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HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION
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LEVALBUTEROL inhalation solution, for oral inhalation use
Initial U.S. Approval: 1999
Rx only

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CONTRAINDICATIONS
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WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS
• Life-threatening paradoxical bronchospasm may occur. Discontinue levalbuterol inhalation solution, USP immediately and treat with alternative therapy (5.1)
• Need for more doses of levalbuterol inhalation solution, USP may be a sign of deterioration of asthma and requires reevaluation of treatment (5.2)

ADVERSE REACTIONS
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DRUG INTERACTIONS
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• Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs) or tricyclic antidepressants: May potentiate effect of albuterol on the cardiovascular system (7.5)

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6.1 Clinical Trials Experience
Clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of the drug cannot be directly compared with rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Adults and Adolescents 12 Years of Age and Older
Adverse reaction information concerning Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP in adults and adolescents is derived from one 4-week, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, active-, and placebo-controlled trial in 362 patients with asthma 12 years of age and older. Adverse reactions reported in ≥ 2% of patients receiving Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP or racemic albuterol and more frequently than in patients receiving placebo are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Adverse Reactions Reported in a 4-Week, Controlled Clinical Trial in Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

| Body System/Preferred Term | Percent of Patients | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------|
| | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (n=78) | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (n=73) | Racemic albuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (n=72) | Placebo (n=74) |
| Body as a Whole | | | | |
| Allergic reaction | 1.3 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 |
| Flu syndrome | 0 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 2.7 |
| Accidental injury | 0 | 2.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Pain | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Back pain | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 |
| Cardiovascular System | | | | |
| Tachycardia | 0 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Migraine | 0 | 2.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Digestive System | | | | |
| Dyspepsia | 1.3 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| Central Nervous System | | | | |
| Dizziness | 1.3 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 0 |
| Hypertonia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 |
| Nervousness | 0 | 9.6 | 2.8 | 8.1 |
| Tremor | 0 | 6.8 | 0 | 2.7 |
| Anxiety | 0 | 2.7 | 0 | 0 |
| Respiratory System | | | | |
| Cough increased | 2.7 | 4.1 | 1.4 | 2.7 |
| Upper respiratory tract infection | 9.3 | 12.3 | 6.9 | 12.2 |
| Rhinitis | 2.7 | 2.7 | 11.1 | 6.8 |
| Sinusitis | 0 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 2.7 |
| Turbinate edema | 0 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 0 |

Table 2: Mean Changes from Baseline Heart Rate at 15 Minutes and Potassium at 1 Hour after First Dose (Day 1) in Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

| Treatment | Mean Changes (Day 1) | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Heart Rate (bpm) | Glucose (mg/dL) | Potassium (mEq/L) |
| Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.31 mg, n=66 | 0.8 | 4.9 | -0.31 |
| Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.63 mg, n=67 | 6.7 | 5.2 | -0.36 |
| Racemic albuterol 1.25 mg, n=64 | 6.4 | 8.0 | -0.27 |
| Racemic albuterol 2.5 mg, n=60 | 10.9 | 10.8 | -0.56 |
| Placebo, n=59 | -1.8 | 0.6 | -0.05 |

Table 3: Mean Changes from Baseline Heart Rate at 15 Minutes and Potassium at 1 Hour after First Dose (Day 1) in Children 6-11 Years Old

| Treatment | Mean Changes (Day 1) | | |
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| | Heart Rate (bpm) | Glucose (mg/dL) | Potassium (mEq/L) |
| Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.31 mg, n=60 | 0 | 2.6 | -0.32 |
| Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.63 mg, n=66 | 3.8 | 5.8 | -0.34 |
| Racemic albuterol 1.25 mg, n=62 | 5.8 | 1.7 | -0.18 |
| Racemic albuterol 2.5 mg, n=54 | 5.7 | 11.8 | -0.26 |
| Placebo, n=55 | -1.7 | 1.1 | -0.04 |

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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 Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP?

- Store unopened Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP vials in the protective foil pouch they come in at 20°-25°C (68°-77°F).
- Keep Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP away from light and heat.
- When a Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP foil pouch is opened, use the vials within 2 weeks.
- When Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP vials are removed from the foil pouch, use them right away or within 1 week.

Keep Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the safe and effective use of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information Leaflet. Do not use Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them.

This Patient Information Leaflet summarizes the most important information about Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for information about Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP that is written for health professionals.

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Ritodose Pharmaceuticals, LLC at 1-855-806-3300 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

What are the ingredients in Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP?

Active ingredient: levalbuterol hydrochloride

Inactive ingredients: sodium chloride, edetate disodium, sulfuric acid, and water

Instructions for Using Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP vial (see Figure A):

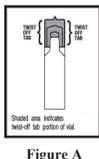


Figure A

Using your Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP:

Read the following Steps before using your Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP. If you have any questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Step 1. Open the foil pouch by tearing the notched edge along the seam of the pouch (see Figure B). Remove 1 vial to be used right away. Keep the rest of the unused vials in the foil pouch to protect them from light and heat.

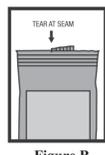


Figure B

Step 2. Hold the vial in your hands. Make sure your thumb and finger cover the twist-off tabs below the top (see Figure C).



Figure C

Step 3. While holding the top firmly between your thumb and finger, twist the body of the vial to open the vial (see Figure D).



Figure D

Step 5. Connect the nebulizer reservoir to the mouthpiece (see Figure E.1) or face mask (see Figure E.2).

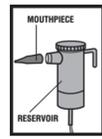


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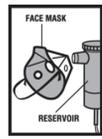


Figure E.2

Step 6. Connect the nebulizer to the compressor (see Figure F).



Figure F

Step 7. Sit in a comfortable, upright position. Place the mouthpiece in your mouth (see Figure G.1) or put on your face mask (see Figure G.2). Turn on the compressor.



Figure G.1



Figure G.2

Step 8. Breathe as calmly, deeply, and evenly as possible until no more mist is seen in the nebulizer reservoir. Your treatment will take about 5 to 15 minutes. When you do not see any mist in the nebulizer reservoir, your treatment is finished.

Step 9. Clean and store your nebulizer. See the manufacturer's instructions that come with your nebulizer for how to clean and store your nebulizer.

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8.6 Renal Impairment

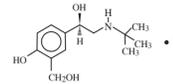
Albuterol is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and it may be useful to monitor renal function.

10 OVERDOSSAGE

The expected symptoms with overdosage are those of excessive beta-adrenergic receptor stimulation and/or occurrence or exaggeration of any of the symptoms listed under Adverse Reactions (6), e.g., tremor, anxiety, hypertension or hypotension, tachycardia with rates up to 200 beats/min, arrhythmias, nervousness, headache, tremor, mouth, palpitation, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, malaise, and sleeplessness. Hypokalemia may also occur. As with all sympathomimetic medications, cardiac arrest and even death may be associated with the abuse of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP. Treatment consists of discontinuation of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP together with appropriate symptomatic therapy. The judicious use of a cardiorespiratory beta-receptor blocker may be considered, bearing in mind that such medication can produce bronchospasm. There is insufficient evidence to determine if dialysis is beneficial for overdosage of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP.

11 DESCRIPTION

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP is a sterile, colorless, preservative-free solution of the hydrochloride salt of levalbuterol, the (R)-enantiomer of the drug substance racemic albuterol. Levalbuterol HCl is a relatively selective beta₂-adrenergic receptor agonist (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.1)). The chemical name for levalbuterol HCl is (R)-[1-(1-dimethylamino)ethoxy]-3-hydroxy-1-(3-hydroxyphenyl)-2-propanone hydrochloride, and its established chemical structure is as follows:



The molecular weight of levalbuterol HCl is 275.8, and its empirical formula is C₁₁H₁₆NO₃HCl. It is a white to off-white, crystalline solid, with a melting point of approximately 187°C and solubility of approximately 180 mg/mL in water.

Levalbuterol HCl is the USAN modified name for (R)-albuterol HCl in the United States.

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP is supplied in unit-dose vials and requires no dilution before administration by nebulization. Each 3 mL unit-dose vial contains 0.31 mg/3 mL (0.0103%) of levalbuterol (as 0.26 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl) or 0.63 mg/3 mL (0.021%) of levalbuterol (as 0.73 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl) or 1.25 mg/3 mL (0.042%) of levalbuterol (as 1.44 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl), sodium chloride to adjust tonicity, edetate disodium (EDTA) as a stabilizer for the active pharmaceutical ingredient, and sulfuric acid to adjust the pH to 4.0 (3.3 to 4.5).

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Activation of beta₂-adrenergic receptors on airway smooth muscle leads to the activation of adenylyl cyclase and to an increase in the intracellular concentration of cyclic 3',5'-adenosine monophosphate (cyclic AMP). The increase in cyclic AMP is associated with the activation of protein kinase A, which in turn inhibits the phosphorylation of myosin and lowers intracellular ionic calcium concentrations, resulting in muscle relaxation. Levalbuterol relaxes the smooth muscles of all airways, from the trachea to the terminal bronchioles. Increased cyclic AMP concentrations are also associated with the inhibition of release of mediators from mast cells in the airway. Levalbuterol acts as a functional antagonist to relax the airway irrespective of the sympathetic adrenergic stimulation that may be present. Levalbuterol also acts as a functional antagonist to relax the airway irrespective of the sympathetic adrenergic stimulation that may be present. Levalbuterol also acts as a functional antagonist to relax the airway irrespective of the sympathetic adrenergic stimulation that may be present. Levalbuterol also acts as a functional antagonist to relax the airway irrespective of the sympathetic adrenergic stimulation that may be present.

12.2 Pharmacokinetics

Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over study, 20 adults with mild-to-moderate asthma received single doses of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (0.31 mg, 0.63 mg, and 1.25 mg) and racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution (2.5 mg). All doses of active treatment produced a significantly greater degree of bronchodilation (as measured by percent change from pre-dose mean FEV₁) than placebo, and there were no significant differences between any of the active treatment arms. The bronchodilator response to 1.25 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP and 2.5 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution were clinically comparable over the 6-hour evaluation period, except for a slightly longer duration of action (> 15% increase in FEV₁ from baseline) after administration of 1.25 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP. Systemic beta-adrenergic adverse effects were observed with all active doses and were generally dose-related for (R)-albuterol. Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP at a dose of 1.25 mg produced a slightly higher rate of systemic beta-adrenergic adverse effects than the 2.5 mg dose of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution.

In a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over study, 12 adults with mild-to-moderate asthma were challenged with inhaled methacholine 20 and 180 minutes following administration of a single dose of 2.5 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate, 1.25 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP, or 1.25 mg of (S)-albuterol or placebo using a Pari LC Jet[®] nebulizer. Racemic albuterol sulfate, Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP and (S)-albuterol had a protective effect against methacholine-induced bronchoconstriction 20 minutes after administration, although the effect of (S)-albuterol was minimal. At 180 minutes after administration, the bronchoprotective effect of 1.25 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP was comparable to that of 2.5 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate. At 180 minutes after administration, 1.25 mg of (S)-albuterol had no bronchoprotective effect.

In a clinical study in adults with mild-to-moderate asthma, comparable efficacy (as measured by change from baseline FEV₁) and safety (as measured by heart rate, blood pressure, ECG, serum potassium, and tremor) were demonstrated after a cumulative dose of 5 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (four consecutive doses of 1.25 mg administered every 30 minutes) and 10 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution (four consecutive doses of 2.5 mg administered every 30 minutes).

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

The inhalation pharmacokinetics of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP were investigated in a randomized cross-over study in 30 healthy adults following administration of a single dose of 1.25 mg and a cumulative dose of 5 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP and a single dose of 2.5 mg and a cumulative dose of 10 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution by nebulization using a Pari LC Jet[®] nebulizer with a Dura-Net[®] 2000 compressor. Following administration of a single 1.25 mg dose of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP, exposure to (R)-albuterol (AUC₀₋₆ of 1.3 ng·h/mL) was approximately 2.6-fold higher than following administration of a single 2.5 mg dose of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution (AUC₀₋₆ of 1.7 ng·h/mL) (see Table 6). Following administration of a cumulative 5 mg dose of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP (1.25 mg given every 30 minutes for a total of four doses) or a cumulative 10 mg dose of racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution (2.5 mg given every 30 minutes for a total of four doses), C_{max} and AUC₀₋₆ of (R)-albuterol were comparable (see Table 6).

Table 6: Mean (SD) Values for Pharmacokinetic Parameters in Healthy Adults

| Parameter | Single Dose | | Cumulative Dose | |
|------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 1.25 mg | Racemic albuterol sulfate Solution, USP 2.5 mg | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 1.25 mg | Racemic albuterol sulfate Solution, USP 10 mg |
| C _{max} (ng/mL) | 1.1 (0.45) | 0.8 (0.41)** | 4.5 (2.20) | 4.2 (1.51)** |
| T _{max} (h) | (R)-albuterol 0.2 (0.17, 0.37) | 0.2 (0.17, 1.50) | 0.2 (-0.18*, 1.25) | 0.2 (-0.28*, 1.00) |
| AUC ₀₋₆ (ng·h/mL) | 3.3 (1.58) | 1.7 (0.99)** | 17.4 (8.56) | 16.0 (7.12)** |
| T _{1/2} (h) | (R)-albuterol 3.3 (2.48) | 1.5 (0.61) | 4.0 (1.05) | 4.1 (0.97) |

* Median (Min, Max) reported for T_{max}.

** Values reflect only (R)-albuterol and do not include (S)-albuterol.

Children 6-11 Years Old

The pharmacokinetic parameters of (R)- and (S)-albuterol in children with asthma were obtained using population pharmacokinetic analysis. These data are presented in Table 7. For comparison, adult data obtained by conventional pharmacokinetic analysis from a different study are also presented in Table 7.

In children, AUC₀₋₆ and C_{max} of (R)-albuterol following administration of 0.63 mg Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP were comparable to those following administration of 1.25 mg racemic albuterol sulfate inhalation solution.

When the same dose of 0.63 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP was given to children and adults, the predicted C_{max} of (R)-albuterol in children was similar to that in adults (0.52 vs. 0.56 ng/mL), while predicted AUC in children (2.55 ng·h/mL) was 2.6-fold higher than that in adults (1.65 ng·h/mL). These data support lower doses for children 6-11 years old compared with the adult doses (see Dosage and Administration (2)).

Table 7: (R)-Albuterol Exposure in Adults and Pediatric Subjects (6-11 Years Old)

| Treatment | Children 6-11 Years Old | | Adults ≥ 12 Years Old | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.31 mg | Racemic albuterol sulfate Inhalation Solution, USP 2.5 mg | Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.63 mg | Racemic albuterol sulfate Inhalation Solution, USP 1.25 mg |
| AUC ₀₋₆ (ng·h/mL) | 1.36 | 2.55 | 2.65 | 5.02 |
| C _{max} (ng/mL) | 3.03 | 0.521 | 0.553 | 1.08 |
| T _{max} (h) | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.1* |

* The values are predicted by assuming linear pharmacokinetics.

** The data obtained from Table 6.

* Area under the plasma concentration curve from time 0 to infinity.

** Maximum plasma concentration.

Metabolism and Elimination

Information available in the published literature suggests that the primary enzyme responsible for the metabolism of albuterol enantiomers in humans is SU1T1A3 (sulfotransferase). When racemic albuterol was administered intravenously or via inhalation after oral charcoal administration, there was a 3- to 4-fold difference in the area under the concentration-time curve between (R)- and (S)-albuterol enantiomers, with (S)-albuterol concentrations being consistently higher. However, without charcoal pretreatment, after either oral or inhalation administration, the differences were 8- to 24-fold, suggesting that (R)-albuterol is preferentially metabolized in the gastrointestinal tract, presumably by SU1T1A3.

The primary route of elimination of albuterol enantiomers is through renal excretion (80% to 100%) of either the parent compound or the primary metabolite. Less than 20% of the drug is detected in the feces. Following intravenous administration of racemic albuterol, 25% and 46% of the (R)-albuterol fraction of the dose was excreted as unchanged (R)-albuterol in the urine.

Special Populations

Hepatic Impairment

The effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP has not been evaluated.

Renal Impairment

The effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of racemic albuterol was evaluated in 5 subjects with creatinine clearance of 7 to 25 mL/min, and the results were compared with those from healthy volunteers. Renal disease had no effect on the half-life, but there was a 67% decline in racemic albuterol clearance. Caution should be exercised when administering high doses of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP to patients with renal impairment (see Use in Specific Populations (6.6)).

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Although there have been no carcinogenesis studies with levalbuterol HCl, racemic albuterol sulfate has been evaluated for its carcinogenic potential.

In a 2-year study in Sprague-Dawley rats, dietary administration of racemic albuterol sulfate resulted in a significant dose-related increase in the incidence of benign leiomyomas of the mesovarium at doses of 2 mg/kg/day and greater (approximately 4 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for adults and approximately 8 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for children on a mg/m² basis). In an 18-month study in CD-1 mice and a 24-month study in the golden hamster, dietary administration of racemic albuterol sulfate showed no evidence of tumorigenicity. Dietary doses in CD-1 mice were up to 500 mg/kg/day (approximately 540 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for adults and approximately 630 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for children on a mg/m² basis) and doses in the golden hamster study were up to 50 mg/kg/day (approximately 90 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for adults on a mg/m² basis) and approximately 105 times the MRHDID of levalbuterol HCl for children on a mg/m² basis).

Levalbuterol HCl was not mutagenic in the Ames test or the CHO/Hprt Mammalian Forward Gene Mutation Assay. Levalbuterol HCl was not clastogenic in the *in vivo* micronucleus test in mouse bone marrow. Racemic albuterol sulfate was not clastogenic in an *in vitro* chromosomal aberration assay in CHO cell cultures.

No fertility studies have been conducted with levalbuterol hydrochloride. Reproduction studies in rats using racemic albuterol sulfate demonstrated no evidence of impaired fertility at oral doses up to 50 mg/kg/day (approximately 108 times the maximum recommended daily inhalation dose of levalbuterol HCl for adults on a mg/m² basis).

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

The safety and efficacy of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP were evaluated in a 4-week, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study in 362 adult and adolescent patients 12 years of age and older, with mild-to-moderate asthma (mean baseline FEV₁ 40% predicted). Approximately half of the patients were also receiving inhaled corticosteroids. Patients were randomized to receive Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 0.63 mg, Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP 1.25 mg, racemic albuterol sulfate 1.25 mg, racemic albuterol sulfate 2.5 mg, or placebo three times a day administered via a Pari LC Jet[®] nebulizer and a Dura-Net[®] portable compressor. Racemic albuterol delivered by a chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) metered-dose inhaler (MDI) was used on an as-needed basis as the rescue medication.

Efficacy, as measured by the mean percent change from baseline FEV₁, was demonstrated for all active treatment regimens compared with placebo on day 1 and day 29. On both day 1 (see Figure 1) and day 29 (see Figure 2), 1.25 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP demonstrated the largest mean percent change from baseline FEV₁ compared with the other active treatments. A dose of 0.63 mg of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP and 2.5 mg of racemic albuterol sulfate produced a clinically comparable mean percent change from baseline FEV₁ on both day 1 and day 29.

Figure 1: Mean Percent Change from Baseline FEV₁ on Day 1, Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old

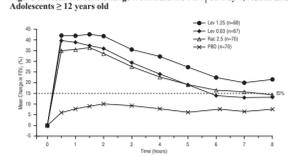
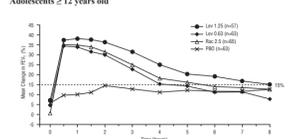


Figure 2: Mean Percent Change from Baseline FEV₁ on Day 29, Adults and Adolescents ≥ 12 Years Old



The mean time to onset of a 15% increase in FEV₁ over baseline for levalbuterol at doses of 0.63 mg and 1.25 mg was approximately 17 minutes and 10 minutes, respectively, and the mean time to peak effect for both doses was approximately 1.5 hours after 4 weeks of treatment. The mean duration of effect, as measured by a 15% increase from baseline FEV₁, was approximately 5 hours after administration of 0.63 mg of levalbuterol and approximately 6 hours after administration of 1.25 mg of levalbuterol after 4 weeks of treatment. In some patients, the duration of effect was as long as 8 hours.

Children 6-11 Years Old

A multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo- and active-controlled study was demonstrated for all active treatment regimens compared with placebo on day 1 and day 21. Time profile FEV₁ curves for day 1 and day 21 are shown in Figure 3 and Figure 4, respectively. The onset of effect (time to a 15% increase in FEV₁ over test-day baseline) and duration of effect (maintenance of a 15% increase in FEV₁ over test-day baseline) of levalbuterol were clinically comparable to those of racemic albuterol.

Figure 3: Mean Percent Change from Baseline FEV₁ on Day 1, Children 6-11 Years of Age

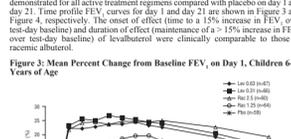
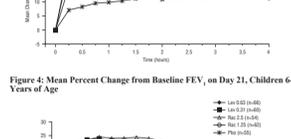


Figure 4: Mean Percent Change from Baseline FEV₁ on Day 21, Children 6-11 Years of Age



16 HOW SHOULD I STORE AND HANDLE

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP is supplied in 3 mL unit-dose, low-density polyethylene (LDPE) vials as a clear, colorless, sterile, preservative-free aqueous solution, in three different strengths of levalbuterol (0.31 mg, 0.63 mg, 1.25 mg). Each strength of Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP is available in a shelf-carton containing one or more foil pouches, each pouch containing one or more unit-dose LDPE vials.

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP, 0.31 mg/3 mL (foil pouch label color: green) contains 0.31 mg/3 mL (0.0103%) of levalbuterol (as 0.36 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl) and is available in cartons as listed below.

NDC 76204-700-01 30 vials per carton / 1 vial per foil pouch
NDC 76204-700-25 25 vials per carton / 5 vials per foil pouch
NDC 76204-700-25 25 vials per carton / 25 vials per foil pouch

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP, 0.63 mg/3 mL (foil pouch label color: yellow) contains 0.63 mg/3 mL (0.021%) of levalbuterol (as 0.73 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl) and is available in cartons as listed below.

NDC 76204-800-01 30 vials per carton / 1 vial per foil pouch
NDC 76204-800-25 25 vials per carton / 5 vials per foil pouch
NDC 76204-800-25 25 vials per carton / 25 vials per foil pouch

Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP, 1.25 mg/3 mL (foil pouch label color: red) contains 1.25 mg/3 mL (0.042%) of levalbuterol (as 1.44 mg/3 mL of levalbuterol HCl) and is available in cartons as listed below.

NDC 76204-900-01 30 vials per carton / 1 vial per foil pouch
NDC 76204-900-25 25 vials per carton / 5 vials per foil pouch
NDC 76204-900-25 25 vials per carton / 25 vials per foil pouch

Store Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP in the protective foil pouch at 20°-25°C (68°-77°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. Protect from light and excessive heat. Keep unopened vials in the foil pouch. Once the foil pouch is opened, the vials should be used within 2 weeks. Vials removed from the pouch, if not used immediately, should be protected from light and used within 1 week. Discard any vial if the solution is not colorless.

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17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

See FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information Leaflet and Instructions for Use) for Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP. Patients should be given the following information:

Hypersensitivity

Query patients about previously experienced hypersensitivity to levalbuterol or racemic albuterol and counsel patients to report any hypersensitivity reactions to their physician.

Frequency of Use

Inform patients not to increase the dose or use Levalbuterol Inhalation Solution, USP more frequently than recommended without consulting their