

**ANNEX I**  
**SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

## 1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection for cattle, pigs and sheep

## 2. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each ml contains:

### Active substance:

Tulathromycin 100 mg

### Excipients:

Qualitative composition of excipients and other constituents	Quantitative composition if that information is essential for proper administration of the veterinary medicinal product
Citric Acid (E330)	19.2 mg
Monothioglycerol	5 mg
Propylene glycol	
Hydrochloric acid, concentrated (pH adjustment)	
Sodium hydroxide (pH adjustment)	
Water for injections	

Clear colourless to slightly yellow solution.

## 3. CLINICAL INFORMATION

### 3.1 Target species

Cattle, pigs and sheep

### 3.2 Indications for use for each target species

#### Cattle

Treatment and metaphylaxis of bovine respiratory disease (BRD) associated with *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Histophilus somni* and *Mycoplasma bovis* susceptible to tulathromycin. The presence of the disease in the group must be established before the veterinary medicinal product is used.

Treatment of infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (IBK) associated with *Moraxella bovis* susceptible to tulathromycin.

#### Pigs

Treatment and metaphylaxis of swine respiratory disease (SRD) associated with *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*, *Haemophilus parasuis* and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* susceptible to Tulathromycin. The presence of the disease in the group must be established before the veterinary medicinal product is used. The veterinary medicinal product should only be used if pigs are expected to develop the disease within 2–3 days.

### Sheep

Treatment of the early stages of infectious pododermatitis (foot rot) associated with virulent *Dichelobacter nodosus* requiring systemic treatment.

### **3.3 Contraindications**

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance, to other macrolide antibiotics or to any of the excipients.

### **3.4 Special warnings**

Cross resistance occurs with other macrolides. Do not administer simultaneously with antimicrobials with a similar mode of action such as other macrolides or lincosamides.

#### Sheep:

The efficacy of antimicrobial treatment of foot rot might be reduced by others factors, such as wet environmental conditions, as well as inappropriate farm management. Treatment of foot rot should therefore be undertaken along with other flock management tools, for example providing dry environment.

Antibiotic treatment of benign foot rot is not considered appropriate. Tulathromycin showed limited efficacy in sheep with severe clinical signs or chronic foot rot, and should therefore only be given at an early stage of foot rot.

### **3.5 Special precautions for use**

#### Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Use of the veterinary medicinal product should be based on susceptibility testing of the bacteria isolated from the animal.

If this is not possible, therapy should be based on local (regional, farm level) epidemiological information about susceptibility of the target bacteria.

Official, national and regional antimicrobial policies should be taken into account when the veterinary medicinal product is used.

Use of the veterinary medicinal product deviating from the instructions given in the SPC may increase the prevalence of bacteria resistant to tulathromycin and may decrease the effectiveness of treatment with other macrolides, lincosamides and group B streptogramins, due to the potential for cross resistance.

If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs appropriate treatment should be administered without delay.

#### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

Tulathromycin is irritating to eyes. In case of accidental eye exposure, flush the eyes immediately with clean water.

Tulathromycin may cause sensitisation by skin contact resulting in e.g. reddening of the skin (erythema) and/or dermatitis. In case of accidental spillage onto skin, wash the skin immediately with soap and water.

Wash hands after use.

In case of accidental self-injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

If there is suspicion of a hypersensitivity reaction following accidental exposure (recognised by e.g. itching, difficulty in breathing, hives, swelling on the face, nausea, vomiting) appropriate treatment should be administered. Seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

Special precautions for the protection of the environment:

Not applicable.

### 3.6 Adverse events

Cattle:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Injection site swelling <sup>1</sup> , Injection site fibrosis <sup>1</sup> , Injection site haemorrhage <sup>1</sup> , Injection site oedema <sup>1</sup> , Injection site reaction <sup>2</sup> , Injection site pain <sup>3</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Can persist for approximately 30 days after injection.

<sup>2</sup> Reversible changes of congestion.

<sup>3</sup> Transient.

Pigs:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Injection site reaction <sup>1,2</sup> , Injection site fibrosis <sup>1</sup> , Injection site haemorrhage <sup>1</sup> , Injection site oedema <sup>1</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Can persist for approximately 30 days after injection.

<sup>2</sup> Reversible changes of congestion.

Sheep:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Discomfort <sup>1</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Transient, resolving within a few minutes: head shaking, rubbing injection site, backing away.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a veterinary medicinal product. Reports should be sent, preferably via a veterinarian, to either the marketing authorisation holder or its local representative or the national competent authority via the national reporting system. See also section 16 of the package leaflet for respective contact details.

### 3.7 Use during pregnancy, lactation or lay

Pregnancy and lactation:

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during pregnancy and lactation. Use only according to the benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian. Laboratory studies in rats and rabbits have not produced any evidence of teratogenic, foetotoxic or maternotoxic effects.

### **3.8 Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction**

None known.

### **3.9 Administration routes and dosage**

Subcutaneous use (Cattle)

Intramuscular use (Pigs, Sheep)

#### Cattle

A single subcutaneous injection of 2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg bodyweight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product/40 kg bodyweight). For treatment of cattle over 300 kg bodyweight, divide the dose so that no more than 7.5 ml are injected at one site.

#### Pigs

A single intramuscular injection of 2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg bodyweight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product /40 kg bodyweight) in the neck.

For treatment of pigs over 80 kg bodyweight, divide the dose so that no more than 2 ml are injected at one site.

For any respiratory disease, it is recommended to treat animals in the early stages of the disease and to evaluate the response to treatment within 48 hours after injection. If clinical signs of respiratory disease persist or increase, or if relapse occurs, treatment should be changed, using another antibiotic, and continued until clinical signs have resolved.

#### Sheep

A single intramuscular injection of 2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg body weight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product /40 kg body weight) in the neck.

To ensure a correct dosage body weight should be determined as accurately as possible. For multiple vial entry, an aspirating needle or multi-dose syringe is recommended to avoid excessive broaching of the stopper. The stopper of 50ml and 100ml vials may be safely punctured up to 52 times. The stopper of 250ml, 500ml, and 1000ml vials may be safely punctured up to 80 times.

### **3.10 Symptoms of overdose (and where applicable, emergency procedures and antidotes)**

In cattle at dosages of three, five or ten times the recommended dose, transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed and included restlessness, head-shaking, pawing the ground, and brief decrease in feed intake. Mild myocardial degeneration has been observed in cattle receiving five to six times the recommended dose.

In young pigs weighing approximately 10 kg given three or five times the therapeutic dose transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed and included excessive vocalisation and restlessness. Lameness was also observed when the hind leg was used as the injection site.

In lambs (approx. 6 weeks old), at dosages of three or five times the recommended dose, transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed, and included walking backwards, head shaking, rubbing the injection site, lying down and getting up, bleating.

### **3.11 Special restrictions for use and special conditions for use, including restrictions on the use of antimicrobial and antiparasitic veterinary medicinal products in order to limit the risk of development of resistance**

Not applicable.

### 3.12 Withdrawal periods

Cattle (meat and offal): 22 days.

Pigs (meat and offal): 13 days.

Sheep (meat and offal): 16 days.

Not authorised for use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant animals, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

## 4. PHARMACOLOGICAL INFORMATION

### 4.1 ATCvet code: QJ01FA94.

### 4.2 Pharmacodynamics

Tulathromycin is a semi-synthetic macrolide antimicrobial agent, which originates from a fermentation product. It differs from many other macrolides in that it has a long duration of action that is, in part, due to its three amine groups; therefore it has been given the chemical subclass designation of triamilide.

Macrolides are bacteriostatic acting antibiotics and inhibit essential protein biosynthesis by virtue of their selective binding to bacterial ribosomal RNA. They act by stimulating the dissociation of peptidyl-tRNA from the ribosome during the translocation process.

Tulathromycin possesses *in vitro* activity against *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Histophilus somni* and *Mycoplasma bovis*, and *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma hyopneumonia*, *Haemophilus parasuis* and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* the bacterial pathogens most commonly associated with bovine and swine respiratory disease, respectively. Increased minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values have been found in some isolates of *Histophilus somni* and *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*. *In vitro* activity against *Dichelobacter nodosus (vir)*, the bacterial pathogen most commonly associated with infectious pododermatitis (foot rot) in sheep has been demonstrated.

Tulathromycin also possesses *in vitro* activity against *Moraxella bovis*, the bacterial pathogen most commonly associated with infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (IBK).

The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute CLSI has set the clinical breakpoints for tulathromycin against *M. haemolytica*, *P. multocida*, and *H. somni* of bovine respiratory origin and *P. multocida* and *B. bronchiseptica* of swine respiratory origin as  $\leq 16$  µg/ml susceptible and  $\geq 64$  µg/ml resistant. For *A. pleuropneumoniae* of swine respiratory origin the susceptible breakpoint is set at  $\leq 64$  µg/ml. CLSI has also published clinical breakpoints for tulathromycin based on a disk diffusion method (CLSI document VET08, 4th ed, 2018). No clinical breakpoints are available for *H. parasuis*. Neither EUCAST nor CLSI have developed standard methods for testing antibacterial agents against veterinary *Mycoplasma* species and thus no interpretative criteria have been set.

Resistance to macrolides can develop by mutations in genes encoding ribosomal RNA (rRNA) or some ribosomal proteins; by enzymatic modification (methylation) of the 23S rRNA target site, generally giving rise to cross-resistance with lincosamides and group B streptogramins (MLS<sub>B</sub> resistance); by enzymatic inactivation; or by macrolide efflux. MLS<sub>B</sub> resistance may be constitutive or inducible. Resistance may be chromosomal or plasmid-encoded and may be transferable if associated with transposons, plasmids, integrative and conjugative elements. Additionally, the genomic plasticity of *Mycoplasma* is enhanced by the horizontal transfer of large chromosomal fragments.

In addition to its antimicrobial properties, tulathromycin demonstrates immune-modulating and antiinflammatory actions in experimental studies. In both bovine and porcine polymorphonuclear cells (PMNs; neutrophils), tulathromycin promotes apoptosis (programmed cell death) and the clearance of apoptotic cells by macrophages. It lowers the production of the pro-inflammatory mediators leukotriene B4 and CXCL-8 and induces the production of anti-inflammatory and pro-resolving lipid lipoxin A4.

#### **4.3 Pharmacokinetics**

In cattle, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin when administered as a single subcutaneous dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, was characterised by rapid and extensive absorption followed by high distribution and slow elimination. The maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) in plasma was approximately 0.5  $\mu$ g/ml; this was achieved approximately 30 minutes post-dosing ( $T_{max}$ ). Tulathromycin concentrations in lung homogenate were considerably higher than those in plasma. There is strong evidence of substantial accumulation of tulathromycin in neutrophils and alveolar macrophages. However, the *in vivo* concentration of tulathromycin at the infection site of the lung is not known. Peak concentrations were followed by a slow decline in systemic exposure with an apparent elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of 90 hours in plasma. Plasma protein binding was low, approximately 40%. The volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) determined after intravenous administration was 11 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after subcutaneous administration in cattle was approximately 90%.

In pigs, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin when administered as a single intramuscular dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, was also characterised by rapid and extensive absorption followed by high distribution and slow elimination. The maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) in plasma was approximately 0.6  $\mu$ g/ml; this was achieved approximately 30 minutes post-dosing ( $T_{max}$ ). Tulathromycin concentrations in lung homogenate were considerably higher than those in plasma. There is strong evidence of substantial accumulation of tulathromycin in neutrophils and alveolar macrophages. However, the *in vivo* concentration of tulathromycin at the infection site of the lung is not known. Peak concentrations were followed by a slow decline in systemic exposure with an apparent elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of approximately 91 hours in plasma. Plasma protein binding was low, approximately 40%. The volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) determined after intravenous administration was 13.2 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after intramuscular administration in pigs was approximately 88%.

In sheep, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin, when administered as a single intramuscular dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, achieved a maximum plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) of 1.19  $\mu$ g/ml in approximately 15 minutes ( $T_{max}$ ) post-dosing and had an elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of 69.7 hours. Plasma protein binding was approximately 60-75%. Following intravenous dosing the volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) was 31.7 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after intramuscular administration in sheep was 100%.

### **5. PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

#### **5.1 Major incompatibilities**

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

#### **5.2 Shelf life**

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 2 years.  
Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 28 days.

### **5.3 Special precautions for storage**

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.  
HDPE vials: Do not store above 30 °C.

### **5.4 Nature and composition of immediate packaging**

Type I clear glass vials or High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic septum crimp vials closed with Type I bromobutyl rubber stoppers and sealed with aluminium seals.

#### Pack sizes:

Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 50 ml  
Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 100 ml  
Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 250 ml  
Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 500 ml  
Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 1 L.

The 1L vials are only available in HDPE.

The 500 ml and 1L vials must not be used for pigs or sheep.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

### **5.5 Special precautions for the disposal of unused veterinary medicinal products or waste materials derived from the use of such products**

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived thereof in accordance with local requirements and with any national collection systems applicable to the veterinary medicinal product concerned.

## **6. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

(EU)  
Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.

(UK)  
Norbrook Laboratories Ltd.

## **7. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBER(S)**

## **8. DATE OF FIRST AUTHORISATION**

Date of first authorisation: {DD/MM/YYYY}.

**9. DATE OF THE LAST REVISION OF THE SUMMARY OF THE PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

{MM/YYYY}

**10. CLASSIFICATION OF VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCTS**

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription.

Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the [Union Product Database \(https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary\)](https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary).

**ANNEX III**  
**LABELLING AND PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## **A. LABELLING**

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE**

{Cardboard box (50 ml / 100 ml / 250 ml)}

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Tulathromycin 100 mg/ml

**3. PACKAGE SIZE**

50 ml

100 ml

250 ml

**4. TARGET SPECIES**

Cattle, pigs and sheep.

**5. INDICATIONS****6. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

Cattle: For subcutaneous use.

Pigs and sheep: For intramuscular use.

**7. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Withdrawal period:

Meat and offal:

Cattle: 22 days.

Pigs: 13 days.

Sheep: 16 days.

Not authorised for use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant animals, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once opened use within 28 days.

Once opened use by...

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

HDPE vials: Do not store above 30 °C.

**10. THE WORDS “READ THE PACKAGE LEAFLET BEFORE USE”**

Read the package leaflet before use.

**11. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”**

For animal treatment only.

**12. THE WORDS “KEEP OUT OF THE SIGHT AND REACH OF CHILDREN”**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

**13. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

(UK)

Norbrook Laboratories Ltd.

(EU)

Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.

**14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS****15. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE OUTER PACKAGE**

{Cardboard box (500 ml, 1000 ml)}

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Tulathromycin 100 mg/ml

**3. PACKAGE SIZE**

500 ml

1000 ml

**4. TARGET SPECIES**

Cattle

**5. INDICATIONS****6. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

For subcutaneous use.

**7. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Withdrawal period:

Meat and offal:

Cattle: 22 days.

Not authorised for use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant animals, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

**8. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once opened use within 28 days.

Once opened use by...

**9. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.  
HDPE vials: Do not store above 30°C.

**10. THE WORDS “READ THE PACKAGE LEAFLET BEFORE USE”**

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**11. THE WORDS “FOR ANIMAL TREATMENT ONLY”**

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Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.

**14. MARKETING AUTHORISATION NUMBERS****15. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGE**

Vial (100 ml / 250 ml)

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Tulathromycin 100 mg

**3. TARGET SPECIES**

Cattle, pigs and Sheep.

**4. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

Cattle: For subcutaneous use.

Pigs and sheep: For intramuscular use.

Read the package leaflet before use.

**5. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Withdrawal period:

Meat and offal:

Cattle: 22 days.

Pigs: 13 days.

Sheep: 16 days.

Not authorised for use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant animals, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

**6. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once opened use within 28 days.

Once opened use by...

**7. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.  
HDPE vials: Do not store above 30 °C.

**8. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

(UK)  
Norbrook Laboratories Ltd

(EU)  
Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.

**9. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON THE IMMEDIATE PACKAGE**

Vial (500 ml /1000 ml)

**1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection

**2. STATEMENT OF ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Tulathromycin 100 mg/ml

**3. TARGET SPECIES**

Cattle

**4. ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION**

For subcutaneous use.

Read the package leaflet before use.

**5. WITHDRAWAL PERIODS**

Withdrawal period:

Meat and offal: 22 days.

Not authorised for use in cattle producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant cows or heifers, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

**6. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once opened use within 28 days.

Once opened use by...

**7. SPECIAL STORAGE PRECAUTIONS**

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.  
HDPE vials: Do not store above 30 °C.

**8. NAME OF THE MARKETING AUTHORISATION HOLDER**

(UK)  
Norbrook Laboratories Ltd

(EU)  
Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.

**9. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**MINIMUM PARTICULARS TO APPEAR ON SMALL IMMEDIATE PACKAGING UNITS****Vial (50 ml)****1. NAME OF THE VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

Tulieve 100 mg/ml solution for injection

**2. QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

Each ml contains:

**Active substance:**

Tulathromycin 100 mg/ml

**3. BATCH NUMBER**

Lot {number}

**4. EXPIRY DATE**

Exp. {mm/yyyy}

Once opened use within 28 days.

Once opened use by...

**B. PACKAGE LEAFLET**

## PACKAGE LEAFLET

### 1. Name of the veterinary medicinal product

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### 2. Composition

Each ml contains:

#### Active substance:

Tulathromycin 100 mg

#### Excipients:

Citric Acid (E330) 19.2 mg

Monothioglycerol 5 mg

Clear colourless to slightly yellow solution.

### 3. Target species

Cattle, pigs and sheep.



### 4. Indications for use

#### Cattle

Treatment and metaphylaxis of bovine respiratory disease associated with *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Histophilus somni* and *Mycoplasma bovis* susceptible to tulathromycin.

The presence of the disease in the group must be established before the veterinary medicinal product is used.

Treatment of infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (IBK) associated with *Moraxella bovis* susceptible to tulathromycin.

#### Pigs

Treatment and metaphylaxis of swine respiratory disease associated with *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*, *Haemophilus parasuis* and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* susceptible to tulathromycin. The presence of the disease in the group must be established before the veterinary medicinal product is used. The veterinary medicinal product should only be used if pigs are expected to develop the disease within 2–3 days.

#### Sheep

Treatment of the early stages of infectious pododermatitis (foot rot) associated with virulent *Dichelobacter nodosus* requiring systemic treatment.

## **5. Contraindications**

Do not use in cases of hypersensitivity to the active substance, to other macrolide antibiotics or to any of the excipients.

## **6. Special warnings**

### Special warnings:

Cross resistance occurs with other macrolides. Do not administer simultaneously with antimicrobials with a similar mode of action such as other macrolides or lincosamides.

### Sheep:

The efficacy of antimicrobial treatment of foot rot might be reduced by others factors, such as wet environmental conditions, as well as inappropriate farm management. Treatment of foot rot should therefore be undertaken along with other flock management tools, for example providing dry environment.

Antibiotic treatment of benign foot rot is not considered appropriate. Tulathromycin showed limited efficacy in sheep with severe clinical signs or chronic foot rot, and should therefore only be given at an early stage of foot rot.

### Special precautions for safe use in the target species:

Use of the veterinary medicinal product should be based on susceptibility testing of the bacteria isolated from the animal.

If this is not possible, therapy should be based on local (regional, farm level) epidemiological information about susceptibility of the target bacteria.

Official, national and regional antimicrobial policies should be taken into account when the product is used.

Use of the product deviating from the instructions given in the SPC may increase the prevalence of bacteria resistant to tulathromycin and may decrease the effectiveness of treatment with other macrolides, lincosamides and group B streptogramins, due to the potential for cross resistance.

If a hypersensitivity reaction occurs appropriate treatment should be administered without delay.

### Special precautions to be taken by the person administering the veterinary medicinal product to animals:

Tulathromycin is irritating to eyes. In case of accidental eye exposure, flush the eyes immediately with clean water.

Tulathromycin may cause sensitisation by skin contact resulting in e.g. reddening of the skin (erythema) and/or dermatitis. In case of accidental spillage onto skin, wash the skin immediately with soap and water.

Wash hands after use.

In case of accidental self-injection, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

If there is suspicion of a hypersensitivity reaction following accidental exposure (recognised by e.g. itching, difficulty in breathing, hives, swelling on the face, nausea, vomiting) appropriate treatment should be administered. Seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.

**Pregnancy and Lactation:**

The safety of the veterinary medicinal product has not been established during pregnancy and lactation. Use only according to the benefit/risk assessment by the responsible veterinarian. Laboratory studies in rats and rabbits have not produced any evidence of teratogenic, foetotoxic or maternotoxic effects.

**Overdose:**

In cattle at dosages of three, five or ten times the recommended dose, transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed and included restlessness, head-shaking, pawing the ground, and brief decrease in feed intake. Mild myocardial degeneration has been observed in cattle receiving five to six times the recommended dose.

In young pigs weighing approximately 10 kg given three or five times the therapeutic dose transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed and included excessive vocalisation and restlessness. Lameness was also observed when the hind leg was used as the injection site.

In lambs (approx. 6 weeks old), at dosages of three or five times the recommended dose, transient signs attributed to injection site discomfort were observed, and included walking backwards, head shaking, rubbing the injection site, lying down and getting up, bleating.

**Major Incompatibilities:**

In the absence of compatibility studies, this veterinary medicinal product must not be mixed with other veterinary medicinal products.

**7. Adverse events**

Cattle:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Injection site swelling <sup>1</sup> , Injection site fibrosis (scarring) <sup>1</sup> , Injection site haemorrhage <sup>1</sup> , Injection site oedema (swelling) <sup>1</sup> , Injection site reaction <sup>2</sup> , Injection site pain <sup>3</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Can persist for approximately 30 days after injection.

<sup>2</sup> Reversible changes of congestion.

<sup>3</sup> Transient.

Pigs:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Injection site reaction <sup>1,2</sup> , Injection site fibrosis (scarring) <sup>1</sup> , Injection site haemorrhage <sup>1</sup> , Injection site oedema (swelling) <sup>1</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Can persist for approximately 30 days after injection.

<sup>2</sup> Reversible changes of congestion.

Sheep:

Very common (>1 animal / 10 animals treated):	Discomfort <sup>1</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Transient, resolving within a few minutes: head shaking, rubbing injection site, backing away.

Reporting adverse events is important. It allows continuous safety monitoring of a product. If you notice any side effects, even those not already listed in this package leaflet, or you think that the medicine has not worked, please contact, in the first instance, your veterinarian. You can also report any adverse events to the marketing authorisation holder or the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder using the contact details at the end of this leaflet, or via your national reporting system.

## **8. Dosage for each species, routes and method of administration**

Subcutaneous use (Cattle)

Intramuscular use (Pigs, Sheep)

### **Cattle**

2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg bodyweight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product/40 kg bodyweight).

A single subcutaneous injection. For treatment of cattle over 300 kg bodyweight, divide the dose so that no more than 7.5 ml are injected at one site.

### **Pigs**

2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg bodyweight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product /40 kg bodyweight).

A single intramuscular injection in the neck. For treatment of pigs over 80 kg bodyweight, divide the dose so that no more than 2 ml are injected at one site.

### **Sheep**

2.5 mg tulathromycin/kg bodyweight (equivalent to 1 ml of the veterinary medicinal product /40 kg bodyweight).

A single intramuscular injection in the neck.

## **9. Advice on correct administration**

For any respiratory disease, it is recommended to treat animals in the early stages of the disease and to evaluate the response to treatment within 48 hours after injection. If clinical signs of respiratory disease persist or increase, or if relapse occurs, treatment should be changed, using another antibiotic, and continued until clinical signs have resolved.

To ensure a correct dosage bodyweight should be determined as accurately as possible. For multiple vial entry, an aspirating needle or multi-dose syringe is recommended to avoid excessive broaching of the stopper.

## **10. Withdrawal periods**

Cattle (meat and offal): 22 days.

Pigs (meat and offal): 13 days.

Sheep (meat and offal): 16 days.

Not authorised for use in animals producing milk for human consumption.

Do not use in pregnant animals, which are intended to produce milk for human consumption, within 2 months of expected parturition.

## **11. Special storage precautions**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

Glass vials: This veterinary medicinal product does not require any special storage conditions.

HDPE vials: Do not store above 30 °C.

Do not use this veterinary medicinal product after the expiry date which is stated on the label after Exp. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 28 days.

## **12. Special precautions for disposal**

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste.

Use take-back schemes for the disposal of any unused veterinary medicinal product or waste materials derived therefrom in accordance with local requirements and with any applicable national collection systems. These measures should help to protect the environment.

Ask your veterinary surgeon or pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

## **13. Classification of veterinary medicinal products**

Veterinary medicinal product subject to prescription.

Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the Union Product Database (<https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary>).

## **14. Marketing authorisation numbers and pack sizes**

This product will be supplied in:

Type I clear glass vials or High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic septum crimp vials closed with Type I bromobutyl rubber stoppers and sealed with aluminium seals.

Pack sizes:

Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 50 ml

Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 100 ml

Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 250 ml

Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 500 ml  
Cardboard box containing 1 vial of 1 L.

The 1L vials are only available in HDPE.

The 500 ml and 1000 ml vials must not be used for pigs or sheep.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

**15. Date on which the package leaflet was last revised**

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Detailed information on this veterinary medicinal product is available in the [Union Product Database](https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary) (<https://medicines.health.europa.eu/veterinary>).

**16. Contact details**

Marketing authorisation holder and manufacturer responsible for batch release and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:

(EU)  
Norbrook Laboratories (Ireland) Ltd.  
Rossmore Industrial Estate  
H18 W620 Monaghan, Co Monaghan  
Ireland

(UK)  
Norbrook Laboratories Ltd  
Station Works, 11 Camlough Road  
BT35 6JP Newry, Co. Down  
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United Kingdom

Local representative and contact details to report suspected adverse reactions:

For any information about this veterinary medicinal product, please contact the local representative of the marketing authorisation holder.

## 17. Other information

Tulathromycin is a semi-synthetic macrolide antimicrobial agent, which originates from a fermentation product. It differs from many other macrolides in that it has a long duration of action that is, in part, due to its three amine groups; therefore it has been given the chemical subclass designation of triamilide.

Macrolides are bacteriostatic acting antibiotics and inhibit essential protein biosynthesis by virtue of their selective binding to bacterial ribosomal RNA. They act by stimulating the dissociation of peptidyl-tRNA from the ribosome during the translocation process.

Tulathromycin possesses *in vitro* activity against *Mannheimia haemolytica*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Histophilus somni* and *Mycoplasma bovis*, and *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma hyopneumoniae*, *Haemophilus parasuis* and *Bordetella bronchiseptica* the bacterial pathogens most commonly associated with bovine and swine respiratory disease, respectively. Increased minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) values have been found in some isolates of *Histophilus somni* and *Actinobacillus pleuropneumoniae*. *In vitro* activity against *Dichelobacter nodosus (vir)*, the bacterial pathogen most commonly associated with infectious pododermatitis (foot rot) in sheep has been demonstrated.

Tulathromycin also possesses *in vitro* activity against *Moraxella bovis*, the bacterial pathogen most commonly associated with infectious bovine keratoconjunctivitis (IBK).

The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute CLSI has set the clinical breakpoints for tulathromycin against *M. haemolytica*, *P. multocida*, and *H. somni* of bovine respiratory origin and *P. multocida* and *B. bronchiseptica* of swine respiratory origin as  $\leq 16$  µg/ml susceptible and  $\geq 64$  µg/ml resistant. For *A. pleuropneumoniae* of swine respiratory origin the susceptible breakpoint is set at  $\leq 64$  µg/ml. CLSI has also published clinical breakpoints for tulathromycin based on a disk diffusion method (CLSI document VET08, 4th ed, 2018). No clinical breakpoints are available for *H. parasuis*. Neither EUCAST nor CLSI have developed standard methods for testing antibacterial agents against veterinary *Mycoplasma* species and thus no interpretative criteria have been set.

Resistance to macrolides can develop by mutations in genes encoding ribosomal RNA (rRNA) or some ribosomal proteins; by enzymatic modification (methylation) of the 23S rRNA target site, generally giving rise to cross-resistance with lincosamides and group B streptogramins (MLS<sub>B</sub> resistance); by enzymatic inactivation; or by macrolide efflux. MLS<sub>B</sub> resistance may be constitutive or inducible. Resistance may be chromosomal or plasmid-encoded and may be transferable if associated with transposons plasmids, integrative and conjugative elements. Additionally, the genomic plasticity of *Mycoplasma* is enhanced by the horizontal transfer of large chromosomal fragments.

In addition to its antimicrobial properties, tulathromycin demonstrates immune-modulating and antiinflammatory actions in experimental studies. In both bovine and porcine polymorphonuclear cells (PMNs; neutrophils), tulathromycin promotes apoptosis (programmed cell death) and the clearance of apoptotic cells by macrophages. It lowers the production of the pro-inflammatory mediators leukotriene B4 and CXCL-8 and induces the production of anti-inflammatory and pro-resolving lipid lipoxin A4.

In cattle, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin when administered as a single subcutaneous dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, was characterised by rapid and extensive absorption followed by high distribution and slow elimination. The maximum concentration (C<sub>max</sub>) in plasma was approximately 0.5 µg/ml; this was achieved approximately 30 minutes post-dosing (T<sub>max</sub>). Tulathromycin concentrations in lung homogenate were considerably higher than those in plasma. There is strong evidence of substantial accumulation of tulathromycin in neutrophils and alveolar macrophages. However, the *in vivo* concentration of tulathromycin at the infection site of the lung is not known. Peak concentrations were followed by a slow decline in systemic exposure with an apparent elimination half-life (t<sub>1/2</sub>) of 90 hours in plasma. Plasma protein binding was low, approximately

40%. The volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) determined after intravenous administration was 11 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after subcutaneous administration in cattle was approximately 90%.

In pigs, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin when administered as a single intramuscular dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, was also characterised by rapid and extensive absorption followed by high distribution and slow elimination. The maximum concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) in plasma was approximately 0.6  $\mu$ g/ml; this was achieved approximately 30 minutes post-dosing ( $T_{max}$ ). Tulathromycin concentrations in lung homogenate were considerably higher than those in plasma. There is strong evidence of substantial accumulation of tulathromycin in neutrophils and alveolar macrophages. However, the *in vivo* concentration of tulathromycin at the infection site of the lung is not known. Peak concentrations were followed by a slow decline in systemic exposure with an apparent elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of approximately 91 hours in plasma. Plasma protein binding was low, approximately 40%. The volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) determined after intravenous administration was 13.2 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after intramuscular administration in pigs was approximately 88%.

In sheep, the pharmacokinetic profile of tulathromycin, when administered as a single intramuscular dose of 2.5 mg/kg bodyweight, achieved a maximum plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) of 1.19  $\mu$ g/ml in approximately 15 minutes ( $T_{max}$ ) post-dosing and had an elimination half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) of 69.7 hours. Plasma protein binding was approximately 60-75%. Following intravenous dosing the volume of distribution at steady-state ( $V_{ss}$ ) was 31.7 l/kg. The bioavailability of tulathromycin after intramuscular administration in sheep was 100%.