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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

SUBVENITE (lamotrigine tablets, USP) is indicated for:

Epilepsy—adjunctive therapy in patients aged 2 years and older:
- partial-onset seizures.
- primary generalized tonic-clonic seizures.
- generalized seizures of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.

Epilepsy—monotherapy in patients aged 16 years and older:
Conversion to monotherapy in patients with partial-onset seizures who are receiving treatment with carbamazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, primidone, or valproate as the single antiepileptic drug.

Bipolar disorder:
Maintenance treatment of bipolar I disorder to delay the time to occurrence of mood episodes in patients treated for acute mood episodes with standard therapy.

LIMITATIONS OF USE
Treatment of acute manic or mixed episodes is not recommended. Effectiveness of SUBVENITE in the acute treatment of mood episodes has not been established.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
SUBVENITE is contraindicated in patients who have demonstrated hypersensitivity to the drug or its ingredients.

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- SUBVENITE should not be abruptly discontinued. In patients with epilepsy there is a possibility of increasing seizure frequency. Unless safety concerns require a more rapid withdrawal, the dose of SUBVENITE should be tapered over a period of at least 2 weeks. Refer to SUBVENITE — DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION.
- Hemorrhagic lymphohistocytosis (HLH) has occurred in adult and pediatric patients taking SUBVENITE. HLH is a life-threatening syndrome of pathologic immune activation characterized by clinical signs of severe multisystem inflammation and systemic fibrosis. It is associated with high mortality rates if not recognized early and treated. HLH has presented with systemic inflammation (fever, rash, hepatosplenomegaly, and organ system dysfunction) and blood dyscrasias. Symptoms have been reported to occur within 8 to 24 days following the initiation of treatment. Patients who develop early manifestations of pathologic immune activation should be evaluated immediately, and a diagnosis of HLH should be considered.
- Multisystemic immune reactions, also known as Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms (DRESS), have occurred with SUBVENITE. Some have been fatal or life threatening. DRESS typically, although not exclusively, presents with fever, rash, and/or lymphopenopa hy in association with other organ system involvement, such as hepatitis, nephritis, hematologic abnormalities, myositis, or myocarditis, sometimes resembling an acute viral infection. Eosinophilia is often present. This disorder is variable in its expression, and other organ systems not noted here may be involved. Fatalities associated with acute multorgan failure and various degrees of hepatic failure have been reported. Prior to initiation of treatment with SUBVENITE, the patient should be instructed that a rash or other signs or symptoms of hypersensitivity (e.g., fever, lymphopenopa hy) may herald a serious medical event and that the patient should report any such occurrence to a healthcare provider immediately.
- In vitro tests showed that SUBVENITE exhibits Class IB antiarrhythmic activity at therapeutically relevant concentrations. Based on these in vitro findings, SUBVENITE could slow ventricular conduction (widening QRS) and induce proarrhythmia, which can lead to sudden death, in patients with clinically important structural or functional heart disease (i.e., patients with heart failure, valvular heart disease, congenital heart disease, conduction system disease, ventricular arrhythmias, cardiac channelopathies [e.g., Brugada syndrome], clinically important ischemic heart disease, or history of serious risk factors for coronary artery disease). Any expected or observed benefit of SUBVENITE in an individual patient with clinically important structural or functional heart disease must be carefully weighed against the risks for serious arrhythmias and/or death for that patient. Concomitant use of other sodium channel blockers may further increase the risk of proarrhythmia.
- There have been reports of blood dyscrasias that may or may not be associated with multiclonal hypersensitivity (also known as DRESS). These have included neutropenia, leukopenia, anemia, thrombocytopenia, pancytopenia, and, rarely, aplastic anemia and pure red cell aplasia.
- Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), including SUBVENITE, increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in patients taking these drugs for any indication. Patients treated with any AED for any indication should be monitored for the emergence of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior. Any person prescribing SUBVENITE must balance the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with the risk of untreated illness. Epilepsy and many other illnesses for which AEDs are prescribed are themselves associated with mortality and morbidity and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior. Should suicidal thoughts and behavior emerge during treatment with SUBVENITE, the prescriber needs to consider whether the emergence of these symptoms in any given patient may be related to the illness being treated. Patients, their caregivers, and families should be informed that AEDs increase the risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior and should be advised of the need to be alert for the emergence or worsening of the signs and symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behavior, or thoughts about self-harm. Behaviors of concern should be reported immediately to healthcare providers. Therapy with SUBVENITE increases the risk of developing aseptic meningitis. Because of the potential for serious outcomes of untreated meningitis due to other causes, patients should also be evaluated for other causes of meningitis and treated as appropriate.
- Medication errors involving SUBVENITE have occurred. In particular, the name SUBVENITE or lamotrigine can be confused with the names of other commonly used medications. Medication errors may also occur between the different formulations of SUBVENITE.
- Some estrogen containing oral contraceptives have been shown to decrease serum concentrations of lamotrigine. Dosage adjustments will be necessary in most patients who start or stop estrogen containing oral contraceptives while taking SUBVENITE.
- Valid estimates of the incidence of treatment emergent status epilepticus among patients treated with SUBVENITE are difficult to obtain because reporters participating in clinical trials did not employ identical rules for identifying cases. At a minimum, 7 of 2,343 adult patients had episodes that could unequivocally be described as status epilepticus. In addition, a number of reports of variably defined episodes of seizure exacerbation (e.g., seizure clusters, seizure flurries) were made.
- During the premarketing development of SUBVENITE, 20 sudden and unexplained deaths were recorded among a cohort of 4,700 patients with epilepsy (5,477 patient years of exposure).
- Because lamotrigine tends to accumulate, it could accumulate in certain tissues over time. This raises the possibility that lamotrigine may cause toxicity in these tissues after extended use. Although there are no specific recommendations for periodic ophthalmological monitoring, prescribers should be aware of the possibility of long-term ophthalmologic effects.
- There have been reports of decreased lamotrigine concentrations during pregnancy and restoration of pre partum concentrations after delivery. As with other AEDs, physiological changes during pregnancy may affect lamotrigine concentrations and/or therapeutic effect. Dosage adjustments may be necessary to maintain clinical response.
- Lamotrigine is present in milk from lactating women taking SUBVENITE. Caution should be exercised when SUBVENITE is administered to a nursing woman.
- Safety and efficacy of SUBVENITE for the maintenance treatment of bipolar disorder in pediatric patients have not been demonstrated.
- Because lamotrigine is metabolized predominantly by glucuronic acid conjugation, drugs that are known to induce or inhibit glucuronidation may affect the apparent clearance of lamotrigine and doses of SUBVENITE may require adjustment based on clinical response.

DOING GUIDELINES & CONSIDERATIONS
- Refer to the SUBVENITE — DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION section of the full prescribing information for recommended dosing guidelines for SUBVENITE.
- There are a number of significant drug interactions with SUBVENITE. Refer to the SUBVENITE — DRUG INTERACTIONS section of the full prescribing information.

ADVERSE REACTIONS
- See the ADVERSE REACTIONS section of the SUBVENITE full prescribing information for adverse reaction rates from clinical trials conducted under widely varying conditions.
- The most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥10%) in adults were dizziness, headache, diplopia, ataxia, nausea, blurred vision, somnolence, rhinitis, pharyngitis, and rash. Additional adverse reactions (incidence ≥10%) reported in children included vomiting, infection, fever, accidental injury, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and tremor.
- The most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥5%) in adults with bipolar disorder were nausea, insomnia, somnolence, back pain, fatigue, rash, rhinitis, abdominal pain, and xerostomia.
- To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact OWP Pharmaceuticals Inc. at 1-800-273-6729 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or www.fda.gov/medwatch.

Please refer to the full Prescribing Information for SUBVENITE Tablets, including Medication Guide at www.subvenite.com.

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