



# First self-administered injection for myasthenia gravis patients in the United States

Market Event Summary

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# Addressing myasthenia gravis patients' unmet need

## Background and context

### • Zilbrysq

In early 2024, UCB's Zilbrysq launched in the United States for myasthenia gravis. It is a small molecule that inhibits the complement pathway, similar to the first biologic approved to treat MG, Alexion's Soliris. Zilbrysq is also approved in the EU and United Kingdom.

### - Marketing advantage

It is marketed as the first and only self-injected drug for MG patients.

## A contrast

### • Vyvgart Hytrulo

In June 2023, the FDA approved Argenx's Vyvgart Hytrulo, an SC version of the company's IV-administered Vyvgart. The pivotal trial was originally designed with self-administered injection of the drug. However, in the United States, the drug is limited to administration by an HCP. In the EU, it is available as Vyvgart SC with the option for self-administration.

Comparison of MG agents	<b>Soliris</b> (eculizumab)	<b>Vyvgart</b> (efgartigimod alfa)	<b>Ultomiris</b> (ravulizumab)	<b>Vyvgart Hytrulo</b> (efgartigimod - hyaluronidase)	<b>Rystiggo</b> (rozanolixizumab)	<b>Zilbrysq</b> (zilucoplan)
<b>Administration</b>	HCP - IV	HCP - IV	HCP - IV	HCP - SC	HCP - SC	Self - SC
<b>Frequency</b>	2 weeks*	1 week	8 weeks*	1 week	1 week	Daily

\* If the agent has a loading dose and a maintenance dose, this table is showing the maintenance dose frequency.

## Clarivate's takeaways



### Are patients' unmet needs being addressed?

Zilbrysq offers this self-administration flexibility, but access may still be a challenge for some patients.



### How does the new ROA impact patients' treatments?

Interviewed U.S. expert sees the new ROA as a benefit for patients; however, a meta-analysis in other indications showed mixed opinion between IV vs. SC,<sup>1</sup> and Zilbrysq is only accessible through UCB's program,<sup>2</sup> thus the impact is still unclear.



### Could Zilbrysq's approval lead to more diverse MG drugs?

Multiple companies have agents in the mid- / late-phase pipeline with diverse ROAs that could increase treatment options, but passing through regulatory agencies is still a huge milestone.

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## Clarivate coverage of myasthenia gravis

- Current Treatment: Physician Insights (US), providing insights on medical practice from surveyed physicians
- Treatment Algorithms: Claims Data Analysis (US), providing details on the treatment journey and brand usage practices based on patient-level claims data
- Epidemiology, with global coverage of diagnosed prevalence data for MG, as well as subpopulation data in select regions
- Executive Insights (US), providing a summary of MG market insights

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