



# UCB showcases commitment to treatment and management of epilepsy at the 34<sup>th</sup> International Epilepsy Congress

- Scientific presentations illustrate impact, breadth and real-world value of UCB's epilepsy treatment portfolio
- Sponsored symposia debate clinical approaches in the management of epilepsy, as well as discuss latest scientific advances and health-tech support solutions for people living with epilepsy

**Brussels (Belgium), 27 August – 07:00 (CET):** UCB today reinforced its commitment to the treatment and management of epilepsy at the 34th International Epilepsy Congress (IEC, 28 Aug- 1 Sep), showcasing a broad range of clinical data and real-world experience with its approved antiseizure medicines, as well as highlighting the role that health-technology solutions can play in helping people living with epilepsy and their healthcare providers manage their condition.

"It's our goal to redefine the future of epilepsy medicine, aspiring to bring even greater value to people living with seizures," said Charl van Zyl, Executive Vice President Neurology & Head of Europe/International Markets at UCB. "For more than 30 years, we have provided solutions that have helped transform the treatment landscape and improved the lives of millions of people living with epilepsy. Our commitment has never been stronger; we are utilizing our experience and expertise to develop new differentiated medicines and are dedicated to advancing technology support solutions that address specific unmet patient needs. It is our aim that one day, our transformative science will even lead to solutions that are disease-modifying, impacting the underlying causes of the disease."

At the congress, UCB will be reporting data from several studies on BRIVIACT<sup>®</sup> (brivaracetam). These data cover several recent real-world evidence studies for epilepsy patients living with partial onset seizures, reinforcing the efficacy and tolerability of the medicine, as well and clinical studies on the safety and tolerability of its intravenous formulation for use in pediatric populations. Additional data will also report the efficacy and tolerability of adjunctive Vimpat® (lacosamide) as a treatment for primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures. "These studies further demonstrate UCB's commitment to scientific and medical knowledge exchange and creating value for a broad cross-section of people living with epilepsy," added Prof. Konrad Werhahn, Global Head Epilepsy Medical Affairs at UCB.

Alongside the presentation of these data, UCB will be facilitating two satellite symposia to debate current issues in epilepsy care and to showcase innovative digital and scientific approaches to the current and future treatment and management of epilepsy. The first symposium entitled 'Bridging the gap: what do patients want from the management of their epilepsy?' is hosted by Christian Brandt MD, Head of Department, Bethel Epilepsy Center in Germany. A key topic of debate will be the





importance of managing patient preference in the context of efficacy and tolerability, in choosing anti-seizure medications.

The second symposium, entitled 'The future of the epilepsies: innovation, transformation and evolution' is introduced by Marte Syvertsen MD, PhD, Department of Neurology at Vestre Viken Hospital Trust in Norway featuring guest speakers from leading epilepsy technology support providers Helpilepsy, Healios, and Neuro event labs. Alexandre Moreau, Head of Epilepsy at UCB comments: "In epilepsy, digital technology offers a significant opportunity to enhance treatment decisions and enable coordination of care. UCB has a number of investments and partnerships with leading health technology providers, and alongside our own scientific innovation, see this as a key component of future epilepsy treatment and care."

For registered attendees at IEC, the timings for the symposia are:

- Bridging the gap: what do patients want from the management of their epilepsy? Monday 30th August, 19:00–20:00 UTC+1
- The future of the epilepsies: innovation, transformation and evolution. Monday 30th August, 08:00–09:00 UTC+1

The following is a guide to the UCB-sponsored poster presentations at the 34th International Epilepsy Congress (IEC 2021), Virtual Meeting (28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021):

# **Brivaracetam e-Posters**

- Effectiveness and tolerability of adjunctive brivaracetam in patients with secondary generalized (focal to bilateral tonic-clonic) seizures in Germany. Lerche H, Knake S, Rosenow F, Schulze-Bonhage A, Elmoufti S, Leunikava I, Schulz AL, Dimova S, Hopp P
- Cognitive performance and retention after 12-month adjunctive brivaracetam in difficultto-treat patients with epilepsy in a real-life setting. Steinhoff BJ, Christensen J, Doherty CP, Majoie M, Schultz AL, Brock F, Leunikava I, Leach JP
- Pharmacokinetics, safety, and tolerability of intravenous brivaracetam in pediatric patients with epilepsy: an open-label trial. Farkas K, Kang H, Fogarasi, Bozorg A, James G, Krauwinkel W, Morita D, Will E, Elshoff JP
- Tolerability and efficacy of brivaracetam in adults with focal seizures by concomitant antiepileptic drug use: post-hoc analysis. Ryvlin P, Dimova S, Elmoufti S, Floricel F, Laloyaux C, Nondonfaz X, Biton V
- Pharmacokinetics, safety, and tolerability of intravenous brivaracetam in neonates with seizures: interim analysis of a phase 2/3, open-label trial. Krauwinkel W, Will E, Morita D, Floricel F, Elshoff JP, Pressler R

### Lacosamide e-Posters

• Adjunctive lacosamide as treatment for primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures (PGTCS): efficacy and tolerability by baseline PGTCS frequency. Vossler DG, Knake S, O'Brien TJ, Watanabe M, Dimova S, Steiniger-Brach B, Williams P, Roebling R





#### About Epilepsy<sup>1-3</sup>

Epilepsy is a common neurological condition worldwide and affects approximately 50 million people.<sup>1</sup> Epilepsy and seizures can develop in any person at any age,<sup>2</sup> and is usually diagnosed after a person has had at least two seizures (or after one seizure with a high risk for more) that were not caused by some known medical condition.<sup>3</sup>

#### About UCB in Epilepsy

UCB has a rich heritage in epilepsy with over 20 years of experience in the research and development of antiepileptic drugs. As a company with a long-term commitment to epilepsy research, our goal is to address unmet medical needs. Our scientists are proud to contribute to advances in the understanding of epilepsy and its treatment. We partner and create supernetworks with world-leading scientists and clinicians in academic institutions, pharmaceutical companies, and other organizations who share our goals. At UCB, we are inspired by patients, and driven by science in our commitment to support patients with epilepsy.

### About UCB

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### About BRIVIACT<sup>®</sup> (brivaracetam)

### Important Safety Information about BRIVIACT<sup>®</sup> in the EU and EEA<sup>4</sup>

BRIVIACT® (brivaracetam) is indicated as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults, adolescents and children from 4 years of age with epilepsy. **Contraindications** Hypersensitivity to the active substance, other pyrrolidone derivatives or any of the excipients. Special warnings and precautions for use Suicidal ideation and behaviour have been reported in patients treated with anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) in several indications, including BRIVIACT®. Patients should be monitored for signs of suicidal ideation and behaviour and appropriate treatment should be considered. Patients (and caregivers) should be advised to seek medical advice should any signs of suicidal ideation or behaviour emerge. BRIVIACT® film-coated tablets contain lactose. Patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, total lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take BRIVIACT®. Brivaracetam film-coated tablets, solution for injection/infusion and oral solution contain less than 1 mmol sodium (23mg) per tablet/vial/ml respectively, that is to say essentially 'sodium free'. The oral solution contains 239.8 mg sorbitol (E420) in each ml. Patients with hereditary fructose intolerance (HFI) should not take this medicinal product. The oral solution contains methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E218), which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed). Brivaracetam oral solution contains propylene glycol (E1520). Posology No dose adjustment is needed in adults with impaired renal function. Based on data in adults, no dose adjustment is necessary neither in paediatric patients with impaired renal function. In adults with hepatic impairment, a 50 mg/day starting dose should be considered. In children and adolescents weighing 50 kg or greater, a 50 mg/day starting dose is recommended. A maximum daily dose of 150 mg administered in 2 divided doses is recommended for all stages of hepatic impairment. In children and adolescents weighing



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less than 50 kg, a 1 mg/kg/day starting dose is recommended. The maximum dose should not exceed 3 mg/kg/day. No clinical data are available in paediatric patients with hepatic impairment. Interaction with other medicinal products and other forms of interaction. With co-administration of BRIVIACT® 200 mg single dose and ethanol 0.6 g/L continuous infusion in healthy subjects there was no pharmacokinetic interaction, but the effect of alcohol on psychomotor function, attention and memory was doubled. Intake of BRIVIACT® with alcohol is not recommended. Limited clinical data are available implying that coadministration of cannabidiol may increase the plasma exposure of brivaracetam, possibly through CYP2C19 inhibition, but the clinical relevance is uncertain. In healthy subjects, co-administration with rifampicin, a strong enzyme-inducer (600 mg/day for 5 days), decreased BRIVIACT® area under the plasma concentration curve (AUC) by 45%. Prescribers should consider adjusting the dose of BRIVIACT® for patients starting or ending treatment with rifampicin. Other strong enzyme-inducers (such as St John's wort [Hypericum perforatum]) may also decrease the systemic exposure of BRIVIACT®. Therefore, starting or ending treatment with St John's wort should be done with caution. In vitro studies have shown that brivaracetam exhibits little or no inhibition of CYP450 isoforms except for CYP2C19. Brivaracetam may increase plasma concentrations of medicinal products metabolised by CYP2C19 (e.g., lanzoprazole, omeprazole, diazepam). CYP2B6 induction has not been investigated in vivo and BRIVIACT® may decrease plasma concentrations of medicinal products metabolised by CYP2B6 (e.g. efavirenz). In vitro studies have also shown that BRIVIACT® has inhibitory effects on OAT3. BRIVIACT® 200 mg/day may increase plasma concentrations of medicinal products transported by OAT3. BRIVIACT® plasma concentrations are decreased when co-administered with strong enzyme inducing antiepileptic drugs (carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin) but no dose adjustment is required. Effects on ability to drive and use machines BRIVIACT®, has minor or moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines. Patients should be advised not to drive a car or to operate other potentially hazardous machines until they are familiar with the effects of BRIVIACT®, on their ability to perform such activities. Undesirable effects. The most frequently reported adverse reactions with BRIVIACT® (reported by >10% of patients) were somnolence (14.3%) and dizziness (11.0%). They were usually mild to moderate in intensity. Somnolence and fatigue (8.2%) were reported at higher incidences with increasing dose. Very common adverse reactions (≥1% to <10%) were influenza, decreased appetite, depression, anxiety, insomnia, irritability, convulsion, vertigo, upper respiratory tract infections, cough, nausea, vomiting, constipation and fatigue. Neutropenia has been reported in 0.5% (6/1,099) BRIVIACT® patients and 0% (0/459) placebo-treated patients. Four of these patients had decreased neutrophil counts at baseline, and experienced additional decrease in neutrophil counts after initiation of BRIVIACT®. None of the six cases were severe, required any specific treatment, led to BRIVIACT® discontinuation or had associated infections. Suicidal ideation was reported in 0.3 % (3/1099) of BRIVIACT® treated patients and 0.7 % (3/459) of placebo-treated patients. In short-term clinical studies of BRIVIACT® in patients with epilepsy, there were no cases of completed suicide and suicide attempt, however both were reported in the long-term open-label extension studies. Reactions suggestive of immediate (Type I) hypersensitivity have been reported in a small number of BRIVIACT® patients (9/3022) during clinical development. The safety profile of brivaracetam observed in children was consistent with the safety profile observed in adults. In the open label, uncontrolled, long-term studies suicidal ideation was reported in 4.7 % of paediatric patients (more common in adolescents) compared with 2.4 % of adults and behavioural disorders were reported in 24.8 % of paediatric patients compared with 15.1 % of adults. The majority of events were mild or moderate in intensity, were non-serious, and did not lead to





discontinuation of study drug. An additional adverse reaction reported in children was psychomotor hyperactivity (4.7 %). There are limited safety data from open-label studies in children from 1 month to <4 years of age. Limited data are available on neurodevelopment in children <4 years of age. No clinical data are available in neonates. **Overdose** There is limited clinical experience with BRIVIACT® overdose in humans. Somnolence and dizziness were reported in a healthy subject taking a single dose of 1,400 mg of BRIVIACT®. There is no specific antidote. Treatment of an overdose should include general supportive measures. Since less than 10% of BRIVIACT® is excreted in urine, haemodialysis is not expected to significantly enhance BRIVIACT® clearance.

Refer to the European Summary of Product Characteristics for other adverse reactions and full prescribing information. Date of revision: 25 November 2020.

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## About VIMPAT<sup>®</sup> (lacosamide)

## Important Safety Information about VIMPAT® in the EU and EEA<sup>5</sup>

VIMPAT<sup>®</sup> is indicated as monotherapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults, adolescents and children from 4 years of age with epilepsy. VIMPAT® is indicated as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults, adolescents and children from 4 years of age with epilepsy and in the treatment of primary generalised tonic-clonic seizures in adults, adolescents and children from 4 years of age with idiopathic generalised epilepsy. VIMPAT® therapy can be initiated with either oral or IV administration. For the paediatric population, the physician should prescribe the most appropriate formulation and strength according to weight and dose. A single loading dose may be initiated in patients in situations when the physician determines that rapid attainment of lacosamide steady state plasma concentration and therapeutic effect is warranted. It should be administered under medical supervision with consideration of the potential for increased incidence of serious cardiac arrhythmia and CNS adverse reactions. Administration of a loading dose has not been studied in acute conditions such as status epilepticus. Use of a loading dose is not recommended in adolescents and children weighing less than 50 kg. Administration of a loading dose has not been studied in children. A maximum dose of 300 mg/day is recommended for paediatric patients weighing 50 kg or more and for adult patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment. Based on data in adults, in paediatric patients weighing less than 50 kg with mild to moderate hepatic impairment, a reduction of 25 % of the maximum dose should be applied. Lacosamide should be administered to adult and paediatric patients with severe hepatic impairment only when the expected therapeutic benefits are anticipated to outweigh the possible risks. The dose may need to be adjusted while carefully observing disease activity and potential side effects in the patient. In adolescents and adults weighing 50 kg or more with mild to moderate hepatic impairment a loading dose of 200mg may be considered, but further dose titration (>200 mg daily) should be performed with caution. In paediatric patients weighing 50 kg or more and in adult patients with mild or moderate renal impairment a loading dose of 200 mg may be considered, but further dose titration (> 200 mg daily) should be performed with caution. In paediatric patients weighing 50 kg or more and in adult patients with



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severe renal impairment (CLCR ≤ 30 ml/min) or with end-stage renal disease, a maximum dose of 250 mg/day is recommended and the dose titration should be performed with caution. In paediatric patients weighing less than 50 kg with severe renal impairment (CLCR  $\leq$  30 ml/min) and in those with end-stage renal disease, a reduction of 25 % of the maximum dose is recommended. Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the active substance or any of the excipients; known secondor third-degree atrioventricular (AV) block. Special warnings and precautions for use: Treatment with VIMPAT® has been associated with dizziness which could increase the occurrence of accidental injury or falls. Therefore, patients should be advised to exercise caution until they are familiar with the potential effects of the medicine. New onset or worsening of myoclonic seizures has been reported in both adult and paediatric patients with PGTCS, in particular during titration. In patients with more than one seizure type, the observed benefit of control for one seizure type should be weighed against any observed worsening in another seizure type. Dose-related prolongations in PR interval with VIMPAT® have been observed in clinical studies. VIMPAT® should be used with caution in patients with underlying proarrhythmic conditions such as patients with known cardiac conduction problems or severe cardiac disease (e.g. myocardial ischaemia/infarction, heart failure, structural heart disease or cardiac sodium channelopathies) or patients treated with medicinal products affecting cardiac conduction, including antiarrhythmics and sodium channel blocking antiepileptic medicinal products, as well as in elderly patients. In these patients it should be considered to perform an ECG before a Vimpat dose increase above 400mg/day and after Vimpat is titrated to steady-state. In the placebo-controlled studies of VIMPAT® in epilepsy patients, atrial fibrillation or flutter were not reported; however both have been reported in open-label epilepsy studies and in post-marketing experience. In post-marketing experience, AV block (including second degree or higher AV block) has been reported. In patients with proarrhythmic conditions, ventricular tachyarrhythmia has been reported. In rare cases, these events have led to asystole, cardiac arrest and death in patients with underlying proarrhythmic conditions. Patients should be made aware of the symptoms of cardiac arrhythmia (e.g. slow, rapid or irregular pulse, palpitations, shortness of breath, feeling lightheaded, fainting). Patients should be counselled to seek immediate medical advice if these symptoms occur. Suicidal ideation and behaviour have been reported in patients treated with antiepileptic medicinal products in several indications. Therefore patients should be monitored for signs of suicidal ideation and behaviours and appropriate treatment should be considered. Patients (and caregivers of patients) should be advised to seek medical advice should signs of suicidal ideation or behaviour emerge. The safety and efficacy of lacosamide in paediatric patients with epilepsy syndromes in which focal and generalised seizures may coexist have not been determined. VIMPAT® syrup contains sodium methyl parahydroxybenzoate (E219) which may cause allergic reactions (possibly delayed). Vimpat Syrup contains sorbitol (E420). Patients with rare hereditary problems of fructose intolerance should not take this medicine. Sorbitol may cause gastrointestinal discomfort and mild laxative effect. The syrup contains aspartame (E951), a source of phenylalanine, which may be harmful for people with phenylketonuria. Vimpat syrup contains propylene glycol (E1520). VIMPAT® syrup contains 1.42 mg sodium per ml, equivalent to 0.07 % of the WHO recommended maximum daily intake of 2 g sodium for an adult. VIMPAT® solution for infusion contains 59.8 mg sodium per vial, equivalent to 3% of the WHO recommended maximum daily intake of 2 g sodium for an adult. Effects on ability to drive and use machines: VIMPAT® may have minor to moderate influence on the ability to drive and use machines. VIMPAT® treatment has been associated with dizziness or blurred vision. Accordingly patients should be advised not to drive a car or to operate other potentially hazardous machinery until they are familiar with the effects of



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VIMPAT® on their ability to perform such activities. Undesirable effects: The most common adverse reactions (≥10%) are dizziness, headache, diplopia, and nausea. They were usually mild to moderate in intensity. Some were dose-related and could be alleviated by reducing the dose. Incidence and severity of CNS and gastrointestinal (GI) adverse reactions usually decreased over time. Incidence of CNS adverse reactions such as dizziness may be higher after a loading dose. Other common adverse reactions (≥1% - <10%) are depression, confusional state, insomnia, balance disorder, myoclonic seizures, ataxia, memory impairment, cognitive disorder, somnolence, tremor, nystagmus, hypoesthesia, dysarthria, disturbance in attention, paraesthesia, vision blurred, vertigo, tinnitus, vomiting, constipation, flatulence, dyspepsia, dry mouth, diarrhoea, pruritus, rash, muscle spasms, gait disturbance, asthenia, fatigue, irritability, feeling drunk, injection site pain or discomfort (local adverse events associated with intravenous administration), irritation (local adverse events associated with intravenous administration), fall, and skin laceration, contusion. The use of VIMPAT® is associated with dose-related increase in the PR interval. Adverse reactions associated with PR interval prolongation (e.g. atrioventricular block, syncope, bradycardia) may occur. Additional adverse reactions reported in PGTCS patients were myoclonic epilepsy and ataxia. The most frequently reported adverse reactions were dizziness and somnolence. The most common adverse reactions resulting in discontinuation of lacosamide therapy were dizziness and suicidal ideation. The safety profile of lacosamide in placebo-controlled and in open-label studies (n=408) in adjunctive therapy in children from 4 years of age with partial- onset seizures was consistent with the safety profile observed in adults although the frequency of some adverse reactions (somnolence, vomiting and convulsion) was increased and additional adverse reactions (nasopharyngitis, pyrexia, pharyngitis, decreased appetite, lethargy and abnormal behaviour) have been reported in paediatric patients: nasopharyngitis (15.7 %), vomiting (14.7 %), somnolence (14.0 %), dizziness (13.5 %), pyrexia (13.0%), convulsion (7.8%), decreased appetite (5.9%), pharyngitis (4.7%), lethargy (2.7 %) and abnormal behaviour (1.7 %).

Laboratory abnormalities: Abnormalities in liver function tests have been observed in placebocontrolled studies with VIMPAT® in adult patients with partial-onset seizures who were taking 1-3 concomitant antiepileptic medicinal products. Elevations of ALT to  $\geq$ 3xULN occurred in 0.7% (7/935) of VIMPAT® patients and 0% (0/356) of placebo patients. Multiorgan Hypersensitivity Reactions: Multiorgan hypersensitivity reactions (also known as Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms, DRESS) have been reported in patients treated with some antiepileptic medicinal products. These reactions are variable in expression but typically present with fever and rash and can be associated with involvement of different organ systems. If multiorgan hypersensitivity reaction is suspected, VIMPAT® should be discontinued.

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