

Information on Post Authorization Safety Study regarding potential risk of neurodevelopmental disorders in children whose fathers were treated with valproate.

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A post-authorization safety study (PASS) has assessed the potential risk of neurodevelopmental disorders in children whose fathers were treated with valproate monotherapy in the three months before conception, compared with the risk in children whose fathers were treated with two other epilepsy monotherapy treatments, lamotrigine or levetiracetam, in the three months before conception.

This PASS is a retrospective observational study based on electronic medical records from three Nordic countries, which was requested by the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) of the EMA (European Medicines Agency) and designed together with the pharmaceutical companies marketing valproate-containing products.

Following the assessment of the final results and study conclusions, the Consortium of MAHs' submitted a proposal to revise the product information and to implement additional risk minimization measures for males, on a precautionary basis.

The PRAC's assessment of the study results and proposed precautionary measures for male patients using valproate containing medicines is now finalized and reflects most of the measures proposed in this submission.

The <u>study protocol</u> and <u>study results</u> are available on the HMA-EMA Catalogues of realworld data.

The PRAC's conclusions are available on the EMA website.

If patients have any concerns, they should discuss them with their treating physician. Discontinuing treatment carries the risk of recurrent seizures or may worsen the symptoms of bipolar disorder.

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Depakine (sodium valproate) is a broad-spectrum anti-epileptic that has been prescribed for more than 50 years and remains a reference treatment for epilepsy worldwide. Depakine is also a mood stabilizer, registered in the treatment of manic episodes associated with bipolar disorder. Sanofi holds no rights to Depakine in the U.S., and sodium valproate generics are available in most markets.

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