ATOPICA® (cyclosporine capsules, USP) MODIFIED is indicated for the control of atopic dermatitis in dogs.

Indications:
ATOPICA is indicated for the control of atopic dermatitis in dogs weighing at least 4 lbs body weight.

Dosage and Administration:
The initial daily dose of ATOPICA is 5 mg/kg/day (3.3-6.7 mg/kg/day) as a single daily dose for 30 days. Following this initial daily treatment period, the dose of ATOPICA may be tapered by decreasing the frequency of dosing to every other day or two times a week, until a minimum frequency is reached which will maintain the desired therapeutic effect. ATOPICA should be given at least one hour before or two hours after a meal. If a dose is missed, the next dose should be administered (without doubling) as soon as possible, but dosing should be no more frequent than once daily.

Precautions:
Gastrointestinal problems and gingival hyperplasia may occur at the initial recommended dose. Concomitant use of medications that affect the cytochrome P-450 enzyme system, such as ketoconazole, may lead to increased plasma levels of cyclosporine. Simultaneous administration of ATOPICA with drugs that suppress the P-450 enzyme system, such as ketoconazole, may lead to increased plasma levels of cyclosporine.

Contraindications:
ATOPICA is contraindicated for use in dogs with a history of neoplasia.

WARNINGs:
ATOPICA (cyclosporine) is a potent systemic immunosuppressant that may increase the susceptibility to infection and the development of neoplasia.

Evaluations for pruritus and for skin lesions to derive a Canine Atopic Dermatitis Extent and Severity Index (CADESI) score occurred at enrollment and at monthly intervals. One hundred ninety-two (192) dogs were included in the statistical analysis of effectiveness. At the end of the 30 day placebo controlled period, CADESI scores of dogs treated with ATOPICA capsules improved by 45% from enrollment, while CADESI scores of dogs treated with placebo worsened by 9%. Seventy-four (74%) of ATOPICA treated dogs showed improvement in their pruritus scores over the first 30 day period, while only 24% of the placebo treated dogs showed an improvement. Owner and Veterinary Global Assessment in response to treatment also demonstrated statistically significant (p<0.0001) improvement. After 4 weeks of therapy, Owner and Veterinary Global Assessments showed approximately twice as much improvement in the ATOPICA treated dogs as compared to placebo treated dogs.

Improvements in pruritus accompanied by 50% or 75% improvements in CADESI scores resulted in dose reductions to every other day or twice weekly respectively. Not all dogs were able to decrease to twice weekly dosing. Some animals required upward or downward dosage adjustments during the study. Such adjustments should be expected during therapy of this disease. Dogs unable to decrease from once daily dosing after 60 days were considered dose reduction failures for the purposes of the study.

Analysis of blood levels of cyclosporine drawn during the study demonstrated no correlation between blood cyclosporine levels and CADESI scores or pruritus; therefore monitoring blood cyclosporine levels is not an appropriate predictor of effectiveness.

Adverse Reactions:
A total of 265 dogs were included in the field study safety analysis. One hundred and eleven (111) dogs were treated with placebo for the first 30 days. For the remainder of the study, all dogs received ATOPICA capsules.

Fourteen dogs withdrew from the study due to adverse reactions. Four dogs withdrew from the study after vomiting. One dog each withdrew from the study after diarrhea; vomiting, diarrhea and pruritus; vomiting, depression and lethargy; lethargy, anorexia and hepatitis; gingival hyperplasia, lethargy, polyuria/polydipsia and soft stool; seizure; sebaceous cyst; pruritus; erythema; or ulcers externa.

Vomiting and diarrhea were the most common adverse reactions occurring during the study. In most cases, signs spontaneously resolved with continued dosing. In other cases, temporary dose modifications (brief interruption in dosing, divided dosing, or administration with a small amount of food) were employed to resolve signs.

Persistent otitis externa, urinary tract infections, anorexia, gingival hyperplasia, lymphadenopathy and lethargy were the next most frequent adverse events observed. Gingival hyperplasia regressed with dose tapering. Owners of four dogs reported
seizures while dogs were receiving ATOPICA. In one dog, seizures were the result of a brain tumor diagnosed one month into the study. Another dog experienced seizures before and after the study.

Otitis externa, allergic otitis, or prpna etrythema, with or without exudates, commonly accompanies atopy. Many dogs entered the study with otitis externa, which did not resolve without corticosteroid treatment. New cases of otitis externa, allergic otitis, or prpna etrythema developed while dogs were receiving ATOPICA. However, the incidence rate was lower with ATOPICA compared to placebo. A change in the incidence rate was not necessary when new cases occurred.

Number of Dogs Displaying Each Clinical Observation in the Field Study

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<td>Vomiting</td>
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<td>Diarrhea</td>
<td>20.0%</td>
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<td>Persistent Otitis Externa</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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<td>Urinary Tract Infection</td>
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<td>Anorexia</td>
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<td>Lethargy</td>
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<td>Gingival Hyperplasia</td>
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The following clinical signs were reported in less than 2% of dogs treated with ATOPICA in the field study: constipation, flatulence, Cystoidal organisms in the feces, nausea, regurgitation, polyuria/polydipsia, struvite urolith, proteinuria, pyuria, erythema/flushed appearance, pyoderma, seborrheic adenitis, crusty dermatitis, excessive shedding, coarse coat, alopecia, papillosis, histocytosis, granulomatous mass or lesion, cutaneous cyst, epulis, benign epithelial tumor, multiple hemangiomata, raised nodule on prpna, seizure, straining/fainting, hind limb ataxia, panting, depression, irritability, hyperactivity, quieter, increased light sensitivity, reluctance to go outside, weight loss, hepatitis.

The following clinical signs were observed in 1.5-4.5% of dogs while receiving the placebo: vomiting, diarrhea and urinary tract infection. The following clinical signs were observed in less than 1% of dogs receiving the placebo: anorexia, otitis externa, cutaneous cysts, corneal opacity, lymphadenopathy, erythema/flushed appearance. These clinical pathology changes were generally not associated with clinical signs.

Clinical Pathology Changes: During the study, some dogs experienced changes in clinical chemistry parameters while receiving ATOPICA, as described in the following table:

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<th>Clinical Chemistry</th>
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<td>Elevated Creatinine</td>
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<td>Hyperphosphatemia</td>
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In addition, the following changes in clinical chemistry parameters were noted in less than 2% of dogs: hyperammonemia, hyperkalemia, elevated ALT, elevated ALP, hypercalcinemia, and hyperuricemia. These clinical pathology changes were generally not associated with clinical signs.

Post-approval Experience:
Neoplasms have been reported in dogs taking ATOPICA, including reports of lymphosarcoma and mast cell tumor. It is unknown if these were preexisting or developed de novo while on ATOPICA.

In post-approval drug experience reporting, the following additional adverse reactions have been associated with ATOPICA administration in dogs: vomiting, diarrhea, depression/frishe, anorexia, prpna, liver enzyme elevations, trembling, convulsions, polyuria, polydipsia, weight loss, hyperactivity, nervousness, neoplasia.

To report suspected adverse reactions or for technical assistance, call 1-800-332-2761.

Clinical Pharmacology:
Cyclosporine is a potent immunosuppressive agent that has been shown to work via suppression of Thelper and T-suppressor cells and inhibition of interleukin-2. It does not impair the hematopoietic system or cell-mediated immunologic responses. A decrease in CD4 and CD8 cells was not seen in dogs receiving 20 mg/kg/day of cyclosporine for 56 days. ATOPICA is not a corticosteroid or an antihistamine.

Metabolism:
Cyclosporine is extensively metabolized by the cytochrome P-450 enzyme system in the liver, and to a lesser degree in the gastrointestinal tract and the kidney. The metabolism of cyclosporine can be altered by the co-administration of a variety of agents (See Precautions).

Animal Safety:
In a 52-week oral study with dose levels of 0, 1, 3, and 9 times the target initial daily dose, enuresis, diarrhea and weight loss were seen in all cyclosporine treated groups with increasing frequency as the dose increased.

Multicocular papilloma-like lesions of the skin were observed in 5 out of 8 high dose animals between weeks 20 and 40. These changes regressed spontaneously after drug was withdrawn.

Other findings in the mid and high dose animals included swollen gums due to chronic gingivitis and periodontitis, lower serum albumin and higher cholesterol, triglycerides, JGA and IgG. Hematological findings consisted of anemia and decreased leukocyte counts in a few high dose animals. Erythrocyte sedimentation rates were increased at all dose levels in a dose dependent fashion. Notable histopathological findings were limited to lymphoid atrophy, hyperplastic (from gingivitis) and slight regenerative changes of the renal tubular epithelium in high dose animals. The findings were shown to be reversible during a 12-week recovery phase of the study.

In a 50-day study with ATOPICA, dogs were dosed in one of two patterns: either 1, 3, or 5X the maximum recommended target initial daily dose for 50 days, or 1, 3, or 5X the maximum recommended target initial daily dose for 30 days followed by tapering to mimic the recommended clinical dosing pattern. The maximum recommended dose, when administered for 90 days causes cutaneous lesions on the footpads, red/edematous pinnae, mild to moderate gingival proliferation, hyperplastic areas on the integument, hair loss, salivation, vomiting, and diarrhea/abnormal stools. These clinical signs lessened in severity or resolved as the drug was tapered to a lower dose. Increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate, hyperglycinemia, hypergubunimina, hypercalcinemia, hyperphosphatemia, and hyperammonemia were observed at three and five times the maximum recommended dose. These resolved as the dose was tapered.

When administered at higher than the maximum recommended dose, raised skin lesions, papilloma-like areas on the integument, pottipet lymph node enlargement, and weight loss were also seen. There were no ATOPICA related changes in urinalysis, ECG, blood pressure, or ophthalmologic exams.

Gross necropy revealed epitelial changes consistent with those seen on physical examination. Proliferation of gingiva and toe pad epithelium was seen in all ATOPICA dosed groups, and was seen in a dose dependent fashion. The degree of the proliferation was greater in dogs in the non-tapered groups as compared to the tapered groups. Similar changes were noted on histopathologic examination of the cutaneous changes seen on physical examination. These lesions were characterized by epidermal hyperplasia, chronic dermatitis and hyperkeratosis.

Methylprednisolone combination: Twenty-four dogs were administered 1 mg/kg/day methylprednisolone alone for 14 days followed by 20 mg/kg/day cyclosporine either alone or in combination with methylprednisolone, or placebo for 14 days. There was no evidence of seizures/convulsions or neurological signs.

Vaccination effect: The effect of ATOPICA administration on the immunological response to vaccination was evaluated in a study in which 16 dogs were dosed with either ATOPICA at 20 mg/kg/day (X the initial daily dose) or placebo for 56 days. All dogs were vaccinated on Day 27 with a killed commercial rabies virus and a multivalent vaccine (DHLPP) which included a modified live virus. Antibody titers for rabies, canine distemper, canine adenovirus type 2, parafluke, parovirus, Leptospira canicola, and Leptospiraicterohaemorrhagiae were examined on Days 0, 27 (prior to vaccination), 42 and 56. Quantification of CD4, CD8, and CD3 T lymphocytes was analyzed. Clinical changes included soft stool and dermatologic changes consistent with those seen in previous studies. Antibody titers did not rise in dogs treated with ATOPICA or the placebo for any component of the multivalent vaccine which included a modified live virus while all animals demonstrated a significant increase in antibody rabies titer by Day 42 or 15 days post-revaccination. No effect was seen on T lymphocytes.

Storage Conditions:
ATOPICA should be stored and dispensed in the original unit-dose container at controlled room temperature between 59 and 77°F (15-25°C).

How Supplied:
ATOPICA soft gelatin capsules (cyclosporine capsules, USP) MODIFIED are supplied in packages of 15 unit-dose blisters as follows:

- 10 mg: oval, white capsules imprinted with red “NVR 10”.
- 25 mg: oval, blue-gray capsules imprinted with red “NVR 25mg”.
- 50 mg: oval, white capsules imprinted with red “NVR 50mg”.
- 100 mg: oval, blue-gray capsules imprinted with red “NVR 100mg”.