

# SITA-Met™

(Sitagliptin + Metformin HCl)

Tablet

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## WARNING:

### LACTIC ACIDOSIS:

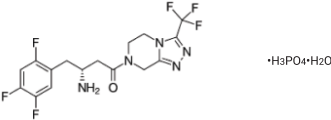
- Cases of metformin-associated lactic acidosis have been reported. Symptoms included malaise, myalgias, respiratory distress, somnolence, and abdominal pain. Laboratory abnormalities included elevated blood lactate levels, anion gap acidosis, increased lactate/pyruvate ratio, and metformin plasma levels generally >5 mcg/mL.
- Risk factors include renal impairment, concomitant use of certain drugs, age > 65 years old, radiological studies with contrast, surgery and other procedures, hypoxic states, excessive alcohol intake, and hepatic impairment. Steps to reduce the risk of and manage metformin-associated lactic acidosis in high-risk groups.
- If lactic acidosis is suspected, discontinue medication and institute general supportive measures in a hospital setting. Prompt hemodialysis is recommended.

## DESCRIPTION:

**SITA-MET (sitagliptin and metformin HCl) tablets contain two oral antihyperglycemic drugs used in the management of type 2 diabetes:** sitagliptin and metformin hydrochloride.

**Sitagliptin:** Sitagliptin is an orally-active inhibitor of the dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) enzyme. Sitagliptin is present in SITA-MET tablets in the form of sitagliptin phosphate monohydrate. Sitagliptin phosphate monohydrate is described chemically as 7-[(3R)-3-amino-1-oxo-4-(2,4,5-trifluorophenyl) butyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(trifluoromethyl)-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-b]pyridazine phosphate (1:1) monohydrate with an empirical formula of C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>15</sub>F<sub>6</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O and a molecular weight of 523.32.

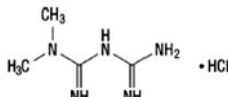
The structural formula is:



## Metformin hydrochloride:

Metformin hydrochloride is a compound with a molecular formula of C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>11</sub>N<sub>5</sub>·HCl and a molecular weight of 165.63.

The structural formula is as shown:



## CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:

### Mechanism of action:

**SITA-Met** tablets combine two antihyperglycemic agents with complementary mechanisms of action to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus: sitagliptin, a dipeptidyl peptidase-4 (DPP-4) inhibitor, and metformin hydrochloride, a member of the biguanide class.

**Sitagliptin** is a DPP-4 inhibitor, which exerts its actions in patients with type 2 diabetes by slowing the inactivation of incretin hormones. Concentrations of the active intact hormones are increased by sitagliptin, thereby increasing and prolonging the action of these hormones. Incretin hormones, including glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP), are released by the intestine throughout the day, and levels are increased in response to a meal. These hormones are rapidly inactivated by the enzyme DPP-4. The incretins are part of an endogenous system involved in the physiologic regulation of glucose homeostasis. When blood glucose concentrations are normal or elevated, GLP-1 and GIP increase insulin synthesis and release from pancreatic beta cells by intracellular signaling pathways involving cyclic AMP. GLP-1 also lowers glucagon secretion from pancreatic alpha cells, leading to reduced hepatic glucose production. By increasing and prolonging active incretin levels, sitagliptin increases insulin release and decreases glucagon levels in the circulation in a glucose-dependent manner. Sitagliptin demonstrates selectivity for DPP-4 and does not inhibit DPP-8 or DPP-9 activity in vitro at concentrations approximating those from therapeutic doses.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Metformin is a biguanide that improves glycemic control in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, lowering both basal and postprandial plasma glucose. Metformin decreases hepatic glucose production, decreases intestinal absorption of glucose, and improves insulin sensitivity by increasing peripheral glucose uptake and utilization. Metformin does not produce hypoglycemia in either patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus or healthy subjects except in certain circumstances and does not cause hyperinsulinemia. With metformin therapy, insulin secretion remains unchanged while fasting insulin levels and day-long plasma insulin response may actually decrease.

### Pharmacokinetics:

#### Absorption:

**Sitagliptin:** After oral administration of a 100 mg dose to healthy subjects, sitagliptin is rapidly absorbed with peak plasma concentrations (median T<sub>max</sub>) occurring 1 to 4 hours postdose. The absolute bioavailability of sitagliptin is approximately 87%. Co-administration of a high-fat meal with sitagliptin had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of sitagliptin.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** The absolute bioavailability of a metformin hydrochloride 500-mg tablet given under fasting conditions is approximately 50-60%. Food decreases the extent of and slightly delays the absorption of metformin, as shown by approximately a 40% lower mean peak plasma concentration (C<sub>max</sub>), a 25% lower area under the plasma concentration versus time curve (AUC), and a 35-minute prolongation of time to peak plasma concentration (T<sub>max</sub>) following administration of a single 850 mg tablet of metformin with food, compared to the same tablet strength administered fasting. The clinical relevance of these decreases is unknown.

#### Distribution:

**Sitagliptin:** The mean volume of distribution at steady state following a single 100-mg intravenous dose of sitagliptin to healthy subjects is approximately 130 liters. The fraction of sitagliptin readily bound to plasma proteins is low (38%).

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Distribution volume of immediate-release metformin hydrochloride tablets 850 mg averaged 654 ± 358 L. Metformin is negligibly bound to plasma proteins. Steady-state plasma concentrations of metformin are reached within 24-48 hours and are generally < 1 mcg/mL.

#### Elimination:

**Sitagliptin:** Approximately 79% of sitagliptin is excreted unchanged in the urine with metabolism being a minor pathway of elimination. The apparent terminal t<sub>1/2</sub> following a 100 mg oral dose of sitagliptin was approximately 12.4 hours and renal clearance was approximately 350 mL/min.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Following oral administration, approximately 90% of the absorbed drug is eliminated via the renal route within the first 24 hours, with a plasma elimination half-life of approximately 6.2 hours. In blood, the elimination half-life is approximately 17.6 hours, suggesting that the erythrocyte mass may be a compartment of distribution.

#### Metabolism:

**Sitagliptin:** Following a [<sup>14</sup>C] sitagliptin oral dose, approximately 16% of the radioactivity was excreted as metabolites of sitagliptin. Six metabolites were detected at trace levels and are not expected to contribute to the plasma DPP-4 inhibitory activity of sitagliptin. In vitro studies indicated that the primary enzyme responsible for the limited metabolism of sitagliptin was CYP3A4, with contribution from CYP2C9.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Intravenous single-dose studies in normal subjects demonstrate that metformin is excreted unchanged in the urine and does not undergo hepatic metabolism (no metabolites have been identified in humans) or biliary excretion. Metabolism studies with extended-release metformin tablets have not been conducted.

#### Excretion:

**Sitagliptin:** Following administration of an oral [<sup>14</sup>C] sitagliptin dose to healthy subjects, approximately 100% of the administered radioactivity was eliminated in feces (13%) or urine (87%) within one week of dosing. Elimination of sitagliptin occurs primarily via renal excretion and involves active tubular secretion.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Elimination of metformin occurs primarily via renal excretion.

Renal clearance is approximately 3.5 times greater than creatinine clearance, which indicates that tubular secretion is the major route of metformin elimination.

#### Specific Populations:

##### Patients with renal impairment:

**Sitagliptin:** An approximately 2-fold increase in the plasma AUC of sitagliptin observed in patients with moderate renal impairment with eGFR of 30 to less than 45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>, and an approximately 4-fold increase observed in patients with severe renal impairment including patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) on hemodialysis, as compared to normal healthy control subjects.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** In patients with decreased renal function, the plasma and blood half-life of metformin is prolonged and the renal clearance is decreased.

##### Patients with hepatic impairment:

**Sitagliptin:** In patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score 7 to 9), mean AUC and C<sub>max</sub> of sitagliptin increased approximately 21% and 13%, respectively, compared to healthy matched controls following administration of a single 100-mg dose of sitagliptin. These differences are not considered to be clinically meaningful. There is no clinical experience in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh score >9).

**Metformin hydrochloride:** No pharmacokinetic studies of metformin have been conducted in patients with hepatic impairment.

**Effects of age, body mass index (BMI), gender, and race:** **Sitagliptin:** Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis of BMI, gender, and race do not have a clinically meaningful effect on the pharmacokinetics of sitagliptin.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Pharmacokinetic studies of metformin in healthy elderly subjects suggest that total plasma clearance of metformin is decreased, the half-life is prolonged, and C<sub>max</sub> is increased, compared to healthy young subjects.

#### Pediatric patients:

**Sitagliptin:** Studies characterizing the pharmacokinetics of sitagliptin in pediatric patients have not been performed.

## INDICATIONS AND USAGE:

**SITA-Met** is indicated as an adjunct to diet and exercise to improve glycemic control in adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus when treatment with both sitagliptin and metformin is appropriate.

### Important limitations of use:

- SITA-Met** should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus or for the treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis.
- It is unknown whether patients with a history of pancreatitis are at increased risk for the development of pancreatitis while using Sitagliptin + Metformin HCl has not been studied in patients with a history of pancreatitis.

## DOSE AND ADMINISTRATION:

Give twice daily with meals, with gradual dose escalation, to reduce the gastrointestinal effects due to metformin.

- Individualize the starting dose of **SITA-Met** based on the patient's current regimen.
- Adjust the dosing based on effectiveness and tolerability while not exceeding the maximum recommended daily dose of 100 mg sitagliptin and 2000 mg metformin.
- Prior to initiation, assess renal function with estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)

## DOSE MODIFICATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Recommendations for use in renal impairment:** Assess renal function prior to initiation of **SITA-Met** and periodically thereafter. **SITA-Met** is contraindicated in patients with an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) below 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. **SITA-Met** is not recommended in patients with an eGFR between 30 and less than 45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> because these patients require a lower dosage of sitagliptin than what is available in the fixed combination **SITA-Met** product.

**Discontinuation for iodinated contrast imaging procedures:** Discontinue **SITA-Met** at the time of, or prior to, an iodinated contrast imaging procedure in patients with an eGFR between 30 and 60 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>; in patients with a history of liver disease, alcoholism, or heart failure; or in patients who will be administered intra-arterial iodinated contrast. Reevaluate eGFR 48 hours after the imaging procedure; restart **SITA-MET** if renal function is stable.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS:

**SITA-MET (sitagliptin and metformin HCl) is contraindicated in patients with:**

- Severe renal impairment (eGFR below 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>).
- Hypersensitivity to metformin hydrochloride.
- Acute or chronic metabolic acidosis, including diabetic ketoacidosis. Diabetic ketoacidosis should be treated with insulin.
- History of a serious hypersensitivity reaction to **SITA-Met** or sitagliptin (one of the components of **SITA-Met**), such as anaphylaxis or angioedema.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS:

- Lactic acidosis:** Postmarketing cases of metformin-associated lactic acidosis have resulted in death, hypothermia, hypotension, and acute renal failure. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include malaise, myalgias, respiratory distress, somnolence, and abdominal pain. If lactic acidosis is suspected, discontinue **SITA-Met** and institute general supportive measures in a hospital setting. Prompt hemodialysis is recommended.
- Acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic or necrotizing pancreatitis. If pancreatitis is suspected, promptly discontinue **SITA-Met**.
- Heart failure has been observed with two other members of the DPP-4 inhibitor class. Consider risks and benefits of **SITA-Met** in patients who have known risk factors for heart failure. Monitor patients for signs and symptoms.
- There have been post marketing reports of acute renal failure, sometimes requiring dialysis. Before initiating **SITA-Met** and at least annually thereafter, assess renal function.
- Vitamin B12 deficiency:** Metformin may lower Vitamin B12 levels. Measure hematologic parameters annually.
- When used with an insulin secretagogue (e.g., sulfonylurea) or with insulin, a lower dose of the insulin secretagogue or insulin may be required to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia.
- There have been post marketing reports of serious allergic and hypersensitivity reactions in patients treated with sitagliptin, such as anaphylaxis, angioedema, and exfoliative skin conditions including Stevens-Johnson syndrome. In such cases, promptly stop **SITA-Met**, assess for other potential causes, and institute appropriate monitoring and treatment, and initiate alternative treatment for diabetes.
- Severe and disabling arthralgia has been reported in patients taking DPP-4 inhibitors. Consider as a possible cause for severe joint pain and discontinue drug if appropriate.
- There have been postmarketing reports of bullous pemphigoid requiring hospitalization in patients taking DPP-4 inhibitors. Tell patients to report development of blisters or erosions. If bullous pemphigoid is suspected, discontinue **SITA-Met**.
- There have been no clinical studies establishing conclusive evidence of macrovascular risk reduction with Sitagliptin + Metformin HCl.

## DRUG INTERACTIONS:

**Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors** may increase risk of lactic acidosis. Consider more frequent monitoring. Drugs that reduce renal clearance (such as ranolazine, vandetanib, dolutegravir, and cimetidine) may increase the accumulation of metformin. Consider the benefits and risks of concomitant use.

**Alcohol:** can potentiate the effect of metformin on lactate metabolism. Warn patients against excessive alcohol intake.

**Insulin Secretagogues or Insulin:** Co-administration of **SITA-Met** with an insulin secretagogue (e.g., sulfonylurea) or insulin may require lower doses of the insulin secretagogue or insulin to reduce the risk of hypoglycemia.

**Use of metformin with other drugs:** Certain drugs tend to produce hyperglycemia and may lead to loss of glycemic control. These drugs include the thiazides and other diuretics, corticosteroids, phenothiazines, thyroid products, estrogens, oral contraceptives, phenytoin, nicotinic acid, sympathomimetics, calcium channel blocking drugs, and isoniazid. When such drugs are administered to a patient receiving **SITA-Met**, the patient should be closely monitored to maintain adequate glycemic control.

**Digoxin:** There was a slight increase in the area under the curve (AUC, 11%) and mean peak drug concentration (C<sub>max</sub>, 18%) of digoxin with the coadministration of 100 mg sitagliptin for 10 days. Patients receiving digoxin should be monitored appropriately. No dosage adjustment of digoxin or **SITA-Met** is recommended.

## USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS:

**Pregnancy:** The limited available data with Sitagliptin/ Metformin Hydrochloride preparation use in pregnant women are not sufficient to inform a drug-associated risk for major birth defects and miscarriage.

**Lactation:** There is no information regarding the presence of **SITA-Met** in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for **SITA-Met** and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from **SITA-Met** or from the underlying maternal condition.

**Pediatric use:** Safety and effectiveness of **SITA-Met** in pediatric patients under 18 years have not been established.

**Geriatric use:** Assess renal function more frequently.

**Patients with renal impairment:**

**SITA-Met:** The dose of the sitagliptin component should be limited to 50 mg once daily if eGFR falls below 45 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>. **SITA-Met** is contraindicated in patients with an eGFR below 30 mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>.

**Patients with hepatic impairment:** Use of metformin in patients with hepatic impairment has been associated with some cases of lactic acidosis. **SITA-Met** is not recommended in patients with hepatic impairment.

## ADVERSE REACTIONS:

- The most common adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of patients simultaneously started on sitagliptin and metformin and more commonly than in patients treated with placebo were diarrhea, upper respiratory tract infection, and headache. Adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of patients treated with sitagliptin in combination with sulfonylurea and metformin and more commonly than in patients treated with placebo in combination with sulfonylurea and metformin were hypoglycemia and headache.
- Hypoglycemia was the only adverse reaction reported in ≥ 5% of patients treated with sitagliptin in combination with insulin and metformin and more commonly than in patients treated with placebo in combination with insulin and metformin.

### Post marketing experience:

Additional adverse reactions have been identified during post marketing use of combination, sitagliptin, or metformin. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is generally not possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. Hypersensitivity reactions including anaphylaxis, angioedema, rash, urticaria, cutaneous vasculitis, and exfoliative skin conditions including Stevens-Johnson syndrome, upper respiratory tract infection, hepatic enzyme elevations; acute pancreatitis, including fatal and non-fatal hemorrhagic and necrotizing pancreatitis, worsening renal function, including acute renal failure (sometimes requiring dialysis), severe and disabling arthralgia, bullous pemphigoid, constipation; vomiting; headache; myalgia; pain in extremity; back pain; pruritus; mouth ulceration; stomatitis; cholestatic, hepatocellular, and mixed hepatocellular liver injury.

## OVERDOSAGE:

In the event of an overdose, it is reasonable to employ the usual supportive measures, e.g., remove unabsorbed material from the gastrointestinal tract, employ clinical monitoring (including obtaining an electrocardiogram), and institute supportive therapy as indicated by the patient's clinical status. Prolonged hemodialysis may be considered if clinically appropriate. It is not known if sitagliptin is dialyzable by peritoneal dialysis.

**Metformin hydrochloride:** Metformin is dialyzable with a clearance of up to 170 mL/min under good hemodynamic conditions. Therefore, hemodialysis may be useful for removal of accumulated drug from patients in whom metformin overdose is suspected.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- Store below 30°C.
- Protect from heat, sunlight & moisture.
- Keep out of the reach of children.
- To be sold on the prescription of a registered medical practitioner only.

## PRESENTATION:

**SITA-Met 50/500 Tablet** : Pack of 2 x 7 tablets.  
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