

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE {CARDBOARD BOX / 5 ml; 10 ml and 20 ml}**

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Domidine 10 mg/ml Solution for Injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:  
Detomidine hydrochloride 10 mg

**3. PACKAGE SIZE**

5, 10, 20 ml

**4. TARGET SPECIES**

Horses and cattle.

**5. INDICATIONS**

**6. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

Intravenous use or intramuscular use.

**7. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Withdrawal period:  
Horses, cattle:  
Meat and offal: 2 days.  
Milk: 12 hours.

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}  
Once broached, use within 28 days.  
Once broached, use by....

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

**10. THE WORDS "READ THE PACKAGE LEAFLET BEFORE USE"**

Read the package leaflet before use.

**11. THE WORDS "FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY"**

For animal treatment only.

**12. THE WORDS “KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN”**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**13. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

Eurovet Animal Health B.V.

**14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS**

Vm 16849/4008

**15. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING**  
**UNITS { LABEL / 5 ml; 10 ml and 20 ml }**

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Domidine



**2. QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Detomidine hydrochloride 10 mg/ml

**3. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**4. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once broached, use within 28 days.

Once broached, use by....

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE PACKAGE LEAFLET:**

**PACKAGE LEAFLET**

**1. Name of the veterinary medicinal product**

Domidine 10 mg/ml Solution for Injection for Horses and Cattle

**2. Composition**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Detomidine	8.36 mg
(as detomidine hydrochloride	10.00 mg)

**Excipients:**

Methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218) 1.0 mg

Clear and colourless solution.

**3. Target species**

Horses and cattle.



**4. Indications for use**

Sedation and analgesia in horses and cattle during various examinations and treatments, and in situations where handling of animals will be facilitated by administration of the veterinary medicinal product. For premedication before administration of injectable or inhalation anaesthetics.

**5. Contraindications**

Do not use in animals with severe cardiac insufficiency, cardiac abnormalities, pre-existing AV/SA block, severe respiratory disease, or severely impaired liver or kidney function.

Do not use in combination with butorphanol in horses with colic without further monitoring of the horse for signs of clinical deterioration.

Do not use in conjunction with sympathomimetic amines or with intravenous potentiated sulfonamides. Concurrent use with intravenous potentiated sulfonamides may cause cardiac arrhythmia with a fatal outcome.

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients.

## **6. Special warnings**

### Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

A benefit-risk assessment should be performed by the responsible veterinarian prior to administration of the veterinary medicinal product to the following categories of animals: those approaching or in endotoxic or traumatic shock, animal with dehydration or respiratory disease, horses with pre-existing bradycardia, fever, or under extreme stress. During prolonged sedation, monitor body temperature and, if necessary, take measures to maintain normal body temperature.

When the veterinary medicinal product is administered, the animal should be allowed to rest in a maximally quiet place. Before any procedure is initiated, the sedation should be allowed to reach its peak effect (approximately 10–15 minutes following IV administration.) At the onset of the effect, it is to be noted that the animal may stagger and lower its head. Cattle, and especially young animals may become recumbent when high detomidine doses are used. In order to minimize the risk of injuries, tympany or aspiration, measures such as selecting a suitable environment for treatment, and lowering the head and neck should be taken.

For horses, fasting for 12 hours before planned anaesthesia is recommended. Food and water should be withheld until the sedative effect of the veterinary medicinal product has worn off.

For painful procedures, the veterinary medicinal product should be combined with (an) other analgesic agent(s).

### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

Some horses, although apparently deeply sedated, may still respond to external stimuli. Routine safety measures should be employed to protect practitioners and handlers.

Detomidine is an alpha-2 adrenoceptor agonist, which may cause sedation, somnolence, decreased blood pressure and decreased heart rate in humans.

In case of accidental ingestion or self-injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician but DO NOT DRIVE as sedation and changes in blood pressure may occur.

Avoid skin, eye or mucosal contact.

Immediately after exposure, wash the exposed skin with large amounts of fresh water. Remove contaminated clothes that are in direct contact with skin.

In the case of accidental contact of the veterinary medicinal product with eyes, rinse with large amounts of fresh water. If symptoms occur, seek the advice of a doctor.

If pregnant women handle the veterinary medicinal product, special caution should be observed not to self-inject as uterine contractions and decreased foetal blood pressure may occur after accidental systemic exposure.

To the physician:

Detomidine hydrochloride is an alpha-2 adrenoreceptor agonist. Symptoms after absorption may involve clinical effects including dose dependent sedation, respiratory depression, bradycardia, hypotension, a dry mouth, and hyperglycaemia. Ventricular arrhythmias have also been reported. Respiratory and haemodynamic symptoms should be treated symptomatically.

Pregnancy:

Do not use during the last trimester of the pregnancy as detomidine may cause uterine contractions and a decrease in foetal blood pressure.

Use only according to the benefit-risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian at other stages of gestation.

Laboratory studies in rats and rabbits have not produced any evidence of teratogenic, foetotoxic or maternotoxic effects.

Lactation:

Detomidine is excreted in trace amounts into the milk. Use only according to the benefit-risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

Fertility:

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been investigated in breeding horses. Use only according to the benefit-risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian.

Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction:

Detomidine has an additive/synergistic effect with other sedatives, anaesthetics, hypnotics and analgesics and therefore an appropriate dose adjustment may be needed.

When the veterinary medicinal product is used as a premedication prior to general anaesthesia, the veterinary medicinal product may delay onset of induction.

Detomidine should not be used in conjunction with sympathomimetic amines such as adrenaline, dobutamine and ephedrine, as these agents counteract the sedative effect of detomidine, except in the case of anaesthetic incidents.

For intravenous potentiated sulfonamides, see section 'Contraindications'.

Overdose:

Over dosage is mainly manifested by delayed recovery from sedation or anaesthesia. Circulatory and respiratory depression may occur.

If recovery is delayed, it should be ensured that the animal can recover in a quiet and warm place.

Oxygen supplementation and/or symptomatic treatment may be indicated in cases of circulatory and respiratory depression.

The effects of the veterinary medicinal product can be reversed using an antidote containing the active substance atipamezole, which is an alpha-2 adrenoceptor antagonist. Atipamezole is administered at a dosage 2–10-fold that of this veterinary medicinal product, calculated in µg/kg. For example, if a horse has been given this veterinary medicinal product at a dosage of 20 µg/kg (0.2 ml/100 kg), the atipamezole dosage should be 40–200 µg/kg (0.8–4 ml/100 kg).

Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use:  
Not applicable.

Major incompatibilities:

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

## 7. Adverse events

### Cattle

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Bradycardia, Hypertension (transient), Hypotension (transient) Hyperglycaemia Urination <sup>1</sup> Penile prolapse (transient) <sup>2</sup>
Common (1 to 10 animals / 100 animals treated):	Ruminal tympany <sup>3</sup> , Hypersalivation (transient) Ataxia, Muscle tremor Uterine contraction Nasal discharge <sup>4</sup> , Respiratory depression (slight) <sup>5</sup> Hyperthermia, Hypothermia
Rare (1 to 10 animals / 10,000 animals treated):	Arrhythmia <sup>6</sup> Increased sweating (transient) Excitation Hyperventilation (slight) <sup>7</sup>
Very rare (<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Heart block <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A diuretic effect may be observed 45 to 60 minutes after treatment.

<sup>2</sup> A partial, penis prolapse can occur.

<sup>3</sup> Substances of this class inhibit ruminal and intestinal motility. Can cause a mild bloat in cattle.

<sup>4</sup> Mucus discharge from the nose may be seen because of continued lowering of the head during sedation.

<sup>5,7</sup> Causes changes in the respiratory rate.

<sup>6,8</sup> Causes changes in the conductivity of cardiac muscle as evidenced by partial atrioventricular and sinoatrial blocks.

#### Horses

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Arrhythmia <sup>1</sup> , Bradycardia, Heart block <sup>2</sup> , Hypertension (transient), Hypotension (transient) Hyperglycaemia Ataxia, Muscle tremor Urination <sup>3</sup> Penile prolapse (transient) <sup>4</sup> , Uterine contraction Increased sweating (transient), Piloerection Hyperthermia, Hypothermia
Common (1 to 10 animals / 100 animals treated):	Hypersalivation (transient) Nasal discharge <sup>5</sup> Skin swelling <sup>6</sup>
Rare (1 to 10 animals / 10,000 animals treated):	Colic <sup>7</sup> Urticaria Hyperventilation, Respiratory depression Excitation
Very rare (<1 animal / 10,000 animals treated, including isolated reports):	Hypersensitivity reaction

<sup>1,2</sup> Causes changes in the conductivity of cardiac muscle as evidenced by partial atrioventricular and sinoatrial blocks.

<sup>3</sup> A diuretic effect may be observed 45 to 60 minutes after treatment.

<sup>4</sup> A partial penis prolapse can occur in stallions and geldings.

<sup>5,6</sup> Mucus discharges from the nose and oedema of the head and face may be seen because of continued lowering of the head during sedation.

<sup>7</sup> Substances of this class inhibit intestinal motility.

Mild adverse reactions have reportedly resolved uneventfully without treatment. Adverse reactions should be treated symptomatically.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a product. If you notice any side effects, even those not already listed in this package leaflet, or you think that the medicine has not worked, please contact, in the first instance, your veterinarian. You can also report any adverse events to the marketing authorisation holder or the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or via your national reporting system at:

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/report-veterinary-medicine-problem/animal-reacts-medicine>  
e-mail: [adverse.events@vmd.gov.uk](mailto:adverse.events@vmd.gov.uk)

## 8. Dosage for each species, routes and method of administration

Intramuscular or intravenous use.

To be administered intramuscularly or by slow intravenous injection of detomidine hydrochloride at a dose of 10–80 µg/kg depending on the degree and duration of sedation and analgesia required. The effect is more rapid after intravenous administration. To ensure a correct dosage, body weight should be determined as accurately as possible.

### Single use (horses and cattle)

Dose		Effect	Duration of effect (h)	Other effects
ml/100 kg	µg/kg			
0.1-0.2	10-20	Sedation	0.5-1	
0.2-0.4	20-40	Sedation and analgesia	0.5-1	Slight staggering
0.4-0.8	40-80	Deeper sedation and better analgesia	0.5-2	Staggering, sweating, piloerection, muscular tremors

The onset of action occurs 2–5 min after IV injection. The full effect is seen 10–15 min after IV injection. If necessary, detomidine hydrochloride can be administered up to a total dose of 80 µg/kg.

The following dosing instructions show different possibilities for the combination of detomidine hydrochloride. However, the simultaneous administration with other drugs should always be based on a benefit-risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian and it must be done taking into account the SPC of the relevant products.

### Combinations with detomidine to increase sedation or analgesia in a standing horse

Detomidine hydrochloride 10–30 µg/kg IV in combination with either

- butorphanol 0.025–0.05 mg/kg IV or
- levomethadone 0.05–0.1 mg/kg IV or
- acepromazine .02–0.05 mg/kg IV

### **Combinations with detomidine to increase sedation or analgesia in cattle**

Detomidine hydrochloride 10-30 µg/kg IV in combination with

- butorphanol 0.05 mg/kg IV

### **Combinations with detomidine for preanaesthetic sedation in the horse**

The following anaesthetics can be used after detomidine hydrochloride premedication (10–20 µg/kg) to achieve lateral recumbency and general anaesthesia:

- ketamine 2.2 mg/kg IV or
- thiopental 3–6 mg/kg IV or
- guaifenesin IV (to effect) followed by ketamine 2.2 mg/kg IV

Administer the veterinary medicinal products prior to ketamine and allow sufficient time for sedation to develop (5 minutes). Ketamine and the veterinary medicinal product must therefore never be administered simultaneously in the same syringe.

### **Combinations with detomidine and inhalation anaesthetics in the horse**

Detomidine hydrochloride can be used as sedative premedicant (10–30 µg/kg) before induction and maintenance of inhalation anaesthesia. Inhalation anaesthetic is given to effect. The amount of inhalation anaesthetics required is significantly reduced by premedication with detomidine.

### **Combination with detomidine to maintain injection anaesthesia (total intravenous anaesthesia TIVA) in the horse**

Detomidine can be used in combination with ketamine and guaifenesin for maintaining total intravenous anaesthesia (TIVA).

The best-documented solution contains guaifenesin 50–100 mg/ml, detomidine hydrochloride 20 µg/ml and ketamine 2 mg/ml. 1 g ketamine and 10 mg detomidine hydrochloride are added to 500 ml of 5–10 % guaifenesin; anaesthesia is maintained by an infusion of 1 ml/kg/h.

### **Combinations with detomidine for induction and maintenance of general anaesthesia in cattle**

Detomidine hydrochloride 20 µg/kg (0.2 ml/100 kg) with

- ketamine 0.5–1 mg/kg IV, IM or
- thiopental 6–10 mg/kg IV

The effect of detomidine-ketamine lasts for 20–30 minutes, and the effect of detomidine- thiopental for 10-20 minutes.

### **9. Advice on correct administration**

None.

### **10. Withdrawal periods**

Horses, cattle:

Meat and offal: 2 days

Milk: 12 hours

### **11. Special storage precautions**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the label after Exp. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 28 days.

### **12. Special precautions for disposal**

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any applicable national collection systems. These measures should help to protect the environment.

Ask your veterinary surgeon or pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

### **13. Classification of veterinary medicinal products**

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription.

### **14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS AND PACK SIZES**

Vm 16849/4008

Pack sizes: 5, 10 or 20 ml.

Cardboard box containing 1 glass vial with a rubber stopper, secured with an aluminium cap.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **15. PID LINK (Do not print heading)**

*[The following statement must be included where reference to the European Union Product Database is included on the product information. This statement is relevant to both UK(GB) and UK(NI) products:]*

Find more product information by searching for the 'Product Information Database' on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

### **16. Contact details**

Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturer responsible for batch release:

Eurovet Animal Health B.V.  
Handelsweg 25  
5531 AE Bladel  
The Netherlands

Local representatives and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:

Dechra Veterinary Products Limited  
Sansaw Business Park  
Hadnall  
Shrewsbury  
Shropshire  
SY44AS  
United Kingdom  
Tel: +44 (0) 1939 211200

For any information about this veterinary medicinal product, please contact the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder.

### **17. Other information**

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