

SCHEDULING STATUS: [54]

1. NAME OF THE MEDICINAL PRODUCT
AUGSPEC 1 g (film-coated tablets)

2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION
Each film-coated tablet contains amoxicillin trihydrate equivalent to 875 mg amoxicillin and potassium clavulanate equivalent to 125 mg clavulanic acid.

3. PHARMACEUTICAL FORM
Film-coated tablets.

White to off white 22 mm by 10 mm oblong film-coated tablets with score line. The score line is only for tactile breaking for ease of swallowing and not to divide into equal doses.

4. CLINICAL PARTICULARS

4.1. Therapeutic indications
AUGSPEC 1 g is indicated in adults for the treatment of the following infections caused by amoxicillin-resistant organisms producing β -lactamase sensitive to clavulanic acid (see section 4.2, section 4.4 and section 5.1):

- Upper respiratory tract infections - such as sinusitis, recurrent otitis media, tonsillitis
- Lower respiratory tract infections - such as bronchitis and bronchopneumonia
- Genito-urinary tract infections - such as cystitis, urethritis, pyelonephritis
- Skin and soft tissue infections

AUGSPEC 1 g formulations will also be effective in the treatment of infections caused by amoxicillin-sensitive organisms at the appropriate amoxicillin dosage since in this situation the clavulanic acid component does not contribute to the therapeutic effect.

4.2. Posology and method of administration

Posology
During the administration of amoxicillin, it is advisable to maintain adequate fluid intake and urinary output in order to prevent any possibility of amoxicillin crystalluria.

General Information: For infections caused by amoxicillin-sensitive organisms the dosage is that approved for amoxicillin as the clavulanic acid component does not contribute to the therapeutic effect.

Adults:
For severe infections, one AUGSPEC 1 g tablet every 12 hours at the start of a meal.

Special populations

Impaired renal function:
Both amoxicillin and clavulanic acid are excreted by the kidneys and the serum half-life of each increases in patients with renal failure. Therefore, the dose may need to be reduced or the interval extended. Dosage adjustments are based on the maximum recommended level of amoxicillin.

AUGSPEC 1 g should not be used in patients with a glomerular filtration rate of less than 30 ml/min/1.73 m². Haemodialysis decreases serum concentrations of both amoxicillin and clavulanic acid and an additional dose should be administered at the end of dialysis.

Elderly:
No dose adjustment is considered necessary.

Hepatic impairment:
Dose with caution and monitor hepatic function at regular intervals (see section 4.3 and section 4.4).

Method of administration

AUGSPEC 1 g is for oral use. Tablets should be taken immediately before a meal.

Dosage Guide:

| Amoxicillin-Sensitive Organisms | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Upper respiratory tract infections | Lower respiratory tract infections | Urinary tract infections | Skin and soft tissue infections |
| 1 tablet 12-hourly | 1 tablet 12-hourly | 1 tablet 12-hourly | 1 tablet 12-hourly |

| Amoxicillin-Resistant Organisms: | | | |
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| Upper respiratory tract infections (Otitis media), <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>H. parainfluenzae</i> | Lower respiratory tract infections (Otitis media), <i>H. influenzae</i> , <i>H. parainfluenzae</i> | Urinary tract infections <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> | Skin and soft tissue infections <i>Methicillin sensitive Staphylococcus aureus</i> |
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4.3. Contraindications

AUGSPEC 1 g is contraindicated in:

- Patients who are allergic to the active substances amoxicillin or clavulanic acid or to any of the excipients (see section 6.1).
- Hypersensitivity to penicillins or to cephalosporins. Cross-sensitivity between penicillins and cephalosporins is well documented.
- AUGSPEC 1 g is contraindicated in patients with a previous history of amoxicillin/clavulanic-associated jaundice/hepatic dysfunction (see section 4.8).

4.4. Special warnings and precautions for use

Prescribers must adhere to the principles of antibiotic stewardship. Serious and occasionally fatal hypersensitivity (anaphylactoid) reactions have been reported in patients on penicillin therapy. Before initiating therapy with AUGSPEC 1 g, careful enquiry should be made concerning previous hypersensitivity reactions to penicillins, cephalosporins or other allergens. Although anaphylaxis is more frequent following parenteral therapy, it has occurred in patients on oral penicillins. These reactions are more likely to occur in individuals with a history of penicillin hypersensitivity and/or a history of sensitivity to multiple allergens. There have been reports of individuals with a history of penicillin hypersensitivity who have experienced severe reactions when treated with cephalosporins. If an allergic reaction occurs, AUGSPEC 1 g should be discontinued and appropriate therapy instituted. Serious anaphylactoid reactions may require immediate emergency treatment with adrenaline. Oxygen, intravenous steroids and airway management, including intubation may also be required.

Severe cutaneous adverse reactions (SCAR), such as Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS), toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN), drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS), and acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) have been reported in patients taking beta-lactam antibiotics. When SCAR is suspected, beta-lactam antibiotics should be discontinued.

In the case that an infection is proven to be due to an amoxicillin-susceptible organism(s) then consideration should be given to switching from amoxicillin/clavulanic acid to amoxicillin.

AUGSPEC 1 g is not suitable for use when there is a high risk that the presumptive pathogens have resistance to beta-lactam agents that is not mediated by beta-lactamase sensitive to inhibition by clavulanic acid. AUGSPEC 1 g should not be used to treat penicillin-resistant *S. pneumoniae*.

AUGSPEC 1 g should be avoided if infectious mononucleosis is suspected since the occurrence of a morbilliform rash has been associated with this condition following the use of amoxicillin.

Convulsions may occur in patients with impaired renal function or in those receiving high doses (see section 4.8)

Prolonged use may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms. Pseudomembranous enterocolitis has been reported.

The possibility of superinfections with mycotic or bacterial pathogens should be kept in mind during therapy. If superinfections occur (usually involving *Aerobacter*, *Pseudomonas* or *Candida*) the agent should be discontinued and/or appropriate therapy instituted.

The occurrence at the treatment initiation of a feverish generalised erythema associated with pustula may be due to acute generalised exanthematous pustulosis (AGEP) (see Section 4.8). The reaction requires AUGSPEC 1 g discontinuation and contraindications any subsequent administration of amoxicillin.

Prolongation of prothrombin time has been reported rarely in patients receiving AUGSPEC 1 g. Appropriate monitoring should be undertaken when anticoagulants are prescribed concurrently.

Antibiotic-associated colitis, (including pseudomembranous colitis, haemorrhagic colitis *Clostridium difficile* associated diarrhoea (CDAD)), has been reported with nearly all antibacterial agents including amoxicillin and may range in severity from mild to life threatening (see section 4.8). Therefore, it is important to consider this diagnosis in patients who present with diarrhoea during or subsequent to the administration of any antibiotics. Should antibiotic-associated colitis occur, AUGSPEC 1 g should immediately be discontinued, a medical practitioner be consulted and an appropriate therapy initiated. Anti-peristaltic medicinal products are contraindicated in this situation.

Caution is needed when administering amoxicillin to patients with syphilis, as the Jarisch-Herxheimer reaction may occur in these patients.

When high doses are administered, adequate fluid intake and urinary output must be maintained.

The sodium content must be taken into account in patients on a sodium-restricted diet if the administration of high doses is necessary.

AUGSPEC 1 g should be given with caution to patients with lymphatic leukaemia since they are especially susceptible to amoxicillin-induced skin rashes.

Periodic assessment of organ function, including renal, hepatic and haematopoietic functions, is advisable during prolonged therapy.

In impaired hepatic function: Changes in liver function tests have been observed in some patients receiving AUGSPEC 1 g. Transient hepatitis and cholestatic jaundices have been reported. AUGSPEC 1 g should be reported with caution in patients with evidence of hepatic dysfunction. Hepatic events have been reported predominantly in males and elderly patients and may be associated with prolonged therapy. Some patients have been severely ill and some have died. In all populations, signs and symptoms usually occur during or shortly after treatment but in some cases may not become apparent until several weeks after treatment has ceased. These are usually reversible. Hepatic events may be treated by discontinuing the drug and supportive therapy instituted. Serious hepatic events have also occurred in patients with serious underlying disease or taking concomitant medications known to have the potential for hepatic effects (see section 4.8).

Impaired renal function: In patients with moderate or severe renal impairment AUGSPEC 1 g dosage should be adjusted (see section 4.2). AUGSPEC 1 g should not be used in patients with a glomerular filtration rate of less than 30 ml/min/1.73 m².

Use in lactation: Amoxicillin is excreted in the milk; there is no data on the excretion of clavulanic acid in human milk. Therefore, caution should be exercised when AUGSPEC 1 g is administered to a nursing woman (see section 4.6).

The use of AUGSPEC 1 g may lead to the selection of resistant strains of organisms and sensitivity testing should, therefore, be carried out whenever possible, to demonstrate the appropriateness of therapy.

Interference with serological testing
The presence of amoxicillin or clavulanic acid in the presence of glucose in urine during AUGSPEC 1 g treatment, enzymatic glucose oxidase methods should be used. Due to the high urinary concentrations of amoxicillin, false positive readings are common with chemical methods.

The presence of clavulanic acid in AUGSPEC 1 g may cause a non-specific binding of IgG and albumin by red cell membranes leading to a false positive Coombs test.

4.5. Interaction with other medicines and other forms of interaction
Probenecid decreases the renal tubular secretion of amoxicillin but does not affect clavulanic acid excretion. Concomitant use with AUGSPEC 1 g may result in increased and prolonged blood levels of amoxicillin but not of clavulanic acid.

AUGSPEC 1 g may reduce the efficacy of oral contraceptives and patients should be warned accordingly.

The concomitant administration of allopurinol and ampicillin substantially increases the incidence of skin rashes and of below 25 °C. Protect from light and moisture.

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Tetracyclines and other bacteriostatic drugs may interfere with the bactericidal effects of amoxicillin.

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