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Film-coated tablet, 5 mg, 10 mg, 20 mg

This is a summary of the public assessment report (PAR) for Escitalopram Grindeks. It explains how the assessment was made and why the authorisation was recommended as well as the conditions of use. It is not intended to provide practical advice on how to use the product.

For practical information about the use of the product, patients should read the package leaflet or contact their doctor or pharmacist.

What is Escitalopram Grindeks and what is it used for?

The product is a 'generic medicine'. This means that it is similar to a 'reference medicine' already authorised in the European Union (EU) called CipraleX.

Escitalopram Grindeks is used to treat depression (major depressive episodes) and anxiety disorders (such as panic disorder with or without agoraphobia, social anxiety disorder, generalised anxiety disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder).

It may take a couple of weeks before you start to feel better. Continue to take Escitalopram Grindeks, even if it takes some time before you feel any improvement in your condition.

How does Escitalopram Grindeks work?

Escitalopram Grindeks contains the active substance escitalopram. Escitalopram belongs to a group of antidepressants called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs). These medicines act on the serotonin-system in the brain by increasing the serotonin level.

How is Escitalopram Grindeks used?

The pharmaceutical form is Film-coated tablet for oral use.

Please read section 3 of the package leaflet for detailed information on dosing recommendations, the route of administration, and the duration of treatment.

The medicine can only be obtained with a prescription in Sweden.

What benefits of Escitalopram Grindeks have been shown in studies?

Because the product is a generic medicine, studies in patients have been limited to tests to determine that it is bioequivalent to the reference medicine, CipraleX. Two medicines are bioequivalent when they produce the same levels of the active substance in the body.

What are the possible side effects from Escitalopram Grindeks?

Because the product is a generic medicine, its benefits and possible side effects are taken as being the same as the reference medicine.

For the full list of side effects, see section 4 of the package leaflet.

For the full list of restrictions, see the package leaflet.

Why is Escitalopram Grindeks approved?

It was concluded that, in accordance with EU requirements, the product has been shown to have comparable quality and is considered to be bioequivalent to the reference medicine. Therefore, the Swedish Medical Products Agency decided that, as for Cipralex, the benefits are greater than its risks and recommended that it can be approved for use.

What measures are being taken to ensure the safe and effective use of Escitalopram Grindeks?

A risk management plan has been developed to ensure that the product is used as safely as possible. Based on this plan, safety information has been included in the summary of product characteristics and the package leaflet, including the appropriate precautions to be followed by healthcare professionals and patients.

Known side effects are continuously monitored. Furthermore, new safety signals reported by patients/healthcare professionals will be monitored/reviewed continuously as well.

Other information about Escitalopram Grindeks

The full PAR for Escitalopram Grindeks can be found on the following website: <http://mri.medagencies.org/Human/>. For more information about treatment with Escitalopram Grindeks, please read the package leaflet or contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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