

# Discover a New-Generation Fumarate for the Treatment of Relapsing Forms of Multiple Sclerosis

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**BAFIERTAM**



## INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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## SELECT IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

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 **Bafiertam**<sup>®</sup>  
(monomethyl fumarate) delayed-release capsules 95mg

## BAFIERTAM<sup>®</sup> (monomethyl fumarate) Goes Direct

**BAFIERTAM is the only fumarate that is not a prodrug.** It provides direct delivery of the active agent monomethyl fumarate (MMF) without requiring gastrointestinal metabolic conversion.

The active agent in BAFIERTAM is shown to<sup>1</sup>:

- 1** Reduce the number of relapses
- 2** Delay the progression of disability
- 3** Slow the development of brain lesions

Based on studies conducted with dimethyl fumarate by Biogen Inc.

## No Dietary Restrictions With BAFIERTAM

- ▶ A high-fat, high-calorie meal does not significantly affect MMF plasma exposure\*
- ▶ No need to count calories, restrict diet, or change eating habits
- ▶ Can be taken with or without food

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\*A high-fat, high-calorie meal did not significantly affect the overall MMF plasma exposure (AUC), but decreased the  $C_{max}$  of MMF by 20% with prolonged absorption. The median  $T_{max}$  of MMF was delayed from approximately 4.0 hours to 11 hours by a high-fat meal.

AUC=area under the curve;  $C_{max}$ =peak concentration;  $T_{max}$ =time of maximum concentration observed.

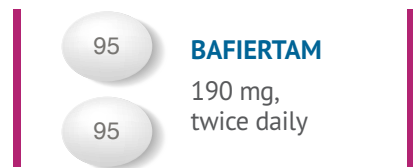
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## BAFIERTAM Offers Direct Therapeutic Effect

- ▶ **NO** GI-conversion required
- ▶ **CONSISTENT** efficacy with or without food
- ▶ **NO** active metabolites

## BAFIERTAM Offers Flexible Dosing With Smaller Capsules<sup>1</sup>

BAFIERTAM is supplied as two 95-mg capsules taken twice daily. A specific starter pack is not required for initiation or dose adjustments.\*



\*The efficacy of BAFIERTAM is based on bioavailability studies in healthy subjects comparing oral dimethyl fumarate delayed-release capsules with BAFIERTAM delayed-release capsules.

## Comprehensive Patient Support and Financial Assistance

- ▶ **Dedicated Care Managers** to provide personalized support and resources to patients
- ▶ **Insurance Benefit Verification** to help determine patient-specific coverage requirements
- ▶ **Financial Assistance Programs** for eligible patients, including:

The **QuickStart Program** provides a 30-day supply of BAFIERTAM to start patients on treatment while their benefits are verified.

The **Bridge Support Program** helps patients stay on therapy until coverage is secured.†

The **\$0 Copay Program** is available to eligible patients by signing up for the BAFIERTAM Savings Card.‡



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†The Bridge Support Program can provide up to 24 months of coverage.

‡The \$0 Copay Program is for patients while taking BAFIERTAM and is subject to an annual cap on the amount of assistance that patients can receive. This offer is invalid for patients covered by any governmental program, including, without limitation, Medicaid, Medicare, VA, or TRICARE. Federal and state laws and other factors may prevent or otherwise restrict eligibility.

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### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

#### Anaphylaxis and Angioedema

- BAFIERTAM can cause anaphylaxis and angioedema after the first dose or at any time during treatment. Signs and symptoms in patients taking dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM) have included difficulty breathing, urticaria, and swelling of the throat and tongue. Patients should be instructed to discontinue BAFIERTAM and seek immediate medical care should they experience signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis or angioedema.

#### Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML)

- PML has occurred in patients with MS treated with dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM). PML is an opportunistic viral infection of the brain caused by the JC virus (JCV) that typically only occurs in patients who are immunocompromised, and that usually leads to death or severe disability. A fatal case of PML occurred in a patient who received dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM) for 4 years while enrolled in a clinical trial.
- PML has also occurred in patients taking dimethyl fumarate in the postmarketing setting in the presence of lymphopenia ( $<0.9 \times 10^9/L$ ). While the role of lymphopenia in these cases is uncertain, the PML cases have occurred predominantly in patients with lymphocyte counts  $<0.8 \times 10^9/L$  persisting for more than 6 months.
- At the first sign or symptom suggestive of PML, withhold BAFIERTAM and perform an appropriate diagnostic evaluation. Typical symptoms associated with PML are diverse, progress over days to weeks, and include progressive weakness on one

side of the body or clumsiness of limbs, disturbance of vision, and changes in thinking, memory, and orientation leading to confusion and personality changes.

- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) findings may be apparent before clinical signs or symptoms. Monitoring with MRI for signs consistent with PML may be useful, and any suspicious findings should lead to further investigation to allow for an early diagnosis of PML, if present.

#### Herpes Zoster and Other Serious Opportunistic Infections

- Serious cases of herpes zoster have occurred with dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM), including disseminated herpes zoster, herpes zoster ophthalmicus, herpes zoster meningoencephalitis, and herpes zoster meningomyelitis. These events may occur at any time during treatment. Monitor patients on BAFIERTAM for signs and symptoms of herpes zoster. If herpes zoster occurs, appropriate treatment for herpes zoster should be administered.
- Other serious opportunistic infections have occurred with dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM), including cases of serious viral (herpes simplex virus, West Nile virus, cytomegalovirus), fungal (Candida and Aspergillus), and bacterial (Nocardia, Listeria monocytogenes, Mycobacterium tuberculosis) infections. These infections have been reported in patients with reduced absolute lymphocyte counts (ALC) as well as in patients with normal ALC. These infections have affected the brain, meninges, spinal cord, gastrointestinal tract, lungs, skin, eye, and ear. Patients with symptoms and signs consistent with any of these infections should undergo prompt diagnostic evaluation and receive appropriate treatment.
- Consider withholding BAFIERTAM treatment in patients with herpes zoster or other serious infections until the infection has resolved.

#### Lymphopenia

- BAFIERTAM may decrease lymphocyte counts. In the MS placebo-controlled trials with dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM), mean lymphocyte counts decreased by approximately 30% during the first year of treatment with dimethyl fumarate and then remained stable. Four weeks after stopping dimethyl fumarate, mean lymphocyte counts increased, but did not return to baseline. Six percent (6%) of dimethyl fumarate patients and  $<1\%$  of placebo patients experienced lymphocyte counts  $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$  (lower limit of normal  $0.91 \times 10^9/L$ ). The incidence of infections (60% vs 58%) and serious infections (2% vs 2%) was similar in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate or placebo, respectively. There was no increased incidence of serious infections observed in patients with lymphocyte counts  $<0.8 \times 10^9/L$  or  $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$  in controlled trials, although one patient in

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an extension study developed PML in the setting of prolonged lymphopenia (lymphocyte counts predominantly  $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$  for 3.5 years).

- In controlled and uncontrolled clinical trials with dimethyl fumarate, 2% of patients experienced lymphocyte counts  $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$  for at least 6 months, and in this group, the majority of lymphocyte counts remained  $<0.5 \times 10^9/L$  with continued therapy. Neither BAFIERTAM nor dimethyl fumarate have been studied in patients with preexisting low lymphocyte counts.
- Obtain a CBC, including lymphocyte count, before initiating treatment with BAFIERTAM, 6 months after starting treatment, and then every 6 to 12 months thereafter, and as clinically indicated. Consider interruption of BAFIERTAM in patients with lymphocyte counts less than  $0.5 \times 10^9/L$  persisting for more than 6 months. Given the potential for delayed recovery of lymphocyte counts, continue to obtain lymphocyte counts until their recovery if BAFIERTAM is discontinued or interrupted because of lymphopenia. Consider withholding treatment from patients with serious infections until resolution. Decisions about whether or not to restart BAFIERTAM should be individualized based on clinical circumstances.

### Liver Injury

- Clinically significant cases of liver injury have been reported in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM) in the postmarketing setting. The onset has ranged from a few days to several months after initiation of treatment. Signs and symptoms of liver injury, including elevation of serum aminotransferases to greater than 5-fold the upper limit of normal and elevation of total bilirubin to greater than 2-fold the upper limit of normal have been observed. These abnormalities resolved upon treatment discontinuation. Some cases required hospitalization. None of the reported cases resulted in liver failure, liver transplant, or death. However, the combination of new serum aminotransferase elevations with increased levels of bilirubin caused by drug-induced hepatocellular injury is an important predictor of serious liver injury that may lead to acute liver failure, liver transplant, or death in some patients.
- Elevations of hepatic transaminases (most no greater than 3 times the upper limit of normal) were observed during controlled trials.
- Obtain serum aminotransferase, alkaline phosphatase, and total bilirubin levels before initiating BAFIERTAM and during treatment, as clinically indicated. Discontinue BAFIERTAM if clinically significant liver injury induced by BAFIERTAM is suspected.

### Flushing

- BAFIERTAM may cause flushing (e.g., warmth, redness, itching, and/or burning sensation). In clinical trials of dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM), 40% of dimethyl fumarate-treated patients experienced flushing. Studies with dimethyl fumarate show that administration of non-enteric coated aspirin (up to a dose of 325 mg) 30 minutes prior to dosing may reduce the incidence or severity of flushing. In the BAFIERTAM studies, the presence of food did not impact the incidence of flushing.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS

- The most common adverse reactions (incidence  $\geq 10\%$  and  $\geq 2\%$  more than placebo) for dimethyl fumarate (the prodrug of BAFIERTAM) were flushing, abdominal pain, diarrhea, and nausea.
- Gastrointestinal adverse reactions: Dimethyl fumarate caused GI events (e.g., nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and dyspepsia). In clinical trials, the incidence of GI events was higher early in the course of treatment (primarily during the first month) and usually decreased over time in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate compared with placebo. Four percent (4%) of patients treated with dimethyl fumarate and less than 1% of patients on placebo discontinued due to gastrointestinal events. The incidence of serious GI events was 1% in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate.
- Hepatic transaminases: An increased incidence of elevations of hepatic transaminases in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate in clinical trials was seen primarily during the first 6 months of treatment, and most patients with elevations had levels  $<3$  times the upper limit of normal (ULN). Elevations of alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase to  $\geq 3$  times the ULN occurred in a small number of patients treated with both dimethyl fumarate and in patients on placebo, and were balanced between the groups. There were no elevations in transaminases  $\geq 3$  times the ULN with concomitant elevations in total bilirubin  $>2$  times the ULN. Discontinuations due to elevated hepatic transaminases were  $<1\%$ , and were similar in patients treated with dimethyl fumarate or placebo.
- Eosinophilia adverse reactions: A transient increase in mean eosinophil counts was seen during the first 2 months of therapy with dimethyl fumarate.

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**Reference:** 1. BAFIERTAM. Prescribing information. Banner Life Sciences LLC; 2021.