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**DECENTRALISED PROCEDURE**

**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A VETERINARY  
MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR A PROPOSED  
VETERINARY MEDICINAL PRODUCT**

**Zelys 1.25 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs  
Zelys 5 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs  
Zelys 10 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs**

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## MODULE 1

### PRODUCT SUMMARY

EU Procedure number	UK/V/0636/001/DC UK/V/0636/002/DC UK/V/0636/003/DC
Name, strength and pharmaceutical form	Zelys 1.25 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs Zelys 5 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs Zelys 10 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs
Applicant	Ceva Animal Health Ltd Unit 3, Anglo Office Park White Lion Road Amersham Buckinghamshire HP7 9FB
Active substance	Pimobendan
ATC Vetcode	QC01CE90
Target species	Dogs
Indication for use	<p>For the treatment of canine congestive heart failure originating from valvular insufficiency (mitral and/or tricuspid valve regurgitation) or dilated cardiomyopathy.</p> <p>For the treatment of dilated cardiomyopathy in the preclinical stage (asymptomatic with an increase in left ventricular end-systolic and end-diastolic diameter) in Doberman Pinschers following echocardiographic diagnosis of cardiac disease.</p> <p>For the treatment of dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD) in the preclinical stage (asymptomatic with a systolic mitral murmur and evidence of increased heart size) to delay the onset of clinical symptoms of heart failure. (Refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics for further detail on all indications).</p>

## **MODULE 2**

The Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC) for this product is available on the Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate.

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## MODULE 3

### PUBLIC ASSESSMENT REPORT

Legal basis of original application	Generic (5 mg product) and generic 'hybrid' applications (1.25 mg and 10 mg products), in accordance with Articles 13 (1) and 13 (3) respectively of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended.
Date of conclusion of the decentralised procedure	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
Date product first authorised in the Reference Member State (MRP only)	No applicable.
Concerned Member States for the procedure	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden

#### I. SCIENTIFIC OVERVIEW

These were applications for three products. Zelys 5 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs was authorised as a generic application under Article 13 (1) of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended. Zelys 1.25 mg and Zelys 10 mg Chewable Tablets for Dogs were authorised as generic 'hybrid' applications under Article 13 (3) of Directive 2001/82/EC, as amended. 'Hybrid' applications were determined for the 1.25 and 10 mg products because there were changes to the strength of the active substance in comparison to the reference product, Vetmedin 5 mg Flavour Tablets, marketed in the UK and expired 2014. Vetmedin 5 mg Flavour Tablets was the reference product for all proposed products. *In vivo* bioequivalence to the reference product was established for the 5 mg proposed product, and *in vitro* bioequivalence was established between the proposed 5 mg product and the 1.25 mg and 10 mg products.

##### Reference Products

Vetmedin 5 mg Flavour Tablets, (created from a line extension of Vetmedin 5 mg Capsules), was authorised in July 2007 and expired in November 2014. Vetmedin 5 mg Flavour Tablets was identical to a French product of equivalent name, (authorised in France in 2007), which was used in relevant bioequivalence studies.

Vetmedin 5 mg Chewable tablets was a generic of Vetmedin 5 mg Capsules, and was cited as an additional reference product, because of the established link between the two products.

The products are indicated for the treatment of canine congestive heart failure originating from valvular insufficiency (mitral and/or tricuspid valve regurgitation) or dilated cardiomyopathy. Also for the treatment of dilated cardiomyopathy in the preclinical stage (asymptomatic with an increase in left ventricular end-systolic and end-diastolic diameter), in Doberman Pinschers, following echocardiographic diagnosis of cardiac disease.

The product is also indicated for the treatment of dogs with myxomatous mitral valve disease (MMVD) in the preclinical stage (asymptomatic with a systolic mitral murmur and evidence of increased heart size) to delay the onset of clinical symptoms of heart failure.

Refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC), for further information on all indications.

The product is produced and controlled using validated methods and tests which ensure the consistency of the product released onto the market. It has been shown that the product can be safely used in the target species, any reactions observed are indicated in the SPC. The product is safe for the user, the consumer of foodstuffs from treated animals and for the environment, when used as recommended. Suitable warnings and precautions are indicated in the SPC. The efficacy<sup>1</sup> of the product was demonstrated according to the claims made in the SPC. The overall benefit/risk analysis is in favour of granting a marketing authorisation.

## **II. QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE PARTICULARS OF THE CONSTITUENTS**

### ***II.A. Composition***

The product contains 1.25 mg, 5 mg or 10 mg of pimobendan and the excipients Silica colloidal anhydrous, stearic acid, copovidone, croscarmellose sodium, malic acid, maize starch, cellulose microcrystalline, lactose monohydrate, dried yeast (from *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) and pig liver powder.

The container/closure system consists of high density polyethylene screw bottles with a polypropylene child-resistant closure, a twist off cap. Bottles contain 30 tablets (10 mg product), and 60 tablets (1.25 mg and 5 mg products). The particulars of the containers and controls performed are provided and conform to the regulation. The choice of the formulation and the absence of preservative are justified.

The product is an established pharmaceutical form and its development is adequately described in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> Efficacy – The production of a desired or intended result.

## ***II.B. Description of the Manufacturing Method***

The product is manufactured fully in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice from a licensed manufacturing site. The manufacturing method consists of: sieving and blending of components, followed by granulation, drying, packing, blending, tableting and filling of tablets into bottles.

Process validation data on the product have been presented in accordance with the relevant European guidelines.

## ***II.C. Control of Starting Materials***

The active substance is pimobendan an established active substance described in the European Pharmacopoeia (Ph. Eur). The active substance is manufactured in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice.

The active substance specification is considered adequate to control the quality of the material. Batch analytical data demonstrating compliance with this specification have been provided. Appropriate Certificates of Suitability provided.

All excipients comply with relevant Ph. Eur monographs, apart from yeast and liver powder, which are tested against internal monographs.

Packaging materials confirm to the Certificate of Suitability, Commission Directive 10/2011 and appropriate Ph. Eur monographs.

### ***II.C.4. Substances of Biological Origin***

Scientific data and/or certificates of suitability issued by the EDQM have been provided and compliance with the Note for Guidance on Minimising the Risk of Transmitting Animal Spongiform Encephalopathy Agents via Human and Veterinary Medicinal Products has been satisfactorily demonstrated.

## ***II.D. Control Tests Carried Out at Intermediate Stages of the Manufacturing Process***

Not applicable.

## ***II.E. Control Tests on the Finished Product***

The finished product specification controls the relevant parameters for the pharmaceutical form. The tests in the specification, and their limits, have been justified and are considered appropriate to adequately control the quality of the product. Satisfactory validation data for the analytical methods have been provided. Batch analytical data from the proposed production site have been provided demonstrating compliance with the specification. Control tests on the finished product include those for: appearance, uniformity of mass, loss on drying, dissolution test, uniformity of dosage units, identification and assay of

pimodendan, assay of impurities/degradation products and microbiological quality.

### ***II.F. Stability***

Stability data on the active substance have been provided in accordance with applicable European guidelines, demonstrating the stability of the active substance when stored under the approved conditions.

### ***G. Other Information***

Shelf life of the veterinary medicinal product as packaged for sale: 5 and 10 mg products, for bottle 18 months, for blisters, 2 years. 1.25 mg product: Blisters 2 years, bottle 2 years).

Shelf life after first opening the immediate packaging: 2 months. (4 months for 5 mg product).

Do not store above 25°C. (Bottle). Do not store above 30°C, (blister), 5 mg, 10 mg.

Keep the bottle tightly closed in order to protect from moisture. (Bottle).

## **III. SAFETY AND RESIDUES DOCUMENTATION (PHARMACOTOXICOLOGICAL)**

### ***III.A Safety Documentation***

The products were determined to be generics/'hybrid' generic of the reference product, and as such, no toxicological or pharmacological data were required, other than a user risk assessment and environmental risk assessment.

#### ***User Safety***

A user risk assessment was provided in compliance with the relevant guideline.

Warnings and precautions as listed on the product literature are the same as those of the reference product, with an amendment of data to bring them into line with a more recent format, under the guideline EMA/CVMP/543/03-Rev. 1. Therefore the following statements are appropriate:

- Accidental ingestion, especially by a child, may lead to the occurrence of tachycardia, orthostatic hypotension, flushing of the face and headaches.
- In case of accidental ingestion, seek medical advice immediately and show the package leaflet or the label to the physician.
- Wash hands after use.
- Close bottle tightly with cap directly after removal of the required number of tablets.

## **Environmental Safety**

The Environmental Risk Assessment (ERA) was carried out in accordance with VICH and CVMP guidelines.

The same ERA was provided for all three products and a Phase I decision tree was followed. Assessment at Phase I as the product is intended for use in non-food animals (dogs) only. When used and disposed of as recommended the products are not expected to pose a risk to the environment.

## **IV CLINICAL DOCUMENTATION**

### **IV.I. Pre-Clinical Studies**

#### **Pharmacology**

The applicant provided an *in vivo* bioequivalence study to demonstrate bioequivalence between the proposed 5 mg product and the 5 mg reference product. Animals were weighed and randomised groups. The study was a full replicate, 2 treatment, 4-period, 2 sequence, randomised single oral dose cross over design, with a wash-out period of 14 days. 0.25 mg/kg of pimobendan (contained in either the proposed or reference product), was given to 17 pairs of 2 male dogs, with one dog in each pair receiving one of the products. Animals were fasted before dosing, and sampling occurred at relevant intervals. Any deviations from protocol were noted.

Suitable statistical analyses were performed on the samples obtained, and bioequivalence was determined based on log-transformed  $C_{\max}^2$  and  $AUC^3$ .

The applicant claimed bioequivalence using a reference scaled approach with  $C_{\max}$  and AUC falling within the pre-defined acceptance limits; the upper 95% confidence bound is  $<0$  and the point estimate of the test/reference geometric mean ratio fell within the acceptance limits of 0.8-1.25.

A satisfactory dissolution study was performed in order to assess bioequivalence between the proposed and reference 5mg products, and thence between the proposed 5mg product and proposed 1.25 mg and 10 mg products. Bioequivalence was assured upon assessment of all results.

#### **Tolerance in the Target Species**

Tolerance studies were not required due to the nature of the applications. Any adverse reactions related to the use of the product are noted within the SPC.

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<sup>2</sup>  $C_{\max}$  – maximum concentration of active substance in blood plasma.

<sup>3</sup> AUC – Area under the dosing curve.



#### ***IV.II. Clinical Documentation***

Due to the nature of the applications, no further data were required.

#### **V OVERALL CONCLUSION AND BENEFIT– RISK ASSESSMENT**

The data submitted in the dossier demonstrate that when the product is used in accordance with the Summary of Product Characteristics the benefit/risk profile of the product(s) is favourable.

## **MODULE 4**

### **POST-AUTHORISATION ASSESSMENTS**

The SPC and package leaflet may be updated to include new information on the quality, safety and efficacy of the veterinary medicinal product. The current SPC is available on the Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website.

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The post-authorisation assessment (PAA) contains information on significant changes which have been made after the original procedure which are important for the quality, safety or efficacy of the product.

The PAA for this product is available on the Product Information Database of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate website.

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