

Besiflox

Besifloxacin 0.6%

Sterile Ophthalmic Suspension

Composition:

Besiflox Sterile Ophthalmic Suspension: Each ml contains Besifloxacin Hydrochloride INN equivalent to Besifloxacin 6 mg.

Preservative: Sodium Perborate BP 0.01%.

Vehicle: HPMC USP 0.45%.

Pharmacology:

Besifloxacin is an 8-chlorofluoroquinolone with a 3-aminohexahydro-azepinyl substituent at C-7 which shows antibacterial activity by inhibiting the bacterial enzyme DNA gyrase and topoisomerase IV.

Indications:

• **Besiflox** Sterile Ophthalmic Suspension is indicated for the treatment of bacterial conjunctivitis caused by susceptible strains of the following organisms:

Aerobic Gram-Positive Bacteria: *Corynebacterium pseudodiphtheriticum*, *Corynebacterium striatum*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Staphylococcus hominis*, *Staphylococcus lugdunensis*, *Streptococcus mitis*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus oralis*, *Streptococcus salivarius* and CDC *coryneform* group G

Aerobic Gram-Negative Bacteria: *Moraxella lacumata*

• It is also indicated for the treatment of blepharitis, keratitis & surgical prophylaxis.

Dosage & administration:

For bacterial conjunctivitis & blepharitis:

Instill 1 drop in the affected eye (s) 3 times a day for 7 days.

For keratitis:

Instill higher doses in the affected eye(s) as per needed or directed by the physician.

For surgical prophylaxis:

Instill 1 drop in the affected eye(s) every 10 minutes for a total 4 doses beginning 1 hour before cataract surgery.

Contraindications:

None.

Side effects:

Reported side effect is conjunctival redness. Other side effects are blurred vision, eye irritation, eye pain, eye pruritis and headache.

Precautions:

- For topical ophthalmic use only and should not be injected subconjunctivally and should not be introduced directly into the anterior chamber of the eye.
- Prolonged use may result in overgrowth of non-susceptible organisms, including fungi.
- Patients should be advised not to wear contact lenses if they have signs and symptoms of bacterial conjunctivitis.

Use in special group:

Use in pregnancy: Pregnancy category C. There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Besifloxacin should be used during pregnancy only if the benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Use in lactation: Besifloxacin has not been measured in human milk, although it can be presumed to be excreted in human milk. So, caution should be exercised when Besifloxacin is administered to a nursing woman.

Use in children: Safety and effectiveness in infants below the age of 1 year have not been established.

Use in elderly patients: No overall clinical differences in safety or effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger patients.

Storage:

- Store in a cool and dry place, protect from light
- Do not use longer than one month after first opening
- Keep out of the reach of children

Packing:

Besiflox Sterile Ophthalmic Suspension: Each plastic dropper bottle contains 5 ml/10 ml sterile ophthalmic suspension.



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