

Athens, April 14, 2025

RE: Support for the Inclusion of New Migraine and Cluster Headache Treatments in the WHO Essential Medicines List

Dear EML Secretariat,

On behalf of The Hellenic Headache Society, the leading nonprofit, patient-centered organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with headache through advocacy, education, and support; and to improving the quality of life of people with headache and the understanding of these conditions within the medical community, I am writing to express our strong support for the inclusion of the following medications in the WHO Essential Medicines List:

- A.10 Eletriptan + Naproxen (Migraine)
- A.13 Fremanezumab (High frequency and chronic migraine)
- I.2 Amitriptyline (Migraine prophylaxis)
- I.3 Bisoprolol (Migraine prophylaxis)
- I.7 Ibuprofen (Acute migraine treatment)
- I.10 Prednisolone, Sumatriptan, and Verapamil (Cluster headache)

Both migraine and cluster headache inflict severe neurological disability, yet they continue to be significantly underdiagnosed and undertreated worldwide. Including these essential medications on the WHO's Essential Medicines List is paramount to expanding access to effective therapies and improving the lives of countless patients globally.

As an organization dedicated to supporting headache sufferers, we wholeheartedly endorse this initiative and stand ready to offer any supplementary information or support. We express our gratitude for your attention to this critical matter and eagerly await the positive impact this decision will have on global health outcomes.

Sincerely yours



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