Dalteparin Sodium *(BAN, USAN, rINN)*

Daltepariininatrium; Dalteparin sodná sůl; Dalteparin Sodyum; Dalteparina sódica; Daltéparine sodique; Dalteparinnatrium; Dalteparin-nátrium; Dalteparino natrio druska; Dalteparinum natricum; Dalteparyna sodowa; Kabi-2165; Tedelparin Sodium.

Дальтепарин Натрий

CAS — 9041-08-1.

ATC — B01AB04.

ATC Vet — QB01AB04.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii).

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Dalteparin Sodium). The sodium salt of a low-molecular-mass heparin that is obtained by nitrous acid depolymerisation of heparin from porcine intestinal mucosa. The majority of the components have a 2-*O*-sulfo-α-L-idopyranosuronic acid structure at the non-reducing end and a 6-*O*-sulfo-2,5-anhydro-D-mannitol structure at the reducing end of their chain. The mass-average relative molecular mass ranges between 5600 and 6400, with a characteristic value of about 6000. The mass percentage of chains lower than 3000 is not more than 13.0% and the mass percentage of chains higher than 8000 ranges between 15.0% and 25.0%. The degree of sulfation is 2.0 to 2.5 per disaccharide unit.

The potency is not less than 110 units and not more than 210 units of anti-factor Xa activity per mg with reference to the dried substance, and the ratio of anti-factor Xa activity to anti-factor IIa activity is between 1.9 and 3.2.

Units

As for Low-molecular-weight Heparins, p.1329.

Adverse Effects, Treatment, and Precautions

As for Low-molecular-weight Heparins, p.1329.

Severe bleeding with dalteparin may be reduced by the slow intravenous injection of protamine sulfate; 1 mg of protamine sulfate is stated to inhibit the effects of 100 units of dalteparin sodium.

Interactions

As for Low-molecular-weight Heparins, p.1329.

Pharmacokinetics

Dalteparin is almost completely absorbed after subcutaneous doses, with a bioavailability of about 87%. Peak plasma activity is reached in about 4 hours. The terminal half-life is about 2 hours after intravenous injection and 3 to 5 hours after subcutaneous injection. Dalteparin is excreted via the kidneys and the half-life is prolonged in patients with renal impairment.

Uses and Administration

Dalteparin sodium is a low-molecular-weight heparin (p.1329) with anticoagulant properties. It is used in the treatment and prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism (p.1189) and to prevent clotting during extracorporeal circulation. It is also used in the management of unstable angina (p.1157).

Dalteparin is given by subcutaneous or intravenous injection. Doses are expressed in terms of units of anti-factor Xa activity.

For *prophylaxis* of **venous thromboembolism** during surgical procedures, dalteparin is usually started pre-operatively.

- For patients at moderate risk of thrombosis 2500 units of dalteparin sodium are given by subcutaneous injection 1 to 2 hours before the procedure, followed by 2500 units once daily for 5 to 7 days or until the patient is fully ambulant.
- For patients at high risk, such as those undergoing orthopaedic surgery, 2500 units are given 1 to 2 hours before and 8 to 12 hours after the procedure followed by 5000 units daily. Alternatively, 5000 units may be given the evening before surgery followed by 5000 units each subsequent evening. This dosage may be continued for up to 5 weeks after hip replacement surgery.
- A further option in patients undergoing hip replacement surgery is to omit the pre-operative dose; treatment is begun with a dose of 2500 units given 4 to 8 hours postoperatively followed by 5000 units daily.
- For prophylaxis in medical patients, a dose of 5000 units once daily may be given for 14 days or longer.

In the *treatment* of established deep-vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, or both, dalteparin sodium is given subcutaneously in a dose of 200 units/kg daily. This may be given as a single dose or, in patients at higher risk of bleeding complications, in two divided doses. The maximum recommended dose is 18 000 units daily. Patients with symptomatic venous thromboembolism and cancer may be given 200 units/kg subcutaneously once daily for 30 days, followed by 150 units/kg once daily for up to 5 months.

For prevention of clotting in the extracorporeal circulation during **haemodialysis** or **haemofiltration** in adults with chronic renal impairment an intravenous injection of dalteparin sodium 30 to 40 units/kg is followed by an intravenous infusion of 10 to 15 units/kg per hour. A single injection of 5000 units may be given for a haemodialysis or haemofiltration session lasting less than 4 hours. The dose of dalteparin sodium should be reduced in patients at high risk of bleeding complications or who are in acute renal failure; in such patients an intravenous injection of 5 to 10 units/kg is followed by an infusion of 4 to 5 units/kg per hour.

In the management of **unstable angina**, dalteparin sodium is given subcutaneously in a dose of 120 units/kg every 12 hours; the maximum dose is 10 000 units every 12 hours. Treatment is continued for 5 to 8 days and low-dose aspirin should also be given. For patients who require treatment for longer than 8 days while awaiting a revascularisation procedure, a dose of 5000 units (7500 units in men weighing 70 kg or over and women weighing 80 kg or over) may be given every 12 hours for up to 45 days until the procedure is performed.

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Preparations

Proprietary Preparations (details are given in Part 3)
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Danaparoid Sodium *(BAN, USAN, rINN)*

Danaparoid sodná sůl; Danaparoid sodowy; Danaparoide sódico; Danaparoïde sodique; Danaparoidum natricum; Lomoparan; Org-10172.

Данапароид Натрий

CAS — 83513-48-8.

ATC — B01AB09.

ATC Vet — QB01AB09.

Pharmacopoeias. In *Eur.* (see p.vii).

Ph. Eur. 6.2 (Danaparoid Sodium). A preparation containing the sodium salts of a mixture of sulfated glycosaminoglycans present in porcine tissues. It is prepared from the intestinal mucosa of pigs and the major constituents are suleparoid (heparan sulfate) (p.1406) and dermatan sulfate (p.1256). It has a potency of 11.0 to 17.0 anti-factor Xa units per milligram, calculated with reference to the dried substance. A white or almost white, hygroscopic powder. Freely soluble in water. A 1% solution in water has a pH of 5.5 to 7.0. Store in airtight containers.

Adverse Effects and Treatment

Haemorrhage may occur after use of danaparoid sodium, although there is a possible decreased risk of bleeding complications compared with heparin. Liver enzymes may be transiently elevated. Other adverse effects include hypersensitivity reactions, thrombocytopenia, and pain at the site of injection.

Protamine sulfate only partially neutralises the anticoagulant effect of danaparoid sodium and cannot be relied on to reverse bleeding associated with overdosage.

Precautions

As for Heparin, p.1303.

Danaparoid sodium should not be given to patients who have developed thrombocytopenia with heparin if they show cross-reactivity in an *in-vitro* test.

Pharmacokinetics

After subcutaneous dosage danaparoid sodium is well absorbed and peak anti-factor Xa activity is reached in about 4 to 5 hours. The elimination half-lives of anti-factor Xa and anti-factor IIa (antithrombin) activities are about 25 and 7 hours, respectively. Danaparoid sodium is excreted in the urine.

Uses and Administration

Danaparoid sodium is a low-molecular-weight heparinoid. It is an anticoagulant and, like heparin (p.1303), enhances the action of antithrombin III. Like low-molecular-weight heparins (p.1329) it has a higher ratio of anti-factor Xa to anti-factor IIa (antithrombin) activity than heparin, but is reported to be a much more selective inhibitor of factor Xa than the low-molecular-weight heparins. It was therefore hoped that danaparoid might be associated with a low incidence of bleeding complications, although this has not been established.

Danaparoid sodium is used in the prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism (p.1189) in patients undergoing surgery. It may be used as an anticoagulant for prophylaxis or treatment in patients with heparin-induced thrombocytopenia providing there is no cross-reactivity. Danaparoid has been investigated in acute ischaemic stroke.

Doses of danaparoid sodium are expressed in terms of units of anti-factor Xa activity. In the prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism it is given by subcutaneous injection in a dose of 750 units twice daily for 7 to 10 days. The first dose should be given 1 to 4 hours before surgery.

For patients with heparin-induced thrombocytopenia requiring anticoagulation, danaparoid sodium is given intravenously. The initial bolus dose is 2500 units (or 1250 units for patients weighing less than 55 kg, or 3750 units for patients weighing more than 90 kg) followed by an infusion of 400 units/hour for 2 hours, then 300 units/hour for 2 hours, then 200 units/hour for 5 days. Monitoring of plasma anti-factor Xa activity is recommended for patients with renal impairment, or those weighing more than 90 kg.

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Preparations

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Austral.: Orgaran; ***Austria:*** Orgaran; ***Belg.:*** Orgaran; ***Canad.:*** Orgaran; ***Fr.:*** Orgaran; ***Ger.:*** Orgaran; ***Gr.:*** Orgaran; ***Neth.:*** Orgaran; ***NZ:*** Orgaran; ***Port.:*** Orgaran; ***Swed.:*** Orgaran; ***Switz.:*** Orgaran; ***UK:*** Orgaran; ***USA:*** Orgaran†.