

# Labilor®

## Ticagrelor

### FORMS AND PRESENTATION

Labilor® 90: Film Coated Tablets, Box of 60.

### COMPOSITION

Labilor® 90: Each film coated tablet contains Ticagrelor 90mg.

Excipients: hypromellose, mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, sodium starch glycolate, magnesium stearate, titanium dioxide, macrogol, talc, iron oxide yellow.

### PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

#### Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Platelet aggregation inhibitors excluding heparin, ATC code: B01AC24.

#### Mechanism of action

Labilor® contains ticagrelor, a member of the chemical class cyclopentyltriazolopyrimidines (CPTP), which is an oral, direct acting, selective and reversibly binding P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor antagonist that prevents ADP-mediated P2Y<sub>12</sub> dependent platelet activation and aggregation. Ticagrelor does not prevent ADP binding but when bound to the P2Y<sub>12</sub> receptor prevents ADP-induced signal transduction. Since platelets participate in the initiation and/or evolution of thrombotic complications of atherosclerotic disease, inhibition of platelet function has been shown to reduce the risk of cardiovascular (CV) events such as death, myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke. Ticagrelor also increases local endogenous adenosine levels by inhibiting the equilibrative nucleoside transporter-1 (ENT-1). Ticagrelor has been documented to augment the following adenosine-induced effects in healthy subjects and in patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS): vasodilation (measured by coronary blood flow increases in healthy volunteers and ACS patients; headache), inhibition of platelet function (in human whole blood in vitro) and dyspnoea. However, a link between the observed increases in adenosine and clinical outcomes (e.g. morbidity-mortality) has not been clearly elucidated.

#### Pharmacokinetic properties

##### Absorption

Absorption of ticagrelor is rapid with a median t<sub>max</sub> of approximately 1.5 hours. The formation of the major circulating metabolite AR-C124910XX (also active) from ticagrelor is rapid with a median t<sub>max</sub> of approximately 2.5 hours. Following an oral ticagrelor 90 mg single dose under fasted conditions in healthy subjects, C<sub>max</sub> is 529 ng/ml and AUC is 3451 ng\*<sup>h</sup>/ml. The metabolite parent ratios are 0.28 for C<sub>max</sub> and 0.42 for AUC. The pharmacokinetics of ticagrelor and AR-C124910XX in patients with a history of MI were generally similar to that in the ACS population. The mean absolute bioavailability of ticagrelor was estimated to be 36%. Ingestion of a high-fat meal resulted in a 21% increase in ticagrelor AUC and 22% decrease in the active metabolite C<sub>max</sub> but had no effect on ticagrelor C<sub>max</sub> or the AUC of the active metabolite. These small changes are considered of minimal clinical significance; therefore, ticagrelor can be given with or without food. Ticagrelor as well as the active metabolite are P-glycoprotein substrates. Ticagrelor as crushed tablets mixed in water, given orally or administered through a nasogastric tube into the stomach, has a comparable bioavailability to whole tablets with regards to AUC and C<sub>max</sub> for ticagrelor and the active metabolite. Initial exposure (0.5- and 1-hour post-dose) from crushed ticagrelor tablets mixed in water was higher compared to whole tablets, with a generally identical concentration profile thereafter (2 to 48 hours).

##### Distribution

The steady state volume of distribution of ticagrelor is 87.5 l. Ticagrelor and the active metabolite is extensively bound to human plasma protein (>99.0%).

##### Biotransformation

CYP3A4 is the major enzyme responsible for ticagrelor metabolism and the formation of the active metabolite and their interactions with other CYP3A substrates ranges from activation through to inhibition. The major metabolite of ticagrelor is AR-C124910XX, which is also active as assessed by in vitro binding to the platelet P2Y<sub>12</sub> ADP-receptor. The systemic exposure to the active metabolite is approximately 30-40% of that obtained for ticagrelor.

##### Elimination

The primary route of ticagrelor elimination is via hepatic metabolism. When radiolabeled ticagrelor is administered, the mean recovery of radioactivity is approximately 84% (57.8% in faeces, 26.5% in urine). Recoveries of ticagrelor and the active metabolite in urine were both less than 1% of the dose. The primary route of elimination for the active metabolite is most likely via biliary secretion. The mean t<sub>1/2</sub> was approximately 7 hours for ticagrelor and 8.5 hours for the active metabolite.

##### Special populations

###### Elderly

Higher exposures to ticagrelor (approximately 25% for both C<sub>max</sub> and AUC) and the active metabolite were observed in elderly (≥75years) ACS patients compared to younger patients by the population pharmacokinetic analysis. These differences are not considered clinically significant.

###### Paediatric population

Based on population pharmacokinetic analysis, the mean AUC ranged from 1095 ng\*<sup>h</sup>/mL to 1458 ng\*<sup>h</sup>/mL and the mean C<sub>max</sub> ranged from 143 ng/mL to 206 ng/mL at steady state.

###### Gender

Higher exposures to ticagrelor and the active metabolite were observed in women compared to men. These differences are not considered clinically significant.

###### Renal impairment

Exposure to ticagrelor was approximately 20% lower and exposure to the active metabolite was approximately 17% higher in patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance <30 ml/min) compared to subjects with normal renal function. In patients with end stage renal disease on haemodialysis AUC and C<sub>max</sub> of ticagrelor 90 mg administered on a day without dialysis were 38% and 51% higher compared to subjects with normal renal function. A similar increase in exposure was observed when ticagrelor was administered immediately prior to dialysis (49% and 61%, respectively) showing that ticagrelor is not dialysable. Exposure of the active metabolite increased to a lesser extent (AUC 13-14% and C<sub>max</sub> 17-36%). The inhibition of platelet aggregation (IPA) effect of ticagrelor was independent of dialysis in patients with end stage renal disease and similar to subjects with normal renal function.

###### Hepatic impairment

C<sub>max</sub> and AUC for ticagrelor were 12% and 23% higher in patients with mild hepatic impairment compared to matched healthy subjects, respectively, however, the IPA effect of ticagrelor was similar between the two groups. In patients that had moderate or severe elevation in one or more liver function tests at baseline, ticagrelor plasma concentrations were on average similar or slightly higher as compared to those without baseline elevations. No dose adjustment is recommended in patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment.

### INDICATIONS

Labilor®, co-administered with acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), is indicated for the prevention of atherothrombotic events in adult patients with:

- acute coronary syndromes (ACS)
- a history of myocardial infarction (MI) and a high risk of developing an atherothrombotic event.

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed.
- Active pathological bleeding.
- History of intracranial haemorrhage.
- Severe hepatic impairment.
- Co-administration of ticagrelor with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g. ketoconazole,

clarithromycin, nefazodone, ritonavir and atazanavir), as co-administration may lead to a substantial increase in exposure to ticagrelor.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### Bleeding risk

The use of ticagrelor in patients at known increased risk for bleeding should be balanced against the benefit in terms of prevention of atherothrombotic events. If clinically indicated, ticagrelor should be used with caution in the following patient groups:

- Patients with a propensity to bleed (e.g. due to recent trauma, recent surgery, coagulation disorders, active or recent gastrointestinal bleeding) or who are at increased risk of trauma. The use of ticagrelor is contraindicated in patients with active pathological bleeding, in those with a history of intracranial haemorrhage, and in patients with severe hepatic impairment.
- Patients with concomitant administration of medicinal products that may increase the risk of bleeding (e.g. non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), oral anticoagulants and/or fibrinolytics) within 24 hours of ticagrelor dosing. Since co-administration of ticagrelor with desmopressin did not decrease template-bleeding time, desmopressin is unlikely to be effective in managing clinical bleeding events. Antifibrinolytic therapy (aminocaproic acid or tranexamic acid) and/or recombinant factor VIIa therapy may increase haemostasis. Ticagrelor may be resumed after the cause of bleeding has been identified and controlled.

#### Surgery

Patients should be advised to inform physicians and dentists that they are taking ticagrelor before any surgery is scheduled and before any new medicinal product is taken.

In patients undergoing coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), ticagrelor had more bleeding than clopidogrel when stopped within 1 day prior to surgery but a similar rate of major bleeds compared to clopidogrel after stopping therapy 2 or more days before surgery. If a patient is to undergo elective surgery and antiplatelet effect is not desired, ticagrelor should be discontinued 5 days prior to surgery.

#### Patients with prior ischaemic stroke

ACS patients with prior ischaemic stroke can be treated with ticagrelor for up to 12 months. Therefore, in the absence of data, treatment beyond one year is not recommended in the patients with history of MI with prior ischaemic.

#### Hepatic impairment

Use of ticagrelor is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment. There is limited experience with ticagrelor in patients with moderate hepatic impairment, therefore, caution is advised in these patients.

#### Patients at risk for bradycardic events

Holter ECG monitoring has shown an increased frequency of mostly asymptomatic ventricular pauses during treatment with ticagrelor compared with clopidogrel. Patients with an increased risk of bradycardic events (e.g. patients without a pacemaker who have sick sinus syndrome, 2nd or 3rd degree AV block or bradycardic-related syncope) have been excluded from the main studies evaluating the safety and efficacy of ticagrelor. Therefore, due to the limited clinical experience, ticagrelor should be used with caution in these patients. In addition, caution should be exercised when administering ticagrelor concomitantly with medicinal products known to induce bradycardia. Bradyarrhythmic events and AV blocks have been reported in the post-marketing setting in patients taking ticagrelor, primarily in patients with ACS, where cardiac ischemia and concomitant drugs reducing the heart rate or affecting cardiac conduction are potential confounders. The patient's clinical condition and concomitant medication should be assessed as potential causes prior to adjusting treatment.

#### Dyspnoea

Dyspnoea was reported in patients treated with ticagrelor. Dyspnoea is usually mild to moderate in intensity and often resolves without need for treatment discontinuation. Patients with asthma/chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) may have an increased absolute risk of experiencing dyspnoea with ticagrelor. Ticagrelor should be used with caution in patients with history of asthma and/or COPD. The mechanism has not been elucidated. If a patient reports new, prolonged or worsened dyspnoea this should be investigated fully and if not tolerated, treatment with ticagrelor should be stopped.

#### Central sleep apnoea

Central sleep apnoea including Cheyne-Stokes respiration has been reported in the post-marketing setting in patients taking ticagrelor. If central sleep apnoea is suspected, further clinical assessment should be considered.

#### Creatinine elevations

Creatinine levels may increase during treatment with ticagrelor. The mechanism has not been elucidated. Renal function should be checked according to routine medical practice. In patients with ACS, it is recommended that renal function is also checked one month after initiating the treatment with ticagrelor, paying special attention to patients ≥ 75 years, patients with moderate/severe renal impairment and those receiving concomitant treatment with an angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB).

#### Uric acid increase

Hyperuricaemia may occur during treatment with ticagrelor. Caution is advised in patients with history of hyperuricaemia or gouty arthritis. As a precautionary measure, the use of ticagrelor in patients with uric acid nephropathy is discouraged.

#### Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP)

Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP) has been reported very rarely with the use of ticagrelor. It is characterised by thrombocytopenia and microangiopathic haemolytic anaemia associated with either neurological findings, renal dysfunction or fever. TTP is a potentially fatal condition requiring prompt treatment including plasmapheresis.

#### Interference with platelet function tests to diagnose heparin induced thrombocytopenia (HIT)

In the heparin induced platelet activation (HIPA) test used to diagnose HIT, anti-platelet factor 4/heparin antibodies in patient serum activate platelets of healthy donors in the presence of heparin.

False negative results in a platelet function test (to include, but may not be limited to the HIPA test) for HIT have been reported in patients administered ticagrelor. This is related to inhibition of the P2Y<sub>12</sub>-receptor on the healthy donor platelets in the test by ticagrelor in the patient's sera/plasma. Information on concomitant treatment with ticagrelor is required for interpretation of HIT platelet function tests. In patients who have developed HIT, the benefit-risk of continued treatment with ticagrelor should be assessed, taking both the prothrombotic state of HIT and the increased risk of bleeding with concomitant anticoagulant and ticagrelor treatment into consideration.

#### Other

Co-administration of ticagrelor and high maintenance dose ASA (>300 mg) is not recommended.

#### Premature discontinuation

Premature discontinuation with any antiplatelet therapy, including ticagrelor, could result in an increased risk of CV death, MI or stroke due to the patient's underlying disease. Therefore, premature discontinuation of treatment should be avoided.

#### Sodium

Labilor® contains less than 1 mmol sodium per dose, i.e. is essentially 'sodium-free'.

#### Effects on ability to drive and use machines

Ticagrelor has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines. During treatment with ticagrelor, dizziness and confusion have been reported. Therefore, patients who experience these symptoms should be cautious while driving or using machines.

### PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

#### Women of childbearing potential

Women of childbearing potential should use appropriate contraceptive measures to avoid pregnancy during ticagrelor therapy.

#### Pregnancy

There are no or limited amount of data from the use of ticagrelor in pregnant women. Ticagrelor is not recommended during pregnancy.

#### Breast-feeding

A risk to newborns/infants cannot be excluded. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breast-feeding or to discontinue/abstain from ticagrelor therapy taking into account the benefit of breast-feeding for the child and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

Ticagrelor is primarily a CYP3A4 substrate and a mild inhibitor of CYP3A4. Ticagrelor is also a P-glycoprotein (P-gp) substrate and a weak P-gp inhibitor and may increase the exposure of P-gp substrates.

#### Effects of medicinal and other products on ticagrelor

##### CYP3A4 inhibitors

• Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors: Co-administration of ketoconazole with ticagrelor increased the ticagrelor  $C_{max}$  and AUC equal to 2.4-fold and 7.3-fold, respectively. The  $C_{max}$  and AUC of the active metabolite were reduced by 89% and 56%, respectively. Other strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 (clarithromycin, nefazodone, ritonavir, and atazanavir) would be expected to have similar effects and therefore concomitant use of strong CYP3A4 inhibitors with ticagrelor is contraindicated.

• Moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors: Co-administration of diltiazem with ticagrelor increased the ticagrelor  $C_{max}$  by 69% and AUC to 2.7-fold and decreased the active metabolite  $C_{max}$  by 38% and AUC was unchanged. There was no effect of ticagrelor on diltiazem plasma levels.

Other moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g. amprenavir, aprepitant, erythromycin and fluconazole) would be expected to have a similar effect and can as well be co-administered with ticagrelor.

• A 2-fold increase of ticagrelor exposure was observed after daily consumption of large quantities of grapefruit juice (3x200 ml). This magnitude of increased exposure is not expected to be clinically relevant to most patients.

##### CYP3A inducers

Co-administration of rifampicin with ticagrelor decreased ticagrelor  $C_{max}$  and AUC by 73% and 86%, respectively. The  $C_{max}$  of the active metabolite was unchanged and the AUC was decreased by 46%, respectively. Other CYP3A inducers (e.g. phenytoin, carbamazepine and phenobarbital) would be expected to decrease the exposure to ticagrelor as well. Co-administration of ticagrelor with potent CYP3A inducers may decrease exposure and efficacy of ticagrelor, therefore, their concomitant use with ticagrelor is discouraged.

##### Cyclosporine (P-gp and CYP3A inhibitor)

Co-administration of cyclosporine (600 mg) with ticagrelor increased ticagrelor  $C_{max}$  and AUC equal to 2.3-fold and 3.8-fold, respectively. The AUC of the active metabolite was increased by 32% and  $C_{max}$  was decreased by 15% in the presence of cyclosporine.

If the association cannot be avoided, their concomitant use should be made with caution.

##### Others

Clinical pharmacology interaction studies showed that co-administration of ticagrelor with heparin, enoxaparin and ASA or desmopressin did not have any effect on the pharmacokinetics of ticagrelor or the active metabolite or on ADP-induced platelet aggregation compared with ticagrelor alone. If clinically indicated, medicinal products that alter haemostasis should be used with caution in combination with ticagrelor.

A delayed and decreased exposure to oral P2Y12 inhibitors, including ticagrelor and its active metabolite, has been observed in patients with ACS treated with morphine (35% reduction in ticagrelor exposure). This interaction may be related to reduced gastrointestinal motility and apply to other opioids. The clinical relevance is unknown, but data indicate the potential for reduced ticagrelor efficacy in patients co-administered ticagrelor and morphine. In patients with ACS, in whom morphine cannot be withheld and fast P2Y12 inhibition is deemed crucial, the use of a parenteral P2Y12 inhibitor may be considered.

#### Effects of ticagrelor on other medicinal products

##### Medicinal products metabolised by CYP3A4

• **Simvastatin:** Co-administration of ticagrelor with simvastatin increased simvastatin  $C_{max}$  by 81% and AUC by 56% and increased simvastatin acid  $C_{max}$  by 64% and AUC by 52% with some individual increases equal to 2- to 3-fold. Co-administration of ticagrelor with doses of simvastatin exceeding 40 mg daily could cause adverse reactions of simvastatin and should be weighed against potential benefits. There was no effect of simvastatin on ticagrelor plasma levels. Ticagrelor may have similar effect on lovastatin. The concomitant use of ticagrelor with doses of simvastatin or lovastatin greater than 40 mg is not recommended.

• **Atorvastatin:** Co-administration of atorvastatin and ticagrelor increased atorvastatin acid  $C_{max}$  by 23% and AUC by 36%. Similar increases in AUC and  $C_{max}$  were observed for all atorvastatin acid metabolites. These increases are not considered clinically significant.

• Ticagrelor is a mild CYP3A4 inhibitor: Co-administration of ticagrelor and CYP3A4 substrates with narrow therapeutic indices (i.e. cisapride or ergot alkaloids) is not recommended, as ticagrelor may increase the exposure to these medicinal products.

##### P-gp substrates (including digoxin, cyclosporine)

Concomitant administration of ticagrelor increased the digoxin  $C_{max}$  by 75% and AUC by 28%. The mean trough digoxin levels were increased about 30% with ticagrelor co-administration with some individual maximum increases to 2-fold. In the presence of digoxin, the  $C_{max}$  and AUC of ticagrelor and its active metabolite were not affected. Therefore, appropriate clinical and/or laboratory monitoring is recommended when giving narrow therapeutic index P-gp dependent medicinal products like digoxin concomitantly with ticagrelor.

##### Medicinal products metabolised by CYP2C9

Co-administration of ticagrelor with losartamide resulted in no change in the plasma levels of either medicinal product, which suggests that ticagrelor is not a CYP2C9 inhibitor and unlikely to alter the CYP2C9 mediated metabolism of medicinal products like warfarin and tolbutamide.

##### Rosuvastatin

Ticagrelor might affect renal excretion of rosuvastatin, increasing the risk for rosuvastatin accumulation. Although the exact mechanism is not known, in some cases, concomitant use of ticagrelor and rosuvastatin led to renal function decrease, increased CPK level and rhabdomyolysis.

##### Oral contraceptives

Co-administration of ticagrelor and levonorgestrel and ethinyl estradiol increased ethinyl oestradiol exposure approximately 20% but did not alter the pharmacokinetics of levonorgestrel. No clinically relevant effect on oral contraceptive efficacy is expected when levonorgestrel and ethinyl estradiol are co-administered with ticagrelor.

##### Medicinal products known to induce bradycardia

Due to observations of mostly asymptomatic ventricular pauses and bradycardia, caution should be exercised when administering ticagrelor concomitantly with medicinal products known to induce bradycardia.

##### Other concomitant therapy

In clinical studies, ticagrelor was commonly administered with ASA, proton pump inhibitors, statins, beta-blockers, angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers as needed for concomitant conditions for long-term and also heparin, low molecular weight heparin and intravenous GpIIb/IIIa inhibitors for short durations. No evidence of clinically significant adverse interactions with these medicinal products was observed.

Co-administration of ticagrelor with heparin, enoxaparin or desmopressin had no effect on activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT), activated coagulation time (ACT) or factor Xa assays. However, due to potential pharmacodynamic interactions, caution should be exercised with the concomitant administration of ticagrelor with medicinal products known to alter haemostasis.

Due to reports of cutaneous bleeding abnormalities with SSRIs (e.g. paroxetine,

sertraline and citalopram), caution is advised when administering SSRIs with ticagrelor as this may increase the risk of bleeding.

#### ADVERSE EFFECTS

Adverse reactions are listed by system organ class. Frequency categories are defined according to the following conventions: very common ( $\geq 1/10$ ); common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ); uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ ); rare ( $\geq 1/10,000$  to  $< 1/1,000$ ); very rare ( $< 1/10,000$ ); not known (cannot be estimated from the available data).

*Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps):* tumour bleedings (uncommon).

*Blood and lymphatic system disorders:* blood disorder bleedings (very common); thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura (not known).

*Immune system disorders:* hypersensitivity including angioedema (uncommon).

*Metabolism and nutrition disorders:* hyperuricaemia (very common); gout/gouty arthritis (common).

*Psychiatric disorders:* confusion (uncommon).

*Nervous system disorders:* dizziness, syncope, headache (common); intracranial haemorrhage (uncommon).

*Eye disorders:* eye haemorrhage (uncommon).

*Ear and labyrinth disorders:* vertigo (common); ear haemorrhage (uncommon).

*Cardiac disorders:* bradyarrhythmia, AV block (not known).

*Vascular disorders:* hypotension (common).

*Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders:* dyspnoea (very common); respiratory system bleedings (common).

*Gastrointestinal disorders:* gastrointestinal haemorrhage, diarrhoea, nausea, dyspepsia, constipation (common); retroperitoneal haemorrhage (uncommon).

*Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders:* subcutaneous or dermal bleeding, rash, pruritus (common).

*Musculoskeletal connective tissue and bone:* muscular bleedings (uncommon).

*Renal and urinary disorders:* urinary tract bleeding (common).

*Reproductive system and breast disorders:* reproductive system bleedings (uncommon).

*Investigations:* blood creatinine increased (common).

*Injury, poisoning and procedural complications:* post procedural haemorrhage, traumatic bleedings (common).

#### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

##### Posology

Patients taking Labilor® should also take a daily low maintenance dose of ASA 75-150 mg, unless specifically contraindicated.

##### Acute coronary syndromes

Labilor® treatment should be initiated with a single 180 mg loading dose and then continued at 90 mg twice daily.

Treatment with Labilor® 90 twice daily is recommended for 12 months in ACS patients unless discontinuation is clinically indicated.

Discontinuation of ASA may be considered after 3 months in patients with ACS who have undergone a percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) procedure and have an increased risk of bleeding. In that case, Labilor® as single antiplatelet therapy should be continued for 9 months.

##### History of myocardial infarction

60mg of Ticagrelor twice daily is the recommended dose when an extended treatment is required for patients with a history of MI of at least one year and a high risk of an atherothrombotic event. Treatment may be started without interruption as continuation therapy after the initial one-year treatment with Labilor® 90 or other adenosine diphosphate (ADP) receptor inhibitor therapy in ACS patients with a high risk of an atherothrombotic event. Treatment can also be initiated up to 2 years from the MI, or within one year after stopping previous ADP receptor inhibitor treatment. There are limited data on the efficacy and safety of ticagrelor beyond 3 years of extended treatment.

If a switch is needed, the first dose of Labilor® should be administered 24 hours following the last dose of the other antiplatelet medication.

##### Missed dose

Lapses in therapy should also be avoided. A patient who misses a dose of Labilor® should take only one tablet (their next dose) at its scheduled time.

##### Special populations

###### Elderly

No dose adjustment is required in elderly.

###### Renal impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary for patients with renal impairment.

###### Hepatic impairment

Ticagrelor has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment and its use in these patients is therefore contraindicated. Only limited information is available in patients with moderate hepatic impairment. Dose adjustment is not recommended, but ticagrelor should be used with caution. No dose adjustment is necessary for patients with mild hepatic impairment.

###### Paediatric population

The safety and efficacy of ticagrelor in children below the age of 18 years have not been established. There is no relevant use of ticagrelor in children with sickle cell disease.

##### Method of administration

For oral use.

Labilor® can be administered with or without food.

For patients who are unable to swallow the tablet(s) whole, the tablets can be crushed to a fine powder and mixed in half a glass of water and drunk immediately. The glass should be rinsed with a further half glass of water and the contents drunk. The mixture can also be administered via a nasogastric tube (CH8 or greater). It is important to flush the nasogastric tube through with water after administration of the mixture.

##### OVERDOSAGE

Ticagrelor is well tolerated in single doses up to 900 mg. Gastrointestinal toxicity was dose-limiting in a single ascending dose study. Other clinically meaningful adverse reactions which may occur with overdose include dyspnoea and ventricular pauses.

In the event of an overdose, the above potential adverse reactions could occur and ECG monitoring should be considered.

There is currently no known antidote to reverse the effects of ticagrelor, and ticagrelor is not dialysable. Treatment of overdose should follow local standard medical practice. The expected effect of excessive ticagrelor dosing is prolonged duration of bleeding risk associated with platelet inhibition. Platelet transfusion is unlikely to be of clinical benefit in patients with bleeding. If bleeding occurs other appropriate supportive measures should be taken.

##### STORAGE CONDITIONS

Store below 30°C.

Keep in original pack in intact conditions.

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##### Marketing Authorization Holder and Manufacturer

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