

# Summary of Product Characteristics

## 1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Rasagiline Rowex 1 mg tablets

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains 1 mg of rasagiline (as rasagiline tartrate).

For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

## 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Tablet.

White to off-white, round, flat, bevelled tablets (6.5 mm).

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 Therapeutic indications

Rasagiline Rowex is indicated in adults for the treatment of idiopathic Parkinson's disease (PD) as monotherapy (without levodopa) or as adjunct therapy (with levodopa) in patients with end of dose fluctuations.

### 4.2 Posology and method of administration

#### Posology

The recommended dose of rasagiline is 1 mg (one tablet of Rasagiline Rowex) once daily, to be taken with or without levodopa.

#### *Elderly*

No change in dose is required for elderly patients (see section 5.2).

#### *Hepatic impairment*

Rasagiline is contraindicated in patients with severe hepatic impairment (see section 4.3). Rasagiline use in patients with moderate hepatic impairment should be avoided. Caution should be used when initiating treatment with rasagiline in patients with mild hepatic impairment. In case patients progress from mild to moderate hepatic impairment rasagiline should be stopped (see section 4.4 and 5.2).

#### *Renal impairment*

No special precautions are required in patients with renal impairment.

#### *Paediatric population*

The safety and efficacy of Rasagiline Rowex in children and adolescents have not been established. There is no relevant use of Rasagiline Rowex in the paediatric population in the indication Parkinson's disease.

#### Method of administration

For oral use.

Rasagiline Rowex may be taken with or without food.

### 4.3 Contraindications

Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.

Concomitant treatment with other monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors (including medicinal and natural products without prescription e.g. St. John's Wort) or pethidine (see section 4.5). At least 14 days must elapse between discontinuation of rasagiline and initiation of treatment with MAO inhibitors or pethidine.

Severe hepatic impairment.

#### 4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

##### Concomitant use of rasagiline with other medicinal products

The concomitant use of rasagiline and fluoxetine or fluvoxamine should be avoided (see section 4.5). At least five weeks should elapse between discontinuation of fluoxetine and initiation of treatment with rasagiline. At least 14 days should elapse between discontinuation of rasagiline and initiation of treatment with fluoxetine or fluvoxamine.

The concomitant use of rasagiline and dextromethorphan or sympathomimetics such as those present in nasal and oral decongestants or cold medicinal product containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine is not recommended (see section 4.5).

##### *Concomitant use of rasagiline and levodopa*

Since rasagiline potentiates the effects of levodopa, the adverse reactions of levodopa may be increased and pre-existing dyskinesia exacerbated. Decreasing the dose of levodopa may ameliorate this adverse reaction.

There have been reports of hypotensive effects when rasagiline is taken concomitantly with levodopa. Patients with Parkinson's disease are particularly vulnerable to the adverse reactions of hypotension due to existing gait issues.

##### Serotonin syndrome

Concomitant administration of serotonergic agents, such as selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors (SSRIs), serotonin norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors (SNRIs) or tricyclic antidepressants, and buprenorphine-containing medicinal products may result in serotonin syndrome, a potentially life-threatening condition (see section 4.5).

If concomitant treatment with buprenorphine-containing medicinal products is clinically warranted, careful observation of the patient is advised, particularly during treatment initiation and dose increases.

Symptoms of serotonin syndrome may include mental-status changes, autonomic instability, neuromuscular abnormalities, and/or gastrointestinal symptoms.

##### Dopaminergic effects

##### *Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) and sudden sleep onset (SOS) episodes*

Rasagiline may cause daytime drowsiness, somnolence, and, occasionally, especially if used with other dopaminergic medicinal products - falling asleep during activities of daily living. Patients must be informed of this and advised to exercise caution while driving or operating machines during treatment with rasagiline. Patients who have experienced somnolence and/or an episode of sudden sleep onset must refrain from driving or operating machines (see section 4.7).

##### *Impulse control disorders (ICDs)*

ICDs can occur in patients treated with dopamine agonists and/or dopaminergic treatments. Similar reports of ICDs have also been received post-marketing with rasagiline. Patients should be regularly monitored for the development of impulse control disorders. Patients and carers should be made aware of the behavioural symptoms of impulse control disorders that were observed in patients treated with rasagiline, including cases of compulsions, obsessive thoughts, pathological gambling, increased libido, hypersexuality, impulsive behaviour and compulsive spending or buying.

##### Melanoma

A retrospective cohort study suggested a possibly increased risk of melanoma with the use of rasagiline, especially in patients with longer duration of rasagiline exposure and/or with the higher cumulative dose of rasagiline. Any suspicious skin lesion should be evaluated by a specialist. Patients should therefore be advised to seek medical review if a new or changing skin lesion is identified.

##### Hepatic impairment

Caution should be used when initiating treatment with rasagiline in patients with mild hepatic impairment. Rasagiline use in patients with moderate hepatic impairment should be avoided. In case patients progress from mild to moderate hepatic impairment, rasagiline should be stopped (see section 5.2).

This medicinal product contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per tablet, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

#### 4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

##### MAO Inhibitors

Rasagiline is contraindicated along with other MAO inhibitors (including medicinal and natural products without prescription e.g. St. John's Wort) as there may be a risk of non-selective MAO inhibition that may lead to hypertensive crises (see section 4.3).

#### Pethidine

Serious adverse reactions have been reported with the concomitant use of pethidine and MAO inhibitors including another selective MAO-B inhibitor. The concomitant administration of rasagiline and pethidine is contraindicated (see section 4.3).

#### Sympathomimetics

With MAO inhibitors there have been reports of medicinal product interactions with the concomitant use of sympathomimetic medicinal products. Therefore, in view of the MAO inhibitory activity of rasagiline, concomitant administration of rasagiline and sympathomimetics such as those present in nasal and oral decongestants or cold medicinal products, containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, is not recommended (see section 4.4).

#### Dextromethorphan

There have been reports of medicinal product interactions with the concomitant use of dextromethorphan and non selective MAO inhibitors. Therefore, in view of the MAO inhibitory activity of rasagiline, the concomitant administration of rasagiline and dextromethorphan is not recommended (see section 4.4).

#### SNRI/SSRI/tri- and tetracyclic antidepressants

The concomitant use of rasagiline and fluoxetine or fluvoxamine should be avoided (see section 4.4).

For concomitant use of rasagiline with selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)/selective serotonin- norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs) in clinical trials, see section 4.8.

Serious adverse reactions have been reported with the concomitant use of SSRIs, SNRIs, tricyclic/ tetracyclic antidepressants and MAO inhibitors. Therefore, in view of the MAO inhibitory activity of rasagiline, antidepressants should be administered with caution.

#### Buprenorphine-containing medicinal products

Rasagiline should be used cautiously when co-administered with Buprenorphine-containing medical products as the risk of serotonin syndrome, a potentially life-threatening condition, is increased (see section 4.4).

#### Agents that affect CYP1A2 activity

*In vitro* metabolism studies have indicated that cytochrome P450 1A2 (CYP1A2) is the major enzyme responsible for the metabolism of rasagiline.

#### *CYP1A2 inhibitors*

Co-administration of rasagiline and ciprofloxacin (an inhibitor of CYP1A2) increased the AUC of rasagiline by 83%. Co-administration of rasagiline and theophylline (a substrate of CYP1A2) did not affect the pharmacokinetics of either product. Thus, potent CYP1A2 inhibitors may alter rasagiline plasma levels and should be administered with caution.

#### *CYP1A2 inducers*

There is a risk that the plasma levels of rasagiline in smoking patients could be decreased, due to induction of the metabolising enzyme CYP1A2.

#### Other cytochrome P450 isoenzymes

*In vitro* studies showed that rasagiline at a concentration of 1 µg/ml (equivalent to a level that is 160 times the average C<sub>max</sub> ~ 5.9-8.5 ng/ml in Parkinson's disease patients after 1 mg rasagiline multiple dosing), did not inhibit cytochrome P450 isoenzymes, CYP1A2, CYP2A6, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, CYP2E1, CYP3A4 and CYP4A. These results indicate that rasagiline's therapeutic concentrations are unlikely to cause any clinically significant interference with substrates of these enzymes (see section 5.3).

#### Levodopa and other Parkinson's disease medicinal products

In Parkinson's disease patients receiving rasagiline as adjunct therapy to chronic levodopa treatment, there was no clinically significant effect of levodopa treatment on rasagiline clearance.

Concomitant administration of rasagiline and entacapone increased rasagiline oral clearance by 28%.

Tyramine/rasagiline interaction

Results of five tyramine challenge studies (in volunteers and Parkinson's disease patients), together with results of home monitoring of blood pressure after meals (of 464 patients treated with 0.5 or 1 mg/day of rasagiline or placebo as adjunct therapy to levodopa for six months without tyramine restrictions), and the fact that there were no reports of tyramine/rasagiline interaction in clinical studies conducted without tyramine restriction, indicate that rasagiline can be used safely without dietary tyramine restrictions.

**4.6 Fertility, pregnancy and lactation**Pregnancy

There are no data from the use of rasagiline in pregnant women. Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity (see section 5.3). As a precautionary measure, it is preferable to avoid the use of rasagiline during pregnancy.

Breast-feeding

Non-clinical data indicate that rasagiline inhibits prolactin secretion and thus, may inhibit lactation. It is not known whether rasagiline is excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when rasagiline is administered to a breast-feeding mother.

Fertility

No human data on the effect of rasagiline on fertility are available. Non-clinical data indicate that rasagiline has no effect on fertility.

**4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

In patients experiencing somnolence/sudden sleep episodes, rasagiline may have major influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

Patients should be cautioned about operating hazardous machines, including motor vehicles, until they are reasonably certain that rasagiline does not affect them adversely.

Patients being treated with rasagiline and presenting with somnolence and/or sudden sleep episodes must be informed to refrain from driving or engaging in activities where impaired alertness may put themselves or others at risk of serious injury or death (e.g. operating machines) until they have gained sufficient experience with rasagiline and other dopaminergic medications to gauge whether or not it affects their mental and/or motor performance adversely.

If increased somnolence or new episodes of falling asleep during activities of daily living (e.g. watching television, passenger in a car, etc.) are experienced at any time during treatment, the patients should not drive or participate in potentially dangerous activities.

Patients should not drive, operate machinery, or work at heights during treatment if they have previously experienced somnolence and/or have fallen asleep without warning prior to use of rasagiline.

Patients should be cautioned about possible additive effects of sedating medicinal products, alcohol, or other central nervous system depressants (e.g. benzodiazepines, antipsychotics, antidepressants) in combination with rasagiline, or when taking concomitant medications that increase plasma levels of rasagiline (e.g. ciprofloxacin) (see section 4.4).

**4.8 Undesirable effects**Summary of the safety profile

In clinical studies in Parkinson's disease patients the most commonly reported adverse reactions were: headache, depression, vertigo, and flu (influenza and rhinitis) in monotherapy; dyskinesia, orthostatic hypotension, fall, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, and dry mouth in adjunct to levodopa therapy; musculoskeletal pain, as back and neck pain, and arthralgia in both regimens. These adverse reactions were not associated with an elevated rate of medicinal product discontinuation.

Tabulated list of adverse reactions

Adverse reactions are listed below by system organ class and frequency using 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).

Monotherapy

The tabulated list below includes adverse reactions which were reported with a higher incidence in placebo-controlled studies, in patients receiving 1 mg/day rasagiline.

| <b>System Organ Class</b>   | <b>Very common</b> | <b>Common</b>                              | <b>Uncommon</b>          | <b>Not known</b>   |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Infections and infestations</b>  |                    | Influenza                                  |                          |  |
| <b>Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (including cysts and polyps)</b> |                    | Skin carcinoma                             |                          |  |
| <b>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</b>                                     |                    | Leucopenia                                 |                          |  |
| <b>Immune system disorders</b>  |                    | Allergy                                    |                          |  |
| <b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>                                       |                    |  | Decreased appetite       |  |
| <b>Psychiatric disorders</b>  |                    | Depression, Hallucinations*                |                          | Impulse control disorders*   |
| <b>Nervous system disorders</b>   | Headache           |  | Cerebrovascular accident | Serotonin syndrome*. Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) and sudden sleep onset (SOS) episodes* |
| <b>Eye disorders</b>  |                    | Conjunctivitis                             |                          |  |
| <b>Ear and labyrinth disorders</b>  |                    | Vertigo                                    |                          |  |
| <b>Cardiac disorders</b>  |                    | Angina pectoris                            | Myocardial infarction    |  |
| <b>Vascular Disorders</b>   |                    |  |                          | Hypertension*  |
| <b>Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders</b>                          |                    | Rhinitis                                   |                          |  |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>   |                    | Flatulence                                 |                          |  |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>                                   |                    | Dermatitis                                 | Vesiculobullous rash     |  |
| <b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>                          |                    | Musculoskeletal pain, Neck pain, Arthritis |                          |  |
| <b>Renal and urinary disorders</b>  |                    | Urinary urgency                            |                          |  |
| <b>General disorders and administration site conditions</b>                     |                    | Fever, Malaise                             |                          |  |

\*See section description of selected adverse reactions

Adjunct Therapy

The tabulated list below includes adverse reactions which were reported with a higher incidence in placebo-controlled studies in patients receiving 1mg/day rasagiline.

| <b>System Organ Class</b>                              | <b>Very common</b> | <b>Common</b>  | <b>Uncommon</b>          | <b>Not known</b>   |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified</b>     |                    |  | Skin melanoma*           |  |
| <b>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</b>              |                    | Decreased appetite   |                          |  |
| <b>Psychiatric disorders</b>                           |                    | Hallucinations*,<br>Abnormal dreams                          | Confusion                | Impulse control disorders*   |
| <b>Nervous system disorders</b>                        | Dyskinesia         | Dystonia, Carpal tunnel syndrome, Balance disorder           | Cerebrovascular accident | Serotonin syndrome*. Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) and sudden sleep onset (SOS) episodes* |
| <b>Cardiac disorders</b>                               |                    |  | Angina pectoris          |  |
| <b>Vascular Disorders</b>                              |                    | Orthostatic hypotension*                                     |                          | Hypertension*  |
| <b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>                      |                    | Abdominal pain, Constipation, Nausea and vomiting, Dry mouth |                          |  |
| <b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>          |                    | Rash   |                          |  |
| <b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b> |                    | Arthralgia, Neck pain  |                          |  |
| <b>Investigations</b>                                  |                    | Decreased weight   |                          |  |
| <b>Injury, poisoning and procedural complications</b>  |                    | Fall   |                          |  |

\*See section description of selected adverse reactions

Description of selected adverse reactions*Orthostatic hypotension*

In blinded placebo-controlled studies, severe orthostatic hypotension was reported in one subject (0.3%) in the rasagiline arm (adjunct studies), none in the placebo arm. Clinical trial data further suggest that orthostatic hypotension occurs most frequently in the first two months of rasagiline treatment and tends to decrease over time.

*Hypertension*

Rasagiline selectively inhibits MAO-B and is not associated with increased tyramine sensitivity at the indicated dose (1 mg/day). In blinded placebo-controlled studies (monotherapy and adjunct) severe hypertension was not reported in any subjects in the rasagiline arm. In the post-marketing period, cases of elevated blood pressure, including rare serious cases of hypertensive crisis associated with ingestion of unknown amounts of tyramine-rich foods, have been reported in patients taking rasagiline. In post-marketing period, there was one case of elevated blood pressure in a patient using the ophthalmic vasoconstrictor tetrahydrozoline hydrochloride while taking rasagiline.

*Impulse control disorders*

One case of hypersexuality was reported in monotherapy placebo-controlled study. The following were reported during post-marketing exposure with unknown frequency: compulsions, compulsive shopping, dermatillomania, dopamine dysregulation syndrome, impulse-control disorder, impulsive behaviour, kleptomania, theft, obsessive thoughts, obsessive-compulsive disorder, stereotypy, gambling, pathological gambling, libido increased, hypersexuality, psychosexual disorder, sexually inappropriate behaviour. Half of the reported ICD cases were assessed as serious. Only single cases of reported cases had not recovered at the time they were reported.

*Excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS) and sudden sleep onset (SOS) episodes*

Excessive daily sleepiness (hypersomnia, lethargy, sedation, sleep attacks, somnolence, sudden onset of sleep) can occur in patients treated with dopamine agonists and/or other dopaminergic treatments. A similar pattern of excessive daily sleepiness has been reported post-marketing with rasagiline. Cases of patients, treated with rasagiline and other dopaminergic medicinal products, falling asleep while engaged in activities of daily living have been reported. Although many of these patients reported somnolence while on rasagiline with other dopaminergic medicinal products, some perceived that they had no warning signs, such as excessive drowsiness, and believed that they were alert immediately prior to the event. Some of these events have been reported more than 1-year after initiation of treatment.

*Hallucinations*

Parkinson's disease is associated with symptoms of hallucinations and confusion. In post marketing experience, these symptoms have also been observed in Parkinson's disease patients treated with rasagiline.

*Serotonin syndrome*

Rasagiline clinical trials did not allow concomitant use of fluoxetine or fluvoxamine with rasagiline, but the following antidepressants and doses were allowed in the rasagiline trials: amitriptyline  $\leq 50$  mg/daily, trazodone  $\leq 100$  mg/daily, citalopram  $\leq 20$  mg/daily, sertraline  $\leq 100$  mg/daily, and paroxetine  $\leq 30$  mg/daily (see section 4.5).

In the post-marketing period, cases of potentially life-threatening serotonin syndrome associated with agitation, confusion, rigidity, pyrexia and myoclonus have been reported by patients treated with antidepressants, meperidine, tramadol, methadone, or propoxyphene concomitantly with rasagiline.

*Malignant melanoma*

Incidence of skin melanoma in placebo-controlled clinical studies was 2/380 (0.5%) in rasagiline 1 mg as adjunct to levodopa therapy group vs. 1/388 (0.3%) incidence in placebo group. Additional cases of malignant melanoma were reported during post-marketing period. These cases were considered serious in all reports.

Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting system: HPRA Pharmacovigilance; website: [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie).

**4.9 Overdose**Symptoms

Symptoms reported following overdose of rasagiline in doses ranging from 3mg to 100 mg included hypomania, hypertensive crisis and serotonin syndrome.

Overdose can be associated with significant inhibition of both MAO-A and MAO-B. In a single-dose study healthy volunteers received 20mg/day and in a ten-day study healthy volunteers received 10mg/day. Adverse reactions were mild or moderate and not related to rasagiline treatment. In a dose escalation study in patients on chronic levodopa therapy treated with 10mg/day of rasagiline, there were reports of cardiovascular adverse reactions (including hypertension and postural hypotension) which resolved following treatment discontinuation. These symptoms may resemble those observed with non-selective MAO inhibitors.

Management

There is no specific antidote. In case of overdose, patients should be monitored and the appropriate symptomatic and supportive therapy instituted.

## 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

### 5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Anti-Parkinson-Drugs, Monoamine oxidase-B inhibitors, ATC code: N04BD02

#### Mechanism of action

Rasagiline was shown to be a potent, irreversible MAO-B selective inhibitor, which may cause an increase in extracellular levels of dopamine in the striatum. The elevated dopamine level and subsequent increased dopaminergic activity are likely to mediate rasagiline's beneficial effects seen in models of dopaminergic motor dysfunction.

1-Aminoindan is an active major metabolite and it is not a MAO-B inhibitor.

#### Clinical efficacy and safety

The efficacy of rasagiline was established in three studies: as monotherapy treatment in study I and as adjunct therapy to levodopa in the studies II and III.

#### *Monotherapy*

In study I, 404 patients were randomly assigned to receive placebo (138 patients), rasagiline 1mg/day (134 patients) or rasagiline 2mg/day (132 patients) and were treated for 26 weeks, there was no active comparator.

In this study, the primary measure of efficacy was the change from baseline in the total score of the Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (UPDRS, parts I-III). The difference between the mean change from baseline to week 26/termination (LOCF, Last Observation Carried Forward) was statistically significant (UPDRS, parts I-III: for rasagiline 1mg compared to placebo -4.2, 95% CI [-5.7, -2.7];  $p < 0.0001$ ; for rasagiline 2mg compared to placebo -3.6, 95% CI [-5.0, -2.1];  $p < 0.0001$ , UPDRS Motor, part II: for rasagiline 1mg compared to placebo -2.7, 95% CI [-3.87, -1.55],  $p < 0.0001$ ; for rasagiline 2mg compared to placebo -1.68, 95% CI [-2.85, -0.51],  $p = 0.0050$ ). The effect was evident, although its magnitude was modest in this patient population with mild disease. There was a significant and beneficial effect in quality of life (as assessed by PD-QUALIF scale).

#### *Adjunct therapy*

In study II, patients were randomly assigned to receive placebo (229 patients), or rasagiline 1mg/day (231 patients) or the catechol-O-methyltransferase (COMT) inhibitor, entacapone, 200 mg taken along with scheduled doses of levodopa (LD)/decarboxylase inhibitor (227 patients), and were treated for 18 weeks. In study III, patients were randomly assigned to receive placebo (159 patients), rasagiline 0.5mg/day (164 patients), or rasagiline 1mg/day (149 patients), and were treated for 26 weeks.

In both studies, the primary measure of efficacy was the change from baseline to treatment period in the mean number of hours that were spent in the "OFF" state during the day (determined from "24-hour" home diaries completed for 3 days prior to each of the assessment visits).

In study II, the mean difference in the number of hours spent in the "OFF" state compared to placebo was -0.78h, 95% CI [-1.18, -0.39],  $p = 0.0001$ . The mean total daily decrease in the OFF time was similar in the entacapone group (-0.80h, 95% CI [-1.20, -0.41],  $p < 0.0001$ ) to that observed in the rasagiline 1mg group. In study III, the mean difference compared to placebo was -0.94h, 95% CI [-1.36, -0.51],  $p < 0.0001$ . There was also a statistically significant improvement over placebo with the rasagiline 0.5mg group, yet the magnitude of improvement was lower. The robustness of the results for the primary efficacy endpoint, was confirmed in a battery of additional statistical models and was demonstrated in three cohorts (ITT, per protocol and completers).

The secondary measures of efficacy included global assessments of improvement by the examiner, Activities of Daily Living (ADL) subscale scores when OFF and UPDRS motor while ON. Rasagiline produced statistically significant benefit compared to placebo.

### 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

#### Absorption

Rasagiline is rapidly absorbed, reaching peak plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) in approximately 0.5 hours. The absolute bioavailability of a single rasagiline dose is about 36%.



Food does not affect the T<sub>max</sub> of rasagiline, although C<sub>max</sub> and exposure (AUC) are decreased by approximately 60% and 20%, respectively, when the medicinal product is taken with a high fat meal. Because AUC is not substantially affected, rasagiline can be administered with or without food.

#### Distribution

The mean volume of distribution following a single intravenous dose of rasagiline is 243l. Plasma protein binding following a single oral dose of <sup>14</sup>C- labelled rasagiline is approximately 60 to 70%.

#### Biotransformation

Rasagiline undergoes almost complete biotransformation in the liver prior to excretion. The metabolism of rasagiline proceeds through two main pathways: N-dealkylation and/or hydroxylation to yield: 1-Aminoindan, 3-hydroxy-N-propargyl-1-aminoindan and 3-hydroxy-1-aminoindan. *In vitro* experiments indicate that both routes of rasagiline metabolism are dependent on cytochrome P450 system, with CYP1A2 being the major iso-enzyme involved in rasagiline metabolism. Conjugation of rasagiline and its metabolites was also found to be a major elimination pathway to yield glucuronides. *Ex vivo* and *in vitro* experiments demonstrate that rasagiline is neither inhibitor nor inducer of major CYP450 enzymes (see section 4.5).

#### Elimination

After oral administration of <sup>14</sup>C- labelled rasagiline, elimination occurred primarily via urine (62.6%) and secondarily via faeces (21.8%), with a total recovery of 84.4% of the dose over a period of 38 days. Less than 1% of rasagiline is excreted as unchanged product in urine.

#### Linearity/non-linearity

Rasagiline pharmacokinetics is linear with dose over the range of 0.5-2mg in Parkinson's disease patients. Its terminal half-life is 0.6-2 hours.

#### Hepatic impairment

In subjects with mild hepatic impairment, AUC and C<sub>max</sub> were increased by 80% and 38%, respectively. In subjects with moderate hepatic impairment, AUC and C<sub>max</sub> were increased by 56% and 83%, respectively (see section 4.4).

#### Renal impairment

Rasagiline's pharmacokinetics characteristics in subjects with mild (CL<sub>cr</sub> 50-80ml/min) and moderate (CL<sub>cr</sub> 30-49ml/min) renal impairment were similar to healthy subjects.

#### Elderly

Age has little influence on rasagiline pharmacokinetics in the elderly (> 65 years) (see section 4.2).

### **5.3 Preclinical safety data**

Non-clinical data reveal no special hazard for humans based on the standard studies of safety pharmacology, repeated-dose toxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, reproduction and development.

Rasagiline did not present genotoxic potential *in vivo* and in several *in vitro* systems using bacteria or hepatocytes. In the presence of metabolite activation rasagiline induced an increase of chromosomal aberrations at concentrations with excessive cytotoxicity which are unattainable at the clinical conditions of use.

Rasagiline was not carcinogenic in rats at systemic exposure, 84–339 times the expected plasma exposures in humans at 1mg/day. In mice, increased incidences of combined bronchiolar/alveolar adenoma and/or carcinoma were observed at systemic exposures, 144–213 times the expected plasma exposure in humans at 1mg/day.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 List of excipients**

Cellulose Microcrystalline  
Maize starch  
Starch Pregelatinised (from maize)  
Talc  
Sodium Stearyl Fumarate

## **6.2 Incompatibilities**

Not applicable.

## **6.3 Shelf life**

3 years.

## **6.4 Special precautions for storage**

This medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

## **6.5 Nature and contents of container**

Aluminium-Aluminium blisters, Clear PVC/PE/PVdC-aluminium blister

Pack sizes: 10, 28, 30, 98, 100, 112 tablets

HDPE tablet container with PP child resistant screw cap containing desiccant (silica gel)

Pack sizes: 30, 100 tablets

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

## **6.6 Special precautions for disposal**

No special requirements.

## **7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Rowex Ltd  
Newtown  
Bantry  
Co. Cork  
Ireland

## **8 MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER**

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## **9 DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION/RENEWAL OF THE AUTHORISATION**

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## **10 DATE OF REVISION OF THE TEXT**

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