

# PRODUCT MONOGRAPH

**PrFYCOMPA™**

Perampanel Tablets  
2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg and 12 mg Tablets

Professed Standard

**Antiepileptic Agent**

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# PrFYCOMPA™

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## PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

### SUMMARY PRODUCT INFORMATION

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength	Non-medicinal Ingredients
Oral	Tablets / 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg and 12 mg	hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, povidone, talc and titanium dioxide and dye pigments: 2 mg tablets: yellow ferric oxide, red ferric oxide 4 mg tablets: red ferric oxide 6 mg tablets: red ferric oxide 8 mg tablets: black ferric oxide, red ferric oxide 10 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake, yellow ferric oxide 12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake

### INDICATIONS AND CLINICAL USE

FYCOMPA (perampanel) is indicated as adjunctive therapy in the management of partial-onset seizures, in adult patients with epilepsy who are not satisfactorily controlled with conventional therapy.

#### **Geriatrics (> 65 years of age):**

There is limited information on the use of FYCOMPA in subjects over 65 years of age.

#### **Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

The safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in pediatric patients have not been established and its use in this patient population is not indicated.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

Patients who are hypersensitive to FYCOMPA or to any ingredient in the formulation or component of the container. For a complete listing, see the **DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING** section.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### **WARNING: Serious Psychiatric and Behavioural Reactions, Including Aggression- and Hostility-Related**

- **Serious or life-threatening psychiatric and behavioural adverse reactions including aggression, hostility, irritability, anger, and homicidal ideation and threats have been reported in patients taking FYCOMPA.**
- **These reactions occurred in patients with and without prior psychiatric history, prior aggressive behaviour, or concomitant use of medications associated with hostility and aggression.**
- **Advise patients and caregivers to contact a healthcare provider immediately if any of these reactions or changes in mood, behaviour, or personality that are not typical for the patient are observed while taking FYCOMPA or after discontinuing FYCOMPA.**
- **Patients taking FYCOMPA should be advised to avoid the use of alcohol, as it may exacerbate these effects.**
- **Closely monitor patients particularly during the titration period and at higher doses.**
- **FYCOMPA should be reduced if these symptoms occur and should be discontinued immediately if symptoms are severe or are worsening.**

### **Clinical Trial Data**

In general, in placebo-controlled Phase 3 epilepsy trials, neuropsychiatric events were reported more frequently in patients taking FYCOMPA than in patients taking placebo. This is true in both the presence and absence of concomitant enzyme-inducing AEDs (EI-AEDs), but not unexpectedly, the rates are lower in the presence of EI-AEDs, apparently reflecting the lower mean FYCOMPA blood levels (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Tables 1 and 2).

**Regarding specifically the aggression- and hostility-related events:** In the absence of enzyme-inducing AEDS, the rate of aggression- and hostility-related events at FYCOMPA doses of 8 to 12 mg/day was 21% for FYCOMPA vs 8% for placebo. In the presence of enzyme-inducing AEDs, the rates were 10% and 4% respectively (see ADVERSE REACTIONS,

Table 3). These events included irritability, belligerence, affect lability, agitation, mood swings, frustration, anger and physical assault. FYCOMPA-treated patients experienced more hostility- and aggression-related adverse reactions that were serious, severe, or life-threatening and led to dose reduction, interruption, and discontinuation more frequently than placebo-treated patients. These effects were dose-related and generally appeared within the first 6 weeks of treatment, although new events continued to be observed through more than 37 weeks. Six patients out of 4,368 perampanel-treated patients exhibited homicidal ideation or threat in controlled and open-label studies, including non-epilepsy studies.

In the Phase 3 epilepsy trials these events occurred in patients with and without prior psychiatric history, prior aggressive behaviour, or concomitant use of medications associated with hostility and aggression. Some patients experienced worsening of their pre-existing psychiatric conditions.

Patients with documented active psychotic disorders and unstable recurrent affective disorders were excluded from the clinical trials. The combination of alcohol and FYCOMPA significantly worsened mood and increased anger (see DRUG INTERACTIONS, Alcohol and Other CNS Depressants). Patients taking FYCOMPA should avoid the use of alcohol.

In healthy volunteers taking FYCOMPA, observed psychiatric events included paranoia, euphoric mood, agitation, anger, mental status changes, and disorientation/confusional state. In the non-epilepsy trials, psychiatric events that occurred in FYCOMPA-treated subjects more often than placebo-treated subjects included disorientation, delusion, and paranoia.

### **Recommendations to the Prescriber**

Patients, their caregivers, and families should be informed that FYCOMPA may increase the risk of psychiatric events. They should be informed to avoid alcohol. Patients should be monitored during treatment and for at least one month after the last dose of FYCOMPA, and especially when taking higher doses and during the initial few weeks of drug therapy (titration period) or at other times of dose increases. Dose of FYCOMPA should be reduced if these symptoms occur. Permanently discontinue FYCOMPA for persistent severe or worsening psychiatric symptoms or behaviours and refer for psychiatric evaluation (See also: Patient Counselling Information, in WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS).

### **Substantial Decrease in Mean FYCOMPA Blood Levels for Patients on Concomitant CYP3A Enzyme-Inducing AEDs (Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, Phenytoin)**

Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, and phenytoin (all strong cytochrome P450 inducers) decrease FYCOMPA plasma concentrations and efficacy to a clinically significant extent, as compared to patients not on these AEDs (see DRUG INTERACTIONS; CLINICAL TRIALS). The rate of occurrence of adverse events in clinical trials was often greater in the absence of concomitant enzyme-inducing AEDs (EI-AEDs), apparently reflecting higher mean FYCOMPA blood levels in that condition of use.

### **Inadequate Data on Maximal Effective Dosing for Patients on Concomitant CYP3A Enzyme-Inducing AEDs (Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, Phenytoin)**

The reduction in FYCOMPA exposure per given FYCOMPA dose, for patients on concomitant EI-AEDs, may result in consideration by the prescriber of higher FYCOMPA doses for these patients in order to compensate. It is important for the prescriber to be aware that the efficacy and safety outcomes of FYCOMPA doses above 12 mg/day are currently unknown because they have not been studied. The unknowns with respect to FYCOMPA doses >12 mg/day are magnified due to remaining uncertainties with FYCOMPA metabolism, including the potential for FYCOMPA to impact on the PK of other AEDs, and the potential for increased production of reactive metabolites with increasing doses of FYCOMPA.

This means that i) doses above 12 mg/day cannot be recommended for any patients; and ii) there is inadequate information about the maximum effective dose range specifically in the population of patients taking enzyme-inducing AEDs (see DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION, Interactions between FYCOMPA and other anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)).

### **Drug Interactions: Strong CYP3A Inducers other than AEDs:**

Strong CYP3A Inducers Other than AEDs (e.g., rifampin, St. John's wort, some antiretrovirals) should be avoided, due to their potential to significantly decrease FYCOMPA blood levels.

### **Drug Interactions: Insufficient Characterization of FYCOMPA metabolism**

FYCOMPA is extensively metabolized via primary oxidation and sequential glucuronidation. Primary oxidative metabolism is mediated by CYP3A, however, the metabolism of FYCOMPA has not been completely elucidated and other pathways cannot be excluded. This incomplete understanding adds uncertainty around the safety profile of FYCOMPA.

### **Suicidal Ideation and Behaviour**

Suicidal ideation and behaviour have been reported in patients treated with antiepileptic agents in several indications.

All patients treated with antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), irrespective of indication, should be monitored for signs of suicidal ideation and behaviour 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.

An FDA meta-analysis of randomized placebo controlled trials, in which AEDs were used for various indications, has shown a small increased risk of suicidal ideation and behaviour in patients treated with these drugs. The mechanism of this risk is not known.

There were 43,892 patients treated in the placebo controlled clinical trials that were included in the meta-analysis. Approximately 75% of patients in these clinical trials were treated for indications other than epilepsy and, for the majority of non-epilepsy indications the treatment (AED or placebo) was administered as monotherapy. Patients with epilepsy represented approximately 25% of the total number of patients treated in the placebo controlled clinical trials and, for the majority of epilepsy patients, treatment (AED or placebo) was administered as

adjunct to other antiepileptic agents (i.e., patients in both treatment arms were being treated with one or more AED). Therefore, the small increased risk of suicidal ideation and behaviour reported from the meta-analysis (0.43% for patients on AEDs compared to 0.24% for patients on placebo) is based largely on patients that received monotherapy treatment (AED or placebo) for non-epilepsy indications. The study design does not allow an estimation of the risk of suicidal ideation and behaviour for patients with epilepsy that are taking AEDs, due both to this population being the minority in the study, and the drug-placebo comparison in this population being confounded by the presence of adjunct AED treatment in both arms.

### **Abuse Potential**

Caution should be exercised in patients with a history of substance abuse and the patient should be monitored for symptoms of perampanel abuse (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Drug Abuse and Dependence/Liability).

### **Endocrine and Metabolism**

FYCOMPA contains lactose, therefore patients with rare hereditary problems of galactose intolerance, the Lapp lactase deficiency or glucose-galactose malabsorption should not take this medicine.

### **Neurologic**

#### **Withdrawal of Antiepileptic Drugs (AEDs)**

Although perampanel has a long half-life, it may be advisable, as with all AEDs, to gradually withdraw FYCOMPA to minimise the potential of increased seizure frequency. However, due to its long-half life and subsequent slow decline in plasma concentrations, FYCOMPA can be discontinued abruptly if absolutely needed (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION, Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment).

Hostility- and Aggression-related Events, see: WARNING AND PRECAUTIONS, **WARNING: Serious Psychiatric and Behavioural Reactions, Including Aggression- and Hostility-Related**

#### **Dizziness, Disturbance in Gait and Coordination and Falls**

FYCOMPA caused dose-related increases in events related to dizziness, disturbance in gait or coordination, and falls. In the absence of enzyme-inducing AEDs, the rate of coordination-related events at FYCOMPA doses of 8 to 12 mg/day was 54% for FYCOMPA vs 15% for placebo. In the presence of enzyme-inducing AEDs, the rates were 47% and 13% respectively (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Table 3).

These adverse reactions occurred mostly during the titration phase and led to discontinuation more frequently in FYCOMPA-treated patients than in placebo-treated. Elderly patients had an increased risk of these adverse reactions compared to younger adults and adolescents. An increased risk of falls, in some cases leading to serious injuries including head injuries and bone fracture, occurred in patients being treated with FYCOMPA (with and without concurrent

seizures).

### **Somnolence- and Fatigue- Related Events**

FYCOMPA caused dose-dependent increases in somnolence and fatigue-related events (including fatigue, asthenia, and lethargy). In the absence of enzyme-inducing AEDs, the rate of somnolence/fatigue-related events at FYCOMPA doses of 8 to 12 mg/day was 39% for FYCOMPA vs 11% for placebo. In the presence of enzyme-inducing AEDs, the rates were 24% and 13% respectively (see ADVERSE REACTIONS, Table 3).

Somnolence or fatigue-related events led to discontinuation more frequently in FYCOMPA-treated patients than placebo-treated patients. Elderly patients had an increased risk of these adverse reactions compared to younger adults and adolescents.

### **Caution with Driving and Use of Machinery**

FYCOMPA may cause dizziness and somnolence and therefore may influence the ability to drive or use machines. Patients are advised not to drive a vehicle, operate complex machinery or engage in other potentially hazardous activities requiring mental alertness, until the effect of FYCOMPA is known.

### **Pre-Clinical Findings of Excessive Scratching/Grooming**

Excessive scratching/grooming was observed (or inferred from excoriations and other grooming-related injuries) in adult rats and mice, as well as in juvenile rats and dogs. The clinical significance of this is unknown (see TOXICOLOGY).

### **Ophthalmologic**

In controlled Phase 3 clinical trials, FYCOMPA treatment was associated with vision-related adverse events primarily in the population of patients taking enzyme-inducing AEDs, with an apparent dose-relatedness (see ADVERSE EVENTS, Tables 1 and 2). In this patient population, diplopia was reported at a rate of 5% in the FYCOMPA 12 mg/day arm, compared to 2% at lower doses, and 1% in the placebo arm. Blurred vision was reported at a rate of 5% in the 12 mg/day arm, compared to 4% and 0 in the 8 and 4 mg/day arms respectively, and 2% in placebo. Out of all patients randomized to FYCOMPA, 4 patients (0.4%) discontinued treatment due to vision-related adverse events (each for diplopia).

### **Special Populations**

#### **Women of Childbearing Potential and Hormonal Contraceptives**

Use of FYCOMPA with oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel has been shown to decrease mean levonorgestrel exposure by approximately 40%. Therefore, use with FYCOMPA with oral or implant contraceptives may render them less effective and an additional reliable non-hormonal method (intra-uterine device (IUD), condom) is to be used (see DRUG INTERACTIONS, Oral Contraceptives).



**Pregnant Women:**

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women.

In animal studies, perampanel induced developmental toxicity in pregnant rat and rabbit at clinically relevant exposures (see DETAILED PHARMACOLOGY).

Since the potential risk for humans is unknown, FYCOMPA should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus. If women decide to become pregnant while taking FYCOMPA, the use of this product should be carefully re-evaluated.

**Labour and Delivery:**

The effect of FYCOMPA on labour and delivery in pregnant women are not known.

**Pregnancy Registry**

To provide information regarding the effects of *in utero* exposure to FYCOMPA, physicians are advised to recommend that pregnant patients taking FYCOMPA enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy Registry. This can be done by calling the toll free number 1-888-233-2334, and must be done by patients themselves. Information on the registry can also be found at the website <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/>.

**Nursing Women:**

Studies in lactating rats have shown that perampanel and/or its metabolites are excreted in milk. It is not known whether FYCOMPA is excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from FYCOMPA, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or discontinue FYCOMPA, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother.

**Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

The safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in pediatric patients have not been established and its use in this patient population is not indicated.

**Geriatrics (> 65 years of age):**

Clinical studies of FYCOMPA did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 and over (n= 28) to determine whether they respond differently than younger patients. Elderly patients may be at increased risk of central nervous system events. Caution should be exercised during dose titration (see DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION; ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics).

**Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis**

See PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION, TOXICOLOGY, Carcinogenicity and Mutagenicity for discussion on animal data.

## **Patient Counselling Information**

A Consumer Information sheet should be provided when FYCOMPA tablets are dispensed to the patient. Patients receiving FYCOMPA should be given the following instructions by the physician:

### **Serious Psychiatric and Behavioural Reactions, including Hostility and Aggression**

Counsel patients, families and caregivers of the need to monitor for the emergence of anger, aggression, hostility, unusual changes in mood, personality, or behaviour, and other behavioural symptoms. Instruct patients, caregivers and families to report behaviours of concern immediately to healthcare providers.

### **Suicidal Thinking and Behaviour**

Counsel patients, their caregivers, and families that AEDs, including FYCOMPA, may increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behaviour and advise them of the need to be alert for the emergence or worsening of symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behaviour, or the emergence of suicidal thoughts, behaviour, or thoughts about self-harm. Instruct patients, caregivers and families to report behaviours of concern immediately to healthcare providers.

### **Dizziness, Gait Disturbance, Somnolence, Fatigue and Falls**

Counsel patients that FYCOMPA may cause dizziness, gait disturbance, somnolence, and fatigue. Advise patients taking FYCOMPA not to drive, operate complex machinery, or engage in other hazardous activities until they have become accustomed to any such effects associated with FYCOMPA. Counsel patients that FYCOMPA may cause falls and injuries.

### **Missed Doses**

Counsel patients that if they miss a dose, they should resume dosing the following day at their prescribed daily dose. Instruct patients to contact their physician if more than one day of dosing is missed.

### **Withdrawal of Antiepileptic Drugs**

Counsel patients that abrupt discontinuation of FYCOMPA may increase seizure frequency.

### **Alcohol and Other CNS Depressants**

Counsel patients to avoid the use of alcohol with FYCOMPA, as this combination significantly worsened mood and increased anger in clinical trials. These effects may also be seen if FYCOMPA is taken with other CNS depressants.

### **Contraceptives**

Counsel patients that FYCOMPA may decrease efficacy of contraceptives containing levonorgestrel.

### **Pregnancy Registry**

To provide information regarding the effects of *in utero* exposure to FYCOMPA, recommend pregnant patients treated with FYCOMPA to enroll in the NAAED Pregnancy Registry. This can

be done by calling the toll free number 1-888-233-2334, and must be done by patients themselves. Information on the registry can also be found at the website <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/>

## ADVERSE REACTIONS

### Adverse Drug Reaction Overview

In all controlled and uncontrolled trials in patients with partial-onset seizures, 1639 patients have received perampanel, of whom 1174 have been treated for 6 months and 703 for longer than 12 months.

In controlled Phase 3 clinical trials adverse reactions reported in  $\geq 5\%$  of patients treated with FYCOMPA (perampanel) were dizziness, somnolence, fatigue, irritability, nausea, ataxia, and fall. Most events in all treatment groups were considered mild or moderate.

### Clinical Trial Adverse Drug Reactions

*Because clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions the adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials may not reflect the rates observed in practice and should not be compared to the rates in the clinical trials of another drug. Adverse drug reaction information from clinical trials is useful for identifying drug-related adverse events and for approximating rates.*

Tables 1 and 2 together provide the incidence of treatment-emergent adverse events that occurred in  $\geq 2\%$  of adult patients with partial-onset seizures in Phase 3 controlled adjunctive trials (n = 780 total randomized to FYCOMPA 4 to 12 mg/day plus other AEDs) and for which the frequency was greater than placebo (n=397). Table 1 presents the events that occurred in the absence of concomitant enzyme-inducing AEDs, while Table 2 presents the events that occurred in the presence of inducing AEDS (i.e., carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin).

**Table 1: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in the Absence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs, in Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Trials (Events  $\geq 2\%$  of patients in the FYCOMPA 12 mg arm and numerically more frequent than placebo) (Patients  $\geq 18$  Years)**

	Placebo n=170 %	FYCOMPA		
		4 mg n=71 %	8 mg n=156 %	12 mg n=85 %
Ear and Labyrinth Disorders				
Vertigo	1	6	3	5
Eye Disorders				
Vision blurred	1	3	3	4
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Diarrhea	4	4	5	5
Nausea	4	4	8	11
Paresthesia oral	0	0	0	2
Vomiting	3	4	3	6

	Placebo n=170 %	FYCOMPA		
		4 mg n=71 %	8 mg n=156 %	12 mg n=85 %
<b>Infections and Infestations</b>				
Pharyngitis	1	0	0	4
Upper respiratory tract infection	2	3	3	5
<b>Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications</b>				
Chest injury	0	0	0	2
Contusion	2	0	4	6
Excoriation	1	1	2	2
Falls	4	1	4	18
Hand fracture	0	0	1	4
Head injury	1	0	1	2
Joint sprain	1	0	1	2
Scratch	0	0	0	2
Skin laceration	1	0	2	6
<b>Investigations</b>				
Weight gain	1	9	3	6
<b>Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders</b>				
Arthralgia	2	0	3	5
Back pain	2	1	1	7
Musculoskeletal pain	1	1	1	5
Myalgia	2	0	2	5
Pain in extremity	1	0	4	6
Peripheral edema	0	1	1	4
<b>Nervous System Disorders</b>				
Asthenia	1	1	2	2
Ataxia	0	1	6	15
Aphasia	1	0	1	2
Balance disorder	1	0	6	5
Convulsion	3	0	2	4
Coordination abnormal	0	1	1	2
Dizziness	10	13	31	48
Dysarthria	0	0	6	7
Fatigue	4	9	13	20
Gait disturbance	2	0	10	4
Hypoaesthesia	1	0	0	2
Lethargy	1	0	0	2
Memory impairment	1	0	1	2
Paresthesia	0	0	1	4
Somnolence	7	7	20	21
<b>Psychiatric Disorders</b>				
Aggression	1	0	1	2
Anger	1	0	0	7
Anxiety	1	3	2	2
Confusional state	0	0	1	2
Depression	1	0	1	5
Euphoric mood	0	0	0	2
Insomnia	7	0	5	9

	Placebo n=170 %	FYCOMPA		
		4 mg n=71 %	8 mg n=156 %	12 mg n=85 %
Irritability	5	3	10	15
Renal and Urinary Disorders				
Haematuria	0	0	0	2
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Cough	2	1	1	5
Oropharyngeal pain	1	4	1	4
Rhinorrhoea	2	0	1	4
Epistaxis	0	0	1	4

**Table 2: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in the Presence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs (i.e., Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, Phenytoin), in Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Trials (Events  $\geq 2\%$  of patients in the FYCOMPA 12 mg arm and numerically more frequent than placebo) (Patients  $\geq 18$  Years)**

	Placebo n=227 %	FYCOMPA		
		4 mg n=88 %	8 mg n=230 %	12 mg n=150 %
Ear and Labyrinth Disorders				
Vertigo	1	2	4	5
Eye Disorders				
Diplopia	1	2	2	5
Vision blurred	2	0	4	5
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Abdominal pain	2	1	2	3
Nausea	5	1	4	7
Infections and Infestations				
Nasopharyngitis	4	1	4	5
Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications				
Falls	3	2	6	7
Head injury	2	1	1	3
Investigations				
Gamma-Glutamyltransferase increased	<1	0	1	2
Weight increased	1	1	5	4
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders				
Hyponatraemia	<1	0	0	3
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
Back pain	2	2	2	4
Myalgia	2	1	1	3
Nervous System Disorders				
Asthenia	<1	0	2	2
Ataxia	0	0	1	5
Balance disorder	<1	0	5	3
Dizziness	8	21	33	42

	Placebo n=227 %	FYCOMPA		
		4 mg n=88 %	8 mg n=230 %	12 mg n=150 %
Dysarthria	0	2	1	2
Fatigue	4	8	7	9
Gait disturbance	1	2	1	4
Headache	10	13	10	15
Hypersomnia	0	1	1	3
Hypoaesthesia	<1	0	0	3
Memory impairment	1	0	1	2
Paresthesia	1	0	<1	2
Somnolence	8	11	13	15
Psychiatric Disorders				
Aggression	0	0	1	2
Anxiety	1	1	4	5
Irritability	1	6	4	11
Mood altered	<1	0	<1	2
Respiratory, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Cough	2	0	1	3
Oropharyngeal pain	1	1	1	2
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Rash	2	3	4	3

### **Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Events (<2%)**

The following are treatment-emergent adverse reactions reported in at least 3 patients treated with FYCOMPA in combined Phase 3 studies, numerically greater than placebo, and not described in other tables or sections.

**Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders:** anaemia, eosinophilia, leukopenia, neutropenia, thrombocytopenia

**Ear and Labyrinth Disorders:** ear pain, motion sickness, tinnitus

**Gastrointestinal Disorders:** abdominal discomfort, gastric disorder, gastritis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, toothache

**General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions:** asthenia, chest discomfort, feeling drunk, malaise, peripheral edema, pyrexia

**Hepatobiliary Disorders:** cholelithiasis

**Infections and Infestations:** acute sinusitis, bronchitis, candidiasis, lower respiratory tract infection, oral herpes, respiratory tract infection, rhinitis, sinusitis, tonsillitis

**Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications:** accidental overdose, chest injury, drug toxicity, facial bones fracture, foot fracture, hand fracture, joint injury, laceration, limb injury, lip injury, road traffic accident, wrist fracture

**Investigations:** blood sodium decreased, blood triglycerides increased, electrocardiogram Qt prolonged, haemoglobin decreased

**Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders:** appetite disorder, decreased appetite, hypercholesterolaemia, increased appetite

**Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders:** arthritis, muscle spasms, muscular weakness, musculoskeletal stiffness

**Nervous System Disorders:** drooling, amnesia, post-traumatic headache, syncope, tremor

**Psychiatric Disorders:** abnormal behaviour, disorientation, nervousness, mood swings, panic attack, sleep disorder

**Renal and Urinary Disorders:** pollakiuria

**Reproductive System and Breast Disorders:** dysmenorrhoea, menorrhagia

**Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders:** acne, dry skin, hypoaesthesia facial, pruritus, rash papular

**Vascular Disorders:** hypotension

### Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation

In controlled Phase 3 clinical trials, the rate of discontinuation as a result of an adverse event was 3%, 8 % and 19 % in patients randomized to receive FYCOMPA at the recommended doses of 4 mg, 8 mg and 12 mg/day, respectively, and 5 % in patients randomized to receive placebo.

In controlled Phase 3 clinical trials, the three most common events leading to discontinuation were dizziness, somnolence, and fatigue. At higher doses, the adverse events most commonly leading to discontinuation ( $\geq 1\%$  in the 8 mg or 12 mg FYCOMPA group and greater than placebo) were dizziness, somnolence, vertigo, aggression, anger, ataxia, blurred vision, irritability, and dysarthria.

### Central Nervous System Adverse Events

FYCOMPA use is associated with the occurrence of central nervous system (CNS) adverse events; the most significant of these can be classified into the following categories:

- 1) aggression- and hostility-related events;
- 2) somnolence and fatigue; and
- 3) coordination difficulties, dizziness and falls

**Table 3: Total Combined Incidence Rate at Higher Doses of FYCOMPA (8 to 12 mg) for Each of the Three Categories of CNS Adverse Events in the Absence or Presence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs in Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Trials (Patients  $\geq 18$  Years)**

<b>Absence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs</b>		
Category of CNS Adverse Events	FYCOMPA 8-12 mg/day + AED Therapy (N=273)	Placebo + AED Therapy (N=187)
Aggression- and Hostility-related*	21%	8%
Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties**	54%	15%
Somnolence & Fatigue***	39%	11%
<b>Presence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs</b>		
Category of CNS Adverse	FYCOMPA 8-12 mg/day	Placebo + AED

Events	+ AED Therapy (N=412)	Therapy (N=255)
Aggression- and Hostility-related*	10%	4%
Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties**	47%	13%
Somnolence & Fatigue***	24%	13%
<p>* <b>“Aggression- and hostility- related adverse events”</b> encompasses the following terms, with verification via narratives as required: irritability, aggression, anger, mood swings, mood altered, agitation, abnormal behaviour, affect lability, affective disorder, hostility, emotional disorder, personality change, psychotic disorder, belligerence, frustration, impulse-control disorder, personality disorder, hostility, homicidal ideation</p> <p>** <b>“Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties”</b> encompasses the following terms, with verification via narratives as required: dizziness, fall, vertigo, ataxia, gait disturbance, balance disorder, feeling drunk, motion sickness, coordination abnormal, cerebellar syndrome (plus various injuries/fractures if due to falls, to be listed under “fall”)</p> <p>*** <b>“Somnolence and Fatigue”</b> encompasses the following terms with verification via narratives as required: somnolence, fatigue, asthenia, hypersomnia, sleep disorder, lethargy, sedation</p>		

### Weight Gain

Weight gain has been observed with FYCOMPA use in adults.

The percentages of adults who gained at least 7% and 15% of their baseline body weight in FYCOMPA-treated patients were 9% and 1 %, respectively, as compared to 5% and 0.2% of placebo-treated patients, respectively. Clinical monitoring of weight is recommended.

### Comparison of Gender and Race

No significant gender differences were noted in the incidence of adverse events. Although there were few non-Caucasian patients, no differences in the incidences of adverse events compared to Caucasian patients were observed (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics).

### Drug Abuse and Dependence/Liability

#### Abuse

The human abuse potential of single oral doses of FYCOMPA (8 mg, 24 mg, and 36 mg) were compared to alprazolam C-IV (1.5 mg and 3 mg), and oral ketamine C-III (100 mg) in a study with recreational polydrug users. Supra-therapeutic doses of FYCOMPA 24 and 36 mg produced responses for “Euphoria” that were similar to ketamine 100 mg and alprazolam 3 mg. “Drug Liking”, “Overall Drug Liking”, and “Take Drug Again” for FYCOMPA were each statistically lower than ketamine 100mg. In addition, for “Bad Drug Effects”, FYCOMPA 24 mg and 36 mg produced responses significantly higher than ketamine 100mg. For “Sedation,” FYCOMPA 24 mg and 36 mg produced responses similar to alprazolam 3 mg and higher than ketamine 100 mg.

Additionally, on VAS measures related to dissociative phenomena such as “Floating”, “Spaced Out” and “Detached,” FYCOMPA at supra-therapeutic doses produced responses similar to



ketamine 100 mg and greater than both doses of alprazolam tested. Of note, due to somnolence a number of subjects had missing data around  $T_{max}$  of FYCOMPA. The above described data might represent an underestimate of FYCOMPA's effects. The duration of effects of higher doses of FYCOMPA on the majority of measures was much greater than alprazolam 3 mg and ketamine 100 mg.

In this study, the incidence of euphoria as an adverse event following FYCOMPA administration 8 mg, 24 mg and 36 mg was 37% (14/38), 46% (17/37), 46% (17/37), respectively, which was higher than alprazolam 3 mg (13%) but lower than ketamine 100 mg (89%).

### **Physical and Psychological Dependence**

The potential for FYCOMPA to produce withdrawal symptoms has not been adequately evaluated. Data from 92 (6.2%) patients in double-blind clinical trials of partial-onset seizures and 182 (14.9%) from open-label trials suggests that abrupt termination of FYCOMPA produced no signs or symptoms that are associated with a withdrawal syndrome indicative of physical dependence. Due to the ability of perampanel to produce euphoria-type adverse events in humans, psychological dependence cannot be excluded.

## **DRUG INTERACTIONS**

### **Overview**

The most significant known interactions with FYCOMPA are with:

- Potent CYP3A inducer anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) carbamazepine, phenytoin and oxcarbazepine;
- Alcohol;
- Oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel

### **Interactions between FYCOMPA and other anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)**

Potential interactions between FYCOMPA (up to 12 mg once daily) and other AEDs were assessed in clinical studies and evaluated in the population PK analysis of three pooled Phase 3 studies.

Potent CYP3A enzyme inducers (carbamazepine, phenytoin, oxcarbazepine) have been shown to substantially increase FYCOMPA clearance and consequently to decrease plasma concentrations of FYCOMPA by 50-70%. Starting dose and frequency of titration increase are altered accordingly in the presence of these three AEDs, but there is a lack of data to support dose corrections at the high end of dosing. This effect should also be taken into account and managed when adding or withdrawing these anti-epileptic drugs from a patient's treatment regimen.

The consequences of these interactions on average steady state concentrations are summarized in the following Table 4.

**Table 4: FYCOMPA Interactions with AEDs**

<b>AED coadministered</b>	<b>Influence of AED on FYCOMPA concentration</b>	<b>Influence of FYCOMPA on AED concentration</b>
<b>Carbamazepine</b>	~70% decrease	<10% decrease
<b>Oxcarbazepine</b>	~50% decrease	35% increase <sup>1</sup>
<b>Phenytoin</b>	~50% decrease	No influence
Clobazam	No influence	<10% decrease
Clonazepam	No influence	No influence
Lamotrigine	No influence	<10% decrease
Levetiracetam	No influence	No influence
Phenobarbital	No influence	No influence
Topiramate	20% decrease	No influence
Valproic Acid	No influence	<10% decrease
Zonisamide	No influence	No influence

1) Active metabolite monohydroxycarbazepine was not assessed.

Oxcarbazepine is rapidly metabolised by cytosolic reductase enzyme to the active metabolite, monohydroxycarbazepine. The effect of perampanel on monohydroxycarbazepine concentrations is not known.

#### **Potential for Interaction with AEDs that Induce other than CYP3A4/5**

The contributions of major CYP enzymes other than CYP3A4/5 to FYCOMPA metabolism have not been fully characterized, and thus the potential for adverse drug interaction with FYCOMPA cannot be excluded for other CYP450 strong inducers (see Pharmacokinetics, ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY). Felbamate has been shown to decrease the concentrations of some drugs and may also reduce FYCOMPA concentrations. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset seizures in clinical trials (37 patients co-administered phenobarbital and 9 patients co-administered primidone) no effect on perampanel AUC was found; however, a modest effect of phenobarbital and primidone to decrease perampanel concentrations cannot be excluded.

#### **Effect of other strong cytochrome P450 inducers on FYCOMPA (including rifampicin, St John's Wort)**

Strong inducers of cytochrome P450, such as rifampicin, hypericum (St. John's Wort) and some anti-retrovirals, are expected to decrease FYCOMPA concentrations and should be avoided.

#### **Effect of strong cytochrome P450 inhibitors on FYCOMPA**

Co-administration of single 1-mg dose of FYCOMPA with 400 mg once-daily doses of ketoconazole, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor, for 8 days in healthy subjects increased FYCOMPA AUC by 20% and prolonged FYCOMPA half-life by 15% (68h vs 58h). The effect of ketoconazole on clinically effective doses of FYCOMPA 4 mg to 12 mg is not known. As well, larger effects cannot be excluded when FYCOMPA is combined with a CYP3A inhibitor with longer half-life than ketoconazole or when the inhibitor is given for a longer treatment duration. The potential for strong inhibitors of cytochrome P450 isoforms other than CYP3A4/5 to increase FYCOMPA concentrations cannot be excluded, as FYCOMPA metabolism has not yet

been fully characterized (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Pharmacokinetics).

#### **Effect of FYCOMPA on CYP3A substrates such as Midazolam**

In healthy subjects, FYCOMPA (6 mg once daily for 20 days) decreased midazolam (4 mg single-dose) AUC by 13%. A larger decrease in exposure of midazolam (or other sensitive CYP3A substrates) at higher FYCOMPA doses cannot be excluded.

#### **Oral contraceptives**

In healthy women receiving 12 mg (but not 4 or 8 mg/day) for 21 days concomitantly with a combined oral contraceptive (single dose of 30 µg ethinylestradiol and 150 µg levonorgestrel), FYCOMPA was shown to decrease the levonorgestrel exposure by approximately 40% (mean  $C_{max}$  and AUC values). Ethinylestradiol AUC was not affected by FYCOMPA 12 mg whereas  $C_{max}$  was decreased by 18%. Therefore, use of FYCOMPA with oral or implant contraceptives containing levonorgestrel may render them less effective and an additional reliable non-hormonal method (intra-uterine device (IUD), condom) is to be used (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

#### **Alcohol and other CNS depressants**

The effects of FYCOMPA on tasks involving alertness and vigilance such as driving ability were additive or supra-additive to the effects of alcohol itself, as found in a pharmacodynamic interaction study in healthy subjects. Multiple dosing of FYCOMPA 12 mg/day increased levels of anger, confusion, and depression as assessed using the Profile of Mood State 5-point rating scale (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY). Therefore, patients taking FYCOMPA should be advised to avoid the use of alcohol (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS). These effects may also be seen when FYCOMPA is used in combination with other central nervous system (CNS) depressants (e.g., benzodiazepines, narcotics, barbiturates, sedating antihistamines).

#### **Levodopa**

In healthy subjects, FYCOMPA (4 mg once daily for 19 days) had no effect on  $C_{max}$  or AUC of levodopa (100 mg single dose).

#### **Drug-Food Interactions**

Perampanel is almost completely absorbed after oral administration. Administration of FYCOMPA with food does not change the extent of absorption; however, administration with food slows drug absorption, resulting in a lower  $C_{max}$  and later  $T_{max}$ .

#### **Drug-Herb Interactions**

Interactions with herbal product have not been evaluated.

#### **Drug-Laboratory Interactions**

Interactions with laboratory tests have not been observed.

### **Drug-Lifestyle Interactions**

Patients should be advised about the potential for somnolence or dizziness and advised not to drive or operate heavy machinery until they have gained sufficient experience on FYCOMPA to gauge whether it adversely affects their mental and/or motor performance.

## **DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Dosing Considerations**

#### **Concomitant CYP3A Enzyme-Inducing AEDs Significantly Reduce Both FYCOMPA Plasma Levels and Efficacy**

Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine and phenytoin all decrease mean FYCOMPA blood levels by approximately 50-70% and substantially decrease FYCOMPA efficacy. As there are no clinical trial data for FYCOMPA doses greater than 12 mg/day, there is insufficient information to recommend dose adjustments to correct for this (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS; CLINICAL TRIALS).

#### **Serious Aggression- and Hostility-Related Adverse Events**

Closely monitor patients particularly during the titration period and at higher doses. FYCOMPA should be reduced if symptoms of aggression or hostility occur and should be discontinued immediately if symptoms are severe or worsening (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS; ADVERSE EVENTS).

#### **Recommended Dose and Dose Adjustment**

In order to optimize the balance between efficacy and tolerability, FYCOMPA must always be titrated according to individual patient response.

FYCOMPA should be taken orally once daily at bedtime. The maximum recommended daily dose of FYCOMPA is 12 mg/day. **Doses beyond 12 mg/day have not been studied in patients** (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

### **Adults**

#### **In the Presence of Enzyme-Inducing AEDs (EI-AEDs; carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin)**

The recommended starting dose of FYCOMPA in the presence of EI-AEDs, including carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine and phenytoin, is 4 mg/day. Based on clinical response and tolerability, the dose may be increased by increments of 2 mg to a maximum dose of 12 mg/day. Dose increases should occur no more frequently than at 1-week intervals.

Clinical trials revealed a lower efficacy in these patients at a given dose, compared to those not on enzyme-inducing AEDs (see CLINICAL TRIALS). This is the result of lower FYCOMPA blood levels (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS; DRUG INTERACTIONS), suggesting

that relatively higher doses would be needed in this patient population to achieve similar efficacy as those not on enzyme-inducing AEDs. **However, there are no efficacy or safety data to support FYCOMPA doses beyond 12 mg/day, as they have not been studied in patients.**

When these enzyme-inducing AEDs are introduced or withdrawn from a patient's treatment regimen, patient should be closely monitored for clinical response and tolerability. Dose adjustment of FYCOMPA may be necessary. (See also DRUG INTERACTIONS, Overview and Drug-Drug Interaction sections; CLINICAL TRIALS.)

### **In the Absence of Enzyme-Inducing AEDs**

Treatment with FYCOMPA should be initiated with a dose of 2 mg/day. The dose may be increased, based on clinical response and tolerability, by increments of 2 mg up to a dose of 8 mg/day. Dose increases should occur no more frequently than at 2-week intervals.

If FYCOMPA is well tolerated at 8 mg/day but clinical response is lacking, the dose may be increased by increments of 2 mg to 12 mg/day, depending upon individual clinical response and tolerability. The maximum recommended daily dose is 12 mg/day. In these patients, there was little difference in efficacy between 8 and 12 mg/day (see CLINICAL TRIALS), while the proportion of patients with adverse events, including aggression/hostility-related increased (see ADVERSE EVENTS).

### **Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

The safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in pediatric patients have not been established and its use in this patient population is not indicated.

### **Elderly Patients (≥ 65 years of age)**

Clinical studies of FYCOMPA did not include sufficient numbers of patients aged 65 and over to determine the safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in the elderly population (see CLINICAL TRIALS). Because of increased likelihood for adverse reactions in the elderly, dosage increases during titration are recommended no more frequently than every 2 weeks.

### **Patients with Renal Impairment**

Dose adjustment is not required in patients with mild renal impairment. Use in patients with moderate or severe renal impairment or patients undergoing hemodialysis is not recommended (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Special Populations).

### **Patients with Hepatic Impairment**

Dosage adjustment is recommended in patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment, based on higher exposure and the longer half-life of perampanel. The maximum recommended daily dose is 6 mg for patients with mild hepatic impairment and 4 mg for patients with moderate hepatic impairment. Starting dose should be 2 mg per day with increments of 2 mg every two weeks until target dose is achieved. Dose increases in patients with mild and moderate hepatic impairment, as with all patients, should be based on clinical response and tolerability. Use in patients with severe hepatic impairment is not recommended (see ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY, Special Populations).

### **Missed Dose**

Single missed dose: As perampanel has a long half-life, the patient should wait and take their next dose as scheduled.

If more than 1 dose has been missed, for a continuous period of less than 5 half-lives (3 weeks for patients not taking perampanel metabolism-inducing anti-epileptic drugs (AED), 1 week for patients taking perampanel metabolism-inducing AEDs consideration should be given to restart treatment from the last dose level (see DRUG REACTIONS).

If a patient has discontinued perampanel for a continuous period of more than 5 half-lives, it is recommended that initial dosing recommendations given above should be followed.

### **Discontinuing FYCOMPA**

When withdrawing FYCOMPA, the dose should be gradually reduced. However, due to its long-half life and subsequent slow decline in plasma concentrations, FYCOMPA can be discontinued abruptly if absolutely needed.

## **OVERDOSAGE**

There is limited clinical experience with FYCOMPA overdose in humans. The highest reported overdose was intentional and could have resulted in a dose up to 264 mg. This patient experienced events of altered mental status, agitation and aggressive behaviour and recovered without sequelae. In general, the adverse reactions associated with overdoses were similar to the reactions at therapeutic doses, with dizziness reported most frequently.

There is no available specific antidote to the overdose reactions of FYCOMPA. General supportive care of the patient is indicated including monitoring of vital signs and observation of the clinical status of the patient. Due to its long half-life, the effects caused by FYCOMPA could be prolonged. Because of low renal clearance, special interventions such as forced diuresis, dialysis or haemoperfusion are unlikely to be of value.

For management of a suspected drug overdose, contact your regional Poison Control Centre.
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## **ACTION AND CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY**

### **Mechanism of Action**

FYCOMPA appears to be a selective, non-competitive antagonist of the ionotropic  $\alpha$ -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid (AMPA) glutamate receptor on post-synaptic neurons. The precise mechanism by which FYCOMPA exerts its antiepileptic effects in humans remains to be fully elucidated (see DETAILED PHARMACOLOGY).

### **Pharmacodynamics**

A pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (efficacy) analysis was performed based on the pooled data from the 3 efficacy trials for partial-onset seizures. FYCOMPA exposure is correlated with reduction in seizure frequency.

### **Psychomotor Performance**

In a healthy volunteer study to assess the effects of FYCOMPA on psychomotor performance using a standard battery of assessments including simulated driving, single and multiple doses of 8 mg and 12 mg impaired psychomotor performance in a dose-related manner. Performance testing returned to baseline within 2 weeks of cessation of FYCOMPA dosing.

### **Alertness and Mood**

Levels of alertness decreased in a dose-related manner in healthy subjects dosed with FYCOMPA from 4 to 12 mg/day. Mood deteriorated following dosing of 12 mg/day only; the changes in mood were small and reflected a general lowering of alertness.

### **Interactions with Alcohol (psychomotor, and alertness and mood)**

In the above study (see Psychomotor Performance), when administered to healthy subjects receiving alcohol to achieve a blood concentration of 80-100 mg/100mL, FYCOMPA consistently impaired simple psychomotor performance after single doses of 4 to 12 mg, and after 21 days of multiple 12 mg/day doses. The effects of FYCOMPA on complex tasks such as driving ability were additive or supra-additive to the impairment effects of alcohol. In another study (see Alertness and Mood, above), FYCOMPA magnified the negative effects of alcohol on vigilance and alertness, and on anger, confusion, and depression.

### **Cardiac Electrophysiology**

Electrocardiographic effects of FYCOMPA were determined in a double-blind, randomized, placebo- and moxifloxacin-controlled clinical pharmacology trial in healthy subjects. FYCOMPA was administered in daily doses of up to 12 mg/day for 7 days. There was no evidence that FYCOMPA caused QT interval prolongation of clinical significance at doses of 6 or 12 mg (i.e., the upper bound of the 95% confidence interval for the largest placebo-adjusted baseline-corrected QTc was below 10 msec). There was no evidence that FYCOMPA had a dose-related or clinically important effect on QRS duration.

### **Pharmacokinetics**

Pharmacokinetics of FYCOMPA are similar in healthy subjects and patients with partial-onset seizures. The half-life of FYCOMPA is about 105 hours, so that steady state is reached in about 2-3 weeks.

In healthy subjects, plasma concentrations of FYCOMPA increased in direct proportion to administered doses over the range of 2 to 12 mg. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset seizures receiving FYCOMPA up to 12 mg/day in placebo-controlled clinical trials, a linear relationship was found between dose and FYCOMPA plasma concentrations.

**Absorption:**

FYCOMPA is readily absorbed after oral administration with no evidence of marked first-pass metabolism (absolute bioavailability is approximately 100%). Food does not affect the extent of absorption (AUC), but slows the rate of absorption. When administered with food, peak plasma concentrations are reduced by 30-40% and delayed by 2-3 hours compared with dosing in a fasted state.

**Distribution:**

Data from *in vitro* studies indicate that, in the concentration range of 20 to 2000 ng/mL, FYCOMPA is approximately 95% bound to plasma proteins, mainly albumin and  $\alpha$  1-acid glycoprotein. Blood to plasma ratio of perampanel is 0.55- 0.59.

Results from *in vitro* studies indicate that perampanel is not a substrate or significant inhibitor of organic anion transporting polypeptides (OATP) 1B1 and 1B3, organic anion transporters (OAT) 1, 2, 3, and 4, organic cation transporters (OCT) 1, 2, and 3, and the efflux transporters P-glycoprotein and Breast Cancer Resistance Protein (BCRP).

**Metabolism:**

FYCOMPA is extensively metabolized via primary oxidation and sequential glucuronidation. Based on results of *in vitro* studies using recombinant human CYPs and human liver microsomes, primary oxidative metabolism appears to be mediated by CYP3A4 and/or CYP3A5. However, in totality, the data are not conclusive that this is the only major pathway for metabolism of FYCOMPA: i.e., *in vitro* data regarding enzyme inhibitors affecting other than cytochrome P450 enzymes; the unexpectedly minimal impact of ketoconazole on perampanel blood levels; and the fact that the AEDs which do reduce FYCOMPA substantially are known to induce other CYP enzymes than CYP 3A4/5. In addition, although the metabolic profile studies are reassuring that the major metabolites of FYCOMPA have likely been identified, uncertainties remain about the quantification of individual metabolites in excreta.

One result of these uncertainties is the potential with FYCOMPA for increased formation of reactive intermediate metabolites (i.e., M7 and M15); with AEDs, these are associated with immune-mediated adverse drug reactions, including serious skin reactions. The long half-life of FYCOMPA may magnify the potential for mortality from serious skin reactions (see WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS).

Following administration of radiolabeled perampanel, unchanged perampanel accounted for 74-80% of total radioactivity in systemic circulation, whereas only trace amounts of perampanel metabolites were observed in plasma.

**Excretion:**

Following administration of a radiolabeled FYCOMPA dose to 8 healthy elderly subjects, 22% of recovered radioactivity was found in the urine and 48% in the feces. In urine and feces, recovered radioactivity was primarily composed of a mixture of oxidative and conjugated metabolites. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of pooled data from 19 Phase 1 studies,



the average  $t_{1/2}$  of perampanel was 105 hours. When dosed in combination with the strong CYP3A inducer carbamazepine, the average  $t_{1/2}$  was 25 hours. Apparent clearance of FYCOMPA in healthy subjects and patients was approximately 12 mL/min.

### **Special Populations and Conditions**

#### **Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

The safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in pediatric patients have not been established and its use in this patient population is not indicated. A total of  $n = 72$  pediatric patients aged 12 to 17 years of age received FYCOMPA in Phase 3 controlled trials of partial-onset seizures. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of these adolescent patients apparent clearance of perampanel in adolescents (0.79 L/hr) was slightly, but not significantly, higher than that in adults (0.72 L/hr).

#### **Geriatrics: ( $\geq 65$ years of age):**

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of  $n = 11$  patients  $\geq 65$  years of age with partial-onset seizures receiving FYCOMPA up to 12 mg/day in placebo-controlled trials, no significant effect of age on perampanel apparent clearance was found.

#### **Gender:**

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset seizures receiving FYCOMPA up to 12 mg/day in placebo-controlled clinical trials, perampanel clearance was 17% lower in females (0.605 L/h) compared to males (0.730 L/h).

#### **Race:**

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset seizures which included 576 Caucasians, 14 Blacks, 97 non-Chinese Asians, and 62 Chinese receiving FYCOMPA up to 12 mg/day in placebo-controlled trials, there was no evidence of a significant effect of race on FYCOMPA clearance.

#### **Hepatic Insufficiency:**

The pharmacokinetics of FYCOMPA following a single 1 mg dose were evaluated in 12 subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh A and B, respectively) compared with 12 healthy, demographically matched subjects. The total (free and protein bound) exposure ( $AUC_{0-\infty}$ ) of FYCOMPA was 50% greater in subjects with mild hepatic impairment and more than doubled (2.55-fold) in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment compared to their healthy controls. The  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  of free FYCOMPA in subjects with mild and moderate hepatic impairment was 1.8-fold and 3.3-fold, respectively, of those in matched healthy controls. The  $t_{1/2}$  was prolonged in mildly impaired (306 h vs 125 h) and moderately impaired (295 h vs 139 h) subjects compared to matched healthy subjects. FYCOMPA has not been studied in subjects with severe hepatic impairment.

#### **Renal Insufficiency:**

A dedicated study has not been conducted to evaluate the pharmacokinetics of FYCOMPA in patients with renal impairment. Population pharmacokinetic analysis was performed on pooled data from patients with partial-onset seizures and receiving FYCOMPA up to 12 mg/day in

placebo-controlled clinical trials. Results showed that FYCOMPA apparent clearance was decreased by 27% in patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance 50-80 mL/min; n = 54) compared to patients with normal renal function (creatinine clearance > 80 mL/min), with a corresponding 37% increase in AUC. Considering the substantial overlap in the exposure between normal and mildly impaired patients, no dosage adjustment is necessary for patients with mild renal impairment. There were insufficient patients with moderate renal impairment to support dosing in this population. FYCOMPA has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment and patients undergoing hemodialysis.

## STORAGE AND STABILITY

Store at room temperature (15°C - 30°C). Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

## DOSAGE FORMS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

FYCOMPA (perampanel) tablets are supplied as follows:

- 2 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 2 mg perampanel are orange, round, bi-convex, film-coated tablets debossed with “2” on one side and “C 275” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 7 tablets.
- 4 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 4 mg perampanel are red, round, bi-convex, tablets debossed with “4” on one side and “C 277” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 28 tablets.
- 6 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 6 mg perampanel are pink, round, bi-convex, tablets debossed with “6” on one side and “C 294” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 28 tablets.
- 8 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 8 mg perampanel are purple, round, bi-convex, tablets debossed with “8” on one side and “C 295” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 28 tablets.
- 10 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 10 mg perampanel are green, round, bi-convex, tablets debossed with “10” on one side and “C 296” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 28 tablets.
- 12 mg tablet:** FYCOMPA tablets 12 mg perampanel blue, round, bi-convex, tablets debossed with “12” on one side and “C 297” on the other. They are supplied as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 28 tablets.

FYCOMPA tablets contain the following inactive ingredients: hypromellose 2910, lactose monohydrate, low substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline

cellulose, polyethylene glycol 8000, povidone, talc and titanium dioxide and contain the following colouring agents:

2 mg tablets: yellow ferric oxide, red ferric oxide

4 mg tablets: red ferric oxide

6 mg tablets: red ferric oxide

8 mg tablets: black ferric oxide, red ferric oxide

10 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake, yellow ferric oxide

12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake

## PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

#### Drug Substance

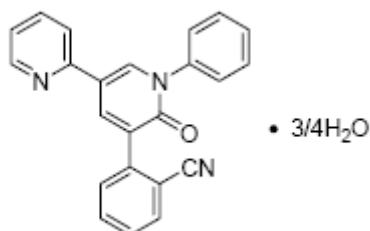
Proper name: perampanel

Chemical name: 2-(2-oxo-1-phenyl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl) benzonitrile hydrate (4:3)

Molecular formula:  $C_{23}H_{15}N_3O \cdot \frac{3}{4} H_2O$

Molecular mass: 362.90 (3/4 hydrate)

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Perampanel is a white to yellowish white powder. It is freely soluble in N-methylpyrrolidone, sparingly soluble in acetonitrile and acetone, slightly soluble in methanol, ethanol and ethyl acetate, very slightly soluble in 1-octanol and diethyl ether and practically insoluble in heptane and water.

## CLINICAL TRIALS

### Study Demographics and Trial Designs

The efficacy of FYCOMPA in partial-onset seizures, with or without secondary generalization, was studied in patients who were not adequately controlled with 1 to 3 concomitant AEDs in 3 randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trials (Studies 304, 305 and 306). The total number of FYCOMPA-treated patients was 1038. All trials had an initial 6-week Baseline Period, during which patients were required to have more than five seizures in order to be randomized. The Baseline Period was followed by a 19 week Treatment Period, consisting of a 6 week Titration Phase and a 13 week Maintenance Phase.

Patients in these 3 trials had a mean duration of epilepsy of approximately 21 years and a median baseline seizure frequency ranging from 9.3 to 14.3 seizures per 28 days. During the trials, more than 85% of patients were taking 2 to 3 concomitant AEDs with or without concurrent vagal nerve stimulation, and approximately 50% were on at least one AED known to induce CYP3A, an enzyme family critical to the metabolism of FYCOMPA (i.e. carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, or phenytoin), resulting in a significant reduction in FYCOMPA's serum concentration (see DRUG INTERACTIONS, Interactions between FYCOMPA and other anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs)). Concomitant AEDs taken by at least 10% of the subjects in the total placebo and perampanel group were: carbamazepine (34%), lamotrigine (32%), valproic acid (31%), levetiracetam (30%), topiramate (20%), oxcarbazepine (18%) and clobazam (11%).

Each study evaluated placebo and multiple FYCOMPA dosages (see Table 5). During the Titration period in all 3 trials, patients on FYCOMPA received an initial 2 mg once daily dose, which was subsequently increased by 2 mg at weekly increments to reach the final target dose. Patients experiencing intolerable adverse reactions with dose increases were permitted to remain in the study at a reduced dose.

The primary endpoint in Studies 304, 305, and 306 was the percent change in seizure frequency per 28 days during the Treatment Period as compared to the Baseline Period.

### Study Results

A statistically significant decrease in seizure rate was observed at doses of 4 to 12 mg per day (see Table 5). Dose response was apparent at 4 to 8 mg with little additional reduction in seizure frequency at 12 mg per day. Results of the 50% Responder Rates also support the results of the primary efficacy endpoint.

**Table 5: Summary of Median Percent Reduction in 28-day Total Partial Seizure Frequency from Baseline to the double-blind Treatment Phase (primary efficacy end-point) and Responder Rates in the Maintenance Phase**

Study n=population in double-blind phase	AEDs + Placebo	AEDs + FYCOMPA			
		2mg/day	4 mg/day	8 mg/day	12 mg/day
<b>Study 304</b>					
Median Baseline Seizure Frequency	13.7	-	-	14.3	12.0
n	121	-	-	133	133
Median % Reduction	21%	-	-	26%*	35%*
50% Responder rate <sup>1</sup>	26%	-	-	38%	36%
<b>Study 305</b>					
Median Baseline Seizure Frequency	11.8	-	-	13.0	13.7
n	136	-	-	129	121
Median % Reduction	10%	-	-	31%***	18%*
50% Responder rate <sup>1</sup>	15%	-	-	33%**	34%***
<b>Study 306</b>					
Median Baseline Seizure Frequency	9.3	10.1	10.0	10.9	-
n	184	180	172	169	-
Median % Reduction	11%	14%	23%**	31%***	-
50% Responder rate <sup>1</sup>	18%	21%	29%*	35%***	-
<b>Combined Studies (Study 304, 305 and 306)</b>					
Median Baseline Seizure Frequency	11.1	10.1	10.0	12.2	13.0
n	441	180	172	431	254
Median % Reduction	13%	14%	23%	29%	27%
50% Responder rate <sup>1</sup>	19%	21%	29%	35%	35%

-Dose not studied

\*, \*\*, \*\*\* for  $p < 0.05$ ,  $p < 0.01$  and  $p < 0.001$  ( $p$ -value not shown for combined studies)

<sup>1</sup>50% Responder rate = percentage of patients with  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in 28-day total seizure frequency from Baseline to the Maintenance Phase

Table 6 presents an analysis combining data from all 3 studies, grouping patients based upon whether or not concomitant CYP3A enzyme-inducers AEDs (EI-AEDs) were used. The analysis revealed a reduced treatment effect in the presence of concomitant EI-AEDS.

**Table 6: Median Treatment Effect for Combined Studies (Study 304, 305 and 306) Based on the Presence or Absence of Concomitant CYP3A-Inducing AEDs (carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin)\***

	Median Percent Reduction		Responder Rate**	
	Without Inducers	With Inducers	Without Inducers	With Inducers
Placebo	13%	8%	17%	18%
2 mg/day	18%	8%	23%	19%
4 mg/day	21%	25%	34%	24%
8 mg/day	44%	23%	47%	28%
12 mg/day	39%	18%	47%	30%

\* Patients from Latin America region excluded because of significant treatment-by-region interaction due to high placebo response.

\*\*The proportion of patients with at least a 50% decrease in seizure frequency.

There were no significant differences in seizure control as a function of gender.

### **Pediatrics (< 18 years of age):**

The safety and efficacy of FYCOMPA in pediatric patients have not been established and its use in this patient population is not indicated.

## **DETAILED PHARMACOLOGY**

The results of *in vitro* testing suggest that perampanel is a selective, non-competitive antagonist of the ionotropic  $\alpha$ -amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid (AMPA) glutamate receptor on post-synaptic neurons. Glutamate is the primary excitatory neurotransmitter in the central nervous system and is implicated in a number of neurological disorders caused by neuronal over excitation. While the data suggest that perampanel is selective for the AMPA receptor, they are not sufficient to rule out other pharmacological activity.

*In vitro*, perampanel did not compete with AMPA for binding to the AMPA-type glutamate receptor, but perampanel binding to rat forebrain membranes was displaced by noncompetitive AMPA receptor antagonists, indicating that perampanel is a noncompetitive AMPA receptor antagonist. In cultured rat cortical neurons, perampanel inhibited AMPA-induced (but not NMDA-induced) increase in intracellular calcium. Perampanel neither inhibited nor potentiated GABA-evoked current in cells expressing different human recombinant GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor subtypes.

### **Preclinical Pharmacodynamics**

*In vivo*, perampanel showed potent anticonvulsant activities in several animal models of seizures. Perampanel protected mice from generalized tonic-clonic seizures in an audiogenic seizure model and the maximal electroshock seizure mode, with ED<sub>50</sub> values of 0.47 mg/kg and 1.6 mg/kg respectively. Perampanel also protected mice from myoclonic seizures in the pentylenetetrazol-induced seizure model with an ED<sub>50</sub> value of 0.94 mg/kg. Perampanel

significantly prolonged seizure latency in an AMPA-induced seizure model in mice. In the amygdala kindling model in rats, perampanel significantly elevated the afterdischarge threshold and reduced seizure severity and afterdischarge duration. In a mouse corneal kindling model, oral perampanel delayed or abolished the kindling development. Perampanel showed no antiepileptic activity in the genetic model of absence epilepsy in the rat.

### **Preclinical Safety Pharmacology**

Perampanel had no effects on heart rate, blood pressure or electrocardiogram (ECG) parameters, including QT intervals in conscious dogs at oral doses up to 10 mg/kg. Estimated IC<sub>50</sub> value for perampanel block of human ether-à-go-go related gene (hERG) tail current was 15.8 µmol/L (5.52 µg/mL). The highest plasma concentration of perampanel in clinical use was estimated to be approximately 2 µg/mL with a free drug concentration adjusted for protein binding of approximately 90 ng/mL based on data from clinical trials. The free drug concentration (90 ng/mL) is approximately 60-times lower than the estimated IC<sub>50</sub> value for the hERG inhibition (5.5 µg/mL).

In a physical dependence study in rats, low-dose (14.7 mg/kg/day) and high-dose (43.5 mg/kg/day) perampanel was administered by dietary admixture for four weeks, followed by a 1-week withdrawal period. During the withdrawal period, animals in both treated groups showed mild signs of withdrawal such as hyperreactivity to handling and muscle rigidity, decreases in food consumption and body weight loss. In a self-administration study in monkeys, results suggested that perampanel had a reinforcing effect without causing physical withdrawal symptoms when intravenously self-administered in rhesus monkeys. From this study, the potency of reinforcing effects of perampanel was considered positive but not strong. The results suggest that perampanel may have the potential to cause dependence, both physical and psychological.

In the rotarod test in mice and rats, oral administration of perampanel dose-dependently induced motor-incoordination. ED<sub>50</sub> values were 1.8 mg/kg in mice and 9.14 mg/kg in rats.

## **TOXICOLOGY**

### **Repeated Dose Toxicity**

Maximum tolerated dose (MTD) administration to rats (100 mg/kg/day in males and 30 mg/kg/day in females) for 13 or 26 weeks and in cynomolgus monkeys (8 mg/kg/day in both sexes) for 39 weeks resulted in severe pharmacologically-based CNS clinical signs and decreased terminal body weight. There were no changes directly attributable to perampanel in clinical pathology or histopathology. The systemic exposures (C<sub>max</sub> and AUC) at MTD were approximately equivalent or lower than the exposures in human at the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 12 mg per day.

In oral repeated-dose toxicity studies of 4 to 52 weeks, the primary finding in all species was effects on CNS, including abnormal gait, reduced motor activity and/or prostration were observed in all species. In studies of up to 13 weeks in mice, these CNS clinical signs were



accompanied by decreases in body weight gains and food consumption. In oral repeated dose toxicity studies for up to 26 weeks in rats, CNS clinical signs and decreases in body weight gain and food consumption were observed at 30 mg/kg and 60 mg/kg. In studies of up to 13 weeks in dogs, CNS clinical signs were observed at 1 mg/kg and higher. In studies in cynomolgus monkeys for up to 52 weeks, clinical signs such as ataxic gait; decreased activity, sitting position, and transient prostration were observed. Death due to severe adverse clinical signs occurred at the highest dose tested (8 mg/kg) in the 39-week study. The observed CNS clinical signs of abnormal gait, reduced motor activity and/or prostration are not unexpected findings for an AMPA antagonist. These dosage-related clinical signs were mainly related to  $C_{max}$ , and were observed in general when  $C_{max}$  approached approximately 1400 ng/mL (10 – 30 mg/kg) in mice, 500 ng/mL (10 – 30 mg/kg) in rats, 80 ng/mL (1 mg/kg) in dogs, and 300 ng/mL (1 mg/kg) in monkeys. There was no organ toxicity or histopathologic findings at any dose in any of the species.

Clinical signs consistent with excessive grooming/scratching and/or self-mutilation were observed in the adult mouse, rat and rabbit, and in the juvenile rat and dog. It remains unclear whether the apparent self-mutilation is an extension of the excessive grooming or a separate behavioural effect. It is primarily in the juvenile animals that the actual behaviour of excessive grooming was observed; otherwise, it was generally inferred from the injuries. Mortality due to skin lesions attributed to excessive grooming was observed at 60 mg/kg and higher in repeated-dose toxicity studies in mice. Deaths or morbidity occurred in rats after severe clinical signs including excessive grooming and self-mutilation in males given 100 mg/kg and higher and in females given 30 mg/kg and higher. In the carcinogenicity study in the mouse, similar clinical signs including loss of fore-hind limbs and loss of digits were observed at doses of > 3mg/kg/day. “Increase in grooming” was observed in adult rats and rabbits in reproductive studies, accompanied by “swelling of limbs” in the rat. “Excessive scratching” was observed at all doses in studies of the juvenile rat and dog. “Excessive grooming” was observed in a 13-week phototoxicity study in hairless mice. The clinical relevance of these data to humans is unknown.

### **Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis**

Perampanel was administered orally to mice (1, 3, 10, or 30 mg/kg/day) and rats (10, 30, or 100 mg/kg/day in males; 3, 10, or 30 mg/kg/day in females) for up to 104 weeks. There was no evidence of drug-related tumors in either species. Plasma perampanel exposures (AUC) at the highest doses tested were less than that in humans dosed at 8 mg/day.

Perampanel was negative in the *in vitro* Ames and mouse lymphoma assays, and in the *in vivo* rat micronucleus assay.

### **Development and Reproductive Studies**

In male and female rats administered perampanel (oral doses of 1, 10, or 30 mg/kg/day) prior to and throughout mating and continuing in females to gestation day 6, there were no clear effects on fertility. Prolonged and/or irregular estrus cycles were observed at all doses but particularly at the highest dose tested. Plasma perampanel exposures (AUC) at all doses were lower than that in humans dosed at 8 mg/day.

In animal studies, perampanel induced developmental toxicity in pregnant rat and rabbit at clinically relevant doses. Oral administration of perampanel (1, 3, or 10 mg/kg/day) to pregnant rats throughout organogenesis resulted in an increase in visceral abnormalities (diverticulum of the intestine) at all doses tested. In a dose-ranging study at higher oral doses (10, 30, or 60 mg/kg/day), embryo lethality and reduced fetal body weight were observed at the mid and high doses tested. The lowest dose tested (1 mg/kg/day) is similar to a human dose of 8 mg/day based on body surface area ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ).

Upon oral administration of perampanel (1, 3, or 10 mg/kg/day) to pregnant rabbits throughout organogenesis, embryo lethality was observed at the mid and high doses tested; the no effect dose for embryo-fetal developmental toxicity in rabbit (1 mg/kg/day) is approximately 2 times a human dose of 8 mg/day based on body surface area ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ).

Oral administration of perampanel (1, 3, or 10 mg/kg/day) to rats throughout gestation and lactation resulted in fetal and pup deaths at the mid and high doses and delayed sexual maturation in males and females at the highest dose tested. No effects were observed on measures of neurobehavioural or reproductive function in the offspring. The no-effect dose for pre- and postnatal developmental toxicity in rat (1 mg/kg/day) is similar to a human dose of 8 mg/day based on body surface area ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^2$ ).

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## PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

FYCOMPA™  
Perampanel Tablets

This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when FYCOMPA was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about FYCOMPA. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

Keep all medicines in a safe place away from children. Accidental use by a child is a medical emergency and may result in death. Never take medicine in front of small children as they will want to copy you. If a child accidentally takes FYCOMPA, get emergency help right away.

Please read this before you start taking FYCOMPA tablets. Remember this information does not take the place of your doctor's instructions.

## WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FYCOMPA

Do not stop FYCOMPA without first talking to a healthcare provider. Stopping FYCOMPA suddenly can cause serious problems, including having more seizures more often.

1. FYCOMPA can cause mental (psychiatric) problems, including:
  - new or worse aggressive behaviour, hostility, anger, or irritability
  - being suspicious or distrustful (believing things that are not true)
  - other unusual or extreme changes in behaviour or mood

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any new or worsening mental problems while using FYCOMPA.

2. Like other antiepileptic drugs, FYCOMPA may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500.

Call a healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you:

- thoughts about suicide or dying
- attempt to commit suicide
- new or worse depression
- new or worse anxiety
- feeling agitated or restless
- panic attacks
- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- new or worse irritability
- acting aggressive, being angry, or violent
- acting on dangerous impulses

- an extreme increase in activity and talking
- other unusual changes in behaviour or mood

Suicidal thoughts or actions can be caused by things other than medicines. If you have suicidal thoughts or actions, your healthcare provider may check for other causes.

3. FYCOMPA can make you feel dizzy, sleepy, tired or weak, and or cause double or blurred vision.
  - These can happen when you first begin treatment and when your dose is increased.
  - Don't drive or operate heavy machinery until you know how FYCOMPA affects you.
4. Increased risk of falls. Taking FYCOMPA can increase your chance of falling. These falls can cause serious injuries. Your risk of falling may be higher if you are elderly.

## ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

**What the medication is used for:**

FYCOMPA is a prescription medicine used to treat partial-onset seizures when taken together with other seizure medicines in adults 18 years or older.

**What it does:**

The exact way in which FYCOMPA controls seizures is not known.

**When it should not be used:**

Do not take FYCOMPA:

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to perampanel or any of the other ingredients of FYCOMPA

**What the medicinal ingredient is:**

Perampanel

**What the non-medicinal ingredients are:**

FYCOMPA tablets contain the following inactive ingredients: hypromellose, lactose monohydrate, low substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, polyethylene glycol, povidone, talc, titanium dioxide and additional agents listed below.

2 mg tablets: yellow ferric oxide, red ferric oxide

4 mg tablets: red ferric oxide

6 mg tablets: red ferric oxide

8 mg tablets: black ferric oxide, red ferric oxide

10 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake, yellow ferric oxide

12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2 indigo carmine aluminum lake

**What dosage forms it comes in:**

Tablets: 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, 12 mg

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### BEFORE you use FYCOMPA talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you:

- Have or have had depression, mood problems, or suicidal thoughts or behaviour
- Have liver or severe kidney problems
- Have abused prescription medicines, street drugs, or alcohol in the past
- Have other medical problems
- Are taking birth control pills, as FYCOMPA makes certain types less effective (see INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION)
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if FYCOMPA can harm your unborn baby. Tell your doctor right away if you become pregnant while taking FYCOMPA. You and your healthcare provider will decide if you should take FYCOMPA while you are pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known whether FYCOMPA can pass into breast milk. Talk to your doctor about breastfeeding while you are taking FYCOMPA. You and your healthcare provider should decide if you will take FYCOMPA or breastfeed. You should not do both.

### Pregnancy Registration

If you use FYCOMPA while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug Pregnancy Registry. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-888-233-2334. The purpose of this registry is to collect valuable information about the safety of antiepileptic medicine during pregnancy. [Information on the registry can also be found at the website http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/](http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/)

### • Serious Psychiatric and Behavioural Reactions

You and your family and caregivers should be informed that FYCOMPA may increase your risks of psychiatric events, such as emergence of anger, aggression, hostility, unusual changes in mood, personality, or behaviour, and other behavioural symptoms. You are advised to report any such symptoms immediately to your health care providers.

### • Suicidal Thinking and Behaviour

FYCOMPA may increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behaviour. It is advised your caregiver and families need to be alert for the emergence or worsening of symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behaviour, or the emergence of suicidal thoughts, behaviour or thoughts about self-harm. Instruct your families and care giver to report behaviours of concern immediately to your health care provider.

### How do you watch for early symptoms of psychiatric and behaviour reactions, and suicidal thoughts and actions?

- Pay attention to any changes, especially sudden changes, in mood, behaviour, thoughts, or feelings.
- Keep all follow-up visits with your healthcare provider as scheduled.

Call your healthcare provider between visits as needed, especially if you are worried about symptoms.

### • Neurologic Effects: Dizziness, Gait Disturbance, Somnolence, and Fatigue

FYCOMPA may cause dizziness, gait disturbance (problems walking normally), somnolence, and fatigue. While you are taking FYCOMPA, you are advised not to drive, operate heavy machinery, or engage in other hazardous activities until you know how FYCOMPA affects you.

### • Increased risk of falls

Taking of FYCOMPA can increase your chance of falling. These falls can cause serious injuries. Your risk of falling may be higher if you are elderly.

### FYCOMPA with Alcohol

As with some other anti-epileptic drugs, be careful about consuming alcohol with FYCOMPA.

- Drinking alcohol while taking FYCOMPA can make you less alert and affect your ability to drive or use tools or machines.
- Drinking alcohol while taking FYCOMPA may make any feelings of anger, confusion or sadness worse.

### Lactose Intolerance

FYCOMPA contains lactose. If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product.

FYCOMPA may cause double or blurred vision. If you experience problems with your vision while taking FYCOMPA, notify your doctor.

## INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take including prescription or non-prescription medicines, vitamins or herbal supplements. FYCOMPA and other medicines can affect each other, causing side effects. Especially tell your doctor if you take:

- Carbamazepine (TEGRETOL), Oxcarbazepine (TRILEPTAL), Phenytoin (DILANTIN),
- Other medications, such as ketoconazole, midazolam, levodopa, rifampin or St. John's Wort, as these can also interact with FYCOMPA
- Oral contraceptives (birth control pills). FYCOMPA may interfere with your oral contraceptive's ability to prevent pregnancy if your oral contraceptive contains levonorgestrel. Talk to your doctor about using other forms of safe and effective contraception when taking FYCOMPA and for one month after stopping treatment.

Do not drink alcohol or take other medications that make you sleepy or dizzy while taking FYCOMPA until you talk to your doctor. Taking FYCOMPA with alcohol or medications that cause sleepiness or dizziness may make your sleepiness or dizziness worse.

**PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION**

**Usual dose:**

The usual starting dose is 2 mg or 4 mg once a day depending on what other anti-epileptics drugs you are taking. Your doctor may increase your dose in 2 mg steps to a dose of 4 mg up to 12 mg once a day, depending on your response. The maximum recommended daily dose is 12 mg.

FYCOMPA should be taken once a day, at bed time, with or without food.

If you have liver or severe kidney problems, your doctor may give you a reduced dose of FYCOMPA.

Don't take any more FYCOMPA than your doctor has recommended. It may take a few weeks to find the right dose of FYCOMPA for you.

Take FYCOMPA for as long as your doctor recommends. Don't stop unless your doctor advises you to. Your doctor may reduce your dose slowly to avoid your seizures coming back or getting worse.

**Overdose:**

In case of drug overdose, contact a health care practitioner, hospital emergency department or regional Poison Control Centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms. Make sure you have your medicine bottle with you so that you have the correct information.

**Missed Dose:**

If you forget to take a tablet, resume dosing the following day at the prescribed daily dose. Contact your doctor if more than one day of dosing is missed.

**SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

Like all medicines, FYCOMPA can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed below, please tell you doctor or pharmacist.

The most common side effects of FYCOMPA include:

- dizziness
- sleepiness
- tiredness
- irritability
- fall
- problems with muscle coordination
- problems with walking normally (gait disturbance)
- vertigo (sense of spinning)
- weight gain
- nausea

**SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, HOW OFTEN THEY HAPPEN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM**

Symptom / effect	Talk with your doctor or pharmacist		Seek Emergency Medical Attention
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>Common</b>	Irritability	√	
	Fall	√	
<b>Uncommon</b>	Thoughts of suicide or hurting yourself		√
	Extreme sleepiness or tiredness and/or difficulty coordination muscles normally		√
	Unusual mood change, aggression, hostility, personality change, behaviour change		√
	Allergic reactions (symptoms include swelling in the eyes, lips, mouth, tongue, face and throat, itching, rash, hives)		

*This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking FYCOMPA, contact your doctor or pharmacist.*

**HOW TO STORE IT**

Store FYCOMPA tablets at room temperature, 15°C to 30°C. Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

**REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS**

You can report any suspected adverse reactions associated with the use of health products to the Canada Vigilance Program by one of the following 3 ways:

- Report online at [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect)
- Call toll-free at 1-866-234-2345
- Complete a Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and:
  - Fax toll-free to 1-866-678-6789, or
  - Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program  
Health Canada  
Postal Locator 0701E  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels, Canada Vigilance Reporting Form and the adverse reaction reporting guidelines are available on the MedEffect™ Canada Web site at [www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/medeffect).

*NOTE: Should you require information related to the management of side effects, contact your health professional. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.*

**MORE INFORMATION**

This document plus the full product monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found by contacting the sponsor, Eisai Limited, at: 1-877-873-4724

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