Genacaft

Alcaftadine 0.25% Sterile eye drops

Presentation

Genacaft: Each ml sterile eye drops contains Alcaftadine INN 2.5 mg. *Preservative:* Sodium Perborate 0.01%

Pharmacological Action

Alcaftadine is a H_1 histamine receptor antagonist and inhibitor of the release of histamine from mast cells. Decreased chemo taxis and inhibition of eosinophil activation has also been demonstrated.

Indications

Alcaftadine is a H₁ histamine receptor antagonist indicated for the prevention of itching associated with allergic conjunctivitis.

Dosage and Application

Instill one drop in each eye once daily.

Contraindications

None.

Side Effects

The most common ocular adverse reactions occurring in < 4% of Alcaftadine -treated eyes were eye irritation, burning and/or stinging on instillation, eye redness and eye pruritus. The most common non-ocular adverse reactions, occurring in <3% of subjects with Alcaftadine treated eyes, were nasopharyngitis, headache and influenza.

Precautions

Patients should be advised not to wear a contact lens if their eye is red. Alcaftadine should not be used to treat contact lens related irritation. Alcaftadine should not be instilled while wearing contact lenses. Remove contact lenses prior to instillation of Alcaftadine.

Drug Interactions

Currently, there are no known drug interactions with alcaftadine.

Use in Pregnancy and Lactation

Pregnancy Category B

It is not known whether this drug is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when Alcaftadine is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 2 years have not been established.

Storage Conditions

Store in a cool and dry place away from light. Keep out of reach of children.Do not touch the dropper tip to surface since this may contaminate the solution. After one month of the opening do not use the medicine of dropper.

Commercial Pack

Genacaft: Each plastic dropper bottle containing 5 ml sterile eye drops.



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