

PRODUCT MONOGRAPH

 **FORXIGA**[®]

dapagliflozin tablets

(as dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate)

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PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY PRODUCT INFORMATION

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength	Clinically Relevant Nonmedicinal Ingredients
oral	tablet / 5 mg, 10 mg	Lactose <i>For a complete listing see DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING section.</i>

INDICATIONS AND CLINICAL USE

Monotherapy: FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) is indicated for use as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus for whom metformin is inappropriate due to contraindications or intolerance.

Add-on combination: FORXIGA is indicated in adult patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus to improve glycemic control in combination with

- metformin,
- a sulfonylurea,
- metformin and a sulfonylurea,
- sitagliptin (alone or with metformin),
- insulin (alone or with metformin),

when metformin alone or the existing therapy listed above, along with diet and exercise, do not provide adequate glycemic control (see CLINICAL TRIALS).

Geriatrics (≥ 65 years of age): FORXIGA should be used with caution in this population as a higher proportion of patients ≥ 65 years of age treated with FORXIGA had adverse reactions related to volume depletion and renal impairment or failure, compared to patients treated with placebo (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics).

Pediatrics (< 18 years of age): FORXIGA should not be used in pediatric patients. Safety and effectiveness of FORXIGA have not been established in patients under 18 years of age.

Important Limitations of Use: FORXIGA is not indicated for use in combination with pioglitazone (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

CONTRAINDICATIONS

FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) is contraindicated in:

- Patients with a history of hypersensitivity reaction to the active substance or to any of the excipients. For a complete listing, see DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING.
- Patients with moderate to severe renal impairment, defined as an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) < 60 mL/min/1.73m², end-stage renal disease [ESRD] and patients on dialysis.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Serious Warnings and Precautions

Diabetic Ketoacidosis

- Clinical trial and post-market cases of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), a serious life-threatening condition requiring urgent hospitalization, have been reported in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) treated with FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) and other sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. A number of these cases have been atypical with blood glucose values below 13.9 mmol/L (250 mg/dL) (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). Some cases of DKA have been fatal.
- Patients should be assessed for diabetic ketoacidosis immediately if non-specific symptoms such as difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, confusion, anorexia, excessive thirst and unusual fatigue or sleepiness occur, regardless of blood glucose level. If DKA is suspected or diagnosed, FORXIGA should be **discontinued immediately**.
- FORXIGA should not be used for the treatment of DKA or in patients with a history of DKA.
- FORXIGA is not indicated, and should not be used, in patients with type 1 diabetes.

Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis

Bladder cancer: An imbalance in bladder cancers was observed in clinical trials however, there are insufficient data to determine whether FORXIGA has an effect on pre-existing bladder tumors (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). Consequently, FORXIGA should not be used in patients with active bladder cancer and should be used with caution in patients with a prior history of bladder cancer.

Use in patients treated with pioglitazone: The relationship between dapagliflozin, pioglitazone and bladder cancer is uncertain. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, dapagliflozin is not indicated for use in patients concomitantly treated with pioglitazone.

Cardiovascular

Use in patients at risk for volume depletion, hypotension and/or electrolyte imbalances: Due to its mechanism of action, dapagliflozin causes diuresis that may be associated with decreases in blood pressure, which may be more pronounced in patients with high blood glucose concentrations.

Dapagliflozin is not recommended for use in patients who are volume depleted.

Patients most susceptible to adverse reactions related to reduced intravascular volume (e.g., postural dizziness, orthostatic hypotension, hypotension or renal failure) include patients with renal impairment, patients with known cardiovascular disease, patients on antihypertensive therapy (particularly on loop diuretics or medications that interfere with the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system (e.g., angiotensin-converting-enzyme [ACE] inhibitors, angiotensin receptor blockers [ARBs])), elderly patients, patients with low systolic blood pressure, or in case of intercurrent conditions that may lead to volume depletion (such as gastrointestinal illness) (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, DRUG INTERACTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Careful monitoring of volume status is recommended. Temporary interruption of FORXIGA should be considered for patients who develop volume depletion until the depletion is corrected (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Monitoring and Laboratory Tests, and ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Endocrine and Metabolism

Diabetic ketoacidosis: Clinical trial and post-market cases of DKA, a serious life-threatening condition requiring urgent hospitalization, have been reported in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with FORXIGA and other SGLT2 inhibitors. In a number of reported cases, the presentation of the condition was atypical with only moderately increased blood glucose values below 13.9 mmol/L (250 mg/dL) (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). Some cases of DKA have been fatal.

FORXIGA is not indicated, and should not be used, in patients with type 1 diabetes. The diagnosis of T2DM should therefore be confirmed before initiating FORXIGA.

DKA must be considered in the event of non-specific symptoms such as difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, confusion, anorexia, excessive thirst, and unusual fatigue

or sleepiness. **If DKA is suspected, regardless of blood glucose level, patients should discontinue FORXIGA treatment and be assessed for DKA immediately.**

Interruption of treatment with FORXIGA should be considered in T2DM patients who are hospitalized for major surgical procedures, serious infections or acute serious medical illness.

Conditions that can precipitate DKA while taking FORXIGA include a very low carbohydrate diet (as the combination may further increase ketone body production), dehydration, high alcohol consumption and a low beta-cell function reserve. These patients should be monitored closely. Caution should also be taken when reducing the insulin dose in patients requiring insulin (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Use with medications known to cause hypoglycemia: Insulin and insulin secretagogues, such as sulfonylureas, cause hypoglycemia. Therefore, a lower dose of insulin or the insulin secretagogue may be required to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia when used in combination with FORXIGA (see ADVERSE REACTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Increases in Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C): Dose-related increases in LDL-C are seen with FORXIGA treatment (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). LDL-C levels should be monitored.

Genitourinary

Genital mycotic infections: Patients, particularly those with a history of genital mycotic infections, should be advised that FORXIGA increases the risk of genital mycotic infections (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Urinary tract infections (including urosepsis and pyelonephritis): Treatment with FORXIGA increases the risk for urinary tract infections (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). There have been post-marketing reports of serious urinary tract infections, including urosepsis and pyelonephritis, requiring hospitalization in patients treated with FORXIGA.

Hematologic

Elevated hemoglobin and hematocrit: Mean hemoglobin and hematocrit increased in patients administered FORXIGA, as did the number of patients with abnormally elevated values for hemoglobin/hematocrit (see ADVERSE REACTIONS). FORXIGA should be used with caution in patients with an elevated hematocrit.

Hepatic/Biliary/Pancreatic

Elevations in hepatic transaminases have been reported in dapagliflozin treated patients in clinical trials; however a causal relationship with dapagliflozin has not been established. FORXIGA exposure is increased in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION and ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY). Use of FORXIGA is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Renal

FORXIGA increases serum creatinine and decreases eGFR in a dose dependent fashion. In clinical trials, renal function abnormalities have occurred after initiating FORXIGA.

Post-marketing cases of acute kidney injury, including acute renal failure, shortly after the initiation of FORXIGA treatment have been reported (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Cardiovascular and ADVERSE REACTIONS). Patients with hypovolemia may be more susceptible to these changes (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Renal function should be assessed prior to initiation of FORXIGA and regularly thereafter. FORXIGA should be discontinued when eGFR is $<60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$ (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, ADVERSE REACTIONS and CLINICAL TRIALS).

The efficacy of FORXIGA is dependent on renal function. FORXIGA is contraindicated in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment (estimated glomerular filtration rate [eGFR] $<60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$) or end-stage renal disease [ESRD]. In such patients FORXIGA did not improve glycemic control, and adverse reactions were more frequent (see ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Special Populations

Pregnant Women: FORXIGA must not be used in pregnancy. In the time period corresponding to second and third trimesters of pregnancy with respect to human renal maturation, maternal exposure to dapagliflozin in rat studies was associated with increased incidence and/or severity of renal pelvic and tubular dilatations in progeny (see TOXICOLOGY).

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies of FORXIGA in pregnant women. When pregnancy is detected, FORXIGA should be discontinued.

Nursing Women: FORXIGA must not be used by a nursing woman. Studies in rats have shown excretion of FORXIGA in milk. Direct and indirect exposure of FORXIGA to weanling juvenile rats and during late pregnancy are each associated with increased incidence and/or severity of renal pelvic and tubular dilatations in progeny, although the long-term functional consequences of these effects are unknown. These periods of exposure coincide with a critical window of renal maturation in rats. As functional maturation of the kidneys in humans continues in the first 2 years of life, FORXIGA-associated dilated renal pelvis and tubules noted in juvenile rats could constitute potential risk for human renal maturation during the first 2 years of life. Additionally, the negative effects on body weight gain associated with lactational exposure in weanling juvenile rats suggest that FORXIGA must be avoided during the first 2 years of life (see TOXICOLOGY).

It is not known whether FORXIGA and/or its metabolite are excreted in human milk.

Pediatrics (<18 years of age): Safety and effectiveness of FORXIGA in pediatric patients have not been established, therefore FORXIGA should not be used in this population.

Geriatrics (≥65 years of age): A total of 2403 (26%) of the 9339 treated patients were 65 years and over and 327 (3.5%) patients were 75 years and over in the pool of 21 double-blind, controlled clinical safety and efficacy studies of FORXIGA. After controlling for renal function (eGFR), there was no conclusive evidence suggesting that age is an independent factor affecting efficacy. In patients ≥65 years of age, a higher proportion of patients treated with FORXIGA had adverse events related to volume depletion and renal impairment or failure compared with placebo. The most commonly reported adverse events related to renal impairment or failure in patients ≥65 years of age in any treatment group were creatinine renal clearance decreased, renal impairment, and increased blood creatinine.

Older patients are more likely to have impaired renal function (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Monitoring and Laboratory Tests, Renal Function, and ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Monitoring and Laboratory Tests

Blood glucose and HbA1c: Response to FORXIGA treatment should be monitored by periodic measurements of blood glucose and HbA1c levels.

Due to its mechanism of action, patients taking FORXIGA will test positive for glucose in their urine (see DRUG INTERACTIONS, Drug-Laboratory Interactions).

Renal function: Renal function should be assessed prior to initiation of FORXIGA and regularly thereafter. FORXIGA is contraindicated in patients with an eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m² (see CONTRAINDICATIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Monitoring of renal function is recommended prior to and following initiation of any concomitant drug which might have an impact on renal function.

Reduced intravascular volume: FORXIGA is not recommended for use in patients who are volume depleted (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). Before initiating FORXIGA, assess volume status, particularly in patients at risk (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Cardiovascular, and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION) as well as in case of intercurrent conditions that may lead to fluid loss (such as a gastrointestinal illness) for patients already taking FORXIGA. In these patients, careful monitoring of volume status (e.g., physical examination, blood pressure measurements, laboratory tests, including hematocrit, serum electrolytes and renal function tests) is recommended. Temporary interruption of treatment with FORXIGA should be considered until fluid loss is corrected.

LDL-cholesterol: LDL-C levels should be measured at baseline and at regular intervals during treatment with FORXIGA due to dose-dependent increases in LDL-C seen with therapy.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse Drug Reaction Overview

The overall incidence of adverse events in a 12-study, short-term, placebo-controlled pool (short-term treatment) in patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg was 61.9% and 61.5%, respectively compared to 56.9% for the placebo group.

The most commonly reported adverse events during treatment with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg ($\geq 5\%$) were female genital mycotic infections, nasopharyngitis and urinary tract infections. Discontinuation of therapy due to adverse events in patients who received FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg was 2.8% and 3.2%, respectively compared to 2.5% for the placebo group. The most commonly reported events leading to discontinuation and reported in at least three (3) FORXIGA 10 mg-treated patients were renal impairment (0.8%), decrease in creatinine clearance (0.6%), increased blood creatinine (0.3%), urinary tract infections (0.2%), and vulvovaginal mycotic infection (0.1%).

A total of 10 serious adverse drug events, assessed as related by the investigator, were reported in 9 patients in the short-term, placebo-controlled pool: 2 reports from patients taking FORXIGA 5 mg daily (change of bowel habit, hypoglycemia), 2 reports from patients taking FORXIGA 10 mg daily (constipation, rotator cuff syndrome) and 6 reports from patients in the placebo group (thrombocytopenia, acute myocardial infarction, cystitis, pyelonephritis, overdose and loss of consciousness).

Clinical Trial Adverse Drug Reactions

Because clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions the adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse drug reaction information from clinical trials is useful for identifying drug-related adverse events and for approximating rates.

Three major pools of patients were used to evaluate adverse reactions with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg versus control, including two placebo-controlled study pools and a larger pool of active- and placebo-controlled studies.

Placebo-Controlled Studies for FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg: The first pool of patients was derived from 12 placebo-controlled studies ranging from 12 to 24 weeks. In 4 studies FORXIGA was used as monotherapy, and in 8 studies FORXIGA was used as add-on to background antidiabetic therapy or as combination therapy with metformin. These data reflect exposure of 2338 patients to FORXIGA with a mean exposure duration of 21 weeks. Patients received placebo (N=1393), FORXIGA 5 mg (N=1145), or FORXIGA 10 mg (N=1193) once daily.

Pool of 13 Placebo-Controlled Studies for FORXIGA 10 mg: The safety and tolerability of FORXIGA 10 mg was also evaluated in a larger placebo-controlled study pool. This pool combined 13 placebo-controlled studies, including 3 monotherapy studies, 9 add-on to

background antidiabetic therapy studies, and an initial combination with metformin study. Across these 13 studies, 2360 patients were treated once daily with FORXIGA 10 mg for a mean duration of exposure of 22 weeks.

Active- and Placebo-Controlled Studies: The third pool of patients was derived from 21 active- and placebo-controlled studies used to evaluate and present data for malignancies and liver tests. In this pool, 5936 patients were treated with FORXIGA and 3403 were treated with control (either as monotherapy or in combination with other antidiabetic therapies).

The adverse events in the 12-study placebo-controlled pooled analysis reported in $\geq 2\%$ of patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg, and occurring more frequently than in patients treated with placebo, are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 **Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 2\%$ of Patients Treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg and More Frequently than in Patients Treated with Placebo**

System organ class Preferred term	% of Patients (Pool of 12 Placebo-controlled Studies)		
	FORXIGA 5 mg N=1145	FORXIGA 10 mg N=1193	Placebo N=1393
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Constipation	2.2	1.9	1.5
Nausea	2.8	2.5	2.4
Infections and infestations			
Influenza	2.7	2.3	2.3
Nasopharyngitis	6.6	6.3	6.2
Female genital mycotic infection†	8.4	6.9	1.5
Male genital mycotic infection‡	2.8	2.7	0.3
Urinary Tract Infection§	5.7	4.3	3.7
Metabolism and nutrition disorders			
Dyslipidemia	2.1	2.5	1.5
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders			
Back pain	3.1	4.2	3.2
Pain in extremity	2.0	1.7	1.4
Renal and Urinary disorders			
Increased urination¶	2.9	3.8	1.7
Discomfort with urination	1.6	2.1	0.7

- † Genital mycotic infections include the following preferred terms, listed in order of frequency reported for females: vulvovaginal mycotic infection, vaginal infection, vulvovaginal candidiasis, vulvovaginitis, genital infection, genital candidiasis, fungal genital infection, vulvitis, genitourinary tract infection, vulval abscess, and vaginitis bacterial (N for females: FORXIGA 5 mg=581, FORXIGA 10 mg=598, Placebo=677).
- ‡ Genital mycotic infections include the following preferred terms, listed in order of frequency reported for males: balanitis, fungal genital infection, balanitis candida, genital candidiasis, genital infection male, penile infection, balanoposthitis, balanoposthitis infective, genital infection, posthitis (N for males: FORXIGA 5 mg=564, FORXIGA 10 mg=595, Placebo=716).
- § Urinary tract infections include the following preferred terms, listed in order of frequency reported: urinary tract infection, cystitis, Escherichia urinary tract infection, genitourinary tract infection, pyelonephritis, trigonitis, urethritis, kidney infection, and prostatitis.
- ¶ Increased urination includes the following preferred terms, listed in order of frequency reported: pollakiuria, polyuria, and urine output increased.

Additional adverse events in $\geq 5\%$ of patients treated with FORXIGA seen more frequently than in patients in the placebo/comparator group, and reported in at least three or more patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg are described below by treatment regimen.

Table 2 Adverse Events Reported in $\geq 5\%$ of Patients Treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg and Observed More Frequently than in Patients Treated with Placebo/Comparator and Reported in at least Three or More Patients Treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg

Treatment Regimen Adverse Event (Preferred term)	n (%) of Patients		
	FORXIGA 5 mg	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo/ Comparator
Monotherapy	N=132	N=146	N=75
Diarrhea	8 (6.1)	4 (2.7)	1 (1.3)
Upper respiratory infection	2 (1.5)	9 (6.2)	1 (1.3)
Arthralgia	8 (6.1)	7 (4.8)	1 (1.3)
Headache	12 (9.1)	13 (8.9)	5 (6.7)
Add-on to Metformin	N=137	N=135	N=137
Diarrhea	5 (3.6)	10 (7.4)	7 (5.1)
Headache	10 (7.3)	11 (8.1)	6 (4.4)
Add-on to Metformin versus Glipizide	FORXIGA (any dose) N=406		N=408
Headache	21 (5.2)		17 (4.2)

Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Drug Reactions (<2 %)¹

Gastrointestinal disorder: dry mouth.

Investigations: weight decreased.

Metabolism and nutrition disorders: dehydration, hypotension, thirst.

Renal and urinary disorders: glomerular filtration rate decreased, nocturia.

Reproductive and breast disorders: pruritus genital, vulvovaginal pruritus.

Description of Selected Adverse Reactions

Volume depletion and hypotension: Events related to volume depletion (including reports of dehydration, hypovolemia, orthostatic hypotension, or hypotension) were reported in 0.6%, 0.8% and 0.4% of patients who received FORXIGA 5 mg, FORXIGA 10 mg and placebo, respectively, in the 12-study, short-term, placebo-controlled pool. Serious events occurred in ≤0.2% of patients across the 21 active- and placebo-controlled studies and were balanced between FORXIGA 10 mg and comparator. In subgroup analyses of patients on loop diuretics or ≥65 years of age in the 13-study placebo-controlled pool, the proportions of patients with events related to volume depletion were higher in patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg than in those treated with placebo (events in patients on loop diuretics: 2.5% vs. 1.5%; events in patients ≥65 years of age: 1.7% vs. 0.8%, respectively).

Postural blood pressure measurement revealed orthostatic hypotension in 13.1% of patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg vs. 11.3% of patients treated with placebo over the 24-week treatment period. In addition, in two studies with patients with type 2 diabetes and hypertension, postural blood pressure measurement revealed orthostatic hypotension in 3.2% of FORXIGA 10 mg-treated patients vs. 1.7% of placebo-treated patients across the two studies over the 12-week treatment period.

Genital mycotic infections: Events of genital mycotic infections were reported in 5.7% (65/1145), 4.8% (57/1193) and 0.9% (12/1393) of patients who received FORXIGA 5 mg, FORXIGA 10 mg and placebo, respectively, in the 12-study, short-term, placebo-controlled pool. Infections were more frequently reported in females (8.4% [49/581], 6.9% [41/598] FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively, vs. 1.5% [10/677] placebo) than in males (2.8% [16/564], 2.7% [16/595] FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively vs. 0.3% [2/716] placebo). The most frequently reported genital infections were vulvovaginal mycotic infections in females, and balanitis in males (see Table 1).

¹ Based on medical assessment (including biological plausibility/mechanism of action) of adverse events reported in <2% of subjects in the 12-study placebo-controlled pool.

Patients who had a previous history of recurrent genital mycotic infections, were more likely to have an event of genital infection during the study than those without a history of infection (23.1%, [3/13] 25.0% [3/12] and 10.0% [1/10] versus 5.9% [60/1013], 5.0% [53/1053] and 0.8% [10/1247] on FORXIGA 5 mg, FORXIGA 10 mg and placebo, respectively).

Urinary tract infections: Events of urinary tract infections were reported in 5.7% (65/1145), 4.3% (51/1193), and 3.7% (52/1393) of patients who received FORXIGA 5 mg, FORXIGA 10 mg and placebo, respectively, in the 12-study, short term, placebo-controlled pool. Infections were more frequently reported in females (9.6% [56/581] and 7.7% [46/598] FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively, vs. 6.6% [45/677] placebo) than in males (1.6% [9/564] and 0.8% [5/595] FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg, respectively, vs. 1.0% [7/716] placebo).

In 9 of the 13 studies in the FORXIGA 10 mg placebo-controlled pool for which long-term treatment data were available (mean duration of treatment 439.5 days for FORXIGA 10 mg and 419.0 days for placebo), of the 174 patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg who experienced an infection, 135 (77.6%) had only one and 11 (6.3%) had 3 or more. Of the 121 patients treated with placebo who experienced an infection, 94 (77.7%) had only one and 12 (9.9%) had 3 or more.

In the 13-study, short-term, placebo-controlled pool, patients who had a previous history of recurrent urinary tract infection, were more likely to have an event of urinary tract infection (6.0% [26/436] of patients with history of infection treated with FORXIGA 10 mg and 5.9% [24/407] of patients with history of infection on placebo) during the study than those without a history of infection (4.4% [84/1924] on FORXIGA 10 mg and 3.0% [57/1888] on placebo).

Hypoglycemia: The frequency of hypoglycemia depended on the type of background therapy used in each study (see Table 3). Studies of FORXIGA as an add-on to sulfonylurea or as an add-on to insulin therapy had higher rates of hypoglycemia with FORXIGA treatment than with placebo treatment (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

Table 3 Incidence of Major* and Minor[†] Hypoglycemia in Placebo-Controlled Studies

	FORXIGA 5 mg	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Monotherapy (24 weeks)	N=64	N=70	N=75
Major [n (%)]	0	0	0
Minor [n (%)]	0	0	0
Add-on to Metformin (24 weeks)	N=137	N=135	N=137
Major [n (%)]	0	0	0
Minor [n (%)]	2 (1.5)	1 (0.7)	0
Active Control Add-on to Metformin vs. Glipizide (52 weeks)	-	N=406	N=408
Major [n (%)]	-	0	3 (0.7)

Table 3 Incidence of Major* and Minor† Hypoglycemia in Placebo-Controlled Studies

	FORXIGA 5 mg	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Minor [n (%)]	-	7 (1.7)	147 (36.0)
Add-on to Glimepiride (24 weeks)	N=145	N=151	N=146
Major [n (%)]	0	0	0
Minor [n (%)]	8 (5.5)	9 (6.0)	3 (2.1)
Add-on to Metformin and Sulfonyleurea (24 weeks)	-	N=109	N=109
Major [n (%)]	-	0	0
Minor [n (%)]	-	14 (12.8)	4 (3.7)
Add-on to Sitagliptin alone or with metformin (24 weeks)	-	N=225	N=226
Major [n (%)]	-	1 (0.4)	0
Minor [n (%)]	-	4 (1.8)	3 (1.3)
Add-on to Insulin with or without other OADs (24 weeks)	N=212	N=196	N=197
Major [n (%)]	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
Minor [n (%)]	92 (43.4)	79 (40.3)	67 (34.0)

* Major episodes of hypoglycemia were defined as symptomatic episodes requiring external (third party) assistance due to severe impairment in consciousness or behavior with a capillary or plasma glucose value <3 mmol/L and prompt recovery after glucose or glucagons administration.

† Minor episodes of hypoglycemia were defined as either a symptomatic episode with a capillary or plasma glucose measurement <3.5 mmol/L regardless of need for external assistance or an asymptomatic capillary or plasma glucose measurement <3.5 mmol/L which did not qualify as a major episode.

‡ OAD = oral antidiabetic therapy

Monotherapy and add-on to metformin: In studies with FORXIGA used as monotherapy, add-on to metformin, and initial combination with metformin for up to 102 weeks, there were no major episodes of hypoglycemia reported. In these studies, the frequency of minor episodes of hypoglycemia was similar (<5%) across the treatment groups, including placebo.

In an add-on to metformin study that compared FORXIGA to glipizide up to 104 weeks, there were 3 episodes (0.7%) of major hypoglycemia in patients treated with glipizide plus metformin and none in patients treated with FORXIGA plus metformin. Minor episodes of hypoglycemia were reported in 2.5% of patients treated with FORXIGA plus metformin and 42.4% of patients treated with glipizide plus metformin.

Add-on to sulfonyleureas: In a study with FORXIGA added on to glimepiride for up to 48 weeks there was one episode of major hypoglycemia reported in a patient treated with dapagliflozin 2.5 mg plus glimepiride. Minor episodes of hypoglycemia were reported in 8.3%

and 7.9% of patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg plus glimepiride, respectively, and 2.1% of patients treated with placebo plus glimepiride.

Add-on to metformin and to a sulfonylurea: In the add-on to combination study with metformin and a sulfonylurea up to 52 weeks, there were no episodes of major hypoglycemia reported. Minor episodes of hypoglycemia were reported for 15.6% of patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg plus metformin and a sulfonylurea and 4.6% of patients treated with placebo plus metformin and a sulfonylurea.

Add-on to sitagliptin alone or with metformin: In a study of FORXIGA 10 mg added on to sitagliptin (with or without metformin) for up to 48 weeks, one major episode of hypoglycemia was reported in a patient treated with FORXIGA 10 mg plus sitagliptin (without metformin). Minor episodes of hypoglycemia were reported in 2.2% and 1.3% of patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg or placebo added on to sitagliptin (with or without metformin), respectively.

Add-on to insulin: At Week 104, major episodes of hypoglycemia were reported in 1.4%, 1.0% and 0.5% of patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg or placebo added on to insulin, respectively. Minor episodes were reported in 52.8%, 53.1% and 41.6% of patients treated with FORXIGA 5 mg or 10 mg or placebo added on to insulin, respectively. In two additional studies that also included a large proportion of patients who received insulin as background therapy (alone or with one or more oral antidiabetic treatments) (see CLINICAL TRIALS), the rate of minor episodes of hypoglycemia was also increased in patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg compared with those treated with placebo.

Bladder cancer: Across 22 clinical studies, newly diagnosed cases of bladder cancer were reported in 10/6045 patients (0.17%) treated with FORXIGA and 1/3512 patient (0.03%) treated with placebo/comparator. After excluding patients in whom exposure to study drug was less than one year at the time of diagnosis of bladder cancer, there were 4 cases with FORXIGA and no cases with placebo/comparator. Bladder cancer risk factors (e.g., smoking, age) and hematuria (a potential indicator of pre-existing tumors) were balanced between treatment arms at baseline. There were too few cases to determine whether the emergence of these events is related to FORXIGA.

Cardiovascular safety: A meta-analysis of cardiovascular events across placebo-controlled studies was performed. The number of subjects per treatment was 4016 for dapagliflozin 5/10 mg and 2776 for placebo. Cardiovascular events were adjudicated by an independent adjudication committee. The primary endpoint was the time to first event of the following outcomes: cardiovascular death, stroke, myocardial infarction, and hospitalization for unstable angina. Primary events occurred at a rate of 1.86% per 100 patient-years in patients treated with FORXIGA 5/10 mg/day and 2.41% in placebo-treated patients, per 100 patient-years. The hazard ratio comparing FORXIGA to placebo was 0.77 (95% confidence interval; 0.55, 1.07). Therefore, there was no evidence of an increase in the primary endpoint with FORXIGA 5 mg/10 mg relative to placebo.

Patients with renal impairment: Safety was also assessed in a dedicated study of diabetic patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR 30 to 60 mL/min/1.73m²). At Week 52, FORXIGA was associated with changes from baseline in mean eGFR (eGFR: FORXIGA 5 mg: -2.08 mL/min/1.73m², FORXIGA 10 mg -4.46 mL/min/1.73m² and placebo -2.58 mL/min/1.73m²). At Week 104, these changes persisted (eGFR: FORXIGA 5 mg -1.71 mL/min/1.73m², FORXIGA 10 mg -3.50 mL/min/1.73m² and placebo -2.38 mL/min/1.73 m²). With FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg, these eGFR reductions were evident at Week 1 while placebo treated patients had a slow continuous decline through Week 104. At Week 52 and persisting through Week 104, greater increases in mean PTH and serum phosphorus were observed in this study with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg compared to placebo, where baseline values of these analytes were higher.

Overall, there were 13 patients with an adverse event of bone fracture reported in this study up to Week 104 of which 8 occurred in the FORXIGA 10 mg group, 5 occurred in the FORXIGA 5 mg group, and none occurred in the placebo group. Eight (8) of these 13 fractures were in patients who had eGFR 30 to 45 mL/min/1.73m² and 11 of the 13 fractures were reported within the first 52 weeks.

Diabetic ketoacidosis: Cases of DKA, a serious life-threatening condition requiring urgent hospitalization, have been reported in patients with type 2 diabetes treated with FORXIGA and other SGLT2 inhibitors. Some cases of DKA have been fatal. FORXIGA is not indicated, and should not be used, in patients with type 1 diabetes. In some cases, the presentation of the condition was atypical, with blood glucose values only moderately elevated (<13.9 mmol/L (250 mg/dL) (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, Endocrine and Metabolism).

Abnormal Hematologic and Clinical Chemistry Findings

Increases in serum creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN) and decreased eGFR: In the pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies, in FORXIGA-treated patients, mean eGFR decreased by Week 1 and then increased toward eGFR baseline values over time to Week 24.

Changes from baseline in serum creatinine were consistent with changes in eGFR. Mean serum creatinine levels increased at Week 1 and decreased toward baseline at Week 24. There were small increases in BUN. Mean BUN levels increased at Week 1 and values remained stable through Weeks 24 and 102.

Table 4 Mean Changes from Baseline for Serum Creatinine and eGFR at Week 1 and Week 24

Study Week/ Treatment Group	Week 1*		Week 24*	
	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Serum creatinine, µmol/L (mg/dL)				
Mean Changes from	-3.62	-0.71	1.68	0.71

Baseline	(-0.041) N=1112	(-0.008) N=1057	(0.019) N=1954	(0.008) N=1844
eGFR, mL/min/1.73m²				
Mean Changes from Baseline	-4.174 N=1102	0.490 N=1048	-1.446 N=1954	-0.665 N=1844

*Pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies

Increases in hemoglobin/hematocrit: In the pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies, increases from baseline in mean hemoglobin values were observed and increases from baseline in mean hematocrit values were observed in FORXIGA-treated patients starting at Week 1 and continuing up to Week 16, when the maximum mean difference from baseline was observed. The mean changes from baseline in hemoglobin and hematocrit at Weeks 24 and 102 are presented below.

Table 5 Mean Changes from Baseline for Hemoglobin and Hematocrit at Week 24 and Week 102

Study Week/ Treatment Group	Week 24*		Week 102**	
	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Hemoglobin, g/L (g/dL)				
Mean Changes from Baseline	6.21 (0.621) N=1934	- 1.38 (-0.138) N=1828	7.0 (0.70) N=621	-2.1 (-0.21) N=515
Hematocrit, %				
Mean Changes from Baseline	2.30 N=1908	-0.33 N=1796	2.68 N=616	-0.46 N=510

*Pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies

**Pool of 9 placebo-controlled studies

By Week 24, hematocrit values >55% were reported in 1.3% of FORXIGA 10 mg-treated patients vs. 0.4% of placebo-treated patients. Results were similar during the short-term plus long-term phase (the majority of patients were exposed to treatment for more than one year).

Increases in serum inorganic phosphorus: In the pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies, increases from baseline in mean serum phosphorus levels were reported at Week 24 in FORXIGA 10 mg-treated patients compared with placebo-treated patients. Similar results were seen at Week 102 (see below). Higher proportions of patients with marked laboratory abnormalities of hyperphosphatemia were reported in FORXIGA 10 mg group vs. placebo at Week 24 and during the short-term plus long-term phase. The clinical relevance of these findings is unknown.

Table 6 Mean Changes from Baseline for Serum Inorganic Phosphorus and Proportion of Patients with Hyperphosphatemia at Week 24 and Week 102

Study Week/ Treatment Group	Week 24*		Week 102**	
	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Serum Inorganic Phosphorus, $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (mg/dL)				
Mean Changes from Baseline	42.0 (0.13) N=1954	-12.9 (-0.04) N=1844	38.7 (0.12) N=627	6.5 (0.02) N=522
Hyperphosphatemia[†]				
Proportion of Patients	1.7% N=1178	0.7% N=1381	3.0% N=2001	1.6% N=1940

*Pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies

**Pool of 9 placebo-controlled studies

[†] Defined as ≥ 1.81 mmol/L (≥ 5.6 mg/dL) if age 17 - 65 or ≥ 1.65 mmol/L (≥ 5.1 mg/dL) if $\geq$ age 66

Lipids: In the pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies, increases from baseline were noted in levels of total cholesterol, LDL- and HDL-cholesterol, and decreases from baseline were noted for triglycerides at Week 24 and Week 102 in FORXIGA 10 mg-treated patients compared with placebo-treated patients (see below).

Table 7 Mean Changes from Baseline for Lipid Parameters at Week 24 and Week 102

Study Week/ Treatment Group	Week 24*		Week 102**	
	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo	FORXIGA 10 mg	Placebo
Mean Percent Changes from Baseline				
Total Cholesterol	2.5% N=1851	0.0% N=1747	2.1% N=550	-1.5% N=446
HDL-cholesterol	6.0% N=1851	2.7% N=1748	6.6% N=549	2.1% N=447
LDL-cholesterol	2.9% N=1840	-1.0% N=1736	2.9% N=542	-2.2% N=442
Triglycerides	-2.7% N=1844	-0.7% N=1736	-1.8% N=545	-1.8% N=444

*Pool of 13 placebo-controlled studies

**Pool of 9 placebo-controlled studies

The ratio between LDL-cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol decreased for both treatment groups at Week 24 and at Week 102.

Post-Market Adverse Drug Reactions

Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is generally not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Genitourinary: severe urinary tract infections; urosepsis and pyelonephritis

Metabolism: diabetic ketoacidosis

Renal and urinary disorders: acute kidney injury, including acute renal failure

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders: rash (including rash generalized, rash pruritic, rash macular, rash macular-papular, rash pustular and rash vesicular)

DRUG INTERACTIONS

Overview

In vitro assessment of interactions

The metabolism of dapagliflozin is primarily mediated by UGT1A9-dependent glucuronide conjugation. The major metabolite, dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide, is not an SGLT2 inhibitor.

In *in vitro* studies, dapagliflozin and dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide neither inhibited CYP 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 3A4, nor induced CYP1A2, 2B6 or 3A4. Dapagliflozin is a weak substrate of the P-glycoprotein (P-gp) active transporter and dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide is a substrate for the OAT3 active transporter. Dapagliflozin or dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide did not meaningfully inhibit P-gp, OCT2, OAT1, or OAT3 active transporters. Overall, dapagliflozin is unlikely to affect the pharmacokinetics of concurrently administered medications that are P-gp, OCT2, OAT1, or OAT3 substrates.

Drug-Drug Interactions

Pharmacokinetic interactions

Effect of other drugs on dapagliflozin: In studies conducted in healthy subjects, the pharmacokinetics of dapagliflozin were not altered by the coadministered drugs (see Table 8).

Table 8 Effects of Coadministered Drugs on Dapagliflozin Systemic Exposure

Coadministered Drug (Dose Regimen)*	Dapagliflozin (Dose Regimen)*	Effect on Dapagliflozin Exposure Ratio of Adjusted Geometric Means (90% CI)		Clinical Comment
		C _{max}	AUC [†]	
Oral Antidiabetic Agents				
Metformin (1000 mg)	20 mg	0.932 (0.848, 1.024)	0.995 (0.945, 1.053)	No dosing adjustment required

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Coadministered Drug (Dose Regimen)*	Dapagliflozin (Dose Regimen)*	Effect on Dapagliflozin Exposure Ratio of Adjusted Geometric Means (90% CI)		Clinical Comment
		C _{max}	AUC [†]	
Pioglitazone (45 mg)	50 mg	1.09 (1.00, 1.18)	1.03 (0.98, 1.08)	NA ^{††}
Sitagliptin (100 mg)	20 mg	0.958 (0.875, 1.049)	1.081 (1.031, 1.133)	No dosing adjustment required
Glimepiride (4 mg)	20 mg	1.006 (0.921, 1.097)	0.989 (0.958, 1.020)	No dosing adjustment required
Voglibose (0.2 mg three times daily)	10 mg	1.040 (0.899, 1.204)	1.009 (0.954, 1.067)	No dosing adjustment required
Other Medications				
Hydrochlorothiazide (25 mg)	50 mg	NC	1.07 (1.04, 1.11)	No dosing adjustment required
Bumetanide (1 mg)	10 mg once daily for 7 – 14 days	1.080 (0.953, 1.222)	1.047 (0.991, 1.106)	No dosing adjustment required
Valsartan (320 mg)	20 mg	0.881 (0.796, 0.975)	1.024 (1.000, 1.049)	No dosing adjustment required
Simvastatin (40 mg)	20 mg	0.978 (0.887, 1.078)	0.986 (0.957, 1.017)	No dosing adjustment required
Mefenamic acid (250 mg every 6 hours)	10 mg	1.13 (1.03, 1.24)	1.51 (1.44, 1.58)	No dosing adjustment required
Anti-infective Agent				
Rifampin (600 mg once daily for 6 days)**	10 mg	0.931 (0.779, 1.112)	0.780 (0.731, 0.832)	No dosing adjustment required

* Single dose unless otherwise noted.

NC No apparent change, ratio and 90% CI were not calculated.

[†] AUC = AUC(INF) for drugs given as single dose and AUC = AUC(TAU) for drugs given in multiple doses.

** The mean amount of glucose excreted in the urine over 24 h following administration of dapagliflozin alone (51 g) was not markedly affected by rifampin coadministration (45 g).

†† Pioglitazone is not indicated for coadministration with dapagliflozin.

Effect of dapagliflozin on other drugs: In studies conducted in healthy subjects, as described below, dapagliflozin did not alter the pharmacokinetics of the coadministered drugs (see Table 9).

Table 9 Effects of Dapagliflozin on the Systemic Exposures of Coadministered Drugs

Coadministered Drug (Dose Regimen)*	Dapagliflozin (Dose Regimen)*	Effect on Coadministered Drug Exposure Ratio of Adjusted Geometric Means (90% CI)		Clinical Comment
		Cmax	AUC [†]	
Oral Antidiabetic Agents				
Metformin (1000 mg)	20 mg	0.953 (0.866, 1.049)	1.001 (0.933, 1.075)	No dosing adjustment required
Pioglitazone (45 mg)	50 mg	0.93 (0.75, 1.15)	1.00 (0.90, 1.13)	NA ^{††}
Sitagliptin (100 mg)	20 mg	0.887 (0.807, 0.974)	1.012 (0.985, 1.040)	No dosing adjustment required
Glimepiride (4 mg)	20 mg	1.043 (0.905, 1.201)	1.132 (0.996, 1.287)	No dosing adjustment required
Other Medications				
Hydrochlorothiazide (25 mg)	50 mg	NC	0.99 (0.95, 1.04)	No dosing adjustment required
Bumetanide (1 mg)**	10 mg once daily for 7 days	1.132 (0.979, 1.310)	1.132 (0.985, 1.302)	No dosing adjustment required
Valsartan (320 mg)	20 mg	0.938 (0.762, 1.156)	1.046 (0.850, 1.286)	No dosing adjustment required
Simvastatin (40 mg)	20 mg	0.936 (0.816, 1.073)	1.193 (1.018, 1.399)	No dosing adjustment required
Digoxin (0.25 mg)	20 mg loading dose then 10 mg once daily for 7 days	0.990 (0.843, 1.162)	1.002 (0.860, 1.167)	No dosing adjustment required

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Coadministered Drug (Dose Regimen)*	Dapagliflozin (Dose Regimen)*	Effect on Coadministered Drug Exposure Ratio of Adjusted Geometric Means (90% CI)		Clinical Comment
		C _{max}	AUC [†]	
Warfarin (25 mg)***	20 mg loading dose then 10 mg once daily for 7 days	S-warfarin		No dosing adjustment required
		1.030 (0.994, 1.124)	1.068 (1.002, 1.138)	
		R-warfarin		
		1.057 (0.977, 1.145)	1.079 (1.030, 1.130)	

* Single dose unless otherwise noted.

NC No apparent change, ratio and 90% CI were not calculated.

† AUC = AUC(INF) for drugs given as single dose and AUC = AUC(TAU) for drugs given in multiple doses.

** Coadministration of dapagliflozin did not meaningfully alter the steady-state pharmacodynamic responses (urinary sodium excretion, urine volume) to bumetanide in healthy subjects.

*** Dapagliflozin also did not affect the anticoagulant activity of warfarin as measured by the prothrombin time (International Normalized Ratio; [INR]).

†† Pioglitazone is not indicated for coadministration with dapagliflozin.

Pharmacodynamic interactions

Diuretics: FORXIGA may add to the diuretic effect of loop diuretics and may increase the risk of dehydration and hypotension. Caution is recommended when FORXIGA is co-administered with diuretics; particularly loop diuretics (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION).

Drug-Food Interactions

Interactions with food have not been studied (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Dosing Considerations).

Drug-Herb Interactions

The effects of herbal products on the pharmacokinetics of dapagliflozin have not been studied.

Drug-Laboratory Interactions

Due to its mechanism of action, patients taking FORXIGA will test positive for glucose in their urine. Monitoring glycemic control with 1,5-AG assay is not recommended as

measurements of 1,5AG are unreliable in assessing glycemic control in patients taking SGLT2 inhibitors. Use alternative methods to monitor glycemic control.

Drug-Lifestyle Interactions

The effects of smoking, diet, and alcohol use on the pharmacokinetics of dapagliflozin have not been specifically studied.

No studies on the effects on the ability to drive and use machines have been performed. However, patients should be alerted to the elevated risk of adverse reactions related to reduced intravascular volume, such as postural dizziness, and to the risk of hypoglycemia when FORXIGA is used as add-on therapy with insulin or an insulin secretagogue.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Dosing Considerations

Concomitant use with insulin or an insulin secretagogue (e.g. sulfonylurea): When FORXIGA is used as add-on therapy with insulin or an insulin secretagogue (e.g. sulfonylurea), a lower dose of insulin or the insulin secretagogue may be considered to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS and ADVERSE REACTIONS).

Diuretics: FORXIGA should be used with caution in patients taking diuretics, particularly loop diuretics, due to the increased risk of adverse events due to volume depletion during coadministration.

Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

The recommended starting dose of FORXIGA is 5 mg taken once daily at anytime of the day with or without food. In patients tolerating FORXIGA 5 mg once daily and who require additional glycemic control, the dose can be increased to 10 mg daily.

In patients with evidence of volume depletion, this condition should be corrected prior to initiation of FORXIGA (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

Renal impairment: The efficacy of FORXIGA is dependent on renal function. Assessment of renal function is recommended prior to initiation of FORXIGA therapy and periodically thereafter. No dosage adjustment for FORXIGA is indicated in patients with mild renal impairment ($\text{eGFR} \geq 60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$).

FORXIGA should be discontinued when eGFR is $<60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$ (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, ADVERSE REACTIONS and CLINICAL TRIALS).

FORXIGA is contraindicated in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment (defined as $\text{eGFR} <60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$) or ESRD (see CONTRAINDICATIONS).

Hepatic impairment: No dosage adjustment for FORXIGA is necessary for patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment. FORXIGA exposure is increased in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics). Therefore, FORXIGA is not recommended for use in this population.

Pediatrics (<18 years of age): Safety and effectiveness of FORXIGA in pediatric and adolescent patients have not been established. Therefore, FORXIGA should not be used in this population.

Geriatrics (≥65 years of age): No dosage adjustment for FORXIGA is required based on age; however renal function and risk of volume depletion should be taken into account (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

Missed Dose

If a dose of FORXIGA is missed, it should be taken as soon as the patient remembers. A double dose of FORXIGA should not be taken on the same day.

OVERDOSAGE

It is reasonable to employ supportive measures, as dictated by the patient's clinical status. The removal of dapagliflozin by hemodialysis has not been studied.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional Poison Control Centre.

ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Mechanism of Action

Dapagliflozin is a reversible inhibitor of sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) that improves glycemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus by reducing renal glucose reabsorption leading to urinary excretion of excess glucose (glucuresis).

SGLT2 is selectively expressed in the kidney. SGLT2 is the predominant transporter responsible for reabsorption of glucose from the glomerular filtrate back into the circulation. Dapagliflozin improves both fasting and post-prandial plasma glucose levels by reducing renal glucose reabsorption leading to urinary excretion of excess glucose. The amount of glucose removed by the kidney through this mechanism is dependent upon the blood glucose concentration and GFR. Dapagliflozin does not impair normal endogenous glucose production in response to hypoglycemia. Dapagliflozin acts independently of insulin secretion and insulin action.

Urinary glucose excretion (glucuresis) induced by dapagliflozin is associated with caloric loss and reduction in weight. Inhibition of glucose and sodium co-transport by dapagliflozin is also associated with mild diuresis and transient natriuresis.

Dapagliflozin does not inhibit other glucose transporters important for glucose transport into peripheral tissues and is greater than 1400 times more selective for SGLT2 vs. SGLT1, the major transporter in the gut responsible for glucose absorption.

Pharmacodynamics

Increases in the amount of glucose excreted in the urine were observed in healthy subjects and in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus following the administration of dapagliflozin. Approximately 70 g of glucose was excreted in the urine per day (corresponding to 280 kcal/day) at a dapagliflozin dose of 10 mg/day in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus for 12 weeks. This glucose elimination rate approached the maximum glucose excretion observed at 20 mg/day of dapagliflozin. Evidence of sustained glucose excretion was seen in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus given dapagliflozin 10 mg/day for up to 2 years.

This urinary glucose excretion with dapagliflozin also results in osmotic diuresis and increases in urinary volume. Urinary volume increases in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus treated with FORXIGA 10 mg were sustained at 12 weeks and amounted to approximately 375 mL/day. The increase in urinary volume was associated with a small and transient increase in urinary sodium excretion that was not associated with changes in serum sodium concentrations.

Urinary uric acid excretion was also increased transiently (for 3-7 days) and accompanied by a reduction in serum uric acid concentration. At 24 weeks, reductions in serum uric acid concentrations ranged from 18.3 to 48.3 $\mu\text{mol/L}$ (0.33 mg/dL to 0.87 mg/dL).

Cardiac electrophysiology: In a double-blind, randomized, placebo- and positive-controlled crossover study, single oral doses of dapagliflozin 20 mg and 150 mg were not associated with clinically or statistically significant effects on the QTc interval, the QRS duration, the PR interval, or heart rate in healthy subjects (n=36).

Pharmacokinetics

Absorption: Dapagliflozin was rapidly and well absorbed after oral administration and can be administered with or without food. Geometric mean steady-state dapagliflozin C_{max} and AUC_τ values following once daily 10 mg doses of dapagliflozin were 158 ng/mL and 628 ng.h/mL, respectively. Maximum dapagliflozin plasma concentrations (C_{max}) were usually attained within 2 hours after administration in the fasted state. The C_{max} and AUC values increased proportionally to the increment in dapagliflozin dose. The absolute oral bioavailability of dapagliflozin following the administration of a 10 mg dose is 78%. Food had relatively modest effects on the pharmacokinetics of dapagliflozin in healthy subjects. Administration with a high-fat meal decreased dapagliflozin C_{max} by up to 50% and prolonged T_{max} by approximately 1 hour, but did not alter AUC as compared with the fasted state. These changes are not considered to be clinically meaningful.

Distribution: Dapagliflozin is approximately 91% protein bound. Protein binding was not altered in various disease states (e.g. renal or hepatic impairment).

Metabolism: Dapagliflozin is a C-linked glucoside, meaning the aglycone component is attached to glucose by a carbon-carbon bond, thereby conferring stability against glucosidase enzymes. The mean plasma terminal half-life ($t_{1/2}$) for dapagliflozin was 12.9 hours following a single oral dose of FORXIGA 10 mg to healthy subjects. Dapagliflozin is extensively metabolized, primarily to yield dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide, which is an inactive metabolite. Dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide accounted for 61% of a 50 mg [^{14}C]-dapagliflozin dose and was the predominant drug-related component in human plasma, accounting for 42% (based on $\text{AUC}_{[0-12 \text{ h}]}$) of total plasma radioactivity, similar to the 39% contribution by parent drug. Based on AUC, no other metabolite accounted for >5% of the total plasma radioactivity at any time point measured. Dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide or other metabolites do not contribute to the glucose-lowering effects. The formation of dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide is mediated by UGT1A9, an enzyme present in the liver and kidney, and CYP-mediated metabolism was a minor clearance pathway in humans.

Excretion: Dapagliflozin and related metabolites are primarily eliminated via urinary excretion, of which less than 2% is unchanged dapagliflozin. After administration of 50 mg [^{14}C]-dapagliflozin dose, 96% was recovered, 75% in urine and 21% in feces. In feces, approximately 15% of the dose was excreted as parent drug.

Special Populations and Conditions

Pediatrics (<18 years of age): Pharmacokinetics in the pediatric and adolescent population have not been studied.

Age: No dosage adjustment for dapagliflozin is recommended on the basis of age. The effect of age (young: ≥ 18 to <40 years [$n=105$] and elderly: ≥ 65 years [$n=224$]) was evaluated as a covariate in a population pharmacokinetic model and compared to patients ≥ 40 to <65 years using data from healthy subject and patient studies). The mean dapagliflozin systemic exposure (AUC) in young patients was estimated to be 10.4% lower than in the reference group (90% CI: 87.9, 92.2%) and 25% higher in elderly patients compared to the reference group (90% CI: 123, 129%). These differences in systemic exposure were considered not to be clinically meaningful.

Gender: No dosage adjustment is recommended for dapagliflozin on the basis of gender. Gender was evaluated as a covariate in a population pharmacokinetic model using data from healthy subject and patient studies. The mean dapagliflozin AUCss in females ($n=619$) was estimated to be 22% higher than in males ($n=634$) (90% CI: 117, 124).

Race: No dosage adjustment is recommended on the basis of race. Race (white, black or Asian) was evaluated as a covariate in a population pharmacokinetic model using data from healthy subject and patient studies. Differences in systemic exposures between these races were small. Compared to whites ($n=1147$), Asian subjects ($n=47$) had no difference in estimated mean dapagliflozin systemic exposures (90% CI range 3.7% lower, 1% higher). Compared to whites, black subjects ($n=43$) had 4.9% lower estimated mean dapagliflozin systemic exposures (90% CI range 7.7% lower, 3.7% lower).

Body weight: No dose adjustment is recommended on the basis of weight. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis using data from healthy subject and patient studies, systemic exposures in high body weight subjects (≥ 120 kg, $n=91$) were estimated to be 78.3% (90% CI: 78.2, 83.2%) of those of reference subjects with body weight between 75 and 100 kg. No dose adjustment from the proposed dose of 10 mg dapagliflozin once daily in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients with high body weight (≥ 120 kg) is recommended. Subjects with low body weights (< 50 kg) were not well represented in the healthy subject and patient studies used in the population pharmacokinetic analysis. Therefore, dapagliflozin systemic exposures were simulated with a large number of subjects. The simulated mean dapagliflozin systemic exposures in low body weight subjects were estimated to be 29% higher than subjects with the reference group body weight. Based on these findings no dose adjustment from the proposed dose of 10 mg dapagliflozin once daily in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients with low body weight (< 50 kg) is recommended.

Renal impairment: FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) is contraindicated in patients with moderate to severe renal impairment ($\text{eGFR} < 60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$). FORXIGA should be discontinued when eGFR is $< 60 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$ (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS and DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION). At steady-state (20 mg once-daily dapagliflozin for 7 days), patients with type 2 diabetes and mild, moderate or severe renal impairment (as determined by iothexol clearance) had mean systemic exposures of dapagliflozin that were 32%, 60% and 87% higher, respectively, than those of patients with type 2 diabetes and normal renal function. Higher systemic exposures to dapagliflozin in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and renal impairment did not result in a correspondingly higher renal glucose clearance or total cumulative glucose excretion. The renal glucose clearance and 24-hour glucose excretion were lower in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment as compared to patients with normal and mild renal impairment. The steady-state 24-hour urinary glucose excretion was highly dependent on renal function and 85, 52, 18 and 11 g of glucose/day was excreted by patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and normal renal function or mild, moderate or severe renal impairment, respectively. There were no differences in the protein binding of dapagliflozin between renal impairment groups or compared to healthy subjects. The impact of hemodialysis on dapagliflozin exposure is not known.

Hepatic impairment: A single dose (10 mg) dapagliflozin clinical pharmacology study was conducted in patients with mild, moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh classes A, B, and C, respectively) and healthy matched controls. There were no differences in the protein binding of dapagliflozin between patients with hepatic impairment compared to healthy subjects. In patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment mean C_{max} and AUC of dapagliflozin were up to 12% and 36% higher, respectively, compared to healthy matched control subjects. No dose adjustment from the proposed usual dose of dapagliflozin is proposed for these populations. In patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh class C) mean C_{max} and AUC of dapagliflozin were up to 40% and 67% higher than matched healthy controls, respectively.

STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store at room temperature (15-30°C).

SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Store in a safe place and out of the reach of children.

DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Dosage Forms and Packaging

FORXIGA 5 mg tablets are yellow, biconvex, round, film coated tablets with “5” engraved on one side and “1427” engraved on the other side.

FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) 10 mg tablets are yellow, biconvex, diamond, film coated tablets with “10” engraved on one side and “1428” engraved on the other side.

The 5 mg and 10 mg tablets are provided in blisters in cartons of 30.

Information for the patient is provided as a package insert in the FORXIGA packages.

Composition

FORXIGA is available as a film-coated tablet for oral administration containing the equivalent of 5 mg or 10 mg dapagliflozin as dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate.

Each film-coated tablet of FORXIGA also contains the following inactive ingredients: anhydrous lactose, crospovidone, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, silicon dioxide. In addition, the film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol, talc and yellow iron oxide.

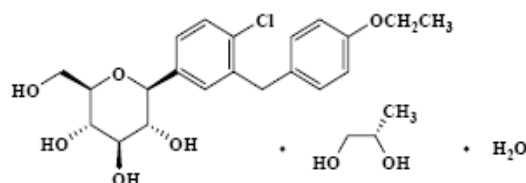
PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

Drug Substance

Common Name:	dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate
Chemical Name:	D-glucitol, 1,5-anhydro-1-C-[4-chloro-3-[(4-ethoxyphenyl)methyl]phenyl]-, (1S)-,compd. with (2S)-1,2-propanediol, hydrate (1:1:1)
Molecular Formula and Molecular Mass:	$C_{21}H_{25}ClO_6 \cdot C_3H_8O_2 \cdot H_2O$ 502.98; 408.87 (dapagliflozin)

Structural Formula:



Physicochemical Properties:

Dapagliflozin propanediol is a white to off-white non-hygroscopic crystalline powder. It is slightly soluble in water, soluble in acetonitrile and freely soluble in acetone, ethanol, isopropanol, methanol and tetrahydrofuran.

CLINICAL TRIALS

FORXIGA (dapagliflozin) was studied as monotherapy and in combination with other antidiabetic medications, including metformin, glimepiride, or insulin. FORXIGA was also studied in patients with type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease and in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment.

Treatment with FORXIGA as monotherapy and in combination with metformin, glimepiride, or insulin produced clinically relevant and statistically significant improvements in mean change from baseline at Week 24 in HbA1c, fasting plasma glucose (FPG), and 2-hour post-prandial glucose (PPG) (where measured), compared to placebo or control. The estimated, placebo-adjusted, HbA1c reduction across trials and doses ranged from 0.40% to 0.84%. These glycemic effects were sustained in long-term extensions up to 104 weeks. HbA1c reductions were seen across subgroups including gender, age, race, duration of disease, and baseline BMI. In addition, patients treated with FORXIGA compared to placebo or control achieved greater HbA1c reductions in patients with a baseline HbA1c $\geq 9\%$.

Study demographics and trial design

Table 10 Summary of patient demographics for clinical trials in specific indication

Study #	Trial design	Dosage, route of administration and duration	N per group/ N treated with dapagliflozin/ Total	Mean age	Gender (% M/F)
Monotherapy					
1 ⁴	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	<u>Group 1:</u> dapagliflozin 2.5, 5 or 10 mg, QAM or QPM, vs. placebo Oral, 24 weeks + 78 weeks	64 - 76/ 410/ 485 (ST)	52.6	47/53
		<u>Group 2:</u> dapagliflozin 5 or 10 mg, QAM Oral, 24 weeks + 78 weeks	34, 39/ 73/ 73 (ST)	48.1	64/36
Add-on Combination Therapy with Metformin					
2 ¹	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	4 groups: dapagliflozin 2.5, 5, or 10 mg or placebo Background therapy: metformin ≥ 1500 mg/day Oral, 24 weeks + 78 weeks	135 - 137/ 409/ 546 (ST)	53.9	53/47

Study #	Trial design	Dosage, route of administration and duration	N per group/ N treated with dapagliflozin/ Total	Mean age	Gender (% M/F)
3 ⁶	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, active-controlled	2 groups: dapagliflozin titrated dose of 2.5, 5, or 10 mg or glipizide titrated dose of 5, 10, or 20 mg Background therapy: metformin ≥ 1500 mg Oral, 52 weeks + 52 weeks + 52 weeks	406 - 408/ 406/ 814 (ST)	58.4	55/45
Add-on Combination Therapy with a Sulfonylurea					
4 ⁷	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	4 groups: dapagliflozin 2.5, 5, or 10 mg or placebo Background therapy: glimepiride 4 mg/day Oral, 24 weeks + 24 weeks	146 - 154/ 450/ 596 (ST)	59.8	48/52
Add-on Combination Therapy with Metformin and a Sulfonylurea					
5	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	2 groups: dapagliflozin 10 mg or placebo Background therapy: metformin ≥ 1500 mg and a sulfonylurea (at maximum tolerated dose and $\geq 50\%$ of maximum recommended dose) Oral, 24 weeks + 28 weeks	109/ 109/ 218 (ST)	61.0	49/51
Add-on Combination Therapy with Sitagliptin Alone or with Metformin					
6 ⁵	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	2 groups: dapagliflozin 10 mg or placebo Background therapy: Sitagliptin 100 mg/day (+/- metformin ≥ 1500 mg) Oral, 24 weeks + 24 weeks	225 - 226/ 225/ 451 (ST)	55.0	55/45
Add-on Combination Therapy with Insulin					
7 ⁹	Multicentre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	4 groups: dapagliflozin 2.5, 5, or 10 mg or placebo Background therapy: insulin ≥ 30 IU/day $\pm$ maximum 2 OAD In LT, forced titration of dapagliflozin 5 mg to 10 mg Oral, 24 weeks + 24 weeks + 56 weeks	196 - 212/ 610/ 807 (ST)	59.3	48/52

LT = long-term; OAD = Oral anti-diabetic drug; QAM = once in the morning; QPM = once in the evening; ST = short-term

Study results

Monotherapy (Study 1)

The efficacy and safety of FORXIGA as monotherapy was evaluated in a double-blind, placebo-controlled study of 24 weeks duration in treatment-naïve patients. Following a 2-week diet and exercise placebo lead-in period, 485 patients with HbA1c $\geq 7\%$ and $\leq 10\%$ were randomized to dapagliflozin 2.5 mg, FORXIGA 5 mg, or 10 mg once daily in either the morning (QAM, main cohort) or evening (QPM), or placebo in the morning only.

As shown in Table 11, statistically significant reductions ($p < 0.001$) in HbA1c and FPG relative to placebo were observed with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg QAM at Week 24 which were sustained long term. Overall, the PM administration of FORXIGA had a comparable safety and efficacy profile to FORXIGA administered in the AM.

Table 11 Results at Week 24 (LOCF*) in a Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA Monotherapy in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes (Main Cohort AM Doses)

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 5 mg N=64 [†]	FORXIGA 10 mg N=70 [†]	Placebo N=75 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
Baseline (mean)	7.83	8.01	7.79
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.77	-0.89	-0.23
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.54 [§] (-0.84, -0.24)	-0.66 [§] (-0.96, -0.36)	
Patients (%) achieving HbA1c <7% adjusted for baseline	44.2 [¶]	50.8 [¶]	31.6
FPG (mmol/L)			
Baseline (mean)	8.7	9.3	8.9
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.3	-1.6	-0.2
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.1 [§] (-1.7, -0.5)	-1.4 [§] (-2.0, -0.8)	
Body Weight (kg)			
Baseline (mean)	87.17	94.13	88.77
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-2.83	-3.16	-2.19
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.65 (-1.90, 0.61)	-0.97 (-2.20, 0.25)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

[†] All randomized patients who took at least one dose of double-blind study medication during the short-term double-blind period.

[‡] Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

[§] p-value <0.001 vs. placebo.

¶ Not evaluated for statistical significance as a result of the sequential testing procedure for the secondary endpoints

Combination Therapy

Add-On Therapy with Metformin (Study 2)

A 24-week double-blind, placebo-controlled study was conducted to evaluate FORXIGA in combination with metformin in patients with type 2 diabetes with inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7\%$ and $\leq 10\%$). Patients on metformin at a dose of at least 1500 mg per day were randomized after completing a 2-week single-blind placebo lead-in period. Following the lead-in period, eligible patients were randomized to dapagliflozin 2.5 mg, FORXIGA 5 mg, or 10 mg, or placebo in addition to their current dose of metformin.

As shown in Table 12, statistically significant ($p < 0.0001$) reductions in HbA1c, FPG and body weight relative to placebo were observed with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg at Week 24 which were sustained long term.

Table 12 Results of a 24-Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Add-On Combination with Metformin

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 5 mg + Metformin N=137 [†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Metformin N=135 [†]	Placebo + Metformin N=137 [†]
HbA1c (%)			
Baseline mean	8.17	7.92	8.11
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.70	-0.84	-0.30
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.41 [§] (-0.61, -0.21)	-0.54 [§] (-0.74, -0.34)	
Patients (%) achieving HbA1c <7% adjusted for baseline	37.5 [¶]	40.6 [¶]	25.9
FPG (mmol/L)			
Baseline mean	9.4	8.7	9.2
Change from baseline at week 24 (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.2	-1.3	-0.3
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.9 [§] (-1.3, -0.5)	-1.0 [§] (-1.4, -0.6)	
Body Weight (kg)			
Baseline mean	84.73	86.28	87.74
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-3.04	-2.86	-0.89
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-2.16 [§] (-2.81, -1.50)	-1.97 [§] (-2.63, -1.31)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

- † All randomized patients who took at least one dose of double-blind study medication during the short-term double-blind period.
- ‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.
- § p-value <0.0001 vs. placebo + metformin.
- ¶ p-value <0.05 vs. placebo + metformin.

Add-On Therapy with Metformin – Active-Controlled Study versus Glipizide (Study 3)

Patients with type 2 diabetes with inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c >6.5% and ≤10%) were randomized in a 52-week, double-blind, glipizide-controlled non-inferiority study to evaluate FORXIGA as add-on therapy to metformin. Patients on metformin at a dose of at least 1500 mg per day were randomized following a 2-week placebo lead-in period to glipizide or dapagliflozin (5 mg or 2.5 mg, respectively) and were up-titrated over 18 weeks to optimal glycemic effect (FPG <110 mg/dL, <6.1 mmol/L) or to the highest dose level (up to glipizide 20 mg and FORXIGA 10 mg) as tolerated by patients. Thereafter, doses were kept constant, except for down-titration to prevent hypoglycemia.

At the end of the titration period, 87% of patients treated with FORXIGA had been titrated to the maximum study dose (10 mg), versus 73% treated with glipizide (20 mg). As shown in Table 13, treatment with FORXIGA provided similar reductions in HbA1c from baseline compared to glipizide (with the upper bound of the 95% confidence interval around the between-group difference less than the pre-specified non-inferiority margin of 0.35%). Statistically significant (p<0.0001) reductions in body weight were observed with FORXIGA compared to glipizide.

Table 13 Results at Week 52 (LOCF*) in an Active-Controlled Study comparing FORXIGA to Glipizide as Add-on to Metformin

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA + Metformin N=400[†]	Glipizide + Metformin N=401[†]
HbA1c (%)		
Baseline (mean)	7.69	7.74
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.52	-0.52
Difference from Glipizide+Metformin (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	0.00 [¶] (-0.11, 0.11)	
Body Weight (kg)		
Baseline (mean)	88.44	87.60
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-3.22	1.44
Difference from Glipizide+Metformin (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-4.65 [§] (-5.14, -4.17)	

* LOCF: last observation carried forward.

† Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

§ p-value <0.0001.

[¶] non-inferior to glipizide + metformin.

Add-On Therapy with a Sulfonylurea (Study 4)

Patients with type 2 diabetes and inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7\%$ and $\leq 10\%$) were randomized in a 24-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate FORXIGA in combination with glimepiride (a sulfonylurea). Patients on at least half the maximum recommended dose of a glimepiride as monotherapy (4 mg) for at least 8 weeks lead-in were randomized to dapagliflozin 2.5 mg, FORXIGA 5 mg, or 10 mg or placebo in addition to glimepiride 4 mg per day. Down-titration of glimepiride to 2 mg or 0 mg was allowed for hypoglycemia during the treatment period; no up-titration of glimepiride was allowed.

As shown in Table 14, treatment with FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg in combination with glimepiride provided significant reductions in HbA1c, FPG, 2-hour PPG, and body weight relative to placebo plus glimepiride at Week 24 which were sustained long term.

Table 14 Results of 24 Week (LOCF^{*}) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Combination with a Sulfonylurea (Glimepiride)

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 5 mg + Glimepiride N=142[†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Glimepiride N=151[†]	Placebo + Glimepiride N=145[†]
HbA1c (%)			
Baseline mean	8.12	8.07	8.15
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.63	-0.82	-0.13
Difference from placebo + glimepiride (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.49 [§] (-0.67, -0.32)	-0.68 [§] (-0.86, -0.51)	
Patients (%) achieving HbA1c <7% adjusted for baseline	30.3 [§]	31.7 [§]	13.0
FPG (mmol/L)			
Baseline mean	9.7	9.6	9.6
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.2	-1.6	-0.1
Difference from placebo + glimepiride (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.1 [§] (-1.5, -0.7)	-1.5 [§] (-1.9, -1.1)	
2-hour PPG[¶] (mmol/L)			
Baseline (mean)	17.9	18.3	18.0
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-3.0	-3.4	-0.6
Difference from placebo + glimepiride (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-2.4 [§] (-3.2, -1.5)	-2.7 [§] (-3.6, -1.9)	
Body Weight (kg)			
Baseline mean	81.00	80.56	80.94
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.56	-2.26	-0.72

Table 14 Results of 24 Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Combination with a Sulfonylurea (Glimepiride)

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 5 mg + Glimepiride N=142 [†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Glimepiride N=151 [†]	Placebo + Glimepiride N=145 [†]
Difference from placebo + glimepiride (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.84 ^{§§} (-1.47, -0.21)	-1.54 [§] (-2.17, -0.92)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

† Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

§ p-value <0.0001 versus placebo.

§§ p-value 0.0091 versus placebo.

¶ 2-hour PPG level as a response to a 75 g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT).

Add-On Therapy with Metformin and a Sulfonylurea (Study 5)

Patients with type 2 diabetes and inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7\%$ and $\leq 10.5\%$) participated in a 24-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate FORXIGA in combination with metformin and a sulfonylurea. Patients on a stable dose of metformin (immediate- or extended-release formulations) ≥ 1500 mg/day plus maximum tolerated dose, which must be at least half maximum dose, of a sulfonylurea for at least 8 weeks prior to enrolment were randomized after an 8-week placebo lead-in period to FORXIGA 10 mg or placebo. Dose-titration of FORXIGA or metformin was not permitted during the 24-week treatment period. Down-titration of sulfonylurea was permitted to prevent hypoglycemia during the treatment period; no up-titration of sulfonylurea was allowed.

As shown in Table 15, treatment with FORXIGA 10 mg in combination with metformin and a sulfonylurea provided significant reductions in HbA1c, FPG and body weight relative to placebo at Week 24 which were sustained long term. At Week 8, statistically significant changes from baseline in systolic blood pressure (SBP, mmHg) of -4.0, and -0.3 were observed for FORXIGA 10 mg, and placebo, respectively ($p < 0.05$).

Table 15 Results of 24-Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Combination with Metformin and Sulfonylurea

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 10 mg + Metformin + Sulphonylurea N=108 [†]	Placebo + Metformin + Sulphonylurea N=108 [†]
HbA1c (%)		
Baseline mean	8.08	8.24
Change from baseline (adjusted mean ^{‡,‡‡})	-0.86	-0.17
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean ^{‡,‡‡}) (95% CI)	-0.69 [§] (-0.89, -0.49)	

Table 15 Results of 24-Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Combination with Metformin and Sulphonylurea

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 10 mg + Metformin + Sulphonylurea N=108[†]	Placebo + Metformin + Sulphonylurea N=108[†]
Patients (%) achieving HbA1c <7% adjusted for baseline	31.8 [§]	11.1
FPG (mmol/L)		
Baseline mean	9.3	10.0
Change from baseline at Week 24 (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.9	-0.04
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.86 [§] (-2.4, -1.3)	
Body Weight (kg)		
Baseline mean	88.57	90.07
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-2.65	-0.58
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-2.07 [§] (-2.79, -1.35)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

† Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value based on ANCOVA model.

‡‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value based on a longitudinal repeated measures model

§ p-value <0.0001 versus placebo.

Add-On Combination Therapy with Sitagliptin Alone or in Combination with Metformin (Study 6)

A total of 452 patients with type 2 diabetes who were drug naive, or who were treated at entry with metformin or sitagliptin alone or in combination, and had inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7.0\%$ and $\leq 10.0\%$ at randomization), participated in a 24-week, placebo-controlled study with a 24-week extension.

Patients were stratified based on background metformin use (≥ 1500 mg/day) and within each stratum were randomized to either FORXIGA 10 mg plus sitagliptin 100 mg once daily or placebo plus sitagliptin 100 mg once daily. Endpoints were tested for FORXIGA 10 mg versus placebo for the total study group (sitagliptin with and without metformin) and for each stratum (sitagliptin alone or sitagliptin with metformin).

As shown in Table 16, statistically significant ($p < 0.0001$) reductions in HbA1c, FPG and body weight relative to placebo were observed with FORXIGA 10 mg treatment for the total study group (sitagliptin with and without metformin) and for each stratum (sitagliptin alone or sitagliptin with metformin) at Week 24.

Table 16 Results of a 24-Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Add-On Combination with Sitagliptin with or without Metformin (Full Analysis Set and Strata without or with Metformin)

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 10 mg + Sitagliptin + or -Met N=223[†]	Placebo + Sitagliptin + or -Met N=224[†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Sitagliptin N=110[†]	Placebo + Sitagliptin N=111[†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Sitagliptin +Met N=113[†]	Placebo + Sitagliptin +Met N=113[†]
HbA1c (%)	N=223	N=223	N=110	N=110	N=113	N=113
Baseline (mean)	7.90	7.97	7.99	8.07	7.80	7.87
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.45	0.04	-0.47	0.10	-0.43	-0.02
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.48 [§] (-0.62, -0.34)		-0.56 [§] (-0.79, -0.34)		-0.40 [§] (-0.58, -0.23)	
FPG (mmol/L)	N=222	N=222	N=110	N=110	N=112	N=112
Baseline (mean)	8.97	9.05	8.73	8.96	9.21	9.14
Change from baseline at Week 24 (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.34	0.21	-1.22	0.26	-1.45	0.17
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.55 [§] (-1.91, -1.19)		-1.47 [§] (-2.01, -0.94)		-1.62 [§] (-2.11, -1.13)	
Body Weight (kg)	N=223	N=224	N=110	N=111	N=113	N=113
Baseline (mean)	91.02	89.23	88.01	84.20	93.95	94.17
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-2.14	-0.26	-1.91	-0.06	-2.35	-0.47
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.89 [§] (-2.37, -1.40)		-1.85 [§] (-2.47, -1.23)		-1.87 [§] (-2.61, -1.13)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

[†] Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

[‡] Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

[§] p-value <0.0001 versus placebo.

Add-On Therapy with Insulin (Study 7)

Patients with type 2 diabetes who had inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7.5\%$ and $\leq 10.5\%$) were randomized in a 24-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to evaluate FORXIGA as add-on therapy to insulin. Patients on a stable insulin regimen, with a mean dose of at least 30 IU of injectable insulin per day, for a period of at least 8 weeks prior and on a maximum of two oral antidiabetic medications (OADs) were randomized after completing a 2-week enrolment period to receive dapagliflozin 2.5 mg, FORXIGA 5 mg, or 10 mg, or placebo in addition to their current dose of insulin and other OADs, if applicable. Patients

were stratified according to the presence or absence of background OADs. Up- or down-titration of insulin was only permitted during the treatment phase in patients who failed to meet specific glycemic goals. Subjects on metformin were to be on ≥ 1500 mg/day.

In this study, 50% (N=392) of patients were on insulin monotherapy at baseline, while 50% were on 1 or 2 OADs in addition to insulin. Of the latter, 80% (N=319) were on a background of insulin and metformin dual therapy. An inadequate number of patients on other OAD combinations were included for evaluative purposes; therefore, use with OAD combinations other than metformin alone is not indicated. In the overall patient sample 48% of patients were taking sliding scale and basal insulin, 35% were taking sliding scale insulin alone and 17% were taking basal insulin. Approximately 88% of patients completed up to Week 24. At Week 24, FORXIGA 5 mg and 10 mg doses provided significant improvement in HbA1c and mean insulin dose, and a significant reduction in body weight compared with placebo (Table 17); the effect of FORXIGA on HbA1c was similar in patients in both strata.

Table 17 Results of 24 Week (LOCF*) Placebo-Controlled Study of FORXIGA in Combination with Insulin with or without up to 2 Oral Antidiabetic Therapies^{§§}

Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 5 mg + Insulin N=211[†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Insulin N=194[†]	Placebo + Insulin N=193[†]
HbA1c (%)			
Baseline mean	8.61	8.58	8.46
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.82	-0.90	-0.30
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.52 [§] (-0.66, -0.38)	-0.60 [§] (-0.74, -0.45)	
FPG (mmol/L)			
Baseline mean	10.3	9.6	9.4
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-1.0	-1.2	0.2
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.2 (-1.7, -0.7)	-1.4 [§] (-1.9, -0.9)	
Body Weight (kg)			
Baseline mean	93.20	94.63	94.21
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.98	-1.67	0.02
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-1.00 [§] (-1.50, -0.50)	-1.68 [§] (-2.19, -1.18)	

* LOCF: last observation (prior to rescue for rescued patients) carried forward.

[†] Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

[‡] Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

[§] p-value <0.0001 versus placebo.

^{§§} Use with oral antidiabetic combinations other than metformin alone is not indicated.

Other

Use in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Renal Impairment

Mild renal impairment (eGFR ≥ 60 to < 90 mL/min/1.73m²): Efficacy was assessed in a pooled analysis across 9 clinical studies consisting of 2226 patients with mild renal impairment. The mean change from baseline in HbA1c and the placebo-corrected mean HbA1c reduction at 24 weeks was -1.03% and -0.54%, respectively for FORXIGA 5 mg (n=545) and -1.03% and -0.54%, respectively for FORXIGA 10 mg (n=562). The safety profile in patients with mild renal impairment is similar to that in the overall population.

Moderate renal impairment (eGFR ≥ 30 to < 60 mL/min/1.73m²): Efficacy in patients with moderate renal impairment was assessed in a pooled analysis across 9 clinical studies (366 patients, 87% with eGFR ≥ 45 to < 60 mL/min/1.73m²). The mean change from baseline in HbA1c and the placebo-corrected mean HbA1c reduction at 24 weeks was -0.71% and -0.23%, respectively, for FORXIGA 5 mg (n=102) and -0.87% and -0.39%, respectively, for FORXIGA 10 mg (n=85).

The efficacy of FORXIGA was also assessed in a study of diabetic patients with moderate renal impairment (252 patients with mean eGFR 45 mL/min/1.73m²). Treatment with FORXIGA was not associated with clinically relevant or statistically significant improvements in HbA1c compared with placebo in the overall study population at week 24. Similar results were seen at week 104. The mean change from baseline in HbA1c and the placebo-corrected mean HbA1c reduction at 24 weeks was -0.41% and -0.08%, respectively, for FORXIGA 5 mg (n=83) and -0.44% and -0.11%, respectively, for FORXIGA 10 mg (n=82). An additional analysis by eGFR subgroups (eGFR ≥ 45 and eGFR < 60 mL/min/1.73m²) in this study was conducted at week 24. In patients with baseline eGFR ≥ 45 to < 60 mL/min/1.73m², the mean change from baseline in HbA1c and the placebo-corrected mean HbA1c reduction at 24 weeks was -0.47% and -0.37%, respectively, for FORXIGA 5 mg (n=35) and -0.44% and -0.33%, respectively, for FORXIGA 10 mg (n=32). In patients with eGFR ≥ 30 to < 45 mL/min/1.73m² in this study, the mean change from baseline in HbA1c and the placebo-corrected mean HbA1c change at 24 weeks was -0.47% and 0.05%, respectively, for FORXIGA 5 mg (n=41) and -0.45% and 0.07%, respectively, for FORXIGA 10 mg (n=45). These results are consistent with the mechanism of action of FORXIGA which is dependent on renal function (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

Use in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD)

In two 24-week, placebo-controlled studies with 80-week extension periods, a total of 1876 patients with type 2 diabetes and CVD were randomized and treated with FORXIGA 10 mg (N=935) or placebo (N=941).

Patients had established CVD and inadequate glycemic control (HbA1c $\geq 7.0\%$ and $\leq 10.0\%$), despite stable treatment with OADs and/or insulin. Ninety-six percent of patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg had hypertension at entry, and the most common qualifying cardiovascular events were coronary heart disease (76%) or stroke (20%). Approximately 19% of patients received loop diuretics during the studies and 14% had congestive heart failure (1% had NYHA Class III). Approximately 37% of patients received metformin plus one additional

OAD (sulfonylurea, thiazolidinedione, DPP4-inhibitor, or other OAD with or without insulin at entry), 38% received insulin plus at least one OAD, and 18% received insulin alone. For both studies, at Week 24 treatment with FORXIGA 10 mg provided significant improvement in HbA1c compared with placebo (Table 18). Significant reductions in total body weight and seated systolic blood pressure were also seen in patients treated with FORXIGA 10 mg compared with placebo. For both studies, reductions in HbA1c and body weight were generally maintained at Week 52 and Week 104.

Table 18 Results at Week 24 (LOCF^{*}) in Two Placebo-Controlled Studies Comparing FORXIGA to Placebo in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease

	Study 8 (D1690C00018)		Study 9 (D1690C00019)	
Efficacy Parameter	FORXIGA 10 mg + Usual Treatment N=455[†]	Placebo + Usual Treatment N=459[†]	FORXIGA 10 mg + Usual Treatment N=480[†]	Placebo + Usual Treatment N=482[†]
HbA1c (%)				
Baseline mean	8.18	8.08	8.04	8.07
Change from baseline (adjusted mean [‡])	-0.38	0.08	-0.33	0.07
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean [‡]) (95% CI)	-0.46 [§] (-0.56, -0.37)		-0.40 [§] (-0.50, -0.30)	
Body Weight (kg)				
Baseline mean	92.63	93.59	94.53	93.22
Change from baseline (adjusted percent [‡])	-2.56	-0.30	-2.53	-0.61
Difference from placebo (adjusted percent [‡]) (95% CI)	-2.27 [§] (-2.64, -1.89)		-1.93 [§] (-2.31, -1.54)	

* LOCF: last observation carried forward.

† Randomized and treated patients with baseline and at least 1 post-baseline efficacy measurement.

‡ Least squares mean adjusted for baseline value.

§ p-value <0.0001.

Blood Pressure

At Week 24 across 11 clinical studies, treatment with FORXIGA 10 mg decreased the placebo-corrected systolic blood pressure an average of -1.3 to -5.3 mmHg from baseline in all of the monotherapy and placebo-controlled add-on combination therapy studies.

Bone Mineral Density and Body Composition in Type 2 Diabetic Patients²

A 24-week study (n=182) found a greater reduction in total body weight from baseline to Week 24 in patients taking FORXIGA 10 mg plus metformin (-2.96 kg), versus placebo plus metformin (-0.88 kg), with a significant interaction for gender [greater weight loss for males (-2.76 kg) than females (-1.22 kg)]. The reduction in total body fat mass from baseline to Week 24 was -2.22 kg for FORXIGA and -0.74 kg for placebo with a reduction in percentage total body fat mass from baseline to Week 24 in the dapagliflozin group of 1%, whereas there was little change in the placebo group, as evaluated by dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA).

In an extension of this study to week 102 there was no change in bone mineral density for the lumbar spine, femoral neck, or total hip seen in either treatment group (mean decrease from baseline for all anatomical regions <0.5%).

DETAILED PHARMACOLOGY

The sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) is selectively expressed in the kidney³ and is responsible for the majority of reabsorption of filtered glucose at that site. Dapagliflozin *in vitro* is a potent, competitive and reversible inhibitor of SGLT2. The K_i (inhibition constant) value for human SGLT2 is 0.2 nM with selectivity vs. human SGLT1 of >3000-fold. Dapagliflozin is also highly selective for SGLT2 vs. the facilitative glucose transporters GLUT1, GLUT2 and GLUT4. The major human metabolite of dapagliflozin, dapagliflozin 3-O-glucuronide, is 2500-fold less active at SGLT2 and is not expected to have pharmacologic activity at clinical relevant doses. Oral administration of dapagliflozin to normal and diabetic animal models increases the excretion of glucose in the urine and increases urine volume. In diabetic animal models, dapagliflozin lowers plasma glucose and demonstrates positive effects on insulin sensitivity and preservation of beta-cell function.

TOXICOLOGY

Acute and repeat-dose toxicity

Dapagliflozin demonstrated low acute toxicity. The minimum lethal doses of dapagliflozin following single oral administration were 750 mg/kg in rats and 3000 mg/kg in mice.

Dapagliflozin was well tolerated when given orally to rats for up to 6 months at doses of ≤ 25 mg/kg/day (up to 340 $\times$ the human exposures (AUC) at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 10 mg/day resulting in AUC 0.465 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{h}/\text{mL}$, and in dogs for up to 12 months at doses of ≤ 120 mg/kg/day (up to 3300 $\times$ the MRHD). In rats, renal lesions (mainly cortical tubular dilatation, medullary tubular dilatation, degeneration, necrosis, mineralization, and reactive hyperplasia, and exacerbation of chronic progressive nephropathy), increased trabecular bone, and tissue mineralization (associated with increased serum calcium), were observed at high-exposure multiples ($\geq 2100\times$ the MRHD). Despite achieving exposure

multiples of $\geq 3200\times$ the human exposure at the MRHD, there was no dose-limiting or target organ toxicities identified in the 12-month dog study.

Carcinogenicity

Dapagliflozin did not induce tumors in either mice or rats at any of the doses evaluated in two-year carcinogenicity studies. Oral doses in mice consisted of 5, 15, and 40 mg/kg/day in males and 2, 10, and 20 mg/kg/day in females, and oral doses in rats were 0.5, 2, and 10 mg/kg/day for both males and females. The highest doses evaluated in mice were equivalent to AUC exposure multiples of approximately $72\times$ (males) and $105\times$ (females) the human AUC at the MRHD. In rats, AUC exposures were approximately $131\times$ (males) and $186\times$ (females) the human AUC at the MRHD.

Mutagenesis

Dapagliflozin was negative in the Ames mutagenicity assay, and was positive in *in vitro* clastogenicity assays but only in the presence of S9 activation and at concentrations ≥ 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. Dapagliflozin was negative for clastogenicity *in vivo* in a series of studies evaluating micronuclei or DNA repair in rats at exposure multiples $>2100\times$ the human exposure at the MRHD. These studies, along with the absence of tumor findings in the rat and mouse carcinogenicity studies, support that dapagliflozin does not represent a genotoxic risk to humans.

Reproduction

In a study of fertility and early embryonic development in rats, dapagliflozin had no effects on mating, fertility, or early embryonic development in treated males or females at exposure multiples up to $998\times$ and $1708\times$ the MHRD in males and females, respectively.

Development

In a juvenile toxicity study, when dapagliflozin was dosed directly to young rats from postnatal day (PND) 21 until PND 90 at doses of 1, 15, or 75 mg/kg/day, increased kidney weights and renal pelvic and tubular dilatations were reported at all dose levels; pup exposures at the lowest dose tested were $\geq 15\times$ the MRHD. The renal pelvic and tubular dilatations observed in juvenile animals did not fully reverse within the approximate 1-month recovery period.

In a pre- and postnatal development study, maternal rats were dosed from gestation day (GD) 6 through lactation day 21 at 1, 15, or 75 mg/kg/day, and pups were indirectly exposed *in utero* and throughout lactation. Increased incidence or severity of renal pelvic dilatation was observed in adult offspring of treated dams, at 75 mg/kg/day (maternal and pup dapagliflozin exposures were $1415\times$ and $137\times$, respectively, the human values at the MHRD). Dose-related reductions in pup body weights were observed at doses ≥ 15 mg/kg/day (pup exposures were $\geq 29\times$ the human values at the MRHD). Maternal toxicity was evident only at 75 mg/kg/day, and limited to transient reductions in body weight and food consumption at dose initiation.

The no-adverse-effect level (NOAEL) for developmental toxicity was 1 mg/kg/day (maternal exposure was 19× the human value at the MRHD).

In embryo-fetal development studies in rats and rabbits, dapagliflozin was administered for intervals coinciding with the major periods of organogenesis in each species. Neither maternal nor developmental toxicities were observed in rabbits up to the highest dose of 180 mg/kg/day (184× the MRHD). In rats, dapagliflozin was not teratogenic at doses up to 75 mg/kg/day (1441× the MRHD). Doses ≥ 150 mg/kg/day ($\geq 2344\times$ the MRHD) were associated with both maternal and developmental toxicities. Developmental toxicity consisted of reduced fetal body weights, increased embryo-fetal lethality, and increased incidences of fetal malformations and skeletal variations. Malformations included great vessel malformations, fused ribs and vertebral centra, and duplicated manubria and sternal centra. Variations were primarily reduced ossifications.

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PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

Pr **FORXIGA**[®]
dapagliflozin tablets
(as dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate)

Read this carefully before you start taking FORXIGA and each time you get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about this drug. Talk to your healthcare professional about your medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about FORXIGA.

ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

WHAT THE MEDICATION IS USED FOR:

FORXIGA is used along with diet and exercise to improve blood sugar levels in adults with type 2 diabetes. FORXIGA can be used:

- alone, if you cannot take metformin,
- with metformin,
- with a sulfonyleurea,
- with metformin and a sulfonyleurea,
- with sitagliptin (with or without metformin),
- with insulin (with or without metformin).

WHAT IT DOES:

FORXIGA removes excess sugar from the body through the urine.

WHEN IT SHOULD NOT BE USED:

Do not take FORXIGA if you:

- are allergic to dapagliflozin or any of the nonmedicinal ingredients listed below.
- have type 1 diabetes (a disease in which your body does not produce any insulin).
- have diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA, a complication of diabetes) or a history of DKA.
- have moderate to severe kidney problems or you are on dialysis.
- have severe liver disease.
- have bladder cancer.
- take pioglitazone, a drug to reduce the amount of sugar in the blood.
- are pregnant or planning to become pregnant; it is not known if FORXIGA will harm your unborn baby. Talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed; it is not known if FORXIGA will pass into your breast milk. Talk to your doctor if you would like to breast-feed.

WHAT THE MEDICINAL INGREDIENT IS:

Dapagliflozin (as dapagliflozin propanediol monohydrate).

WHAT THE NONMEDICINAL INGREDIENTS ARE:

Anhydrous lactose, croscopovidone, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, silicon dioxide. In addition, the film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol, talc, titanium dioxide and yellow iron oxide.

WHAT DOSAGE FORMS IT COMES IN:

Tablets 5 mg and 10 mg.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Serious Warnings and Precautions

- Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), is a serious and life-threatening condition that requires urgent hospitalization. DKA has been reported in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) with normal or high blood sugar levels who are treated with FORXIGA and other sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. Some cases of DKA have led to death.
- Seek medical attention right away and **stop taking FORXIGA immediately** if you have any of the following symptoms (even if your blood sugar levels are normal): difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, loss of appetite, confusion, feeling very thirsty, feeling unusually tired, a sweet smell to the breath, a sweet or metallic taste in the mouth, or a different odour to urine or sweat.

Do not use FORXIGA if you have:

- DKA or a history of DKA
- type 1 diabetes.

BEFORE you use FORXIGA talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you:

- have type 1 diabetes (your body does not produce any insulin). FORXIGA should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes.
- have an increased chance of developing DKA, including if you:
 - are dehydrated or suffer from excessive vomiting, diarrhea, or sweating;
 - are on a very low carbohydrate diet;
 - drink a lot of alcohol;
 - have/have had problems with your pancreas, including pancreatitis or surgery on your pancreas;
 - are hospitalized for major surgery, serious infection or serious medical illness;
 - have a history of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA).
- are older than 65 years of age
- have or have had any kidney problems
- have or have had any cases of liver disease
- have heart disease or low blood pressure

- are taking a medicine for high blood pressure or taking a water pill (used to remove excess water from the body)
- are taking medicines to lower your blood sugar such as glyburide, glimepiride or glipizide (sulfonylureas) or insulin. Taking FORXIGA with any of these medicines can increase the risk of having low blood sugar (hypoglycemia)
- have a history of bladder cancer
- have intolerance to some milk sugars. FORXIGA tablets contain lactose
- often get urinary tract infections

FORXIGA is not recommended for use in patients under 18 years of age.

FORXIGA will cause your urine to test positive for sugar (glucose).

FORXIGA may cause changes in the amount of cholesterol or fats in your blood.

FORXIGA increases the chance of getting a yeast infection of the penis or vagina. This is more likely in people who have had yeast infections in the past.

FORXIGA may cause abnormal kidney function. Your doctor will do blood tests to monitor how well your kidneys are working while you are taking FORXIGA.

Driving and using machines: FORXIGA may cause dizziness or lightheadedness. Do not drive or use machines until you know how the medicine affects you.

INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION

Talk to your healthcare professional about all the medicines you take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.

Drugs that may interact with FORXIGA include:

- medicines you take for diabetes, especially sulfonylurea medications or insulin. Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) may occur if you already take another medication to treat diabetes. Discuss with doctor how much of each medicine to take.

PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION

Follow the directions given to you by your doctor.

Take FORXIGA:

- once a day
- at any time of the day
- by mouth
- with or without food

Swallow whole. Do not cut or divide tablets.

USUAL ADULT DOSE:

Recommended adult starting dose: one 5 mg tablet a day. Your doctor may increase your dose to one 10 mg tablet, if needed to further control your blood sugar level.

OVERDOSE:

In case of drug overdose, contact a health care practitioner, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose of FORXIGA, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take a double dose.

SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking FORXIGA. If you experience any side effects not listed here, contact your healthcare professional. Please also see Warnings and Precautions.

Side effects may include:

- sore throat
- influenza
- constipation
- diarrhea
- nausea
- back pain
- pain in the arms, legs, hands or feet
- headache
- rash

If any of these affects you severely, tell your doctor or pharmacist.

FORXIGA can cause abnormal blood test results. Your doctor will decide when to perform blood tests. They may check kidney function, blood fat levels (Low Density Lipoprotein cholesterol or LDL-C) and amount of red blood cells in your blood (hematocrit).

Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA) is a serious medical condition normally seen at high blood sugar levels; however, it has also been seen at near normal blood sugar levels. Get medical help right away if you have any of the symptoms in the table below under DKA, even if your blood sugar levels are normal.

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM				
Frequency / Symptom / effect		Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Get immediate medical help
		Only if severe	In all cases	
Common	Urinary tract infection: pain, difficulty or increased need to urinate		X	
	Yeast infection of vagina: severe itching, burning, soreness, irritation, and a whitish or whitish-gray cottage cheese-like discharge	X		
	Yeast infection of penis: red, swollen, itchy, head of penis; thick, lumpy discharge under foreskin; unpleasant odour; difficulty retracting foreskin; pain passing urine or during sex	X		
Uncommon	Volume depletion (loss of needed fluids from the body; dehydration): dry or sticky mouth, headache, dizziness or urinating less often than normal		X	
	Low blood pressure: dizziness, fainting, lightheadedness; may occur when you go from lying to sitting to standing up		X	

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM				
Frequency / Symptom / effect		Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Get immediate medical help
		Only if severe	In all cases	
Uncommon	Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia): shaking, sweating, rapid heartbeat, change in vision, hunger, headache and change in mood		X	
Rare	Diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA): difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, loss of appetite, confusion, feeling very thirsty, feeling unusual tiredness, a sweet smell to the breath, a sweet or metallic taste in the mouth, or a different odour to urine or sweat			X
	Kidney problems: any change in the amount, frequency or colour (pale or dark) of urine		X	
Very rare	Acute kidney infection: painful, urgent or frequent urination, lower back (flank) pain, fever or chills, cloudy or foul smelling urine, blood in your urine			X

SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

Frequency / Symptom / effect		Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Get immediate medical help
		Only if severe	In all cases	
Very rare	Severe infection that spreads from urinary tract throughout body (sepsis): fever or low body temperature, chills, rapid breathing, rapid heartbeat, pain with urination, difficulty urinating, frequent urination			X

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

REPORTING SIDE EFFECTS

You can help improve the safe use of health products for Canadians by reporting serious and unexpected side effects to Health Canada. Your report may help to identify new side effects and change the product safety information.

3 ways to report:

- Online at MedEffect (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/index-eng.php>);
- By calling 1-866-234-2345 (toll-free);
- By completing a Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form and sending it by:
 - Fax to 1-866-678-6789 (toll-free), or
 - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program
Health Canada
Postal Locator 0701E
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels and the Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form are available at MedEffect (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/medeff/index-eng.php>).

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

HOW TO STORE IT

Store at room temperature (15-30 °C).

Keep FORXIGA well out of reach of children.

MORE INFORMATION

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