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**GLAXOSMITHKLINE:  
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF TROBALT® DISCONTINUATION - Reminder**

Dear Healthcare Professional,

**Trobalt® 50mg, 100mg, 200mg, 300mg, 400mg tablets (retigabine) –  
Global Product Discontinuation**

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) is reminding Healthcare Providers that Trobalt® (retigabine) tablets (50mg, 100mg, 200mg, 300mg and 400mg) will no longer be available after June 2017. GSK intends to discontinue the product permanently. This is due to the very limited usage of the medicine and not for reasons of efficacy or safety.

**Therapeutic Indication:**

Trobalt® is indicated as adjunctive treatment of drug-resistant partial onset seizures with or without secondary generalization in patients aged 18 years or older with epilepsy, where other appropriate combinations with other medicinal products have proved inadequate or have not been tolerated.

**Key Messages**

- Trobalt® will be discontinued from all markets in June 2017 for commercial reasons
- Healthcare Providers should therefore begin seeking alternative medicines for existing patients as soon as possible, and ensure that all patients are withdrawn from this medicine by the end of June 2017 at the latest
- Patients' treatment should be withdrawn with a gradual dose reduction over a period of at least 3 weeks, in accordance with the current prescribing information
- All patients should continue to receive safety monitoring in line with the local prescribing information whilst they remain on treatment with Trobalt®
- Given the planned product discontinuation, no new patients should now start treatment with Trobalt®



### Action Being Taken by GlaxoSmithKline

GSK is working closely with our distributors to ensure the medicine remains available to existing patients until the end of June 2017. Any remaining Trobalt® stock will be recalled from pharmacies and wholesalers thereafter.

### Further Information

All adverse events should be reported directly to GSK (Malta) Limited, 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, de la Cruz Avenue, Qormi, QRM 2458 (phone: 21238131). Any suspected adverse reaction and medication errors can also be reported via the national Adverse Drug Reactions (ADRs) reporting system. Report forms can be downloaded from [www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal) and posted to Medicines Authority Post-licensing Directorate, Sir Temi Żammit Buildings, Malta Life Sciences Park, San Ġwann SĠN 3000, MALTA, or sent by email to [postlicensing.medicinesauthority@gov.mt](mailto:postlicensing.medicinesauthority@gov.mt). When reporting please provide as much information as possible, including information about medical history, concomitant medications, onset and treatment dates.

### Contact(s) for Further Information/Questions

For all questions, please contact: Matthew Chircop (Named Safety Contact) at GSK (Malta) Limited at 21238131.

Yours sincerely

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