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Package leaflet: Information for the user

Lacosamide Accord 10 mg/ml solution for infusion

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine because it contains important information for you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- The full name of this medicine is Lacosamide Accord 10 mg/ml solution for infusion but within this leaflet it will be referred to as Lacosamide Accord.

What is in this leaflet

1. What Lacosamide Accord is and what it is used for
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1. What Lacosamide Accord is and what it is used for

What Lacosamide Accord is

Lacosamide Accord contains lacosamide. This belongs to a group of medicines called "antiepileptic medicines". These medicines are used to treat epilepsy.

- You have been given this medicine to lower the number of fits (seizures) you have.

What Lacosamide Accord is used for

- Lacosamide Accord is used in adults, adolescents and children aged 4 years and older.
- It is used:
 - on its own and in association with other antiepileptic medicines to treat a certain type of epilepsy characterised by the occurrence of partial-onset seizure with or without secondary generalisation. In this type of epilepsy, fits first affect only one side of your brain. However, these may then spread to larger areas on both sides of your brain.
 - in association with other antiepileptic medicines to treat primary generalised tonic-clonic seizures (major fits, including loss of consciousness) in patients with idiopathic generalised epilepsy (the type of epilepsy that is thought to have a genetic cause).

2. What you need to know before you use Lacosamide Accord

Do not use Lacosamide Accord

- if you are allergic to lacosamide or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6). If you are not sure whether you are allergic, please discuss with your doctor.
- if you have a certain type of heart beat problem called second- or third-degree AV block.

Do not use Lacosamide Accord if any of the above applies to you. If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using this medicine.

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor before using Lacosamide Accord if:

- you have thoughts of harming or killing yourself. A small number of people being treated with antiepileptic medicinal products such as lacosamide have had thoughts of harming or killing themselves. If you have any of these thoughts at any time, tell your doctor straight away.
- you have a heart problem that affects the beat of your heart and you often have a particularly slow, fast or irregular heart beat (such as AV block, atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter).
- you have severe heart disease such as heart failure or have had a heart attack.
- you are often dizzy or fall over. Lacosamide Accord may make you dizzy - this could increase the risk of accidental injury or a fall. This means that you should take care until you are used to the effects of this medicine.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Lacosamide Accord.

If you are taking Lacosamide Accord, talk to your doctor if you are experiencing a new type of seizure or worsening of existing seizures.

If you are taking Lacosamide Accord and you are experiencing symptoms of abnormal heartbeat (such as slow, rapid or irregular heartbeat, palpitations, shortness of breath, feeling lightheaded, fainting), seek medical advice immediately (see section 4).

Children under 4 years

Lacosamide Accord is not recommended for children aged under 4 years. This is because we do not yet know whether it will work and whether it is safe for children in this age group.

Other medicines and Lacosamide Accord

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using, have recently used or might use any other medicines.

In particular, tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any of the following medicines that affect your heart - this is because lacosamide can also affect your heart:

- medicines to treat heart problems;
- medicines which can increase the "PR interval" on a scan of the heart (ECG or electrocardiogram) such as medicines for epilepsy or pain called carbamazepine, lamotrigine or pregabalin;
- medicines used to treat certain types of irregular heart beat or heart failure.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Lacosamide Accord.

Also tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are using any of the following medicines - this is because they may increase or decrease the effect of Lacosamide Accord on your body:

- medicines for fungal infections called fluconazole, itraconazole or ketoconazole;
- a medicine for HIV called ritonavir;
- medicines for bacterial infections called clarithromycin or rifampicin;
- a herbal medicine used to treat mild anxiety and depression called St. John's wort.

If any of the above apply to you (or you are not sure), talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Lacosamide Accord.

Lacosamide Accord with alcohol

As a safety precaution do not use Lacosamide Accord with alcohol.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

It is not recommended to use Lacosamide Accord if you are pregnant or breast feeding, as the effects of Lacosamide Accord on pregnancy and the unborn baby or the new-born child are not known. Also, it is not known whether lacosamide passes into breast milk. Seek advice immediately from your doctor if you get pregnant or are planning to become pregnant. They will help you decide if you should use Lacosamide Accord or not.

Do not stop treatment without talking to your doctor first as this could increase your fits (seizures). A worsening of your disease can also harm your baby

Driving and using machines

Do not drive, cycle or use any tools or machines until you know how this medicine affects you. This is because Lacosamide Accord may make you feel dizzy or cause blurred vision.

Lacosamide Accord contains sodium

This medicine contains 2.6 mmol (or 60 mg) sodium (main component of cooking/table salt) in each vial. This is equivalent to 3% of the recommended maximum daily dietary intake of sodium for an adult. You need to know this if you are on a controlled sodium diet.

3. How to use Lacosamide Accord

Always use this medicine exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Using Lacosamide Accord

- Lacosamide Accord can be started by:
 - taking the medicine by mouth or
 - by being given as an intravenous infusion (sometimes called an "IV infusion") where the medicine is given into your vein by a doctor or nurse. It is given over 15 to 60 minutes.
- The IV infusion is usually used for a short time when you cannot take the medicine by mouth.
- Your doctor will decide for how many days you will have infusions. There is experience with twice daily infusions of Lacosamide Accord for up to 5 days. For longer term treatment lacosamide tablets and syrup are available.

When you change from the infusion to taking the medicine by mouth (or the other way around) the total amount you take each day and how often you take it stays the same.

- Use Lacosamide Accord twice each day – once in the morning and once in the evening.
- Try to use it at about the same time each day.

How much to use

Listed below are the normal recommended doses of Lacosamide Accord for different age groups and weights. Your doctor may prescribe a different dose if you have problems with your kidneys or with your liver.

Adolescents and children weighing 50 kg or more and adults

When you use Lacosamide Accord on its own

The usual starting dose of Lacosamide Accord is 50 mg twice a day. The treatment with Lacosamide Accord may also start with a dose of 100 mg of Lacosamide Accord twice a day.

Your doctor may increase your twice daily dose every week by 50 mg. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose of between 100 mg and 300 mg twice a day.

When you use Lacosamide Accord with other antiepileptic medicines

The usual starting dose of Lacosamide Accord is 50 mg twice a day.

Your doctor may increase your twice daily dose every week by 50 mg. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose of between 100 mg and 200 mg twice a day.

If you weigh 50 kg or more, your doctor may decide to start Lacosamide Accord treatment with a single "loading" dose of 200 mg. You would then start your ongoing maintenance dose 12 hours later.

Children and adolescents weighing less than 50 kg

When you use Lacosamide Accord on its own

Your doctor will decide the dose of Lacosamide Accord based on your body weight.

The usual starting dose is 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kilogram (kg) of body weight, twice a day.

Your doctor may then increase your twice daily dose every week by 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kg of your body weight. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose. The maximum recommended dose is 6 mg (0.6 ml) for each kg of body weight, twice a day, for children weighing under 40 kg. The maximum maintenance dose is 5 mg (0.5 ml) for each kg of body weight, twice a day, for children weighing from 40 kg to under 50 kg. Dosing charts are provided below:

Using Lacosamide Accord on its own – This is for information only. Your doctor will work out the right dose for you:

To be used twice daily for children from 4 years of age **weighing less than 40 kg**

Weight	Starting dose: 0.1 ml/kg	0.2 ml/kg	0.3 ml/kg	0.4 ml/kg	0.5 ml/kg	Maximum recommended dose: 0.6ml/kg
10 kg	1 ml	2 ml	3 ml	4 ml	5 ml	6 ml
15 kg	1.5 ml	3 ml	4.5 ml	6 ml	7.5 ml	9 ml
20 kg	2 ml	4 ml	6 ml	8 ml	10 ml	12 ml
25 kg	2.5 ml	5 ml	7.5 ml	10 ml	12.5 ml	15 ml
30 kg	3 ml	6 ml	9 ml	12 ml	15 ml	18 ml
35 kg	3.5 ml	7 ml	10.5 ml	14 ml	17.5 ml	21 ml

To be used twice daily for children and adolescents from 4 years of age **weighing 40 kg to under 50 kg**:

Weight	Starting dose: 0.1 ml/kg	0.2 ml/kg	0.3 ml/kg	0.4 ml/kg	Maximum recommended dose: 0.5ml/kg
40 kg	4 ml	8 ml	12 ml	16 ml	20 ml
45 kg	4.5 ml	9 ml	13.5 ml	18 ml	22.5 ml

When you use Lacosamide Accord with other antiepileptic medicines

Your doctor will decide the dose of Lacosamide Accord based on your body weight.

In children from 4 years of age with a body weight of under 20 kg:

- the usual starting dose is 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kilogram (kg) of body weight, twice a day.

Your doctor may then increase your twice daily dose every week by 1 mg (0.1 ml) for each kg of body weight. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose. The maximum recommended dose is 6 mg (0.6 ml), for each kg of body weight, twice a day. A dosing chart is provided below.

Using Lacosamide Accord with other antiepileptic medicines -

Children above 4 years of age weighing less than 20 kg – This is for information only. Your doctor will work out the right dose for you:

To be used twice daily for children from 4 years of age **weighing less than 20 kg**

Weight	Starting dose: 0.1 ml/kg	0.2 ml/kg	0.3 ml/kg	0.4 ml/kg	0.5 ml/kg	Maximum recommended dose: 0.6 ml/kg
10 kg	1 ml	2 ml	3 ml	4 ml	5 ml	6 ml
15 kg	1.5 ml	3 ml	4.5 ml	6 ml	7.5 ml	9 ml

In children from 4 years of age with a body weight of 20 kg to under 30 kg:

- the usual starting dose is 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kilogram (kg) of body weight, twice a day.

Your doctor may increase your twice daily dose every week by 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kg of body weight. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose. The maximum recommended dose is 5 mg (0.5 ml), for each kg of body weight, twice a day. A dosing chart is provided below.

The following information is intended for medical or healthcare professionals only.

Each vial of Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion must be used only once (single use). Any unused solution should be discarded (see section 3).

Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion can be administered without further dilution, or may be diluted with the following solution for

injections: sodium chloride 9 mg/ml (0.9 %), glucose 50 mg/ml (5 %) or lactated Ringer's solution.

From a microbiological point of view, the product should be used immediately. If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions prior to use are the responsibility of the user and would not be longer than 24 hours at 2 to 8°C, unless dilution has taken place in controlled and validated aseptic conditions.

Chemical and physical in-use stability has been demonstrated for 24 hours at temperatures up to 25°C for product mixed with these diluents and stored in glass or PVC bags.

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Using Lacosamide Accord with other antiepileptic medicines - **Children and adolescents with a body weight of 20 to under 30 kg** - This is for information only. Your doctor will work out the right dose for you:

To be used twice daily for children and adolescents from 4 years of age **weighing 20 kg to under 30 kg:**

Weight	Starting dose: 0.1 ml/kg	0.2 ml/kg	0.3 ml/kg	0.4 ml/kg	Maximum recommended dose: 0.5 ml/kg
20 kg	2 ml	4 ml	6 ml	8 ml	10 ml
25 kg	2.5 ml	5 ml	7.5 ml	10 ml	12.5 ml

In children from 4 years of age with a body weight of 30 to under 50 kg:

- the usual starting dose is 1 mg (0.1 ml), for each kilogram (kg) of body weight, twice a day.

Your doctor may then increase your twice daily dose every week by 1 mg (0.1 ml) for each kg of body weight. This will be until you reach a maintenance dose. The maximum recommended dose is 4 mg (0.4 ml), for each kg of body weight, twice a day. A dosing chart is provided below.

Using Lacosamide Accord with other antiepileptic medicines - **Children and adolescents with a body weight of 30 kg to under 50 kg** - This is for information only. Your doctor will work out the right dose for you:

To be used twice daily for children and adolescents from 4 years of age **weighing 30 kg to under 50 kg:**

Weight	Starting dose: 0.1 ml/kg	0.2 ml/kg	0.3 ml/kg	Maximum recommended dose: 0.4 ml/kg
30 kg	3 ml	6 ml	9 ml	12 ml
35 kg	3.5 ml	7 ml	10.5 ml	14 ml
40 kg	4 ml	8 ml	12 ml	16 ml
45 kg	4.5 ml	9 ml	13.5 ml	18 ml

If you stop using Lacosamide Accord

If your doctor decides to stop your treatment with Lacosamide Accord, they will decrease the dose step by step. This is to prevent your epilepsy from coming back again or becoming worse.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects

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

Nervous system side effects such as dizziness may be higher after a single "loading" dose.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you get any of the following:

Very common: may affect more than 1 in 10 people

- Headache;
- Feeling dizzy or sick (nausea);
- Double vision (diplopia).

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people

- Short jerks of a muscle or group of muscles (myoclonic seizures);
- Difficulties in coordinating your movements or walking;
- Problems in keeping your balance, shaking (tremor), tingling (paresthesia) or muscle spasms, falling easily and getting bruises;
- Troubles with your memory, thinking or finding words, confusion;
- Rapid and uncontrollable movements of the eyes (nystagmus), blurred vision;
- A spinning sensation (vertigo), feeling drunk;
- Being sick (vomiting), dry mouth, constipation, indigestion, excessive gas in the stomach or bowel, diarrhoea;
- Decreased feeling or sensitivity, difficulty in articulating words, disturbance in attention;
- Noise in the ear such as buzzing, ringing or whistling;
- Irritability, trouble sleeping, depression;
- Sleepiness, tiredness or weakness (asthenia);
- Itching, rash.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Slow heart rate, palpitations, irregular pulse or other changes in the electrical activity of your heart (conduction disorder);
- Exaggerated feeling of wellbeing, seeing and/or hearing things which are not there;
- Allergic reaction to medicine intake, hives;
- Blood tests may show abnormal liver function, liver injury;
- Thoughts of harming or killing yourself or attempting suicide: tell your doctor straight away;
- Feeling angry or agitated;
- Abnormal thinking or losing touch with reality;
- Serious allergic reaction which causes swelling of the face, throat, hands, feet, ankles, or lower legs;
- Fainting;
- Abnormal involuntary movements (dyskinesia).

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from available data

- Abnormal rapid heartbeat (ventricular tachyarrhythmia);
- A sore throat, high temperature and getting more infections than usual. Blood tests may show a severe decrease in a specific class of white blood cells (agranulocytosis);
- A serious skin reaction which may include a high temperature and other flu-like symptoms, a rash on the face, extended rash, swollen glands (enlarged lymph nodes). Blood tests may show increased levels of liver enzymes and a type of white blood cell (eosinophilia);
- A widespread rash with blisters and peeling skin, particularly around the mouth, nose, eyes and genitals (Stevens–Johnson syndrome), and a more severe form causing skin peeling in more than 30 % of the body surface (toxic epidermal necrolysis);
- Convulsion.

Additional side effects when given as an intravenous infusion

There may be local side effects.

- Common:** may affect up to 1 in 10 people
- Injection site pain or discomfort or irritation.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 people

- Injection site redness.

Additional side effects in children

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 children

- Runny nose (nasopharyngitis);
- Fever (pyrexia);
- Sore throat (pharyngitis);
- Eating less than usual.

Uncommon: may affect up to 1 in 100 children

- Feeling sleepy or lacking in energy (lethargy).

Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from available data

- Changes in behaviour, not acting like themselves.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via Yellow Card Scheme Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Lacosamide Accord

Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and vial after "EXP". The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Do not store above 25°C.

Each vial of Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion must be used only once (single use). Any unused solution should be discarded.

Only clear solution free from particles and discoloration should be used.

Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help protect the environment.

6. Contents of the pack and other information

What Lacosamide Accord contains

- The active substance is lacosamide.
1 ml Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion contains 10 mg lacosamide.
1 vial contains 20 ml Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion equivalent to 200 mg lacosamide.
- The other ingredients are: sodium chloride, hydrochloric acid, water for injections.

What Lacosamide Accord looks like and contents of the pack

- Lacosamide Accord 10 mg/ml solution for infusion is a clear, colourless solution, free from any particulate matter.
- Lacosamide Accord solution for infusion is available in packages of 1 vial and 5 vials. Each vial contains 20 ml.

Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

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