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**Sun Pharma Launches SEZABY™ (phenobarbital sodium) in the U.S. for Treatment of Neonatal Seizures**

- *First and only FDA-approved product for treating seizures in neonatal patients*

**Mumbai, India and Princeton, N.J., January 25, 2023** – Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (Reuters: SUN.BO, Bloomberg: SUNP IN, NSE: SUNPHARMA, BSE: 524715, “Sun Pharma” and includes its subsidiaries and/or associate companies) today announced the launch of SEZABY™ (phenobarbital sodium) in the U.S. for the treatment of neonatal seizures. SEZABY is the first and only product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) for the treatment of neonatal seizures in term and preterm infants.

SEZABY is a benzyl alcohol-free and propylene glycol-free formulation of phenobarbital sodium powder for injection. It was granted orphan drug designation by the US FDA for the treatment of neonatal seizures.

“The launch of SEZABY is an exciting addition to our growing portfolio of specialty branded products in the U.S.,” said Abhay Gandhi, CEO North America, Sun Pharma. “As the first and only FDA-approved product for the treatment of seizures in term and preterm infants, SEZABY has the potential to make a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and their families, and we are proud to be able to provide physicians with this new treatment option.”

**About Neonatal Seizures**

Seizures are more common in the neonatal period (first 28 days of life) than at any other time during life. The incidence of seizures during the first month of life is approximately 1 to 4 per thousand babies.<sup>1</sup> Their occurrence is associated with poor outcomes such as cerebral palsy, global developmental delay, and epilepsy in up to 40 to 60% of babies who suffer seizures.<sup>2</sup>

**About SEZABY (phenobarbital sodium)**

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SEZABY was approved based on the results of NEOLEV2, a phase 2 study that evaluated levetiracetam compared to phenobarbital in the first-line treatment of neonatal seizures. The randomized controlled trial compared the incidence of recurrent seizures in neonates treated with phenobarbital vs. levetiracetam in 94 neonates. Twenty-four hours following the administration of phenobarbital or levetiracetam, 73% vs. 25% were seizure-free in the respective groups.

The most common adverse reactions (incidence > 5% patients overall) were abnormal respiration, sedation, feeding disorder, and hypotension.

SEZABY for injection is supplied as a sterile white to off-white, lyophilized powder in single-dose clear glass vials containing 100 mg of phenobarbital sodium.

### **Important Safety Information**

**WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH OPIOIDS; DEPENDENCE AND WITHDRAWAL REACTIONS AFTER USE OF SEZABY FOR A LONGER DURATION THAN RECOMMENDED; and ABUSE, MISUSE, AND ADDICTION WITH UNAPPROVED USE IN ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS**

- **Concomitant use of phenobarbital products, including SEZABY, and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. If a decision is made to use concomitantly, limit dosages and durations to the minimum required, and monitor patients for respiratory depression and sedation.**
- **Although SEZABY is indicated only for short-term use, if used for a longer duration than recommended, abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. For patients receiving SEZABY for a longer duration than recommended, to reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue SEZABY.**
- **SEZABY is not approved for use in adolescents or adults. The unapproved use of SEZABY in adolescents and adults exposes them to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death.**

Please see [full Prescribing Information](#), including Boxed WARNING, for SEZABY.

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## **About Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited (CIN - L24230GJ1993PLC019050):**

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