

DRUG ALERT

CLASS 4 MEDICINES DEFECT INFORMATION

Caution in Use

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Dear Healthcare Professional

Alliance Pharmaceuticals Limited

**Xonvea 10 mg/10 mg gastro-resistant tablets
(doxylamine succinate and pyridoxine hydrochloride)**

PL 16853 / 0147

Batch Number	Expiry Date	Pack Size	First Distributed
1510	30 November 2021	1 x 20	25 September 2018
1525	31 December 2021	1 x 20	05 December 2018
1527	31 January 2022	1 x 20	17 December 2018

Brief description of the problem

Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd has informed us that the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) for these products is missing the possible side effects from post-marketing experience and the associated class effects that are documented in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC). The change concerns:
Possible side effects (not present on the PIL):

- hypersensitivity (allergic reactions)
- feeling anxious, difficulty sleeping (insomnia), nightmares, feeling disorientated
- headaches or migraines
- tingling, pricking or numbness of skin
- restlessness and a need to move constantly

- problems with eyesight or blurred vision
 - sensation of spinning dizziness
 - difficulty breathing, awareness of heartbeat or increased heart rate
 - full or bloated feeling, stomach pains, constipation or diarrhoea
 - excessive sweating, skin reactions such as itchiness or rash
 - difficulties or pain with passing urine
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- discomfort in the chest
 - general discomfort, feeling irritable

Class effects (not present on the PIL):

- Anticholinergic effects (blockage of the activity of organs that receive nerve impulses through a substance called acetylcholine) include: dry nose and throat; double vision (diplopia); ringing or humming in the ears (tinnitus); inflammation of the inner ear which develops within a short time (acute labyrinthitis); shaking (tremors) and nervousness; involuntary repetitive movements of the face (facial dyskinesia). In addition, feeling of tightness in the chest, thick mucus in the chest (bronchial secretions); high-pitched whistling sound often associated with difficulty in breathing (wheezing); stuffy nose, feeling chills; early menses; altered state of mind such as hallucinations, delusions, confusion and disturbed thoughts (toxic psychosis); or feeling faint have been reported.
- Rarely, in patients using some antihistamines, low levels of white blood cells (agranulocytosis), reduced blood in the body due to increased destruction of blood cells (haemolytic anaemia), decreased clotting blood cells (thrombocytopenia), decreased red, white and clotting cells in the blood (pancytopenia), and increased appetite, sometimes with weight gain, have been reported.

It is important that any patients who notice the symptoms seek immediate medical advice.

Alliance Pharmaceuticals Ltd is in the process of updating the PIL and this will be effective on release of all new batches to the market.

Advice for healthcare professionals

When dispensing this product, please check the Marketing Authorisation Holder and the batch number. If any of the above batch numbers are being dispensed, ensure that patients are aware of any missing information. The current SmPC includes the missing side effects and class effects:

<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/9344>



Further Information

For more information or medical information queries, please contact:
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RQIA should bring this information to the attention of private hospitals/clinics registered with them and any other relevant care facilities

The Business Services Organisation is asked to bring this information to the attention of Community Pharmacists and General Medical Practitioners directly.

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