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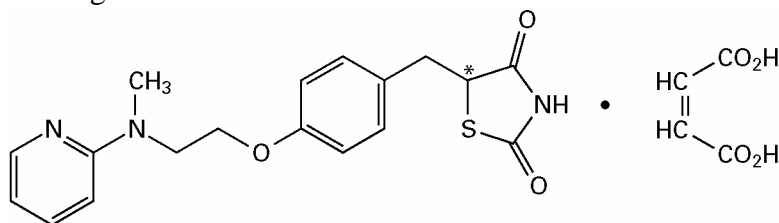
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3 **AVANDIA[®]**
4 **(rosiglitazone maleate)**
5 **Tablets**

6 **DESCRIPTION**

7 AVANDIA (rosiglitazone maleate) is an oral antidiabetic agent which acts primarily by
8 increasing insulin sensitivity. AVANDIA is used in the management of type 2 diabetes mellitus
9 (also known as non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus [NIDDM] or adult-onset diabetes).
10 AVANDIA improves glycemic control while reducing circulating insulin levels.

11 Pharmacological studies in animal models indicate that rosiglitazone improves sensitivity to
12 insulin in muscle and adipose tissue and inhibits hepatic gluconeogenesis. Rosiglitazone maleate
13 is not chemically or functionally related to the sulfonylureas, the biguanides, or the
14 alpha-glucosidase inhibitors.

15 Chemically, rosiglitazone maleate is (\pm)-5-[[4-[2-(methyl-2-pyridinylamino)
16 ethoxy]phenyl]methyl]-2,4-thiazolidinedione, (Z)-2-butenedioate (1:1) with a molecular weight
17 of 473.52 (357.44 free base). The molecule has a single chiral center and is present as a
18 racemate. Due to rapid interconversion, the enantiomers are functionally indistinguishable. The
19 structural formula of rosiglitazone maleate is:



21 The molecular formula is $C_{18}H_{19}N_3O_3S \cdot C_4H_4O_4$. Rosiglitazone maleate is a white to off-white
22 solid with a melting point range of 122° to 123°C. The pKa values of rosiglitazone maleate are
23 6.8 and 6.1. It is readily soluble in ethanol and a buffered aqueous solution with pH of 2.3;
24 solubility decreases with increasing pH in the physiological range.

25 Each pentagonal film-coated TILTAB[®] tablet contains rosiglitazone maleate equivalent to
26 rosiglitazone, 2 mg, 4 mg, or 8 mg, for oral administration. Inactive ingredients are:
27 Hypromellose 2910, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose,
28 polyethylene glycol 3000, sodium starch glycolate, titanium dioxide, triacetin, and 1 or more of
29 the following: Synthetic red and yellow iron oxides and talc.

30 **CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

31 **Mechanism of Action:** Rosiglitazone, a member of the thiazolidinedione class of antidiabetic
32 agents, improves glycemic control by improving insulin sensitivity. Rosiglitazone is a highly
33 selective and potent agonist for the peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor-gamma (PPAR γ).

34 In humans, PPAR receptors are found in key target tissues for insulin action such as adipose
35 tissue, skeletal muscle, and liver. Activation of PPAR γ nuclear receptors regulates the
36 transcription of insulin-responsive genes involved in the control of glucose production, transport,
37 and utilization. In addition, PPAR γ -responsive genes also participate in the regulation of fatty
38 acid metabolism.

39 Insulin resistance is a common feature characterizing the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes. The
40 antidiabetic activity of rosiglitazone has been demonstrated in animal models of type 2 diabetes
41 in which hyperglycemia and/or impaired glucose tolerance is a consequence of insulin resistance
42 in target tissues. Rosiglitazone reduces blood glucose concentrations and reduces
43 hyperinsulinemia in the ob/ob obese mouse, db/db diabetic mouse, and fa/fa fatty Zucker rat.

44 In animal models, rosiglitazone's antidiabetic activity was shown to be mediated by increased
45 sensitivity to insulin's action in the liver, muscle, and adipose tissues. The expression of the
46 insulin-regulated glucose transporter GLUT-4 was increased in adipose tissue. Rosiglitazone did
47 not induce hypoglycemia in animal models of type 2 diabetes and/or impaired glucose tolerance.
48 **Pharmacokinetics and Drug Metabolism:** Maximum plasma concentration (C_{max}) and the
49 area under the curve (AUC) of rosiglitazone increase in a dose-proportional manner over the
50 therapeutic dose range (see Table 1). The elimination half-life is 3 to 4 hours and is independent
51 of dose.

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53 **Table 1. Mean (SD) Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Rosiglitazone Following Single**
54 **Oral Doses (N = 32)**

Parameter	1 mg Fasting	2 mg Fasting	8 mg Fasting	8 mg Fed
AUC _{0-inf} [ng.hr./mL]	358 (112)	733 (184)	2971 (730)	2890 (795)
C_{max} [ng/mL]	76 (13)	156 (42)	598 (117)	432 (92)
Half-life [hr.]	3.16 (0.72)	3.15 (0.39)	3.37 (0.63)	3.59 (0.70)
CL/F* [L/hr.]	3.03 (0.87)	2.89 (0.71)	2.85 (0.69)	2.97 (0.81)

55 *CL/F = Oral Clearance.

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57 **Absorption:** The absolute bioavailability of rosiglitazone is 99%. Peak plasma concentrations
58 are observed about 1 hour after dosing. Administration of rosiglitazone with food resulted in no
59 change in overall exposure (AUC), but there was an approximately 28% decrease in C_{max} and a
60 delay in T_{max} (1.75 hours). These changes are not likely to be clinically significant; therefore,
61 AVANDIA may be administered with or without food.

62 **Distribution:** The mean (CV%) oral volume of distribution (V_{ss}/F) of rosiglitazone is
63 approximately 17.6 (30%) liters, based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis. Rosiglitazone
64 is approximately 99.8% bound to plasma proteins, primarily albumin.

65 **Metabolism:** Rosiglitazone is extensively metabolized with no unchanged drug excreted in the
66 urine. The major routes of metabolism were N-demethylation and hydroxylation, followed by
67 conjugation with sulfate and glucuronic acid. All the circulating metabolites are considerably
68 less potent than parent and, therefore, are not expected to contribute to the insulin-sensitizing
69 activity of rosiglitazone.

70 In vitro data demonstrate that rosiglitazone is predominantly metabolized by Cytochrome P₄₅₀
71 (CYP) isoenzyme 2C8, with CYP2C9 contributing as a minor pathway.

72 **Excretion:** Following oral or intravenous administration of [¹⁴C]rosiglitazone maleate,
73 approximately 64% and 23% of the dose was eliminated in the urine and in the feces,
74 respectively. The plasma half-life of [¹⁴C]related material ranged from 103 to 158 hours.

75 **Population Pharmacokinetics in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes:** Population
76 pharmacokinetic analyses from 3 large clinical trials including 642 men and 405 women with
77 type 2 diabetes (aged 35 to 80 years) showed that the pharmacokinetics of rosiglitazone are not
78 influenced by age, race, smoking, or alcohol consumption. Both oral clearance (CL/F) and oral
79 steady-state volume of distribution (V_{ss}/F) were shown to increase with increases in body
80 weight. Over the weight range observed in these analyses (50 to 150 kg), the range of predicted
81 CL/F and V_{ss}/F values varied by <1.7-fold and <2.3-fold, respectively. Additionally,
82 rosiglitazone CL/F was shown to be influenced by both weight and gender, being lower (about
83 15%) in female patients.

84 **Special Populations: Age:** Results of the population pharmacokinetic analysis (n = 716
85 <65 years; n = 331 ≥65 years) showed that age does not significantly affect the pharmacokinetics
86 of rosiglitazone.

87 **Gender:** Results of the population pharmacokinetics analysis showed that the mean oral
88 clearance of rosiglitazone in female patients (n = 405) was approximately 6% lower compared to
89 male patients of the same body weight (n = 642).

90 As monotherapy and in combination with metformin, AVANDIA improved glycemic control
91 in both males and females. In metformin combination studies, efficacy was demonstrated with no
92 gender differences in glycemic response.

93 In monotherapy studies, a greater therapeutic response was observed in females; however, in
94 more obese patients, gender differences were less evident. For a given body mass index (BMI),
95 females tend to have a greater fat mass than males. Since the molecular target PPAR γ is
96 expressed in adipose tissues, this differentiating characteristic may account, at least in part, for
97 the greater response to AVANDIA in females. Since therapy should be individualized, no dose
98 adjustments are necessary based on gender alone.

99 **Hepatic Impairment:** Unbound oral clearance of rosiglitazone was significantly lower in
100 patients with moderate to severe liver disease (Child-Pugh Class B/C) compared to healthy
101 subjects. As a result, unbound C_{max} and AUC_{0-inf} were increased 2- and 3-fold, respectively.

102 Elimination half-life for rosiglitazone was about 2 hours longer in patients with liver disease,
103 compared to healthy subjects.

104 Therapy with AVANDIA should not be initiated if the patient exhibits clinical evidence of
105 active liver disease or increased serum transaminase levels (ALT >2.5X upper limit of normal) at
106 baseline (see PRECAUTIONS, General, *Hepatic Effects*).

107 **Renal Impairment:** There are no clinically relevant differences in the pharmacokinetics of
108 rosiglitazone in patients with mild to severe renal impairment or in hemodialysis-dependent
109 patients compared to subjects with normal renal function. No dosage adjustment is therefore
110 required in such patients receiving AVANDIA. Since metformin is contraindicated in patients
111 with renal impairment, co-administration of metformin with AVANDIA is contraindicated in
112 these patients.

113 **Race:** Results of a population pharmacokinetic analysis including subjects of Caucasian,
114 black, and other ethnic origins indicate that race has no influence on the pharmacokinetics of
115 rosiglitazone.

116 **Pediatric Use:** The safety and effectiveness of AVANDIA in pediatric patients have not
117 been established.

118 **CLINICAL STUDIES**

119 In clinical studies, treatment with AVANDIA resulted in an improvement in glycemic control,
120 as measured by fasting plasma glucose (FPG) and hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), with a concurrent
121 reduction in insulin and C-peptide. Postprandial glucose and insulin were also reduced. This is
122 consistent with the mechanism of action of AVANDIA as an insulin sensitizer. The improvement
123 in glycemic control was durable, with maintenance of effect for 52 weeks. The maximum
124 recommended daily dose is 8 mg. Dose-ranging studies suggested that no additional benefit was
125 obtained with a total daily dose of 12 mg.

126 The addition of AVANDIA to either metformin, a sulfonylurea, or insulin resulted in
127 significant reductions in hyperglycemia compared to any of these agents alone. These results are
128 consistent with an additive effect on glycemic control when AVANDIA is used as combination
129 therapy.

130 Patients with lipid abnormalities were not excluded from clinical trials of AVANDIA. In all
131 26-week controlled trials, across the recommended dose range, AVANDIA as monotherapy was
132 associated with increases in total cholesterol, LDL, and HDL and decreases in free fatty acids.
133 These changes were statistically significantly different from placebo or glyburide controls (see
134 [Table 2](#)).

135 Increases in LDL occurred primarily during the first 1 to 2 months of therapy with AVANDIA
136 and LDL levels remained elevated above baseline throughout the trials. In contrast, HDL
137 continued to rise over time. As a result, the LDL/HDL ratio peaked after 2 months of therapy and
138 then appeared to decrease over time. Because of the temporal nature of lipid changes, the
139 52-week glyburide-controlled study is most pertinent to assess long-term effects on lipids. At
140 baseline, week 26, and week 52, mean LDL/HDL ratios were 3.1, 3.2, and 3.0, respectively, for

141 AVANDIA 4 mg twice daily. The corresponding values for glyburide were 3.2, 3.1, and 2.9. The
 142 differences in change from baseline between AVANDIA and glyburide at week 52 were
 143 statistically significant.

144 The pattern of LDL and HDL changes following therapy with AVANDIA in combination
 145 with other hypoglycemic agents were generally similar to those seen with AVANDIA in
 146 monotherapy.

147 The changes in triglycerides during therapy with AVANDIA were variable and were
 148 generally not statistically different from placebo or glyburide controls.

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150 **Table 2. Summary of Mean Lipid Changes in 26-Week Placebo-Controlled and 52-Week**
 151 **Glyburide-Controlled Monotherapy Studies**

	Placebo-controlled Studies			Glyburide-controlled Study			
	Week 26			Week 26 and Week 52			
	Placebo	AVANDIA		Glyburide Titration		AVANDIA 8 mg	
		4 mg daily*	8 mg daily*	Wk 26	Wk 52	Wk 26	Wk 52
Free Fatty Acids							
N	207	428	436	181	168	166	145
Baseline (mean)	18.1	17.5	17.9	26.4	26.4	26.9	26.6
% Change from baseline (mean)	+0.2%	-7.8%	-14.7%	-2.4%	-4.7%	-20.8%	-21.5%
LDL							
N	190	400	374	175	160	161	133
Baseline (mean)	123.7	126.8	125.3	142.7	141.9	142.1	142.1
% Change from baseline (mean)	+4.8%	+14.1%	+18.6%	-0.9%	-0.5%	+11.9%	+12.1%
HDL							
N	208	429	436	184	170	170	145
Baseline (mean)	44.1	44.4	43.0	47.2	47.7	48.4	48.3
% Change from baseline (mean)	+8.0%	+11.4%	+14.2%	+4.3%	+8.7%	+14.0%	+18.5%

152 *Once daily and twice daily dosing groups were combined.

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154 **Monotherapy:** A total of 2,315 patients with type 2 diabetes, previously treated with diet alone
 155 or antidiabetic medication(s), were treated with AVANDIA as monotherapy in 6 double-blind
 156 studies, which included two 26-week placebo-controlled studies, one 52-week
 157 glyburide-controlled study, and 3 placebo-controlled dose-ranging studies of 8 to 12 weeks
 158 duration. Previous antidiabetic medication(s) were withdrawn and patients entered a 2 to 4 week
 159 placebo run-in period prior to randomization.

160 Two 26-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials, in patients with type 2 diabetes with
161 inadequate glycemic control (mean baseline FPG approximately 228 mg/dL and mean baseline
162 HbA1c 8.9%), were conducted. Treatment with AVANDIA produced statistically significant
163 improvements in FPG and HbA1c compared to baseline and relative to placebo (see [Table 3](#)).
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Table 3. Glycemic Parameters in Two 26-Week Placebo-Controlled Trials

Study A	Placebo	AVANDIA 2 mg twice daily		AVANDIA 4 mg twice daily	
N	158	166		169	
FPG (mg/dL)					
Baseline (mean)	229	227		220	
Change from baseline (mean)	19	-38		-54	
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean)		-58*		-76*	
Responders (≥ 30 mg/dL decrease from baseline)	16%	54%		64%	
HbA1c (%)					
Baseline (mean)	9.0	9.0		8.8	
Change from baseline (mean)	0.9	-0.3		-0.6	
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean)		-1.2*		-1.5*	
Responders ($\geq 0.7\%$ decrease from baseline)	6%	40%		42%	
		AVANDIA		AVANDIA	
Study B	Placebo	4 mg once daily	2 mg twice daily	8 mg once daily	4 mg twice daily
N	173	180	186	181	187
FPG (mg/dL)					
Baseline (mean)	225	229	225	228	228
Change from baseline (mean)	8	-25	-35	-42	-55
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean)	–	-31*	-43*	-49*	-62*
Responders (≥ 30 mg/dL decrease from baseline)	19%	45%	54%	58%	70%
HbA1c (%)					
Baseline (mean)	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	9.0
Change from baseline (mean)	0.8	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7
Difference from placebo (adjusted mean)	–	-0.8*	-0.9*	-1.1*	-1.5*
Responders ($\geq 0.7\%$ decrease from baseline)	9%	28%	29%	39%	54%

* <0.0001 compared to placebo.

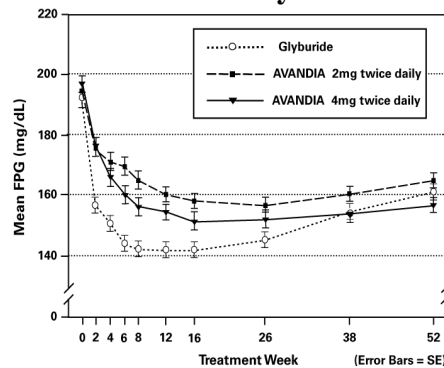
168 When administered at the same total daily dose, AVANDIA was generally more effective in
169 reducing FPG and HbA1c when administered in divided doses twice daily compared to once
170 daily doses. However, for HbA1c, the difference between the 4 mg once daily and 2 mg twice
171 daily doses was not statistically significant.

172 Long-term maintenance of effect was evaluated in a 52-week, double-blind,
173 glyburide-controlled trial in patients with type 2 diabetes. Patients were randomized to treatment
174 with AVANDIA 2 mg twice daily (N = 195) or AVANDIA 4 mg twice daily (N = 189) or
175 glyburide (N = 202) for 52 weeks. Patients receiving glyburide were given an initial dosage of
176 either 2.5 mg/day or 5.0 mg/day. The dosage was then titrated in 2.5 mg/day increments over the
177 next 12 weeks, to a maximum dosage of 15.0 mg/day in order to optimize glycemic control.
178 Thereafter the glyburide dose was kept constant.

179 The median titrated dose of glyburide was 7.5 mg. All treatments resulted in a statistically
180 significant improvement in glycemic control from baseline (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). At the
181 end of week 52, the reduction from baseline in FPG and HbA1c was -40.8 mg/dL and -0.53%
182 with AVANDIA 4 mg twice daily; -25.4 mg/dL and -0.27% with AVANDIA 2 mg twice daily;
183 and -30.0 mg/dL and -0.72% with glyburide. For HbA1c, the difference between AVANDIA
184 4 mg twice daily and glyburide was not statistically significant at week 52. The initial fall in FPG
185 with glyburide was greater than with AVANDIA; however, this effect was less durable over
186 time. The improvement in glycemic control seen with AVANDIA 4 mg twice daily at week 26
187 was maintained through week 52 of the study.

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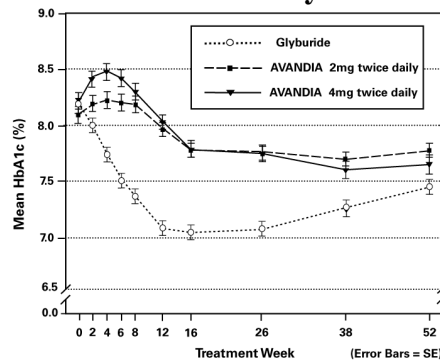
189 **Figure 1. Mean FPG Over Time in a 52-Week Glyburide-Controlled Study**



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192 **Figure 2. Mean HbA1c Over Time in a 52-Week Glyburide-Controlled Study**



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195 Hypoglycemia was reported in 12.1% of glyburide-treated patients versus 0.5% (2 mg twice
196 daily) and 1.6% (4 mg twice daily) of patients treated with AVANDIA. The improvements in
197 glycemic control were associated with a mean weight gain of 1.75 kg and 2.95 kg for patients
198 treated with 2 mg and 4 mg twice daily of AVANDIA, respectively, versus 1.9 kg in
199 glyburide-treated patients. In patients treated with AVANDIA, C-peptide, insulin, pro-insulin,
200 and pro-insulin split products were significantly reduced in a dose-ordered fashion, compared to
201 an increase in the glyburide-treated patients.

202 **Combination With Metformin:** A total of 670 patients with type 2 diabetes participated in
203 two 26-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo/active-controlled studies designed to assess the
204 efficacy of AVANDIA in combination with metformin. AVANDIA, administered in either once
205 daily or twice daily dosing regimens, was added to the therapy of patients who were inadequately
206 controlled on a maximum dose (2.5 grams/day) of metformin.

207 In one study, patients inadequately controlled on 2.5 grams/day of metformin (mean baseline
208 FPG 216 mg/dL and mean baseline HbA1c 8.8%) were randomized to receive 4 mg of
209 AVANDIA once daily, 8 mg of AVANDIA once daily, or placebo in addition to metformin. A
210 statistically significant improvement in FPG and HbA1c was observed in patients treated with
211 the combinations of metformin and 4 mg of AVANDIA once daily and 8 mg of AVANDIA once
212 daily, versus patients continued on metformin alone (see [Table 4](#)).

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Table 4. Glycemic Parameters in a 26-Week Combination Study

	Metformin	AVANDIA 4 mg once daily + metformin	AVANDIA 8 mg once daily + metformin
N	113	116	110
FPG (mg/dL)			
Baseline (mean)	214	215	220
Change from baseline (mean)	6	-33	-48
Difference from metformin alone (adjusted mean)		-40*	-53*
Responders (≥ 30 mg/dL decrease from baseline)	20%	45%	61%
HbA1c (%)			
Baseline (mean)	8.6	8.9	8.9
Change from baseline (mean)	0.5	-0.6	-0.8
Difference from metformin alone (adjusted mean)		-1.0*	-1.2*
Responders ($\geq 0.7\%$ decrease from baseline)	11%	45%	52%

215 * <0.0001 compared to metformin.

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217 In a second 26-week study, patients with type 2 diabetes inadequately controlled on
218 2.5 grams/day of metformin who were randomized to receive the combination of AVANDIA
219 4 mg twice daily and metformin (N = 105) showed a statistically significant improvement in
220 glycemic control with a mean treatment effect for FPG of -56 mg/dL and a mean treatment effect
221 for HbA1c of -0.8% over metformin alone. The combination of metformin and AVANDIA
222 resulted in lower levels of FPG and HbA1c than either agent alone.

223 Patients who were inadequately controlled on a maximum dose (2.5 grams/day) of metformin
224 and who were switched to monotherapy with AVANDIA demonstrated loss of glycemic control,
225 as evidenced by increases in FPG and HbA1c. In this group, increases in LDL and VLDL were
226 also seen.

227 **Combination With a Sulfonylurea:** A total of 1,216 patients with type 2 diabetes
228 participated in three 26-week randomized, double-blind, placebo/active-controlled studies
229 designed to assess the efficacy and safety of AVANDIA in combination with a sulfonylurea.
230 AVANDIA 2 mg or 4 mg daily, was administered either once daily or in divided doses twice
231 daily, to patients inadequately controlled on a sulfonylurea.

232 In the two placebo-controlled studies, patients inadequately controlled on sulfonylureas that
233 were randomized to single dose or divided doses of AVANDIA 4 mg daily plus a sulfonylurea
234 showed significantly reduced FPG and HbA1c compared to sulfonylurea plus placebo (see [Table](#)
235 [5](#)).

Table 5. Glycemic Parameters in Two 26-Week Combination Studies

Study C (patients on prior sulfonylurea monotherapy)	Sulfonylurea	AVANDIA 2 mg twice daily + sulfonylurea
N	192	183
FPG (mg/dL)		
Baseline (mean)	207	205
Change from baseline (mean)	+6	-38
Difference from sulfonylurea alone (adjusted mean)	-	-44*
Responders (≥ 30 mg/dL decrease from baseline)	21%	56%
HbA1c (%)		
Baseline (mean)	9.2	9.2
Change from baseline (mean)	+0.2	-0.9
Difference from sulfonylurea alone (adjusted mean)	-	-1.0*
Study D (patients on prior single or multiple therapies)	Sulfonylurea	AVANDIA 4 mg once daily + sulfonylurea
N	115	116
FPG (mg/dL)		
Baseline (mean)	209	214
Change from baseline (mean)	+23	-25
Difference from sulfonylurea alone (adjusted mean)	-	-47*
Responders (≥ 30 mg/dL decrease from baseline)	13%	46%
HbA1c (%)		
Baseline (mean)	8.9	9.1
Change from baseline (mean)	+0.6	-0.3
Difference from sulfonylurea alone (adjusted mean)	-	-0.9*

* ≤ 0.0001 compared to sulfonylurea plus placebo.

In the third study, including patients on prior single or multiple therapies, in patients inadequately controlled on the maximal dose of glyburide (20 mg daily), 2 mg of AVANDIA twice daily plus sulfonylurea significantly reduced FPG (n = 98, mean change from baseline of -31 mg/dL) and HbA1c (mean change from baseline of -0.5%) compared to sulfonylurea plus

244 placebo (n = 99, mean change from baseline of FPG of +24 mg/dL and of HbA1c of +0.9%). The
245 combination of sulfonylurea and AVANDIA resulted in lower levels of FPG and HbA1c than
246 either agent alone. Patients who were switched from maximal dose of glyburide to 2 mg of
247 AVANDIA twice daily as monotherapy demonstrated loss of glycemic control, as evidenced by
248 increases in FPG and HbA1c.

249 **Combination With Insulin:** In two 26-week randomized, double-blind, fixed-dose studies
250 designed to assess the efficacy and safety of AVANDIA in combination with insulin, patients
251 inadequately controlled on insulin (65 to 67 units/day, mean range at baseline) were randomized
252 to receive AVANDIA 4 mg plus insulin (n = 206) or placebo plus insulin (n = 203). The mean
253 duration of disease in these patients was 12 to 13 years.

254 Compared to insulin plus placebo, single or divided doses of AVANDIA 4 mg daily plus
255 insulin significantly reduced FPG (mean reduction of 32 to 40 mg/dL) and HbA1c (mean
256 reduction of 0.6% to 0.7%). Approximately 40% of all patients treated with AVANDIA reduced
257 their insulin dose.

258 **INDICATIONS AND USAGE**

259 AVANDIA is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in
260 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus. AVANDIA is indicated as monotherapy. AVANDIA is
261 also indicated for use in combination with a sulfonylurea, metformin, or insulin when diet,
262 exercise, and a single agent do not result in adequate glycemic control. For patients inadequately
263 controlled with a maximum dose of a sulfonylurea or metformin, AVANDIA should be added to,
264 rather than substituted for, a sulfonylurea or metformin.

265 Management of type 2 diabetes should include diet control. Caloric restriction, weight loss,
266 and exercise are essential for the proper treatment of the diabetic patient because they help
267 improve insulin sensitivity. This is important not only in the primary treatment of type 2
268 diabetes, but also in maintaining the efficacy of drug therapy. Prior to initiation of therapy with
269 AVANDIA, secondary causes of poor glycemic control, e.g., infection, should be investigated
270 and treated.

271 **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

272 AVANDIA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to this product or any
273 of its components.

274 **WARNINGS**

275 **Cardiac Failure and Other Cardiac Effects:** AVANDIA, like other thiazolidinediones,
276 alone or in combination with other antidiabetic agents, can cause fluid retention, which may
277 exacerbate or lead to heart failure. Patients should be observed for signs and symptoms of heart
278 failure. In combination with insulin, thiazolidinediones may also increase the risk of other
279 cardiovascular adverse events. AVANDIA should be discontinued if any deterioration in cardiac
280 status occurs.

281 Patients with New York Heart Association (NYHA) Class 3 and 4 cardiac status were not
282 studied during the clinical trials. AVANDIA is not recommended in patients with NYHA Class 3
283 and 4 cardiac status.

284 In three 26-week trials in patients with type 2 diabetes, 216 received 4 mg of AVANDIA plus
285 insulin, 322 received 8 mg of AVANDIA plus insulin, and 338 received insulin alone. These
286 trials included patients with long-standing diabetes and a high prevalence of pre-existing medical
287 conditions, including peripheral neuropathy, retinopathy, ischemic heart disease, vascular
288 disease, and congestive heart failure. In these clinical studies an increased incidence of edema,
289 cardiac failure, and other cardiovascular adverse events was seen in patients on AVANDIA and
290 insulin combination therapy compared to insulin and placebo. Patients who experienced
291 cardiovascular events were on average older and had a longer duration of diabetes. These
292 cardiovascular events were noted at both the 4 mg and 8 mg daily doses of AVANDIA. In this
293 population, however, it was not possible to determine specific risk factors that could be used to
294 identify all patients at risk of heart failure and other cardiovascular events on combination
295 therapy. Three of 10 patients who developed cardiac failure on combination therapy during the
296 double blind part of the fixed-dose studies had no known prior evidence of congestive heart
297 failure, or pre-existing cardiac condition.

298 In a double-blind study in type 2 diabetes patients with chronic renal failure (112 received
299 4 mg or 8 mg of AVANDIA plus insulin and 108 received insulin control), there was no
300 difference in cardiovascular adverse events with AVANDIA in combination with insulin
301 compared to insulin control.

302 Patients treated with combination AVANDIA and insulin should be monitored for
303 cardiovascular adverse events. This combination therapy should be discontinued in patients who
304 do not respond as manifested by a reduction in HbA1c or insulin dose after 4 to 5 months of
305 therapy or who develop any significant adverse events. (See [ADVERSE REACTIONS.](#))

306 **PRECAUTIONS**

307 **General:** Due to its mechanism of action, AVANDIA is active only in the presence of
308 endogenous insulin. Therefore, AVANDIA should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or
309 for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis.

310 **Hypoglycemia:** Patients receiving AVANDIA in combination with other hypoglycemic
311 agents may be at risk for hypoglycemia, and a reduction in the dose of the concomitant agent
312 may be necessary.

313 **Edema:** AVANDIA should be used with caution in patients with edema. In a clinical study
314 in healthy volunteers who received 8 mg of AVANDIA once daily for 8 weeks, there was a
315 statistically significant increase in median plasma volume compared to placebo.

316 Since thiazolidinediones, including rosiglitazone, can cause fluid retention, which can
317 exacerbate or lead to congestive heart failure, AVANDIA should be used with caution in patients
318 at risk for heart failure. Patients should be monitored for signs and symptoms of heart failure (see

319 WARNINGS, [Cardiac Failure and Other Cardiac Effects](#) and PRECAUTIONS, [Information for](#)
320 [Patients](#)).

321 In controlled clinical trials of patients with type 2 diabetes, mild to moderate edema was
322 reported in patients treated with AVANDIA, and may be dose related. Patients with ongoing
323 edema are more likely to have adverse events associated with edema if started on combination
324 therapy with insulin and AVANDIA (see [ADVERSE REACTIONS](#)).

325 **Weight Gain:** Dose-related weight gain was seen with AVANDIA alone and in combination
326 with other hypoglycemic agents (see Table 6). The mechanism of weight gain is unclear but
327 probably involves a combination of fluid retention and fat accumulation.

328 In postmarketing experience, there have been rare reports of unusually rapid increases in
329 weight and increases in excess of that generally observed in clinical trials. Patients who
330 experience such increases should be assessed for fluid accumulation and volume-related events
331 such as excessive edema and congestive heart failure.

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333 **Table 6. Weight Changes (kg) From Baseline During Clinical Trials With AVANDIA**

		Control Group		AVANDIA 4 mg	AVANDIA 8 mg
			Median (25 th , 75 th percentile)	Median (25 th , 75 th percentile)	Median (25 th , 75 th percentile)
Monotherapy	Duration				
	26 weeks	placebo	-0.9 (-2.8, 0.9)	1.0 (-0.9, 3.6)	3.1 (1.1, 5.8)
	52 weeks	sulfonylurea	2.0 (0, 4.0)	2.0 (-0.6, 4.0)	2.6 (0, 5.3)
Combination therapy					
sulfonylurea	26 weeks	sulfonylurea	0 (-1.3, 1.2)	1.8 (0, 3.1)	–
metformin	26 weeks	metformin	-1.4 (-3.2, 0.2)	0.8 (-1.0, 2.6)	2.1 (0, 4.3)
insulin	26 weeks	insulin	0.9 (-0.5, 2.7)	4.1 (1.4, 6.3)	5.4 (3.4, 7.3)

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335 **Hematologic:** Across all controlled clinical studies, decreases in hemoglobin and hematocrit
336 (mean decreases in individual studies ≤ 1.0 gram/dL and $\leq 3.3\%$, respectively) were observed for
337 AVANDIA alone and in combination with other hypoglycemic agents. The changes occurred
338 primarily during the first 3 months following initiation of therapy with AVANDIA or following
339 a dose increase in AVANDIA. White blood cell counts also decreased slightly in patients treated
340 with AVANDIA. The observed changes may be related to the increased plasma volume observed
341 with treatment with AVANDIA and may be dose related (see [ADVERSE REACTIONS](#),
342 [Laboratory Abnormalities](#), [Hematologic](#)).

343 **Ovulation:** Therapy with AVANDIA, like other thiazolidinediones, may result in ovulation
344 in some premenopausal anovulatory women. As a result, these patients may be at an increased
345 risk for pregnancy while taking AVANDIA (see [PRECAUTIONS](#), [Pregnancy](#), [Pregnancy](#)
346 [Category C](#)). Thus, adequate contraception in premenopausal women should be recommended.

347 This possible effect has not been specifically investigated in clinical studies so the frequency of
348 this occurrence is not known.

349 Although hormonal imbalance has been seen in preclinical studies (see PRECAUTIONS,
350 [Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility](#)), the clinical significance of this finding is
351 not known. If unexpected menstrual dysfunction occurs, the benefits of continued therapy with
352 AVANDIA should be reviewed.

353 **Hepatic Effects:** Another drug of the thiazolidinedione class, troglitazone, was associated
354 with idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity, and very rare cases of liver failure, liver transplants, and death
355 were reported during clinical use. In pre-approval controlled clinical trials in patients with type 2
356 diabetes, troglitazone was more frequently associated with clinically significant elevations in
357 liver enzymes (ALT >3X upper limit of normal) compared to placebo. Very rare cases of
358 reversible jaundice were also reported.

359 In pre-approval clinical studies in 4,598 patients treated with AVANDIA, encompassing
360 approximately 3,600 patient years of exposure, there was no signal of drug-induced
361 hepatotoxicity or elevation of ALT levels. In the pre-approval controlled trials, 0.2% of patients
362 treated with AVANDIA had elevations in ALT >3X the upper limit of normal compared to 0.2%
363 on placebo and 0.5% on active comparators. The ALT elevations in patients treated with
364 AVANDIA were reversible and were not clearly causally related to therapy with AVANDIA.

365 In postmarketing experience with AVANDIA, reports of hepatitis and of hepatic enzyme
366 elevations to 3 or more times the upper limit of normal have been received. Very rarely, these
367 reports have involved hepatic failure with and without fatal outcome, although causality has not
368 been established. Rosiglitazone is structurally related to troglitazone, a thiazolidinedione no
369 longer marketed in the United States, which was associated with idiosyncratic hepatotoxicity and
370 rare cases of liver failure, liver transplants, and death during clinical use. Pending the availability
371 of the results of additional large, long-term controlled clinical trials and additional postmarketing
372 safety data, it is recommended that patients treated with AVANDIA undergo periodic monitoring
373 of liver enzymes.

374 Liver enzymes should be checked prior to the initiation of therapy with AVANDIA in all
375 patients and periodically thereafter per the clinical judgement of the healthcare professional.
376 Therapy with AVANDIA should not be initiated in patients with increased baseline liver enzyme
377 levels (ALT >2.5X upper limit of normal). Patients with mildly elevated liver enzymes (ALT
378 levels ≤2.5X upper limit of normal) at baseline or during therapy with AVANDIA should be
379 evaluated to determine the cause of the liver enzyme elevation. Initiation of, or continuation of,
380 therapy with AVANDIA in patients with mild liver enzyme elevations should proceed with
381 caution and include close clinical follow-up, including more frequent liver enzyme monitoring,
382 to determine if the liver enzyme elevations resolve or worsen. If at any time ALT levels increase
383 to >3X the upper limit of normal in patients on therapy with AVANDIA, liver enzyme levels
384 should be rechecked as soon as possible. If ALT levels remain >3X the upper limit of normal,
385 therapy with AVANDIA should be discontinued.

386 If any patient develops symptoms suggesting hepatic dysfunction, which may include
387 unexplained nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, fatigue, anorexia and/or dark urine, liver
388 enzymes should be checked. The decision whether to continue the patient on therapy with
389 AVANDIA should be guided by clinical judgment pending laboratory evaluations. If jaundice is
390 observed, drug therapy should be discontinued.

391 There are no data available from clinical trials to evaluate the safety of AVANDIA in patients
392 who experienced liver abnormalities, hepatic dysfunction, or jaundice while on troglitazone.
393 AVANDIA should not be used in patients who experienced jaundice while taking troglitazone.

394 **Laboratory Tests:** Periodic fasting blood glucose and HbA1c measurements should be
395 performed to monitor therapeutic response.

396 Liver enzyme monitoring is recommended prior to initiation of therapy with AVANDIA in all
397 patients and periodically thereafter (see PRECAUTIONS, General, *Hepatic Effects* and
398 ADVERSE REACTIONS, Laboratory Abnormalities, *Serum Transaminase Levels*).

399 **Information for Patients:** Patients should be informed of the following: Management of
400 type 2 diabetes should include diet control. Caloric restriction, weight loss, and exercise are
401 essential for the proper treatment of the diabetic patient because they help improve insulin
402 sensitivity. This is important not only in the primary treatment of type 2 diabetes, but in
403 maintaining the efficacy of drug therapy.

404 It is important to adhere to dietary instructions and to regularly have blood glucose and
405 glycosylated hemoglobin tested. Patients should be advised that it can take 2 weeks to see a
406 reduction in blood glucose and 2 to 3 months to see full effect. Patients should be informed that
407 blood will be drawn to check their liver function prior to the start of therapy and periodically
408 thereafter per the clinical judgement of the healthcare professional. Patients with unexplained
409 symptoms of nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, fatigue, anorexia, or dark urine should
410 immediately report these symptoms to their physician. Patients who experience an unusually
411 rapid increase in weight or edema or who develop shortness of breath or other symptoms of heart
412 failure while on AVANDIA should immediately report these symptoms to their physician.

413 AVANDIA can be taken with or without meals.

414 When using AVANDIA in combination with other hypoglycemic agents, the risk of
415 hypoglycemia, its symptoms and treatment, and conditions that predispose to its development
416 should be explained to patients and their family members.

417 Therapy with AVANDIA, like other thiazolidinediones, may result in ovulation in some
418 premenopausal anovulatory women. As a result, these patients may be at an increased risk for
419 pregnancy while taking AVANDIA (see PRECAUTIONS, Pregnancy, *Pregnancy Category C*).
420 Thus, adequate contraception in premenopausal women should be recommended. This possible
421 effect has not been specifically investigated in clinical studies so the frequency of this occurrence
422 is not known.

423 **Drug Interactions: *Drugs Metabolized by Cytochrome P₄₅₀*:** In vitro drug metabolism
424 studies suggest that rosiglitazone does not inhibit any of the major P₄₅₀ enzymes at clinically

425 relevant concentrations. In vitro data demonstrate that rosiglitazone is predominantly
426 metabolized by CYP2C8, and to a lesser extent, 2C9.

427 AVANDIA (4 mg twice daily) was shown to have no clinically relevant effect on the
428 pharmacokinetics of nifedipine and oral contraceptives (ethinyl estradiol and norethindrone),
429 which are predominantly metabolized by CYP3A4.

430 **Glyburide:** AVANDIA (2 mg twice daily) taken concomitantly with glyburide (3.75 to
431 10 mg/day) for 7 days did not alter the mean steady-state 24-hour plasma glucose concentrations
432 in diabetic patients stabilized on glyburide therapy.

433 **Metformin:** Concurrent administration of AVANDIA (2 mg twice daily) and metformin
434 (500 mg twice daily) in healthy volunteers for 4 days had no effect on the steady-state
435 pharmacokinetics of either metformin or rosiglitazone.

436 **Acarbose:** Coadministration of acarbose (100 mg three times daily) for 7 days in healthy
437 volunteers had no clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of a single oral dose of
438 AVANDIA.

439 **Digoxin:** Repeat oral dosing of AVANDIA (8 mg once daily) for 14 days did not alter the
440 steady-state pharmacokinetics of digoxin (0.375 mg once daily) in healthy volunteers.

441 **Warfarin:** Repeat dosing with AVANDIA had no clinically relevant effect on the
442 steady-state pharmacokinetics of warfarin enantiomers.

443 **Ethanol:** A single administration of a moderate amount of alcohol did not increase the risk
444 of acute hypoglycemia in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients treated with AVANDIA.

445 **Ranitidine:** Pretreatment with ranitidine (150 mg twice daily for 4 days) did not alter the
446 pharmacokinetics of either single oral or intravenous doses of rosiglitazone in healthy volunteers.
447 These results suggest that the absorption of oral rosiglitazone is not altered in conditions
448 accompanied by increases in gastrointestinal pH.

449 **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Carcinogenesis:** A 2-year
450 carcinogenicity study was conducted in Charles River CD-1 mice at doses of 0.4, 1.5, and
451 6 mg/kg/day in the diet (highest dose equivalent to approximately 12 times human AUC at the
452 maximum recommended human daily dose). Sprague-Dawley rats were dosed for 2 years by oral
453 gavage at doses of 0.05, 0.3, and 2 mg/kg/day (highest dose equivalent to approximately 10 and
454 20 times human AUC at the maximum recommended human daily dose for male and female rats,
455 respectively).

456 Rosiglitazone was not carcinogenic in the mouse. There was an increase in incidence of
457 adipose hyperplasia in the mouse at doses ≥ 1.5 mg/kg/day (approximately 2 times human AUC
458 at the maximum recommended human daily dose). In rats, there was a significant increase in the
459 incidence of benign adipose tissue tumors (lipomas) at doses ≥ 0.3 mg/kg/day (approximately
460 2 times human AUC at the maximum recommended human daily dose). These proliferative
461 changes in both species are considered due to the persistent pharmacological overstimulation of
462 adipose tissue.

463 **Mutagenesis:** Rosiglitazone was not mutagenic or clastogenic in the in vitro bacterial
464 assays for gene mutation, the in vitro chromosome aberration test in human lymphocytes, the in

465 vivo mouse micronucleus test, and the in vivo/in vitro rat UDS assay. There was a small (about
466 2-fold) increase in mutation in the in vitro mouse lymphoma assay in the presence of metabolic
467 activation.

468 **Impairment of Fertility:** Rosiglitazone had no effects on mating or fertility of male rats
469 given up to 40 mg/kg/day (approximately 116 times human AUC at the maximum recommended
470 human daily dose). Rosiglitazone altered estrous cyclicity (2 mg/kg/day) and reduced fertility
471 (40 mg/kg/day) of female rats in association with lower plasma levels of progesterone and
472 estradiol (approximately 20 and 200 times human AUC at the maximum recommended human
473 daily dose, respectively). No such effects were noted at 0.2 mg/kg/day (approximately 3 times
474 human AUC at the maximum recommended human daily dose). In monkeys, rosiglitazone
475 (0.6 and 4.6 mg/kg/day; approximately 3 and 15 times human AUC at the maximum
476 recommended human daily dose, respectively) diminished the follicular phase rise in serum
477 estradiol with consequential reduction in the luteinizing hormone surge, lower luteal phase
478 progesterone levels, and amenorrhea. The mechanism for these effects appears to be direct
479 inhibition of ovarian steroidogenesis.

480 **Animal Toxicology:** Heart weights were increased in mice (3 mg/kg/day), rats (5 mg/kg/day),
481 and dogs (2 mg/kg/day) with rosiglitazone treatments (approximately 5, 22, and 2 times human
482 AUC at the maximum recommended human daily dose, respectively). Morphometric
483 measurement indicated that there was hypertrophy in cardiac ventricular tissues, which may be
484 due to increased heart work as a result of plasma volume expansion.

485 **Pregnancy: Pregnancy Category C:** There was no effect on implantation or the embryo
486 with rosiglitazone treatment during early pregnancy in rats, but treatment during mid-late
487 gestation was associated with fetal death and growth retardation in both rats and rabbits.
488 Teratogenicity was not observed at doses up to 3 mg/kg in rats and 100 mg/kg in rabbits
489 (approximately 20 and 75 times human AUC at the maximum recommended human daily dose,
490 respectively). Rosiglitazone caused placental pathology in rats (3 mg/kg/day). Treatment of rats
491 during gestation through lactation reduced litter size, neonatal viability, and postnatal growth,
492 with growth retardation reversible after puberty. For effects on the placenta, embryo/fetus, and
493 offspring, the no-effect dose was 0.2 mg/kg/day in rats and 15 mg/kg/day in rabbits. These
494 no-effect levels are approximately 4 times human AUC at the maximum recommended human
495 daily dose.

496 There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. AVANDIA should not
497 be used during pregnancy unless the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

498 Because current information strongly suggests that abnormal blood glucose levels during
499 pregnancy are associated with a higher incidence of congenital anomalies as well as increased
500 neonatal morbidity and mortality, most experts recommend that insulin monotherapy be used
501 during pregnancy to maintain blood glucose levels as close to normal as possible.

502 **Labor and Delivery:** The effect of rosiglitazone on labor and delivery in humans is not known.

503 **Nursing Mothers:** Drug-related material was detected in milk from lactating rats. It is not
504 known whether AVANDIA is excreted in human milk. Because many drugs are excreted in
505 human milk, AVANDIA should not be administered to a nursing woman.

506 **ADVERSE REACTIONS**

507 In clinical trials, approximately 4,600 patients with type 2 diabetes have been treated with
508 AVANDIA; 3,300 patients were treated for 6 months or longer and 2,000 patients were treated
509 for 12 months or longer.

510 **Trials of AVANDIA as Monotherapy and in Combination With Other Hypoglycemic**
511 **Agents:** The incidence and types of adverse events reported in clinical trials of AVANDIA as
512 monotherapy are shown in Table 7.

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514 **Table 7. Adverse Events (≥5% in Any Treatment Group) Reported by Patients in**
515 **Double-blind Clinical Trials With AVANDIA as Monotherapy**

Preferred Term	AVANDIA Monotherapy N = 2526	Placebo N = 601	Metformin N = 225	Sulfonylureas* N = 626
	%	%	%	%
Upper respiratory tract infection	9.9	8.7	8.9	7.3
Injury	7.6	4.3	7.6	6.1
Headache	5.9	5.0	8.9	5.4
Back pain	4.0	3.8	4.0	5.0
Hyperglycemia	3.9	5.7	4.4	8.1
Fatigue	3.6	5.0	4.0	1.9
Sinusitis	3.2	4.5	5.3	3.0
Diarrhea	2.3	3.3	15.6	3.0
Hypoglycemia	0.6	0.2	1.3	5.9

516 *Includes patients receiving glyburide (N = 514), gliclazide (N = 91) or glipizide (N = 21).

517

518 There were a small number of patients treated with AVANDIA who had adverse events of
519 anemia and edema. Overall, these events were generally mild to moderate in severity and usually
520 did not require discontinuation of treatment with AVANDIA.

521 In double-blind studies, anemia was reported in 1.9% of patients receiving AVANDIA
522 compared to 0.7% on placebo, 0.6% on sulfonylureas, and 2.2% on metformin. Edema was
523 reported in 4.8% of patients receiving AVANDIA compared to 1.3% on placebo, 1.0% on
524 sulfonylureas, and 2.2% on metformin. Overall, the types of adverse experiences reported when
525 AVANDIA was used in combination with a sulfonylurea or metformin were similar to those
526 during monotherapy with AVANDIA. Reports of anemia (7.1%) were greater in patients treated

527 with a combination of AVANDIA and metformin compared to monotherapy with AVANDIA or
528 in combination with a sulfonylurea.

529 Lower pre-treatment hemoglobin/hematocrit levels in patients enrolled in the metformin
530 combination clinical trials may have contributed to the higher reporting rate of anemia in these
531 studies (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Laboratory Abnormalities, *Hematologic*).

532 In 26-week double-blind, fixed-dose studies, edema was reported with higher frequency in the
533 AVANDIA plus insulin combination trials (insulin, 5.4%; and AVANDIA in combination with
534 insulin, 14.7%). Reports of new onset or exacerbation of congestive heart failure occurred at
535 rates of 1% for insulin alone, and 2% (4 mg) and 3% (8 mg) for insulin in combination with
536 AVANDIA (see WARNINGS, [Cardiac Failure and Other Cardiac Effects](#)).

537 In postmarketing experience with AVANDIA, adverse events potentially related to volume
538 expansion (e.g., congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema, and pleural effusions) have been
539 reported.

540 Hypoglycemia was the most frequently reported adverse event in the fixed-dose insulin
541 combination trials, although few patients withdrew for hypoglycemia (4 of 408 for AVANDIA
542 plus insulin and 1 of 203 for insulin alone). Rates of hypoglycemia, confirmed by capillary blood
543 glucose concentration ≤ 50 mg/dL, were 6% for insulin alone and 12% (4 mg) and 14% (8 mg)
544 for insulin in combination with AVANDIA.

545 **Laboratory Abnormalities: Hematologic:** Decreases in mean hemoglobin and hematocrit
546 occurred in a dose-related fashion in patients treated with AVANDIA (mean decreases in
547 individual studies up to 1.0 gram/dL hemoglobin and up to 3.3% hematocrit). The time course
548 and magnitude of decreases were similar in patients treated with a combination of AVANDIA
549 and other hypoglycemic agents or AVANDIA monotherapy. Pre-treatment levels of hemoglobin
550 and hematocrit were lower in patients in metformin combination studies and may have
551 contributed to the higher reporting rate of anemia. White blood cell counts also decreased
552 slightly in patients treated with AVANDIA. Decreases in hematologic parameters may be related
553 to increased plasma volume observed with treatment with AVANDIA.

554 **Lipids:** Changes in serum lipids have been observed following treatment with AVANDIA
555 (see [CLINICAL STUDIES](#)).

556 **Serum Transaminase Levels:** In clinical studies in 4,598 patients treated with
557 AVANDIA encompassing approximately 3,600 patient years of exposure, there was no evidence
558 of drug-induced hepatotoxicity or elevated ALT levels.

559 In controlled trials, 0.2% of patients treated with AVANDIA had reversible elevations in ALT
560 $>3X$ the upper limit of normal compared to 0.2% on placebo and 0.5% on active comparators.
561 Hyperbilirubinemia was found in 0.3% of patients treated with AVANDIA compared with 0.9%
562 treated with placebo and 1% in patients treated with active comparators.

563 In the clinical program including long-term, open-label experience, the rate per 100 patient
564 years exposure of ALT increase to $>3X$ the upper limit of normal was 0.35 for patients treated
565 with AVANDIA, 0.59 for placebo-treated patients, and 0.78 for patients treated with active
566 comparator agents.

567 In pre-approval clinical trials, there were no cases of idiosyncratic drug reactions leading to
568 hepatic failure. In postmarketing experience with AVANDIA, reports of hepatic enzyme
569 elevations 3 or more times the upper limit of normal and hepatitis have been received (see
570 PRECAUTIONS, General, *Hepatic Effects*).

571 **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

572 The management of antidiabetic therapy should be individualized. AVANDIA may be
573 administered either at a starting dose of 4 mg as a single daily dose or divided and administered
574 in the morning and evening. For patients who respond inadequately following 8 to 12 weeks of
575 treatment, as determined by reduction in FPG, the dose may be increased to 8 mg daily as
576 monotherapy or in combination with metformin. Reductions in glycemic parameters by dose and
577 regimen are described under **CLINICAL STUDIES**. AVANDIA may be taken with or without
578 food.

579 **Monotherapy:** The usual starting dose of AVANDIA is 4 mg administered either as a single
580 dose once daily or in divided doses twice daily. In clinical trials, the 4 mg twice daily regimen
581 resulted in the greatest reduction in FPG and HbA1c.

582 **Combination Therapy:** When AVANDIA is added to existing therapy, the current dose of a
583 sulfonylurea, metformin, or insulin can be continued upon initiation of AVANDIA therapy.

584 **Sulfonylurea:** When used in combination with sulfonylurea, the recommended dose of
585 AVANDIA is 4 mg administered as either a single dose once daily or in divided doses twice
586 daily. If patients report hypoglycemia, the dose of the sulfonylurea should be decreased.

587 **Metformin:** The usual starting dose of AVANDIA in combination with metformin is 4 mg
588 administered as either a single dose once daily or in divided doses twice daily. It is unlikely that
589 the dose of metformin will require adjustment due to hypoglycemia during combination therapy
590 with AVANDIA.

591 **Insulin:** For patients stabilized on insulin, the insulin dose should be continued upon
592 initiation of therapy with AVANDIA. AVANDIA should be dosed at 4 mg daily. Doses of
593 AVANDIA greater than 4 mg daily in combination with insulin are not currently indicated. It is
594 recommended that the insulin dose be decreased by 10% to 25% if the patient reports
595 hypoglycemia or if FPG concentrations decrease to less than 100 mg/dL. Further adjustments
596 should be individualized based on glucose-lowering response.

597 **Maximum Recommended Dose:** The dose of AVANDIA should not exceed 8 mg daily, as
598 a single dose or divided twice daily. The 8 mg daily dose has been shown to be safe and effective
599 in clinical studies as monotherapy and in combination with metformin. Doses of AVANDIA
600 greater than 4 mg daily in combination with a sulfonylurea have not been studied in adequate and
601 well-controlled clinical trials. Doses of AVANDIA greater than 4 mg daily in combination with
602 insulin are not currently indicated.

603 AVANDIA may be taken with or without food.

604 No dosage adjustments are required for the elderly.

605 No dosage adjustment is necessary when AVANDIA is used as monotherapy in patients with
606 renal impairment. Since metformin is contraindicated in such patients, concomitant
607 administration of metformin and AVANDIA is also contraindicated in patients with renal
608 impairment.

609 Therapy with AVANDIA should not be initiated if the patient exhibits clinical evidence of
610 active liver disease or increased serum transaminase levels (ALT >2.5X upper limit of normal at
611 start of therapy) (see PRECAUTIONS, General, *Hepatic Effects* and CLINICAL
612 PHARMACOLOGY, Special Populations, *Hepatic Impairment*). Liver enzyme monitoring is
613 recommended in all patients prior to initiation of therapy with AVANDIA and periodically
614 thereafter (see PRECAUTIONS, General, *Hepatic Effects*).

615 There are no data on the use of AVANDIA in patients younger than 18 years; therefore, use of
616 AVANDIA in pediatric patients is not recommended.

617 **OVERDOSAGE**

618 Limited data are available with regard to overdosage in humans. In clinical studies in
619 volunteers, AVANDIA has been administered at single oral doses of up to 20 mg and was
620 well-tolerated. In the event of an overdose, appropriate supportive treatment should be initiated
621 as dictated by the patient's clinical status.

622 **HOW SUPPLIED**

623 **Tablets:** Each pentagonal film-coated TILTAB tablet contains rosiglitazone as the maleate as
624 follows: 2 mg–pink, debossed with SB on one side and 2 on the other; 4 mg–orange, debossed
625 with SB on one side and 4 on the other; 8 mg–red-brown, debossed with SB on one side and 8 on
626 the other.

627 2 mg bottles of 30: NDC 0029-3158-13

628 2 mg bottles of 60: NDC 0029-3158-18

629 2 mg bottles of 100: NDC 0029-3158-20

630 2 mg bottles of 500: NDC 0029-3158-25

631 2 mg SUP 100s: NDC 0029-3158-21

632 4 mg bottles of 30: NDC 0029-3159-13

633 4 mg bottles of 60: NDC 0029-3159-18

634 4 mg bottles of 100: NDC 0029-3159-20

635 4 mg bottles of 500: NDC 0029-3159-25

636 4 mg SUP 100s: NDC 0029-3159-21

637 8 mg bottles of 30: NDC 0029-3160-13

638 8 mg bottles of 100: NDC 0029-3160-20

639 8 mg bottles of 500: NDC 0029-3160-25

640 8 mg SUP 100s: NDC 0029-3160-21

641 **STORAGE**

642 Store at 25°C (77°F); excursions 15°–30°C (59°–86°F). Dispense in a tight, light-resistant
643 container.

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