

BELVIQ XR[®] - A NEW ONCE-DAILY FORMULATION OF BELVIQ[®] FOR CHRONIC WEIGHT MANAGEMENT NOW AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES

Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, CEO: Haruo Naito, "Eisai") announced today that its U.S. subsidiary Eisai Inc. has launched BELVIQ XR[®] 20mg tablets, a new once-daily formulation of BELVIQ[®] (generic name: lorcaserin hydrochloride) for chronic weight management in the United States.

BELVIQ XR is an extended release formulation proven to be slowly absorbed in the body and to last throughout the day. The availability of once-daily BELVIQ XR (20mg) in a single tablet provides patients with another dosing option in addition to the conventional twice-daily BELVIQ (10mg).

Approval for twice-daily BELVIQ was obtained in the United States 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

[Notes to editors]

1. About lorcaserin hydrochloride (U.S. brand name: BELVIQ, BELVIQ XR “lorcaserin”)

Discovered and developed by Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc., lorcaserin is a novel 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. Lorcaserin was approved in June 2012 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, and was launched in the United States under the brand name BELVIQ in June 2013 after receiving a final scheduling designation from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In addition, the agreement granting Eisai exclusive rights to market and distribute lorcaserin in 21 countries throughout the Americas, was expanded in November 2013 to include most countries and territories worldwide, most notably the European Union, Japan and China (excluding South Korea, Taiwan, Australia, New Zealand and Israel). Lorcaserin was