



NEW PRODUCT LAUNCH - 1 September 2020 – Marlow, UK

Hydroxychloroquine Sulfate 300 mg film-coated tablets now available

Blackrock Pharmaceuticals limited (Blackrock) today announce the UK launch of the first and only Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) 300 mg strength film-coated tablets.

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PIP code: 1239789

Pack size: 30 tablets

Blackrock has been supplying Hydroxychloroquine 200 mg film coated tablets in the UK since 2011. Through speaking with experts, it became clear that there was a need for increased HCQ dosing options to allow accurate weight-based dosing for all patients. This is especially relevant as understanding has grown that HCQ retinopathy may be more common than previously thought, and is associated with long term use at doses above the recommended maximum for the patients' weight (6.5mg/kg/day ideal body weight, or 5 mg/kg/day actual body weight) (Ref: SPC Hydroxychloroquine sulfate 300mg film coated tablet; RCOphth HCQ Retinopathy Guidelines Jan 2020)

Commenting on this development, Professor Ian Bruce, Consultant Rheumatologist, Manchester Royal Infirmary said:

“Availability of the new 300 mg dose HCQ tablet will provide greater flexibility to accurately tailor HCQ doses for individual patients. It may also improve adherence which can be a challenge with more complex HCQ dosing regimens”

HCQ is the mainstay of Lupus treatment. It has been shown to reduce mortality and morbidity in systemic lupus erythematosus (Alarcon et al., 2007). It also has clear steroid sparing properties even in patients with more severe disease and many experts advocate the use for all patients with SLE unless contraindicated (Amissah-Arthur and Gordon, 2010; van Vollenhoven et al., 2014). HCQ is also widely used as a Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drug (DMARD) in combination therapy for the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

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