

Palladia® (toceranib phosphate) Tablets

10 mg 15 mg 50 mg

unknown. One dog, first treated for 3 weeks with a placebo, died of unknown cause 7 days after initiation of PALLADIA therapy. Another dog died of unknown cause 92 days after initiation of PALLADIA therapy. No necropsy was conducted in either dog.

Twenty seven dogs developed some form of gastrointestinal bleeding with 2.8% of dogs having severe bleeding. One dog developed gastric ulceration which was possibly drug related. Three dogs died from gastric (1 dog) or duodenal (2 dogs) perforations during the study. One dog with a duodenal perforation received only 1 dose of study drug and, therefore, was not considered drug related.

Seven dogs developed nasal depigmentation within the first few weeks of treatment. Eleven dogs developed coat color or skin changes during the study. Two of these dogs had complete coat color changes from fawn to white and from deep red to blonde. Seven dogs experienced alopecia.

There is a drug related effect on body weight: 20.0% of dogs had >13% weight loss in the masked plus open-label phase attributable to drug. Of these, 5 dogs had >25% weight loss. Three dogs had seizure-like activity while on study drug. It can not be determined if these were drug related.

Two dogs developed epistaxis that was not associated with thrombocytopenia. Another dog developed epistaxis with concurrent disseminated intravascular coagulopathy.

For a copy of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) or to report adverse events call Zoetis at 1-888-963-8471.

Information for Dog Owners:

Always provide Client Information Sheet with prescription and review with owners. Owners should be advised on possible adverse reactions and when to stop drug and call the veterinarian. Owners should be advised of the handling instructions.

Clinical Pharmacology:

Mechanism of Action: Toceranib phosphate is a small molecule that has both direct antitumor and antiangiogenic activity. In non-clinical pharmacology studies, toceranib selectively inhibited the tyrosine kinase activity of several members of the split kinase receptor tyrosine kinase (RTK) family, some of which are implicated in tumor growth, pathologic angiogenesis, and metastatic progression of cancer. Toceranib inhibited the activity of Flk-1/KDR tyrosine kinase (vascular endothelial growth factor receptor, VEGFR2), platelet-derived growth factor receptor (PDGFR), and stem cell factor receptor (Kit) in both biochemical and cellular assays. Toceranib has been shown to exert an antiproliferative effect on endothelial cells *in vitro*. Toceranib treatment can induce cell cycle arrest and subsequent apoptosis in tumor cell lines expressing activating mutations in the split kinase RTK, c-kit. Canine mast cell tumor growth is frequently driven by activating mutations in c-kit.^{1,2}

Other compounds in the antiangiogenesis class of antineoplastic agents are known to increase embryolethality and fetal abnormalities. As angiogenesis is a critical component of embryonic and fetal development, inhibition of angiogenesis following administration of PALLADIA should be expected to result in adverse effects on the pregnancy in the bitch.

Pharmacokinetics

Following intravenous administration, the pharmacokinetics of toceranib is characterized by a very large volume of distribution (>20 L/kg, indicating partitioning into tissues), a terminal elimination half-life of about 16 hrs, and a clearance of >1 L/hr/kg. With a regimen of 3.25 mg free base equivalent (fbe)/kg doses of toceranib administered by tablet orally every other day for 2 weeks (7 doses), the pharmacokinetic parameters of toceranib in plasma in healthy Beagle dogs (between 7.2 – 12.5 kg) are shown in the table below.

Table 5. Pharmacokinetic Parameters

Pharmacokinetic Parameters (Mean ± 1SD)	Total (n=11;6M, 5F) Dose 1	Total (n=10;5M, 5F) Dose 7
Elimination half-life, $t_{1/2}$ (h)	16.4 ± 3.6	17.2 ± 3.9
Time to maximum plasma concentration, T_{max} (h)	5.3 ± 1.6	6.2 ± 2.6
Maximum plasma concentration, C_{max} (ng/mL)	86 ± 22	109 ± 41
C_{min} (ng/mL) ^{a, b}	12.7 ± 6.0	18.7 ± 8.3
Area under the plasma concentration time-curve, AUC_{0-48} (ng·h/mL) ^a	1833 ± 508	2635 ± 939

^a Dose-normalized value (adjusted to 3.25 mg/kg dose)

^b C_{min} is the concentration at 48 h post-dose, which corresponds to the dose interval.

Oral bioavailability of toceranib is 77%. PALLADIA is highly protein bound at 91% to 93%.

It should be noted that despite the homogeneity of subjects included in this study, large between-subject variability was observed. Regardless of the route of administration, linear pharmacokinetics has been observed at doses up to 5 mg/kg twice daily. Using an *in vitro* hepatocyte and liver microsome test system, the Z isomer was found to be metabolized to the N-oxide derivative of toceranib in dogs, humans, cats, and rats. Although a small gender difference was observed in the *in vitro* study (81% conversion in male dogs, 56% conversion

in female dogs) no differences in toceranib pharmacokinetics was observed *in vivo*. The effects of renal impairment, hepatic impairment or breed on the pharmacokinetics of toceranib have not been investigated.

Effectiveness:

The effectiveness and safety of PALLADIA oral tablets for the treatment of mast cell tumors was evaluated in a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-masked, multicenter clinical field study. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of PALLADIA in the treatment of mast cell tumors in dogs that had recurrent measurable disease after surgery and to evaluate objective response (complete or partial response). PALLADIA treatment was compared to placebo treatment using response rates at the end of the 6-week masked phase. Response rates were determined using the National Cancer Institute's Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors Guideline³ which was modified specifically for the evaluation of canine mast cell tumors.

One-hundred-fifty-three dogs were randomly assigned to treatment with either 3.25 mg/kg PALLADIA (n = 88) or placebo (n = 65) orally, every other day for 6 weeks, or until disease progression or withdrawal from the study for another cause. Treatment was unmasked at the time of disease progression: dogs receiving placebo were then offered crossover to open-label PALLADIA; dogs receiving PALLADIA were discontinued from the study. Dogs were required to have Patnaik grade II or III, recurrent, cutaneous mast cell tumors with or without regional lymph node involvement. At least 1 tumor had to be at least 20 mm in diameter. Dogs had a limit of 1 completed radiation protocol and a limit of 1 prior systemic chemotherapy regimen. Dogs with evidence of systemic mast cell tumor were excluded. Treatment with systemic corticosteroids during the study or within 14 days prior to study initiation was not permitted. If needed to manage adverse reactions, dose interruptions (cessation of PALLADIA for up to 2 weeks) were prescribed and/or dosage was reduced to as low as 2.2 mg/kg.

The effectiveness analysis showed a statistically significant advantage for PALLADIA over placebo in the primary effectiveness endpoint of objective response at the end of the six week masked phase. Objective response is complete response + partial response. Partial response is ≥ 30% decrease in the sum of the longest diameter of target lesions, taking as reference the baseline sum, non-progression of non-target lesions and appearance of no new lesions.

Mast Cell Tumor – Primary Effectiveness Endpoint Results

Effectiveness Parameter	Placebo (n = 63)	PALLADIA (n = 86)	P-value
Objective Response Rate *	7.9%	37.2%	< 0.001

* The difference in objective response rate between groups was not significantly associated with tumor burden (presence vs. absence of regional lymph node involvement) or tumor grade (P > 0.05).

During the study, PALLADIA was administered concomitantly with other medications such as antimicrobials, H-2 receptor blockers, antihistamines, anti-emetics, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, locally-acting anti-ulcer medications, opiate gastrointestinal motility modifiers, opioids, vaccines, anthelmintics, antiparasitics, and topical/ophthalmic/otic corticosteroid preparations. During the open-label phase only, 5 dogs received a brief course of short-acting corticosteroids.

Animal Safety:

In the target animal safety study presented below, PALLADIA was demonstrated to have a narrow margin of safety; dogs being treated with PALLADIA should be monitored for adverse reactions which may indicate a dose adjustment is required. Two dogs in the 6 mg/kg group were euthanized for clinical toxicities on Days 23 and 27 of the study, respectively.

Toceranib was administered orally to 20 male and 20 female adult Beagle dogs (approximately 2 years of age) at doses of 0 mg/kg (placebo, 12 dogs), 2 mg/kg (0.5X, 8 dogs), 4 mg/kg (1X, 12 dogs), or 6 mg/kg (1.5X, 8 dogs) once every other day for 13 consecutive weeks without dose interruption. Toceranib caused weight loss, decreased feed consumption, pancreatic, gonadal, adrenal, muscle, and hematopoietic changes.

Feed consumption was decreased in the 6 mg/kg group compared to placebo, with the largest difference in means occurring at Day 35. Decrease in body weights in the 4 mg/kg group were seen at Day 31 and in the 6 mg/kg group at Day 15 compared with placebo and continued through the study. Dose related lameness, observed almost exclusively in the hind limbs, and limb pain was greater in all treatment groups as compared to placebo, with the 6 mg/kg group demonstrating the highest incidence. Stiffness and weakness were noted to occur almost exclusively in the 6 mg/kg group. Redness of oral mucosa was observed in all treatment groups. One dog in the 4 mg/kg group had oral ulcerations and one dog in the 6 mg/kg group had skin ulcerations, both with bacterial infections present. Diarrhea or soft stool were seen in all four groups.

Hematology analyses showed decreases in hematocrit, hemoglobin, and erythrocyte count and a decrease in reticulocyte count in the 4 and 6 mg/kg groups that tended to recover sufficiently to limit further erythrocyte count decreases. White blood cell counts were significantly lower across the study in all treated groups compared to placebo, primarily due to a decrease in neutrophils. Lymphocytes decreased to a lesser degree, especially at the low dose. Eosinophils and basophils showed marked, persistent decreases. Monocytes were not affected.

Platelet counts increased slightly in 4 and 6 mg/kg groups. Increases were observed in fibrinogen in the 4 and 6 mg/kg group.

Increases were observed in aspartate aminotransferase, creatine kinase, and serum phosphorus concentrations in the 4 and 6 mg/kg groups. Increases in alkaline phosphatase were seen in the 6 mg/kg group. An increase in amylase was seen in one dog in each of the treatment groups. An increase in serum potassium was seen in one dog in the 6 mg/kg group. Increases in lactate dehydrogenase and globulins were observed in the 6 mg/kg group.

Treatment-related microscopic changes included slight to marked reduction in cellularity of sternal and femoral bone marrow. There was a corresponding mild extramedullary hematopoiesis, mainly erythropoiesis, in the spleen. In the pancreas, dose-related slight to moderate acinar degranulation, characterized by diffuse loss of zymogen granules, occurred. In the adrenal glands, minimal cortical congestion/hemorrhage occurred at all doses, with suggestive dose-relationship. Adrenal cortical vacuolation was noted with low frequency in all groups. Dose related changes were noted in reproductive organs of both sexes. Males showed a dose-related germ cell depletion, tubular vacuolation, and reductions in numbers of mature spermatozoa. In females, ovaries showed a reduced incidence of mature/regressing corpora lutea and an increased incidence of small follicles.

Two dogs (one male, one female) in the 6 mg/kg group were euthanized for treatment-related clinical toxicities on Days 23 and 27 of the study, respectively. Onset of the terminal syndrome was seen as markedly reduced feed intake and melena. Over the following 9 days, the decreased feed intake progressed to near-complete anorexia and hematochezia appeared. Weight loss, lethargy, hindlimb lameness and weakness were observed. The following clinical pathology results are consistent with changes seen in the other dogs in the 6 mg/kg group as well as changes due to the dogs' debilitated conditions just prior to euthanasia. Both dogs had increases in total protein, globulins, phosphorus, cholesterol, triglycerides and fibrinogen. One dog had pancytopenia, decreased hematocrit, hemoglobin, reticulocytes, albumin, and PT and increased bands. Hematuria was also present. The other dog also had decreased lymphocytes, eosinophils, chloride, and sodium and increases in RBC, hematocrit, hemoglobin, platelets, ALP, amylase, creatinine, BUN, magnesium, potassium, and total bilirubin. Clotting profile showed a decreased PT and increased in PTT in both dogs. These dogs showed lymphoid depletion in lymph nodes, thymus, and gut-associated lymphatic tissues and mild to marked gastrointestinal lesions in addition to the microscopic findings described in animals surviving to the end of the study. These two dogs also had lesions in the gastrointestinal tract, kidneys, pancreas, pituitary gland and adrenal glands.

Storage Conditions: Store at controlled room temperature 20° to 25° C (68° to 77° F).

How Supplied: PALLADIA tablets contain 10 mg, 15 mg, or 50 mg of toceranib as toceranib phosphate per tablet. The tablets are packaged in 30 count bottles.

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This summary contains important information about PALLADIA. You should read this information before you start giving your dog PALLADIA and review it each time the prescription is refilled as there may be new information. This sheet is provided only as a summary and does not take the place of instructions from your veterinarian. Talk with your veterinarian if you do not understand any of this information or if you want to know more about PALLADIA.

What is PALLADIA?

- ⊙ PALLADIA, a tyrosine kinase inhibitor, is a drug used to treat mast cell tumors, a common form of cancer that affects dogs.
- ⊙ PALLADIA works in two ways:
 - By killing tumor cells.
 - By cutting off the blood supply to the tumor.
- ⊙ Your veterinarian has decided to include PALLADIA as a part of your dog's treatment plan for mast cell tumor. Other types of treatment, such as surgery, drug treatment and/or radiation may be included in the plan. Be sure to speak with your veterinarian about all parts of your dog's treatment plan.

What do I need to tell my veterinarian about my dog before administering PALLADIA?

- ⊙ Tell your veterinarian about all other medications your pet is taking, including: prescription drugs; over the counter drugs; heartworm, flea & tick medications; vitamins and supplements, including herbal medications.
- ⊙ Tell your veterinarian if your dog is pregnant, nursing puppies, or is intended for breeding purposes.

How do I give PALLADIA to my dog?

- ⊙ PALLADIA should be given to your dog by mouth (orally).
- ⊙ PALLADIA may be hidden inside a treat; be certain your dog swallows the entire tablet(s).
- ⊙ Follow your veterinarian's instructions for how much and how often to give PALLADIA.
- ⊙ See the **Handling Instructions** section below in order to administer PALLADIA safely to your dog.

How will PALLADIA affect my dog?

- ⊙ PALLADIA may help shrink your dog's tumor. Like other cancer treatments, it can be difficult to predict whether your dog's tumor will respond to PALLADIA, and if it does respond, how long it will remain responsive to PALLADIA. Regular check ups by your veterinarian are necessary to determine whether your dog is responding as expected, and to decide whether your dog should continue to receive PALLADIA.

What are some possible side effects of PALLADIA?

- ⊙ Like all drugs, PALLADIA may cause side effects, even at the prescribed dose. Serious side effects can occur, with or without warning, and may in some situations result in death.
 - The most common side effects which may occur with PALLADIA include diarrhea, decreased/loss of appetite, lameness, weight loss and blood in the stool.
- ⊙ **Stop PALLADIA immediately and contact your veterinarian if you notice any of the following changes in your dog:**
 - Refusal to eat
 - Vomiting or watery stools (diarrhea), especially if more frequent than twice in 24 hours
 - Black tarry stools
 - Bright red blood in vomit or stools
 - Unexplained bruising or bleeding
 - Or if your dog experiences other changes that concern you
- ⊙ There are other side effects which may occur. For a more complete list, ask your veterinarian.

Handling Instructions

What do I need to know to handle PALLADIA safely?

Because PALLADIA is an anti-cancer drug, extra care must be taken when handling the tablets, giving the drug to your dog, and cleaning up after your dog.

- ⊙ **PALLADIA is not for use in humans.**
- ⊙ **You should keep PALLADIA in a secure storage area out of the reach of children.**
- ⊙ **Children should not come in contact with PALLADIA. Keep children away from feces, urine, or vomit of treated dogs.**
- ⊙ **If you are pregnant, a nursing mother, or may become pregnant and you choose to administer PALLADIA to your dog, you should be particularly careful and follow the handling procedures described below.**
- ⊙ **PALLADIA prevents the formation of new blood vessels in tumors. In a similar manner, PALLADIA may affect blood vessel formation in the developing fetus and may harm an unborn baby (cause birth defects). For pregnant women, accidental ingestion of PALLADIA may have adverse effects on pregnancy.**
- ⊙ **If PALLADIA is accidentally ingested by you or a family member, seek medical advice immediately. It is important to show the treating physician a copy of the package insert or label. In cases of accidental human ingestion of PALLADIA, you may experience gastrointestinal discomfort, including vomiting or diarrhea.**

The following handling procedures will help to minimize exposure to the active ingredient in PALLADIA for you and other members of your household:

- ⊙ Anyone who administers PALLADIA to your dog should wash their hands after handling tablets.
- ⊙ When you or others are handling the tablets:
 - Do not split or break the tablets to avoid disrupting the protective film coating.
 - PALLADIA tablets should be administered to your dog immediately after they are removed from the bottle.
 - Protective gloves should be worn if handling broken or moistened tablets. If your dog spits out the PALLADIA tablet, the tablet will be moistened and should be handled with protective gloves.
 - If the PALLADIA tablet is "hidden" in food, make sure that your dog has eaten the entire dose. This will minimize the potential for exposure to children or other household members to PALLADIA.
- ⊙ Cleaning up after your dog:
 - Because PALLADIA is present in the stool, urine and vomit of dogs under treatment, you must wear protective gloves to clean up after your treated dog.
 - While your dog receives PALLADIA, place the stool, feces or vomit, and any disposable towels used to clean up in a plastic bag which should be sealed for general household disposal. This will minimize the potential for exposure to people in contact with the trash.
 - You should not wash any items soiled with stool, urine or vomit from your dog with other laundry.

This client information sheet gives the most important information about PALLADIA. For more information about PALLADIA, talk with your veterinarian.

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