

December 22, 2021

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RE: Emergency Use Authorization 105

Dear Ms. Baker:

This letter is in response to Pfizer, Inc.'s (Pfizer) request that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or Agency) issue an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the emergency use of PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir) for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in certain adults and pediatric patients pursuant to Section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) (21 U.S.C. §360bbb-3).

On February 4, 2020, pursuant to Section 564(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) determined that there is a public health emergency that has a significant potential to affect national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and that involves the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).<sup>1</sup> On the basis of such determination, the Secretary of HHS on March 27, 2020, declared that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to Section 564 of the Act (21 U.S.C. 360bbb-3), subject to terms of any authorization issued under that section.<sup>2</sup>

PAXLOVID is comprised of nirmatrelvir, a SARS-CoV-2 main protease (Mpro: also referred to as 3CLpro or nsp5 protease) inhibitor, co-packaged with ritonavir, an HIV-1 protease inhibitor and CYP3A inhibitor. Ritonavir, which has no activity against SARS-CoV-2 on its own, is included to inhibit the CYP3A-mediated metabolism of nirmatrelvir and consequently increase nirmatrelvir plasma concentrations to levels anticipated to inhibit SARS-CoV-2 replication. PAXLOVID is not approved for any use, including for use for the treatment of COVID-19.

Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, including data from the clinical trial EPIC-HR (NCT04960202), a Phase 2/3 randomized, double blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial, it is reasonable to believe that PAXLOVID may be effective for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Determination of a Public Health Emergency and Declaration that Circumstances Exist Justifying Authorizations Pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3. February 4, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, *Declaration that Circumstances Exist Justifying Authorizations Pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3, 85 FR 18250 (April 1, 2020).

at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, as described in the Scope of Authorization (Section II), and when used under the conditions described in this authorization, the known and potential benefits of PAXLOVID outweigh the known and potential risks of such product.

Having concluded that the criteria for issuance of this authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act are met, I am authorizing the emergency use of PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in certain adults and pediatric patients, as described in the Scope of Authorization section of this letter (Section II) and subject to the terms of this authorization.

## **I. Criteria for Issuance of Authorization**

I have concluded that the emergency use of PAXLOVID for the treatment of COVID-19, when administered as described in the Scope of Authorization (Section II), meets the criteria for issuance of an authorization under Section 564(c) of the Act, because:

1. SARS-CoV-2 can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition, including severe respiratory illness, to humans infected by this virus;
2. Based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, it is reasonable to believe that PAXLOVID may be effective for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, as described in the Scope of Authorization (section II), and that, when used under the conditions described in this authorization, the known and potential benefits of PAXLOVID outweigh the known and potential risks of such product; and
3. There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the emergency use of PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.<sup>3</sup>

## **II. Scope of Authorization**

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(1) of the Act, that the scope of this authorization is limited as follows:

- Distribution of the authorized PAXLOVID will be controlled by the United States (U.S.) Government for use consistent with the terms and conditions of this EUA. Pfizer will supply PAXLOVID to authorized distributor(s)<sup>4</sup>, who will distribute to

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<sup>3</sup> No other criteria of issuance have been prescribed by regulation under Section 564(c)(4) of the Act.

<sup>4</sup> “Authorized Distributor(s)” are identified by Pfizer as an entity or entities allowed to distribute authorized PAXLOVID.

healthcare facilities or healthcare providers as directed by the U.S. Government, in collaboration with state and local government authorities as needed;

- PAXLOVID may only be used by healthcare providers to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk<sup>5</sup> for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death;

#### Limitations on Authorized Use

- PAXLOVID is not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19.<sup>6</sup>
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use as pre-exposure or as post-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use for longer than 5 consecutive days.
- PAXLOVID may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which PAXLOVID belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).<sup>7</sup>
- The use of PAXLOVID covered by this authorization must be in accordance with the authorized Fact Sheets.

#### **Product Description**

PAXLOVID consists of two 150 mg tablets of nirmatrelvir that are co-packaged with one 100 mg tablet ritonavir.

Nirmatrelvir is supplied as an oval, pink, immediate-release, film-coated tablet debossed with “PFE” on one side and “3CL” on the other side.

Ritonavir is supplied as a white, film-coated, ovaloid tablet debossed with the "a" logo and the code NK.

The authorized storage and handling information for PAXLOVID is included in the authorized Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers.

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<sup>5</sup> For information on medical conditions and factors associated with increased risk for progression to severe COVID-19, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

<sup>6</sup> Patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with PAXLOVID may complete the full 5-day treatment course per the healthcare provider’s discretion.

<sup>7</sup> The term “State” includes any State or Territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. See section 201(a)(1) of the Act.

PAXLOVID is authorized for emergency use with the following product-specific information required to be made available to healthcare providers and to patients, parents, and caregivers, respectively, through Pfizer’s website [www.COVID19oralRX.com](http://www.COVID19oralRX.com) (referred to as the “authorized labeling”):

- Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for PAXLOVID
- Fact Sheet for Patients, Parents and Caregivers: Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of PAXLOVID for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(2) of the Act, that it is reasonable to believe that the known and potential benefits of PAXLOVID, when used for the treatment of COVID-19 and used in accordance with this Scope of Authorization (Section II), outweigh the known and potential risks.

I have concluded, pursuant to Section 564(d)(3) of the Act, based on the totality of scientific evidence available to FDA, that it is reasonable to believe that PAXLOVID may be effective for the treatment of COVID-19 when used in accordance with this Scope of Authorization (Section II), pursuant to Section 564(c)(2)(A) of the Act.

Having reviewed the scientific information available to FDA, including the information supporting the conclusions described in Section I above, I have concluded that PAXLOVID (as described in this Scope of Authorization (Section II)) meets the criteria set forth in Section 564(c) of the Act concerning safety and potential effectiveness.

The emergency use of PAXLOVID under this EUA must be consistent with, and may not exceed, the terms of the Authorization, including the Scope of Authorization (Section II) and the Conditions of Authorization (Section III). Subject to the terms of this EUA and under the circumstances set forth in the Secretary of HHS's determination under Section 564(b)(1)(C) described above and the Secretary of HHS's corresponding declaration under Section 564(b)(1), PAXLOVID is authorized for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, as described in the Scope of Authorization (Section II) under this EUA, despite the fact that it does not meet certain requirements otherwise required by applicable federal law.

### **III. Conditions of Authorization**

Pursuant to Section 564 of the Act, I am establishing the following conditions on this authorization:

#### Pfizer and Authorized Distributors<sup>8</sup>

- A. Pfizer and authorized distributor(s) will ensure that PAXLOVID is distributed and the authorized labeling (i.e., Fact Sheets) will be made available to healthcare facilities and/or healthcare providers as described in Section II of this Letter of Authorization.

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<sup>8</sup> Supra at Note 4.

- B. Pfizer and authorized distributor(s) will ensure that appropriate storage is maintained until the product is delivered to healthcare facilities and/or healthcare providers.
- C. Pfizer and authorized distributor(s) will ensure that the terms of this EUA are made available to all relevant stakeholders (e.g., U.S. government agencies, state and local government authorities, authorized distributors, healthcare facilities, healthcare providers) involved in distributing or receiving PAXLOVID. Pfizer will provide to all relevant stakeholders a copy of this Letter of Authorization and communicate any subsequent amendments that might be made to this Letter of Authorization and its authorized accompanying materials (i.e., Fact Sheets).
- D. Pfizer may request changes to this authorization, including to the authorized Fact Sheets for PAXLOVID. Any request for changes to this EUA must be submitted to the Office of Infectious Diseases/Office of New Drugs/Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Such changes require appropriate authorization prior to implementation.<sup>9</sup>
- E. Pfizer may develop and disseminate instructional and educational materials (e.g., materials providing information on product administration and/or patient monitoring) that are consistent with the authorized emergency use of PAXLOVID as described in this Letter of Authorization and authorized labeling, without FDA’s review and concurrence, when necessary to meet public health needs. Any instructional and educational materials that are inconsistent with the authorized labeling for PAXLOVID are prohibited. If the Agency notifies Pfizer that any instructional and educational materials are inconsistent with the authorized labeling, Pfizer must cease distribution of such instructional and educational materials. Furthermore, as part of its notification, the Agency may also require Pfizer to issue corrective communication(s).
- F. Pfizer will report to FDA serious adverse events and all medication errors associated with the use of PAXLOVID for its authorized use that are reported to Pfizer using either of the following options.

Option 1: Submit reports through the Safety Reporting Portal (SRP) as described on the [FDA SRP](#) web page.

Option 2: Submit reports directly through the Electronic Submissions Gateway (ESG) as described on the [FAERS electronic submissions](#) web page.

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<sup>9</sup> The following types of revisions may be authorized without reissuing this letter: (1) changes to the authorized labeling; (2) non-substantive editorial corrections to this letter; (3) new types of authorized labeling, including new fact sheets; (4) new carton/container labels; (5) expiration dating extensions; (6) changes to manufacturing processes, including tests or other authorized components of manufacturing; (7) new conditions of authorization to require data collection or study; (8) new strengths of the authorized product, new product sources (e.g., of active pharmaceutical ingredient) or of product components. For changes to the authorization, including the authorized labeling, of the type listed in (3), (6), (7), or (8), review and concurrence is required from the Counter-Terrorism and Emergency Coordination Staff/Office of the Center Director/CDER and the Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats/Office of the Chief Scientist.

Submitted reports under both options must state: “PAXLOVID use for COVID-19 under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).” For reports submitted under Option 1, include this language at the beginning of the question “Describe Event” for further analysis. For reports submitted under Option 2, include this language at the beginning of the “Case Narrative” field.

- G. All manufacturing, packaging, and testing sites for both drug substance and drug product will comply with current good manufacturing practice requirements of Section 501(a)(2)(B) of the Act.
- H. Pfizer will submit information to the Agency within three working days of receipt of any information concerning significant quality problems with drug product distributed under this emergency use authorization for PAXLOVID that includes the following:
- Information concerning any incident that causes the drug product or its labeling to be mistaken for, or applied to, another article; or
  - Information concerning any microbiological contamination, or any significant chemical, physical, or other change or deterioration in the distributed drug product, or any failure of one or more distributed batches of the product to meet the established specifications.

If a significant quality problem affects unreleased product and may also impact product(s) previously released and distributed, then information must be submitted for all potentially impacted lots.

Pfizer will include in its notification to the Agency whether the batch, or batches, in question will be recalled.

If not included in its initial notification, Pfizer must submit information confirming that Pfizer has identified the root cause of the significant quality problems, taken corrective action, and provide a justification confirming that the corrective action is appropriate and effective. Pfizer must submit this information as soon as possible but no later than 45 calendar days from the initial notification.

- I. Pfizer will manufacture PAXLOVID to meet all quality standards and per the manufacturing process and control strategy as detailed in Pfizer’s EUA request. Pfizer will not implement any changes to the description of the product, manufacturing process, facilities and equipment, and elements of the associated control strategy that assure process performance and quality of the authorized product, without notification to and concurrence by the Agency as described under condition D.
- J. Through a process of inventory control, Pfizer and authorized distributor(s) will maintain records regarding distribution of PAXLOVID (i.e., lot numbers, quantity, receiving site, receipt date).

- K. Pfizer will establish a process for monitoring genomic database(s) for the emergence of global viral variants of SARS-CoV-2 and will provide reports to the Agency on a monthly basis summarizing any findings as a result of its monitoring activities and, as needed, any follow-up assessments planned or conducted. Updated data listings summarizing amino acid variability should be provided at least monthly for Mpro amino acid sequences, and at least every 2 months for Mpro cleavage site amino acid sequences. The data listings should include a cumulative list of amino acid polymorphisms detected in genomic database(s), highlighting changes/variants that are increasing in frequency from the previous month.
- L. FDA may require Pfizer to assess the activity of the authorized PAXLOVID against any global SARS-CoV-2 variant(s) of interest (e.g., variants that are prevalent or becoming prevalent that harbor substitutions in the target protein or in protein(s) that interact with the target protein). Pfizer will perform the required assessment in a manner and timeframe agreed upon by Pfizer and the Agency. Pfizer will submit to FDA a preliminary summary report immediately upon completion of its assessment followed by a detailed study report within 30 calendar days of study completion. Pfizer will submit any relevant proposal(s) to revise the authorized labeling based on the results of its assessment, as may be necessary or appropriate based on the foregoing assessment.
- M. Pfizer shall provide samples as requested of the authorized nirmatrelvir to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for evaluation of activity against emerging global viral variants of SARS-CoV-2, including specific amino acid substitution(s) of interest (e.g., variants that are highly prevalent or that harbor substitutions in the target protein(s) or target cleavage sites) within 5 business days of any request made by HHS. Analyses performed with the supplied quantity of authorized nirmatrelvir may include, but are not limited to, cell culture potency assays, biochemical assays, and in vivo efficacy assays.
- N. Pfizer must provide the following information to the Agency:
1. Pfizer must conduct cell culture phenotypic analyses of recombinant SARS-CoV-2 viruses or replicons carrying specific amino acid changes potentially associated with reduced nirmatrelvir susceptibility in nonclinical or clinical studies, or polymorphisms emerging in novel SARS-CoV-2 variants. Specific amino acid changes that should be characterized include the following:
    - amino acid changes associated with reduced nirmatrelvir susceptibility in biochemical assays,
    - natural amino acid polymorphisms in Mpro that come in contact with or in close proximity (<5 Å) to bound nirmatrelvir,
    - amino acid changes associated with nirmatrelvir/ritonavir treatment emergence, treatment failure, or prolonged virologic shedding or rebound in clinical trials, and
    - amino acid polymorphisms identified in resistance surveillance analyses.

Amino acid changes in both Mpro and Mpro cleavage sites should be considered in these analyses. Specific amino acid changes of interest for

phenotypic characterization in cell culture assays currently include Mpro substitutions Y54A, E55L, F140A, S144A, E166A, H172Y, Q189K, and A260V. When warranted due to technical challenges, alternative approaches to the requested cell culture assays will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Pfizer must submit a preliminary summary report no later than February 28, 2022 for any currently ongoing studies, and at least every 6 months thereafter as additional data accumulate.

2. Pfizer must evaluate the cell culture antiviral activity of nirmatrelvir against an authentic SARS-CoV-2 isolate representative of the Omicron variant. Pfizer must submit a summary report no later than February 28, 2022.
3. Pfizer must conduct studies characterizing potential nirmatrelvir resistance mechanisms in SARS-CoV-2 in cell culture, including selection and genotypic and phenotypic characterization of nirmatrelvir-resistant virus. Pfizer must submit a brief monthly progress report on these studies, a preliminary summary report no later than April 30, 2022, and a final report within 30 days of study completion.
4. Pfizer must complete analyses of SARS-CoV-2 shedding and nucleotide sequencing from the EPIC-HR clinical trial. Viral sequencing analyses should be conducted for all clinical samples with sufficient viral RNA levels, including samples collected at baseline, on-treatment and post-treatment, to identify and characterize the potential emergence or persistence of amino acid changes associated with PAXLOVID treatment. Pfizer must submit a summary of available data (including analysis-ready datasets) no later than February 28, 2022, and a final report and associated datasets (including analysis-ready datasets and raw fastq NGS data) no later than April 30, 2022.
5. Pfizer will submit the clinical study report containing data from all enrolled subjects in the EPIC-HR clinical trial no later than January 15, 2022.
6. Pfizer will provide results from a safety and pharmacokinetic study evaluating PAXLOVID as treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in patients with severe renal impairment (for both patients requiring and not requiring hemodialysis), with the study protocol submitted no later than March 31, 2022.
7. Pfizer will provide the audited final report of the rat PPND study, *An Oral (Gavage) Study of the Effects of PF-07321332 on Pre- and Postnatal Development, Including Maternal Function in Rats*, no later than April 30, 2022.

- O. Pfizer and authorized distributor(s) will make available to FDA upon request any records maintained in connection with this EUA.

Healthcare Facilities to Whom PAXLOVID Is Distributed and Healthcare Providers Administering PAXLOVID

- P. Healthcare facilities and healthcare providers will ensure that they are aware of the Letter of Authorization, and the terms herein, and that the authorized Fact Sheets are made

available to healthcare providers and to patients, parents, and caregivers, respectively, through appropriate means, prior to administration of PAXLOVID.

- Q. Healthcare facilities and healthcare providers receiving PAXLOVID will track all serious medication errors and adverse events that are considered to be potentially attributable to PAXLOVID use and must report these to FDA in accordance with the Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers. Complete and submit a MedWatch form ([www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm)), or complete and submit FDA Form 3500 (health professional) by fax (1-800-FDA-0178) (these forms can be found via link above). Call [1-800-FDA-1088](tel:1-800-FDA-1088) for questions. Submitted reports must state, “PAXLOVID use for COVID-19 under Emergency Use Authorization” at the beginning of the question “Describe Event” for further analysis. A copy of the completed FDA Form 3500 must also be provided to Pfizer per the instructions in the authorized labeling.
- R. Healthcare facilities and healthcare providers will ensure that appropriate storage is maintained until the product is administered consistent with the terms of this letter and the authorized labeling.
- S. Through a process of inventory control, healthcare facilities will maintain records regarding the dispensing and administration of PAXLOVID for the use authorized in this letter (i.e., lot numbers, quantity, receiving site, receipt date), product storage, and maintain patient information (e.g., patient name, age, disease manifestation, number of doses administered per patient, other drugs administered).
- T. Healthcare facilities will ensure that any records associated with this EUA are maintained until notified by Pfizer and/or FDA. Such records will be made available to Pfizer, HHS, and FDA for inspection upon request.
- U. Healthcare facilities and providers will report therapeutics information and utilization data as directed by HHS.

#### Conditions Related to Printed Matter, Advertising, and Promotion

- V. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional materials relating to the use of PAXLOVID under this authorization shall be consistent with the authorized labeling, as well as the terms set forth in this EUA, and meet the requirements set forth in Section 502(a) and (n) of the Act, as applicable, and FDA implementing regulations. References to “approved labeling”, “permitted labeling” or similar terms in these requirements shall be understood to refer to the authorized labeling for the use of PAXLOVID under this authorization. In addition, such materials shall:
- Be tailored to the intended audience.
  - Not take the form of reminder advertisements, as that term is described in 21 CFR 202.1(e)(2)(i), 21 CFR 200.200 and 21 CFR 201.100(f).

- Present the same risk information relating to the major side effects and contraindications concurrently in the audio and visual parts of the presentation for advertising and promotional materials in audio-visual format.
- Be accompanied by the authorized labeling, if the promotional materials are not subject to Section 502(n) of the Act.
- Be submitted to FDA accompanied by Form FDA-2253 at the time of initial dissemination or first use.

If the Agency notifies Pfizer that any descriptive printed matter, advertising or promotional materials do not meet the terms set forth in conditions V-X of this EUA, Pfizer must cease distribution of such descriptive printed matter, advertising, or promotional materials in accordance with the Agency's notification. Furthermore, as part of its notification, the Agency may also require Pfizer to issue corrective communication(s).

- W. No descriptive printed matter, advertising, or promotional materials relating to the use of PAXLOVID under this authorization may represent or suggest that PAXLOVID is safe or effective when used for the treatment of COVID-19.
- X. All descriptive printed matter, advertising, and promotional material, relating to the use of PAXLOVID under this authorization clearly and conspicuously shall state that:
- PAXLOVID has not been approved, but has been authorized for emergency use by FDA under an EUA, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death; and
  - The emergency use of PAXLOVID is only authorized for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the declaration is terminated or authorization revoked sooner.

#### **IV. Duration of Authorization**

This EUA will be effective until the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic is terminated under Section 564(b)(2) of the Act or the EUA is revoked under Section 564(g) of the Act.

Sincerely,

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# FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION FOR PAXLOVID™

## HIGHLIGHTS OF EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)

These highlights of the EUA do not include all the information needed to use PAXLOVID™ under the EUA. See the FULL FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS for PAXLOVID.

**PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets), co-packaged for oral use**

**Original EUA Authorized Date: 12/2021**

### -----EUA FOR PAXLOVID-----

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has issued an EUA for the emergency use of the unapproved PAXLOVID which includes nirmatrelvir, a SARS-CoV-2 main protease (Mpro: also referred to as 3CLpro or nsp5 protease) inhibitor, and ritonavir, an HIV-1 protease inhibitor and CYP3A inhibitor, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

### LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORIZED USE

- PAXLOVID is not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use longer than 5 consecutive days.

PAXLOVID may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which PAXLOVID belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).

PAXLOVID is not approved for any use, including for use as treatment of COVID-19. (1)

PAXLOVID is authorized only for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of PAXLOVID under section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

See Full Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers for the justification for emergency use of drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic, information on available alternatives, and additional information on COVID-19.

### -----DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION-----

PAXLOVID is nirmatrelvir tablets co-packaged with ritonavir tablets. (2.1)

Nirmatrelvir must be co-administered with ritonavir. (2.1)

- Initiate PAXLOVID treatment as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within 5 days of symptom onset. (2.1)
- Administer orally with or without food. (2.1)
- Dosage: 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet), with all three tablets taken together twice daily for 5 days. (2.1)

- **Dose reduction for moderate renal impairment (eGFR ≥30 to <60 mL/min):** 150 mg nirmatrelvir (one 150 mg tablet) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet), with both tablets taken together twice daily for 5 days. (2.2)
- PAXLOVID is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR <30 mL/min). (2.2, 8.6)
- PAXLOVID is not recommended in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C). (2.3, 8.7)

### -----DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS-----

- Tablets: nirmatrelvir 150 mg (3)
- Tablets: ritonavir 100 mg (3)

### -----CONTRAINDICATIONS-----

- History of clinically significant hypersensitivity reactions to the active ingredients (nirmatrelvir or ritonavir) or any other components. (4)
- Co-administration with drugs highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening reactions. (4, 7.3)
- Co-administration with potent CYP3A inducers where significantly reduced nirmatrelvir or ritonavir plasma concentrations may be associated with the potential for loss of virologic response and possible resistance. (4)

### -----WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS-----

- The concomitant use of PAXLOVID and certain other drugs may result in potentially significant drug interactions. Consult the full prescribing information prior to and during treatment for potential drug interactions. (5.1, 7)
- Hepatotoxicity: Hepatic transaminase elevations, clinical hepatitis, and jaundice have occurred in patients receiving ritonavir. (5.2)
- HIV-1 Drug Resistance: PAXLOVID use may lead to a risk of HIV-1 developing resistance to HIV protease inhibitors in individuals with uncontrolled or undiagnosed HIV-1 infection. (5.3)

### -----ADVERSE REACTIONS-----

Adverse events (incidence ≥1% and ≥5 subject difference) were dysgeusia, diarrhea, hypertension, and myalgia. (6.1)

**You or your designee must report all SERIOUS ADVERSE EVENTS or MEDICATION ERRORS potentially related to PAXLOVID (1) by submitting FDA Form 3500 [online](#), (2) by [downloading](#) this form and then submitting by mail or fax, or (3) contacting the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 to request this form. Please also provide a copy of this form to Pfizer Inc. at fax number: 1-866-635-8337. (6.4)**

### -----DRUG INTERACTIONS-----

Co-administration of PAXLOVID can alter the plasma concentrations of other drugs and other drugs may alter the plasma concentrations of PAXLOVID. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during PAXLOVID therapy and review concomitant medications during PAXLOVID therapy. (2.4, 4, 5.1, 7, 12.3)

**See FACT SHEET FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS.**

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# FULL FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

## 1 EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the emergency use of the unapproved product PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) viral testing, and who are at high risk<sup>1</sup> for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

### LIMITATIONS OF AUTHORIZED USE

- PAXLOVID is not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].<sup>2</sup>
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use as pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use for longer than 5 consecutive days.

PAXLOVID may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which PAXLOVID belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).

PAXLOVID is not approved for any use, including for use for the treatment of COVID-19.

PAXLOVID is authorized only for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of PAXLOVID under section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

### Justification for Emergency Use of Drugs During the COVID-19 Pandemic

There is currently an outbreak of COVID-19 caused by SARS-CoV-2, a novel coronavirus. The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has declared that:

- A public health emergency related to COVID-19 has existed since January 27, 2020.
- Circumstances exist justifying the authorization of emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic (March 27, 2020 declaration).

An EUA is a U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorization for the emergency use of an unapproved product or unapproved use of an approved product (i.e., drug, biological product, or device) in the United States under certain circumstances including, but not limited to, when the Secretary of HHS declares that there is a public health emergency that affects the national security or the health and security of United States citizens living abroad, and that involves biological agent(s) or a disease or condition that may be attributable to such agent(s). Criteria for issuing an EUA include:

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<sup>1</sup> For information on medical conditions and factors associated with increased risk for progression to severe COVID-19, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>. Healthcare providers should consider the benefit-risk for an individual patient.

<sup>2</sup> Patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with PAXLOVID may complete the full 5-day treatment course per the healthcare provider's discretion.

- The biological agent(s) can cause a serious or life-threatening disease or condition;
- Based on the totality of the available scientific evidence (including data from adequate and well-controlled clinical trials, if available), it is reasonable to believe that
  - the product may be effective in diagnosing, treating, or preventing the serious or life-threatening disease or condition; and
  - the known and potential benefits of the product—when used to diagnose, prevent, or treat such disease or condition—outweigh the known and potential risks of the product, taking into consideration the material threat posed by the biological agent(s);
- There is no adequate, approved, and available alternative to the product for diagnosing, preventing, or treating the serious or life-threatening disease or condition.

### Information Regarding Available Alternatives for the EUA Authorized Use

There are no approved alternatives to PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

Other therapeutics are currently authorized for the same use as PAXLOVID. For additional information on all products authorized for treatment or prevention of COVID-19, please see <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>.

For information on clinical studies that are testing the use of PAXLOVID in COVID-19, please see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

## **2 DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **2.1 Dosage for Emergency Use of PAXLOVID**

PAXLOVID is nirmatrelvir tablets co-packaged with ritonavir tablets.

Nirmatrelvir must be co-administered with ritonavir. Failure to correctly co-administer nirmatrelvir with ritonavir may result in plasma levels of nirmatrelvir that are insufficient to achieve the desired therapeutic effect.

The dosage for PAXLOVID is 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) with all three tablets taken together orally twice daily for 5 days. *Prescriptions should specify the numeric dose of each active ingredient within PAXLOVID.* Completion of the full 5-day treatment course and continued isolation in accordance with public health recommendations are important to maximize viral clearance and minimize transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

The 5-day treatment course of PAXLOVID should be initiated as soon as possible after a diagnosis of COVID-19 has been made, and within 5 days of symptom onset. Should a patient require hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with PAXLOVID, the patient should complete the full 5-day treatment course per the healthcare provider's discretion.

If the patient misses a dose of PAXLOVID within 8 hours of the time it is usually taken, the patient should take it as soon as possible and resume the normal dosing schedule. If the patient misses a dose by more than 8 hours, the patient should not take the missed dose and instead take the next

dose at the regularly scheduled time. The patient should not double the dose to make up for a missed dose.

PAXLOVID (both nirmatrelvir and ritonavir tablets) can be taken with or without food [see *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)]. The tablets should be swallowed whole and not chewed, broken, or crushed.

## 2.2 Important Dosing Information in Patients with Renal Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild renal impairment (eGFR  $\geq 60$  to  $< 90$  mL/min). In patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR  $\geq 30$  to  $< 60$  mL/min), the dosage of PAXLOVID is 150 mg nirmatrelvir and 100 mg ritonavir twice daily for 5 days. *Prescriptions should specify the numeric dose of each active ingredient within PAXLOVID.* Providers should counsel patients about renal dosing instructions [see *Patient Counseling Information* (17)].

PAXLOVID is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR  $< 30$  mL/min) until more data are available; the appropriate dosage for patients with severe renal impairment has not been determined [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.6) and *Clinical Pharmacology* (12.3)].

## 2.3 Use in Patients with Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild (Child-Pugh Class A) or moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic impairment. No pharmacokinetic or safety data are available regarding the use of nirmatrelvir or ritonavir in subjects with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C); therefore, PAXLOVID is not recommended for use in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see *Use in Specific Populations* (8.7)].

## 2.4 Important Drug Interactions with PAXLOVID

No dosage adjustment is required when co-administered with other products containing ritonavir or cobicistat.

Patients on ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing HIV or HCV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated.

Refer to other sections of the Fact Sheet for important drug interactions with PAXLOVID. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during PAXLOVID therapy and review concomitant medications during PAXLOVID therapy [see *Contraindications* (4), *Warnings and Precautions* (5.1), and *Drug Interactions* (7)].

## 3 DOSAGE FORMS AND STRENGTHS

PAXLOVID is nirmatrelvir tablets co-packaged with ritonavir tablets.

- Nirmatrelvir is supplied as oval, pink immediate-release, film-coated tablets debossed with “PFE” on one side and “3CL” on the other side. Each tablet contains 150 mg of nirmatrelvir.
- Ritonavir is supplied as white film-coated ovaloid tablets debossed with the "a" logo and the code NK. Each tablet contains 100 mg of ritonavir.

## 4 CONTRAINDICATIONS

PAXLOVID is contraindicated in patients with a history of clinically significant hypersensitivity reactions [e.g., toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) or Stevens-Johnson syndrome] to its active ingredients (nirmatrelvir or ritonavir) or any other components of the product.

PAXLOVID is contraindicated with drugs that are highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening reactions [see *Drug Interactions (7.3)*]:

- Alpha<sub>1</sub>-adrenoreceptor antagonist: alfuzosin
- Analgesics: pethidine, piroxicam, propoxyphene
- Antianginal: ranolazine
- Antiarrhythmic: amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine
- Anti-gout: colchicine
- Antipsychotics: lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine
- Ergot derivatives: dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine
- HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors: lovastatin, simvastatin
- PDE5 inhibitor: sildenafil (Revatio®) when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)
- Sedative/hypnotics: triazolam, oral midazolam

PAXLOVID is contraindicated with drugs that are potent CYP3A inducers where significantly reduced nirmatrelvir or ritonavir plasma concentrations may be associated with the potential for loss of virologic response and possible resistance. PAXLOVID cannot be started immediately after discontinuation of any of the following medications due to the delayed offset of the recently discontinued CYP3A inducer [see *Drug Interactions (7.3)*]:

- Anticancer drugs: apalutamide
- Anticonvulsant: carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin
- Antimycobacterials: rifampin
- Herbal products: St. John's Wort (*hypericum perforatum*)

## 5 WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

There are limited clinical data available for PAXLOVID. Serious and unexpected adverse events may occur that have not been previously reported with PAXLOVID use.

### 5.1 Risk of Serious Adverse Reactions Due to Drug Interactions

Initiation of PAXLOVID, a CYP3A inhibitor, in patients receiving medications metabolized by CYP3A or initiation of medications metabolized by CYP3A in patients already receiving PAXLOVID, may increase plasma concentrations of medications metabolized by CYP3A.

Initiation of medications that inhibit or induce CYP3A may increase or decrease concentrations of PAXLOVID, respectively.

These interactions may lead to:

- Clinically significant adverse reactions, potentially leading to severe, life-threatening, or fatal events from greater exposures of concomitant medications.

- Clinically significant adverse reactions from greater exposures of PAXLOVID.
- Loss of therapeutic effect of PAXLOVID and possible development of viral resistance.

See Table 1 for clinically significant drug interactions, including contraindicated drugs. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during PAXLOVID therapy; review concomitant medications during PAXLOVID therapy and monitor for the adverse reactions associated with the concomitant medications [see *Contraindications (4) and Drug Interactions (7)*].

## 5.2 Hepatotoxicity

Hepatic transaminase elevations, clinical hepatitis, and jaundice have occurred in patients receiving ritonavir. Therefore, caution should be exercised when administering PAXLOVID to patients with pre-existing liver diseases, liver enzyme abnormalities, or hepatitis.

## 5.3 Risk of HIV-1 Resistance Development

Because nirmatrelvir is co-administered with ritonavir, there may be a risk of HIV-1 developing resistance to HIV protease inhibitors in individuals with uncontrolled or undiagnosed HIV-1 infection [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4), Contraindications (4), and Drug Interactions (7)*].

# 6 ADVERSE REACTIONS

## 6.1 Adverse Reactions from Clinical Studies

The following adverse reactions have been observed in the clinical studies of PAXLOVID that supported the EUA. The adverse reaction rates observed in these clinical studies cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical studies of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice. Additional adverse events associated with PAXLOVID may become apparent with more widespread use.

The safety of PAXLOVID is based on data from Study C4671005 (EPIC-HR), a Phase 2/3 randomized, placebo-controlled trial in non-hospitalized adult subjects with a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection [see *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. A total of 2,224 symptomatic adult subjects 18 years of age and older who are at high risk of developing severe COVID-19 illness received at least one dose of either PAXLOVID (n=1,109) or placebo (n=1,115). Adverse events were those reported while subjects were on study medication and through Day 34 after initiating study treatment. PAXLOVID [300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir] or matching placebo were to be taken twice daily for 5 days.

Adverse events (all grades regardless of causality) in the PAXLOVID group ( $\geq 1\%$ ) that occurred at a greater frequency ( $\geq 5$  subject difference) than in the placebo group were dysgeusia (6% and  $<1\%$ , respectively), diarrhea (3% and 2%), hypertension (1% and  $<1\%$ ), and myalgia (1% and  $<1\%$ ).

The proportions of subjects who discontinued treatment due to an adverse event were 2% in the PAXLOVID group and 4% in the placebo group.

## 6.4 Required Reporting for Serious Adverse Events and Medication Errors

The prescribing healthcare provider and/or the provider's designee are/is responsible for mandatory reporting of all serious adverse events\* and medication errors potentially related to PAXLOVID within 7 calendar days from the onset of the event, using FDA Form 3500 (for information on how to access

this form, see below). The FDA recommends that such reports, using FDA Form 3500, include the following:

- Patient demographics and baseline characteristics (e.g., patient identifier, age or date of birth, gender, weight, ethnicity, and race).
- A statement " PAXLOVID use for COVID-19 under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)" under the "**Describe Event, Problem, or Product Use/Medication Error**" heading.
- Information about the serious adverse event or medication error (e.g., signs and symptoms, test/laboratory data, complications, timing of drug initiation in relation to the occurrence of the event, duration of the event, treatments required to mitigate the event, evidence of event improvement/disappearance after stopping or reducing the dosage, evidence of event reappearance after reintroduction, clinical outcomes).
- Patient's pre-existing medical conditions and use of concomitant products.
- Information about the product (e.g., dosage, route of administration, NDC #).

Submit adverse event and medication error reports, using Form 3500, to FDA MedWatch using one of the following methods:

- Complete and submit the report online: <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>
- Complete and submit a postage-paid FDA Form 3500 (<https://www.fda.gov/media/76299/download>) and return by:
  - Mail to MedWatch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20852-9787, or
  - Fax to 1-800-FDA-0178, or
- Call 1-800-FDA-1088 to request a reporting form

In addition, please provide a copy of all FDA MedWatch forms to:

Website	Fax number	Telephone number
<a href="http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com">www.pfizersafetyreporting.com</a>	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

The prescribing healthcare provider and/or the provider's designee is/are to provide mandatory responses to requests from FDA for information about adverse events and medication errors associated with PAXLOVID.

\*Serious adverse events are defined as:

- Death or a life-threatening adverse event;
- A medical or surgical intervention to prevent death, a life-threatening event, hospitalization, disability, or congenital anomaly;
- Inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization;
- A persistent or significant incapacity or substantial disruption of the ability to conduct normal life functions; or
- A congenital anomaly/birth defect.

## 7 DRUG INTERACTIONS

### 7.1 Potential for PAXLOVID to Affect Other Drugs

PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir co-packaged with ritonavir) is an inhibitor of CYP3A and may increase plasma concentrations of drugs that are primarily metabolized by CYP3A. Co-administration of PAXLOVID with drugs highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance and for which elevated plasma concentrations are associated with serious and/or life-threatening events is contraindicated [see *Contraindications (4) and Table 1*]. Co-administration with other CYP3A substrates may require a dose adjustment or additional monitoring as shown in Table 1.

### 7.2 Potential for Other Drugs to Affect PAXLOVID

Nirmatrelvir and ritonavir are CYP3A substrates; therefore, drugs that induce CYP3A may decrease nirmatrelvir and ritonavir plasma concentrations and reduce PAXLOVID therapeutic effect.

### 7.3 Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions

Table 1 provides listing of clinically significant drug interactions, including contraindicated drugs. Drugs listed in Table 1 are a guide and not considered a comprehensive list of all possible drugs that may interact with PAXLOVID. The healthcare provider should consult appropriate references for comprehensive information [see *Contraindications (4)*].

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Alpha 1-adrenoreceptor antagonist	alfuzosin	↑ alfuzosin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential hypotension [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Analgesics	pethidine, piroxicam, propoxyphene	↑ pethidine ↑ piroxicam ↑ propoxyphene	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious respiratory depression or hematologic abnormalities [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Antianginal	ranolazine	↑ ranolazine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Antiarrhythmics	amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine	↑ antiarrhythmic	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for cardiac arrhythmias [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Antiarrhythmics	bepidil, lidocaine (systemic)	↑ antiarrhythmic	Caution is warranted and therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for antiarrhythmics if available.
Anticancer drugs	apalutamide	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Anticancer drugs	abemaciclib, ceritinib, dasatinib, encorafenib, ibrutinib, ivosidenib, neratinib, nilotinib, venetoclax, vinblastine, vincristine	↑ anticancer drug	Avoid co-administration of encorafenib or ivosidenib due to potential risk of serious adverse events such as QT interval prolongation. Avoid use of neratinib, venetoclax or ibrutinib.  Co-administration of vincristine and vinblastine may lead to significant hematologic or gastrointestinal side effects.  For further information, refer to individual product label for anticancer drug.
Anticoagulants	warfarin	↑↓ warfarin	Closely monitor INR if co-administration with warfarin is necessary.
	rivaroxaban	↑ rivaroxaban	Increased bleeding risk with rivaroxaban. Avoid concomitant use.
Anticonvulsants	carbamazepine <sup>a</sup> , phenobarbital, phenytoin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir  ↑ carbamazepine ↓ phenobarbital ↓ phenytoin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Antidepressants	bupropion	↓ bupropion and active metabolite hydroxy-bupropion	Monitor for an adequate clinical response to bupropion.
	trazodone	↑ trazodone	Adverse reactions of nausea, dizziness, hypotension, and syncope have been observed following co-administration of trazodone and ritonavir. A lower dose of trazodone should be considered. Refer to trazodone product label for further information.
Antifungals	voriconazole,	↓ voriconazole	Avoid concomitant use of voriconazole.
	ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate itraconazole <sup>a</sup>	↑ ketoconazole ↑ isavuconazonium sulfate ↑ itraconazole	Refer to ketoconazole, isavuconazonium sulfate, and itraconazole product labels for further information.
		↑ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Anti-gout	colchicine	↑ colchicine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for serious and/or life-threatening reactions in patients with renal and/or hepatic impairment [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Anti-HIV protease inhibitors	amprenavir, atazanavir, darunavir, fosamprenavir, indinavir, nelfinavir, saquinavir, tipranavir	↑ protease Inhibitor	For further information, refer to the respective protease inhibitors' prescribing information.  Patients on ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing HIV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or protease inhibitor adverse events with concomitant use of these protease inhibitors [see <i>Dosage and Administration (2.4)</i> ].
Anti-HIV	didanosine, delavirdine, efavirenz, maraviroc, nevirapine, raltegravir, zidovudine bictegravir/ emtricitabine/ tenofovir	↑ didanosine ↑ efavirenz ↑ maraviroc  ↓ raltegravir ↓ zidovudine  ↑ bictegravir ↔ emtricitabine ↑ tenofovir	For further information, refer to the respective anti-HIV drugs prescribing information.
Anti-infective	clarithromycin, erythromycin	↑ clarithromycin ↑ erythromycin	Refer to the respective prescribing information for anti-infective dose adjustment.
Antimycobacterial	rifampin	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance. Alternate antimycobacterial drugs such as rifabutin should be considered [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Antimycobacterial	bedaquiline  rifabutin	↑ bedaquiline  ↑ rifabutin	Refer to the bedaquiline product label for further information.  Refer to rifabutin product label for further information on rifabutin dose reduction.
Antipsychotics	lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine	↑ lurasidone ↑ pimozide ↑ clozapine	Co-administration contraindicated due to serious and/or life-threatening reactions such as cardiac arrhythmias [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Antipsychotics	quetiapine	↑ quetiapine	If co-administration is necessary, reduce quetiapine dose and monitor for quetiapine-associated adverse reactions. Refer to the quetiapine prescribing information for recommendations.
Calcium channel blockers	amlodipine, diltiazem, felodipine, nicardipine, nifedipine	↑ calcium channel blocker	Caution is warranted and clinical monitoring of patients is recommended. A dose decrease may be needed for these drugs when co-administered with PAXLOVID.  If co-administered, refer to individual product label for calcium channel blocker for further information.
Cardiac glycosides	digoxin	↑ digoxin	Caution should be exercised when co-administering PAXLOVID with digoxin, with appropriate monitoring of serum digoxin levels.  Refer to the digoxin product label for further information.
Endothelin receptor Antagonists	bosentan	↑ bosentan	Discontinue use of bosentan at least 36 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID.  Refer to the bosentan product label for further information.
Ergot derivatives	dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine	↑ dihydroergotamine ↑ ergotamine ↑ methylergonovine	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for acute ergot toxicity characterized by vasospasm and ischemia of the extremities and other tissues including the central nervous system [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Hepatitis C direct acting antivirals	elbasvir/grazoprevir, glecaprevir/pibrentasvir  ombitasvir/paritaprevir /ritonavir and dasabuvir  sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/ voxilaprevir	↑ antiviral	Increased grazoprevir concentrations can result in ALT elevations.  It is not recommended to co-administer ritonavir with glecaprevir/pibrentasvir.  Refer to the ombitasvir/paritaprevir/ritonavir and dasabuvir label for further information.  Refer to the sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxilaprevir product label for further information.  Patients on ritonavir-containing HCV regimens should continue their treatment as indicated. Monitor for increased PAXLOVID or HCV drug adverse events with concomitant use [see <i>Dosage and Administration (2.4)</i> ].
Herbal products	St. John's Wort ( <i>hypericum perforatum</i> )	↓ nirmatrelvir/ritonavir	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential loss of virologic response and possible resistance [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	lovastatin, simvastatin	↑ lovastatin ↑ simvastatin	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for myopathy including rhabdomyolysis [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].  Discontinue use of lovastatin and simvastatin at least 12 hours prior to initiation of PAXLOVID.
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors	atorvastatin, rosuvastatin	↑ atorvastatin ↑ rosuvastatin	Consider temporary discontinuation of atorvastatin and rosuvastatin during treatment with PAXLOVID.
Hormonal contraceptive	ethinyl estradiol	↓ ethinyl estradiol	An additional, non-hormonal method of contraception should be considered.

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Immunosuppressants	cyclosporine, tacrolimus, sirolimus	↑ cyclosporine ↑ tacrolimus ↑ sirolimus	Therapeutic concentration monitoring is recommended for immunosuppressants.  Avoid use of PAXLOVID when close monitoring of immunosuppressant serum concentrations is not feasible.  Avoid concomitant use of sirolimus and PAXLOVID.  If co-administered, refer to individual product label for immunosuppressant for further information.
Long-acting beta-adrenoceptor agonist	salmeterol	↑ salmeterol	Co-administration is not recommended. The combination may result in increased risk of cardiovascular adverse events associated with salmeterol, including QT prolongation, palpitations, and sinus tachycardia.
Narcotic analgesics	fentanyl  methadone	↑ fentanyl  ↓ methadone	Careful monitoring of therapeutic and adverse effects (including potentially fatal respiratory depression) is recommended when fentanyl is concomitantly administered with PAXLOVID.  Monitor methadone-maintained patients closely for evidence of withdrawal effects and adjust the methadone dose accordingly.
PDE5 inhibitor	sildenafil (Revatio®) when used for pulmonary arterial hypertension	↑ sildenafil	Co-administration contraindicated due to the potential for sildenafil associated adverse events, including visual abnormalities hypotension, prolonged erection, and syncope [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].
Sedative/hypnotics	triazolam, oral midazolam	↑ triazolam ↑ midazolam	Co-administration contraindicated due to potential for extreme sedation and respiratory depression [see <i>Contraindications (4)</i> ].

**Table 1: Established and Other Potentially Significant Drug Interactions**

<b>Drug Class</b>	<b>Drugs within Class</b>	<b>Effect on Concentration</b>	<b>Clinical Comments</b>
Sedative/hypnotics	midazolam (administered parenterally)	↑ midazolam	Co-administration of midazolam (parenteral) should be done in a setting which ensures close clinical monitoring and appropriate medical management in case of respiratory depression and/or prolonged sedation. Dosage reduction for midazolam should be considered, especially if more than a single dose of midazolam is administered. Refer to the midazolam product label for further information.
Systemic corticosteroids	betamethasone, budesonide, ciclesonide, dexamethasone, fluticasone, methylprednisolone, mometasone, prednisone, triamcinolone	↑ corticosteroid	Increased risk for Cushing's syndrome and adrenal suppression. Alternative corticosteroids including beclomethasone and prednisolone should be considered.

a. See Pharmacokinetics, Drug Interaction Studies Conducted with Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir (12.3).

## 8 USE IN SPECIFIC POPULATIONS

### 8.1 Pregnancy

#### Risk Summary

There are no available human data on the use of nirmatrelvir during pregnancy to evaluate for a drug-associated risk of major birth defects, miscarriage, or adverse maternal or fetal outcomes. Published observational studies on ritonavir use in pregnant women have not identified an increase in the risk of major birth defects. Published studies with ritonavir are insufficient to identify a drug-associated risk of miscarriage (*see Data*). There are maternal and fetal risks associated with untreated COVID-19 in pregnancy (*see Clinical Considerations*).

In an embryo-fetal development study with nirmatrelvir, reduced fetal body weights following oral administration of nirmatrelvir to pregnant rabbits were observed at systemic exposures (AUC) approximately 10 times higher than clinical exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. No other adverse developmental outcomes were observed in animal reproduction studies with nirmatrelvir at systemic exposures (AUC) greater than or equal to 3 times higher than clinical exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID (*see Data*).

In animal reproduction studies with ritonavir, no evidence of adverse developmental outcomes was observed following oral administration of ritonavir to pregnant rats and rabbits at doses (based on body surface area conversions) or systemic exposures (AUC) greater than or equal to 3 times higher than clinical doses or exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID (*see Data*).

The estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. All pregnancies have a risk of birth defect, loss, or other adverse outcomes. In the U.S.

general population, the estimated background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage in clinically recognized pregnancies is 2% to 4% and 15% to 20%, respectively.

## Clinical Considerations

### *Disease-associated Maternal and/or Embryo-fetal Risk*

COVID-19 in pregnancy is associated with adverse maternal and fetal outcomes, including preeclampsia, eclampsia, preterm birth, premature rupture of membranes, venous thromboembolic disease, and fetal death.

## Data

### *Human Data*

#### Ritonavir

Based on prospective reports to the antiretroviral pregnancy registry of live births following exposure to ritonavir-containing regimens (including over 3,400 live births exposed in the first-trimester and over 3,500 live births exposed in the second and third trimesters), there was no difference in the rate of overall birth defects for ritonavir compared with the background birth defect rate of 2.7% in the U.S. reference population of the Metropolitan Atlanta Congenital Defects Program (MACDP). The prevalence of birth defects in live births was 2.3% (95% confidence interval [CI]: 1.9%-2.9%) following first-trimester exposure to ritonavir-containing regimens and 2.9% (95% CI: 2.4%-3.6%) following second and third trimester exposure to ritonavir-containing regimens. While placental transfer of ritonavir and fetal ritonavir concentrations are generally low, detectable levels have been observed in cord blood samples and neonate hair.

### *Animal Data*

#### Nirmatrelvir

Embryo-fetal developmental (EFD) toxicity studies were conducted in pregnant rats and rabbits administered oral nirmatrelvir doses of up to 1,000 mg/kg/day during organogenesis [on Gestation Days (GD) 6 through 17 in rats and 6 through 19 in rabbits]. No biologically significant developmental effects were observed in the rat EFD study. At the highest dose of 1,000 mg/kg/day, the systemic nirmatrelvir exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) in rats was approximately 8 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. In the rabbit EFD study, lower fetal body weights (9% decrease) were observed at 1,000 mg/kg/day in the absence of significant maternal toxicity findings. At 1,000 mg/kg/day, the systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) in rabbits was approximately 10 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. No other significant developmental toxicities (malformations and embryo-fetal lethality) were observed at up to the highest dose tested, 1,000 mg/kg/day. No developmental effects were observed in rabbits at 300 mg/kg/day resulting in systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) approximately 3 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. A pre- and postnatal developmental (PPND) study in pregnant rats administered oral nirmatrelvir doses of up to 1,000 mg/kg/day from GD 6 through Lactation Day (LD) 20 is ongoing and only interim data through postnatal day (PND) 56 are currently available. Although no difference in body weight was noted at birth when comparing offspring born to nirmatrelvir treated versus control animals, a decrease (8% in males and females) in the body weight of offspring was observed at PND 17. No significant differences in offspring body weight were observed from PND 28 to PND 56. The maternal systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) at 1,000 mg/kg/day was approximately 8 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. No body weight changes in the offspring were noted at 300 mg/kg/day, resulting in systemic exposure

(AUC<sub>24</sub>) approximately 5 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

### Ritonavir

Ritonavir was administered orally to pregnant rats (at 0, 15, 35, and 75 mg/kg/day) and rabbits (at 0, 25, 50, and 110 mg/kg/day) during organogenesis (on GD 6 through 17 and 6 through 19, respectively). No evidence of teratogenicity due to ritonavir was observed in rats and rabbits at systemic exposures (AUC) approximately 4 times higher than exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. Increased incidences of early resorptions, ossification delays, and developmental variations, as well as decreased fetal body weights were observed in rats in the presence of maternal toxicity, at systemic exposures approximately 4 times higher than exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. A slight increase in the incidence of cryptorchidism was also noted in rats (at a maternally toxic dose) at an exposure approximately 5 times the exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. In rabbits, resorptions, decreased litter size, and decreased fetal weights were observed at maternally toxic doses approximately 11 times higher than the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID, based on a body surface area conversion factor. In a pre- and postnatal development study in rats, administration of 0, 15, 35, and 60 mg/kg/day ritonavir from GD 6 through postnatal day 20 resulted in no developmental toxicity, at ritonavir doses 3 times higher than the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID, based on a body surface area conversion factor.

## **8.2 Lactation**

### Risk Summary

There are no available data on the presence of nirmatrelvir in human or animal milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. A transient decrease in body weight was observed in the nursing offspring of rats administered nirmatrelvir (*see Data*). Limited published data reports that ritonavir is present in human milk. There is no information on the effects of ritonavir on the breastfed infant or the effects of the drug on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for PAXLOVID and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from PAXLOVID or from the underlying maternal condition. Breastfeeding individuals with COVID-19 should follow practices according to clinical guidelines to avoid exposing the infant to COVID-19.

### Data

In the pre- and postnatal developmental study, body weight decreases (up to 8%) were observed in the offspring of pregnant rats administered nirmatrelvir at maternal systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) approximately 8 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. No body weight changes in the offspring were noted at maternal systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) approximately 5 times higher than clinical exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

## **8.3 Females and Males of Reproductive Potential**

### Contraception

Use of ritonavir may reduce the efficacy of combined hormonal contraceptives. Advise patients using combined hormonal contraceptives to use an effective alternative contraceptive method or an additional barrier method of contraception [*see Drug Interactions (7.3)*].

## 8.4 Pediatric Use

PAXLOVID is not authorized for use in pediatric patients younger than 12 years of age or weighing less than 40 kg. The safety and effectiveness of PAXLOVID have not been established in pediatric patients. The authorized adult dosing regimen is expected to result in comparable serum exposures of nirmatrelvir and ritonavir in patients 12 years of age and older and weighing at least 40 kg as observed in adults, and adults with similar body weight were included in the trial EPIC-HR [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)*, *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*, and *Clinical Studies (14)*].

## 8.5 Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of PAXLOVID include subjects 65 years of age and older and their data contributes to the overall assessment of safety and efficacy [see *Adverse Reactions (6.1)* and *Clinical Studies (14.1)*]. Of the total number of subjects in EPIC-HR randomized to receive PAXLOVID (N=1,120), 13% were 65 years of age and older and 3% were 75 years of age and older.

## 8.6 Renal Impairment

Systemic exposure of nirmatrelvir increases in renally impaired patients with increase in the severity of renal impairment [see *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild renal impairment. In patients with moderate renal impairment (eGFR  $\geq 30$  to  $< 60$  mL/min), reduce the dose of PAXLOVID to 150 mg nirmatrelvir and 100 mg ritonavir twice daily for 5 days. *Prescriptions should specify the numeric dose of each active ingredient within PAXLOVID.* Providers should counsel patients about renal dosing instructions [see *Patient Counseling Information (17)*].

PAXLOVID is not recommended in patients with severe renal impairment (eGFR  $< 30$  mL/min based on CKD-EPI formula) until more data are available; the appropriate dosage for patients with severe renal impairment has not been determined.

## 8.7 Hepatic Impairment

No dosage adjustment of PAXLOVID is needed for patients with either mild (Child-Pugh Class A) or moderate (Child-Pugh Class B) hepatic impairment. No pharmacokinetic or safety data are available regarding the use of nirmatrelvir or ritonavir in subjects with severe hepatic impairment (Child-Pugh Class C), therefore, PAXLOVID is not recommended for use in patients with severe hepatic impairment [see *Warnings and Precautions (5.2)* and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

## 10 OVERDOSAGE

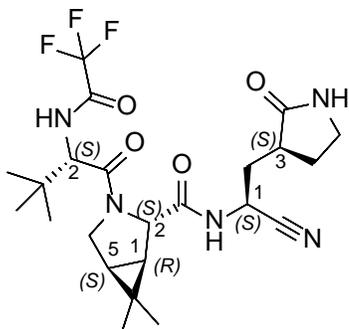
Treatment of overdose with PAXLOVID should consist of general supportive measures including monitoring of vital signs and observation of the clinical status of the patient. There is no specific antidote for overdose with PAXLOVID.

## 11 DESCRIPTION

PAXLOVID is nirmatrelvir tablets co-packaged with ritonavir tablets. Nirmatrelvir is a SARS-CoV-2 main protease (Mpro) inhibitor, and ritonavir is an HIV-1 protease inhibitor and CYP3A inhibitor.

### Nirmatrelvir

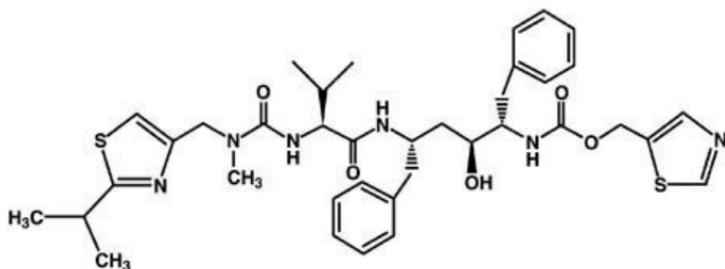
The chemical name of active ingredient of nirmatrelvir is (1*R*,2*S*,5*S*)-*N*-((1*S*)-1-Cyano-2-((3*S*)-2-oxopyrrolidin-3-yl)ethyl)-3-((2*S*)-3,3-dimethyl-2-(2,2,2-trifluoroacetamido)butanoyl)-6,6-dimethyl-3-azabicyclo[3.1.0]hexane-2-carboxamide. It has a molecular formula of C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>F<sub>3</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>4</sub> and a molecular weight of 499.54. Nirmatrelvir has the following structural formula:



Nirmatrelvir is available as immediate-release, film-coated tablets. Each tablet contains 150 mg nirmatrelvir with the following inactive ingredients: colloidal silicon dioxide, croscarmellose sodium, lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, and sodium stearyl fumarate. The following are the ingredients in the film coating: hydroxy propyl methylcellulose, iron oxide red, polyethylene glycol, and titanium dioxide.

### Ritonavir

Ritonavir is chemically designated as 10-Hydroxy-2-methyl-5-(1-methylethyl)-1- [2-(1 methylethyl)-4-thiazolyl]-3,6-dioxo-8,11-bis(phenylmethyl)-2,4,7,12- tetraazatridecan-13-oic acid, 5-thiazolylmethyl ester, [5*S*-(5*R*<sup>\*</sup>,8*R*<sup>\*</sup>,10*R*<sup>\*</sup>,11*R*<sup>\*</sup>)]. Its molecular formula is C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>48</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S<sub>2</sub>, and its molecular weight is 720.95. Ritonavir has the following structural formula:



Ritonavir is available as film-coated tablets. Each tablet contains 100 mg ritonavir with the following inactive ingredients: anhydrous dibasic calcium phosphate, colloidal silicon dioxide, copovidone, sodium stearyl fumarate, and sorbitan monolaurate. The following are the ingredients in the film coating: colloidal silicon dioxide, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hypromellose, polyethylene glycol 400, polyethylene glycol 3350, polysorbate 80, talc, and titanium dioxide.

## 12 CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

### 12.1 Mechanism of Action

Nirmatrelvir is a peptidomimetic inhibitor of the SARS-CoV-2 main protease (Mpro), also referred to as 3C-like protease (3CLpro) or nsp5 protease. Inhibition of SARS-CoV-2 Mpro renders it incapable of processing polyprotein precursors, preventing viral replication. Nirmatrelvir inhibited the activity of recombinant SARS-CoV-2 Mpro in a biochemical assay with a  $K_i$  value of 3.1 nM and an  $IC_{50}$  value of 19.2 nM. Nirmatrelvir was found to bind directly to the SARS-CoV-2 Mpro active site by X-ray crystallography.

Ritonavir is an HIV-1 protease inhibitor but is not active against SARS-CoV-2 Mpro. Ritonavir inhibits the CYP3A-mediated metabolism of nirmatrelvir, resulting in increased plasma concentrations of nirmatrelvir.

### 12.3 Pharmacokinetics

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir have been studied in healthy subjects.

Ritonavir is administered with nirmatrelvir as a pharmacokinetic enhancer resulting in higher systemic concentrations and longer half-life of nirmatrelvir, thereby supporting a twice daily administration regimen.

Upon oral administration of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir, the increase in systemic exposure appears to be less than dose proportional up to 750 mg as a single dose and up to 500 mg twice daily as multiple doses. Twice daily dosing over 10 days achieved steady-state on Day 2 with approximately 2-fold accumulation. The pharmacokinetic properties of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir are displayed in Table 2.

**Table 2: Pharmacokinetic Properties of Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir in Healthy Subjects**

	Nirmatrelvir (When Given With Ritonavir)	Ritonavir
<b>Absorption</b>		
$T_{max}$ (h), median	3.00 <sup>a</sup>	3.98 <sup>a</sup>
<b>Distribution</b>		
% bound to human plasma proteins	69%	98-99%
Blood-to-plasma ratio	0.60	0.14 <sup>c</sup>
$V_z/F$ (L), mean	104.7 <sup>b</sup>	112.4 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Elimination</b>		
Major route of elimination	Renal elimination <sup>d</sup>	Hepatic metabolism
Half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) (hr), mean	6.05 <sup>a</sup>	6.15 <sup>a</sup>
Oral clearance (CL/F), mean	8.99 <sup>b</sup>	13.92 <sup>b</sup>
<b>Metabolism</b>		
Metabolic pathways	Minimal <sup>d</sup>	Major CYP3A4, Minor CYP2D6
<b>Excretion</b>		
% drug-related material in feces	49.6% <sup>e</sup>	86.4% <sup>f</sup>
% drug-related material in urine	35.3% <sup>e</sup>	11.3% <sup>f</sup>

## Table 2: Pharmacokinetic Properties of Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir in Healthy Subjects

- Represents data after a single dose of 300 mg nirmatrelvir (2 x 150 mg tablet formulation) administered together with 100 mg ritonavir tablet in healthy subjects.
- 300 mg nirmatrelvir (oral suspension formulation) and 100 mg ritonavir (tablet formulation) administered together twice a day for 3 days.
- Red blood cell to plasma ratio.
- Nirmatrelvir is a CYP3A4 substrate but when dosed with ritonavir metabolic clearance is minimal.
- Determined by <sup>19</sup>F-NMR analysis following 300 mg oral suspension enhanced with 100 mg ritonavir at -12 hours, 0 hours, 12 hours, and 24 hours.
- Determined by <sup>14</sup>C analysis following 600 mg <sup>14</sup>C-ritonavir oral solution.

Single dose pharmacokinetic data of PAXLOVID in healthy subjects is depicted below (Table 3).

**Table 3: Single Dose Pharmacokinetics of Nirmatrelvir Following Dosing with 300 mg/100 mg Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir in Healthy Subjects**

PK Parameter (units)	Nirmatrelvir (N=12)
C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)	2.21 (33)
AUC <sub>inf</sub> (µg*hr/mL)	23.01 (23)
T <sub>max</sub> (hr)	3.00 (1.02-6.00)
T <sub>1/2</sub> (hr)	6.05 ± 1.79

Represents data from 2 x 150 mg tablets of nirmatrelvir. Values are presented as geometric mean (geometric % CV) except median (range) for T<sub>max</sub> and arithmetic mean ± SD for T<sub>1/2</sub>.

### *Effect of Food on Oral Absorption of Nirmatrelvir*

Dosing with a high fat meal modestly increased the exposure of nirmatrelvir (approximately 15% increase in mean C<sub>max</sub> and 1.6% increase in mean AUC<sub>last</sub>) relative to fasting conditions following administration of a suspension formulation of nirmatrelvir co-administered with ritonavir tablets.

### Specific Populations

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir based on age and gender have not been evaluated.

### *Pediatric Patients*

The pharmacokinetics of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir in patients less than 18 years of age have not been evaluated.

Using a population PK model, the dosing regimen is expected to result in comparable steady-state plasma exposure of nirmatrelvir in patients 12 years of age and older and weighing at least 40 kg to those observed in adults after adjusting for body weight.

### *Racial or Ethnic Groups*

Systemic exposure in Japanese subjects was numerically lower but not clinically meaningfully different than those in Western subjects.

### *Patients with Renal Impairment*

An open-label study compared nirmatrelvir/ritonavir pharmacokinetics in healthy adult subjects and subjects with mild (eGFR ≥60 to <90 mL/min), moderate (eGFR ≥30 to <60 mL/min), and severe (eGFR <30 mL/min) renal impairment following administration of a single oral dose of nirmatrelvir 100 mg enhanced with ritonavir 100 mg administered at -12, 0, 12, and 24 hours. Compared to healthy controls with no renal impairment, the C<sub>max</sub> and AUC of nirmatrelvir in patients with mild renal impairment was 30% and 24% higher, in patients with moderate renal impairment was 38% and 87%

higher, and in patients with severe renal impairment was 48% and 204% higher, respectively (Table 4).

**Table 4: Impact of Renal Impairment on Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir Pharmacokinetics**

	<b>Normal Renal Function (n=8)</b>	<b>Mild Renal Impairment (n=8)</b>	<b>Moderate Renal Impairment (n=8)</b>	<b>Severe Renal Impairment (n=8)</b>
C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)	1.60 (31)	2.08 (29)	2.21 (17)	2.37 (38)
AUC <sub>inf</sub> (µg*hr/mL)	14.46 (20)	17.91 (30)	27.11 (27)	44.04 (33)
T <sub>max</sub> (hr)	2.0 (1.0 - 4.0)	2.0 (1.0 – 3.0)	2.50 (1.0 – 6.0)	3.0 (1.0 - 6.1)
T <sub>1/2</sub> (hr)	7.73 ± 1.82	6.60 ± 1.53	9.95 ± 3.42	13.37 ± 3.32

Values are presented as geometric mean (geometric % CV) except median (range) for T<sub>max</sub> and arithmetic mean ± SD for t<sub>1/2</sub>.

#### *Patients with Hepatic Impairment*

A single oral dose of 100 mg nirmatrelvir enhanced with 100 mg ritonavir at -12 hours, 0 hours, 12 hours and 24 hours in subjects with moderate hepatic impairment resulted in similar exposures compared to subjects with normal hepatic function (Table 5).

**Table 5: Impact of Hepatic Impairment on Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir Pharmacokinetics**

	<b>Normal Hepatic Function (n=8)</b>	<b>Moderate Hepatic Impairment (n=8)</b>
C <sub>max</sub> (µg/mL)	1.89 (20)	1.92 (48)
AUC <sub>inf</sub> (µg*hr/mL)	15.24 (36)	15.06 (43)
T <sub>max</sub> (hr)	2.0 (0.6 - 2.1)	1.5 (1.0 - 2.0)
T <sub>1/2</sub> (hr)	7.21 ± 2.10	5.45 ± 1.57

Values are presented as geometric mean (geometric % CV) except median (range) for T<sub>max</sub> and arithmetic mean ± SD for t<sub>1/2</sub>.

Nirmatrelvir/ritonavir has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment.

#### Drug Interaction Studies Conducted with Nirmatrelvir

*In vitro data* indicates that nirmatrelvir is a substrate for human MDR1 (P-gp) and 3A4, but not a substrate for human BCRP, MATE1, MATE2K, NTCP, OAT1, OAT2, OAT3, OCT1, OCT2, PEPT1, OATPs 1B1, 1B3, 2B1, or 4C1.

Nirmatrelvir does not reversibly inhibit CYP1A2, CYP2B6, CYP2C8, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, or CYP2D6 *in vitro* at clinically relevant concentrations. Nirmatrelvir has the potential to reversibly and time-dependently inhibit CYP3A4 and inhibit MDR1 (P-gp).

Nirmatrelvir does not induce any CYPs at clinically relevant concentrations.

#### Drug Interaction Studies Conducted with Ritonavir

*In vitro* studies indicate that ritonavir is mainly a substrate of CYP3A. Ritonavir also appears to be a substrate of CYP2D6 which contributes to the formation of isopropylthiazole oxidation metabolite M-2.

Ritonavir is an inhibitor of CYP3A and to a lesser extent CYP2D6. Ritonavir appears to induce CYP3A, CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, and CYP2B6 as well as other enzymes, including glucuronosyl transferase.

The effects of co-administration of PAXLOVID with itraconazole (CYP3A inhibitor) and carbamazepine (CYP3A inducer) on the nirmatrelvir AUC and C<sub>max</sub> are summarized in Table 6 (effect of other drugs on nirmatrelvir).

**Table 6: Drug Interactions: Pharmacokinetic Parameters for Nirmatrelvir in the Presence of the Co-administered Drugs**

Co-administered Drug	Dose (Schedule)		N	Ratio (in combination with Co-administered drug/alone) of Nirmatrelvir Pharmacokinetic Parameters (90% CI); No Effect=100	
	Co-administered Drug	Nirmatrelvir/Ritonavir		C <sub>max</sub>	AUC <sup>a</sup>
Carbamazepine <sup>b</sup>	300 mg twice daily (16 doses)	300 mg/100 mg twice daily (5 doses)	9	56.82 (47.04, 68.62)	44.50 (33.77, 58.65)
Itraconazole	200 mg once daily (8 doses)	300 mg/100 mg twice daily (5 doses)	11	118.57 (112.50, 124.97)	138.82 (129.25, 149.11)

Abbreviations: AUC=area under the plasma concentration-time curve; CI=confidence interval; C<sub>max</sub>=maximum plasma concentrations.

a. For carbamazepine, AUC=AUC<sub>inf</sub>, for itraconazole, AUC=AUC<sub>tau</sub>.

b. Carbamazepine titrated up to 300 mg twice daily on Day 8 through Day 15 (e.g., 100 mg twice daily on Day 1 through Day 3 and 200 mg twice daily on Day 4 through Day 7).

## 12.4 Microbiology

### Antiviral Activity

Nirmatrelvir exhibited antiviral activity against SARS-CoV-2 (USA-WA1/2020 isolate) infection of differentiated normal human bronchial epithelial (dNHBE) cells with EC<sub>50</sub> and EC<sub>90</sub> values of 62 nM and 181 nM, respectively, after 3 days of drug exposure.

Nirmatrelvir had similar cell culture antiviral activity (EC<sub>50</sub> values ≤3-fold relative to USA-WA1/2020) against SARS-CoV-2 isolates belonging to the Alpha (B.1.1.7), Beta (B.1.351), Gamma (P.1), Delta (B.1.617.2), and Lambda (C.37) variants. The Beta (B.1.351) variant was the least susceptible tested variant with approximately 3-fold reduced susceptibility relative to the USA-WA1/2020 isolate.

No data are available regarding the activity of nirmatrelvir against the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron (B.1.1.529) variant in cell culture. However, in a biochemical assay, the Mpro P132H substitution found in the Omicron variant did not reduce nirmatrelvir activity (K<sub>i</sub> fold change <1) compared to the USA-WA1/2020 enzyme.

### Antiviral Activity Against SARS-CoV-2 in Animal Models

Nirmatrelvir showed antiviral activity in BALB/c and 129 mice infected with mouse-adapted SARS-CoV-2. Oral administration of nirmatrelvir at 300 mg/kg or 1,000 mg/kg twice daily initiated 4 hours post-inoculation or 1,000 mg/kg twice daily initiated 12 hours post-inoculation resulted in reduction of lung viral titers and ameliorated indicators of disease (weight loss and lung pathology) compared to placebo-treated animals.

## Antiviral Resistance

Phenotypic assessments were conducted to characterize the impact of naturally occurring SARS-CoV-2 Mpro polymorphisms on the activity of nirmatrelvir in a biochemical assay using recombinant Mpro enzyme. The clinical significance of these polymorphisms is unknown, and it is also unknown if results from the biochemical assay are predictive of antiviral activity in cell culture. The following Mpro amino acid substitutions were associated with reduced nirmatrelvir activity ( $\geq 3$ -fold higher  $K_i$  values): G15S (4.4-fold), T135I (3.5-fold), S144A (91.9-fold), H164N (6.4-fold), H172Y (233-fold), Q189K (65.4-fold), and D248E (3.7-fold). G15S is present in the Lambda variant, which did not have reduced susceptibility to nirmatrelvir (relative to USA-WA1/2020) in cell culture.

In addition, three SARS-CoV-2 Mpro amino acid positions where polymorphisms have not been naturally observed were evaluated by substituting alanine at these positions and assessing their impact on activity in biochemical assays. These Mpro amino acid substitutions were associated with reduced nirmatrelvir activity (i.e., higher  $K_i$  values): Y54A (23.6-fold), F140A (39.0-fold), and E166A (33.4-fold). The clinical significance of substitutions at these Mpro positions is unknown.

Cell culture resistance selection studies with nirmatrelvir using mouse hepatitis virus (MHV, a betacoronavirus used as a surrogate) resulted in the emergence of Mpro amino acid substitutions P15A, T50K, P55L, T129M, and/or S144A. The clinical relevance of these changes is not known. The presence of the substitutions P55L and S144A was associated with reduced nirmatrelvir susceptibility ( $\sim 4$ - to 5-fold higher  $EC_{50}$  values). These positions correspond to E55 and S144 in SARS-CoV-2 Mpro, respectively. E55L alone did not affect nirmatrelvir activity against SARS-CoV-2 Mpro in a biochemical assay, while S144A reduced nirmatrelvir activity by 91.9-fold (based on  $K_i$  value).

Limited SARS-CoV-2 sequencing data are available to characterize nirmatrelvir resistance in clinical trials. The SARS-CoV-2 Mpro substitutions A260V (n=3) or A260T (n=1) emerged in 4% (4/97) of nirmatrelvir/ritonavir treated subjects in clinical trial EPIC-HR with available sequence analysis data. A260T and A260V substitutions are infrequent natural polymorphisms in publicly available SARS-CoV-2 sequences (as of Dec 5, 2021). In a biochemical assay, the A260V Mpro substitution did not reduce nirmatrelvir activity ( $K_i$  fold-change  $< 1$ ).

Cross-resistance is not expected between nirmatrelvir and anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibodies or remdesivir based on their different mechanisms of action.

## **13 NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

### **13.1 Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility**

#### Nirmatrelvir

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with nirmatrelvir.

Nirmatrelvir was negative for mutagenic or clastogenic activity in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays including the Ames bacterial reverse mutation assay using *S. typhimurium* and *E. coli*, the *in vitro* micronucleus assay using human lymphoblastoid TK6 cells, and the *in vivo* rat micronucleus assays.

In a fertility and early embryonic development study, nirmatrelvir was administered orally to male and female rats at doses of 60, 200, or 1,000 mg/kg/day once daily beginning 14 days prior to mating, throughout the mating phase, and continued through GD 6 for females and for a total of 32 doses for

males. There were no effects on fertility, reproductive performance, or early embryonic development at doses up to 1,000 mg/kg/day, resulting in systemic exposure (AUC<sub>24</sub>) approximately 4 times higher than exposure at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

## Ritonavir

Carcinogenicity studies in mice and rats have been conducted on ritonavir. In male mice, at levels of 50, 100, or 200 mg/kg/day, there was a dose dependent increase in the incidence of both adenomas and combined adenomas and carcinomas in the liver. Based on AUC measurements, the exposure at the high dose was approximately 2 times higher (in males) than the exposure in humans at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. There were no carcinogenic effects seen in females at the dosages tested. The exposure at the high dose was approximately 4 times higher (in females) than the exposure in humans at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. In rats dosed at levels of 7, 15, or 30 mg/kg/day, there were no carcinogenic effects. In this study, the exposure at the high dose was approximately 36% that of the exposure in humans at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

Ritonavir was found to be negative for mutagenic or clastogenic activity in a battery of *in vitro* and *in vivo* assays including the Ames bacterial reverse mutation assay using *S. typhimurium* and *E. coli*, the mouse lymphoma assay, the mouse micronucleus test and chromosomal aberration assays in human lymphocytes.

Ritonavir produced no effects on fertility in rats at drug exposures approximately 2 (male) and 4 (female) times higher than the exposure in humans at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

## **13.2 Animal Toxicology and/or Pharmacology**

Studies with nirmatrelvir included repeat dose toxicity studies in rats (14 days) and monkeys (15 days). Repeated daily oral dosing in rats at up to 1,000 mg/kg/day resulted in non-adverse hematological, liver, and thyroid effects. All of the hematology and coagulation findings (i.e., increases in PT and APTT) had no clinical or microscopic correlates and all findings completely recovered at the end of the 2-week recovery period. The liver (i.e., minimal to mild periportal hepatocyte hypertrophy and vacuolation) and thyroid gland (i.e., thyroid follicular cell hypertrophy) findings were consistent with secondary adaptive effects related to microsomal enzyme-induced increase in thyroid hormone clearance in the liver, a mechanism that rats are known to be particularly sensitive to relative to humans. All of the findings observed in the liver and thyroid were low severity and occurred in the absence of correlating alterations in clinical pathology parameters, and all of these findings fully recovered. No adverse effects were observed at doses up to 1,000 mg/kg/day, resulting in systemic exposure approximately 4 times higher than exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID. Nirmatrelvir-related findings following repeat oral dosing in monkeys for 15 days were limited to emesis and increase in fibrinogen. Increased fibrinogen may be attributed to an inflammatory state but lacked a microscopic correlate. At the high dose of 600 mg/kg/day, the systemic exposure in monkeys was about 18 times higher than exposures at the authorized human dose of PAXLOVID.

## **14 CLINICAL STUDIES**

### **14.1 Efficacy in Subjects at High Risk of Progressing to Severe COVID-19 Illness**

The data supporting this EUA are based on the analysis of EPIC-HR (NCT04960202), a Phase 2/3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study in non-hospitalized symptomatic adult subjects with a laboratory confirmed diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection. Eligible subjects were 18 years of

age and older with at least 1 of the following risk factors for progression to severe disease: diabetes, overweight (BMI >25), chronic lung disease (including asthma), chronic kidney disease, current smoker, immunosuppressive disease or immunosuppressive treatment, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, sickle cell disease, neurodevelopmental disorders, active cancer, medically-related technological dependence, or were 60 years of age and older regardless of comorbidities. Subjects with COVID-19 symptom onset of ≤5 days were included in the study. Subjects were randomized (1:1) to receive PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir/ritonavir 300 mg/100 mg) or placebo orally every 12 hours for 5 days. The study excluded individuals with a history of prior COVID-19 infection or vaccination. The primary efficacy endpoint was the proportion of subjects with COVID-19 related hospitalization or death from any cause through Day 28. The analysis was conducted in the modified intent-to-treat (mITT) analysis set (all treated subjects with onset of symptoms ≤3 days who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment), the mITT1 analysis set (all treated subjects with onset of symptoms ≤5 days who at baseline did not receive nor were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic mAb treatment), and the mITT2 analysis set (all treated subjects with onset of symptoms ≤5 days).

A total of 2,246 subjects were randomized to receive either PAXLOVID or placebo. At baseline, mean age was 46 years; 51% were male; 72% were White, 5% were Black, and 14% were Asian; 45% were Hispanic or Latino; 66% of subjects had onset of symptoms ≤3 days from initiation of study treatment; 47% of subjects were serological negative at baseline; the mean (SD) baseline viral load was 4.63 log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL (2.87); 26% of subjects had a baseline viral load of >10<sup>7</sup> (units); 6% of subjects either received or were expected to receive COVID-19 therapeutic monoclonal antibody treatment at the time of randomization and were excluded from the mITT and mITT1 analyses.

The baseline demographic and disease characteristics were balanced between the PAXLOVID and placebo groups.

Table 7 provides results of the primary endpoint in mITT1 analysis population. For the primary endpoint, the relative risk reduction in the mITT1 analysis population for PAXLOVID compared to placebo was 88% (95% CI: 75%, 94%).

**Table 7: Efficacy Results in Non-Hospitalized Adults with COVID-19 Dosed within 5 Days of Symptom Onset who Did Not Receive COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment at Baseline (mITT1 Analysis Set)**

	<b>PAXLOVID</b> (N=1,039)	<b>Placebo</b> (N=1,046)
COVID-19 related hospitalization or death from any cause through Day 28		
n (%)	8 (0.8%)	66 (6.3%)
Reduction relative to placebo <sup>a</sup> [95% CI], %	-5.62 (-7.21, -4.03)	
All-cause mortality through Day 28, %	0	12 (1.1%)

Abbreviations: CI=confidence interval.

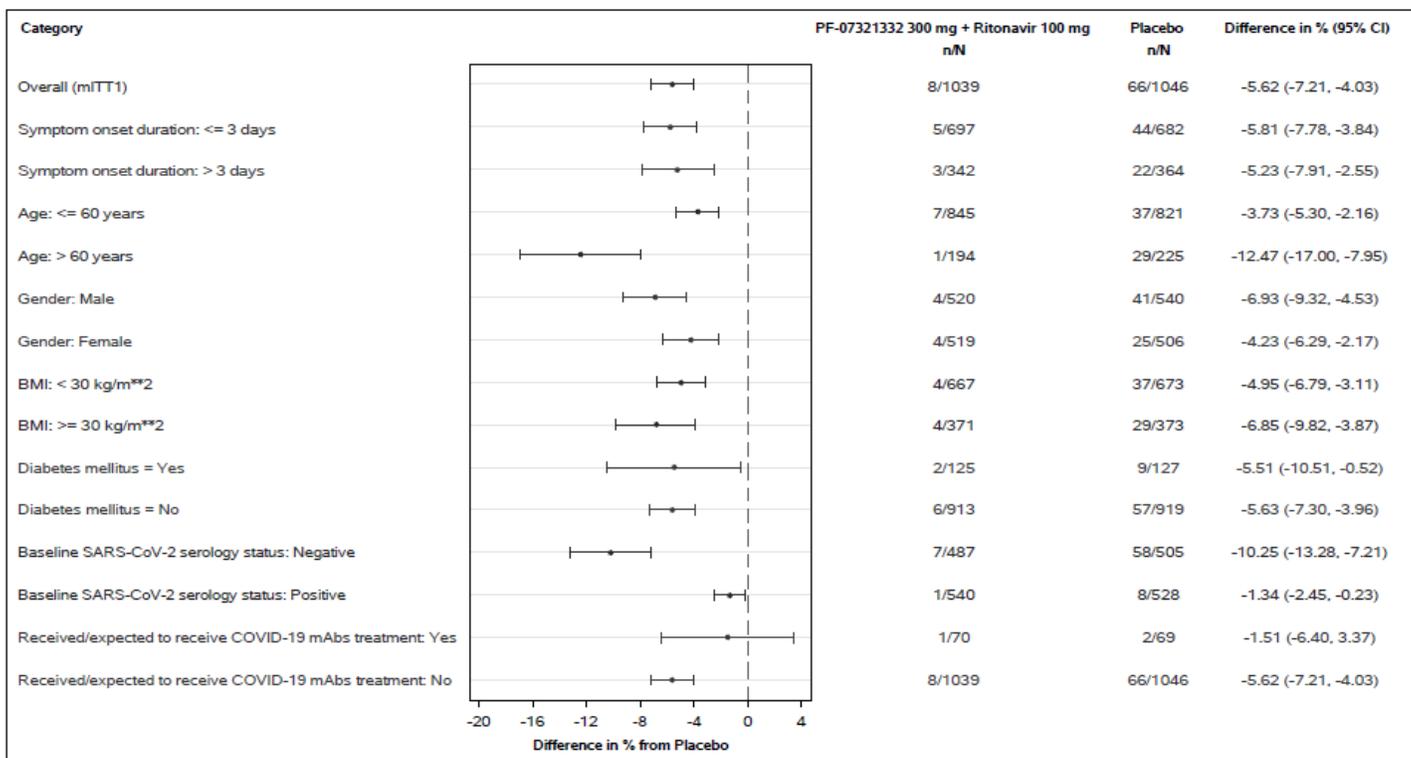
The determination of primary efficacy was based on a planned interim analysis of 780 subjects in mITT population. The estimated risk reduction was -6.3% with a 95% CI of (-9.0%, -3.6%) and 2-sided p-value <0.0001.

a. The estimated cumulative proportion of participants hospitalized or death by Day 28 was calculated for each treatment group using the Kaplan-Meier method, where subjects without hospitalization and death status through Day 28 were censored at the time of study discontinuation.

Consistent results were observed in the mITT and mITT2 analysis populations. A total of 1,379 subjects were included in the mITT analysis population. The event rates were 5/697 (0.72%) in the PAXLOVID group, and 44/682 (6.45%) in the placebo group. The primary SARS-CoV-2 variant across both treatment arms was Delta (98%), including clades 21J, 21A, and 21I.

Similar trends have been observed across subgroups of subjects (see Figure 1). These subgroup analyses are considered exploratory.

**Figure 1: Adults with COVID-19 Dosed within 5 Days of Symptom Onset with COVID-19-Related Hospitalization or Death from Any Cause Through Day 28 (Protocol C4671005)**



N=number of participants in the category of the analysis set.

All categories are based on mITT1 population except for COVID-19 mAb treatment which is based on mITT2 population.

Seropositivity was defined if results were positive in either Elecsys anti-SARS-CoV-2 S or Elecsys anti-SARS-CoV-2 (N) assay.

The difference of the proportions in the 2 treatment groups and its 95% confidence interval based on Normal approximation of the data are presented.

Relative to placebo, PAXLOVID treatment was associated with an approximately 0.9 log<sub>10</sub> copies/mL greater decline in viral RNA levels in nasopharyngeal samples through Day 5, with similar results observed in the mITT, mITT1, and mITT2 analysis populations.

## 16 HOW SUPPLIED/STORAGE AND HANDLING

### How Supplied

PAXLOVID is nirmatrelvir tablets co-packaged with ritonavir tablets.

- Nirmatrelvir tablets, 150 mg are oval, pink immediate-release, film-coated tablets debossed with “PFE” on one side and “3CL” on the other side.
- Ritonavir tablets, 100 mg are white film-coated ovaloid tablets debossed with the "a" logo and the code NK.

Nirmatrelvir tablets and ritonavir tablets are supplied in separate blister cavities within the same child-resistant blister card.

Each carton contains 30 tablets divided in 5 daily-dose blister cards (NDC number: 0069-1085-30).

Each daily blister card (NDC number: 0069-1085-06) contains 4 nirmatrelvir tablets (150 mg each) and 2 ritonavir tablets (100 mg each) and indicates which tablets need to be taken in the morning and evening.

### Storage and Handling

Store at USP controlled room temperature 20°C to 25°C (68°F to 77°F); excursions permitted between 15°C to 30°C (59°F to 86°F).

## **17 PATIENT COUNSELING INFORMATION**

As a healthcare practitioner, you must communicate to the patient and/or caregiver information consistent with the “FACT SHEET FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS” and provide them with a copy of this Fact Sheet prior to administration of PAXLOVID.

### Use in Patients with Renal Impairment

No dose adjustment is needed in patients with mild renal impairment.

To ensure appropriate dosing in patients with moderate renal impairment, instruct such patients that they will be taking one 150 mg nirmatrelvir tablet with one 100 mg ritonavir tablet together twice daily for 5 days. Instruct patients that the pharmacist will alter their daily blister cards to ensure they receive the correct dose.

**Pharmacist should refer to the provided instructions entitled “IMPORTANT PAXLOVID™ EUA DISPENSING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH MODERATE RENAL IMPAIRMENT” for dispensing of PAXLOVID to patients with moderate renal impairment [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*].**

Appropriate dosage for patients with severe renal impairment has not been determined [see *Dosage and Administration (2.2)*, *Use in Specific Populations (8.6)*, and *Clinical Pharmacology (12.3)*].

### Drug Interactions

Inform patients that PAXLOVID may interact with some drugs and is contraindicated for use with some drugs; therefore, patients should be advised to report to their healthcare provider the use of any prescription, non-prescription medication, or herbal products [see *Dosage and Administration (2.4)*, *Contraindications (4)*, *Warnings and Precautions (5.1)*, and *Drug Interactions (7)*].

### Administration Instructions

Inform patients to take PAXLOVID with or without food as instructed. Advise patients to swallow all tablets for PAXLOVID whole and not to chew, break, or crush the tablets. Alert the patient of the importance of completing the full 5-day treatment course and to continuing isolation in accordance with public health recommendations to maximize viral clearance and minimize transmission of SARS-CoV-2. If the patient misses a dose of PAXLOVID within 8 hours of the time it is usually taken, the patient should take it as soon as possible and resume the normal dosing schedule. If the patient misses a dose by more than 8 hours, the patient should not take the missed dose and instead take

the next dose at the regularly scheduled time. The patient should not double the dose to make up for a missed dose [see *Dosage and Administration (2.1)*].

## 18 MANUFACTURER INFORMATION

For general questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

Website	Telephone number
<p data-bbox="240 411 620 445"><a href="http://www.COVID19oralRx.com">www.COVID19oralRx.com</a></p> 	<p data-bbox="971 499 1240 583">1-877-219-7225 (1-877-C19-PACK)</p>

For Medical Information about PAXLOVID, please visit [www.pfizermedinfo.com](http://www.pfizermedinfo.com) or call 1-800-438-1985.



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## **FACT SHEET FOR PATIENTS, PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS**

### **EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF PAXLOVID FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

You are being given this Fact Sheet because your healthcare provider believes it is necessary to provide you with PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease (COVID-19) caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus. This Fact Sheet contains information to help you understand the risks and benefits of taking the PAXLOVID you have received or may receive.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to make PAXLOVID available during the COVID-19 pandemic (for more details about an EUA please see “**What is an Emergency Use Authorization?**” at the end of this document). PAXLOVID is not an FDA-approved medicine in the United States. Read this Fact Sheet for information about PAXLOVID. Talk to your healthcare provider about your options or if you have any questions. It is your choice to take PAXLOVID.

#### **What is COVID-19?**

COVID-19 is caused by a virus called a coronavirus. You can get COVID-19 through close contact with another person who has the virus.

COVID-19 illnesses have ranged from very mild-to-severe, including illness resulting in death. While information so far suggests that most COVID-19 illness is mild, serious illness can happen and may cause some of your other medical conditions to become worse. Older people and people of all ages with severe, long lasting (chronic) medical conditions like heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes, for example seem to be at higher risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19.

#### **What is PAXLOVID?**

PAXLOVID is an investigational medicine used to treat mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and children [12 years of age and older weighing at least 88 pounds (40 kg)] with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death. PAXLOVID is investigational because it is still being studied. There is limited information about the safety and effectiveness of using PAXLOVID to treat people with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

The FDA has authorized the emergency use of PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and children [12 years of age and older weighing at least 88 pounds (40 kg)] with a positive test for the virus that causes COVID-19, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, under an EUA.

## What should I tell my healthcare provider before I take PAXLOVID?

### Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have any allergies
- Have liver or kidney disease
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding a child
- Have any serious illnesses

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Some medicines may interact with PAXLOVID and may cause serious side effects. Keep a list of your medicines to show your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with PAXLOVID. **Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider.** Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take PAXLOVID with other medicines.

### **Tell your healthcare provider if you are taking combined hormonal contraceptive.**

PAXLOVID may affect how your birth control pills work. Females who are able to become pregnant should use another effective alternative form of contraception or an additional barrier method of contraception. Talk to your healthcare provider if you have any questions about contraceptive methods that might be right for you.

### How do I take PAXLOVID?

- PAXLOVID consists of 2 medicines: nirmatrelvir and ritonavir.
  - Take 2 pink tablets of nirmatrelvir with 1 white tablet of ritonavir by mouth 2 times each day (in the morning and in the evening) for 5 days. **For each dose, take all 3 tablets at the same time.**
  - **If you have kidney disease, talk to your healthcare provider. You may need a different dose.**
- Swallow the tablets whole. Do not chew, break, or crush the tablets.
- Take PAXLOVID with or without food.
- Do not stop taking PAXLOVID without talking to your healthcare provider, even if you feel better.
- If you miss a dose of PAXLOVID within 8 hours of the time it is usually taken, take it as soon as you remember. If you miss a dose by more than 8 hours, skip the missed dose and take the next dose at your regular time. Do not take 2 doses of PAXLOVID at the same time.
- If you take too much PAXLOVID, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.
- If you are taking a ritonavir- or cobicistat-containing medicine to treat hepatitis C or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), you should continue to take your medicine as prescribed by your healthcare provider.

Talk to your healthcare provider if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 5 days.

## Who should generally not take PAXLOVID?

### Do not take PAXLOVID if:

- You are allergic to nirmatrelvir, ritonavir, or any of the ingredients in PAXLOVID.
- You are taking any of the following medicines:
  - Alfuzosin
  - Pethidine, piroxicam, propoxyphene
  - Ranolazine
  - Amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine
  - Colchicine
  - Lurasidone, pimozone, clozapine
  - Dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine
  - Lovastatin, simvastatin
  - Sildenafil (Revatio®) for pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH)
  - Triazolam, oral midazolam
  - Apalutamide
  - Carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin
  - Rifampin
  - St. John's Wort (*hypericum perforatum*)

Taking PAXLOVID with these medicines may cause serious or life-threatening side effects or affect how PAXLOVID works.

These are not the only medicines that may cause serious side effects if taken with PAXLOVID. PAXLOVID may increase or decrease the levels of multiple other medicines. It is very important to tell your healthcare provider about all of the medicines you are taking because additional laboratory tests or changes in the dose of your other medicines may be necessary while you are taking PAXLOVID. Your healthcare provider may also tell you about specific symptoms to watch out for that may indicate that you need to stop or decrease the dose of some of your other medicines.

## What are the important possible side effects of PAXLOVID?

### Possible side effects of PAXLOVID are:

- **Liver Problems.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these signs and symptoms of liver problems: loss of appetite, yellowing of your skin and the whites of eyes (jaundice), dark-colored urine, pale colored stools and itchy skin, stomach area (abdominal) pain.
- **Resistance to HIV Medicines.** If you have untreated HIV infection, PAXLOVID may lead to some HIV medicines not working as well in the future.

- **Other possible side effects include:**

- altered sense of taste
- diarrhea
- high blood pressure
- muscle aches

These are not all the possible side effects of PAXLOVID. Not many people have taken PAXLOVID. Serious and unexpected side effects may happen. PAXLOVID is still being studied, so it is possible that all of the risks are not known at this time.

**What other treatment choices are there?**

Like PAXLOVID, FDA may allow for the emergency use of other medicines to treat people with COVID-19. Go to <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization> for information on the emergency use of other medicines that are authorized by FDA to treat people with COVID-19. Your healthcare provider may talk with you about clinical trials for which you may be eligible.

It is your choice to be treated or not to be treated with PAXLOVID. Should you decide not to receive it or for your child not to receive it, it will not change your standard medical care.

**What if I am pregnant or breastfeeding?**

There is no experience treating pregnant women or breastfeeding mothers with PAXLOVID. For a mother and unborn baby, the benefit of taking PAXLOVID may be greater than the risk from the treatment. If you are pregnant, discuss your options and specific situation with your healthcare provider.

It is recommended that you use effective barrier contraception or do not have sexual activity while taking PAXLOVID.

If you are breastfeeding, discuss your options and specific situation with your healthcare provider.

**How do I report side effects with PAXLOVID?**

Contact your healthcare provider if you have any side effects that bother you or do not go away.

Report side effects to **FDA MedWatch** at [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) or call 1-800-FDA-1088 or you can report side effects to Pfizer Inc. at the contact information provided below.

Website	Fax number	Telephone number
<a href="http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com">www.pfizersafetyreporting.com</a>	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

**How should I store PAXLOVID?**

Store PAXLOVID tablets at room temperature, between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

**How can I learn more about COVID-19?**

- Ask your healthcare provider.
- Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>.
- Contact your local or state public health department.

**What is an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)?**

The United States FDA has made PAXLOVID available under an emergency access mechanism called an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The EUA is supported by a Secretary of Health and Human Service (HHS) declaration that circumstances exist to justify the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and children [12 years of age and older weighing at least 88 pounds (40 kg)] with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, has not undergone the same type of review as an FDA-approved product. In issuing an EUA under the COVID-19 public health emergency, the FDA has determined, among other things, that based on the total amount of scientific evidence available including data from adequate and well-controlled clinical trials, if available, it is reasonable to believe that the product may be effective for diagnosing, treating, or preventing COVID-19, or a serious or life-threatening disease or condition caused by COVID-19; that the known and potential benefits of the product, when used to diagnose, treat, or prevent such disease or condition, outweigh the known and potential risks of such product; and that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives.

All of these criteria must be met to allow for the product to be used in the treatment of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The EUA for PAXLOVID is in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 declaration justifying emergency use of this product, unless terminated or revoked (after which the products may no longer be used under the EUA).

### Additional Information

For general questions, visit the website or call the telephone number provided below.

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## HOJA INFORMATIVA PARA PACIENTES, PADRES Y CUIDADORES

### AUTORIZACIÓN DE USO DE EMERGENCIA (EUA) DE PAXLOVID PARA LA ENFERMEDAD POR CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

Se le entrega esta hoja informativa porque su proveedor de atención médica considera que es necesario proporcionarle PAXLOVID para el tratamiento de la enfermedad por coronavirus (la COVID-19) de leve a moderada causada por el virus SARS-CoV-2. Esta hoja informativa contiene información para ayudarlo a comprender los riesgos y beneficios de tomar PAXLOVID que ha recibido o que puede recibir.

La Administración de Alimentos y Medicamentos (Food and Drug Administration, FDA) de los EE. UU. ha emitido una Autorización de uso de emergencia (Emergency Use Authorization, EUA) para que PAXLOVID esté disponible durante la pandemia de COVID-19 (para obtener más detalles sobre una EUA, consulte “**¿Qué es una Autorización de uso de emergencia?**” al final de este documento). PAXLOVID no es un medicamento aprobado por la FDA en los Estados Unidos. Lea esta hoja informativa para obtener información sobre PAXLOVID. Hable con su proveedor de atención médica sobre sus opciones o si tiene alguna pregunta. Usted es quien decide tomar PAXLOVID.

#### **¿Qué es la COVID-19?**

La COVID-19 es causada por un virus llamado coronavirus. Puede contraer la COVID-19 a través del contacto cercano con otra persona que tenga el virus.

Las enfermedades por la COVID-19 han variado de muy leves a graves, incluida la enfermedad que provoca la muerte. Si bien la información obtenida hasta el momento sugiere que la mayoría de las enfermedades por la COVID-19 son leves, pueden ocurrir enfermedades graves y algunas de sus otras afecciones médicas pueden empeorar. Las personas mayores y las personas de todas las edades con afecciones médicas graves y de larga duración (crónicas) como cardiopatía, enfermedad pulmonar y diabetes, por ejemplo, parecen tener un mayor riesgo de ser hospitalizadas por la COVID-19.

#### **¿Qué es PAXLOVID?**

PAXLOVID es un medicamento en fase de investigación utilizado para tratar la COVID-19 de leve a moderada en adultos y niños [12 años de edad y mayores con un peso de al menos 88 libras (40 kg)] con resultados positivos en las pruebas virales directas del SARS-CoV-2 y que tienen un alto riesgo de progreso a la COVID-19 grave, incluidas la hospitalización o la muerte. PAXLOVID está en fase de investigación porque aún se está estudiando. Existe información limitada sobre la seguridad y la efectividad del uso de PAXLOVID para tratar a personas con COVID-19 de leve a moderada.

La FDA ha autorizado el uso de emergencia de PAXLOVID para el tratamiento de la COVID-19 de leve a moderada en adultos y niños [12 años de edad o más con un peso mínimo de 88 libras (40 kg)] con una prueba positiva para el virus que causa la

COVID-19, y que tienen un alto riesgo de progreso a la COVID-19 grave, incluida la hospitalización o la muerte, bajo una EUA.

## ¿Qué debo decirle a mi proveedor de atención médica antes de tomar PAXLOVID?

### Informe a su proveedor de atención médica si:

- tiene alguna alergia;
- tiene enfermedad hepática o renal;
- está embarazada o planea quedar embarazada;
- está amamantando a un niño;
- tiene alguna enfermedad grave.

**Informe a su proveedor de atención médica sobre todos los medicamentos que toma**, incluidos los medicamentos con receta y de venta libre, vitaminas y suplementos herbarios.

Algunos medicamentos pueden interactuar con PAXLOVID y pueden causar efectos secundarios graves. Lleve una lista de sus medicamentos para mostrarle a su proveedor de atención médica y farmacia cuando reciba un nuevo medicamento.

Puede pedirle a su proveedor de atención médica o farmacéutico una lista de medicamentos que interactúan con PAXLOVID. **No comience a tomar un nuevo medicamento sin informar a su proveedor de atención médica.** Su proveedor de atención médica puede decirle si es seguro tomar PAXLOVID con otros medicamentos.

**Informe a su proveedor de atención médica si está tomando anticonceptivos hormonales combinados.** PAXLOVID puede afectar la manera en que actúan sus píldoras anticonceptivas. Las mujeres que pueden quedar embarazadas deben usar otro método anticonceptivo alternativo eficaz o un método anticonceptivo de barrera adicional. Hable con su proveedor de atención médica si tiene preguntas sobre los métodos anticonceptivos que podrían ser adecuados para usted.

## ¿Cómo tomo PAXLOVID?

- PAXLOVID consiste en 2 medicamentos: nirmatrelvir y ritonavir.
  - Tome 2 comprimidos rosados de nirmatrelvir con 1 comprimido blanco de ritonavir por boca 2 veces al día (por la mañana y por la noche) durante 5 días. **Para cada dosis, tome los 3 comprimidos al mismo tiempo.**
  - **Si tiene nefropatía, hable con su proveedor de atención médica. Es posible que necesite una dosis diferente.**
- Trague los comprimidos enteros. No mastique, rompa ni triture los comprimidos.
- Tome PAXLOVID con o sin alimentos.
- No deje de tomar PAXLOVID sin hablar con su proveedor de atención médica, incluso si se siente mejor.
- Si omite una dosis de PAXLOVID dentro de las 8 horas de la hora en que se toma habitualmente, tómela tan pronto como lo recuerde. Si omite una dosis y

han transcurrido más de 8 horas, salte esa dosis y tome la siguiente a la hora habitual. No tome 2 dosis de PAXLOVID al mismo tiempo.

- Si toma demasiada cantidad de PAXLOVID, llame a su proveedor de atención médica o acuda a la sala de emergencias del hospital más cercano de inmediato.
- Si está tomando un medicamento que contiene ritonavir o cobicistat para tratar la hepatitis C o el virus de la inmunodeficiencia humana (VIH), debe continuar tomando su medicamento según las indicaciones de su proveedor de atención médica.

Hable con su proveedor de atención médica si no se siente mejor o si se siente peor después de 5 días.

### ¿Quiénes generalmente no deben tomar PAXLOVID?

#### No tome PAXLOVID si:

- Usted es alérgico al nirmatrelvir, al ritonavir o a cualquiera de los ingredientes de PAXLOVID.
- Está tomando alguno de los siguientes medicamentos:
  - alfuzosina;
  - petidina, piroxicam, propoxifeno;
  - ranolazina;
  - amiodarona, dronedarona, flecainida, propafenona, quinidina;
  - colchicina;
  - lurasidona, pimozida, clozapina;
  - dihidroergotamina, ergotamina, metilergonovina;
  - lovastatina, simvastatina;
  - sildenafil (Revatio®) para la hipertensión arterial pulmonar (HAP);
  - triazolam, midazolam oral;
  - apalutamida;
  - carbamazepina, fenobarbital, fenitoína;
  - rifampina;
  - hierba de San Juan (*Hypericum perforatum*).

Tomar PAXLOVID con estos medicamentos puede causar efectos secundarios graves o potencialmente mortales o afectar la forma en que funciona PAXLOVID.

Estos no son los únicos medicamentos que pueden causar efectos secundarios graves si se toman con PAXLOVID. PAXLOVID puede aumentar o disminuir los niveles de otros múltiples medicamentos. Es muy importante que informe a su proveedor de atención médica acerca de todos los medicamentos que está tomando porque es posible que se necesiten análisis de laboratorio adicionales o cambios en la dosis de sus otros medicamentos mientras toma PAXLOVID. Su proveedor de atención médica también puede informarle sobre los síntomas específicos que debe tener en cuenta y que pueden indicar que debe interrumpir o disminuir la dosis de algunos de sus otros medicamentos.

## ¿Cuáles son los posibles efectos secundarios importantes de PAXLOVID?

### Los posibles efectos secundarios de PAXLOVID son los siguientes:

- **Problemas hepáticos.** Informe de inmediato a su proveedor de atención médica si tiene alguno de estos signos y síntomas de problemas hepáticos: pérdida del apetito, coloración amarillenta de la piel y la parte blanca de los ojos (ictericia), orina de color oscuro, heces de color pálido y picazón en la piel, dolor en el área del estómago (abdominal).
- **Resistencia a los medicamentos contra el VIH.** Si tiene una infección por VIH sin tratar, PAXLOVID puede provocar que algunos medicamentos para el VIH no funcionen tan bien en el futuro.
- **Otros posibles efectos secundarios incluyen:**
  - sentido del gusto alterado;
  - diarrea;
  - presión arterial alta;
  - dolores musculares.

Estos no son todos los posibles efectos secundarios de PAXLOVID. No muchas personas han tomado PAXLOVID. Pueden producirse efectos secundarios graves e inesperados. PAXLOVID aún se está estudiando, por lo que es posible que se desconozcan todos los riesgos en este momento.

### ¿Qué otras opciones de tratamiento hay?

Al igual que PAXLOVID, la FDA puede permitir el uso de emergencia de otros medicamentos para tratar a personas con COVID-19. Visite <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization> para obtener información sobre el uso de emergencia de otros medicamentos que están autorizados por la FDA para tratar a personas con COVID-19. Su proveedor de atención médica puede hablar con usted acerca de los ensayos clínicos para los que puede ser elegible.

Es su elección ser tratado o no con PAXLOVID. Si decide no recibirlo o que su hijo no lo reciba, esto no cambiará su atención médica estándar.

### ¿Qué ocurre si estoy embarazada o en período de lactancia?

No hay experiencia en el tratamiento de mujeres embarazadas o madres lactantes con PAXLOVID. Para una madre y un bebé en gestación, el beneficio de tomar PAXLOVID puede ser mayor que el riesgo del tratamiento. Si está embarazada, analice sus opciones y situación específica con su proveedor de atención médica.

Se recomienda que use un método anticonceptivo de barrera eficaz o que no tenga actividad sexual mientras tome PAXLOVID.

Si está en período de lactancia, analice sus opciones y situación específica con su proveedor de atención médica.

### ¿Cómo debo informar los efectos secundarios con PAXLOVID?

Comuníquese con su proveedor de atención médica si tiene algún efecto secundario que le moleste o no desaparezca.

Informe los efectos secundarios a la **FDA MedWatch** en [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) o llame al 1-800-FDA-1088 o puede informar los efectos secundarios a Pfizer Inc. a la información de contacto que se proporciona a continuación.

Sitio web	Número de fax	Número de teléfono
<a href="http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com">www.pfizersafetyreporting.com</a>	1-866-635-8337	1-800-438-1985

### ¿Cómo debo almacenar PAXLOVID?

Almacene los comprimidos de PAXLOVID a temperatura ambiente, entre 68°F y 77°F (20°C y 25°C).

### ¿Cómo puedo obtener más información sobre la COVID-19?

- Pregunte a su proveedor de atención médica
- Visite <https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19>.
- Póngase en contacto con su departamento de salud pública local o estatal.

### ¿Qué es una Autorización de uso de emergencia (EUA)?

La FDA de los Estados Unidos ha puesto a disposición PAXLOVID con un mecanismo de acceso de emergencia llamado Autorización de uso de emergencia (EUA). La EUA es respaldada por la declaración de la Secretaría de Salud y Servicios Humanos (Health and Human Service, HHS) de que existen circunstancias para justificar el uso de fármacos y productos biológicos durante la pandemia de COVID-19.

PAXLOVID para el tratamiento de la COVID-19 de leve a moderada en adultos y niños [12 años de edad o más con un peso mínimo de 88 libras (40 kg)] con resultados positivos en las pruebas virales directas del SARS-CoV-2 y que tienen un alto riesgo de progresión a la COVID-19 grave, incluida la hospitalización o la muerte, no se ha sometido al mismo tipo de revisión que un producto aprobado por la FDA. Al emitir una EUA en virtud de la emergencia de salud pública por la COVID-19, la FDA ha determinado, entre otras cosas, que en función de la cantidad total de evidencia científica disponible, incluidos datos de ensayos clínicos adecuados y bien controlados, si está disponible, es razonable creer que el producto puede ser eficaz para el diagnóstico, tratando, o prevenir la COVID-19, o una enfermedad o afección grave o potencialmente mortal causada por la COVID-19; que los beneficios conocidos y potenciales del producto, cuando se usan para diagnosticar, tratar, o prevenir dicha enfermedad o afección, superan los riesgos conocidos y potenciales de dicho producto; y que no hay un nivel adecuado, aprobado, y alternativas disponibles.

Todos estos criterios deben cumplirse para permitir que el producto se utilice en el tratamiento de pacientes durante la pandemia de COVID-19. La EUA para PAXLOVID está en vigor durante la vigencia de la declaración de la COVID-19 que justifica el uso de emergencia de este producto, a menos que se rescinda o se revoque (después de lo cual ya no se podrán usar los productos en virtud de la EUA).

**Información Adicional**

Para preguntas generales, visitar el sitio web o llamar al número de teléfono que se indica a continuación.

Sitio web	Número de teléfono
<p data-bbox="305 615 683 646"><a href="http://www.COVID19oralRx.com">www.COVID19oralRx.com</a></p> 	<p data-bbox="1036 699 1305 785">1-877-219-7225 (1-877-C19-PACK)</p>

También puede visitar [www.pfizermedinfo.com](http://www.pfizermedinfo.com) o llamar al 1-800-438-1985 para obtener más información.



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## IMPORTANT PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

Subject: PAXLOVID Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) dosing and dispensing in moderate renal impairment, and risk of serious adverse reactions due to drug interactions

Dear Healthcare Provider,

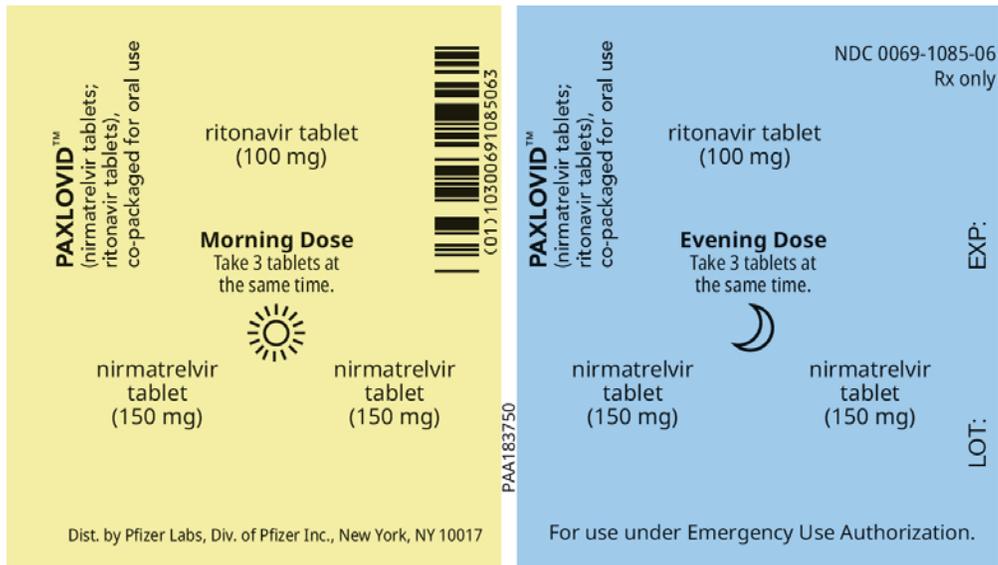
The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the EUA dosing and dispensing requirements for patients with moderate renal impairment, and the potential for drug-drug interactions associated with PAXLOVID (nirmatrelvir tablets; ritonavir tablets). PAXLOVID contains two different drugs that are co-packaged in a daily blister card for oral use.

The dosage for PAXLOVID is as follows:

eGFR*	PAXLOVID Dose
Greater than 60 mL/min ( <i>normal renal function or mild renal impairment</i> )	300 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir, taken twice daily for 5 days
≥30 to <60 mL/min ( <i>moderate renal impairment</i> )	150 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir, taken twice daily for 5 days
<30 mL/min ( <i>severe renal impairment</i> )	PAXLOVID is not recommended (the appropriate dose has not been determined).

\*eGFR=estimated glomerular filtration rate based on the Chronic Kidney Disease-Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI) formula

Each daily blister card contains a morning and evening dose, with each dose consisting of 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two oval, pink 150 mg tablets) and 100 mg ritonavir (one ovaloid, white 100 mg tablet) as shown in Figure A below, which is incongruent with the moderate renal impairment dose.



**Figure A: Blister card containing morning and evening dose for normal renal function or mild renal impairment**

Each daily blister card contains more nirmatrelvir tablets than are needed for dosing in patients with moderate renal impairment. **It is critical that all prescriptions specify the numeric dose for each active ingredient within PAXLOVID as follows:**

- **PAXLOVID 150 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir for patients with moderate renal impairment, or**
- **PAXLOVID 300 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir for patients with normal renal function or mild renal impairment**

**Dispensing information in patients with moderate renal impairment:**

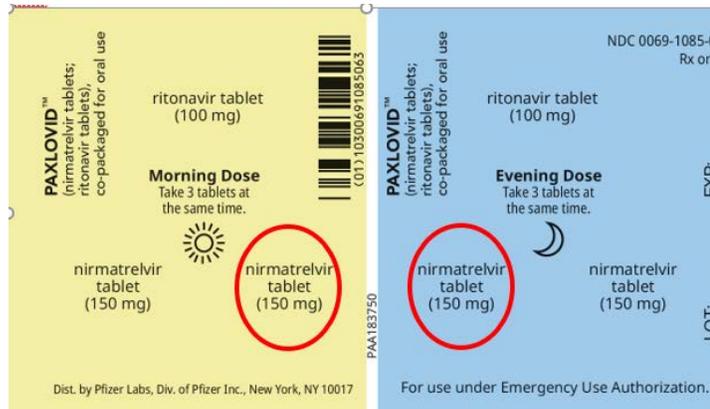
Each shipment of PAXLOVID will be accompanied with **instructions, for pharmacists to remove the unneeded, additional nirmatrelvir tablets, and with stickers to affix to each daily blister card as well as the carton** when dispensing PAXLOVID to patients with moderate renal impairment (see below for image of dispensing instructions).

**Pharmacists** should ensure that they refer to the instructions entitled “IMPORTANT PAXLOVID™ DISPENSING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH MODERATE RENAL IMPAIRMENT” regarding specific instructions on tablet removal and proper sticker placement. In addition, **pharmacists should counsel patients** about renal dosing instructions and notify them that their blister cards have been altered at the pharmacy.

## IMPORTANT PAXLOVID™ EUA DISPENSING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH **MODERATE RENAL IMPAIRMENT**

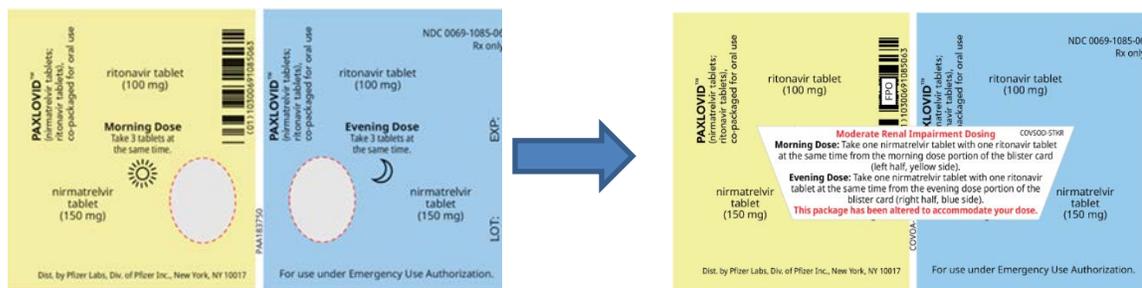
To dispense PAXLOVID dose (150 mg nirmatrelvir with 100 mg ritonavir) for moderate renal impairment, pharmacist should:

**STEP ONE:** Remove one of the 150 mg nirmatrelvir tablets from the morning dose and remove one of the 150 mg nirmatrelvir tablets from the evening dose of the blister card (see figure 1 below). The nirmatrelvir tablets that are removed should be the ones closest to the middle of the blister pack.



**Figure 1: Remove the nirmatrelvir tablets circled in red from the blister card**

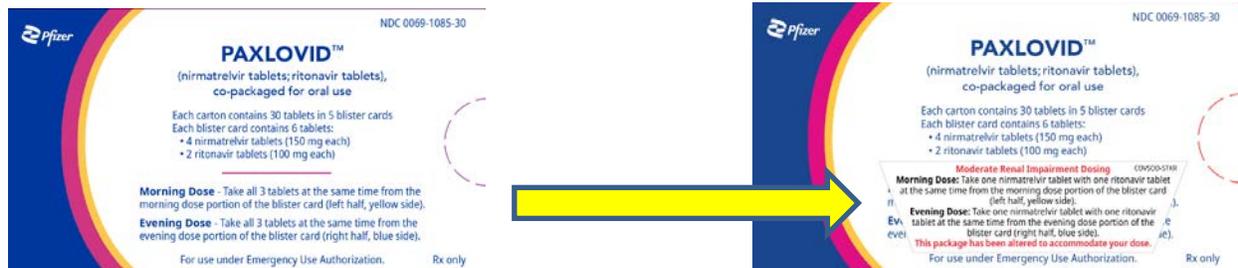
**STEP TWO:** Affix the blister card with one sticker from the provided tear pad to carefully cover the empty blister cavities as shown in figure 2 below. The exact placement of this sticker is important to cover the empty blister cavities from the tablets. Ensure the sticker also covers the pre-printed dosing instruction that is on the blister card.



**Figure 2: Placement of sticker over empty blister cavities and pre-printed dosing instruction after removal of nirmatrelvir tablets**

**STEP THREE:** Repeat steps one and two for every blister card in the carton (each carton contains five blister cards for a full 5-day dosing regimen).

**STEP FOUR:** Affix one sticker from the provided tear pad to carefully cover over the pre-printed dosing regimen on the carton as shown in figure 3 below:



**Figure 3: Placement of sticker over pre-printed dosing regimen on carton**

Patients with moderate renal impairment should be instructed to take only one 150-mg nirmatrelvir tablet with one 100-mg ritonavir tablet together twice daily for 5 days. **Patients with moderate renal impairment should be notified that their blister cards have been altered by their pharmacist to remove unneeded tablets.**

### **Risk of Serious Adverse Reactions Due to Drug Interactions:**

Use of PAXLOVID, a CYP3A inhibitor, in patients receiving concomitant medications metabolized by CYP3A may increase the plasma concentrations of those concomitant medications.

Use of concomitant medications that inhibit or induce CYP3A may increase or decrease concentrations of PAXLOVID, respectively.

These interactions may lead to:

- Clinically significant adverse reactions, potentially leading to severe, life-threatening, or fatal events from greater exposures of concomitant medications.
- Clinically significant adverse reactions from greater exposures of PAXLOVID.
- Loss of therapeutic effect of PAXLOVID and possible development of viral resistance.

See the current EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers for clinically significant drug interactions, including **contraindicated** drugs. Consider the potential for drug interactions prior to and during PAXLOVID therapy; review concomitant medications during PAXLOVID therapy and monitor for the adverse reactions associated with the concomitant medications.

Prescribers and pharmacists should inform patients that PAXLOVID may interact with some drugs and is **contraindicated** for use with some drugs; therefore, patients should be advised to report to their healthcare provider the use of any prescription or non-prescription medication or herbal products.

### **Indication & Authorized Use:**

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the emergency use of the unapproved product PAXLOVID for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) viral testing, and who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.

For information on medical conditions and factors associated with increased risk for progression to severe COVID-19, see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>.

Healthcare providers should consider the benefit-risk for an individual patient.

**Limitations of Authorized Use:**

- PAXLOVID is not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for pre-exposure or post-exposure prophylaxis for prevention of COVID-19.
- PAXLOVID is not authorized for use for longer than 5 consecutive days.

PAXLOVID may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which PAXLOVID belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).

Patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19 after starting treatment with PAXLOVID may complete the full 5-day treatment course per the healthcare provider's discretion.

**Reporting Adverse Events and Medication Errors:**

Under the EUA, all serious adverse events and all medication errors potentially related to PAXLOVID must be reported.

Serious adverse event reports and medication error reports should be submitted to FDA's MedWatch program using one of the following methods:

- Complete and submit the report online: [www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm), or
- Complete and submit a postage-paid Form FDA 3500 (<https://www.fda.gov/media/76299/download>) and return by mail (MedWatch, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 208529787, or by fax (1-800-FDA-0178), or
- Call 1-800-FDA-1088 to request a reporting form. Please provide a copy of all FDA MedWatch forms to Pfizer via fax (1-866-635-8337), telephone (1-800-438-1985) or website [www.pfizersafetyreporting.com](http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com)

The PAXLOVID EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers is available at [www.COVID19oralRx.com](http://www.COVID19oralRx.com) or by scanning the QR Code below:



Sincerely,

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Eddie G M Power PhD MBA GFMD  
Vice President, North America Medical Affairs

# IMPORTANT PAXLOVID™ EUA DISPENSING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS WITH MODERATE RENAL IMPAIRMENT

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Do not discard this page.

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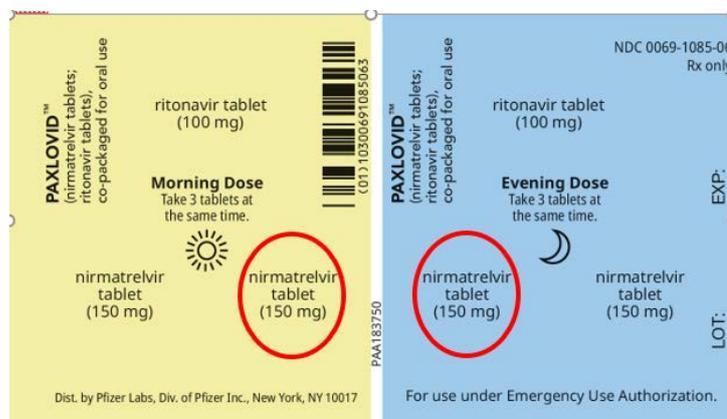


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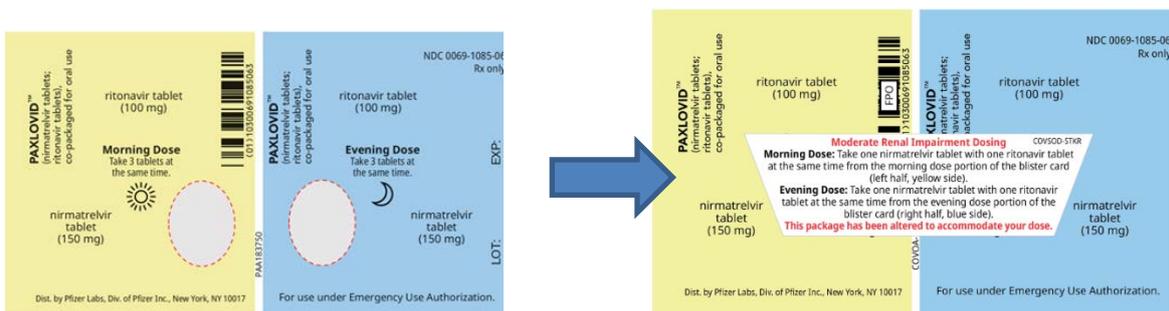
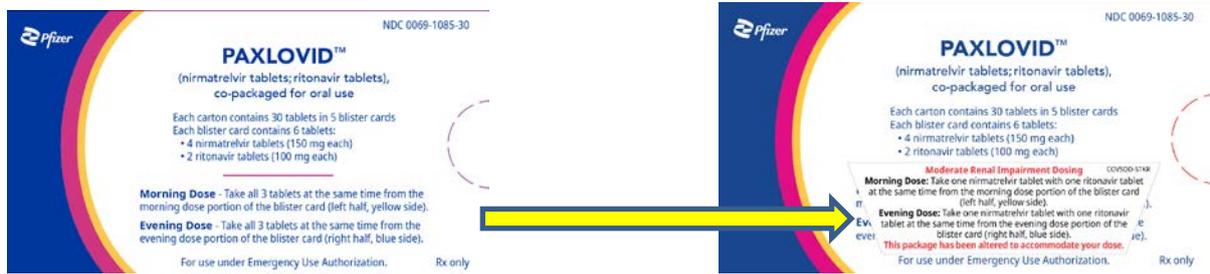


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See reverse side for additional instructions.

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**How to obtain additional stickers:** Pharmacies needing additional pads should contact [C19therapies@amerisourcebergen.com](mailto:C19therapies@amerisourcebergen.com).

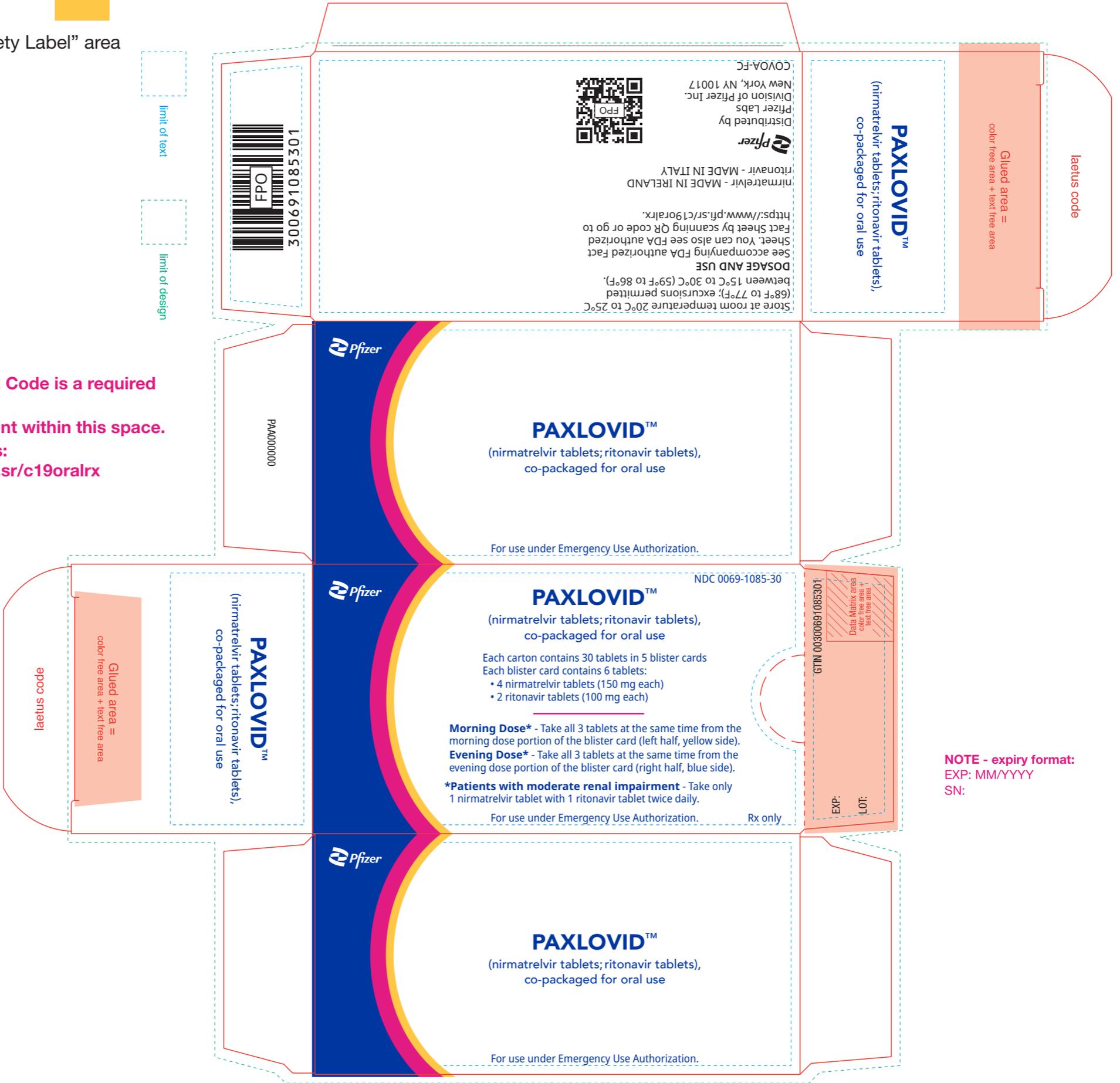
For further information, including how to report adverse events and all medication errors, please refer to the EUA Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers.



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Take 3 tablets at  
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**Morning Dose:** Take one nirmatrelvir tablet with one ritonavir tablet at the same time from the morning dose portion of the blister card (left half, yellow side).  
**Evening Dose:** Take one nirmatrelvir tablet with one ritonavir tablet at the same time from the evening dose portion of the blister card (right half, blue side).  
**Discard unused tablets.**

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