



# ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>

Telmisartan / Hydrochlorothiazide  
Tablet

COBEL DAROU

**Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.**  
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.  
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.  
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.  
- If you get any side effects talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.

### Dosage forms and presentation

40 mg/12.5 mg, 80 mg/12.5 mg and 80 mg/25 mg tablets. Bottles of 30s.

**ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>** is a combination of two active substances, telmisartan and hydrochlorothiazide in one tablet. Both substances help to control high blood pressure.  
- Telmisartan belongs to a group of medicines called angiotensin II receptor antagonists.  
- Angiotensin II is a substance produced in your body which causes your blood vessels to narrow, thus increasing your blood pressure. Telmisartan blocks the effect of angiotensin II so that the blood vessels relax, and your blood pressure is lowered.  
- Hydrochlorothiazide belongs to a group of medicines called thiazide diuretics, which cause your urine output to increase leading to a lowering of your blood pressure.  
High blood pressure, if not treated, can damage blood vessels in several organs, which could lead sometimes to heart attack, heart or kidney failure, stroke, or blindness. There are usually no symptoms of high blood pressure before damage occurs. Thus, it is important to regularly measure blood pressure to verify if it is within the normal range.  
**ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>** is used to treat high blood pressure (essential hypertension) in adults whose blood pressure is previously stabilised by telmisartan and hydrochlorothiazide given separately.

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### Contraindications

- If you are allergic to telmisartan or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (see "contents of the pack and other information").
- If you are allergic to hydrochlorothiazide or to any other sulfonamide-derived medicines.
- If you are more than 3 months pregnant (It is also better to avoid ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> in early pregnancy – see pregnancy section).
- If you have severe liver problems such as cholestasis or biliary obstruction (problems with drainage of the bile from the liver and gall bladder), or any other severe liver disease.
- If you have severe kidney disease.
- If your doctor determines that you have low potassium levels or high calcium levels in your blood that do not get better with treatment.
- If you have diabetes or impaired kidney function and you are treated with a blood pressure lowering medicine containing aliskiren.

If any of the above applies to you, tell your doctor or pharmacist before taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>.

### Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor before taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> if you are suffering or have ever suffered from any of the following conditions or illnesses:  
- Low blood pressure (hypotension), likely to occur if you are dehydrated (excessive loss of body water) or have salt deficiency due to diuretic therapy (water tablets), low-salt diet, diarrhoea, vomiting, or haemodialysis  
- Kidney disease or kidney transplant - Renal artery stenosis (narrowing of the blood vessels to one or both kidneys)  
- Liver disease - Heart trouble - Diabetes - Gout - Raised aldosterone levels (water and salt retention)  
- In the body along with imbalance of various blood minerals - Systemic lupus erythematosus (also called "lupus" or "SLE") a disease where the body's immune system attacks the body - The active ingredient hydrochlorothiazide can cause an unusual reaction, resulting in a decrease in vision and eye pain. These could be symptoms of fluid accumulation in the vascular layer of the eye (choroidal effusion) or an increase of pressure in your eye and can happen within hours to weeks of taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>. This can lead to permanent vision impairment, if not treated - If you have had skin cancer or if you develop an unexpected skin lesion during the treatment. Treatment with hydrochlorothiazide, particularly long term use with high doses, may increase the risk of some types of skin and lip cancer (non-melanoma skin cancer). Protect your skin from sun exposure and UV rays while taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>.

Talk to your doctor before taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> if:  
• If you are taking any of the following medicines used to treat high blood pressure:  
- an ACE-inhibitor (for example enalapril, lisinopril, ramipril), in particular if you have diabetes-related kidney problems.  
- Aldrenon.

Your doctor may check your kidney function, blood pressure, and the amount of electrolytes (e.g. potassium) in your blood at regular intervals.  
• If you are taking Digoxin.

• If you experienced breathing or lung problems (including inflammation or fluid in the lungs) following hydrochlorothiazide intake in the past. If you develop any severe shortness of breath or difficulty breathing after taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>, seek medical attention immediately.  
You must tell your doctor if you think you are (or might become) pregnant. ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> is not recommended in early pregnancy, and must not be taken if you are more than 3 months pregnant, as it may cause serious harm to your baby if used at that stage (see pregnancy section).

Treatment with hydrochlorothiazide may cause electrolyte imbalance in your body. Typical symptoms of fluid or electrolyte imbalance include dry mouth, weakness, lethargy, drowsiness, restlessness, muscle pain or cramps, nausea (feeling sick), vomiting, tired muscles, and an abnormally fast heart rate (faster than 100 beats per minute). If you experience any of these, you should tell your doctor.  
You should also tell your doctor if you experience an increased sensitivity of the skin to the sun with symptoms of sunburn (such as redness, itching, swelling, blistering) occurring more quickly than normal.  
In case of surgery or anaesthetics, you should tell your doctor that you are taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>.

### Other medicines and ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>

The use of ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> in children and adolescents up to the age of 18 years is not recommended.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. Your doctor may need to change the dose of other medications or take other precautions. In some cases, you may have to stop taking one of the medicines. This applies especially to the medicines listed below taken at the same time with ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>:

- Lithium containing medicines to treat some types of depression.
- Medicines associated with low blood potassium (hypokalaemia) such as other diuretics, laxatives (e.g. castor oil), corticosteroids (e.g. Prednisolone), ACTH (a hormone), Amphotericin (an Antifungal Medicine), Carbamazepine (used to treat mouth ulcers), Penicillin G Sodium (an antibiotic), and Salicylic acid and derivatives.
- Medicines that may increase blood potassium levels such as potassium-sparing diuretics, potassium supplements, salt substitutes containing potassium, ACE inhibitors, cyclosporin (an Immunosuppressant medicine) and other medicinal products such as heparin sodium (an anticoagulant).
- Medicines that are affected by changes of the blood potassium level such as heart medicines (e.g. Digoxin) or medicines to control the rhythm of your heart (e.g. Quinidine, Dipyridamide, Amiodarone, Sotalol), medicines used for mental disorders (e.g. Thioridazine, Chlorpromazine, Levomepromazine) and other medicines such as certain antibiotics (e.g. Sparfloxacin, Pentamidine) or certain medicines to treat allergic reactions (e.g. Terfenadine).
- Medicines for the treatment of diabetes (insulins or oral agents such as Metformin).
- Cholestyramine and Colestipol, medicines for lowering blood fat levels.
- Medicines to increase blood pressure, such as Noradrenaline.
- Muscle relaxing medicines, such as Tubocurarine.
- Calcium supplements and/or vitamin D supplements.
- Anti-cholinergic medicines (medicines used to treat a variety of disorders such as gastrointestinal cramps, urinary bladder spasm, asthma, motion sickness, muscular spasms, Parkinson's disease and as an aid to anaesthesia) such as atropine and biperiden.
- Amantadine (medicine used to treat Parkinson's disease and also used to treat or prevent certain illnesses caused by viruses).
- Other medicines used to treat high blood pressure: Corticosteroids, Paritidines (such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs)), medicines to treat cancer, gout, or arthritis.
- If you are taking an ACE-inhibitor or Aliskiren (see also information under the headings "Contraindications and Warnings and precautions").
- Digoxin.

ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> may increase the blood pressure lowering effect of other medicines used to treat high blood pressure or of medicines with blood pressure lowering potential (e.g. Baclofen, Amitriptyline). Furthermore, low blood pressure may be aggravated by alcohol, barbiturates, narcotics or antidepressants. You may notice this as dizziness when standing up. You should consult with your doctor if you need to adjust the dose of your other medicine while taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>.

The effect of ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> may be reduced when you take NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines, e.g. Aspirin or Ibuprofen).

### ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> with food and alcohol

You can take ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> with or without food.

Avoid taking alcohol until you have talked to your doctor. Alcohol may make your blood pressure fall more and/or increase the risk of you becoming dizzy or feeling faint.

### Pregnancy and breast-feeding

**Pregnancy**  
You must tell your doctor if you think you are (or might become) pregnant. Your doctor will normally advise you to stop taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> before you become pregnant or as soon as you know you are pregnant and will advise you to take another medicine instead of ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>. ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> is not recommended during pregnancy, and must not be taken when more than 3 months pregnant, as it may cause serious harm to your baby if used after the third month of pregnancy.

### Breast-feeding

Tell your doctor if you are breast-feeding or about to start breast-feeding. ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> is not recommended for mothers who are breast-feeding, and your doctor may choose another treatment for you if you wish to breast-feed.

### Driving and using machines

Some people feel dizzy or tired when taking ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>. If you feel dizzy or tired, do not drive or operate machinery.

### Dosage

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. The recommended dose is one tablet a day. Try to take the tablet at the same time each day. You can take ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> with or without food. The tablets should be swallowed with some water or other non-alcoholic drink. It is important that you take ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> every day until your doctor tells you otherwise. If your liver is not working properly, the usual dose should not exceed 40 mg/12.5 mg once a day.

If you take more ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> than you should:  
If you accidentally take too many tablets you may experience symptoms such as low blood pressure and rapid heartbeat. Slow heartbeat, dizziness, vomiting, reduced kidney function including kidney failure, have also been reported. Due to the hydrochlorothiazide component, markedly low blood pressure and low blood levels of potassium can also happen, which may result in nausea, sleepiness and muscle cramps and/or irregular heartbeat associated with the concomitant use of medicines such as digitalis or certain anti-arrhythmic treatments. Contact your doctor, pharmacist, or your nearest hospital emergency department immediately.  
If you forget to take ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>:  
If you forget to take a dose, do not worry. Take it as soon as you remember then carry on as before. If you do not take your tablet on one day, take your normal dose on the next day. Do not take a double dose to make up for forgotten individual doses.

If you have further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

### Side/adverse effects

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

You should see your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following symptoms:  
Sepsis\* (often called "blood poisoning"), is a severe infection with whole-body inflammatory response, rapid swelling of the skin and mucosa (Angioedema), blistering and peeling of the top layer of skin (toxic epidermal necrolysis) these side effects are rare (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people) or of unknown frequency (toxic epidermal necrolysis) but are extremely serious and patients should stop taking the medicine and see their doctor immediately. If these effects are not treated they could be fatal. Increased incidence of sepsis has been reported with telmisartan only, however, can not be ruled out for ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>.

Possible side effects of ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup>:

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

### Dizziness

Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)

Decreased blood potassium levels, anxiety, fainting (syncope), sensation of tingling, pins and needles (paraesthesia), feeling of spinning (vertigo), fast heart beat (tachycardia), heart rhythm disorders, low blood pressure, a sudden fall in blood pressure when you stand up, shortness of breath (dyspnoea), diarrhoea, dry mouth, flatulence, back pain, muscle spasm, muscle pain, erectile dysfunction (inability to get or keep an erection), chest pain, increased blood uric acid levels.  
Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)  
Inflammation of the lung (bronchitis), activation or worsening of systemic lupus erythematosus (a disease where the body's immune system attacks the body, which causes joint pain, skin rashes and fever); sore throat, inflamed sinuses, feeling sad (depression), difficulty falling asleep (insomnia), impaired vision, difficulty breathing, abdominal pain, constipation, bloating (dyspepsia), feeling sick (vomiting), inflammation of the stomach (gastritis), abnormal liver function, redness of the skin (erythema), allergic reactions such as itching or rash, increased sweating, hives (urticaria), joint pain (arthralgia) and pain in extremities, muscle cramps, flu-like-illness, pain, low levels of sodium, increased levels of creatinine, hepatic enzymes or creatine phosphokinase in the blood.  
Telmisartan  
In patients taking telmisartan alone the following additional side effects have been reported:  
Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 people)  
Upper respiratory tract infection (e.g. sore throat, inflamed sinuses, common cold), urinary tract infections, deficiency in red blood cells (anaemia), high potassium levels, slow heart rate (bradycardia), cough, kidney impairment including acute kidney failure, weakness.  
Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)  
Low platelet count (thrombocytopenia), increase in certain white blood cells (eosinophilia), severe allergic reaction (e.g. hypersensitivity, anaphylactic reaction, drug rash), low blood sugar levels (in diabetic patients), somnolence, upset stomach, eczema (a skin disorder), arthritis, inflammation of the tendons, decreased haemoglobin (a blood protein).

Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)

Progressive scarring of lung tissue (interstitial lung disease)

The event may have happened by chance or could be related to a mechanism currently not known.

Cases of progressive scarring of lung tissue have been reported during intake of telmisartan. However, it is not known whether telmisartan was the cause.

### Hydrochlorothiazide

In patients taking hydrochlorothiazide alone the following additional side effects have been reported:

Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 people)

Feeling sick (nausea), low blood magnesium level

Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people)

Reduction in blood platelets, which increases risk of bleeding or bruising (small purple-red marks in skin or other tissue caused by bleeding), high blood calcium level, headache.  
Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 people)  
Increased pH (disturbed acid-base balance) due to low blood chloride level, acute respiratory distress (signs include severe shortness of breath, fever, weakness, and confusion).

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data)  
Inflammation of the salivary gland, skin and lip cancer (non-melanoma skin cancer), decreases in the number (or even lack) of cells in the blood, including low red and white blood cell count, serious allergic reactions (e.g. hypersensitivity, anaphylactic reaction), decreased or loss of appetite, restlessness, light-headedness, blurred or yellowing of vision, decrease in vision and eye pain (possible signs of fluid accumulation in the vascular layer of the eye (choroidal effusion) or acute-angle closure glaucoma), inflammation of blood vessels (vasculitis necrotising), inflamed pancreas, upset stomach, yellowing of the skin or eyes (jaundice), lupus-like syndrome (a condition mimicking a disease called systemic lupus erythematosus where the body's immune system attacks the body); skin disorders such as inflamed blood vessels in the skin, increased sensitivity to sunlight, rash, redness of the skin, blistering of the lips, eyes or mouth, skin peeling, fever (possible signs of erythema multiforme), weakness, kidney inflammation or impaired kidney function, glucose in the urine (glycosuria), impaired electrolyte balance, high blood cholesterol levels, decreased blood volume, increased blood levels of glucose, difficulties in controlling blood/urine levels of glucose in patients with a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus, or fat in the blood.

### Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects: talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly:

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### Storage

Keep out of reach and sight of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the bottle "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Store in a temperature less than 30°C and away from moisture. Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

### Contents of the pack and other information

The active substances are telmisartan and hydrochlorothiazide.  
Each ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> tablet 40/12.5 mg contains 40 mg telmisartan and 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide.  
Each ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> tablet 80/12.5 mg contains 80 mg telmisartan and 12.5 mg hydrochlorothiazide.  
Each ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> tablet 80/25 mg contains 80 mg telmisartan and 25 mg hydrochlorothiazide.

The other ingredients of ARBICOR-PLUS<sup>®</sup> are Mannitol, Corn starch, Povidone, Polyorbate 80, L-Arginine, Croscopolone, Colloidal anhydrous silica, Sodium hydroxide, Magnesium stearate, Microcrystalline cellulose and yellow iron oxide.

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