Part VI: Summary of the Risk Management Plan

Summary of Risk Management Plan for TAPENTADOL 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg prolonged-release tablets (tapentadol)

This is a summary of the risk management plan (RMP) for TAPENTADOL 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg, 150 mg, 200 mg, 250 mg prolonged-release tablets (hereinafter referred to as Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets). The RMP details important risks of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets, how these risks can be minimised, and how more information will be obtained about product's risks and uncertainties (missing information).

Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets' summary of product characteristics (SmPC) and its package leaflet give essential information to healthcare professionals and patients on how Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets should be used.

Important new concerns or changes to the current ones will be included in updates of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets' RMP.

I. The Medicine and What It is used for

Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets is indicated for the management of severe chronic pain in adults, which can be adequately managed only with opioid analgesics (see SmPC for the full indication). It contains tapentadol as the active substance and it is given by oral route of administration.

II. Risks Associated with the Medicine and Activities to Minimise or Further Characterise the Risks

Important risks of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets, together with measures to minimise such risks and the proposed studies for learning more about Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets' risks, are outlined below.

Measures to minimise the risks identified for medicinal products can be:

- Specific information, such as warnings, precautions, and advice on correct use, in the package leaflet and SmPC addressed to patients and healthcare professionals;

- Important advice on the medicine's packaging;

- The authorised pack size — the amount of medicine in a pack is chosen so to ensure that the medicine is used correctly;

- The medicine's legal status — the way a medicine is supplied to the patient (e.g. with or without prescription) can help to minimise its risks.

Together, these measures constitute *routine risk minimisation* measures.

In addition to these measures, information about adverse reactions is collected continuously and regularly analysed so that immediate action can be taken as necessary. These measures constitute *routine pharmacovigilance activities*.

II.A List of Important Risks and Missing Information

Important risks of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets are risks that need special risk management activities to further investigate or minimise the risk, so that the medicinal product can be safely taken. Important risks can be regarded as identified or potential. Identified risks are concerns for which there is sufficient proof of a link with the use of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets. Potential risks are concerns for which an association with the use of this medicine is possible based on available data, but this association has not been established yet and needs further evaluation. Missing information refers to information on the safety of the medicinal product that is currently missing and needs to be collected (e.g. on the long-term use of the medicine).

Table 4: Summary of Safety Concerns

List of important risks and missing information	
Important identified risks	• Drug abuse and drug dependence
Important potential risks	• None
Missing information	• None

II.B Summary of Important Risks

The safety information in the proposed Product Information is aligned to the reference medicinal product.

II.C Post-Authorisation Development Plan

II.C.1 Studies Which Are Conditions of the Marketing Authorisation

There are no studies which are conditions of the marketing authorisation or specific obligation of Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets.

II.C.2 Other Studies in Post-Authorisation Development Plan

There are no studies required for Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets.