



NEWS RELEASE

RECORDATI: EMEA/CHMP ADOPTS A POSITIVE OPINION FOR SILODOSIN (BRANDS UROREC[®] AND SILODYX[™])

Milan, 20 November 2009 – Recordati announces that on 19 November 2009 the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) adopted a positive opinion, recommending to grant a Marketing Authorization for the medicinal products Urorec[®] and Silodyx[™] 4 mg, 8 mg, hard capsules, intended for treatment of the signs and symptoms of benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). The European Commission Decision is normally issued within 67 days from adoption of the CHMP Opinion.

The active substance of Urorec[®] and Silodyx[™] is silodosin, a urological medicinal product (ATC code G04CA04). Silodosin is a selective antagonist of the α_{1A} -adrenoreceptors. Blockade of these receptors causes smooth muscle in the prostate, urinary bladder base and neck, prostatic capsule and prostatic urethra to relax, thus decreasing the bladder outlet resistance associated with BPH.

The compound was originally developed by Kissei Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. in Japan and has been obtained under license by Recordati for the whole of Europe (45 countries) and for a further 18 countries in the Middle East and Africa. Development of the drug was conducted by Recordati for its territories, by Watson Pharmaceuticals in North America and by Kissei Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. for the rest of the world. Silodosin is already available in North America, in Japan and other countries in Asia.

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