

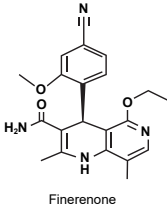
# Finone<sup>TM</sup>

( Finerone )

Film-coated Tablets  
10mg & 20mg

## DESCRIPTION

Finone contains Finerone, a nonsteroidal mineralocorticoid receptor antagonist. Its chemical name is (4S) 4-(4-cyano-2-methoxyphenyl)-5-ethoxy-2,8-dimethyl-1,4-dihydro-1,6-naphthyridine-3-carboxamide. Its molecular formula is  $C_{21}H_{22}N_2O_3$  and the structural formula is:



## QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Finone (Finerone) Tablets are available for oral administration as:

Finone Tablets 10mg

Each film-coated tablet contains:

Finerone...10mg

Finone Tablets 20mg

Each film-coated tablet contains:

Finerone...20mg

## CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### Mechanism of Action

Finerone is a nonsteroidal, selective antagonist of the mineralocorticoid receptor (MR), which is activated by aldosterone and cortisol and regulates gene transcription. Finerone blocks MR mediated sodium reabsorption and MR overactivation in both epithelial (e.g., kidney) and nonepithelial (e.g., heart, and blood vessels) tissues. MR overactivation is thought to contribute to fibrosis and inflammation. Finerone has a high potency and selectivity for the MR and has no relevant affinity for androgen, progesterone, estrogen, and glucocorticoid receptors. Its binding to MR leads to a specific receptor-ligand complex that blocks recruitment of transcriptional coactivators implicated in the expression of pro-inflammatory and pro-fibrotic mediators.

### Pharmacokinetics

#### Absorption

Finerone exposure increased proportionally over a dose range of 1.25 to 80mg (0.06 to 4 times the maximum approved recommended dosage). Steady state of Finerone was achieved after 2 days of dosing. The estimated steady-state geometric mean  $C_{0-24h}$  was 160µg/L and steady-state geometric mean  $AUC_{0-24h}$  was 686µg/L following administration of Finerone 20mg to patients. Finerone is completely absorbed after oral administration but undergoes metabolism resulting in absolute bioavailability of 44%. Finerone  $C_{max}$  was achieved between 0.5 and 1.25 hours after dosing.

#### Distribution

The volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) of Finerone is 52.6 L. Plasma protein binding of Finerone is 92%, primarily to serum albumin, in-vitro.

#### Metabolism

Finerone is primarily metabolized by CYP3A4 (90%) and to a lesser extent by CYP2C8 (10%) to inactive metabolites.

#### Elimination

The terminal half-life of Finerone is about 2 to 3 hours, and the systemic blood clearance is about 25L/h. About 80% of the administered dose is excreted in urine (< 1% as unchanged) and approximately 20% in feces (<0.2% as unchanged)

### Special Population

#### Patients with Renal Impairment

There were no clinically relevant differences in Finerone AUC or  $C_{max}$  values in patients with eGFR 15 to < 90mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> compared to eGFR ≥ 90mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Patients with Hepatic Impairment

There was no clinically significant effect on Finerone exposure in cirrhotic patients with mild hepatic impairment (Child Pugh A). Finerone mean AUC was increased by 38% and  $C_{max}$  was unchanged in cirrhotic patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child Pugh B) compared to healthy control subjects. The effect of severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C) on Finerone exposure was not studied.

#### Elderly Patients

Elderly subjects (≥65 years of age) exhibited higher Finerone plasma concentrations than younger subjects (≤45 years of age), with mean AUC and  $C_{max}$  values being 34% and 51% higher in the elderly.

### THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

Finone (Finerone) is indicated to reduce the risk of sustained eGFR decline, end stage kidney disease, cardiovascular death, non-fatal myocardial infarction, and hospitalization for heart failure in adult patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) associated with type 2 diabetes (T2D).

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

#### Prior to Initiation of Finone (Finerone)

Measure serum potassium levels and estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) before initiation. Do not initiate treatment if serum potassium is >5.0mEq/L.

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### Recommended Starting Dosage

The recommended starting dose of Finone (Finerone) is based on eGFR and is presented in table below:

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eGFR (mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup> )	Starting Dose
≥ 60	20mg once daily
≥ 25 to < 60	10mg once daily
< 25	Not Recommended

Finone tablets may be taken with a glass of water. For patients who are unable to swallow whole tablets, Finone (Finerone) may be crushed and mixed with water or soft foods such as applesauce immediately prior to use and administered orally.

### Monitoring and Dose Adjustment

The target daily dose of Finone (Finerone) is 20mg.

Measure serum potassium 4 weeks after initiating treatment and adjust dose (see Table below); if serum potassium levels are > 4.8 to 5.0mEq/L, initiation of Finone (Finerone) treatment may be considered with additional serum potassium monitoring within the first 4 weeks based on clinical judgement and serum potassium levels. Monitor serum potassium 4 weeks after a dose adjustment and throughout treatment, and adjust the dose as needed.

### Dose Adjustment Based on Current Serum Potassium Concentration and Current Dose

		Current Finone (Finerone) Dose	
		10mg once daily	20mg once daily
Current Serum Potassium (mEq/L)	≤ 4.8	Increase the dose to 20mg once daily.*	Maintain 20mg once daily.
	> 4.8 – 5.5	Maintain 10mg once daily.	Maintain 20mg once daily.
	> 5.5	Withhold Finone (Finerone). Consider restarting at 10mg once daily when serum potassium ≤ 5.0mEq/L.	Withhold Finone (Finerone). Restart at 10mg once daily when serum potassium ≤ 5.0mEq/L.

\*If eGFR has decreased by more than 30% compared to previous measurement, maintain 10mg dose.

### Missed doses

Direct a patient to take a missed dose as soon as possible after it is noticed, but only on the same day. If this is not possible, the patient should skip the dose and continue with the next dose as prescribed.

### Pediatric Use

The safety and efficacy of Finerone have not been established in patients under 18 years of age. Therefore, Finerone is not recommended for use in pediatric patients.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

Very common: Hyperkalemia.

Common: Hyponatremia, hyperuricemia, hypotension, glomerular filtration rate decreased.

Uncommon: Hemoglobin decreased.

“To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS to Getz Pharma’s Pharmacovigilance Section, please contact at [dsafety@getzpharma.com](mailto:dsafety@getzpharma.com) or +92-21-38636363”

### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Finerone is contraindicated in patients:

- With hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipient of the product.
- Who are receiving concomitant treatment with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors (e.g., itraconazole, ketoconazole, ritonavir, nelfinavir, cobcistat, clarithromycin, telithromycin and nefazodone).
- With adrenal insufficiency.
- Addison’s disease.

### PRECAUTIONS

#### Hyperkalemia

Finerone can cause hyperkalemia. The risk for developing hyperkalemia increases with decreasing kidney function and is greater in patients with higher baseline potassium levels or other risk factors for hyperkalemia. Measure serum potassium and eGFR in all patients before initiation of treatment with Finerone and dose accordingly. Do not initiate Finerone if serum potassium is > 5.0 mEq/L. Measure serum potassium periodically during treatment with Finerone and adjust dose accordingly. More frequent monitoring may be necessary for patients at risk for hyperkalemia, including those on concomitant medications that impair potassium excretion or increase serum potassium.

#### Concomitant medications

The risk of hyperkalemia also may increase with the intake of concomitant medications that may increase serum potassium.

Avoid concomitant use of Finerone with the following medications:

- potassium-sparing diuretics (e.g., amiloride, triamterene)
- Other mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists (MRAs) (e.g., eplerenone, spironolactone, esaxerone and canrenone).

Use Finerone with caution and monitor serum potassium when taken concomitantly with the following medications:

- Potassium supplements
- Trimethoprim or trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole. Temporary discontinuation of Finerone may be necessary.

#### *Use in Hepatic Impairment*

Patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C) have not been studied. Due to an expected significant increase in Finerenone exposure, avoid use of Finerenone in patients with severe hepatic impairment. Due to an increase in Finerenone exposure, consider additional serum potassium monitoring and adapt monitoring according to patient characteristics in patients with moderate hepatic impairment (Child Pugh B).

#### *Use in Renal Impairment*

The risk of hyperkalemia increases with decreasing renal function. Ongoing monitoring of renal function should be performed as needed according to standard practice. Initiation of Finerenone treatment is not recommended in patients with eGFR < 25 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup> as clinical experience is limited. Continue Finerenone treatment with caution regarding serum potassium levels in patients with end-stage renal disease (eGFR < 15 mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>) as clinical experience is limited.

#### *Excipients*

This medication contains lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicinal product.

#### **Pregnancy**

Finerenone should not be used during pregnancy unless there has been careful consideration of the benefit for the mother and the risk to the fetus. If the patient becomes pregnant while taking Finerenone, the patient should be informed of potential risks to the fetus. Advise women of childbearing potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Finerenone.

#### **Nursing Mothers**

There are no data on the presence of Finerenone or its metabolite in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant or the effects of the drug on milk production. Because of the potential risk to breastfed infants from exposure to Finerenone, avoid breastfeeding during treatment and for 1 day after treatment.

#### **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

##### *Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors*

Finerenone is a CYP3A4 substrate. Concomitant use with a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor increases Finerenone exposure, which may increase the risk of Finerenone adverse reactions. Concomitant use of Finerenone with strong CYP3A4 inhibitors is contraindicated.

##### *Moderate and Weak CYP3A4 Inhibitors*

Finerenone is a CYP3A4 substrate. Concomitant use with a moderate or weak CYP3A4 inhibitor increases Finerenone exposure, which may increase the risk of Finerenone adverse reactions. Monitor serum potassium during drug initiation or dosage adjustment of either Finerenone or the moderate or weak CYP3A4 inhibitor, and adjust Finerenone dosage as appropriate.

##### *Strong and Moderate CYP3A4 Inducers*

Finerenone is a CYP3A4 substrate. Concomitant use of Finerenone with a strong or moderate CYP3A4 inducer decreases Finerenone exposure, which may reduce the efficacy of Finerenone. Avoid concomitant use of Finerenone with strong or moderate CYP3A4 inducers.

##### *Grapefruit*

Concomitant intake of grapefruit or grapefruit juice is expected to increase the plasma concentration of Finerenone and should be avoided.

##### *Antihypertensive medicinal products*

The risk for hypotension increases with concomitant use of multiple other antihypertensive medicinal products. In these patients, blood pressure monitoring is recommended.

#### **OVERDOSAGE**

In the event of suspected overdose, immediately interrupt Finerenone treatment. The most likely manifestation of overdose is hyperkalemia. If hyperkalemia develops, standard treatment should be initiated.

Finerenone is unlikely to be efficiently removed by hemodialysis given its fraction bound to plasma proteins of about 90%.

#### **STORAGE**

Do not store above 30°C.

Protect from sunlight and moisture.

The expiration date refers to the product correctly stored at the required conditions.

#### **HOW SUPPLIED**

Finone (Finerenone) Tablets 10mg are available in blister pack of 20's.

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**Keep out of reach of children.**

**To be sold on prescription of a registered medical practitioner only.**

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