

Acorda Presents Analyses on Use of Healthcare Services for Seizure Clusters at American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting

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ARDSLEY, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:ACOR) today announced analyses from a study showing the effect of rescue medication for seizure clusters on both clinical outcomes and healthcare resource utilization. The study found there were more adverse outcomes and greater use of healthcare resources among those who did not always use a rescue medication to treat seizure clusters, compared to those who always used a rescue medication. Seizure clusters are defined as multiple, distinct seizures that occur over a 24-hour period. These analyses were presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the American Epilepsy Society in Philadelphia, PA.

"These analyses suggest that rescue treatment of seizure clusters is associated with prevention of additional seizure activity," said Enrique Carrazana, M.D., Chief Medical Officer of Acorda. "There are currently limited treatment options for people with epilepsy who experience seizure clusters, and these analyses underscore the urgent need for new treatments to improve outcomes."

The poster, entitled "Association of Rescue Medication Use with Clinical Outcomes and Healthcare Resource Utilization in Patients with Seizure Clusters: A Retrospective Chart Review" (Poster 2.168), categorized people into three groups: those who used a prescribed rescue medication for every seizure cluster (Always Users), those who used medication for some clusters (Sometimes Users), and those who never used a rescue medication (Never Users). Researchers found that people who did not always use a rescue medication (Sometimes Users and Never Users) were more likely to experience adverse clinical outcomes and/or use more healthcare resources, compared to those who used rescue medication for every seizure cluster (Always Users).

"People who have a treatment plan in place and treat every seizure cluster generally had better outcomes and needed to use fewer healthcare resources, such as emergency room visits and inpatient admissions," said David

Squillacote, Executive Medical Director for Acorda and study author.

A second poster, “Demographics and Clinical Characteristics of Adult Patients Experiencing Seizure Cluster: A Retrospective Chart Review” (Poster 1.119), presented demographic and other patient characteristics. Researchers found that the majority of these patients were male and only 31% used a seizure diary to monitor their seizure activity. The most common comorbidities were depression and anxiety disorder, while the most commonly reported seizure types were complex partial for partial seizures and tonic-clonic for generalized seizures.

About Seizure Clusters

Of the approximately 2.8 million people in the United States with epilepsy, it is estimated that about 175,000 experience seizure clusters, also known as acute repetitive seizures or bouts of increased seizure activity. These patients may experience seizure clusters even though they generally are on stable regimens of antiepileptic medications (AEDs). Many of these individuals do not find the currently available outpatient therapy acceptable and default to emergency room care or no care at all.

About Epilepsy

Epilepsy is a neurological condition that produces seizures affecting a variety of mental and physical functions. Seizures are symptoms of abnormal brain activity, and occur when a brief, strong surge of electrical activity affects part or all of the brain.

About Acorda Therapeutics

Founded in 1995, **Acorda Therapeutics** is a biotechnology company focused on developing therapies that restore function and improve the lives of people with neurological disorders.

Acorda markets three FDA-approved therapies, including **AMPYRA®** (dalfampridine) Extended Release Tablets, 10 mg. The Company has one of the leading pipelines in the industry of novel neurological therapies. Acorda is currently developing a number of clinical and preclinical stage therapies. This pipeline addresses a range of disorders including post-stroke walking deficits, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy, heart failure, MS and spinal cord injury.

For more information, please visit the Company’s website at: www.acorda.com.

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