

Critical appraisal of rotigotine transdermal system in management of Parkinson’s disease and restless legs syndrome – patient considerations [Corrigendum]

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The authors would like to correct the following errors: on page 64; paragraph 1, “RTG doses for treatment of early-stage PD monotherapy range from 2 mg/24 hours to 6 mg/24 hours, with recommended titration of 2 mg/24 hours weekly.⁵ For adjunct therapy in advanced-stage PD, RTG may be started at 4 mg/24 hour period and titrated up weekly by an additional 2 mg/24 hour period, with a maximum recommended dose of 16 mg/24 hours.”⁷ should be “RTG doses for treatment of early-stage PD monotherapy range from 2 mg/24 hours to 8 mg/24 hours (2–6 mg/24 hours in the US), with recommended titration of 2 mg/24 hours weekly.⁵ For adjunct therapy in advanced-stage PD, RTG may be started at 4 mg/24 hour period and titrated up weekly by an additional

2 mg/24 hour period, with a maximum recommended dose of 16 mg/24 hours (4–8 mg/24 hours in the US).⁵”

On page 64; paragraph 5, “The mean RTG dose was 8 mg/24 hours, while the mean ropinirole dose was 14.1 mg/day.” should have been “The majority of patients (92%) received RTG maintenance dose of 8 mg/24 h, while the median ropinirole dose was 14.1 mg/day.”

On page 64; paragraph 6, “Three hundred and forty-one patients were randomized to receive RTG 8 mg/24 hours, 12 mg/24 hours, or placebo for 28 weeks.” should have been “Three hundred and forty-one patients were randomized to receive RTG up to 8 mg/24 hours, up to 12 mg/24 hours, or placebo for 28 weeks.”

On page 65; Table 1, data in the Doses column and the Notes section have been updated.

Table I Efficacy of RTG in early and advanced PD

	Dose (mg/24 hour)	n	Change from baseline ± SD (P-value)	
			UPDRS II ADL	UPDRS III motor
Early PD				
Güldenpfennig et al ²⁰	8 mg/24 hour ^a	25	-2.84±3.45 (0.0004)	-4.88±5.56 (0.0002)
	<8 mg/24 hour ^a	4	-2.25±2.36 (0.1622)	-3.00±3.56 (0.1671)
	Plo	0	-	-
Jankovic et al ²¹	5.7 mg/24 hour ^b	177	-0.39 ±0.26 (0.002)	-3.58±0.54 (0.001)
	Plo	96	0.92±0.35 (0.002)	0.38±0.73 (0.001)
Parkinson Study Group ²²	2 mg/24 hour ^a	49	-0.04 (0.94)	-0.90 (0.44)
	4 mg/24 hour ^a	47	-0.84 (0.11)	-1.88 (0.11)
	6 mg/24 hour ^a	48	-0.92 (0.08)	-3.91 (0.001)
	8 mg/24 hour ^a	51	-1.56 (0.003)	-3.82 (0.001)
	Plo	47	-	-
Watts et al ²³	5.7 mg ^b	180	-0.30±3.54	-3.50±7.26
	Plo	96	-	-
Giladi et al ²	8 mg ^c	215	-2.1 ^d	-5.2 ^d
	Plo	118	-0.1	-2.1
Trenkwalder et al ²⁵	2–16 mg	178	-2.6±3.6	-7.0 (0.002)
	Plo	89	-1.3±3.4	-3.9
Advanced PD				
LeWitt et al ²⁶	≤8 mg/24 h	113	-3.1 (0.004)	-6.8 (0.0185)
	≤12 mg/24 h	109	-3.2 (0.0023)	-8.7 (0.0006)
	Plo	119	-0.5	-3.4

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Table 1 (Continued)

	Dose (mg/24 hour)	n	Change from baseline \pm SD (P-value)	
			UPDRS II ADL	UPDRS III motor
Poewe et al ²⁷	4–16 mg/24 hour	201	-4.2 \pm 4.5 (<0.0001)	-8.7 \pm 8.0 (<0.0001)
	Plo	100	-2.0 \pm 4.3 (<0.0001)	-4.3 \pm 9.3 (<0.0001)

Notes: ^aRTG content per system (mg) originally reported; RTG nominal doses (mg/24 h) were calculated using a ratio of 2.25 (as per US prescribing information⁵), ie, 4.5 mg is equivalent to 2 mg/24 h, 9 mg to 4 mg/24 h, 13.5 mg to 6 mg/24 h, and 18 mg to 8 mg/24 h; ^bThe mean (SD) dose was 5.7 (0.84) mg/24 h; 6 mg dose for majority of participants; ^cNinety-two percent of those in the RTG group were treated with this dose in the maintenance phase and 8% had lower doses; there was no SD reported for UPDRS II or III separately; however, the combined UPDRS part III + part II scores were significantly more improved compared to placebo at the end of the maintenance phase ($P < 0.0001$); ^dthere was no SD reported for UPDRS II or III separately, however the combined UPDRS part III + part II scores were significantly more improved compared to placebo at the end of the maintenance phase ($P < 0.0001$).

Abbreviations: RTG, rotigotine; PD, Parkinson's disease; UPDRS II, Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale part II (activities of daily living); UPDRS III, Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale part III (motor examination); Plo, placebo.

Table 3 Efficacy of RTG in RLS – change from baseline \pm SD (P-value)

Study, dose (mg/24 hour)	n	IRLS total score \pm SD (P-value)	CGI-I score \pm SD (P-value)	PSQI total score \pm SD (P-value)
Inoue et al ⁴⁰				
2 mg	95	-14.3 \pm 8.9 (0.030)	-	-3.1 \pm 3.2 (0.188)
3 mg	94	-14.6 \pm 9.0 (0.016)	-	-3.2 \pm 3.3 (0.112)
Plo	95	-11.6 \pm 8.2	-	-2.5 \pm 2.4
Oertel et al ²⁴				
2 mg ^a	41	-16.5 \pm 9.3	-2.7 \pm 1.4	-
Plo	20	-9.9 \pm 9.9	-1.7 \pm 1.5	-
Hening et al ¹⁰				
0.5 mg	98	-10.9 \pm 8.9 (0.0682)	4.7 \pm 0.8 (0.0603)	-
1 mg	99	-11.1 \pm 9.3 (0.0535)	4.6 \pm 0.7 (0.0857)	-
2 mg	95	-13.4 \pm 9.2 (0.0002)	4.7 \pm 0.8 (0.0007)	-
3 mg	103	-14.3 \pm 9.4 (<0.0001)	4.7 \pm 0.8 (<0.0001)	-
Plo	99	-9.0 \pm 7.7	4.7 \pm 0.6	-
Trenkwalder et al ⁸				
1 mg	148	-14.0 \pm 0.8 (<0.0001)	-2.13 \pm 0.12 (<0.0001)	-
2 mg	96	-16.4 \pm 1.0 (<0.0001)	-2.41 \pm 0.14 (<0.0001)	-
3 mg	92	-16.8 \pm 1.1 (<0.0001)	-2.55 \pm 0.17 (<0.0001)	-
Plo	111	-8.7 \pm 0.9	-1.37 \pm 0.15	-
Oertel et al ⁹				
0.5 mg	50	-10.5 \pm 9.2 (0.2338)	-1.6 \pm 1.4	-
1 mg	64	-15.3 \pm 10.0 (0.0004)	-2.2 \pm 1.5 (<0.05)	-
2 mg	49	-15.7 \pm 9.5 (0.0003)	-2.4 \pm 1.3 (<0.05)	-
3 mg	64	-17.3 \pm 10.5 (<0.0001)	-2.7 \pm 1.6 (<0.05)	-
4 mg	53	-14.9 \pm 10.3 (0.0013)	-2.3 \pm 1.5 (<0.05)	-
Plo	53	-9.3 \pm 9.6	-1.5 \pm 1.4	-
Stiasny-Kolster ⁴¹				
0.5 mg/24 hour ^b	19	-10.5 \pm 2.0	-	-
1 mg/24 hour ^b	13	-12.3 \pm 2.3	-	-
2 mg/24 hour ^b	17	-15.7 \pm 1.9	-	-
Plo	14	-8.0 \pm 2.2	-	-

Notes: ^aA mean dose of RTG in the treatment group was reported as 2.1 mg/24 hours; ^bRTG content per system (mg) originally reported; RTG nominal doses (mg/24 h) were calculated using a ratio of 2.25 (as per US prescribing information⁵), ie, 1.125 mg is equivalent to 0.5 mg/24 h, 2.25 mg to 1 mg/24 h, and 4.5 mg to 2 mg/24 h.

Abbreviations: RTG, rotigotine; RLS, restless legs syndrome; SD, standard deviation; IRLS, International Restless Legs Syndrome Study Group severity rating scale; CGI-I, Clinical Global Impressions item-I; PSQI, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index; Plo, placebo.

On page 66; paragraph 2, “In an open-label study, advanced-PD patients were treated with levodopa, pramipexole (<1.5 mg/day), or ropinirole (<6.0 mg/day), and RTG (<8 mg/24 hours) for an 8-week treatment period.”⁷³ should have been “In an open-label study, advanced-PD patients were treated with levodopa, pramipexole (\leq 1.5 mg/day), or

ropinirole (\leq 6.0 mg/day), and RTG (\leq 8 mg/24 hours) for an 8-week treatment period.”⁷³

On page 68; Table 3, data in the Study, doses column for the Stiasny-Kolster study and the Notes section have been updated.

On page 69; Table 4, the data for the Stiasny–Kolster study and the Notes section have been updated.

Table 4 Side effects present in participants (%) during randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled trials

Side effect	Dose (mg/24 hour)	Inoue et al ⁴⁰		Hening et al ¹⁰		Trenkwalder et al ⁸		Oertel et al ⁹		Oertel et al ^{24,a}		Stiasny–Kolster ^{41,b}	
		RTG	Plo	RTG	Plo	RTG	Plo	RTG	Plo	RTG	Plo	RTG	Plo
Application site reaction	0.5 mg	–	7.4	22.2	5.0	–	–	9.8	1.8	–	4.8	17.6	28.6
	1 mg	–	–	17	–	35.0	2.0	15.6	–	–	–	38.5	–
	2 mg	42.1	–	34.3	–	41.0	–	16.3	–	17.4	–	26.3	–
	3 mg	50.0	–	34	–	52.0	–	20	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	25	–	–	–	–	–
Headache	0.5 mg	–	0	14.1	8.0	–	–	11.8	7.3	–	14.3	11.8	7.1
	1 mg	–	–	12	–	10.0	7.0	7.8	–	–	–	38.5	–
	2 mg	5.3	–	10.1	–	13.0	–	2	–	17.4	–	21.1	–
	3 mg	2.1	–	10.4	–	16.0	–	4.6	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	12.5	–	–	–	–	–
Nausea	0.5 mg	–	9.5	13.1	10.0	–	–	5.9	9.1	–	4.8	0.0	14.3
	1 mg	–	–	20	–	9.0	–	9.4	–	–	–	7.7	–
	2 mg	33.7	–	18.2	–	21.0	–	6.1	–	21.7	–	5.3	–
	3 mg	43.6	–	20.8	–	18.0	–	24.6	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	23.2	–	–	–	–	–
Fatigue	0.5 mg	–	–	10.1	4.0	–	–	3.9	9.1	–	9.5	0.0	0.0
	1 mg	–	–	3	–	7.0	9.0	4.7	–	–	–	0.0	–
	2 mg	–	–	7.1	–	15.0	–	6.1	–	8.7	–	10.5	–
	3 mg	–	–	6.6	–	11.0	–	10.8	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.1	–	–	–	–	–
Pruritus	0.5 mg	–	–	9.1	2.0	–	–	5.9	1.8	–	–	5.9	7.1
	1 mg	–	–	2	–	–	–	3.1	–	–	–	15.4	–
	2 mg	–	–	3	–	–	–	0	–	–	–	0.0	–
	3 mg	–	–	7.5	–	–	–	10.8	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	3.6	–	–	–	–	–
Hyperhidrosis	0.5 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	0.0
	1 mg	–	–	–	–	5.0	3.0	–	–	–	–	0.0	–
	2 mg	–	–	–	–	6.0	–	–	–	–	–	0.0	–
	3 mg	–	–	–	–	4.0	–	–	–	–	–	10.5	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Somnolence	0.5 mg	–	2.1	8.1	6.0	–	–	–	–	–	9.5	–	–
	1 mg	–	–	10.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	2 mg	10.5	–	13.1	–	–	–	–	–	10.9	–	–	–
	3 mg	–	–	15.1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
	4 mg	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

Notes: ^aThe study did not report the association of adverse events (AE) in relation to the dose of RTG. A mean dose of RTG in the treatment group was reported as 2.1 mg/24 hours; ^bRTG content per system (mg) originally reported; RTG nominal doses (mg/24 h) were calculated using a ratio of 2.25 (as per US prescribing information⁵), ie, 1.125 mg is equivalent to 0.5 mg/24 h, 2.25 mg to 1 mg/24 h, and 4.5 mg to 2 mg/24 h.

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