



AbPrazole™

Omeprazole BP 700 mg
Equine Gastric Ulcers

COMPOSITION :

Each sachet contains:

Omeprazole BP 700mg

(As enteric coated granules)

DESCRIPTION :

AbPrazole™ is a blue coloured granule containing enteric coated Omeprazole BP .

The enteric coating is designed to withstand the acid environment of the stomach for at least 60 minutes; only dissolving in the almost neutral pH of the intestine and releasing the active ingredient. Omeprazole, being to acid-labile, requires this enteric coating to prevent degradation on the stomach.

INDICATION :

AbPrazole™ (Omeprazole) granules when administered at the recommended dose level is effective in the Treatment and Prevention of Equine Gastric Ulcers – (EGUS) in horses.

Besides stress related gastric and duodenal ulcers Omeprazole has been used as a treatment and prevention for-

- uremic gastritis
- stress-related or drug-induced erosive gastritis
- esophagitis
- duodenal gastric reflux
- esophageal reflux

It has also been employed to treat hypersecretory conditions associated with gastrinomas and systemic mastocytosis.

An important advantage in the use of AbPrazole™ is its ability to inhibit production for 24hours, allowing a once -a -day treatment.

DOSAGE: (2.2lb = 1kg)

Treatment :

Recommended dosage : 4.0mg / kg bodyweight (1.8mg/lb)

Treatment : One sachet per 175kg (330lb) / per day

Treatment regime: 28 days

Prevention:

Recommended dosage : 2.0mg / kg bodyweight (0.9mg/lb)

Prevention : One sachet per 350kg (660lb) / per day

Prevention regime: Ongoing as required.

ADMINISTRATION:

Simply sprinkle AbPrazole™ dry onto feed. For fussy eaters mix with molasses corn syrup then mix with feed, apple or a treat.

AbPrazole™ may be mixed with a mash.

To achieve the maximum effectiveness best not heated, mixed or immersed in a water based food or treat as the granules are enteric coated.

OVERDOSAGE :

Massive overdosage is required to cause problems in other species but the toxic dosage in horses is uncertain. Rats have tolerated oral dosages of greater than 4 g/kg, this would be equivalent to 4 lbs (1.6 kg) of 100% product fed to a horse at one time. Should a massive overdose occur, treat symptomatically and supportively.

DRUG INTERACTIONS:

Omeprazole may decrease the hepatic clearance of

- diazepam
- phenytoin
- warfarin

thereby enhancing their effects and causing potential toxicity. Additional monitoring and dosage adjustments may be required.

Because Omeprazole can increase gastric pH, drugs that require low gastric pH for optimal absorption may have their absorption reduced:

- ketoconazole
- ampicillin esters
- iron salts

Although Omeprazole causes bone marrow depression only rarely in humans, use with other drugs that cause bone marrow depression may lead to additive hematologic abnormalities.

SIDE EFFECTS :

Omeprazole like other PPIs is well-tolerated. Nervousness, abnormal heartbeat, muscle pain, weakness, leg cramps and water retention occur infrequently.

INTERACTIONS OR CONTRAINDICATIONS :

Omeprazole appears to be a very safe drug with few problems associated with it. It is contraindicated in patients hypersensitive to it. Caution should be exercised in patients with hepatic disease or a history of hepatic disease, as the drug's half life may be prolonged and dosage adjustment may be necessary. Omeprazole's safety during pregnancy has not been established, but a study done in rats at doses of up to 345 times those recommended did not demonstrate any teratogenic effects. Increased embryo-lethality has been noted in lab animals at very high dosages. It is unknown whether Omeprazole enters maternal milk.

TOXICITY:

Omeprazole appears to be very well tolerated in horses. There may be a possibility of GI distress (anorexia, colic, flatulence, diarrhea) as well as hematologic abnormalities (rare in humans) urinary tract infections, proteinuria or CNS disturbances.

WARNINGS :

Do not use for horses intended for human consumption
Keep out of reach of children.
Veterinary use only.

STORAGE :

Cool dry atmosphere away from extreme heat.

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