

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use YOSPRALA safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for YOSPRALA.

YOSPRALA (aspirin and omeprazole) delayed-release tablets, for oral use

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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

YOSPRALA is a combination of aspirin, an anti-platelet agent, and omeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor (PPI), indicated for patients who require aspirin for secondary prevention of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events and who are at risk of developing aspirin associated gastric ulcers.

The aspirin component of YOSPRALA is indicated for:

- reducing the combined risk of death and nonfatal stroke in patients who have had ischemic stroke or transient ischemia of the brain due to fibrin platelet emboli,
- reducing the combined risk of death and nonfatal MI in patients with a previous MI or unstable angina pectoris,
- reducing the combined risk of MI and sudden death in patients with chronic stable angina pectoris,
- use in patients who have undergone revascularization procedures (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft [CABG] or Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty [PTCA]) when there is a pre-existing condition for which aspirin is already indicated.

The omeprazole component of YOSPRALA is indicated for decreasing the risk of developing aspirin associated gastric ulcers in patients at risk for developing aspirin-associated gastric ulcers due to age (≥ 55) or documented history of gastric ulcers. (1)

Limitations of Use:

- Not for use as the initial dose of aspirin therapy during onset of acute coronary syndrome, acute myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention. (1)
- Has not been shown to reduce the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding due to aspirin. (1)
- YOSPRALA is not interchangeable with the individual components of aspirin and omeprazole. (1)

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- Recommended dosage: One tablet daily at least 60 minutes before a meal. (2.1, 2.2)
- Do not split, chew, crush or dissolve the tablet. (2.2)

DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Delayed-Release Tablets (3):

- 81 mg delayed-release aspirin/40 mg immediate-release omeprazole
- 325 mg delayed-release aspirin/40 mg immediate-release omeprazole

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- History of asthma, urticaria, or other allergic-type reactions after taking aspirin or other NSAIDs. (4)
- In pediatric patients with suspected viral infections, with or without fever, because of the risk of Reye's Syndrome. (4)
- Known hypersensitivity to aspirin, omeprazole, substituted benzimidazoles or to any of the excipients of YOSPRALA. (4)
- Patients receiving rilpivirine-containing products. (4, 7)

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Coagulation Abnormalities:** Risk of increased bleeding time with aspirin, especially in patients with inherited (hemophilia) or acquired (liver disease or vitamin K deficiency) bleeding disorders. Monitor patients for signs of increased bleeding. (5.1)
- GI Adverse Reactions (including ulceration and bleeding):** Monitor for signs and symptoms and discontinue treatment if bleeding occurs. (5.2)
- Bleeding Risk with Use of Alcohol:** Avoid heavy alcohol use (three or more drinks every day). (5.3)
- Reduction in Antiplatelet Activity with Clopidogrel due to Interference with CYP2C19 Metabolism:** Consider other antiplatelet therapy. (5.4, 7)
- Reduction in Efficacy of Ticagrelor:** Avoid use with the 325/40 strength of YOSPRALA. (5.5, 7)
- Renal Failure:** Avoid YOSPRALA in patients with severe renal failure. (5.6, 8, 6)
- Gastric Malignancy:** In adults, response to gastric symptoms does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy; Consider additional follow-up and diagnostic testing. (5.7)
- Acute Interstitial Nephritis:** Observed in patients taking PPIs. (5.8)
- Clostridium difficile-Associated Diarrhea:** PPI therapy may be associated with increased risk; use lowest dose and shortest duration of treatment. (5.9)
- Bone Fracture:** Long-term and multiple daily dose PPI therapy may be associated with an increased risk for osteoporosis-related fractures of the hip, wrist or spine; use lowest dose and shortest duration of treatment. (5.10)
- Cutaneous and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus:** Mostly cutaneous; new onset or exacerbation of existing disease; discontinue YOSPRALA and refer to specialist for evaluation. (5.11)
- Hepatic Impairment:** Avoid YOSPRALA in patients with all degrees of hepatic impairment. (5.12, 8, 7)
- Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12) Deficiency:** Daily long-term use (e.g., longer than 3 years) of PPI may lead to malabsorption or deficiency. (5.13)
- Hypomagnesemia:** Reported rarely with prolonged treatment with PPIs; consider monitoring magnesium levels. (5.14)
- Reduced Effect of Omeprazole with St. John's Wort or Rifampin:** Avoid concomitant use. (5.15, 7)
- Interactions with Diagnostic Investigations for Neuroendocrine Tumors:** Increased Chromogranin A (CgA) levels may interfere with diagnostic investigations for neuroendocrine tumors; temporarily stop YOSPRALA at least 14 days before assessing CgA levels (5.16, 7)
- Bone Marrow Toxicity with Methotrexate, especially in the elderly or renally impaired:** Use with PPIs may elevate and/or prolong serum levels of methotrexate and/or its metabolite, possibly leading to toxicity. With high dose methotrexate, consider a temporary withdrawal of YOSPRALA (5.15, 7)
- Premature closure of the ductus arteriosus:** Avoid use in pregnant women starting at 30 weeks gestation. (5.18, 8.1)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Most common adverse reactions in adults ($\geq 2\%$) are: gastritis, nausea, diarrhea, gastric polyps, and non-cardiac chest pain. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Pharm-Olam at 1-866-511-6754 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch

DRUG INTERACTIONS

See full prescribing information for a list of clinically important drug interactions. (7)

USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

- Lactation:** Breastfeeding not recommended. (8.2)
- Females and Males of Reproductive Potential Infertility:** NSAIDs are associated with reversible infertility. Consider withdrawal of YOSPRALA in women who have difficulties conceiving. (8.3)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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- use in patients who have undergone revascularization procedures (Coronary Artery Bypass Graft [CABG] or Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty [PTCA]) when there is a pre-existing condition for which aspirin is already indicated.

The omeprazole component of YOSPRALA is indicated for decreasing the risk of developing aspirin-associated gastric ulcers in patients at risk for developing aspirin-associated gastric ulcers due to age (≥ 55) or documented history of gastric ulcers.

Limitations of Use:

- YOSPRALA contains a delayed-release formulation of aspirin and it is not for use as the initial dose of aspirin therapy during onset of acute coronary syndrome, acute myocardial infarction or before percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), for which immediate-release aspirin therapy is appropriate.
- YOSPRALA has not been shown to reduce the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding due to aspirin.
- YOSPRALA is not interchangeable with the individual components of aspirin and omeprazole.

2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Recommended Dosage

- Take one tablet daily.
- YOSPRALA is available in combinations that contain 81 mg or 325 mg of aspirin. Generally 81 mg of aspirin has been accepted as an effective dose for secondary cardiovascular prevention. Providers should consider the need for 325 mg and refer to current clinical practice guidelines.

2.2 Administration Instructions

- Take YOSPRALA once daily at least 60 minutes before a meal.
- The tablets are to be swallowed whole with liquid. Do not split, chew, crush or dissolve the tablet.
- Use the lowest effective dose of YOSPRALA based on the individual patient's treatment goals and to avoid potential dose dependent adverse reactions including bleeding.
- If a dose of YOSPRALA is missed, advise patients to take it as soon as it is remembered. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose. Take the next dose at the regular time. Patients should not take 2 doses at the same time unless advised by their doctor.
- Do not stop taking YOSPRALA suddenly as this could increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- Oval, blue-green, film-coated, delayed-release tablets for oral administration containing either:
- 81 mg delayed-release aspirin and 40 mg immediate-release omeprazole, printed with 81/40, or
 - 325 mg delayed-release aspirin and 40 mg immediate-release omeprazole, printed with 325/40.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

YOSPRALA is contraindicated in:

- Patients with known allergy to aspirin and other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug products (NSAIDs) and in patients with the syndrome of asthma, rhinitis, and nasal polyps. Aspirin may cause severe urticaria, angioedema, or bronchospasm (asthma).

- Pediatric patients with suspected viral infections, with or without fever, because of the risk of Reye's syndrome with concomitant use of aspirin in certain viral illnesses.
- YOSPRALA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to aspirin, omeprazole, substituted benzimidazoles, or to any of the excipients in the formulation (See Warnings and Precautions (5.8), Adverse Reactions (6.2)).
- Proton pump inhibitor (PPI)-containing products, including YOSPRALA, are contraindicated in patients receiving rilpivirine-containing products (See Drug Interactions (7)).

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Coagulation Abnormalities**
Even low doses of aspirin can inhibit platelet function leading to an increase in bleeding time. This can adversely affect patients with inherited (hemophilia) or acquired (liver disease or vitamin K deficiency) bleeding disorders. Monitor patients for signs of increased bleeding.

5.2 Gastrointestinal Adverse Reactions

Aspirin is associated with serious gastrointestinal (GI) adverse reactions, including inflammation, bleeding ulceration and perforation of the upper and lower GI tract. Other adverse reactions with aspirin include stomach pain, heartburn, nausea, and vomiting. Serious GI adverse reactions reported in the clinical trials of YOSPRALA were: gastric ulcer hemorrhage in one of the 521 patients treated with YOSPRALA and duodenal ulcer hemorrhage in one of the 524 patients treated with enteric-coated aspirin. In addition, there were two cases of intestinal hemorrhage, one in each treatment group, and one patient treated with YOSPRALA experienced obstruction of the small bowel.

Although minor upper GI symptoms, such as dyspepsia, are common and can occur anytime during therapy, monitor patients for signs of ulceration and bleeding, even in the absence of previous GI symptoms. Inform patients about the signs and symptoms of GI adverse reactions. If active and clinically significant bleeding from any source occurs in patients receiving YOSPRALA, discontinue treatment.

5.3 Bleeding Risk with Use of Alcohol
Counsel patients who consume three or more alcoholic drinks every day about the bleeding risks involved with chronic, heavy alcohol use while taking YOSPRALA.

5.4 Interaction with Clopidogrel

Avoid concomitant use of YOSPRALA with clopidogrel. Clopidogrel is a prodrug. Inhibition of platelet aggregation by clopidogrel is entirely due to an active metabolite. The metabolism of clopidogrel to its active metabolite can be impaired by use with concomitant medications,

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such as omeprazole, that interfere with CYP2C19 activity. Co-administration of clopidogrel with 80 mg omeprazole reduces the pharmacological activity of clopidogrel, even when administered 12 hours apart. When using YOSPRALA, consider alternative anti-platelet therapy (See Drug Interactions (7), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

5.5 Interaction with Ticagrelor

Maintenance doses of aspirin above 100 mg reduce the effectiveness of ticagrelor in preventing thrombotic cardiovascular events. Avoid concomitant use of ticagrelor with the 325 mg/40 mg tablet strength of YOSPRALA (See Drug Interactions (7)).

5.6 Renal Failure

Avoid YOSPRALA in patients with severe renal failure (glomerular filtration rate less than 10 mL/minute). Regular use of aspirin is associated in a dose-dependent manner with an increased risk of chronic renal failure. Aspirin use decreases glomerular filtration rate and renal blood flow especially with patients with pre-existing renal disease. (See Use in Specific Populations (8.6), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

5.7 Presence of Gastric Malignancy

In adults, response to gastric symptoms with YOSPRALA does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy. Consider additional gastrointestinal follow-up and diagnostic testing in adult patients who experience gastric symptoms during treatment with YOSPRALA or have a symptomatic release after completing treatment. In older patients, also consider an endoscopy.

5.8 Acute Interstitial Nephritis

Acute interstitial nephritis has been observed in patients taking PPIs including omeprazole. Acute interstitial nephritis may occur at any point during PPI therapy and is generally attributed to an idiosyncratic hypersensitivity reaction. Discontinue YOSPRALA if acute interstitial nephritis develops (See Contraindications (4)).

5.9 Clostridium difficile-Associated Diarrhea

Published observational studies suggest that PPI-containing therapy like YOSPRALA may be associated with an increased risk of Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea (CDAD), especially in hospitalized patients. This diagnosis should be considered for diarrhea that does not improve (See Adverse Reactions (6.2)).

Use the lowest dose and shortest duration of YOSPRALA appropriate to the condition being treated.

5.10 Bone Fracture

Several published observational studies suggest that PPI therapy may be associated with an increased risk for osteoporosis-related fractures of the hip, wrist, or spine. The risk of fracture was increased in patients who received high-dose, defined as multiple daily doses, and long-term PPI therapy (3 year or longer). Use the lowest dose and shortest duration of YOSPRALA therapy appropriate to the condition being treated. Manage patients at risk for osteoporosis-related fractures according to established treatment guidelines (See Adverse Reactions (6.2)).

5.11 Cutaneous and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Cutaneous lupus erythematosus (CLE) and systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) have been reported in patients taking PPIs, including omeprazole. These events have occurred as both new onset and an exacerbation of existing autoimmune disease. The majority of PPI-induced lupus erythematosus cases were CLE.

The most common form of CLE reported in patients treated with PPIs was subacute CLE (SLE). Onset of CLE occurred up to 2 years after continuous drug therapy (range from 1 to 104 weeks). CLE occurred primarily in older patients, although cases were reported in patients as young as 7 months of age. Generally, positive antinuclear antibodies (ANA) and histological findings were observed, consistent with a diagnosis of CLE. Organ involvement was not typically seen. Complete recovery generally has occurred within 12 weeks after discontinuation of the drug.

Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) is less commonly reported than CLE in patients receiving PPIs. PPI associated SLE is usually milder than non-drug induced SLE. Onset of SLE typically occurred within 30 days after initiating PPI treatment, but some cases occurred days to years after initiating treatment. SLE occurred primarily in older patients, although cases also occurred in young adults. The majority of patients presented with rash; however, arthralgia and cytopenia were also reported. Antibody testing for lupus, including ANA and antihistone antibodies, may be positive. Clinical signs and symptoms of SLE associated with PPI use were usually reversible once the PPI was discontinued. Clinical symptoms generally resolved within 8 weeks. Elevated serological test results may take longer to resolve than clinical manifestations.

Avoid administration of PPIs for longer than medically indicated. If signs or symptoms consistent with CLE or SLE are noted in patients receiving YOSPRALA, discontinue the drug and refer the patient to the appropriate specialist for evaluation. Most patients improve with discontinuation of the PPI alone in 4 to 12 weeks.

5.12 Hepatic Impairment

Long-term moderate to high doses of aspirin may result in elevations in serum ALT levels. These abnormalities resolve rapidly with discontinuation of aspirin. The hepatotoxicity of aspirin is usually mild and asymptomatic. Bilirubin elevations are usually mild or absent.

Systemic exposure to omeprazole is increased in patients with hepatic impairment (See Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)). Avoid YOSPRALA in patients with any degree of hepatic impairment (See Use in Specific Populations (8.7)).

5.13 Cyanocobalamin (Vitamin B-12) Deficiency

Daily treatment with any acid-suppressing medications over a long period of time (e.g., longer than 3 years) may lead to malabsorption of cyanocobalamin (vitamin B-12) caused by hypochlorhydria. Rare reports of cyanocobalamin deficiency occurring with acid-suppressing therapy have been reported in the literature. This diagnosis should be considered if clinical symptoms consistent with cyanocobalamin deficiency are observed in patients treated with YOSPRALA.

5.14 Hypomagnesemia

Hypomagnesemia, symptomatic and asymptomatic, has been reported rarely in patients treated with PPIs for at least three months, in most cases after a year of therapy. Serious adverse events include tetany, arrhythmias, and seizures. In most patients, treatment of hypomagnesemia required magnesium replacement and discontinuation of the PPI. For patients expected to be on prolonged treatment or who take YOSPRALA with medications such as digoxin or drugs that may cause hypomagnesemia (e.g., diuretics), consider monitoring magnesium levels prior to initiation of YOSPRALA and periodically during treatment (See Adverse Reactions (6.2)).

5.15 Reduced Effect of Omeprazole with St. John's Wort or Rifampin

Drugs which induce the CYP2C19 or CYP3A4 (such as St. John's Wort or rifampin) can substantially decrease concentrations of omeprazole. Avoid concomitant use of YOSPRALA with St. John's Wort or rifampin (See Drug Interactions (7)).

5.16 Interactions with Diagnostic Investigations for Neuroendocrine Tumors

Serum chromogranin A (CgA) levels increase secondary to omeprazole-induced decreases in gastric acidity. The increased CgA level may cause false positive results in diagnostic interventions for neuroendocrine tumors. Temporarily discontinue treatment with YOSPRALA at least 14 days before assessing CgA levels and consider repeating the test if initial CgA levels are high. If serial tests are performed (e.g., for monitoring), the same commercial laboratory should be used for testing, as reference ranges between tests may vary (See Drug Interactions (7) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)).

5.17 Interaction with Methotrexate

Literature suggests that concomitant use of PPIs with methotrexate (primarily at high dose) may elevate and prolong serum levels of methotrexate and/or its metabolite, possibly leading to methotrexate toxicities. In high-dose methotrexate administration, a temporary withdrawal of YOSPRALA may be considered in some patients (See Drug Interactions (7)).

5.18 Premature Closure of Fetal Ductus Arteriosus
NSAIDs including aspirin, may cause premature closure of the fetal ductus arteriosus. Avoid use of NSAIDs, including YOSPRALA, in pregnant women starting at 30 weeks of gestation (third trimester). (See Use in Specific Populations (8.1)).

5.19 Abnormal Laboratory Tests

Aspirin has been associated with elevated hepatic enzymes, blood urea nitrogen and serum creatinine, hyperkalemia, proteinuria, and prolonged bleeding time.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

6.1 Clinical Studies Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg was studied primarily in two randomized, double-blind controlled clinical trials (n=524) of 6 months duration. Table 1 lists adverse reactions that occurred in $\geq 2\%$ of the patients in the YOSPRALA arm and were more common than in the control arm, consisting of 325 mg of enteric coated (EC)-aspirin.

Table 1: Most Common Adverse Reactions in Study 1 and Study 2*

Preferred Term	YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg once daily (n=521) %	EC-Aspirin 325 mg once daily (n=524) %
Gastritis	18	16
Nausea	3	2
Diarrhea	3	2
Gastric polyps	2	1
Non-cardiac chest pain	2	1

*Adverse reactions occurring in $\geq 2\%$ of YOSPRALA-treated patients and more common than in the control arm

In Study 1 and Study 2 combined, 7% of patients taking YOSPRALA discontinued due to adverse reactions compared to 11% of patients taking EC-aspirin alone. The most common reasons for discontinuations due to adverse reactions in the YOSPRALA treatment group were upper abdominal pain ($<1\%$, n=2), diarrhea ($<1\%$, n=2) and dyspepsia ($<1\%$, n=2).

Less Common Adverse Reactions

In YOSPRALA-treated patients in the clinical trials there were 2 patients with upper GI bleeding (gastric or duodenal) and 2 patients with lower GI bleeding (hematochezia and large intestinal hemorrhage) and one additional patient experienced obstruction of the small bowel.

See also the full prescribing information of aspirin and omeprazole products for additional adverse reactions.

6.2 Post-Marketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of aspirin and omeprazole separately. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure.

Aspirin

Body As a Whole: Fever, hypothermia, thirst

Cardiovascular: Dysrhythmias, hypertension, tachycardia

Central Nervous System: Agitation, cerebral edema, coma, confusion, dizziness, headache, subdural or intracranial hemorrhage, lethargy, seizures

Fluid and Electrolyte: Dehydration, hyperkalemia, metabolic acidosis, respiratory alkalosis

Gastrointestinal: Dyspepsia, GI bleeding, ulceration and perforation, nausea, vomiting, transient elevations of hepatic enzymes, hepatitis, Reye's Syndrome (See Contraindications (4)), pancreatitis

Hematology: Prolongation of the prothrombin time, disseminated intravascular coagulation, coagulopathy, thrombocytopenia

Hypersensitivity: Acute anaphylaxis, angioedema, asthma, bronchospasm, laryngeal edema, urticaria

Musculoskeletal: Rhabdomyolysis

Metabolism: Hypoglycemia (in pediatric), hyperglycemia

Reproductive: Prolonged pregnancy and labor, stillbirths, lower birth weight infants, antepartum and postpartum bleeding

Respiratory: Hyperpnea, pulmonary edema, tachypnea

Special Senses: Hearing loss, tinnitus. In patients with high frequency hearing loss may have difficulty perceiving tinnitus. In these patients, tinnitus cannot be used as a clinical indicator of salicylism.

Urogenital: Interstitial nephritis, papillary necrosis, proteinuria, renal impairment and failure

Omeprazole

Body As a Whole: Hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, anaphylactic shock, angioedema, bronchospasm (See Contraindications (4)), interstitial nephritis, urticaria (see also Skin below), systemic lupus erythematosus, fever, pain, fatigue, malaise

Cardiovascular: Chest pain or angina, tachycardia, bradycardia, palpitations, elevated blood pressure, peripheral edema

Endocrine: Gynecomastia

Gastrointestinal: Pancreatitis (some fatal), anorexia, irritable colon, fecal discoloration, esophageal candidiasis, mucosal atrophy of the tongue, stomatitis, abdominal swelling, dry mouth, microscopic colitis

Benign gastric fundic gland polyps have been noted rarely and appear to be reversible when treatment is discontinued.

Gastroduodenal carcinoids have been reported in patients with Zollinger-Ellison syndrome on long-term treatment with omeprazole. This finding is believed to be a manifestation of the underlying condition, which is known to be associated with such tumors.

Hematology: Agranulocytosis (some fatal), hemolytic anemia, pancytopenia, neutropenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, leukopenia, leukocytosis

Hepatic: Liver disease including hepatic failure (some fatal), liver necrosis (some fatal), hepatic encephalopathy hepatocellular disease, cholestatic disease, mixed hepatitis, jaundice, and elevations of liver function tests (ALT, AST, GGT, alkaline phosphatase, and bilirubin)

Infections and Infestations: Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhea (See Warnings and Precautions (5.9))

Metabolism and Nutritional Disorders: Hypoglycemia, hypomagnesemia, with or without hypokalemia and/or hypokalemia, hyponatremia, weight gain

Musculoskeletal: Muscle weakness, myalgia,

hemorrhage in premature infants, low birth weight, stillbirth and neonatal death.

Maternal Adverse Reactions

An increased incidence of post-term pregnancy and longer duration of pregnancy in women taking aspirin has been reported. Avoid maternal use of aspirin, including *Yospira*, in pregnant women during the third trimester.

Risk Summary

Labor or Delivery

Aspirin, a component of YOSPRALA, should be avoided 1 week prior to and during labor and delivery because it can result in excessive blood loss at delivery. In animal studies, NSAIDs, including aspirin, inhibit prostaglandin synthesis, cause delayed parturition, and increase the incidence of stillbirth.

Data

Human Data

Aspirin

Data from several controlled and observational studies with aspirin use in the first or second trimesters of pregnancy have not reported a clear association with major birth defects or miscarriage risk. Published data on aspirin use during pregnancy has been mostly reported with low dose aspirin (60 to 100 mg). There are limited data regarding aspirin 325 mg or higher doses used during pregnancy.

A prospective, cohort study of 50,282 mother-child pairs (the Collaborative Perinatal Project) assessing adverse outcomes by level of aspirin exposure did not report aspirin-induced teratogenicity, altered neonatal birth weight, or perinatal deaths at any exposure level. In a controlled, randomized trial, maternal risks during pregnancy were reported as low or absent, with no demonstrated increased risk of maternal bleeding or placental abruption.

A multinational study involving more than 9,000 women, CLASP (Collaborative Low-dose Aspirin Study in Pregnancy), found that low-dose aspirin reduced fetal morbidity in a select population of women with early-onset preeclampsia, but did not identify adverse effects in the pregnant woman, fetus, or newborn (followed to 18 months of age) in association with the use of low-dose aspirin during pregnancy. In contrast, some case-control studies reported associations between human congenital malformations and aspirin use early in gestation, but these studies did not report a consistent outcome attributable to drug use.

A report from EAGEr trial (Effects of Aspirin in Gestation and Reproduction trial), which evaluated 1078 women who were attempting to become pregnant and had prior miscarriages, reported use of low-dose aspirin without adverse maternal or fetal effects except for vaginal bleeding. Another trial of 3294 pregnant women of 14 to 20 weeks of gestation treated with aspirin showed no effect in the mothers' incidence of pre-eclampsia, hypertension, HELLP syndrome or placental abruption, or in the incidence of perinatal deaths or low birth weight below the 10th percentile. The incidence of maternal side effects was higher in the aspirin group, principally because of a significantly higher rate of hemorrhage.

Use of NSAIDs, including aspirin, during the third trimester of pregnancy increases the risk of premature closure of the fetal ductus arteriosus and use of high-dose aspirin for long periods in pregnancy may also increase the risk of bleeding in the brain of premature infants.

Overexposure

Four published epidemiological studies compared the frequency of congenital abnormalities among infants born to women who used esomeprazole during pregnancy with the frequency of abnormalities among infants of women exposed to H₂-receptor antagonists or other controls. A population-based retrospective cohort epidemiological study from the Swedish Medical Birth Registry, covering approximately 98% of pregnancies, from 1995 to 1999, reported on 955 infants (824 exposed during the first trimester with 39 of these exposed beyond first trimester, and 131 exposed after the first trimester) whose mothers used esomeprazole during pregnancy. The number of infants exposed in utero to esomeprazole that had any malformation, low birth weight, low *Aggar* score, or hospitalization was similar to the number observed in this population. The number of infants born with ventricular septal defects and the number of stillborn infants was slightly higher in the esomeprazole-exposed infants than the expected number in this population.

A population-based retrospective cohort study covering all live births in Denmark from 1996 to 2009, reported on 1,800 live births whose mothers used esomeprazole during the first trimester of pregnancy and 837,317 live births whose mothers did not use any PPI. The overall rate of birth defects in infants born to mothers with first trimester exposure to esomeprazole was 2.9%, and 2.6% in infants born to mothers not exposed to any proton pump inhibitor during the first trimester.

A retrospective cohort study reported on 689 pregnant women exposed to either H2-blockers or esomeprazole in the first trimester (134 exposed to esomeprazole and 552 to proton pump inhibitors) who were not exposed to either during the first trimester. The overall malformation rate in offspring born to mothers with first trimester exposure to esomeprazole, an H2-blocker, or were unexposed was 3.6%, 5.5%, and 4.1%, respectively.

A small prospective observational cohort study followed 113 women exposed to esomeprazole during pregnancy (89% with first trimester exposures). The reported rate of major congenital malformations was 4% in the esomeprazole group, 2% in controls exposed to non-teratogens, and 2.6% in disease-related controls. Rates of spontaneous and elective abortions, preterm deliveries, gestational age at delivery, and mean birth weight were similar among the groups. Several studies have reported no apparent adverse short-term effects on the infant when single dose oral or intravenous esomeprazole was administered to over 200 pregnant women as premedication for cesarean section under general anesthesia.

Animal Data

Aspirin

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8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

There is no information about the presence of YOSPRALA in human milk; however, the individual components of YOSPRALA, aspirin and omeprazole, are present in human milk. Limited data from clinical lactation studies in published literature describe the presence of aspirin in human milk at relative infant doses of 2.5% to 10.8% of the maternal weight-adjusted dosage. Case reports of breastfeeding infants whose mothers were exposed to aspirin during lactation describe adverse reactions, including metabolic acidosis, thrombocytopenia, and hemolysis. There is no information on the effects of aspirin on milk production. Limited data from a case report in published literature describes the presence of omeprazole in human milk at a relative infant dose of 0.9% of the maternal weight-adjusted dosage. There are no reports of adverse effects of omeprazole on the breastfed infant, and no information on the effects of omeprazole on milk production. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions, including the potential for aspirin to cause metabolic acidosis, thrombocytopenia, hemolysis or Reye's syndrome, advise patients that breastfeeding is not recommended during treatment with YOSPRALA.

Clinical Considerations

It is not known if maternal exposure to aspirin during lactation increases the risk of Reye's syndrome in breastfed infants. The direct use of aspirin in infants and children is associated with Reye's syndrome, even at low plasma levels.

8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential

Infertility

Females

Based on the mechanism of action, the use of prostaglandin-mediated NSAIDs, including YOSPRALA, is contraindicated in pediatric patients with suspected viral infections, with or without fever, because of the risk of Reye's syndrome with concomitant use of aspirin in certain viral illnesses *[see Contraindications (4)]*. A multinational study involving more than 9,000 women, CLASP (Collaborative Low-dose Aspirin Study in Pregnancy), found that low-dose aspirin reduced fetal morbidity in a select population of women with early-onset preeclampsia, but did not identify adverse effects in the pregnant woman, fetus, or newborn (followed to 18 months of age) in association with the use of low-dose aspirin during pregnancy. In contrast, some case-control studies reported associations between human congenital malformations and aspirin use early in gestation, but these studies did not report a consistent outcome attributable to drug use.

A report from EAGEr trial (Effects of Aspirin in Gestation and Reproduction trial), which evaluated 1078 women who were attempting to become pregnant and had prior miscarriages, reported use of low-dose aspirin without adverse maternal or fetal effects except for vaginal bleeding. Another trial of 3294 pregnant women of 14 to 20 weeks of gestation treated with aspirin showed no effect in the mothers' incidence of pre-eclampsia, hypertension, HELLP syndrome or placental abruption, or in the incidence of perinatal deaths or low birth weight below the 10th percentile. The incidence of maternal side effects was higher in the aspirin group, principally because of a significantly higher rate of hemorrhage.

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Overexposure

Four published epidemiological studies compared the frequency of congenital abnormalities among infants born to women who used esomeprazole during pregnancy with the frequency of abnormalities among infants of women exposed to H₂-receptor antagonists or other controls. A population-based retrospective cohort epidemiological study from the Swedish Medical Birth Registry, covering approximately 98% of pregnancies, from 1995 to 1999, reported on 955 infants (824 exposed during the first trimester with 39 of these exposed beyond first trimester, and 131 exposed after the first trimester) whose mothers used esomeprazole during pregnancy. The number of infants exposed in utero to esomeprazole that had any malformation, low birth weight, low *Aggar* score, or hospitalization was similar to the number observed in this population. The number of infants born with ventricular septal defects and the number of stillborn infants was slightly higher in the esomeprazole-exposed infants than the expected number in this population.

A population-based retrospective cohort study covering all live births in Denmark from 1996 to 2009, reported on 1,800 live births whose mothers used esomeprazole during the first trimester of pregnancy and 837,317 live births whose mothers did not use any PPI. The overall rate of birth defects in infants born to mothers with first trimester exposure to esomeprazole was 2.9%, and 2.6% in infants born to mothers not exposed to any proton pump inhibitor during the first trimester.

A retrospective cohort study reported on 689 pregnant women exposed to either H2-blockers or esomeprazole in the first trimester (134 exposed to esomeprazole and 552 to proton pump inhibitors) who were not exposed to either during the first trimester. The overall malformation rate in offspring born to mothers with first trimester exposure to esomeprazole, an H2-blocker, or were unexposed was 3.6%, 5.5%, and 4.1%, respectively.

A small prospective observational cohort study followed 113 women exposed to esomeprazole during pregnancy (89% with first trimester exposures). The reported rate of major congenital malformations was 4% in the esomeprazole group, 2% in controls exposed to non-teratogens, and 2.6% in disease-related controls. Rates of spontaneous and elective abortions, preterm deliveries, gestational age at delivery, and mean birth weight were similar among the groups. Several studies have reported no apparent adverse short-term effects on the infant when single dose oral or intravenous esomeprazole was administered to over 200 pregnant women as premedication for cesarean section under general anesthesia.

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11 DESCRIPTION

The active ingredients of YOSPRALA are aspirin which is an antiplatelet agent and omeprazole which is a PPI.

YOSPRALA (aspirin and omeprazole) is an oval, blue-green, multi-layer film-coated, delayed-release tablet consists of an enteric coated delayed-release aspirin core surrounded by an immediate-release omeprazole layer for oral administration. Each delayed-release tablet contains either 81 mg aspirin and 40 mg omeprazole printed with 81/40, or 325 mg aspirin and 40 mg omeprazole printed with 325/40.

The excipients used in the formulation of YOSPRALA are all inactive and United States Pharmacopeia/National Formulary (USP/NF) defined. The inactive ingredients in YOSPRALA include: microcrystalline cellulose, corn starch, pre-gelatinized starch, colloidal silicon dioxide, stearic acid, methacrylic acid copolymer dispersion, triethyl citrate, glyceryl monostearate, polyacrylate 80, titanium dioxide, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, polyethylene glycol, polydextrose, triacetin, yellow iron oxide, FD&C Blue #2, zinc sodium phosphate dibasic anhydrous, carnauba wax and povidone.

Aspirin is acetylsalicylic acid and is chemically known as benzoic acid, 2-(acetoxy)phenyl. Aspirin is an odorless white needle-like crystalline or powdery substance. When exposed to moisture, aspirin hydrolyzes into salicylic acid and acetic acid and gives off a vinegary odor. It is highly lipi

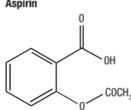
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Omeprazole is a white to off-white crystalline powder which melts with decomposition at about 155 °C. It is a weak base, freely soluble in ethanol and methanol, and slightly soluble in acetone and isopropanol and very slightly soluble in water. The stability of omeprazole is a function of pH; it is rapidly degraded in acid media, but has acceptable stability under alkaline conditions.

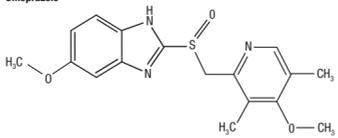
Omeprazole is a substituted benzimidazole, 5-methoxy-2-[[[4-methoxy-3, 5-dimethyl-2-pyridinyl) methyl] sulfonyl]-1*H*-benzimidazole, a compound that inhibits gastric acid secretion.

Structural Formula

Aspirin



Omeprazole



Molecular Formula

The empirical formula of aspirin is C₉H₈O₄.

The empirical formula of omeprazole is C₁₆H₁₄N₂O₅S.

Molecular Weight

The molecular weight of aspirin is 180.16.

The molecular weight of omeprazole is 345.4.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) is an inhibitor of both prostaglandin synthesis and platelet aggregation. The differences in activity between aspirin and salicylic acid are thought to be due to the acetyl group on the aspirin molecule. This acetyl group is responsible for the inactivation of cyclo-oxygenase via acetylation.

Omeprazole belongs to a class of antiserotony compounds, the substituted benzimidazoles, that suppress gastric acid secretion by specific inhibition of the H⁺/K⁺-ATPase enzyme system at the secretory surface of the gastric parietal cell. Because this enzyme system is regarded as the acid (proton) pump within the gastric mucosa, omeprazole has been characterized as a gastric acid-pump inhibitor, in that it blocks the final step of acid production. This effect is dose-related and leads to inhibition of both basal and stimulated acid secretion irrespective of the stimulus.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Anti-platelet Activity

Aspirin affects platelet aggregation by irreversibly inhibiting prostaglandin cyclo-oxygenase. This effect lasts for the life of the platelet and prevents the formation of the platelet aggregating factor thromboxane A2. Nonacetylated salicylates do not inhibit this enzyme and have no effect on platelet aggregation. At higher doses, aspirin reversibly inhibits the formation of prostaglandin I₂ (prostaglandin), which is an arterial vasodilator and inhibits platelet aggregation.

Antiserotony Activity

The effect of YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg tablets on intragastric pH was determined in a study with healthy subjects dosed for 7 days. The mean percent time intragastric pH >4.0 was 51%.

Serum Gastrin Effects

In studies involving more than 200 patients, serum gastrin levels increased during the first 1 to 2 weeks of once-daily administration of therapeutic doses of omeprazole in parallel with inhibition of acid secretion. No further increase in serum gastrin occurred with continued treatment. In comparison with histamine H₂-receptor antagonists, the median increases produced by 20 mg doses of omeprazole were higher (1.3 to 3.6 fold vs. 1, 1 to 1.8 fold increase). Gastrin values returned to pretreatment levels, usually within 1 to 2 weeks after discontinuation of therapy.

Increased gastrin causes enterochromaffin-like cell hyperplasia and increased serum Chromogranin A (CgA) levels. The increased CgA levels may cause false positive results in diagnostic investigations for neuroendocrine tumors *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.16), Drug Interactions (7)]*.

Enterochromaffin-like (ECL) Cell Effects

Human gastric biopsy specimens have been obtained from more than 3000 patients treated with omeprazole in long-term clinical trials. The incidence of ECL cell hyperplasia in these studies increased with time, however, no case of ECL cell carcinoid, dysplasia, or neoplasia has been found in these patients. However, these studies are of insufficient duration and size to rule out the possible influence of long-term administration of omeprazole on the development of any premalignant or malignant conditions.

Endocrine Effects

Omeprazole given in oral doses of 30 or 40 mg for 2 to 4 weeks had no effect on thyroid function, carbohydrate metabolism, circulating levels of parathyroid hormone, cortisol, estradiol, testosterone, prolactin, cholecalciferol or creatinin.

Effects on Gastrointestinal Microbial Ecology

As do other agents that elevate intragastric pH, omeprazole administered for 14 days in healthy subjects produced a significant increase in the intragastric concentrations of viable bacteria. The pattern of the bacterial species was unchanged from that commonly found in saliva. All changes resolved within three days of stopping treatment.

Other Effects

Systemic effects of omeprazole in the CNS, cardiovascular and respiratory systems have not been found to date.

No effect on gastric emptying of the solid and liquid components of a test meal was demonstrated after a single dose of omeprazole 90 mg. In healthy subjects, a single intravenous dose of omeprazole (0.35 mg/kg) had no effect on intrinsic factor secretion. No systematic dose-dependent effect has been observed on basal or stimulated pepsin output in humans. However, when intragastric pH is maintained at 4.0 or above, basal pepsin output in ml, and pepsin activity is decreased.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Absorption

Aspirin: Following absorption, aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) is hydrolyzed to salicylic acid. The rate of absorption from the GI tract is dependent upon the presence or absence of food, gastric pH (the presence or absence of GI antacids or buffering agents), and other physiological factors. Enteric coated aspirin products are erratically absorbed from the GI tract.

Following single dose administration of YOSPRALA, peak concentrations of acetylsalicylic acid were reached at 2.5 hours for YOSPRALA 81 mg/40 mg tablets and at 4 to 4.5 hours for YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg tablets. The C_{max} and AUC of acetylsalicylic acid were 2.6 mcg/mL and 3 mcg.hr/mL following single dose administration of YOSPRALA 81 mg/40 mg tablets and were 2.5 mcg/mL and 2.9 mcg.hr/mL following single dose administration of YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg tablets. There is no significant accumulation of salicylic acid and acetylsalicylic acid following 7 days dosing of YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg tablets compared to the first day of dosing.

The inter-subject variability (CV%) of acetylsalicylic acid pharmacokinetic parameters ranged from 17% to 96%.

Omeprazole: Following administration of YOSPRALA, the peak plasma concentration of omeprazole is reached at 0.5 hours on both the first day of administration and at steady state. The C_{max} and AUC of omeprazole ranged from 617 to 856 ng/mL and 880-1384 ng.hr/mL following single dose administration of YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg tablets. Dosing YOSPRALA 325 mg/40 mg for 7 days results in approximately 2.3-fold higher AUC and 2-fold higher C_{max} compared to steady state compared to the first day of dosing.

The inter-subject variability of omeprazole pharmacokinetic parameters were high with % CVs ranging from 33% to 136%.

Food Effect

Aspirin: Administration of YOSPRALA with high-fat (approximately 50%) and high-calorie (800-1000 calorie) meal in healthy subjects does not affect the extent of absorption of aspirin as measured by salicylic acid AUC and C_{max}, but significantly reduces salicylic acid t_{max} by

about 10 hours. Administration of YOSPRALA 60 minutes before a high-fat, high-calorie meal has essentially no effect on salicylic acid AUC, C_{max} and t_{max}.

Omeprazole: Administration of YOSPRALA with high-fat (approximately 50%) and high-calorie (800-1000 calories) meal in healthy subjects significantly reduces the extent of absorption of omeprazole resulting in 67% and 84% reductions of AUCs and C_{max}, respectively relative to fasting conditions. Administration of YOSPRALA 60 minutes before high-fat, high-calorie meal reduced both the omeprazole AUC and C_{max} by approximately 15% relative to fasting conditions *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2)]*.

Distribution

Aspirin: Salicylic acid is widely distributed to all tissues and fluids in the body including the central nervous system (CNS), breast milk, and fetal tissues. The highest concentrations are found in the plasma, liver, renal cortex, heart, and lungs. The protein binding of salicylate is concentration-dependent, i.e., nonlinear. At low concentrations (less than 100 mcg/mL), approximately 90% of plasma salicylate is bound to albumin while at higher concentrations (greater than 400 mcg/mL), only about 75% is bound.

Omeprazole: Protein binding is approximately 95%.

Elimination

Metabolism

Aspirin: Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) is rapidly hydrolyzed in the plasma to salicylic acid such that plasma levels of aspirin are essentially undetectable 1 to 2 hours after dosing with half-life of 0.35 hrs. Salicylic acid is primarily conjugated in the liver to form salicylic acid, a phenolic glucuronide, an acyl glucuronide, and a number of minor metabolites. Salicylate metabolism is saturable and total body clearance decreases at higher serum concentrations due to the limited ability of the liver to form both salicylic acid and phenolic glucuronide.

Omeprazole: Omeprazole is extensively metabolized by the cytochrome P450 (CYP) enzyme system. The major part of its metabolism is dependent on the polymorphically expressed CYP2C19, responsible for the formation of hydroxyomeprazole, the major metabolite in plasma. The remaining part is dependent on another specific isofom, CYP3A4, responsible for the formation of omeprazole sulphone.

Excretion

Aspirin: The elimination of salicylic acid follows zero order pharmacokinetics, (i.e., the rate of drug elimination is constant in relation to plasma concentration). Renal excretion of unchanged