Summary of the risk management plan for Azarga (brinzolamide/timolol)

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

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

This summary of the RMP for Azarga should be read in the context of all this information including the assessment report of the evaluation and its plain-language summary, all which is part of the European Public Assessment Report (EPAR).

Important new concerns or changes to the current ones will be included in updates of Azarga's RMP.

I. The medicine and what it is used for

Azarga is authorised for the decrease of intraocular pressure (IOP) in adult patients with open–angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension for whom monotherapy provides insufficient IOP reduction. It contains brinzolamide and timolol as the active substances and it is given as eye drops.

Further information about the evaluation of Azarga's benefits can be found in Azarga's EPAR, including in its plain-language summary, available on the EMA website, under the medicine's webpage: link to the EPAR summary landing page (https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/overview/azarga-epar-summary-public_en.pdf).

II. Risks associated with the medicine and activities to minimize or further characterize the risks

Important risks of Azarga, together with measures to minimize such risks and the proposed studies for learning more about Azarga's risks, are outlined below.

Measures to minimize 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 minimize its risks.

Together, these measures constitute routine risk minimization measures.

In addition to these measures, information about adverse reactions is collected continuously and regularly analysed, including PSUR assessment 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 Azarga are risks that need special risk management activities to further investigate or minimize the risk, so that the medicinal product can be safely taken. 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 Azarga. 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).

Table 1   List of important risks and missing information

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Important identified risks	None
Important potential risks	None
Missing information	None

II.B: Summary of important risks

Not applicable, since there are no important risks/safety concerns. Routine risks minimization measures are considered sufficient to manage the risks associated with Azarga.

II.C: Post-authorization development plan

II.C.1. Studies which are conditions of the marketing authorization

There are no studies which are conditions of the marketing authorization or specific obligation of Azarga.

II.C.2. Other studies in post-authorization development plan

There are no studies required for Azarga.