



**U.S. FDA APPROVES EISAI'S AMPA RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST
FYCOMPA™ (PERAMPANEL) AS ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT FOR
PARTIAL-ONSET SEIZURES IN PATIENTS WITH EPILEPSY AGE 12 AND OLDER**

Eisai Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, President & CEO: Haruo Naito, "Eisai") announced today that its U.S. subsidiary Eisai Inc. has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the AMPA receptor antagonist Fycompa™ (perampanel) as an adjunctive treatment of partial-onset seizures with or without secondarily generalized seizures in patients with epilepsy age 12 years and older.

Discovered and developed by Eisai, Fycompa is a non-competitive AMPA-type glutamate receptor antagonist. As an AMPA receptor antagonist, Fycompa reduces neuronal hyperexcitation associated with seizures by inhibiting glutamate activity at post-synaptic AMPA receptors. This is the first antiepileptic agent approved by the U.S. FDA to work in this manner.

The approval decision was based primarily on clinical data from three pivotal Phase III, global, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-escalation studies that examined 1,480 patients with partial-onset seizures. These studies demonstrated that Fycompa, as an adjunctive therapy, significantly reduced seizure frequency in patients with partial-onset seizures with or without secondary generalized seizures. The most commonly reported adverse events were dizziness, somnolence, fatigue, irritability, falls, nausea, ataxia, balance disorder, gait disturbance, vertigo and weight gain. Serious or

[Notes to editors]

1. About epilepsy

Epilepsy is a medical condition that produces seizures, affecting a variety of mental and physical functions. A

Falls

Taking Fycompa may increase a patient's chance of falling. These falls can cause serious injuries. A patient's risk of falling may be higher if they are elderly.

Withdrawal of AEDs

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