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NATIONAL PROCEDURE

**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A VETERINARY
MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Arthrocam 0.5 mg/ml Oral Suspension for Cats

Date Created: April 2024

MODULE 1

PRODUCT SUMMARY

Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Arthrocam 0.5 mg/ml Oral Suspension for Cats
Applicant	EU Pharmaceuticals Ltd, 37 Geraldine Road, London, SW18 2NR
Active substance	Meloxicam
ATC Vetcode	QM01AC06
Target species	Cats
Indication for use	Alleviation of mild to moderate post-operative pain and inflammation following surgical procedures in cats, e.g. orthopaedic and soft tissue surgery. Alleviation of pain and inflammation in acute and chronic musculo-skeletal disorders in cats.

MODULE 2

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for this product is available on the Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

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MODULE 3

PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Legal basis of original application	Generic application in accordance with Article 13(1) of Directive 2001/82/EC as amended.
Date of conclusion of the procedure	02/02/2024

I. SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

This is a generic application submitted in accordance with Article 13(1). The reference product is Metacam 0.5 mg/ml Oral Suspension for Cats and Guinea Pigs.

II. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE CONSTITUENTS

II.A. Composition

The product contains meloxicam and the excipients glycerol, citric acid monohydrate, xanthan gum, povidone, sodium dihydrogen phosphate monohydrate, sodium benzoate, simethicone emulsion, honey flavour, silica colloidal anhydrous and purified water.

The container/closure system consists of white polypropylene bottles or in HDPE bottles closed with polypropylene tamper proof child resistant closures. The particulars of the containers and controls performed are provided and conform to the regulation.

The choice of the formulation and the presence of preservative are justified.

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

II.B. Description of the Manufacturing Method

The product is manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice from a licensed manufacturing site. The manufacturing method consists of: dissolution or dispersion and filling.

Process validation data on the product have been presented in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

II.C. Control of Starting Materials

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

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.

The excipients and packaging comply with the relevant monographs.

II.C.4. Substances of Biological Origin

There are no substances within the scope of the TSE Guideline present or used in the manufacture of this product.

II.D. Control Tests Carried Out at Intermediate Stages of the Manufacturing Process

Not applicable.

II.E. Control Tests on the Finished Product

The finished product specification controls the relevant parameters for the pharmaceutical form. The 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. Batch analytical data from the proposed production site have been provided demonstrating compliance with the specification. Control tests on the finished product are those for: appearance, identification of the active substance, identification of the preservative, resuspendability, pH, viscosity, assay, preservative assay, microbiological quality, uniformity of fill and particle size.

II.F. Stability

Stability data on the active substance have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the active substance when stored under the approved conditions.

Stability data on the finished product have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the product throughout its shelf life when stored under the approved conditions.

G. Other Information

Shelf-life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 3 years

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging:

3 ml and 5 ml bottle: 14 days

10 ml and 15 ml bottle: 6 months

III. SAFETY AND RESIDUES DOCUMENTATION (PHARMACO-TOXICOLOGICAL)

III.A Safety Documentation

Pharmacological Studies

Not required due to the legal basis of the application and because bioequivalence was established in regard to the reference product.

Toxicological Studies

Not required.

User Safety

A user risk assessment was provided in compliance with the relevant guideline.

Warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are adequate to ensure safety to users of the product. Therefore the following applicant's user recommendations are appropriate.:

- People with known hypersensitivity to non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) should avoid contact with the veterinary medicinal product. Accidental ingestion of the product by a child may cause gastrointestinal effects, such as nausea and gastric pain.
- Any uneaten medicated food must be disposed of immediately and the bowl washed thoroughly.
- Do not leave an unattended filled syringe in the sight or reach of children.
- In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.
- This product can cause eye irritation. In case of contact with the eyes, immediately rinse thoroughly with water.

Environmental Safety

The Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) was carried out in accordance with VICH and CVMP guidelines.

Phase I:

The product will only be used in non-food animals and as a result environmental exposure will be low. A Phase II ERA was not required.

IV. CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION

IV.I. Pre-Clinical Studies

Not required.

IV.II. Clinical Documentation

Not required.

V OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT– RISK ASSESSMENT

The data submitted in the dossier demonstrate that the benefit/risk profile of the product is favourable.

MODULE 4

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 Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website.

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The post-authorisation assessment (PAA) 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.

The PAA for this product is available on the Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website.

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