

8.5 Geriatric Use

The safety and effectiveness of LIVMARLI for the treatment of pruritus in ALGS in adult patients, 65 years of age and older, have not been established.

8.7 Hepatic Impairment

Clinical studies of LIVMARLI included ALGS patients with impaired hepatic function at baseline. The efficacy and safety in ALGS patients with clinically significant portal hypertension and in patients with decompensated cirrhosis have not been established [see *Clinical Studies (14), Dosage and Administration (2.4), and Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

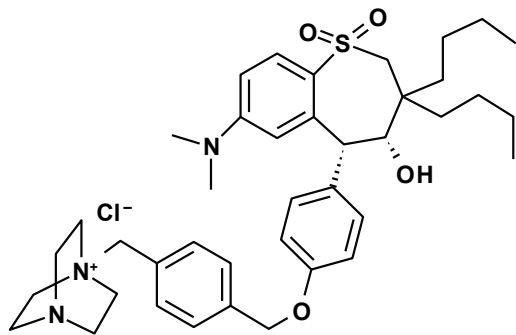
10 OVERDOSAGE

Single doses of maralixibat up to 500 mg, approximately 18-fold higher than the recommended dose, have been administered in healthy adults and were tolerated without a meaningful increase in adverse effects when compared to lower doses. If an overdose occurs, discontinue LIVMARLI, monitor the patient for any signs and symptoms and institute general supportive measures if needed.

LIVMARLI contains propylene glycol (364.5 mg/mL) as an excipient. Oral doses of propylene glycol up to 50 mg/kg/day (1 month to <5 years of age) and 500 mg/kg/day (≥5 years of age) are generally considered safe. Overdoses of propylene glycol may manifest with hyperosmolality, CNS, cardiovascular, and/or respiratory effects and may subside with the elimination of propylene glycol.

11 DESCRIPTION

LIVMARLI (maralixibat) oral solution is an ileal bile acid transporter (IBAT) inhibitor. Maralixibat is present as a chloride salt with the chemical name 1-[[4-[[4-[[4*R*,5*R*]-3,3-dibutyl-7-(dimethylamino)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-1,1-dioxido-1-benzothiepin-5-yl]phenoxy]methyl]phenyl]methyl]-4-aza-1-azoniabicyclo[2.2.2]octane chloride. The molecular formula of maralixibat chloride is C₄₀H₅₆ClN₃O₄S with a molecular weight of 710.42. It has the following chemical structure:



LIVMARLI is supplied in a multiple-dose bottle containing 9.5 mg of maralixibat per mL (equivalent to 10 mg of maralixibat chloride per mL). The oral solution contains the following inactive ingredients: edetate disodium, grape flavor, propylene glycol, purified water, and sucralose. The pH of the oral solution is 3.8 – 4.8.

12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

12.1 Mechanism of Action

Maralixibat is a reversible inhibitor of the ileal bile acid transporter (IBAT). It decreases the reabsorption of bile acids (primarily the salt forms) from the terminal ileum.

Pruritus is a common symptom in patients with ALGS and the pathophysiology of pruritus in patients with ALGS is not completely understood. Although the complete mechanism by which maralixibat improves pruritus in ALGS patients is unknown, it may involve inhibition of the IBAT, which results in decreased reuptake of bile salts, as observed by a decrease in serum bile acids [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.2)*].

12.2 Pharmacodynamics

In Trial 1, pediatric patients with ALGS were administered open-label treatment with LIVMARLI 380 mcg/kg once daily for 13 weeks after an initial 5-week dose-escalation period [see *Clinical Studies (14)*]. At baseline, serum bile acids were highly variable among patients ranging from 20 to 749 μmol/L and mean (SD) serum bile acid level was 283 (210.6) μmol/L. Serum bile acid levels decreased from baseline in the majority of patients as early as at Week 12 and the reduction in serum bile acids was generally maintained for the treatment period.

12.3 Pharmacokinetics

Because of the low systemic absorption of maralixibat, pharmacokinetic parameters cannot be reliably calculated at the recommended dose. Concentrations of maralixibat in the pediatric ALGS patients were below the limit of quantification (0.25 ng/mL) in the majority of plasma samples. In Trial 1, the highest concentration of maralixibat in pediatric ALGS patients following treatment with LIVMARLI 380 mcg/kg once daily was 5.93 ng/mL.

Following single oral administration of maralixibat in healthy adults at doses ranging from 1 mg to 500 mg, plasma concentrations of maralixibat were below the limit of quantification (0.25 ng/mL) at doses less than 20 mg and PK parameters could not be reliably estimated.

Following a single dose administration of 30 mg under fasted condition, median T_{max} was 0.75 and mean (SD) C_{max} and AUC_{last} were 1.65 (1.10) ng/mL and 3.43 (2.13) ng·h/mL, respectively.

Absorption

Maralixibat is minimally absorbed and plasma concentrations are often below the limit of quantification (0.25 ng/mL) after single or multiple doses at recommended doses. Following a single oral administration of maralixibat 30, 45, and 100 mg liquid formulation under fasted condition, AUC_{last} and C_{max} increased in a dose-dependent manner with increase of 4.6- and 2.4-fold, respectively, following a 3.3-fold dose increase from 30 to 100 mg.

No accumulation of maralixibat was observed following repeated oral administration of administration of maralixibat in healthy adults at doses up to 100 mg once-daily.

Effect of Food

Concomitant administration of a high-fat meal with a single oral dose of maralixibat decreased both the rate and extent of absorption. AUC and C_{max} of maralixibat values in the fed state were 64.8% to 85.8% lower relative to oral administration of 30 mg in fasted conditions. The effect of food on the changes of systemic exposures to maralixibat is not clinically significant [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.3)*].

Distribution

Maralixibat shows high binding (91%) to human plasma proteins in vitro.

Elimination

Following a single oral dose of 30 mg maralixibat in healthy adults, the mean half-life (t_{1/2}) was 1.6 hours.

Metabolism

No maralixibat metabolites have been detected in plasma. Three minor metabolites, accounting for <3% of maralixibat-associated fecal radioactivity in total, were identified following oral administration of [¹⁴C]maralixibat.

Excretion

Fecal excretion was found to be the major route of elimination. Following a single oral dose of 5 mg ¹⁴C-maralixibat, 73% of the dose was excreted in the feces with 0.066% excreted in the urine. 94% of the fecal excretion was as unchanged maralixibat.

Specific Populations

Patients with Renal Impairment

The pharmacokinetics of maralixibat were not studied in patients with impaired renal function, including those with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) or those on hemodialysis.

Drug Interaction Studies

Effect of Other Drugs on Maralixibat

Maralixibat is not a substrate of the drug transporters MDR1 (P-gp), BCRP, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, or OATP2B2; therefore, concomitant drug products are not predicted to affect the disposition of maralixibat.

Effect of Maralixibat on Other Drugs

In vitro, maralixibat did not induce CYP isoforms 1A2, 2B6, or 3A4, nor inhibit CYP isoforms 1A2, 2B6, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19 or 2D6 at clinically relevant concentrations. Maralixibat inhibits CYP3A4 in vitro, however clinically relevant effects on the pharmacokinetics of CYP3A4 substrates are unlikely. In vitro, maralixibat did not inhibit the transporters MDR1 (P-gp), BCRP, OAT1, OAT3, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, PEPT1, OCT1, OCT2, OCT3, OCTN1, OCTN2, MRP2, MATE1, or MATE2-K at clinically relevant concentrations.

Maralixibat inhibits the drug transporter OATP2B1 in vitro, which can potentially result in reduced absorption of drugs that rely on OATP2B1-mediated uptake in the GI tract. In clinical studies coadministration of 4.75 mg maralixibat (once daily in the morning) with daily doses of either simvastatin, or lovastatin in the evening, did not have a clinically relevant effect on the pharmacokinetics of these statins and their metabolites. Coadministration of 4.75 mg maralixibat did not affect pharmacokinetics of atorvastatin. However, the effect of maralixibat on the pharmacokinetics of OATP2B1 substrates at higher doses has not been evaluated in a clinical study.

13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

Carcinogenesis

No drug-related tumors were observed following oral administration of maralixibat chloride to TgRash2 mice at doses of up to 25 (males) or 75 (females) mg/kg/day for 26 weeks.

Mutagenesis

Maralixibat chloride was negative in *in vitro* (bacterial reverse mutation, chromosomal aberration in mammalian cells) and *in vivo* (mouse bone marrow micronucleus) assays.

Impairment of Fertility

No effects on fertility were observed in female rats treated orally with up to 2000 mg/kg/day or in male rats treated orally with up to 750 mg/kg/day.

14 CLINICAL STUDIES

The efficacy of LIVMARLI was assessed in Trial 1 (NCT02160782), which consisted of an 18-week open-label treatment period; a 4-week randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled drug-withdrawal period; a subsequent 26-week open-label treatment period; and a long-term open-label extension period.

Thirty-one pediatric ALGS patients with cholestasis and pruritus were enrolled, with 90.3% of patients receiving at least one medication to treat pruritus at study entry. All patients had JAGGED1 mutation. Patients were administered open-label treatment with LIVMARLI 380 mcg/kg once daily for 13 weeks after an initial 5-week dose-escalation period; two patients discontinued treatment during this first 18 weeks of open-label treatment. The 29 patients who completed the open-label treatment phase were then randomized to continue treatment with LIVMARLI or receive matching placebo during the 4-week drug withdrawal period at Weeks 19-22 (n=16 placebo, n=13 LIVMARLI). All 29 patients completed the randomized, blinded drug withdrawal period; subsequently, patients received open-label LIVMARLI at 380 mcg/kg once daily for an additional 26 weeks.

Randomized patients had a median age of 5 years (range: 1 to 15 years) and 66% were male. The baseline mean (standard deviation [SD]) of liver test parameters were as follows: serum bile acid levels 280 (213) μmol/L, AST 158 (68) U/L, ALT 179 (112) U/L, Gamma Glutamyl Transferase (GGT) 498 (399) U/L, and TB 5.6 (5.4) mg/dL.

Given the patients' young age, a single-item observer-reported outcome was used to measure patients' pruritus symptoms as observed by their caregiver twice daily (once in the morning and once in the evening) on the Itch Reported Outcome Instrument (ItchRO[Obs]). Pruritus symptoms were assessed on a 5-point ordinal response scale, with scores ranging from 0 (none observed or reported) to 4 (very severe). Patients were included in Trial 1 if their average pruritus score was greater than 2.0 (moderate) in the 2 weeks prior to baseline.

The average of the worst daily ItchRO(Obs) pruritus scores was computed for each week. For randomized patients, the mean (SD) at baseline (pre-treatment) was 3.1 (0.5) and the mean (SD) at Week 18 (pre-randomized withdrawal period) was 1.4 (0.9). On average, patients administered LIVMARLI for 22 weeks maintained pruritus reduction whereas those in the placebo group who were withdrawn from LIVMARLI after Week 18 returned to baseline pruritus scores by Week 22. Results from the placebo-controlled period are presented in Table 3. After re-entering the open-label treatment phase, both randomized treatment groups had similar mean pruritus scores by Week 28, the first week placebo patients received the full dosage of LIVMARLI after withdrawal. These observer-rated pruritus results are supported by similar results on patient-rated pruritus in patients 5 years of age and older who were able to self-report their itching severity.

Table 3: Weekly Average of Worst Daily ItchRO(Obs) Pruritus Severity Scores in Trial 1

	Maralixibat (N=13)	Placebo (N=16)	Mean Difference
Week 22, Mean (95% CI)	1.6 (1.1, 2.1)	3.0 (2.6, 3.5)	
Change from Week 18 to Week 22, Mean (95% CI)	0.2 (-0.3, 0.7)	1.6 (1.2, 2.1)	-1.4 (-2.1, -0.8)

Results based on an analysis of covariance model with treatment group and Week 18 average worst daily pruritus score as covariates

16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

Oral Solution

LIVMARLI is a clear, colorless to yellow oral solution.

Each amber plastic bottle contains LIVMARLI oral solution at a concentration of 9.5 mg per mL.

One 30 mL amber plastic bottle: NDC 79378-110-01

Storage and Handling

Store unopened LIVMARLI between 20°C and 25°C (68°F and 77°F), excursion permitted between 15°C and 30°C (59°F and 86°F) [see USP Controlled Room Temperature]. After opening the LIVMARLI bottle, store below 30°C (86°F) [see *Dosage and Administration (2.3)*].

17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise the patient or their caregiver(s) to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Patient Information and Instructions for Use).

Administration Instructions

Advise patients or their caregivers(s) to:

- Take LIVMARLI 30 minutes prior to a meal in the morning using a calibrated measuring device (0.5 mL, 1 mL or 3 mL oral dispenser) to measure and deliver the prescribed dose accurately [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1, 2.3)*].
- Take LIVMARLI at least 4 hours before or 4 hours after taking a bile acid binding resin (e.g., cholestyramine, colestevlam, or colestipol) [see *Drug Interactions (7.1)*].
- Store the opened bottle below 30°C (86°F). Discard any unused LIVMARLI 100 days after opening the bottle [see *How Supplied/Storage and Handling (16)*].

Liver Test Abnormalities

Advise patients or their caregiver(s) that liver tests should be obtained before starting LIVMARLI and periodically during LIVMARLI therapy, due to the risk of elevation in liver tests and development of liver-related adverse reactions [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4) and Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.2)*].

Gastrointestinal Adverse Reactions

Advise patients or their caregiver(s) to notify their healthcare provider if they experience new onset or worsening of gastrointestinal symptoms [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

Fat Soluble Vitamin (FSV) Deficiency

Advise patients or their caregiver(s) that INR (for vitamin K) and serum levels of vitamins A, D, E will be obtained before starting and periodically during treatment to assess for FSV deficiency [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

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