

HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use LACOSAMIDE ORAL SOLUTION safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for LACOSAMIDE ORAL SOLUTION.

LACOSAMIDE oral solution, CV
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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- Lacosamide oral solution is indicated for:
- Treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients 1 month of age and older (1.1)
 - Adjunctive therapy in the treatment of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in patients 4 years of age and older (1.2)

DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

- **Adults (17 years and older):**
 - o Initial dosage for monotherapy for the treatment of partial-onset seizures is 100 mg twice daily (2.1)
 - o Initial dosage for adjunctive therapy for the treatment of partial-onset seizures or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures is 50 mg twice daily (2.1)
 - o Maximum recommended dosage for monotherapy and adjunctive therapy is 200 mg twice daily (2.1)
- **Pediatric Patients 1 month to less than 17 years:** The recommended dosage is based on body weight and is administered orally twice daily (2.1)
 - Increase dosage based on clinical response and tolerability, no more frequently than once daily (2.1)
 - Dose adjustment is recommended for severe renal impairment (2.4, 12.3)
 - Dose adjustment is recommended for mild or moderate hepatic impairment; use in patients with severe hepatic impairment is not recommended (2.5, 12.3)

DOSEAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

- 10 mg/mL oral solution (3)

CONTRAINDICATIONS

None (4)

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1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

1.1 Partial-Onset Seizures

Lacosamide oral solution is indicated for the treatment of partial-onset seizures in patients 1 month of age and older.

1.2 Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures

Lacosamide oral solution is indicated as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in patients 4 years of age and older.

2 DOSEAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Dosage Information

The recommended dosage for monotherapy and adjunctive therapy for partial-onset seizures in patients 1 month of age and older and for adjunctive therapy for primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in patients 4 years of age and older is included in Table 1. In pediatric patients, the recommended dosing regimen is dependent upon body weight. Dosage should be increased based on clinical response and tolerability, no more frequently than once per week. Titration increments should not exceed those shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Recommended Dosages for Partial-Onset Seizures (Monotherapy or Adjunctive Therapy) in Patients 1 Month and Older, and for Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures (Adjunctive Therapy) in Patients 4 Years of Age and Older*

Age and Body Weight	Initial Dosage	Titration Regimen	Maintenance Dosage
Adults (17 years and older)	Monotherapy**: 100 mg twice daily (200 mg per day) Adjunctive Therapy: 50 mg twice daily (100 mg per day)	Increase by 50 mg twice daily (100 mg per day) every week	Monotherapy**: 150 mg to 200 mg twice daily (300 mg to 400 mg per day) Adjunctive Therapy: 100 mg to 200 mg twice daily (200 mg to 400 mg per day)
Pediatric patients weighing at least 50 kg	50 mg twice daily (100 mg per day)	Increase by 50 mg twice daily (100 mg per day) every week	Monotherapy**: 150 mg to 200 mg twice daily (300 mg to 400 mg per day) Adjunctive Therapy: 100 mg to 200 mg twice daily (200 mg to 400 mg per day)
Pediatric patients weighing 30 kg to less than 50 kg	1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day)	Increase by 1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day) every week	2 mg/kg to 4 mg/kg twice daily (4 mg/kg/day to 8 mg/kg/day)
Pediatric patients weighing 11 kg to less than 30 kg	1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day)	Increase by 1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day) every week	3 mg/kg to 6 mg/kg twice daily (6 mg/kg/day to 12 mg/kg/day)
Pediatric patients weighing 6 kg to less than 11 kg*	Oral: 1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day)	Oral: Increase by 1 mg/kg twice daily (2 mg/kg/day) every week	Oral: 3.75 mg/kg to 7.5 mg/kg twice daily (7.5 mg/kg/day to 15 mg/kg/day)

*when not specified, the dosage is the same for monotherapy for partial-onset seizures and adjunctive therapy for partial-onset seizures or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures.

**Monotherapy for partial-onset seizures only

†Indicated only for partial-onset seizures

In adjunctive clinical trials in adult patients with partial-onset seizures, a dosage higher than 200 mg twice daily (400 mg per day) was not more effective and was associated with a substantially higher rate of adverse reactions (see Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Clinical Studies (14.2)).

2.2 Alternate Initial Dosage Information to Achieve the Maintenance Dosage in a Shorter Timeframe

For monotherapy and adjunctive therapy for partial-onset seizures in patients 17 years of age and older and for adjunctive therapy for primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in patients 17 years of age and older, an alternate initial dosing regimen for week 1 (e.g., including a loading dose and/or a higher initial dosage) may be administered in patients for whom achieving the recommended maintenance dosage in a shorter time frame is clinically indicated (see Table 1). The alternate initial dosing regimen should be continued for one week. Lacosamide oral solution may then be titrated based on clinical response and tolerability, no more frequently than once per week, if needed. The loading dose should be administered with medical supervision because of the possibility of increased incidence of adverse reactions, including central nervous system (CNS) and cardiovascular adverse reactions (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2, 5.3), Adverse Reactions (6.1), and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)). Titration increments should not exceed those shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Alternate Initial Dosing Regimen to Achieve the Maintenance Dosage in a Shorter Timeframe† Clinically Indicated*

Age and Body Weight	Alternate Initial Dosage	Titration Regimen	Maintenance Dosage
Adults (17 years and older)	Single loading dose: 200 mg 12 hours later initiate 100 mg twice daily (200 mg per day)	Increase by 50 mg twice daily (100 mg per day) at weekly intervals, if needed	Monotherapy**: 150 mg to 200 mg twice daily (300 mg to 400 mg per day) Adjunctive Therapy: 100 mg to 200 mg twice daily (200 mg to 400 mg per day)

*when not specified, the dosage is the same for monotherapy for partial-onset seizures and adjunctive therapy for partial-onset seizures or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures.

**Monotherapy for partial-onset seizures only

Additional pediatric use information is approved by FDA, Inc.'s IMPACT® (lacosamide) oral solution. However, due to FDA, Inc.'s marketing exclusivity rights, this drug product is not labeled with this information.

2.3 Converting From a Single Antiepileptic Drug (AED) to Lacosamide Oral Solution Monotherapy for the Treatment of Partial-Onset Seizures

For patients who are already on a single AED and will convert to lacosamide oral solution monotherapy, withdrawal of the concomitant AED should not occur until the therapeutic dosage of lacosamide oral solution is achieved and has been administered for at least 3 days. A gradual withdrawal of the concomitant AED over at least 6 weeks is recommended.

2.4 Dosage Information for Patients with Renal Impairment

For patients with mild to moderate renal impairment, no dosage adjustment is necessary.

For patients with severe renal impairment (creatinine clearance [CL_{CR}] less than 30 mL/min as estimated by the Cockcroft-Gault equation for adults; CL_{CR} less than 30 mL/min/1.73 m² as estimated by the Schwartz equation for pediatric patients) or end-stage renal disease, a reduction of 25% of the maximum dosage is recommended.

In all patients with renal impairment, dose initiation and titration should be based on clinical response and tolerability.

Hemodialysis

Lacosamide oral solution is effectively removed from plasma by hemodialysis. Following a 4-hour hemodialysis treatment, dosage supplementation of up to 50% should be considered.

Concomitant Strong CYP3A4 or CYP2C9 Inhibitors

Dose reduction may be necessary in patients with renal impairment who are taking strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 and CYP2C9 (see Drug Interactions (7.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.6), and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

2.5 Dosage Information for Patients with Hepatic Impairment

For patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment, a reduction of 25% of the maximum dosage is recommended. The dose initiation and titration should be based on clinical response and tolerability in patients with hepatic impairment.

Lacosamide oral solution use is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

Concomitant Strong CYP3A4 and CYP2C9 Inhibitors

Dose reduction may be necessary in patients with hepatic impairment who are taking strong inhibitors of CYP3A4 and CYP2C9 (see Drug Interactions (7.1), Use in Specific Populations (8.7), and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

2.6 Administration Instructions for Lacosamide Oral Solution

Lacosamide oral solution may be taken with or without food.

Lacosamide Oral Solution

A calibrated measuring device is recommended to measure and deliver the prescribed dose accurately. A household teaspoon or tablespoon is not an adequate measuring device.

Lacosamide oral solution may also be administered using a nasogastric tube or gastrostomy tube.

Discard any unused lacosamide oral solution remaining after 6 months of first opening the bottle.

2.8 Discontinuation of Lacosamide Oral Solution

When discontinuing lacosamide oral solution, a gradual withdrawal over at least 1 week is recommended (see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)).

3 DOSEAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

Lacosamide Oral Solution, USP
• 10 mg/mL, clear, colorless to yellow or yellow-brown, strawberry-flavored liquid.

4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

None.

5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

5.1 Suicidal Behavior and Ideation

Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), including lacosamide, increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in patients taking these drugs for any indication. Patients treated with any AED for any indication may be monitored for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior.

Pooled analyses of 199 placebo-controlled clinical trials (mono- and adjunctive therapy) of 11 different AEDs showed that patients randomized to one of the AEDs had adjusted Relative Risk (RR) of 1.8, 95% CI: 1.2, 2.7 of suicidal thinking or behavior compared to patients randomized to placebo. In these trials, which had a median treatment duration of 12 weeks, the estimated incidence of suicidal behavior or ideation among 2,786 AED-treated patients was 0.43%, compared to 0.24% among 16,099 placebo-treated patients, representing an increase of approximately one case of suicidal thinking or behavior for every 330 patients treated. There were four suicides in drug-treated patients in the trials and none in placebo-treated patients, but the number of events is too small to allow any conclusion about drug effect on suicide.

The increased risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with AEDs was observed as early as one week after starting treatment with AEDs and persisted for the duration of treatment assessed. Because most trials included in the analysis did not extend beyond 24 weeks, the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior beyond 24 weeks could not be assessed.

The risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior was generally consistent among groups in the data analyzed. The finding of increased risk with AEDs of varying mechanisms of action and across a range of indications suggests that the risk applies to all AEDs used for any indication. The risk did not vary substantially by age (5 to 100 years) in the clinical trials analyzed.

Table 3 shows absolute and relative risk by indication for all evaluated AEDs.

Indication	Placebo Patients with Events Per 1,000 Patients	Drug Patients with Events Per 1,000 Patients	Relative Risk: Incidence of Events in Drug Patients/Incidence in Placebo Patients	Risk Difference: Additional Drug Patients with Events Per 1,000 Patients
Epilepsy	1.0	3.4	3.5	2.4
Psychiatric	5.7	8.5	1.5	2.9
Other	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.9
Total	2.4	4.3	1.8	1.9

The relative risk for suicidal thoughts or behavior was higher in clinical trials for epilepsy than in clinical trials for psychiatric or other conditions, but the absolute risk differences were similar.

Anyone considering prescribing lacosamide or any other AED must balance this risk with the risk of untreated illness. Epilepsy and many other illnesses for which antiepileptics are prescribed are themselves associated with morbidity and mortality and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior. Should suicidal thoughts and behavior emerge during treatment, the prescriber needs to consider whether the emergence of these symptoms in any given patient may be related to the illness being treated.

5.2 Dizziness and Ataxia

Lacosamide may cause dizziness and ataxia in adult and pediatric patients. In adult patients with partial-onset seizures taking 1 to 3 concomitant AEDs, dizziness was experienced by 25% of patients randomized to the recommended doses (200 to 400 mg/day) of lacosamide (compared with 3% of placebo patients) and was the adverse reaction most frequently leading to discontinuation (5%). Ataxia was experienced by 6% of patients randomized to the recommended doses (200 to 400 mg/day) of lacosamide (compared to 2% of placebo patients). The onset of dizziness and ataxia was most commonly observed during titration. There was a substantial increase in these adverse reactions at doses higher than 400 mg/day (see Adverse Reactions (6.1)). If a loading dose is clinically indicated, administer with medical supervision because of the possibility of increased incidence of adverse reactions, including CNS adverse reactions such as dizziness and ataxia.

5.3 Cardiac Rhythm and Conduction Abnormalities

PR Interval Prolongation, Atrioventricular Block, and Ventricular Tachycardia
Dose-dependent prolongations in PR interval with lacosamide have been observed in clinical studies in adult patients and in healthy volunteers (see Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)). In adjunctive clinical trials in adult patients with partial-onset seizures, asymptomatic first-degree atrioventricular (AV) block was observed as an adverse reaction in 0.4% (4/944) of patients randomized to receive lacosamide and 0% (0/364) of patients randomized to receive placebo. One case of profound bradycardia was observed in a patient during a 15-minute infusion of 150 mg lacosamide. When lacosamide is given with other drugs that prolong the PR interval, further PR prolongation is possible.

In the postmarketing setting, there have been reports of cardiac arrhythmias in patients treated with lacosamide, including bradycardia, AV block, and ventricular tachycardia resulting in syncope, cardiac arrest, and death. Most, although not all, cases have occurred in patients with underlying proarrhythmic conditions, or in those taking concomitant medications that affect cardiac conduction or prolong the PR interval. These events have occurred with both oral and intravenous routes of administration and at prescribed doses as well as in the setting of overdose (see Overdosage (10)). In all patients for whom a loading dose is clinically indicated, administer the loading dose with medical supervision because of the possibility of increased incidence of adverse reactions, including cardiovascular adverse reactions.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Monitor patients for suicidal behavior and ideation (5.1)
- Lacosamide may cause dizziness and ataxia (5.2)
- Cardiac Rhythm and Conduction Abnormalities: Obtaining ECG before beginning and after titration to steady-state maintenance is recommended in patients with underlying proarrhythmic conditions or on concomitant medications that affect cardiac conduction; closely monitor these patients (5.3, 7.2)
- Lacosamide may cause syncope (5.4)
- Lacosamide should be gradually withdrawn to minimize the potential of increased seizure frequency (5.5)
- Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)/Multi-Organ Hypersensitivity: Discontinue if no alternate etiology (5.6)

ADVERSE REACTIONS

- Adjunctive therapy. Most common adverse reactions in adults ($\geq 10\%$ and greater than placebo) are diplopia, headache, dizziness, nausea, and somnolence (6.1)
- Monotherapy. Most common adverse reactions are similar to those seen in adjunctive therapy patients (6.1)
- Pediatric patients. Adverse reactions are similar to those seen in adult patients (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact Hetero Labs Limited at 1-866-495-1995 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch

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Lacosamide should be used with caution in patients with underlying proarrhythmic conditions such as known cardiac conduction problems (e.g., marked first-degree AV block, second-degree or higher AV block and sick sinus syndrome without pacemaker), severe cardiac disease (such as myocardial ischemia or heart failure, or structural heart disease), and cardiac sodium channelopathies (e.g., Brugada Syndrome). Lacosamide should also be used with caution in patients on concomitant medications that affect cardiac conduction, including sodium channel blockers, beta-blockers, calcium channel blockers, potassium channel blockers, and medications that prolong the PR interval (see Drug Interactions (7.2)). In such patients, obtaining an ECG before beginning lacosamide, and after lacosamide is titrated to steady-state maintenance dose, is recommended. In addition, these patients should be closely monitored if they are administered lacosamide through the intravenous route (see Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Drug Interactions (7.2)).

Atrial Fibrillation and Atrial Flutter
In the short-term investigational trials of lacosamide in adult patients with partial-onset seizures there were no cases of atrial fibrillation or flutter. Both atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter have been reported in open label partial-onset seizure trials and in postmarketing experience. In adult patients with diabetic neuropathy, for which lacosamide is not indicated, 0.5% of patients treated with lacosamide experienced an adverse reaction of atrial fibrillation or atrial flutter, compared to 0% of placebo-treated patients, and medications that prolong the PR interval (see Drug Interactions (7.2)). In such patients, obtaining an ECG before beginning lacosamide, and after lacosamide is titrated to steady-state maintenance dose, is recommended. In addition, these patients should be closely monitored if they are administered lacosamide through the intravenous route (see Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Drug Interactions (7.2)).

5.4 Syncope
In the short-term controlled trials of lacosamide in adult patients with partial-onset seizures with no significant system illnesses, there was no increase in syncope compared to placebo. In the short-term controlled trials in adult patients with diabetic neuropathy, for which lacosamide is not indicated, 1.2% of patients who were treated with lacosamide reported an adverse reaction of syncope or loss of consciousness, compared with 0% of placebo-treated patients with diabetic neuropathy. Most of the cases of syncope were observed in patients receiving doses above 400 mg/day. The cause of syncope was not determined in most cases. However, syncope has been associated with orthostatic hypotension, orthostatic blood pressure, atrial flutter/fibrillation (and associated tachycardia), or bradycardia. Cases of syncope have also been observed in open-label clinical partial-onset seizure studies in adult and pediatric patients. These cases were associated with a history of risk factors for cardiac disease and the use of drugs that slow AV conduction.

5.5 Withdrawal of Antiepileptic Drug (AED)
As with all AEDs, lacosamide should be withdrawn gradually (over a minimum of 1 week) to minimize the potential of increased seizure frequency in patients with seizure disorders.

5.6 Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)/Multi-Organ Hypersensitivity

Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS), also known as multi-organ hypersensitivity, has been reported in patients taking antiepileptic drugs including lacosamide. Some of these events have been fatal or life-threatening. DRESS typically, although not exclusively, presents with fever, rash, lymphadenopathy and/or facial swelling, in association with other organ system involvement, such as hepatitis, nephritis, hematologic abnormalities, myocarditis, or myositis, sometimes resembling an acute viral infection. Eosinophilia is often present. This disorder is variable in its expression, and other organ systems not noted here may be involved. It is important to note that early manifestations of hypersensitivity (e.g., fever, lymphadenopathy) may be present even though rash is not evident. If such signs or symptoms are present, the patient should be evaluated immediately. Lacosamide should be discontinued if an alternative etiology for the signs or symptoms cannot be established.

5.7 Risks in Patients with Phenylketonuria

Phenylalanine can be harmful in patients with phenylketonuria (PKU). Lacosamide oral solution contains aspartame, a source of phenylalanine. A 200 mg dose of lacosamide oral solution (equivalent to 20 mL) contains 0.22 g of phenylalanine. Before prescribing lacosamide oral solution to a patient with PKU, consider the combined daily amount of phenylalanine from all sources, including lacosamide oral solution.

6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are described below and elsewhere in the labeling:

- Suicidal Behavior and Ideation (see Warnings and Precautions (5.1))
- Dizziness and Ataxia (see Warnings and Precautions (5.2))
- Cardiac Rhythm and Conduction Abnormalities (see Warnings and Precautions (5.3))
- Syncope (see Warnings and Precautions (5.4))
- Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)/Multiorgan Hypersensitivity Reactions (see Warnings and Precautions (5.6))

6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice.

Lacosamide Oral Solution in Adults

In the short-term development of lacosamide for partial-onset seizures, 1,327 adult patients received lacosamide tablets in controlled and uncontrolled trials, of whom 1,000 were treated for longer than 6 months, and 852 for longer than 12 months. The month-long development program for partial-onset seizures included 425 adult patients, 310 of whom were treated for longer than 6 months, and 254 for longer than 12 months.

Monotherapy Historical-Control Trial (Study 1)

In the monotherapy trial for partial-onset seizures, 16% of patients randomized to receive lacosamide at the recommended doses of 200 to 400 mg/day discontinued from the trial as a result of an adverse reaction. The adverse reaction most commonly ($\geq 1\%$ on lacosamide) leading to discontinuation was dizziness.

Adverse reactions that occurred in this study were generally similar to those that occurred in adjunctive placebo-controlled studies. One adverse reaction, insomnia, occurred at a rate of $\geq 2\%$ and was not reported at a similar rate in previous studies. This adverse reaction has also been observed in postmarketing experience (see Adverse Reactions (6.2)). Because this study did not include a placebo control group, causality could not be established.

Dizziness, headache, nausea, somnolence, and fatigue all occurred at lower incidences during the AED Withdrawal Phase and Monotherapy Phase, compared with the Titration Phase (see Clinical Studies (14.1)).

Adjunctive Therapy Controlled Trials (Studies 2, 3, and 4)

In adjunctive therapy controlled clinical trials for partial-onset seizures, the rate of discontinuation as a result of an adverse reaction was 8% and 17% in patients randomized to receive lacosamide at the recommended doses of 200 and 400 mg/day, respectively, compared to 13% and 15% in patients randomized to receive placebo. In patients randomized to receive placebo, the adverse reactions most commonly ($\geq 1\%$ on lacosamide and greater than placebo) leading to discontinuation were dizziness, ataxia, vomiting, diplopia, nausea, vertigo, and blurred vision.

Table 4 gives the incidence of adverse reactions that occurred in $\geq 2\%$ of adult patients with partial-onset seizures in the lacosamide total group and for which the incidence was greater than placebo.

Table 4: Adverse Reactions Incidence in Adjunctive Therapy Pooled, Placebo-Controlled Trials in Adult Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures (Studies 2, 3, and 4)

Adverse Reaction	Placebo N=354 %	Lacosamide 200 mg/day N=270 %	Lacosamide 400 mg/day N=471 %	Lacosamide 600 mg/day* N=203 %	Lacosamide Total N=944 %
Ear and labyrinth disorder					
Vertigo	1	5	3	4	4
Eye disorders					
Diplopia	2	6	10	16	11
Blurred Vision	3	2	9	16	8
Gastrointestinal disorders					
Nausea	4	7	11	17	11
Vomiting	3	6	9	16	9
Diarrhea	3	3	5	4	4
General disorders and administration site conditions					
Fatigue	6	7	7	15	9
Gait disturbance	<1	<1	2	4	2
Asthenia	1	2	2	4	2
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications					
Contusion	3	3	4	2	3
Skin laceration	2	2	3	3	3
Nervous system disorders					
Dizziness	8	16	30	53	31
Headache	9	11	14	12	13
Ataxia	2	4	7	15	8
Somnolence	5	5	8	8	7
Tremor	4	4	6	12	7
Nystagmus	4	2	5	10	5
Balance disorder	0	1	5	6	4
Memory impairment	2	1	2	6	2

General Information about the safe and effective use of lacosamide oral solution.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use lacosamide oral solution for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give lacosamide oral solution to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. They may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about lacosamide oral solution. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your pharmacist or healthcare provider for information about lacosamide oral solution that is written for health professionals.

What are the ingredients in lacosamide oral solution?

Active ingredient: lacosamide, USP

Inactive ingredients: acesulfame potassium, anhydrous citric acid, aspartame, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, glycerin, methylparaben sodium, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, prosweet, purified water, sodium chloride, sorbitol and strawberry flavor.

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sodium channel blocking AEDs), because of a risk of AV block, bradycardia, or ventricular tachyarrhythmia. In such patients, obtaining an ECG before beginning lacosamide, and after lacosamide is titrated to steady-state, is recommended. In addition, these patients should be closely monitored if they are administered lacosamide through the intravenous route [see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)].

8. USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

8.1 Pregnancy

Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), such as lacosamide, during pregnancy. Encourage women who are taking lacosamide during pregnancy to enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAED) pregnancy registry by calling 1-888-233-2334 or visiting <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/>.

Risk Summary

Available data from the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAED) pregnancy registry, a prospective cohort study, case reports, and a case series in pregnant women are insufficient to identify a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage or other adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Lacosamide produced developmental toxicity (increased embryofetal and perinatal mortality, growth deficit) in rats following administration during pregnancy. Developmental neurotoxicity was observed in rats following administration during a period of postnatal development corresponding to the third trimester of human pregnancy. These effects were observed at doses associated with clinically relevant plasma exposures (see Data).

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

Data

Animal Data

Oral administration of lacosamide to pregnant rats (20, 75, or 200 mg/kg/day) and rabbits (6.25, 12.5, or 25 mg/kg/day) during the period of organogenesis did not produce any effects on the incidences of fetal structural abnormalities. However, the maximum doses evaluated were limited by maternal toxicity in both species and embryofetal death in rats. These doses were associated with maternal plasma lacosamide exposures (AUC) approximately 2 and 1 times (rat and rabbit, respectively) that in humans at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 400 mg/day.

In two studies in which lacosamide (25, 70, or 200 mg/kg/day and 50, 100, or 200 mg/kg/day) was orally administered to rats throughout pregnancy and lactation, increased perinatal mortality and decreased body weights in the offspring were observed at the highest dose tested. The no-effect dose for pre- and postnatal developmental toxicity in rats (70 mg/kg/day) was associated with a maternal plasma lacosamide AUC similar to that in humans at the MRHD.

Oral administration of lacosamide (30, 90, or 180 mg/kg/day) to rats during the neonatal and juvenile periods of development resulted in decreased brain weights and long-term neurobehavioral changes (altered open field performance, deficits in learning and memory). The no-effect dose for developmental neurotoxicity in rats was associated with a plasma lacosamide AUC less than that in humans at the MRHD.

In Vitro Data

Lacosamide has been shown *in vitro* to interfere with the activity of collapsin response mediator protein-2 (CRMP-2), a protein involved in neuronal differentiation and control of axonal outgrowth. Potential adverse effects on CNS development related to this activity cannot be ruled out.

8.2 Lactation

Risk Summary

Data from published literature indicate that lacosamide is present in human milk. There are reports of increased sleepiness in breastfed infants exposed to lacosamide (see Clinical Considerations). There is no information on the effects of lacosamide on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for lacosamide and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from lacosamide or from the underlying maternal condition.

Clinical Considerations

Monitor infants exposed to lacosamide through breastmilk for excess sedation.

8.4 Pediatric Use

Partial-Onset Seizures

Safety and effectiveness of lacosamide as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial-onset seizures have been established in pediatric patients 1 month to less than 17 years of age. Use of lacosamide in this age group is supported by evidence from adequate and well-controlled studies of lacosamide in adults with partial-onset seizures, pharmacokinetic data from adult and pediatric patients, and safety data in 847 pediatric patients 1 month to less than 17 years of age (see Adverse Reactions (6.1), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3), and Clinical Studies (14.1, 14.2)).

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below 1 month of age have not been established.

Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures

Safety and effectiveness of lacosamide as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in pediatric patients with idiopathic generalized epilepsy 4 years of age and older was established in a 24-week double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multi-center study (Study 5), which included 37 pediatric patients 4 years to less than 17 years of age (see Adverse Reactions (6.1) and Clinical Studies (14.3)).

Animal Data

Lacosamide has been shown *in vitro* to interfere with the activity of collapsin response mediator protein-2 (CRMP-2), a protein involved in neuronal differentiation and control of axonal outgrowth. Potential adverse effects on CNS development cannot be ruled out. Administration of lacosamide to rats during the neonatal and juvenile periods of postnatal development (approximately equivalent to neonatal through adolescent development in humans) resulted in decreased brain weights and long-term neurobehavioral changes (altered open field performance, deficits in learning and memory). The no-effect dose for developmental neurotoxicity in rats was associated with a plasma lacosamide exposure (AUC) less than that in humans at the maximum recommended human dose of 400 mg/day.

8.5 Geriatric Use

There were insufficient numbers of elderly patients enrolled in partial-onset seizure trials (n=18) to adequately determine whether they respond differently from younger patients.

No lacosamide dose adjustment based on age is necessary. In elderly patients, dose titration should be performed with caution, usually starting at the lower end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic function, decreased renal function, increased cardiac conduction abnormalities, and polypharmacy (see Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.4, 2.5) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

8.6 Renal Impairment

No dose adjustment is necessary in patients with mild to moderate renal impairment (CL_{CR} \geq 30 mL/min). In patients with severe renal impairment (CL_{CR} $<$ 30 mL/min as estimated by the Cockcroft-Gault equation for adults; CL_{CR} $<$ 30 mL/min/1.73 m² as estimated by the Schwartz equation for pediatric patients) and in those with end-stage renal disease, a reduction of 25% of the maximum dosage is recommended (see Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

In all patients with renal impairment, dose initiation and titration should be based on clinical response and tolerability.

Lacosamide is effectively removed from plasma by hemodialysis. Dosage supplementation of up to 50% following hemodialysis should be considered.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

For adult and pediatric patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment, a reduction of 25% of the maximum dosage is recommended. Patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment should be observed closely for adverse reactions, and dose initiation and titration should be based on clinical response and tolerability (see Dosage and Administration (2.5), Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)).

The pharmacokinetics of lacosamide has not been evaluated in severe hepatic impairment. Lacosamide use is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

9. DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE

9.1 Controlled Substance

Lacosamide oral solution contains lacosamide, a Schedule V controlled substance.

9.2 Abuse

Abuse is the intentional, non-therapeutic use of a drug, even once, for its desirable psychological or physiological effects. In a human abuse potential study, single doses of 200 mg (equal to the maximum single dose) and 800 mg lacosamide (equal to twice the recommended daily maintenance dosage) produced effects that differed statistically from placebo. At 800 mg, these euphoria-type responses were statistically indistinguishable from those produced by alprazolam, a Schedule IV drug. The duration of the euphoria-type responses following lacosamide was less than that following alprazolam. A high rate of euphoria was also reported as an adverse event in the human abuse potential study following single doses of 800 mg lacosamide (15% (5/34)) compared to placebo (0%) and in two pharmacokinetic studies following single and multiple doses of 300 to 800 mg lacosamide (ranging from 6% (2/32) to 25% (3/12)) compared to placebo (0%). However, the rate of euphoria reported as an adverse event in the lacosamide development program at therapeutic doses was less than 1%.

9.3 Dependence

Physical dependence is a state that develops as a result of physiological adaptation in response to repeated drug use, manifested by withdrawal signs and symptoms after abrupt discontinuation or a significant dose reduction of a drug. Abrupt termination of lacosamide in clinical trials with diabetic neuropathic pain patients produced no signs or symptoms that are associated with a withdrawal syndrome indicative of physical dependence. However, psychological dependence cannot be excluded due to the ability of lacosamide to produce euphoria-type adverse events in humans.

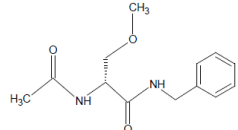
10. OVERDOSAGE

Events reported after an intake of more than 800 mg (twice the maximum recommended daily dosage) of lacosamide include dizziness, nausea, and seizures (generalized tonic-clonic seizures, status epilepticus). Cardiac conduction disorders, confusion, decreased level of consciousness, cardiogenic shock, cardiac arrest, and coma have also been observed. Facilities have occurred following lacosamide overdoses of several grams.

There is no specific antidote for overdose with lacosamide. Standard decontamination procedures should be followed. General supportive care of the patient is indicated including monitoring of vital signs and physical and neurological status of patient. A Certified Poison Control Center should be contacted for up to date information on the management of overdose with lacosamide. Standard hemodialysis procedures result in significant clearance of lacosamide (reduction of systemic exposure by 50% in 4 hours). Hemodialysis may be indicated based on the patient's clinical state or in patients with significant renal impairment.

11. DESCRIPTION

The chemical name of lacosamide is (2R)-2-(Acetylaminio)-3-methoxy-N-(phenylethyl) propanamide. Lacosamide is a functionalized amino acid. Its molecular formula is C₁₇H₂₁N₃O₃ and its molecular weight is 250.29. The chemical structure is:



Lacosamide, USP is a white to light yellow powder. It is freely soluble in methanol, soluble in anhydrous ethanol, sparingly soluble in water, slightly soluble in acetone, and practically insoluble in heptane.

11.3 Lacosamide Oral Solution

Lacosamide oral solution, USP contains 10 mg of lacosamide per mL. The inactive ingredients are acesulfame potassium, anhydrous citric acid, aspartame, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, glycerin, methylparaben sodium, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, prosweet, purified water, sodium chloride, sorbitol and strawberry flavor.

12. CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

The precise mechanism by which lacosamide exerts its antiepileptic effects in humans remains to be fully elucidated. *In vitro* electrophysiological studies have shown that lacosamide selectively enhances slow inactivation of voltage-gated sodium channels, resulting in stabilization of hyperexcitable neuronal membranes and inhibition of repetitive neuronal firing.

12.2 Pharmacokinetics

A pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (efficacy) analysis was performed based on the pooled data from the 3 efficacy trials for partial-onset seizures. Lacosamide exposure is correlated with the reduction in seizure frequency. However, doses above 400 mg/day do not appear to confer additional benefit in group analyses.

Cardiac Electrophysiology

Electrocardiographic effects of lacosamide were determined in a double-blind, randomized clinical pharmacology trial of 247 healthy subjects. Chronic oral doses of 400 and 800 mg/day (equal to and two times the maximum daily recommended dose, respectively) were compared with placebo and a positive control (400 mg metoprolol). Lacosamide did not prolong QTc interval and did not have a dose-related or clinically important effect on QRS duration. Lacosamide produced a small, dose-related increase in mean PR interval. At steady-state, the time of the maximum observed mean PR interval corresponded with C_{max} . The placebo-subtracted maximum increase in PR interval (at t_{max}) was 7.3 ms for the 400 mg/day group and 11.9 ms for the 800 mg/day group. For patients who participated in the controlled trials, the placebo-subtracted mean maximum increase in PR interval for a 400 mg/day lacosamide dose was 3.1 ms in patients with partial-onset seizures and 9.4 ms for patients with diabetic neuropathy.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of lacosamide have been studied in healthy adult subjects (age range 18 to 87), adults with partial-onset seizures, adults with diabetic neuropathy, and subjects with renal and hepatic impairment. The pharmacokinetics of lacosamide are similar in healthy subjects, patients with partial-onset seizures, and patients with primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures. Lacosamide is completely absorbed after oral administration with negligible first-pass effect with a high absolute bioavailability of approximately 100%. The maximum lacosamide plasma concentrations occur approximately 1-to-4-hour post-dose after oral dosing, and elimination half-life is approximately 12 hours. Steady-state plasma concentrations are achieved after 3 days of twice daily repeated administration. Pharmacokinetics of lacosamide are dose proportional (100 to 800 mg) and time invariant, with low inter- and intra-subject variability. Compared to lacosamide the major metabolite, O-desmethyl metabolite, has a longer T_{max} (0.5 to 12 hours) and elimination half-life (15 to 23 hours).

Absorption and Bioavailability

Lacosamide is completely absorbed after oral administration. The oral bioavailability of lacosamide tablets is approximately 100%. Food does not affect the rate and extent of absorption.

After intravenous administration, C_{max} is reached at the end of infusion. The 30- and 60-minute intravenous infusions are bioequivalent to the oral tablet. For the 15-minute intravenous infusion, bioequivalence was met for AUC ($0.5 t_{max}$) but not for C_{max} . The point estimate for C_{max} was 20% higher than C_{max} for oral tablet and the 90% CI for C_{max} exceeded the upper boundary of the bioequivalence range. In a trial comparing the oral tablet with an oral solution containing 10 mg/mL lacosamide, bioequivalence between both formulations was shown.

A single loading dose of 200 mg approximates steady-state concentrations comparable to the 100 mg twice daily oral administration. Distribution The volume of distribution is approximately 0.6 L/kg and thus close to the volume of total body water. Lacosamide is less than 15% bound to plasma proteins.

Metabolism and Elimination

Lacosamide is primarily eliminated from the systemic circulation by renal excretion and biotransformation.

After oral administration of 100 mg [¹⁴C]-lacosamide approximately 95% of radioactivity administered was recovered in the urine and less than 0.5% in the feces. The major compounds excreted were unchanged lacosamide (approximately 40% of the dose), O-Desmethyl metabolite (approximately 30%), and a structurally unknown polar fraction (~20%). The plasma exposure of the major human metabolite, O-desmethyl metabolite, is approximately 10% of that of lacosamide. This metabolite has no known pharmacological activity.

The CYP isoforms mainly responsible for the formation of the major metabolite (O-desmethyl) are CYP3A4, CYP2C9, and CYP2C19. The elimination half-life of the unchanged drug is approximately 13 hours and is not altered by different doses, multiple dosing or intravenous administration.

There is no enantiomeric interconversion of lacosamide.

Specific Populations

Renal Impairment

Lacosamide and its major metabolite are eliminated from the systemic circulation primarily by renal excretion.

The AUC of lacosamide was increased approximately 25% in mild (CL_{CR} 50 to 80 mL/min) and moderately (CL_{CR} 30 to 50 mL/min) and 60% in severely (CL_{CR} $<$ 30 mL/min) renal impairment subjects compared to subjects with normal renal function (CL_{CR} \geq 80 mL/min), whereas C_{max} was unaffected. Lacosamide is effectively removed from plasma by hemodialysis. Following a 4-hour hemodialysis treatment, AUC of lacosamide is reduced by approximately 50% (see Dosage and Administration (2.4)).

Hepatic Impairment

Lacosamide undergoes metabolism. Subjects with moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh B) showed higher plasma concentrations of lacosamide (approximately 50 to 60% higher AUC compared to healthy subjects). The pharmacokinetics of lacosamide have not been evaluated in severe hepatic impairment (see Dosage and Administration (2.5)).

Pediatric Patients (1 month to less than 17 Years of Age)

A multicenter, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study with a 20-day titration period and 7-day maintenance period using lacosamide oral solution (80 mg/kg/day to 120 mg/kg/day) was conducted in 252 (128 were randomized to lacosamide and 127 were randomized to placebo) pediatric patients with epilepsy 1 month to less than 4 years of age with uncontrolled partial-onset seizures. The primary pharmacokinetic profile of lacosamide was determined in a population pharmacokinetic analysis using sparse plasma concentration data obtained in six placebo-controlled studies and five open-label studies in 1655 adult and pediatric patients with epilepsy aged 1 month to less than 17 years who received intravenous, oral solution, or oral tablet formulations.

A weight based dosing regimen is necessary to achieve lacosamide exposures in pediatric patients 1 month to less than 17 years of age similar to those observed in adults treated at effective doses of lacosamide (see Dosage and Administration (2.1)). For patients weighing 10 kg, 28.9 g (the mean population body weight), and 70 kg, the typical plasma half-life ($t_{1/2}$) is 7.2 hours, 10.6 hours, and 14.3 hours, respectively. Steady-state plasma concentrations are achieved after 3 days of twice daily repeated administration.

The pharmacokinetics of lacosamide in pediatric patients are similar when used as monotherapy or as adjunctive therapy for the treatment of partial-onset seizures and as adjunctive therapy for the treatment of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures.

Geriatric Patients

In the elderly (>65 years), dose and body-weight normalized AUC and C_{max} is about 20% increased compared to young subjects (18 to 64 years). This may be related to body weight and decreased renal function in elderly subjects.

Gender

Lacosamide clinical trials indicate that gender does not have a clinically relevant influence on the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide.

Race

There are no clinically relevant differences in the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide between Asian, Black, and Caucasian subjects.

CYP2C19 Polymorphism

There are no clinically relevant differences in the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide between CYP2C19 poor metabolizers and extensive metabolizers. Results from a trial in poor metabolizers (PM) (N=4) and extensive metabolizers (EM) (N=4) of cytochrome P450 (CYP) 2C19 showed that lacosamide plasma concentrations were similar in PMs and EMs, but plasma concentrations and the amount excreted into the urine of the O-desmethyl metabolite were about 70% reduced in PMs compared to EMs.

Drug Interactions

In Vitro Assessment of Drug Interactions

In vitro metabolism studies indicate that lacosamide does not induce the enzyme activity of drug metabolizing cytochrome P450 isoforms CYP3A4, 2C9, 2C19 and 3A4. Lacosamide did not inhibit CYP1A1, 1A2, 2A6, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1, 3A4/5 at plasma concentrations observed in clinical studies.

In vitro data suggest that lacosamide has the potential to inhibit CYP2C19 at therapeutic concentrations. However, an *in vivo* study with omeprazole did not show an inhibitory effect on omeprazole pharmacokinetics.

Lacosamide is not a substrate or inhibitor for P-glycoprotein.

Lacosamide is a substrate of CYP3A4, CYP2C9, and CYP2C19. Patients with renal or hepatic impairment who are taking strong

inhibitors of CYP3A4 and CYP2C9 may have increased exposure to lacosamide.

Since <15% of lacosamide does not bind to plasma proteins, a clinically relevant interaction with other drugs through competition for protein binding sites is unlikely.

In Vivo Assessment of Drug Interactions

Drug Interaction studies with AEDs

- Effect of lacosamide on concomitant AEDs Lacosamide 400 mg/day had no influence on the pharmacokinetics of 600 mg/day valproic acid and 400 mg/day carbamazepine in healthy subjects.

The placebo-controlled clinical studies in patients with partial-onset seizures showed that steady-state plasma concentrations of levitiracetam, carbamazepine, carbamazepine epoxide, lamotrigine, topiramate, oxcarbazepine monohydropyridine derivative (MHD), phenytoin, valproic acid, phenobarbital, gabapentin, clobazepam, and zonisamide were not affected by concomitant intake of lacosamide at any dose.

Effect of concomitant AEDs on lacosamide

- Drug-drug interaction studies in healthy subjects showed that 600 mg/day valproic acid had no influence on the pharmacokinetics of 400 mg/day lacosamide. Likewise, 400 mg/day carbamazepine had no influence on the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide in a healthy subject study. Population pharmacokinetics results in patients with partial-onset seizures showed small reductions (15% to 20% lower) in lacosamide plasma concentrations when lacosamide was coadministered with carbamazepine, phenobarbital or phenytoin.

Drug-drug interaction studies with other drugs

- Digoxin There was no effect of lacosamide (400 mg/day) on the pharmacokinetics of digoxin (0.5 mg once daily) in a study in healthy subjects.
- Metformin There were no clinically relevant changes in metformin levels following coadministration of lacosamide (400 mg/day). Metformin (500 mg three times a day) had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide (400 mg/day).

Omeprazole

Omeprazole is a CYP2C19 substrate and inhibitor. There was no effect of lacosamide (600 mg/day) on the pharmacokinetics of omeprazole (40 mg single dose) in healthy subjects. The data indicated that lacosamide had little *in vivo* inhibitory or inducing effect on CYP2C19. Omeprazole at a dose of 40 mg once daily had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of lacosamide (300 mg single dose). However, plasma levels of the O-desmethyl metabolite were reduced about 60% in the presence of omeprazole.

Midazolam

Midazolam is a 3A4 substrate. There was no effect of lacosamide (200 mg single dose or repeat doses of 400 mg/day given as 200 mg BID) on the pharmacokinetics of midazolam (single dose, 7.5 mg), indicating no inhibitory or inducing effects on CYP3A4.

Oral Contraceptives

There was no influence of lacosamide (400 mg/day) on the pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics of an oral contraceptive containing 0.03 mg ethinylestradiol and 0.15 mg levonorgestrel in healthy subjects, except that a 20% increase in ethinylestradiol C_{max} was observed.

Warfarin

Co-administration of lacosamide (400 mg/day) with warfarin (25 mg single dose) did not result in a clinically relevant change in the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic effects of warfarin in a study in healthy male subjects.

13. NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

There was no evidence of drug related carcinogenicity in mice or rats. Mice and rats received lacosamide once daily by oral administration for 104 weeks at doses producing plasma exposures (AUC) up to approximately 1 and 3 times, respectively, the plasma AUC in humans at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 400 mg/day.

Mutagenesis

Lacosamide was negative in an *in vitro* Ames test and an *in vivo* mouse micronucleus assay. Lacosamide induced a positive response in the *in vitro* mouse lymphoma assay.

Fertility

No adverse effects on male or female fertility or reproduction were observed in rats at doses producing plasma exposures (AUC) up to approximately 2 times the plasma AUC in humans at the MRHD.

14. CLINICAL STUDIES

14.1 Monotherapy in Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures

The efficacy of lacosamide in monotherapy was established in a historical-control, multicenter, randomized trial that included 425 patients, age 16 to 70 years, with partial-onset seizures (Study 1). To be included in Study 1, patients were required to be taking stable doses of 1 or 2 marketed consecutive 5-day seizure frequency. (3) occurrence of a single generalized tonic-clonic seizure, (4) clinically significant prolongation or worsening of overall seizure duration, frequency, type or pattern considered by the investigator to require oral administration of rescue therapy, (5) status epilepticus, or new onset of serial cluster seizures. The study population profile appeared comparable to that of the historical control population.

The end criteria were one or more of the following: (1) doubling of average monthly seizure frequency during any 28 consecutive days, (2) doubling of highest consecutive 5-day seizure frequency, (3) occurrence of a single generalized tonic-clonic seizure, (4) clinically significant prolongation or worsening of overall seizure duration, frequency, type or pattern considered by the investigator to require oral administration of rescue therapy, (5) status epilepticus, or new onset of serial cluster seizures. The study population profile appeared comparable to that of the historical control population.

For the lacosamide 400 mg/day group, the estimate of the percentage of patients meeting at least 1 end criterion was 30% (95% CI: 25%, 36%). The upper limit of the 2-sided 95% CI (36%) was below the threshold of 65% derived from the historical control data, meeting the pre-specified criteria for efficacy. Lacosamide 300 mg/day also met the pre-specified criteria for efficacy.

14.2 Adjunctive Therapy in Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures

The efficacy of lacosamide as adjunctive therapy in partial-onset seizures was established in three 12-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trials in adult patients (Study 2, Study 3, and Study 4). Enrolled patients had partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalized tonic-clonic seizures, and were not adequately controlled with 1 to 3 concomitant AEDs. During an 8-week baseline period, patients were required to have an average of \geq 4 partial-onset seizures per 28 days with no seizure-free period exceeding 21 days. In these 3 studies the average duration of 24 years and a median baseline seizure frequency ranging from 10 to 17 per 28 days. 84% of patients were taking 2 to 3 concomitant AEDs with or without concurrent vagal nerve stimulation.

Study 2 compared doses of lacosamide 200, 400, and 600 mg/day with placebo. Study 3 compared doses of lacosamide 400 and 600 mg/day with placebo. Study 4 compared doses of lacosamide 200 and 400 mg/day with placebo. In all three trials, following an 8-week baseline phase to establish baseline seizure frequency prior to randomization, patients were randomized and titrated to the randomized dose (a 1-step titration of lacosamide 100 mg/day or placebo was allowed in the case of intolerable adverse reactions at the end of the titration phase). During the titration phase, in all 3 adjunctive therapy trials, treatment was initiated at 100 mg/day (50 mg twice daily) and seizure frequency increments of 100 mg/day to the target dose. The titration phase lasted 6 weeks in Study 2 and Study 3, and 4 weeks in Study 4. In all three trials, the titration phase was followed by a maintenance phase that lasted 12 weeks, during which patients were to remain on a stable dose of lacosamide.