

VEOZA™ (fezolinetant) is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms (VMS) associated with menopause\*1

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VEOZA is a first-in-class selective NK3 receptor antagonist that blocks NKB from binding on KNDy neurons to help reduce heat signals that trigger VMS<sup>2-4</sup>

# HOW VMS START IN THE HYPOTHALAMUS

### **Homeostasis**

KNDy neurons in the hypothalamus are inhibited by oestrogen and stimulated by the neuropeptide NKB. The balance between inhibition and activation contributes to **body temperature regulation**<sup>3</sup>

#### Menopause

Oestrogen decline during the menopause transition disrupts the balance between activation by NKB and inhibition by oestrogen. **Unopposed, NKB signalling causes** heightened KNDy neuronal activity. This triggers heat dissipation mechanisms, including vasodilation and sweating – VMS<sup>3</sup>

# HOW VEOZA DISRUPTS HOT FLUSHES

\* See section 5.1 in SmPC

## **Blocking NKB to reduce heat**

VEOZA selectively binds to the NK3 receptor to **block NKB** from binding on the KNDy neuron. This action is postulated to restore the balance in KNDy neuronal activity in the thermoregulatory centre of the hypothalamus<sup>2</sup>



KNDy=kisspeptin/neurokinin B/dynorphin; NK3=neurokinin 3; NKB=neurokinin B; VMS=vasomotor symptoms

# **REDEFINE** *how* **YOU** TREAT MENOPAUSAL VMS

# VEOZA™ (fezolinetant) 45 mg film-coated tablets

This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions.

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Other gynaecologicals, ATC code: G02CX06. Therapeutic indications: VEOZA is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe vasomotor symptoms (VMS) associated with menopause (see Section 5.1 in the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC)). \*Posology: Recommended dose is 45 mg once daily. Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients; concomitant use of moderate or strong CYP1A2 inhibitors; known or suspected pregnancy. \*Special warnings and precautions for use: Diagnosis must include medical (including family) history. During treatment, periodic check-ups must be carried out according to standard clinical practice. Is not recommended for use in individuals with Child-Pugh Class B (moderate) or C (severe) chronic hepatic impairment, nor in individuals with severe renal impairment. Monitoring of liver function in women with known or suspected hepatic disorder is advised. VEOZA

is not recommended in women undergoing oncologic treatment for breast cancer or other oestrogen-dependent malignancies, nor in women using hormone replacement therapy with oestrogens (local vaginal preparations excluded). Has not been studied in women over 65 years of age, nor in women with a history of seizures or other convulsive disorders. Animal studies have shown reproductive toxicity. **\*Undesirable effects:** The listed adverse drug reactions are insomnia, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, and increased alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and aspartate aminotransferase (AST), all with a frequency of less than 10%. **Marketing authorisation holder:** Astellas Pharma Europe B.V., The Netherlands.

<u>Sweden:</u> Status of the product: Rx. Reimbursement: No ("EF"). Local representative: Astellas Pharma AB, Tel: +46 (0)40 650 15 00. For more information, pack size and price see <u>www.fass.se</u>.

Based on authorised SmPC dated 07 December 2023.

\*The section has been rewritten and/or abbreviated compared to the authorised SmPC. The SmPC can be ordered free of charge from the local representative.

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