



Newron to present data and updates on its clinical program evaluating evenamide as an add-on treatment for schizophrenia at the 2025 World Congress of Biological Psychiatry (WCBP)

- *The importance of glutamate release modulation by evenamide used as an add-on therapy for patients with schizophrenia inadequately responding to their second-generation antipsychotics, including clozapine (study 008A) - oral and poster presentation*
- *The key features of a landmark, potentially pivotal, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study designed to demonstrate the short and long-term efficacy and tolerability of evenamide as an add-on treatment to current second-generation antipsychotic(s) in Treatment Resistant Schizophrenia (TRS) (study ENIGMA-TRS 1) - poster presentation*
- *The safety and tolerability of new antipsychotics, demonstrating the relevance of the preclinical mechanism of action - poster presentation*

Milan, Italy, September 5, 2025 – Newron Pharmaceuticals S.p.A. (“Newron”) (SIX: NWRN, XETRA: NP5), a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel therapies for patients with diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system, announced that it will present three posters and give an oral presentation at the upcoming [17th World Congress of Biological Psychiatry \(WCBP\)](#) taking place September 9-12, 2025, at the Estrel Berlin Hotel & Conference Center, in Berlin, Germany.

The results of Study 008A indicate for the first time that glutamate modulation, in this case through addition of evenamide, is associated with clinically meaningful and statistically significant efficacy. In addition, this trial is the first to demonstrate that the addition of one antipsychotic to another is associated with an improvement in efficacy. Study 008A was an international, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of evenamide as an add-on to a second-generation antipsychotic (SGA) in patients with symptomatic schizophrenia not responding adequately to their current antipsychotic medication, including clozapine. Evenamide was extremely well tolerated in this study without the occurrence of any typical antipsychotic adverse events and with a minimal dropout rate.

The ENIGMA-TRS 1 (EveNamlde's Glutamate Modulation Ameliorates TRS 1) study's unique design aims to address previous trials' limitations by assessing evenamide's (15 and 30 mg bid) response as an add-on to current SGA medication(s) in patients with TRS, as defined by the TRRIIP Working Group Consensus Guidelines, in a blinded, placebo-controlled setting. Patients' eligibility is reviewed by an Independent Eligibility Assessment Committee and SGA plasma concentration measurements are monitored pre- and post-randomization to ensure participants' antipsychotic treatment compliance. This potentially pivotal landmark study plans to enroll more than 600 subjects at around 50 sites in 20 countries and will assess both short-term and long-term efficacy (at week 12, 26 and 52).

The favorable safety and tolerability profile of evenamide will be compared with that of three recently approved antipsychotics. The analysis will focus on the relative risk of each drug compared to placebo in relation to their different modes of action.



Oral and poster presentation

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm CEST (oral)

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm CEST (poster)

- **Glutamate Modulation as Adjunctive Therapy in Patients with Schizophrenia Not Adequately Responding to Second-Generation Antipsychotics: Clinical Benefits of Evenamide in a Phase 2/3, International, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial**

Poster presentation

Thursday, September 11, 2025

6:15 pm – 7:45 pm CEST

- **Evenamide, a Glutamate Release Modulator, as Add-On to Second-Generation Antipsychotics in Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia: Updates from a Phase 3, Potentially Pivotal, International, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial**
- **Mechanism of Action of Antipsychotics and their Impact on Tolerability and Safety**

About treatment-resistant schizophrenia (TRS)

A significant proportion of patients with schizophrenia show virtually no beneficial response to antipsychotics (APs) despite adequate treatment, leading to a diagnosis of treatment-resistant schizophrenia (TRS). TRS is defined as no, or inadequate, symptomatic relief despite treatment with therapeutic doses of two APs from two different chemical classes for an adequate period. About 15% of patients develop TRS from illness onset, and about one-third of patients overall. Increasing evidence supports abnormalities in glutamate neurotransmission in TRS, not targeted by current APs, along with normal dopaminergic synthesis, to explain the lack of benefit of most typical and atypical antipsychotics.

About evenamide

Evenamide, an orally available new chemical entity, specifically blocks voltage-gated sodium channels (VGSCs) and is devoid of biological activity at >130 other CNS targets. It normalizes glutamate release induced by aberrant sodium channel activity (veratridine-stimulated), without affecting basal glutamate levels, due to inhibition of VGSCs. Combinations of ineffective doses of evenamide and other APs, including clozapine, were associated with benefit in animal models of psychosis, suggesting synergies in mechanisms that may provide benefit in patients who are poor responders to current APs, including clozapine.

About Newron Pharmaceuticals

Newron (SIX: NWRN, XETRA: NP5) is a biopharmaceutical company focused on developing novel therapies for patients with diseases of the central and peripheral nervous system.

Headquartered in Bresso, near Milan, Italy, Newron is advancing its lead compound, evenamide, a first-in-class glutamate modulator, which has the potential to be the first add-on therapy for treatment-resistant schizophrenia (TRS) and for poorly responding patients with schizophrenia. Evenamide is currently in Phase III development and clinical trial results to date demonstrate the benefits of this drug candidate in the TRS patient population, with significant improvements across key efficacy measures increasing over time, as well as a favourable safety profile, which is uncommon for available antipsychotic medications.

Newron has signed development and commercialization agreements for evenamide with EA Pharma (a subsidiary of Eisai) for Japan and other Asian territories, as well as Myung In Pharm for South Korea.

Newron has a proven track record in bringing CNS therapies to market. Its Parkinson's disease treatment, Xadago® (safinamide), is approved in over 20 markets, including the USA, UK, EU, Switzerland, and Japan, and commercialized in partnerships with Zambon and Meiji Seika.

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