

# Tussionex<sup>®</sup>

## Benefit Risk Balance for Children with Cough

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# Key Messages

UCB reviews all its products on a regular basis including routine pharmacovigilance and evaluation by our internal benefit risk board

## Review of Tussionex<sup>®</sup> included

- modern pharmacovigilance methods
- evolution in clinical practice
- reviewing of literature considering up to date standards

Upon annual review UCB determined that benefit risk balance for use of Tussionex<sup>®</sup> for cough in children is no longer favorable

# Tussionex<sup>®</sup> (Hydrocodone/Chlorpheniramine Polistirex) History

1943: Hycodan<sup>®</sup> was first hydrocodone product.<sup>1</sup>

1976: Advisory Committee determined that hydrocodone was not appropriate for OTC use but was, in effect, “safe and effective” for prescription use.<sup>2</sup>

1982: Hycodan<sup>®</sup> re-evaluated through DESI and found to be “effective for the symptomatic relief of cough”, but was also determined to be a New Drug, thus requiring Sponsor to file an NDA for approval.<sup>3</sup>

1983: Tussionex<sup>®</sup> filed as NDA under article 505(b)(2), and referenced Hycodan<sup>®</sup> and the monographs for hydrocodone and chlorpheniramine as having been deemed “safe and effective”.<sup>4</sup>

1987: Approved; marketed in U.S.<sup>5</sup>

- 2010: UCB’s authorized generic entered market.<sup>6</sup>



# Current Tussionex Pennkinetic® Overview

## Indication

- Relief of cough and upper respiratory symptoms associated with allergy or a cold in adults and children 6 years of age and up.<sup>1</sup>

## Contraindication

- In children < 6 years of age due to the risk of fatal respiratory depression.<sup>2</sup>

## Presentation

- Following FDA recommendation, UCB formulated unit of use presentation (115mL bottle) and discontinued 473mL bottle.<sup>3</sup>



# Tussionex<sup>®</sup> Safety Summary

Review of UCB safety database: 391 individual drug safety case reports since approval<sup>1</sup>

- 9% (35) of reports are in children <18 years of age

Cumulative exposure of approximately 673000 patient years based on UCB sales data<sup>2</sup>



# 2016 Tussionex<sup>®</sup> Benefit-Risk Review

UCB reviewed totality of evidence relating to opioid use for cold/cough in pediatrics including but not limited to:

- 2012 Review of therapeutic options for children with acute cough<sup>1</sup>
- 2015 FDA joint panel of the PADAC and DSRMAC concerning removal of OTC codeine based cough preparations in pediatrics (<18y)<sup>2</sup>
- 2015 EMA review of codeine for cough in children<sup>3</sup>
- 2016 AAP Clinical Report<sup>4</sup>

Hydrocodone metabolized in CYP2D6-dependent manner to more potent hydromorphone:<sup>5</sup>

- Raises possibility of opioid-related adverse effects in ultra-rapid metabolizers<sup>6</sup>
- Hydrocodone metabolism includes several CYPs; rapid metabolism of CYP2D6 appears to have only minor impact<sup>7</sup>



# Ongoing FDA Prior Approval Supplement Submission

**As a result of our recent evaluation UCB filed label supplement to limit to patients 18 years and older<sup>1</sup>**

- Already contraindicated under 6 years of age<sup>2</sup>



# 2016 Tussionex<sup>®</sup> Benefit-Risk Summary

## Best treatment for cough is management of underlying disorder<sup>1</sup>

## Review of safety and efficacy data for patients 6-18 years

- On cumulative review of UCB and literature safety data no new safety concerns were identified<sup>2</sup>
- On cumulative review of available data, regulatory reports and practice guidelines, no robust evidence for relief of cough/upper respiratory symptoms associated with allergy/cold could be identified in patients 6-18 years<sup>2</sup>

## Conclusions/Proposed actions

- Using modern pharmacovigilance methods UCB determined benefit-risk for Tussionex<sup>®</sup> in children was no longer positive<sup>2</sup>
- Therefore, UCB submitted a prior approval supplement to restrict indication/usage of Tussionex<sup>®</sup> to patients  $\geq 18$  years of age<sup>3</sup>

