

# Artrix®

## Etoricoxib

### FORMS AND PRESENTATION

Artrix® 30: film coated tablets: Box of 30.  
Artrix® 60: film coated tablets: Box of 30.  
Artrix® 90: film coated tablets: Box of 30.  
Artrix® 120: film coated tablets: Box of 10.

### COMPOSITION

Artrix® 30: Each film coated tablet contains Etoricoxib 30 mg.  
Artrix® 60: Each film coated tablet contains Etoricoxib 60 mg.  
Artrix® 120: Each film coated tablet contains Etoricoxib 120 mg.  
Excipients: calcium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous, cellulose microcrystalline, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, triacetin, FD&C blue #2, yellow iron oxide.  
Artrix® 90: Each film coated tablet contains Etoricoxib 90 mg.  
Excipients: calcium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous, cellulose microcrystalline, croscarmellose sodium, magnesium stearate, hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, triacetin.

### PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Anti-inflammatory and antirheumatic products, non-steroids, coxibs.  
ATC code: M01 AH05

#### Mechanism of Action

Etoricoxib is an oral, selective cyclo-oxygenase-2 (COX-2) inhibitor within the clinical dose range. Across clinical pharmacology studies, Etoricoxib produced dose-dependent inhibition of COX-2 without inhibition of COX-1 at doses up to 150 mg daily. Etoricoxib did not inhibit gastric prostaglandin synthesis and had no effect on platelet function. Cyclooxygenase is responsible for generation of prostaglandins. Two isoforms, COX-1 and COX-2, have been identified. COX-2 is the isoform of the enzyme that has been shown to be induced by pro-inflammatory stimuli and has been postulated to be primarily responsible for the synthesis of prostanoid mediators of pain, inflammation, and fever. COX-2 is also involved in ovulation, implantation and closure of the ductus arteriosus, regulation of renal function, and central nervous system functions (fever induction, pain perception and cognitive function). It may also play a role in ulcer healing. COX-2 has been identified in tissue around gastric ulcers in man but its relevance to ulcer healing has not been established.

#### Pharmacokinetic properties

##### Absorption

Orally administered etoricoxib is well absorbed. The absolute bioavailability is approximately 100%. Following 120 mg once-daily dosing to steady state, the peak plasma concentration (geometric mean C<sub>max</sub> = 3.6 µg/ml) was observed at approximately 1 hour (T<sub>max</sub>) after administration to fasted adults. The geometric mean area under the curve (AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub>) was 37.8 µg•hr/ml. The pharmacokinetics of etoricoxib are linear across the clinical dose range.

Dosing with food (a high-fat meal) had no effect on the extent of absorption of etoricoxib after administration of a 120-mg dose. The rate of absorption was affected, resulting in a 36% decrease in C<sub>max</sub> and an increase in T<sub>max</sub> by 2 hours. These data are not considered clinically significant. In clinical trials, etoricoxib was administered without regard to food intake.

##### Distribution

Etoricoxib is approximately 92% bound to human plasma protein over the range of concentrations of 0.05 to 5 µg/ml.

Etoricoxib crosses the placenta in rats and rabbits, and the blood-brain barrier in rats.

##### Biotransformation

Etoricoxib is extensively metabolized with <1% of a dose recovered in urine as the parent drug. The major route of metabolism to form the 6'-hydroxymethyl derivative is catalyzed by CYP enzymes. CYP3A4 appears to contribute to the metabolism of etoricoxib in vivo. In vitro studies indicate that CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP1A2 and CYP2C19 also can catalyse the main metabolic pathway, but their quantitative roles in vivo have not been studied.

Five metabolites have been identified in man. The principal metabolite is the 6'-carboxylic acid derivative of etoricoxib formed by further oxidation of the 6'-hydroxymethyl derivative. These principal metabolites either demonstrate no measurable activity or are only weakly active as COX-2 inhibitors. None of these metabolites inhibit COX-1.

##### Elimination

Following administration of a single 25-mg radiolabeled intravenous dose of etoricoxib to healthy subjects, 70% of radioactivity was recovered in urine and 20% in faeces, mostly as metabolites. Less than 2% was recovered as unchanged drug.

Elimination of etoricoxib occurs almost exclusively through metabolism followed by renal excretion. Steady state concentrations of etoricoxib are reached within seven days of once daily administration of 120 mg, with an accumulation ratio of approximately 2, corresponding to a half-life of approximately 22 hours. The plasma clearance after a 25-mg intravenous dose is estimated to be approximately 50 ml/min.

### INDICATIONS

Artrix® is indicated in adults and adolescents 16 years of age and older for the symptomatic relief of osteoarthritis (OA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), ankylosing spondylitis, and the pain and signs of inflammation associated with acute gouty arthritis.

Artrix® is indicated in adults and adolescents 16 years of age and older for the short-term treatment of moderate pain associated with dental surgery.

The decision to prescribe a selective COX-2 inhibitor should be based on an assessment of the individual patient's overall risks.

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.
- Active peptic ulceration or active gastro-intestinal (GI) bleeding.
- Patients who, after taking acetylsalicylic acid or NSAIDs including COX-2 (cyclooxygenase-2) inhibitors, experience bronchospasm, acute rhinitis, nasal polyps, angioneurotic oedema, urticaria, or allergic-type reactions.
- Pregnancy and lactation.
- Severe hepatic dysfunction (serum albumin <25 g/l or Child-Pugh score ≥10).
- Estimated renal creatinine clearance <30 ml/min.
- Children and adolescents under 16 years of age.
- Inflammatory bowel disease.
- Congestive heart failure (NYHA II-IV).
- Patients with hypertension whose blood pressure is persistently elevated above 140/90 mmHg and has not been adequately controlled.
- Established ischaemic heart disease, peripheral arterial disease, and/or cerebrovascular disease.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### Gastrointestinal effects

Upper gastrointestinal complications [perforations, ulcers or bleedings (PUBs)], some of them resulting in fatal outcome, have occurred in patients treated with etoricoxib.

Caution is advised with treatment of patients most at risk of developing a gastrointestinal complication with NSAIDs; the elderly, patients using any other NSAID or acetylsalicylic acid

concomitantly or patients with a prior history of gastrointestinal disease, such as ulceration and GI bleeding.

There is a further increase in the risk of gastrointestinal adverse effects (gastrointestinal ulceration or other gastrointestinal complications) when etoricoxib is taken concomitantly with acetylsalicylic acid (even at low doses). A significant difference in GI safety between selective COX-2 inhibitors + acetylsalicylic acid vs. NSAIDs + acetylsalicylic acid has not been demonstrated in long-term clinical trials.

#### Cardiovascular effects

Clinical trials suggest that the selective COX-2 inhibitor class of drugs may be associated with a risk of thrombotic events (especially myocardial infarction (MI) and stroke), relative to placebo and some NSAIDs. As the cardiovascular risks of etoricoxib may increase with dose and duration of exposure, the shortest duration possible and the lowest effective daily dose should be used. The patient's need for symptomatic relief and response to therapy should be re-evaluated periodically, especially in patients with osteoarthritis.

Patients with significant risk factors for cardiovascular events (e.g. hypertension, hyperlipidaemia, diabetes mellitus, and smoking) should only be treated with etoricoxib after careful consideration. COX-2 selective inhibitors are not a substitute for acetylsalicylic acid for prophylaxis of cardiovascular thrombo-embolic diseases because of their lack of antiplatelet effect. Therefore antiplatelet therapies should not be discontinued.

#### Renal effects

Renal prostaglandins may play a compensatory role in the maintenance of renal perfusion. Therefore, under conditions of compromised renal perfusion, administration of etoricoxib may cause a reduction in prostaglandin formation and, secondarily, in renal blood flow, and thereby impair renal function. Patients at greatest risk of this response are those with pre-existing significantly impaired renal function, uncompensated heart failure, or cirrhosis. Monitoring of renal function in such patients should be considered.

#### Fluid retention, oedema and hypertension

As with other medicinal products known to inhibit prostaglandin synthesis, fluid retention, oedema and hypertension have been observed in patients taking etoricoxib. All Nonsteroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), including etoricoxib, can be associated with new onset or recurrent congestive heart failure.

Caution should be exercised in patients with a history of cardiac failure, left ventricular dysfunction, or hypertension and in patients with pre-existing oedema from any other reason. If there is clinical evidence of deterioration in the condition of these patients, appropriate measures including discontinuation of etoricoxib should be taken.

Etoricoxib may be associated with more frequent and severe hypertension than some other NSAIDs and selective COX-2 inhibitors, particularly at high doses. Therefore, hypertension should be controlled before treatment with etoricoxib and special attention should be paid to blood pressure monitoring during treatment with etoricoxib. Blood pressure should be monitored within two weeks after initiation of treatment and periodically thereafter. If blood pressure rises significantly, alternative treatment should be considered.

#### Hepatic effects

Elevations of alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and/or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) (approximately three or more times the upper limit of normal) have been reported in approximately 1% of patients in clinical trials treated for up to one year with etoricoxib 30, 60 and 90 mg daily.

Any patients with symptoms and/or signs suggesting liver dysfunction, or in whom an abnormal liver function test has occurred, should be monitored. If signs of hepatic insufficiency occur, or if persistently abnormal liver function tests (three times the upper limit of normal) are detected, etoricoxib should be discontinued.

#### General

If during treatment, patients deteriorate in any of the organ system functions described above, appropriate measures should be taken and discontinuation of etoricoxib therapy should be considered. Medically appropriate supervision should be maintained when using etoricoxib in the elderly and in patients with renal, hepatic, or cardiac dysfunction.

Caution should be used when initiating treatment with etoricoxib in patients with dehydration. It is advisable to rehydrate patients prior to starting therapy with etoricoxib.

Serious skin reactions, some of them fatal, including exfoliative dermatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and toxic epidermal necrolysis, have been reported very rarely in association with the use of NSAIDs and some selective COX-2 inhibitors during post-marketing surveillance. Patients appear to be at highest risk for these reactions early in the course of therapy with the onset of the reaction occurring in the majority of cases within the first month of treatment. Serious hypersensitivity reactions (such as anaphylaxis and angioedema) have been reported in patients receiving etoricoxib. Some selective COX-2 inhibitors have been associated with an increased risk of skin reactions in patients with a history of any drug allergy. Etoricoxib should be discontinued at the first appearance of skin rash, mucosal lesions, or any other sign of hypersensitivity.

Etoricoxib may mask fever and other signs of inflammation. Caution should be exercised when co-administering etoricoxib with warfarin or other oral anticoagulants.

The use of etoricoxib, as with any medicinal product known to inhibit cyclooxygenase / prostaglandin synthesis, is not recommended in women attempting to conceive.

### Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Patients who experience dizziness, vertigo or somnolence while taking etoricoxib should refrain from driving or operating machinery.

### FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

#### Pregnancy

No clinical data on exposed pregnancies are available for etoricoxib. Studies in animals have shown reproductive toxicity. The potential for human risk in pregnancy is unknown. Etoricoxib, as with other medicinal products inhibiting prostaglandin synthesis, may cause uterine inertia and premature closure of the ductus arteriosus during the last trimester. Etoricoxib is contraindicated in pregnancy. If a woman becomes pregnant during treatment, etoricoxib must be discontinued.

#### Breastfeeding

It is not known whether etoricoxib is excreted in human milk. Etoricoxib is excreted in the milk of lactating rats. Women who use etoricoxib must not breast feed.

#### Fertility

The use of etoricoxib, as with any drug substance known to inhibit COX-2, is not recommended in women attempting to conceive.

### DRUG INTERACTIONS

#### Pharmacodynamic interactions

**Oral anticoagulants:** In subjects stabilized on chronic warfarin therapy, the administration of etoricoxib 120 mg daily was associated with an approximate 13% increase in prothrombin time International Normalised Ratio (INR). Therefore, patients receiving oral anticoagulants should be closely monitored for their prothrombin time INR, particularly in the first few days when therapy with etoricoxib is initiated or the dose of etoricoxib is changed.

**Diuretics, ACE inhibitors and Angiotensin II Antagonists:** NSAIDs may reduce the effect of diuretics and other antihypertensive drugs. In some patients with compromised renal function (e.g. dehydrated patients or elderly patients with compromised renal function) the co-administration of an ACE inhibitor or Angiotensin II antagonist and agents that inhibit cyclo-oxygenase may result in further deterioration of renal function, including possible acute renal failure, which is usually

reversible. These interactions should be considered in patients taking etoricoxib concomitantly with ACE inhibitors or angiotensin II antagonists. Therefore, the combination should be administered with caution, especially in the elderly. Patients should be adequately hydrated and consideration should be given to monitoring of renal function after initiation of concomitant therapy, and periodically thereafter.

**Acetylsalicylic Acid:** Concomitant administration of low-dose acetylsalicylic acid with etoricoxib may result in an increased rate of GI ulceration or other complications compared to use of etoricoxib alone. Concomitant administration of etoricoxib with doses of acetylsalicylic acid above those for cardiovascular prophylaxis or with other NSAIDs is not recommended.

**Cyclosporin and tacrolimus:** Although this interaction has not been studied with etoricoxib, coadministration of cyclosporin or tacrolimus with any NSAID may increase the nephrotoxic effect of cyclosporin or tacrolimus. Renal function should be monitored when etoricoxib and either of these drugs is used in combination.

#### **Pharmacokinetic interactions**

##### The effect of etoricoxib on the pharmacokinetics of other drugs

**Lithium:** NSAIDs decrease lithium renal excretion and therefore increase lithium plasma levels. If necessary, monitor blood lithium closely and adjust the lithium dosage while the combination is being taken and when the NSAID is withdrawn.

**Methotrexate:** Etoricoxib at 60 and 90 mg had no effect on methotrexate plasma concentrations or renal clearance. Adequate monitoring for methotrexate-related toxicity is recommended when etoricoxib and methotrexate are administered concomitantly.

**Oral contraceptives:** Etoricoxib 60 mg given concomitantly with an oral contraceptive containing 35 micrograms ethinyl estradiol (EE) and 0.5 to 1 mg norethindrone for 21 days increased the steady state AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub> of EE by 37%. Etoricoxib 120 mg given with the same oral contraceptive concomitantly or separated by 12 hours, increased the steady state AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub> of EE by 50 to 60%. This increase in EE concentration should be considered when selecting an oral contraceptive for use with etoricoxib. An increase in EE exposure can increase the incidence of adverse events associated with oral contraceptives (e.g., venous thrombo-embolic events in women at risk).

**Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT):** Administration of etoricoxib 120 mg with hormone replacement therapy consisting of conjugated estrogens (0.625 mg Estrogen) for 28 days, increased the mean steady state AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub> of unconjugated estrone (41%), equilin (76%), and 17-β-estradiol (22%). The effect of the recommended chronic doses of etoricoxib (30, 60, and 90 mg) has not been studied. The effects of etoricoxib 120 mg on the exposure (AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub>) to these estrogenic components of Estrogen were less than half of those observed when Estrogen was administered alone and the dose was increased from 0.625 to 1.25 mg. The clinical significance of these increases is unknown, and higher doses of Estrogen were not studied in combination with etoricoxib. These increases in estrogenic concentration should be taken into consideration when selecting post-menopausal hormone therapy for use with etoricoxib because the increase in oestrogen exposure might increase the risk of adverse events associated with HRT.

**Prednisone/prednisolone:** In drug-interaction studies, etoricoxib did not have clinically important effects on the pharmacokinetics of prednisone/prednisolone.

**Digoxin:** Etoricoxib 120 mg administered once daily for 10 days to healthy volunteers did not alter the steady-state plasma AUC<sub>0-24hr</sub> or renal elimination of digoxin. There was an increase in digoxin C<sub>max</sub> (approximately 33%). This increase is not generally important for most patients. However, patients at high risk of digoxin toxicity should be monitored for this when etoricoxib and digoxin are administered concomitantly.

##### Effect of etoricoxib on drugs metabolised by sulfotransferases

Etoricoxib is an inhibitor of human sulfotransferase activity, particularly SULT1E1, and has been shown to increase the serum concentrations of ethinyl estradiol. While knowledge about effects of multiple sulfotransferases is presently limited and the clinical consequences for many drugs are still being examined, it may be prudent to exercise care when administering etoricoxib concurrently with other drugs primarily metabolized by human sulfotransferases (e.g., oral salbutamol and minoxidil).

##### Effect of etoricoxib on drugs metabolised by CYP isoenzymes

Based on in vitro studies, etoricoxib is not expected to inhibit cytochromes P450 (CYP) 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, 2E1 or 3A4. In a study in healthy subjects, daily administration of etoricoxib 120 mg did not alter hepatic CYP3A4 activity as assessed by the erythromycin breath test.

##### Effects of other drugs on the pharmacokinetics of etoricoxib

The main pathway of etoricoxib metabolism is dependent on CYP enzymes. CYP3A4 appears to contribute to the metabolism of etoricoxib in vivo. In vitro studies indicate that CYP2D6, CYP2C9, CYP1A2 and CYP2C19 also can catalyse the main metabolic pathway, but their quantitative roles have not been studied in vivo.

**Ketoconazole:** Ketoconazole, a potent inhibitor of CYP3A4, dosed at 400 mg once a day for 11 days to healthy volunteers, did not have any clinically important effect on the single-dose pharmacokinetics of 60 mg etoricoxib (43% increase in AUC).

**Voriconazole and Miconazole:** Co-administration of either oral voriconazole or topical miconazole oral gel, strong CYP3A4 inhibitors, with etoricoxib caused a slight increase in exposure to etoricoxib, but is not considered to be clinically meaningful based on published data.

**Rifampicin:** Co-administration of etoricoxib with rifampicin, a potent inducer of CYP enzymes, produced a 65% decrease in etoricoxib plasma concentrations. This interaction may result in recurrence of symptoms when etoricoxib is co-administered with rifampicin. While this information may suggest an increase in dose, doses of etoricoxib greater than those listed for each indication have not been studied in combination with rifampicin and are therefore not recommended.

**Antacids:** Antacids do not affect the pharmacokinetics of etoricoxib to a clinically relevant extent.

#### **ADVERSE EFFECTS**

The following undesirable effects were reported with etoricoxib tablets. Frequency is defined as very common (≥ 1/10); common (≥ 1/100 to < 1/10); uncommon (≥ 1/1,000 to < 1/100); rare (≥ 1/10,000 to < 1/1,000).

**Infections and infestations:** alveolar osteitis (common); gastroenteritis, upper respiratory infection, urinary tract infection (uncommon).

**Blood and lymphatic system disorders:** anaemia (primarily associated with gastrointestinal bleeding), leukopenia, thrombocytopenia (uncommon).

**Immune system disorders:** hypersensitivity (uncommon); angioedema/ anaphylactic / anaphylactoid reactions including shock (rare).

**Metabolism and nutrition disorders:** oedema/fluid retention (common); appetite increase or decrease, weight gain (uncommon).

**Psychiatric disorders:** anxiety, depression, mental acuity decreased hallucinations (uncommon); confusion, restlessness (rare).

**Nervous system disorders:** dizziness, headache (common); dysgeusia, insomnia, paresthesia/ hypaesthesia, somnolence (uncommon).

**Eye disorders:** blurred vision, conjunctivitis (uncommon).

**Ear and labyrinth disorders:** tinnitus, vertigo (uncommon).

**Cardiac disorders:** palpitations, arrhythmia (common); atrial fibrillation, tachycardia, congestive heart failure, non-specific ECG changes, angina pectoris, myocardial infarction (uncommon).

**Vascular disorders:** hypertension (common); flushing, cerebrovascular accident, transient ischaemic attack, hypertensive crisis, vasculitis (uncommon).

**Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:** bronchospasm (common); cough, dyspnoea, epistaxis (uncommon).

**Gastrointestinal disorders:** abdominal pain (very common); Constipation, flatulence, gastritis,

heartburn/acid reflux, diarrhoea, dyspepsia/epigastric discomfort, nausea, vomiting, oesophagitis, oral ulcer (common); abdominal distention, bowel movement pattern change, dry mouth, gastroduodenal ulcer, peptic ulcers including gastrointestinal perforation and bleeding, irritable bowel syndrome, pancreatitis (uncommon).

**Hepatobiliary disorders:** ALT increased, AST increased (common); hepatitis, hepatic failure, jaundice (rare).

**Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:** ecchymosis (common); facial oedema, pruritus, rash, erythema, urticarial (uncommon); Stevens-Johnson syndrome; toxic epidermal necrolysis; fixed drug eruption (rare).

**Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders:** muscular cramp/spasm, musculoskeletal pain/stiffness (uncommon).

**Renal and urinary disorders:** proteinuria, serum creatinine increased, renal failure/renal insufficiency (uncommon).

**General disorders and administration site conditions:** asthenia/fatigue, flu-like disease (common); chest pain (uncommon).

**Investigations:** blood urea nitrogen increased, creatine phosphokinase increased, hyperkalaemia, uric acid increased (uncommon); blood sodium decreased (rare).

The following serious undesirable effects have been reported in association with the use of NSAIDs and cannot be ruled out for etoricoxib: nephrotoxicity including interstitial nephritis and nephrotic syndrome.

#### **DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION**

##### **Dosage**

As the cardiovascular risks of etoricoxib may increase with dose and duration of exposure, the shortest duration possible and the lowest effective daily dose should be used. The patient's need for symptomatic relief and response to therapy should be re-evaluated periodically, especially in patients with osteoarthritis.

##### Osteoarthritis

The recommended dose is 30 mg once daily. In some patients with insufficient relief from symptoms, an increased dose of 60 mg once daily may increase efficacy. In the absence of an increase in therapeutic benefit, other therapeutic options should be considered.

##### Rheumatoid arthritis and Ankylosing spondylitis

The recommended dose is 60 mg once daily. In some patients with insufficient relief from symptoms, an increased dose of 90 mg once daily may increase efficacy. Once the patient is clinically stabilized, down-titration to a 60 mg once daily-dose may be appropriate. In the absence of an increase in therapeutic benefit, other therapeutic options should be considered.

##### Acute pain conditions

For acute pain conditions, etoricoxib should be used only for the acute symptomatic period.

##### Acute gouty arthritis

The recommended dose is 120 mg once daily. In clinical trials for acute gouty arthritis, etoricoxib was given for 8 days.

##### Postoperative dental surgery pain

The recommended dose is 90 mg once daily, limited to a maximum of 3 days. Some patients may require other postoperative analgesia in addition to Artrix® during the three day treatment period. Doses greater than those recommended for each indication have either not demonstrated additional efficacy or have not been studied. Therefore:

The dose for OA should not exceed 60 mg daily.

The dose for RA and ankylosing spondylitis should not exceed 90 mg daily.

The dose for acute gout should not exceed 120 mg daily, limited to a maximum of 8 days treatment.

The dose for postoperative acute dental surgery pain should not exceed 90 mg daily, limited to a maximum of 3 days.

##### Special populations

**Elderly patients:** No dosage adjustment is necessary for elderly patients. As with other drugs, caution should be exercised in elderly patients.

**Hepatic impairment:** Regardless of indication, in patients with mild hepatic dysfunction (Child-Pugh score 5-6) a dose of 60 mg once daily should not be exceeded. In patients with moderate hepatic dysfunction (Child-Pugh score 7-9), regardless of indication, the dose of 30 mg once daily should not be exceeded.

Clinical experience is limited particularly in patients with moderate hepatic dysfunction and caution is advised. There is no clinical experience in patients with severe hepatic dysfunction (Child-Pugh score ≥10); therefore, its use is contra-indicated in these patients.

**Renal impairment:** No dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with creatinine clearance ≥30 ml/min. The use of etoricoxib in patients with creatinine clearance <30 ml/min is contra-indicated.

**Pediatric population:** Etoricoxib is contra-indicated in children and adolescents under 16 years of age.

##### Method of administration

Artrix® is administered orally and may be taken with or without food. The onset of the effect of the medicinal product may be faster when Artrix® is administered without food. This should be considered when rapid symptomatic relief is needed.

#### **OVERDOSAGE**

In the event of overdose, it is reasonable to employ the usual supportive measures, e.g., remove unabsorbed material from the GI tract, employ clinical monitoring, and institute supportive therapy, if required.

Etoricoxib is not dialysable by haemodialysis; it is not known whether etoricoxib is dialysable by peritoneal dialysis.

#### **STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store below 30°C.

Keep in original pack in intact conditions in order to protect from moisture.

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##### **This is a medicament**

- A medicament is a product which affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you

- Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use, and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medicament

- The doctor and the pharmacist are experts in medicine, its benefits and risks

- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed for you

- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor

- Medicament: keep out of reach of children

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