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Perampanel Tablets

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## **PART I: HEALTH PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION**

### **1 INDICATIONS**

Taro-Perampanel (perampanel) tablets are indicated as:

- adjunctive therapy in the management of partial-onset seizures in patients 7 years of age and older who are not satisfactorily controlled with conventional therapy.
- adjunctive therapy in the management of primary generalized tonic-clonic (PGTC) seizures in patients 12 years of age and older with epilepsy, who are not satisfactorily controlled with conventional therapy.

#### **1.1 Pediatrics**

**Pediatrics (<7 years of age):** Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of perampanel in children under 7 years of age has not been established; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for this patient population (see 7.1.3 [Pediatrics](#) and 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, [Special Populations and Conditions](#)).

#### **1.2 Geriatrics**

**Geriatrics (≥65 years of age):** There is limited information on the use of perampanel in patients 65 years of age and older. No dose adjustment based on age is necessary. In general, dose selection for an elderly patient should usually start at the low end of the dosing range, reflecting the greater frequency of decreased hepatic, renal, or cardiac function, and of concomitant disease or other drug therapy (see 7.1.4 [Geriatrics](#); 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment, [Geriatrics](#) and 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Geriatrics](#)).

### **2 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Taro-Perampanel is contraindicated in patients who are hypersensitive to this drug or to any ingredient in the formulation, including any non-medicinal ingredient, or component of the container. For a complete listing, see 6 [DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING](#).

### **3 SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX**

## Serious Warnings and Precautions

- 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 perampanel.
- 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 Taro-Perampanel or after discontinuing Taro-Perampanel (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [Psychiatric](#) and [Patient Counselling Information](#)).
- Patients taking Taro-Perampanel should be advised to avoid the use of alcohol, as it may exacerbate these effects (see 9 [DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).
- Closely monitor patients particularly during the titration period and at higher doses.
- Taro-Perampanel should be reduced if these symptoms occur and should be discontinued immediately if symptoms are severe or are worsening (see 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment, [Discontinuing Taro-Perampanel](#)).

## 4 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 4.1 Dosing Considerations

- **Concomitant CYP3A Enzyme-Inducing AEDs Significantly Reduce Both Perampanel Plasma Levels and Efficacy:** Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine and phenytoin all decrease mean perampanel blood levels by approximately 50-70% and substantially decrease Perampanel efficacy. As there are no clinical study data for perampanel doses greater than 12 mg/day, there is insufficient information to recommend dose adjustments to correct for this (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [General](#); 9.4 [Drug-Drug Interactions](#) and 14.1 [Clinical Trials by Indication](#)).
- **Serious Aggression- and Hostility-Related Adverse Events:** Closely monitor patients particularly during the titration period and at higher doses. Taro-Perampanel should be reduced if symptoms of aggression or hostility occur and should be discontinued immediately if symptoms are severe or worsening (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [Psychiatric](#) and 8.2 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)).

### 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment

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

The maximum recommended daily dose of Taro-Perampanel is 12 mg/day. **Safety of doses higher than 12 mg/day in any age group has not been established.**

- **Adults (≥18 years of age), Adolescents (12 to 17 years of age), and Pediatrics (7 to 11 years of age) Partial-Onset or Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures in the Presence of Enzyme-Inducing AEDs (EI-AEDs; including carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin):** The recommended starting dose of Taro-Perampanel 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 studies revealed a lower efficacy in these patients at a given dose, compared to those not on EI-AEDs (see 14.1 [Clinical Trials by Indication](#)). This is the result of lower perampanel blood levels (see 7 [WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS](#), and 9 [DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)), suggesting that relatively higher doses would be needed in this patient population to achieve similar efficacy as those not on EI-AEDs. **However, safety and efficacy of Perampanel doses higher than 12 mg/day have not been established in any age group.**

When these EI-AEDs are introduced or withdrawn from a patient's treatment regimen, patient should be closely monitored for clinical response and tolerability. Dose adjustment of Taro-Perampanel may be necessary. (See also 9.4 [Drug-Drug Interactions](#) and 14.1 [Clinical Trials by Indication](#)).

- **In the Absence of Enzyme-Inducing AEDs:** Treatment with Taro-Perampanel 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 Taro-Perampanel 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.

There was little difference in efficacy between 8 and 12 mg/day (see 14.1 Clinical Trials by Indication, [Partial-Onset Seizures](#)), while the proportion of patients with adverse events, including aggression/hostility-related increased with increasing dose (see 8.2 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions](#)).

- **Pediatrics (<7 years of age):** The safety and efficacy of perampanel in children under 7 years of age have not been established; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for this age group (see 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Pediatrics](#)).
- **Geriatrics (≥ 65 years of age):** Clinical studies of perampanel did not include sufficient number of patients aged 65 and over to determine the safety and efficacy of perampanel in the elderly population (see 14.1 [Clinical trials by Indication](#)). Because of increased likelihood for adverse reactions in the elderly, dosage increases during titration are recommended no more frequently than every 2 weeks (see 1.2 [Geriatrics](#) and 7.1.4 [Geriatrics](#)).
- **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 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Renal Insufficiency](#)).

- **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 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Hepatic Insufficiency](#)).
- **Discontinuing Taro-Perampanel:** When withdrawing Taro-Perampanel, the dose should be gradually reduced. However, due to its long-half life and subsequent slow decline in plasma concentrations, Taro-Perampanel can be discontinued abruptly if absolutely needed (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [General](#)).

#### 4.3 Administration

Taro-Perampanel should be taken orally once daily at bedtime.

#### 4.4 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 9 [DRUG INTERACTIONS](#)).

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.

### 5 OVERDOSAGE

There is limited clinical experience with perampanel 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 perampanel. 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 perampanel 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.

## 6 DOSAGE FORMS, STRENGTHS, COMPOSITION AND PACKAGING

Taro-Perampanel (perampanel) tablets are supplied as follows:

**2 mg tablet:** Orange, film coated, round tablets debossed with "2" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 40 tablets.

**4 mg tablet:** Red, film coated, round tablets debossed with "T 4" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 30 tablets.

**6 mg tablet:** Pink, film coated, round tablets debossed with "T 6" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 30 tablets.

**8 mg tablet:** Dark Pink, film coated, round tablets debossed with "T 8" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 30 tablets.

**10 mg tablet:** Green, film coated, round tablets debossed with "T 10" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 30 tablets.

**12 mg tablet:** Blue, film coated, round tablets debossed with "T 12" on one side and plain on the other. They are supplied in HDPE bottles of 30 tablets, and as blisters (PVC/aluminum) in packs of 30 tablets.

Taro-Perampanel tablets contain 2 mg, 4mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg and 12 mg of perampanel (as Perampanel 3/4 Hydrate) and the following inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, povidone, magnesium stearate and the coating contain: hypromellose, titanium dioxide, macrogol/PEG 8000, talc and the following coloring agents:

2 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, iron oxide red

4 mg tablets: iron oxide red

6 mg tablets: iron oxide red

8 mg tablets: iron oxide red, FD&C Blue #2, FD&C Red # 40

10 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, FD&C Blue #2,

12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2



**Table 1: Dosage Forms, Strengths, Composition and Packaging**

Route of Administration	Dosage Form / Strength	Non-medicinal Ingredients
Oral	Tablets / 2 mg, 4 mg, 6 mg, 8 mg, 10 mg, and 12 mg	microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, low-substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, povidone, magnesium stearate and the coating contain: hypromellose, titanium dioxide, macrogol/PEG 8000, talc and the following coloring agents:  2 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, iron oxide red  4 mg tablets: iron oxide red  6 mg tablets: iron oxide red  8 mg tablets: iron oxide red, FD&C Blue #2, FD&C Red # 40  10 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, FD&C Blue #2,  12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2

## 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Please see 3 [SERIOUS WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX](#).

### General

#### Hypersensitivity

**Multi-organ Hypersensitivity Reactions:** Multiorgan hypersensitivity (also known as Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms [DRESS]) has been reported in patients taking antiepileptic drugs, including perampanel. DRESS may be 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, hematological abnormalities, myocarditis, or myositis sometimes resembling an acute viral infection. Eosinophilia is often present. Because this disorder is variable in its expression, other organ systems not noted here may be involved. It is important to note that early manifestations of hypersensitivity, such as fever or lymphadenopathy, may be present even though rash is not evident. If such signs or symptoms are present, the patient should be evaluated immediately. If an alternative etiology for the signs or symptoms cannot be established, perampanel should be discontinued and other treatment options considered (see 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosing Adjustment, [Discontinuing Taro-Perampanel](#)).

#### Substantial Decrease in Mean Perampanel Plasma Levels for Patients on Concomitant CYP3A

**Enzyme- Inducing AEDs (Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, Phenytoin):** Carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, and phenytoin (all strong cytochrome P450 inducers) decrease perampanel plasma concentrations and efficacy to a clinically significant extent, as compared to patients not on these AEDs (see 9.4 [Drug-Drug Interactions](#); 14.1 [Clinical Trials by Indication](#)). The rate of occurrence of adverse events in clinical studies was often greater in the absence of concomitant enzyme-inducing AEDs (EI-AEDs), apparently reflecting higher mean perampanel 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 perampanel exposure per given perampanel dose, for adult and adolescent patients on concomitant EI-AEDs, may result in consideration by the prescriber of higher perampanel doses for these patients in order to compensate. It is important for the prescriber to be aware that the efficacy and safety outcomes of perampanel doses above 12 mg/day are currently unknown because they have not been studied. The unknowns with respect to perampanel doses >12 mg/day are magnified due to remaining uncertainties with Taro-Perampanel metabolism, including the potential for perampanel to impact on the PK of other AEDs, and the potential for increased production of reactive metabolites with increasing doses of perampanel.

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 EI AEDs (see 4 [DOSING AND ADMINISTRATION](#); 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions, [Interactions between Taro-Perampanel 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) may significantly decrease perampanel blood levels (see 9.4 [Drug-Drug Interactions](#)).

### **Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis**

See 16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY, [Carcinogenicity](#) for discussion on animal data.

### **Dependence/Tolerance**

**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 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, [Drug Abuse and Dependence/Liability](#)).

### **Driving and Operating Machinery**

Exercise caution when driving or operating a vehicle or potentially dangerous machinery.

Perampanel 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 perampanel is known.

### **Endocrine and Metabolism**

Taro-Perampanel 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 Taro-Perampanel to minimise the potential of increased seizure frequency. However, due to its long-half life and subsequent slow decline in plasma concentrations, Taro-Perampanel can be discontinued abruptly if absolutely needed (see 4.2 [Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment](#)).

**Hostility- and Aggression-related Events:** see 3 [WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS BOX](#).

**Dizziness, Disturbance in Gait and Coordination and Falls:** Perampanel caused dose-related increases in events related to dizziness, disturbance in gait or coordination, and falls. In the absence of EI-AEDs, the rate of coordination-related events at perampanel doses of 8 to 12 mg/day was 54% for perampanel vs 15% for placebo. In the presence of EI-AEDs, the rates were 47% and 13% respectively (see 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, Table 4).

These adverse reactions occurred mostly during the titration phase and led to discontinuation more frequently in perampanel-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 perampanel (with and without concurrent seizures). In the controlled partial-onset seizure clinical studies, falls were reported in 5% and 10% of patients receiving perampanel 8 and 12 mg per day, respectively (Placebo: 3%).

**Somnolence- and Fatigue- Related Events:** Perampanel caused dose-dependent increases in somnolence and fatigue-related events (including fatigue, asthenia, and lethargy). In the absence of EI-AEDs, the rate of somnolence/fatigue-related events at perampanel doses of 8 to 12 mg/day was 39% for perampanel vs 11% for placebo. In the presence of EI-AEDs, the rates were 24% and 13% respectively (see 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, Table 4).

These adverse reactions occurred mostly during the titration phase and led to discontinuation more frequently in perampanel-treated patients than placebo-treated patients. Elderly patients had an increased risk of these adverse reactions compared to younger adults and adolescents.

### **Ophthalmologic**

In controlled Phase 3 clinical studies, perampanel treatment was associated with vision-related adverse events primarily in the population of patients taking EI-AEDs, with an apparent dose-relatedness (see 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, Table 2 and Table 3). In this patient population, diplopia was reported at a rate of 5% in the perampanel 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 perampanel, 4 patients (0.4%) discontinued treatment due to vision-related adverse events (each for diplopia).

### **Psychiatric**

**Clinical Trial Data Related to Serious Psychiatric and Behavioural Reactions:** In general, in placebo-controlled Phase 3 epilepsy studies, neuropsychiatric events were reported more frequently in patients taking perampanel 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 perampanel blood levels (see 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, Table 2 and Table 3).

### **Neuropsychiatric Events - Aggression and Hostility-related:**

- **Adults (≥ 18 years of age):** In the absence of enzyme-inducing AEDS (EI-AEDs), the rate of aggression- and hostility-related events at perampanel doses of 8 to 12 mg/day, in the three phase 3 POS studies 304, 305, and 306, was 21% for perampanel vs 8% for placebo. In the presence of EI- AEDs, the rates

were 10% and 4% respectively (see 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions, Table 4). These events included irritability, belligerence, affect lability, agitation, mood swings, frustration, anger, and physical assault. Perampanel-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 studies 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 studies. The combination of alcohol and perampanel significantly worsened mood and increased anger (see 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions, [Alcohol and Other CNS Depressants](#)). Patients taking Taro-Perampanel should avoid the use of alcohol.

In healthy volunteers taking perampanel, 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 perampanel-treated subjects more often than placebo-treated subjects included disorientation, delusion, and paranoia.

- **Adolescents (12-17 years of age):** In adolescents receiving perampanel doses of 8 to 12 mg/day, both with and without EI-AEDs, the total combined incidence rates across five Phase 3 placebo-controlled adjunctive studies in the adverse event category of aggression or hostility were 18.1%, compared with 7.6% for placebo. Events in this category included aggression, irritability, skin laceration, abnormal behaviour, anger, agitation, paranoia, personality disorder, and physical abuse (see 8.2.1 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions – Pediatrics](#), Table 7).

Aggression was observed more frequently in adolescents than in adults (9.1% in the adolescent population compared with 1.2% in the adult population) across doses of 4mg/day to 12mg/day, in the three Phase 3 double-blind studies; In the PGTCs study, aggression was reported at a rate of 1.5% in the adult population and was not reported in the adolescent population.

Across the five controlled studies in partial-onset seizures and PGTCs, aggression was observed more frequently in adolescent patients in the absence of EI-AEDs (8.9%) than in adolescent patients taking enzyme inducing concomitant AEDs (3.6%).

- **Children (7 - 11 years of age):** In children 7-11 years of age receiving perampanel across all doses, both with and without EI-AEDs, the total combined incidence rates in the adverse event category of aggression or hostility were 27.5%. Events in this category include irritability, aggression, agitation, psychomotor hyperactivity, anger, affect lability, defiant behaviour, disruptive mood dysregulation disorder, mood altered, and oppositional defiant disorder.

Aggression was observed frequently (8.3%) in children aged 7-11 years across all doses compared to adolescents (9.1%) and adults (1.2%) across doses of 4 mg/day to 12 mg/day (see 8.2.1 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions – Pediatrics](#), Table 6).

**Recommendations to the Health-care Professional:** Patients, their caregivers, and families should be informed that Taro-Perampanel 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 Taro-Perampanel, 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 Taro-Perampanel should be reduced if these symptoms occur. Permanently discontinue Taro-Perampanel for persistent severe or worsening psychiatric symptoms or behaviours and refer for psychiatric evaluation (see 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment, [Discontinuing Taro-Perampanel](#) and 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [Patient Counselling Information](#)).

**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.

### **Reproductive Health: Female and Male Potential**

For information on developmental toxicity, see 7.1 [Special Populations](#), 7.1.1 [Pregnant Women](#), 7.1.2 [Breast-feeding](#), 7.1.3 [Pediatrics](#) and 16 [NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#).

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

Use of perampanel with oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel has been shown to decrease mean levonorgestrel exposure by approximately 40%. Therefore, use with perampanel 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 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions, [Oral Contraceptives](#)).

## **Fertility**

No human data on the effects of perampanel on fertility are available (see 16 NON CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY, [Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology](#)).

## **Patient Counselling Information**

A Consumer Information sheet should be provided when Taro-Perampanel tablets are dispensed to the patient. Patients receiving Taro-Perampanel 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 Taro-Perampanel, 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 Taro-Perampanel may cause dizziness, gait disturbance, somnolence, and fatigue. Advise patients taking Taro-Perampanel not to drive, operate complex machinery, or engage in other hazardous activities until they have become accustomed to any such effects associated with Taro-Perampanel. Counsel patients that Taro-Perampanel 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 Taro-Perampanel may increase seizure frequency.

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

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

### **Contraceptives**

Counsel patients that Taro-Perampanel may decrease efficacy of contraceptives containing levonorgestrel.

## 7.1 Special Populations

### 7.1.1 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 16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY, [Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology](#)).

Since the potential risk for humans is unknown, Taro-Perampanel should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus (see 16 [NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)).

If women decide to become pregnant while taking Taro-Perampanel, the use of this product should be carefully re-evaluated.

**Labour and Delivery:** The effects of perampanel on labour and delivery in pregnant women are not known.

**Pregnancy Registry:** To provide information regarding the effects of *in utero* exposure to Taro-Perampanel, physicians are advised to recommend that pregnant patients taking Taro-Perampanel 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/>.

### 7.1.2 Breast-feeding

Studies in lactating rats have shown that perampanel and/or its metabolites are excreted in milk and can cause developmental toxicity in the offspring. It is not known whether perampanel is excreted in human milk. Because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from Taro-Perampanel, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or discontinue Taro-Perampanel. Taro-Perampanel should only be used during lactation when benefits outweigh risks (see 16 [NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY](#)).

### 7.1.3 Pediatrics

**Pediatrics (7-11 years of age):** The efficacy of perampanel has been evaluated in children 7 years of age and older using an extrapolation approach based on data from previous studies of perampanel in adults and adolescents with partial-onset seizures, and pharmacokinetic data from adult, adolescent and pediatric patients. The extrapolation approach was based on achieving similar systemic exposure of perampanel in this patient population compared to adults taking recommended doses.

The safety of perampanel in patients between 7-11 years of age was established based on data from two open-label, uncontrolled clinical studies in which a total of 162 patients contributed to safety. Of these, 117 patients between 7-11 years of age were exposed to perampanel, for at least 6 months and 30 patients for longer than 12 months (see 8.2.1 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions – Pediatrics](#); 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Pediatrics](#), and 14.1 [Clinical Trials by Indication](#)).

**Pediatrics (<7 years of age):** Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of perampanel in pediatric patients under 7 years of age have not been established; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for this patient population.

#### 7.1.4 Geriatrics

##### Geriatrics (≥65 years of age):

Clinical studies of perampanel 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 4.2 Recommended Dose and Dosage Adjustment, [Geriatrics](#), 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, Special Populations and Conditions, [Geriatrics](#)).

## 8 ADVERSE REACTIONS

### 8.1 Adverse Reaction Overview

In all controlled and uncontrolled studies in adult and adolescent 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 the controlled study and open-label extension in patients with primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures (PGTC), 114 patients have received perampanel, of whom 68 have been treated for 6 months and 36 for longer than 12 months.

In controlled Phase 3 partial-onset clinical studies, adverse reactions reported in ≥ 5% of patients treated with perampanel were dizziness, somnolence, fatigue, irritability, nausea, ataxia, and fall. Most events in all treatment groups were considered mild or moderate.

The adverse event profile for the PGTC clinical study was similar to that of the partial-onset studies.

### 8.2 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

Clinical trials are conducted under very specific conditions. Therefore, 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 reaction information from clinical trials may be useful in identifying and approximating rates of adverse drug reactions in real-world use.

#### Partial-Onset Seizures and Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures in Adults:

The partial-onset data are also representative of the PGTC adverse event findings in both adults and adolescents.

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



**Table 2: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in the Absence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs, in three Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Studies in Adult Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures (Events ≥ 2% of patients in the Perampanel 12 mg arm and numerically more frequent than placebo) (Patients ≥18 Years)**

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=170%	Perampanel		
		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
Infections and Infestations				
Pharyngitis	1	0	0	4
Upper respiratory tract infection	2	3	3	5
Injury, Poisoning and Procedural Complications				
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
Investigations				
Weight gain	1	9	3	6
Musculoskeletal and Connective Tissue Disorders				
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

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=170%	Perampanel		
		4 mg n=71%	8 mg n=156%	4 mg n=85%
Nervous System Disorders				
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
Psychiatric Disorders				
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
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 3: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in the Presence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs (i.e., Carbamazepine, Oxcarbazepine, Phenytoin), in three Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Studies in Adult Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures (Events ≥ 2% of patients in the Perampanel 12 mg arm and numerically more frequent than placebo) (Patients ≥18 Years)**

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=227 %	Perampanel		
		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
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

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=227 %	Perampanel		
		4 mg n=88 %	8 mg n=230 %	12 mg n=150 %
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

**Central Nervous System Adverse Events:** Perampanel 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 4: Total Combined Incidence Rate at Higher Doses of Perampanel (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 Studies in Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures (Patients ≥18 Years)**

<b>Absence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs</b>		
<b>Category of CNS Adverse Events</b>	<b>Placebo + AED Therapy (N=187)</b>	<b>Perampanel 8-12 mg/day + AED Therapy (N=273)</b>
Aggression- and Hostility-related*	8%	21%
Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties**	15%	54%
Somnolence & Fatigue***	11%	39%
<b>Presence of Enzyme-Inducing Concomitant AEDs</b>		
<b>Category of CNS Adverse Events</b>	<b>Placebo + AED Therapy (N=255)</b>	<b>Perampanel 8-12 mg/day + AED Therapy (N=412)</b>
Aggression- and Hostility-related*	4%	10%
Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties**	13%	47%
Somnolence & Fatigue***	13%	24%
<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>		

**Adverse Reactions Leading to Discontinuation:** In controlled Phase 3 partial-onset seizures studies in adult and adolescent patients, the rate of discontinuation as a result of an adverse event was 3%, 8 % and 19 % in patients randomized to receive perampanel 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 partial-onset seizures studies, the three most common events leading to discontinuation were dizziness, somnolence, and fatigue. At higher doses, the adverse events most commonly leading to discontinuation (≥1% in the 8 mg or 12 mg perampanel group and greater than placebo) were dizziness, somnolence, vertigo, aggression, anger, ataxia, blurred vision, irritability, and dysarthria.

**Weight Gain:** Weight gain has been observed with perampanel use in adults.

In the Phase 3 studies of partial-onset seizures, the percentages of adults who gained at least 7% and 15% of their baseline body weight in perampanel-treated patients were: 9% and 1%, respectively, as compared to 5% and 0.2% of placebo-treated patients. The frequencies are similar for the study of primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures. 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 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, [Special Populations](#)).

**Drug Abuse and Dependence/Liability:** The human abuse potential of single oral doses of perampanel (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 perampanel 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 perampanel were each statistically lower than ketamine 100mg. In addition, for “Bad Drug Effects”, perampanel 24 mg and 36 mg produced responses significantly higher than ketamine 100mg. For “Sedation,” perampanel 24 mg and 36 mg produced responses similar to alprazolam 3 mg and higher than ketamine 100 mg (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [Dependence/Tolerance](#)).

Additionally, on VAS measures related to dissociative phenomena such as “Floating”, “Spaced Out” and “Detached,” perampanel 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 perampanel. The above described data might represent an underestimate of perampanel’s effects. The duration of effects of higher doses of perampanel 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 perampanel 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 perampanel to produce withdrawal symptoms has not been adequately evaluated. Data from 92 (6.2%) patients in double-blind clinical studies of partial-onset seizures and 182 (14.9%) from open-label studies suggests that abrupt termination of perampanel 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.

### 8.2.1 Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions – Pediatrics

**Partial-Onset Seizures and Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures:** The partial-onset data are also representative of the PGTC adverse event findings in both adults and adolescents (12 to 17 years)

#### Adolescents (12 to 17 years):

Table 5 provides the incidence of treatment-emergent adverse events that occurred in  $\geq 2\%$  of

adolescent patients with partial-onset seizures and primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures in the five Phase 3 controlled adjunctive studies (n = 152 total randomized to perampanel 4 to 12 mg/day plus other AEDs), for which the frequency was greater than placebo (n=66).

**Table 5: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Studies in Adolescent Patients (Patients 12 to 17 Years of Age) with Partial-Onset Seizures and Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures (Events ≥ 2% of patients in the Perampanel 12 mg arm and numerically more frequent than placebo).**

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=66 %	Perampanel		
		4 mg n=36 %	8 mg n=82 %	12 mg n=34 %
Blood and Lymphatic System Disorders				
Leukopenia	0	0	0	3
Eye Disorders				
Metamorphopsia	0	0	0	3
Gastrointestinal Disorders				
Abdominal discomfort	0	0	0	3
Constipation	0	0	1	3
Defecation urgency	0	0	0	3
Lip hematoma	0	0	0	3
Toothache	0	0	4	3
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions				
Asthenia	0	0	4	6
Gait disturbance	0	0	1	6
Pyrexia	2	3	6	6
Infections and Infestations				
Bacterial infection	0	0	0	3
Influenza	2	3	2	6
Pharyngitis streptococcal	0	0	0	3
Sinusitis	0	0	0	3
Upper respiratory tract infection	0	8	6	15
Urinary tract infection	0	3	0	3
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications				
Animal bite	0	0	0	3
Joint sprain	0	0	1	3
Limb Injury	0	0	2	6
Investigations				
Alanine aminotransferase increased	0	0	0	3
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	0	0	0	3
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	2	8	0	6
Blood triglycerides increased	0	0	0	3
Weight increased	2	6	4	6
Metabolism and Nutrition Disorders				
Decreased appetite	2	0	5	12

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Placebo n=66 %	Perampanel		
		4 mg n=36 %	8 mg n=82 %	12 mg n=34 %
Nervous System Disorders				
Dizziness	8	22	20	30
Drooling	0	0	1	6
Hypersomnia	0	0	2	3
Migraine	0	0	0	3
Somnolence	6	11	13	30
Speech disorder	0	0	0	3
Psychiatric disorders				
Abnormal behaviour	0	0	1	3
Aggression	0	3	6	12
Euphoric mood	0	0	0	3
Insomnia	0	0	4	3
Personality disorder	0	0	0	3
Renal and Urinary Disorders				
Pollakiuria	0	0	0	3
Reproductive System and Breast Disorders				
Hypomenorrhea	0	0	0	3
Ovarian mass	0	0	0	3
Ovarian rupture	0	0	0	3
Respirator, Thoracic and Mediastinal Disorders				
Productive cough	0	0	0	3
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Disorders				
Acne	0	0	1	3
Heat rash	0	3	0	3
Hyperhidrosis	0	0	0	3

The adverse event profiles for adolescents in the pool of the five Phase 3 controlled adjunctive studies were similar in the absence and presence of concomitant EI-AEDS, across doses of 4mg/day to 12mg/day. Somnolence and aggression were reported at a higher rate in the absence of EI-AEDs than in the presence of EI-AEDs (somnolence 18.9% vs. 13.3%; aggression: 8.9% vs. 3.6%, respectively).



**Central Nervous System Adverse Events in Patients 12 to 17 Years of Age:**

**Table 6: Total Combined Incidence Rate at Higher Doses of Perampanel (8 to 12 mg) for Each of Three Categories of CNS Adverse Events in five Phase 3 Placebo-Controlled Adjunctive Studies in Patients with Partial-Onset Seizures or Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic Seizures (Patients 12 to 17 Years)**

<b>Category of CNS Adverse Events</b>	<b>Placebo + AED Therapy (N= 66)</b>	<b>Perampanel 8-12 mg/day + AED Therapy (N= 116)</b>
Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties*	15.2%	31.9%
Somnolence & Fatigue**	12.1%	29.3%
Aggression or Hostility-related***	7.6%	18.1%
Psychoses or Psychotic Disorders****	4.5%	3.5%
<p>* <b>“Falls, Dizziness and Coordination Difficulties”</b> encompasses the following terms: dizziness, fall, vertigo, ataxia, gait disturbance, balance disorder, feeling drunk, motion sickness, coordination abnormal, cerebellar syndrome</p> <p>** <b>“Somnolence and Fatigue”</b> encompasses the following terms: somnolence, fatigue, asthenia, hypersomnia, sleep disorder, lethargy, sedation</p> <p>***<b>“Aggression or Hostility-related adverse events”</b>: encompasses the following terms: aggression, irritability, skin laceration, abnormal behaviour, anger, agitation, paranoia, personality disorder, physical abuse</p> <p>****<b>“Psychoses or Psychotic Disorders”</b>: encompasses the following terms: abnormal behaviour, hallucination, paranoia, speech disorder, apathy, hallucination-visual</p>		

**Pediatrics (7 to 11 Years of Age):** The safety of perampanel in patients between 7-11 years of age was established based on data from two open-label, uncontrolled clinical studies in a total of 162 patients. Of these, 117 patients received perampanel adjunctive treatment for at least 6 months and 30 for longer than 12 months. No new adverse drug reactions were identified in these trials.

In the multicenter, open-label single-arm study (Study 311) in patients 7-11 years of age with inadequately controlled partial-onset seizures (n=109), treatment-emergent adverse events that occurred in at least 5% of the patients are presented in Table 7.

**Table 7: Treatment-Emergent Adverse Event Incidence in the Phase 3 Multicenter, Open-Label Uncontrolled Study 311 in Pediatric Patients (Patients 7 to 11 Years of Age) with Partial-Onset Seizures (Events  $\geq$  5% of Patients on Perampanel).**

System Organ Class/ Preferred Term	Perampanel
	n=109 %
Gastrointestinal Disorders	
Vomiting	10
General Disorders and Administration Site Conditions	
Fatigue	6
Pyrexia	10
Infections and Infestations	
Bronchitis	6
Gastroenteritis	6
Influenza	10
Nasopharyngitis	20
Upper respiratory tract infection	6
Nervous System Disorders	
Dizziness	12
Headache	7
Somnolence	24
Psychiatric disorders	
Aggression	8
Agitation	6
Irritability	9

The adverse event profiles for pediatric patients were similar in the absence and presence of concomitant EI-AEDs, except for somnolence, influenza, irritability, aggression, and bronchitis which occurred at a higher frequency in the absence of EI-AEDs than in the presence of EI-AEDs (somnolence: 27.4% vs 16.7%; influenza: 11.0% vs 8.3%; irritability: 12.3% vs 2.8%; aggression: 11.0% vs 2.8%; bronchitis 6.8% vs 2.8%, respectively).

### 8.3 Less Common Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions

The following are treatment-emergent adverse reactions reported in at least 3 patients treated with perampanel in pooled Phase 3 studies (partial-onset and primary generalized tonic-clonic), that are also; numerically greater than placebo, and not described in other tables and sections.

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

**Cardiac Disorders:** Tachycardia

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

**Eye Disorders:** lacrimation increased

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

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

**Hepatobiliary Disorders:** cholelithiasis

**Infections and Infestations:** acute sinusitis, bronchitis, candidiasis, lower respiratory tract infection, pharyngitis, pharyngitis streptococcal, respiratory tract infection, 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:** aspartate aminotransferase increased, blood creatinine phosphokinase increased, 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

**Nervous System Disorders:** drooling, amnesia, post-traumatic headache, simple partial seizure, speech disorder, syncope, tremor

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

**Renal and Urinary Disorders:** pollakiuria

**Reproductive System and Breast Disorders:** menorrhagia

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

**Vascular Disorders:** hypotension

## 8.5 Post-Market Adverse Reactions

The following adverse events not seen in controlled clinical studies have been observed in named patient programs or post-marketing experience. Because these reactions are reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not always possible to reliably estimate their frequency or establish a causal relationship to drug exposure:

**Hypersensitivity:** Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS)

**Psychiatric:** Acute psychosis, hallucinations, delusions, paranoia, delirium, confusional state, disorientation, memory impairment

## 9 DRUG INTERACTIONS

### 9.2 Drug Interactions Overview

The most significant known interactions with perampanel are with:

- Moderate and strong CYP3A4/5 inducer anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs) carbamazepine, phenytoin and oxcarbazepine;
- Alcohol;
- Oral contraceptives containing levonorgestrel

### 9.3 Drug-Behavioural 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 perampanel to gauge whether it adversely affects their mental and/or motor performance.

### 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions

**Interactions between Perampanel and other anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs):** Potential interactions between perampanel (up to 12 mg once daily) and other AEDs were assessed in clinical studies examining partial-onset or primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures, and evaluated in a population PK analysis of pooled data from 20 studies in healthy subjects, two Phase 2 and six Phase 3 studies.

The consequences of these interactions on average steady state concentrations are summarized in Table 8 below.

**Concomitant CYP3A-inducing AEDs: substantial decrease in Perampanel concentrations:** The concomitant use of known moderate or strong CYP3A4/5 enzyme inducers (carbamazepine, phenytoin, oxcarbazepine) have been shown to substantially increase perampanel clearance and consequently to decrease plasma concentrations of perampanel by 45-65%. 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. (See also 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [General](#)).

**Table 8: Perampanel Interactions with AEDs**

<b>AED coadministered</b>	<b>Influence of AED on Perampanel concentration</b>	<b>Influence of Perampanel on AED concentration</b>
<b>Carbamazepine</b>	~65% 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	~20% decrease	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.

**Concomitant AEDs with induction effects other than CYP3A4/5: potential for interaction with Perampanel:** The potential for adverse drug interaction with perampanel cannot be excluded for other CYP450 strong inducers. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset seizures and primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures, in clinical studies (40 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 Perampanel (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 perampanel concentrations (See also 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [General](#)).

**Effect of strong cytochrome P450 inhibitors on Perampanel (including ketoconazole and clarithromycin):** Strong inhibitors of CYP450, such as ketoconazole and clarithromycin, are expected to increase perampanel concentrations. Co-administration of single 1-mg dose of perampanel with 400 mg once-daily doses of ketoconazole, a strong CYP3A4 inhibitor, for 8 days in healthy subjects increased perampanel AUC by 20% and prolonged perampanel half-life by 15% (68h vs 58h).

However, larger effects cannot be excluded with clinically effective doses of perampanel (4- 12 mg), nor with ketoconazole given for longer treatment duration. As well, larger effects may be seen when perampanel is combined with a CYP3A inhibitor with longer half-life than ketoconazole.

**Effect of Perampanel on CYP3A substrates such as Midazolam:** In healthy subjects, perampanel (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 perampanel 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), perampanel was shown to decrease the levonorgestrel exposure by approximately 40% (mean  $C_{max}$  and AUC values). Ethinylestradiol AUC was not affected by perampanel 12 mg whereas  $C_{max}$  was decreased by 18%. Therefore, use of perampanel 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 7.1.1 Pregnant Women, [Women of Childbearing Potential and Hormonal Contraceptives](#)).

**Alcohol and other CNS depressants:** The effects of perampanel 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 perampanel 12 mg/day increased levels of anger, confusion, and depression as assessed using the Profile of Mood State 5-point rating scale (see 10.2 Pharmacodynamics, [Interactions with Alcohol](#)). Therefore, patients taking perampanel should be advised to avoid the use of alcohol (see 7 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS, [Psychiatric](#)). These effects may also be seen when perampanel is used in combination with other central nervous system (CNS) depressants (e.g., benzodiazepines, narcotics, barbiturates, sedating antihistamines).

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

**Pediatrics:** Drug-drug interaction studies have only been performed in adults. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of adolescent patients aged ≥12 years and children aged 7 to <12 years, there were no significant differences in any of the parameters compared to the adult population.

## 9.5 Drug-Food Interactions

Perampanel is almost completely absorbed after oral administration. When perampanel was administered with a high-fat meal, the extent of absorption did not change significantly; however, the peak plasma concentration ( $C_{max}$ ) was 11-22% lower and  $t_{max}$  was delayed 1-2 hours compared to that under fasted conditions (see 10.3 Pharmacokinetics, [Absorption](#)).

## 9.6 Drug-Herb Interactions

Interactions with herbal products have not been established.

## 9.7 Drug-Laboratory Test Interactions

Interactions with laboratory tests have not been established.

## 10 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 10.1 Mechanism of Action

Perampanel 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 perampanel exerts its antiepileptic effects in humans remains to be fully elucidated.

### 10.2 Pharmacodynamics

Pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic (efficacy) analyses were performed based on the data from clinical trials for each of: Partial-onset seizures (pooled from 3 studies; n = 1109 patients), and primary generalized tonic-clonic (1 study; n = 149 patients). In both cases, perampanel exposure is correlated with reduction in seizure frequency.

**Psychomotor Performance:** In a healthy volunteer study to assess the effects of perampanel 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 perampanel dosing.

**Alertness and Mood:** Levels of alertness decreased in a dose-related manner in healthy subjects dosed with perampanel 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, 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, perampanel 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 perampanel 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), perampanel magnified the negative effects of alcohol on vigilance and alertness, and on anger, confusion, and depression.

**Cardiac Electrophysiology:** Electrocardiographic effects of perampanel were determined in a double-blind, randomized, placebo- and moxifloxacin-controlled clinical pharmacology study in healthy subjects. Perampanel was administered in daily doses of up to 12 mg/day for 7 days. There was no evidence that perampanel 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 perampanel had a dose-related or clinically important effect on QRS duration.

### 10.3 Pharmacokinetics

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

In healthy adult subjects, plasma concentrations of perampanel increased in direct proportion to administered doses over the range of 2 to 12 mg. In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with seizures (partial onset or PGTC) receiving perampanel up to 8 or 12 mg/day, respectively, in placebo-controlled clinical studies, a linear relationship was found between dose and perampanel plasma concentrations.

#### **Absorption:**

Perampanel is readily absorbed after oral administration with no evidence of marked first-pass metabolism (absolute bioavailability is approximately 100%). Median time to reach peak concentration ( $t_{max}$ ) ranged from 0.5 to 2.5 hours under fasted conditions. Co-administration of perampanel tablet with a high fat meal had no significant impact on the total exposure ( $AUC_{0-72h}$ ) to perampanel. The peak plasma exposure ( $C_{max}$ ) was reduced by 11-22% and  $t_{max}$  was delayed by approximately 1-2 hours compared to that under fasted conditions.

#### **Distribution:**

Data from *in vitro* studies indicate that, in the concentration range of 20 to 2000 ng/mL, perampanel is approximately 95% bound to plasma proteins, mainly albumin and  $\alpha$  1-acid glycoprotein. Blood to plasma ratio of perampanel is 0.88.

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:**

Perampanel is extensively metabolized via primary oxidation and sequential glucuronidation. The metabolism of perampanel is mediated primarily by CYP3A based on clinical study results in healthy subjects administered radiolabeled perampanel and supported by *in vitro* studies using recombinant human CYPs and human liver microsomes.

Following administration of radiolabeled perampanel, unchanged perampanel accounted for approximately 74% of total radioactivity in systemic circulation, with metabolite mH26b accounting for approximately 6%, and remaining metabolites at 2% or less.

#### **Elimination:**

Following administration of a radiolabeled perampanel dose to 8 healthy adult male subjects, recovered radioactivity in excreta was primarily composed of a mixture of oxidative and conjugated metabolites, with approximately 70% in feces, and 30% in urine. The components that made up the largest percentage (%) of recovered radioactivity in the excreta were: metabolites produced via CYP3A: M1 and M4, at 13% and 9% respectively; and parent drug at 6%.



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 perampanel in healthy subjects and patients was approximately 12 mL/min.

### Special Populations and Conditions

- Pediatrics

**Pediatrics (< 7 years of age):** Based on the data submitted and reviewed by Health Canada, the safety and efficacy of perampanel in pediatric patients below 7 years of age have not been established; therefore, Health Canada has not authorized an indication for this patient population. Data from population pharmacokinetic (modelling) studies in patients 4 to 6 years of age show exposure in this population was about 75% higher compared to adults receiving similar doses.

**Pediatrics (7 to 11 years of age):** Two open-label studies 232 and 311 were conducted to evaluate pharmacokinetics, safety and tolerability of perampanel as adjunctive therapy in 135 pediatric patients 7 to 11 years of age, with various types of seizures, for which pharmacokinetic data were available, and of whom a minimum of 111 patients were with partial-onset seizures. Pharmacokinetic data from Studies 311 and 232 were analyzed in a population pharmacokinetic study to support the extrapolation approach which aimed at achieving similar systemic exposure (plasma concentrations) of perampanel in this patient population compared to adults receiving the recommended doses (see 7.1.3 [Pediatrics](#) and 8.2.1 [Clinical Trial Adverse Reactions – Pediatrics](#)).

**Adolescents (12 to 17 years of age):** A total of 258 patients aged 12 to 17 years received perampanel tablets in controlled trials of partial-onset seizures or PGTC seizures. In a pooled population pharmacokinetic analysis of these adolescent (152) patients, apparent clearance of perampanel in adolescents was similar to adults (617).

- **Geriatrics (≥ 65 years of age):** In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of  $n = 11$  patients ≥ 65 years of age with partial-onset seizures receiving perampanel tablets up to 12 mg/day in placebo- controlled studies, no significant effect of age on perampanel apparent clearance was found.
- **Sex:** In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset or PGTC seizures, receiving perampanel tablets up to 12 or 8 mg/day in placebo-controlled clinical studies, perampanel clearance was 18% lower in females compared to males. No dose adjustment is necessary based on gender.
- **Ethnic Origin:** In a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients with partial-onset or PGTC seizures, receiving perampanel tablets up to 12 or 8 mg/day in placebo-controlled studies, and including 614 Caucasians, 108 non-Chinese Asians, 97 Chinese, and 15 Blacks, there was no evidence of a significant effect of race on perampanel clearance.
- **Hepatic Insufficiency:** The pharmacokinetics of perampanel following a single 1 mg tablet 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<sub>0-inf</sub>) of perampanel 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<sub>0-inf</sub> of free perampanel 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<sub>1/2</sub> was prolonged in mildly impaired (306 h vs 125 h), and moderately impaired (295 h vs 139 h) subjects compared to matched healthy subjects. Perampanel has not been studied in subjects with severe hepatic impairment.

- **Renal Insufficiency:** A dedicated study has not been conducted to evaluate the pharmacokinetics of perampanel in patients with renal impairment. Population pharmacokinetic analysis was performed on pooled data from patients with partial-onset seizures or PGTC seizures receiving perampanel tablets up to 12 or 8 mg/day, respectively, in placebo-controlled clinical studies. Mild renal impairment was defined as creatinine clearance <80 mL/min (n = 59 of 764 total). Results showed that, in the presence of concomitant CYP3A-inducing AEDs, apparent clearance was slightly lower by 15.5% in patients with mild renal impairment (n= 30) compared to patients with normal renal function (n= 442), with a corresponding 18 % higher AUC. In contrast, in the absence of concomitant CYP3A-inducing AEDs, perampanel apparent clearance was slightly higher by 10.5% in patients with mild renal impairment (n=49) compared to patients with normal renal function (n=332), with a corresponding 10% lower 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. Perampanel has not been studied in patients with severe renal impairment and patients undergoing hemodialysis.

## 11 STORAGE, STABILITY AND DISPOSAL

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

## 12 SPECIAL HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Not applicable.

## PART II: SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

### 13 PHARMACEUTICAL INFORMATION

#### Drug Substance

Proper name: perampanel

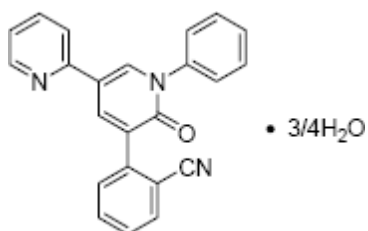
Chemical name: 2-(2-oxo-1-phenyl-5-pyridin-2-yl-1,2-dihydropyridin-3-yl) benzonitrile hydrate (4:3)

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

362.89 g/mol (3/4 hydrate)

349.38 g/mol (anhydrous)

Structural formula:



Physicochemical properties: Perampanel is a white to yellowish white powder.

Perampanel is soluble in Dimethylformamide and dichloromethane, sparingly soluble in acetone, slightly soluble in methanol and alcohol and practically insoluble in water, with a slight improvement at acidic pH.

## 14 CLINICAL TRIALS

### 14.1 Clinical Trials by Indication, Trial Design and Study Demographics

#### Partial-Onset Seizures:

- Studies 304, 305 and 306:

**Study Demographics and Trial Designs:** The efficacy of perampanel 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 studies (Studies 304, 305 and 306). A total of 939 adult patients and 98 adolescents (12-17 years of age) were treated with perampanel doses 2-12 mg/day. All studies 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 studies 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 studies, 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 perampanel (i.e. carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, or phenytoin), resulting in a significant reduction in perampanel serum concentration (see 9.4 Drug-Drug Interactions, [Interactions between Taro-Perampanel and other anti-epileptic drugs \(AEDs\)](#)). Concomitant AEDs taken by at least 10% of the patients 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 perampanel dosages (see Table 9). During the Titration Period in all 3 studies, patients on perampanel 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 partial-onset 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 9). 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 9: Summary: Median Percent Reduction in 28-day Total Partial Seizure Frequency from Baseline over the double-blind Treatment Phase (primary efficacy end-point) and of Responder Rates in the Maintenance Phase (secondary endpoint). In these studies, a total of 939 adults and 98 adolescents were treated with Perampanel.**

Study n=population in double-blind phase	AEDs + Placebo	AEDs + Perampanel			
		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 10 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 10: 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 n=441	13%	8%	17%	18%
2 mg/day n=180	18%	8%	23%	19%
4 mg/day n=172	21%	25%	34%	24%
8 mg/day n=431	44%	23%	47%	28%
12 mg/day n=254	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.

### Study 335:

This regional, Asia-Pacific trial was a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel group study to assess the efficacy of perampanel (4, 8, and 12 mg) compared to placebo given as an adjunctive therapy in patients with POS. Patients were randomized to 1 of 4 treatment groups (4, 8, 12 mg/day, or placebo) in a 1:1:1:1 ratio. A total of 62 male and female adolescent patients (12 to 17 years), as well as 467 adult patients ( $\geq 18$  years of age) who had a diagnosis of POS, were treated with perampanel. Majority of the patients were Asian (94%), followed by Caucasian (5%).

Approximately 53% of the patients were receiving a CYP3A inducer. Approximately 84% of the perampanel-treated patients completed the study (Placebo: 86%).

The primary efficacy endpoint in this study was the percent change in POS frequency per 28 days during the Treatment Period relative to the Baseline Period. Responder Rate (Percentage of patients with  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in 28-day total seizure frequency from Baseline to the Maintenance Phase) was a key secondary efficacy end-point.

**Study 335 Results:** A statistically significant decrease was observed in POS frequency per 28 days during the Treatment Period relative to the Baseline Period. The responder rate was numerically greater for perampanel than for the respective placebo group

#### **Study 311:**

The efficacy of perampanel as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of partial onset seizures in patients 7 to 11 years of age was established based on extrapolation of efficacy in a Population Pharmacokinetic study (see 10.3 [Pharmacokinetics](#)).

#### **Primary Generalized Tonic-Clonic (PGTC) Seizures:**

- Study 332:

**Study Demographics and Trial Designs:** The efficacy of perampanel as adjunctive therapy in patients experiencing primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures (PGTCs) was assessed in one multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (Study 332). Eligible patients on a stable dose of 1 to 3 AEDs experiencing at least 3 PGTCs during the 8-week Baseline Period were randomized to either perampanel (n=81; 68 adult patients and 13 adolescents) or placebo (n=81; 72 adult patients and 9 adolescents).

The Baseline Period was followed by a 17 week Treatment Period, consisting of a 4 week Titration Phase and 13 week Maintenance Phase.

Patients had a mean duration of epilepsy of approximately 17 years. Approximately 30% of the patients experienced only PGTC seizures; the remaining patients experienced one or more seizure types in addition to tonic-clonic. Absence seizures were reported by 50% of the patients, and myoclonic seizures by 40%. With respect to the number of concomitant AEDs taken at baseline, the frequency distribution was similar for the two treatment groups: approximately 30% were taking only 1 AED; 50% were taking 2; and 20% were taking 3 AEDs. For a total of 27 patients, these included an EI-AED (11% in the perampanel group, 22.0% in the placebo group).

Patients were titrated over 4 weeks up to a maximum dose of 8 mg per day or the highest tolerated dose.

The primary efficacy endpoint was the percent change in primary generalized tonic-clonic seizure frequency per 28 days during the Treatment Period as compared to the Baseline Period. Responder rate (Proportion of patients with  $\geq 50\%$  decrease in seizure frequency) was a key secondary efficacy end-point.

**Study 332 results:** A statistically significant decrease in seizure rate was observed with perampanel compared to placebo (Table 11). Results of the 50% Responder Rates also support the results of the primary efficacy endpoint.

**Table 11: Median Percent Reduction in 28-day Total PGTC Seizure Frequency from Baseline over the double-blind Treatment Phase (primary efficacy end-point), with Responder Rates in the Maintenance Phase (secondary endpoint) in Study 332. In this study, a total of 68 adults and 13 adolescents were treated with Perampanel.**

	<b>AEDs + Placebo (N=81)</b>	<b>AEDs + Perampanel (N=81)</b>
Median Baseline Seizure Frequency	2.5	2.6
Median % Reduction	38%	76% <sup>a</sup>
50% Responder Rate <sup>b</sup>	40%	64%

<sup>a</sup> P-value compared to placebo: <0.0001

<sup>b</sup> The proportion of patients with at least a 50% decrease in seizure frequency.

## 14.2 Comparative Bioavailability Studies

A randomized, single-dose (1 x 12 mg), two-way crossover comparative bioavailability study of Taro-Perampanel tablets, 12 mg (Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.) with PrFYCOMPA® tablets, 12 mg (Eisai Limited, Canada) was conducted in healthy, adult male subjects under fasting conditions. Comparative bioavailability data from 50 subjects that were included in the statistical analysis are presented in the following table:

**SUMMARY TABLE OF THE COMPARATIVE BIOAVAILABILITY DATA**

Perampanel (1 x 12 mg) Geometric Mean Arithmetic Mean (%CV)				
Parameter	Test <sup>1</sup>	Reference <sup>2</sup>	% Ratio of Geometric Means	90% Confidence Interval
AUC <sub>0-72h</sub> (ng.h/mL)	13107.57 13742.87 (32.37)	13206.73 13789.91 (29.97)	99.5	94.2 - 105.2
C <sub>max</sub> (ng/mL)	401.27 422.56 (31.10)	406.38 430.14 (33.99)	99.0	92.2 - 106.3
T <sub>max</sub> <sup>3</sup> (h)	1.25 (0.50 - 3.50)	1.37 (0.50 - 24.00)		

<sup>1</sup>Taro-Perampanel (perampanel) tablets, 12 mg (Taro Pharmaceuticals Inc.)

<sup>2</sup>PrFYCOMPA® (perampanel) tablets, 12 mg (Eisai Limited, Canada)

<sup>3</sup> Expressed as the median (range) only

*Due to the long elimination half-life of perampanel, AUC<sub>t</sub> and T<sub>1/2</sub> could not be accurately calculated from the data obtained in this study*

## 15 MICROBIOLOGY

No microbiological information is required for this drug product.



## 16 NON-CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

### General 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 ( $C_{max}$  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. Thus, 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 relevance of these data to humans is unknown.

**Carcinogenicity:** 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.

**Reproductive and Developmental Toxicology:** 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 (mg/m<sup>2</sup>).

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 (mg/m<sup>2</sup>).

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 (mg/m<sup>2</sup>).

## 17 SUPPORTING PRODUCT MONOGRAPHS

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## PATIENT MEDICATION INFORMATION

### READ THIS FOR SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF YOUR MEDICINE

#### <sup>P</sup>Taro-Perampanel

#### Perampanel Tablets

Read this carefully before you/your child start taking **Taro-Perampanel** and each time you/your child get a refill. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you/your child everything about this drug. Talk to your/your child's healthcare professional about your/your child's medical condition and treatment and ask if there is any new information about **Taro-Perampanel**.

#### Serious Warnings and Precautions

**Taro-Perampanel** can cause serious or life-threatening mental health and behavioural problems including:

- aggression
- hostility
- irritability
- anger
- thoughts of harming or threatening others
- unusual changes in mood, personality, or behaviour

This can happen even in if you/your child have no history of mental health or behavioural problems.

You/your child, your/their caregiver and family must tell your/your child's healthcare provider **right away** if you/your child have any new or unusual changes in mood, personality or behaviour while taking Taro-Perampanel or after you/your child stop taking it. Your/your child's healthcare professional may lower your/their dose or have you/them stop taking Taro-Perampanel.

You/your child should not drink alcohol while taking Taro-Perampanel. Drinking alcohol while on Taro-Perampanel can cause your/their mood to worsen or increase your/their anger. Talk to your/your child's healthcare professional about your/your child's alcohol consumption and if you/your child have a history or alcohol dependence.

#### What is Taro-Perampanel used for?

Taro-Perampanel is used with other medicines to manage:

- a type of seizure called partial-onset seizures in children 7 years of age and older and adults.
- a type of seizure called tonic-clonic (grand mal) seizures in children 12 years of age and older and adults who have epilepsy.

Taro-Perampanel should only be used in patients whose seizures are not controlled with standard treatment.

### **How does Taro-Perampanel work?**

Taro-Perampanel belongs to a group of medicines called antiepileptic medicines. The exact mechanism of action is not entirely understood.

### **What are the ingredients in Taro-Perampanel?**

Medicinal ingredient: Perampanel

Non-medicinal ingredients: hypromellose 2910 (HPMC), lactose monohydrate, low substituted hydroxypropyl cellulose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, macrogol/PEG 8000, povidone, talc and titanium dioxide.

The tablets also contain the following non-medicinal ingredients:

2 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, iron oxide red

4 mg tablets: iron oxide red

6 mg tablets: iron oxide red

8 mg tablets: iron oxide red, FD&C Blue #2, FD&C Red #40,

10 mg tablets: iron oxide yellow, FD&C Blue #2

12 mg tablets: FD&C Blue #2

### **Taro-Perampanel comes in the following dosage forms:**

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

### **Do not use Taro-Perampanel if:**

- you/your child are allergic to perampanel or any of the other ingredients in Taro-Perampanel.

**To help avoid side effects and ensure proper use, talk to you/your child's healthcare professional before you/your child take Taro-Perampanel. Talk about any health conditions or problems you/your child may have, including if you/your child:**

- Have or have had depression, mood problems, or suicidal thoughts or behaviour.
- Have mild or moderate liver problems.
- Have moderate or severe kidney problems or are undergoing hemodialysis.
- Have or ever had a problem with:
  - substance use, including prescribed or illegal drugs, or
  - alcohol
- Are taking birth control, especially birth control containing levonorgestrel. Taro-Perampanel may decrease the efficacy of birth control that contains levonorgestrel.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.
- Are taking other antiepileptic medicines such as carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, and phenytoin
- Are lactose intolerant or have one of the following rare hereditary disease:
  - galactose intolerance
  - Lapp lactase deficiency
  - glucose-galactose malabsorption
- Regularly or occasionally drink alcohol.
- Are 65 years of age or older.

### **Other warnings you should know about:**

**Do not stop your/your child's treatment with Taro-Perampanel without first checking with your/your child's healthcare professional. This could lead to a sudden worsening of your/your child's seizures or make them happen more often.**

**Severe skin reactions:** Serious allergic reactions, such as Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS), can be caused by anti-seizure medicines, often involving a skin reaction. These may occur shortly after starting treatment, or several months later. Get help **right away** if you/your child develop a skin rash, regardless of its severity, either alone or with a combination of the following symptoms:

- any other serious skin reaction such as blistering or peeling of the mouth, nose, eyes or genitals,
- fever,
- swollen glands,
- flu-like feeling,
- swelling of the face and/or legs,
- problems related to the liver, kidneys, heart, lungs or other organs

**Driving and Using Machines:** Taro-Perampanel may make you/your child feel dizzy, drowsy and affect your/their coordination. These effects may be worse if you/your child drink alcohol. Do not drive, use machinery, or do activities that require you/your child to be alert until you/they know how Taro-Perampanel affects you/them.

**Falls and Injuries:** Taro-Perampanel may cause you/your child to feel sleepy, dizzy and affect your/your child's balance and coordination. This increases the risks of falling, which can cause fractures or other fall-related injuries, especially when there is a change in your/your child's dose, or you are elderly.

**Suicidal thoughts and behaviour:** Taro-Perampanel may cause you/your child to have suicidal thoughts and behaviours or to become more depressed. If you/your child have thoughts of harming or killing yourself/themselves or others at any time, tell your/their healthcare professional or go to a hospital **right away**. You/your child may find it helpful to tell a relative or close friend you/your child are taking Taro-Perampanel. Ask them to read this leaflet. You might ask them to tell you if they:

- think your/your child's depression is getting worse, or
- are worried about changes in your/your child's behaviour.

### **Pregnancy and breastfeeding:**

- It is not known if Taro-Perampanel can harm your/your child's unborn baby. Tell your/your child's healthcare professional right away if you/your child become pregnant or think you/your child might be pregnant while taking Taro-Perampanel. You and your/your child's healthcare professional will decide if you/your child should take Taro-Perampanel while you/your child are pregnant.
- Pregnancy registry: **If you/your child become pregnant while taking Taro-Perampanel, talk to your/your child's healthcare professional about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug Pregnancy Registry.** You/your child can enroll in this registry by calling 1-888-233-2334. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic medicines during pregnancy. Information about the registry can also be found at the website: <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/>.

- It is not known whether Taro-Perampanel can pass into breast milk. You must discuss with your/your child's healthcare professional whether to breastfeed or take Taro-Perampanel.

**Vision Problems:** Taro-Perampanel may cause you/your child to see two of the same image (diplopia) or blurred vision. If you/your child experience problems with your/their vision while taking Taro-Perampanel, talk to your/your child's healthcare professional.

**Tell your/your child's healthcare professional about all the medicines you/your child take, including any drugs, vitamins, minerals, natural supplements or alternative medicines.**

**The following may interact with Taro-Perampanel:**

- other antiepileptic drugs such as carbamazepine, phenytoin, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, lamotrigine, topiramate, clobazam, and valproic acid
- alcohol
- birth control containing levonorgestrel
- medicines used to treat HIV
- medicines used to treat bacterial infections such as rifampin and clarithromycin
- St. John's Wort, a herbal remedy
- medicines used to treat fungal infections such as ketoconazole
- midazolam, used before surgery and other medical procedures to cause drowsiness and decrease anxiety
- central nervous system depressants including benzodiazepines, narcotics, barbiturates and sedating antihistamines
- levodopa, used to treat symptoms of Parkinson's disease
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**How to take Taro-Perampanel:**

- Take/give Taro-Perampanel exactly as your/your child's healthcare professionals tell you to. They will decide on the dose that is right for you/your child. Never increase or decrease your/your child's dose without talking to your/their healthcare professional.
- Do not stop taking/giving Taro-Perampanel without talking to your/your child's healthcare professional. Stopping Taro-Perampanel suddenly can cause your/your child's seizures to be worse or make them happen more often. Your/your child's healthcare professional will tell you if and when you/your child can stop taking this medicine.
- Take/give your/your child's dose once a day at bedtime.

**Usual dose:**

**Usual starting dose:** Your/your child's healthcare professional will determine the starting dose that is right for you/your child. This may be 2 mg or 4 mg once a day. Your/their dose will depend on:

- if you/they have liver or kidney problems
- other antiepileptic medicines you/your child may be taking

Depending on your/your child's response and tolerability to Taro-Perampanel, your/your child's healthcare professional may increase your/your child's dose.

**Maximum daily dose:** 12 mg a day

**Overdose:**

Signs of an overdose may include:

- **changes to mental status**
- **agitation**
- **aggressive behaviour**
- **dizziness**

If you think you, or a person you are caring for, have taken too much Taro-Perampanel, contact a healthcare professional, hospital emergency department, or regional poison control centre immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

**Missed Dose:**

If you/your child miss a dose of this medication, do not make up the missed dose. Skip the missed dose and continue with your/their next scheduled dose. Do not take or give two doses at the same time to make up for the missed dose.

Talk to your/your child's healthcare professional if you/your child miss more than one dose.

**What are possible side effects from using Taro-Perampanel?**

These are not all the possible side effects you/your child may have when taking Taro-Perampanel. If you/your child experience any side effects not listed here, tell your/their healthcare professional.

Side effects may include:

- dizziness
- sleepiness
- tiredness
- problems with muscle coordination
- problems with walking normally (gait disturbance)
- vertigo (sense of spinning)
- weight gain
- nausea
- diarrhea
- vomiting
- joint pain
- muscle aches and pain
- feeling weak or lacking of energy
- cough, runny nose, fever, sore throat
- constipation
- headache

Serious side effects and what to do about them			
Symptom / effect	Talk to your healthcare professional		Stop taking drug and get immediate medical help
	Only if severe	In all cases	
<b>COMMON</b>			
Irritability	✓		
Fall	✓		
<b>Vision Problems:</b> seeing two of the same image (diplopia), blurred vision	✓		
<b>RARE</b>			
<b>Suicidal thoughts or actions changes:</b> unusual behaviours, depression, worsening of depression, leading to thoughts of self-harm or suicide		✓	
Extreme sleepiness or tiredness and/or difficulty coordinating muscles normally		✓	
<b>Mental and behavioural changes:</b> unusual mood change, aggression, hostility, personality or behavioural change, sudden anxiety or excitation, feeling confused		✓	
<b>Allergic Reaction:</b> difficulty swallowing or breathing, wheezing, feeling sick to your stomach and throwing up, hives or rash, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat			✓
<b>UNKNOWN</b>			
<b>Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS)</b> (serious skin reaction that may affect one or more organs): fever, severe rash, peeling skin, swelling of the face, swollen lymph glands, flu-like feeling, yellow skin or eyes, shortness of breath, dry cough, chest pain or discomfort, feel thirsty, urinating less often, less urine			✓



If you/your child have a troublesome symptom or side effect that is not listed here or becomes bad enough to interfere with your/your child's daily activities, tell your/their healthcare professional.

### **Reporting Side Effects**

You can report any suspected side effects associated with the use of health products to Health Canada by:

- Visiting the Web page on Adverse Reaction Reporting (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medeffect-canada/adverse-reaction-reporting.html>) for information on how to report online, by mail or by fax; or
- Calling toll-free at 1-866-234-2345.

*NOTE: Contact your/your child's health professional if you/they need information about how to manage your/their side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.*

### **Storage:**

Store at room temperature (15°C to 30 °C).

**Keep out of the reach and sight of children.**

**If you want more information about Taro-Perampanel:**

- Talk to your/your child's healthcare professional
- Find the full product monograph that is prepared for healthcare professionals and includes this Patient Medication Information by visiting the Health Canada website: (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/drug-products/drug-product-database.html>); the manufacturer's website [www.taro.com](http://www.taro.com), or by calling 1-800-268-1975.

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