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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AE Adverse Event
AED Anti-epileptic drug
EU European Union
GSK GlaxoSmithKline
HCP Healthcare Provider

PIL Patient Information Leaflet

REMS Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy

RMP Risk Management Plan

SmPC Summary of Product Characteristics UBC United BioSource Corporation

UK United Kingdom US United States

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#### PROTOCOL SUMMARY

#### Rationale

As part of a European post-marketing commitment, GSK will conduct a survey of physicians' understanding of the significant risks associated with TROBALT<sup>TM</sup> (retigabine), as described in the Physician's Guide. The goal of the survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of the educational plan as specified in the European Risk Management Plan (RMP).

# Objective(s)

The objectives of this study are to assess prescribers' understanding and knowledge of the significant risks associated with TROBALT use as evaluated by a survey instrument.

# Study Design

This is a cross sectional survey of a targeted sample of 200 neurologists who have prescribed an anti-epileptic drug (AED) at least once in the last 3 months, and who were on the list to which a letter containing the Physician's Guide for TROBALT was distributed from across the following countries (United Kingdom, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia and Norway). At least 75 of the neurologists will have prescribed TROBALT. The survey will also aim to include up to 100 neurologists from Germany of which approximately 50 will have prescribed TROBALT.

Neurologists will be invited to take the survey online.

The selected countries were four of the first five countries to launch TROBALT (Germany, Denmark, United Kingdom, and Switzerland) and an additional three countries with launch in 2011, but with relatively high rates of uptake of TROBALT (Spain, Slovakia and Norway). Sweden was proposed for inclusion but due to delays with the ethics committee approval, it was removed from the survey. The selection of countries includes Switzerland, which is not part of the European Union. However, the key messages regarding the risks with TROBALT are in alignment. The rationale for surveying the first five countries to launch is so that any issues identified from these countries regarding the effectiveness of the Physician's Guide in communicating the risks of TROBALT can be addressed as soon as possible, and the key messages can be revised in a timely manner. In addition, these countries are likely to provide the greatest number of neurologists with experience of prescribing TROBALT, and their patients.

# Study Endpoints/Assessments

The primary outcome of the survey is the proportion of neurologists providing correct responses to a series of questions concerning the significant risks associated with TROBALT. The risks evaluated will be those described in the TROBALT PIL and in the Physician's Guide.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) will conduct a survey of neurologists who are prescribing antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) on their understanding of the significant risks associated with
TROBALT. Neurologists were chosen as the target HCPs because all neurologists in
each country to be surveyed were sent a letter containing the Physician's Guide and
SmPC at the launch of TROBALT in that country (Appendix 1). Neurologists were
targeted for this letter on the basis that they constituted the broadest group that were
reasonably likely to initiate a prescription of TROBALT. Furthermore, a sub-group of
neurologists commonly referred to as 'epileptologists' are known from past experience to
be the specialists who first initiate prescriptions of a new AED and were therefore
specifically targeted for promotional activity by GSK and are the primary target of this
survey. The survey will concentrate on the risks described in the Physician's Guide for
TROBALT, though it is recognised that the Physician's Guide is not the only source of
information concerning risks associated with medication use.

The design for this study is based on GSK's previous experience designing risk management programs for GSK products, and on the prior experience of United BioSource Corporation (UBC) in conducting similar surveys in the EU.

# 2. OBJECTIVE(S)

The objective of this study is:

To assess prescribers' understanding of the significant risks associated with TROBALT as evaluated by a survey instrument, for those who should have received the letter containing TROBALT Physician's Guide, and specifically for the subset of prescribers who have prescribed TROBALT.

# 3. INVESTIGATION PLAN

# 3.1. Study Design

This study is sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), and will be conducted by United BioSource Corporation (UBC), an international research consultancy.

This is a cross-sectional study of physicians' understanding of the significant risks associated with TROBALT.

Physicians will be recruited by selecting a random sample of neurologists from lists provided by GSK in each country. The list includes names of all potential TROBALT prescribers who were mailed an introductory letter including the Physician's Guide for TROBALT (Appendix 1). Following recruitment, neurologists' understanding of the potential risks associated with TROBALT will be evaluated using an online survey. Each invitation will include information on how to access the survey on-line, and will include a unique code to ensure that the invitation is used only once.

To ensure comprehension of each communication piece, all of the physician outreach will be conducted in the local country language. Specifically, the surveys and invitation letters will all be translated by a certified translation company.

# 3.2. Study Population: Neurologists prescribing anti-epileptic drugs

This survey aims to recruit a random sample of 300 neurologists prescribing AEDs and who have been sent the TROBALT Physician's Guide. A sample of 200 neurologists will be recruited from across the following countries (United Kingdom, Denmark, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia and Norway), and up to 100 neurologists will be recruited from Germany.

The selected countries were four of the first five countries to launch TROBALT (Germany, Denmark, United Kingdom, and Switzerland) and an additional three countries with launch in 2011, but with relatively high rates of uptake of TROBALT (Spain, Slovakia and Norway). Sweden was not included because the country ethics committee delays caused a delay to the survey launch, and the sales of TROBALT in Sweden decreased significantly over that time. The feasibility of recruiting prescribing physicians was believed to be very low, and by the time of launch, recruitment of HCPs had reached 198 of 200 planned HCP responses from the other countries. The selection of countries includes Switzerland, which is not part of the European Union. However, the key messages regarding the risks with TROBALT are in alignment. The rationale for surveying the first five countries to launch is so that any issues identified from these countries regarding the effectiveness of the Physician's Guide and PIL in communicating the risks of TROBALT can be addressed as soon as possible, and the key messages can be revised in a timely manner. In addition, these countries are likely to provide the greatest number of neurologists with experience of prescribing TROBALT, and their patients.

It should be noted that on May 31, 2012, following the reimbursement process in Germany, GSK chose not to enter into price negotiations and TROBALT will not be available for new patients from July 2012 until further notice. Patients currently on TROBALT prior to May 31, 2012 will continue to be able to fill their TROBALT prescriptions in Germany. Therefore, by November 2012 at the start of the survey, the characteristics of the patients using TROBALT in Germany may differ from the other European countries where new patients will continue to receive TROBALT prescriptions. The neurologists included from Germany will only be those who continue to prescribe TROBALT, and this may be a selected population. For these reasons, the survey data from Germany will be analysed with the total study population, as well as separately.

If required, additional EU countries may be included in the survey to reach the minimum recruitment target. The recruitment will be from among those who have prescribed an anti-epileptic drug (AED) at least once in the last 3 months, and who were on the list to which a letter including the Physician's Guide TROBALT was distributed. The survey will aim to recruit at least 75 physicians (from the seven specified countries) and 50 physicians from Germany with experience of prescribing TROBALT for sub-analyses, as these individuals would be expected to be more aware of the risks of TROBALT. The

sub-group of neurologists commonly referred to as 'epileptologists' are known from past experience to be the specialists who first initiate prescriptions of a new AED and were therefore specifically targeted for promotional activity by GSK and are the primary target of this survey.

As with the patient population, these numbers reflect a trade-off between what is practical in terms of recruitment, given the relatively low predicted prescribing of TROBALT, and providing sufficient precision around outcome estimates (proportion giving correct responses per question), and also to allow analysis of the sub-sample of neurologists who have prescribed TROBALT.

# 3.2.1. Inclusion criteria for physician survey

Physicians will be required to meet all the following inclusion criteria:

- 1. Must have prescribed an AED at least once in the last 3 months
- 2. Must be on the list to which the Physician's Guide for TROBALT was distributed.

# 3.2.2. Exclusion criteria for physician survey

Physicians meeting any of the following criteria will not be eligible to take the survey:

1. Currently an employee of GSK or UBC.

#### 3.2.3. Methods of Recruitment

The neurologists will be recruited through an invitation to participate in the survey. The invitation will direct the neurologist to the survey website to complete the survey. Invitations will be sent by e-mail to those neurologists for whom an e-mail address is available. For those neurologists without e-mail addresses, invitations will be sent by mail. If there is no response after the first invitation, then a second reminder invitation will be sent within 2 weeks after the first mailing.

Physicians will be paid the equivalent of €75 for their participation, which is fair market value for a survey estimated to take 20 minutes to complete.

# 3.3. Survey Design

The final study design is based on experience from risk management studies previously completed by GSK and UBC. UBC has designed and conducted assessment surveys in over 20 European countries to evaluate prescribers' understanding of risk messages. Recruitment and analytic strategies included in this proposal are similar to those programs. Further, both UBC and GSK have conducted similar knowledge, attitude and behavior surveys in the US to evaluate Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies (REMS).

#### 3.3.1. Questionnaire Structure

Each survey will be composed of multiple choice and close-ended questions. There will be no open-ended questions included. For statements or questions that use "true" or "yes" vs. "false" or "no" response options, the desired response for key risk messages is generally "true" or "yes" indicating knowledge of, or behavior in accordance with, the objectives of the program. However, some questions are formatted to have the respondent disagree with the statement as written by providing response options of "false" or "no" to avoid having the same affirmative answer for all desired responses.

Physicians will be provided a unique code in the survey invitation letter and will be asked to provide the unique code to gain access to the online survey or when calling the Survey Coordinating Center. The code will be deactivated after use to minimize the possibility for fraud.

# 3.3.2. Measures to minimise bias in the surveys

The following are measures to minimise bias in the surveys:

- All questions will be programmed to ensure that questions are asked in the appropriate sequence. Skip patterns will be clearly indicated. Respondents cannot go back to a question once the question has been answered and cannot skip ahead. All questions must be answered in order to complete the survey.
- Response options presented in a list will be randomized to minimize positional bias.
- Programming will be reviewed by quality control and simulated users (User Acceptance Testing) prior to implementing the survey.

#### 4. STUDY ASSESSMENTS AND PROCEDURES

# 4.1. Neurologist Screening and Assessment

The health care provider introduction information is outlined in Appendix 2, and the survey instrument for neurologist assessment is in Appendix 3. The neurologist questionnaire will begin with a screening module with questions to confirm eligibility. Depending on the answers to the screening questions, survey participation could either be terminated or continued. If ineligible, the respondent is immediately notified with a "thank you" message that survey participation has ended. If eligible, the respondent is allowed to continue survey participation.

The screening questions included in the prescriber survey are:

- Agreement to take the survey
- Time since the last prescription written for any AED

- Ever prescribe TROBALT\*
   \*Used to ensure that the sample includes at least 100 TROBALT prescribers
- Employment at GSK or UBC

# 4.2. Neurologist Outcomes

Neurologist understanding of the significant risks associated with TROBALT will be assessed using a standardised questionnaire.

The primary outcome of this study is the proportion of neurologists that correctly respond to individual survey questions concerning the risks associated with TROBALT. The proportion responding correctly will be tabulated separately for each item in the physician understanding survey instrument. These risks represent those described in the Physician's Guide for TROBALT.

Physician demographic information will be collected at the end of the survey in order to further characterise the respondent population. This will include gender and medical specialty, type of medical practice, years in medical practice. Country in which practice occurs will be collected at the beginning of the survey in order to identify respondents from Switzerland for whom not all questions apply.

At the conclusion of the online survey, the final screen will display a summary of the relevant information from the Physician's Guide.

#### 5. DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

All data collected during the survey will be held confidential. The electronic data capture (EDC) system used for data collection encrypts all identifiable information, and respondent identifiers are stored separately from the survey responses.

#### 6. DATA ANALYSIS

# 6.1. Analysis Population

# **Neurologist population**

The population for analysis will comprise all neurologists recruited into the study, meeting eligibility criteria as assessed in the survey screener, and completing the survey.

The outcomes will be summarised for all seven specified countries combined, and separately for Germany and for the six countries combined not including Germany for the reasons outlined in Section 3.2.1.

The sub-population for analyses will be the neurologists who have ever prescribed TROBALT.

## 6.2. Analyses

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The primary outcome is the proportion of neurologists answering each question of the understanding of the risks associated with TROBALT correctly. Point estimates for the proportion with correct responses, and associated confidence intervals, will be calculated for each question about the risks of TROBALT. In the case of multiple choice questions, the number and proportion of neurologists reporting each response will also be provided.

The proportion of correct answers to survey questions will be summarised overall, and separately for those neurologists who have prescribed TROBALT. Exploratory analyses may include stratification by country.

The survey results will be presented with Germany included in the overall study population, then separately for Germany and the remaining specified European countries.

#### 7. PRECISION BY SAMPLE SIZE

Table 1 summarises the margin of error at the 95% confidence level provided by varying sample sizes and estimates of percentage of neurologists indicating a correct response. For example, if the estimate of the percentage of neurologists indicating a correct response to an individual survey question is 60%, then a sample of 200 neurologists will provide a margin of error of  $\pm$  7.0 percentage points of this estimate with a 95% confidence interval.

Table 1 Sample size and precision estimat

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Sample Size	Proportion of Correct Responses to Each Question								
	50	60	70	75	80	85	90		
	Precision/ Margin of Error (±%) with 95% Confidence Interval								
50	14	14	12	11	10	9.0	8.0		
100	10	10	9.0	8.0	8.0	7.0	6.0		
150	8.0	8.0	7.3	7.0	6.7	5.7	4.7		
200	7.0	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.0		
250	6.0	6.0	5.6	5.4	4.8	4.6	3.6		
300	5.7	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.7	4.0	3.3		
350	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.4	4.3	3.9	3.1		
400	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.5	3.0		
450	4.7	4.4	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.2	2.7		
500	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.6	3.2	2.6		

#### 8. STUDY LIMITATIONS

There are some limitations inherent in the study design.

The physicians who are recruited to invite their patients will be a random sample of prescribers who were mailed a letter containing the language from the Physician's Guide. Prescribers will be identified as a proportionate random sample stratified by country. The

sample of prescribers asked to invite their patients will be an independent sample separate from the sample of prescribers asked to complete the survey themselves. The sample of neurologists who are invited to participate will be a random sample of all neurologists who received the Physician's Guide for TROBALT. The sample of participating neurologists will be self-selected since respondents will voluntarily respond to the invitation to participate; however, the survey recruitment strategies are intended to recruit a heterogeneous sample of prescribers for participation. For Germany, as noted in Section 3.2.1, TROBALT will no longer be available for new patients and so only neurologists who continue to have patients on TROBALT in November 2012 will be targeted.

#### 9. STUDY MANAGEMENT

## 9.1. Ethical approval and consent

Survey participation is voluntary. The survey will begin with a question indicating the neurologist's agreement to participate in the survey. If the individual does not agree, the survey will be ended.

Ethics approval will be sought as required by individual countries.

# 9.2. Reporting of adverse events

Not Applicable.

# 9.3. Study reporting and publications

The recruitment period is estimated to be 12 months from November 2012, though this could be earlier if the target number of participants is reached sooner than November 2013.

A final report will be written and submitted to European Medicines Agency (EMA) through the Periodic Benefit Risk Evaluation Report (PBRER) in June 2014 (PBRER reporting period 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013 to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014).

#### 10. APPENDICES

# 10.1. Appendix 1 Template for the letter to prescribers including the TROBALT Physician's Guide

Physican address Date

Dear Physician (or personalise with Dr and surname where possible)

Introducing new Trobalt (retigabine): a first-in-class potassium channel opener for the adjunctive treatment of epilepsy<sup>1</sup>

GlaxoSmithKline is pleased to announce the recent marketing authorisation of Trobalt in (country). Trobalt is licensed for partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalisation in adults aged 18 years and above with epilepsy <sup>1</sup>

The approval was supported by the results of the pivotal phase III studies RESTORE 1 and 2, which showed that significantly more patients with uncontrolled epilepsy saw a reduction of 50% or more in seizure frequency compared to placebo when a 600mg/day, 900mg/day or 1200mg/day dose of Trobalt was added to their current anti-epileptic drug (AED) regimen.<sup>2,3</sup>

Trobalt is a first-in-class AED that is thought to primarily target potassium channels in the brain<sup>4</sup> which play a major role in seizures and in regulating neuronal function, providing a new therapeutic option for the treatment of uncontrolled epilepsy.<sup>5,6</sup>

To date, 45 studies investigating Trobalt (phase I, II and III) have been completed evaluating more than 2,000 subjects, including 1,365 patients with epilepsy.<sup>7</sup>

Trobalt has been shown to be generally tolerated with most reported adverse events being transitory, mild to moderate in severity and occurring early during the titration period. Very common side effects were dose-related and included dizziness, somnolence and fatigue

AEDs may have specific considerations to ensure appropriate prescribing. With Trobalt, the following advice should be discussed with your patients before initiating therapy.

Trobalt must be taken orally, with or without food, in three divided daily doses. Tablets should be swallowed whole and not chewed, crushed or divided. Trobalt must be titrated to reach an effective dose. The starting dose is 300 mg/day, increased by 150 mg/day weekly according to patient response and tolerability. The maximum total daily dose is 1200 mg/day.

Treatment initiation packs are available for patients using the standard dose titration regimen to facilitate the first 2 weeks of therapy, and reach a potentially therapeutic dose of 600 mg/day by the third week of therapy.

Appropriate dose titration may minimise the risk of central nervous system-related adverse events, including hallucination and psychotic disorders.





Prescribing Information is available on the back page

#### 1. Urinary effects

Urinary retention, dysuria and urinary hesitation were reported in controlled clinical studies with Trobalt, generally within the first 8 weeks of treatment. Trobalt must be used with caution in patients at risk of urinary retention, and it is recommended that patients are advised about the risk of these possible effects.1

Does your patient have symptoms of urinary retention e.g. hesitancy, poor stream?

Does your patient take drugs that can cause urinary retention e.g. anticholinergics?

Is your patient able to communicate new symptoms of urinary retention?

#### 2. QT interval prolongation

A study of cardiac conduction in healthy subjects has demonstrated that Trobalt titrated to 1200 mg/day produced a QT prolonging effect. A mean increase in Individual Corrected QT Interval (QTcI) of up to 6.7 ms (upper bound of 95% one-sided CI 12.6 ms) was observed within 3 hours of dosing. <sup>1</sup>

Caution should be taken when Trobalt is prescribed with medicinal products known to increase QT interval and in patients with known prolonged QT interval, congestive cardiac failure, ventricular hypertrophy, hypokalaemia or hypomagnesaemia and in patients initiating treatment who are 65 years of age and above. 1

In these patients it is recommended that an electrocardiogram (ECG) is recorded before initiation of treatment with Trobalt and in those with a corrected QT interval >440 ms at baseline, an ECG should be recorded on reaching the maintenance dose. 1

Does your patient have a history of cardiac disease?

Does your patient take drugs that are known to cause QT prolongation?

Retigabine has not been shown to cause cardiac arrhythmias in the randomised clinical trials, however patients should be advised to report new symptoms that might indicate a prolonged QT interval, for example palpitations, syncope.

#### 3. Psychiatric effects

During controlled clinical studies, confusional state, psychotic disorders and hallucinations were reported, generally within the first 8 weeks of treatment. It is recommended that patients are





advised about the risk of these possible effects and to not exceed the recommended titration schedule. 1

For further information please contact (country to insert specific details)

Yours faithfully,

Xxxxxxx (Title)

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# 10.2. Appendix 2 Health Care Provider Introduction to the Online Survey Regarding TROBALT

## Introduction

GlaxoSmithKline, the maker of TROBALT<sup>TM</sup> (retigabine) is surveying health care professionals about TROBALT. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has required that this research be conducted to assess health care professionals' knowledge of the prescribing information, as conveyed through the letter containing the wording from the Physician's Guide, for the safe use of TROBALT as part of the EMA's and GlaxoSmithKline's effort to ensure that the benefit of TROBALT remains greater than the risks. The questionnaire will take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

#### Disclaimer

This research is sponsored by a pharmaceutical company. The aim of this research is to assess knowledge about the prescribing information for TROBALT. Taking part in this survey is voluntary; you are under no obligation to participate. You may refuse to take the survey or stop taking the survey at any time. Your answers to the questions will not affect your ability to prescribe TROBALT.

#### How We Use Your Information

Your answers to the survey questions will be combined with those from other respondents and reported in anonymous form to GlaxoSmithKline. Your name will not be used in any report. If you are eligible to take the questionnaire, complete all the questions, and provide your contact information, you will receive [letter will be customized per country up to €75.] This compensation represents the fair value for your services in connection with completion of the Survey. The amount of the compensation was not determined in any manner that takes into account the volume or value of any referrals or business otherwise generated by you.

Your name and address will be used to send you the honorarium after you complete the survey.

#### How We Protect Your Privacy

We respect that the privacy of your personal information is important to you. All the information you provide will be kept strictly confidential. You will not be contacted for marketing purposes based on your personal information or your answers to the survey. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Your privacy will be protected; however, research survey records may be inspected by the EMA or local country Ethics Committees. Your choice to allow GlaxoSmithKline to use your information is entirely voluntary but necessary to take part in this survey.

#### How to Learn More about the Online Survey

If you have questions about or problems with the survey, please contact the Help Desk at: surveysupport@unitedbiosource.com and your questions will be answered.

# 10.3. Appendix 3 Questionnaire for Neurologists who Prescribe AEDs and were Sent the TROBALT Letter Containing the Physician's Guide

#### **Screening Questions:**

- 1. Do you agree to take part in this survey?
  - Yes
  - No (Exclude)
- 2. When was the last time you prescribed an anti-epileptic drug for a patient?
  - Less than a month ago
  - Between 1 and 2 months ago
  - Between 2 and 3 months ago
  - More than 3 months ago (Exclude)
- 3. Have you ever prescribed TROBALT?
  - Yes
  - No
  - I don't know
- 4. In which country is your primary medical practice?
  - Germany
  - Denmark
  - United Kingdom
  - Switzerland
  - Sweden
  - Spain
  - Slovakia
  - Norway
  - Other (exclude)

[QUOTAS WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR 200 NEUROLOGISTS FROM UK, SWEDEN, DENMARK, SWITZERLAND, SPAIN, SLOVAKIA, AND NORWAY; AT LEAST 75 SHOULD HAVE PRESCRIBED TORBALT. QUOTA OF 100 NEUROLOGISTS FROM GERMANY, OF WHICH AT LEAST 50 SHOULD HAVE PRESCRIBED TROBALT.]

- 5. Are you an employee of GlaxoSmithKline or United BioSource Corporation?
  - Yes (Exclude)
  - No

Questionnaire for Neurologists who Prescribe AEDs and Were Sent the TROBALT Letter Containing the Physician's Guide

## [CORRECT ANSWERS ARE INDICATED IN BOLD]

- 6. For which of the following conditions is TROBALT approved for use?
  - Migraine
  - Partial-onset seizures
  - All types of seizures
  - All of the above
  - None of the above
  - I don't know
- 7. Is TROBALT indicated for use as monotherapy?
  - Yes
  - No
  - I don't know
- 8. What is the maximum recommended daily maintenance dose of TROBALT for most patients? (Please select the best response.)
- 600 mg
- 900 mg
- 1200 mg
- 2000 mg
- None of the above
- I don't know
- 9. Which one of the following statements is true? (Please select the best response.)
- TROBALT should be taken once a day.
- TROBALT should be taken twice a day.
- TROBALT should be taken three times a day.
- TROBALT should be taken four times a day.
- None of the above
- I don't know
- 10. When increasing the dose, what is the maximum total daily dose at which TROBALT can be increased once every 7 days? (Please select the best response.)
- 50 mg
- 150 mg
- 300 mg
- 600 mg
- None of the above
- 11. Which one of the following statements is true? (Please select the best response.)
- There are no lower age limits for TROBALT usage.
- The youngest age at which TROBALT can be used is 12.

- The youngest age at which TROBALT can be used is 18.
- I don't know

Please respond "true," "false" or "I don't know" to each of the following questions:

- 12. The quickest time by which the minimum maintenance dose of 600mg should be reached is the third week?
  - True
  - False
  - I don't know
- 13. For the general population, the recommended total initial dosage should be 150mg per day for one week.
- True
- False
- I don't know
- 14. People taking TROBALT had a higher chance of experiencing which of the following risks in clinical studies? (Please select all that apply)
- Urinary retention
- Confusional state
- Hallucinations
- Psychotic disorders
- Myocardial infarciton
- Renal carcinoma
- All of the above
- None of the above
- I don't know
- 15. It is known from controlled studies that adverse events related to voiding dysfunction generally tend to be reported how soon after starting TROBALT?
  - Within the first week
  - Within the first 8 weeks
  - After 4 months
  - After 12 months
  - I don't know
- 16. It is known from controlled studies that confusional state, hallucinations, and/or psychotic disorders generally tend to be reported how soon after starting TROBALT?
  - 4 weeks
  - 8 weeks
  - 12 weeks
  - 16 weeks
  - I don't know

- 17. Which of the following urinary symptoms, if any, should you specifically advise patients taking TROBALT to watch out for? (Please select the best response.)
- Pain when urinating
- Difficulty starting urination
- Slow stream
- Inability to pass urine
- All of the above
- None of the above
- I don't know
- 18. According to the TROBALT Physician's Guide, appropriate dose titration may minimize the risk of which of the following adverse events? (Please select the best response.)
- QT prolongation
- CNS side effects such as hallucinations
- Urinary retention
- All of the above
- None of the above
- I don't know

# [DO NOT DISPLAY QUESTIONS 19 and 20 FOR RESPONDENTS FROM SWITZERLAND]

- 19. Using the Treatment Initiation Pack, by which week can the patient reach a dose of 600mg/day?
- 2 weeks
- 3 weeks
- 4 weeks
- 5 weeks
- None of the above
- 20. At what dose has TROBALT been shown to produce a possible QT prolonging effect?
- 600 mg
- 900 mg
- 1200mg
- 1800 mg
- I don't know
- 21. For which patients is it recommended that an ECG is recorded before initiating TROBALT? (Please select all that apply.)
  - Patients with hypertension
  - Patients with congestive heart failure
  - Patients with ventricular hypertrophy
  - Patients with hypokalemia

- All of the above
- None of the above
- I don't know
- 22. What should you do in a patient with a QTc of more than 440ms before starting TROBALT? (Please select the best response)
- Recheck the ECG 1 week after the first dose
- Recheck the ECG at monthly intervals
- Recheck the ECG after reaching the maintenance dose
- I don't know
- 23. Which new cardiac effects in particular should you warn your patients about after prescribing TROBALT? (Please select all that apply)
- Syncope
- Palpitations
- Any other symptoms of arrhythmia
- All of above
- None of the above
- 24. How would you classify your primary medical specialty?
  - Neurology
  - Neurosurgery
  - Epileptology
  - Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ [FREE TEXT]

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- 25. Have you read the TROBALT information letter that was sent at the launch of TROBALT?
- Yes
- No
- I don't know
- 26. From which of the following sources have you learned about the risks associated with use of TROBALT? (Please select all that apply)
- TROBALT launch letter
- GlaxoSmithKline medical information
- Other health care professionals
- GlaxoSmithKline promotional materials
- GlaxoSmithKline sales representatives
- Journal article
- GlaxoSmithKline-sponsored educational meeting
- None of the above
- 27. What is your gender?
- Male
- Female

- 28. For how many years have you been in medical practice?
- Less than 3 years
- 3-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- More than 20 years
- Prefer not to answer
- 29. Do you agree to provide your name and address so that we can issue a payment for your time in completing this survey?
  - Yes (Record name and address)
  - No

Name		 	
Address _			

[CLOSING] That ends the survey. Thank you again for your help. The correct answers to the questions about TROBALT follow.

#### The following are the correct answers to the survey questions about TROBALT.

For which condition is TROBALT approved for use?

• Partial-onset seizures

Is TROBALT indicated for use as monotherapy?

• No

What is the maximum recommended daily maintenance dose of TROBALT for most patients?

• 1200 mg

Which one of the following statements is true? (Please select the best response.)

- TROBALT should be taken once a day.
- TROBALT should be taken twice a day.
- TROBALT should be taken three times a day. [CORRECT RESPONSE]
- TROBALT should be taken four times a day.

When increasing the dose, what is the maximum total daily dose at which TROBALT can be increased once every 7 days?

• 150 mg

Which one of the following statements is true?

- There are no lower age limits for TROBALT usage.
- The youngest age at which TROBALT can be used is 12.
- The youngest age at which TROBALT can be used is 18. [CORRECT RESPONSE]

The quickest time by which the minimum maintenance dose of 600mg should be reached is the third week?

• True

For the general population, the recommended total initial dosage should be 150mg per day for one week.

• False
The starting dose is 300 mg/day

People taking TROBALT had a higher chance of experiencing which of the following risks in clinical studies?

- Urinary retention
- Confusional state
- Hallucinations
- Psychotic disorders

It is known from controlled studies that adverse events related to voiding dysfunction generally tend to be reported how soon after starting TROBALT?

#### • Within the first 8 weeks

It is known from controlled studies that confusional state, hallucinations, and/or psychotic disorders generally tend to be reported how soon after starting TROBALT?

• 8 weeks

Which of the following urinary symptoms, if any, should you specifically advise patients taking TROBALT to watch out for?

- Pain when urinating
- Difficulty starting urination
- Slow stream
- Inability to pass urine
- All of the above

According to the TROBALT Physician's Guide, appropriate dose titration may minimize the risk of which of the following adverse events?

## • CNS side effects such as hallucinations

# [DO NOT DISPLAY THE FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS FOR RESPONDENTS FROM SWITZERLAND]

Using the Treatment Initiation Pack, by which week can the patient reach a dose of 600mg/day?

#### • 3 weeks

At what dose has TROBALT been shown to produce a possible QT prolonging effect?

#### • 1200mg

For which patient is it recommended that an ECG is recorded before initiating TROBALT?

- Patients with congestive heart failure
- Patients with ventricular hypertrophy
- Patients with hypokalemia

What should you do in a patient with a QTc of less than 440ms before starting TROBALT?

## • Recheck the ECG after reaching the maintenance dose

Which new cardiac effects in particular should you warn your patients about after prescribing TROBALT?

- Syncope
- Palpitations
- Any other symptoms of arrhythmia
- All of above

Please refer to the Physician's Guide and the TROBALT Prescribing Information for further details.

#### **THANK YOU**