**Contraindications for Detomidine:**

1. Detomidine is contraindicated in horses with pre-existing AV or SA heart block, severe coronary insufficiency, cerebrovascular disease, respiratory disease or chronic renal failure.
2. Use cautiously in animals with endotoxic or traumatic shock or approaching shock, and advanced hepatic or renal disease.
3. Horses who are stressed due to temperature extremes, fatigue, or high altitude should be given the drug carefully.
4. Because this drug may inhibit gastrointestinal motility, use with prudence in patients treated for intestinal impactions.
5. In horses with suspected colic, the use of detomidine analgesia should be used cautiously as it may mask abdominal pain and conceal changes in respiratory and cardiac rates, thereby making diagnosis more difficult.