IRISH MEDICINES BOARD ACTS 1995 AND 2006

MEDICINAL PRODUCTS(CONTROL OF PLACING ON THE MARKET)REGULATIONS,2007

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Case No: 2043772

The Irish Medicines Board in exercise of the powers conferred on it by the above mentioned Regulations hereby grants to

GlaxoSmithKline (Ireland) Ltd

Stonemasons Way, **Rathfarnham**, **Dublin 16**, **Ireland**

an authorisation, subject to the provisions of the said Regulations, in respect of the product

Augmentin Dispersible Tablets 250mg/125mg

The particulars of which are set out in Part I and Part II of the attached Schedule. The authorisation is also subject to the general conditions as may be specified in the said Regulations as listed on the reverse of this document.

This authorisation, unless previously revoked, shall continue in force from **19/05/2008**.

Signed on behalf of the Irish Medicines Board this

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A person authorised in that behalf by the said Board.

Part II

Summary of Product Characteristics

1 NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Augmentin Dispersible Tablets 250mg/125 mg

2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each tablet contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 250 mg amoxicillin with potassium clavulanate equivalent to 125 mg clavulanic acid.

Excipients: also includes sulphur dioxide (E220), 0.00028mg per tablet.

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1.

3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Dispersible tablet.
White to off-white round tablets engraved Augmentin.

4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1 Therapeutic Indications

Augmentin is indicated for short term treatment of bacterial infections at the following sites when amoxicillin resistant beta-lactamase producing strains are suspected as the cause. In other situations, amoxicillin alone should be considered.

Upper Respiratory Tract Infections (including ENT) in particular sinusitis, otitis media, recurrent tonsillitis. These infections are often caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae**, *Moraxella catarrhalis** and *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

Lower Respiratory Tract Infections in particular acute exacerbations of chronic bronchitis (especially if considered severe), bronchopneumonia. These infections are often caused by *Streptococcus pneumoniae, Haemophilus influenzae** and *Moraxella catarrhalis*.*

Genito-urinary Tract and Abdominal Infections in particular cystitis (especially when recurrent or complicated - excluding prostatitis), septic abortion, pelvic or puerperal sepsis and intra-abdominal sepsis. These infections are often caused by Enterobacteriaceae* (mainly *Escherichia coli**), *Staphylococcus saprophyticus,* Enterococcus species.*

Skin and Soft Tissue Infections in particular cellulitis, animal bites and severe dental abscess with spreading cellulitis. These infections are often caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*, Streptococcus pyogenes* and Bacteroides species*.

* Some members of these species of bacteria produce beta-lactamase, rendering them insensitive to amoxicillin alone.

Augmentin Intravenous is indicated when parenteral therapy is required.

Augmentin Intravenous is also indicated for Prophylaxis against wound infection which may be associated with surgical procedures such as gastrointestinal, pelvic, head and neck, cardiac, renal, joint replacement and biliary tract.

A comprehensive list of sensitive organisms is provided in Pharmacodynamic properties.

Mixed infections caused by amoxicillin-susceptible organisms in conjunction with Augmentin-susceptible beta-lactamase-producing organisms may be treated with Augmentin. These infections should not require the addition of another antibiotic resistant to beta-lactamases.

4.2 Posology and method of administration

Usual dosages for the treatment of infection:

Adults and Children over 12 years of age only:
The usual daily dose is 375 mg three times daily.
The dosage may be increased to 750mg three times daily in the treatment of severe infections.

Renal impairment
In patients with moderate or severe renal impairment, dosages should be adjusted according to the degree of impairment.

Creatinine Clearance ml/min	Dosage mg	Interval hr
10 – 30	375 – 750 depending on severity of infection	12 (b.i.d., twice a day)
< 10	375 – 750 depending on severity of infection	24 (o.d., once a day)

Haemodialysis
Dosage adjustments are based on the maximum recommended level of amoxicillin.

2 times 250/125mg every 24 hours PLUS one dose during dialysis, to be repeated at the end of dialysis (as serum concentrations of both amoxicillin and clavulanic acid are decreased).

Hepatic impairment
Dose with caution, monitor hepatic function at regular intervals. There are as yet insufficient data on which to base a dosage recommendation.

Administration
Oral: Dispersible Tablets.

To minimise potential gastro-intestinal intolerance administer at the start of a meal. The absorption of Augmentin is optimised when taken at the start of a meal.

Duration of therapy should be appropriate to the indication and should not exceed 14 days without review.

4.3 Contraindications

Use in patients with a history of hypersensitivity to beta-lactams e.g. penicillins, and cephalosporins. Augmentin is contra-indicated in patients with a previous history of Augmentin-associated jaundice/ hepatic dysfunction.

4.4 Special warnings and precautions for use

Prolonged use of an anti-infective may occasionally result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms.

Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity (anaphylactoid) reactions have been reported in patients on penicillin therapy. These reactions are more likely to occur in individuals with a history of penicillin hypersensitivity (see **Contraindications**).

Augmentin should be used with caution in patients with evidence of hepatic dysfunction and with care in patients with renal dysfunction.

Each tablet contains 0.63 mmol of potassium.

Patients with infectious mononucleosis frequently develop rashes with amoxicillin therapy.

In patients with reduced urine output, crystalluria has been observed very rarely, predominantly with parenteral therapy. During the administration of high doses of Amoxicillin, it is advisable to maintain adequate fluid intake and urinary output in order to reduce the possibility of Amoxicillin crystalluria (see Overdosage).

4.5 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction

Concomitant use of probenecid is not recommended. Probenecid decreases the renal tubular secretion of amoxicillin. Concomitant use with amoxicillin-clavulanate may result in increased and prolonged blood levels of amoxicillin, but not of clavulanic acid.

Prolongation of bleeding time and prothrombin time have been reported in some patients receiving Augmentin. Augmentin should be used with care in patients on anti-coagulation therapy.

Concomitant use of allopurinol during treatment with amoxicillin can increase the likelihood of allergic skin reactions. There are no data on the concomitant use of amoxicillin – clavulanate and allopurinol.

In common with other antibiotics, amoxicillin – clavulanate may affect the gut flora, leading to lower oestrogen reabsorption and reduced efficacy of combined oral contraceptives.

4.6 Pregnancy and lactation

This product should only be used in pregnancy or lactation if considered essential by the physician. Animal studies have shown no evidence of teratogenic effect due to drug, but safety of use in human beings is not established. In a single study in women with preterm, premature rupture of the foetal membrane (pPROM), it was reported that prophylactic treatment with Augmentin may be associated with an increased risk of necrotising enterocolitis in neonates.

4.7 Effects on ability to drive and use machines

None known.

4.8 Undesirable effects

Data from large clinical trials was used to determine the frequency of very common to rare undesirable effects. The frequencies assigned to all other undesirable effects (i.e., those occurring at <1/10,000) were mainly determined using post-marketing data and refer to a reporting rate rather than a true frequency.

The following convention has been used for the classification of frequency:
Very common >1/10.
Common >1/100 and <1/10.
Uncommon >1/1000 and <1/100.
Rare >1/10,000 and <1/1000.
Very rare <1/10,000.

Infections and infestations
Common: Mucocutaneous candidiasis.

Blood and lymphatic system disorders
Rare: Reversible leucopenia (including neutropenia) and thrombocytopenia.

Very rare: Reversible agranulocytosis and haemolytic anaemia. Prolongation of bleeding time and prothrombin time (see Section 4.4 Special warnings and special precautions for use).

Immune system disorders
Very rare: Angioneurotic oedema, anaphylaxis, serum sickness-like syndrome, hypersensitivity vasculitis.

Nervous system disorders
Uncommon: Dizziness, headache.

Very Rare: Reversible hyperactivity and convulsions. Convulsions may occur in patients with impaired renal function or in those receiving high doses.

Gastrointestinal disorders
Very common: Diarrhoea.

Common: Nausea, vomiting.
Nausea is more often associated with higher oral dosages. If gastrointestinal reactions are evident, they may be reduced by taking AUGMENTIN at the start of a meal.

Uncommon: Indigestion.

Very Rare: Antibiotic-associated colitis (including pseudomembranous colitis and haemorrhagic colitis).
Black hairy tongue.

Hepatobiliary disorders
Uncommon: A moderate rise in AST and/or ALT and Alkaline Phosphates has been noted in patients treated with beta-lactam class antibiotics, but the significance of these findings is unknown.

Very Rare: Hepatitis and cholestatic jaundice. These events have been noted with other penicillins and cephalosporins. Hepatic events have been reported predominately in males and elderly patients and may be associated with prolonged treatment.

Signs and symptoms usually occur during or shortly after treatment but in some cases may not become apparent until several weeks after treatment has ceased. These are usually reversible. Hepatic events may be severe and in extremely rare circumstances, deaths have been reported.

Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders
Uncommon: Skin rash, pruritis, urticaria.

Rare: Erythema multiforme.

Very Rare: Stevens-Johnson syndrome, toxic epidermal necrolysis, bullous exfoliative-dermatitis, acute generalised exanthemous pustulosis (AGEP).
If any hypersensitivity dermatitis reaction occurs, treatment should be discontinued.

Renal and urinary disorders
Very Rare: Interstitial nephritis, crystalluria (see Overdosage).

4.9 Overdose

Gastrointestinal symptoms and disturbance of the fluid and electrolyte balances may be evident. They may be treated symptomatically with attention to the fluid and electrolyte balance. Augmentin may be removed from the circulation by haemodialysis. Amoxicillin crystalluria, in some cases leading to renal failure, has been observed (see Section 4.4 special warnings and special precautions for use).

5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

5.1 Pharmacodynamic properties

Augmentin is an antibiotic agent with a notably broad spectrum of activity against the commonly occurring bacterial pathogens in general practice and hospital. The beta lactamase inhibitory action of clavulanate extends the spectrum of amoxycillin to embrace a wider range of organisms, including many resistant to other beta lactamase antibiotics.

Resistance to many antibiotics is caused by bacterial enzymes which destroy the antibiotic before it can act on the pathogen. The clavulanate in Augmentin anticipates this defence mechanism by blocking the beta-lactamase enzymes, thus rendering the organisms sensitive to amoxicillin's rapid bactericidal effect at concentrations readily attainable in the body.

Clavulanate by itself has little antibacterial activity; however, in association with amoxicillin as Augmentin, it produces an antibiotic agent of broad spectrum with wide application in hospital and general practice.

Augmentin is bactericidal to a wide range of organisms including:

Gram-positive
Aerobes: *Enterococcus faecalis*, Enterococcus faecium*, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Streptococcus pyogenes, Streptococcus viridans, Staphylococcus aureus*, Coagulase negative staphylococci* (*including *Staphylococcus epidermidis*),* Corynebacterium species, *Bacillus anthraci*, Listeria monocytogenes.*

Anaerobes: Clostridium species, Peptococcus species, Peptostreptococcus.

Gram-negative
Aerobes: *Haemophilus influenzae*, Moraxella catarrhalis* (Branhamella catarrhalis), Escherichia coli*, Proteus mirabilis*, Proteus vulgaris*,* Klebsiella species*, Salmonella species*, Shigella species*, *Bordetella pertussis,* Brucella species, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*, Neisseria meningitidis*, Vibrio cholerae, Pasteurella multocida.*

Anaerobes: *Bacteroides* species* including *B. fragilis.*

* Some members of these species of bacteria produce beta-lactamase, rendering them insensitive to amoxycillin alone.

5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties

The pharmacokinetics of the two components of Augmentin are closely matched. Peak serum levels of both occur about one hour after oral administration. Absorption of Augmentin is optimised at the start of a meal. Both clavulanate and amoxicillin have low levels of serum binding; about 70% remains free in the serum.

Doubling the dosage of Augmentin approximately doubles the serum levels achieved.

As with other penicillins, the major route of elimination for amoxicillin is via the kidney, whereas for clavulanate it is by both renal and non-renal mechanisms. Approximately 60-70% of the amoxicillin and approximately 40-65% of the clavulanic acid are excreted unchanged in urine during the first 6 hours after administration of a single 250/125mg or a single 500/125mg tablet.

Amoxicillin is also partly excreted in the urine as the inactive penicilloic acid in quantities equivalent to 10-25% of the initial dose. Clavulanic acid is extensively metabolised in man to 2,5-dihydro-4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-5-oxo-1H-pyrrole-3-carboxylic acid and 1-amino-4-hydroxy-butan-2-one and eliminated in urine and faeces and as carbon dioxide in expired air.

5.3 Preclinical safety data

No further information of relevance.

6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS

6.1 List of excipients

Crospovidone
Silicone dioxide
Saccharin sodium
Pineapple dry flavour*
Strawberry dry flavour**
Blood orange dry flavour***
Magnesium stearate
Microcrystalline cellulose

* Contains; acacia, natural & artificial flavours and citric acid.
** Contains; natural & artificial flavours, maltodextrin, acacia, propylene glycol, coumarin, and sulphur dioxide (E220).
*** Contains; natural flavours, maltodextrin, acacia, butylated hydroxyanisole (E320), citric acid and sulphur dioxide (E220).

6.2 Incompatibilities

Not applicable.

6.3 Shelf Life

2 years.

6.4 Special precautions for storage

Do not store above 25°C. Store in the original package. Keep foil blister in the outer carton.

6.5 Nature and contents of container

Foil wrapped in cartons of 21.

6.6 Special precautions for disposal of a used medicinal product or waste materials derived from such medicinal product and other handling of the product

Dispersible tablets should be stirred into a little water before taking.

No special requirements.

7 MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER

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