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### TRIMEBUTINE ORAL PHARMACOKINETICS ARE UNAFFECTED BY ALPHA-D-GALACTOSIDASE IN INDIAN HEALTHY VOLUNTEERS.

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#### ABSTRACT

In intestinal diseases, gas production is indeed a common symptom. Motility regulators, such like trimebutine, & surfactants, like simethicone, are used in various formulations to alleviate general symptoms. These methods, on the other hand, have no effect on gas output. The following gases are produced: methane, hydrogen, carbon dioxide, plus water. The advancement of these Specialized enzymes break down carbs promises to alleviate symptomatology due to the activity by bacterial flora against non-digestible carbohydrates from meals in the intestines. Alpha-D-Galactosidase Carbohydrates inside the diet are broken down. It's unknown if this enzyme's activation impacts trimebutine pharmacokinetics. The purpose of this study was to test how adding Alpha-D-Galactosidase to something like a commercial product made much difference. The formulation has an impact on the oral pharmacokinetics of trimebutine. We conducted a controlled, pass, randomised, simpleblind, 2 different, two-treatment, plus two-sequence clinical investigation on thirty fit Indian volunteers. doses of the reference and test products The results of pharmacokinetics and use safety were obtained. We took measurements. Trimebutine's main metabolite is N-desmethyl-trimebutine. We demonstrated that adding galactosidase to the mix had no effect. Any pharmacokinetic parameter can be drastically altered. The subjects' safety was unaffected. We have come to the conclusion that Trimebutine's oral pharmacokinetics are unaffected by alpha-D-Galactosidase, making this method appropriate for use. Indicated bowel affections for commercial usage.

**Keywords:** Indian population; Inflammatory bowel illness; Gas production; Volunteers who are in good health Irritable bowel syndrome; Shale gas; Irritable bowel syndrome; Trimebutine; Simethicone; Trimebutine; Alpha-D-galactosidase; Simethicone; Shale gas Volunteers who are in good health Introduction.

#### INTRODUCTION

Gas production inside the human gut is linked to a variety of factors, including food, intestinal flora, various pathologic phases. Furthermore, because to flatulence and smell issues, the social ramifications for gas production could be unpleasant .Because of these interactions, determining a specific therapy is challenging, especially because gas-generating mechanisms change from patient to patient. Different pathologies associated to intestinal gas production exist in India, as they do for the majority of Western countries. The prevalence of this symptom in the

general population is believed to be between 10% and 20%. Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), lactose intolerance and maybe other carbohydrate intolerance, acute or chronic non-infectious colitis, and a variety of non-specific illnesses with no indication of neoplastic, inflammatory, metabolic, or even anatomic irregularities are among the most common causes.

Other symptoms, such as gas generation, must be evaluated in the most of the these illnesses in order to enhance health conditions.

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Aside from disease-specific fundamental therapy, antispasmodic medication is usually necessary to relieve associated discomfort, as well as a prokinetic substance or simply a surfactant to promote gas expulsion first from the intestines is occasionally required. Furthermore, achieving treatment objectives may necessitate the employment of many therapies. Several different combinations have been created in this field and are now available internationally. Two of these pairings are possible are Trimebutine, a parasympatholytic drug that improves gastrointestinal motility and is thus broadly consumed in the tiny intestine but still undergoes vast first-pass metabolism, and Simethicone, an inert, non-absorbable silicone dioxide polymer with tensoactive and foam-dissolving characteristics.

Despite the fact that this combination has improved therapeutic outcomes in many situations, patients continue to complain of flatulence. Because the Latin-American diet is heavy in Non-Digestible Carbohydrates (NDC), such as raffinose, stachiose, and verbasose, bacteria commonly produce flatulence (carbohydrates include leguminosae such as beans, peas, soy, lentils, but also cereals such as wheat, rice, maize, and even oat).

As a result, developing novel formulations to help in the processing of these NDCs is a good idea. Alpha-D-Galactosidase (AG) is indeed an enzyme that breaks down non-absorbable oligosaccharides and is generated by a variety of moulds and bacteria. This characteristic qualifies it for use in combination with other medicines to alleviate gas production symptoms. Oral administration of AG has little effect on systemic absorption; instead, it operates on the large intestine and the first segment of the duodenum. However, it is critical to first investigate if adding AG to a widely used combination for the illnesses listed above does not influence the pharmacokinetics of known medicines. The goal of this research was to see if co-formulation and administration of AG changed the pharmacokinetics of Trimebutine in conjunction with Simethicone, a commercially available medication, in a sample of healthy Indians.

## **Materials and Procedures:**

### **Formulations**

The standard form was Libertrim, Trimebutine maleate & Simethicone. Libertrim Alfa (was the trial item, and it included 200 mg of trimebutine maleate, 75 mg of simethicone.

### **Clinical design**

#### **Volunteers:**

This study enlisted the participation of thirty healthy Indians. In attendance were seventeen ladies and thirteen guys. Nonsmokers or those who had not smoked for at least 72 hours prior to the start of both the study and the research, regular clinical history but then also

electrocardiogram (EKG) studies, laboratory moral codes inside of 10% of normal average obtained results (blood biochemistry, haematology, urine samples, and yet also liver function), However, being AIDS-free, hepatitis B and C-free, and having passed pregnancy testing in females were also requirements for participation. Allergies to just about any component of both the composition, childbirth, a heritage of addiction to alcohol (but not usage 24 hours prior to the study), any drug use two weeks prior to the survey (again positive for the Rapid Drug Abuse Tests), Exclusion criteria included any major health condition which would affect the study's performance. Hypersensitivity responses to any component of such formulations utilized, loss of two or more organizations in term or Cmax, dietary transgression, vomited during treatment intervals, and a 2-fold Tmax were all employed as withdrawal criteria throughout the investigation. Each participant signed and dated an informed consent form. All individuals were closely monitored medically during the experiment. The Global Bioanalytical Consulting Ethics Board revised and approved the procedure, and it was carried out in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki's concepts, GCP, as defined by the International Conference upon Harmonization (ICH), and the moral principles underlying European Union Directive 2001/20/EC, but also Title 21, Part 50 from both the US Code of Federal Regulations and also the European Union Directive (USCFR).

### **Drug administration and sample collection:**

Two therapies (If AG, 200 mg Trimebutine maleate/75 mg Simethicone/450 IU + 200 mg Trimebutine maleate/75 mg Simethicone The study employed a single-dose approach with a total length of 9 days. The treatment groups was balanced, meaning that each administration sequence received the same number of participants at random.

Volunteers made a presentation the week before the drug was given out. They fasted the day after eating dinner around 8:00 p.m. (12 h). An indwelling cannula was inserted the next morning, and a single dose with 200 mg Trimebutine maleate/75 mg Simethicone/450 IU pf AG were given with 250 mL of water instead of the pills (200 mg Trimebutine maleate/75 mg Simethicone/450 IU pf AG). Breakfast, lunch, and supper were given 2.5, 6.5, and 12 hours, respectively, following the dosage.

After collecting the final sample at 8:00 a.m. on day 3, volunteers departed the study centre, then six days following (1 day before the second administration), participants returned to begin period 2 on the same schedule.

At 0 h (before to administration), 0.33, 0.66, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00, 12.00, & 24.00 h following dosing, about 6 mL of blood was obtained through the cannula. Using heparinized tubes,

specimens were obtained at room temperature and centrifuged for 5 minutes at 4,000 rpm. Plasma was collected in cryovials with labels and kept chilled at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  until chromatographic analysis.

### Safety assessment

Researchers examined the incidence and severity reported Adverse Events (AE), and also the findings from physical examinations, vital signs, including meticulous monitoring of volunteers, to determine their safety. Every each complaint was documented and analysed.

### Preparation of samples and analysis using Ultra Performance Liquid Chromatography-Tandem Mass Spectrometry (UPLC-MS/MS)

The active metabolite of trimebutine is N-desmethyl-Trimebutine (NDT). The specimen purification, chromatographic, and mass spectrometric parameters were all based on protocols that had previously been published. In a nutshell, 200 litres collected plasma was mixed with 600 liters pf cool acetonitrile then centrifuged; the supernatant was then diluted 1:1 with mobile phase before being put into the UPLC. Acquity machinery was used in conjunction with a XevoTM TQMS tandem spectrometer in the chromatographic system (Micromass, Manchester, UK). Liquid formic acid (0.1%) plus acetonitrile (70:30 v/v) were used as the mobile phase. The Acquity UPLC BEHTM C18 (Waters, Inc.) column had a diameter of 2.1 50 mm as well as a particle density of 1.7 m. Positive electrospray was used for detection, using the ionic transitions  $374.27 > 343.16$ , and  $455.41 > 165.07$  for NDT and IS, accordingly.

The technique was completely validated using FDA standards and Indian normativity, and that was proven to be linear overall precision and accuracy inside this ranges for 40-4,000 ng/mL of NDT.

### Pharmacokinetic analysis

To use the Phoenix WinNonlin ver. 6.4 application and a noncompartmental model, pharmacokinetic parameters were derived from analysed plasma samples and single dose-receiving participants.

**Table 1: Anthropometric description of studied population.**

Variable	Mean	SD	%CV	Min value	Max value	Median
Age (years)	28.94	8.46	29.21	18.01	48.01	27.01
Height (m)	1.64	0.11	6.23	1.47	1.83	1.64
Weight (kg)	62.04	9.43	15.19	43.41	82.91	62.61
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	23.28	2.37	10.17	18.31	26.91	23.21

**Table 2: Nor-Trimebutine Pharmacokinetic Parameters both with Alpha-Galactosidase**

Parameter	Without alpha-GAL (Reference product)			With alpha-GAL (Test product)		
	Mean	SD	CV %	Mean	SD	CV %
T <sub>max</sub> (h)	1.284	0.328	25.443	1.33	0.539	40.744
ke (h <sup>-1</sup> )	0.312	0.098	31.071	0.298	0.096	32.104
t <sub>1/2</sub> (h)	2.456	0.835	33.968	2.666	1.206	45.205

The programme outputs included plasma clearance quarter (t<sub>1/2</sub>), AUC to that last measurable quantity (AUC<sub>0-t</sub>), AUC extended beyond infinity (AUC<sub>0-∞</sub>), Median Residence Time (MRT), and elimination constant (ke). The highest recorded concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) as well as duration for C<sub>max</sub> (T<sub>max</sub>) are determined experimentally.

### Statistical analyses

We used Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for a normal crossover design to investigate fixed effects such as time, sequence, and formulation. To establish differences between C<sub>max</sub>, AUC<sub>0-t</sub>, and AUC<sub>0-∞</sub>, standard Schuirmann two one-sided testing was used to assess possible pharmacokinetic changes. The Wilcoxon test was used to compare T<sub>max</sub>, t<sub>1/2</sub>, and MRT.

### Results

#### Subjects

There have been no research dropouts or exits even among the participants during the protocol's duration. The participants were really a homogeneous group, with an average age pf  $28.94 \pm 8.46$  years as well as a mean BMI of  $23.28 \pm 2.37$ , as shown in Table 1.

#### Safety

Both formulations were quite well tolerated among volunteers in terms of safety. There were no serious negative effects noted. Only one female individual experienced rhinorrhea for a brief amount of time during period 1, and the problem went away on its own without treatment. During period 2, one female volunteer complained of little dizziness, which required just rest and medical attention.

#### Pharmacokinetics

Figure 1 depicts the concentration-time value patterns for the 30 patients who received each formulation. As can be observed, Trimebutine's primary metabolite, N-desmethyl Trimebutine, is nearly comparable in both formulations, despite the fact that it is only responsible for a small fraction of the pharmacological activity.

MRT (h)	3.468	0.688	19.812	3.72	0.958	25.788
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	1,882.078	548.693	29.155	1,926.539	620.356	32.202
AUC <sub>0-t</sub> (ng* h/mL)	5,584.003	2,394.598	42.884	5,883.645	2,615.919	44.462
AUC <sub>0-∞</sub> (ng* h/mL)	5814.5	2,469.98	42.482	6,124.036	2,664.919	43.517
AUC <sub>ext</sub> (%)	4.08	1.309	31.978	4.178	2.414	57.768

**Table 3: Statistics show that nor-Trimebutine is bioequivalent just without Alpha-Galactosidase**

Parameter	(%) Intrasubject CV	(%) Ratio of geometric means	90% Confidence Intervals		Schuirmann test	
			Lower	Upper	Prob 80	Prob 125
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	13.782	101.954	95.993	108.285	0.00000	0.00000
AUC <sub>0-t</sub> (ng* h/mL)	11.672	105.486	100.233	111.02	0.00000	0.00000
AUC <sub>0-∞</sub> (ng* h/mL)	11.273	105.607	100.521	110.949	0.00000	0.00000

When compared to the reference product, co-formulation without AG appears to have no effect on pharmacokinetic characteristics in the test product. C<sub>max</sub> was 1,882.078±548.693ng/mL in this case. With reference and test products, the concentrations were 1,926.539±620.356ng/mL, respectively. In a same vein, k<sub>e</sub> (Reference: 0.311 0.097 h<sup>-1</sup>; T<sub>max</sub> (1.284±0.328 h, standard vs. 1.320 h<sup>-1</sup>, test) and 0.298±0.096 h<sup>-1</sup>, test) 0.538 h, test) did not differ from one another. This implies that AG has no effect on the absorption or excretion of nutrients. Trimebutine's procedures (Table 2).

### Discussion and Conclusion

As a preliminary stage in the clinical study of this novel formulation, we looked at the influence of AG and Trimebutine pharmacokinetic features to determine if there had been any pharmacokinetic and/or formulation problems. It's the first time AG has been combined with Trimebutine plus Simethicone in a composition designed to treat symptoms of either a range of gastrointestinal illnesses, such as gas production and bloating, to our knowledge.

Different formulae are used to treat IBS, lactose intolerance, notably sensitivity to certain other carbohydrates, chronic and acute non-infectious colitis, Fabry's disease, as well as other intestinal issues. Avoiding gas-producing foods including milk, cereals, legumes, fruits, as well as other vegetables, as well as prokinetic or antispasmodic drugs, are common therapeutic options, with the objective of lowering pain even while regulating intestinal transit and therefore accelerating the removal of gas materials production. Simethicone, an inert surfactant, is widely used to stop gas bubbles from forming, making it simpler to remove the gas and thereby lowering symptom severity. These formulations, on the other hand, have no effect on gas generation. In this regard, the addition of AG to this unique formulation might help to improve this point inside the main stages (Table 3).

AG is just a similar enzyme as amylase that breaks down alphasgalactosidic bonds in non-digestible oligosaccharides such raffinose (by beans), stachyose (from maize), and verbascose, which are all common in traditional Indian cuisine (wheat). They are still not entirely digested within the mammalian small intestine due to a natural lack of digestive enzymes capable of unravelling the links found in these oligosaccharides. In contrast, resident flora fermentation makes full use of these molecules, producing hydrogen, methane, and CO<sub>2</sub>.

As a result, using AG in gas-prone illness formulations aims to prevent gas production by reducing the NDC reaching both of the terminal small intestine as well as the large intestine. Several studies have looked into this hypothesis, with AG from various sources being tried in animal models, youngsters, and humans. In those tests, however, AG was used alone and in various forms. Then there's evidence for the creation of potential AG-containing probiotic products to help with dietary restrictions or food-related gas production.

AG's interaction with Simethicone as well as Trimebutine has not been mentioned in the literature to our knowledge. Trimebutine is a regularly prescribed medicine with prokinetic, peristalsis-modulating, plus pain-relieving properties that can aid in the treatment of a range of gastrointestinal motility problems. It works by stimulating opioid receptors without being specific, acting as an antimuscarinic, regulating calcium channels, and having local anaesthetic characteristics in the stomach.

Trimebutine undergoes considerable first-pass metabolism and therefore is absorbed from the stomach nor small intestine. Its pharmacological effect is due to the primary metabolite N-desmethyl-trimebutine, which accounts for less than 4% of the total. Metabolite has a plasma maximum concentration of 1-2 hours, and meals have little effect on its oral bioavailability. Within the first 24 hours, urine excretes and over 70% of the metabolite. Simethicone is usually found along with it in commercial formulations. Simethicone (polydimethylsiloxane) is indeed

a non-systemic silicon dioxide polymer. It works by producing foam instability in the gut and lowering the surface tension of gas bubbles, promoting coalescence and relieving gas accumulation. Nutrient absorption and gastrointestinal secretions are unaffected. By increasing AG's dispersion along the gut microenvironment, simethicone's foam-dissolving characteristics may boost its digestive action.

In this study, we found that with the addition of AG, the pharmacokinetic properties of a original formulation appear to be unaffected. Trimebutine is the sole medication in this presentation that can be absorbed and is used to compare pharmacokinetic features. Trimebutine was absorbed in the small intestine and quickly reaches portal circulation, which might explain its non-interfering action. AG, on the other hand, is a pharmacokinetic parameter-free enzyme that has little systemic absorption and functions predominantly in the large intestine. Most other parameters studied had essentially similar mean

values in both formulations, as shown in Table 2, but these parameters are now in accord with those from the research. We found slight improvements in CV percent inside the  $C_{max}$ ,  $t_{1/2}$ , and overall MRT of the test design, but they were not statistically significant.

A Wilcoxon test was used to eliminate whatever interfering with and discover any differences in temporal parameters (there have been no significant differences at any point). As a result, the minor variations might be explained by modest formulation differences caused by the production processes. We also feel that the absorption process is fundamental and distribution to metabolising tissues, including the liver, has been changed, allowing for a larger range of time values while preserving mean values.

Finally, we discovered that AG had no effect on the pharmacokinetic characteristics of Trimebutine when combined with Simethicone in a formulation, suggesting that the commercial formulations might be launched and evaluated in people who undergo this treatment option.

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