



HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use ALYQ™ safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for ALYQ™.

ALYQ™ (tadalafil) tablets, for oral use Initial U.S. Approval: 2003

----- **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** -----

ALYQ™ is a phosphodiesterase 5 (PDE5) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (WHO Group 1) to improve exercise ability. Studies establishing effectiveness included predominantly patients with NYHA Functional Class II to III symptoms and etiologies of idiopathic or heritable PAH (61%) or PAH associated with connective tissue diseases (23%). (1.1)

----- **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION** -----

• 40 mg once daily, with or without food. (2.1)

• Dividing the dose (40 mg) over the course of the day is not recommended. (2.1)

• Use with ritonavir requires dosage adjustments. (2.3)

----- **DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS** -----

Tablets (not scored): 20 mg (3)

----- **CONTRAINDICATIONS** -----

• Concomitant organic nitrates (4.1)

• Concomitant Guanylate Cyclase (GC) Stimulators (4.2)

• History of known serious hypersensitivity reaction to ALYQ™ or CIALIS® (4.3)

----- **WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS** -----

• Cardiovascular effects: Carefully consider whether patients with certain underlying conditions (e.g., cardiovascular disease, impaired autonomic control of blood pressure, aortic stenosis) could be adversely affected by vasodilatory effects of ALYQ™. Not recommended in patients with pulmonary veno-occlusive disease. (5.1)

• Concomitant alpha-blockers or alcohol:

Note additive blood pressure-lowering effects. (5.1)

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FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

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2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

The recommended dose of ALYQ™ is 40 mg (two 20 mg tablets) taken once daily with or without food. Dividing the dose (40 mg) over the course of the day is not recommended.

2.2 Use in Special Populations

Renal Impairment

• Mild (creatinine clearance 51 to 80 mL/min) or moderate (creatinine clearance 31 to 50 mL/min): Start dosing at 20 mg once daily. Increase to 40 mg once daily based on individual tolerability.

• Severe (creatinine clearance <30 mL/min and on hemodialysis): Avoid use of ALYQ™ because of increased tadalafil exposure (AUC), limited clinical experience, and the lack of ability to influence clearance by dialysis *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.3) and Use in Specific Populations (8.6)]*.

Hepatic Impairment

• Mild or moderate (Child Pugh Class A or B): Because of limited clinical experience in patients with mild to moderate hepatic cirrhosis, consider a starting dose of 20 mg once per day.

• Severe (Child Pugh Class C): Patients with severe hepatic cirrhosis have not been studied. Avoid use of ALYQ™ *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.4) and Use in Specific Populations (8.7)]*.

Geriatric Patients

• No dose adjustment is required in patients >65 years of age without renal impairment or hepatic impairment.

2.3 Use with Ritonavir

Coadministration of ALYQ™ in Patients on Ritonavir

In patients receiving ritonavir for at least one week, start ALYQ™ at 20 mg once daily. Increase to 40 mg once daily based upon individual tolerability *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2), Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

Coadministration of Ritonavir in Patients on ALYQ™

Avoid use of ALYQ™ during the initiation of ritonavir. Stop ALYQ™ at least 24 hours prior to starting ritonavir. After at least one week following the initiation of ritonavir, resume ALYQ™ at 20 mg once daily. Increase to 40 mg once daily based upon individual tolerability *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.2), Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

• Use with Ritonavir: Requires dosage adjustment. (2.3, 5.2)

• Other concomitant potent CYP3A inhibitors: Avoid use with ALYQ™. (5.2)

• Potent Inducers of CYP3A: Avoid use of ALYQ™ in patients chronically taking potent inducers of CYP3A (e.g., rifampin). (5.2, 7.2)

• Effects on the eye: Patients should seek immediate medical attention if sudden loss of vision occurs, which could be a sign of non-arteritic ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION). (5.5)

• Hearing impairment: Advise patients to seek immediate medical attention if sudden decrease or loss of hearing occurs. (5.6)

• Concomitant PDE5 inhibitors: Avoid use with CIALIS® or other PDE5 inhibitors. (5.7)

• Prolonged erection: Advise patients to seek emergency treatment if an erection lasts >4 hours. (5.8)

----- **ADVERSE REACTIONS** -----

The most common adverse reaction is headache. (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. at 1-888-838-2872 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

---USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS---

Renal Impairment (2.2, 5.3, 8.6, 12.3)

Mild or moderate: Start with 20 mg once daily. (2.2, 5.3, 8.6)

Severe: Avoid use of ALYQ™. (2.2, 5.3, 8.6)

Hepatic Impairment (2.2, 5.4, 8.7, 12.3)

Mild or moderate: Consider starting dose of 20 mg once daily. (2.2, 5.4, 8.7)

Severe: Avoid use of ALYQ™. (2.2, 5.4, 8.7)

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3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

20 mg, orange, oval-shaped, film-coated tablets (not scored) debossed with “TEVA” on one side and with “3334” on the other side.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

4.1 Concomitant Organic Nitrates

Do not use ALYQ™ in patients who are using any form of organic nitrate, either regularly or intermittently. ALYQ™ potentiates the hypotensive effect of nitrates. This potentiation is thought to result from the combined effects of nitrates and ALYQ™ on the nitric oxide/cGMP pathway *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)]*.

4.2 Concomitant Guanylate Cyclase (GC) Stimulators

Do not use ALYQ™ in patients who are using a GC stimulator, such as riociguat. ALYQ™ may potentiate the hypotensive effects of GC stimulators.

4.3 Hypersensitivity Reactions

ALYQ™ is contraindicated in patients with a known serious hypersensitivity to tadalafil (ALYQ™ or CIALIS®). Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported, including Stevens-Johnson syndrome and exfoliative dermatitis *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Cardiovascular Effects

Discuss with patients the appropriate action to take in the event that they experience anginal chest pain requiring nitroglycerin following intake of ALYQ™. At least 48 hours should elapse after the last dose of ALYQ™ before taking nitrates. If a patient has taken ALYQ™ within 48 hours, administer nitrates under close medical supervision with appropriate hemodynamic monitoring. Patients who experience anginal chest pain after taking ALYQ™ should seek immediate medical attention.

PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil, have mild systemic vasodilatory properties that may result in transient decreases in blood pressure. Prior to prescribing ALYQ™, carefully consider whether patients with underlying cardiovascular disease could be affected adversely by such vasodilatory effects. Patients with severely impaired autonomic control of blood pressure or with left ventricular outflow obstruction, (e.g., aortic stenosis and idiopathic hypertrophic subaortic stenosis) may be particularly sensitive to the actions of vasodilators, including PDE5 inhibitors.

Pulmonary vasodilators may significantly worsen the cardiovascular status of patients with pulmonary veno-occlusive disease (PVOD). Since there are no clinical data on administration of ALYQ™ to patients with veno-occlusive disease, administration of ALYQ™ to such patients is not recommended. Should signs of pulmonary edema occur when ALYQ™ is administered, the possibility of associated PVOD should be considered.

There is a lack of data on safety and efficacy in the following groups who were specifically excluded from the PAH clinical trials:

- Patients with clinically significant aortic and mitral valve disease
- Patients with pericardial constriction
- Patients with restrictive or congestive cardiomyopathy
- Patients with significant left ventricular dysfunction
- Patients with life-threatening arrhythmias
- Patients with symptomatic coronary artery disease
- Patients with hypotension (<90/50 mm Hg) or uncontrolled hypertension

Use with Alpha Blockers and Antihypertensives

PDE5 inhibitors, including ALYQ™, and alpha-adrenergic blocking agents are vasodilators with blood pressure-lowering effects. When vasodilators are used in combination, an additive effect on blood pressure may be anticipated. In some patients, concomitant use of these two drug classes can lower blood pressure significantly *[see Drug Interactions (7.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)]*, which may lead to symptomatic hypotension (e.g., fainting). Safety of combined use of PDE5 inhibitors and alpha blockers may be affected by other variables, including intravascular volume depletion and use of other antihypertensive drugs *[see Drug Interactions (7.1)]*.

Use with Alcohol

Both alcohol and tadalafil are mild vasodilators. When mild vasodilators are taken in combination, blood pressure-lowering effects are increased *[see Drug Interactions (7.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)]*.

5.2 Use with Potent CYP3A Inhibitors or Inducers

Coadministration of ALYQ™ in Patients on Ritonavir

In patients receiving ritonavir for at least one week, start ALYQ™ at 20 mg once daily. Increase to 40 mg once daily based upon individual tolerability *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

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Avoid use of ALYQ™ during the initiation of ritonavir. Stop ALYQ™ at least 24 hours prior to starting ritonavir. After at least one week following the initiation of ritonavir, resume ALYQ™ at 20 mg once daily. Increase to 40 mg once daily based upon individual tolerability *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

Other Potent Inhibitors of CYP3A

Tadalafil is metabolized predominantly by CYP3A in the liver. In patients taking potent inhibitors of CYP3A such as ketoconazole and itraconazole, avoid use of ALYQ™ *[see Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

Potent Inducers of CYP3A

For patients chronically taking potent inducers of CYP3A, such as rifampin, avoid use of ALYQ™ *[see Drug Interactions (7.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

5.3 Use in Renal Impairment

In patients with mild or moderate renal impairment

Start dosing at 20 mg once daily. Increase the dose to 40 mg once daily based upon individual tolerability *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

In patients with severe renal impairment

Avoid use of ALYQ™ because of increased tadalafil exposure (AUC), limited clinical experience, and the lack of ability to influence clearance by dialysis *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

5.4 Use in Hepatic Impairment

In patients with mild to moderate hepatic cirrhosis (Child-Pugh Class A and B)

Because of limited clinical experience in patients with mild to moderate hepatic cirrhosis, consider a starting dose of 20 mg once daily ALYQ™ *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

In patients with severe hepatic cirrhosis (Child-Pugh Class C)

Patients with severe hepatic cirrhosis have not been studied. Avoid use of ALYQ™ *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)]*.

5.5 Visual Loss

Physicians should advise patients to seek immediate medical attention in the event of a sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes. Such an event may be a sign of non-arteritic ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION), a cause of decreased vision, including permanent loss of vision, that has been reported postmarketing in temporal association with the use of all PDE5 inhibitors. Most, but not all, of these patients had underlying anatomic or vascular risk factors for development of NAION, including but not necessarily limited to: low cup to disc ratio (“crowded disc”), age over 50, diabetes, hypertension, coronary artery disease, hyperlipidemia, and smoking. Based on published literature, the annual incidence of NAION is 2.5 to 11.8 cases per 100,000 in males aged ≥50 in the general population. An observational case-crossover study evaluated the risk of NAION when PDE5 inhibitor use, as a class, typical of erectile dysfunction treatment, occurred immediately before NAION onset (within 5 half-lives), compared to PDE5 inhibitor use in a prior time period. The results suggest an approximate 2-fold increase in the risk of NAION, with a risk estimate of 2.15 (95% CI 1.06, 4.34). A similar study reported a consistent result, with a risk estimate of 2.27 (95% CI 0.99, 5.20). Other risk factors for NAION, such as the presence of “crowded” optic disc, may have contributed to the occurrence of NAION in these studies.

Neither the rare postmarketing reports, nor the association of PDE5 inhibitor use and NAION in the observational studies, substantiate a causal relationship between PDE5 inhibitor use and NAION *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

Physicians should also discuss with patients the increased risk of NAION in individuals who have already experienced NAION in one eye, including whether such individuals could be adversely affected by use of vasodilators such as PDE5 inhibitors.

Patients with known hereditary degenerative retinal disorders, including retinitis pigmentosa, were not included in the clinical trials, and use in these patients is not recommended.

5.6 Hearing Impairment

Physicians should advise patients to seek immediate medical attention in the event of sudden decrease or loss of hearing. These events, which may be accompanied by tinnitus and dizziness, have been reported in temporal association to the intake of PDE5 inhibitors, including ALYQ™. It is not possible to determine whether these events are related directly to the use of PDE5 inhibitors or to other factors *[see Adverse Reactions (6.2)]*.

5.7 Combination with Other PDE5 Inhibitors

Tadalafil is also marketed as CIALIS®. The safety and efficacy of taking ALYQ™ together with CIALIS® or other PDE5 inhibitors have not been studied. Inform patients taking ALYQ™ not to take CIALIS® or other PDE5 inhibitors.

5.8 Prolonged Erection

There have been rare reports of prolonged erections greater than 4 hours and priapism (painful erections greater than 6 hours in duration) for this class of compounds. Priapism, if not treated promptly, can result in irreversible damage to the erectile tissue. Patients who have an erection lasting greater than 4 hours, whether painful or not, should seek emergency medical attention.

ALYQ™ should be used with caution in patients who have conditions that might predispose them to priapism (such as sickle cell anemia, multiple myeloma, or leukemia), or in patients with anatomical deformation of the penis (such as angulation, cavernosal fibrosis, or Peyronie’s disease).

5.9 Effects on Bleeding

PDE5 is found in platelets. When administered in combination with aspirin, tadalafil 20 mg did not prolong bleeding time, relative to aspirin alone. ALYQ™ has not been administered to patients with bleeding disorders or significant acute peptic ulceration. Although ALYQ™ has not been shown to increase bleeding times in healthy subjects, use in patients with bleeding disorders or significant acute peptic ulceration should be based upon a careful risk-benefit assessment.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed elsewhere in the labeling:

- Hypotension *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*
- Visual Loss *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Patient Counseling Information (17)]*
- Hearing loss *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)]*
- Priapism *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]*

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Tadalafil was administered to 398 patients with PAH during clinical trials worldwide. In trials of ALYQ™, a total of 311 and 251 subjects have been treated for at least 182 days and 360 days, respectively. The overall rates of discontinuation because of an adverse event (AE) in the placebo-controlled trial were 9% for ALYQ™ 40 mg and 15% for placebo. The rates of discontinuation because of AEs, other than those related to worsening of PAH, in patients treated with ALYQ™ 40 mg was 4% compared to 5% in placebo-treated patients.

In the placebo-controlled study, the most common AEs were generally transient and mild to moderate in intensity. Table 1 presents treatment-emergent adverse events reported by ≥9% of patients in the ALYQ™ 40 mg group and occurring more frequently than with placebo.

Table 1: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events Reported by ≥9% of Patients in ALYQ™ and More Frequent than Placebo by 2%

EVENT	Placebo (N=82)	ALYQ™ 20 mg (%) (N=82)	ALYQ™ 40 mg (%) (N=79)
Headache	15	32	42
Myalgia	4	9	14
Nasopharyngitis	7	2	13
Flushing	2	6	13
Respiratory Tract Infection (Upper and Lower)	6	7	13
Pain in Extremity	2	5	11
Nausea	6	10	11
Back Pain	6	12	10
Dyspepsia	2	13	10
Nasal Congestion (Including sinus congestion)	1	0	9

6.2 Postmarketing Experience

The following adverse reactions have been identified during post-approval use of tadalafil. These events have been chosen for inclusion either because of their seriousness, reporting frequency, lack of clear alternative causation, or a combination of these factors. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to estimate reliably their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure. The list does not include adverse events that are reported from clinical trials and that are listed elsewhere in this section.

Cardiovascular and cerebrovascular — Serious cardiovascular events, including myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac death, stroke, chest pain, palpitations, and tachycardia, have been reported postmarketing in temporal association with the use of tadalafil. Most, but not all, of these patients had preexisting cardiovascular risk factors. Many of these events were reported to occur during or shortly after sexual activity, and a few were reported to occur shortly after the use of tadalafil without sexual activity. Others were reported to have occurred hours to days after the use of tadalafil and sexual activity. It is not possible to determine whether these events are related directly to tadalafil, to sexual activity, to the patient’s underlying cardiovascular disease, to a combination of these factors, or to other factors *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.

Body as a whole — Hypersensitivity reactions including urticaria, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and exfoliative dermatitis

Nervous — Migraine, seizure and seizure recurrence, and transient global amnesia

Ophthalmologic — Visual field defect, retinal vein occlusion, retinal artery occlusion, and NAION *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.

Otologic — Cases of sudden decrease or loss of hearing have been reported postmarketing in temporal association with the use of PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil. In some of the cases, medical conditions and other factors were reported that may have also played a role in the otologic adverse events. In many cases, medical follow-up information was limited. It is not possible to determine whether these reported events are related directly to the use of tadalafil, to the patient’s underlying risk factors for hearing loss, a combination of these factors, or to other factors *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.6) and Patient Counseling Information (17)]*.

Urogenital — Priapism *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]*.

7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

7.1 Potential for Pharmacodynamic Interactions with ALYQ™

Nitrates

Do not use ALYQ™ in patients who are using any form of organic nitrate *[see Contraindications (4.1)]*. In clinical pharmacology studies ALYQ™ potentiated the hypotensive effect of nitrates *[see Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)]*. In a patient who has taken ALYQ™, when nitrate administration is deemed medically necessary in a life-threatening situation, at least 48 hours should elapse after the last dose of ALYQ™ before nitrate administration is considered. At least in such circumstances, nitrates should still only be administered under close medical supervision with appropriate hemodynamic monitoring.

Alpha-Blockers

PDE5 inhibitors, including ALYQ™, and alpha-adrenergic blocking agents are both vasodilators with blood-pressure-lowering effects. When vasodilators are used in combination, an additive effect on blood pressure may be anticipated. Clinical pharmacology studies have been conducted with coadministration of tadalafil with doxazosin, alfuzosin or tamsulosin *[see Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)]*.

Antihypertensives

PDE5 inhibitors, including ALYQ™, are mild systemic vasodil

- CIALIS[®] or other medicines or treatments for erectile dysfunction (impotence).

- Tadalafil is also marketed as CIALIS[®] for the treatment of male erectile dysfunction (ED, impotence) and for the signs and symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH, enlarged prostate). Do not take both ALYQ[™] and CIALIS[®]. Do not take ALYQ[™] and other medicines or treatments for erectile dysfunction.

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of these medicines, if you are not sure. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take ALYQ[™]?

- Take ALYQ[™] exactly as your healthcare provider tells you.

- Take ALYQ[™] tablets at the same time every day. You should take both tablets at the same time, one after the other, every day. Do not split your dose.

- ALYQ[™] can be taken with or without food.

- Do not change your dose or stop taking ALYQ[™] without speaking to your healthcare provider.

- If you take too much ALYQ[™], call your healthcare provider or go to an emergency department right away.

What should I avoid while taking ALYQ[™]?

Do not have more than 4 alcohol-containing drinks in a short period of time while you take ALYQ[™]. Drinking too much alcohol can lower your blood pressure. You could get dizzy or faint.

What are the possible side effects of ALYQ[™]?

The following side effects were reported rarely in patients taking tadalafil:

- Decreased eyesight or loss of vision in one or both eyes (NAION). If you notice a sudden decrease or loss of vision in one or both eyes, contact a healthcare provider right away.

- Sudden decrease or loss of hearing, sometimes with ringing in the ears and dizziness. If you notice a sudden decrease or loss of hearing, contact a healthcare provider right away.

- In men, an erection that lasts more than 4 hours (with or without pain).** Talk to your healthcare provider or go to the emergency department right away. **An erection that lasts more than 4 hours** must be treated as soon as possible or you can have lasting damage to your penis, including the inability to have erections.

See **“What is the most important information I should know about ALYQ[™]?”**

The most common side effects with ALYQ[™] include:

- headache
- muscle pain
- getting red or hot in the face (flushing)
- nausea
- pain in the arms, legs, or back
- upset stomach
- stuffy or congested nose

Tell your healthcare provider about any side effect that bothers you or does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of ALYQ[™]. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store ALYQ[™]?

Store ALYQ[™] tablets at room temperature between 68° to 77°F (20° to 25°C).

Keep ALYQ[™] and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General Information about the safe and effective use of ALYQ[™]

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use ALYQ[™] for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give ALYQ[™] to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This patient information leaflet summarizes the most important information about ALYQ[™]. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about ALYQ[™] that is written for healthcare professionals. For more information, call Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. at 1-888-838-2872.

What are the ingredients in ALYQ[™]?

Active Ingredient: tadalafil, USP

Inactive Ingredients: croscarmellose sodium, iron oxide red, iron oxide yellow, lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, polyvinyl alcohol-part hydrolyzed, povidone, sodium lauryl sulfate, sodium starch glycolate, sodium stearyl fumarate, talc, and titanium dioxide.

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Tadalafil is 14–fold more potent for PDE5 than for PDE11A1 and 40–fold more potent for PDE5 than for PDE11A4, two of the four known forms of PDE11. PDE11 is an enzyme found in human prostate, testes, skeletal muscle and in other tissues. *In vitro*, tadalafil inhibits human recombinant PDE11A1 and, to a lesser degree, PDE11A4 activities at concentrations within the therapeutic range. The physiological role and clinical consequence of PDE11 inhibition in humans have not been defined.

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

Effects on Blood Pressure When Administered with Nitrates

In clinical pharmacology studies, tadalafil (5 to 20 mg) was shown to potentiate the hypotensive effect of nitrates. Do not use ALYQ[™] in patients taking any form of nitrates *[see Contraindications (4.1)]*.

A double–blind, placebo–controlled, crossover study in 150 male subjects at least 40 years of age (including subjects with diabetes mellitus and/or controlled hypertension) assessed the interaction between nitroglycerin and tadalafil. Subjects received daily doses of tadalafil 20 mg or matching placebo for 7 days and then were given a single dose of 0.4 mg sublingual nitroglycerin (NTG) at pre–specified timepoints following their last dose of tadalafil (2, 4, 8, 24, 48, 72, and 96 hours after tadalafil). A significant interaction between tadalafil and NTG was observed at each timepoint up to and including 24 hours. At 48 hours, by most hemodynamic measures, the interaction between tadalafil and NTG was not observed, although a few more tadalafil subjects compared to placebo experienced greater blood–pressure lowering effects at this timepoint. After 48 hours, the interaction was not detectable *[see Contraindications (4.1) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)]*.

Effects on Blood Pressure

Tadalafil 20 mg administered to healthy male subjects produced no significant difference compared to placebo in supine systolic and diastolic blood pressure (difference in the mean maximal decrease of 1.6/0.8 mm Hg, respectively) and in standing systolic and diastolic blood pressure (difference in the mean maximal decrease of 0.2/4.6 mm Hg, respectively). In addition, there was no significant effect on heart rate.

Effects on Blood Pressure When Administered with Antihypertensives

Amlodipine — A study assessed the interaction between amlodipine (5 mg daily) and tadalafil 10 mg. There was no effect of tadalafil on amlodipine blood levels and no effect of amlodipine on tadalafil blood levels. The mean reduction in supine systolic/diastolic blood pressure because of tadalafil 10 mg in subjects taking amlodipine was 3/2 mm Hg, compared to placebo. In a similar study using tadalafil 20 mg, there were no clinically significant differences between tadalafil and placebo in subjects taking amlodipine.

Angiotensin II receptor blockers (with and without other antihypertensives) — A study assessed the interaction between angiotensin II receptor blockers and tadalafil 20 mg. Subjects in the study were taking any marketed angiotensin II receptor blocker, either alone, as a component of a combination product, or as part of a multiple antihypertensive regimen. Following dosing, ambulatory measurements of blood pressure revealed differences between tadalafil and placebo of 8/4 mm Hg in systolic/diastolic blood pressure.

Bendroflumethiazide — A study assessed the interaction between bendroflumethiazide (2.5 mg daily) and tadalafil 10 mg. Following dosing, the mean reduction in supine systolic/diastolic blood pressure because of tadalafil 10 mg in subjects taking bendroflumethiazide was 6/4 mm Hg, compared to placebo.

Enalapril — A study assessed the interaction between enalapril (10 to 20 mg daily) and tadalafil 10 mg. Following dosing, the mean reduction in supine systolic/diastolic blood pressure because of tadalafil 10 mg in subjects taking enalapril was 4/1 mm Hg, compared to placebo.

Metoprolol — A study assessed the interaction between sustained–release metoprolol (25 to 200 mg daily) and tadalafil 10 mg. Following dosing, the mean reduction in supine systolic/diastolic blood pressure because of tadalafil 10 mg in subjects taking metoprolol was 5/3 mm Hg, compared to placebo.

Effects on Blood Pressure When Administered with Alcohol

Alcohol and PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil, are mild systemic vasodilators. The interaction of tadalafil with alcohol was evaluated in three clinical pharmacology studies. In two of these, alcohol was administered at a dose of 0.7 g/kg, which is equivalent to approximately 6 ounces of 80–proof vodka in an 80–kg male, and tadalafil was administered at a dose of 10 mg in one study and 20 mg in another. In both these studies, all patients imbibed the entire alcohol dose within 10 minutes of starting. In one of these two studies, blood alcohol levels of 0.08% were confirmed. In these two studies, more patients had clinically significant decreases in blood pressure on the combination of tadalafil and alcohol as compared to alcohol alone. Some subjects reported postural dizziness, and orthostatic hypotension was observed in some subjects. When tadalafil 20 mg was administered with a lower dose of alcohol (0.6 g/kg, which is equivalent to approximately 4 ounces of 80–proof vodka, administered in less than 10 minutes), orthostatic hypotension was not observed, dizziness occurred with similar frequency to alcohol alone, and the hypotensive effects of alcohol were not potentiated.

Tadalafil did not affect alcohol plasma concentrations and alcohol did not affect tadalafil plasma concentrations.

Effects on Blood Pressure When Administered with Alpha-Blockers

Alpha-blockers and PDE5 inhibitors, including tadalafil, are systemic vasodilators. In subjects receiving concomitant tadalafil (20 mg single dose) and doxazosin (8 mg daily), an alpha-1 adrenergic receptor blocker, there was an augmentation of the blood pressure–lowering effect of doxazosin. This effect was still present at 12 hours postdose and had generally disappeared at 24 hours. The number of subjects with potentially clinically significant standing–blood–pressure decreases was greater for the combination.

An additional study was performed with tadalafil (20 mg single dose) and doxazosin (4 and 8 mg daily) using ambulatory blood pressure monitoring. The augmentation appeared unrelated to dosing times and resulted in a greater number of outliers for the combination than had been observed in the previous study. Both of these studies had some symptomatology associated with these blood pressure changes.

A further study was carried out with doxazosin (up to 4 mg daily) added to tadalafil (5 mg daily) and there was again an augmentation of response. In this clinical pharmacology study there were symptoms associated with the decrease in blood pressure, including syncope.

An interaction study with tadalafil (20 mg single dose) and alfuzosin, also an alpha-1 adrenergic receptor blocker, showed no clinically significant effect on blood pressure.

In two clinical pharmacology studies in healthy volunteers, tadalafil (5 mg daily, and 10 mg and 20 mg single dose) had no clinically significant effect on blood pressure changes because of tamsulosin, a selective alpha-1a adrenergic receptor blocking agent.

Effects on Cardiac Electrophysiology

The effect of a single 100 mg dose of tadalafil (2.5 times the recommended dose) on the QT interval was evaluated at the time of peak tadalafil concentration in a randomized, double–blinded, placebo, and active–controlled (intravenous ibutilide) crossover study in 90 healthy males aged 18 to 53 years. The mean change in QT_c (Fridericia QT correction) for tadalafil, relative to placebo, was 3.5 milliseconds (two–sided 90% CI = 1.9, 5.1). The mean change in QT_c (Individual QT correction) for tadalafil, relative to placebo, was 2.8 milliseconds (two–sided 90% CI = 1.2, 4.4). In this study, the mean increase in heart rate associated with a 100 mg dose of tadalafil compared to placebo was 3.1 beats per minute.

Effects on Exercise Stress Testing

The effects of tadalafil on cardiac function, hemodynamics, and exercise tolerance were investigated in a single clinical pharmacology study. In this blinded crossover trial, 23 subjects with stable coronary artery disease and evidence of exercise–induced cardiac ischemia were enrolled. The primary endpoint was time to cardiac ischemia. The mean difference in total exercise time was 3 seconds (tadalafil 10 mg minus placebo), which represented no clinically meaningful difference. Further statistical analysis demonstrated that tadalafil was similar to placebo with respect to time to ischemia. Of note, in this study, in some subjects who received tadalafil followed by sublingual nitroglycerin in the post–exercise period, clinically significant reductions in blood pressure were observed, consistent with the augmentation by tadalafil of the blood–pressure–lowering effects of nitrates.

Effects on Vision

Single oral doses of PDE inhibitors have demonstrated transient dose-related impairment of color discrimination (blue/green), using the Farnsworth–Munsell 100–hue test, with peak effects near the time of peak plasma levels. This finding is consistent with the inhibition of PDE6, which is involved in a phototransduction in the retina. In a study to assess the effects of a single dose of tadalafil 40 mg on vision (N = 59), no effects were observed on visual acuity, intraocular pressure, or pupillometry. Across all clinical studies with tadalafil, reports of changes in color vision were rare (< 0.1% of patients).

Effects on Sperm Characteristics

Three studies were conducted in men to assess the potential effect on sperm characteristics of tadalafil 10 mg (one 6-month study) and 20 mg (one 6-month and one 9-month study) administered daily. There were no adverse effects on sperm morphology or sperm motility in any of the three studies. In the study of 10 mg tadalafil for 6 months and the study of 20 mg tadalafil for 9 months, results showed a decrease in mean sperm concentrations relative to placebo, although these differences were not clinically meaningful. This effect was not seen in the study of 20 mg tadalafil taken for 6 months. In addition there was no adverse effect on mean concentrations of reproductive hormones, testosterone, luteinizing hormone or follicle stimulating hormone with either 10 or 20 mg of tadalafil compared to placebo.

Dose-Response Relationship

Dose–response relationships, between 20 mg and 40 mg, were not observed for 6-minute walk distance or pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) in subjects with PAH in the placebo–controlled study. Median change from baseline in 6-minute walk distance was 32 meters and 35 meters at 16 weeks in subjects receiving 20 mg and 40 mg daily, respectively. Mean change from baseline PVR was -254 dynes·sec·cm⁻⁵ and -209 dynes·sec·cm⁻⁵ at 16 weeks in patients receiving 20 mg and 40 mg daily, respectively.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Over a dose range of 2.5 to 20 mg, tadalafil exposure (AUC) increases proportionally with dose in healthy subjects. In PAH patients administered between 20 and 40 mg of tadalafil, an approximately 1.5–fold greater AUC was observed indicating a less than proportional increase in exposure over the entire dose range of 2.5 to 40 mg. During tadalafil 20 and 40 mg once daily dosing, steady-state plasma concentrations were attained within 5 days, and exposure was approximately 1.3–fold higher than after a single dose.

Absorption — After single oral-dose administration, the maximum observed plasma concentration (C_{max}) of tadalafil is achieved between 2 and 8 hours (median time of 4 hours). Absolute bioavailability of tadalafil following oral dosing has not been determined.

The rate and extent of absorption of tadalafil is not influenced by food; thus ALYQ[™] may be taken with or without food.

Distribution — The mean apparent volume of distribution following oral administration is approximately 77 L, indicating that tadalafil is distributed into tissues. At therapeutic concentrations, 94% of tadalafil in plasma is bound to proteins.

Metabolism — Tadalafil is predominantly metabolized by CYP3A to a catechol metabolite. The catechol metabolite undergoes extensive methylation and glucuronidation to form the methylcatechol and methylcatechol glucuronide conjugate, respectively. The major circulating metabolite is the methylcatechol glucuronide. Methylcatechol concentrations are less than 10% of glucuronide concentrations. *In vitro* data suggests that metabolites are not expected to be pharmacologically active at observed metabolite concentrations.

Elimination — Following 40 mg, the mean oral clearance for tadalafil is 3.4 L/hr and the mean terminal half-life is 15 hours in healthy subjects. In patients with pulmonary hypertension not receiving concomitant bosentan, the mean oral clearance for tadalafil is 1.6 L/hr, and the mean terminal half-life is 35 hours. Tadalafil is excreted predominantly as metabolites, mainly in the feces (approximately 61% of the dose) and to a lesser extent in the urine (approximately 36% of the dose).

Population pharmacokinetics — In patients with pulmonary hypertension not receiving concomitant bosentan, the average tadalafil exposure at steady-state following 40 mg was 26% higher when compared to those of healthy volunteers. The results suggest a lower clearance of tadalafil in patients with pulmonary hypertension compared to healthy volunteers.

Geriatric patients

In healthy male elderly subjects (65 years or older) after a 10 mg dose, a lower oral clearance of tadalafil, resulting in 25% higher exposure (AUC) with no effect on C_{max}, was observed relative to that in healthy subjects 19 to 45 years of age.

Renal impairment

In clinical pharmacology studies using single-dose tadalafil (5 to 10 mg), tadalafil exposure (AUC) doubled in subjects with mild (creatinine clearance 51 to 80 mL/min) or moderate (creatinine clearance 31 to 50 mL/min) renal impairment. In subjects with end-stage renal disease on hemodialysis, there was a two-fold increase in C_{max} and 2.7- to 4.1-fold increase in AUC following single-dose administration of 10 or 20 mg tadalafil, respectively. Exposure to total methylcatechol (unconjugated plus glucuronide) was 2- to 4-fold higher in subjects with renal impairment, compared to those with normal renal function. Hemodialysis (performed between 24 and 30 hours post-dose) contributed negligibly to tadalafil or metabolite elimination *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.3)]*.

Hepatic impairment

In clinical pharmacology studies, tadalafil exposure (AUC) in subjects with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class A or B) was comparable to exposure in healthy subjects when a dose of 10 mg was administered. There are no available data for doses higher than 10 mg of tadalafil in patients with hepatic impairment. Insufficient data are available for subjects with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C) *[see Dosage and Administration (2.2) and Warnings and Precautions (5.4)]*.

Patients with diabetes mellitus

In male patients with diabetes mellitus after a 10 mg tadalafil dose, exposure (AUC) was reduced approximately 19% and C_{max} was 5% lower than that observed in healthy subjects. No dose adjustment is warranted.

Race

Pharmacokinetic studies have included subjects from different ethnic groups, and no differences in the typical exposure to tadalafil have been identified. No dose adjustment is warranted.

Gender

In healthy female and male subjects following single and multiple-doses of tadalafil, no clinically relevant differences in exposure (AUC and C_{max}) were observed. No dose adjustment is warranted.

Drug interaction studies

Tadalafil is a substrate of and predominantly metabolized by CYP3A. Drugs that inhibit CYP3A can increase tadalafil exposure.

Ritonavir

Ritonavir (500 mg or 600 mg twice daily at steady state), an inhibitor of CYP3A, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2D6, increased tadalafil 20–mg single-dose exposure (AUC) by 32% with a 30% reduction in C_{max}, relative to the values for tadalafil 20 mg alone. Ritonavir (200 mg twice daily), increased tadalafil 20–mg single-dose exposure (AUC) by 124% with no change in C_{max}, relative to the values for tadalafil 20 mg alone. Ritonavir inhibits and induces CYP3A, the enzyme involved in the metabolism of tadalafil, in a time-dependent manner. The results suggest the initial inhibitory effect of ritonavir on CYP3A may be mitigated by a more slowly evolving induction effect so that after about 1 week of ritonavir twice daily, the exposure of tadalafil is similar in the presence of and absence of ritonavir *[see Dosage and Administration (2.3), Warnings and Precautions (5.2), and Drug Interactions (7.2)]*. Although specific interactions have not been studied, other HIV protease inhibitors would likely increase tadalafil exposure.

Other Cytochrome P450 inhibitors

CYP3A (e.g., ketoconazole) — Ketoconazole (400 mg daily), a selective and potent inhibitor of CYP3A, increased tadalafil 20 mg single-dose exposure (AUC) by 312% and C_{max} by 22%, relative to the values for tadalafil 20 mg alone. Ketoconazole (200 mg daily) increased tadalafil 10–mg single-dose exposure (AUC) by 107% and C_{max} by 15%, relative to the values for tadalafil 10 mg alone.

Although specific interactions have not been studied, other CYP3A inhibitors, such as erythromycin, itraconazole, and grapefruit juice, would likely increase tadalafil exposure.

Cytochrome P450 inducers

CYP3A (e.g., rifampin, bosentan) — Rifampin (600 mg daily), a CYP3A inducer, reduced tadalafil 10 mg single-dose exposure (AUC) by 88% and C_{max} by 46%, relative to the values for tadalafil 10 mg alone.

Bosentan (125 mg twice daily), a substrate of CYP2C9 and CYP3A and a moderate inducer of CYP3A, CYP2C9 and possibly CYP2C19, reduced tadalafil (40 mg once per day) systemic exposure by 42% and C_{max} by 27% following multiple-dose coadministration.

Although specific interactions have not been studied, other CYP3A inducers, such as carbamazepine, phenytoin, and phenobarbital, would likely decrease tadalafil exposure.

Cytochrome P450 substrates — Tadalafil is not expected to cause clinically significant inhibition or induction of the clearance of drugs metabolized by cytochrome P450 (CYP) isoforms.

CYP1A2 (e.g., theophylline) — Tadalafil (10 mg once per day) had no significant effect on the pharmacokinetics of theophylline. When tadalafil was administered to subjects taking theophylline, a small augmentation (3 beats per minute) of the increase in heart rate associated with theophylline was observed.

CYP2C9 (e.g., warfarin) — Tadalafil (10 mg and 20 mg once per day) had no significant effect on exposure (AUC) to S–warfarin or R–warfarin, nor did tadalafil affect changes in prothrombin time induced by warfarin.

CYP3A (e.g., midazolam, lovastatin or bosentan) — Tadalafil (10 mg and 20 mg once per day) had no significant effect on exposure (AUC) to midazolam or lovastatin. Tadalafil (40 mg once per day) had no clinically significant effect on exposure (AUC and C_{max}) of bosentan, a substrate of CYP2C9 and CYP3A, or its metabolites.

Aspirin — Tadalafil (10 mg and 20 mg once per day) did not potentiate the increase in bleeding time caused by aspirin.

P-glycoprotein (e.g., digoxin) — Coadministration of tadalafil (40 mg once per day) for 10 days did not have a significant effect on the steady-state pharmacokinetics of digoxin (0.25 mg/day) in healthy subjects.

Combined oral contraceptives — At steady-state, tadalafil (40 mg once per day) increased ethinyl estradiol exposure (AUC) by 26% and C_{max} by 70% relative to oral contraceptive administered with placebo. There was no significant effect of tadalafil on levonorgestrel.

Antacids — Simultaneous administration of an antacid (magnesium hydroxide/aluminum hydroxide) and tadalafil (10 mg) reduced the apparent rate of absorption of tadalafil without altering exposure (AUC) to tadalafil.

H₂ antagonists (e.g., nizatidine) — An increase in gastric pH resulting from administration of nizatidine had no significant effect on tadalafil (10 mg) pharmacokinetics.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis — Tadalafil was not carcinogenic to rats or mice when administered daily for 2 years at doses up to 400 mg/kg/day. Systemic drug exposures, as measured by AUC of unbound tadalafil, were approximately 5–fold for mice, and 7– and 14–fold for male and female rats, respectively, the exposures at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 40 mg.

Mutagenesis — Tadalafil was not mutagenic in the *in vitro* bacterial Ames assays or the forward mutation test in mouse lymphoma cells. Tadalafil was not clastogenic in the *in vitro* chromosomal aberration test in human lymphocytes or the *in vivo* rat micronucleus assays.

Impairment of Fertility — There were no effects on fertility, reproductive performance or reproductive organ morphology in male or female rats given oral doses of tadalafil up to 400 mg/kg/day, a dose producing AUCs for unbound tadalafil of 6–fold for males or 17–fold for females the exposures at the MRHD of 40 mg. In beagle dogs given tadalafil daily for 3 to 12 months, there was treatment–related non–reversible degeneration and atrophy of the seminiferous tubular epithelium in the testes in 20 to 100% of the dogs that resulted in a decrease in spermatogenesis in 40 to 75% of the dogs at doses of ≥10 mg/kg/day. Systemic exposure (based on AUC) at no–observed–adverse-effect-level (NOAEL) (10 mg/kg/day) for unbound tadalafil was similar to that expected in humans at the MRHD of 40 mg.

There were no treatment–related testicular findings in rats or mice treated with doses up to 400 mg/kg/day for 2 years.

13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology

Animal studies showed vascular inflammation in tadalafil–treated mice, rats, and dogs. In mice and rats, lymphoid necrosis and hemorrhage were seen in the spleen, thymus, and mesenteric lymph nodes at unbound tadalafil exposure of 1– to 17–fold the human exposure (AUCs) at the MRHD of 40 mg. In dogs, an increased incidence of disseminated arteritis was observed in 1– and 6-month studies at unbound tadalafil exposure of 0.5– to 38–fold the human exposure (AUC) at the MRHD of 40 mg. In a 12–month dog study, no disseminated arteritis was observed, but 2 dogs exhibited marked decreases in white blood cells (neutrophils) and moderate decreases in platelets with inflammatory signs at unbound tadalafil exposures of approximately 4– to 10–fold the human exposure at the MRHD of 40 mg. The abnormal blood–cell findings were reversible within 2 weeks upon removal of the drug.

13.3 Reproductive Toxicology Studies

Reproduction studies have been performed in rats and mice at exposures up to 17 times the MRHD of 40 mg and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus because of tadalafil. In addition, there was no evidence of teratogenicity, embryotoxicity, or fetotoxicity when tadalafil was given to pregnant rats or mice at exposures up to 7 times the MRHD during the period of major organ development.

In a rat prenatal and postnatal development study at doses of 60, 200, and 1000 mg/kg, a reduction in postnatal survival of pups was observed. The no-observed-effect-level (NOEL) for maternal toxicity was 200 mg/kg/day and for developmental toxicity was 30 mg/kg/day. This gives approximately 8- and 5-fold exposure multiples, respectively, of the human AUC for the MRHD of 40 mg. Tadalafil and/or its metabolites cross the placenta, resulting in fetal exposure in rats.

Tadalafil and/or its metabolites were secreted into the milk in lactating rats at concentrations approximately 2.4–fold greater than found in the plasma.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 ALYQ[™] for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

A randomized, double-blind, 16 week placebo-controlled study was conducted in 405 patients with pulmonary arterial hypertension, defined as a resting mean pulmonary artery pressure (mPAP) ≥25 mm Hg, pulmonary capillary wedge pressure (PCWP) ≤15 mm Hg, and pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) ≥3 Wood units via right heart catheterization. Allowed background therapy included bosentan (maintenance dosing up to 125 mg twice daily) and chronic anticoagulation. The use of prostacyclin or analogue, L–arginine, phosphodiesterase inhibitor, or other chronic PAH medications were not permitted.

Subjects were randomly assigned to 1 of 5 treatment groups (tadalafil 2.5, 10, 20, 40 mg, or placebo) in a 1:1:1:1:1 ratio. Subjects had to be at least 12 years of age and had a diagnosis of PAH that was idiopathic, heritable, related to connective tissue disease, anoregigen use, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, associated with an atrial-septal defect, or associated with surgical repair of a congenital systemic-to-pulmonary shunt of least 1 year in duration (for example, ventricular septal defect, patent ductus arteriosus). Patients with a history of left-sided heart disease, severe renal insufficiency, or pulmonary hypertension related to conditions other than specified in the inclusion criteria were not eligible for enrollment.

The mean age of all subjects was 54 years (range 14 to 90 years) with the majority of subjects being Caucasian (81%) and female (78%). PAH etiologies were predominantly idiopathic or heritable PAH (61%) and related to connective tissue disease (23%). More than half (53%) of the subjects in the study were receiving concomitant bosentan therapy. The majority of subjects had a World Health Organization (WHO) Functional Class III (65%) or II (32%). The mean baseline 6-minute walk distance (6-MWD) was 343 meters. Of the 405 subjects, 341 completed the study.

The primary efficacy endpoint was the change from baseline at week 16 in 6-MWD (see Figure 1). In the tadalafil 40 mg treatment group, the placebo-adjusted mean change increase in 6-MWD was 33 meters (95% C.I. 15 to 50 meters; p = 0.0004). The improvement in 6-MWD was apparent at 8 weeks of treatment and then maintained at week 12 and week 16.