

# VRAYLAR® (cariprazine) capsules, for oral use

## Medicaid Clinical Summary

### INDICATIONS AND USAGE

VRAYLAR (cariprazine) is indicated for the

- Treatment of schizophrenia in adults
- Acute treatment of manic or mixed episodes associated with bipolar I disorder in adults
- Treatment of depressive episodes associated with bipolar I disorder (bipolar depression) in adults
- Adjunctive therapy to antidepressants for the treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD) in adults

### DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Administer VRAYLAR (cariprazine) once daily with or without food.

Indication	Starting Dose	Recommended Dose
Schizophrenia	1.5 mg daily	1.5 mg to 6 mg daily
Bipolar Mania	1.5 mg daily	3 mg to 6 mg daily
Bipolar Depression	1.5 mg daily	1.5 mg or 3 mg daily
Adjunctive therapy to antidepressants for MDD	1.5 mg daily	1.5 mg or 3 mg daily

- Schizophrenia and Bipolar Mania: Dosages above 6 mg daily do not confer significant benefit but increase the risk of dose-related adverse reactions
- Bipolar Depression: The maximum recommended daily dosage is 3 mg
- aMDD: The maximum recommended daily dosage is 3 mg

### IMPORTANT SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS AND BOXED WARNING

#### WARNING: INCREASED MORTALITY IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH DEMENTIA-RELATED PSYCHOSIS; and SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS

- Elderly patients with dementia-related psychosis treated with antipsychotic drugs are at an increased risk of death. VRAYLAR (cariprazine) is not approved for the treatment of patients with dementia-related psychosis.
- Antidepressants increased the risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in pediatric and young adult patients. Closely monitor all antidepressant-treated patients for clinical worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Safety and effectiveness of VRAYLAR (cariprazine) have not been established in pediatric patients

#### Cerebrovascular Adverse Reactions in Elderly Patients with Dementia-Related Psychosis:

Increased incidence of cerebrovascular adverse reactions (e.g., stroke, transient ischemic attack)

**Related Psychosis:** Increased incidence of cerebrovascular adverse reactions (e.g., stroke, transient ischemic attack)

**Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome:** Manage with immediate discontinuation and close monitoring

**Tardive Dyskinesia:** Discontinue if appropriate

**Late-Occurring Adverse Reactions:** Because of cariprazine's long half-life, monitor for adverse reactions and patient response for several weeks after starting VRAYLAR (cariprazine) and with each dosage change

**Metabolic Changes:** Monitor for hyperglycemia/diabetes mellitus, dyslipidemia and weight gain

**Leukopenia, Neutropenia, and Agranulocytosis:** Perform complete blood counts (CBC) in patients with pre-existing low white blood cell counts (WBC) or history of leukopenia or neutropenia. Consider discontinuing VRAYLAR (cariprazine) if a clinically significant decline in WBC occurs in absence of other causative factors

**Orthostatic Hypotension and Syncope:** Monitor heart rate and blood pressure and warn patients with known cardiovascular or cerebrovascular disease, and risk of dehydration or syncope

**Seizures:** Use cautiously in patients with a history of seizures or with conditions that lower the seizure threshold

**Potential for Cognitive and Motor Impairment:** Use caution when operating machinery

**Most common adverse reactions (incidence ≥ 5% and at least twice the rate of placebo) were**

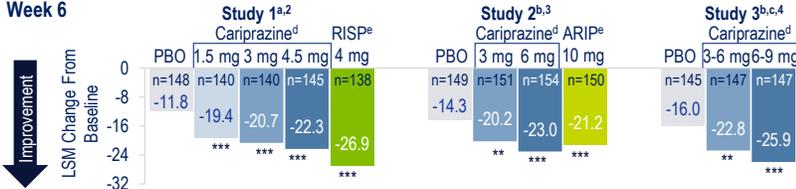
- **Schizophrenia:** extrapyramidal symptoms and akathisia
- **Bipolar mania:** extrapyramidal symptoms, akathisia, dyspepsia, vomiting, somnolence, and restlessness
- **Bipolar depression:** nausea, akathisia, restlessness, and extrapyramidal symptoms
- **Adjunctive Treatment of MDD:** akathisia, restlessness, fatigue, constipation, nausea, insomnia, increased appetite, dizziness, and extrapyramidal symptoms

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### VRAYLAR (CARIPRAZINE) CLINICAL PROGRAM SCHIZOPHRENIA

The efficacy and safety of cariprazine for the treatment of schizophrenia was established in three, 6-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trials in which cariprazine was superior to placebo on the primary outcome, the change from baseline to endpoint in PANSS (Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale) total score.

#### Primary Efficacy Endpoint in Schizophrenia Studies: PANSS Total Score Change from Baseline to Week 6

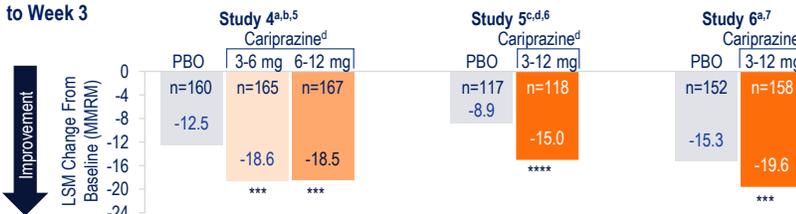


\*\*P<.01, \*\*\*P<.001, statistically significant versus placebo. <sup>a</sup>LOCF analysis. <sup>b</sup>MMRM analysis. <sup>c</sup>Adjusted p-values given. <sup>d</sup>Maximum recommended dosage is 6 mg daily. Dosages above 6 mg daily do not confer increased effectiveness to outweigh dose-related adverse reactions. All doses given once daily. <sup>e</sup>Risperidone and aripiprazole were used as active controls to determine assay sensitivity; further, these trials were not powered to directly compare efficacy between Vraylar (cariprazine) and the active controls. ARIP, aripiprazole; LOCF, last observation carried forward; LSM, least squares mean; MMRM, mixed-effects model for repeated measures; PANSS, Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale; PBO, placebo; RISP, risperidone.

### BIPOLAR MANIA

The efficacy and safety of cariprazine in the acute treatment of bipolar mania was established in three, 3-week placebo-controlled trials in which cariprazine was statistically superior to placebo in the change from baseline to endpoint on the primary outcome, Young Mania Rating Scale (YMRS) total score.

#### Primary Efficacy Endpoint in Bipolar I Mania Studies: YMRS Total Score Change from Baseline to Week 3

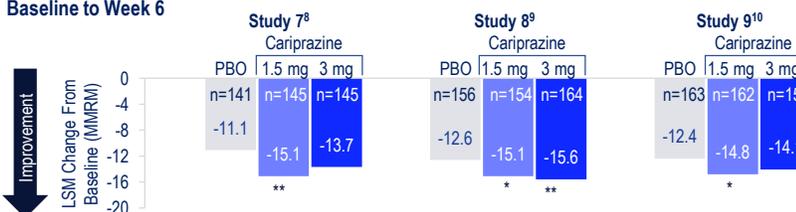


\*\*\*P<.001, \*\*\*\*P<.0001, statistically significant versus placebo. <sup>a</sup>MMRM analysis. <sup>b</sup>Adjusted for multiple comparisons. <sup>c</sup>LOCF analysis. <sup>d</sup>The maximum recommended dose is 6 mg. Doses above 6 mg daily do not confer increased effectiveness sufficient to outweigh dose-related adverse reactions. All doses given once daily. LOCF, last observation carried forward; LSM, least squares mean; MMRM, mixed-effects model for repeated measures; PBO, placebo; YMRS, Young Mania Rating Scale.

### BIPOLAR DEPRESSION

The efficacy and safety of cariprazine in the acute treatment of bipolar depression was established in one 8-week and two 6-week placebo-controlled trials in which cariprazine 1.5 mg was statistically superior to placebo in the change from baseline to endpoint on the primary outcome, Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) total score at the end of Week 6 for all three studies and cariprazine 3 mg was statistically superior to placebo in one 6-week trial.

#### Primary Efficacy Endpoint in Bipolar I Depression Studies: MADRS Total Score Change from Baseline to Week 6

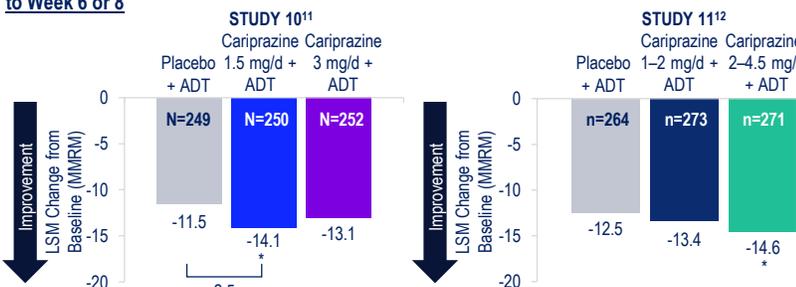


\*P<.05, \*\*P<.01, \*\*\*P<.001 (adjusted p-values via MMRM analysis), statistically significant versus placebo. LSM, least squares mean; MADRS, Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale; MMRM, mixed-effects model for repeated measures; PBO, placebo.

### ADJUNCTIVE TREATMENT OF MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER

The efficacy of cariprazine as adjunctive therapy to antidepressants for the treatment of MDD was evaluated in 2 trials in adult patients with MDD, with or without symptoms of anxiety, who had an inadequate response to 1 to 3 courses of prior antidepressant (ADT) therapy. In each study, the primary endpoint was change from baseline to Week 6 or Week 8 in the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) total score. In a 6-week, placebo-controlled trial involving two fixed doses of cariprazine (1.5 mg/day or 3 mg/day) + ADT, cariprazine 1.5 mg + ADT was superior to placebo + ADT at end of Week 6 on the MADRS total score. In an 8-week, placebo-controlled trial involving flexible doses of cariprazine (1-2 mg/day or 2-4.5 mg/day + ADT), cariprazine 2-4.5 mg + ADT was superior to placebo + ADT at end of Week 8 on the MADRS total score.

#### Primary Endpoint in aMDD Studies: Change in MADRS Total Score Change from Baseline to Week 6 or 8



\*P<.05, ADT, antidepressant therapy. LSM, least squares means. MADRS, Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale. MMRM, Mixed-Effects Model for Repeated Measures.

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