

## DATA UPDATE

**ATTENTION: LABEL UPDATE—**including revisions to Section 12.2 of the Qelbree Prescribing Information<sup>1</sup>

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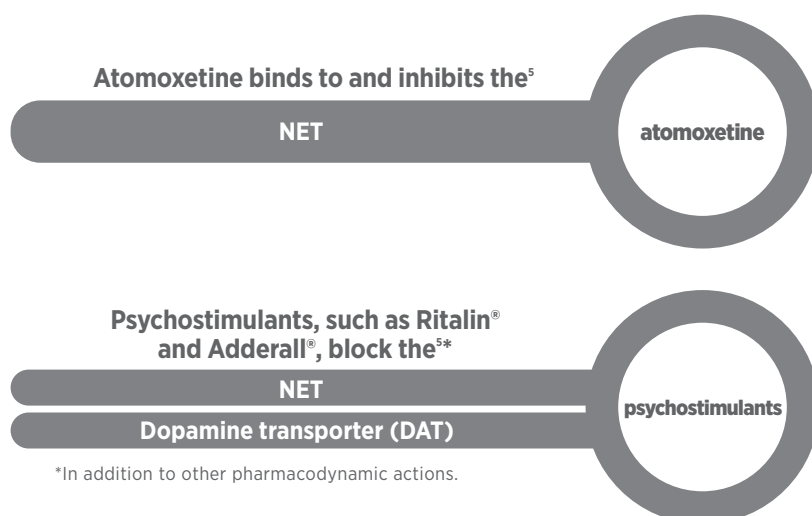
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## Qelbree pharmacodynamics go beyond norepinephrine reuptake inhibition<sup>1</sup>

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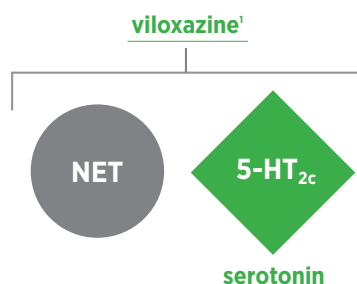
Abbreviation: ADHD, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

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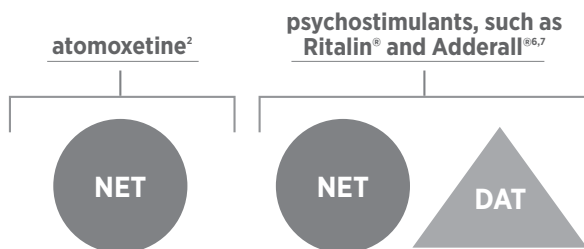
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- **Qelbree** inhibits NET, and exhibits partial agonism of the serotonin 5-HT<sub>2c</sub> receptor<sup>1,5</sup>
- **Qelbree** is not a controlled substance<sup>1</sup>

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**Other ADHD treatments<sup>2,6,7</sup>**

- Atomoxetine inhibits NET<sup>2</sup>
- Psychostimulants, such as Ritalin and Adderall, block NET and DAT<sup>6,7\*</sup>
- These medications impact DAT in the addiction regions of the brain, and are labeled as controlled substances<sup>5-7</sup>

\*In addition to other pharmacodynamic actions.

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**Qelbree<sup>®</sup>** ONCE-DAILY  
viloxazine  
extended-release capsules  
100 mg 150 mg 200 mg

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**WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS**

- *Suicidal thoughts and behaviors*: Closely monitor all Qelbree-treated patients for clinical worsening and emergence of suicidal thoughts and behaviors, especially during the initial few months of drug therapy, and at times of dosage changes
- *Heart rate, blood pressure increases*: Qelbree can cause an increase in diastolic blood pressure and heart rate. Assess these measures prior to starting therapy, following increases in dosage, and periodically during therapy
- *Activation of mania or hypomania*: Noradrenergic drugs may induce a manic or mixed episode in patients with bipolar disorder. Prior to initiating treatment with Qelbree, screen patients to determine if they are at risk for bipolar disorder. Screening should include a detailed psychiatric history, including a personal or family history of suicide, bipolar disorder, and depression
- *Somnolence and fatigue*: Patients should not perform activities requiring mental alertness, such as operating a motor vehicle or hazardous machinery, due to potential somnolence (including sedation or lethargy) and fatigue, until they know how they will be affected by Qelbree

**ADVERSE REACTIONS**

The most common adverse reactions ( $\geq 5\%$  and at least twice the rate of placebo for any dose) in patients 6 to 17 years were somnolence, decreased appetite, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, insomnia, and irritability, and in adults, insomnia, headache, somnolence, fatigue, nausea, decreased appetite, dry mouth, and constipation.

**PREGNANCY**

There is a pregnancy exposure registry that monitors pregnancy outcomes in women exposed to Qelbree during pregnancy. Healthcare providers are encouraged to register patients by calling the National Pregnancy Registry for Psychiatric Medications at 1-866-961-2388 or by visiting [www.womensmentalhealth.org/preg](http://www.womensmentalhealth.org/preg).

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