

**WARNING: CARDIOMYOPATHY, INFUSION REACTIONS, and PULMONARY TOXICITY**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

**Cardiomyopathy:** Mabtin<sup>®</sup> can result in sub-clinical and clinical cardiac failure manifesting as CHF, and decreased LVEF, with greatest risk when administered concurrently with anthracyclines. Evaluate cardiac function prior to and during treatment. Discontinue Mabtin<sup>®</sup> for cardiomyopathy.

**Infusion reactions, Pulmonary toxicity:** Discontinue Mabtin<sup>®</sup> for anaphylaxis, angioedema, interstitial pneumonitis, or acute respiratory distress syndrome.

**FORMS AND PRESENTATION**

Mabtin<sup>®</sup> 150 (Single-dose); powder for concentrate for solution for IV infusion.  
Mabtin<sup>®</sup> 150 (Multi-dose); powder for concentrate for solution for IV infusion.  
Mabtin<sup>®</sup> 440 (Multi-dose); powder for concentrate for solution for IV infusion.

**COMPOSITION**

Reconstituted Mabtin<sup>®</sup> concentrate contains approximately 21 mg/mL of trastuzumab, a humanized IgG1 monoclonal antibody expressed in Chinese hamster ovary cell suspension culture, and purified by affinity and ion-exchange chromatography including specific viral inactivation and removal procedures.

Excipients: L-Histidine, L-Histidine hydrochloride, Polysorbate 20, Trehalose dihydrate.

**PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES****Pharmacodynamic properties**

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Antineoplastic agents, monoclonal antibodies.

ATC code: L01XC03

**Mechanism of action**

The humanized monoclonal IgG1 antibody trastuzumab is produced by recombinant DNA technology; and contains complementarily-determining regions from a mouse antibody (anti-p185) specific for the extracellular domain of the human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 protein (HER2), along with human framework sequences.

Trastuzumab binds with high affinity and specificity to sub-domain IV, a juxta-membrane region of HER2's extracellular domain. Binding of trastuzumab to HER2 inhibits ligand-independent HER2 signaling and prevents the proteolytic cleavage of its extracellular domain, an activation mechanism of HER2. As a result, trastuzumab has been shown, in both in vitro assays and in animals, to inhibit the proliferation of human tumor cells that overexpress HER2. Trastuzumab also preferentially mediates antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity (ADCC) on tumor cells over expressing HER2.

**Pharmacokinetic properties**

A randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, comparative clinical study in patients with HER2-positive metastatic breast cancer showed that the pharmacokinetic profile of Mabtin<sup>®</sup> was similar to that of trastuzumab after single- and multi-dose intravenous infusions.

The following data for pharmacokinetics in various patient populations treated with trastuzumab is summarized from publicly available information.

**Breast Cancer**

A population pharmacokinetics method was used to model steady-state pharmacokinetics in metastatic breast cancer patients (given 4 mg/kg trastuzumab [loading], followed by 2 mg/kg weekly [maintenance]); in phase 1, phase 2 and pivotal phase 3 clinical trials. Table 1 shows steady-state values.

**Table 1: Trastuzumab Steady-State Pharmacokinetic Parameters**

Parameter	Mean Value
Terminal half-life	28.5 days (95% CI, 25.5 to 32.8 days)
Weekly AUC	578 mg x day/L
Clearance	0.225 L/day
Volume of distribution	2.95 L
Peak concentration	110 mg/L
Trough concentration	66 mg/L

Patients with early breast cancer were administered an initial loading dose of 8 mg/kg followed by a three weekly maintenance dose of 6 mg/kg for 1 year. The steady state mean C<sub>max</sub> was 225 µg/mL and mean C<sub>min</sub> was 68.9 µg/mL at day 21 of cycle 18, the last cycle of treatment for 1 year of treatment.

The pharmacokinetics do not appear to be affected by concomitant anthracycline/cyclophosphamide or paclitaxel chemotherapy, or concomitant anastrozole.

**Advanced Gastric Cancer**

A two-compartment nonlinear population pharmacokinetic model was used to estimate the steady state pharmacokinetics in advanced gastric cancer patients (given 8 mg/kg trastuzumab [loading], followed by 6 mg/kg 3-weekly [maintenance]); in a phase 3 trial. At very low serum concentrations (below 10 µg/mL), non-linear clearance is 7-fold higher than linear clearance. At high serum concentrations, linear clearance dominates and the half-life is approximately 26 days. The mean predicted steady-state AUC (over a period of 3 weeks at steady state) is approximately 1213 mg day/L, and the median steady-state C<sub>max</sub> and C<sub>min</sub> are approximately 132 mg/L and 27.6 mg/L, respectively.

**Pharmacokinetics in Special Populations**

The pharmacokinetics of trastuzumab has not been explored in detailed studies in elderly patients, patients with renal impairment, or patients with hepatic impairment. Distribution and elimination are not affected by age and renal impairment.

**INDICATIONS****Metastatic Breast Cancer (MBC)**

Mabtin<sup>®</sup> is indicated for the treatment of metastatic breast cancer patients who have human epidermal growth factor receptor 2- (HER2) - over expressing tumors.

- Mabtin<sup>®</sup> is indicated as monotherapy in patients who have already had two or more chemotherapy regimens for metastatic disease. Prior chemotherapy must have been an anthracycline and a taxane (at least), unless patients are unsuitable for these treatments. Hormonal therapy must also have been tried, and have failed, in hormone receptor-positive patients (unless patients are unsuitable for hormonal therapy).

- Mabtin<sup>®</sup> is indicated in combination with paclitaxel in patients who have not received chemotherapy for their metastatic disease and for whom an anthracycline is not suitable.

- In combination with docetaxel in patients who have not received chemotherapy for their metastatic disease.

- and in combination with an aromatase inhibitor in postmenopausal patients with hormone-receptor positive MBC, who have not previously been treated with trastuzumab.

**Early Breast Cancer (EBC)**

Mabtin<sup>®</sup> is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with HER2 positive early breast cancer.

Mabtin<sup>®</sup> should only be used in MBC or EBC patients who have tumors with either over expression of HER2, or HER2 gene amplification.

- Mabtin<sup>®</sup> is indicated after surgery, neoadjuvant or adjuvant chemotherapy, and (if applicable) radiotherapy.

- Mabtin<sup>®</sup> should be used after adjuvant chemotherapy with doxorubicin and cyclophosphamide, in combination with paclitaxel or docetaxel.

- Mabtin<sup>®</sup> should be used in combination with adjuvant chemotherapy consisting of docetaxel and carboplatin. Mabtin<sup>®</sup> should be used in combination with neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by adjuvant Mabtin<sup>®</sup> therapy, for locally advanced disease (including inflammatory disease) or tumors of diameter > 2 cm.

**Metastatic Gastric Cancer (MGC)**

Mabtin<sup>®</sup> in combination with capecitabine or 5-fluorouracil and cisplatin is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with HER2 positive metastatic adenocarcinoma of the stomach or gastroesophageal junction who have not received prior anti-cancer treatment for their metastatic disease.

**Mabtin<sup>®</sup> should be used in only those MGC patients whose tumors overexpress HER2, as defined by:**

- IHC2+ plus a confirmatory SISH or FISH result, OR
- IHC 3+ result.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Hypersensitivity to trastuzumab murine proteins or to any other component of Mabtin<sup>®</sup>.
- Severe dyspnoea at rest due to complications of advanced malignancy
- Requiring supplementary oxygen therapy

Data in the following section (Warnings and Precautions) has been taken from publicly available data on trastuzumab.

**WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS****Exacerbation of chemotherapy-induced neutropenia**

Incidences of neutropenia, including febrile neutropenia, were reported in clinical trials in patients receiving trastuzumab in combination with myelosuppressive chemotherapy as compared to those who received chemotherapy alone. The incidence of septic death was similar among patients who received trastuzumab and those who did not. The risk of neutropenia may be slightly increased when trastuzumab is administered with docetaxel following anthracycline therapy.

**Infusion-related reactions**

Serious infusion-related reactions to trastuzumab infusion have been reported; and include dyspnoea, hypotension, wheezing, bronchospasm, tachycardia, reduced oxygen saturation, hypertension, supraventricular tachyarrhythmia, anaphylaxis, urticaria, angioedema and respiratory distress. The majority of these events occur during or within 2.5 hours of the start of the first infusion.

Patients may be at increased risk of a fatal infusion reaction if they are experiencing dyspnoea at rest, arising from complications of advanced malignancy or comorbidities. Should infusion reactions occur, discontinue trastuzumab infusion or slow the rate of infusion, and observe the patient until the symptoms resolve. Rarely, such reactions culminate in death. Most patients experienced resolution of symptoms and were given further infusions of trastuzumab. Supportive therapy, such as oxygen, epinephrine, antihistamine, bronchodilators, beta-agonists and corticosteroids, has been successfully used to treat serious reactions.

**Pulmonary toxicity**

Severe pulmonary events have been reported with trastuzumab, occasionally resulting in death. Cases of interstitial lung diseases including lung infiltrates, acute respiratory distress syndrome, pneumonia, pneumonitis, pleural effusion, respiratory distress, acute pulmonary oedema and respiratory insufficiency have been reported; these events may occur as part of an infusion-related reaction or with a delayed onset. Risk factors associated with interstitial lung disease include prior or concomitant therapy with other anti-neoplastic therapies such as taxanes, gemcitabine, vinorelbine and radiation therapy. Patients may be at greater risk of severe reactions if they have symptomatic intrinsic lung disease; or extensive tumour involvement of the lungs, resulting in dyspnoea at rest. Therefore, such patients should not be treated with trastuzumab. Exercise caution for pneumonitis, especially in patients being treated concomitantly with taxanes.

**Cardiac dysfunction**

Trastuzumab therapy increases the risk congestive heart failure (CHF) (New York Heart Association [NYHA] class II - IV) or asymptomatic cardiac dysfunction. These events have been observed in patients receiving trastuzumab alone or in combination with paclitaxel following anthracycline (doxorubicin or epirubicin). These events can be moderate to severe and may be associated with death. Caution should be taken when treating patients with increased cardiac risk (e.g., hypertension, documented coronary artery disease, CHF, LVEF <55%, older age).

Since the half-life of trastuzumab is long, it may persist in the circulation for up to 27 weeks after stopping treatment. Patients who receive anthracyclines after stopping trastuzumab may possibly be at increased risk of cardiotoxicity. If possible, physicians should avoid anthracycline-based therapy for up to 27 weeks after stopping treatment, and monitor cardiac function carefully if anthracyclines are used. If left ventricular function continues to decrease, but patients remain asymptomatic, the physician should consider discontinuing therapy if no clinical benefit of therapy has been seen. Trastuzumab and anthracycline should not be given concurrently in the adjuvant treatment setting (early breast cancer) or metastatic breast cancer setting. In patients with early breast cancer eligible for neoadjuvant-adjuvant chemotherapy, trastuzumab should only be used concurrently with anthracyclines in chemotherapy-naive patients and only with low-dose anthracycline regimens (maximum cumulative doses of doxorubicin 180 mg/m<sup>2</sup> or epirubicin 360 mg/m<sup>2</sup>). In patients being concurrently treated with full course of low-dose anthracyclines and trastuzumab in the neoadjuvant setting, additional cytotoxic chemotherapy should not be given after surgery. Patients who are going to start trastuzumab, especially those with prior exposure to anthracycline and cyclophosphamide, should undergo baseline cardiac assessment, including history and physical examination, ECG, echocardiogram and/or MUGA scan. Repeat cardiac assessments every 3 months during treatment and every 6 months following discontinuation of treatment until 24 months from the last administration of trastuzumab.

If left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) drops =10 ejection fraction (EF) points from baseline and to below 50%, treatment should be stopped and a repeat LVEF assessment should be performed within approximately 3 weeks. If LVEF does not improve, or declines further, or symptomatic congestive heart failure (CHF) develops, discontinuation of trastuzumab should be strongly considered, unless the benefits for the individual patient outweigh the risks. All such patients should be referred for assessment by a cardiologist and followed up.

No prospective study has been done on the safety of continuing or resuming trastuzumab in patients who experience cardiotoxicity. In the pivotal trials, most patients who developed heart failure improved with standard treatments (including diuretics, cardiac glycosides, beta blockers and/or angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors). In these trials, most patients with cardiac symptoms who also had evidence of a clinical benefit from trastuzumab treatment continued on therapy with trastuzumab without further clinical cardiac events.

**Benzyl alcohol**

Benzyl alcohol (1.1%) is used as a preservative in bacteriostatic water for injection in the 150 mg and 440 mg Mabtin<sup>®</sup> multidose vials. If a patient is known to be hypersensitive to benzyl alcohol, reconstitute Mabtin<sup>®</sup> with water for injection, and use only one dose per Mabtin<sup>®</sup> vial. DISCARD ANY UNUSED PORTION.

**Effects on ability to drive and use machines**

Trastuzumab has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive or use machines. Patients should be advised not to drive or use machines if they are experiencing infusion-related symptoms; until the symptoms abate.

**FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION****Pregnancy**

It is not known whether trastuzumab can harm the foetus when administered to a pregnant woman or whether it can affect reproductive capacity. Animal reproduction studies done with trastuzumab revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the foetus.

Avoid administering Mabtin<sup>®</sup> to pregnant women, unless the potential benefit for the mother outweighs the potential risk to the foetus. Oligohydramnios, and cases of impaired foetal renal growth and/or function in association with oligohydramnios (some associated with fetal pulmonary hypoplasia of the foetus), skeletal abnormalities and neonatal death have been reported in pregnant women receiving trastuzumab.

Advise women of childbearing potential to use effective contraception during treatment with Mabtin<sup>®</sup>, and for at least 7 months thereafter. If a pregnant woman is treated with Mabtin<sup>®</sup>, close monitoring by a multidisciplinary team is desirable. Monitor women exposed to trastuzumab during pregnancy for oligohydramnios.

**Lactation**

Breast-feeding should be avoided during Mabtin<sup>®</sup> therapy. Women should not breast-feed during Mabtin<sup>®</sup> therapy and for 7 months after the last dose.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Formal drug interaction studies with trastuzumab have not been performed in humans. In clinical trials of trastuzumab, no clinically significant interactions with the concomitant medications used were observed. The mean serum trough concentration of trastuzumab was consistently elevated approximately 1.5-fold, when administered in combination with paclitaxel as compared to trough concentrations of trastuzumab when administered in combination with an anthracycline and cyclophosphamide. Trastuzumab can increase the overall exposure of 7-deoxy-13 dihydro-doxorubicinone (DTD), a doxorubicin metabolite. The bioactivity of DTD and the clinical impact of the increase of this metabolite is not clear.

**ADVERSE EFFECTS**

The following undesirable effects are based on publicly available information categorized on the basis of frequency of occurrence of adverse reactions in different clinical trials and post-marketing information for trastuzumab.

**Very common** (≥1/10): Tremor, blood pressure decreased, blood pressure increased, heat beat irregular, palpitation, cardiac failure, lip swelling, swelling face, muscle tightness (adverse reactions reported largely in association with infusion-related reactions); ejection fraction decreased; wheezing; dyspnoea; infection, nasopharyngitis, febrile neutropenia, anaemia, neutropenia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia, weight decreased/weight loss, anorexia, weight increased, decreased appetite, insomnia, dizziness, headache, paraesthesia, hypoesthesia, dysgeusia, conjunctivitis, lacrimation increased, lymphoedema, hot flush, cough, epistaxis, rhinorrhoea, oropharyngeal pain, diarrhoea, vomiting, nausea, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, constipation, stomatitis, erythema, rash, alopecia, nail disorder, Palmar-plantar erythrodysaesthesia syndrome, arthralgia, myalgia, asthenia, chest pain, chills, fatigue, influenza-like symptoms, infusion-related reaction, pain, pyrexia, mucosal inflammation, peripheral oedema, nail toxicity.

**Common** (≥1/100 to <1/10): Cardiac failure (congestive), pneumonia, pleural effusion; supraventricular tachyarrhythmia, hypotension; neutropenic sepsis, cystitis, herpes zoster, influenza, sinusitis, skin infection, rhinitis, upper respiratory tract infection, urinary tract infection, erysipelas, cellulitis, pharyngitis, hypersensitivity, anxiety, depression, thinking abnormal, peripheral neuropathy, hypertonia, somnolence, ataxia, dry eye,

