Date: July 2025

#### DIRECT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

Ceptava (mycophenolic acid) 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets

**Interim Supply of Italy and Spain Stock** 

Dear Healthcare Professional / Wholesaler / Homecare Company

# Summary: Sandoz is currently experiencing supply constraints with Ceptava (mycophenolic acid) 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets

To ensure continuity in supply, Sandoz has obtained approval from the MHRA to supply Italian (Batch Number PJ4316) and Spanish product (Batch Number PL9722) which is expected to be on the UK market from July 2025.

## Please note the following:

- This product is considered licensed in UK.
- The product from Italy & Spain has the same formulation as the UK product.
- The product from Italy & Spain is manufactured according to the same manufacturing process and quality controls as the UK product.
- There is a current interruption in the UK supply of Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets due to manufacturing constraints at Sandoz.
- To resolve this temporary issue a number of Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets packs originally destined for Italy and Spain (batch numbers and expiry dates shown below), have been supplied to the UK.
- The only difference between the UK and Italy & Spain product is the packaging (this includes the Foil, Carton, Patient Information Leaflet) and pack size of 50 tablets per Carton.
- Please refer Patients to discard the original Italy & Spain Leaflets and refer to the English version of the Patient Information Leaflet and Patient Letter provided with the packs.
- If a patient or caregiver contacts you with concerns about different packaging for Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets, carefully check the differences and the batch numbers and expiry dates below, and if they match, please reassure patients that this product is the same as their usual UK product. If the numbers do not match, please follow your medicines falsification protocol.
- The MHRA has approved this product under a batch specific variation to the marketing authorisation.

Please ensure all relevant staff are made aware of the content of this letter and that the information is communicated to the patients.

## **Background**

There is a current interruption in the UK supply of Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets, due to a manufacturing constraint at Sandoz. This interruption is temporary with re-supply of UK stock anticipated in next few months.

The MHRA have agreed that a number of Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets packs originally produced for use in Italy and Spain can be supplied for use in the UK. The only difference between the UK and Italy & Spain product is the packaging (this includes the foil, carton, patient information leaflet) and pack size of 50 tablets per Carton.

The batch number and expiry date of the Italy and Spain packs are as follows:

<b>Product Strength</b>	Batch Number(s)	Expiry
Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets	РЈ4316	30-November-2027
Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets	PL9722	31-January-2028

The MHRA has agreed that Sandoz make Healthcare Professionals, who are likely to dispense the product aware of this in case a patient or carer is concerned by this difference. We will also notify the NHS Commercial Medicines Unit and share a copy of this letter with them electronically for distribution.

If a patient or caregiver contacts you with concerns about seeing different packaging for Ceptava 360 mg Gastro-resistant Tablets, carefully check the differences and the batch numbers and expiry dates above, and if they match, please reassure patients that this product is the same as their usual UK product.

If you require additional copies of this letter, please contact mi.uk@sandoz.com.

#### Call for reporting

Please continue to report suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) to the MHRA through the Yellow Card scheme.

#### Please report:

- all suspected ADRs that are serious or result in harm. Serious reactions are those that are fatal, life-threatening, disabling or incapacitating, those that cause a congenital abnormality or result in hospitalisation, and those that are considered medically significant for any other reason
- all suspected ADRs associated with new drugs and vaccines identified by the black triangle ▼ You can report via:
  - the <u>Yellow Card website</u>
  - the free Yellow Card app available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store
  - some clinical IT systems (EMIS/SystmOne/Vision/MiDatabank) for healthcare professionals

Alternatively, you can report a suspected side effect to the Yellow Card scheme by calling 0800 731 6789 for free, Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm.

When reporting please provide as much information as possible, including information about medical history, any concomitant medication, timing onset, treatment dates, and product brand name

# **Company Contact Points**

Adverse events should also be reported to Sandoz via adverse.event.uk@sandoz.com or online through the pharmacovigilance intake (PVI) tool at <a href="https://pvi1j.solutions.iqvia.com/">https://pvi1j.solutions.iqvia.com/</a>

If you have any questions, or if you require any further information, please contact the Sandoz Medical Information Team e-mail: mi.uk@sandoz.com Tel: +44 (0)1276 698 101

Yours faithfully,

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