



NEWS RELEASE

RECORDATI: APPROVAL GRANTED FOR THE USE OF CARBAGLU® IN THE TREATMENT OF ORGANIC ACIDAEMIAS

Milan, 31 May 2011 – Recordati announces that its wholly-owned subsidiary Orphan Europe has received an approval from the European Commission (Directorate health systems and products) to extend the use of Carbaglu® (carglumic acid) to treat hyperammonaemia due to one of the three main organic acidaemias (isovaleric acidaemia, methylmalonic acidaemia or propionic acidaemia). Carbaglu® has orphan drug designation and since 2003 is indicated in the treatment of NAGS deficiency.

Organic acidaemias (OA) are usually diagnosed in infancy. These rare disorders vary in their prognosis, from manageable to fatal, and usually affect more than one organ system, especially the central nervous system. Organic acidaemias are a group of inherited rare metabolic disorders which disrupt physiologic amino acid degradation causing a build-up of organic acids, which in turn may inhibit the urea cycle function, leading to hyperammonaemia. It is estimated that there are about 800 patients suffering from hyperammonaemia due to those three OAs in Europe.

The acute hyperammonaemia due to OA represents a true medical emergency and its management is usually performed in intensive care units. The main goal of emergency treatment is to reduce ammonia levels and thus prevent brain damage. Carbaglu® restores the urea cycle and thus reduces blood ammonia level. Orphan Europe has performed a retrospective analysis on 57 patients to analyze the effect of Carbaglu® on hyperammonaemia in patients with OAs. The study has shown that oral administration of Carbaglu® is rapidly effective in decreasing hyperammonaemia and stabilising clinical symptoms. These data analysis led to the approval of extended indications for Carbaglu®.

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