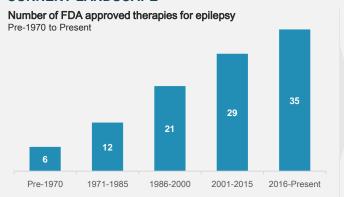
# **Developments In Treatment Of Epilepsy**

A Deep-dive In Future Landscape

Epilepsy ranks as the fourth most common neurological disorder in the US and presents itself as seizures of generalized, focal and/or combined nature, as epileptic encephalopathy, or as a comorbidity. With the existing drug landscape only offering preventive care, there is a need for holistic therapies to treat epilepsy. The current pipeline, with promising New Chemical Entities (NCEs), attempts to address this need with a strong focus on rare encephalopathy-linked epilepsy as well as generalized and focal seizures.

#### **CURRENT LANDSCAPE**

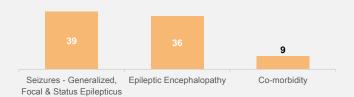


- Current therapies include modulators of GABA<sub>A</sub> receptors, Na<sup>+</sup> channels, Ca 2<sup>+</sup> channels, AMPA receptors, and SV2A proteins.
- Since 2016, 3 medications have been introduced for orphan epilepsy indications: cannabidiol, fenfluramine, and ganaxolone.
- Two promising therapies were launched in 2020:
  - Fenfluramine: A 5HT-modulator, 56% reduction in seizure frequency, 9% cases reported freedom from seizures
  - Cenobamate: A GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor and Na<sup>+</sup> channels modulator, 93% reduction in seizure frequency, 21% cases reported freedom from seizures
- Existing therapies are preventive, providing only symptomatic relief.

#### **FUTURE LANDSCAPE**

Since 2017, 84 clinical trials have been conducted, including promising NCEs such as Soticlestat (Takeda) and STK-001 (Stoke Therapeutics). Clinical activity has been observed for seizures (~46%), rare epilepsy (~43%), and associated comorbidities (~11%).



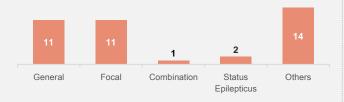


## I. Seizures (Generalized, Focal, and Status Epilepticus)

About 39 trials focused on epileptic seizures, precipitated as generalized seizures, focal seizures, combined seizures, status epilepticus, and others.



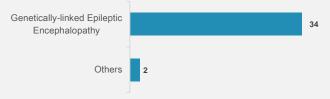
Investigation of treatments for **general and focal epilepsies** present the highest number of clinical studies



Total seven NCEs are under investigation for general and focal seizures, in addition to trials investigating brivaracetam, cenobamate, lacosamide, natalizumab, perampanel, etc.

# II. Epileptic Encephalopathy

Out of the 36 clinical trials conducted on epileptic encephalopathy disorders, studies were largely focused on **genetically linked epileptic encephalopathy...** 



...within which the **Dravet and Lennon-Gastaut** syndromes were the most common epileptic disorders.

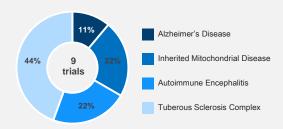


R&D in such orphan disease is primarily driven by increasing awareness of unmet patient needs, further supported by regulatory incentives such as grants, waivers, and market exclusivity.



## III. Epilepsy as a Co-morbidity

Epilepsy co-exists with other neurological and genetic disorders. Alzheimer's disease independently contributes to epilepsy development, whereas epilepsy is a clinical representation in tuberous sclerosis complex, autoimmune encephalitis, and inherited mitochondrial disease



Key Players from Epilepsy Pipeline	Clinical Trials
UCB Pharma	10
Marinus Pharmaceuticals	7
SK Life Science, Inc.	7
Zogenix International Limited, Inc.	6
Jazz Pharmaceuticals	5
Xenon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	5

- NeuroPro Therapeutics, Inc. has conducted a Phase I trial to investigate NPT-2042 for Alzheimer-linked epilepsy.
- PTC Therapeutics, Inc. is conducting Phase III trials to investigate Vatiquinone's efficacy in inherited mitochondrial disease-linked epilepsy.
- UCB Pharma's rozanolixizumab and satralizumab developed by Roche's Chugai Pharmaceuticals are under investigation for treatment of autoimmune encephalitis-linked epilepsy.
- Marinus Pharmaceuticals' ganaxolone and Jazz Pharmaceuticals' cannabidiol are under investigation for tuberous sclerosis complex-linked epilepsy.

## Key players and clinical activity in epilepsy pipeline

- UCB Pharma is conducting one Phase I trial, four Phase II trials, and five Phase III trials, investigating brivaracetam in five trials and two novel medications.
- Marinus Pharmaceuticals investigated ganaxolone in all seven studies.
- SK Life Sciences is investigating cenobamate and carisbamate across the seven trials.
- Zogenix International Limited, Inc. investigated fenfluramine for Dravet and Lennon–Gastaut syndromes.
- Jazz Pharma and Xenon Pharma investigated two and one NCEs, respectively.

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