Odactra (house dust mite allergen extract)



Tablet for Sublingual Use 12 SQ-HDM

NEW PRODUCT SLIDESHOW



Introduction

- Brand name: Odactra
- Generic name: House dust mite allergen extract (Dermatophagoides farinae, Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus)
- Pharmacological class: Allergen extract
- Strength and Formulation: 12 SQ-HDM; sublingual tabs
- Manufacturer: Merck & Co., Inc.
- How supplied: Blisters—30
- Legal Classification: Rx

Indications

- House dust mite-induced allergic rhinitis, with or without conjunctivitis, confirmed by in vitro testing for IgE antibodies to Dermatophagoides farinae or Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus house dust mites, or skin testing to licensed house dust mite allergen extracts
- Not for immediate relief of allergic symptoms

Dosage & Administration

- Give 1st dose under physician supervision; observe ≥30mins for any signs/symptoms of severe allergic reaction; if tolerated, subsequent doses may be taken at home
- **18–65yrs:** 1 tab daily

Dosage & Administration

- Allow complete dissolution under the tongue before swallowing
- Avoid food or beverage for 5 mins after dosing
- Wash hands after handling tab

Considerations for Special Populations

- Pediatric: <18yrs: not established</p>
- Pregnancy: Insufficient human data to establish drug-associated risk
- Nursing mothers: Consider mother's need and potential adverse effects on child
- Elderly: >65yrs: not established

Contraindications

- Severe, unstable or uncontrolled asthma
- History of any severe systemic or local allergic reaction to sublingual allergen immunotherapy
- History of eosinophilic esophagitis

Warnings/Precautions

- Risk of severe allergic reactions (eg, anaphylaxis, laryngopharyngeal swelling); discontinue if occurs
- Prescribe auto-injectable epinephrine for emergency use
- Underlying conditions that may reduce survival of a serious allergic reaction after epinephrine use (eg, markedly compromised lung function, unstable angina, recent MI, significant arrhythmia, uncontrolled HTN)

Warnings/Precautions

- Upper airway compromise: consider discontinuing if persistent adverse reactions in the mouth or throat develops
- Withhold therapy in acute asthma exacerbation; consider discontinuing if recurrent. Interrupt therapy for oral inflammation or wounds to allow complete healing

Interactions

- Concomitant other allergen immunotherapy: not studied; may increase risk of local or systemic adverse reactions
- Avoid concomitant drugs that can potentiate or inhibit effects of epinephrine (eg, betaadrenergic blockers, alpha-adrenergic blockers, ergot alkaloids, TCAs, levothyroxine, MAOIs, chlorpheniramine, diphenhydramine, [cardiac glycosides, diuretics; monitor for arrhythmias])

Adverse Reactions

- Throat irritation/tickle
- Mouth or ear itching
- Swelling (uvula/back of mouth, lips, tongue, throat)
- Nausea
- Tongue pain
- Tongue or mouth ulcer/sore
- Stomach pain
- Taste alteration
- Eosinophilic esophagitis (discontinue if occurs)

Mechanism of Action

 The precise mechanisms of action of allergen immunotherapy have not been fully established

 The efficacy of Odactra for HDM-induced allergic rhinitis was evaluated in 2 doubleblind, placebo-controlled, randomized clinical field efficacy studies (Studies 1 and 2) and one environmental exposure chamber (ECC) study (Study 3)

Study 1 (N=1,482) compared the efficacy of Odactra vs placebo in patients aged 12 to 85yrs that had a history of symptomatic allergic rhinitis and were sensitized to *D.* farina and/or *D. pteronyssinus*

- Efficacy was assessed through selfreporting of symptoms and medication use to calculate the Total Combined Rhinitis Score (TCRS), daily symptom scores (DSS) and daily medication scores (DMS) for rhinoconjunctivitis
- The primary endpoint was the difference between treatment vs placebo in the average TCRS during ~8 weeks of treatment

- The TCRS was 4.10 in the Odactra arm vs 4.95 in the placebo arm (treatment difference -0.8)
 - Difference relative to placebo (estimate -17.2%, 95% CI: -25.0%, -9.7%)

Study 2 (N=656) compared Odactra vs placebo for approximately 12 months in adults aged 18 to 66yrs with a history of symptomatic allergic rhinitis when exposed to house dust and were sensitized to *D.* farina and/or *D. pteronyssinus*

The primary efficacy endpoint was the difference relative to placebo in the average TCRS during the last 8 weeks of treatment

- The TCRS was 5.71 in the Odactra arm vs
 6.81 in the placebo group (treatment difference -1.09)
 - Difference relative to placebo (estimate -16.1%, 95% CI: -25.8, -5.7%)

Study 3 (N=83) evaluated adults aged 18 to 58yrs with a history of symptomatic allergic rhinitis and were sensitized to *D.* farinae and/or *D. pteronyssinus* who were given Odactra for approximately 24 weeks

The primary endpoint was the difference relative to placebo in the average Total Nasal Symptom Score (TNSS) at Week 24

- At Week 24, the TNSS was 3.83 in the Odactra arm vs 7.45 in the placebo arm (treatment difference -3.62)
 - Difference relative to placebo (estimate -48.6%, 95% CI: -60.2%, -35.3%)
- For more clinical trial data, see full labeling

New Product Monograph

For more information view the product monograph available at:

https://www.empr.com/odactra/drug/34762/