Summary of risk management plan for Candesartan/Hydrochlorothiazide Orion 8 mg/2.5 mg, 16 mg/12.5 mg, 32 mg/12.5 mg, 32 mg/25 mg

(Candesartan cilexetil/ Hydrochlorothiazide)

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This is a summary of the risk management plan (RMP) for Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion. The RMP details important risks of Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion, how these risks can be minimised, and how more information will be obtained about Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion's risks and uncertainties (missing information).

Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion's summary of product characteristics (SmPC) and its package leaflet give essential information to healthcare professionals and patients on how Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion should be used.

Important new concerns or changes to the current ones will be included in updates of Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion's RMP.

I. The medicine and what it is used for

Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion is authorised for treatment of high blood pressure (hypertension) in adult patients whose blood pressure is not optimally controlled with candesartan or hydrochlorothiazide monotherapy (see SmPC for the full indication). It contains candesartan and hydrochlorothiazide as the active substances and it is given by mouth.

II. Risks associated with the medicine and activities to minimise or further characterise the risks

Important risks of Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion, together with measures to minimise such risks and the proposed studies for learning more about Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion's risks, are outlined below.

Measures to minimise the risks identified for medicinal products can be:

- Specific information, such as warnings, precautions, and advice on correct use, in the package leaflet and SmPC addressed to patients and healthcare professionals;
- Important advice on the medicine’s packaging;

- The authorised pack size — the amount of medicine in a pack is chosen so to ensure that the medicine is used correctly;
- The medicine's legal status — the way a medicine is supplied to the patient (e.g. with or without prescription) can help to minimise its risks.

Together, these measures constitute *routine risk minimisation* measures.

In addition to these measures, information about adverse reactions is collected continuously and regularly analysed, so that immediate action can be taken as necessary. These measures constitute *routine pharmacovigilance activities*.

II.A List of important risks and missing information

Important risks of Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion are risks that need special risk management activities to further investigate or minimise the risk, so that the medicinal product can be safely administered. Important risks can be regarded as identified or potential. Identified risks are concerns for which there is sufficient proof of a link with the use of candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide. Potential risks are concerns for which an association with the use of this medicine is possible based on available data, but this association has not been established yet and needs further evaluation. Missing information refers to information on the safety of the medicinal product that is currently missing and needs to be collected (e.g., on the long-term use of the medicine).

List of important risks and missing information	
Important identified risks	None
Important potential risks	None
Missing information	None

II.B Summary of important risks

Safety concerns are adequately addressed in the product information.

II.C Post-authorisation development plan

There are no studies required for Candesartan/hydrochlorothiazide Orion.