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DECENTRALISED PROCEDURE

PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Metrocare 250 mg tablets for dogs and cats
Metrocare 500 mg tablets for dogs and cats

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MODULE 1

PRODUCT SUMMARY

Dutch Registration number	REG NL 122684, 122686
EU Procedure number	NL/V/0239/001-002/DC
Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Metrocare 250 mg tablets for dogs and cats Metrocare 500 mg tablets for dogs and cats
Applicant	Ecuphar NV Legeweg 157-i B-8020 Oostkamp België
Active substance(s)	Metronidazole
ATC Vetcode	QP51AA01
Target species	Dogs and cats
Indication for use	Treatment of gastrointestinal tract infections caused by *Giardia* spp. and *Clostridia* spp. (i.e. *C. perfringens* or *C. difficile*). Treatment of infections of the urogenital tract, oral cavity, throat and skin caused by obligate anaerobic bacteria (e.g. *Clostridia* spp.) susceptible to metronidazole.

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MODULE 2

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for this product is available on the website:
http://mri.medagencies.org/veterinary/

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MODULE 3

PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Legal basis of original application	250 mg: Generic application in accordance with Article 13(1) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended. 500 mg: Hybrid application in accordance with Article 13(3) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended.
Date of completion of the original decentralised procedure	5 June 2019
Date product first authorised in the Reference Member State (MRP only)	N/A
Concerned Member States for original procedure	AT, BE, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, HU, IE, LU, NO, PL, PT, RO, SE, SK, UK

I. SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

Metrocare 250 mg, 500 mg tablets for dogs and cats are produced and controlled using validated methods and tests, which ensure the consistency of the products released on the market.
It has been shown that the products can be safely used in the target species; the slight reactions observed are indicated in the SPC.
Metrocare 250 mg, 500 mg tablets for dogs and cats are safe for the user and for the environment, when used as recommended. Suitable warnings and precautions are indicated in the SPC.
The efficacy of the products were demonstrated according to the claims made in the SPC. The overall risk/benefit analysis is in favour of granting a marketing authorisation.

The quality, safety and efficacy aspects of Metrocare 250 mg, 500 mg tablets for dogs and cats are based on bioequivalence with the Reference product Metrazol REG NL 5757 (authorized in the RMS since 3 March 1997), which was assessed before there was a requirement to have a public assessment report; therefore no details in this section are available.
Warnings statements and precautions are adopted from the reference product. Additional statements have been added, based on increased knowledge and the current state of science.
Adverse events, warnings and contraindications are indicated in the SPC.

II. QUALITY ASPECTS

A. Qualitative and quantitative particulars

The tablets contain 250 mg or 500 mg Metronidazole and the following core excipients:

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Meat flavour, Hydroxypropylcellulose, Microcrystalline cellulose, Sodium starch glycolate (type A) and Magnesium stearate.

The tablet is cross scored and meant to be broken in halves or quarters.

The tablets are packed in AL-Al blisters, each containing 10 tablets.

The product is an established pharmaceutical form and its development is adequately described in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

A biowaiver justification has not been accepted. The applicant has successfully performed an in vivo bioequivalence study in dogs and cats. Information concerning the dissolution test method has been provided.

B. Method of Preparation of the Product

The product is manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice from a licensed manufacturing site.

The product is manufactured using conventional manufacturing techniques. However, suitable pre-approval validation results on two production scale batches of each tablet strength have been provided.

The tests performed during production are described.

C. Control of Starting Materials

The active substance Metronidazole is an established active substance described in the European Pharmacopoeia. The active substance is manufactured in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice.

The CEP procedure has been employed.

The active substance specification is considered adequate to control the quality of the material. Batch analytical data demonstrating compliance with this specification have been provided.

Meat Flavour complies EC Flavouring Regulation 1334/2008. All other excipients are in conformity with the Ph.Eur. requirements.

None of the starting materials used are affected by the Note for Guidance on TSE/BSE.

D. Control on intermediate products

Not applicable.

E. Control Tests on the Finished Product

The finished product specification controls the relevant parameters for the pharmaceutical form. All tests in the specification, and their limits, have been justified and are considered appropriate to adequately control the quality of the product.
Satisfactory validation data for the analytical methods have been provided.

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Batch analytical data from the proposed production site has been provided demonstrating compliance with the specification.

F. Stability

The retest period of 48 months for metronidazole when stored under the approved conditions is stated on the CEP.

Stability data on the finished product have been provided in accordance with applicable VICH guidelines. According to the 18 months stability results provided and by means of extrapolation a provisional shelf life of 30 months can yet be granted for both Metronidazole 250 mg and 500 mg tablets.
An in-use shelf life of 3 days after first use (divided tablets), without special storage restrictions can be granted.

III. SAFETY AND RESIDUES ASSESSMENT (PHARMACO-TOXICOLOGICAL)

As this is a generic application (250 mg) respectively a hybrid application (500 mg) according to Article 13, and bioequivalence with a reference product has been demonstrated, results of pharmacological, toxicological and clinical tests are not required.

Warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are the same as those of the reference product and are adequate to ensure safety of the product to users / the environment / consumers. Additional statements have been added, based on increased knowledge and the current state of science. Adverse events, warnings and contraindications are indicated in the SPC.

III.A Safety Testing

User Safety

Being a generic (250 mg) respectively a hybrid (500 mg) procedure the applicant refers to the reference product for information on this section.

The applicant has provided a user safety assessment in compliance with the relevant guideline which shows that acute toxicity is considered low, metronidazole has teratogenic potential and possible carcinogenic properties in humans, and hypersensitivity reactions have been reported. Combined with increased knowledge and the current state of science, warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are adequate to ensure safety to users of the product.

Environmental Risk Assessment

A Phase I environmental risk assessment (ERA) was provided according to the CVMP/VICH guidelines which showed that no further assessment is required.

Phase I:

The environmental risk assessment can stop in Phase I because this product is intended for use in dogs and cats (non-food animals) and a Phase II assessment is not deemed necessary

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The product is not expected to pose an unacceptable risk for the environment when used according to the SPC.

IV. CLINICAL ASSESSMENT (EFFICACY)

As this is a generic application (250 mg) respectively a hybrid application (500 mg) according to Article 13, and bioequivalence with a reference product has been demonstrated, efficacy studies are not required. The efficacy claims for this product are equivalent to those of the reference product.

Tolerance in the Target Species of Animals

Additionally to the above, based on increased knowledge and the current state of science, warning statements and precautions have been added to the product literature ensuring safety to the target animals. Adverse events, warnings and contraindications are indicated in the SPC.

Resistance

As this is a generic application (250 mg) respectively a hybrid application (500 mg) application according to Article 13, and bioequivalence with a reference product has been demonstrated, results of pharmacological, toxicological and clinical tests are not required. However, the SPC and Product Literature are updated according to the Revised Guideline on the SPC for Antimicrobial Products (EMEA/CVMP/SAGAM/383441/2005).

V . OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT– RISK ASSESSMENT

The data submitted in the dossier demonstrate that when the product is used in accordance with the Summary of Product Characteristics, the risk benefit profile for the target species is favourable and the quality and safety of the product for humans and the environment is acceptable.

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POST-AUTHORISATION ASSESSMENTS

The SPC and package leaflet may be updated to include new information on the quality, safety and efficacy of the veterinary medicinal product. The current SPC is available on the Heads of Veterinary Medicines Agencies website (www.HMA.eu).

This section contains information on significant changes which have been made after the original procedure which are important for the quality, safety or efficacy of the product.

None.

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