years), 600 mg rifapentine was administered to those weighing ≥45 kg (n=10) and 450 mg was administered to those weighing <45 kg (n=2). The pharmacokinetics of rifapentine were similar to those observed in healthy adults.

Renal impairment

The pharmacokinetics of rifapentine have not been evaluated in renally impaired patients. Although only about 17% of an administered dose is excreted via the kidneys, the clinical significance of impaired renal function on the disposition of rifapentine and its 25desacetyl metabolite is not known.

Hepatic impairment

Following oral administration of a single 600-mg dose of rifapentine to patients with mild to severe hepatic impairment (n=15), the pharmacokinetics of rifapentine and its 25-desacetyl metabolite were similar in patients with various degrees of hepatic impairment and to that observed in another study for healthy volunteers (n=12). Since the elimination of these agents is primarily via the liver, the clinical significance of impaired hepatic function on the disposition of rifapentine and its 25-desacetyl metabolite is not known.

3. Preclinical safety data

Rifapentine

Hepatocellular carcinomas were increased in male mice that were treated orally with rifapentine for two years at or above doses of 5 mg/kg/day (equivalent to a human dose of 0.4 mg/kg/day or 1/5 of the recommended human dose, in the intensive phase, based on body surface area conversions). In a two year rat study, there was an increase in nasal cavity adenomas in rats treated orally with rifapentine at 40 mg/kg/day (equivalent to a human dose of 6.5 mg/kg/day or 3 times the recommended human dose in the intensive phase, based on body surface area conversions).

Rifapentine was negative in the following genotoxicity tests: in vitro gene mutation assay in bacteria (Ames test); in vitro point mutation test in *Aspergillus nidulans*; in vitro gene conversion assay in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; host-mediated (mouse) gene conversion assay with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*; in vitro Chinese hamster ovary cell/hypoxanthineguaninephosphoribosyl transferase (CHO/HGPRT) forward mutation assay; in vitro chromosomal aberration assay utilizing rat lymphocytes; and in vivo mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay.

The 25-desacetyl metabolite of rifapentine was positive in the in vitro mammalian chromosome aberration test in V79 Chinese hamster cells, but was negative in the in vitro gene mutation assay in bacteria (Ames test), the in vitro Chinese hamster ovary cell/hypoxanthine-guaninephosphoribosyl transferase (CHO/HGPRT) forward mutation assay, and the in vivo mouse bone marrow micronucleus assay.

Animal studies in rats and rabbits revealed embryofetal toxicity in both species. Pregnant rats given rifapentine during organogenesis at doses 0.6 times the human dose (based on body surface area), produced pups with cleft palates, right aortic arch, increased incidence of delayed ossification, and increased numbers of ribs. When rifapentine was administered to mated female rats late in gestation, at 0.3 times the human dose (based on body surface area), pup weights and gestational survival (live pups born/pups born) were reduced compared to controls.

Increased resorptions and post implantation loss, decreased mean foetal weights, increased numbers of stillborn pups, and slightly increased pup mortality during lactation were also noted. When pregnant rabbits received rifapentine at doses 0.3 to 1.3 times the human dose (based on body surface area), major fetal malformations occurred including: ovarian agenesis, pes varus, arhinia, microphthalmia and irregularities of the ossified facial tissues. At the higher dose, there were increases in post-implantation loss and the incidence of stillborn pups.

Fertility and reproductive performance were not affected by oral administration of rifapentine to male and female rats at doses of up to one-third of the human dose (based on body surface area conversions).

6. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Microcrystalline cellulose
Pregelatinised starch
Sodium starch glycolate
Sodium lauryl sulfate
Disodium edetate
Sodium ascorbate
Hydroxypropyl cellulose
Colloidal silicon dioxide
Low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose
Aspartame
Strawberry cream flavour
Calcium stearate

This medicine is essentially ‘sodium-free’. It contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf life

24 months

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 30°C. Protect from excessive heat and humidity

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Aluminium foil strip packs, each containing 12 tablets. Available in boxes of 10×12 tablets.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal and other handling

No special requirements

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

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