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# **Current Market Highlights and Future of Epilepsy**

Perspective on Key Future Trends and Potential Recommendations



### **Market Overview**

Epilepsy market is expected to grow, contributed by high prevalence and increased rate of associated neurological disorders; focus is high on difficult to treat rare epileptic syndromes like DS & LGS



Source: 1. Evalueserve Analysis 2. <u>PRNewswire June 2022\_</u>3 Epilepsy WHO Facts 4. NCBI\_PMC4218673\_5. Neuroepidemiology 2020

#### **Current Landscape**

Current treatment is driven by the use of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation AEDs; UCB holds a strong presence in landscape with lacosamide, levetiracetam & also strengthened portfolio with recent acquisition of fenfluramine



**Key Market Insights** 

Preferred 1<sup>st</sup> line use of 2<sup>nd</sup> generations AEDs such as **Levectiracetam** & **Lamotrigine** in place of **Carbamazepine** is the most recent treatment shift<sup>4</sup>

Epilepsy market is saturated with generic AEDs (2<sup>nd</sup> generation); brands might face **price restrictions** in this generic dominant landscape

Launch of **oral formulations** and **extended-release formulations** continue to act as a savior for manufacturers

Near term loss of exclusivity of some blockbuster drugs (like **cenobamate** (2027) , **lacosamide** (2022)) pose threat to the market share

Source: 1. Evalueserve Analysis 2. Epilepsy Product Labels 3. Cortellis Pipeline 4. Antiepileptic Drugs 5. Epilepsy: Treatment Options

#### **Outlook on Near Future**

Development of gene therapies, new biomarkers and advancement in digital technology for epilepsy management hold substantial potential to transform the landscape in next 10 years

Key Pillars	1 Emerging therapies with potential launch in next 5 years	2 Introduction of gene therapy as Precision medicines	3 Use of Biomarker guided therapies	4 Management through digital health technology solutions
Implications	<ul> <li>Current drug pipeline is focused on targeting epileptogenesis, and pharmacoresistance</li> <li>A paradigm shift from medications aimed at suppressing seizures to treatments targeting the underlying disease is underway</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Current SOC relies on a trial-and- error approach of sequential regimens of AEDs leading to delayed treatment and mortality</li> <li>Precision medicines / gene therapies could enable personalized epilepsy management as a viable alternative to sequential treatment pathway</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use of biomarkers hold a great significance in development of targeted treatments</li> <li>Biomarkers could enable accurate, timely diagnosis; and provide individualized epileptic treatment, based on the patients' biomarker profile</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Al tools will allow patients to track their seizures and enable clinical decision support models to accurately predict the likely success of each antiseizure medication</li> <li>Increased efficacy in diagnosis and treatment through digitalization</li> </ul>
Challenges	<ul> <li>Price regulation in heavy generic market</li> <li>Limited adaptability by physicians and key opinion leaders (KOLs)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heavy investment in development</li> <li>Requirement for comprehensive infrastructure with technology</li> <li>Education gap</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of blood-based biomarkers is complex; originating from measuring protein concentration levels from CNS into mainstreams (often undetected)</li> <li>Understanding the sensitivity and specificity of potential biomarkers is challenging</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ML/AI is a relatively new space for pharma industry; It will require investments from both life sciences and IT industries to shape the use of devices</li> <li>Educating the KOLs &amp; patients around the usage and adaptability</li> <li>"black box" nature of deep learning-based AI systems is a concern</li> </ul>

## **Potential Recommendations and Opportunities**

Understanding the trajectory of evolving market in epilepsy is the key opportunity for both current and emerging brands

