



# A Case of Complicated Skin Infection

Choose VIBATIV® when a rapid response is needed.\*



\*In Barcia-Macay et al., telavancin was rapidly bactericidal at all 3 concentrations tested, achieving a 2 log decrease within 6 h at its C<sub>max</sub>.

## Vibativ® (telavancin) Injection

**INDICATION:** Vibativ is indicated in adults for the treatment of:

- complicated skin and skin structure infections (cSSSI) caused by susceptible isolates of the following Gram-positive microorganisms: *Staphylococcus aureus* (including methicillin-susceptible and -resistant isolates), *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Streptococcus agalactiae*, *Streptococcus anginosus* group (includes *S. anginosus*, *S. intermedius*, and *S. constellatus*), or *Enterococcus faecalis* (vancomycin-susceptible isolates only).
- hospital-acquired and ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia (HABP/VABP), caused by susceptible isolates of *Staphylococcus aureus* (both methicillin-susceptible and -resistant isolates). Vibativ should be reserved for use when alternative treatments are not suitable.

To reduce the development of drug-resistant bacteria and maintain the effectiveness of Vibativ and other antibacterial drugs, Vibativ should only be used to treat or prevent infections that are proven or strongly suspected to be caused by susceptible bacteria.

### **WARNING: INCREASED MORTALITY IN HABP/VABP PATIENTS WITH PRE-EXISTING MODERATE OR SEVERE RENAL IMPAIRMENT, NEPHROTOXICITY, and EMBRYO-FETAL TOXICITY**

Patients with pre-existing moderate/severe renal impairment (CrCl ≤50 mL/min) who were treated with VIBATIV for hospital-acquired bacterial pneumonia/ventilator-associated bacterial pneumonia had increased mortality observed versus vancomycin. Use of VIBATIV in patients with pre-existing moderate/severe renal impairment (CrCl ≤50 mL/min) should be considered only when the anticipated benefit to the patient outweighs the potential risk.

- Nephrotoxicity: New onset or worsening renal impairment has occurred. Monitor renal function in all patients.
- Embryo-Fetal Toxicity: VIBATIV may cause fetal harm. In animal reproduction studies, adverse developmental outcomes were observed in 3 animal species at clinically relevant doses. Verify pregnancy status prior to initiating treatment and advise females of reproductive potential to use effective contraception.

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# Why VIBATIV?

Infection may occur if planktonic bacteria comes into contact with an implanted device, including but not limited to a prosthetic joint, and adheres and colonizes the foreign material. Many of these bacteria form biofilm that protects the pathogen from both the host immune response and antibiotics, making prosthetic joint infections (PJI) difficult to treat.<sup>5</sup>

Ideal Anti-Biofilm Antibiotic Characteristics:<sup>5</sup>

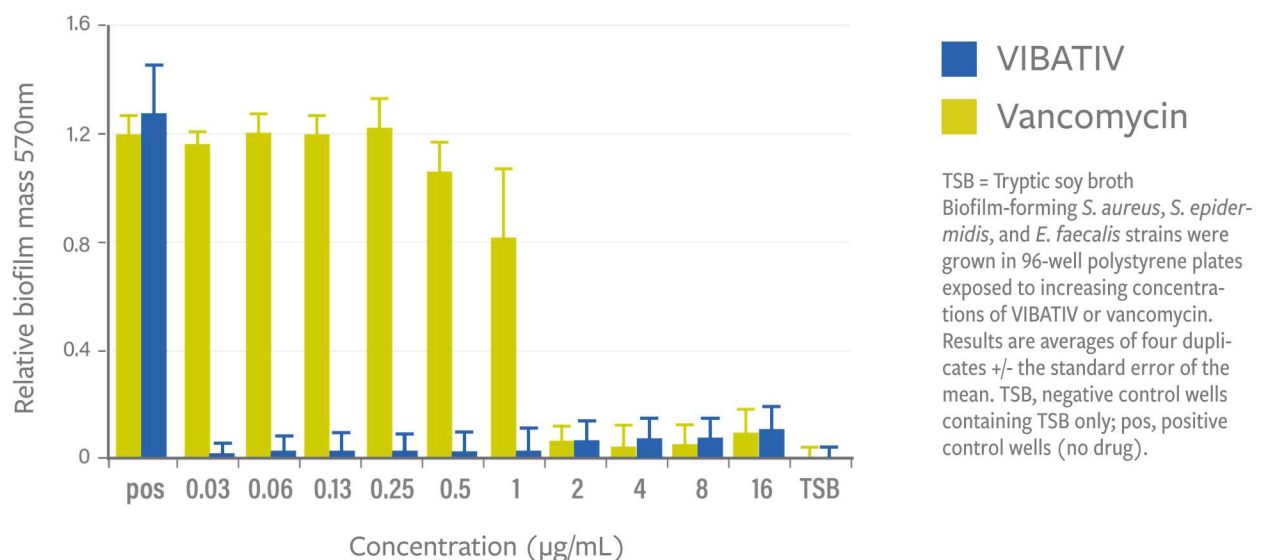
- ✓ Bactericidal mode of action
- ✓ Bactericidal activity against bacteria under the biofilm matrix-sessile state
- ✓ No inoculum effect
- ✓ Efficacy against biofilm-producing pathogens
- ✓ Ability to penetrate within biofilm

*Staphylococcus aureus* has been reported as one of the most common bacterial strains associated with knee and hip PJI, accounting for over 38% of joint infections.<sup>6</sup>

Infections caused by biofilm formation may lead to tissue destruction, systemic transmission of pathogens, severe systemic disease and even death.<sup>7</sup>

**At clinically achievable concentrations, VIBATIV® (telavancin) was active against bacteria embedded in biofilm and bacteria seeding from a formed biofilm mass and inhibited biofilm development.<sup>4</sup>**

## Highly Effective Against: Biofilm-producing *Staphylococcus aureus* (ATCC 35556)



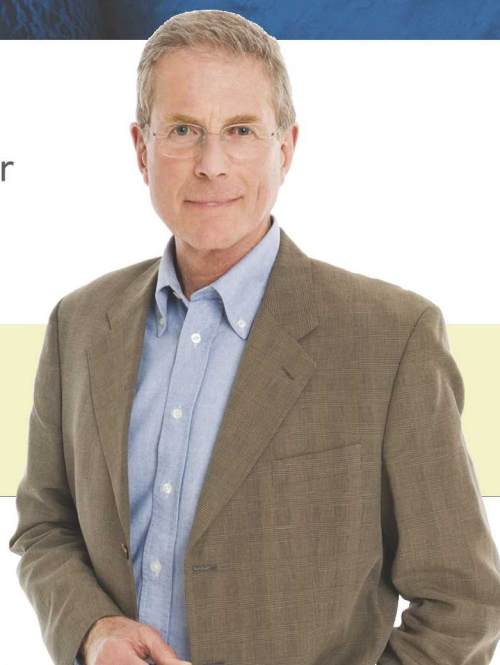
### IMPORTANT DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Because telavancin is eliminated primarily by the kidney, a dosage adjustment is required for patients whose creatinine clearance is  $\leq 50$  mL/min. There is insufficient information to make specific dosage adjustment recommendations for patients with end-stage renal disease (CrCl  $< 10$  mL/min), including patients undergoing hemodialysis.



## JOE M. | 65yo male, 82kg, Lawyer

(Not an actual patient. For illustration only.)



### MEDICAL HISTORY

- History of osteoarthritis in right knee
- Baseline BUN 20 mg/dL, SCr 0.9 mg/dL

### CURRENT MEDICATIONS

- Naproxen
- Acetaminophen

### HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

- Patient underwent right total knee arthroplasty (TKA). On postoperative day 4, he experienced erythema, increased pain, swelling, and warmth around surgical incision with a subjective fever. JM was directed to report to the hospital and was subsequently admitted for intravenous antibiotics.

### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT ADMISSION

- Tmax 38.5°C, BP 135/85, HR 95
- SCr 0.9 mg/dL
- WBC 14,000/mm<sup>3</sup>, ESR 100 mm/hr, CRP 12.5 mg/L (normal < 1 mg/L)
- Right knee inflamed, red, tender to touch
- Blood and surgical site cultures from operating room wound debridement were obtained.

### INITIAL TREATMENT

- Patient was started on Vancomycin to be dosed per local protocol + Cefepime 2g IV q12h
- On postoperative day 5 (hospital day 1), ID consult recommended to discontinue use of current antibiotic regimen and initiate VIBATIV (telavancin) 10 mg/kg daily for **better biofilm penetration**

### TREATMENT TIMELINE

- Less than 48 hours later, the patient showed improvement in signs and symptoms - JM was afebrile, WBC normalized to 9,700/mm<sup>3</sup>, and wound exudate no longer present
- Blood cultures resulted no growth. Wound culture revealed MRSA susceptible to vancomycin with MIC=0.5
- Patient received 3 doses of VIBATIV in the hospital setting and was discharged home on postoperative day 7 with OPAT therapy planned for 6 weeks of VIBATIV 820mg IV daily (10 mg/kg)

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# Once-daily dosing with no therapeutic drug-level monitoring required.<sup>3</sup>

## Dosing Adjustments for Patients with Renal Impairment

Creatinine Clearance CrCl (mL/min)	VIBATIV Dosage Regimen
>50	10 mg/kg every 24 hours
30-50	7.5 mg/kg every 24 hours
10-<30	10 mg/kg every 48 hours

Calculate CrCl using the Cockcroft-Gault formula and ideal body weight (IBW). Use actual body weight if it is less than IBW. Insufficient data are available to make a dosing recommendation for patients with CrCl < 10 mL/min, including patients on hemodialysis.

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION CONTINUED

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Vibativ should not be used with intravenous unfractionated heparin sodium because the activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) test results are expected to be artificially prolonged for 0 to 18 hours after Vibativ administration. Do not be use in patients with known hypersensitivity to Vibativ (telavancin).

#### WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

- Decreased efficacy among patients treated for cSSSI with moderate/severe pre-existing renal impairment. Consider when selecting antibacterial therapy for patients with baseline CrCl ≤50 mL/min.
- Laboratory tests: interferes with some laboratory coagulation tests, including prothrombin time, international normalized ratio, and activated partial thromboplastin time.
- Serious and potentially fatal hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylactic reactions, may occur after first or subsequent doses. Use with caution in patients with known hypersensitivity to vancomycin.
- Administer Vibativ over at least 60 minutes to minimize infusion-related reactions.
- Clostridium difficile-Associated Diarrhea; may range from mild diarrhea to fatal colitis. Evaluate if diarrhea occurs.
- Avoid use in patients at risk for QTc prolongation and who are taking drugs known to prolong the QT interval.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

The most common adverse reaction (≥10% of patients treated with Vibativ) in the HABP/VABP trials is diarrhea; in the cSSSI trials, the most common adverse reactions (≥10% of patients treated with Vibativ) include: taste disturbance, nausea, vomiting, and foamy urine.

#### USE IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Pediatric Use: Safety and efficacy have not been established. There is a concern for poor clinical outcomes in pediatric patients less than one year of age due to immature renal function.

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