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Molecule Brief: Oseltamivir

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1. Summary Information on Oseltamivir

Information About the Candidate for Approved Indication(s)	
Common Name of Drug	Oseltamivir
Brand Name	Tamiflu®
Category/ Type	Antiviral
Drug Bank ID/Link	DB00198 (APRD01148) https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/DB00198
Mode of Action	Oseltamivir is a reversible competitive inhibitor of influenza neuraminidase. Virion release from infected cells and spread with the respiratory tract are inhibited due to blockade of this enzyme. Oseltamivir activity reduces viral shedding and infectivity. http://www.antimicrobe.org/drugpopup/oseltamivir.htm
Therapeutic Target	Viral neuraminidases of influenza A (including pandemic H1N1) and influenza B
Is action Host or Virus directed?	Virus
Currently Approved for which Indication(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment of acute, uncomplicated influenza in patients 2 weeks of age and older who have been symptomatic for no more than 2 days. Prophylaxis of influenza in patients 1 year and older.
Approved Dose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment of influenza : Adults and adolescents (13 years and older) - 75 mg twice daily for 5 days Prophylaxis of influenza : Adults and adolescents (13 years and older) - 75 mg once daily for at least 10 days
Route of Administration	Oral
Safety Profile of drug (dose range in which it has been tested to be safe in humans)	75 mg once/twice daily for at least 10 days https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/021087s062lbl.pdf
Adverse events/Side effects reported at the current approved dose	Nausea, diarrhea, insomnia, vomiting, headache and skin rashes https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16192481
Reported Drug-Drug Interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entecavir Influenza virus vaccine, h1n1, live Influenza virus vaccine, live, trivalent

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methotrexate • Pemetrexed • Probenecid • Tafamidis • Warfarin <p>(Clinicians need to note relevant drug-drug interactions depending on nature of use)</p>
Link to Datasheet	https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/021087s062lbl.pdf https://www.fda.gov/media/76542/download
Current TRL level of the Drug	TRL 9 (Approved Drug)
Has the drug been repurposed for any other indication before?	No
Is the Drug being sold in India?	Yes
Indian Manufacturer(s)	Cipla, Hetero, Natco API Manufacturers: Lupin, Mylan, Jubilant Generics, Cadila, Matrix http://www.medlineindia.com/antibiotic/oseltamivir.html
International Manufacturer(s)	Roche https://www.gilead.com/news-
Price of the Drug in India	Rs.450- 500 per pack of 10 tablets/capsules
Information about the candidate for COVID19	
Repurposing Claim	For COVID-19 with or without antibiotics, corticosteroids and antiviral drugs
Rationale for Repurposing for COVID19/MoA?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Known antiviral activity against influenza and initial report from Huang and colleagues in Wuhan where patients with COVID-19 received oseltamivir in addition to broad spectrum antimicrobials. https://academic.oup.com/ofid/advance-article-pdf/doi/10.1093/ofid/ofaa105/32961870/ofaa105.pdf 2. Clinical trials for Oseltamivir are ongoing for COVID-19 (details below)
Proposed use as Primary or Adjuvant?	Adjuvant
Pre-Clinical Data available for COVID-19	No data to suggest <i>in vitro</i> activity of Oseltamivir against SARS CoV-2. Coronaviruses do not utilize neuraminidase for the budding stage of reproduction and therefore no activity is expected. https://www.nebraskamed.com/sites/default/files/documents/covid-19/antiviral-and-pharmacotherapy-information.pdf?date=03242020
Status of Clinical Trials	3 Ongoing Phase III and IV
Trial Details	See details below

Trial ID/Link	Type of Trial	Number of patients	Combination/ Dose/Stage of Disease	Primary and Secondary Measures	Has data from the trial been published (Yes/No)
NCT04261270	Randomized, Open, Controlled Small Sample Clinical Study	60	ASC09F+ Oseltamivir Ritonavir+ Oseltamivir Dose - 75mg/once a day Stage: Data not available	Primary- Rate of comprehensive adverse outcome Secondary- Time of clinical remission, Rate of no fever, Rate of no cough, Rate of no dyspnea, Rate of no need for oxygen inhalation, Rate of undetectable viral RNA, Rate of mechanical ventilation, Rate of ICU admission, Rate and time of CRP,ES,Bio chemical criterion(CK,ALT,Mb) recovery	No
NCT043	Prospective,	80	Group 1:	Primary- SARS-CoV-2 eradication	No

03299	Open Label, Randomized, Multicenter Study		Oseltamivir + Chloroquine, Group 2: Darunavir+ Ritonavir+ Oseltamivir Group 3: Lopinavir+ Ritonavir + Oseltamivir Dose - 300mg (or 4-6 mg/kg) per day – Oseltamivir Stage: Data not available	time [Time Frame: Up to 24 weeks] Eradication of nasopharyngeal SARS-CoV-2 Secondary- Number of patients with Death, Number of patient with Recovery adjusted by initial severity in each arm, Number of day With ventilator dependent adjusted by initial severity in each arm, Number of patient developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome After treatment [Time Frame: Up to 24 weeks] Other Outcome Measures: Number of patient with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Recovery [Time Frame: Up to 24 weeks] Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Recovery rate	
NCT04255017	Open, Prospective/Retrospective, Randomized Controlled Cohort Study	400	Group 1: Arbidol hydrochloride (0.2g once, 3 times a day, 2 weeks) Group 2: Oseltamivir (75mg once, twice a day, 2 weeks) Group 3: Lopinavir/ Ritonavir (500mg once, twice a day, 2 weeks) Stage: Mild and severe	Primary Outcome Measures : 1. Rate of disease remission [Time Frame: two weeks] A: For mild patients : fever, cough and other symptoms relieved with improved lung CT; B: For severe patients : fever, cough and other symptoms relieved with improved lung CT, SPO2>93% or PaO2/FiO2>300mmHg (1mmHg=0.133Kpa) 2. Time for lung recovery [Time Frame: two weeks] Compare the average time of lung imaging recovery after 2 weeks of treatment in each group. Secondary Outcome Measures : 1. Rate of no fever [Time Frame: two weeks] 2. Rate of respiratory symptom remission [Time Frame: two weeks] 3. Rate of lung imaging recovery [Time Frame: two weeks] 4. Rate of CRP,ES,Biochemical criterion(CK,ALT,Mb) recovery [Time Frame: two weeks] 5. Rate of undetectable viral RNA [Time Frame: two weeks]	No
ChiCTR2000029592 (Prophylaxis)	Retrospective case-control cohort study	Cohort 1- 66 family members Cohort 2- 124 healthcare workers	No combination Dose: 200mg, Tid, 5-10 days Stage: Post exposure prophylaxis	Delay time of PEP after the diagnosis or primary case in family and health care workers cohorts with or without Arbidol	Yes

Key Data from Clinical Trials

A recent publication indicates that, "Oseltamivir was not as successful as Arbidol to reduce the infection risk (Post Exposure Prophylaxis –PEP) of the novel coronavirus in hospital and family settings. Following observations were made–
i) 45 family members used Arbidol PEP and 1 became infected

	ii) 21 family members use Oseltamivir and 12 became infected iii) 55 health workers used Arbidol PEP and 1 became infected iv) 68 health workers used Oseltamivir and 7 became infected Study: ChiCTR2000029592 http://www.chinaxiv.org/user/download.htm?id=30258	
TRL Level for COVID19	TRL-8 (Phase III/IV)	
IP Status	Status/ Molecule	Oseltamivir
	Pending applications	4109/MUM/2014 Title: A Process For Preparation Of Ethyl (1r,5r,6r)-5-(1-Ethylpropoxy)-7-Azabicyclo [4,1,0] Hept-3-Ene-3-Carboxylate Assignee: Sequent Scientific Limited Filing Date: 22/12/2014 Publication date: 24/06/2016 Status: FER sent on 19/03/2020
	Approved and Active applications	IN314403 Title: New Process For The Synthesis Of Methyl 3-Epi-Shikimate And Oseltamivir Assignee: National University Corporation Okayama University Filing Date: 25/10/2011 Grant date: 21/06/2019 Expected expiry date: 25/10/2031 IN303314 Title: Novel Salts Of Ethyl (3r,4s,5r)-4,5-Imino-3-(1-Ethylpropoxy) - 1-Cyclohexene-1- Carboxylate Assignee: MSN Laboratories Limited, Filing Date: 19/08/2009 Grant date: 20/11/2018 Expected expiry date: 19/08/2029 IN284534 Title: Pharmaceutical Composition Comprising Oseltamivir Phosphate Assignee: Chugai Seiyuku Kabushiki Kaisha, F.Hoffmann-La Roche Ag Priority Date: 20/02/2006 Grant date: 23/06/2017 Expected expiry date: 20/02/2027 IN224636 (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: Process For Preparing a 4,5-diamino shikimic acid Assignee: F. Hoffmann-la roche ag Filing Date: 01/12/2000 Grant date: 21/10/2008 Expected expiry date: 01/12/2020 IN286011 Title: Process For The Preparation Of Shikimic Acid Useful For Production Of Avian Flu Drug Tamiflu (Oseltamivir) Assignee: CSIR Filing Date: 12/03/2010 Grant date: 02/08/2017 Expected expiry date: 12/03/2030
Expired or Lapsed application or status not known	IN288276 Title: Nitro Group-Containing Ether Compound And Method For Producing Same Assignee: National University Corporation Okayama University Priority Date: 09/06/2009 Grant date: 11/10/2017 Expected expiry date: 08/06/2030 Status: Patent ceased: Renewal discontinued: 08/12/2019 IN209070 Title: Process For Preparing Neuraminidase Inhibitor Ro-64-0796	

	<p>Assignee: F. Hoffmann-la roche ag Filing Date: 08/06/2000 Grant date: 20/08/2007 Status: Patent ceased: Renewal discontinued: 10/06/2019 IN209362 (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: A Process For The Preparation Of 4, 5-Diamino Shikimic Acid Derivative Of Formula Assignee: F. Hoffmann-la roche ag Priority Date: 10/04/2000 Grant date: 27/08/2007 Status: Patent ceased: Renewal discontinued: 09/04/2019 IN209362 Title: Process From Shikimic Acid To Oseltamivir Phosphate Assignee: F. Hoffmann-la roche ag Priority Date: 18/09/2007 Grant date: 15/06/2017 Status: Patent ceased: Renewal discontinued: 09/09/2019 IN275216 Title: Process For Producing Oseltamivir Phosphate And Intermediate Compound Assignee: Tokyo University Of Science Educational Foundation Administrative Organization Priority Date: 30/05/2008 Grant date: 29/08/2016 Expected expiry date: 28/05/2029 Status: Patent ceased: Renewal discontinued: 28/11/2019 1262/KOL/2014 Title: Oseltamivir Compositions Assignee: Lupin Atlantis Holdings Sa Priority Date: 01/12/2014 Publication date: 26/08/2016 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 201611038603 Title: Pharmaceutical Composition Comprising Oseltamivir Phosphate And Process Of Preparation Thereof Assignee: Jubilant Generics Limited Filing Date: 11/11/2016 Publication date: 18/05/2018 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 1262/KOL/2014 Title: Oseltamivir Compositions Assignee: Lupin Atlantis Holdings Sa Filing Date: 01/12/2014 Publication date: 26/08/2016 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 3788/CHE/2011 Title: Improved Process For The Preparation Of Pure Crystalline Form A Of Oseltamivir Phosphate Assignee: Mylan Laboratories Ltd Filing Date: 01/12/2014 Publication date: 03/01/2014 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 2512/CHE/2011 Title: A composition for treating swine-flu and a process for formulating the same Assignee: JSS college of pharmacy Filing Date: 27/07/2011 Publication date: 22/03/2013 Status: Abandoned section 21(1) 1861/MUM/2011 Title: Novel Salt Of Oseltamivir</p>
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	<p>Assignee: Cadila Healthcare Ltd Filing Date: 2/06/2011 Publication date: 04/01/2013 Status: Abandoned section 21(1) 124/CHE/2011 Title: Improved Process For The Preparation Of Oseltamivir Phosphate And Its Intermediates Thereof Assignee: Matrix Laboratories Ltd Filing Date: 14/01/2011 Publication date: 07/02/2014 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 3989/CHENP/2010 Title: Polymorphic Forms Of Oseltamivir Phosphate Assignee: F.Hoffmann-La Roche Ag Priority Date: 04/01/2008 Publication date: 17/12/2010 Status: Abandoned section 21(1) 733/DELNP/2009 Title: Isoquinuclidine Derivative And Method For Manufacturing 1-Cyclohexene-1-Carboxylic Acid Derivative By Using The Same Assignee: The University Of Tokyo Priority Date: 28/06/2006 Publication date: 20/08/2010 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 3285/CHENP/2008 Title: Epoxide Intermediate In The Tamiflu Synthesis Assignee: F. Hoffmann-La Roche AG Priority Date: 28/12/2005 Publication date: 06/03/2009 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 1191/CHENP/2006 Title: Process For Obtaining Pure Oseltamivir Assignee: Hetero Drugs Ltd Filing Date: 06/04/2006 Publication date: 17/08/2007 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 1724/CHE/2005 Title: Improved Process Form Oseltmivr Phosphate Assignee: Hetero Drugs Ltd Filing Date: 25/11/2005 Publication date: 05/10/2007 Status: No status update on Indian patent site 396/DEL/1996 (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: Carbocyclic Compound Assignee: Gilead Sciences, Inc. Priority Date: 27/02/1995 Status: Application Was Rejected Vide Controller's Order Dated 23/03/2009 514/DEL/2007 (Div of 396/DEL/1996) (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: Carbocyclic Compound Assignee: Gilead Sciences, Inc. Priority Date: 27/02/1995 Status: Application Refused Vide Order Dated 12/06/2012 By The Controller 1132/DEL/1999 (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: Novel Selective Inhibitors Of Viral Or Bacterial Neuraminidases Assignee: Gilead Sciences Inc Priority Date: 27/02/1995 Status: Abandoned Under 21(1) IN190983 (No .pdf available on WIPO site) Title: A Process For Preparing Neuraminidase Inhibitors Capsule Assignee: Gilead Sciences Priority Date: 17/09/1997</p>
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	<p>Grant Date: 12/04/2004 Status: Patent Term Expired:17/09/2018 1525/CHE/2011 Title: Improved Process For The Preparation Of Osetamivir Phosphate And Its Intermediates Thereof Assignee: Matrix Laboratories Ltd Filing Date: 03/05/2011 Publication date: 21/06/2013 Status: Abandoned Under 21(1)</p>
<p>Other Key References</p>	<p>1. https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/compound/oseltamivir#section=Metabolite-References 2. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4375804/</p>

2. Background information

About TFORD-COVID19

The Principal Scientific Advisor to the GoI, Dr K VijayRaghavan, has constituted a S&T Core Group on COVID19. Under the aegis of the S&T Core Group on COVID19, a Task Force has been constituted focused on Repurposing of Drugs for COVID19 (in short "TFORD-COVID19"). The Task Force is being coordinated by Dr V Premnath, Head, NCL Innovations at CSIR-NCL and Director, Venture Center and Dr Anurag Agarwal, Director, CSIR-IGIB. The Nerve Center for the Coordination is located at Venture Center, Pune (located in the campus of CSIR-NCL).

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