

- Effective in relieving depression
- Early onset of antidepressant effect¹
- Provides improvement in sleep¹
- Majority of patients prefer Zispin SolTab over conventional tablets²
- Pleasant orange taste, dissolves on the tongue in seconds
- Can be taken with or without water
- Once daily, available in 15mg, 30mg and 45mg doses

 **ZISPIN[®] SolTab[™]**
mirtazapine orodispersible tablet

The **melt-in-the-mouth** antidepressant with the **orange** taste

Zispin SolTab 15mg, 30mg, 45mg - Zispin 30 mg Tablets
(See SPCs before Prescribing)

Presentation: Zispin SolTab 15mg, 30mg, 45mg. Peel-to-open strips of 6 orodispersible tablets each containing 15, 30 or 45mg of mirtazapine, available in packs of 30 tablets. **Zispin tablets** Blister strips of 7 tablets each containing 30mg of mirtazapine, available in packs of 28 tablets. **Uses:** Episode of major depression. **Administration:** Zispin SolTab should be taken out of the strip with dry hands and should be placed on the tongue. The SolTab will disintegrate and can be swallowed with or without water. Zispin tablets should be taken orally, if necessary with fluid, and swallowed without chewing. **Dosage:** Adults and elderly: The effective daily dose is usually between 15 and 45mg. Children: Not recommended. The clearance of mirtazapine may be decreased in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency. Zispin is suitable for once-a-day administration, preferably as a single night-time dose. Treatment should be continued until the patient has been completely symptom-free for 4-6 months. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to mirtazapine or any ingredients of Zispin. **Precautions and warnings:** Reversible bone marrow suppression presenting as agranulocytosis and granulocytopenia have been reported with most antidepressants. Reversible agranulocytosis has been reported as a rare occurrence with Zispin. The physician should be alert to symptoms such as fever, sore throat, stomatitis or other signs of infection; if these occur, treatment should be stopped and blood counts taken. Patients should also be advised of the importance of these symptoms. Careful dosing as well as regular and close monitoring is necessary in patients with: epilepsy and organic brain syndrome (See SPC); hepatic or renal insufficiency; cardiac diseases; low blood pressure, diabetes mellitus (Insulin and/or oral hypoglycaemic dosage may need to be adjusted.) As with other antidepressants care should be taken in patients with: micturition disturbances like prostate hypertrophy, acute narrow-angle glaucoma and increased intra-ocular pressure. Treatment should be discontinued if jaundice occurs. Moreover, as with other antidepressants, the following should be taken into account: worsening of psychotic symptoms can occur when antidepressants are administered to patients with schizophrenia or other psychotic disturbances; when the depressive phase of manic-depressive psychosis is being treated, it can transform into the manic phase. As for all therapies for depression, risk of suicide may increase in the first few weeks of treatment. Zispin has sedative properties and may impair concentration and alertness. **Interactions:** Alcohol, benzodiazepines and MAO inhibitors. **Pregnancy & Lactation:** Safety in human pregnancy has not been established. Use during pregnancy not recommended. Women of child bearing potential should employ an adequate method of contraception. Use in nursing mothers not recommended. **Adverse reactions:** The following adverse effects have been reported: Most common: Increase in appetite and weight gain. Oedema. Drowsiness/sedation, generally occurring during the first few weeks of treatment. (N.B. dose reduction generally does not lead to less sedation but can jeopardize antidepressant efficacy). Dizziness. Headache. Rare: (Orthostatic) hypotension. Exanthema. Mania, convulsions, tremor, myoclonus. Acute bone marrow depression (refer to SPC). Elevations in serum transaminase activities. Paraesthesia. Restless legs. **Overdosage:** Present experience with Zispin alone indicates that symptoms are usually mild. Depression of the CNS with disorientation and prolonged sedation together with tachycardia and mild hyper- or hypotension have been reported. Treat by gastric lavage with appropriate symptomatic and supportive therapy for vital functions. **Legal Category:** Prescription Medicine **Product Authorisation Numbers:** Zispin SolTab 15mg orodispersible tablet: PA 61/26/5 Price: € 17.03, Zispin SolTab 30mg orodispersible tablet: PA 61/26/6, Price: € 34.05, Zispin SolTab 45mg orodispersible tablet: PA 61/26/7 Price: € 51.07, Zispin 30mg tablet: PA 26/1/43/2 Price: € 34.92. **Product Authorisation holder:** Zispin SolTab 15mg, 30mg and 45mg orodispersible tablet: Organon Ireland Limited, P.O. Box 2857, DRYNAM ROAD, SWORDS, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND. Zispin 30mg tablet: Organon Laboratories Limited, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0FL. **Further information is available from:** Organon Laboratories Ireland c/o United Drug plc., Belgard Road, Tallaght, Dublin 24. February 2004

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References: 1) 600mg is the average effective dose. Please see abridged prescribing information for information on titration

Seroquel® Abridged Prescribing Information (for full details see summary of product characteristics)

Presentations: Film coated tablets containing 25mg, 100mg, 200mg and 300mg of quetiapine (as quetiapine fumarate). **Uses:** Treatment of schizophrenia and moderate to severe manic episode. **Dosage and Administration:** **Schizophrenia: Adults:** Initial titration from 50mg to 300mg over first 4 days. From day 4 onwards the dose should be titrated to the usual effective dose of 300-450 mg/day. Dose range 150 to 750 mg/day. **Bipolar disorder: Adults:** Initial titration from 100mg to 400mg over first 4 days. Dose range: 200-800 mg/day. **Elderly:** Rate of dose titration may need to be slower and daily therapeutic dose lower than in younger patients. **Children & Adolescents:** Not evaluated. **Renal Impairment:** No dose adjustment required. **Hepatic Impairment:** Use with caution. Patients should be started on 25 mg/day and increased by 25 – 50 mg/day until an effective dosage is achieved. **Contra-indications:** Hypersensitivity to quetiapine fumarate or excipients. Concomitant administration of cytochrome P450 3A4 inhibitors, such as HIV-protease inhibitors, azole-antifungal agents, erythromycin, clarithromycin and nefazodone. **Precautions and warnings:** Known cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, or other conditions predisposing to hypotension. Possible initial orthostatic hypotension during the dose titration period. Caution is recommended in patients with a history of seizures. If signs and symptoms of tardive dyskinesia appear dose reduction or discontinuation should be considered. In the event of neuroleptic malignant syndrome discontinue treatment. Hyperglycaemia or exacerbation of pre-existing diabetes has been reported in very rare cases. **Undesirable effects:** Mild asthenia, dizziness, somnolence, peripheral oedema, syncope, dry mouth, rhinitis, dyspepsia, constipation, leucopenia and tachycardia. Elevations in gamma-GT levels, non-fasting serum triglyceride levels and total cholesterol. Seroquel was associated with dose related decreases in thyroid hormone levels particularly total T₄ and free T₄. **Interactions:** Use with caution with other centrally acting drugs and alcohol. CYP3A4 inhibitors such as ketoconazole are contraindicated. Grapefruit juice, phenytoin, carbamazepine, thioridazine. **Pregnancy & lactation:** Safety and efficacy not established. **Effects on ability to drive:** Patients should be advised not to drive or operate machinery until individual susceptibility is known. **Pharmaceutical precautions:** Do not store above 30°C. **Legal category:** POM. **Product authorisation numbers:** Seroquel 25 PA970/18/1; Seroquel 100 PA970/18/2; Seroquel 200 PA970/18/3; Seroquel 300 PA970/18/7) 4 Day starter pack (Schizophrenia) PA 970/18/5. **Product authorisation holder:** AstraZeneca Ltd., Horizon Place, 600 Capability Green, Luton Bedfordshire, LU1 3LU **Further information on request**

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