



Therapeutic Class ReviewSM

Neurology – Rasagiline (Azilect[®])

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New Product for Review:

rasagiline (Azilect[®]) [Teva Neuroscience]

Dossier Provided by Manufacturer:

Dossier Evaluation: 2

- 1- dossier w/missing components
- 2- all components present, except pharmacoeconomic model
- 3- all components present (comprehensive)

Executive Summary

- Rasagiline (Azilect) is an irreversible monoamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitor indicated for the treatment of idiopathic Parkinson's disease (PD).
 - Rasagiline (Azilect) inhibits MAO type B (MAO-B), but adequate studies to establish whether it is selective for MAO-B in humans have not yet been conducted.
 - Rasagiline (Azilect) is indicated for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of idiopathic PD as initial monotherapy and as adjunct therapy to levodopa.

Evidence

- There is possibly useful evidence that rasagiline (Azilect) results in:
 - modest improvements in the symptoms of early PD.
 - improvements in the amount of daily "off" time experienced by PD patients treated with levodopa.
 - a similar safety profile as entacapone (Comtan) in PD patients being treated with levodopa.
- There is no useful evidence that rasagiline (Azilect):
 - slows or otherwise affects the progression of PD.
 - is safer or better tolerated than selegiline.

Decision

Rasagiline (Azilect) is non-preferred/non-formulary due to the lack of evidence of superior efficacy over available formulary/preferred options.

Products

Drug Products	FDA approval ^a	FDA approved indications	Usual Dose/Route	Potential Off-label Uses ^c
MAO B Inhibitors				
selegiline (generic)	06/1989	- Parkinson's disease; Adjunct	5mg bid PO	- Alzheimer's disease – Dementia - Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - Dementia - HIV infection - Depression - Narcolepsy - Parkinson's disease, initial treatment - Periodic limb movement disorder - Schizophrenia; Adjunct
rasagiline (Azilect)	05/2006	- Parkinson's disease - Parkinson's disease; Adjunct	1mg qd PO	- None noted
Dopamine Agonists				
pergolide (generic)	12/1988	- Parkinson's disease; Adjunct	1mg tid	- Acromegaly - Cocaine withdrawal - Depression - Gilles de la Tourette's syndrome - Hyperprolactinemia - Parkinson's disease - Restless legs syndrome - Supranuclear paralysis
pramipexole (Mirapex [®])	07/1997	- Parkinson's disease - Parkinson's disease; Adjunct - Restless legs syndrome	1mg tid	- Depression - Panic disorder - Schizophrenia
ropinirole (Requip [®])	09/1997	- Parkinson's disease - Parkinson's disease; Adjunct - Restless legs syndrome	2mg tid	- None noted
bromocriptine (generic)	06/1978	- Parkinson's disease - Parkinson's disease; Adjunct - Acromegaly - Hyperprolactinemia -Associated Dysfunctions	10 mg tid	- Numerous
COMT Inhibitors				
tolcapone (Tasmar [®])	01/1998	- Parkinson's disease; Adjunct	100mg tid	- Depression
entacapone (Comtan [®])	10/1999	- Parkinson's disease; Adjunct	200mg with each dose of levodopa (3 to 8 times daily)	- Restless legs syndrome

^a Date applies to approval date for the original brand name medication where there are now generics available.

^c As listed in © 1974 - 2006 Thomson MICROMEDEX database or as referenced.

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