

**HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION**

These highlights do not include all the information needed to use NAYZILAM® safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for NAYZILAM®.

NAYZILAM® (midazolam) nasal spray, CIV  
Initial U.S. Approval: 1985

<p><b>WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH OPIOIDS; ABUSE, MISUSE, AND ADDICTION; and DEPENDENCE AND WITHDRAWAL REACTIONS</b> <i>See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death (5.1, 7.2)</li><li>• The use of benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, exposes users to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death. Before prescribing NAYZILAM and throughout treatment, assess each patient’s risk for abuse, misuse, and addiction (5.2).</li><li>• Although NAYZILAM is indicated only for intermittent use (1, 2), if used more frequently than recommended, abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of NAYZILAM may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. For patients using NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended, to reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue NAYZILAM (5.3).</li></ul>
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-----RECENT MAJOR CHANGES-----  
Warnings and Precautions (5.9) 1/2023

-----INDICATIONS AND USAGE-----  
NAYZILAM is a benzodiazepine indicated for the acute treatment of intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity (i.e., seizure clusters, acute repetitive seizures) that are distinct from a patient’s usual seizure pattern in patients with epilepsy 12 years of age and older. (1)

-----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----  
Administer NAYZILAM by the nasal route only. (2.2)

*Initial Dose:* Administer one spray (5 mg dose) into one nostril. (2.2)

*Second Dose:* One additional spray (5 mg dose) into the opposite nostril may be administered after 10 minutes if the patient has not responded to the initial dose. (2.2)

*Maximum Dosage and Treatment Frequency:* Do not use more than 2 doses of NAYZILAM to treat a seizure cluster. It is recommended that NAYZILAM be used to treat no more than one episode every three days and treat no more than five episodes per month. (2.2)

-----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----  
Single-dose nasal spray unit containing 5 mg midazolam per 0.1 mL solution. (3)

-----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

- Patients with hypersensitivity to midazolam (4)
- Patients with acute narrow-angle glaucoma (4)

-----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- *CNS Depression From Concomitant Use With Other CNS Depressants or Moderate or Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors:* May cause an increased CNS-depressant effect when used with alcohol or other CNS depressants. Concomitant use with moderate or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors may result in prolonged sedation because of a decrease in plasma clearance of midazolam. (5.5, 7.3)
- *Suicidal Behavior and Ideation:* Antiepileptic drugs increase the risk of suicidal ideation and behavior. (5.6)
- *Impaired Cognitive Function:* Midazolam is associated with a high incidence of partial or complete impairment of recall for the next several hours. (5.7)
- *Glaucoma:* NAYZILAM can increase intraocular pressure in patients with glaucoma. Patients with open-angle glaucoma may need to have their ophthalmologic status evaluated following treatment with NAYZILAM. (5.8)
- *Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome:* NAYZILAM use during pregnancy can result in neonatal sedation and/or neonatal withdrawal. (5.9, 8.1)

-----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

The most common adverse reactions (≥5% in any NAYZILAM treatment group) were somnolence, headache, nasal discomfort, throat irritation, and rhinorrhea (6.1)

To report SUSPECTED ADVERSE REACTIONS, contact UCB, Inc. at 1-844-599-2273 or FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch).

-----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----

- *CYP3A4 Inhibitors:* Avoid co-administration of NAYZILAM with moderate or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors. NAYZILAM should be used with caution when co-administered with mild CYP3A4 inhibitors. (7.1)
- *Opioids:* Risk of respiratory depression is increased. (7.2)
- *Other CNS Depressants:* May increase the risks of hypoventilation, airway obstruction, desaturation, or apnea and may contribute to profound and/or prolonged drug effect. (7.3)

-----USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS-----

- *Pregnancy:* Based on animal data, may cause fetal harm. (8.1)
- *Lactation:* Midazolam is excreted in human milk. Caution should be exercised when NAYZILAM is administered to a nursing woman. (8.2)
- *Renal Impairment:* Patients with renal impairment may have longer elimination half-lives for midazolam and its metabolites which may result in prolonged exposure. (8.6)

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## FULL PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

### **WARNING: RISKS FROM CONCOMITANT USE WITH OPIOIDS; ABUSE, MISUSE, AND ADDICTION; and DEPENDENCE AND WITHDRAWAL REACTIONS**

- **Concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. Limit dosages and durations to the minimum required. Follow patients for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1) and Drug Interactions (7.2)*].**
- **The use of benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, exposes users to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines commonly involve concomitant use of other medications, alcohol, and/or illicit substances, which is associated with an increased frequency of serious adverse outcomes. Before prescribing NAYZILAM and throughout treatment, assess each patient's risk for abuse, misuse, and addiction [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].**
- **The continued use of benzodiazepines may lead to clinically significant physical dependence. The risks of dependence and withdrawal increase with longer treatment duration and higher daily dose. Although NAYZILAM is indicated only for intermittent use [see *Indications and Usage (1) and Dosage and Administration (2)*], if used more frequently than recommended abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of NAYZILAM may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. For patients using NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended, to reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue NAYZILAM [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].**

## 1 INDICATIONS AND USAGE

NAYZILAM is indicated for the acute treatment of intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity (i.e., seizure clusters, acute repetitive seizures) that are distinct from a patient's usual seizure pattern in patients with epilepsy 12 years of age and older.

## 2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

### 2.1 Instructions Prior to Dosing

NAYZILAM prescribers should consider the following prior to initiation of treatment:

For patients at increased risk of respiratory depression from benzodiazepines, administration of NAYZILAM under healthcare professional supervision should be considered prior to treatment with NAYZILAM; this administration may be performed in the absence of a seizure episode [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

Prior to treatment, the healthcare professional should instruct the individual administering NAYZILAM on how to identify seizure clusters and use the product appropriately [see *Patient Counseling Information: Administration Information (17)*]. Patients and caregivers should be counseled to read carefully the “Instructions for Use” for complete directions on how to properly administer NAYZILAM.

## 2.2 Dosage Information

Administer NAYZILAM by the nasal route only.

Initial Dose: Administer one spray (5 mg dose) into one nostril.

Second Dose (if needed): One additional spray (5 mg dose) into the opposite nostril may be administered after 10 minutes if the patient has not responded to the initial dose.

A second dose of NAYZILAM should not be administered if the patient has trouble breathing or if there is excessive sedation that is uncharacteristic of the patient during a seizure cluster episode [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

Maximum Dosage and Treatment Frequency: Do not use more than 2 doses of NAYZILAM to treat a single episode.

It is recommended that NAYZILAM be used to treat no more than one episode every three days and no more than 5 episodes per month [see *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.4)*].

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

NAYZILAM is supplied as a single-dose nasal spray unit containing 5 mg of midazolam in 0.1 mL solution.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

NAYZILAM is contraindicated in patients with:

- Known hypersensitivity to midazolam.
- Acute narrow-angle glaucoma [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.8)*].

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

### 5.1 Risks from Concomitant Use with Opioids

Concomitant use of benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, and opioids may result in profound sedation, respiratory depression, coma, and death. Because of these risks, reserve concomitant prescribing of benzodiazepines and opioids for patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate.

Observational studies have demonstrated that concomitant use of opioid analgesics and benzodiazepines increases the risk of drug-related mortality compared to use of opioids alone. If a decision is made to prescribe NAYZILAM concomitantly with opioids, prescribe the lowest effective dosages and minimum durations of concomitant use, and follow patients closely for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation. Advise both patients and caregivers about the risks of respiratory depression and sedation when NAYZILAM is used with opioids [see *Drug Interactions (7.2)*].

## 5.2 Abuse, Misuse, and Addiction

The use of benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, exposes users to the risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose or death. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines often (but not always) involve the use of doses greater than the maximum recommended dosage and commonly involve concomitant use of other medications, alcohol, and/or illicit substances, which is associated with an increased frequency of serious adverse outcomes, including respiratory depression, overdose, or death [see *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.2)*].

Before prescribing NAYZILAM and throughout treatment, assess each patient's risk for abuse, misuse, and addiction. Use of NAYZILAM, particularly in patients at elevated risk, necessitates counseling about the risks and proper use of NAYZILAM along with monitoring for signs and symptoms of abuse, misuse, and addiction. Do not exceed the recommended dosing frequency; avoid or minimize concomitant use of CNS depressants and other substances associated with abuse, misuse, and addiction (e.g., opioid analgesics, stimulants); and advise patients on the proper disposal of unused drug. If a substance use disorder is suspected, evaluate the patient and institute (or refer them for) early treatment, as appropriate.

## 5.3 Dependence and Withdrawal Reactions After Use of NAYZILAM More Frequently Than Recommended

For patients using NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended, to reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue NAYZILAM (a patient-specific plan should be used to taper the dose). Patients at an increased risk of withdrawal adverse reactions after benzodiazepine discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction include those who take higher dosages, and those who have had longer durations of use.

### Acute Withdrawal Reactions

The continued use of benzodiazepines may lead to clinically significant physical dependence. Although NAYZILAM is indicated only for intermittent use [see *Indications and Usage (1) and Dosage and Administration (2)*], if used more frequently than recommended, abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of NAYZILAM, or administration of flumazenil (a benzodiazepine antagonist) may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening (e.g., seizures) [see *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)*].

### Protracted Withdrawal Syndrome

In some cases, benzodiazepine users have developed a protracted withdrawal syndrome with withdrawal symptoms lasting weeks to more than 12 months [see *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)*].

## 5.4 Risks of Cardiorespiratory Adverse Reactions

Serious cardiorespiratory adverse reactions have occurred after administration of midazolam. These have included respiratory depression, airway obstruction, oxygen desaturation, apnea, respiratory arrest and/or cardiac arrest, sometimes resulting in death or permanent neurologic injury. There have also been rare reports of hypotensive episodes requiring treatment during or after diagnostic or surgical manipulations, particularly in patients with hemodynamic instability. Hypotension occurs more frequently in patients premedicated with a narcotic. The danger of hypoventilation, airway obstruction, or apnea is greater in elderly patients and those with chronic disease states or decreased pulmonary reserve [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.5)]; patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease are highly sensitive to the respiratory depressant effect of midazolam.

Respiratory depression was observed with the administration of NAYZILAM during clinical trials [see *Adverse Reactions* (6.1)]. Cardiac or respiratory arrest caused by NAYZILAM was not reported during clinical trials.

## 5.5 Central Nervous System Depression from Concomitant Use with Other Central Nervous System Depressants, or Moderate or Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors

Drug products containing midazolam, including NAYZILAM, have a central nervous system (CNS) depressant effect.

### Risks from Concomitant Use with Other CNS Depressants

The potential for an increased CNS-depressant effect from concomitant use with alcohol or other CNS depressants (e.g., opioids) must be considered by the prescribing physician, and appropriate recommendations made to the patient and/or caregiver [see *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1) and *Drug Abuse and Dependence* (9.3)].

Concomitant use of barbiturates, alcohol, or other CNS depressants may increase the risk of hypoventilation, airway obstruction, desaturation, or apnea and may contribute to profound and/or prolonged drug effect [see *Drug Interactions* (7.3)].

### Risks from Concomitant Use with Moderate or Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors

There is a potential for prolonged sedation from concomitant use with moderate or strong CYP3A4 enzyme inhibitors because of much higher midazolam exposures [see *Drug Interactions* (7.2) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.2)].

## 5.6 Suicidal Behavior and Ideation

Antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), including NAYZILAM, increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior in patients taking these drugs for any indication. Patients treated with any AED for any indication should be monitored for the emergence or worsening of depression, suicidal thoughts or behavior, and/or any unusual changes in mood or behavior.

Pooled analyses of 199 placebo-controlled clinical trials (mono- and adjunctive therapy) of 11 different AEDs showed that patients randomized to one of the AEDs had approximately twice the risk (adjusted Relative Risk 1.8, 95% CI:1.2, 2.7) of suicidal thinking or behavior compared to patients randomized to placebo. In these trials, which had a median treatment duration of 12 weeks, the estimated incidence rate of suicidal behavior or ideation among 27,863 AED-treated patients was 0.43%, compared to 0.24% among 16,029 placebo-treated patients, representing an increase of approximately one case of suicidal thinking or behavior for every 530 patients treated. There were four suicides in drug-treated patients in the trials and none in placebo-treated patients, but the number is too small to allow any conclusion about drug effect on suicide.

The increased risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior with AEDs was observed as early as one week after starting drug treatment with AEDs and persisted for the duration of treatment assessed. Because most trials included in the analysis did not extend beyond 24 weeks, the risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior beyond 24 weeks could not be assessed. The risk of suicidal thoughts or behavior was generally consistent among drugs in the data analyzed. The finding of increased risk with AEDs of varying mechanisms of action and across a range of indications suggests that the risk applies to all AEDs used for any indication. The risk did not vary substantially by age (5-100 years) in the clinical trials analyzed. Table 1 shows absolute and relative risk by indication for all evaluated AEDs.

**Table 1. Risk by Indication for Antiepileptic Drugs in the Pooled Analysis**

Indication	Placebo Patients with Events/1000 Patients	Drug Patients with Events per 1000 Patients	Relative Risk: Incidence of Drug Events in Drug Patients /Incidence in Placebo Patients	Risk Difference: Additional Drug Patients with Events per 1000 Patients
Epilepsy	1.0	3.4	3.5	2.4
Psychiatric	5.7	8.5	1.5	2.9
Other	1.0	1.8	1.9	0.9
Total	2.4	4.3	1.8	1.9

The relative risk for suicidal thoughts or behavior was higher in clinical trials for epilepsy than in clinical trials for psychiatric or other conditions, but the absolute risk differences were similar for the epilepsy and psychiatric indications.

Anyone considering prescribing midazolam or any other AED must balance the risk of suicidal thoughts or behaviors with the risk of untreated illness. Epilepsy and many other illnesses for which AEDs are prescribed are themselves associated with morbidity and mortality and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior. Should suicidal thoughts and behavior emerge during treatment, the prescriber needs to consider whether the emergence of these symptoms in any given patient may be related to the illness being treated.

### 5.7 Impaired Cognitive Function

Midazolam, including NAYZILAM, is associated with a high incidence of partial or complete impairment of recall for several hours following an administered dose. Gross tests

of recovery from the effects of midazolam cannot be relied upon to predict reaction time under stress. It is recommended that no patient operate hazardous machinery or a motor vehicle until the effects of the drug, such as drowsiness, have subsided, and as their medical condition permits. For pediatric patients, particular care should be taken to ensure safe ambulation.

### 5.8 Glaucoma

Benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, can increase intraocular pressure in patients with glaucoma. Measurements of intraocular pressure in patients without eye disease show a moderate lowering following induction with midazolam. NAYZILAM may be used in patients with open-angle glaucoma only if they are receiving appropriate therapy. Patients with open-angle glaucoma may need to have their ophthalmologic status evaluated following treatment with NAYZILAM. NAYZILAM is contraindicated in patients with narrow-angle glaucoma.

### 5.9 Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome

Use of NAYZILAM late in pregnancy can result in sedation (respiratory depression, lethargy, hypotonia) and/or withdrawal symptoms (hyperreflexia, irritability, restlessness, tremors, inconsolable crying, and feeding difficulties) in the neonate [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*]. Monitor neonates exposed to NAYZILAM during pregnancy or labor for signs of sedation and monitor neonates exposed to NAYZILAM during pregnancy for signs of withdrawal; manage these neonates accordingly.

### 5.10 Other Adverse Reactions

When midazolam was used for sedation, reactions such as agitation, involuntary movements (including tonic/clonic movements and muscle tremor), hyperactivity, and combativeness have been reported. These reactions may be caused by inadequate or excessive dosing or improper administration of midazolam; however, consideration should be given to the possibility of cerebral hypoxia or true paradoxical reactions.

## 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

The following serious adverse reactions are discussed in more detail in other sections of the labeling:

- Risks from Concomitant Use with Opioids [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*]
- Abuse, Misuse, and Addiction [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]
- Dependence and Withdrawal Reactions After Use of NAYZILAM More Frequently Than Recommended [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*]
- Risks of Cardiorespiratory Adverse Reactions [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]
- CNS Depression from Concomitant Use with Other CNS Depressants or Moderate or Strong CYP3A4 Inhibitors [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]
- Suicidal Behavior and Ideation [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*]

- Impaired Cognitive Function [see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)]
- Glaucoma [see Warnings and Precautions (5.8)]
- Neonatal Sedation and Withdrawal Syndrome [see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)]
- Other Adverse Reactions [see Warnings and Precautions (5.10)]

## 6.1 Clinical Trials Experience

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

NAYZILAM was studied for the outpatient treatment of a single seizure cluster in 292 adult and adolescent patients with epilepsy (Study 1) [see Clinical Studies (14)]. The study was conducted in two phases; an open-label Test Dose Phase followed by a double-blind, placebo-controlled, Comparative Phase. The mean age of patients enrolled in the Comparative Phase (N=201) was 33 years, 51% were female, and 95% were White.

Table 2 lists the adverse reactions occurring in 2% or more of the NAYZILAM-treated patients and at a rate greater than the placebo-treated patients in the Comparative Phase of Study 1.

**Table 2: Adverse Reactions<sup>a</sup> that Occurred in  $\geq 2\%$  of Patients (Any NAYZILAM) and Greater than Placebo in the Comparative Phase of Study 1**

Body System/Adverse Reaction	Placebo	NAYZILAM <sup>b</sup>			
		NAYZILAM 5 mg	Placebo + NAYZILAM 5 mg	NAYZILAM 5 mg + 5 mg	Any NAYZILAM Treatment Group
	N = 26 %	N = 91 %	N = 41 %	N = 43 %	N = 175 %
<b>Nervous System</b>					
Somnolence	4	10	10	9	10
Headache	0	7	0	2	4
Dysarthria	0	2	2	2	2
<b>Application Site</b>					
Nasal Discomfort	8	5	7	16	9
Throat Irritation	0	2	2	7	3
Rhinorrhea	0	3	0	5	3
Product Taste Abnormal	0	4	0	0	2
<b>Eye Disorders</b>					
Lacrimation Increased	0	1	2	2	2

<sup>a</sup> Adverse reactions that occurred within 2 days after NAYZILAM administration are included

<sup>b</sup> Patients in Study 1 were permitted to take a second, open-label dose of NAYZILAM 5 mg between 10 minutes and 6 hours following the initial blinded dose of NAYZILAM 5 mg or placebo if they experience seizure recurrence or an incomplete resolution of the episode. The Placebo + NAYZILAM 5 mg and NAYZILAM 5 mg + 5 mg columns represent patients who received a second dose of NAYZILAM 5 mg

and received a blinded initial dose of placebo or NAYZILAM 5 mg, respectively.

For patients who experienced a decrease in peripheral oxygen saturation in the Test Dose Phase of Study 1, the decreases were generally transitory. Two patients (one with a history of sleep apnea and one with intercurrent seizure) with decreases in peripheral oxygen saturation in the Test Dose Phase required therapeutic supplemental oxygen.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

**Table 3: Clinically Significant Drug Interactions With NAYZILAM**

<b>7.1 CYP3A4 Inhibitors</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact:</i>	Concomitant use of CYP3A4 inhibitors may result in prolonged sedation because of a decrease in plasma clearance of midazolam.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Avoid co-administration of NAYZILAM with moderate or strong CYP3A4 inhibitors. NAYZILAM should be used with caution when co-administered with mild CYP3A4 inhibitors.
<i>Examples:</i>	Moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors: erythromycin, diltiazem, verapamil Strong CYP3A4 inhibitors: ketoconazole, itraconazole, clarithromycin
<b>7.2 Opioids</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact:</i>	The concomitant use of benzodiazepines and opioids increases the risk of respiratory depression because of actions at different receptor sites in the CNS that control respiration. Benzodiazepines interact at GABA <sub>A</sub> sites and opioids interact primarily at mu receptors. When benzodiazepines and opioids are combined, the potential for benzodiazepines to significantly worsen opioid-related respiratory depression exists.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. Limit dosages and durations to the minimum required [see <i>Warnings and Precautions (5.1)</i> ].
<i>Examples:</i>	Morphine, hydrocodone, oxycodone, codeine, fentanyl
<b>7.3 Other Central Nervous System (CNS) Depressants</b>	
<i>Clinical Impact:</i>	Concomitant use of barbiturates, alcohol, or other CNS depressants may increase the risk of hypoventilation, airway obstruction, desaturation, or apnea and may contribute to profound and/or prolonged drug effect.
<i>Intervention:</i>	Reserve concomitant prescribing of these drugs for use in patients for whom alternative treatment options are inadequate. Limit dosages and durations to the minimum required [see <i>Warnings and Precautions (5.5)</i> ].
<i>Examples:</i>	Other benzodiazepines and sedatives/hypnotics, anxiolytics, tranquilizers, muscle relaxants, general anesthetics, antipsychotics, opioids, alcohol.

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Pregnancy Exposure Registry

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to antiepileptic drugs (AEDs), such as NAYZILAM, during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to recommend that pregnant women who are taking NAYZILAM during pregnancy enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) pregnancy registry by calling 1-888-233-2334 or visiting <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org/>.

#### Risk Summary

Neonates born to mothers using benzodiazepines late in pregnancy have been reported to experience symptoms of sedation and/or neonatal withdrawal [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9) and Clinical Considerations*]. Available data from published observational studies of pregnant women exposed to benzodiazepines do not report a clear association with benzodiazepines and major birth defects (*see Data*).

Administration of midazolam to rats and rabbits during the period of organogenesis or to rats during late pregnancy and throughout lactation at doses greater than those used clinically did not result in any apparent adverse effects on development (*see Animal Data*). However, published data for midazolam and other benzodiazepines suggest the possibility of neuronal cell death and long-term effects on neurobehavioral and immunological function in animals following prenatal or early postnatal exposure at clinically relevant doses.

The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a background risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S. general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2 to 4% and 15 to 20%, respectively.

#### Clinical Considerations

##### *Fetal/Neonatal Adverse Reactions*

Benzodiazepines cross the placenta and may produce respiratory depression, hypotonia, and sedation in neonates. Monitor neonates exposed to NAYZILAM during pregnancy or labor for signs of sedation, respiratory depression, hypotonia, and feeding problems. Monitor neonates exposed to NAYZILAM during pregnancy for signs of withdrawal. Manage these neonates accordingly [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9)*].

#### Data

##### *Human Data*

Published data from observational studies on the use of benzodiazepines during pregnancy do not report a clear association with benzodiazepines and major birth defects. Although early studies reported an increased risk of congenital malformations with diazepam and chlordiazepoxide, there was no consistent pattern noted. In addition, the majority of more recent case-control and cohort studies of benzodiazepine use during pregnancy, which were adjusted for confounding exposures to alcohol, tobacco and other medications, have not

confirmed these findings.

#### *Animal Data*

When midazolam (0, 0.2, 1, or 4 mg/kg/day) was administered intravenously to pregnant rats during the period of organogenesis, no adverse effects on embryofetal development were observed. The highest dose tested, which was associated with minimal evidence of maternal toxicity, is approximately 4 times the maximum recommended human dose (MRHD) of 10 mg based on body surface area (mg/m<sup>2</sup>).

When midazolam (0, 0.2, 0.6, and 2 mg/kg/day) was administered intravenously to rabbits during the period of organogenesis, no adverse effects on embryofetal development were reported. The high dose, which was not associated with evidence of maternal toxicity, is approximately 4 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

When midazolam (0, 0.2, 1, or 4 mg/kg/day) was administered intravenously to female rats during late gestation and throughout lactation, no clear adverse effects were noted in the offspring. The high dose, which was not associated with evidence of maternal toxicity, is approximately 4 times the MRHD on a mg/m<sup>2</sup> basis.

In published animal studies, administration of benzodiazepines, including midazolam, or other drugs that enhance GABAergic neurotransmission to neonatal rats has been reported to result in widespread apoptotic neurodegeneration in the developing brain at plasma concentrations relevant for seizure control in humans. The window of vulnerability to these changes in rats (postnatal days 0-14) includes a period of brain development corresponding to that taking place during the third trimester of pregnancy in humans.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

Midazolam is excreted in human milk. There are reports of sedation, poor feeding and poor weight gain in infants exposed to benzodiazepines through breast milk. There are no data on the effects of midazolam on milk production.

The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for NAYZILAM and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from NAYZILAM or from the underlying maternal condition.

### Clinical Considerations

Infants exposed to NAYZILAM through breast milk should be monitored for sedation, poor feeding and poor weight gain.

## **8.4 Pediatric Use**

Safety and effectiveness of NAYZILAM have been evaluated in the age group 12 to 17 years. Use of NAYZILAM in this age group is supported by evidence from an adequate and well-controlled study of NAYZILAM in adults and adolescents with seizure clusters [*see Clinical Studies (14)*] and pharmacokinetic and safety data from adult and pediatric patients [*see Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients below the age of 12 years have not been established.

### **8.5 Geriatric Use**

Safety and efficacy studies of NAYZILAM did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 and over to determine whether they respond differently from younger subjects. Geriatric patients have longer elimination half-lives for midazolam and its metabolites, which may result in prolonged drug exposure. Geriatric patients may have altered drug distribution; diminished hepatic and/or renal function; and subjects over 70 years of age may be particularly sensitive [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*]. Administration of intramuscular (IM) midazolam to elderly patients has been associated with rare reports of death under circumstances compatible with cardiorespiratory depression [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*]. In most of these cases, the patients also received other CNS depressants capable of depressing respiration, especially narcotics [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1, 5.5)*]. Close monitoring of geriatric patients is recommended.

### **8.6 Renal Impairment**

Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis of patients administered NAYZILAM, midazolam and 1-OH midazolam pharmacokinetics are expected to be similar in subjects with mild renal impairment when compared to normal subjects. Safety and efficacy studies of NAYZILAM did not include patients with severe renal impairment and there were not enough subjects with moderate renal impairment in clinical studies for population pharmacokinetic analysis. Patients with moderate and severe renal impairment may have slower elimination of midazolam and its metabolites, which may result in prolonged drug exposure [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### **8.7 Congestive Heart Failure**

Patients with congestive heart failure eliminate midazolam more slowly, which may result in prolonged drug exposure [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## **9 DRUG ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE**

### **9.1 Controlled Substance**

NAYZILAM contains midazolam, a Schedule IV controlled substance.

### **9.2 Abuse**

NAYZILAM is a benzodiazepine and a CNS depressant with a potential for abuse and addiction. Abuse is the intentional, non-therapeutic use of a drug, even once, for its desirable psychological or physiological effects. Misuse is the intentional use, for therapeutic purposes, of a drug by an individual in a way other than prescribed by a health care provider or for whom it was not prescribed. Drug addiction is a cluster of behavioral, cognitive, and physiological phenomena that may include a strong desire to take the drug, difficulties in controlling drug use (e.g., continuing drug use despite harmful consequences, giving a higher

priority to drug use than other activities and obligations), and possible tolerance or physical dependence. Even taking benzodiazepines as prescribed may put patients at risk for abuse and misuse of their medication. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines may lead to addiction. Abuse and misuse of benzodiazepines often (but not always) involve the use of doses greater than the maximum recommended dosage and commonly involve concomitant use of other medications, alcohol, and/or illicit substances, which is associated with an increased frequency of serious adverse outcomes, including respiratory depression, overdose, or death. Benzodiazepines are often sought by individuals who abuse drugs and other substances, and by individuals with addictive disorders [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*].

The following adverse reactions have occurred with benzodiazepine abuse and/or misuse: abdominal pain, amnesia, anorexia, anxiety, aggression, ataxia, blurred vision, confusion, depression, disinhibition, disorientation, dizziness, euphoria, impaired concentration and memory, indigestion, irritability, muscle pain, slurred speech, tremors, and vertigo.

The following severe adverse reactions have occurred with benzodiazepine abuse and/or misuse: delirium, paranoia, suicidal ideation and behavior, seizures, coma, breathing difficulty, and death. Death is more often associated with polysubstance use (especially benzodiazepines with other CNS depressants such as opioids and alcohol).

Midazolam was actively self-administered in primate models used to assess the positive reinforcing effects of psychoactive drugs. Midazolam produced physical dependence of a mild to moderate intensity in cynomolgus monkeys after 5 to 10 weeks of administration.

Assessment of the abuse-related subjective effects comparing NAYZILAM to oral midazolam syrup was conducted in adult subjects with a history of benzodiazepine recreational drug use. No statistically significant or clinically-relevant differences in subjective positive effects (i.e., Drug Liking, Overall Drug Liking, Take Drug Again, and High) were observed between NAYZILAM and oral midazolam syrup. However, subjective positive effects on all these measures were significantly greater for NAYZILAM than for placebo confirming that NAYZILAM has abuse potential. Somnolence occurred at a similar rate in both midazolam groups, but euphoric mood occurred at a greater rate in NAYZILAM (4 to 16%) compared to the oral midazolam syrup (4 to 8.5%).

### **9.3 Dependence**

#### **Physical Dependence After Use of NAYZILAM More Frequently Than Recommended**

NAYZILAM may produce physical dependence if used more frequently than recommended. Physical dependence is a state that develops as a result of physiological adaptation in response to repeated drug use, manifested by withdrawal signs and symptoms after abrupt discontinuation or a significant dose reduction of a drug. Although NAYZILAM is indicated only for intermittent use [*see Indications and Usage (1) and Dosage and Administration (2)*], if used more frequently than recommended, abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction or administration of flumazenil, a benzodiazepine antagonist, may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, including seizures, which can be life-threatening. Patients at an increased risk of withdrawal adverse reactions after benzodiazepine discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction include those who take higher dosages (i.e., higher and/or more frequent doses) and those who have had longer durations of use [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

For patients using NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended, to reduce the risk of withdrawal reactions, use a gradual taper to discontinue NAYZILAM [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)*].

#### *Acute Withdrawal Signs and Symptoms*

Acute withdrawal signs and symptoms associated with benzodiazepines have included abnormal involuntary movements, anxiety, blurred vision, depersonalization, depression, derealization, dizziness, fatigue, gastrointestinal adverse reactions (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, weight loss, decreased appetite), headache, hyperacusis, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, memory impairment, muscle pain and stiffness, panic attacks, photophobia, restlessness, tachycardia, and tremor. More severe acute withdrawal signs and symptoms, including life-threatening reactions, have included catatonia, convulsions, delirium tremens, depression, hallucinations, mania, psychosis, seizures, and suicidality.

#### *Protracted Withdrawal Syndrome*

Protracted withdrawal syndrome associated with benzodiazepines is characterized by anxiety, cognitive impairment, depression, insomnia, formication, motor symptoms (e.g., weakness, tremor, muscle twitches), paresthesia, and tinnitus that persists beyond 4 to 6 weeks after initial benzodiazepine withdrawal. Protracted withdrawal symptoms may last weeks to more than 12 months. As a result, there may be difficulty in differentiating withdrawal symptoms from potential re-emergence or continuation of symptoms for which the benzodiazepine was being used.

### Tolerance

Tolerance to NAYZILAM may develop after use more frequently than recommended. Tolerance is a physiological state characterized by a reduced response to a drug after repeated administration (i.e., a higher dose of a drug is required to produce the same effect that was once obtained at a lower dose).

Tolerance to the therapeutic effect of benzodiazepines may develop; however, little tolerance develops to the amnesic reactions and other cognitive impairments caused by benzodiazepines.

### **9.4 Chronic Use**

NAYZILAM is not recommended for chronic, daily use as an anticonvulsant because of the potential for development of tolerance to midazolam. In clinical trials, patients were treated with NAYZILAM no more frequently than every 3 days.

Chronic daily use of benzodiazepines may increase the frequency and/or severity of tonic-clonic seizures, requiring an increase in the dosage of standard anticonvulsant medication. In such cases, abrupt withdrawal of chronic benzodiazepines may also be associated with a temporary increase in the frequency and/or severity of seizures.

### **10 OVERDOSAGE**

Overdosage of benzodiazepines is characterized by central nervous system depression ranging from drowsiness to coma. In mild to moderate cases, symptoms can include

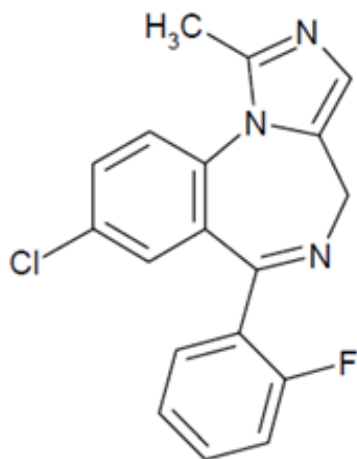
drowsiness, confusion, dysarthria, lethargy, hypnotic state, diminished reflexes, ataxia, and hypotonia. Rarely, paradoxical or disinhibitory reactions (including agitation, irritability, impulsivity, violent behavior, confusion, restlessness, excitement, and talkativeness) may occur. In severe overdose cases, patients may develop respiratory depression and coma. Overdosage of benzodiazepines in combination with other CNS depressants (including alcohol and opioids) may be fatal [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)*]. Markedly abnormal (lowered or elevated) blood pressure, heart rate, or respiratory rate raise the concern that additional drugs and/or alcohol are involved in the overdose.

In managing benzodiazepine overdose, employ general supportive measures, including intravenous fluids and airway maintenance. Flumazenil, a specific benzodiazepine receptor antagonist indicated for the complete or partial reversal of the sedative effects of benzodiazepines in the management of benzodiazepine overdose, can lead to withdrawal and adverse reactions, including seizures, particularly in the context of mixed overdose with drugs that increase seizure risk (e.g., tricyclic and tetracyclic antidepressants) and in patients with long-term benzodiazepine use and physical dependency. The risk of withdrawal seizures with flumazenil may be increased in patients with epilepsy. Flumazenil is contraindicated in patients who have received a benzodiazepine for control of a potentially life-threatening condition (e.g., status epilepticus). If the decision is made to use flumazenil, it should be used as an adjunct to, not as a substitute for, supportive management of benzodiazepine overdose. See the flumazenil injection Prescribing Information.

Consider contacting the Poison Help line (1-800-222-1222) or medical toxicologist for additional overdose management recommendations.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

NAYZILAM contains midazolam, a compound of the benzodiazepine class. Midazolam is chemically designated as 8-Chloro-6-(o-fluorophenyl)-1-methyl-4H-imidazo[1,5-a][1,4]benzodiazepine, and it has the following structure:



The empirical formula is  $C_{18}H_{13}ClFN_3$  representing a molecular weight of 325.8. Midazolam, USP is a white or yellowish, crystalline powder that is practically insoluble in water, soluble in methanol, and freely soluble in acetone and in alcohol.

NAYZILAM nasal spray is a clear, colorless to yellowish colored liquid. Each single-dose NAYZILAM unit is for nasal administration and delivers 5 mg of midazolam in 0.1 mL of solution containing ethanol; PEG-6 methyl ether; polyethylene glycol 400; propylene glycol; and purified water.

The pH range of solution is approximately 5.0 to 9.0.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

The exact mechanism of action for midazolam is not fully understood, but it is thought to involve potentiation of GABAergic neurotransmission resulting from binding at the benzodiazepine site of the GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor.

### 12.2 Pharmacodynamics

The pharmacodynamic properties of midazolam and its metabolites, are similar to those of other benzodiazepines, including sedative, anxiolytic, amnestic, and hypnotic activities. The effects of midazolam on the CNS are dependent on the dose administered, the route of administration, and the presence or absence of other medications.

Treatment with NAYZILAM was associated with effects on measures of sedation and measures of psychomotor performance [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*]. Sedation and psychomotor impairment effects generally began to occur within 10 minutes post dose with peak effects observed within 30 minutes to 2 hours post dose. The pharmacodynamic effects generally returned to near baseline levels by 4 hours post-dose.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

#### Pharmacokinetics

Based on a population pharmacokinetic analysis, plasma exposures ( $C_{max}$  and AUC) of midazolam in epilepsy patients increase approximately proportional to dose from 5.0 mg to 15 mg, 0.5 and 1.5 times the recommended maximum total dose (5 mg Initial Dose + 5 mg Second Dose), respectively.

#### Absorption

Following nasal administration of a single 5 mg midazolam dose to healthy adults, midazolam was absorbed with median  $T_{max}$  (range) of 17.3 (7.8 to 28.2) minutes; midazolam mean ( $\pm$ SD)  $C_{max}$  and  $AUC_{0-\infty}$  were 54.7 ( $\pm$ 30.4) ng/mL and 126.2 ( $\pm$ 59) ng-hr/mL, respectively. The mean absolute bioavailability is approximately 44%.

## Distribution

In adults and pediatric patients, midazolam is approximately 97% bound to plasma protein, principally albumin. In healthy volunteers, 1-hydroxy midazolam is bound to the extent of 89%.

The estimated total volume of distribution of midazolam is 226.5 L.

In humans, midazolam has been shown to cross the placenta and enter into fetal circulation and has been detected in human milk and CSF [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.1, 8.2)*].

## Elimination

Following administration of NAYZILAM in clinical trials, median midazolam and 1-hydroxy-midazolam elimination half-lives ranged from 2.1 to 6.2 hours and 2.7 to 7.2 hours, respectively, independent of dose.

## *Metabolism*

Midazolam is primarily metabolized by liver and intestinal cytochrome P450 3A4 (CYP3A4) to its pharmacologic active metabolite, 1-hydroxy midazolam (also termed  $\alpha$ -hydroxy-midazolam). Midazolam is also metabolized to two other minor metabolites: 4-hydroxy metabolite and 1,4-dihydroxy metabolite. The principal urinary excretion products are glucuronide conjugates of the hydroxylated derivatives.

Studies of the intravenous administration of 1-hydroxy-midazolam in humans suggest that 1-hydroxy-midazolam is at least as potent as the parent compound and may contribute to the net pharmacologic activity of midazolam.

## *Excretion*

The principal urinary excretion product is 1-OH midazolam in the form of a glucuronide conjugate. Smaller amounts of the glucuronide conjugates of 4-hydroxy- and dihydroxy-midazolam are detected as well.

## Specific Populations

### *Geriatric Patients*

In a parallel group study of 2.5 mg and 5 mg doses of NAYZILAM, mean systemic exposure (AUC) and peak plasma concentrations ( $C_{max}$ ) of midazolam were 21 to 45% higher in geriatric subjects (> 65 years old) as compared to non-geriatric subjects. The terminal half-life was increased by approximately 2 hours in the geriatric subjects because of a decrease in clearance [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.5)*].

### *Obesity*

In a study comparing normal (n=20) and obese patients (n=20), the mean half-life of midazolam administered by parental route was greater in the obese group (5.9 versus 2.3 hours). This was

because of an increase of approximately 50% in the volume of distribution (Vd) corrected for total body weight. The clearance was not significantly different between groups.

#### *Patients with Renal Impairment*

Patients with renal impairment may have longer elimination half-lives for midazolam and its metabolites [see *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*].

Midazolam and 1-hydroxy-midazolam pharmacokinetics in 6 ICU patients who developed acute renal failure (ARF) were compared with a normal renal function control group. Midazolam was administered as an infusion (5 to 15 mg/hr). Midazolam clearance was reduced (1.9 vs 2.8 mL/min/kg) and the half-life was prolonged (7.6 vs 13 hours) in the ARF patients. The renal clearance of the 1-hydroxy-midazolam glucuronide was prolonged in the ARF group (4 vs 136 mL/min) and the half-life was prolonged (12 vs >25 hours). Plasma levels accumulated in all ARF patients to about ten times that of the parent drug. The relationship between accumulating metabolite levels and prolonged sedation is unclear.

In a study of chronic renal failure patients (n=15) receiving a single intravenous dose of midazolam, there was a 2-fold increase in the clearance and volume of distribution, but the half-life remained unchanged.

#### *Patients with Hepatic Impairment*

Midazolam pharmacokinetics were studied after an intravenous single dose (0.075 mg/kg) was administered to patients with biopsy proven alcoholic cirrhosis (n=7) and control patients (n=8). The mean half-life of midazolam increased 2.5-fold in the patients with cirrhosis. Clearance was reduced by 50% and the Vd increased by 20%. In another study in male patients with cirrhosis (n=21) without ascites and with normal kidney function as determined by creatinine clearance, no changes in the pharmacokinetics of midazolam or 1-hydroxy-midazolam were observed when compared to healthy individuals. The clinical significance of these findings is unknown.

#### *Patients with Congestive Heart Failure*

In patients suffering from congestive heart failure, a 2-fold increase in the elimination half-life, a 25% decrease in the plasma clearance, and a 40% increase in the volume of distribution of midazolam were observed.

#### Drug Interaction Studies

Since NAYZILAM is metabolized by CYP3A4, interactions with drugs that inhibit or induce CYP3A4 are likely.

#### *Inhibitors of CYP3A4 Isozymes*

Coadministration of CYP3A4 inhibitors with NAYZILAM has not been studied. However, the effects of inhibitors on midazolam exposure following NAYZILAM administration are expected to be similar to those following IV midazolam administration. Concomitant use of

CYP3A4 inhibitors may result in prolonged sedation because of a decrease in plasma clearance of midazolam [*Warnings and Precautions (5.5) and Drug Interactions (7.1)*].

- The effect of single oral doses of 800 mg cimetidine and 300 mg ranitidine on steady-state concentrations of oral midazolam was examined in a randomized crossover study (n=8). Cimetidine increased the mean midazolam steady-state concentration from 57 to 71 ng/mL. Ranitidine increased the mean steady-state concentration to 62 ng/mL. No change in choice reaction time or sedation index was detected after dosing with the H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists.
- In a placebo-controlled study, erythromycin administered as a 500 mg dose, three times a day, for 1 week (n=6), reduced the clearance of midazolam following a single 0.5 mg/kg IV dose. The half-life was approximately doubled.
- The effects of diltiazem (60 mg three times a day) and verapamil (80 mg three times a day) on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of midazolam were investigated in a three-way crossover study (n=9). The half-life of midazolam increased from 5 to 7 hours when midazolam was taken in conjunction with verapamil or diltiazem. No interaction was observed in healthy subjects between midazolam and nifedipine.
- In a placebo-controlled study, where saquinavir or placebo was administered orally as a 1200 mg dose three times a day for 5 days (n=12), a 56% reduction in the clearance of midazolam following a single 0.05 mg/kg IV dose was observed. The half-life was approximately doubled.

#### *Inducers of CYP3A4 Isozymes*

Exposures (e.g., combined C<sub>max</sub> or AUC of midazolam and the 1-OH-midazolam active metabolite) are decreased 16 to 26% when NAYZILAM is co-administered with anti-epileptic drugs that are strong CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., phenytoin, phenobarbital, primidone, carbamazepine). Exposures (e.g., combined C<sub>max</sub> or AUC of midazolam and the 1-OH-midazolam active metabolite) are decreased 8 to 15% when NAYZILAM is co-administered with anti-epileptic drugs that are weak to moderate CYP3A4 inducers (e.g., clobazam, eslicarbazepine, felbamate, oxcarbazepine, rufinamide, topiramate). These changes in exposures are not expected to be clinically significant.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

#### Carcinogenesis

Midazolam maleate was administered in the diet to mice and rats for 2 years at doses of 0, 1, 9, or 80 mg/kg/day. In female mice in the highest dose group there was a marked increase in the incidence of hepatic tumors. In high-dose male rats there was a small but statistically

significant increase in benign thyroid follicular cell tumors. The highest dose not associated with increased tumor incidences in mice and rats (9 mg/kg/day) is approximately 4 and 9 times, respectively, the recommended human dose (RHD) of 10 mg based on body surface area (mg/m<sup>2</sup>). The pathogenesis of induction of these tumors is not known. These tumors were found after chronic administration, whereas human use will ordinarily be of single or several doses.

### Mutagenesis

Midazolam was negative for genotoxicity in *in vitro* (Ames, mammalian cell clastogenicity) and *in vivo* (mouse bone marrow micronucleus) assays.

### Impairment of Fertility

When midazolam (0, 1, 4, or 16 mg/kg) was orally administered to male and female rats prior to and during mating and continuing in females throughout gestation and lactation, no adverse effects on male or female fertility were noted.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

The effectiveness of NAYZILAM for the acute treatment of intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity (i.e., seizure clusters, acute repetitive seizures) that are distinct from a patient's usual seizure pattern in patients with epilepsy 12 years of age and older was established in a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (Study 1; NCT 01390220).

Study 1 enrolled patients with epilepsy on a stable regimen of antiepileptic drugs who were identified by their physicians as having intermittent, stereotypic episodes of frequent seizure activity that were distinct from the patient's usual seizure pattern.

Study 1 was conducted in two phases: an open-label Test Dose Phase followed by a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Comparative Phase. In the Test Dose Phase, tolerability was assessed in 292 patients who, in the absence of a seizure, received two 5 mg doses of NAYZILAM (10 mg total dosage) separated by 10 minutes. Patients were excluded from participation in the Comparative Phase if they failed to meet pre-defined blood pressure, heart rate, sedation, electrocardiogram, and peripheral oxygen saturation criteria.

In the Comparative Phase, 201 patients treated a single seizure cluster episode in an outpatient setting with either a blinded dose of NAYZILAM 5 mg (134 patients) or placebo (67 patients). If the seizure activity persisted or recurred, patients in both groups had the option to receive a subsequent unblinded dose of NAYZILAM 5 mg to be used between 10 minutes and 6 hours after administration of the initial blinded dose of study drug.

The primary efficacy endpoint for Study 1 was treatment success, defined as the termination of seizures within 10 minutes after the initial blinded dose of study drug and the absence of a recurrence of seizures within 6 hours of the initial blinded dose of study drug. A statistically significantly higher percentage of NAYZILAM-treated patients met the primary efficacy endpoint, as shown in Table 4.

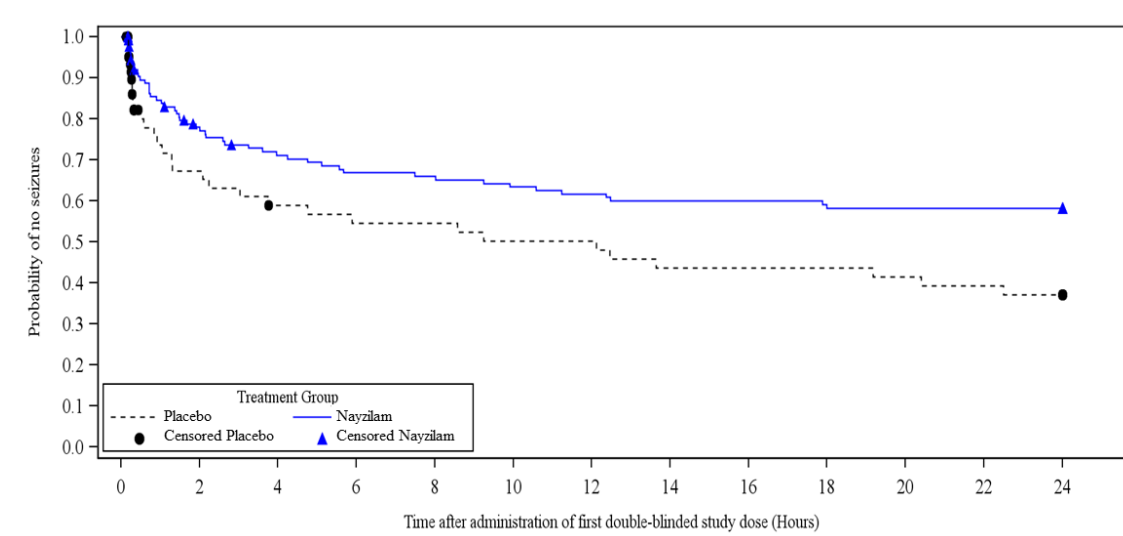
**Table 4: Primary Endpoint Results: Treatment Success (Study 1)**

	<b>NAYZILAM (N=134)</b>	<b>Placebo (N=67)</b>
Treatment success (%)	53.7	34.3
95% CI	(45.3, 62.2)	(23.0, 45.7)
p-value	0.011	

Numerical differences in favor of NAYZILAM were observed on each of the components of the treatment success responder definition; termination of seizure(s) within 10 minutes after initial dose of study drug (80.6 versus 70.1%) and the absence of seizure recurrence between 10 minutes and 6 hours after the initial dose of study drug (58.2 versus 37.3%).

Study 1 also evaluated the occurrence and time to next seizure after the initial blinded dose of study drug. A smaller proportion of NAYZILAM-treated patients experienced the next seizure within 24 hours after the initial blinded dose of study drug (37.3% versus 46.3%). NAYZILAM-treated patients experienced a statistically longer time-to-next-seizure than the placebo group (Figure 1).

**FIGURE 1: Kaplan-Meier Analysis of Time-to-Next-Seizure (Study 1)**



Analysis by gender revealed no substantial differences in treatment response. Informative subgroup analyses by age and race were not possible because of the small percentage of patients less than 18 years of age or 65 years of age or greater, and of non-White patients in the study.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED / STORAGE AND HANDLING

### 16.1 How Supplied

NAYZILAM is supplied as a solution of midazolam. Each single-dose nasal spray unit delivers 5 mg of midazolam in 0.1 mL of solution.

NAYZILAM is supplied in boxes of 2 nasal spray units (NDC 50474-500-15), each contained within an individual blister pack.

## 16.2 Storage and Handling

Do not open the blister packaging until ready to use. Do not test or prime before use.

Do not use if the nasal spray unit appears damaged.

Store at controlled room temperature 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F). Excursions permitted to 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

## 17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION

Advise patients and caregivers to read the FDA-approved patient labeling (Medication Guide and Instructions for Use).

### Risks from Concomitant Use with Opioids

Inform patients and caregivers that potentially fatal additive effects may occur if NAYZILAM is used with opioids and not to use NAYZILAM concomitantly with opioids unless supervised by a healthcare provider. If a decision is made to prescribe NAYZILAM concomitantly with opioids, instruct caregivers to follow patients closely for signs and symptoms of respiratory depression and sedation [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*].

### Abuse, Misuse, and Addiction

Inform patients that use of NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended, even at recommended dosages, exposes users to risks of abuse, misuse, and addiction, which can lead to overdose and death, especially when used in combination with other medications (e.g., opioid analgesics), alcohol, and/or illicit substances. Inform patients about the signs and symptoms of benzodiazepine abuse, misuse, and addiction; to seek medical help if they develop these signs and/or symptoms; and on the proper disposal of unused drug [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.2)*].

### Withdrawal Reactions

Inform patients that use of NAYZILAM more frequently than recommended may lead to clinically significant physical dependence and that abrupt discontinuation or rapid dosage reduction of NAYZILAM may precipitate acute withdrawal reactions, which can be life-threatening. Inform patients that in some cases, patients taking benzodiazepines have developed a protracted withdrawal syndrome with withdrawal symptoms lasting weeks to more than 12 months [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.3)* and *Drug Abuse and Dependence (9.3)*].

### Risks of Cardiorespiratory Adverse Reactions

Warn patients and caregivers about the risks of respiratory depression, cardiac and respiratory arrest [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.4)*].

Advise caregivers on the signs and symptoms of respiratory depression to look for, how long to observe patients after administering NAYZILAM, the circumstances under which a second dose should not be given, and the circumstances under which emergency medical care should be summoned [*see Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

#### CNS Depression from Concomitant Use with Other CNS Depressants

Warn patients and caregivers that the use of NAYZILAM in combination with alcohol or other CNS depressant drugs may increase the risk of hypoventilation, airway obstruction, desaturation, or apnea and may contribute to profound and/or prolonged drug effect [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.5)*].

Caution patients against engaging in hazardous occupations requiring mental alertness, such as operating machinery, driving a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle until they have completely returned to their level of baseline functioning.

#### Suicidal Behavior and Ideation

Counsel patients, their caregivers, and families that AEDs, including NAYZILAM, may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior and that they should be alert for the emergence or worsening of the signs and symptoms of depression, any unusual changes in mood or behavior or the emergence of suicidal thoughts, behavior or thoughts about self-harm. Behaviors of concern should be reported immediately to healthcare providers [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.6)*].

#### Impaired Cognitive Function

Warn patients that midazolam, including NAYZILAM, is associated with a high incidence of partial or complete impairment of recall for the next several hours. Counsel patients on when they can engage in activities requiring complete mental alertness, operate hazardous machinery, or drive a motor vehicle after taking NAYZILAM [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.7)*].

#### Pregnancy

Advise pregnant females that the use of NAYZILAM late in pregnancy can result in sedation (respiratory depression, lethargy, hypotonia) and/or withdrawal symptoms (hyperreflexia, irritability, restlessness, tremors, inconsolable crying, and feeding difficulties) in newborns [*see Warnings and Precautions (5.9) and Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*]. Instruct patients to inform their healthcare provider if they are pregnant. Encourage patients to enroll in the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy Registry if they become pregnant. The registry is collecting information about the safety of antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.1)*].

#### Lactation

Counsel patients that midazolam, the active ingredient in NAYZILAM, is excreted in breast milk. Instruct patients to inform their healthcare provider if they are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed. Instruct breastfeeding patients who take NAYZILAM

to monitor their infants for excessive sedation, poor feeding and poor weight gain, and to seek medical attention if they notice these signs [*see Use in Specific Populations (8.2)*].

### Important Treatment Instructions

Instruct patients and caregivers on what is and is not an intermittent and stereotypic episode of increased seizure activity (i.e., seizure cluster) that is appropriate for treatment, and the timing of administration in relation to the onset of the episode.

Instruct patients and caregivers on what to observe following administration, and what would constitute an outcome requiring immediate medical attention.

Instruct patients and caregivers not to administer a second dose of NAYZILAM if they are concerned by the patient's breathing, the patient requires emergency rescue treatment with assisted breathing or intubation, or there is excessive sedation [*see Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

Advise patients and caregivers on how frequently they can treat successive seizure cluster episodes over time.

### Administration Information

Advise patients and caregivers to not open the blister packaging until ready to use. Instruct them to not test or prime before use and to not use if the nasal spray unit appears damaged.

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**MEDICATION GUIDE**  
**NAYZILAM® (NAY-zil-am)**  
**(midazolam) nasal spray, CIV**

**What is the most important information I should know about NAYZILAM?**

- **NAYZILAM is a benzodiazepine medicine. Taking benzodiazepines with opioid medicines, alcohol, or other central nervous system (CNS) depressants (including street drugs) can cause severe drowsiness, breathing problems (respiratory depression), coma, and death.**
- Get emergency medical help right away if any of the following happens:
  - shallow or slowed breathing
  - breathing stops (which may lead to the heart stopping)
  - excessive sleepiness (sedation)Do not drive or operate heavy machinery until you know how taking NAYZILAM with opioids may affect you.
- **Risk of abuse, misuse, and addiction.** There is a risk of abuse, misuse, and addiction with benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, which can lead to overdose and serious side effects including coma and death.
  - **Serious side effects including coma and death have happened in people who have abused or misused benzodiazepines, including midazolam (the active ingredient in NAYZILAM).** These serious side effects may also include delirium, paranoia, suicidal thoughts or actions, seizures, and difficulty breathing. **Call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away if you have any of these serious side effects.**
  - **You can develop an addiction even if you use NAYZILAM as prescribed by your healthcare provider.**
  - **Use NAYZILAM exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed.**
  - **Do not share your NAYZILAM with other people.**
  - **Keep NAYZILAM in a safe place and away from children.**
- **Physical dependence and withdrawal reactions.** Benzodiazepines, including NAYZILAM, can cause physical dependence and withdrawal reactions, especially if you use NAYZILAM daily. NAYZILAM is not intended for daily use.
  - **Do not suddenly stop using NAYZILAM without talking to your healthcare provider.** Stopping NAYZILAM suddenly can cause serious and life-threatening side effects, including, unusual movements, responses, or expressions, seizures, sudden and severe mental or nervous system changes, depression, seeing or hearing things that others do not see or hear, an extreme increase in activity or talking, losing touch with reality, and suicidal thoughts or actions. **Call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away if you have any of these symptoms.**
  - **Some people who suddenly stop benzodiazepines have symptoms that can last for several weeks to more than 12 months,** including, anxiety, trouble remembering, learning, or concentrating, depression, problems sleeping, feeling like insects are crawling under your skin, weakness, shaking, muscle twitching, burning or prickling feeling in your hands, arms, legs or feet, and ringing in your ears.
  - Physical dependence is not the same as drug addiction. Your healthcare provider can tell you more about the differences between physical dependence and drug addiction.
  - **Do not use more NAYZILAM than prescribed or use NAYZILAM more often than prescribed.**
- **NAYZILAM can make you sleepy or dizzy and can slow your thinking and motor skills.**
  - Do not drive, operate heavy machinery, or do other dangerous activities until you know how NAYZILAM affects you.
  - Do not drink alcohol or take other drugs that may make you sleepy or dizzy while using NAYZILAM without first talking to your healthcare provider. When taken with alcohol or drugs that cause sleepiness or dizziness, NAYZILAM may make your sleepiness or dizziness worse.
- **Like other antiepileptic medicines, NAYZILAM may cause suicidal thoughts or actions in a very small number of people, about 1 in 500. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these symptoms, especially if they are new, worse, or worry you:**
  - thoughts about suicide or dying
  - trouble sleeping (insomnia)

- feeling agitated or restless
- acting aggressive, being angry, or violent
- attempts to commit suicide
- panic attacks
- acting on dangerous impulses
- new or worse depression
- an extreme increase in activity and talking (mania)
- new or worse anxiety
- new or worse irritability
- other unusual changes in behavior or mood

**How can I watch for early symptoms of suicidal thoughts or actions?**

- Pay attention to any changes, especially sudden changes in mood, behaviors, thoughts, or feelings.
- Keep all follow-up visits with your healthcare provider as scheduled.

Call your healthcare provider between visits as needed, especially if you are worried about symptoms.

Suicidal thoughts or actions can be caused by things other than medicines. If you have suicidal thoughts or actions, your healthcare provider may check for other causes.

**What is NAYZILAM?**

- NAYZILAM is a prescription medicine used for the short-term treatment of seizure clusters (also known as “acute repetitive seizures”) in people 12 years of age and older.
- **NAYZILAM is a federally controlled substance (CIV) because it contains midazolam that can be abused or lead to dependence.** Keep NAYZILAM in a safe place to prevent misuse and abuse. Selling or giving away NAYZILAM may harm others and is against the law. Tell your healthcare provider if you have ever abused or been dependent on alcohol, prescription drugs, or street drugs.
- It is not known if NAYZILAM is safe and effective in children under 12 years of age.

**Do not use NAYZILAM if you:**

- are allergic to midazolam.
- have an eye problem called acute narrow-angle glaucoma.

**Before you use NAYZILAM, tell your healthcare provider about all your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have a history of depression, mood problems or suicidal thoughts or behavior.
- have asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or other breathing problems.
- have kidney or liver problems.
- have congestive heart failure.
- have a history of drug or alcohol abuse.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
  - Taking NAYZILAM late in pregnancy may cause your baby to have symptoms of sedation (breathing problems, sluggishness, low muscle tone), and/or withdrawal symptoms (jitteriness, irritability, restlessness, shaking, excessive crying, feeding problems).
  - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you become pregnant or think you are pregnant during treatment with NAYZILAM.
  - If you become pregnant while using NAYZILAM, talk to your healthcare provider about registering with the North American Antiepileptic Drug (NAAED) Pregnancy Registry. You can register by calling 1-888-233-2334. For more information about the registry, go to <http://www.aedpregnancyregistry.org>. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the safety of antiepileptic drugs during pregnancy.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. Midazolam passes into your breast milk and may harm your baby.
  - Breastfeeding during treatment with NAYZILAM may cause your baby to have sleepiness, feeding problems, and decreased weight gain.
  - Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby while you take NAYZILAM.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal supplements. Using NAYZILAM with certain other medicines can affect each other, causing side effects. Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of them and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist each time you get a new medicine. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of these medicines if you are not sure.

**How should I use NAYZILAM?**

- Use NAYZILAM in the nose only.

- **Use NAYZILAM exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to use it** and follow the Instructions for Use that comes with this Medication Guide.
- Your healthcare provider has prescribed NAYZILAM to treat a type of seizure called a “seizure cluster”.
- If the seizure cluster is continuing **10 minutes** after the first dose of NAYZILAM, a second dose of NAYZILAM **may be used if you have been told to do so by your healthcare provider**.
- If a second dose of NAYZILAM is used, give the second dose in the other nostril.
- **Do not** give more than 2 doses of NAYZILAM to treat a seizure cluster.
- **If the seizures do not stop** after NAYZILAM is used, get emergency medical help right away.
- **Do not** use NAYZILAM for more than 1 seizure cluster episode every 3 days. **Do not** use NAYZILAM for more than 5 seizure cluster episodes per month.
- If benzodiazepines are stopped after a person takes them daily, they can cause withdrawal symptoms. Stopping benzodiazepines suddenly can cause seizures that will not stop (status epilepticus), hearing or seeing things that are not there (hallucinations), shaking, nervousness, and stomach and muscle cramps. NAYZILAM is not intended to be used daily.
- If you use too much NAYZILAM, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest emergency room right away.

**What should I avoid while using NAYZILAM?**

See “What is the most important information I should know about NAYZILAM?”

**What are the possible side effects of NAYZILAM?**

NAYZILAM may cause serious side effects, including:

- See “What is the most important information I should know about NAYZILAM?”
- **Increase in eye pressure in people with acute narrow-angle glaucoma.** See “Do not use NAYZILAM if you:”

The most common side effects of NAYZILAM include:

- sleepiness
- headache
- runny nose
- nasal discomfort
- throat irritation

These are not all the possible side effects of NAYZILAM. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

**How should I store NAYZILAM?**

- Store NAYZILAM at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).
- Keep NAYZILAM in the blister package until ready to use.

**Keep NAYZILAM and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

**General information about the safe and effective use of NAYZILAM.**

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Medication Guide. Do not use NAYZILAM for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give NAYZILAM to other people, even if they have the same symptoms that you have. It may harm them. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about NAYZILAM that is written for health professionals.

**What are the ingredients in NAYZILAM?**

**Active ingredient:** midazolam

**Inactive ingredients:** ethanol, PEG-6 methyl ether, polyethylene glycol 400, propylene glycol and purified water

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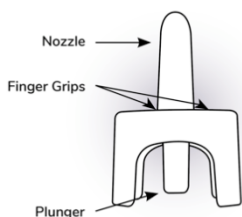
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**Instructions for Use**  
**NAYZILAM® (NAY-zil-am)**  
(midazolam) nasal spray, CIV

You and your family members or caregivers should read this Instructions for Use before you start using NAYZILAM nasal spray and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. If you and your family members or caregivers have any questions about NAYZILAM, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.



**Important: NAYZILAM is for use in the nose only.**

- **There is only 1 dose of NAYZILAM in the nasal spray unit.**
- **Do not** try to test or prime the nasal spray unit before use. You will lose the dose.
- **Do not** open the blister packaging until ready to use.
- **Do not** use if the nasal spray unit appears damaged.
- **Do not** use past the expiration date printed on the blister packaging.
- Throw away (dispose of) the nasal spray unit after use.

**How to use NAYZILAM nasal spray:**

**Step 1: Peel open the blister packaging**

- When ready to use, open the blister packaging.
- Hold blister packaging in the palm of your hand.
- On the foil backing, find the “**Peel Here**” tab and pull down (**see Figure 1**).
- Remove the nasal spray unit carefully.

**Figure 1**



**Step 2: Hold the nasal spray unit**

- Hold the nasal spray unit with your thumb on the plunger and your middle and index fingers on each side of the nozzle (**see Figure 2**).
- **Do not press the plunger yet. If you press the plunger now, you will lose the dose.**

**Figure 2**



Figure 3



**Step 3: Place the tip into 1 nostril**

- Place the tip of the nozzle into 1 nostril until your fingers on either side of the nozzle touches the bottom of the nose (**see Figure 3**).

Figure 4



**Step 4: Press the plunger**

- Press the plunger firmly to deliver the dose of NAYZILAM nasal spray (**see Figure 4**).
- Make sure to firmly press the plunger using 1 motion.

**The patient does not need to breathe deeply when you give them the medicine.**

**What to do after the NAYZILAM nasal spray has been used:**

Remove the nozzle from the nostril after giving the dose.

**Note:** The plunger will remain inside the nasal spray unit after the dose is given.

Throw away (dispose of) the nasal spray unit and blister packaging in the trash.

**What to do if a Second Dose is needed:**

**Important:** If the seizure cluster is continuing **10 minutes** after the first dose of NAYZILAM, a second dose of NAYZILAM **may be used if you have been told to do so by your healthcare provider.**

If you need to give a second dose of NAYZILAM, follow the instructions in this Instructions for Use using a new nasal spray unit **in the other nostril.** (Repeat Step 1 through Step 4)



**Call for help if any of the following happens:**

- Seizure or seizures continue after giving NAYZILAM to the person as instructed by the healthcare provider.
- Seizure behavior in the person is different from other episodes.
- You are alarmed by the number or severity of the seizure or seizures in the person.
- You are alarmed by the color or breathing of the person.

**Local Emergency Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Healthcare Provider's Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Information for Emergency Responder**

Time of first NAYZILAM  
dose: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of second NAYZILAM dose (if  
given): \_\_\_\_\_

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