

Tussionex[®]

Benefit Risk Balance for Children with Cough

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Key Messages

UCB reviews all its products on a regular basis including routine pharmacovigilance and evaluation by our internal benefit risk board

Review of Tussionex[®] included

- modern pharmacovigilance methods
- evolution in clinical practice
- reviewing of literature considering up to date standards

Upon annual review UCB determined that benefit risk balance for use of Tussionex[®] for cough in children is no longer favorable

Tussionex[®] (Hydrocodone/Chlorpheniramine Polistirex) History

1943: Hycodan[®] was first hydrocodone product.¹

1976: Advisory Committee determined that hydrocodone was not appropriate for OTC use but was, in effect, “safe and effective” for prescription use.²

1982: Hycodan[®] re-evaluated through DESI and found to be “effective for the symptomatic relief of cough”, but was also determined to be a New Drug, thus requiring Sponsor to file an NDA for approval.³

1983: Tussionex[®] filed as NDA under article 505(b)(2), and referenced Hycodan[®] and the monographs for hydrocodone and chlorpheniramine as having been deemed “safe and effective”.⁴

1987: Approved; marketed in U.S.⁵

- 2010: UCB’s authorized generic entered market.⁶



Current Tussionex Pennkinetic® Overview

Indication

- Relief of cough and upper respiratory symptoms associated with allergy or a cold in adults and children 6 years of age and up.¹

Contraindication

- In children < 6 years of age due to the risk of fatal respiratory depression.²

Presentation

- Following FDA recommendation, UCB formulated unit of use presentation (115mL bottle) and discontinued 473mL bottle.³



Tussionex[®] Safety Summary

Review of UCB safety database: 391 individual drug safety case reports since approval¹

- 9% (35) of reports are in children <18 years of age

Cumulative exposure of approximately 673000 patient years based on UCB sales data²



2016 Tussionex[®] Benefit-Risk Review

UCB reviewed totality of evidence relating to opioid use for cold/cough in pediatrics including but not limited to:

- 2012 Review of therapeutic options for children with acute cough¹
- 2015 FDA joint panel of the PADAC and DSRMAC concerning removal of OTC codeine based cough preparations in pediatrics (<18y)²
- 2015 EMA review of codeine for cough in children³
- 2016 AAP Clinical Report⁴

Hydrocodone metabolized in CYP2D6-dependent manner to more potent hydromorphone:⁵

- Raises possibility of opioid-related adverse effects in ultra-rapid metabolizers⁶
- Hydrocodone metabolism includes several CYPs; rapid metabolism of CYP2D6 appears to have only minor impact⁷



Ongoing FDA Prior Approval Supplement Submission

As a result of our recent evaluation UCB filed label supplement to limit to patients 18 years and older¹

- Already contraindicated under 6 years of age²



2016 Tussionex[®] Benefit-Risk Summary

Best treatment for cough is management of underlying disorder¹

Review of safety and efficacy data for patients 6-18 years

- On cumulative review of UCB and literature safety data no new safety concerns were identified²
- On cumulative review of available data, regulatory reports and practice guidelines, no robust evidence for relief of cough/upper respiratory symptoms associated with allergy/cold could be identified in patients 6-18 years²

Conclusions/Proposed actions

- Using modern pharmacovigilance methods UCB determined benefit-risk for Tussionex[®] in children was no longer positive²
- Therefore, UCB submitted a prior approval supplement to restrict indication/usage of Tussionex[®] to patients ≥ 18 years of age³

