

## [Notes to editors]

## 1. About BELVIQ® (lorcaserin hydrochloride)

Discovered and developed by Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc., BELVIQ is a new chemical entity that is believed to decrease food consumption and promote satiety by selectively activating serotonin 2C receptors in the brain. Activation of these receptors may help a person eat less and feel full after eating smaller amounts of food. BELVIQ is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity for chronic weight management in adult patients with an initial body mass index (BMI) of 30 kg/m² or greater (obese) or 27 kg/m² or greater (overweight) in the presence of at least one weight-related co-morbid condition. The use of BELVIQ in combination with other products for weight loss and its effectiveness on cardiovascular morbidity and mortality have not been established. BELVIQ was launched in the United States in June 2013 after receiving a final scheduling designation from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). For further information on BELVIQ, including important safety information (ISI), please visit the BELVIQ product website (http://www.belviq.com).

## 2. About Worldwide Overweight and Obesity

In recent year