

Local anesthetic for periodontal administration

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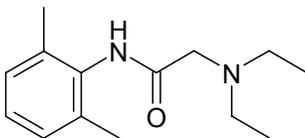
(lidocaine and prilocaine periodontal gel) 2.5%/2.5%

DESCRIPTION

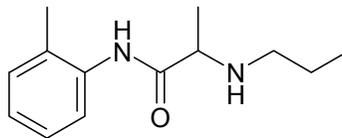
Oraqix[®] (lidocaine and prilocaine Periodontal Gel,) 2.5%/2.5% is a microemulsion in which the oil phase is a eutectic mixture of lidocaine and prilocaine in a ratio of 1:1 by weight. This eutectic mixture has a melting point below room temperature, therefore both local anesthetics exist as liquid oils rather than as crystals. Oraqix contains poloxamer excipients, which show reversible temperature-dependent gelation. Together with the lidocaine-prilocaine 1:1 mixture, the poloxamers form a low-viscosity fluid system at room temperature and an elastic gel in the periodontal pocket. Oraqix is administered into periodontal pockets, by means of the supplied special applicator. Gelation occurs at body temperature, followed by release of the local anesthetics, lidocaine and prilocaine. The Oraqix single-use glass cartridges deliver up to 1.7 g (1.7 mL) of gel (42.5 mg of lidocaine and 42.5 mg of prilocaine). Prilocaine base and lidocaine base are both relatively hydrophilic amino-amides.

STRUCTURAL FORMULAS

Structural formulas



Lidocaine
C₁₄H₂₂N₂O M.W. 234.3



Prilocaine
C₁₃H₂₀N₂O M.W. 220.3

Lidocaine is chemically designated as 2-(diethylamino)-N-(2,6-dimethylphenyl)-acetamide and has an octanol:water partition ratio of 43 at pH 7.4. The pKa of lidocaine is 7.86.

Prilocaine is chemically designated as N-(2-methyl-phenyl)-2-(propylamino)-propanamide and has an octanol:water partition ratio of 25 at pH 7.4. The pKa of prilocaine is 7.89.

Each gram of Oraqix contains 25-mg lidocaine base and 25-mg prilocaine base. The gel also contains thermosetting agents (poloxamer 188 purified, poloxamer 407 purified), hydrochloric acid (pH adjustment), and purified water. The pH of Oraqix is 7.5-8.0.

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Lidocaine and prilocaine belong to the amide class of local anesthetics. Both lidocaine and prilocaine block sodium ion channels required for the initiation and conduction of neuronal impulses, resulting in local anesthesia.

Oraqix is applied directly into periodontal pockets to provide localized anesthesia. The onset of local anesthetic effect after application of Oraqix occurs by 30 seconds and a longer waiting time does not enhance the anesthetic effect. Anesthetic effect, as assessed by probing of pocket depths, lasted for about 20 minutes (individual overall range 14 – 27 minutes).

PHARMACOKINETICS

Absorption: Lidocaine and prilocaine are absorbed from Oraqix via the oral mucous membranes. After a single application of 0.9 – 3.5 g Oraqix, the mean (\pm SD) lidocaine and prilocaine C_{max} values were 182 (\pm 53) and 77 (\pm 27) ng/mL, respectively. After a total of 8 – 8.5 g Oraqix administered as repeated applications over 3 hours, the mean (\pm SD) lidocaine C_{max} was 284 (\pm 122) ng/mL, ranging between 157 and 552 ng/mL. The mean lidocaine AUC _{∞} was 84,000 ng·min/mL. The mean (\pm SD) prilocaine C_{max} was 106 (\pm 45) ng/mL, ranging between 53 and 181 ng/mL. The mean prilocaine AUC _{∞} was 26,000 ng·min/mL.

The toxicities of lidocaine and prilocaine are thought to be additive. Systemic CNS toxicity may occur over a range of plasma concentrations of local anesthetics. CNS toxicity may typically be found around 5000 ng/mL of lidocaine, however a small number of patients reportedly may show signs of toxicity at approximately 1000 ng/mL. Pharmacological thresholds for prilocaine are poorly defined.

The median T_{max} of lidocaine and prilocaine was 30 minutes, ranging between 20 and 40 min., after the start of a single application of 0.9 to 3.5 g Oraqix, and 200 minutes, ranging between 120 and 200 min., after a cumulative dose of 8.5 g Oraqix administered as repeated applications over 3 hours.

Distribution: Lidocaine and prilocaine have an intermediate degree of plasma protein binding, mainly to 1-acid glycoprotein, with a protein binding of 70% and 40%, respectively. When administered intravenously, the mean volumes of distribution (for a 60- kg person) at steady state for lidocaine and prilocaine were 90 L and 156 L, respectively. Oraqix is not intended for intravenous administration. Both lidocaine and prilocaine cross the placental and blood brain barriers, presumably by passive diffusion.

Metabolism: Lidocaine and prilocaine are mainly metabolized in the liver. Prilocaine and lidocaine are not metabolized by plasma esterases.

The main metabolism of lidocaine is through N-dealkylation to monoethylglycinexylidide (MEGX) and glycinexylidide (GX), which is mainly mediated by CYP3A4. These metabolites are hydrolyzed to 2,6-xylidine, which is converted to 4-hydroxy-2,6-xylidine (mediated by CYP2A6), the major urinary metabolite in man. After a total of 8-8.5 g Oraqix administered as repeated applications over 3 hours, the mean (\pm SD) 2,6-xylidine C_{max} was 18 (\pm 8.4) ng/mL ranging between 8 and 32 ng/mL. The mean 2,6-xylidine AUC _{∞} was 9800 ng·min/mL (\pm 6370), ranging between 3480-24,580 ng·min/mL). MEGX has an antiarrhythmic and convulsant activity similar to that of lidocaine and a somewhat longer half-life. GX has a weak antiarrhythmic effect but lacks convulsant activity and has a half-life of about 10 h.

Prilocaine is split at the amide linkage to o-toluidine, which is converted further to 4- and 6-hydroxytoluidine. The prilocaine metabolite o-toluidine and the hydroxylated metabolites of o-toluidine are excreted mainly in the urine. o-Toluidine has been shown to be carcinogenic in several animal models. After a total of 8 – 8.5 g Oraqix was administered as repeated applications over 3 hours, the mean (\pm SD) o-toluidine C_{max} was 25 (\pm 11) ng/mL ranging between 13 and 44 ng/mL. The mean o-toluidine AUC[∞] was 9200 ng·min/mL. The median T_{max} was 220 minutes, ranging between 90 and 240 min.

In addition, o-Toluidine can cause the formation of methemoglobin (metHb) following treatment with prilocaine. Individual maximum blood concentrations of metHb increased from 0 - 1.1% up to 0.8 – 1.7% following administration of the maximum recommended dose of 8.5 g Oraqix administered as repeated applications over 3 hours. The T_{max} of metHb ranged from 1 to 4 hours. Normally, < 1% of the total hemoglobin is in the form of metHb (see OVERDOSAGE). Patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiencies, and patients taking oxidizing drugs such as antimalarials and sulfonamides are more susceptible to drug-induced methemoglobinemia. (See WARNINGS)

Elimination: Lidocaine and prilocaine have systemic clearances of 0.95 and 2.37 L/min, respectively, after intravenous administration as single agents. The terminal half-life of both drugs after intravenous administration as single agents is 1.6 h. Oraqix is not intended for intravenous administration.

However, after application of Oraqix to the periodontal pockets the mean (\pm SD) terminal lidocaine half-life was 3.6 (\pm 1.3) hours, ranging between 2.2 and 6.5 h. The mean (\pm SD) terminal prilocaine half-life was 2.8 (\pm 1.0) hours, ranging between 2.0 to 5.7 h. For the metabolite o-toluidine the mean terminal half-life was 4.0 (\pm 1.1) hours, ranging between 2.0 and 5.7 hours. For the metabolite 2,6-xylylidine the mean terminal half-life was 8.0 (\pm 4.0) hours, ranging between 3.7 and 18.3 hours.

Linearity: The increase in C_{max} of both lidocaine and prilocaine is proportional (or less than proportional) to the dose after single application of Oraqix. The C_{max} after a cumulative dose of 8.5 g Oraqix administered as repeated applications over 3 hours, (i.e. the highest recommended dose, corresponding to 212.5 mg each of lidocaine and prilocaine base), is lower than that extrapolated from the proportional increase in plasma concentrations at lower doses.

Pediatrics: The pharmacokinetics of lidocaine and prilocaine after Oraqix administration have not been studied in pediatric patients.

Geriatrics : The pharmacokinetics of lidocaine and prilocaine after Oraqix administration have not been studied in geriatric patients.

However, intravenous studies, the elimination half-life of lidocaine was statistically significantly longer in elderly patients (2.5 hours) than in younger patients (1.5 hours). No studies on the intravenous pharmacokinetics of prilocaine in elderly patients have been performed.

Special populations: No pharmacokinetic studies were conducted to specifically address special populations. Renal Impairment: Lidocaine and prilocaine and their metabolites are known to be excreted by the kidney, and the metabolites may accumulate in patients with impaired renal function. Hepatic Impairment: The half-life of lidocaine may be prolonged two-fold or more in patients with

liver dysfunction. Liver dysfunction may also alter prilocaine pharmacokinetics. Because of their inability to metabolize local anesthetics normally, patients with severe hepatic disease, are at a greater risk of developing toxic plasma concentrations of lidocaine and prilocaine.

CLINICAL STUDIES

A total of 337 patients (146 men and 191 women; 169 Oraqix and 168 placebo) were studied in three randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials. Subjects received a median dose of approximately 1 cartridge (1.7 g gel), ranging from ¼ - 2½ cartridges per quadrant treated. The primary objective of these clinical studies was to estimate the analgesic effect of Oraqix by asking subjects to rate their pain on a continuous visual analog scale (VAS) from 0 (no pain) to 100 mm (worst pain imaginable). Patients were asked to report overall procedural pain 5 minutes following manual scaling and/or root planing (SRP) in a single quadrant that had been pre-treated with Oraqix or placebo (vehicle only, without lidocaine or prilocaine). In all three studies, subjects who were given Oraqix reported less pain during the procedure than those given placebo. Study B3 recruited patients with a known sensitivity to mechanical probing of dental pockets, whereas in studies B1 and B2, this was not a requirement. Results of B1, B2 and B3 are summarized below.

Visual Analog Pain Scale (100 mm scale)

Visual Analog Pain Scale

Study (no of patients)	Oraqix Median VAS	Placebo Median VAS
B1 (n=122)*	7	17
B2 (n=130)*	5	13
B3 (n=85)*	11	27

*p<0.05

A secondary objective was to compare individual patient estimates of pain on a 5-step categorical Verbal Rating Scale (VRS) which included the following categories: no pain, mild pain, moderate pain, severe pain, and very severe pain. The results of those who reported no pain or mild pain are shown in the next table.

Verbal Rating Scale

Number of Patients Reporting “no pain” or “mild pain” during SRP

Study (no of patients)	Oraqix	Placebo
B1 (n=122)*	57 (90%)	38 (64%)
B2 (n=130)	49 (78%)	51 (76%)
B3 (n=85)*	30 (70%)	20 (48%)

* p<0.05 in the statistical test of the full five categorical scale

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Oraqix is indicated for adults who require localized anesthesia in periodontal pockets during scaling and/or root planing.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Oraqix is contraindicated in patients with a known history of hypersensitivity to local anesthetics of the amide type or to any other component of the product.

WARNINGS

Prilocaine can cause elevated methemoglobin levels particularly in conjunction with methemoglobin-inducing agents. Methemoglobinemia has also been reported in a few cases in association with lidocaine treatment. Patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency or congenital or idiopathic methemoglobinemia are more susceptible to drug-induced methemoglobinemia. Oraqix should not be used in those patients with congenital or idiopathic methemoglobinemia and in infants under the age of twelve months who are receiving treatment with methemoglobin-inducing agents. Signs and symptoms of methemoglobinemia may be delayed some hours after exposure. Initial signs and symptoms of methemoglobinemia are characterized by a slate grey cyanosis seen in, e.g., buccal mucous membranes, lips and nail beds. In severe cases symptoms may include central cyanosis, headache, lethargy, dizziness, fatigue, syncope, dyspnea, CNS depression, seizures, dysrhythmia and shock. Methemoglobinemia should be considered if central cyanosis unresponsive to oxygen therapy occurs, especially if metHb-inducing agents have been used. Calculated oxygen saturation and pulse oximetry are inaccurate in the setting of methemoglobinemia. The diagnosis can be confirmed by an elevated methemoglobin level measured with co-oximetry. Normally, metHb levels are <1%, and cyanosis may not be evident until a level of at least 10% is present. The development of methemoglobinemia is generally dose related. The individual maximum level of metHb in blood ranged from 0.8% to 1.7% following administration of the maximum dose of 8.5 g Oraqix.

Management of Methemoglobinemia: Clinically significant symptoms of methemoglobinemia should be treated with a standard clinical regimen such as a slow intravenous injection of methylene blue at a dosage of 1-2 mg/kg given over a five minute period.

Patients taking drugs associated with drug-induced methemoglobinemia such as sulfonamides, acetaminophen, acetanilide, aniline dyes, benzocaine, chloroquine, dapsone, naphthalene, nitrates and nitrites, nitrofurantoin, nitroglycerin, nitroprusside, pamaquine, para-aminosalicylic acid, phenacetin, phenobarbital, phenytoin, primaquine, and quinine are also at greater risk for developing methemoglobinemia.

Treatment with Oraqix should be avoided in patients with any of the above conditions or with a previous history of problems in connection with prilocaine treatment.

PRECAUTIONS

General:

DO NOT INJECT

Oraqix should not be used with standard dental syringes. Only use this product with the Oraqix Dispenser, which is available from DENTSPLY Pharmaceutical.

Allergic and anaphylactic reactions associated with lidocaine or prilocaine can occur. These reactions may be characterized by urticaria, angioedema, bronchospasm, and shock. If these reactions occur they should be managed by conventional means.

Oraqix coming in contact with the eye should be avoided because animal studies have demonstrated severe eye irritation. A loss of protective reflexes may allow corneal irritation and potential abrasion.

If eye contact occurs, immediately rinse the eye with water or saline and protect it until normal sensation returns. In addition, the patient should be evaluated by an ophthalmologist, as indicated.

Patients allergic to paraminobenzoic acid derivatives (procaine, tetracaine, benzocaine, etc.) have not shown cross sensitivity to lidocaine and/or prilocaine. However, Oraqix should be used with caution in patients with a history of drug sensitivities, especially if the etiologic agent is uncertain.

Patients with severe hepatic disease, because of their inability to metabolize local anesthetics normally, are at greater risk of developing toxic plasma concentrations of lidocaine and prilocaine.

Information for Patients: Patients should be cautioned to avoid injury to the treated area, or exposure to extreme hot or cold temperatures, until complete sensation has returned.

Drug Interactions: Oraqix should be used with caution in combination with dental injection anesthesia, other local anesthetics, or agents structurally related to local anesthetics, e.g., Class I antiarrhythmics such as tocainide and mexiletine, as the toxic effects of these drugs are likely to be additive and potentially synergistic. Patients taking drugs associated with drug-induced methemoglobinemia such as sulfonamides, acetaminophen, acetanilide, aniline dyes, benzocaine, chloroquine, dapsone, naphthalene, nitrates and nitrites, nitrofurantoin, nitroglycerin, nitroprusside, pamaquine, para-aminosalicylic acid, phenacetin, phenobarbital, phenytoin, primaquine, and quinine are also at greater risk for developing methemoglobinemia. (see OVERDOSAGE).

CARCINOGENESIS, MUTAGENESIS, IMPAIRMENT OF FERTILITY:

Carcinogenesis - Long-term studies in animals have not been performed to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of either lidocaine or prilocaine. Chronic oral toxicity studies of o-toluidine, a metabolite of prilocaine, have shown that this compound is a carcinogen in both mice and rats. The tumors associated with o-toluidine included hepatocarcinomas/adenomas in female mice, multiple occurrences of hemangiosarcomas/hemangiomas in both sexes of mice, sarcomas of multiple organs, transitional-cell carcinomas/papillomas of urinary bladder in both sexes of rats, subcutaneous fibromas/fibrosarcomas and mesotheliomas in male rats, and mammary gland fibroadenomas/adenomas in female rats. These findings were observed at the lowest tested dose of 150 mg/kg/day or greater over two years (estimated daily exposures in mice and rats were approximately 6 and 12 times, respectively, the estimated exposure to o-toluidine at the maximum recommended human dose of 8.5 g of Oraqix gel on a mg/m² basis). Thus, the no effect dose is less than 6 to 12 times the estimated exposure to o-toluidine at the maximum recommended human dose, assuming 100% bioavailability of prilocaine from the Oraqix gel. Complete conversion of prilocaine to its metabolite o-toluidine on a molar basis is assumed. This gives a conversion on a weight basis of about 50% for prilocaine base (dependent on the molecular weights, i.e. 220 for prilocaine base and 107 for o-toluidine).

Mutagenesis - The mutagenic potentials of lidocaine and prilocaine have been tested in the Ames Salmonella reverse mutation assay, an in vitro chromosome aberrations assay in human lymphocytes and in an in vivo mouse micronucleus assay. There was no indication of any mutagenic effects for either compound in these studies.

o-Toluidine, a metabolite of prilocaine, was positive in Escherichia coli DNA repair and phage-induction assays. Urine concentrates from rats treated orally with 300 mg/kg o-toluidine were

mutagenic to *Salmonella typhimurium* in the presence of metabolic activation. Several other tests on o-toluidine, including reverse mutations in five different *Salmonella typhimurium* strains with or without metabolic activation, and single strand breaks in DNA of V79 Chinese hamster cells, were negative.

IMPAIRMENT OF FERTILITY: The effect of lidocaine on fertility was examined in the rat model. Administration of 30 mg/kg, s.c. (180 mg/m² or 1.4 fold the maximum recommended human oral dose for one treatment session assuming 100% bioavailability of lidocaine) to the mating pair did not produce alterations in fertility or general reproductive performance of rats. There are no studies that examine the effect of lidocaine or prilocaine on sperm parameters. The effects of prilocaine on fertility were examined in rats treated for 8 months with 10 or 30 mg/kg, s.c. lidocaine or prilocaine (60 mg/m² and 180 mg/m² on a body surface area basis, respectively up to 1.4-fold the maximum recommended exposure for a single procedure assuming 100% bioavailability of lidocaine and prilocaine). This time period encompassed 3 mating periods. There was no evidence of altered fertility.

USE IN PREGNANCY:

Teratogenic Effects: Pregnancy Category B

Reproduction studies have been performed in rats with lidocaine, prilocaine and a 1:1 (weight:weight) mixture of the two compounds. There was no evidence of harm to the fetus at subcutaneous doses of up to 30 mg/kg lidocaine (estimated exposure was approximately equivalent to the expected lidocaine exposure at the maximum recommended human dose of Oraqix gel on a mg/m² basis). Following intramuscular prilocaine doses of up to 300 mg/kg (estimated exposure was approximately 11 times the expected prilocaine exposure at the maximum recommended human dose of Oraqix gel on a mg/m² basis), there was no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus. Similarly, subcutaneous administration of a lidocaine and prilocaine mixture of 40 mg/kg of each compound (estimated exposures were approximately 1.5 times the expected lidocaine and prilocaine exposures at the maximum recommended human dose of Oraqix gel on a mg/m² basis) produced no teratogenic, embryotoxic, or fetotoxic effects. Reproductive toxicology studies of lidocaine were also conducted in rabbits. There was no evidence of harm to the fetus at a dose of 5 mg/kg, s.c. (60 mg/m²). Treatment of rabbits with 15 mg/kg (180 mg/m²) produced evidence of maternal toxicity and evidence of delayed fetal development, including a non-significant decrease in fetal weight (7%) and an increase in minor skeletal anomalies (skull and sternebral defects, reduced ossification of the phalanges). The effects of lidocaine and prilocaine on post-natal development was examined in rats treated for 8 months with 10 or 30 mg/kg, s.c. lidocaine or prilocaine (60 mg/m² and 180 mg/m² on a body surface area basis, respectively up to 1.4-fold the maximum recommended exposure for a single procedure). This time period encompassed 3 mating periods. There was no evidence of altered post-natal development in any offspring, however, both doses of either drug significantly reduced the average number of pups per litter surviving until weaning of offspring from the first 2 mating periods. All the above calculations of exposure are assuming 100% bioavailability of lidocaine and prilocaine after Oraqix administration. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, Oraqix should be used during pregnancy only if the benefits outweigh the risks.

Reproduction studies on the Oraqix drug product, including the inactive ingredients, have not been conducted.

Nursing Mothers: Lidocaine and, possibly, prilocaine are excreted in breast milk. Caution should be exercised when Oraqix is administered to nursing women.

Pediatric Use: Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. Very young children are more susceptible to methemoglobinemia. There have been reports of clinically significant methemoglobinemia in infants and children following excessive applications of lidocaine 2.5% and prilocaine 2.5% topical cream (See WARNINGS).

Geriatric Use: Of the total number of subjects in clinical studies of Oraqix, 7% were aged 65 and over, while 1% were aged 75 and over. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between these subjects and younger subjects. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out.

In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should be cautious, usually starting at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Although no major differences in adverse events between Oraqix and placebo treated subjects were observed, all patients in the placebo controlled studies received either Oraqix or a placebo gel (consisting of the vehicle in Oraqix without lidocaine or prilocaine). Therefore, it is not possible to determine if adverse events in each treatment group were attributable to the inactive ingredients comprising the Oraqix vehicle, or if adverse event rates were higher than expected background rates. Therefore, a causal relationship between the reported adverse reactions and Oraqix could neither be established nor ruled out.

Following SRP treatment with Oraqix in 391 patients, the most frequent adverse events were local reactions in the oral cavity (see following table). These events, which occurred in approximately 15% of patients, included pain, soreness, irritation, numbness, vesicles, ulcerations, edema and/or redness in the treated area. Of the 391 patients treated with Oraqix, five developed ulcerative lesions and two developed vesicles of mild to moderate severity near the site of SRP. In addition, ulcerative lesions in or near the treated area were also reported for three out of 168 patients who received placebo. Other symptoms reported in more than one patient were headache, taste perversion, nausea, fatigue, flu, respiratory infection, musculoskeletal pain and accident/injury.

Table 1. Number (percent) of patients with adverse events occurring in more than one patient in any of the treatment groups.

Each patient is counted only once per adverse event. The occurrence in a single patient is included in this table if the same symptom has been seen in at least one patient in another group.

<i>System Organ Class Preferred Term</i>	Oraqix gel* N=391 n (%)	Placebo (vehicle only) gel N=168 n (%)	Lidocaine injection* N=170 n (%)
MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM DISORDERS			
Myalgia	1 (0)	2 (1)	
Arthralgia and/or Arthropathy	1 (0)	1 (1)	
CENTRAL & PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DISORDERS			
Headache	8 (2)	3 (2)	5 (3)
Dizziness	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
SPECIAL SENSES OTHER, DISORDERS			
Taste Perversion ¹	8 (2)	1 (1)	
GASTRO-INTESTINAL SYSTEM DISORDERS			
Nausea	3 (1)		1 (1)
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM DISORDERS			
Respiratory Infection	2 (1)		1 (1)
Rhinitis		2 (1)	
BODY AS A WHOLE – GENERAL DISORDERS			
Accident and/or Injury	2 (1)	2 (1)	
Fatigue	3 (1)		2 (1)
Flu-Like Disorder	2 (1)		
Pain (remote from application site)	1 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
APPLICATION SITE DISORDERS**			
Anesthesia local	2 (1)		
Application Site Reaction	53 (14)	20 (12)	

¹includes complaints of bad or bitter taste lasting for up to 4 hours after administration of Oraqix

* in a cross-over study, 170 subjects received either Oraqix or lidocaine injection 2% in each test period

** i.e., symptoms in the oral cavity

*** includes pain, soreness, irritation, numbness, ulcerations, vesicles, edema, abscess and/or redness in the treated area

Allergic Reactions: Allergic and anaphylactic reactions associated with lidocaine or prilocaine can occur. They may be characterized by urticaria, angioedema, bronchospasm, and shock. If they occur, they should be managed by conventional means.

OVERDOSAGE

Local anesthetic toxicity emergency: Oraqix used at the recommended doses is not likely to cause toxic plasma levels of lidocaine or prilocaine. However, if other local anesthetics are administered at the same time, e.g. topically or by injection, the toxic effects are thought to be additive and could result in an overdose with systemic toxic reactions. There is generally an increase in severity of symptoms with increasing plasma concentrations of lidocaine and/or prilocaine. Systemic CNS toxicity may occur over a range of plasma concentrations of local anesthetics. CNS toxicity may typically be found around 5000 ng/mL of lidocaine, however a small number of patients reportedly may show signs of toxicity at approximately 1000 ng/mL. Pharmacological thresholds for prilocaine are poorly defined. Central nervous system (CNS) symptoms usually precede cardiovascular manifestations. The plasma level of lidocaine observed after the maximum recommended dose (5 cartridges) of Oraqix in 11 patients exposed over 3 hours ranged from 157-552 ng/mL with a mean of 284 ng/mL \pm 122 SD. The corresponding figure for prilocaine was 53-181 ng/mL with a mean of 106 \pm 45 SD. (see CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Absorption).

Systemic adverse effects of lidocaine and/or prilocaine are manifested by central nervous system and/or cardiovascular symptoms.

Clinical symptoms of systemic toxicity include CNS excitation and/or depression (light-headedness, hyperacusis, visual disturbances, muscular tremors, and general convulsions). Lidocaine and/or prilocaine may cause decreases in cardiac output, total peripheral resistance and mean arterial pressure. These changes may be attributable to direct depressant effects of these local anesthetic agents on the cardiovascular system. Cardiovascular manifestations may include hypotension, bradycardia, arrhythmia, and cardiovascular collapse.

Management of Local Anesthetic Emergencies: Should severe CNS or cardiovascular symptoms occur, these may be treated symptomatically by, for example, the administration of anticonvulsive drugs, respiratory support and/or cardiovascular resuscitation as necessary.

Methemoglobinemia: Prilocaine can cause elevated methemoglobin levels particularly in conjunction with methemoglobin-inducing agents. Methemoglobinemia has also been reported in a few cases in association with lidocaine treatment. Patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency or congenital or idiopathic methemoglobinemia are more susceptible to drug-induced methemoglobinemia. Very young patients, patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency or congenital or idiopathic methemoglobinemia are more susceptible to drug-induced methemoglobinemia. Signs and symptoms of methemoglobinemia may be delayed some hours after exposure. Initial signs and symptoms of methemoglobinemia are characterized by a slate grey

cyanosis seen in , e.g., buccal mucous membranes, lips and nail beds. In severe cases symptoms may include central cyanosis, headache, lethargy, dizziness, fatigue, syncope, dyspnea, CNS depression, seizures, dysrhythmia and shock. Methemoglobinemia should be considered if central cyanosis unresponsive to oxygen therapy occurs, especially if metHb-inducing agents have been used. Calculated oxygen saturation and pulse oximetry are inaccurate in the setting of methemoglobinemia. The diagnosis can be confirmed by an elevated methemoglobin level measured with co-oximetry. Normally, metHb levels are <1%, and cyanosis may not be evident until a level of at least 10% is present. The development of methemoglobinemia is generally dose related. The individual maximum level of metHb in blood ranged from 0.8% to 1.7% following administration of the maximum dose of 8.5 g Oraqix.

Management of Methemoglobinemia: Clinically significant symptoms of methemoglobinemia should be treated with a standard clinical regimen such as a slow intravenous injection of methylene blue at a dosage of 1-2 mg/kg given over a five minute period.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Apply Oraqix on the gingival margin around the selected teeth using the blunt-tipped applicator included in the package. Wait 30 seconds, then fill the periodontal pockets with Oraqix using the blunt-tipped applicator until the gel becomes visible at the gingival margin. Wait another 30 seconds before starting treatment. A longer waiting time does not enhance the anesthesia. Anesthetic effect, as assessed by probing of pocket depths, has a duration of approximately 20 minutes (individual overall range 14 – 27 minutes). If the anesthesia starts to wear off, Oraqix may be re-applied if needed. The maximum recommended dose of Oraqix at one treatment session is 5 cartridges, i.e., 8.5 g gel. Application of Oraqix into periodontal pockets without prior application to the gingival margin was tested in one open-label study. This method of application appears to be safe; however, its efficacy has not been tested.

Typically, 1 cartridge (1.7 g) or less of Oraqix will be sufficient for one quadrant of the dentition.

When administered, Oraqix should be a liquid. If it has formed a gel, it should be placed in a refrigerator (do not freeze) until it becomes a liquid again. When in the liquid state, the air bubble visible in the cartridge will move if the cartridge is tilted.

DO NOT INJECT

Oraqix should not be used with standard dental anesthetic syringes. Only use this product with the Oraqix Dispenser, which is available from DENTSPLY Pharmaceutical.

HOW SUPPLIED

Oraqix (lidocaine and prilocaine Periodontal Gel), 2.5%/2.5%, is supplied in dental cartridges that provide 1.7 g gel. Individually blister-packaged cartridges of Oraqix are distributed in a carton of 20 (NDC 66312-XXXXX). Each individual blister package also contains a sterile blunt-tipped applicator. Each blunt-tipped applicator is for single use only.

Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions permitted to 15°-30°C (59°-86°F) [See USP Controlled Room Temperature.]

At temperatures below +5°C Oraqix may become opaque. This opacity will disappear when the cartridge is warmed to room temperature.

DO NOT FREEZE. Some components of Oraqix may precipitate if cartridges are frozen. Cartridges should not be used if they contain a precipitate.

Do not use dental cartridge warmers with Oraqix. The heat will cause the product to gel.

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