

## PRODUCT MONOGRAPH

Pr **MINT-TADALAFIL**  
(tadalafil tablets, USP)

2.5 mg, 5 mg tablets (for *Once-a-Day* use)  
10 mg, 20 mg tablets (for “*On-Demand*” dosing)

cGMP-Specific Phosphodiesterase Type 5 Inhibitor

TREATMENT OF ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION (ED)

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**PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

**SUMMARY PRODUCT INFORMATION**

<b>Route of Administration</b>	<b>Dosage Form / Strength</b>	<b>All Nonmedicinal Ingredients</b>
Oral	tablet 2.5 mg, 5mg, 10 mg, and 20 mg	Anhydrous lactose, Croscarmellose sodium, Sodium lauryl sulphate, Hydroxyl propyl cellulose, Polysorbate 80, Magnesium Stearate, Hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, triacetin, talc, iron oxide yellow; additionally 2.5 mg tablets contain iron oxide red and 10mg tablets contain iron oxide black.

**INDICATIONS AND CLINICAL USE**

MINT-TADALAFIL (tadalafil) is indicated for the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED) in men.

**Geriatrics (> 65 years of age):**

No dose adjustment is warranted based on age alone. However, a greater sensitivity to medications in some older individuals should be considered. (See WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Use in the Elderly, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

**Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

Tadalafil has not been evaluated in individuals less than 18 years old. Tadalafil is not indicated for use in pediatric patients.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

**Nitrates**

Tadalafil has been shown to potentiate the hypotensive effects of nitrates. This is thought to result from the combined effects of nitrates and tadalafil on the nitric oxide/ cGMP pathway. **Therefore, administration of MINT-TADALAFIL to patients who are using any form of organic nitrate (e.g., oral, sublingual, transdermal, by inhalation), either regularly and/or intermittently, is contraindicated, due to the risk of developing potentially life-threatening hypotension.**

MINT-TADALAFIL should not be prescribed to patients for whom nitrates are prescribed, even

though the patient may not have actually used the nitrate therapy.

In a patient prescribed MINT-TADALAFIL, where nitrate administration is deemed medically necessary in a life-threatening situation, at least 48 hours should have elapsed after the last dose of MINT-TADALAFIL before nitrate administration is considered. In such circumstances, nitrates should only be administered under close medical supervision with appropriate hemodynamic monitoring.

### **Hypersensitivity Reactions**

MINT-TADALAFIL should not be used in patients with a known hypersensitivity to tadalafil or any component of the tablet (see Dosage Forms, Composition and Packaging section).

### **Non-Arteritic Anterior Ischaemic Optic Neuropathy**

MINT-TADALAFIL is contraindicated in patients with previous episode of non-arteritic anterior ischaemic optic neuropathy (NAION) (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

### **Co-administration with Guanylate Cyclase Stimulators**

The co-administration of PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil, with guanylate cyclase stimulators, such as riociguat, is contraindicated because it could lead to potentially life-threatening episodes of symptomatic hypotension or syncope.

## **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

### **General**

The evaluation of erectile dysfunction and lower urinary tract symptoms should include a determination of potential underlying causes and the identification of appropriate treatment following an appropriate medical assessment.

### **Counselling Patients About Sexually Transmitted Diseases**

The use of MINT-TADALAFIL offers no protection against sexually transmitted diseases. Counselling patients about the protective measures necessary to guard against sexually transmitted diseases, including Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) should be considered.

### **Cardiovascular**

Sexual activity carries a potential cardiac risk for patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease. Therefore, treatments for erectile dysfunction, including tadalafil, should not be used in men with cardiac disease for whom sexual activity is inadvisable. The following groups of patients with cardiovascular disease were not included in clinical trials:

- patients with a myocardial infarction within the last 90 days
- patients with unstable angina or angina occurring during sexual intercourse
- patients with New York Heart Association Class 2 or greater heart failure in the last 6 months
- patients with uncontrolled arrhythmias, hypotension (< 90/50 mm Hg), or uncontrolled

- hypertension
- patients with a stroke within the last 6 months.
- Patients with left ventricular outflow obstruction, (e.g., aortic stenosis and idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis) can be sensitive to the action of vasodilators, including PDE5 inhibitors.

### **Potential for Drug Interaction when taking tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use:**

Physicians should be aware that tadalafil for once daily use provides continuous plasma tadalafil levels and should consider this when evaluating the potential for interactions with medications (e.g., nitrates, alpha-blockers, antihypertensives and potent inhibitors of CYP3A4).

### **Sexual Function/Prolonged Erection**

Priapism was not reported in clinical trials with tadalafil. However, priapism has been reported rarely in post-marketing surveillance with PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil. The incidence of priapism may increase when PDE5 inhibitors are used in combination with intrapenile injections containing vasoactive agents. Patients who experience erections lasting 4 hours or more should be instructed to seek immediate medical assistance. If priapism is not treated immediately, penile tissue damage and permanent loss of potency may result.

Tadalafil should be used with caution in patients who have conditions that might predispose them to priapism (such as sickle cell anemia, multiple myeloma, or leukemia), or in patients with anatomical deformation of the penis (such as angulation, cavernosal fibrosis or Peyronie's disease).

Long-term human studies with subjects 45 years or older have shown that tadalafil therapy may decrease sperm concentration in some patients, but the clinical relevance of this to human fertility is unknown.

### **Ophthalmology/Eye**

Postmarketing reports of sudden loss of vision have occurred rarely, in temporal association with the use of PDE5 inhibitors, including MINT-TADALAFIL (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Post-Market Experience). An approximate 2 to 4-fold increased risk of acute Non-Arteritic Ischemic Optic Neuropathy (NAION) has been suggested from analyses of observational data in men with ED within 1 to 4 days (5 half-lives) of episodic PDE5 inhibitor use, including MINT-TADALAFIL. There is an increased risk of NAION in patients who have already experienced NAION. The use of PDE5 inhibitors, including MINT-TADALAFIL, is contraindicated in patients with a previous episode of NAION (see CONTRAINDICATIONS). Physicians should instruct patients to stop taking MINT-TADALAFIL and immediately seek medical attention if they experience changes in, sudden decrease or loss of vision in one or both eyes.

### **Ear/Sudden Hearing Loss**

Sudden decrease or loss of hearing has been reported in a few number of postmarketing and clinical trials with the use of PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil. These events, which may be accompanied by tinnitus and dizziness, have been reported in temporal association to the

intake of PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil. It is not possible to determine whether these events are related directly to the use of PDE5 inhibitors or other factors (see ADVERSE REACTIONS – Post Market Experience). Physicians should advise patients to stop taking tadalafil and seek prompt medical attention in case of sudden decrease or loss of hearing.

### **Alpha-blockers and Antihypertensives**

Caution is advised when PDE5 inhibitors are coadministered with alpha blockers. PDE5 inhibitors, including MINT-TADALAFIL, and alpha-adrenergic blocking agents are both vasodilators with blood pressure lowering effects. When vasodilators are used in combination, an additive effect on blood pressure may be anticipated. In some patients, concomitant use of these two drug classes can lower blood pressure significantly (see DRUG INTERACTIONS, and ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY), which may lead to symptomatic hypotension (e.g., fainting). Consideration should be given to the following:

#### **ED:**

- Patients should be stable on alpha-blocker therapy prior to initiating a PDE5 inhibitor. Patients who demonstrate hemodynamic instability on alpha-blocker therapy alone are at increased risk of symptomatic hypotension with concomitant use of PDE5 inhibitors.
- In those patients already taking an optimized dose of PDE5 inhibitor, alpha-blocker therapy should be initiated at the lowest dose. Stepwise increase in alpha-blocker dose may be associated with further lowering of blood pressure when taking a PDE5 inhibitor.
- Safety of combined use of PDE5 inhibitors and alpha blockers may be affected by other variables, including intravascular volume depletion and other antihypertensive drugs.

### **Concomitant Use of Potent Inhibitors of Cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4)**

Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients taking protease inhibitors (e.g., ritonavir) or other potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole). A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, MINT-TADALAFIL *On -Demand* dosing for treatment of ED should be discontinued (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

MINT-TADALAFIL 5 mg *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED may be considered for patients taking protease inhibitors or other potent CYP3A4 inhibitors. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability.

### **Combination With Other PDE5 Inhibitors or Erectile Dysfunction Therapies**

The safety and efficacy of MINT-TADALAFIL in conjunction with other PDE5 inhibitors used

for the treatment of ED or pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) has not been studied. Thus the use of such combinations is not recommended.

### **Effects on Bleeding**

In humans, tadalafil has no effect on bleeding time when taken alone or with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA).

There is no safety information on the administration of tadalafil to patients with bleeding disorders or active peptic ulceration. Therefore, tadalafil should be administered with caution to these patients.

### **Special Populations**

#### **Use in the Elderly**

Of the total number of subjects in ED clinical studies of tadalafil, approximately 19 percent were 65 and over, while approximately 2 percent were 75 and over. Of the total number of subjects in BPH clinical studies of tadalafil (including the ED/BPH study), approximately 40 percent were over 65, while approximately 10 percent were 75 and over. In these clinical trials, no overall differences in efficacy or safety were observed between older (> 65 and  $\geq$  75 years of age) and younger subjects ( $\leq$  65 years of age). However, in placebo-controlled studies with tadalafil for use as needed for ED, diarrhea was reported more frequently in patients 65 years of age and older who were treated with tadalafil (2.5% of patients).

Therefore no dose adjustment is warranted based on age alone. However, a greater sensitivity to medications in some older individuals should be considered.

#### **Use in Patients with Renal Impairment**

In a clinical pharmacology study, administration of tadalafil 10 mg to patients with moderate renal failure (creatinine clearance = 31 to 50 mL/min) was less well tolerated, with more back pain experienced, than in patients with mild renal failure (creatinine clearance = 51 to 80 mL/min) and healthy subjects. However, when tadalafil 20 mg was administered to patients undergoing hemodialysis there were no complaints of back pain. Hemodialysis contributed negligibly to tadalafil elimination. Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients with renal impairment. A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On -Demand* dosing for treatment of ED should be discontinued (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Additionally, there are no controlled clinical data on the safety or efficacy of tadalafil in patients with severe renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min); if prescribed, this should be done with caution.

MINT-TADALAFIL 5 mg *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED may be considered for patients with

mild to moderate renal impairment. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability. tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use is not recommended for patients with severe renal impairment.

### **Use in Patients with Hepatic Impairment**

In a clinical pharmacology study, administration of tadalafil 10 mg to patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A and B) did not result in increased exposure (AUC) to tadalafil, in comparison to healthy subjects. Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients with hepatic impairment. A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On-Demand* dosing should be discontinued (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Additionally, there are no controlled clinical data on the safety or efficacy of tadalafil in patients with severe hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh Class C); if prescribed, this should be done with caution.

Tadalafil 5 mg *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED may be considered for patients with hepatic impairment. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability. Use of tadalafil *Once-a-Day* is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

### **Pregnancy, Nursing Mothers**

Tadalafil is not indicated for use in women. There are no studies of tadalafil in pregnant women.

### **Pediatrics (< 18 years of age)**

Tadalafil is not indicated for use in individuals less than 18 years old.

## **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

Tadalafil was administered to over 9000 subjects (aged 19 to 86 years) during clinical trials worldwide. In trials of tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use, a total of 1434, 905, and 115 subjects were treated for at least 6 months, 1 year, and 2 years, respectively. For tadalafil *On-Demand*, over 1300 and 1000 subjects were treated for at least 6 months and 1 year, respectively.

In these studies, the adverse events reported with tadalafil were generally mild or moderate, transient, and decreased with continued dosing.

### **A. Patients with ED**

In controlled Phase 2/3 clinical trials for *On-Demand* dosing, the discontinuation rate due to adverse events in tadalafil -treated patients (1.7%) was not significantly different from that in placebo-treated patients (1.1%). The discontinuation rate due to adverse events in clinical trials with tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use was also not significantly different between tadalafil - and



placebo-treated patients (3.2% versus 2.8%).

In controlled Phase 2/3 clinical trials, the following adverse events were reported:

**Table 1. Adverse Events Reported by  $\geq 2\%$  of Patients with ED Treated with Tadalafil, and More Frequent on Drug than Placebo, in Phase 2/3 Clinical Trials.**

Event	Tadalafil Dosing Regimen (Patients with ED):			
	<u>On-Demand (10, 20 mg)</u> % Patients		<u>Once-a-Day (2.5, 5 mg)</u> % Patients	
	TADALAFIL (N=1561)	Placebo (N=758)	TADALAFIL (N=500)	Placebo (N=248)
Headache	11	4	4	5
Dyspepsia	7	1	4	2
Back Pain	4	3	3	1
Myalgia	4	1	2	1
Nasal congestion	4	2	2	0
Flushing	4	1	2	1

Additional reported adverse events where a causal relationship is uncertain (but plausible) and which occurred in  $< 2\%$  of patients receiving tadalafil included dizziness (1.7%), swelling of eyelids (0.3%), sensations described as eye pain (0.3%), and conjunctival hyperemia (0.3%). Across all clinical studies, reports of changes in colour vision were rare ( $< 0.1\%$ ). Sudden decrease or loss of hearing was reported rarely ( $< 0.1\%$ ) in clinical trials.

Adverse events reported over a 24 week treatment duration in one placebo-controlled clinical study were generally similar to those reported in the 12 week clinical studies. Additional common ( $\geq 2\%$ ) adverse events included nasopharyngitis, gastroenteritis, upper respiratory tract infection, gastroesophageal reflux disease and hypertension.

The following section identifies additional, less frequent events ( $< 2\%$ ) reported in controlled clinical trials of Tadalafil for once daily use or use as needed. A causal relationship of these events to MINT-TADALAFIL is uncertain. Excluded from this list are those events that were minor, those with no plausible relation to drug use, and reports too imprecise to be meaningful:

**Body as a Whole** — asthenia, face edema, fatigue, pain, peripheral edema.

**Cardiovascular** — angina pectoris, chest pain, hypotension, myocardial infarction,

postural hypotension, palpitations, syncope, tachycardia.

**Digestive** — abnormal liver function tests, dry mouth, dysphagia, esophagitis, gastritis, GGTP increased, loose stools, nausea, upper abdominal pain, vomiting, gastroesophageal reflux disease, hemorrhoidal hemorrhage, rectal hemorrhage.

**Musculoskeletal** — arthralgia, neck pain.

**Nervous** — dizziness, hypesthesia, insomnia, paresthesia, somnolence, vertigo.

**Renal and Urinary** — renal impairment.

**Respiratory** — dyspnea, epistaxis, pharyngitis.

**Skin and Appendages** — pruritus, rash, sweating.

**Ophthalmologic** — blurred vision, changes in color vision, conjunctivitis (including conjunctival hyperemia), eye pain, lacrimation increase, swelling of eyelids.

**Otologic** — sudden decrease or loss of hearing, tinnitus.

**Urogenital** — erection increased, spontaneous penile erection.

### **Post-Market Experience**

In postmarketing surveillance, adverse events that have been reported very rarely in temporal association in patients taking tadalafil include:

**Body as a whole:** hypersensitivity reactions including rash, urticaria, facial edema, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and exfoliative dermatitis.

**Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular:** Serious cardiovascular events, including myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac death, unstable angina pectoris, ventricular arrhythmia, stroke, transient ischemic attacks, chest pain, palpitations, and tachycardia, have been reported either post marketing and/or in clinical trials. Most of the patients in whom these events have been reported had pre-existing cardiovascular risk factors. However, it is not possible to definitively determine whether these events are related directly to these risk factors, to MINT-TADALAFIL, to sexual activity, or to a combination of these or other factors.

Hypotension (more commonly reported when tadalafil is given to patients who are already taking antihypertensive agents), hypertension, and syncope.

**Skin and subcutaneous tissues:** hyperhidrosis (sweating).

**Gastrointestinal:** abdominal pain and gastroesophageal reflux.

**Nervous system:** migraine, transient global amnesia

**Respiratory system:** epistaxis (nose bleed)

**Special senses:** blurred vision, nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy, retinal vein occlusion, visual field defect.

**Otologic:** Cases of sudden decrease or loss of hearing have been reported postmarketing in temporal association with the use of PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil. In some of the cases, medical conditions and other factors were reported that may have also played a role in the otologic adverse events. In many cases, medical follow-up information was limited. It is not

possible to determine whether these reported events are related directly to the use of tadalafil, to the patient's underlying risk factors for hearing loss, a combination of these factors, or to other factors (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

**Urogenital:** priapism, prolonged erection, spontaneous penile erection.

## DRUG INTERACTIONS

### **Potential for Pharmacodynamic Interactions with tadalafil**

**Nitrates:** Administration of tadalafil to patients who are using any form of organic nitrate, is contraindicated. In clinical pharmacology studies, tadalafil was shown to potentiate the hypotensive effect of nitrates.

In a patient who has taken tadalafil, where nitrate administration is deemed medically necessary in a life-threatening situation, at least 48 hours should elapse after the last dose of tadalafil before nitrate administration is considered. In such circumstances, nitrates should still only be administered under close medical supervision with appropriate hemodynamic monitoring (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

**Alpha-Blockers:** Consistent with the vasodilatory effects of alpha-blockers and PDE5 inhibitors, the concomitant use of tadalafil with non-selective alpha-blockers may lead to symptomatic hypotension in some patients. Patients should be stable on alpha-blocker therapy prior to initiating a PDE5 inhibitor (*see* WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

No significant decreases in blood pressure were observed when tadalafil 10 or 20 mg doses were administered to subjects taking the selective alpha[1]-adrenergic blocker, alfuzosin, or the selective alpha[1A]-adrenergic blocker, tamsulosin. Tadalafil may be administered with selective alpha[1 or 1A] blockers such as alfuzosin or tamsulosin.

When tadalafil 20 mg was administered to healthy subjects taking the recommended dose (4 mg or 8 mg daily) of the alpha[1]-adrenergic blocker, doxazosin, there was an augmentation of the blood-pressure-lowering effect of doxazosin. Caution should be exercised when prescribing tadalafil to patients who are taking alpha[1] blockers such as doxazosin, as simultaneous administration may lead to symptomatic hypotension in some patients.

**Antihypertensive Agents:** In clinical pharmacology studies, the potential for tadalafil 10 or 20 mg to augment the hypotensive effects of antihypertensive agents was examined. Major classes of antihypertensive agents were studied, including calcium channel blockers (amlodipine), angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors (enalapril), beta-adrenergic receptor blockers (metoprolol), thiazide diuretics (bendrofluazide), and angiotensin II receptor blockers (various types and doses, alone or in combination with thiazides, calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers, and/or alpha-blockers). Tadalafil had no clinically significant interaction with any of these classes. Analysis of Phase 3 clinical trial data also showed no difference in adverse events in patients taking tadalafil with or without antihypertensive

medications.

Prior to prescribing tadalafil, physicians should carefully consider whether their patients with certain underlying conditions could be adversely affected by vasodilatory effects, especially in combination with sexual activity. Patients with increased susceptibility to vasodilators include those with left ventricular outflow obstruction (e.g., aortic stenosis, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy), or those with the rare syndrome of multiple system atrophy, manifesting as severely impaired autonomic control of blood pressure.

**Alcohol:** Tadalafil did not affect alcohol concentrations, and alcohol did not affect tadalafil concentrations. At high doses of alcohol (0.7 g/kg, mean maximum blood concentration 0.08%), the addition of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg did not induce statistically significant mean blood pressure decreases. In some subjects, postural dizziness and orthostatic hypotension were observed. When tadalafil was administered with lower doses of alcohol (0.6 g/kg), hypotension was not observed and dizziness occurred with similar frequency to alcohol alone.

Alcohol consumption may decrease the ability to attain an erection and may also temporarily decrease blood pressure. PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil, are vasodilators and may augment the blood-pressure-lowering effect of alcohol.

#### **Potential for Other Drugs to Affect tadalafil**

**Antacids:** Simultaneous administration of an antacid (magnesium hydroxide/aluminum hydroxide) and tadalafil 10 mg reduced the apparent rate of absorption of tadalafil without altering exposure (AUC) to tadalafil.

**H<sub>2</sub> Antagonists:** An increase in gastric pH resulting from administration of H<sub>2</sub> antagonists, e.g., nizatidine, had no significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of tadalafil 10 mg dose.

**Cytochrome P450 Inhibitors:** tadalafil is a substrate of and principally metabolized by CYP3A4. Studies have shown that drugs that inhibit or induce CYP3A4 can alter tadalafil exposure.

**CYP3A4 inhibitor** – Ketoconazole (400 mg daily), a selective and potent inhibitor of CYP3A4, increased tadalafil AUC by 312% and C<sub>max</sub> by 22% following a tadalafil 20 mg dose. Ketoconazole (200 mg daily) increased tadalafil AUC by 107% and C<sub>max</sub> by 15% following a tadalafil 10 mg dose.

**HIV protease inhibitor** – Ritonavir (200 mg twice daily), an inhibitor of CYP3A4, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2D6, increased tadalafil AUC by 124%, with no change in C<sub>max</sub>, following a tadalafil 20 mg dose.

Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients taking protease inhibitors (e.g., ritonavir) or other potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole). A starting dose of 10 mg prior

to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On-Demand* dosing should be discontinued (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Tadalafil 5 mg for *Once-a-Day* use may be considered for these patients. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability.

Grapefruit juice being a weak inhibitor of CYP3A4 gut wall metabolism, may give rise to modest increases in plasma levels of tadalafil.

**Cytochrome P450 Inducers:** Studies have shown that drugs that induce CYP3A4 can decrease tadalafil exposure.

*CYP3A4 inducer* – Rifampin (600 mg daily), a selective CYP3A4 inducer, reduced tadalafil AUC by 88% and  $C_{\max}$  by 46%, following a tadalafil 10 mg dose.

Although specific interactions have not been studied, other CYP3A4 inducers, such as carbamazepine, phenytoin, and phenobarbital, would likely decrease tadalafil exposure. No dose adjustment is warranted. The reduced exposure of tadalafil with the coadministration of rifampin or other CYP3A4 inducers can be anticipated to decrease the efficacy of tadalafil for once daily use; the magnitude of decreased efficacy is unknown.

#### **Potential for tadalafil to Affect Other Drugs**

***Acetylsalicylic Acid (ASA):*** Tadalafil 20 mg did not potentiate the increase in bleeding time caused by ASA.

***Cytochrome P450 Substrates:*** Tadalafil is not expected to cause clinically significant inhibition or induction of the clearance of drugs metabolized by CYP450 isoforms. Studies have confirmed that tadalafil does not inhibit or induce CYP450 isoforms, including CYP1A2, CYP3A4, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, and CYP2E1.

*CYP1A2 substrate (e.g. Theophylline)* – tadalafil 10 mg had no clinically significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of theophylline. When tadalafil 10 mg was administered to subjects taking theophylline, a small augmentation (3 beats per minute) of the increase in heart rate associated with theophylline was observed.

*CYP2C9 substrate (e.g. Warfarin)* – tadalafil 10 and 20 mg doses had no clinically significant effect on exposure (AUC) to S-warfarin or R-warfarin, nor did tadalafil affect changes in prothrombin time induced by warfarin.

*CYP3A4 substrates (e.g. Midazolam or Lovastatin)* – tadalafil 10 or 20 mg had no

clinically significant effect on exposure (AUC) to midazolam or lovastatin.

## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Treatment of ED

#### *Dosage Consideration:*

The management of erectile dysfunction should be individualized. Dosage and regimen should be discussed between the physician and the patient based on effectiveness and tolerability. tadalafil for treatment of ED works only in the presence of sexual stimulation.

#### *Tadalafil On -Demand Dosing:*

The recommended dose of tadalafil *On-Demand* for treatment of ED is 20 mg taken prior to anticipated sexual activity, without regard to food. The dose may be adjusted based on individual tolerability and effectiveness. The maximum recommended dosing frequency is once per day. tadalafil doses of 10 mg and 20 mg are intended for use prior to anticipated sexual activity and are not recommended for continuous daily use.

Tadalafil has been shown to be effective within 30 minutes of taking the tablet, and up to 36 hours later. Patients may initiate sexual activity at varying time points relative to dosing, in order to determine their own optimal window of responsiveness.

For *On-Demand* dosing, tadalafil may be administered with selective alpha-[1 or 1A] blockers such as alfuzosin or tamsulosin, and no dosage adjustment of tadalafil is required. However, when prescribing tadalafil to patients who are taking non-selective alpha-blockers such as doxazosin, the recommended starting dose is 10 mg.

**Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients with renal or hepatic impairment and those taking protease inhibitors (e.g., ritonavir) or other potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole). A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On -Demand* dosing should be discontinued (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY – Pharmacokinetics in Special Populations, WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, and DRUG INTERACTIONS). See also CONTRAINDICATIONS – Nitrates, and WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Alpha-blockers and Antihypertensives.**

There are no controlled clinical data on the safety or efficacy of tadalafil in the following groups; if prescribed, this should be done with caution:

- patients with severe renal insufficiency (creatinine clearance < 30 mL/min)
- patients with severe hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh Class C).

***Tadalafil Once-a-Day Dosing:***

The recommended dose of tadalafil *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED is 5 mg per day, taken at approximately the same time each day, without regard to food and without regard to timing of sexual activity. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg once a day, based on individual tolerability.

No dose adjustment is required when tadalafil *Once-a-Day* is used in combination with alpha-blockers.

**No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild to moderate renal or hepatic impairment, and those taking protease inhibitors (e.g., ritonavir) or other potent CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., ketoconazole).**

**Tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use is not recommended for patients with severe renal or hepatic impairment. See also CONTRAINDICATIONS – Nitrates, and WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS – Alpha-blockers and Antihypertensives.**

## OVERDOSAGE

For the management of suspected drug overdose, contact your regional Poison Control Centre immediately
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### **Symptoms And Treatment Of Overdosage**

Single doses of up to 500 mg tadalafil have been given to healthy subjects, and multiple doses of 100 mg/day for 21 days have been given to patients. Adverse events (e.g., headache, dyspepsia) were similar to those seen at lower doses.

In cases of overdose, standard supportive measures should be adopted as required. Renal dialysis is not expected to accelerate clearance, as tadalafil is highly bound to plasma proteins.

### **Treatment Of Priapism**

All patients should be counselled to contact a physician if they experience any erection persisting for more than 4 hours. Priapism should be treated according to established medical practice. One algorithm aimed primarily at treating priapism secondary to pharmacological agents is presented below:

*Procedure 1 – External Perineal Compression:* Although frequently unsuccessful, the use of prolonged external perineal compression, including ice, may be applied as a temporizing measure. If procedure 1 is unsuccessful, proceed to procedure 2.

*Procedure 2 – Penile Aspiration:* Place the patient in the supine position and assure local anesthesia of the penis. The penile shaft should be punctured at either the 2 o'clock or the 10 o'clock position, and 20-30 mL of blood aspirated from the corpus cavernosum. If

detumescence has occurred, the penis should be dressed with an elasticized bandage to ensure continued emptying of the corpora and to compress the puncture site(s). If procedure 2 is unsuccessful, proceed to procedure 3.

*Procedure 3 – Intracavernous Injection of an Alpha-Adrenergic Agonist:* If aspiration alone fails to achieve detumescence, the corpus cavernosum can be injected with a solution of phenylephrine (10 mg in 19 mL of 0.9% saline = 500 µg/mL, and inject 0.1-0.2 mL every 2-5 minutes, for up to 10 doses). Clinicians should refer to the prescribing information for phenylephrine prior to its use.

If the above algorithm fails to achieve detumescence in the patient, a urologist should be consulted immediately. Penile tissue damage and/or permanent loss of potency may result if priapism is not treated immediately.

## **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

Tadalafil is a potent, selective, reversible inhibitor of cyclic guanosine monophosphate (cGMP)-specific phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5).

### **Mechanism of Action**

When sexual stimulation causes the local release of nitric oxide in the corpus cavernosum, nitric oxide then activates the enzyme guanylyl cyclase, which results in increased levels of cGMP. The increased levels of cGMP in the corpus cavernosum produce smooth muscle relaxation and inflow of blood into the penile tissues, thereby producing an erection. PDE5 degrades cGMP in the corpus cavernosum, and the inhibition of PDE5 by tadalafil maintains increased levels of cGMP in the corpus cavernosum. tadalafil has no effect on penile blood flow in the absence of sexual stimulation.

Studies *in vitro* have shown that tadalafil is a potent inhibitor of PDE5. PDE5 is an enzyme found in smooth muscle of the corpus cavernosum, prostate and bladder, as well as in vascular and visceral smooth muscle, skeletal muscle, platelets, kidney, lung, and cerebellum. The effect of tadalafil is more selective on PDE5 than on other phosphodiesterases. Tadalafil is > 10,000-fold more selective for PDE5 than for PDE1, PDE2, PDE4, and PDE7 enzymes, which are found in the heart, brain, blood vessels, liver, and other organs. Tadalafil is > 10,000-fold more selective for PDE5 than for PDE3, an enzyme found in the heart and blood vessels. This selectivity for PDE5 over PDE3 is important because PDE3 is an enzyme involved in cardiac contractility. Additionally, tadalafil is approximately 700-fold more potent for PDE5 than for PDE6, an enzyme which is found in the retina and is responsible for phototransduction. Tadalafil is also > 9000-fold more potent for PDE5 than for PDE8 through PDE10. Tadalafil is 14-fold



more potent for PDE5 than for PDE11A1 and 40-fold more potent for PDE5 than for PDE11A4, two of the four known forms of PDE11. PDE11 is an enzyme found in human prostate, testes, skeletal muscle and in other tissues. *In vitro*, tadalafil inhibits human recombinant PDE11A1 and, to a lesser degree, PDE11A4 activities at concentrations within the therapeutic range. The physiological role and clinical consequence of PDE11 inhibition in humans have not been defined.

## **Pharmacodynamics**

### **Studies of tadalafil on Blood Pressure and Heart Rate**

Tadalafil 10 or 20 mg doses administered to healthy subjects produced no significant difference compared to placebo in supine systolic and diastolic blood pressure (difference in the mean maximal decrease of 1.6/0.8 mm Hg, respectively), and in standing systolic and diastolic blood pressure (difference in the mean maximal decrease of 0.2/4.6 mm Hg, respectively). In addition, there was no significant effect on heart rate.

When tadalafil and certain oral antihypertensive medications (amlodipine, enalapril, metoprolol, bendrofluzide, angiotensin II receptor blockers) were assessed in drug interaction studies, tadalafil 10 or 20 mg doses did not result in clinically significant augmentation of the antihypertensive effects of those medications (see DRUG INTERACTIONS). Analysis of Phase 3 clinical trial data also showed no difference in adverse events in patients taking tadalafil with or without antihypertensive medications.

Larger effects were recorded among subjects receiving concomitant nitrates (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

The potential hemodynamic interactions of tadalafil with a non-selective alpha-blocker (doxazosin 4, 8 mg), a selective [1A] alpha-blocker (tamsulosin 0.4 mg) and a selective [1] alpha-blocker (alfuzosin 10 mg) were investigated in randomized, double-blind, crossover design studies. Blood pressure (BP) and heart rate were recorded before dosing and for 24 hours after dosing.

Tadalafil 20 mg augmented the hypotensive effect of 8 mg doxazosin by producing a mean maximal decrease in standing systolic BP (SBP) that was significantly greater than placebo (a mean difference of 9.8 mm Hg). Analysis of BP outliers showed that the number of subjects with a standing SBP < 85 mm Hg was greater after doxazosin plus tadalafil (28%) versus doxazosin plus placebo (6%). A further clinical pharmacology study was performed in order to investigate the lower dose of 4 mg doxazosin. The changes produced in that study were comparable to those observed in the earlier study.

In subjects on tamsulosin, tadalafil 10 and 20 mg produced mean maximal decreases in standing SBP that were similar to placebo (mean difference of 1.7 and 2.3 mm Hg, respectively). No subject taking tamsulosin had a decrease in standing SBP < 85 mm Hg. In subjects receiving alfuzosin, tadalafil 20 mg also produced a maximal decrease in SBP that was not significantly

different from that after placebo (mean difference of 4.35 mm Hg). One subject taking alfuzosin had an asymptomatic SBP < 85 mm Hg.

No vasodilatory adverse events were observed when tadalafil was administered with tamsulosin or alfuzosin. Two such events (dizziness, vertigo) were reported following administration of tadalafil with doxazosin. No syncope was reported in these studies.

#### **Studies of tadalafil on Other Cardiac/Hemodynamic Parameters**

In patients with stable coronary artery disease (CAD) and demonstrable ischemia with exercise, tadalafil 10 mg was non-inferior to placebo with respect to effect on time to ischemia. In a separate double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the effects of tadalafil on myocardial perfusion in patients with CAD, tadalafil 20 mg had no significant effect on myocardial blood flow, both at rest and during pharmacological stress with dobutamine.

Tadalafil at doses up to 500 mg did not significantly change cardiac output and did not significantly impact patients' hemodynamic response to exercise. The effect of tadalafil has not been evaluated in cardiac catheterization studies.

No tadalafil-related changes in electrocardiographic measures, including QTc interval, were observed following administration of tadalafil single doses up to 500 mg and multiple doses of up to 100 mg once-daily for 21 days, to healthy subjects or patients. ECGs were obtained pre- and post-dose, spanning the period from the expected T<sub>max</sub> of tadalafil (2 hours) to the expected T<sub>max</sub> of the primary metabolite (methylcatechol glucuronide, 24 hours).

In clinical pharmacology studies, tadalafil 10 and 20 mg had no clinically significant effect on acetylsalicylic acid-induced prolongation of bleeding time or warfarin-induced changes in prothrombin time (See PRECAUTIONS, DRUG INTERACTIONS). Also, in clinical studies there was no evidence of bleeding-related adverse events associated with tadalafil treatment.

#### **Studies of tadalafil on Vision**

In a study to assess the effects of a single dose of tadalafil 40 mg on vision, no impairment of colour discrimination (blue/green) was detected using the Farnsworth-Munsell 100-hue test. This finding is consistent with the low affinity of tadalafil for PDE6 compared to PDE5 (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Mechanism of Action). In addition, no effects were observed on visual acuity, electroretinograms, intraocular pressure, or pupillometry. Across all clinical studies with tadalafil 10 or 20 mg, reports of changes in colour vision were rare (< 0.1% of patients).

#### **Studies of tadalafil on Sperm Characteristics**

Three studies were conducted in men, ages 45-70 years, to assess the potential effect on spermatogenesis of tadalafil 10 mg (one 6-month study) and 20 mg (one 6-month and one 9-month study) administered once daily. In all 3 studies, there were no adverse effects on sperm morphology or sperm motility. There were also no significant changes in mean concentrations of

the reproductive hormones, testosterone, luteinizing hormone or follicle-stimulating hormone with either 10 or 20 mg of tadalafil compared to placebo. No decrease in sperm concentration was observed in the study of 20 mg tadalafil taken for 6 months. In the study of 10 mg tadalafil for 6 months and the study of 20 mg tadalafil for 9 months, results showed a statistically significant decrease in mean sperm concentration relative to placebo. The clinical relevance of this to human fertility is unknown. In the 9-month study (n=125 [tadalafil 20 mg], n=128 [placebo]), decreases in sperm concentration were in a few patients (but not all) associated with higher ejaculatory frequency, which may have resulted from tadalafil-related improvement in sexual function.

The amount of tadalafil found in the ejaculate of most subjects on repeated tadalafil dosing was negligible; however, a few subjects showed unexplained higher levels of tadalafil in their ejaculate.

### **Studies of tadalafil on Erectile Function**

The efficacy and safety of tadalafil at doses of 2 to 100 mg have been evaluated in clinical trials up to 24 weeks duration, involving over 4000 patients. tadalafil 10 mg or 20 mg *On-Demand* or tadalafil 2.5 mg or 5 mg for *Once-a-Day* use, is effective in improving erectile function in men with ED. Erectile function effects of tadalafil were dose-related. In clinical studies assessing patients' ability to engage in successful and satisfying sexual intercourse, tadalafil demonstrated highly statistically significant improvement compared with placebo. Additionally, partners of patients on tadalafil had statistically significant greater satisfaction with sexual intercourse compared with partners of patients on placebo.

Overall, tadalafil consistently showed efficacy in a broad and representative population that included patients with ED of various severities (Mild, Moderate, Severe), etiologies (including patients with diabetes), ages (21 to 86 years), and ethnicities. Patients on tadalafil therapy demonstrated consistent and statistically significant improvement in erectile function, compared to patients on placebo. The period of responsiveness to tadalafil was evaluated in an "at-home" setting and by office-based RIGISCAN. These studies demonstrated that tadalafil 20 mg significantly improved patients' ability to have successful sexual intercourse as early as 16 minutes after dose administration and up to 36 hours after dose administration. The treatment effect did not diminish over time.

### **Pharmacokinetics**

**Absorption** – Tadalafil is rapidly absorbed after oral administration and the mean maximum observed plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$  of 189  $\mu\text{g/L}$  at 10 mg and 378  $\mu\text{g/L}$  at 20 mg) is achieved at a median time of 2 hours after dosing. The absolute bioavailability of tadalafil has not been determined.

The rate and extent of absorption of tadalafil are not influenced by food, thus tadalafil may be taken with or without food. The time of dosing (morning versus evening) had no clinically relevant effects on the rate and extent of absorption.

***Distribution*** – The mean volume of distribution is approximately 64 L at steady-state, indicating that tadalafil is distributed into tissues. At therapeutic concentrations, 94% of tadalafil in plasma is bound to proteins. Protein binding is not affected by impaired renal function.

Less than 0.0005% of the administered dose appeared in the semen of healthy subjects.

***Metabolism*** – Tadalafil is predominantly metabolized by the cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4 isoform. The major circulating metabolite is the methylcatechol glucuronide. This metabolite is at least 13,000-fold less potent than tadalafil for PDE5. Consequently, it is not expected to be clinically active at observed metabolite concentrations.

***Elimination*** – The mean oral clearance for tadalafil is 2.5 L/hr, and the mean half-life is 17.5 hours in healthy subjects. Tadalafil is excreted predominantly as inactive metabolites, mainly in the feces (approximately 61% of the dose) and to a lesser extent in the urine (approximately 36% of the dose).

Tadalafil pharmacokinetics in healthy subjects are linear with respect to time and dose. Over a dose range of 2.5 to 20 mg, exposure (AUC) increases proportionally with dose. Steady-state plasma concentrations are attained within 5 days of once-daily dosing.

Pharmacokinetics determined with a population approach in patients with erectile dysfunction are similar to pharmacokinetics in subjects without erectile dysfunction.

### **Special Populations and Conditions**

***Geriatric*** – Healthy male elderly subjects (65 years or over) had a lower oral clearance of tadalafil, resulting in 25% higher exposure (AUC) with no effect on C<sub>max</sub> relative to that observed in healthy subjects 19 to 45 years of age. No dose adjustment is warranted based on age alone. However, greater sensitivity to medications in some older individuals should be considered. (See WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Use in the Elderly).

***Children*** – Tadalafil has not been evaluated in individuals less than 18 years old.

***Hepatic Insufficiency*** – In a clinical pharmacology study using tadalafil 10 mg, tadalafil exposure (AUC) in subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A and B) was comparable to exposure in healthy subjects. Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients with hepatic impairment. A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On-Demand* dosing should be discontinued (see PRECAUTIONS: Use in Patients with Hepatic Impairment, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

MINT-TADALAFIL 5 mg *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED may be considered for patients with

hepatic impairment. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability. Use of tadalafil *Once-a-Day* is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

**Renal Insufficiency** – In clinical pharmacology studies using single-dose tadalafil 5 to 20 mg, tadalafil exposure (AUC) approximately doubled in subjects with mild (creatinine clearance 51 to 80 mL/min) or moderate (creatinine clearance 31 to 50 mL/min) renal insufficiency, and in subjects with end-stage renal disease on dialysis. In dialysis patients,  $C_{max}$  was 41% higher than that observed in healthy subjects. Hemodialysis contributed negligibly to tadalafil elimination. Daily use of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg should be avoided in patients with renal impairment. A starting dose of 10 mg prior to anticipated sexual activity should be considered for these patients, but no more frequently than on alternate days, and not exceeding 3 times a week. If the 10 mg dose is tolerated but insufficiently effective, the dose may be increased to 20 mg. If the 10 mg dose is not tolerated, tadalafil *On-Demand* dosing for treatment of ED should be discontinued (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS: Use in Patients with Renal Impairment, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

MINT-TADALAFIL 5 mg *Once-a-Day* for treatment of ED may be considered for patients with mild to moderate renal impairment. The dosage may be decreased to 2.5 mg *Once-a-Day*, based on individual tolerability. MINT-TADALAFIL for *Once-a-Day* use is not recommended for patients with severe renal impairment.

Patients with Diabetes Mellitus – In male patients with diabetes mellitus after a 10 mg tadalafil dose, exposure (AUC) was reduced approximately 19% and  $C_{max}$  was 5% lower than that observed in healthy subjects. No dose adjustment is warranted.

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store at controlled room temperature, 15 °C-30°C.

## DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

MINT-Tadalafil (Tadalafil) is available as film coated tablets for oral administration.

MINT-Tadalafil 2.5 mg tablets are yellow-orange colored, almond shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet, debossed with “14” on one side and other side plain.

MINT-Tadalafil 5 mg tablets are yellow colored, almond shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet, debossed with “13” on one side and other side plain.

MINT-Tadalafil 10 mg tablets are yellow colored, almond shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet, debossed with “12” on one side and other side plain.

MINT-Tadalafil 20 mg tablets are yellow colored, almond shaped, biconvex, film coated tablet, debossed with “11” on one side and other side plain.

Each tablet contains 2.5, 5, 10 or 20 mg of tadalafil and the following inactive ingredients: Anhydrous lactose, Croscarmellose sodium, Sodium lauryl sulphate, Hydroxyl propyl cellulose, Polysorbate 80, Magnesium Stearate, Hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, Titanium dioxide, Triacetin, Talc and Iron oxide Yellow. Additionally 2.5 mg tablet contains Iron oxide red and 10 mg tablet contains Iron oxide Black.

**Availability:**

**2.5 mg tablets** (for *Once-a-Day* use): Blisters of 4’s (4x1), 28’s (4x7), 30’s (3x10) and 56’s (4x14) and bottles of 30’s, 100’s and 500’s tablets.

**5 mg tablets:** (for *Once-a-Day* use): Blisters of 4’s (4x1), 28’s (4x7), 30’s (3x10) and 56’s (4x14) and bottles of 30’s, 100’s and 500’s tablets.

**10 mg tablets:** (for *On-Demand* dosing): Blisters of 4’s (4x1), 28’s (4x7), 30’s (3x10) and 56’s (4x14) and bottles of 30’s, 100’s and 500’s tablets.

**20 mg tablets:** (for *On-Demand* dosing): Blisters of 4’s (4x1), 28’s (4x7), 30’s (3x10) and 56’s (4x14) and bottles of 30’s, 100’s and 500’s tablets.

## PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

#### Drug Substance

**Proper Name:** Tadalafil

**Chemical Name:**

**IUPAC Name:** (6R-trans)-6-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2-methylpyrazino [1',2':1,6]pyrido [3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione

**Chemical Abstract Service:**

(6R,12aR)-6-(1,3-Benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2-methylpyrazino[1',2':1,6]pyrido [3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione

(6R,12aR)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2-methyl-6-[3,4-(methylenedioxy)phenyl]pyrazino[1',2':1,6] pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione

**Other name (s):**

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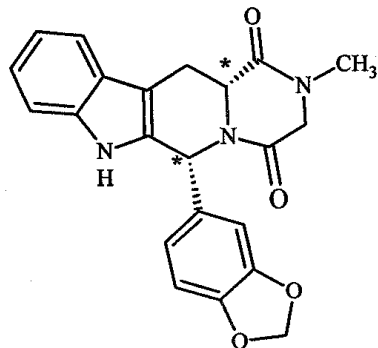
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**EMEA label:**

Pyrazino[1',2':1,6]pyrido[3,4-b]indole-1,4-dione,6-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)-2,3,6,7,12,12a-hexahydro-2-methyl-,(6R-trans)-

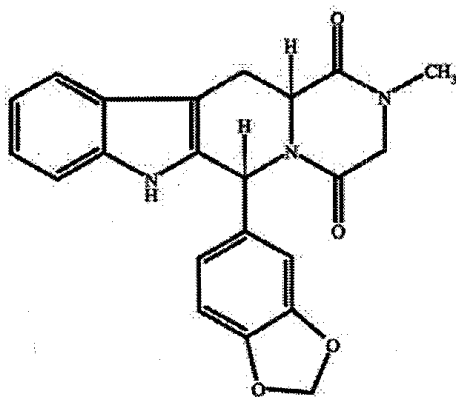
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**Structural Formula:**



**\* - Two chiral carbon atoms**

*or*



**FDA label**

**Empirical Formula:** C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

**Molecular Weight:** 389.40g/mol

**Description:** White or almost white powder. Freely soluble in diethyl sulfoxide, and slightly soluble in methylene chloride, practically insoluble in water



## CLINICAL TRIALS

### Comparative Bioavailability Studies

A randomized, double blinded, balanced, two treatment, two period, two sequence, single dose, two way crossover, bioequivalence study of 1 x 20 mg Tadalafil USP Tablets by Mint Pharmaceuticals Inc. with 1 x 20 mg CIALIS® (tadalafil) Tablets manufactured by Eli Lilly Canada Inc. was conducted in 27 healthy human adult male subjects under fasting conditions.

SUMMARY TABLE OF THE COMPARATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY DATA

Tadalafil (1 x 20 mg) From measured data Geometric Mean <sup>‡</sup> Arithmetic Mean (CV %)				
Parameter	Test <sup>*</sup>	Reference <sup>†</sup>	% Ratio of Geometric Means	90% Confidence Interval
AUC <sub>T</sub> <sup>‡</sup> (ng.h/mL)	9166.61 9495.43 (27.42)	10277.25 10724.40 (28.14)	89.28	83.60-95.34
AUC <sub>I</sub> (ng.h/mL)	12333.25 13115.50 (38.21)	13386.66 14335.21 (37.60)	91.56	84.53-99.18
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	276.94 283.49 (23.44)	337.73 343.05 (17.74)	82.11	76.56-88.05
T <sub>max</sub> <sup>‡</sup> (h)	2.000 (1.00-4.67)	2.00 (1.00-6.00)		
T <sub>1/2</sub> <sup>§</sup> (h)	33.26 (33.40)	32.32 (31.22)		

\* MINT-Tadalafil (Tadalafil USP Tablets) by Mint Pharmaceuticals Inc.

† Cialis® 20mg tablets (tadalafil) by Eli Lilly Canada Inc. were purchased in Canada

<sup>‡</sup> Based on least square means estimates

<sup>‡</sup> Expressed as the median (range) only

<sup>§</sup> Expressed as either the arithmetic mean (CV%) only

### **Tadalafil On-Demand for Treatment of ED – Pivotal Clinical Trials**

*Study Design* – Tadalafil has been studied in the ED population in 5 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, primary efficacy studies of 12 to 24 weeks duration (N=1112). Tadalafil was taken as needed, up to once daily. These studies included patients 21 to 82 years of age with ED of various severities (mild, moderate, severe), etiologies (organic, psychogenic, mixed) and with co-morbid conditions such as diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease, including hypertension. An additional primary efficacy study was performed in ED patients with diabetes mellitus.

Patients were required to have a history of erectile dysfunction (defined as a consistent change in the quality of erection that adversely affected the patient's satisfaction with sexual intercourse) of at least 3 months. Most (90%) patients reported ED of more than 1 year in duration. Patients

had a clinical diagnosis of ED, as assessed by the investigator. About 5% of participants in the pivotal trials had pre-treatment IIEF-EF scores in the “No ED” range (defined as IIEF EF  $\geq$  26) distributed across all treatment arms: placebo: 5.3%, Tadalafil 10 mg: 5.1%, and Tadalafil 20 mg: 4.2%. See WARNINGS, for patients with specific cardiovascular disease who were not included in the clinical trials. In addition, patients with significant renal insufficiency were excluded from these pivotal studies.

Several assessment tools were used to evaluate the effect of Tadalafil on erectile function, including the International Index of Erectile Function (IIEF, including MAPI<sup>®</sup> version), Sexual Encounter Profile (SEP), and Global Assessment Question (GAQ). The primary endpoints of these studies included the Erectile Function Domain of the IIEF, and SEP Questions 2 and 3.

The IIEF is a recall questionnaire that was administered at the end of a treatment-free baseline period and subsequently at follow-up visits after randomization. The severity categories used in the studies of Tadalafil were assigned based on an aggregated modification of the Cappelleri scale, i.e., No ED (26-30), mild ED (17-25), moderate ED (11-16), and severe ED (1-10). (See Bibliography: *Cappelleri JC, Rosen RC, et al. 1999*).

The Sexual Encounter Profile (SEP) is a diary in which patients recorded each sexual attempt made throughout the study. SEP Question 2 asked, “*Were you able to insert your penis into your partner’s vagina?*” SEP Question 3 asked, “*Did your erection last long enough for you to have successful intercourse?*”

The secondary outcome measures assessed the patient’s satisfaction with sexual intercourse and his satisfaction with his overall sex life/relationship. The measures included the Global Assessment Question (GAQ) and SEP Questions 4 and 5. GAQ asked “*Has the treatment you have been taking during this study improved your erections?*” SEP Question 4 asked “*Were you satisfied with the hardness of your erection?*” SEP Question 5 asked “*Were you satisfied overall with this sexual experience?*” In 3 of the 5 primary studies, partners completed a separate SEP diary that included a question assessing the partner’s satisfaction with the sexual experience.

*Study Results* – In an integrated analysis of 5 studies, the mean improvement from baseline in the IIEF EF domain score was statistically significantly greater for tadalafil 10 and 20 mg, compared to placebo. At completion of studies, patients receiving tadalafil 10 or 20 mg or placebo had mean IIEF EF domain endpoint scores of 21.1, 23.9, and 15.1, corresponding to mean changes from baseline of 6.5, 7.9, and 0.6, respectively (Table 2).

**Table 2. Summary of Efficacy Variables in Tadalafil Pivotal Clinical Trials.**

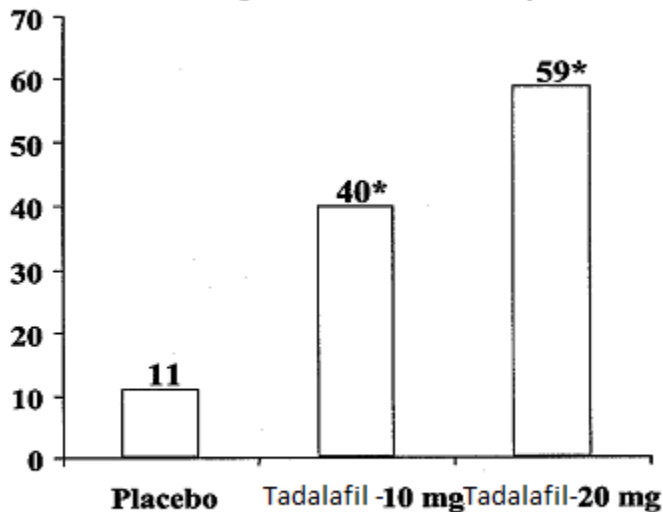
Efficacy Variables	Placebo (N=308)		TADALAFIL 10 mg (N=321)		TADALAFIL 20 mg (N=258)	
	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change
<i>IIEF, mean</i>						
Erectile Function domain score	15.1	0.6	21.1	6.5*	23.9	7.9*
Overall Satisfaction domain score	5.2	0.5	6.7	1.8*	7.4	2.4*
<i>SEP diary, mean per-patient % "Yes" response</i>						
Question 2 (Vaginal Penetration)	48%	2.0%	73%	24%*	80%	27%*
Question 3 (Successful intercourse)	31%	6.0%	58%	34%*	70%	39%*

\* p < 0.001 (Pairwise comparisons between placebo and each treatment were adjusted by the method of Dunnett). IIEF: International Index of Erectile Function; SEP: Sexual Encounter Profile.

Maximum domain scores achievable for the Erectile Function and Overall Satisfaction domains of the IIEF are 30 and 10, respectively.

Tadalafil also demonstrated statistically significant improvement in erectile function as measured by the percentage of patients attaining a normal score (EF 26) at endpoint on the IIEF EF domain. In the 5 primary efficacy studies in patients who had baseline IIEF EF domain scores of < 26, a significantly greater percentage of patients taking tadalafil 10 or 20 mg attained normal Percentage of Patients Attaining IIEF-EF† Scores of 26-30 (no ED while being treated) erectile function during treatment, compared to patients on placebo (Figure 1).

**Percentage of Patients Attaining IIEF† Scores of 26-30 (no ED while being treated)**



† IIEF Erectile Function domains scores (sum of IIEF Questions 1 -5 and 15)

\* p < 0.001 vs. placebo

**Figure 1. Percent Patients Attaining Normal Erectile Function in tadalafil Pivotal Clinical Trials.**

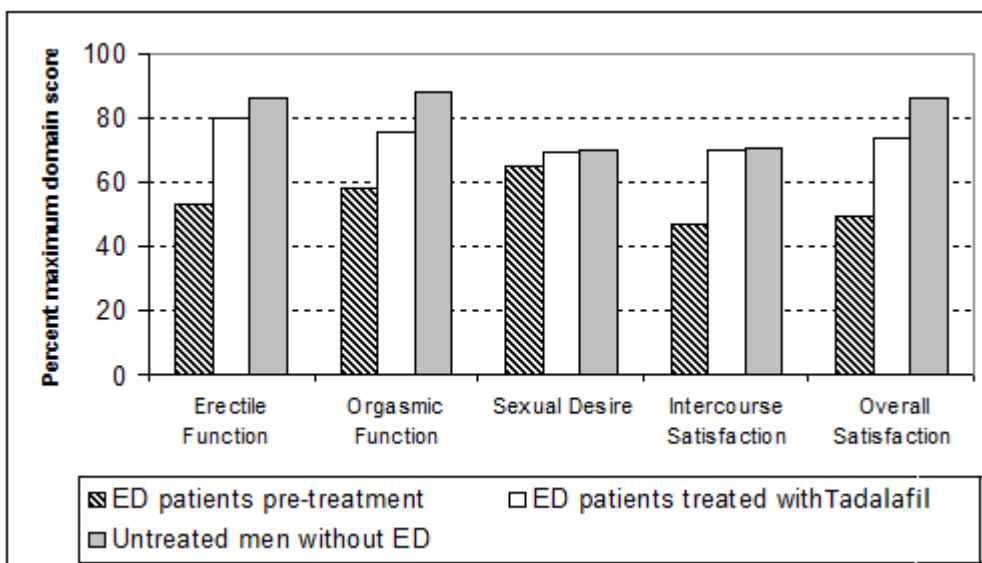
*Patient Confidence and Sexual Satisfaction* – The IIEF also measures patients’ confidence that they can attain and keep an erection sufficient for sexual intercourse (IIEF Question 15). In each study, tadalafil statistically significantly improved patient confidence. Analysis of the Intercourse Satisfaction and Overall Satisfaction domains of the IIEF showed that in each study tadalafil treatment provided statistically significant improvement in sexual satisfaction, as measured by both domains. Additionally, tadalafil improved the percentage of sexual encounters that were satisfying for the patient and his partner.

For each of the five domains of the IIEF, the mean scores at baseline and endpoint for patients treated with tadalafil 20 mg in the primary efficacy trials, along with the mean scores for a similarly aged control group without ED, are presented in Table 3 and Figure 2.

**Table 3. Summary of IIEF Domain Scores in tadalafil Placebo-Controlled Studies.**

IIEF Domain	Maximum Domain Score	TADALAFIL 20mg		Mean Scores, Untreated Men Without ED*
		Mean Value at Baseline	Mean Value at Endpoint	
Erectile Function	30	16.0	23.9	25.8
Orgasmic Function	10	5.8	7.6	8.8
Sexual Desire	10	6.5	6.9	7.0
Intercourse Satisfaction	15	7.1	10.5	10.6
Overall Satisfaction	10	5.0	7.4	8.6

\* Source of control group data: Rosen RC, et al. *Urology* 1997;49(6):822-830.



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**Figure 2. Effect of tadalafil 20 mg on Male Sexual Function Domains of the IIEF**

A similar pattern of improvements over placebo was observed for the other 2 primary outcome measures (SEP Questions 2 and 3, see Table 2, above).

Tadalafil showed statistically significant improvement in patients' ability to achieve an erection sufficient for vaginal penetration and maintain the erection for successful intercourse as measured by the sexual encounter profile (SEP) diaries. In the primary efficacy studies, 75% of intercourse attempts were successful in tadalafil 20 mg-treated patients, and 61% in tadalafil 10 mg-treated patients, compared to 32% of intercourse attempts for patients on placebo ( $p < 0.001$ ). This finding was confirmed by partner SEP responses. tadalafil also significantly improved satisfaction with the hardness of erection, as measured by SEP-Q4 (mean change: placebo, 10%; tadalafil 10 mg, 37%; tadalafil 20 mg, 49%;  $p < 0.001$  versus placebo for both tadalafil doses).

In the primary efficacy studies, patients taking tadalafil 10 or 20 mg reported improved erections based on the GAQ compared to patients taking placebo (Figure 3).

### Improvement of Erections: GAQ†

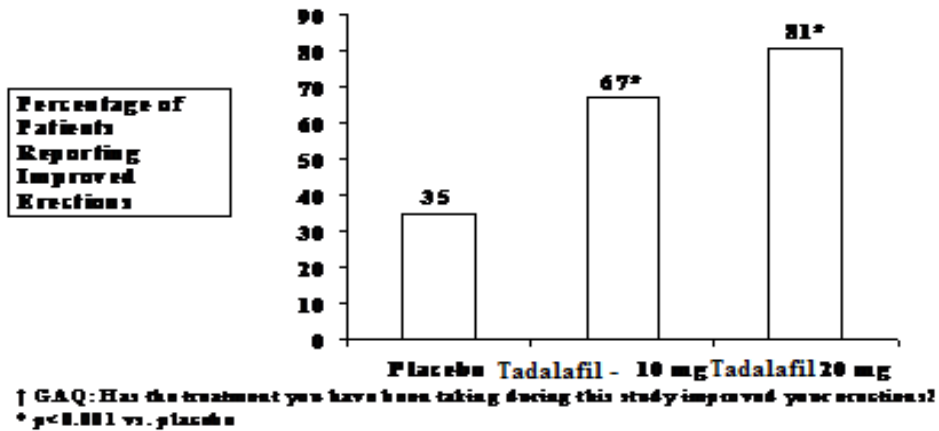
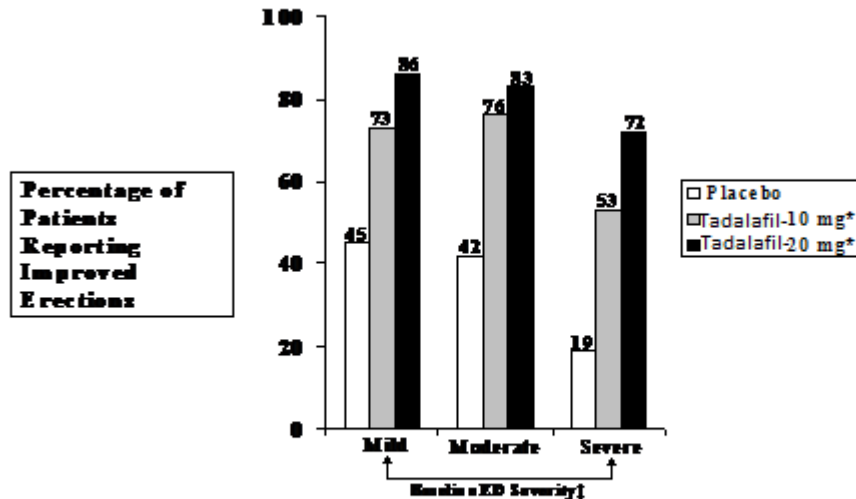


Figure 3. Percent Patients with Improvement of Erections, in Tadalafil Pivotal Clinical Trials.

In addition, patients with ED of all degrees of disease severity reported improved erections while taking tadalafil 10 or 20 mg, compared to patients on placebo (Figure 4).

### Improvement of Erections: GAQ† by Severity



† GAQ: Has the treatment you have been taking during this study improved your erections?  
 ‡ Severity of ED determined by the IIEF EF domain score at baseline; severe (1-10), moderate (11-16), mild (17-30)  
 \*p <0.001 for Tadalafil-10 and 20 mg vs. placebo within each severity category

Figure 4. Percent Patients with Improvement of Erections, by Severity of ED at Baseline, in Tadalafil Pivotal Clinical Trials.

### Efficacy in ED Patients with Diabetes Mellitus

Tadalafil is effective in treating ED in patients with diabetes mellitus. Patients with diabetes (N=451) were included in all 5 primary efficacy studies in patients with ED, and in one study that specifically assessed tadalafil in ED patients with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

Tadalafil produced statistically significant improvement in erectile function, ability to achieve successful intercourse, and sexual satisfaction. In these studies, 68% of 20-mg and 59% of 10-mg tadalafil -treated patients with diabetes reported improved erections based on the GAQ, compared to 29% of placebo-treated patients (p <0.001 for each dose versus placebo). The mean improvement from baseline in the IIEF EF domain score, and percentage of “Yes” responses to SEP Questions 2 and 3 were statistically significantly greater compared to placebo for tadalafil 10 and 20 mg (Table 4).

**Table 4. Summary of Primary Efficacy Variables in Diabetic Patients - TADALAFIL Pivotal Clinical Trials.**

Efficacy Variables	Placebo (N=141)		Tadalafil 10 mg (N=142)		TADALAFIL 20 mg (N=119)	
	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change
<i>IIEF, mean</i>						
Erectile Function domain score	12.6	0.4	19.1	6.1*	19.6	7.4*
Overall Satisfaction domain score	4.9	0.3	6.2	1.6*	6.2	1.8*
<i>SEP diary, mean per-patient % "Yes" response</i>						
Question 2 (Vaginal Penetration)	30%	-3.0%	60%	23%*	59%	26%*
Question 3 (Successful intercourse)	19%	1.0%	48%	30%*	48%	32%*

\* p < 0.001 (Pairwise comparisons between placebo and each treatment were adjusted by the method of Dunnett)

IIEF: International Index of Erectile Function; SEP: Sexual Encounter Profile.

Maximum domain scores achievable for the Erectile Function and Overall Satisfaction domains of the IIEF are 30 and 10, respectively.

### **Efficacy in ED Patients Following Radical Prostatectomy**

Tadalafil was effective in treating patients who developed ED following bilateral nerve-sparing radical prostatectomy. In a double-blind, placebo-controlled study in this population (N=303), tadalafil 20 mg demonstrated clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement in erectile function (p < 0.001), as measured by the EF domain of the IIEF questionnaire and Questions 2 and 3 of the SEP diary. The efficacy of doses lower than 20 mg were not evaluated in this population.

### **Period of Effectiveness**

A study was conducted to evaluate the time of onset of effectiveness of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg. The primary endpoint of the study was the earliest time point after dosing at which there was a statistically significant difference in the percentage of successful intercourse attempts between tadalafil and placebo. For patients taking tadalafil 20 mg compared to placebo, a statistically significant difference was noted at 16 minutes.

In a clinical trial conducted to determine the duration of effectiveness of tadalafil, patients reported a statistically significantly greater percentage of successful intercourse attempts at approximately 24 hours (22 to 26 hours) following administration of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg when compared to placebo (56% and 67% vs. 42%, respectively). In addition, patients reported a statistically significantly greater percentage of successful intercourse attempts at approximately 36 hours (33 to 39 hours) following administration of tadalafil 10 or 20 mg when compared to placebo (56% and 62% vs. 33%, respectively). In this trial patients made up to four eligible attempts. Eighty-two percent of 20 mg tadalafil-treated patients who made at least one eligible attempt (from a maximum of four) at 24 hours post-dose, and 76% of 20 mg tadalafil-treated



patients who made one or more eligible attempts at 36 hours post-dose, had at least one intercourse attempt that was successful.

Analyses of SEP Question 3 data from the placebo-controlled efficacy studies in patients with ED support the efficacy of tadalafil 10 and 20 mg from 30 minutes to 36 hours after dosing. During 12 weeks of treatment with tadalafil 10 or 20 mg, 50% of men attempted intercourse at 12–24 hours after dose on one or more occasions, and 33% of men attempted intercourse at 24–36 hours after dose. The mean percentage of ‘yes’ responses to SEP-Q3 for attempts made at both 12–24 and 24–36 hours after dosing was significantly greater ( $p < 0.001$ ) for both tadalafil 10 and 20 mg groups than in the placebo group.

Further supportive data for onset and duration are provided by a placebo-controlled trial that employed penile plethysmography to evaluate the effectiveness of tadalafil 10 mg within

60 minutes of dosing and at 24 hours after dosing in men with erectile dysfunction. The proportion of patients who achieved 55% rigidity (the rigidity required for vaginal penetration) for at least 3 consecutive minutes was evaluated at 15-minute increments up to 60 minutes following dosing (Table 5). The proportion of patients who achieved this endpoint was significantly greater than placebo at 45 minutes ( $p=0.034$ ). tadalafil 10 mg dose also significantly improved the proportion of responders 24 hours postdose (58.5% for tadalafil 10 mg versus 7.3% for placebo,  $p < 0.001$ ).

**Table 5. Penile Plethysmography Study with TADALAFIL 10 mg: Subjects with Response  $\geq$  55% Penile Rigidity for at least 3 Consecutive Minutes**

Time postdose (minutes)	Proportion of Responders	
	Placebo (N=41) n (%)	10 mg TADALAFIL (N=41) n (%)
15	4 (9.8)	8 (19.5)
30	6 (14.6)	12 (29.3)
45	8 (19.5)	17 (41.5)*
60	8 (19.5)	20 (48.8)*

\* p value < 0.05 versus placebo

### **Cardiovascular Safety**

An overview of the five phase 3 placebo-controlled studies that included an electrocardiogram at endpoint found no clinically important effects of tadalafil on the QT interval. Furthermore, morbidity and mortality rates from serious cardiovascular adverse events were no greater in patients with ED taking tadalafil than in the general population of men with ED. In a retrospective analysis of data from placebo-controlled and open-label clinical trials involving 12,487 patients treated with tadalafil (5771 patient-years of exposure) and 2047 patients on placebo (460 patient-years of exposure), the incidence rates of myocardial infarction and other

cardiovascular treatment-emergent adverse events were no higher than expected in men treated with tadalafil than for a similar matched population of men. However, as with all PDE5 Inhibitors, tadalafil should not be used in combination with nitrates (See CONTRAINDICATIONS).

**Efficacy of tadalafil 2.5 mg and 5 mg *Once-a-Day* in Patients with ED**

Tadalafil administered *Once-a-Day* was evaluated in 3 placebo-controlled clinical trials involving 853 patients of various ages (range 21-82 years) and ethnicities, with erectile dysfunction of various severities (mild, moderate, severe), etiologies, and with multiple comorbid conditions, including diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and other cardiovascular disease. Two of these studies were in the general ED population and one study was performed in ED patients with type 1 or type 2 diabetes.

In all 3 studies, tadalafil demonstrated clinically meaningful and statistically significant improvement in erectile function, as measured by the EF domain of the IIEF and Questions 2 and 3 of the SEP diary. In the two primary efficacy studies of general populations, 81% of patients reported that tadalafil 5 mg taken *Once-a-Day* improved their erections as compared to 29% with placebo. The percentage of successful intercourse attempts was 66% in tadalafil 5-mg-treated patients as compared to 36% with placebo. Patients with ED in all severity categories reported improved erectile function with tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use over the 24-hour period between doses. The treatment effect of tadalafil did not diminish over time.

**Table 6. Primary Efficacy Variables in TADALAFIL for *Once-a-Day* Use: General Population Trials.**

Efficacy Variables	Placebo (N=148)		TADALAFIL 2.5 mg (N=96)		TADALAFIL 5 mg (N=206)	
	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change
<i>IIEF, mean</i>						
Erectile Function domain score	14.9	1.3	19.2	6.2*	21.9	8.6*
<i>SEP diary, mean per-patient % "Yes" response</i>						
Question 2 (Vaginal Penetration)	50.4%	6.5%	64.9%	23.9%*	75.4%	31.7%*
Question 3 (Successful intercourse)	32.9%	10.5%	50.2%	31.4%*	62.4%	40.6%*

\* p <0.001 versus placebo by ANCOVA model. (Pairwise comparisons between placebo and each treatment were adjusted by the method of Dunnett).

IIEF: International Index of Erectile Function; SEP: Sexual Encounter Profile.  
Maximum domain score achievable for the Erectile Function domain of the IIEF is 30.

**Table 7. Primary Efficacy Variables in TADALAFIL for *Once-a-Day* Use: Diabetic Trial.**

Efficacy Variables	Placebo (N=100)		TADALAFIL 2.5 mg (N=100)		TADALAFIL 5 mg (N=98)	
	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change	Endpoint	Change
<i>IIEF, mean</i>						
Erectile Function domain score	14.7	1.3	18.3	4.8*	17.2	4.5*
<i>SEP diary, mean per-patient % "Yes" response</i>						
Question 2 (Vaginal Penetration)	43.0%	5.3%	62.3%	20.5%*	61.1%	28.9%*
Question 3 (Successful intercourse)	28.2%	8.2%	46.0%	25.9%*	41.1%	25.0%*

\* p < 0.001 versus placebo by ANCOVA model. (Pairwise comparisons between placebo and each treatment were adjusted by the method of Dunnett).

IIEF: International Index of Erectile Function; SEP: Sexual Encounter Profile.  
Maximum domain score achievable for the Erectile Function domain of the IIEF is 30.

## DETAILED PHARMACOLOGY

### General

Phosphodiesterases (PDEs) are a diverse family of enzymes having different tissue distributions and functions, but which all ultimately act to hydrolyze cyclic nucleotides, thereby terminating their actions. There are eleven known phosphodiesterase classes, many with subtypes identified by structure and function. Phosphodiesterase type 5 (PDE5) is a major cGMP-hydrolyzing enzyme in vascular smooth muscle of the penis.

### Pharmacokinetics

Tadalafil has a mean half-life of 17.5 hours and the mean maximum observed plasma concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) is achieved at a median time of 2 hours after dosing. Evaluation of elimination and metabolism radiotracer data in humans indicates tadalafil is well absorbed (approximately 36% based on urinary elimination data alone to an upper limit of approximately 81% based on urinary and biliary/fecal elimination of metabolites). The half-life of 17.5 hours provides an extended period of responsiveness to tadalafil for patients.

**Pharmacokinetics of tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use:** The absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion of tadalafil are similar, irrespective of *On-Demand* or *Once-a-Day* use. Steady-state plasma concentrations are attained within 5 days of tadalafil for *Once-a-Day* use, and exposure (AUC) is approximately 1.6-fold greater than after a single dose.

## TOXICOLOGY

Tadalafil has been evaluated in a comprehensive series of toxicology studies, including in vitro and in vivo genetic toxicology assays; single-dose studies in mice and rats using both oral and

intravenous routes of administration; repeated-dose studies in mice, rats, and dogs; reproductive and developmental studies in rats and mice; and oncogenicity studies in rats and mice.

Tadalafil demonstrated low acute oral toxicity in both mice and rats, as doses up to 2000 mg/kg did not cause death and produced only minimal clinical observations (see Table 8). Daily oral administration of tadalafil to mice for 3 months at doses up to 800 mg/kg/day produced no deaths or treatment-related findings (see Table 9). In rats, oral toxicity studies of 1 and 6 months duration, with doses up to 400 mg/kg/day, and a 3 month study with doses up to 800 mg/kg/day, produced no treatment-related deaths or substantive clinical observations. These studies yielded no gross or histopathologic findings that were considered toxicologically important.

Tadalafil was not carcinogenic to rats or mice when administered for 24 months (see Table 16). Tadalafil was not mutagenic or genotoxic in *in-vitro* bacterial and mammalian cell assays, and *in vitro* human lymphocytes and *in vivo* rat micronucleus assays (see Table 11).

There was no evidence of teratogenicity, embryotoxicity or fetotoxicity in rats or mice that received tadalafil up to 1000 mg/kg/day (see Table 12). In a rat pre- and postnatal development study, the no-observed effect dose was 30 mg/kg/day. In the pregnant rat the AUC for calculated free drug at this dose was approximately 18 times the human AUC at a 20 mg dose.

There was no impairment of fertility in male and female rats (Table 12). In dogs given tadalafil daily for 6 to 12 months at doses of 25 mg/kg/day and above, there were alterations to the seminiferous tubular epithelium that resulted in a decrease in spermatogenesis in some dogs. However, in placebo-controlled studies in men who received tadalafil 10 or 20 mg daily for 6 months, there were no treatment-related effects on sperm concentration, sperm count, motility, or morphology.

## ACUTE TOXICITY

**Table 8. Results of Acute Single-Dose Toxicity Studies with Tadalafil**

Species, Strain Number/Sex/Group Age	Doses (mg/kg) Route Duration of Observations	Important Findings
Mouse, B6C3F1 3/sex 8 Weeks	400, 650, 1000, 1600, 2000 Gavage 2 weeks	Males, 2000 mg/kg: failure to gain weight. Median lethal dose >2000 mg/kg.
Mouse, B6C3F1 10/sex 8-9 Weeks	0, 2000 Gavage 2 weeks	No effects. Median lethal dose >2000 mg/kg.
Mouse, B6C3F1 3/sex 8 Weeks	0, 37.5, 62.5, 100 Intravenous 2 weeks	<u>100 mg/kg</u> : mortality (2 males, 2 females), moribundity, low posture, extreme subdued behaviour, convulsions, laboured or shallow respiration, tremors, jerky movements, prostrate. <u>62.5 mg/kg</u> : low posture, subdued behaviour, laboured or rapid respiration, tremors, jerky movements. All mice were normal within 6 minutes after dosing. <u>Control</u> : mortality (1 male), prostrate, low posture, jerky movements. Median lethal dose >62.5 mg/kg, <100 mg/kg.
Mouse, B6C3F1 10/sex 8-9 Weeks	0, 62.5 Intravenous 2 weeks	<u>62.5 mg/kg</u> : low posture, subdued behaviour, tremors, unsteady gait, laboured respiration (believed to be vehicle-related). Effects limited to the day of dosing. Median lethal dose >62.5 mg/kg.
Rat, Han Wistar 3/sex 8 Weeks	400, 650, 1000, 1600, 2000 Gavage 2 weeks	<u>Females, 2000 mg/kg</u> : vocalization, tense behaviour. Effects were limited to the day of dosing. Median lethal dose >2000 mg/kg.
Rat, Han Wistar 10/sex 8-9 Weeks	0, 2000 Gavage 2 weeks	No effects. Median lethal dose >2000 mg/kg.
Rat, Han Wistar 3/sex 8 Weeks	0, 37.5, 62.5 Intravenous 2 weeks	<u>62.5 mg/kg</u> : convulsions, tremors, moribundity. All groups including control: unsteady gait and increased incidence of vehicle-related signs (subdued behaviour, laboured or rapid respiration, jerking movements, low posture, prostrate, and/or piloerection). Effects were limited to the day of dosing. Signs were more severe at 62.5 mg/kg. Median lethal dose >62.5 mg/kg.
Rat, Han Wistar 10/sex 8-9 Weeks	0, 37.5 Intravenous 2 weeks	<u>37.5 mg/kg</u> : Death (1), low posture, subdued behaviour, tremors, piloerection, jerky movements, laboured respiration (believed to be vehicle-related). Effects were limited to the day of dosing. Median lethal dose >37.5 mg/kg.

## LONG-TERM TOXICITY

**Table 9. Results of Long-Term Repeated-Dose Toxicity Studies with Tadalafil (Page 1 of 2)**

Species, Strain Number/Sex/Group Age	Doses (mg/kg/day) Route Duration of Treatment	Important Findings
Mouse, CD-1 12/sex (6 necropsied after 1.5 month) 7 Weeks	0, 60, 200, 400 Gavage 1.5 months and 3 months	No-Observed-Effect-Level = 400 mg/kg/day.
Mouse, CD-1 20/sex (10 necropsied after 1 month) 6 Weeks	0, 60, 200, 400, 800 Gavage 1 month and 3 months	<u>≥ 200 mg/kg</u> : increased benzphetamine N-demethylase activity and minimal increase in relative liver weight. <u>Males, ≥ 400 mg/kg</u> : decreased erythromycin N-demethylase activity. <u>Females, 800 mg/kg</u> : increased 7-ethoxyresorufin O-deethylase activity and total P450 content. No-Observed-Effect-Level = 800 mg/kg/day.
Rat Han Wistar 6/sex 7-10 Weeks	100, 200, 400, 800, 1400, 2000 (dose escalation) 2000 (7 daily doses) Gavage	No-Observed-Effect-Level = 2000 mg/kg/day. Maximum systemic exposure achieved at 400 mg/kg.
Rat, Han Wistar 12/sex, with additional 8 in 0 and 400 groups, for reversibility 7-8 Weeks	0, 10, 60, 400 Gavage 1 month and 3 week reversibility	<u>Males, females, 400 mg/kg</u> : minimal clinical chemistry changes, increased lung weight, and decreased kidney weight with no histopathologic correlates. <u>Males, 400 mg/kg</u> : increased heart weight with no histopathologic correlate. <u>Females, 400 mg/kg</u> : increased body weight. No-Observed-Effect-Level = 60 mg/kg/day.
Rat, Han Wistar 20/sex, with additional 12 in 0 and 400 groups, for reversibility 7-8 Weeks	0, 10, 60, 400 Gavage 6 months and 1 month reversibility	<u>400 mg/kg</u> : increase in water consumption and urine volume (reversible). <u>Females, 400 mg/kg</u> : minimal to marked pigment deposition in the cytoplasm of periportal hepatocytes with focal accumulations of Kupffer cells containing brown pigments in 4 rats. At the end of the reversibility period 1 rat had minimal hepatocellular pigment deposition. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 60 mg/kg/day.
Rat Fischer 344 20/sex (10 necropsied at 1 month) 7-8 Weeks	0, 60, 100, 400, 800 Gavage 1 month and 3 months	<u>≥ 60 mg/kg</u> : increased 7-ethoxyresorufin O-deethylase and minimal increase in relative liver weight. <u>≥ 100 mg/kg</u> : increased food consumption. <u>Females, ≥ 100 mg/kg</u> : increased benzphetamine N-demethylase. <u>Males, 800 mg/kg</u> : increased benzphetamine N-demethylase. No-Observed-Effect-Level = 800 mg/kg/day.
Dog Beagle 2/sex 4-6 months	50, 100, 200, 400, 800 (dose escalation) 200 (14 daily doses) Gavage	<u>200 mg/kg</u> : loose feces, subdued behaviour, thin appearance, decreased body weight, decreased thymus weight with slight atrophy. Maximum systemic exposure achieved at 200 mg/kg.

**Table 9. Results of Long-Term Repeated-Dose Toxicity Studies with Tadalafil (Page 2 of 2)**

Species, Strain Number/Sex/Group Age	Doses (mg/kg/day) Route Duration of Treatment	Important Findings
Dog Beagle 3/sex, with additional 2 in 0 and 200 groups, for reversibility 4-6 months	0, 10, 45, 200 Gavage 1 month with 3 week reversibility	<u>≥ 45 mg/kg</u> : thin appearance, subdued behaviour, loose feces. <u>200 mg/kg</u> : decreased body weight, decreased food consumption, hepatic clinical chemistry changes. Vascular inflammation consistent with Beagle Pain Syndrome occurred in control and 200 mg/kg dogs. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 45 mg/kg/day.
Dog, Beagle 4/sex with additional 2 in 0 and 400 groups, for reversibility 3-5 months	0, 10, 60, 400 Oral Gavage 6 month with 1 month reversibility	Study confounded by presence of Beagle Pain Syndrome (BPS) and the use of immature dogs. Effects related to BPS included euthanasia of 2 male and 2 female 400-mg/kg dogs, increased white blood cell counts, decreased plasma albumin and calcium, and vascular inflammation. <u>≥ 10 mg/kg</u> : decreased testes weight, testicular alterations. <u>≥ 60 mg/kg</u> : decreased body weight gain during the first 3 months of the study. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level: Males <10 mg/kg/day; Females 10 mg/kg/day.
Dog, Beagle 4 Males with additional 2 Males in 0 and 200 groups, for reversibility 13-17 months	0, 10, 60, 200 Oral Capsule 3 month with 3 month reversibility	<u>≥ 60 mg/kg</u> : pigment accumulation in the gallbladder (reversible). No vascular inflammation or testicular alterations occurred. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 200 mg/kg/day.
Dog, Beagle 4/sex, with additional 2 in 0 and 400 groups, for reversibility 13-15 months	0, 10, 60, 200, 400 Oral Capsule 6 month with 3 month reversibility	<u>≥ 60 mg/kg</u> : Oligo/azpermia in the epididymides and regression, vacuolation and atrophy of the testicular seminiferous epithelium. This appeared to partially reverse in the 1 male in the reversibility group. No-Observed-Effect-Level: Males: 10 mg/kg/day; Females: 400 mg/kg/day.
Dog, Beagle 5/sex 14-15 months	0, 25, 100, 400 Oral Capsule 1 year	<u>Males, ≥ 25 mg/kg</u> : bilateral degeneration and atrophy of the testicular seminiferous epithelium. <u>Females, ≥ 100 mg/kg</u> : decreased body weight. <u>Males, 400 mg/kg</u> : increased liver weight, decreased testes weight. Cytopenia occurred in one 100-mg/kg female and one 400-mg/kg female. These were considered idiosyncratic, reversible, and not due to a direct effect on bone marrow hematopoietic precursors. No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level: Males <25 mg/kg/day; Females 25 mg/kg/day.

## CARCINOGENICITY

**Table 10. Results of Carcinogenicity Studies with Tadalafil**

Species, Strain Number/Sex/Group Age	Doses (mg/kg/day) Route Duration of Treatment	Important Findings
Mouse, CD-1 50/sex 6 Weeks	0, 0, 10, 60, 400 Gavage 2 years	No-Observed-Effect-Level = 400 mg/kg/day. No statistically significant increase in neoplasms.
Rat, Han Wistar 50/sex 6 Weeks	0, 0, 10, 60, 400 Gavage 2 years	No-Observed-Effect-Level = 400 mg/kg/day. No statistically significant increase in neoplasms.

## MUTAGENICITY

**Table 11. Results of Mutagenicity/Genotoxicity Studies with Tadalafil**

Study Type	Species or Cell Type	Dose Levels	Important Findings
WHO Nitrosation Assay Procedure	<i>S. typhimurium</i>	10 mM	Negative
Bacterial mutation	<i>S. typhimurium</i> <i>E. coli</i>	15, 50, 150, 1500, 2500 µg/plate	Negative
Mouse Lymphoma	L5178Y mouse lymphoma cells	Without activation: 25, 50, 75 µg/mL With activation: 10, 25, 50, 75 µg/mL	Negative
Chromosome aberration	Human Peripheral Lymphocytes	Without activation: 10, 20, 40 µg/mL With activation: 1, 5, 10 µg/mL	Negative
Micronucleus	Male Han Wistar rats	0, 1000, 1500, 2000 mg/kg	Negative



## REPRODUCTION AND TERATOLOGY

**Table 12. Results of Reproduction and Developmental Toxicity Studies with Tadalafil.**

Study Type	Species, Strain Number/Sex/Group Age	Doses (mg/kg/day) Route Duration of Treatment	Important Findings
Fertility and early embryonic development (Segment I)	Rat, CD 22/sex 12 Weeks at breeding	0, 10, 60, 400 Gavage Male: 4 weeks prior to and during mating; Female: 2 weeks prior to mating through Gestation Day 7	<u>Females, 400 mg/kg</u> : decreased body weight gain, decreased food consumption. Reproductive No-Observed-Effect-Level = 400 mg/kg.
Embryo-fetal development (Segment II)	Mouse, CD-1 30 Female 12 Weeks at breeding	0, 60, 200, 1000 Gavage Gestation Days 6-15	No effects. Maternal and embryo-fetal developmental No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 1000 mg/kg.
Embryo-fetal development (Segment II)	Rat, CD 25 Female 12 Weeks at breeding	0, 60, 200, 1000 Gavage Gestation Days 6-17	<u>1000 mg/kg</u> : decreased maternal body weight gain, decreased food consumption. Maternal No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 200 mg/kg. Embryo-fetal developmental No-Observed-Adverse-Effect-Level = 1000 mg/kg.
Pre- and postnatal development (Segment II/III)	Rat, CD 25 Female 12 Weeks at breeding	0, 60, 200, 1000 0, 3, 10, 30, 200 Gavage Gestation Day 6-Postnatal Day 21	<u>1000 mg/kg</u> : decreased maternal body weight gain, decreased food consumption. <u>≥ 200 mg/kg</u> : decreased pup survival birth to Postnatal Day 4. This effect was not repeated in the follow-up study. Maternal No-Observed-Effect-Level = 200 mg/kg. F <sub>1</sub> Developmental No-Observed-Effect-Level = 30 mg/kg.

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**PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION**

**Pr MINT-TADALAFIL**  
Tadalafil tablets, USP

This leaflet is part III of a three-part “Product Monograph” published when MINT-TADALAFIL was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about MINT-TADALAFIL. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.**

Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again. If you have further questions, please ask your doctor or your pharmacist.

**ABOUT THIS MEDICATION**

**What the medication is used for:**

MINT-Tadalafil is used for treatment of

- Erectile dysfunction (ED) in men (when a man cannot get, or keep a hard, erect penis suitable for sexual activity).

**What it does:**

MINT-TADALAFIL belongs to a group of medicines called phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors.

**Treatment of ED:** Following sexual stimulation MINT-TADALAFIL works by helping the blood vessels in your penis to relax, allowing the flow of blood into your penis. This results in improved erectile function.

It is important to note that MINT-TADALAFIL works only with sexual stimulation. MINT-TADALAFIL alone does not increase sexual desire.

**When it should not be used:**

**Do not take MINT-TADALAFIL:**

- If you are taking any medicines that contain nitrates in any form (oral, sublingual [under the tongue], skin-patch, or by inhalation). Similarly, nitrates must never be used by men who take MINT-TADALAFIL. Nitrates are found in many prescription medicines used in the treatment of

angina pectoris (chest pain due to heart disease), such as nitroglycerin, isosorbide mononitrate, or isosorbide dinitrate. If nitrates have previously been prescribed to you, even though you may not have used them, or are unsure, tell your doctor.

**If you take MINT-TADALAFIL with any nitrate-containing medicines or any other nitrates (e.g., amyl nitrite “poppers”), your blood pressure could suddenly drop to a life-threatening level. You could get dizzy, faint, or even have a heart attack or stroke.**

- Do not take MINT-TADALAFIL if you have had an allergic reaction in the past to tadalafil or any of the other ingredients in MINT-TADALAFIL listed below.
- If you have had a previous episode of an eye condition called NAION which causes a sudden decrease or loss of vision in one or both eyes
- If you are taking **riociguat (ADEMPAS®)**.

**What the medicinal ingredient is:**

Tadalafil

**What the nonmedicinal ingredients are:**

Each tablet contains 2.5, 5, 10 or 20 mg of tadalafil and the following inactive ingredients: Anhydrous lactose, Croscarmellose sodium, Sodium lauryl sulphate, Hydroxyl propyl cellulose, Polysorbate 80, Magnesium Stearate, Hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, Titanium dioxide, Triacetin, Talc and Iron oxide Yellow. Additionally 2.5 mg tablet contains Iron oxide red and 10 mg tablet contains Iron oxide Black.

**What dosage forms it comes in:**

MINT-Tadalafil comes in Yellow or Yellow-Orange film coated tablets. They are in shape of almonds and have “14”, “13”, “12” or “11” marked on one side. The active substance is tadalafil. Each tablet contains 2.5 mg, 5 mg, 10 mg and 20 mg of tadalafil.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

***Before taking MINT-TADALAFIL talk to your doctor if you:***

have or had any of the following conditions:

- Heart disease or previously had a heart attack: Sexual activity carries a possible risk to patients with heart disease because it puts extra strain on your heart. Before you start any treatment for erectile dysfunction, ask your doctor if your heart is healthy enough to handle the extra strain of having sex. If you have chest pains, dizziness or nausea during sex, stop exerting yourself and tell your doctor you have had this problem.
- Stroke.
- Low blood pressure or uncontrolled high blood pressure.
- Liver or kidney problem.
- Sickle cell anemia (an abnormality of red blood cells), multiple myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow), or leukemia (cancer of the blood cells).
- Peptic ulcer or other bleeding disorders.
- Deformation of the penis.
- Ever had severe loss of vision, including a condition called Non-Arteritic Ischemic Optic Neuropathy (NAION). The specific type of vision decrease or loss known as NAION has been reported rarely after the intake of Tadalafil or other PDE5 inhibitors. Vision decrease or loss may be partial or complete, in one or very occasionally in both eyes. While in some cases the condition may improve over time, it can also be irreversible. If you are taking MINT-TADALAFIL and experience temporary or permanent loss or change in vision, stop taking MINT-TADALAFIL and immediately call your doctor.
- Hearing problems: Sudden decrease or loss of hearing has been reported with the use of PDE5 inhibitors, including Tadalafil, although it is not known if it is due to drug or other factors.
- Lactose or milk sugar intolerance. MINT-TADALAFIL contains a small amount of lactose (about 250 mg).
- MINT-TADALAFIL does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/ AIDS.
- Long-term studies have shown that Tadalafil therapy may decrease sperm concentration in some men. The effect on fertility in men is unknown.
- MINT-TADALAFIL is not intended for use by women or by children under 18 years of age.

When MINT-TADALAFIL is used for the treatment of erectile dysfunction, diarrhea was reported more frequently in patients 65 years of age and older (2.5% of patients).

Only your doctor can decide if MINT-TADALAFIL is right for you. If you have ED, you will need to have a physical examination to diagnose your erectile dysfunction and to find out if you can take MINT-

TADALAFIL alone or with your other medicines.

## **INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION**

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicine, including the medicine you can buy without prescription and natural health products.

Drugs that may interact with MINT-TADALAFIL include:

- nitrates (see previous section)
- rifampin (an antibacterial product used against tuberculosis)
- ketoconazole or itraconazole (used against fungal infections)
- erythromycin (an antibacterial product)
- protease inhibitors such as ritonavir and saquinavir (HIV treatments)

You should not use MINT-TADALAFIL together with any other treatments for erectile dysfunction or PDE5 inhibitors for treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), such as ADCIRCA (tadalafil) or REVATIO (sildenafil).

Tell your doctor if you are taking:

- medicines to treat high blood pressure
- alpha-blockers (such as doxazosin) for the treatment of prostate problems.

The combination of these medicines with MINT-TADALAFIL may add to the blood-pressure-lowering effect of these drugs.

## **PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION**

This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

### ***How to Take MINT-Tadalafil:***

Always take MINT-TADALAFIL exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure. Do not take a higher dose than the one which your doctor prescribed for you.

MINT-TADALAFIL tablets are for oral use. Swallow the tablet whole, with some water.

You may take MINT-TADALAFIL with or without food.

Alcohol consumption may decrease the ability to attain an erection and may also temporarily decrease blood pressure.

There are two different ways of taking MINT-TADALAFIL

tablets to treat ED: a 20 mg *On-Demand* dose taken as needed, or a lower 5 mg daily dose. It may take up to up 5 days for MINT-TADALAFIL *Once-a-Day* to reach steady blood levels.

For patients with ED:

- Try sex at different times to find out what works best for you and your partner.
- MINT-TADALAFIL works only if you are sexually stimulated.
- If you don't get the results you expect — talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

**MINT-TADALAFIL for “On-Demand” Dosing:** The recommended dose is one tablet (20 mg) before sexual activity, as needed. You should NOT take more than the prescribed dose of one MINT-TADALAFIL 10 mg or 20 mg tablet per day. The 10 mg and 20 mg doses are not recommended for continuous daily use

You can engage in sexual activity within 30 minutes of taking the tablet and up to 36 hours later. The amount of time MINT-TADALAFIL takes to work varies from person to person.

**MINT-TADALAFIL for Once-a-Day Use:**

Treatment of ED: Your doctor may recommend that you take one tablet of MINT-TADALAFIL (5 mg or 2.5 mg) *Once-a-Day* every day, at approximately the same time each day, regardless of when you are planning to have sex.

**Overdose**

If you have taken more MINT-Tadalafil than you should, contact your doctor or a Poison Control Centre Immediately.

**SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

Like all medicines, MINT-TADALAFIL can have some side-effects. These effects are usually mild to moderate in nature.

The most common side effects are headache, indigestion, back pain, muscle aches, nasal congestion, facial flushing, dizziness and high blood pressure.

Uncommon side-effects: swelling of the eyelids, eye pain, conjunctival hyperemia (red eyes) and allergic reactions (including skin rashes).

Rarely, a prolonged and possibly painful erection may occur after taking MINT-TADALAFIL. **If you have such an erection which lasts continuously for more than 4 hours, you should contact a doctor immediately. If this is not treated immediately, permanent penile tissue damage**

**and erectile dysfunction may result.**

Sudden decrease or loss of vision has occurred rarely after the use of oral erectile dysfunction medications, including Tadalafil. It has not been established whether the loss of vision is related directly to the use of PDE5 inhibitors or other factors. People who have previously experienced a type of vision loss called Non-Arteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy (NAION) may be at an increased risk of reoccurrence of NAION. If you experience reduction or loss of vision in one or both eyes, stop taking MINT-Tadalafil and immediately call your doctor.

**If you take MINT-TADALAFIL and have chest pain during or after sexual activity, DO NOT use nitrates, and seek immediate medical assistance.**

If you notice any side effects not mentioned in this leaflet, please inform your doctor or pharmacist.

SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM			
Symptom / effect	Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Stop taking drug and call your doctor or pharmacist
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<u>Common:</u>			
Headache	✓		
Indigestion	✓		
Back pain	✓		
Muscle aches	✓		
Nasal congestion	✓		
Facial flushing	✓		
<u>Uncommon:</u>			
Swelling of eyelids	✓		
Eye pain	✓		
Red eyes	✓		
Dizziness	✓		
Allergic reaction		✓	
<u>Rare:</u>			
Prolonged erection			✓
Chest pain			✓
Vision loss			✓
Hearing loss			✓
Transient amnesia			✓

***This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking MINT-Tadalafil, contact your doctor or pharmacist.***

**HOW TO STORE IT**

**STORING MINT-TADALAFIL TABLETS**

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Store at controlled room temperature, 15 °C -30°C



Store in the original package.

Do not use after the expiry date stated on the carton and blister.

**REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS**

You can report any suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of health products to the Canada Vigilance Program by one of the following 3 ways:

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-Report online at [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect)

- Call toll-free at 1-866-234-2345
- Complete a Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and:
  - Fax toll-free to 1-866-678-6789, or
  - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program  
Health Canada  
Postal Locator 0701E  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels, Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and the adverse reaction reporting guidelines are available on the MedEffect™ Canada Web site at [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect)

***NOTE:** Should you require information related to the management of side effects, contact your health professional. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice*

**MORE INFORMATION**

This document plus the full product monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found by contacting Mint Pharmaceuticals Inc. at: [www.mintpharmaceuticals.com](http://www.mintpharmaceuticals.com)

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