

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

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

MOXIFLOXACIN injection, for intravenous use  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1999

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of moxifloxacin injection and other antibacterial drugs, moxifloxacin injection should be used only to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria.

Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections (SSSI) (1.2)	400 mg	7
Complicated SSSI (1.3)	400 mg	7 to 21
Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections (1.4)	400 mg	5 to 14
Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (1.5)	400 mg	10
Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis (1.6)	400 mg	5

- No dosage adjustment in patients with renal or hepatic impairment. (8.6, 8.7)
- Moxifloxacin injection: Slow Intravenous infusion over 60 minutes. Avoid rapid or bolus Intravenous infusion. (2.2)
- Do not mix with other medications in intravenous bag or in intravenous line. (2.2)

**WARNING: SERIOUS ADVERSE REACTIONS INCLUDING TENDINITIS, TENDON RUPTURE, PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY, CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM EFFECTS and EXACERBATION OF MYASTHENIA GRAVIS**  
See full prescribing Information for complete boxed warning

- Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse reactions that have occurred together (5.1) including:
  - Tendinitis and tendon rupture (5.2)
  - Peripheral neuropathy (5.3)
  - Central nervous system effects (5.4)

Discontinue moxifloxacin injection immediately and avoid the use of fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, in patients who experience any of these serious adverse reactions.

- Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, may exacerbate muscle weakness in patients with myasthenia gravis. Avoid moxifloxacin in patients with known history of myasthenia gravis (5.5).
- Because fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with serious adverse reactions (5.1 to 5.13), reserve moxifloxacin for use in patients who have no alternative treatment options for the following indications:
  - Acute bacterial sinusitis (1.5)
  - Acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis (1.6)

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

Injection: 400 mg moxifloxacin in 250 mL. (3.1)

-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

Known hypersensitivity to moxifloxacin or other quinolones. (4, 5.7)

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- Prolongation of the QT interval and isolated cases of torsades de pointes has been reported. Avoid use in patients with known prolongation, hypokalemia, and with drugs that prolong the QT interval. (5.6, 7.4, 8.5). Use caution in patients with proarrhythmic conditions such as clinically significant bradycardia or acute myocardial ischemia. (5.6)
- Serious and sometimes fatal hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylactic reactions, may occur after first or subsequent doses. Discontinue moxifloxacin at the first sign of skin rash, jaundice or any other sign of hypersensitivity. (5.7, 5.8)
- Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea: Evaluate if diarrhea occurs. (5.9)
- High sodium load: each unit dose contains 52.5 mEq (1,207 mg) of sodium. Avoid in patients with sodium restriction. (5.10)

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

Most common reactions (≥ 3%) were nausea, diarrhea, headache, and dizziness. (6.2)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Fresenius Kabi USA, LLC at 1-800-551-7176 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

-----RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-----

- Warnings and Precautions -psychiatric adverse reactions 10/2018 (5.4)
- Warnings and Precautions – hypoglycemic coma or death 10/2018 (5.12)

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----

Moxifloxacin injection is a fluoroquinolone antibacterial drug indicated for treating infections in adults ≥ 18 years of age caused by designated, susceptible bacteria. (1, 12.4)

- Community Acquired Pneumonia (1.1)
- Skin and Skin Structure Infections: Uncomplicated (1.2) and Complicated (1.3)
- Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections (1.4)
- Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (1.5)
- Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis (1.6)

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

Type of Infection	Dose Every 24 hours	Duration (days)
Community Acquired Pneumonia (1.1)	400 mg	7 to 14

-----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----

Interacting Drug	Interaction
Warfarin	Anticoagulant effect of warfarin may be enhanced. Monitor prothrombin time/INR, watch for bleeding. (6.4, 7.1, 12.3)
Class IA and Class III antiarrhythmics:	Proarrhythmic effect may be enhanced. Avoid concomitant use. (5.6, 7.4)
Antidiabetic agents	Carefully monitor blood glucose. (5.12, 7.2)

-----USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS-----

- Pregnancy:** Based on animal data may cause fetal harm. (8.1)
- Geriatrics:** Increased risk for severe tendon disorders further increased by concomitant corticosteroid therapy and increased risk of prolongation of the QT interval. (5.2, 5.6, 8.5)

See 17 for PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION and Medication Guide.

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- **Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse reactions that have occurred together [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)], including:**
  - **Tendinitis and tendon rupture [see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]**
  - **Peripheral neuropathy [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]**
  - **Central nervous system effects [see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]**

**Discontinue moxifloxacin immediately and avoid the use of fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, in patients who experience any of these serious adverse reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)].**

- **Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, may exacerbate muscle weakness in patients with myasthenia gravis. Avoid moxifloxacin in patients with known history of myasthenia gravis [see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)].**
- **Because fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with serious adverse reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.1 to 5.13)], reserve moxifloxacin for use in patients who have no alternative treatment options for the following indications:**
  - **Acute sinusitis [see Indications and Usage (1.5)]**
  - **Acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis [see Indications and Usage (1.6)]**

## **1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

### **1.1 Community Acquired Pneumonia**

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Community Acquired Pneumonia caused by susceptible isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (including multi-drug resistant isolates\*), *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Moraxella catarrhalis*, methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, or *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.

\* MDRSP, Multi-drug resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* includes isolates previously known as PRSP (Penicillin-resistant *S. pneumoniae*), and are isolates resistant to two or more of the following antibiotics: penicillin (minimum inhibitory concentrations [MIC]  $\geq 2$  mcg/mL), 2nd generation cephalosporins (for example, cefuroxime), macrolides, tetracyclines, and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole [see *Clinical Studies (14.2)*].

## **1.2 Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections caused by susceptible isolates of methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus* or *Streptococcus pyogenes* [see *Clinical Studies (14.5)*].

## **1.3 Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections caused by susceptible isolates of methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, or *Enterobacter cloacae* [see *Clinical Studies (14.6)*].

## **1.4 Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections**

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections including polymicrobial infections such as abscess caused by susceptible isolates of *Escherichia coli*, *Bacteroides fragilis*, *Streptococcus anginosus*, *Streptococcus constellatus*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron*, or *Peptostreptococcus* species [see *Clinical Studies (14.7)*].

## **1.5 Acute Bacterial Sinusitis**

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (ABS) caused by susceptible isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, or *Moraxella catarrhalis* [see *Clinical Studies (14.4)*].

Because fluoroquinolones, including Moxifloxacin Injection, have been associated with serious adverse reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1 to 5.13)*] and for some patients ABS is self-limiting, reserve Moxifloxacin Injection for treatment of ABS in patients who have no alternative treatment options.

## 1.6 Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis

Moxifloxacin Injection is indicated in adults (18 years of age or older) for the treatment of Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis (ABECB) caused by susceptible isolates of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Haemophilus influenzae*, *Haemophilus parainfluenzae*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, methicillin-susceptible *Staphylococcus aureus*, or *Moraxella catarrhalis* [see *Clinical Studies* (14.1)].

Because fluoroquinolones, including Moxifloxacin Injection, have been associated with serious adverse reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1 to 5.13)] and for some patients ABECB is self-limiting, reserve Moxifloxacin Injection for treatment of ABECB in patients who have no alternative treatment options.

## 1.7 Usage

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of moxifloxacin injection and other antibacterial drugs, moxifloxacin injection should be used only to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria. When culture and susceptibility information are available, they should be considered in selecting or modifying antibacterial therapy. In the absence of such data, local epidemiology and susceptibility patterns may contribute to the empiric selection of therapy.

### Culture and Susceptibility Testing

Appropriate culture and susceptibility tests should be performed before treatment in order to isolate and identify organisms causing infection and to determine their susceptibility to moxifloxacin [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.4)]. Therapy with moxifloxacin may be initiated before results of these tests are known; once results become available, appropriate therapy should be continued.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Dosage in Adult Patients

The dose of moxifloxacin injection is 400 mg intravenously once every 24 hours. The duration of therapy depends on the type of infection as described in Table 1.

**Table 1: Dosage and Duration of Therapy in Adult Patients**

Type of Infection <sup>a</sup>	Dose Every 24 hours	Duration <sup>b</sup> (days)
Community Acquired Pneumonia (1.1)	400 mg	7 to 14
Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections (SSSI) (1.2)	400 mg	7
Complicated SSSI (1.3)	400 mg	7 to 21
Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections (1.4)	400 mg	5 to 14
Acute Bacterial Sinusitis (1.5)	400 mg	10
Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis (1.6)	400 mg	5

<sup>a</sup> Due to the designated pathogens [see *Indications and Usage (1)*, for IV use, see *Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*].

<sup>b</sup> Sequential therapy (intravenous to oral) may be instituted at the discretion of the physician.

When switching from intravenous to oral formulation, no dosage adjustment is necessary [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.4)*]. Patients whose therapy is started with moxifloxacin injection may be switched to moxifloxacin tablets when clinically indicated at the discretion of the physician.

## 2.2 Administration Instructions

### *Moxifloxacin Injection Solution for Infusion*

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration, whenever solution and container permit.

Moxifloxacin injection should be administered by intravenous infusion only. It is not intended for intra-arterial, intramuscular, intrathecal, intraperitoneal, or subcutaneous administration.

Moxifloxacin injection should be administered by intravenous infusion over a period of 60 minutes by direct infusion or through a Y-type intravenous infusion set which may already be in place. Caution: rapid or bolus intravenous infusion must be avoided.

Because only limited data are available on the compatibility of moxifloxacin intravenous injection with other intravenous substances, additives or other medications should not be added to moxifloxacin injection or infused simultaneously through the same intravenous line. If the same intravenous line or a Y-type line is used for sequential infusion of other drugs, or if the “piggyback” method of administration is used, the line should be flushed before and after infusion of moxifloxacin injection with an infusion solution compatible with moxifloxacin injection as well as with other drug(s) administered via this common line.

**Moxifloxacin Injection is compatible with the following intravenous solutions at ratios from 1:10 to 10:1**

0.9% Sodium Chloride Injection, USP	Sterile Water for Injection, USP
1 molar Sodium Chloride Injection	10% Dextrose for Injection, USP
5% Dextrose Injection, USP	Lactated Ringer's for Injection

**2.3 Preparation for Administration of Moxifloxacin Injection**

To prepare moxifloxacin injection premix in flexible plastic containers:

1. Close flow control clamp of administration set.
2. Remove cover from port at bottom of container.
3. Insert piercing pin from an appropriate transfer set (for example, one that does not require excessive force, such as ISO compatible administration set) into port with a gentle twisting motion until pin is firmly seated.

**NOTE:** Refer to complete directions that have been provided with the administration set.

**3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS**

**Moxifloxacin Injection**

Each bag contains 400 mg of moxifloxacin in 250 mL, each mL contains 1.6 mg of moxifloxacin.

**4 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Moxifloxacin is contraindicated in persons with a history of hypersensitivity to moxifloxacin or any member of the quinolone class of antimicrobial agents.

**5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

**5.1 Disabling and Potentially Irreversible Serious Adverse Reactions Including Tendinitis and Tendon Rupture, Peripheral Neuropathy, and Central Nervous System Effects**

Fluoroquinolones, including Moxifloxacin Injection, have been associated with disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse reactions from different body systems that can occur together in the same patient. Commonly seen adverse reactions include tendinitis, tendon rupture, arthralgia, myalgia, peripheral neuropathy, and central nervous system effects (hallucinations, anxiety, depression, insomnia, severe headaches, and confusion). These reactions can occur within hours to weeks after starting moxifloxacin. Patients of

any age or without pre-existing risk factors have experienced these adverse reactions [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3, 5.4)*].

Discontinue Moxifloxacin Injection immediately at the first signs or symptoms of any serious adverse reaction. In addition, avoid the use of fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, in patients who have experienced any of these serious adverse reactions associated with fluoroquinolones.

## **5.2 Tendinitis and Tendon Rupture**

Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with an increased risk of tendinitis and tendon rupture in all ages [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Adverse Reactions (6.2)*]. This adverse reaction most frequently involves the Achilles tendon, and has also been reported with the rotator cuff (the shoulder), the hand, the biceps, the thumb, and other tendons. Tendinitis or tendon rupture can occur within hours or days of starting moxifloxacin or as long as several months after completion of therapy. Tendinitis and tendon rupture can occur bilaterally.

The risk of developing fluoroquinolone-associated tendinitis and tendon rupture is increased in patients over 60 years of age, in patients taking corticosteroid drugs, and in patients with kidney, heart or lung transplants. Other factors that may independently increase the risk of tendon rupture include strenuous physical activity, renal failure, and previous tendon disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis. Tendinitis and tendon rupture have also occurred in patients taking fluoroquinolones who do not have the above risk factors. Discontinue moxifloxacin if the patient experiences pain, swelling, inflammation or rupture of a tendon. Patients should be advised to rest at the first sign of tendinitis or tendon rupture, and to contact their healthcare provider regarding changing to a non-quinolone antimicrobial drug [*see Adverse Reactions (6.4) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*]. Avoid fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, in patients who have a history of tendon disorders or have experienced tendinitis or tendon rupture [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2)*].

## **5.3 Peripheral Neuropathy**

Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with an increased risk of peripheral neuropathy. Cases of sensory or sensorimotor axonal polyneuropathy affecting small and/or large axons resulting in paresthesias, hypoesthesias, dysesthesias and weakness have been reported in patients receiving fluoroquinolones including

moxifloxacin. Symptoms may occur soon after initiation of moxifloxacin and may be irreversible in some patients [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Adverse Reactions (6.1, 6.2)*].

Discontinue moxifloxacin immediately if the patient experiences symptoms of peripheral neuropathy including pain, burning, tingling, numbness, and/or weakness or other alterations of sensation including light touch, pain, temperature, position sense, and vibratory sensation. Avoid fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, in patients who have previously experienced peripheral neuropathy [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2, 6.4) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

#### **5.4 Central Nervous System Effects**

##### *Psychiatric Adverse Reactions*

Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with an increased risk of psychiatric adverse reactions, including: toxic psychosis, hallucinations, or paranoia; depression or suicidal thoughts or acts; anxiety, agitation, or nervousness; confusion, delirium, disorientation, or disturbances in attention; insomnia or nightmares; and memory impairment. These adverse reactions may occur following the first dose. If these reactions occur in patients receiving moxifloxacin, discontinue moxifloxacin immediately and institute appropriate measures [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2, 6.4)*].

##### *Central Nervous System Adverse Reactions*

Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been associated with an increased risk of seizures (convulsions), increased intracranial pressure (including pseudotumor cerebri), dizziness, and tremors. As with all fluoroquinolones, use moxifloxacin with caution in patients with known or suspected CNS disorders (for example, severe cerebral arteriosclerosis, epilepsy) or in the presence of other risk factors that may predispose to seizures or lower the seizure threshold. These adverse reactions may occur following the first dose. If these reactions occur in patients receiving moxifloxacin, discontinue moxifloxacin immediately and institute appropriate measures [*see Drug Interactions (7.3), Adverse Reactions (6.2, 6.4) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

#### **5.5 Exacerbation of Myasthenia Gravis**

Fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, have neuromuscular blocking activity and may exacerbate muscle weakness in patients with myasthenia gravis. Postmarketing serious adverse reactions, including deaths and requirement for ventilatory support, have

been associated with fluoroquinolone use in patients with myasthenia gravis. Avoid moxifloxacin in patients with known history of myasthenia gravis [*see Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

## 5.6 QT Prolongation

Moxifloxacin has been shown to prolong the QT interval of the electrocardiogram in some patients. Following oral dosing with 400 mg of moxifloxacin the mean ( $\pm$  SD) change in QTc from the pre-dose value at the time of maximum drug concentration was 6 msec ( $\pm$  26) (n = 787). Following a course of daily intravenous dosing (400 mg; 1 hour infusion each day) the mean change in QTc from the Day 1 pre-dose value was 10 msec ( $\pm$  22) on Day 1 (n = 667) and 7 msec ( $\pm$  24) on Day 3 (n = 667).

The drug should be avoided in patients with known prolongation of the QT interval, patients with uncorrected hypokalemia and patients receiving Class IA (for example, quinidine, procainamide) or Class III (for example, amiodarone, sotalol) antiarrhythmic agents, due to the lack of clinical experience with the drug in these patient populations.

Pharmacokinetic studies between moxifloxacin and other drugs that prolong the QT interval such as cisapride, erythromycin, antipsychotics, and tricyclic antidepressants have not been performed. An additive effect of moxifloxacin and these drugs cannot be excluded; therefore caution should be exercised when moxifloxacin is given concurrently with these drugs. In premarketing clinical trials, the rate of cardiovascular adverse events was similar in 798 moxifloxacin and 702 comparator treated patients who received concomitant therapy with drugs known to prolong the QTc interval.

Moxifloxacin should be used with caution in patients with ongoing proarrhythmic conditions, such as clinically significant bradycardia, acute myocardial ischemia. The magnitude of QT prolongation may increase with increasing concentrations of the drug or increasing rates of infusion of the intravenous formulation. Therefore the recommended dose or infusion rate should not be exceeded. QT prolongation may lead to an increased risk for ventricular arrhythmias including torsades de pointes. No excess in cardiovascular morbidity or mortality attributable to QTc prolongation occurred with moxifloxacin treatment in over 15,500 patients in controlled clinical studies, including 759 patients who were hypokalemic at the start of treatment, and there was no increase in mortality in over 18,000 moxifloxacin tablet treated patients in a postmarketing observational study in which ECGs were not performed. Elderly patients using moxifloxacin injection may be more susceptible to drug-associated QT prolongation [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*]. In addition, moxifloxacin should be used with caution

in patients with mild, moderate, or severe liver cirrhosis [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

## **5.7 Hypersensitivity Reactions**

Serious anaphylactic reactions, some following the first dose, have been reported in patients receiving fluoroquinolone therapy, including moxifloxacin. Some reactions were accompanied by cardiovascular collapse, loss of consciousness, tingling, pharyngeal or facial edema, dyspnea, urticaria, and itching. Discontinue Moxifloxacin Injection at the first appearance of a skin rash or any other sign of hypersensitivity [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7), Adverse Reactions (6) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

## **5.8 Other Serious and Sometimes Fatal Adverse Reactions**

Other serious and sometimes fatal adverse reactions, some due to hypersensitivity, and some due to uncertain etiology, have been reported rarely in patients receiving therapy with quinolones, including moxifloxacin. These events may be severe and generally occur following the administration of multiple doses. Clinical manifestations may include one or more of the following:

- Fever, rash, or severe dermatologic reactions (for example, toxic epidermal necrolysis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Vasculitis; arthralgia; myalgia; serum sickness
- Allergic pneumonitis
- Interstitial nephritis; acute renal insufficiency or failure
- Hepatitis; jaundice; acute hepatic necrosis or failure
- Anemia, including hemolytic and aplastic; thrombocytopenia, including thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura; leukopenia; agranulocytosis; pancytopenia; and/or other hematologic abnormalities

Discontinue Moxifloxacin Injection immediately at the first appearance of a skin rash, jaundice, or any other sign of hypersensitivity and supportive measures instituted [*see Patient Counseling Information (17) and Adverse Reactions (6.4)*].

## **5.9 Clostridium Difficile-Associated Diarrhea**

*Clostridium difficile*-associated diarrhea (CDAD) has been reported with use of nearly all antibacterial agents, including moxifloxacin, and may range in severity from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Treatment with antibacterial agents alters the normal flora of the colon leading to overgrowth of *C. difficile*.

*C. difficile* produces toxins A and B which contribute to the development of CDAD. Hypertoxin producing strains of *C. difficile* cause increased morbidity and mortality, as these infections can be refractory to antimicrobial therapy and may require colectomy. CDAD must be considered in all patients who present with diarrhea following antibiotic use. Careful medical history is necessary since CDAD has been reported to occur over two months after the administration of antibacterial agents.

If CDAD is suspected or confirmed, ongoing antibiotic use not directed against *C. difficile* may need to be discontinued. Appropriate fluid and electrolyte management, protein supplementation, antibiotic treatment of *C. difficile*, and surgical evaluation should be instituted as clinically indicated [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### **5.10 High Sodium Load**

Each unit dose of moxifloxacin injection contains 52.5 mEq (1,207 mg) of sodium. Avoid use of moxifloxacin injection in patients with congestive heart failure, elderly, and those with restricted sodium intake [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.5), Description (11)*].

### **5.11 Arthropathic Effects in Animals**

The oral administration of moxifloxacin caused lameness in immature dogs. Histopathological examination of the weight-bearing joints of these dogs revealed permanent lesions of the cartilage. Related quinolone-class drugs also produce erosions of cartilage of weight-bearing joints and other signs of arthropathy in immature animals of various species [see *Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2)*].

### **5.12 Blood Glucose Disturbances**

As with all fluoroquinolones, disturbances in blood glucose, including both hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia have been reported with moxifloxacin. In moxifloxacin-treated patients, dysglycemia occurred predominantly in elderly diabetic patients receiving concomitant treatment with an oral hypoglycemic agent (for example, sulfonylurea) or with insulin. Severe cases of hypoglycemia resulting in coma or death have been reported. In diabetic patients, careful monitoring of blood glucose is recommended [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2)*]. If a hypoglycemic reaction occurs, discontinue moxifloxacin and initiate appropriate therapy immediately [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2), Drug Interactions (7.2) and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### 5.13 Photosensitivity/Phototoxicity

Moderate to severe photosensitivity/phototoxicity reactions, the latter of which may manifest as exaggerated sunburn reactions (for example, burning, erythema, exudation, vesicles, blistering, edema) involving areas exposed to light (typically the face, “V” area of the neck, extensor surfaces of the forearms, dorsa of the hands), can be associated with the use of quinolone antibiotics after sun or UV light exposure. Therefore, excessive exposure to these sources of light should be avoided. Drug therapy should be discontinued if phototoxicity occurs [see *Adverse Reactions (6.4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### 5.14 Development of Drug Resistant Bacteria

Prescribing moxifloxacin in the absence of a proven or strongly suspected bacterial infection or a prophylactic indication is unlikely to provide benefit to the patient and increases the risk of the development of drug-resistant bacteria [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 6.1 Serious and Otherwise Important Adverse Reactions

The following serious and otherwise important adverse reactions are discussed in greater detail in the Warnings and Precautions section of the label:

- Disabling and Potentially Irreversible Serious Adverse Reactions Including Tendinitis and Tendon Rupture, Peripheral Neuropathy, and Central Nervous System Effects [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Tendinitis and Tendon Rupture [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Peripheral Neuropathy [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Central Nervous System Effects [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- Exacerbation of Myasthenia Gravis [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- QT Prolongation [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]
- Hypersensitivity Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*]
- Other Serious and Sometimes Fatal Adverse Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*]
- *Clostridium Difficile*-Associated Diarrhea [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*]
- Blood Glucose Disturbances [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.12)*]
- Photosensitivity/Phototoxicity [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.13)*]
- Development of Drug Resistant Bacteria [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.14)*]

## 6.2 Clinical Trial 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.

The data described below reflect exposure to moxifloxacin in 14,981 patients in 71 active controlled Phase II - IV clinical trials in different indications [*see Indications and Usage (1)*]. The population studied had a mean age of 50 years (approximately 73% of the population was < 65 years of age), 50% were male, 63% were Caucasian, 12% were Asian and 9% were Black. Patients received moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily PO, IV, or sequentially (IV followed by PO). Treatment duration was usually 6 to 10 days, and the mean number of days on therapy was 9 days.

Discontinuation of moxifloxacin due to adverse events occurred in 5% of patients overall, 4.1% of patients treated with 400 mg PO, 3.9% with 400 mg IV and 8.2% with sequential therapy 400 mg PO/IV. The most common adverse events leading to discontinuation with the 400 mg PO doses were nausea (0.8%), diarrhea (0.5%), dizziness (0.5%), and vomiting (0.4%). The most common adverse event leading to discontinuation with the 400 mg IV dose was rash (0.5%). The most common adverse events leading to discontinuation with the 400 mg IV/PO sequential dose were diarrhea (0.5%) and pyrexia (0.4%).

Adverse reactions occurring in  $\geq 1\%$  of moxifloxacin-treated patients and less common adverse reactions, occurring in 0.1 to < 1% of moxifloxacin-treated patients, are shown in Table 2 and Table 3, respectively. The most common adverse drug reactions ( $\geq 3\%$ ) are nausea, diarrhea, headache, and dizziness.

**Table 2: Common ( $\geq 1\%$ ) Adverse Reactions Reported in Active-Controlled Clinical Trials with Moxifloxacin**

System Organ Class	Adverse Reactions <sup>a</sup>	% (N=14,981)
<b>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders</b>	Anemia	1.1
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	Nausea	6.9
	Diarrhea	6
	Vomiting	2.4
	Constipation	1.9
	Abdominal pain	1.5
	Abdominal pain upper	1.1
	Dyspepsia	1
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>	Pyrexia	1.1
<b>Investigations</b>	Alanine aminotransferase increased	1.1
<b>Metabolism and Nutritional Disorder</b>	Hypokalemia	1
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>	Headache	4.2
	Dizziness	3
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>	Insomnia	1.9

<sup>a</sup> MedDRA Version 12.0

**Table 3: Less Common (0.1 to  $< 1\%$ ) Adverse Reactions Reported in Active-Controlled Clinical Trials with Moxifloxacin (N=14,981)**

System Organ Class	Adverse Reactions <sup>a</sup>
<b>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders</b>	Thrombocythemia
	Eosinophilia
	Neutropenia
	Thrombocytopenia
	Leukopenia
	Leukocytosis
<b>Cardiac Disorders</b>	Atrial fibrillation
	Palpitations
	Tachycardia
	Cardiac failure congestive
	Angina pectoris
	Cardiac failure
	Cardiac arrest
	Bradycardia
<b>Ear and Labyrinth Disorders</b>	Vertigo
	Tinnitus
<b>Eye Disorders</b>	Vision blurred
<b>Gastrointestinal Disorders</b>	Dry mouth
	Abdominal discomfort
	Flatulence
	Abdominal distention
	Gastritis
	Gastroesophageal reflux disease
<b>General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions</b>	Fatigue
	Chest pain
	Asthenia
	Edema peripheral
	Pain
	Malaise

<b>System Organ Class</b>	<b>Adverse Reactions<sup>a</sup></b>
	Infusion site extravasation Edema Chills Chest discomfort Facial pain
<b>Hepatobiliary Disorders</b>	Hepatic function abnormal
<b>Infections and Infestations</b>	Vulvovaginal candidiasis Oral candidiasis Vulvovaginal mycotic infection Candidiasis Vaginal infection Oral fungal infection Fungal infection Gastroenteritis
<b>Investigations</b>	Aspartate aminotransferase increased Gamma-glutamyltransferase increased Blood alkaline phosphatase increased Hepatic enzyme increased Electrocardiogram QT prolonged Blood lactate dehydrogenase increased Platelet count increased Blood amylase increased Blood glucose increased Lipase increased Hemoglobin decreased Blood creatinine increased Transaminases increased White blood cell count increased Blood urea increased Liver function test abnormal Hematocrit decreased Prothrombin time prolonged Eosinophil count increased Activated partial thromboplastin time prolonged Blood bilirubin increased Blood triglycerides increased Blood uric acid increased Blood pressure increased
<b>Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders</b>	Hyperglycemia Anorexia Hypoglycemia Hyperlipidemia Decreased appetite Dehydration
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>	Back pain Pain in extremity Arthralgia Myalgia Muscle spasms Musculoskeletal chest pain Musculoskeletal pain
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>	Dysgeusia Somnolence Tremor Lethargy

<b>System Organ Class</b>	<b>Adverse Reactions<sup>a</sup></b>
	Paresthesia Tension headache Hypoesthesia Syncope
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>	Anxiety Confusional state Agitation Depression Nervousness Restlessness Hallucination Disorientation
<b>Renal and Urinary Disorders</b>	Renal failure Dysuria Renal failure acute
<b>Reproductive System and Breast Disorders</b>	Vulvovaginal pruritus
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic, and Mediastinal Disorders</b>	Dyspnea Asthma Wheezing Bronchospasm
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	Rash Pruritus Hyperhidrosis Erythema Urticaria Dermatitis allergic Night sweats
<b>Vascular Disorders</b>	Hypertension Hypotension Phlebitis

<sup>a</sup> MedDRA Version 12.0

### 6.3 Laboratory Changes

Changes in laboratory parameters, without regard to drug relationship, which are not listed above and which occurred in  $\geq 2\%$  of patients and at an incidence greater than in controls included: increases in MCH, neutrophils, WBCs, PT ratio, ionized calcium, chloride, albumin, globulin, bilirubin; decreases in hemoglobin, RBCs, neutrophils, eosinophils, basophils, PT ratio, glucose, pO<sub>2</sub>, bilirubin, and amylase. It cannot be determined if any of the above laboratory abnormalities were caused by the drug or the underlying condition being treated.

### 6.4 Postmarketing Experience

Table 4 lists adverse reactions that have been identified during post-approval use of moxifloxacin. 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.

**Table 4: Postmarketing Reports of Adverse Drug Reactions**

<b>System/Organ Class</b>	<b>Adverse Reaction</b>
<b>Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders</b>	Agranulocytosis Pancytopenia <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]</i>
<b>Cardiac Disorders</b>	Ventricular tachyarrhythmias (including in very rare cases cardiac arrest and torsades de pointes, and usually in patients with concurrent severe underlying proarrhythmic conditions)
<b>Ear and Labyrinth Disorders</b>	Hearing impairment, including deafness (reversible in majority of cases)
<b>Eye Disorders</b>	Vision loss (especially in the course of CNS reactions, transient in majority of cases)
<b>Hepatobiliary Disorders</b>	Hepatitis (predominantly cholestatic) Hepatic failure (including fatal cases) Jaundice Acute hepatic necrosis <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]</i>
<b>Immune System Disorders</b>	Anaphylactic reaction Anaphylactic shock Angioedema (including laryngeal edema) <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.7, 5.8)]</i>
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>	Tendon rupture <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)]</i>
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>	Altered coordination Abnormal gait <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]</i> Myasthenia gravis (exacerbation of) <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)]</i> Muscle weakness Peripheral neuropathy (that may be irreversible), polyneuropathy <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]</i>
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>	Psychotic reaction (very rarely culminating in self-injurious behavior, such as suicidal ideation/thoughts or suicide attempts <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]</i> )
<b>Renal and Urinary Disorders</b>	Renal dysfunction Interstitial nephritis <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]</i>
<b>Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders</b>	Allergic pneumonitis <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]</i>
<b>Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders</b>	Photosensitivity/phototoxicity reaction <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.13)]</i> Stevens-Johnson syndrome Toxic epidermal necrolysis <i>[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]</i>

## **7 DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **7.1 Warfarin**

Quinolones, including moxifloxacin, have been reported to enhance the anticoagulant effects of warfarin or its derivatives in the patient population. In addition, infectious disease and its accompanying inflammatory process, age, and general status of the patient are risk factors for increased anticoagulant activity. Therefore the prothrombin time, International Normalized Ratio (INR), or other suitable anticoagulation tests should be closely monitored if a quinolone is administered concomitantly with warfarin or its derivatives [see *Adverse Reactions (6.2, 6.3), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### **7.2 Antidiabetic Agents**

Disturbances of blood glucose, including hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia, have been reported in patients treated concomitantly with fluoroquinolones and an antidiabetic agent. Therefore, careful monitoring of blood glucose is recommended when these agents are co-administered. If a hypoglycemic reaction occurs, moxifloxacin should be discontinued and appropriate therapy should be initiated immediately [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.12), Adverse Reactions (6.2), and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### **7.3 Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)**

Although not observed with moxifloxacin in preclinical and clinical trials, the concomitant administration of a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug with a quinolone may increase the risks of CNS stimulation and convulsions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4), and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### **7.4 Drugs that Prolong QT**

There is limited information available on the potential for a pharmacodynamic interaction in humans between moxifloxacin and other drugs that prolong the QTc interval of the electrocardiogram. Sotalol, a Class III antiarrhythmic, has been shown to further increase the QTc interval when combined with high doses of intravenous (IV) moxifloxacin in dogs. Therefore, moxifloxacin should be avoided with Class IA and Class III antiarrhythmics [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6), Nonclinical Toxicology (13.2), and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

## **8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS**

### **8.1 Pregnancy**

*Pregnancy Category C.* Because no adequate or well-controlled studies have been conducted in pregnant women, moxifloxacin should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Moxifloxacin was not teratogenic when administered to pregnant rats during organogenesis at oral doses as high as 500 mg/kg/day or 0.24 times the maximum recommended human dose based on systemic exposure (AUC), but decreased fetal body weights and slightly delayed fetal skeletal development (indicative of fetotoxicity) were observed. Intravenous administration of 80 mg/kg/day (approximately 2 times the maximum recommended human dose based on body surface area) to pregnant rats resulted in maternal toxicity and a marginal effect on fetal and placental weights and the appearance of the placenta. There was no evidence of teratogenicity at intravenous doses as high as 80 mg/kg/day. Intravenous administration of 20 mg/kg/day (approximately equal to the maximum recommended human oral dose based upon systemic exposure) to pregnant rabbits during organogenesis resulted in decreased fetal body weights and delayed fetal skeletal ossification. When rib and vertebral malformations were combined, there was an increased fetal and litter incidence of these effects. Signs of maternal toxicity in rabbits at this dose included mortality, abortions, marked reduction of food consumption, decreased water intake, body weight loss and hypoactivity. There was no evidence of teratogenicity when pregnant cynomolgus monkeys were given oral doses as high as 100 mg/kg/day (2.5 times the maximum recommended human dose based upon systemic exposure). An increased incidence of smaller fetuses was observed at 100 mg/kg/day. In an oral pre- and postnatal development study conducted in rats, effects observed at 500 mg/kg/day included slight increases in duration of pregnancy and prenatal loss, reduced pup birth weight and decreased neonatal survival. Treatment-related maternal mortality occurred during gestation at 500 mg/kg/day in this study.

### **8.3 Nursing Mothers**

Moxifloxacin is excreted in the breast milk of rats. Moxifloxacin may also be excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in infants who are nursing from mothers taking moxifloxacin, a decision should be made whether to

discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

#### **8.4 Pediatric Use**

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients and adolescents less than 18 years of age have not been established. Moxifloxacin causes arthropathy in juvenile animals [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.11), and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

#### **8.5 Geriatric Use**

Geriatric patients are at increased risk for developing severe tendon disorders including tendon rupture when being treated with a fluoroquinolone such as moxifloxacin. This risk is further increased in patients receiving concomitant corticosteroid therapy.

Tendinitis or tendon rupture can involve the Achilles, hand, shoulder, or other tendon sites and can occur during or after completion of therapy; cases occurring up to several months after fluoroquinolone treatment have been reported. Caution should be used when prescribing moxifloxacin to elderly patients especially those on corticosteroids. Patients should be informed of this potential side effect and advised to discontinue moxifloxacin and contact their healthcare provider if any symptoms of tendinitis or tendon rupture occur [*see Boxed Warning, Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2), and Adverse Reactions (6.4)*].

Moxifloxacin injection contains 1,207 mg (52.5 mEq) of sodium per unit dose. The geriatric population may respond with a blunted natriuresis to salt loading. This may be clinically important with regard to such diseases as congestive heart failure [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.10)*].

In controlled multiple-dose clinical trials, 23% of patients receiving oral moxifloxacin were greater than or equal to 65 years of age and 9% were greater than or equal to 75 years of age. The clinical trial data demonstrate that there is no difference in the safety and efficacy of oral moxifloxacin in patients aged 65 or older compared to younger adults.

In trials of intravenous use, 42% of moxifloxacin patients were greater than or equal to 65 years of age, and 23% were greater than or equal to 75 years of age. The clinical trial data demonstrate that the safety of intravenous moxifloxacin in patients aged 65 or older was similar to that of comparator-treated patients. In general, elderly patients may be more susceptible to drug-associated effects of the QT interval. Therefore, moxifloxacin

should be avoided in patients taking drugs that can result in prolongation of the QT interval (for example, Class IA or Class III antiarrhythmics) or in patients with risk factors for torsades de pointes (for example, known QT prolongation, uncorrected hypokalemia) [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6), *Drug Interactions* (7.4), and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

## **8.6 Renal Impairment**

The pharmacokinetic parameters of moxifloxacin are not significantly altered in mild, moderate, severe, or end-stage renal disease. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment, including those patients requiring hemodialysis (HD) or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) [see *Dosage and Administration* (2), and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

## **8.7 Hepatic Impairment**

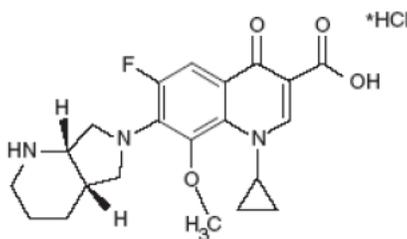
No dosage adjustment is recommended for mild, moderate, or severe hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh Classes A, B, or C). However, due to metabolic disturbances associated with hepatic insufficiency, which may lead to QT prolongation, moxifloxacin should be used with caution in these patients [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.6), and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

## **10 OVERDOSAGE**

Single oral overdoses up to 2.8 g were not associated with any serious adverse events. In the event of acute overdose, the stomach should be emptied and adequate hydration maintained. ECG monitoring is recommended due to the possibility of QT interval prolongation. The patient should be carefully observed and given supportive treatment. The administration of activated charcoal as soon as possible after oral overdose may prevent excessive increase of systemic moxifloxacin exposure. About 3% and 9% of the dose of moxifloxacin, as well as about 2% and 4.5% of its glucuronide metabolite are removed by continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis and hemodialysis, respectively.

## **11 DESCRIPTION**

Moxifloxacin is a synthetic broad spectrum antibacterial agent for intravenous administration. Moxifloxacin, a fluoroquinolone, is available as a buffered salt of 1-cyclopropyl-7-[(S,S)-2,8-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-8-yl]-6-fluoro-8-methoxy-1,4-dihydro-4-oxo-3 quinoline carboxylic acid. It is a slightly yellow to yellow crystalline substance. Its chemical structure is as follows:



**C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>24</sub>FN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>·HCl**

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Moxifloxacin injection is sterile solution for infusion in a ready-to-use flexible plastic container.

### Moxifloxacin injection

Component	Function	Dosage Formulation
Moxifloxacin*	Active ingredient	400 mg*
Sodium acetate (added as a trihydrate)	Tonicity adjuster	1,702.5 mg
Disodium sulfate	Tonicity adjuster	2,840 mg
Sulfuric acid **	pH adjustment	As needed
Water for injection	vehicle	q.s. 250 mL

\* 400 mg moxifloxacin equivalent to 437.5 mg of moxifloxacin hydrochloride.

\*\*The pH may have been adjusted with sulfuric acid. The pH is 5.0 to 6.0.

Each mL contains 1.6 mg of moxifloxacin.

The appearance of the intravenous solution is clear. The plastic container is fabricated from a specially designed multilayer plastic (freeflex<sup>®</sup>). Solution is in contact with the polypropylene layer of this container and can leach out certain chemical components of the plastic in very small amounts within the expiration period. The leachable compounds were all within acceptable limits based on animal toxicology studies.

Moxifloxacin injection contains approximately 52.5 mEq (1,207 mg) of sodium in 250 mL.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Moxifloxacin is a member of the fluoroquinolone class of antibacterial agents [see *Microbiology (12.4)*].

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The mean ( $\pm$  SD) pharmacokinetic parameters of moxifloxacin following single and multiple dose of 400 mg moxifloxacin given by 1 hour intravenous infusion are summarized in Table 5. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) elimination half-life from plasma is  $12 \pm 1.3$  hours; steady-state is achieved after at least three days with a 400 mg once daily regimen. The absolute bioavailability of moxifloxacin is approximately 90 percent. When switching from intravenous to oral formulation, no dosage adjustment is necessary [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

**Table 5: Mean ( $\pm$  SD)  $C_{\max}$  and AUC Values Following Single and Multiple Doses of 400 mg Moxifloxacin Given by 1 Hour Intravenous Infusion**

	$C_{\max}$ (mg/L)	AUC (mg•h/L)	Half-life (hr)
Single Dose IV			
Healthy young male/female (n = 56)	$3.9 \pm 0.9$	$39.3 \pm 8.6$	8.2 to 15.4 <sup>a</sup>
Patients (n = 118)			
Male (n = 64)	$4.4 \pm 3.7$		
Female (n = 54)	$4.5 \pm 2$		
< 65 years (n = 58)	$4.6 \pm 4.2$		
$\geq 65$ years (n = 60)	$4.3 \pm 1.3$		
Multiple Dose IV			
Healthy young male (n = 8)	$4.2 \pm 0.8$	$38 \pm 4.7$	$14.8 \pm 2.2$
Healthy elderly (n =12; 8 male, 4 female)	$6.1 \pm 1.3$	$48.2 \pm 0.9$	$10.1 \pm 1.6$
Patients <sup>b</sup> (n = 107)			
Male (n = 58)	$4.2 \pm 2.6$		
Female (n = 49)	$4.6 \pm 1.5$		
< 65 years (n = 52)	$4.1 \pm 1.4$		
$\geq 65$ years (n = 55)	$4.7 \pm 2.7$		

<sup>a</sup> Range of means from different studies

<sup>b</sup> Expected  $C_{\max}$  (concentration obtained around the time of the end of the infusion)

#### *Distribution*

Moxifloxacin is approximately 30 to 50% bound to serum proteins, independent of drug concentration. The volume of distribution of moxifloxacin ranges from 1.7 to 2.7 L/kg. Moxifloxacin is widely distributed throughout the body, with tissue concentrations often exceeding plasma concentrations. Moxifloxacin has been detected in the saliva, nasal and bronchial secretions, mucosa of the sinuses, skin blister fluid, subcutaneous tissue, skeletal muscle, and abdominal tissues and fluids following oral or intravenous administration of 400 mg. Moxifloxacin concentrations measured post-dose in various tissues and fluids following a 400 mg oral or intravenous dose are summarized in Table

6. The rates of elimination of moxifloxacin from tissues generally parallel the elimination from plasma.

**Table 6: Moxifloxacin Concentrations (mean ± SD) in Tissues and the Corresponding Plasma Concentrations After a Single 400 mg Oral or Intravenous Dose<sup>a</sup>**

Tissue or Fluid	N	Plasma Concentration (mcg/mL)	Tissue or Fluid Concentration (mcg/mL or mcg/g)	Tissue Plasma Ratio
<b>Respiratory</b>				
Alveolar Macrophages	5	3.3 ± 0.7	61.8 ± 27.3	21.2 ± 10
Bronchial Mucosa	8	3.3 ± 0.7	5.5 ± 1.3	1.7 ± 0.3
Epithelial Lining Fluid	5	3.3 ± 0.7	24.4 ± 14.7	8.7 ± 6.1
<b>Sinus</b>				
Maxillary Sinus Mucosa	4	3.7 ± 1.1 <sup>b</sup>	7.6 ± 1.7	2 ± 0.3
Anterior Ethmoid Mucosa	3	3.7 ± 1.1 <sup>b</sup>	8.8 ± 4.3	2.2 ± 0.6
Nasal Polyps	4	3.7 ± 1.1 <sup>b</sup>	9.8 ± 4.5	2.6 ± 0.6
<b>Skin, Musculoskeletal</b>				
Blister Fluid	5	3 ± 0.5 <sup>c</sup>	2.6 ± 0.9	0.9 ± 0.2
Subcutaneous Tissue	6	2.3 ± 0.4 <sup>d</sup>	0.9 ± 0.3 <sup>e</sup>	0.4 ± 0.6
Skeletal Muscle	6	2.3 ± 0.4 <sup>d</sup>	0.9 ± 0.2 <sup>e</sup>	0.4 ± 0.1
<b>Intra-Abdominal</b>				
Abdominal tissue	8	2.9 ± 0.5	7.6 ± 2	2.7 ± 0.8
Abdominal exudate	10	2.3 ± 0.5	3.5 ± 1.2	1.6 ± 0.7
Abscess fluid	6	2.7 ± 0.7	2.3 ± 1.5	0.8 ± 0.4

<sup>a</sup> All moxifloxacin concentrations were measured 3 hours after a single 400 mg dose, except the abdominal tissue and exudate concentrations which were measured at 2 hours post-dose and the sinus concentrations which were measured 3 hours post-dose after 5 days of dosing.

<sup>b</sup> N = 5

<sup>c</sup> N = 7

<sup>d</sup> N = 12

<sup>e</sup> Reflects only non-protein bound concentrations of drug.

### *Metabolism*

Approximately 52% of an oral or intravenous dose of moxifloxacin is metabolized via glucuronide and sulfate conjugation. The cytochrome P450 system is not involved in moxifloxacin metabolism, and is not affected by moxifloxacin. The sulfate conjugate (M1) accounts for approximately 38% of the dose, and is eliminated primarily in the feces. Approximately 14% of an oral or intravenous dose is converted to a glucuronide conjugate (M2), which is excreted exclusively in the urine. Peak plasma concentrations of M2 are approximately 40% those of the parent drug, while plasma concentrations of M1 are generally less than 10% those of moxifloxacin.

*In vitro* studies with cytochrome (CYP) P450 enzymes indicate that moxifloxacin does not inhibit CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, or CYP1A2, suggesting that

moxifloxacin is unlikely to alter the pharmacokinetics of drugs metabolized by these enzymes.

### *Excretion*

Approximately 45% of an oral or intravenous dose of moxifloxacin is excreted as unchanged drug (~20% in urine and ~25% in feces). A total of  $96\% \pm 4\%$  of an oral dose is excreted as either unchanged drug or known metabolites. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) apparent total body clearance and renal clearance are  $12 \pm 2$  L/hr and  $2.6 \pm 0.5$  L/hr, respectively.

### *Pharmacokinetics in Specific Populations*

#### Geriatric

Following oral administration of 400 mg moxifloxacin for 10 days in 16 elderly (8 male; 8 female) and 17 young (8 male; 9 female) healthy volunteers, there were no age-related changes in moxifloxacin pharmacokinetics. In 16 healthy male volunteers (8 young; 8 elderly) given a single 200 mg dose of oral moxifloxacin, the extent of systemic exposure (AUC and  $C_{\max}$ ) was not statistically different between young and elderly males and elimination half-life was unchanged. No dosage adjustment is necessary based on age. In large phase III studies, the concentrations around the time of the end of the infusion in elderly patients following intravenous infusion of 400 mg were similar to those observed in young patients [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*].

#### Pediatric

The pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin in pediatric subjects has not been studied [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.4)*].

#### Gender

Following oral administration of 400 mg moxifloxacin daily for 10 days to 23 healthy males (19 to 75 years) and 24 healthy females (19 to 70 years), the mean AUC and  $C_{\max}$  were 8% and 16% higher, respectively, in females compared to males. There are no significant differences in moxifloxacin pharmacokinetics between male and female subjects when differences in body weight are taken into consideration.

A 400 mg single dose study was conducted in 18 young males and females. The comparison of moxifloxacin pharmacokinetics in this study (9 young females and 9 young males) showed no differences in AUC or  $C_{\max}$  due to gender. Dosage adjustments based on gender are not necessary.

## Race

Steady-state moxifloxacin pharmacokinetics in male Japanese subjects were similar to those determined in Caucasians, with a mean  $C_{\max}$  of 4.1 mcg/mL, an  $AUC_{24}$  of 47 mcg•h/mL, and an elimination half-life of 14 hours, following 400 mg p.o. daily.

## Renal Insufficiency

The pharmacokinetic parameters of moxifloxacin are not significantly altered in mild, moderate, severe, or end-stage renal disease. No dosage adjustment is necessary in patients with renal impairment, including those patients requiring hemodialysis (HD) or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD).

In a single oral dose study of 24 patients with varying degrees of renal function from normal to severely impaired, the mean peak concentrations ( $C_{\max}$ ) of moxifloxacin were reduced by 21% and 28% in the patients with moderate ( $CL_{CR} \geq 30$  and  $\leq 60$  mL/min) and severe ( $CL_{CR} < 30$  mL/min) renal impairment, respectively. The mean systemic exposure (AUC) in these patients was increased by 13%. In the moderate and severe renally impaired patients, the mean AUC for the sulfate conjugate (M1) increased by 1.7-fold (ranging up to 2.8-fold) and mean AUC and  $C_{\max}$  for the glucuronide conjugate (M2) increased by 2.8-fold (ranging up to 4.8-fold) and 1.4-fold (ranging up to 2.5-fold), respectively [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

The pharmacokinetics of single dose and multiple dose moxifloxacin were studied in patients with  $CL_{CR} < 20$  mL/min on either hemodialysis or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (8 HD, 8 CAPD). Following a single 400 mg oral dose, the AUC of moxifloxacin in these HD and CAPD patients did not vary significantly from the AUC generally found in healthy volunteers.  $C_{\max}$  values of moxifloxacin were reduced by about 45% and 33% in HD and CAPD patients, respectively, compared to healthy, historical controls. The exposure (AUC) to the sulfate conjugate (M1) increased by 1.4- to 1.5-fold in these patients. The mean AUC of the glucuronide conjugate (M2) increased by a factor of 7.5, whereas the mean  $C_{\max}$  values of the glucuronide conjugate (M2) increased by a factor of 2.5 to 3, compared to healthy subjects. The sulfate and the glucuronide conjugates of moxifloxacin are not microbiologically active, and the clinical implication of increased exposure to these metabolites in patients with renal disease including those undergoing HD and CAPD has not been studied.

Oral administration of 400 mg QD moxifloxacin for 7 days to patients on HD or CAPD produced mean systemic exposure ( $AUC_{ss}$ ) to moxifloxacin similar to that generally seen in healthy volunteers. Steady-state  $C_{max}$  values were about 22% lower in HD patients but were comparable between CAPD patients and healthy volunteers. Both HD and CAPD removed only small amounts of moxifloxacin from the body (approximately 9% by HD, and 3% by CAPD). HD and CAPD also removed about 4% and 2% of the glucuronide metabolite (M2), respectively.

### Hepatic Insufficiency

No dosage adjustment is recommended for mild, moderate, or severe hepatic insufficiency (Child-Pugh Classes A, B, or C). However, due to metabolic disturbances associated with hepatic insufficiency, which may lead to QT prolongation, moxifloxacin should be used with caution in these patients [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6) and Use in Specific Populations (8.7)*].

In 400 mg single oral dose studies in 6 patients with mild (Child-Pugh Class A) and 10 patients with moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic insufficiency, moxifloxacin mean systemic exposure (AUC) was 78% and 102%, respectively, of 18 healthy controls and mean peak concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) was 79% and 84% of controls.

The mean AUC of the sulfate conjugate of moxifloxacin (M1) increased by 3.9-fold (ranging up to 5.9-fold) and 5.7-fold (ranging up to 8-fold) in the mild and moderate groups, respectively. The mean  $C_{max}$  of M1 increased by approximately 3-fold in both groups (ranging up to 4.7- and 3.9-fold). The mean AUC of the glucuronide conjugate of moxifloxacin (M2) increased by 1.5-fold (ranging up to 2.5-fold) in both groups. The mean  $C_{max}$  of M2 increased by 1.6- and 1.3-fold (ranging up to 2.7- and 2.1-fold), respectively. The clinical significance of increased exposure to the sulfate and glucuronide conjugates has not been studied. In a subset of patients participating in a clinical trial, the plasma concentrations of moxifloxacin and metabolites determined approximately at the moxifloxacin  $T_{max}$  following the first intravenous or oral moxifloxacin dose in the Child-Pugh Class C patients ( $n = 10$ ) were similar to those in the Child-Pugh Class A/B patients ( $n = 5$ ), and also similar to those observed in healthy volunteer studies.

### Photosensitivity Potential

A study of the skin response to ultraviolet (UVA and UVB) and visible radiation conducted in 32 healthy volunteers (8 per group) demonstrated that moxifloxacin does not show phototoxicity in comparison to placebo. The minimum erythematous dose (MED) was measured before and after treatment with moxifloxacin (200 mg or 400 mg once daily), lomefloxacin (400 mg once daily), or placebo. In this study, the MED measured for both doses of moxifloxacin were not significantly different from placebo, while lomefloxacin significantly lowered the MED.

It is difficult to ascribe relative photosensitivity/phototoxicity among various fluoroquinolones during actual patient use because other factors play a role in determining a subject's susceptibility to this adverse event such as: a patient's skin pigmentation, frequency and duration of sun and artificial ultraviolet light (UV) exposure, wearing of sunscreen and protective clothing, the use of other concomitant drugs and the dosage and duration of fluoroquinolone therapy [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.13), Adverse Reactions (6.3), and Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

### *Drug-Drug Interactions*

The following drug interactions were studied in healthy volunteers or patients.

Digoxin, itraconazole, morphine, probenecid, ranitidine, theophylline and warfarin did not significantly affect the pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin. These results and the data from *in vitro* studies suggest that moxifloxacin is unlikely to significantly alter the metabolic clearance of drugs metabolized by CYP3A4, CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, or CYP1A2 enzymes.

Moxifloxacin had no clinically significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of atenolol, digoxin, glyburide, itraconazole, oral contraceptives, theophylline, cyclosporine and warfarin [*see Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

### Atenolol

In a crossover study involving 24 healthy volunteers (12 male; 12 female), the mean atenolol AUC following a single oral dose of 50 mg atenolol with placebo was similar to that observed when atenolol was given concomitantly with a single 400 mg oral dose of moxifloxacin. The mean C<sub>max</sub> of single dose atenolol decreased by about 10% following co-administration with a single dose of moxifloxacin.

### Digoxin

No significant effect of moxifloxacin (400 mg once daily for two days) on digoxin (0.6 mg as a single dose) AUC was detected in a study involving 12 healthy volunteers. The mean digoxin  $C_{max}$  increased by about 50% during the distribution phase of digoxin. This transient increase in digoxin  $C_{max}$  is not viewed to be clinically significant. Moxifloxacin pharmacokinetics were similar in the presence or absence of digoxin. No dosage adjustment for moxifloxacin or digoxin is required when these drugs are administered concomitantly.

### Glyburide

In diabetics, glyburide (2.5 mg once daily for two weeks pretreatment and for five days concurrently) mean AUC and  $C_{max}$  were 12% and 21% lower, respectively, when taken with moxifloxacin (400 mg once daily for five days) in comparison to placebo. Nonetheless, blood glucose levels were decreased slightly in patients taking glyburide and moxifloxacin in comparison to those taking glyburide alone, suggesting no interference by moxifloxacin on the activity of glyburide. These interaction results are not viewed as clinically significant.

### Itraconazole

In a study involving 11 healthy volunteers, there was no significant effect of itraconazole (200 mg once daily for 9 days), a potent inhibitor of cytochrome P4503A4, on the pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin (a single 400 mg dose given on the 7th day of itraconazole dosing). In addition, moxifloxacin was shown not to affect the pharmacokinetics of itraconazole.

### Morphine

No significant effect of morphine sulfate (a single 10 mg intramuscular dose) on the mean AUC and  $C_{max}$  of moxifloxacin (400 mg single dose) was observed in a study of 20 healthy male and female volunteers.

### Oral Contraceptives

A placebo-controlled study in 29 healthy female subjects showed that moxifloxacin 400 mg daily for 7 days did not interfere with the hormonal suppression of oral contraception with 0.15 mg levonorgestrel/0.03 mg ethinylestradiol (as measured by serum progesterone, FSH, estradiol, and LH), or with the pharmacokinetics of the administered contraceptive agents.

### Probenecid

Probenecid (500 mg twice daily for two days) did not alter the renal clearance and total amount of moxifloxacin (400 mg single dose) excreted renally in a study of 12 healthy volunteers.

### Ranitidine

No significant effect of ranitidine (150 mg twice daily for three days as pretreatment) on the pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin (400 mg single dose) was detected in a study involving 10 healthy volunteers.

### Theophylline

No significant effect of moxifloxacin (200 mg every twelve hours for 3 days) on the pharmacokinetics of theophylline (400 mg every twelve hours for 3 days) was detected in a study involving 12 healthy volunteers. In addition, theophylline was not shown to affect the pharmacokinetics of moxifloxacin. The effect of co-administration of a 400 mg dose of moxifloxacin with theophylline has not been studied, but it is not expected to be clinically significant based on *in vitro* metabolic data showing that moxifloxacin does not inhibit the CYP1A2 isoenzyme.

### Warfarin

No significant effect of moxifloxacin (400 mg once daily for eight days) on the pharmacokinetics of R- and S-warfarin (25 mg single dose of warfarin sodium on the fifth day) was detected in a study involving 24 healthy volunteers. No significant change in prothrombin time was observed [*see Adverse Reactions (6.2) and Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

## **12.4 Microbiology**

### *Mechanism of Action*

The bactericidal action of moxifloxacin results from inhibition of the topoisomerase II (DNA gyrase) and topoisomerase IV required for bacterial DNA replication, transcription, repair, and recombination. It appears that the C8-methoxy moiety contributes to enhanced activity and lower selection of resistant mutants of Gram-positive bacteria compared to the C8-H moiety. The presence of the bulky bicycloamine substituent at the C-7 position prevents active efflux, associated with the *NorA* or *pmrA* genes seen in certain Gram-positive bacteria.

### *Mechanism of Resistance*

The mechanism of action for fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin, is different from that of macrolides, beta-lactams, aminoglycosides, or tetracyclines; therefore, microorganisms resistant to these classes of drugs may be susceptible to moxifloxacin. Resistance to fluoroquinolones occurs primarily by a mutation in topoisomerase II (DNA gyrase) or topoisomerase IV genes, decreased outer membrane permeability or drug efflux. *In vitro* resistance to moxifloxacin develops slowly via multiple-step mutations. Resistance to moxifloxacin occurs *in vitro* at a general frequency of between  $1.8 \times 10^{-9}$  to  $< 1 \times 10^{-11}$  for Gram-positive bacteria.

### *Cross-Resistance*

Cross-resistance has been observed between moxifloxacin and other fluoroquinolones against Gram-negative bacteria. Gram-positive bacteria resistant to other fluoroquinolones may, however, still be susceptible to moxifloxacin. There is no known cross-resistance between moxifloxacin and other classes of antimicrobials.

Moxifloxacin has been shown to be active against most isolates of the following bacteria, both *in vitro* and in clinical infections [see *Indications and Usage (1)*].

### **Gram-positive bacteria**

- *Enterococcus faecalis*
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Streptococcus anginosus*
- *Streptococcus constellatus*
- *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (including multi-drug resistant isolates [MDRSP]\*\*)
- *Streptococcus pyogenes*

\*\*MDRSP, Multi-drug resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* includes isolates previously known as PRSP (Penicillin-resistant *S. pneumoniae*), and are isolates resistant to two or more of the following antibacterial drugs: penicillin (MIC)  $\geq 2$  mcg/mL, 2nd generation cephalosporins (for example, cefuroxime), macrolides, tetracyclines, and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole.

### **Gram-negative bacteria**

- *Enterobacter cloacae*
- *Escherichia coli*
- *Haemophilus influenzae*

- *Haemophilus parainfluenzae*
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- *Moraxella catarrhalis*
- *Proteus mirabilis*

#### **Anaerobic bacteria**

- *Bacteroides fragilis*
- *Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron*
- *Clostridium perfringens*
- *Peptostreptococcus* species

#### **Other microorganisms**

- *Chlamydomphila pneumoniae*
- *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*

The following *in vitro* data are available, but their clinical significance is unknown. At least 90 percent of the following bacteria exhibit an *in vitro* minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) less than or equal to 1 mcg/mL for moxifloxacin. However, the efficacy of moxifloxacin in treating clinical infections due to these bacteria has not been established in adequate and well controlled clinical trials.

#### **Gram-positive bacteria**

- *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- *Streptococcus agalactiae*
- *Streptococcus viridans* group

#### **Gram-negative bacteria**

- *Citrobacter freundii*
- *Klebsiella oxytoca*
- *Legionella pneumophila*

#### **Anaerobic bacteria**

- *Fusobacterium* species
- *Prevotella* species

### *Susceptibility Tests Methods*

When available, the clinical microbiology laboratory should provide the results of *in vitro* susceptibility test results for antimicrobial drug products used in resident hospitals to the physician as periodic reports that describe the susceptibility profile of nosocomial and community acquired pathogens. These reports should aid the physician in selecting an antibacterial drug product for treatment.

#### • **Dilution Techniques:**

Quantitative methods are used to determine antimicrobial minimum inhibitory concentrations (MICs). These MICs provide estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The MICs should be determined using a standardized procedure. Standardized procedures are based on a dilution method (broth and/or agar).<sup>1</sup> The MIC values should be interpreted according to the criteria in Table 7.

#### • **Diffusion Techniques:**

Quantitative methods that require measurement of zone diameters can also provide reproducible estimates of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The zone size provides an estimate of the susceptibility of bacteria to antimicrobial compounds. The zone size prove should be determined using a standardized test method.<sup>2,3</sup> This procedure uses paper disks impregnated with 5 mcg moxifloxacin to test the susceptibility of bacteria to moxifloxacin. The disc diffusion interpretive criteria are provided in Table 7.

#### • **Anaerobic Techniques:**

For anaerobic bacteria, the susceptibility to moxifloxacin can be determined by a standardized test method.<sup>4</sup> The MIC values obtained should be interpreted according to the criteria provided in Table 7.

**Table 7: Susceptibility Test Interpretive Criteria for Moxifloxacin**

Species	MIC (mcg/mL)			Zone Diameter (mm)		
	S	I	R	S	I	R
<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>	≤ 2	4	≥ 8	≥ 19	16 to 18	≤ 15
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>	≤ 1	2	≥ 4	≥ 18	15 to 17	≤ 14
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	≤ 2	4	≥ 8	≥ 19	16 to 18	≤ 15
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	≤ 1	a	a	≥ 18	a	a

<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	≤ 1	a	a	≥ 18	a	a
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	≤ 1	2	≥ 4	≥ 18	15 to 17	≤ 14
<i>Streptococcus</i> species	≤ 1	2	≥ 4	≥ 18	15 to 17	≤ 14
Anaerobic bacteria	≤ 2	4	≥ 8	-	-	-

S=susceptible, I=Intermediate, and R=resistant.

<sup>a</sup> The current absence of data on moxifloxacin-resistant isolates precludes defining any results other than “Susceptible”. Isolates yielding test results (MIC or zone diameter) other than susceptible, should be submitted to a reference laboratory for additional testing.

A report of “Susceptible” indicates that the antimicrobial is likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial compound reaches the concentrations at the infection site necessary to inhibit growth of the pathogen. A report of “Intermediate” indicates that the result should be considered equivocal, and, if the microorganism is not fully susceptible to alternative, clinically feasible drugs, the test should be repeated. This category implies possible clinical applicability in body sites where the drug is physiologically concentrated or in situations where a high dosage of the drug product can be used. This category also provides a buffer zone that prevents small uncontrolled technical factors from causing major discrepancies in interpretation. A report of “Resistant” indicates that the antimicrobial is not likely to inhibit growth of the pathogen if the antimicrobial compound reaches the concentrations usually achievable at the infection site; other therapy should be selected.

#### • Quality Control

Standardized susceptibility test procedures require the use of laboratory controls to monitor and ensure the accuracy and precision of supplies and reagents used in the assay and the techniques of the individuals performing the test.<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Standard moxifloxacin powder should provide the following range of MIC values noted in Table 8. For the diffusion technique using the 5 mcg moxifloxacin disk, the criteria in Table 8 should be achieved.

**Table 8: Acceptable Quality Control Ranges for Moxifloxacin**

Strains	MIC range (mcg/mL)	Zone Diameter (mm)
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> ATCC 29212	0.06 to 0.5	-
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ATCC 25922	0.008 to 0.06	28 to 35
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> ATCC 49247	0.008 to 0.03	31 to 39
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 29213	0.015 to 0.06	-
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ATCC 25923	-	28 to 35
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> ATCC 49619	0.06 to 0.25	25 to 31
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i> ATCC 25285	0.125 to 0.5	-
<i>Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron</i> ATCC 29741	1 to 4	-
<i>Eubacterium lentum</i> ATCC 43055	0.125 to 0.5	-

### 13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

#### 13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Long term studies in animals to determine the carcinogenic potential of moxifloxacin have not been performed.

Moxifloxacin was not mutagenic in 4 bacterial strains (TA 98, TA 100, TA 1535, TA 1537) used in the Ames *Salmonella* reversion assay. As with other quinolones, the positive response observed with moxifloxacin in strain TA 102 using the same assay may be due to the inhibition of DNA gyrase. Moxifloxacin was not mutagenic in the CHO/HGPRT mammalian cell gene mutation assay. An equivocal result was obtained in the same assay when v79 cells were used. Moxifloxacin was clastogenic in the v79 chromosome aberration assay, but it did not induce unscheduled DNA synthesis in cultured rat hepatocytes. There was no evidence of genotoxicity *in vivo* in a micronucleus test or a dominant lethal test in mice.

Moxifloxacin had no effect on fertility in male and female rats at oral doses as high as 500 mg/kg/day, (approximately 12 times the maximum recommended human dose based on body surface area), or at intravenous doses as high as 45 mg/kg/day, (approximately equal to the maximum recommended human dose based on body surface area). At 500 mg/kg orally there were slight effects on sperm morphology (head-tail separation) in male rats and on the estrous cycle in female rats.

## 13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Quinolones have been shown to cause arthropathy in immature animals. In studies in juvenile dogs oral doses of moxifloxacin  $\geq 30$  mg/kg/day (approximately 1.5 times the maximum recommended human dose based upon systemic exposure) for 28 days resulted in arthropathy. There was no evidence of arthropathy in mature monkeys and rats at oral doses up to 135 and 500 mg/kg/day, respectively.

Moxifloxacin at an oral dose of 300 mg/kg did not show an increase in acute toxicity or potential for CNS toxicity (for example, seizures) in mice when used in combination with NSAIDs such as diclofenac, ibuprofen, or fenbufen. Some quinolones have been reported to have proconvulsant activity that is exacerbated with concomitant use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).

A QT-prolonging effect of moxifloxacin was found in dog studies, at plasma concentrations about five times the human therapeutic level. The combined infusion of sotalol, a Class III antiarrhythmic agent, with moxifloxacin induced a higher degree of QTc prolongation in dogs than that induced by the same dose (30 mg/kg) of moxifloxacin alone. Electrophysiological *in vitro* studies suggested an inhibition of the rapid activating component of the delayed rectifier potassium current ( $I_{Kr}$ ) as an underlying mechanism.

No signs of local intolerance were observed in dogs when moxifloxacin was administered intravenously. After intra-arterial injection, inflammatory changes involving the peri-arterial soft tissue were observed suggesting that intra-arterial administration of moxifloxacin should be avoided.

## 14 CLINICAL STUDIES

### 14.1 Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis

Moxifloxacin tablets (400 mg once daily for five days) were evaluated for the treatment of acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis in a randomized, double-blind, controlled clinical trial conducted in the US. This study compared moxifloxacin with clarithromycin (500 mg twice daily for 10 days) and enrolled 629 patients. Clinical success was assessed at 7 to 17 days post-therapy. The clinical success for moxifloxacin was 89% (222/250) compared to 89% (224/251) for clarithromycin.

**Table 9: Clinical Success Rates at Follow-Up Visit for Clinically Evaluable Patients by Pathogen (Acute Bacterial Exacerbation of Chronic Bronchitis)**

<b>Pathogen</b>	<b>Moxifloxacin</b>	<b>Clarithromycin</b>
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	16/16 (100%)	20/23 (87%)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	33/37 (89%)	36/41 (88%)
<i>Haemophilus parainfluenzae</i>	16/16 (100%)	14/14 (100%)
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	29/34 (85%)	24/24 (100%)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	15/16 (94%)	6/8 (75%)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	18/20 (90%)	10/11 (91%)

The microbiological eradication rates (eradication plus presumed eradication) in moxifloxacin-treated patients were *Streptococcus pneumoniae* 100%, *Haemophilus influenzae* 89%, *Haemophilus parainfluenzae* 100%, *Moraxella catarrhalis* 85%, *Staphylococcus aureus* 94%, and *Klebsiella pneumoniae* 85%.

## 14.2 Community Acquired Pneumonia

A randomized, double-blind, controlled clinical trial was conducted in the US to compare the efficacy of moxifloxacin tablets (400 mg once daily) to that of high-dose clarithromycin (500 mg twice daily) in the treatment of patients with clinically and radiologically documented community acquired pneumonia. This study enrolled 474 patients (382 of whom were valid for the efficacy analysis conducted at the 14 to 35 day follow-up visit). Clinical success for clinically evaluable patients was 95% (184/194) for moxifloxacin and 95% (178/188) for high dose clarithromycin.

A randomized, double-blind, controlled trial was conducted in the US and Canada to compare the efficacy of sequential IV/PO moxifloxacin 400 mg QD for 7 to 14 days to an IV/PO fluoroquinolone control (trovafloxacin or levofloxacin) in the treatment of patients with clinically and radiologically documented community acquired pneumonia. This study enrolled 516 patients, 362 of whom were valid for the efficacy analysis conducted at the 7 to 30 day post-therapy visit. The clinical success rate was 86% (157/182) for moxifloxacin therapy and 89% (161/180) for the fluoroquinolone comparators.

An open-label ex-US study that enrolled 628 patients compared moxifloxacin to sequential IV/PO amoxicillin/clavulanate (1.2 g IV q8h/625 mg PO q8h) with or without high-dose IV/PO clarithromycin (500 mg BID). The intravenous formulations of the comparators are not FDA approved. The clinical success rate at Day 5 to 7 for

moxifloxacin therapy was 93% (241/258) and demonstrated superiority to amoxicillin/clavulanate ± clarithromycin (85%, 239/280) [95% C.I. of difference in success rates between moxifloxacin and comparator (2.9%, 13.2%)]. The clinical success rate at the 21 to 28 days post-therapy visit for moxifloxacin was 84% (216/258), which also demonstrated superiority to the comparators (74%, 208/280) [95% C.I. of difference in success rates between moxifloxacin and comparator (2.6%, 16.3%)].

The clinical success rates by pathogen across four CAP studies are presented in Table 10.

**Table 10: Clinical Success Rates by Pathogen (Pooled CAP Studies)**

<b>Pathogen</b>	<b>Moxifloxacin</b>	
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	80/85	(94%)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	17/20	(85%)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	11/12	(92%)
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	56/61	(92%)
<i>Chlamydomphila pneumoniae</i>	119/128	(93%)
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	73/76	(96%)
<i>Moraxella catarrhalis</i>	11/12	(92%)

### 14.3 Community Acquired Pneumonia Caused by Multi-Drug Resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (MDRSP)\*

Moxifloxacin was effective in the treatment of community acquired pneumonia (CAP) caused by multi-drug resistant MDRSP\* isolates. Of 37 microbiologically evaluable patients with MDRSP isolates, 35 patients (95%) achieved clinical and bacteriological success post-therapy. The clinical and bacteriological success rates based on the number of patients treated are shown in Table 11.

\* MDRSP, Multi-drug resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* includes isolates previously known as PRSP (Penicillin-resistant *S. pneumoniae*), and are isolates resistant to two or more of the following antibiotics: penicillin (MIC ≥ 2 mcg/mL), 2nd generation cephalosporins (for example, cefuroxime), macrolides, tetracyclines, and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole.

**Table 11: Clinical and Bacteriological Success Rates for Moxifloxacin-Treated MDRSP CAP Patients (Population: Valid for Efficacy)**

Screening Susceptibility	Clinical Success		Bacteriological Success	
	n/N <sup>a</sup>	%	n/N <sup>b</sup>	%
Penicillin-resistant	21/21	100% <sup>c</sup>	21/21	100% <sup>c</sup>
2nd generation cephalosporin-resistant	25/26	96% <sup>c</sup>	25/26	96% <sup>c</sup>
Macrolide-resistant <sup>d</sup>	22/23	96%	22/23	96%
Trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole-resistant	28/30	93%	28/30	93%
Tetracycline-resistant	17/18	94%	17/18	94%

<sup>a</sup> n = number of patients successfully treated; N = number of patients with MDRSP (from a total of 37 patients)

<sup>b</sup> n = number of patients successfully treated (presumed eradication or eradication);  
N = number of patients with MDRSP (from a total of 37 patients)

<sup>c</sup> One patient had a respiratory isolate that was resistant to penicillin and cefuroxime but a blood isolate that was intermediate to penicillin and cefuroxime. The patient is included in the database based on the respiratory isolate.

<sup>d</sup> Azithromycin, clarithromycin, and erythromycin were the macrolide antimicrobials tested.

Not all isolates were resistant to all antimicrobial classes tested. Success and eradication rates are summarized in Table 12.

**Table 12: Clinical Success Rates and Microbiological Eradication Rates for Resistant *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (Community Acquired Pneumonia)**

<i>S. pneumoniae</i> with MDRSP	Clinical Success	Bacteriological Eradication Rate
Resistant to 2 antimicrobials	12/13 (92.3%)	12/13 (92.3%)
Resistant to 3 antimicrobials	10/11 (90.9%) <sup>a</sup>	10/11 (90.9%) <sup>a</sup>
Resistant to 4 antimicrobials	6/6 (100%)	6/6 (100%)
Resistant to 5 antimicrobials	7/7 (100%) <sup>a</sup>	7/7 (100%) <sup>a</sup>
Bacteremia with MDRSP	9/9 (100%)	9/9 (100%)

<sup>a</sup> One patient had a respiratory isolate resistant to 5 antimicrobials and a blood isolate resistant to 3 antimicrobials. The patient was included in the category resistant to 5 antimicrobials.

#### 14.4 Acute Bacterial Sinusitis

In a controlled double-blind study conducted in the US, moxifloxacin tablets (400 mg once daily for ten days) were compared with cefuroxime axetil (250 mg twice daily for ten days) for the treatment of acute bacterial sinusitis. The trial included 457 patients valid for the efficacy analysis. Clinical success (cure plus improvement) at the 7 to 21 day post-therapy test of cure visit was 90% for moxifloxacin and 89% for cefuroxime.

An additional non-comparative study was conducted to gather bacteriological data and to evaluate microbiological eradication in adult patients treated with moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily for seven days. All patients (n = 336) underwent antral puncture in this study. Clinical success rates and eradication/presumed eradication rates at the 21 to 37 day follow-up visit were 97% (29 out of 30) for *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, 83% (15 out of 18) for *Moraxella catarrhalis*, and 80% (24 out of 30) for *Haemophilus influenzae*.

#### **14.5 Uncomplicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

A randomized, double-blind, controlled clinical trial conducted in the US compared the efficacy of moxifloxacin 400 mg once daily for seven days with cephalexin HCl 500 mg three times daily for seven days. The percentage of patients treated for uncomplicated abscesses was 30%, furuncles 8%, cellulitis 16%, impetigo 20%, and other skin infections 26%. Adjunctive procedures (incision and drainage or debridement) were performed on 17% of the moxifloxacin-treated patients and 14% of the comparator treated patients. Clinical success rates in evaluable patients were 89% (108/122) for moxifloxacin and 91% (110/121) for cephalexin HCl.

#### **14.6 Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

Two randomized, active controlled trials of cSSSI were performed. A double-blind trial was conducted primarily in North America to compare the efficacy of sequential IV/PO moxifloxacin 400 mg QD for 7 to 14 days to an IV/PO beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor control in the treatment of patients with cSSSI. This study enrolled 617 patients, 335 of which were valid for the efficacy analysis. A second open-label International study compared moxifloxacin 400 mg QD for 7 to 21 days to sequential IV/PO beta-lactam/beta-lactamase inhibitor control in the treatment of patients with cSSSI. This study enrolled 804 patients, 632 of which were valid for the efficacy analysis. Surgical incision and drainage or debridement was performed on 55% of the moxifloxacin-treated and 53% of the comparator treated patients in these studies and formed an integral part of therapy for this indication. Success rates varied with the type of diagnosis ranging from 61% in patients with infected ulcers to 90% in patients with complicated erysipelas. These rates were similar to those seen with comparator drugs. The overall success rates in the evaluable patients and the clinical success by pathogen are shown in Tables 13 and 14.

**Table 13: Overall Clinical Success Rates in Patients with Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

Study	Moxifloxacin n/N (%)	Comparator n/N (%)	95% Confidence Interval*
North America	125/162 (77.2%)	141/173 (81.5%)	(-14.4%, 2%)
International	254/315 (80.6%)	268/317 (84.5%)	(-9.4%, 2.2%)

\* of difference in success rates between moxifloxacin and comparator (moxifloxacin - comparator)

**Table 14: Clinical Success Rates by Pathogen in Patients with Complicated Skin and Skin Structure Infections**

Pathogen	Moxifloxacin n/N (%)	Comparator n/N (%)
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (methicillin-susceptible isolates) <sup>a</sup>	106/129 (82.2%)	120/137 (87.6%)
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	31/38 (81.6%)	28/33 (84.8%)
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i>	11/12 (91.7%)	7/10 (70%)
<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	9/11 (81.8%)	4/7 (57.1%)

<sup>a</sup> methicillin susceptibility was only determined in the North American Study

#### 14.7 Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections

Two randomized, active controlled trials of cIAI were performed. A double-blind trial was conducted primarily in North America to compare the efficacy of sequential IV/PO moxifloxacin 400 mg QD for 5 to 14 days to IV/piperacillin/tazobactam followed by PO amoxicillin/clavulanic acid in the treatment of patients with cIAI, including peritonitis, abscesses, appendicitis with perforation, and bowel perforation. This study enrolled 681 patients, 379 of which were considered clinically evaluable. A second open-label international study compared moxifloxacin 400 mg QD for 5 to 14 days to IV ceftriaxone plus IV metronidazole followed by PO amoxicillin/clavulanic acid in the treatment of patients with cIAI. This study enrolled 595 patients, 511 of which were considered clinically evaluable. The clinically evaluable population consisted of subjects with a surgically confirmed complicated infection, at least 5 days of treatment and a 25 to 50 day follow-up assessment for patients at the Test of Cure visit. The overall clinical success rates in the clinically evaluable patients are shown in Table 15.

**Table 15: Clinical Success Rates in Patients with Complicated Intra-Abdominal Infections**

Study	Moxifloxacin n/N (%)	Comparator n/N (%)	95% Confidence Interval <sup>a</sup>
North America (overall)	146/183 (79.8%)	153/196 (78.1%)	(-7.4%, 9.3%)
Abscess	40/57 (70.2%)	49/63 (77.8%) <sup>b</sup>	NA <sup>c</sup>
Non-abscess	106/126 (84.1%)	104/133 (78.2%)	NA
International (overall)	199/246 (80.9%)	218/265 (82.3%)	(-8.9%, 4.2%)
Abscess	73/93 (78.5%)	86/99 (86.9%)	NA
Non-abscess	126/153 (82.4%)	132/166 (79.5%)	NA

<sup>a</sup> of difference in success rates between moxifloxacin and comparator (moxifloxacin – comparator)

<sup>b</sup> Excludes 2 patients who required additional surgery within the first 48 hours.

<sup>c</sup> NA – not applicable

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## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### How Supplied

Moxifloxacin Injection 400 mg/250 mL is a sterile solution available in a single-use, ready-to-use flexible plastic container.

No further dilution is necessary.

<b>Product No.</b>	<b>NDC No.</b>	<b>Strength</b>	<b>Bag Size</b>
850174	63323-850-74	400 mg per 250 mL (1.6 mg per mL)	300 mL

Parenteral drug products should be inspected visually for particulate matter prior to administration. Samples containing visible particulates should not be used.

Because the premix flexible plastic containers are for single-use only, any unused portion should be discarded.

### **Storage and Handling**

Store at 20° to 25°C (68° to 77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature].

**Do not refrigerate - Product precipitates upon refrigeration.**

**Use immediately once removed from the overwrap. Product is sensitive to light.**

The container closure is not made with natural rubber latex. Non-PVC, Non-DEHP. Sterile.

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

Advise patients to read the FDA approved Medication Guide.

### **Serious Adverse Reactions**

Advise patients to stop taking moxifloxacin if they experience an adverse reaction and to call their healthcare provider for advice on completing the full course of treatment with another antibacterial drug.

Inform patients of the following serious adverse reactions that have been associated with moxifloxacin or other fluoroquinolone use:

- **Disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse reactions that may occur together:** Inform patients that disabling and potentially irreversible serious adverse reactions, including tendinitis and tendon rupture, peripheral neuropathies, and central nervous system effects, have been associated with use of moxifloxacin and may occur together in the same patient. Inform patients to stop taking moxifloxacin immediately if they experience an adverse reaction and to call their healthcare provider.
- **Tendinitis and Tendon Rupture:** Instruct patients to contact their healthcare

provider if they experience pain, swelling, or inflammation of a tendon, or weakness or inability to use one of their joints; rest and refrain from exercise; and discontinue moxifloxacin treatment. Symptoms may be irreversible. The risk of severe tendon disorder with fluoroquinolones is higher in older patients usually over 60 years of age, in patients taking corticosteroid drugs, and in patients with kidney, heart or lung transplants.

- **Peripheral Neuropathies:** Inform patients that peripheral neuropathies have been associated with moxifloxacin use, symptoms may occur soon after initiation of therapy and may be irreversible. If symptoms of peripheral neuropathy including pain, burning, tingling, numbness and/or weakness develop, immediately discontinue moxifloxacin and tell them to contact their physician.
- **Central nervous system effects** (for example, convulsions, dizziness, lightheadedness, increased intracranial pressure): Inform patients that convulsions have been reported in patients receiving fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin. Instruct patients to notify their physician before taking this drug if they have a history of convulsions. Inform patients that they should know how they react to moxifloxacin before they operate an automobile or machinery or engage in other activities requiring mental alertness and coordination. Instruct patients to notify their physician if persistent headache with or without blurred vision occurs.
- **Exacerbation of Myasthenia Gravis:** Instruct patients to inform their physician of any history of myasthenia gravis. Instruct patients to notify their physician if they experience any symptoms of muscle weakness, including respiratory difficulties.
- **Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Inform patients that moxifloxacin can cause hypersensitivity reactions, even following a single dose, and to discontinue the drug at the first sign of a skin rash, hives or other skin reactions, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty in swallowing or breathing, any swelling suggesting angioedema (for example, swelling of the lips, tongue, face, tightness of the throat, hoarseness), or other symptoms of an allergic reaction.
- **Hepatotoxicity:** Inform patients that severe hepatotoxicity (including acute hepatitis and fatal events) has been reported in patients taking moxifloxacin. Instruct patients to inform their physician if they experience any signs or symptoms of liver injury including: loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, fever,

weakness, tiredness, right upper quadrant tenderness, itching, yellowing of the skin and eyes, light colored bowel movements or dark colored urine.

- **Diarrhea:** Diarrhea is a common problem caused by antibiotics which usually ends when the antibiotic is discontinued. Sometimes after starting treatment with antibiotics, patients can develop watery and bloody stools (with or without stomach cramps and fever) even as late as two or more months after having taken the last dose of the antibiotic. If this occurs, instruct patients to contact their physician as soon as possible.
- **Prolongation of the QT Interval:** Instruct patients to inform their physician of any personal or family history of QT prolongation or proarrhythmic conditions such as hypokalemia, bradycardia, or recent myocardial ischemia; if they are taking any Class IA (quinidine, procainamide), or Class III (amiodarone, sotalol) antiarrhythmic agents. Instruct patients to notify their physician if they have any symptoms of prolongation of the QT interval, including prolonged heart palpitations or a loss of consciousness.
- **Photosensitivity/Phototoxicity:** Inform patients that photosensitivity/phototoxicity has been reported in patients receiving fluoroquinolones. Inform patients to minimize or avoid exposure to natural or artificial sunlight (tanning beds or UVA/B treatment) while taking quinolones. If patients need to be outdoors while using quinolones, instruct them to wear loose-fitting clothes that protect skin from sun exposure and discuss other sun protection measures with their physician. If a sunburn-like reaction or skin eruption occurs, instruct patients to contact their physician.
- **Blood Glucose Disturbances:** Inform the patients that if they are diabetic and are being treated with insulin or an oral hypoglycemic agent and a hypoglycemic reaction occurs, they should discontinue moxifloxacin and consult a physician.

### **Antibacterial Resistance**

Antibacterial drugs including moxifloxacin should only be used to treat bacterial infections. They do not treat viral infections (for example, the common cold). When moxifloxacin is prescribed to treat a bacterial infection, patients should be told that although it is common to feel better early in the course of therapy, the medication should be taken exactly as directed. Skipping doses or not completing the full course of therapy may (1) decrease the effectiveness of the immediate treatment and (2) increase the

likelihood that bacteria will develop resistance and will not be treatable by moxifloxacin or other antibacterial drugs in the future.

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## **Medication Guide**

### **Moxifloxacin Injection**

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**solution for intravenous use**

Read the Medication Guide that comes with Moxifloxacin Injection before you start receiving it and each time you receive it. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or your treatment.

#### **What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?**

Moxifloxacin injection belongs to a class of antibiotics called fluoroquinolones. Moxifloxacin injection can cause serious side effects that can happen at the same time and could result in death. If you get any of the following serious side effects, you should stop taking moxifloxacin and get medical help right away. Talk with your healthcare provider about whether you should continue to receive moxifloxacin injection.

#### **1. Tendon rupture or swelling of the tendon (tendinitis).**

- **Tendon problems can happen in people of all ages who receive moxifloxacin injection.** Tendons are tough cords of tissue that connect muscles to bones. Symptoms of tendon problems may include:
  - Pain, swelling, tears and inflammation of tendons including the back of the ankle (Achilles), shoulder, hand, or other tendon sites.
- The risk of getting tendon problems while you receive moxifloxacin injection is higher if you:
  - Are over 60 years of age
  - Are taking steroids (corticosteroids)
  - Have had a kidney, heart or lung transplant

**Tendon problems can happen in people who do not have the above risk factors when they receive moxifloxacin injection.**

- Other reasons that can increase your risk of tendon problems can include:
  - Physical activity or exercise
  - Kidney failure
  - Tendon problems in the past, such as in people with rheumatoid arthritis (RA).
- **Stop taking moxifloxacin immediately and call your healthcare provider right away at the first sign of tendon pain, swelling or inflammation.**

Stop receiving moxifloxacin injection until tendinitis or tendon rupture has been ruled out by your healthcare provider. Avoid exercise and using the affected area. The most common area of pain and swelling is in the Achilles tendon at the back of your ankle. This can also happen with other tendons.

- **Talk to your healthcare provider about the risk of tendon rupture with continued use of moxifloxacin injection.**

You may need a different antibiotic that is not a fluoroquinolone to treat your infection.

- **Tendon rupture can happen while you are taking or after you have finished receiving moxifloxacin injection.**

Tendon ruptures can happen within hours or days after taking moxifloxacin and have happened up to several months after patients have finished receiving their fluoroquinolone.

- **Stop taking moxifloxacin immediately and get medical help right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms of a tendon rupture:**
  - Hear or feel a snap or pop in a tendon area.
  - Bruising right after an injury in a tendon area.
  - Unable to move the affected area or bear weight.

## **2. Changes in sensation and possible nerve damage (Peripheral Neuropathy).**

Damage to the nerves in arms, hands, legs, or feet can happen in people who take fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin. Stop taking moxifloxacin immediately and talk to your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of peripheral neuropathy in your arms, hands, legs, or feet:

- pain
- numbness
- burning
- weakness
- tingling

The nerve damage may be permanent.

**3. Central Nervous System (CNS) effects.** Seizures have been reported in people who take fluoroquinolone antibacterial medicines, including moxifloxacin. Tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of seizures before you start taking moxifloxacin. CNS side effects may happen as soon as after taking the first dose of moxifloxacin. Stop taking moxifloxacin immediately and talk to your healthcare provider right away if you get any of these side effects, or other changes in mood or behavior:

- seizures
- hear voices, see things, or sense things that are not there (hallucinations)
- feel restless
- tremors
- feel anxious or nervous
- confusion
- depression
- trouble sleeping
- nightmares
- feel lightheaded or dizzy
- feel more suspicious (paranoia)
- suicidal thoughts or acts
- headaches that will not go away, with or without blurred vision

## **4. Worsening of myasthenia gravis (a disease which causes muscle weakness).**

Fluoroquinolones like moxifloxacin injection may cause worsening of myasthenia gravis symptoms, including muscle weakness and breathing problems. Tell your healthcare provider if you have a history of myasthenia gravis before you start taking moxifloxacin. Call your

healthcare provider right away if you have any worsening muscle weakness or breathing problems.

See the section “**What are the possible side effects of moxifloxacin injection?**” for more information about side effects.

### **What is moxifloxacin injection?**

Moxifloxacin injection is a fluoroquinolone antibiotic medicine used to treat certain types of infections caused by certain germs called bacteria in adults 18 years or older. It is not known if moxifloxacin injection is safe and works in people under 18 years of age. Children have a higher chance of getting bone, joint, and tendon (musculoskeletal) problems while taking fluoroquinolone antibiotic medicines.

Moxifloxacin should not be used in patients with acute bacterial sinusitis or acute bacterial exacerbation of chronic bronchitis if there are other treatment options available.

Sometimes infections are caused by viruses rather than by bacteria. Examples include viral infections in the sinuses and lungs, such as the common cold or flu. Antibiotics, including moxifloxacin injection, do not kill viruses. Call your healthcare provider if you think your condition is not getting better while you are receiving moxifloxacin injection.

### **Who should not receive moxifloxacin injection?**

Do not receive moxifloxacin injection if you have ever had a severe allergic reaction to an antibiotic known as a fluoroquinolone, or if you are allergic to any of the ingredients in moxifloxacin injection. Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure. See the list of ingredients in moxifloxacin injection at the end of this Medication Guide.

### **What should I tell my healthcare provider before receiving moxifloxacin injection?**

**See “What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?”**

**Tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:**

- Have tendon problems; moxifloxacin should not be used in patients who have a history of tendon problems
- Have a disease that causes muscle weakness (myasthenia gravis); moxifloxacin should not be used in patients who have a history of myasthenia gravis
- Have central nervous system problems (such as epilepsy)
- Have nerve problems; moxifloxacin should not be used in patients who have a history of a nerve problem called peripheral neuropathy
- Have or anyone in your family has an irregular heartbeat, especially a condition called “QT prolongation”
- Have low blood potassium (hypokalemia)
- Have a slow heartbeat (bradycardia)
- Have congestive heart failure
- Have a history of seizures
- Have kidney problems
- Have rheumatoid arthritis (RA) or other history of joint problems
- Are on a salt-restricted diet
- Have diabetes or problems with low blood sugar (hypoglycemia)
- Are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. It is not known if moxifloxacin injection will harm your unborn child.
- Are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed. It is not known if moxifloxacin injection passes into breast milk. You and your healthcare provider should decide whether you will receive moxifloxacin injection or breastfeed.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal and dietary supplements. Moxifloxacin injection and other medicines can affect each other causing side effects. Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- An NSAID (Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug). Many common medicines for pain relief are NSAIDs. Taking an NSAID while you receive moxifloxacin injection or other fluoroquinolones may increase your risk of central nervous system effects and seizures.
- A blood thinner (warfarin, Coumadin, Jantoven).
- A medicine to control your heart rate or rhythm (antiarrhythmic). See **“What are the possible side effects of moxifloxacin injection?”**
- An anti-psychotic medicine.
- A tricyclic antidepressant.
- An oral anti-diabetes medicine or insulin.
- Erythromycin.
- A water pill (diuretic).
- A steroid medicine. Corticosteroids taken by mouth or by injection may increase the chance of tendon injury. See **“What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?”**

**Ask your healthcare provider if you are not sure if any of your medicines are listed above.**

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

### **How should I receive moxifloxacin injection?**

- Moxifloxacin injection is given to you by intravenous (IV) infusion into your vein slowly, over 60 minutes, as prescribed by your healthcare provider.

- **Do not** skip any doses, or stop receiving moxifloxacin injection even if you begin to feel better, until you finish your prescribed treatment, unless:
  - You have tendon effects (see “**What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?**”).
  - You have nerve problems (see “**What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?**”).
  - You have central nervous system problems (see “**What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?**”).
  - You have a serious allergic reaction (see “**What are the possible side effects of moxifloxacin injection?**”), or your healthcare provider tells you to stop.

This will help make sure that all of the bacteria are killed and lower the chance that the bacteria will become resistant to moxifloxacin injection. If this happens, moxifloxacin injection and other antibiotic medicines may not work in the future.

### **What should I avoid while receiving moxifloxacin injection?**

- Moxifloxacin injection can make you feel dizzy and lightheaded. **Do not** drive, operate machinery, or do other activities that require mental alertness or coordination until you know how moxifloxacin injection affects you.
- Avoid sunlamps, tanning beds, and try to limit your time in the sun. Moxifloxacin injection can make your skin sensitive to the sun (photosensitivity) and the light from sunlamps and tanning beds.
- You could get severe sunburn, blisters or swelling of your skin. If you get any of these symptoms while receiving moxifloxacin injection, call your healthcare provider right away. You should use a sunscreen and wear a hat and clothes that cover your skin if you have to be in sunlight.

## What are the possible side effects of moxifloxacin injection?

**Moxifloxacin injection can cause side effects that may be serious or even cause death. See**

**“What is the most important information I should know about moxifloxacin injection?”**

Other serious side effects of moxifloxacin injection include:

- **Serious heart rhythm changes (QT prolongation and torsades de pointes).** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have a change in your heart beat (a fast or irregular heartbeat), or if you faint. Moxifloxacin injection may cause a rare heart problem known as prolongation of the QT interval. This condition can cause an abnormal heartbeat and can be very dangerous. The chances of this event are higher in people:
  - Who are elderly
  - With a family history of prolonged QT interval
  - With low blood potassium (hypokalemia)
  - Who take certain medicines to control heart rhythm (antiarrhythmics)
- **Serious allergic reactions.** Allergic reactions can happen in people taking fluoroquinolones, including moxifloxacin injection, even after only 1 dose. Stop receiving moxifloxacin injection and get emergency medical help right away if you get any of the following symptoms of a severe allergic reaction:
  - Hives
  - Trouble breathing or swallowing
  - Swelling of the lips, tongue, face
  - Throat tightness, hoarseness
  - Rapid heartbeat
  - Faint
  - Yellowing of the skin or eyes. Stop receiving moxifloxacin injection and tell your healthcare provider right away if you get yellowing of your skin or white part of your eyes, or if you have dark urine. These can be signs of a serious reaction to moxifloxacin injection (a liver problem).

- **Skin rash.** Skin rash may happen in people receiving moxifloxacin injection even after only 1 dose. Stop receiving moxifloxacin injection at the first sign of a skin rash and call your healthcare provider. Skin rash may be a sign of a more serious reaction to moxifloxacin injection.
- **Intestine infection (Pseudomembranous colitis).** Pseudomembranous colitis can happen with most antibiotics, including moxifloxacin injection. Call your healthcare provider right away if you get watery diarrhea, diarrhea that does not go away, or bloody stools. You may have stomach cramps and a fever. Pseudomembranous colitis can happen 2 or more months after you have finished your antibiotic.
- **Changes in blood sodium.** Increased blood sodium can happen in people who receive moxifloxacin injection. Tell your healthcare provider if you are on a salt-restricted diet or have congestive heart failure. Your antibiotic medicine may need to be changed.
- **Changes in blood sugar.** People who receive moxifloxacin injection and other fluoroquinolone medicines with oral anti-diabetes medicines or with insulin can get low blood sugar (hypoglycemia) and high blood sugar (hyperglycemia). Follow your healthcare provider's instructions for how often to check your blood sugar. If you have diabetes and you get low blood sugar while receiving moxifloxacin injection, stop receiving moxifloxacin injection and call your healthcare provider right away. Your antibiotic medicine may need to be changed.
- **Sensitivity to sunlight (photosensitivity).**

See “What should I avoid while receiving moxifloxacin injection?”

The most common side effects of moxifloxacin injection include:

- Nausea
- Diarrhea

- Headache
- Dizziness

These are not all the possible side effects of moxifloxacin injection. Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

### **How should I store moxifloxacin injection?**

- Store moxifloxacin injection at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- Keep the moxifloxacin injection bag in the outer bag and out of the light until you are ready to use it. Moxifloxacin injection should be used right away after removing it from the outer bag.
- **Do not** refrigerate.
- Moxifloxacin injection is for single use only.
- Keep moxifloxacin injection and all medicines out of the reach of children.

### **General Information about the safe and effective use of moxifloxacin injection.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use moxifloxacin injection for a condition for which it is not prescribed. Do not give moxifloxacin injection to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about moxifloxacin injection. If you would like more information about moxifloxacin injection, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information

about moxifloxacin injection that is written for healthcare professionals. For more information call 1-800-551-7176.

**What are the ingredients in moxifloxacin injection?**

**Active ingredient:** moxifloxacin

**Inactive ingredients:** sodium acetate-trihydrate, disodium sulfate, sulfuric acid (for pH adjustment), and water for injection

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