



CO-MALAFIN

Tablets



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Drug Interactions:

- Sulfamethoxyipyrazine / Pyrimethamine (SMP) is compatible with quinine and with antibiotics. The same applies to artesunate.
- Antifolate drugs (e.g. other Sulphonamides / Trimethoprim-Sulphomethoxazole combination) should not be used while the patient is receiving SMP for antimalarial treatment.
- SMP combination has not been reported to interfere with anti-diabetic agents. No adverse drug interactions with artesunate have been reported to date.
- Activity of other anti-malarial drugs, may in fact, be potentiated by artesunate.

Precautions & Warnings:

- Sulfamethoxyipyrazine & Pyrimethamine usage should be stopped, if cutaneous rash appears. Adequate diuresis must be maintained. In case of renal disorders, administer more reduced or less frequent doses to avoid drug accumulation and carry out examinations of blood levels.
- Pregnancy - No cases of human embryotoxicity or teratogenicity have been reported. Product is not recommended during first trimester unless the benefits outweigh the risk (as is often encountered in complicated & cerebral malaria). Combination is contra-indicated during the last two weeks of pregnancy.
- Lactation - Mothers should not breast feed their infants during Sulfamethoxyipyrazine / Pyrimethamine therapy. Both are excreted in the maternal milk.
- Sulfamethoxyipyrazine / Pyrimethamine shall not be given to infants less than 2 months of age.

Adverse Effects:

- Sulfamethoxyipyrazine/Pyrimethamine (SMP) is well tolerated at recommended doses. Nausea, vomiting & rarely cutaneous erythema, epidermal necrolysis may occur.
- Rarely blood dyscrasias may occur with Sulfamethoxyipyrazine (a sulfonamide), especially in elderly (neutropenia, thrombocytopenia, purpura, leukopenia, & seldom agranulocytosis), which are reversible when the treatment ceases.
- Pyrimethamine may cause dizziness, tinnitus, neutropenia, elevated liver enzymes, ECG abnormalities including prolongation of the Q.T interval.
- Artesunate is well tolerated, though nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, dizziness, headache, tinnitus, neutropenia, elevated liver enzymes & ECG abnormalities including prolongation of the QT interval may occur. Neurotoxicity has been seen in animals given high doses.

Presentation

Co-malafin Strip of 6 Tablets
(3 orange coloured tablets of Sulfamethoxyipyrazine /Pyrimethamine & 3 white coloured tablets of Artesunate).

