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Today's KOL speakers



11:00 – 11:15 AM	Welcome and opening remarks
	Herriot Tabuteau, MD Founder and Chief Executive Officer Axsome Mark Jacobson, MA Chief Operating Officer Axsome
11:15 – 12:05 PM	AXS-05 (dextromethorphan-bupropion)
11:15 AM	Alzheimer’s disease agitation Jeffrey Cummings, MD, ScD Joy Chambers-Grundy Professor of Brain Science; Chair, Chambers-Grundy Center for Transformative Neuroscience; Clinical Professor of Neurology <i>UNLV Department of Brain Health</i>
11:50 AM	Smoking cessation Sue Giordano, PhD Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs Axsome
12:30 – 1:50 PM	Solriamfetol
12:30 PM	Attention deficient hyperactivity disorder Major depressive disorder with excessive daytime sleepiness Excessive sleepiness in shift work disorder Andrew Cutler, MD Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry <i>SUNY Upstate Medical University</i>
1:15 PM	Binge eating disorder Susan McElroy, MD Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience; Chief Research Officer and Director of Psychopharmacology Research, Lindner Center of HOPE <i>University of Cincinnati</i>

1:50 PM Break

2:00 – 2:25 PM AXS-12 in narcolepsy

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2:25 – 2:50 PM AXS-14 in fibromyalgia

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2:50 – 3:15 PM SYMBRAVO®

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3:15 PM Closing remarks

Herriot Tabuteau, MD | Founder and Chief Executive Officer | *Axsome*

Today's agenda cont.



Opening remarks

Herriot Tabuteau, MD

Chief Executive Officer



At Axsome, we are defining
the future of clinical practice
in brain health

Our mission

is to develop and deliver
transformative medicines
for the hundreds of millions of
people impacted by central
nervous system conditions



We deliver innovation in conditions with high unmet need, strong value creation potential, and clear strategic fit

Psychiatry

Depression
Alzheimer's disease agitation
Smoking cessation
ADHD
Binge eating disorder

Neurology

Obstructive sleep apnea
Narcolepsy
Migraine
Fibromyalgia
Shift work disorder

Our strategy positions us to advance the frontiers in brain health and deliver innovation for patients

 Deliver **novel mechanisms of action**



Develop **first-in-class or best-in-class** medicines



Apply **precision-based** approaches in **novel, underserved** indications



Enabled by **clinical research and regulatory innovation**



Leverage our **deep expertise** in neuroscience

**axsome**[®]



New frontiers in depression

AUVELITY®

Major depressive disorder

- **Novel mechanism of action:** First and only rapid-acting oral NMDA receptor antagonist for the treatment of MDD
- **FDA breakthrough therapy** designated
- **Over 190,000** new patients reached since launch in October 2022
- **>\$400M** annual run rate in 3rd full year of launch

\$1-\$3B peak sales potential

Solriamfetol

MDD with excessive daytime sleepiness

- **Novel indication** identified through a precision approach based on clinical presentation and underlying pathophysiology
- **Initiation** of Phase 3 trial anticipated in 2025

\$1-\$1.5B peak sales potential

New frontiers in Alzheimer's disease

AXS-05

Alzheimer's disease agitation

- *Novel mechanism of action*: Oral NMDA receptor antagonist for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease agitation
- Potentially *first-in-class* medicine
- *Novel* indication
- *FDA breakthrough therapy* designated
- *Three* completed positive registrational trials
- *sNDA submission* on track for 3Q 2025

\$1.5-\$3B peak sales potential

New frontiers in sleep and cognition

AXS-12

Narcolepsy

- *Novel mechanism of action:* Highly selective NRI and dopamine modulator
- *First-in-class* precision-based mechanism targeting underlying neurotransmitter deficit
- Significant *improvements* in cognitive function in three completed, positive registrational trials
- *NDA submission* anticipated in 2H 2025

\$0.5-\$1B peak sales potential

Solriamfetol

Excessive sleepiness in shift work disorder

- *Novel mechanism of action:* DNRI and TAAR1 agonist
- Significant *improvements* in cognitive function in SHARP study in cognitively impaired patients with EDS
- *Topline results* of Phase 3 trial anticipated in 2026

\$0.3-\$0.5B peak sales potential

New frontiers in brain health

		Indication	Innovation	Development stage	Peak sales
Psychiatry	 Auvelity® (dextromethorphan HBr and bupropion HCl) extended-release tablets 45mg/105mg	Major depressive disorder	First-in-class MOA, FDA Breakthrough therapy	In-market	\$1-\$3B
	AXS-05 (dextromethorphan-bupropion) NMDA antagonist, sigma-1 agonist, and aminoketone CYP2D6 inhibitor	Alzheimer's disease agitation	First-in-class MOA, FDA Breakthrough therapy	NDA-stage	\$1.5-\$3B
		Smoking cessation	First-in-class MOA	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B
	Solriamfetol DNRI, TAAR1 agonist, 5-HT _{1A} agonist	ADHD	Novel MOA	Phase 3	\$1-\$3B
MDD with EDS		Novel MOA, precision-driven targeting	Phase 3	\$1-\$1.5B	
Binge eating disorder		Novel indication	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B	
Neurology	 SUNOSI (solriamfetol) 	EDS in narcolepsy or OSA	First-in-class, best-in-class MOA	In-market	\$0.3-\$0.5B
	 SYMBRAVO® (meloxicam and rizatriptan) 20 mg/10 mg tablets	Migraine	MoSEIC™ technology-enabled NCE	In-market	\$0.5-\$1B
	AXS-12 (reboxetine) Highly selective NRI, dopamine mod.	Narcolepsy	Novel MOA, pro-cognitive	NDA-stage	\$0.5-\$1B
	AXS-14 (esreboxetine) [S,S]-enantiomer of AXS-12	Fibromyalgia	Best-in-class MOA, addresses fatigue	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B
	Solriamfetol DNRI, TAAR1 agonist, 5-HT _{1A} agonist	Shift work disorder	Best-in-class MOA	Phase 3	\$0.3-\$0.5B

Advancing novel medicines with the potential to deliver significant long-term value to patients and shareholders



**We are defining the
future of clinical practice
in brain health**



AXS-05

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN ALZHEIMERS AGITATION: First-in-class MOA, novel indication

AXS-05 (dextromethorphan-bupropion)

Potentially first-in-class, best-in-class treatment for Alzheimer's disease agitation

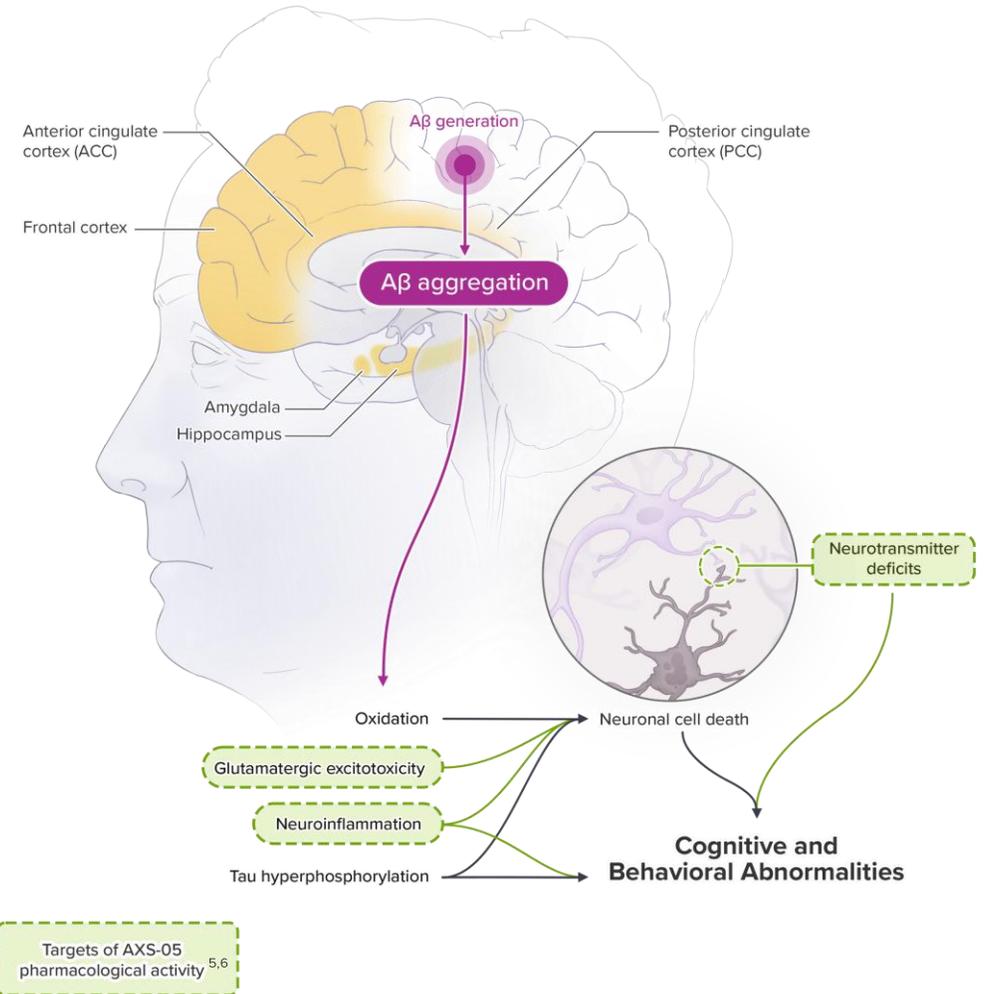
In Alzheimer's disease, insoluble A β production and accumulation *triggers secondary steps* leading to synaptic loss and neuronal cell death^{1,2}



Reductions in certain *neurotransmitters* are thought to contribute to cognitive and behavioral symptoms including agitation and aggression¹⁻⁴

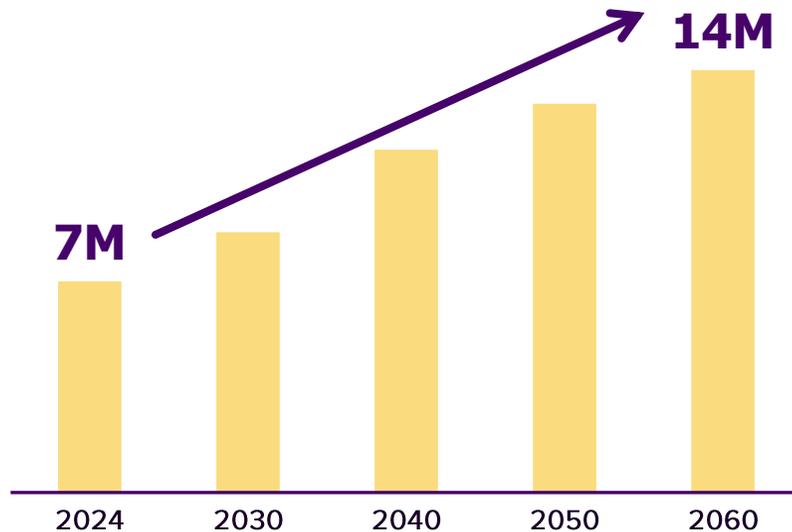


AXS-05 *modulates the function* of neurotransmitters and receptors implicated in Alzheimer's disease (glutamate, sigma-1, norepinephrine, and dopamine)¹⁻⁴



Alzheimer's disease (AD) agitation

Number of U.S. adults aged 65+ with Alzheimer's dementia expected to double by 2060¹



Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia, affecting over **7M** people in the U.S.¹



Agitation is one of the most common and debilitating neuropsychiatric symptoms affecting up to **76%** of people^{1,2}



AD agitation is characterized by emotional distress, verbal and physical aggressiveness, disruptive irritability, and disinhibition^{1,2}

Agitation is a common behavioral symptom and may present across stages of Alzheimer's disease^{1,2}

Agitation encompasses three broadly defined symptom domains including both non-aggressive and aggressive behaviors^{3,4}

Excessive motor activity behaviors

- Pacing
- Rocking
- Gesturing
- Pointing fingers
- Restlessness
- Performing repetitious mannerisms

Verbal aggression behaviors

- Yelling
- Speaking in an excessively loud voice
- Using profanity
- Screaming
- Shouting

Physical aggression behaviors

- Grabbing
- Shoving
- Pushing
- Resisting
- Hitting others
- Kicking objects or people
- Scratching
- Biting
- Throwing objects
- Hitting self
- Slamming doors
- Tearing things
- Destroying property
- Grabbing

Prevalence of agitation across AD severity⁵:

56%

Mild

75%

Moderate-to-severe

68%

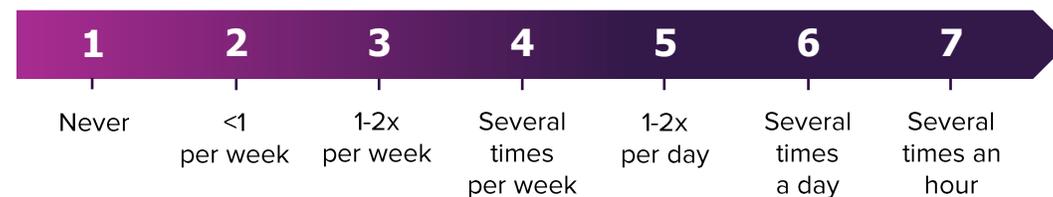
Severe

The CMAI questionnaire assesses a broad range of agitated behaviors consistent with the four IPA criteria¹

Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory (CMAI) 29 agitated behaviors organized into four subscales			
Physically aggressive		Physically non-aggressive	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hitting • Kicking • Grabbing • Pushing • Scratching • Biting • Hurting oneself or others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spitting • Tearing things • Throwing things • Falling intentionally • Physical sexual advances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacing • Inappropriate dressing and/or disrobing • Inappropriate eating or drinking • Exit-seeking behaviors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiding things • Handling things inappropriately • Hoarding • Repetitious mannerisms • Restlessness
Verbally aggressive		Verbally non-aggressive	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cursing • Making strange noises • Screaming • Making verbal sexual advances 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention-seeking behaviors • Complaining • Negativism • Repetitive sentences or questions 	

Individual agitated behavior scores

Frequency of each behavior is rated on a 7-point scale



CMAI total score

Sum of individual behavior scores for all items in the CMAI



Agitation worsens impact of Alzheimer's disease and adds significant burden on patient and caregiver

Agitation in patients with Alzheimer's disease is associated with¹⁻³:



Accelerated disease progression and cognitive decline



Earlier institutionalization and **higher risk** of LTC placement



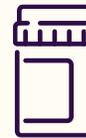
Increased fall and mortality risk



Greater health care utilization



Increased caregiver burden



Greater concomitant medication use, including antipsychotics



Poor quality of life for patients and caregivers

Unmet need in the treatment of agitation associated with Alzheimer's disease

Agitation affects the majority of patients with Alzheimer's disease and is one of the most troubling and consequential aspects of Alzheimer's disease for patients and caregivers^{1,2}

Current pharmacologic treatments are primarily off-label medications:

- Typical and atypical antipsychotics, benzodiazepines, antiepileptics, antidepressants
- About 1/2 of treated patients are on more than one class of medication³

Limitations of off-label medications:

- Sedation, extrapyramidal side effects, falls, worsening of cognition, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events
- Black box warning for increased mortality risk in elderly patients with dementia
- Modest efficacy

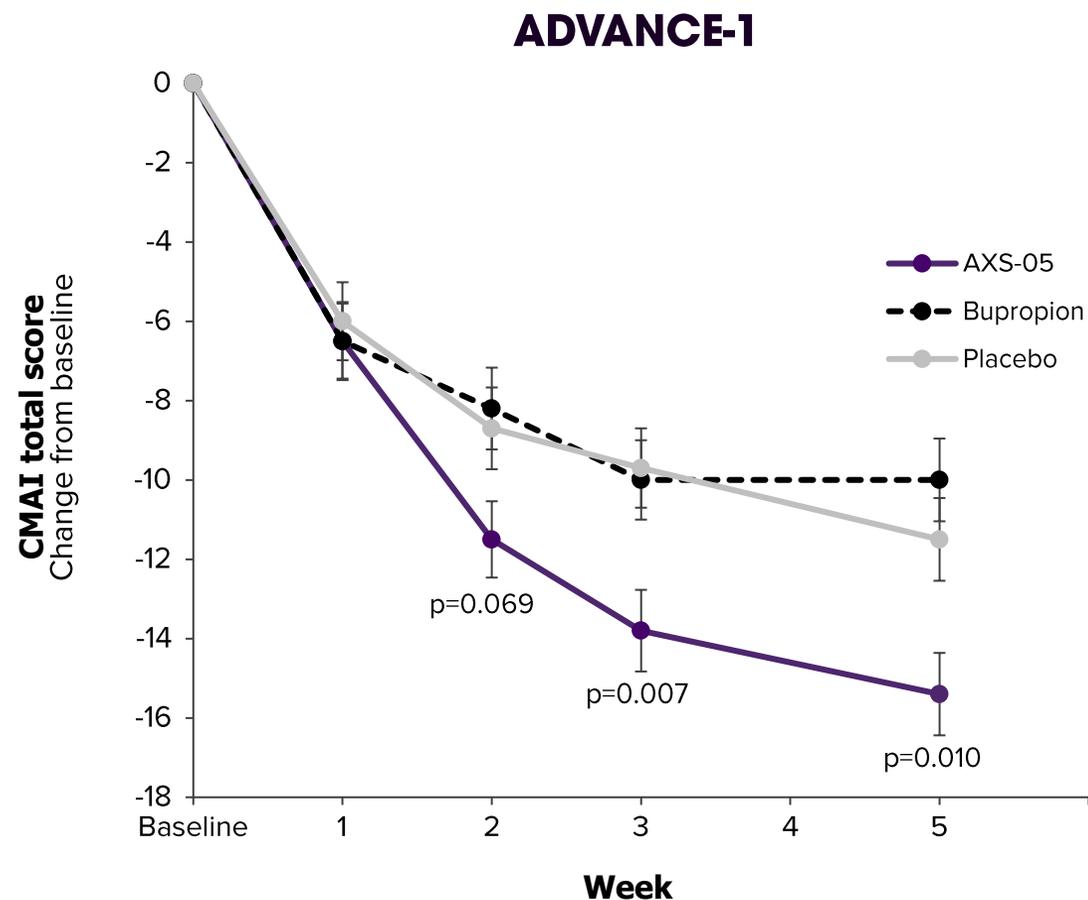
Only 1 FDA-approved agent, an atypical antipsychotic

There is an urgent unmet need for new effective pharmacological treatments with favorable safety and tolerability

Comprehensive Phase 3 clinical program of AXS-05 in Alzheimer's disease agitation

ADVANCE-1	ADVANCE-2	ACCORD-1	ACCORD-2
<i>Phase 2/3 (N=366)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=408)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=108)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=167)</i>
Randomized, double-blind, active & placebo-controlled	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Randomized withdrawal, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Randomized withdrawal, double-blind, placebo-controlled
45 mg/105 mg twice daily	45 mg/105 mg twice daily	45 mg/105 mg twice daily	45 mg/105 mg twice daily
5 weeks	5 weeks	Up to 26 weeks	Up to 24 weeks
Primary endpoint: Change from baseline in the CMAI total score at Week 5	Primary endpoint: Change from baseline in the CMAI total score at Week 5	Primary endpoint: Time from randomization to relapse of agitation Relapse criteria: ≥10 point increase (worsening) in the CMAI for 2 consecutive weeks or a CMAI total score ≥ baseline CMAI for 2 consecutive weeks	Primary endpoint: Time from randomization to relapse of agitation Relapse criteria: ≥10 point increase (worsening) in the CMAI for 2 consecutive weeks or a CMAI total score ≥ baseline CMAI for 2 consecutive weeks

Rapid and statistically significant improvements in Alzheimer's disease agitation



Rapid and substantial reduction in agitation with separation as early as Week 2 and statistically significant improvement at Week 3

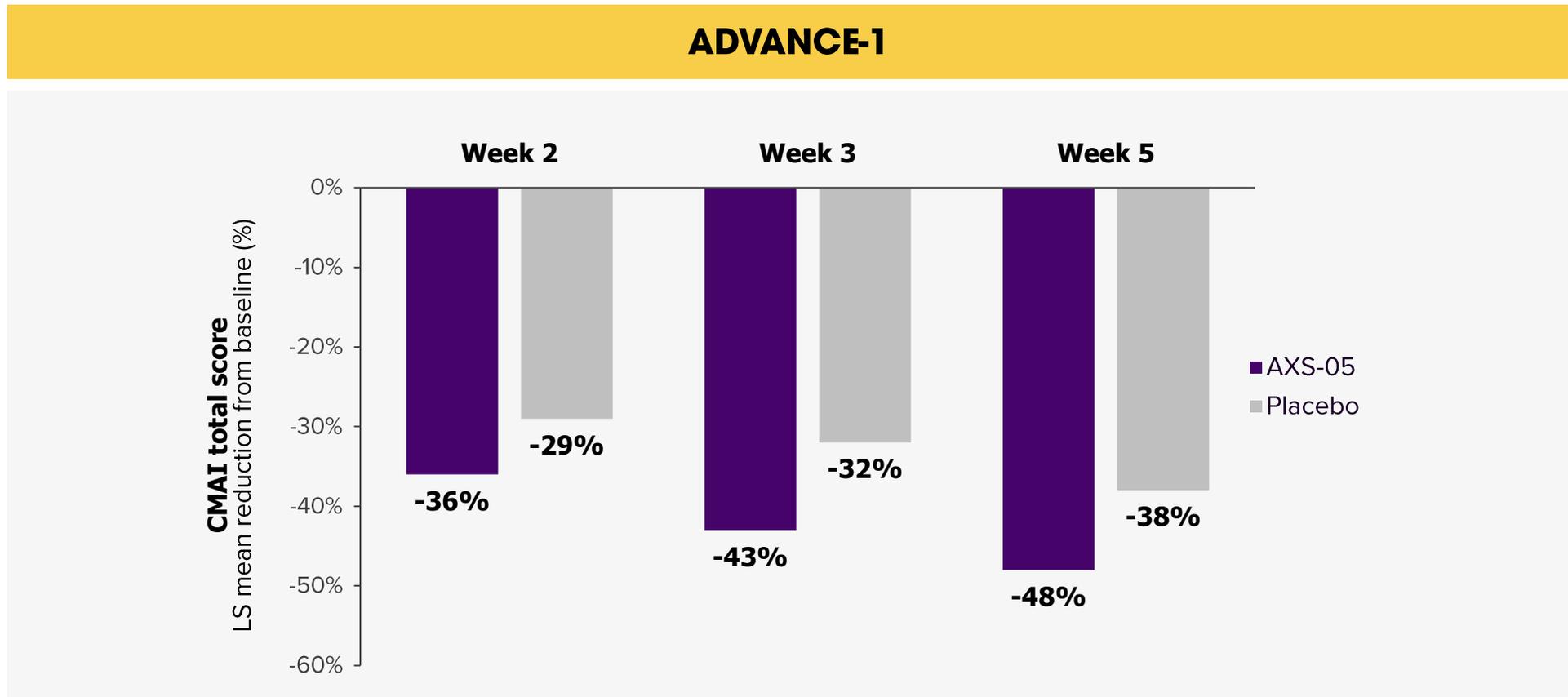


Significantly greater percentage of patients on AXS-05 achieved a clinical response ($\geq 30\%$ reduction in CMAI) vs. placebo ($p=0.005$)



Well tolerated with **low and similar** TEAE-related discontinuation rates between AXS-05 and placebo groups

Improvements in Alzheimer's disease agitation represent substantial reductions from baseline

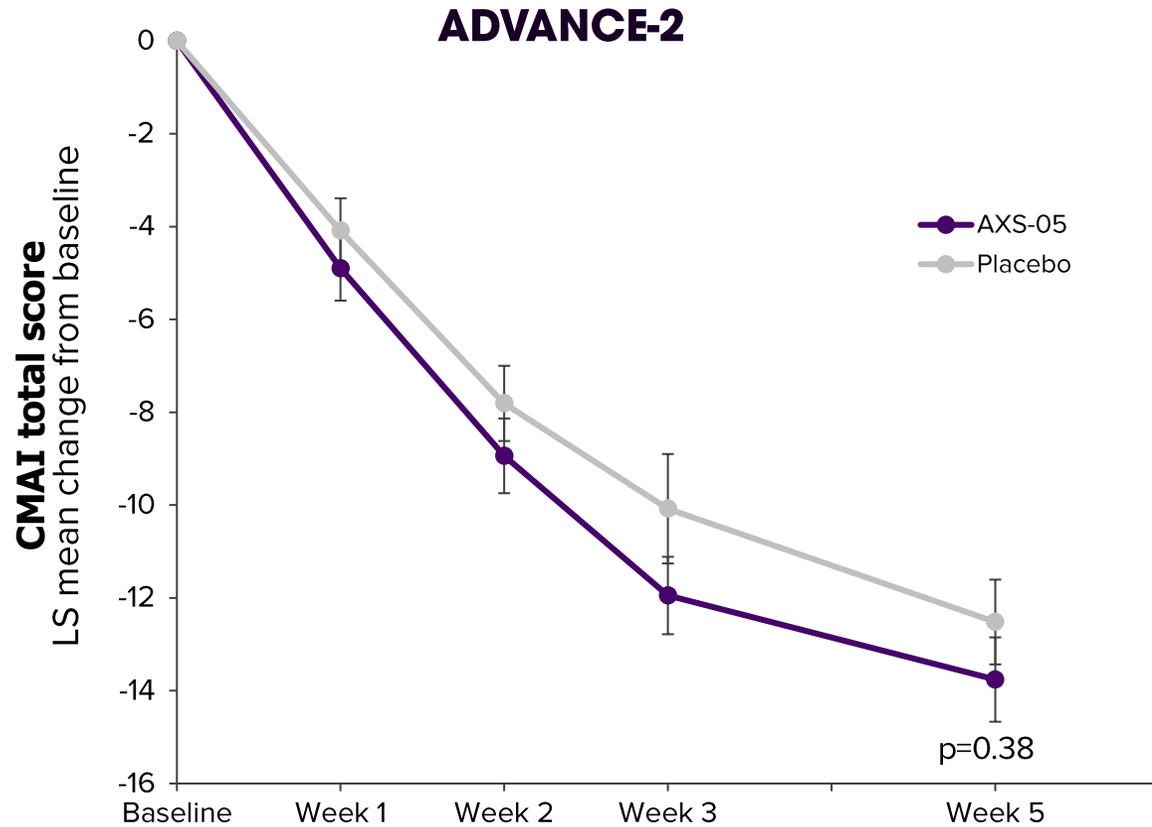


Substantial improvements in agitation as measured by the CMAI total score represent a 48% reduction from baseline with AXS-05 treatment

ADVANCE-1 safety summary

Number of patients (%)	AXS-05 (n=159)	Placebo (n=158)
Incidence of TEAEs	70 (44.0)	52 (32.9)
Incidence of serious TEAEs	5 (3.1)	9 (5.7)
Discontinuation due to TEAEs	0 (0.0)	1 (0.6)
Deaths	0 (0.0)	1 (0.6)
Most common TEAEs (≥3% in AXS-05 group)		
Somnolence	13 (8.2)	5 (3.2)
Dizziness	10 (6.3)	5 (3.2)
Diarrhea	7 (4.4)	7 (4.4)
Headache	6 (3.8)	4 (2.5)

Consistent efficacy trend observed in ADVANCE-2 Phase 3 trial



Numerically greater improvement in the CMAI total score vs. placebo demonstrated at all timepoints throughout the trial



Secondary endpoints numerically favored AXS-05 over placebo, consistent with the primary endpoint

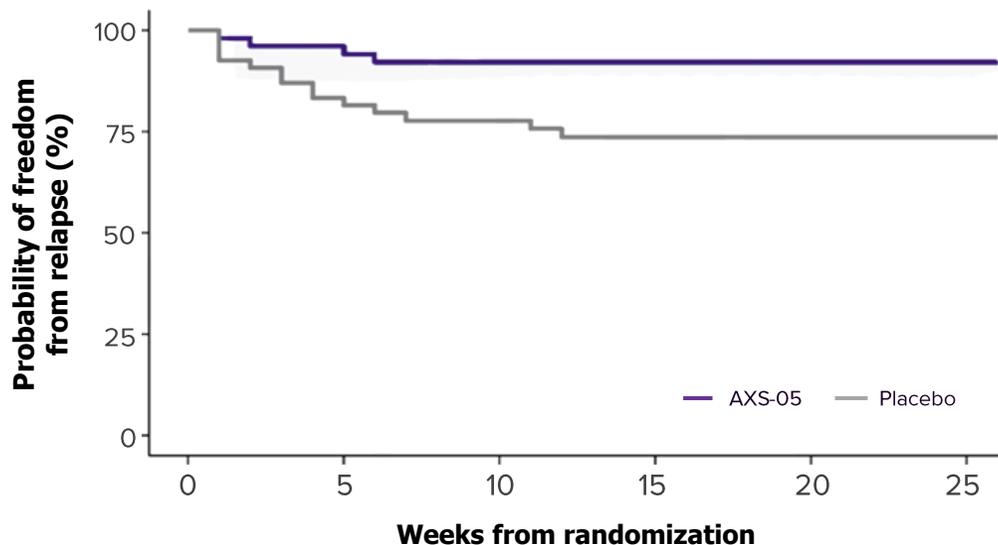
ADVANCE-2 safety summary

Number of patients (%)	AXS-05 (n=204)	Placebo (n=204)
Incidence of TEAEs	53 (26.0)	44 (21.6)
Incidence of serious TEAEs	2 (1.0)	0 (0.0)
Discontinuation due to TEAEs	3 (1.5)	0 (0.0)
Deaths	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Most common TEAEs (≥3% in AXS-05 group)		
Dizziness	12 (5.9)	3 (1.5)
Headache	9 (4.4)	7 (3.4)

AXS-05 treatment significantly delayed time to relapse of Alzheimer's disease agitation

ACCORD-1

Randomized withdrawal design



AXS-05 *significantly delayed* time to relapse vs. placebo (p=0.014)



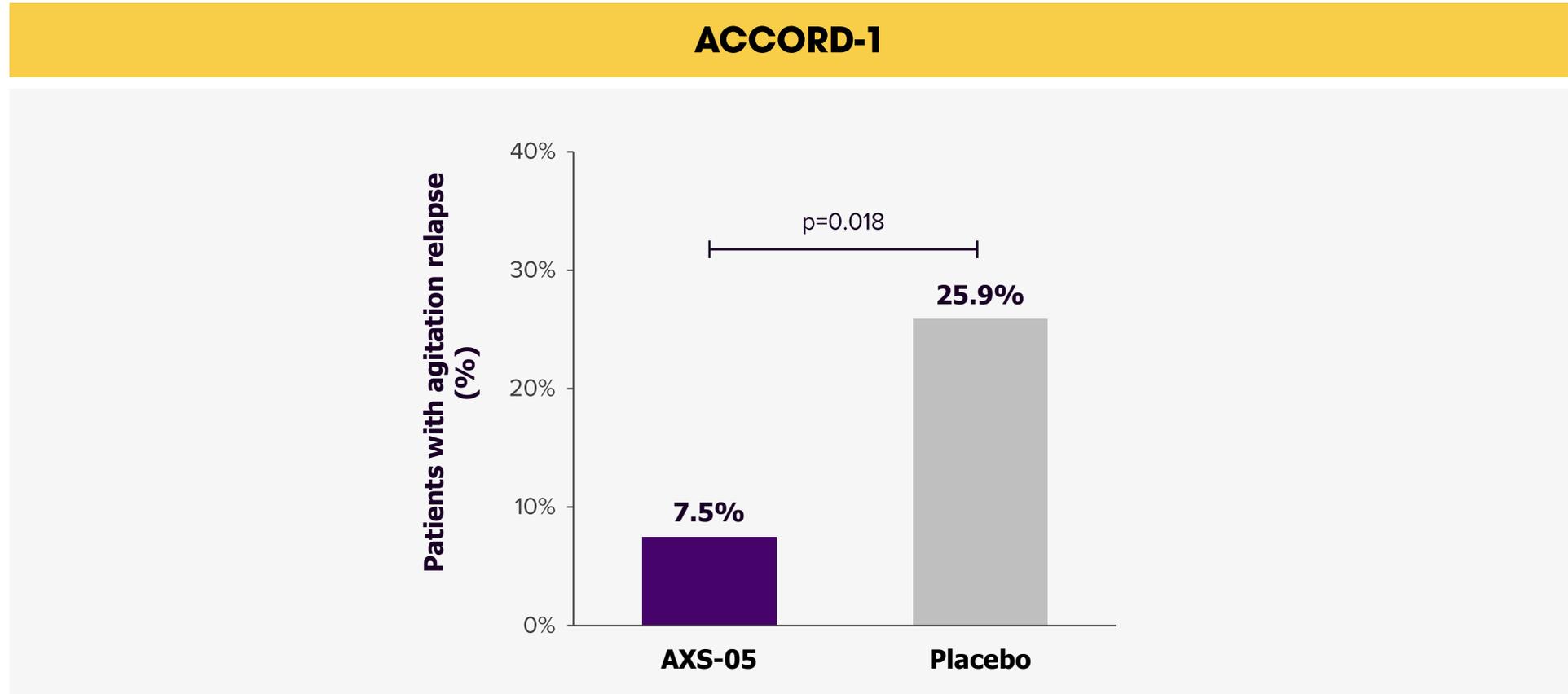
Patients on AXS-05 were *3.6x less likely* to relapse compared to placebo

Hazard ratio for time to relapse

Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.275 (0.091-0.836)
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p-value	0.014
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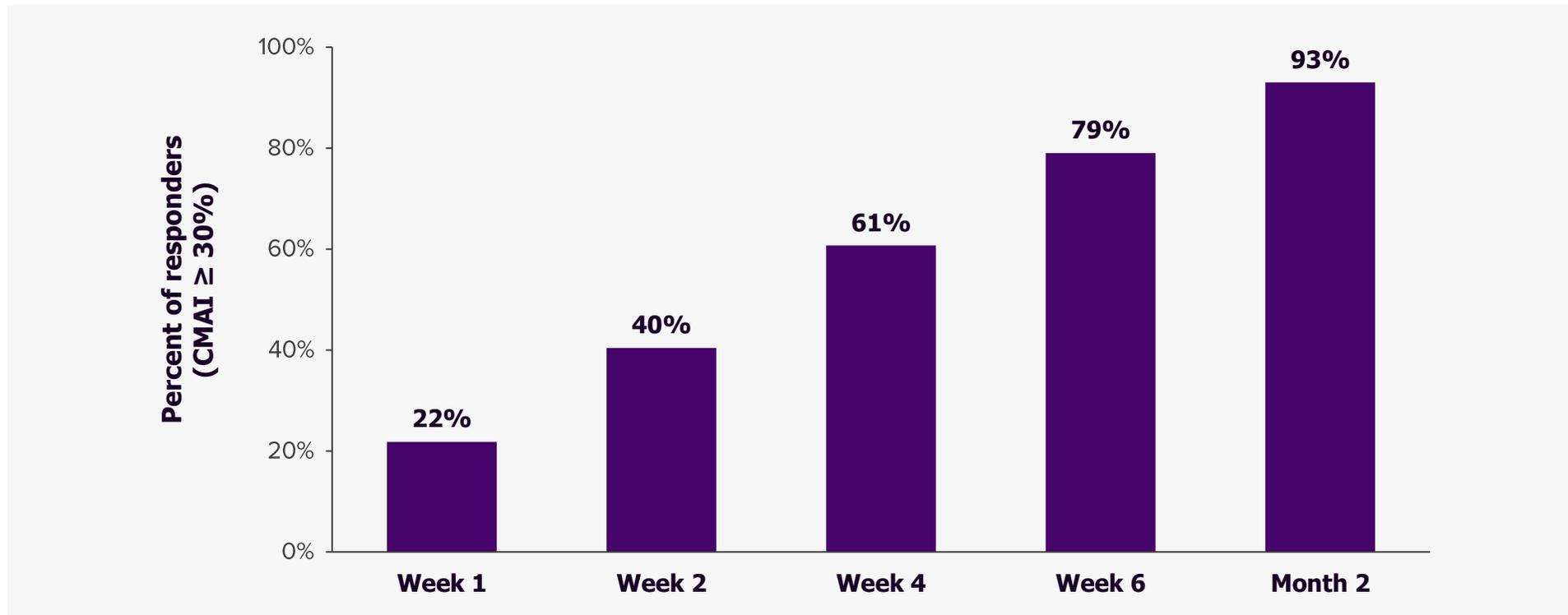
Prevention of Alzheimer's disease agitation relapse in patients treated with AXS-05



AXS-05 statistically significantly prevented relapse of agitation compared to placebo (p=0.018)

Rapid and durable improvements in Alzheimer's disease agitation with AXS-05 open-label treatment

ACCORD-1



A majority of patients achieved a clinical response ($\geq 30\%$ reduction in CMAI) by week 3 and over 90% by week 7 in the open-label period

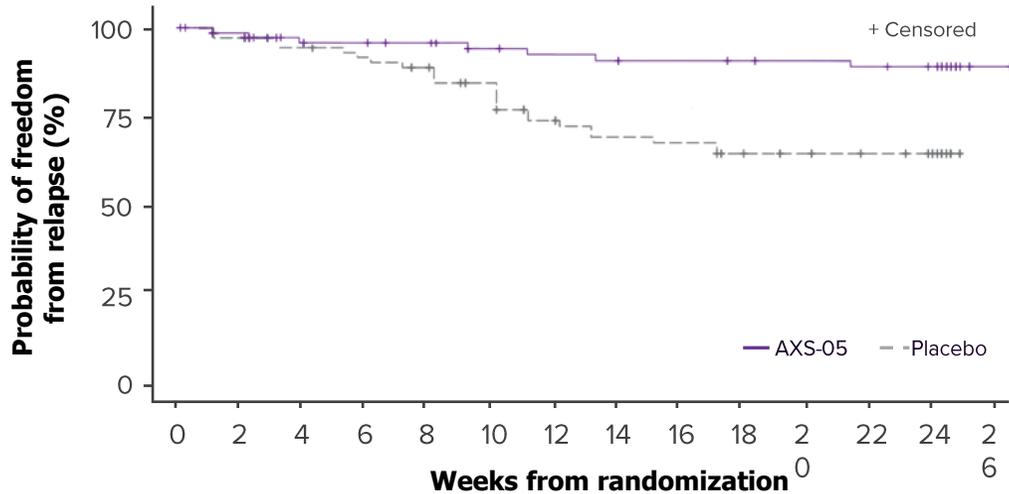
ACCORD-1 safety summary

	Double-blind period	
Number of patients (%)	AXS-05 (n=53)	Placebo (n=54)
Incidence of TEAEs	15 (28.3)	12 (22.2)
Incidence of serious TEAEs	1 (1.9)	2 (3.7)
Discontinuation due to TEAEs	0 (0.0)	1 (1.9)
Most common TEAEs (≥5% in AXS-05 group)		
Diarrhea	4 (7.5)	2 (3.7)
Fall	4 (7.5)	2 (3.7)
Back pain	3 (5.7)	2 (3.7)

Substantially consistent efficacy results demonstrating significant delay in relapse of Alzheimer's disease agitation

ACCORD-2

Randomized withdrawal design



AXS-05 *significantly delayed* time to relapse compared to placebo (p=0.001)



Patients on AXS-05 were *3.6x less likely* to relapse compared to placebo

Hazard ratio for time to relapse

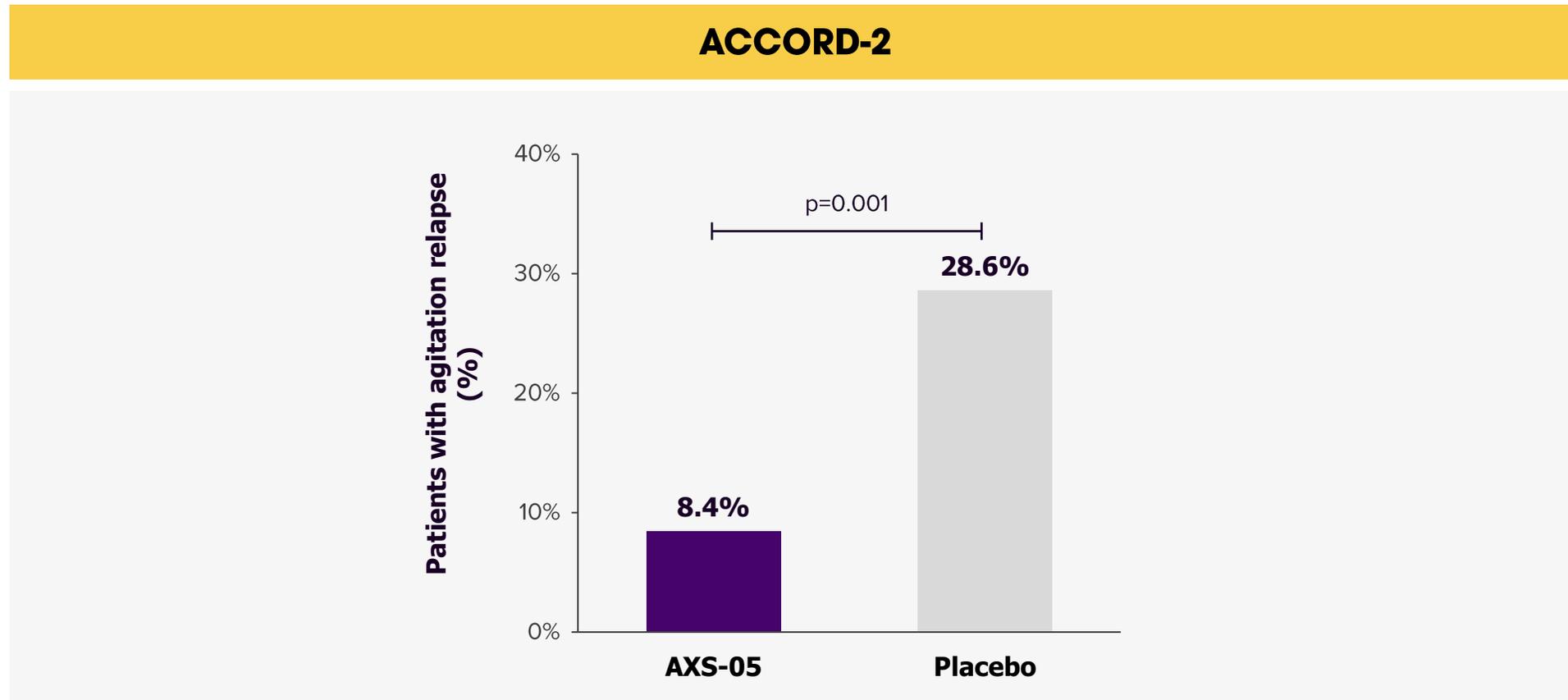
Hazard ratio
(95% CI)

0.276
(0.119-0.641)

p-value

0.001

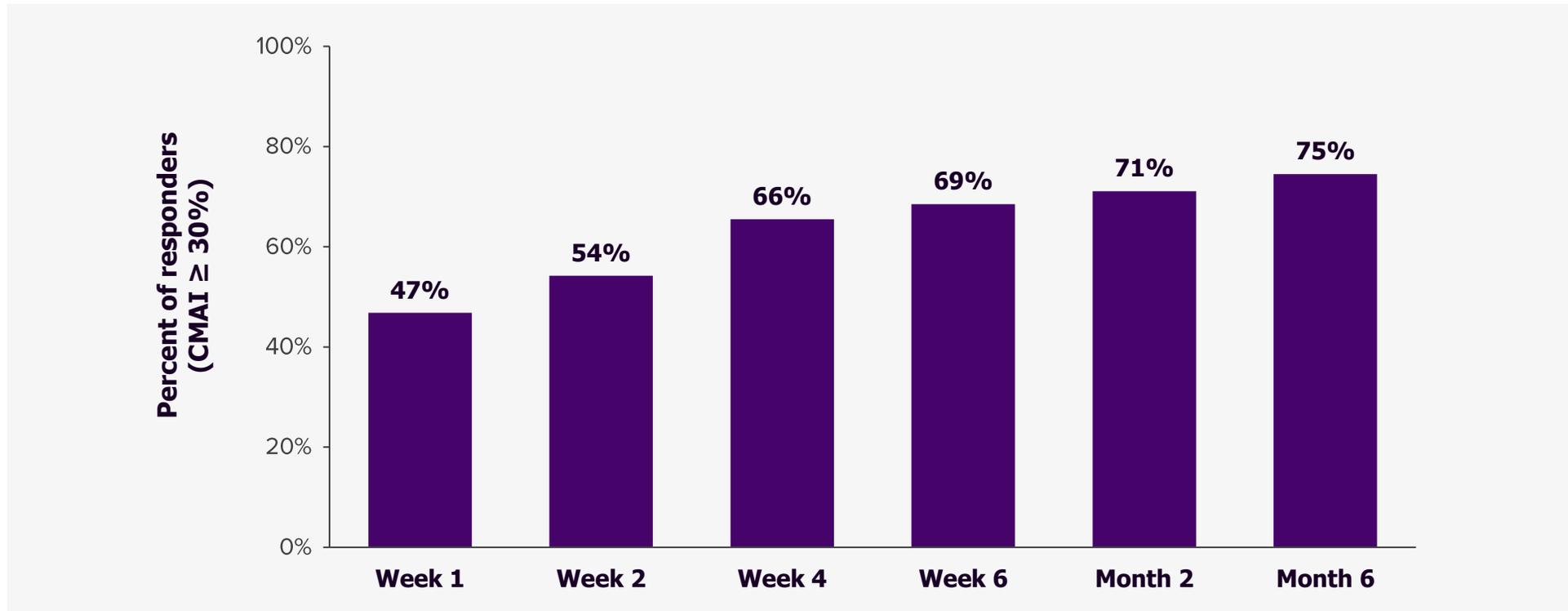
Relapse prevention of Alzheimer's disease agitation in patients treated with AXS-05



AXS-05 statistically significantly prevented relapse of agitation compared to placebo (p=0.001)

Sustained improvements in Alzheimer's disease agitation symptoms over long-term treatment

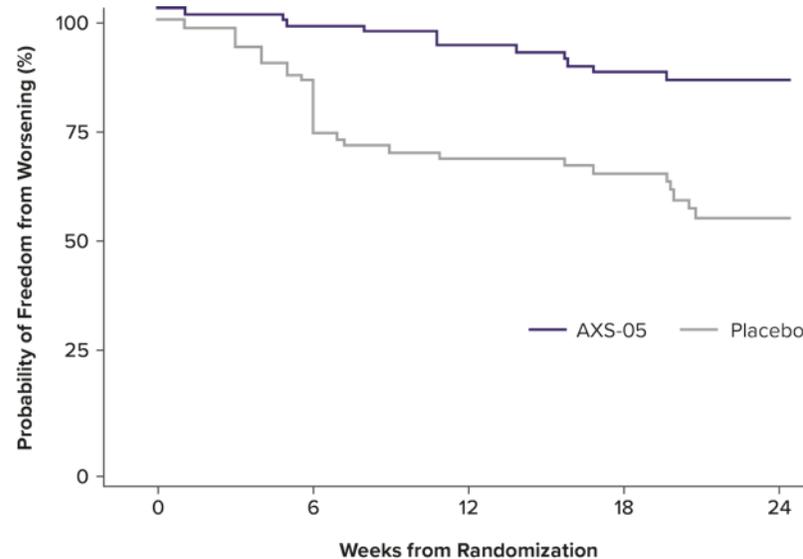
ACCORD-2



A majority of patients achieved a clinical response ($\geq 30\%$ reduction in CMAI) by week 2, with 75% of patients achieving a clinical response after 6 months of AXS-05 treatment

Significant reduction in worsening of Alzheimer's disease severity¹

Time from randomization to worsening in CGI-S Alzheimer's disease overall clinical status

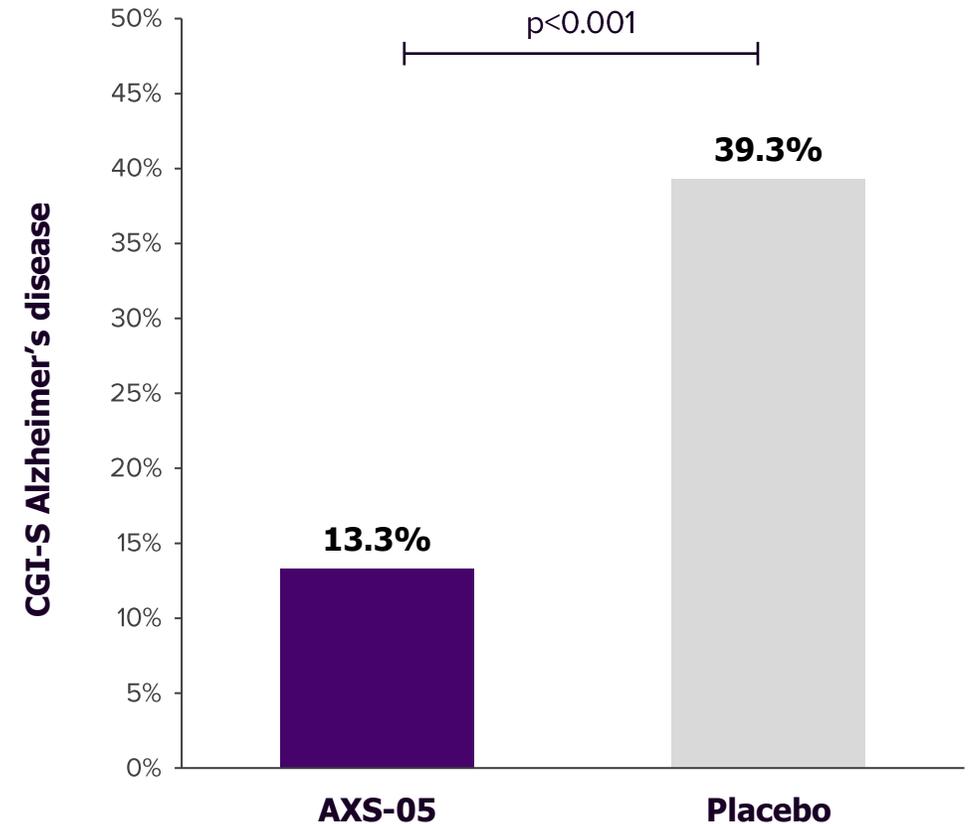


Hazard ratio for time to relapse

Hazard ratio (95% CI)	0.272 (0.137-0.540)
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p-value	<0.001
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Percent of patients with worsening Alzheimer's disease severity



ACCORD-2 safety summary

	Double-blind period	
Number of patients (%)	AXS-05 (n=82)	Placebo (n=84)
Incidence of TEAEs	24 (29.3)	27 (32.1)
Incidence of serious TEAEs	0 (0.0)	2 (2.4)
Discontinuation due to TEAEs	0 (0.0)	1 (1.2)
Most common TEAEs (≥3% in AXS-05 group)		
Anemia	3 (3.7)	1 (1.2)
Headache	3 (3.7)	2 (2.4)
Hyperkalemia	3 (3.7)	1 (1.2)
Somnolence	3 (3.7)	0 (0.0)

Consistent safety profile observed over long-term treatment

Number of patients (%)	AXS-05 (n=456)
Incidence of TEAEs	182 (39.9)
Incidence of serious TEAEs	12 (2.6)
Discontinuation due to TEAEs	2 (0.4)
Most common TEAEs (≥3%)	
Headache	25 (5.5)
Diarrhea	15 (3.3)
Dizziness postural	14 (3.1)
Fall	14 (3.1)
Hyperkalemia	14 (3.1)
Somnolence	14 (3.1)
Urinary tract infection	14 (3.1)

Four Phase 3 clinical trials support the efficacy of AXS-05 in Alzheimer's disease agitation

ADVANCE-1	ADVANCE-2	ACCORD-1	ACCORD-2
<i>Phase 2/3 (N=366)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=408)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=108)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=167)</i>
Randomized, double-blind, active & placebo-controlled	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Randomized withdrawal, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Randomized withdrawal, double-blind, placebo-controlled
<p>Achieved primary endpoint: Statistically significant mean reduction in CMAI total score at Week 5 of 15.4 points for AXS-05 vs. 11.5 points for placebo (p=0.010)</p>	<p>Primary endpoint: Mean reduction in CMAI total score at Week 5 of 13.8 points for AXS-05 vs. 12.6 points for placebo</p>	<p>Achieved primary endpoint: Statistically significant delay in the time to relapse of agitation; hazard ratio of 0.275 (p=0.014)</p>	<p>Achieved primary endpoint: Statistically significant delay in the time to relapse of agitation; hazard ratio of 0.276 (p=0.001)</p>

AXS-05 demonstrated a favorable and differentiated safety profile across four controlled and long-term trials



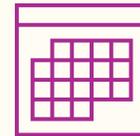
Low discontinuation rate

<2% of participants receiving AXS-05 discontinued due to adverse events



No deaths reported

No deaths occurred in patients receiving AXS-05 across clinical development program



Not associated with common AEs

AXS-05 was *not associated* with sedation, falls, or cognitive decline across studies



Consistent long-term safety

Consistent safety and tolerability profile in the long-term trial with no new safety signals observed

AXS-05 in Alzheimer's disease agitation: Key takeaways



Agitation is a **highly prevalent and debilitating symptom** of Alzheimer's disease that impacts up to 76% of patients



There is an **urgent need** for new and effective treatments with a favorable safety profile, with only one FDA-approved agent, an atypical antipsychotic



AXS-05 is a **novel NMDA antagonist and sigma-1 agonist** that targets key neurotransmitters implicated in Alzheimer's disease



AXS-05 demonstrated **rapid and robust efficacy** across three Phase 3, placebo-controlled trials



AXS-05 was **not associated with** death, cognitive decline, sedation, or increased risk of falls in short- and long-term trials

AXS-05

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN SMOKING CESSATION: Novel MOA addressing unmet needs

Smoking cessation



~**34M** adults in the U.S. smoke cigarettes, ~50% of whom live with a smoking-related disease¹



Single *largest cause of preventable disease* and death in the U.S., accounting for nearly 1 in 5 deaths¹



Associated with over **\$300 billion** in annual costs in the U.S.¹

Substantial health impacts of smoking

#1 cause of preventable mortality and morbidity globally¹



3x higher all-cause mortality compared to non-smokers¹



2/3 of deaths in current smokers are attributable to smoking¹



10 years of life lost due to smoking¹

Substantial health consequences of smoking include increased risk of developing²:

- Colorectal, liver, and lung cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Impaired immune function

Unmet needs in the treatment of nicotine dependence

70% of smokers want to quit¹



Only 3-5% who attempt to quit without assistance are successful for 6-12 months²

Need for new and effective treatment options:

- Only 3 FDA-approved treatments, including NRT, bupropion, and varenicline
- <20% of smokers achieved sustained abstinence rates with pharmacological intervention at 12 months of treatment³

~40%

of adult cigarette consumption is by individuals with psychiatric conditions⁴

Rationale for AXS-05 in smoking cessation



Alterations in NMDA mediated signaling have been implicated in the neurobiology of nicotine dependence. Nicotine acts on $\alpha 4\beta 2$ nicotinic cholinergic receptors in the mesolimbic dopamine pathway¹⁻⁶



Dextromethorphan in addition to modulating NMDA and sigma-1 is also an antagonist of $\alpha 3\beta 4$, $\alpha 4\beta 2$, and $\alpha 7$ nicotinic receptors⁷



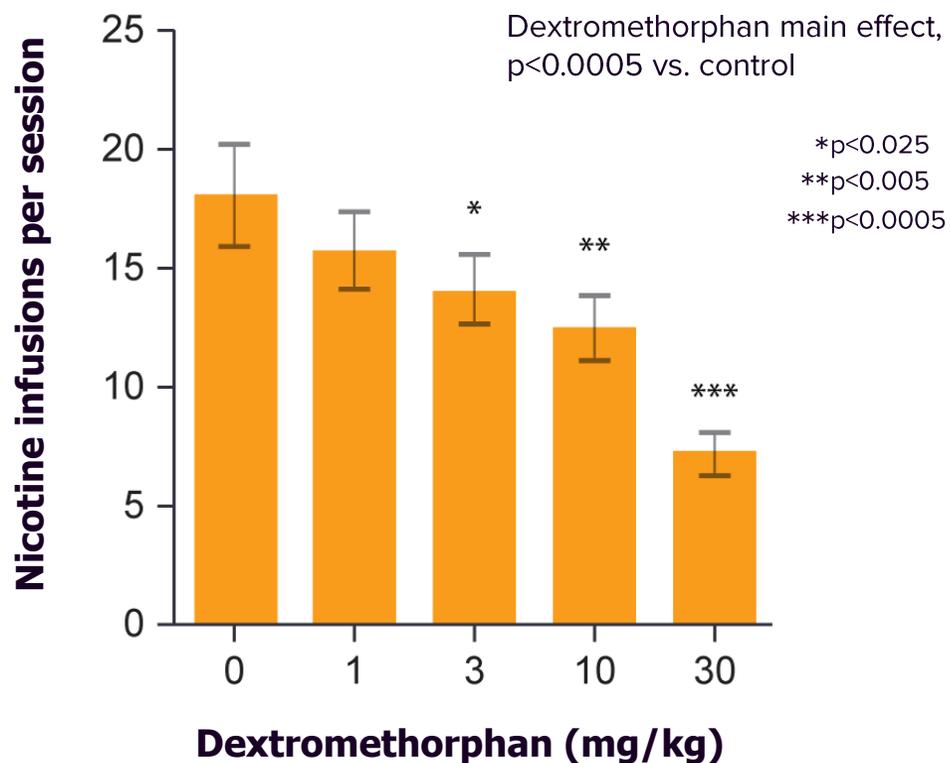
Dextromethorphan has been shown to *reduce nicotine self-administration* in rats^{8,9}



Bupropion in addition to being a dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor is also an antagonist of $\alpha 3\beta 2$, $\alpha 4\beta 2$, and $\alpha 7$ nicotinic receptors¹⁰

Dextromethorphan reduces nicotine administration in nicotine dependent rats¹

Acute dextromethorphan effects on nicotine self-administration



DM showed a significant and dose-dependent decrease in nicotine self-administration in nicotine dependent rats



Effects were significant at 3 mg/kg and most effect at 30 mg/kg



Because humans are extensive DM metabolizers, translating to these findings to humans necessitates metabolic inhibition

AXS-05 in smoking cessation: Key takeaways



Smoking remains highly prevalent and is the *leading cause* of preventable morbidity and mortality globally



Most smokers want to quit, but there is a significant gap in effective and well-tolerated FDA-approved treatments



AXS-05 is a promising investigational therapy for smoking cessation, supported by mechanistic rationale and pre-clinical and early clinical data

Solriamfetol

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN BRAIN HEALTH: Novel MOA, novel targeted indications

Unique pharmacology of solriamfetol supports potential utility in a broad range of CNS conditions

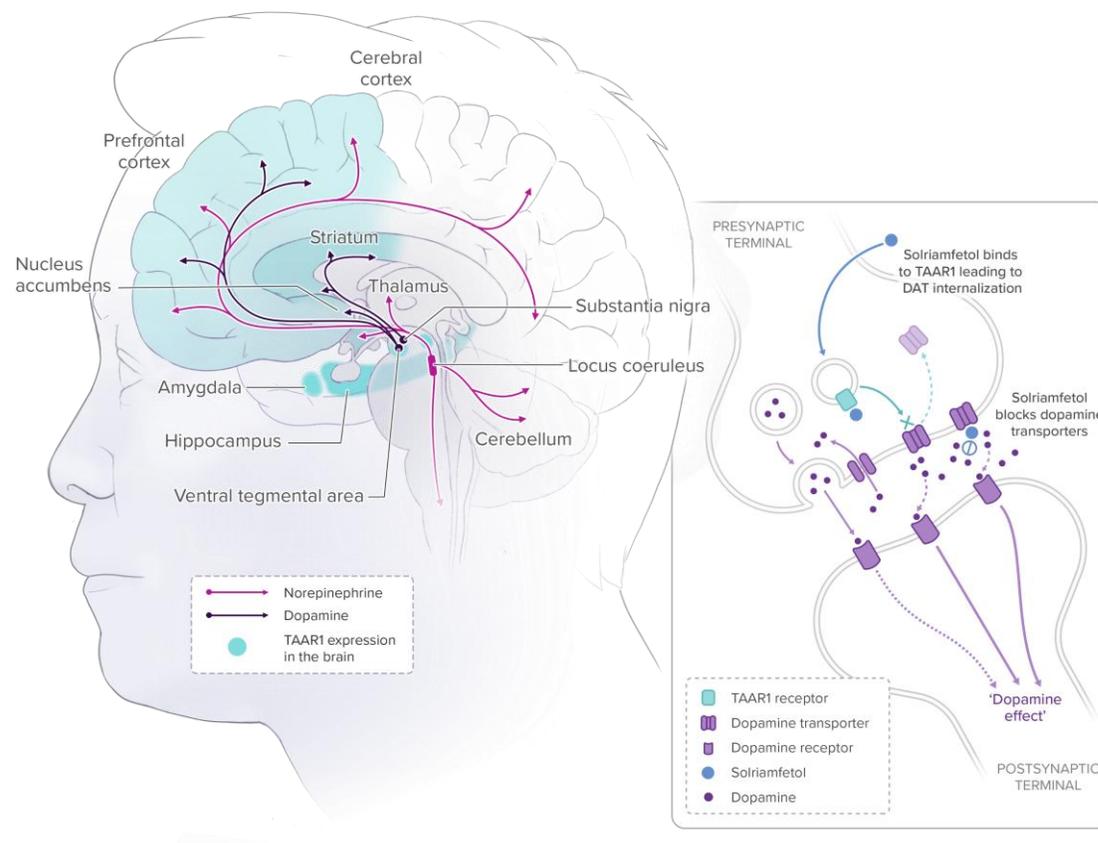
Solriamfetol was initially developed as a dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (DNRI) with *wake-promoting effects*



Preclinical and clinical evidence^{1,2} suggest TAAR1 plays a role in neuropsychiatric conditions related to the *dysregulation of monoaminergic transmission*



Multimodal activity of solriamfetol *selectively inhibits* the reuptake of dopamine and norepinephrine and exhibits *agonist activity* at TAAR1 receptors in the brain



Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)



Chronic neurobiological and developmental disorder affecting an estimated ~22M people in the U.S.¹, including ~7M children aged 3-17 years old²



Characterized by a persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactive-impulsive behaviors³



Associated with significant impairment in social, academic, and occupational functioning and development³

Significant burden of ADHD on psychosocial functioning and overall quality of life

ADHD in adolescents and adults is associated with:



Increased risk of premature mortality¹



Higher rates of natural/unnatural causes of death linked to psychiatric comorbidities²



Increased likelihood of getting arrested³



Lower likelihood of obtaining a high school/college degree or being employed full-time³



Greater difficulty maintaining relationships⁴



More likely to have been treated for a sexually transmitted disease⁴



Increased risk of motor vehicle accidents⁵

ADHD is often underdiagnosed and undertreated



>90% of patients diagnosed with ADHD in childhood continue to exhibit symptoms into adulthood¹



An estimated >80% of adults with ADHD are not diagnosed and/or treated for their ADHD due to lack of awareness and accompanying psychiatric comorbidities²



Untreated ADHD leads to poor clinical and functional outcomes²

ADHD often presents with and increases risk of developing other psychiatric disorders

Adult ADHD is associated with increased risk of developing other psychiatric disorders¹



3x more likely to develop major depressive disorder



4x more likely to develop any mood disorder



2x more likely to experience substance abuse/dependence

Prevalence of comorbid psychiatric disorders in adults with ADHD²

Up to 55%

Any depressive disorder

Up to 80%

Any bipolar disorder

Up to 84%

Any anxiety disorder

Up to 72%

Any substance use disorder

ADHD treatment landscape and unmet need

Stimulants	Nonstimulants		
<p>Dopamine-norepinephrine modulators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methylphenidates Amphetamines <p><i>IR/LR, tablet, chewable, liquid, patch</i></p>	<p>Norepinephrine modulators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atomoxetine Viloxazine 	<p>Alpha2 agonists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clonidine Guanfacine 	<p>Off-label medications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bupropion Modafinil Desipramine Memantine Solriamfetol

Limitations of currently available treatment options:

Stimulants

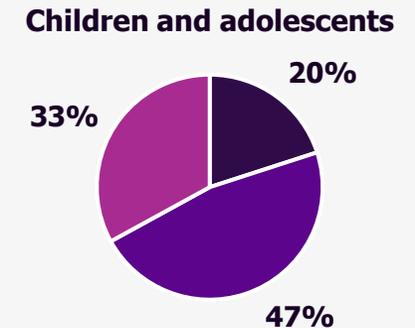
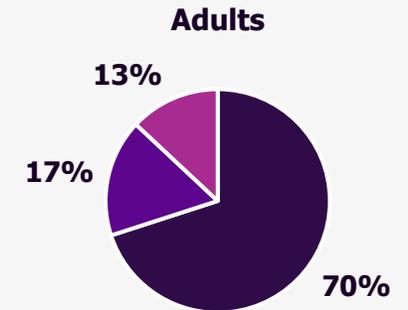
- Schedule II controlled substances
- Abuse/misuse potential
- Cardiovascular effects
- Sleep disturbances
- Irritability
- Rebound symptoms
- Weight changes
- Loss of appetite

Non-stimulants

- Slower onset of action
- Modest efficacy
- GI side effects
- Sedative effects

Approximately **30%** of ADHD patients have an inadequate response to stimulant therapy or experience intolerable side effects^{2,3}

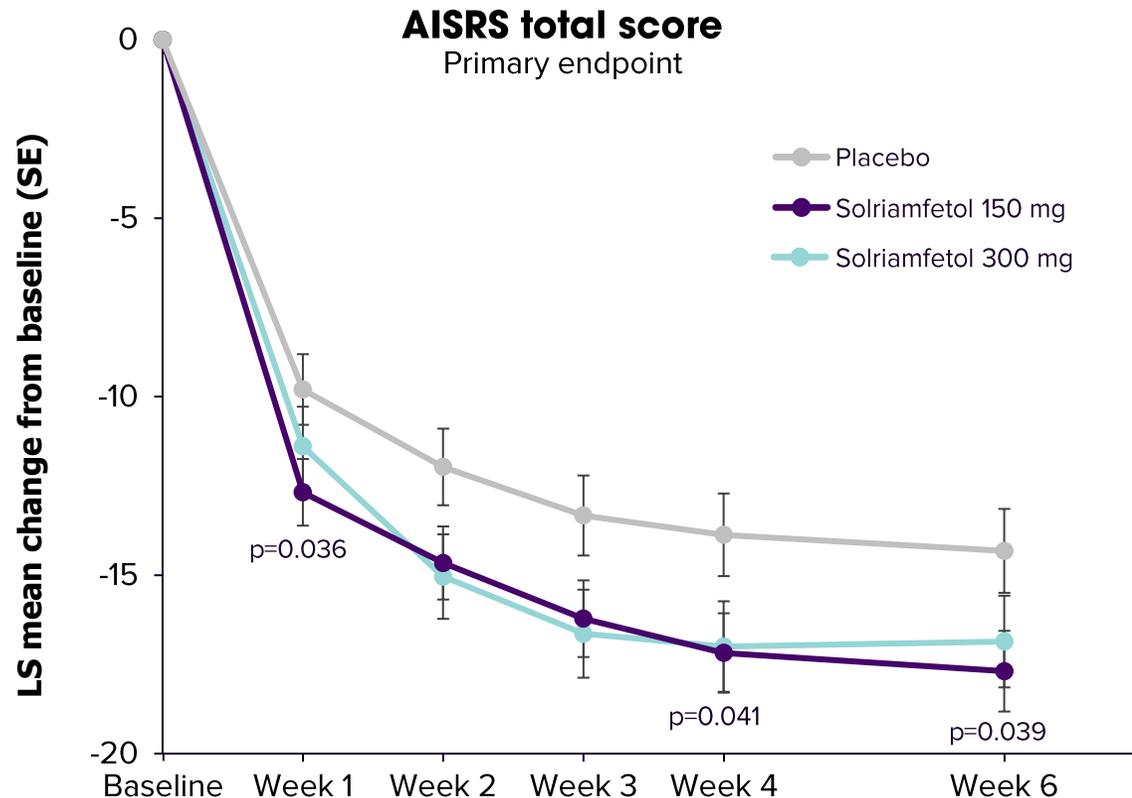
Current treatments



■ Amphetamine ■ Methylphenidate ■ Nonstimulant

Symphony Metys FY 2024 TRx

Significant improvements in ADHD symptoms with solriamfetol treatment in FOCUS Phase 3 trial in adult patients



Substantial improvement in ADHD symptoms observed as early as Week 1 ($p=0.036$, solriamfetol 150 mg)



Mean reduction in AISRS at Week 6 of 17.7 points represents a **45% improvement** from baseline in ADHD symptoms (solriamfetol 150 mg)

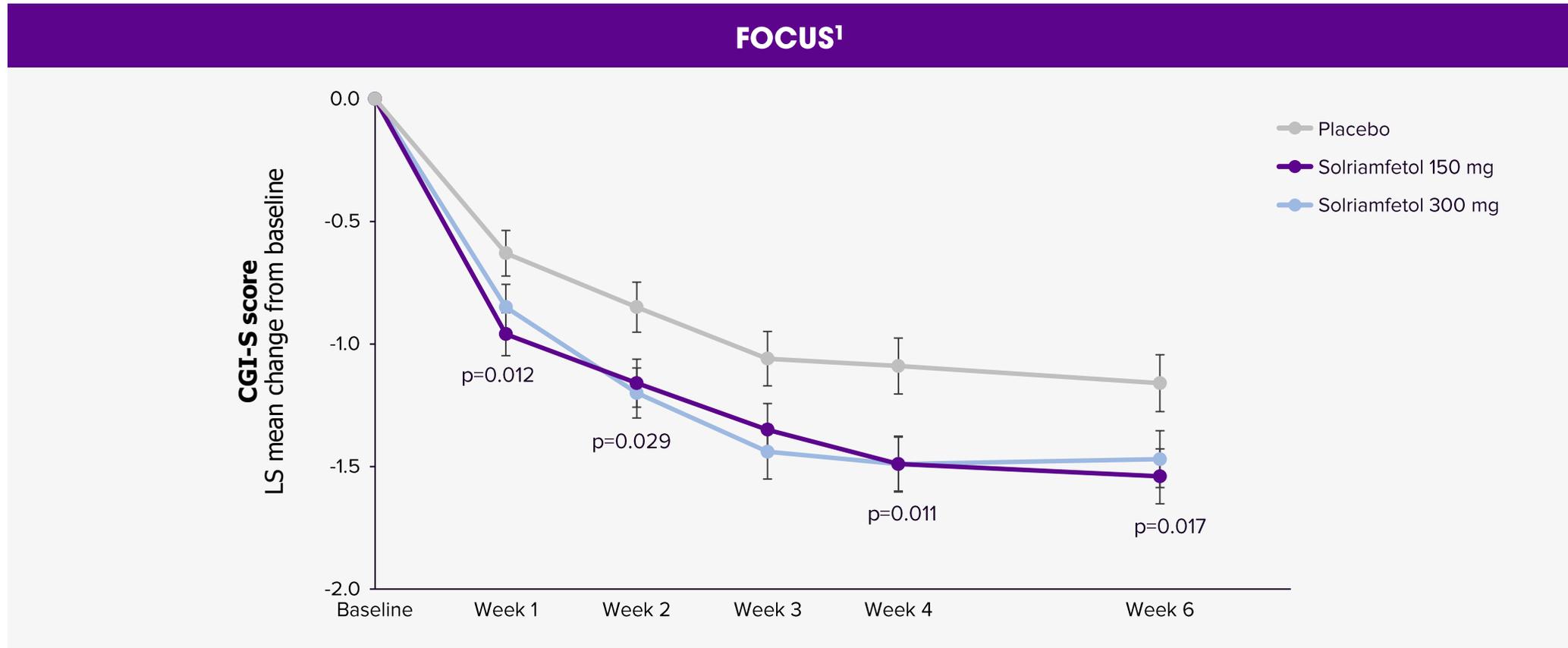


Significantly greater percentage of patients achieved a clinical response ($\geq 30\%$ reduction in AISRS) vs. placebo ($p=0.024$, solriamfetol 150 mg)



Well tolerated with a side effect profile **consistent** with the established safety profile of solriamfetol

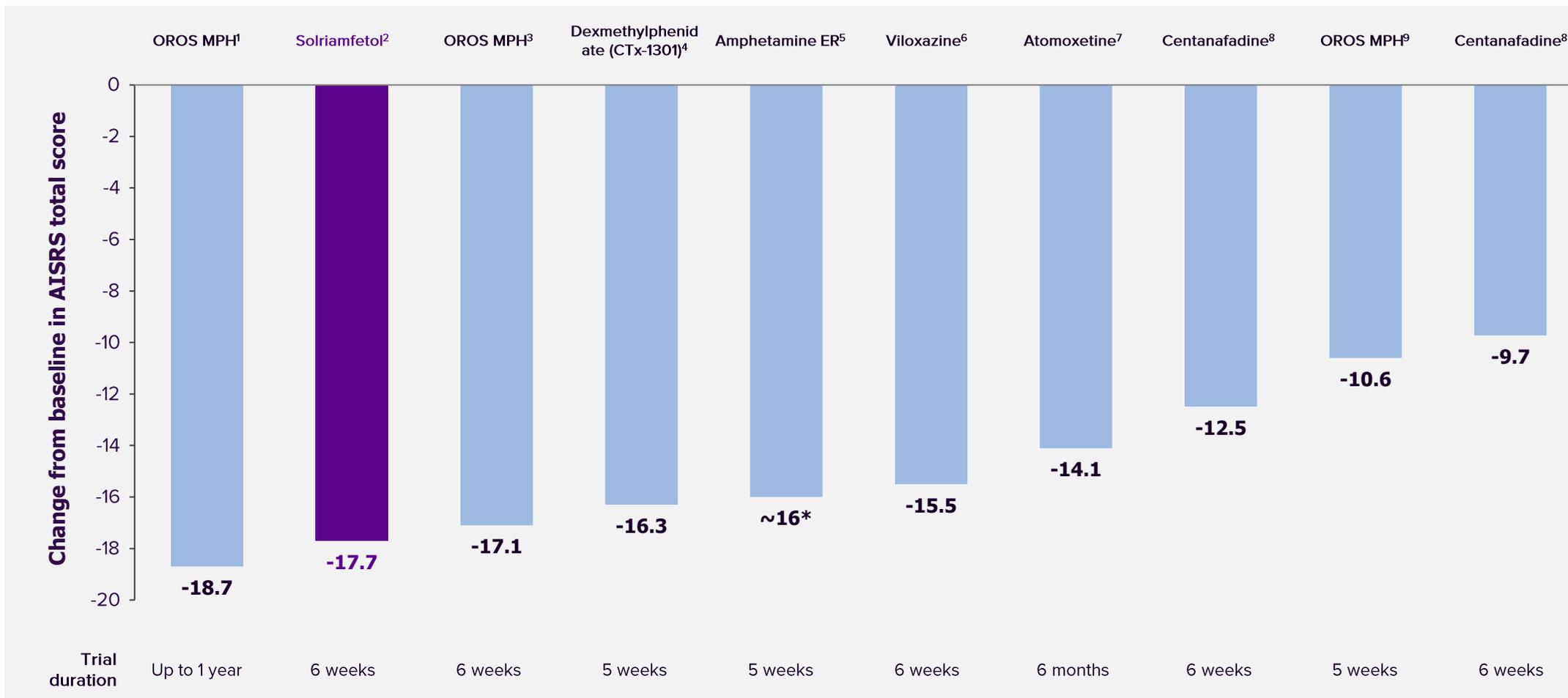
Improvements in overall ADHD disease severity with solriamfetol



➤ Improvements in severity of overall ADHD as measured by the CGI-S total score starting as early as Week 1 (p=0.012)

1. p-values shown for solriamfetol 150 mg dose vs. placebo only (primary analysis)

Reported AISRS total score reductions from baseline for approved and investigational ADHD pharmacotherapies



Not a head-to-head comparison. Data are from separate studies.



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Solriamfetol in ADHD: Key takeaways



ADHD is a *chronic and neurobiological developmental disorder* that poses a significant burden on patients



Many patients experience an *inadequate response or tolerability issues* with currently available treatments



Solriamfetol is a *novel DNRI* with TAAR1 agonist activity that targets key neurotransmitter pathways in the brain implicated in ADHD



Solriamfetol demonstrated *substantial and statistically significant improvements* in ADHD symptoms in a Phase 3 trial in adult patients



Solriamfetol was *well tolerated* in the trial, with a safety profile that was consistent with the established safety profile of solriamfetol

Major depressive disorder (MDD)



— $\sim 2/3$ of patients experience inadequate response to first-line treatment³



One of the most common mental disorders in the U.S., impacting **$\sim 21M$** adults each year^{1,2}



Serious and chronic mental health condition causing persistently low or depressed mood and a loss of interest or pleasure in daily activities, and may impair one's sleep, appetite, ability to concentrate, and/or self-worth¹

MDD with EDS is a prevalent and underserved subgroup of depression



~50% of patients with MDD have concomitant excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS)¹

Incident EDS		
	Model 1	Model 2
	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
R ²	0.06	0.13
Male	-	2.0 (1.2-3.3)**
Non-Caucasian	-	2.8 (1.4-5.4)**
Age ≤ 30 years	-	4.2 (2.3-7.8)**
Age ≥ 65 years	-	2.2 (1.3-3.8)**
Allergy/asthma	1.5 (1.0-2.4) [†]	1.6 (1.0-2.6)*
Diabetes	1.7 (1.0-3.0)*	1.4 (0.8-2.5)
Hypertension	1.1 (0.7-1.8)	-
Migraine	1.2 (0.7-2.2)	-
Obesity	1.8 (1.2-2.8)**	2.0 (1.2-3.2)**
Sleep apnea	1.7 (0.8-3.7)	-
Depression	2.6 (1.6-4.2)**	3.1 (1.8-5.2)**

Model 1 = multivariable backward conditional model of clinical risk factors.
 Model 2 = model 1 plus forced entry of sociodemographic factors. OR, odds ratio; 95% CI, 95% confidence interval. [†] P < 0.10, * P < 0.05, ** P < 0.01

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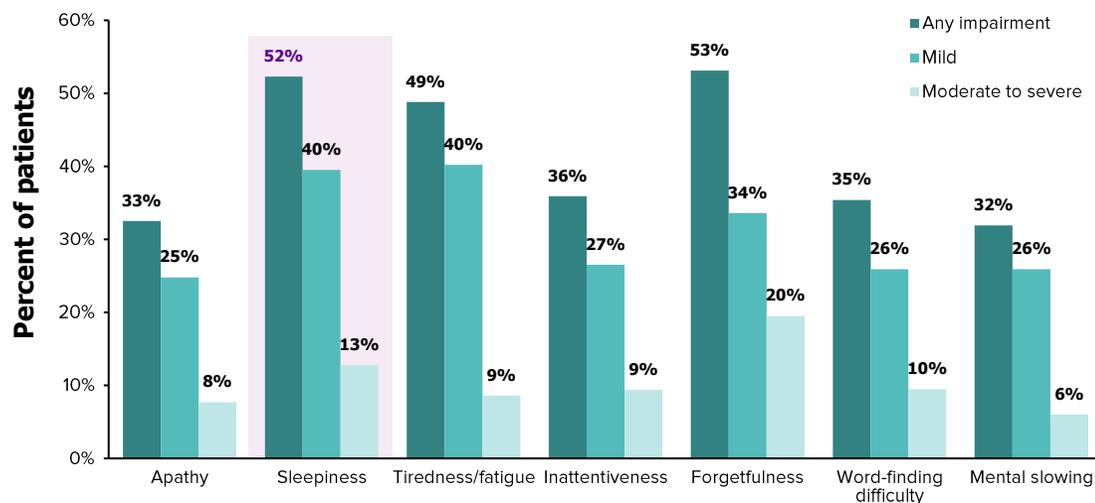
- In a large longitudinal study of 1,395 adults², a lifetime history of depression was associated with a **significantly increased risk** of developing EDS over a 7.5-year follow-up
 - Depression was the single strongest predictor of EDS onset and independent of other factors such as sleep apnea and obesity
- Severity of depression has also been **linked to** higher rates of EDS^{3,4}
- There are **no FDA-approved therapeutics** specifically for treating MDD with EDS

EDS is frequently reported by MDD patients who have responded to antidepressant treatment

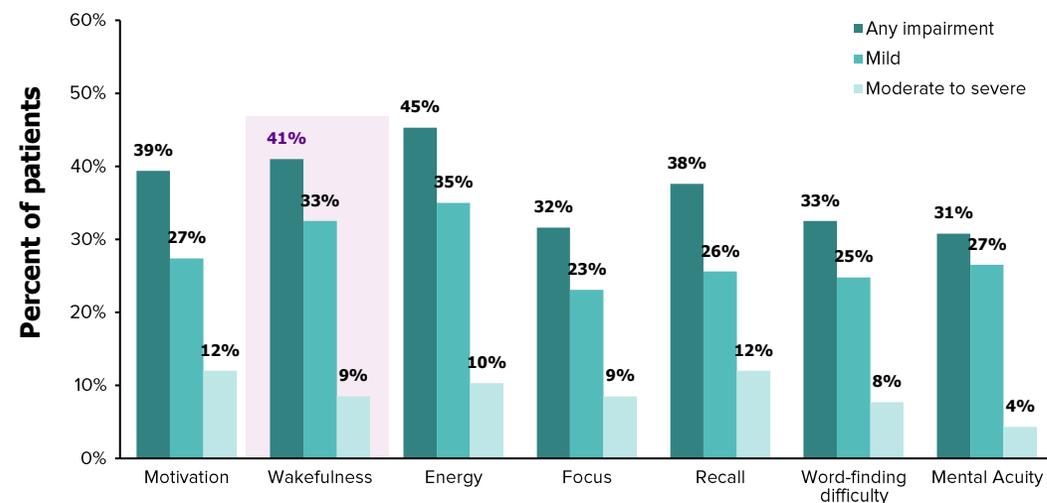


In a cross-sectional study of 117 MDD patients, *sleepiness and impairment* in wakefulness and energy were common symptoms in patients who responded to their antidepressant therapy across different self-rated measures¹

Responders with cognitive and physical impairment
Study-specific questionnaire



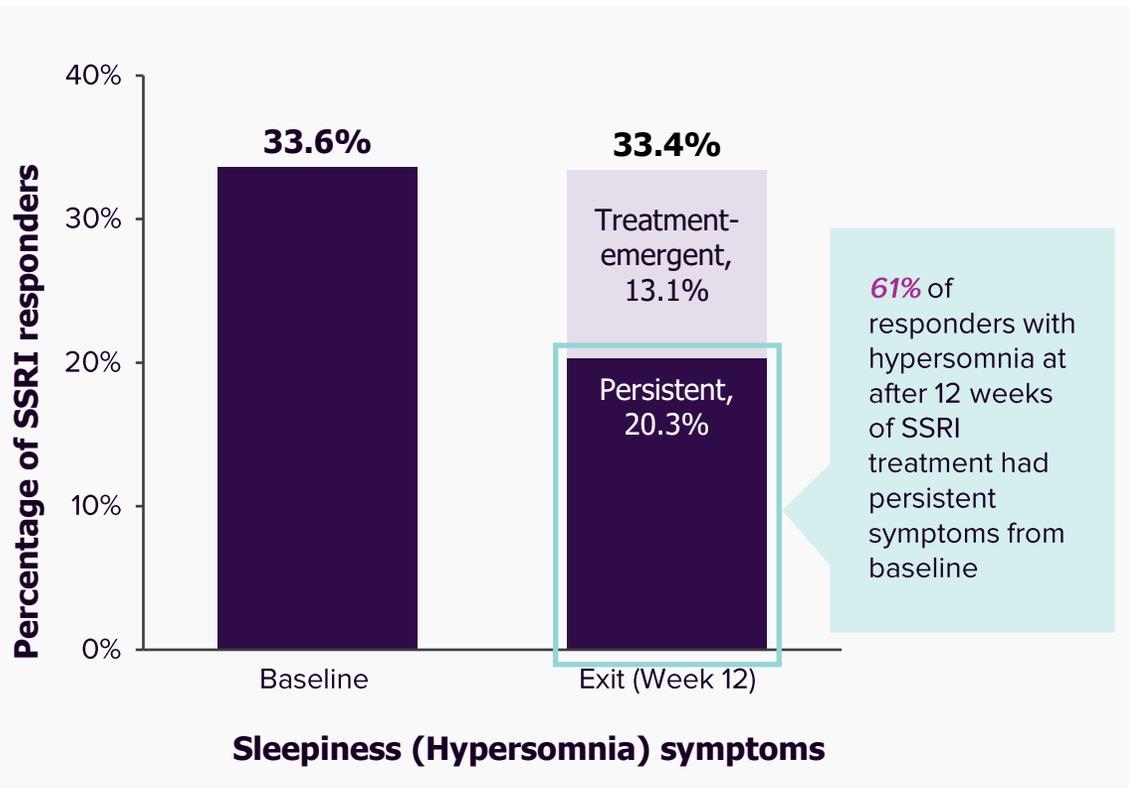
Responders with cognitive and physical impairment
Cognitive and physical functioning questionnaire



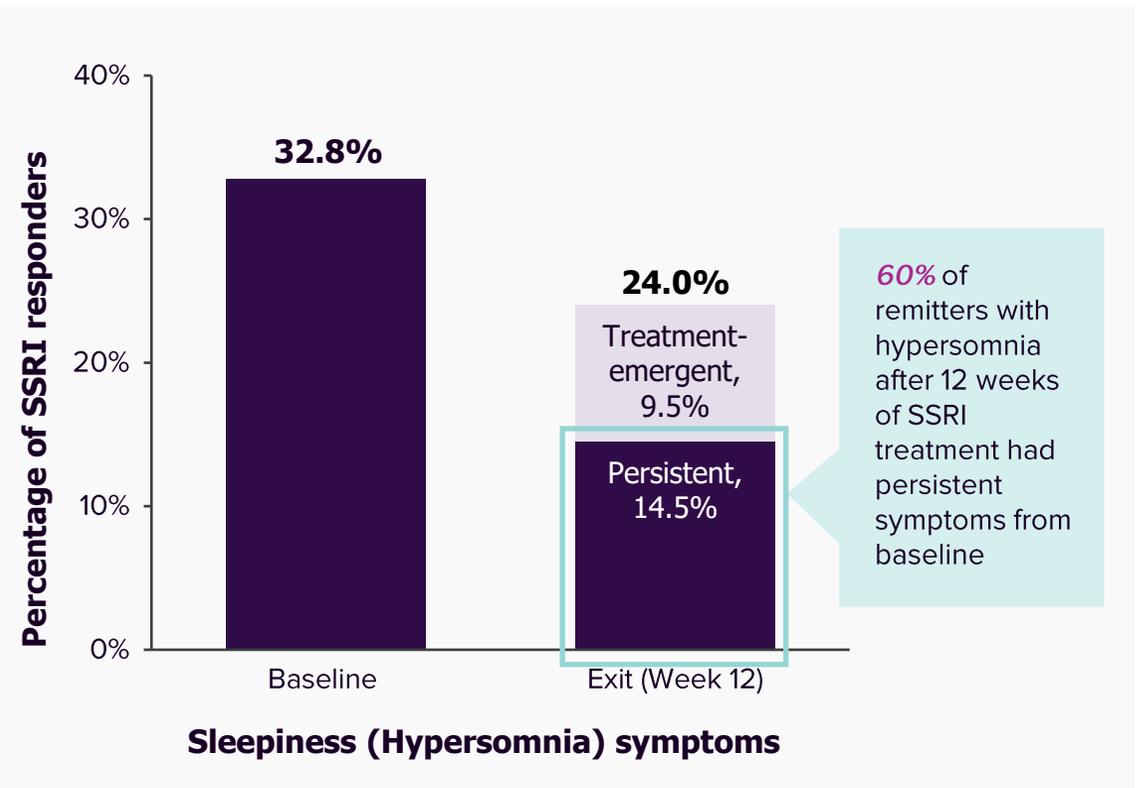
Significant sleepiness as measured by the ESS was reported in >40% of responders

Excessive sleepiness is a common residual symptom in MDD patients who respond or remit after antidepressant therapy

Sleepiness symptoms before and after SSRI treatment in patients who responded but did not remit by Week 12¹
(N=428)



Sleepiness symptoms before and after SSRI treatment in patients who remitted by Week 12²
(N=943)



EDS has been linked to poor clinical outcomes in MDD

In a cross-sectional study of 252 patients with MDD¹:

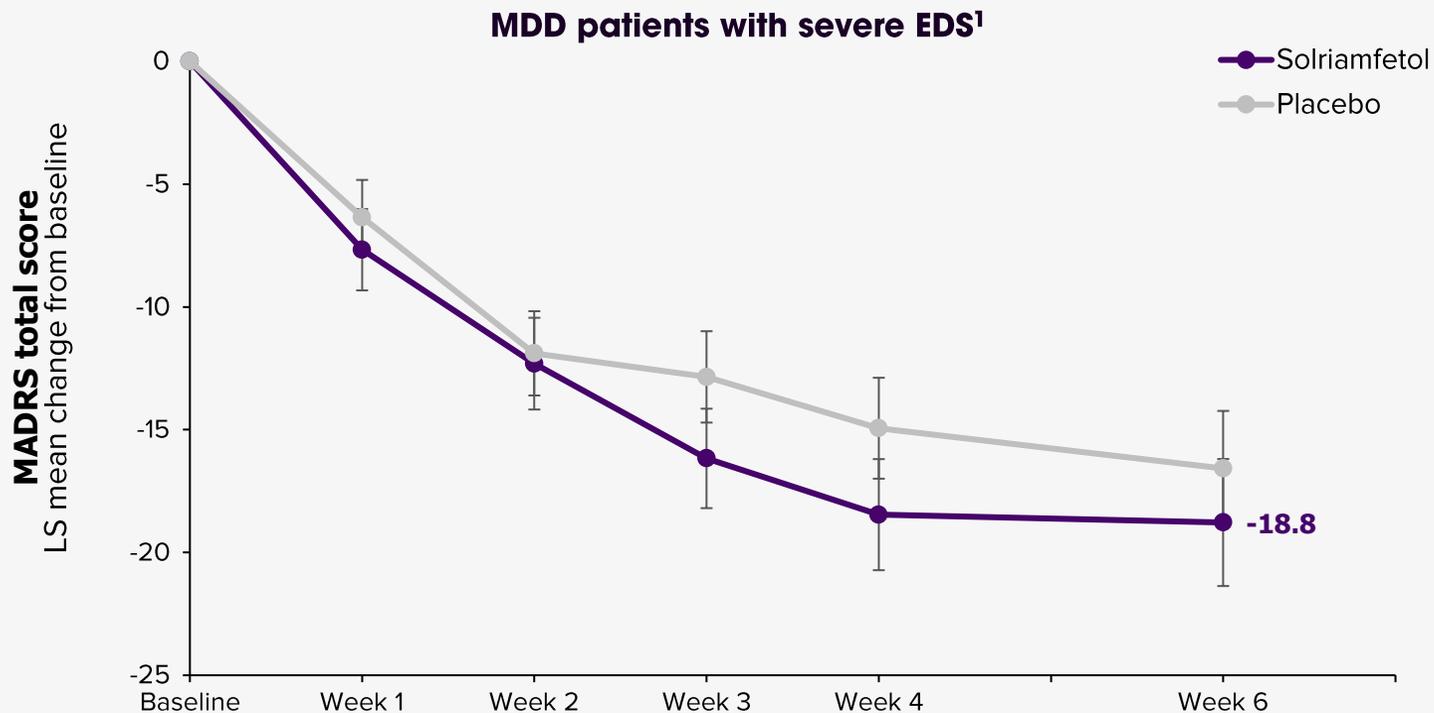
- MDD patients with hypersomnolence were found to have *greater depression* ratings and *higher rates* of suicidal ideation
 - Hypersomnolence was an independent risk factor associated with a *3-fold increase* in the risk of depression non-remission (p=0.034)

In a cross-sectional study of 70 patients with MDD²:

- Patients with higher levels of EDS had *significantly greater risk* of suicidal ideation, more severe depression, and experienced a *longer duration* of their depressive episode

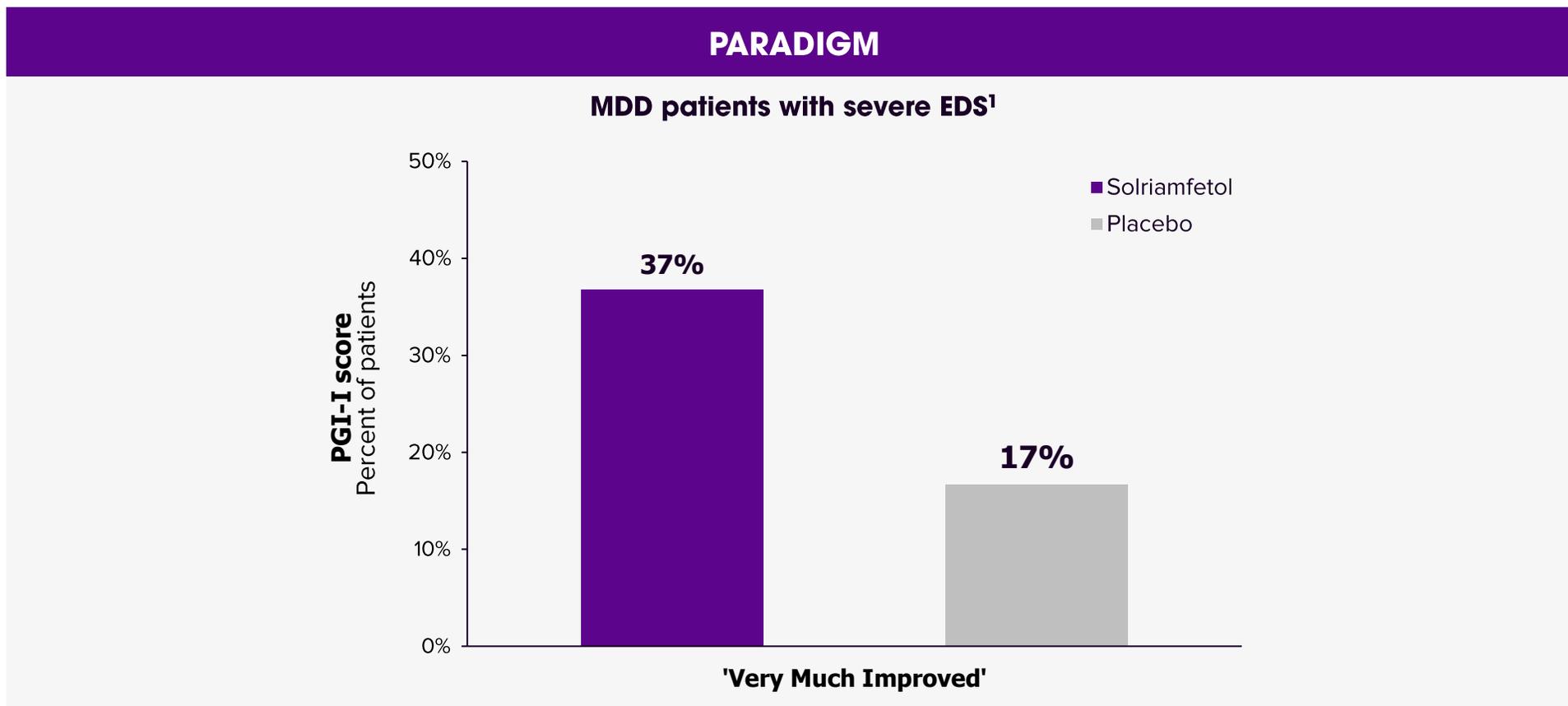
Early clinical evidence supports continued development of solriamfetol in MDD with EDS

PARADIGM



Substantial improvements in the depressive symptoms as measured by the MADRS total score compared to placebo in MDD with severe EDS subgroup

Improvements in overall depression severity in MDD patients with severe EDS



>2x as many patients reported being 'Very Much Improved' in overall depression severity as measured by the PGI-I score compared to placebo in MDD with severe EDS subgroup

Solriamfetol in MDD with EDS: Key takeaways



Approximately 50% of patients with MDD have concomitant excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS)



MDD with EDS is associated with poor clinical outcomes for patients with depression



Early clinical evidence supports continued development of solriamfetol in MDD with EDS



Solriamfetol has the potential to be the first approved treatment for MDD with EDS

Shift work disorder (SWD)

~15 million U.S. workers may suffer from SWD

10-43% have SWD^{1,3}

Approximately 1 in 3 people working in the U.S. work an alternate shift²



Shift work disorder (SWD) is a combination of excessive sleepiness during wakefulness and persistent insomnia during daytime sleep when working outside a 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. workday¹



Shift work has long been associated with multiple serious health complaints and a 23% greater risk of sustaining a work-related injury^{4,5}



No new medications approved since 2007, and considerable residual sleepiness reported when medication is used⁶

Solriamfetol

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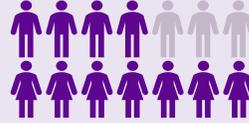
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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN BINGE EATING DISORDER: Novel MOA, novel indication

Binge eating disorder (BED)

>7 million people in the U.S. have BED¹



BED is 1.75x more common in women than in men¹



Binge eating disorder (BED) is the most common eating disorder, affecting 2.8% of adults and 1.6% of adolescents in the US^{1,2}



BED is thought to involve issues with food reward processing, impulse control, cognitive control, and appetite regulation^{1,3}



Unmet medical need associated with a 2- to 3-fold increased risk of psychiatric and medical comorbidities⁴

Recent formal recognition of BED in DSM-5 diagnostic criteria

DSM-5 criteria for BED

Recurrent episodes of binge eating

- Characterized by:
 - Eating a larger amount of food than normal during a short time frame (any 2-hour period)
 - A sense of lack of control overeating during the episode
- Occurs on average at least once a week for 3 months

Associated behaviors and emotional responses

- Associated with at ≥ 3 of the following:
 - Eating much more rapidly than normal
 - Eating until feeling uncomfortably full
 - Eating large amounts of food when not feeling physically hungry
 - Eating alone because of feeling embarrassed by how much one is eating
 - Feeling disgusted with oneself, depressed, or very guilty afterward

Additional characteristics

- Marked distress regarding binge eating is also present
- Binge eating is not associated with recurrent use of inappropriate compensatory behavior such as purging, excessive exercise, etc.
- Binge eating does not occur exclusively during the course of bulimia nervosa or anorexia nervosa

Substantial burden of BED on patient outcomes

BED in adolescents and adults is associated with:



Functional impairment at work/school, social life and leisure activities, and family life/home responsibilities^{1,2}



Reduced mental and physical health-related quality of life³⁻⁹



Increased medical morbidity, including cardiovascular problems, metabolic syndrome, and type 2 diabetes¹⁰⁻¹⁵



Higher rates of comorbid psychiatric symptoms, including mood and anxiety disorders^{10,13,16-19}



Increased risk for developing psychiatric symptoms²⁰



Higher prevalence among people with obesity²¹

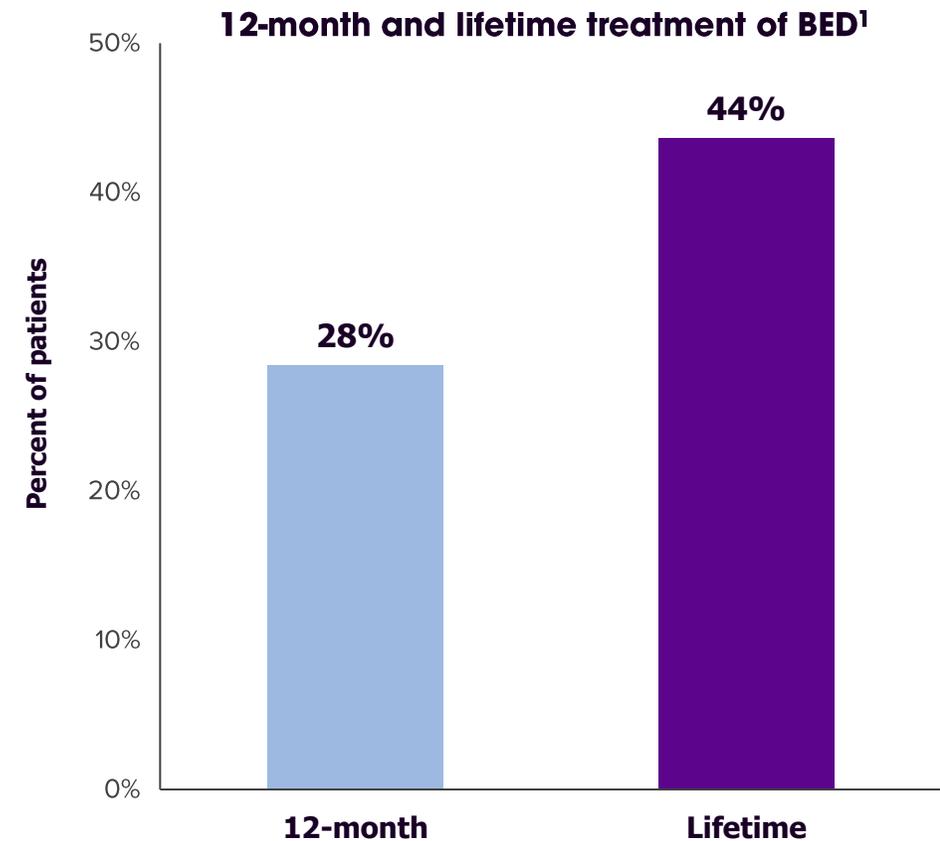


Greater healthcare utilization¹

Significant need for new treatment options for people living with BED

- >70% of patients with BED don't receive treatment in the prior 12 months¹
- Standard of care for BED is not yet clearly defined²
- Individuals with BED may be reluctant to seek treatment due to shame, embarrassment, and a lack of awareness of the disorder³
- Proper diagnosis and treatment remains a challenge for physicians due to insufficient awareness of its recent diagnostic criteria and limited available treatment options³

BED is a highly underserved psychiatric disorder with only one FDA-approved treatment



Rationale for solriamfetol in BED



Solriamfetol inhibits the reuptake of dopamine and norepinephrine, neurotransmitters implicated in the pathophysiology of binge eating disorder¹⁻³



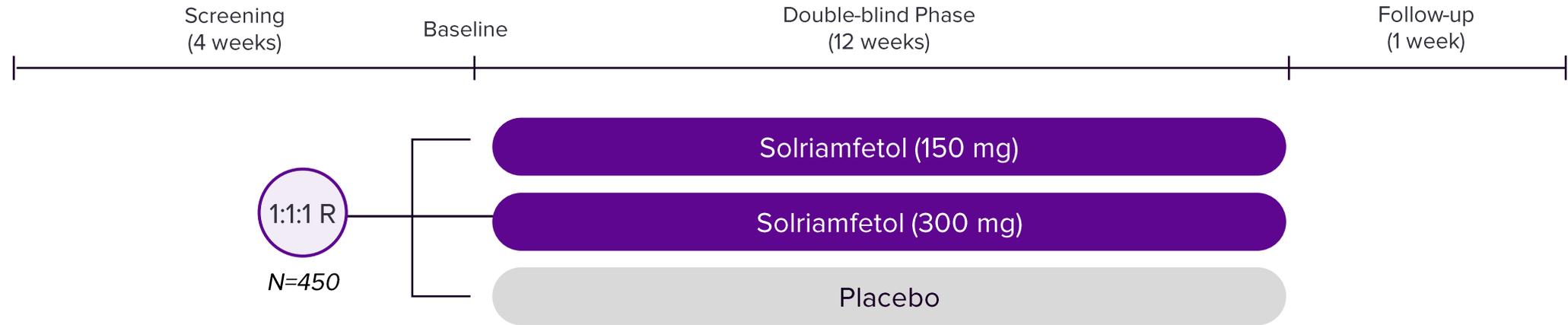
Pre-clinical and clinical data support potential effects of solriamfetol on appetite, food consumption, and weight^{4,5}



Link between narcolepsy and BED

Ongoing Phase 3 trial of solriamfetol in patients with BED

ENGAGE Phase 3 Trial



Key eligibility criteria

- 18-55 years of age with diagnosis of BED (DSM-5)

Primary endpoint

- Change from baseline in days with binge eating episodes

Solriamfetol in BED: Key takeaways



Despite being the most common eating disorder, BED remains significantly *underrecognized, underdiagnosed, and undertreated*



There is an *urgent need for a new pharmacologic approach* for BED, with currently only one FDA-approved agent



BED is associated with high rates of *psychiatric comorbidities*, which may worsen with inadequate treatment



Solriamfetol has the potential to be an *important new treatment option* for this underserved patient population

AXS-12

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN NARCOLEPSY: Novel MOA addressing critical gaps in care

AXS-12 (reboxetine)

Novel pharmacological approach for the treatment of narcolepsy

Norepinephrine and dopamine play *important roles* in sleep-wake regulation (both) and in maintaining muscle tone during wakefulness (norepinephrine)¹⁻³

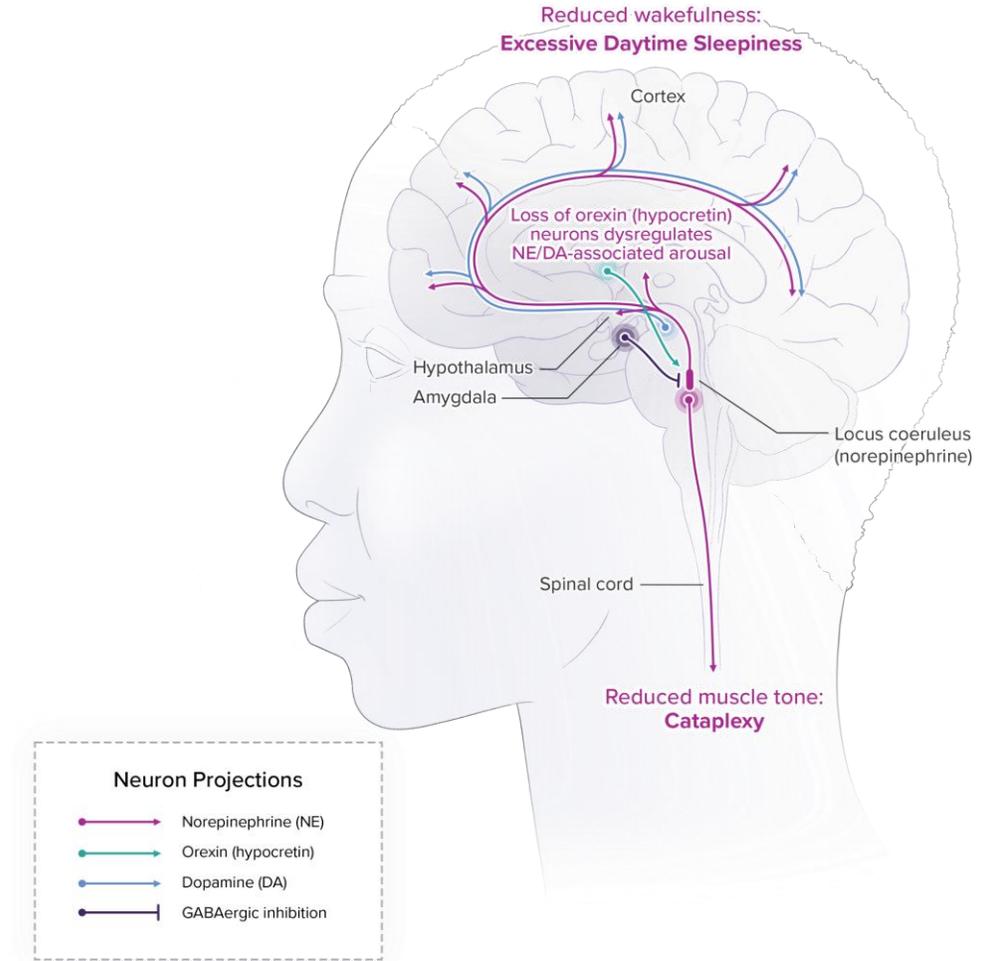


The loss of orexin input *inhibits the production* of these neurotransmitters^{1,2}

- Decreased norepinephrine signaling is thought to contribute to cataplexy, EDS, and cognitive impairment^{1,4,7}
- Decreased dopamine signaling is thought to contribute to EDS and cognitive impairment^{1,4}



AXS-12 *inhibits the reuptake* of both neurotransmitters, improving both norepinephrine and cortical dopamine signaling in the brain



Narcolepsy



Rare and debilitating neurological condition that affects approximately **185,000** people in the U.S.¹



Characterized by cataplexy, excessive daytime sleepiness (EDS), hypnagogic hallucinations, sleep paralysis, and disrupted nocturnal sleep.²⁻⁴

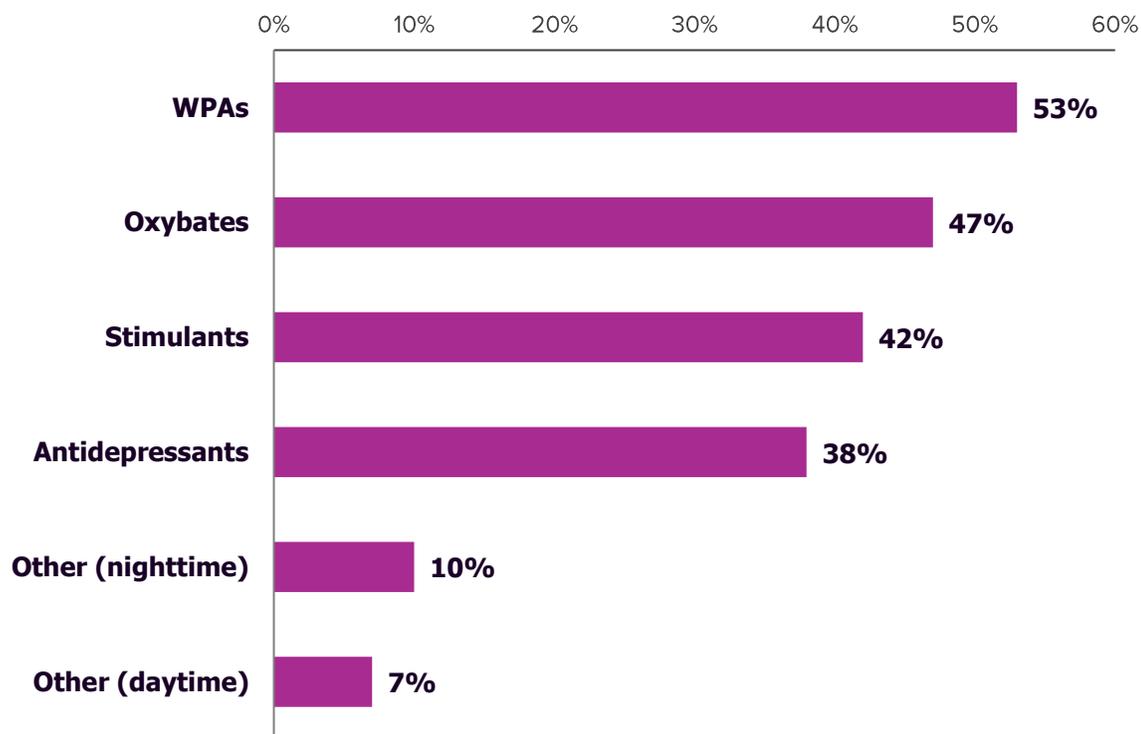


Up to **70%** of patients suffer from cataplexy, or the sudden reduction or loss of muscle tone while awake.⁵

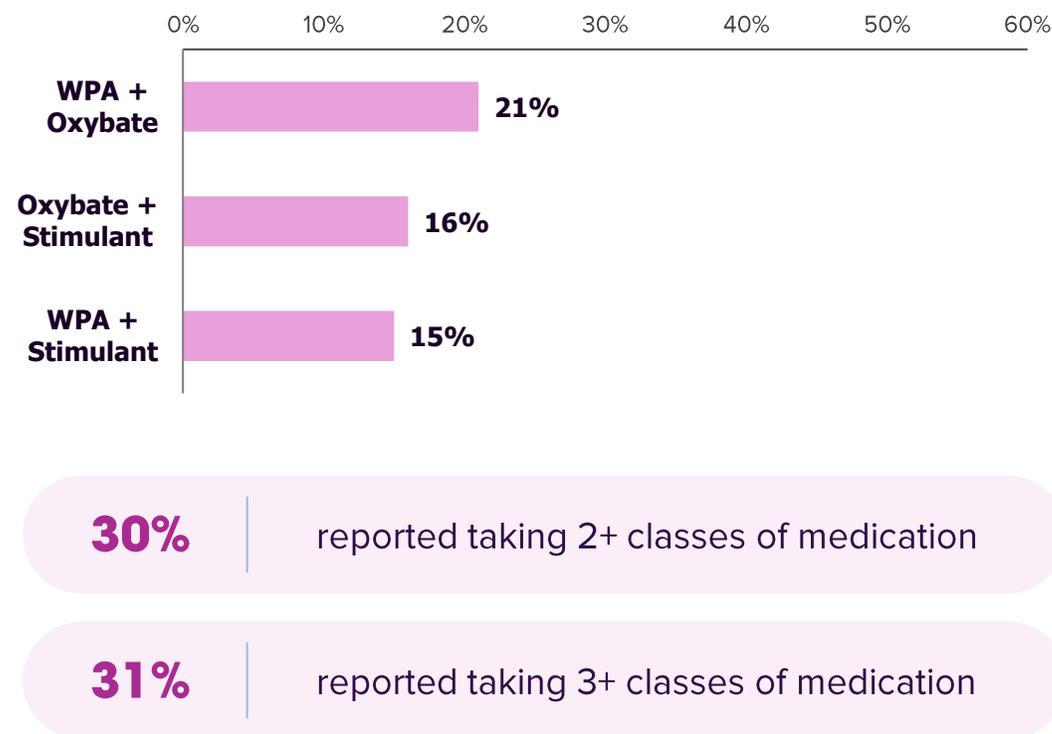
Narcolepsy type 1 treatment landscape

Results from the CRESCENDO Survey (N=203)

Current treatments used by participants to treat their narcolepsy symptoms



Most common concurrently used treatments



Wake promoting agents (WPAs): armodafinil, modafinil, pitolisant, and solriamfetol; Oxybates: sodium oxybate and mixed salt oxybate; Stimulants: methylphenidate, amphetamines, others; Antidepressants: SSRIs, SNRIs, NDRI, tricyclics; Other nighttime medications: zolpidem, trazodone, pramipexole and others; Other daytime medications: lamotrigine, triamterene, levothyroxine and others; NT1 = narcolepsy type 1; Axsome Therapeutics, Inc. Data on file.

Unmet need for new treatment options in narcolepsy

Results from the CRESCENDO Survey

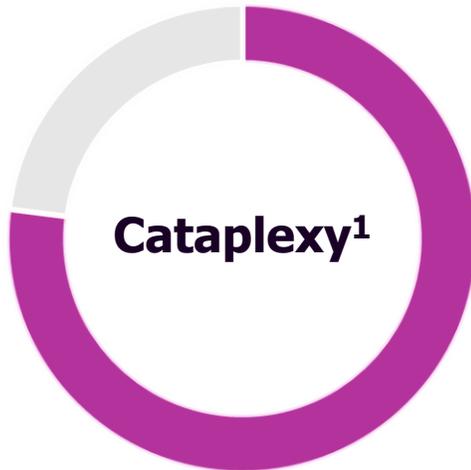
93%	of patients reported discontinuing at least one medication due to:
51%	Inadequate efficacy
42%	Burdensome side effects
34%	Recommendation by HCP to switch

Inadequate relief of core narcolepsy symptoms despite treatment

Results from the CRESCENDO Survey

Percent of patients with persistent symptoms while on treatment

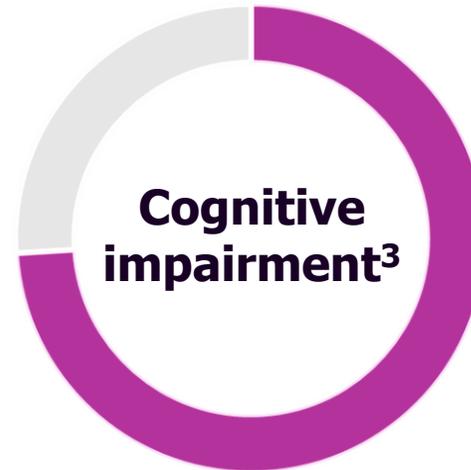
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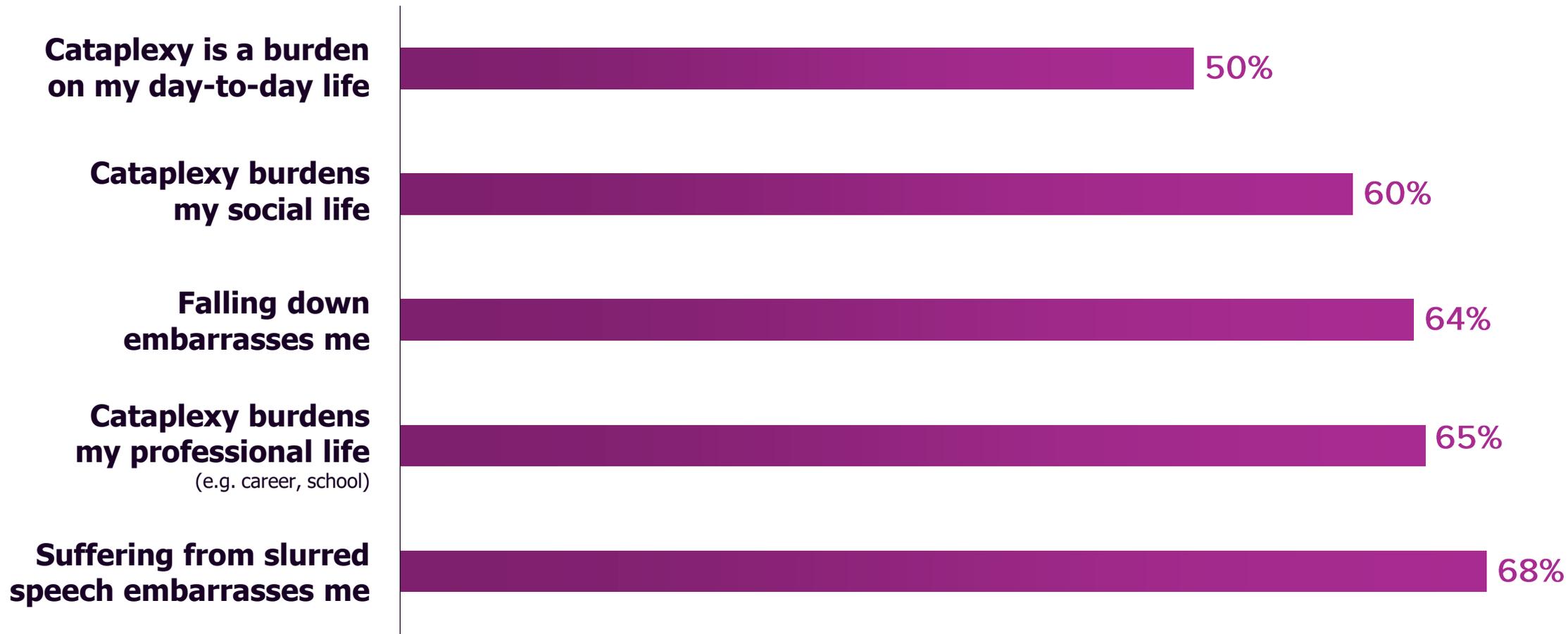
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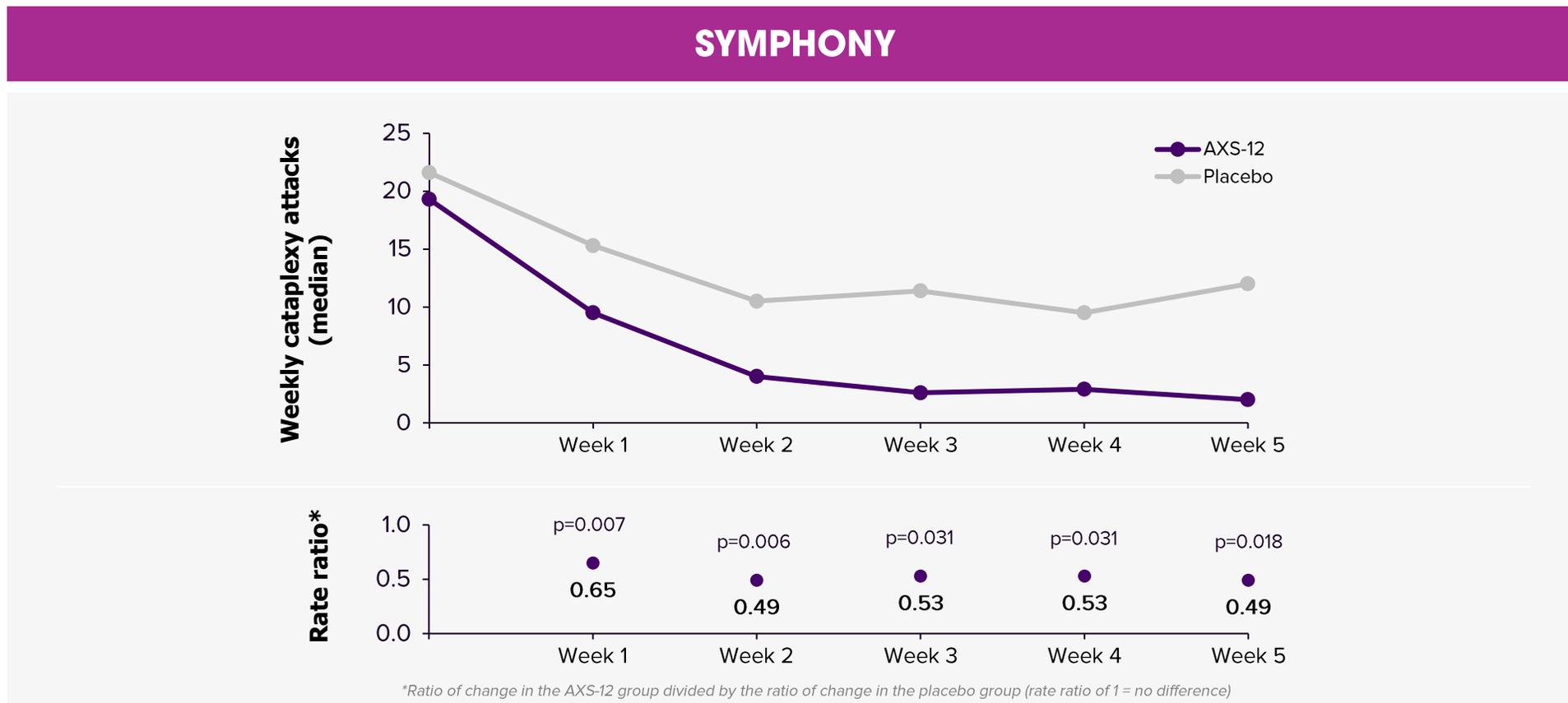
Cataplexy can have a profound impact on all aspects of patients' lives¹



AXS-12 clinical development program

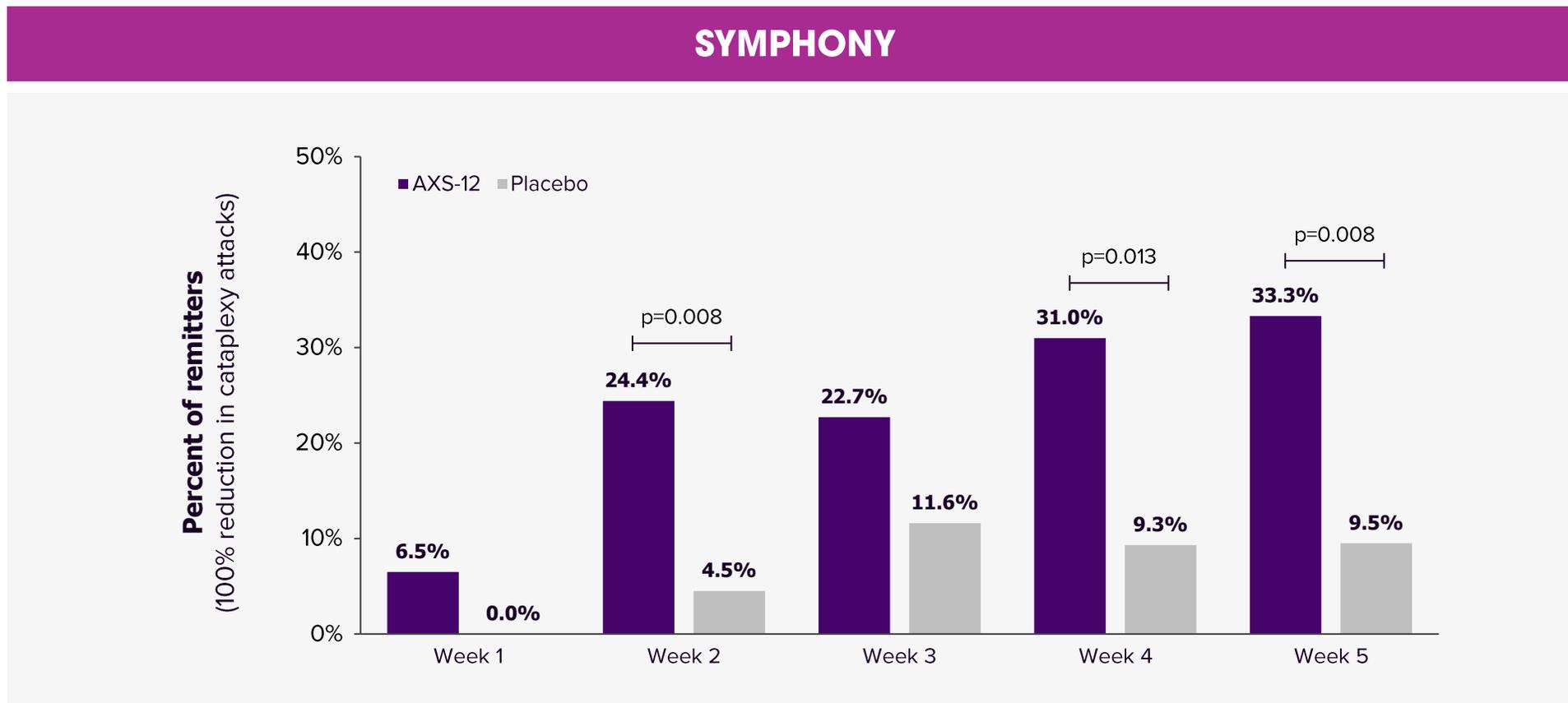
CONCERT	SYMPHONY	ENCORE
<i>Phase 2 (N=21)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (N=90)</i>	<i>Phase 3 (OLP N=68; RWP N=42)</i>
2-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover	5-week, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	6-month, open-label period ¹ followed by 3-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled, randomized withdrawal period
Primary endpoint: Change from baseline in weekly cataplexy attacks (averaged over 2-week treatment period)	Primary endpoint: Change from baseline in weekly cataplexy attacks at Week 5	Primary endpoint: Change from randomization in weekly cataplexy attacks

Phase 3 results demonstrate rapid and robust reductions in cataplexy with AXS-12 treatment



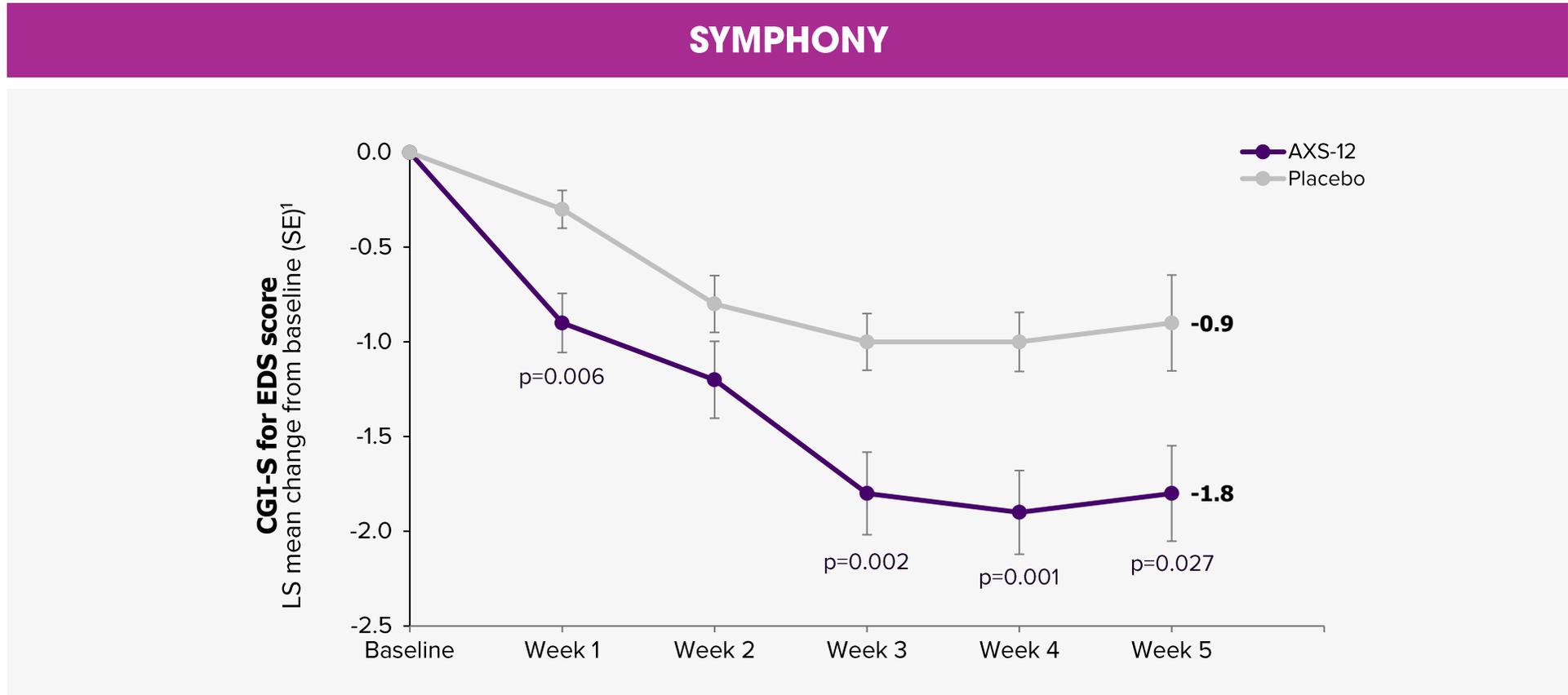
Significant reductions in weekly cataplexy attacks compared to placebo starting at Week 1 (p=0.007) and maintained through Week 5 (p=0.018)

Rates of complete cataplexy response were significantly greater with AXS-12 treatment



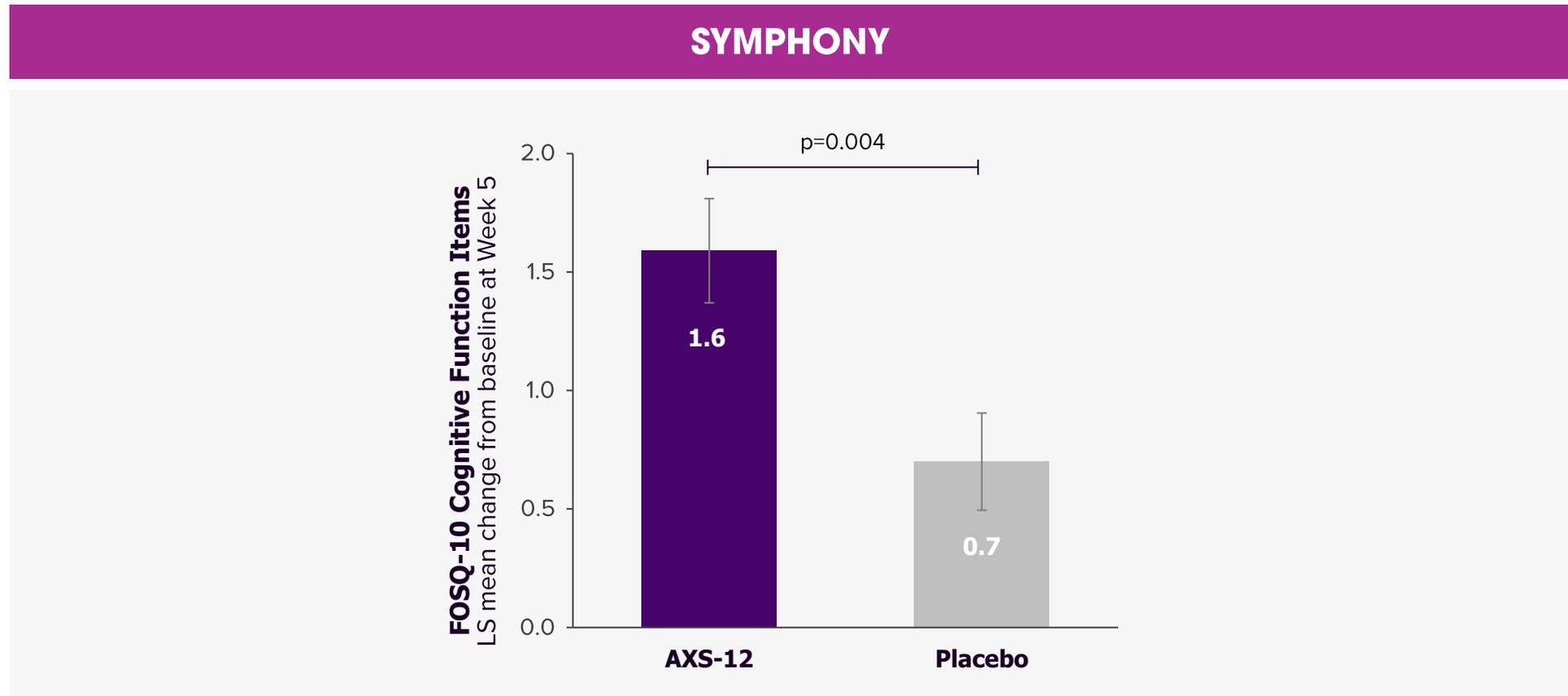
Over 30% of patients treated with AXS-12 achieved remission (100% reduction) in cataplexy attacks by Week 5 compared to <10% of patients treated with placebo (p=0.008)

AXS-12 significantly reduced the severity of excessive daytime sleepiness



Significant reduction in EDS severity as measured by the CGI-S for EDS score compared to placebo (p=0.027), with improvement observed as early as Week 1 (p=0.006)

AXS-12 led to clinically meaningful improvements in cognitive function

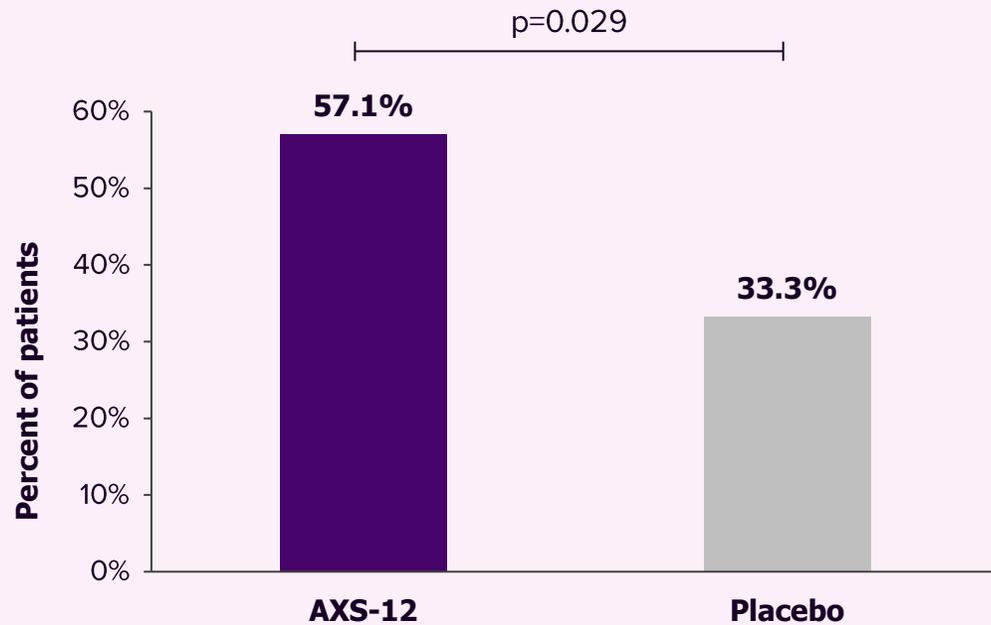


>2x improvement in cognitive function as measured by the FOSQ-10 cognitive function items compared to placebo ($p=0.004$)

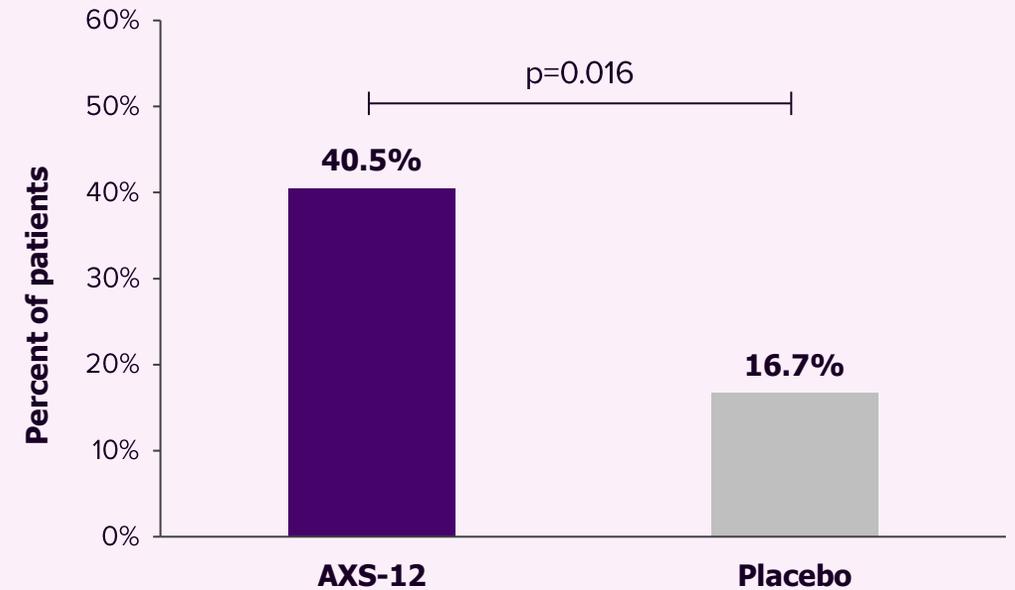
Concurrent relief in core symptoms of narcolepsy with AXS-12

SYMPHONY

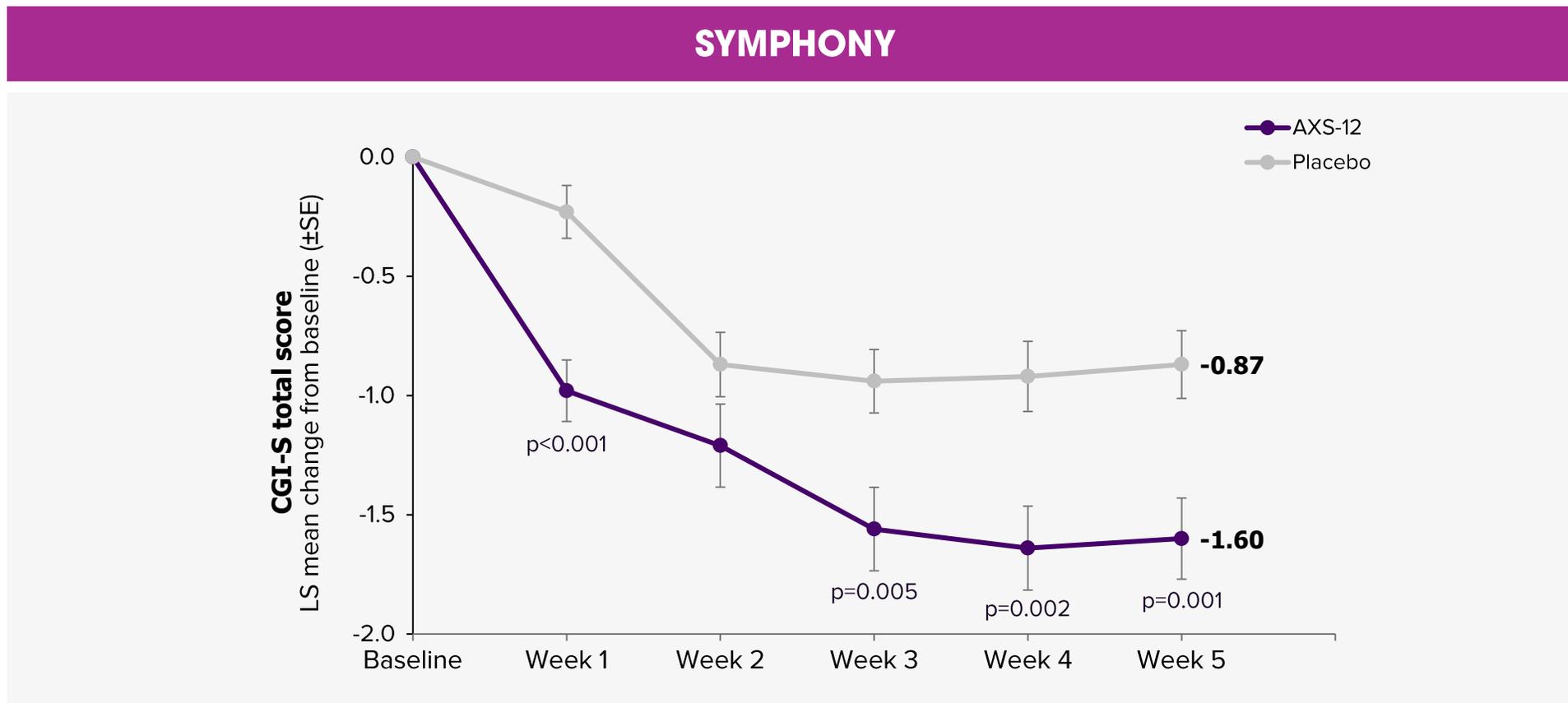
Patients achieving clinical response for both cataplexy and EDS at Week 5¹



Patients achieving clinical response for both cataplexy and cognitive function at Week 5²



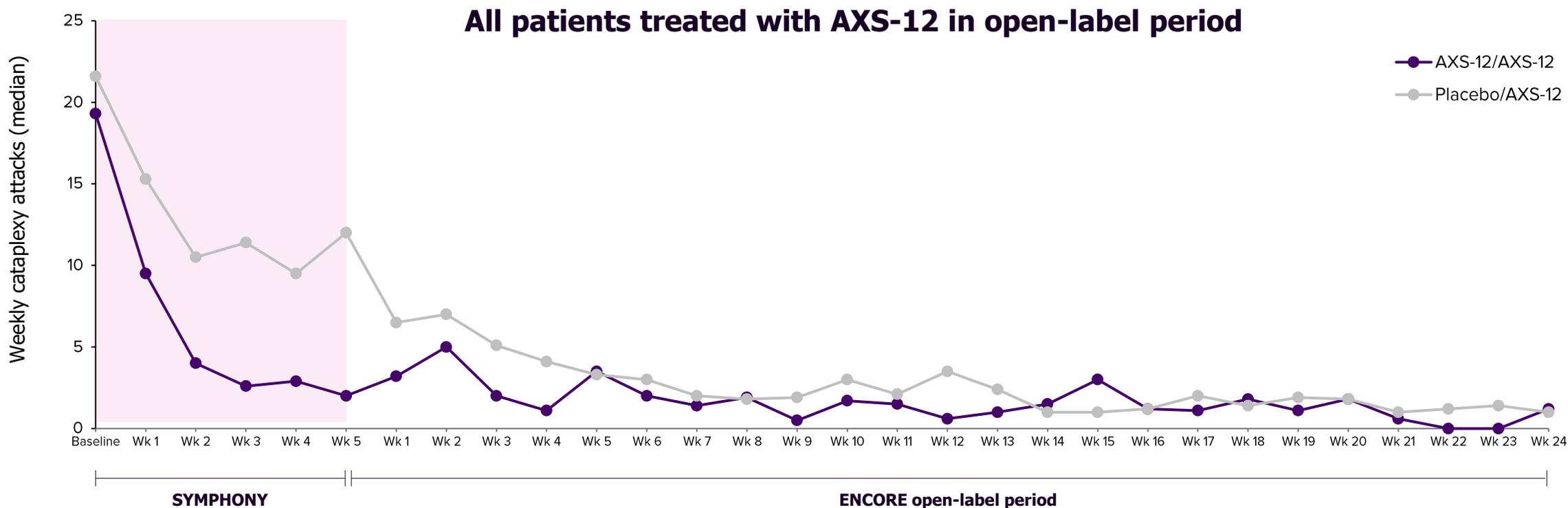
Improvements in overall narcolepsy severity further support potential for AXS-12 to provide broad symptom relief



Significant reductions in overall narcolepsy severity as measured by the CGI-S total score compared to placebo at Week 5 ($p=0.001$), with improvements observed as early as Week 1 ($p<0.001$)

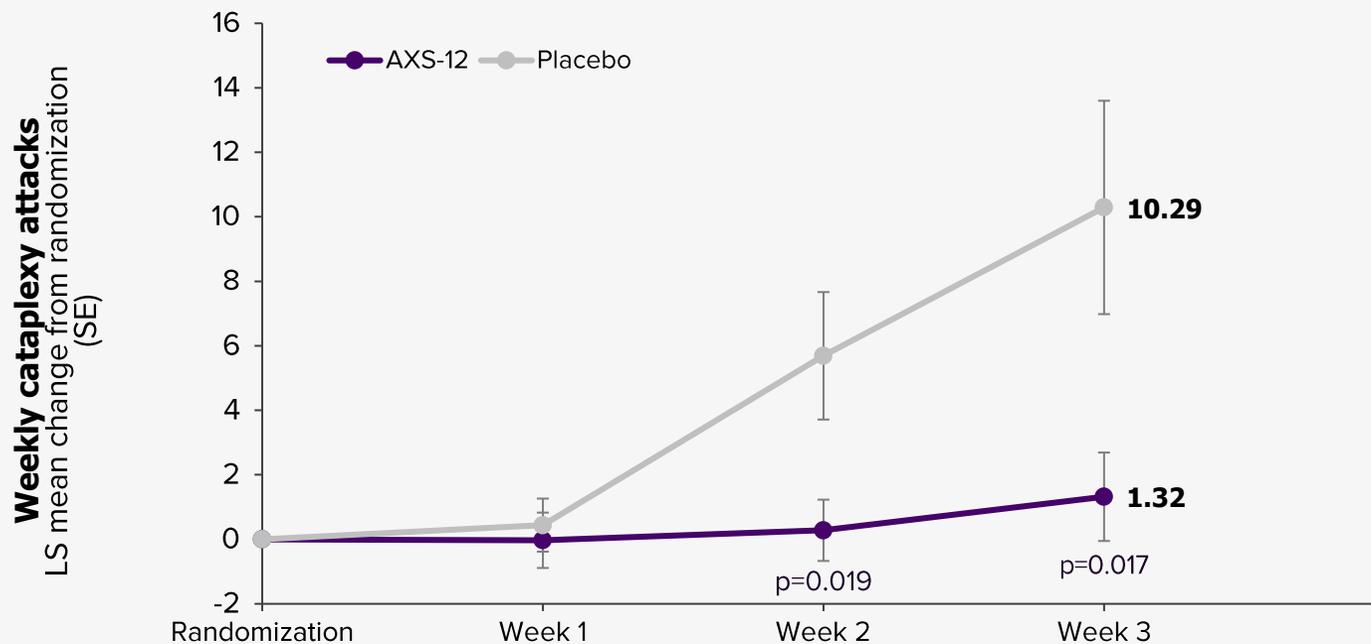
Reductions in cataplexy attacks were sustained with long-term AXS-12 treatment

AXS-12/AXS-12 (n)	46	46	45	44	42	42	30	32	29	30	29	28	25	28	22	24	22	24	20	20	17	20	20	23	22	23	20	21	19	20
Placebo/AXS-12 (n)	44	44	44	44	44	43	30	27	26	28	24	24	21	20	20	20	20	21	18	18	21	19	17	18	18	19	14	15	17	13



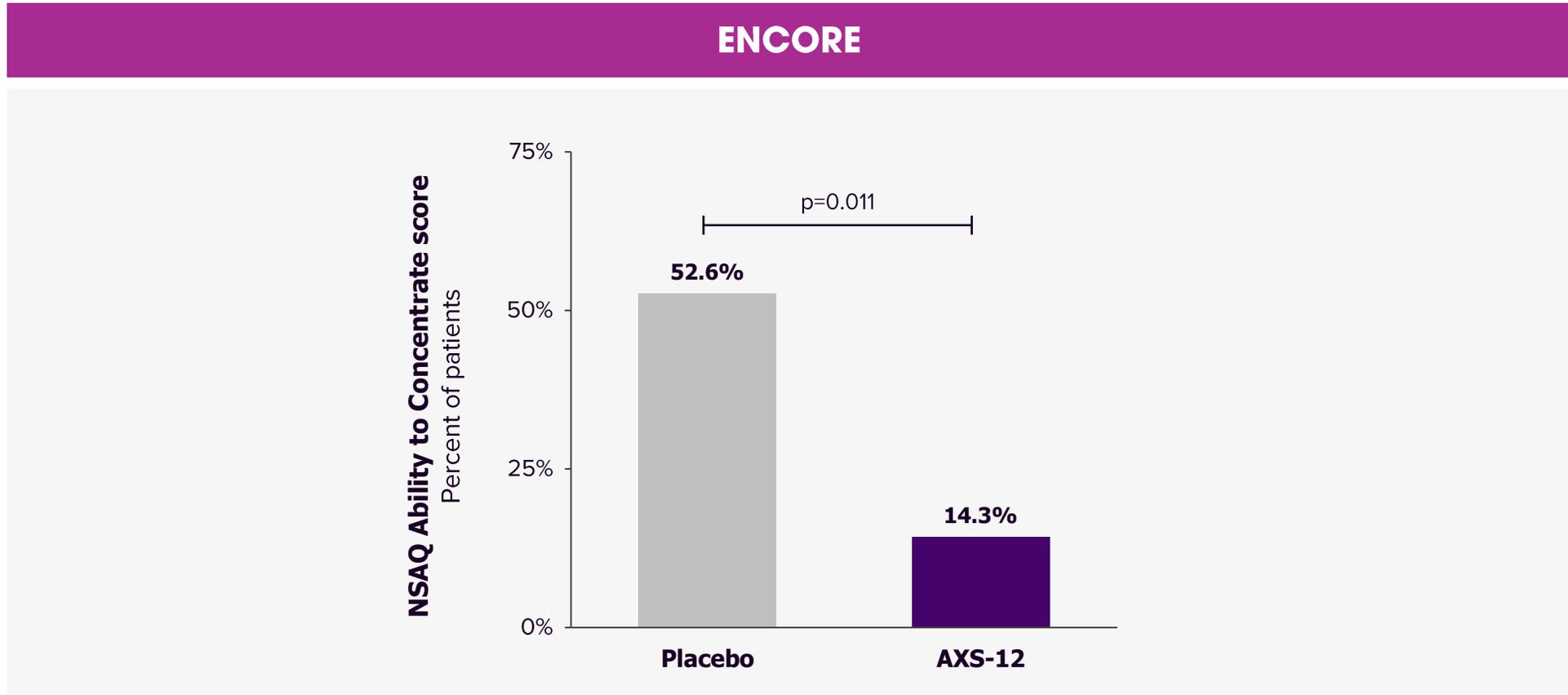
Significant improvements in cataplexy demonstrated with AXS-12 vs. placebo in randomized withdrawal trial

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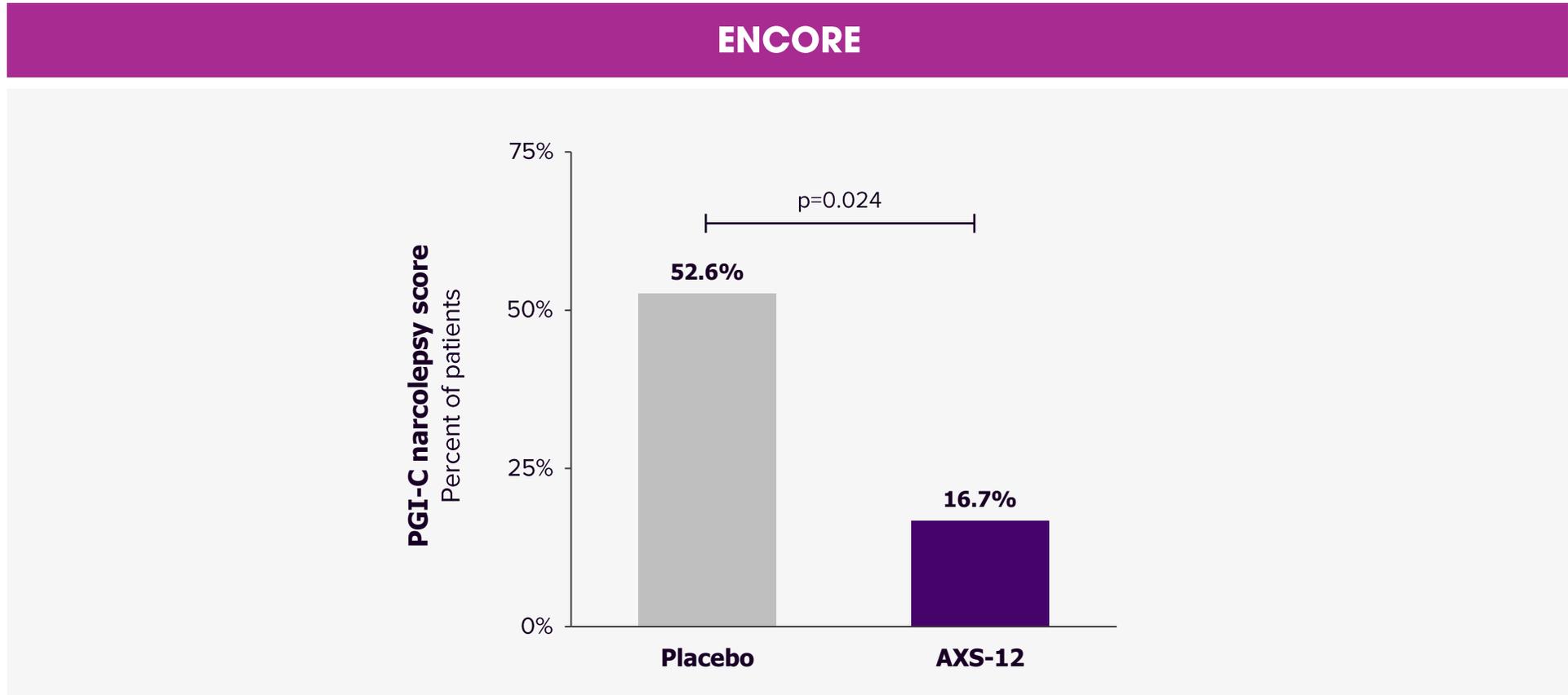
Patients randomized to switch to placebo experienced significant worsening in cataplexy attacks compared to those who continued AXS-12 treatment (p=0.017)

Significant improvements in cognitive function demonstrated with AXS-12 vs. placebo in randomized withdrawal trial



Patients randomized to switch to placebo were significantly more likely to experience worsening in the ability to concentrate compared to those who continued AXS-12 treatment (p=0.011)

Significant improvements in overall narcolepsy demonstrated with AXS-12 vs. placebo in randomized withdrawal trial



Patients randomized to switch to placebo were significantly more likely to report worsening of their narcolepsy symptoms overall compared to those who continued AXS-12 treatment (p=0.024)

AXS-12 was safe and well tolerated across three clinical trials



Low and balanced discontinuation rates due to AEs across three placebo-controlled trials



All commonly reported *AEs were mild to moderate* in severity, with no reported serious AEs



Long-term safety and tolerability was *consistent* with the short-term trials and *no new safety signals were observed*

AXS-12 in narcolepsy: Key takeaways



Narcolepsy is a rare and debilitating neurological condition, with up to 70% of patients experiencing cataplexy



Many treated patients continue to experience persistent symptoms including cataplexy, excessive daytime sleepiness, and cognitive impairment



AXS-12 is a novel, selective NRI and cortical dopamine modulator that targets key neurotransmitters involved in sleep-wake regulation, cognition, and maintaining muscle tone during wakefulness



AXS-12 demonstrated consistent, robust efficacy and safety in three placebo-controlled trials

AXS-14

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN FIBROMYALGIA: Redefining the standard of care

Fibromyalgia (FM)

An estimated *~17 million* people in the U.S. are impacted by fibromyalgia¹



Chronic and debilitating neurological pain syndrome resulting from a dysfunction in central pain processing^{2,3}



Characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain, fatigue, disturbed sleep, mood disturbances, cognitive impairment, and hypersensitivity to sensory stimuli^{4,5}



Associated with substantial physical disability and reduced emotional and social wellbeing, financial burden, and reduced quality of life^{2,3}

Recent advances in nomenclature: nociplastic pain^{1,2}

“ Pain that arises from altered nociception despite no clear evidence of actual or threatened tissue damage causing the activation of peripheral nociceptors or evidence for disease or lesion of the somatosensory system causing the pain

”

Introduced in 2016 through the International Association for the Study of Pain Terminology Task Force

Formal definition of third pain mechanism distinct from nociceptive and neuropathic pain arising from central sensitization

Best exemplified in conditions including:

- Fibromyalgia
- Irritable bowel syndrome
- Migraine and tension headache
- Chronic low back pain, and others

Barriers to diagnosis often limits access to timely and adequate care of fibromyalgia¹⁻⁵

- Heterogeneous condition with broad array and severity of symptoms
- High overlap with other comorbidities
- Stigmatization and limited social recognition of the disorder
- Inconsistencies in treatment practices for fibromyalgia

~6

Years from initial presentation of symptoms to receiving an actual diagnosis of fibromyalgia²

~4

Average number of physicians patients present to prior to receiving a diagnosis¹

>1/3

Of patients may present to more than *three* physicians prior to receiving a diagnosis¹

Fibromyalgia has a profound impact across all aspects of patients' lives

Fibromyalgia is associated with:



Lost days at work due to fibromyalgia symptoms¹



Reduced quality of life, social, and occupational functioning^{1,2}



Greater overall health status impairment vs. other chronic pain conditions¹



High rates of comorbid medical and psychiatric symptoms^{3,4}



More frequent emergency room visits, outpatient visits, and hospitalizations³



Higher rates of polypharmacy^{1,4,5}



Increased healthcare utilization¹

FDA The Voice of the Patient

Top two symptoms FM patients report as having the greatest impact on their or their loved one's life¹:

Widespread pain

- “Climbing a couple of stairs is agonizing. My leg muscles feel leaded, stiff, and weak, and almost as if they are going to rip if I continue to walk.”
- “The pain is so bad... It feels like there are knives sticking into my body.”

Fatigue

- “I literally hit a brick wall...all of a sudden I come to a complete and total stop.”
- “The fatigue is just so completely and totally overwhelming that it is hard to even have the energy to breathe.”

Impact on daily life

- Worry about the future, suicidal thoughts, and social isolation
- Ability to perform at work
- Reliance on caregivers for daily activities
- Significant, often debilitating, impact on relationships

Key challenges and unmet needs in the management of fibromyalgia

Fibromyalgia management requires a **multidisciplinary** and **patient-centric** approach including both pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions^{1,2}

Commonly prescribed pharmacological interventions include a wide variety of medications^{2,3}:

- SNRIs/SSRIs, muscle relaxants, opioids, anticonvulsants, TCAs
- FDA-approved medications account for **<1/3** of ACR-recommended pharmacotherapies used to manage FM symptoms

Limitations of current treatments:

- High rates of **patient dissatisfaction** due to inadequate symptom control and/or tolerability issues lead to poor adherence, switching, and polypharmacy¹⁻⁵
 - **>3/4** of treated FM patients rely on multiple concurrent medications to manage different symptoms⁶
 - **>50%** of FM patients discontinue treatment within the first year³

Only 3 FDA-approved products for fibromyalgia, with no therapeutic innovation in the last 15 years

AXS-14 (esreboxetine)

Novel pharmacological approach for the management of fibromyalgia (FM)

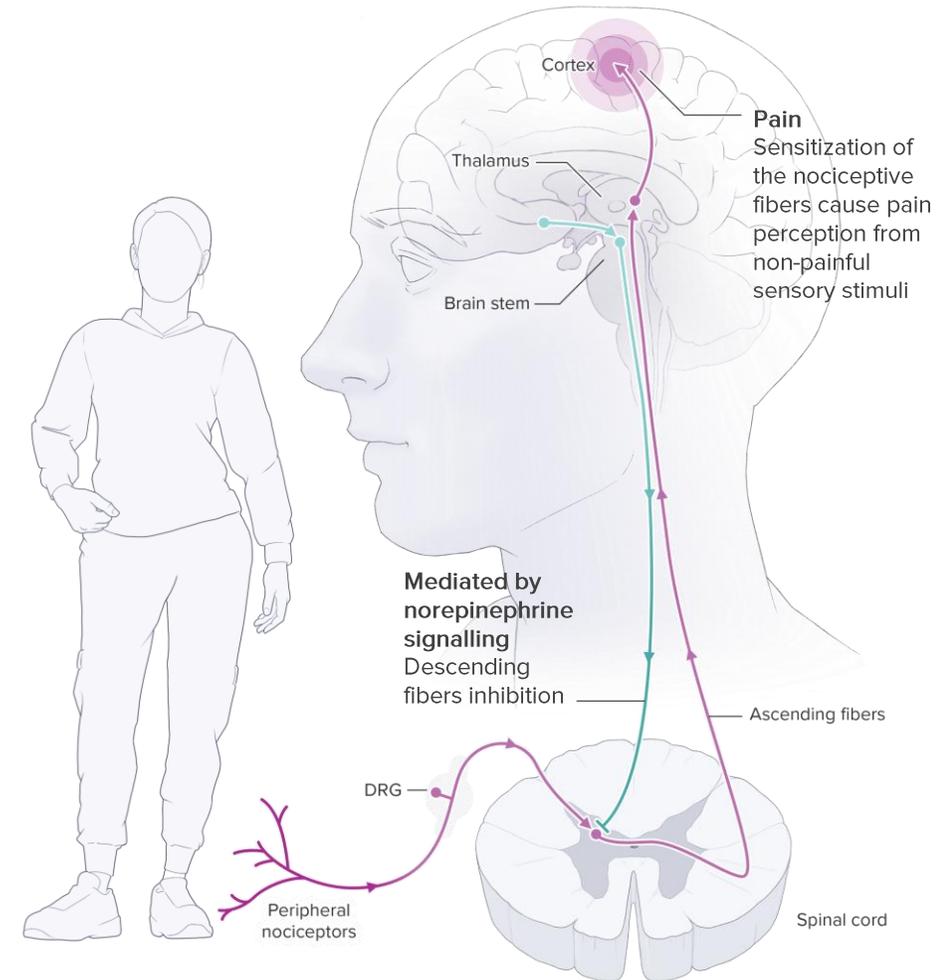
Fibromyalgia pain is thought to be partially caused by *dysregulated signaling* in the descending analgesic system^{1,2}



Norepinephrine, one of the key neurotransmitters in this pathway, has predominantly *pain-inhibitory effects*^{1,2}



AXS-14 is a *more potent* and *selective* enantiomer of racemic reboxetine that inhibits the reuptake of norepinephrine, resulting in increased norepinephrine activity and decreased pain signaling



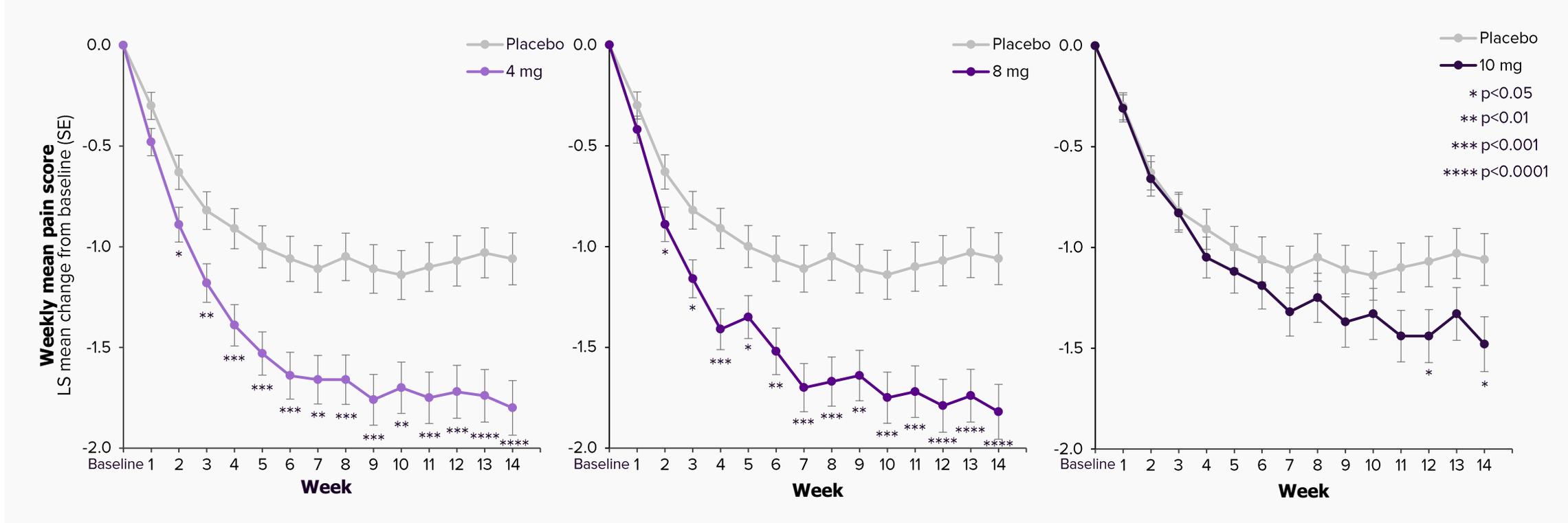
Adapted from Siracusa R, et al. *Int. J. Mol. Sci.* 2021

Phase 2 and Phase 3 trials of AXS-14 in fibromyalgia

Phase 2 (N=267)	Phase 3 (N=1122)
Efficacy and safety of AXS-14 vs. placebo in patients with fibromyalgia	
<p>Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8-week, flexible dose• Primary endpoints:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly mean pain scores• FIQ total score• PGI-C score	<p>Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12-week¹, fixed dose• Primary endpoints:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly mean pain scores• FIQ total score• Key secondary endpoints:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PGI-C score• Modified GFI score• SF-36 physical functioning domain

Rapid and robust efficacy demonstrated in Phase 3 trial of AXS-14 in fibromyalgia

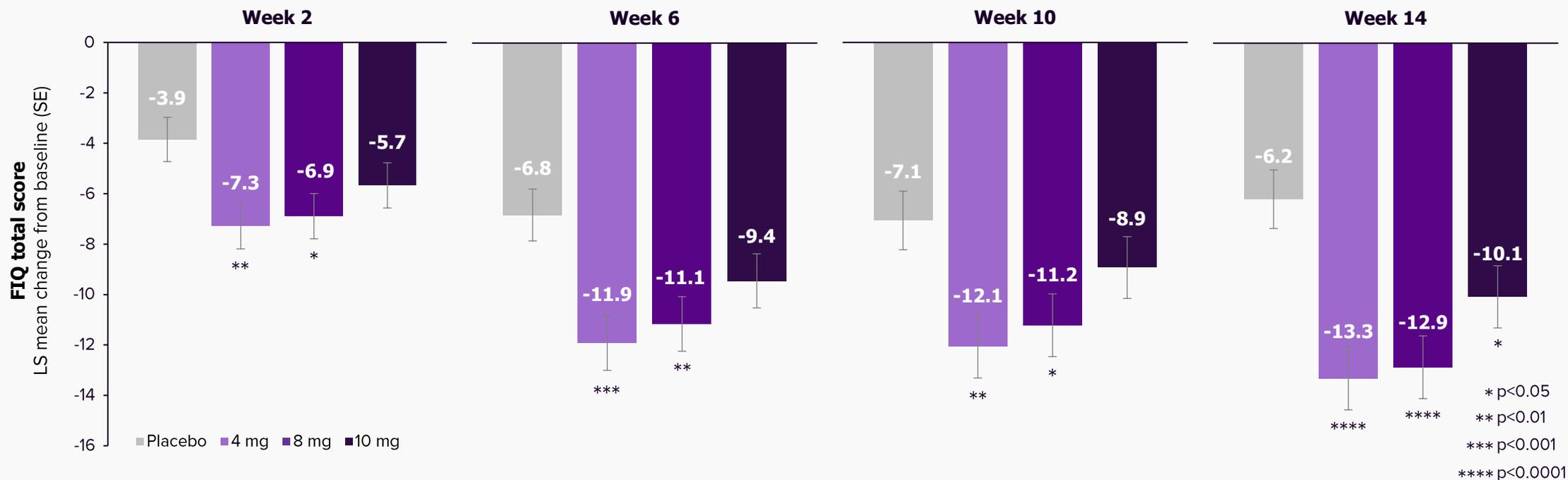
Pain reduction



Significant reductions in weekly mean pain scores compared to placebo at Week 14 (p<0.0001 to p=0.02)

Improvements in patient functioning and well-being with AXS-14 treatment in Phase 3 trial

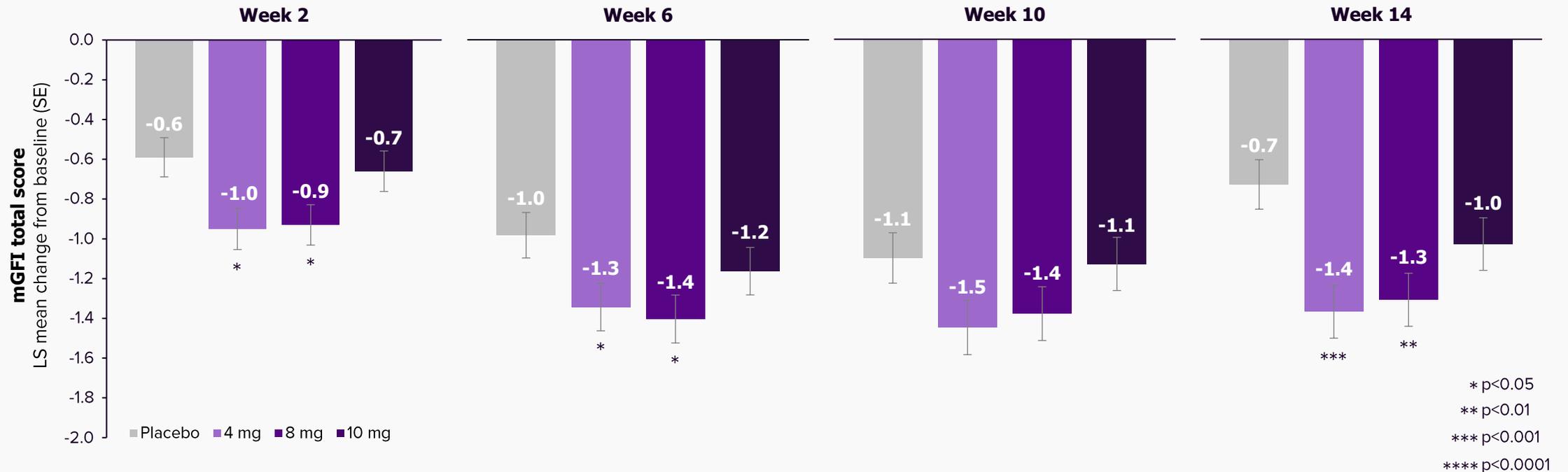
Improved patient functioning over time



Significant reductions in patient functioning and well-being as measured by the FIQ total score compared to placebo at Week 14 (p<0.0001 to p=0.02)

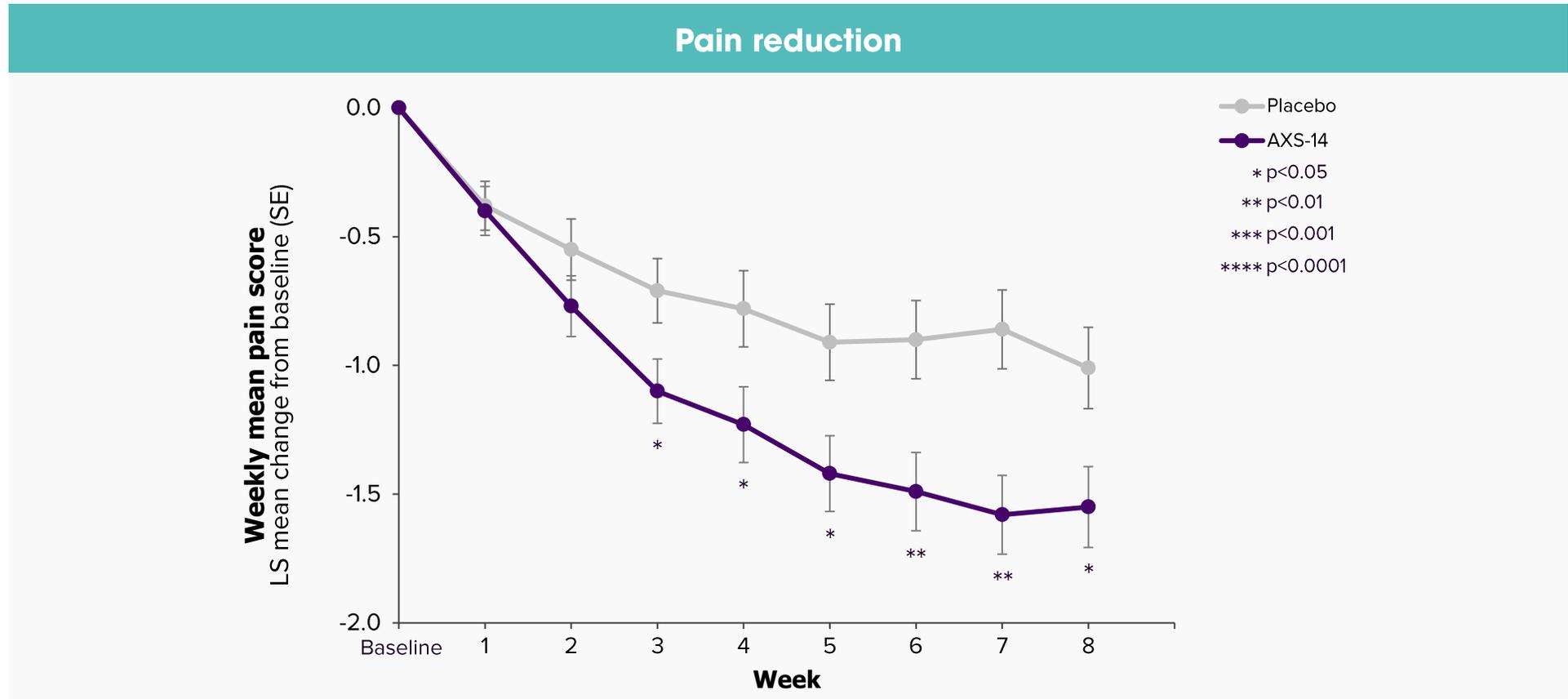
Improvements in fatigue with AXS-14 treatment in Phase 3 trial

Reduced fatigue over time



Reductions in fatigue as measured by the GFI total score compared to placebo at Week 14 (4 mg, p=0.0005; 8 mg, p=0.001)

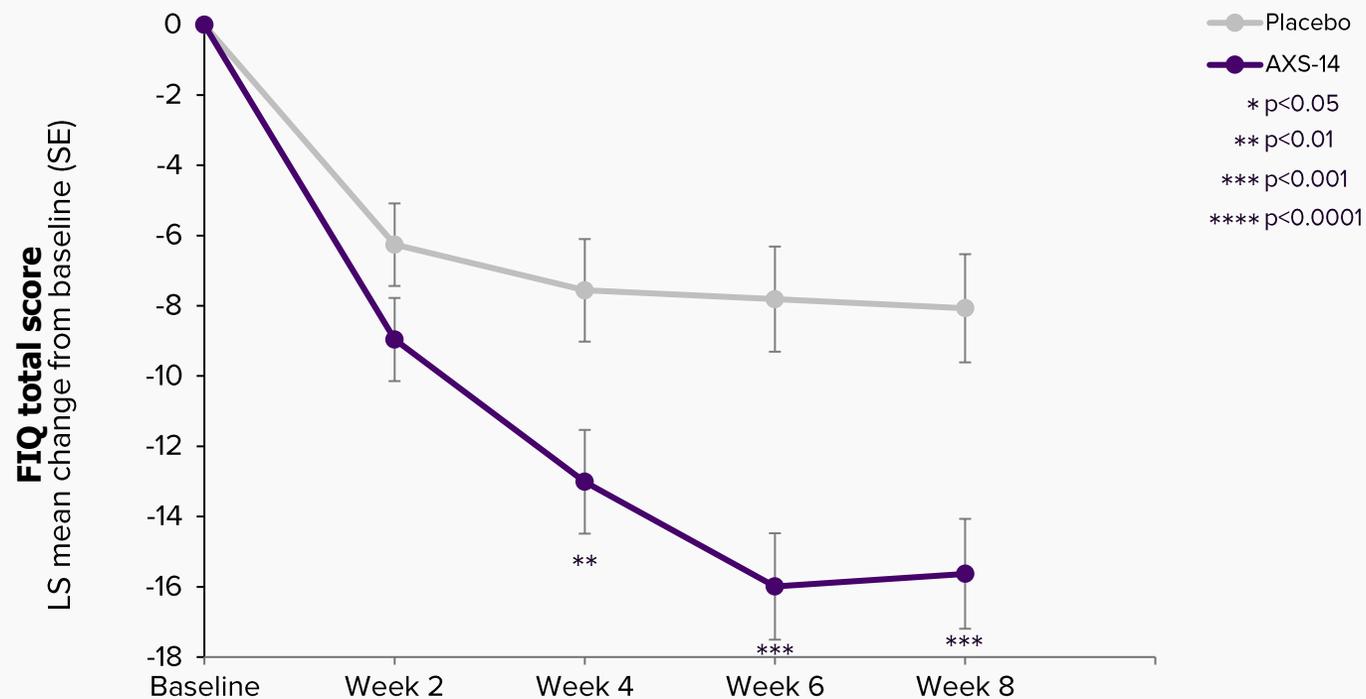
Phase 2 results demonstrate rapid reductions in fibromyalgia pain with AXS-14 treatment



Statistically significant reductions in weekly mean pain scores compared to placebo starting at Week 3 and maintained through Week 8 (p=0.01)

Phase 2 results demonstrate improvements in patient functioning and overall well-being

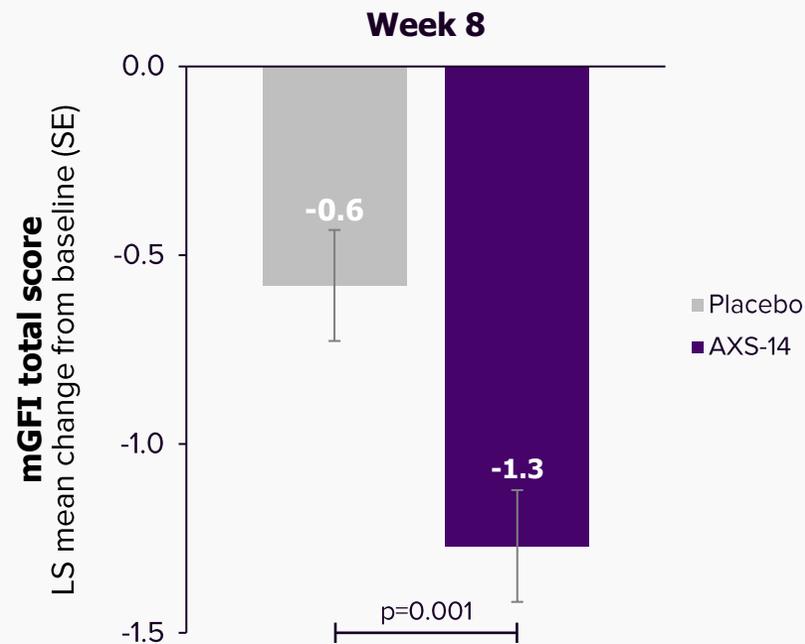
Improved patient functioning



Significant improvements in patient functioning and well-being as measured by the FIQ total score compared to placebo at Week 8 (p=0.0007)

Phase 2 results demonstrate significant reductions in fatigue

Reduced fatigue



Substantial reduction in fatigue as measured by the GFI index compared to placebo at Week 8 (p=0.001)

AXS-14: Key takeaways



Fibromyalgia is a chronic and debilitating neurological pain syndrome that affects an estimated ~17 million people in the U.S.



Fibromyalgia presents with a broad range of symptoms that significantly impact overall patient function, often leading to disability, reduced QoL, and high healthcare utilization



Existing treatments are associated with inadequate symptom control and/or tolerability issues for many patients, leading to high rates of treatment discontinuation and polypharmacy



AXS-14 represents a novel pharmacological approach for the management of fibromyalgia that may address critical gaps in care and meaningfully improve patient outcomes

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ADVANCING FRONTIERS IN MIGRAINE: Novel multi-mechanistic approach targeting unmet needs

Addressing the unmet medical needs of patients living with migraine

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>80% of patients discontinue their acute migraine treatment in the first 12 months⁴

3 in 4 patients report inadequate response to their oral acute migraine medication⁵



Leading cause of disability among neurological disorders in the U.S., affecting approximately **39M people**^{1,2}



Characterized by recurrent attacks of *pulsating, often severe and disabling head pain* associated with nausea, sensitivity to light, and sensitivity to sound³

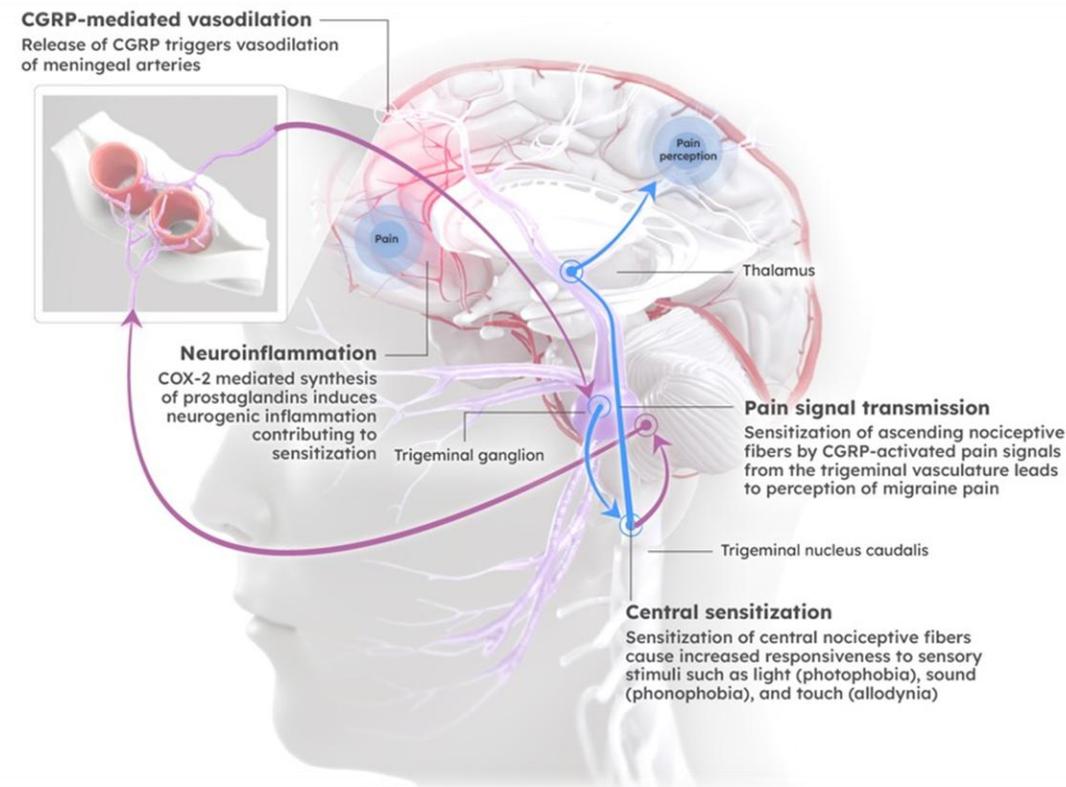
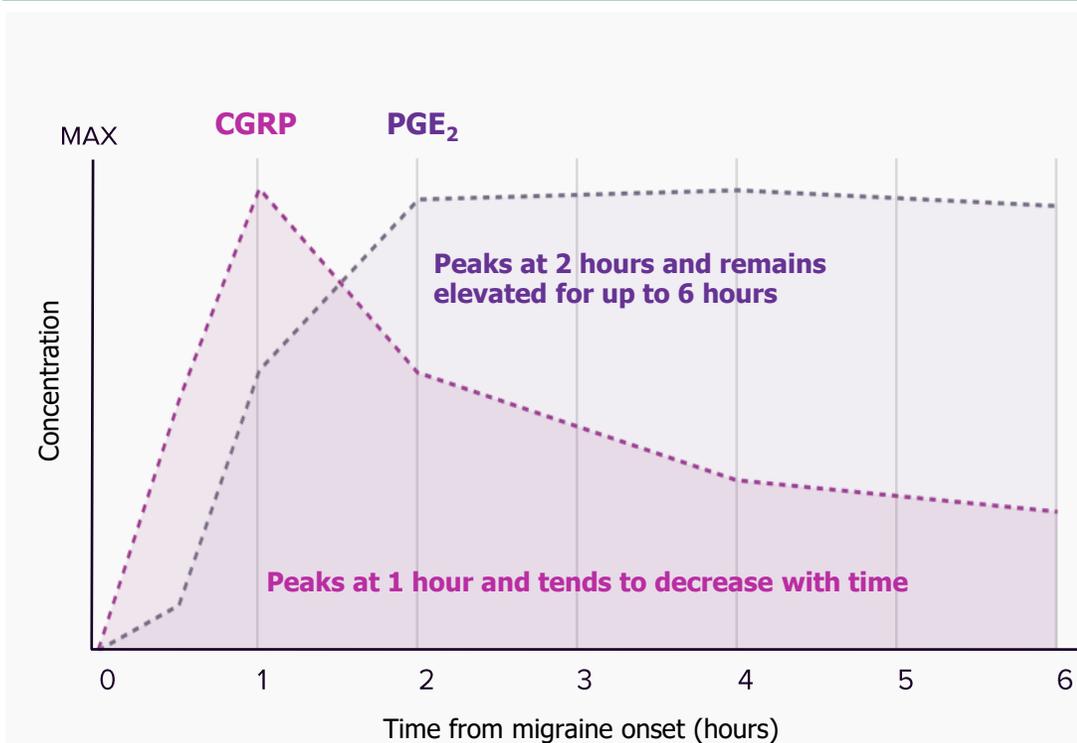


High patient dissatisfaction due to *limited efficacy* and/or *burdensome side effects*

Migraine pathophysiology involves multiple interrelated mechanisms

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Time Course of CGRP, PGE₂ in Migraine



Most acute treatments don't adequately address the complexity of migraine pathophysiology

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Recent migraine drug development has *largely focused* on CGRP-related mechanisms

Ergots	Broad serotonin, adrenergic, and dopamine receptor agonism	
Triptans	Serotonin 5-HT _{1B/1D} agonism	prevent CGRP release
Ditans	Serotonin 5-HT _{1F} agonism	prevent CGRP release
Gepants	CGRP receptor antagonism	inhibit CGRP binding

Triptans and gepants *don't directly affect* prostaglandin-mediated inflammatory processes

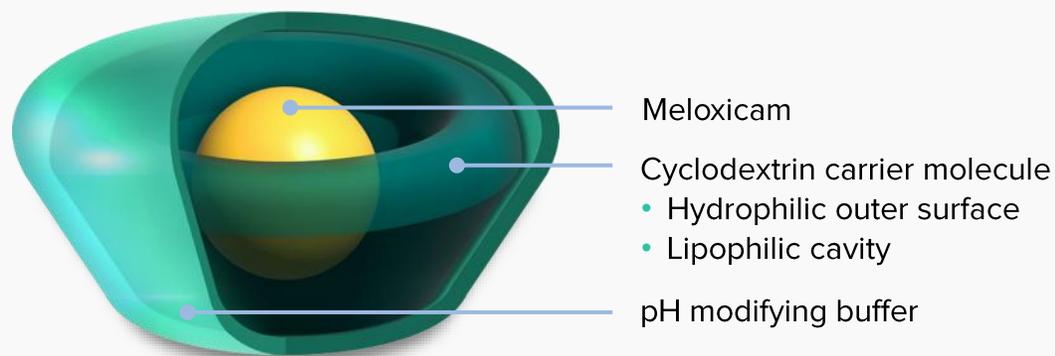
Prostaglandins are another key mediator of migraine that *drives neuroinflammation* contributing to peripheral and central sensitization, which may occur within 2 hours after attack onset

NSAIDs like meloxicam *inhibit the production* of prostaglandins but don't work effectively for acute treatment of migraine due to their slow onset

Rapidly absorbed, multi-mechanistic medicine for the acute treatment of migraine

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Meloxicam preferentially inhibits COX-2 leading to *reduced neuroinflammation*, interrupting the inflammatory and nociceptive cascades that contribute to *central sensitization*



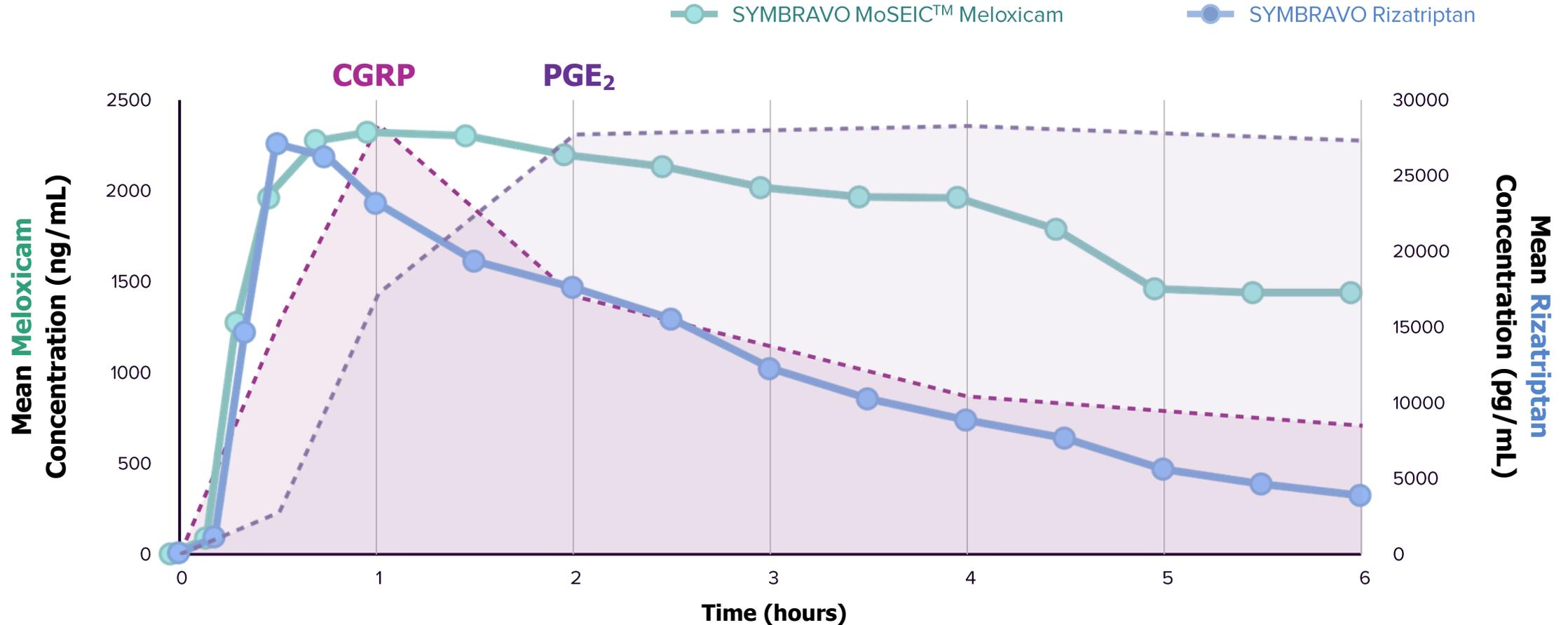
Rizatriptan is a 5-HT_{1B/1D} receptor agonist that inhibits the release of CGRP resulting in *reduced pain signal transmission* to the brain and *reversed vasodilation* of meningeal blood vessels



SYMBRAVO harnesses Axsome's MoSEIC™ technology that *improves the absorption* of meloxicam while maintaining its extended half life

Timing of peak plasma levels align with key mediators of migraine pain

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CGRP = calcitonin gene-related peptide; MoSEIC = Molecular Solubility Enhanced Inclusion Complex; PGE₂ = prostaglandin E₂;
 1. O’Gorman C, et al. Symbravo (MoSEIC™ meloxicam/rizatriptan): novel oral therapeutic in clinical development for the acute treatment of migraine. Poster presented at: 19th Congress of the International Headache Society; September 5-8, 2019; Dublin, Ireland. 2. Sarchielli P, et al. Cephalalgia. 2000;20(10):907-918.

Robust improvements in migraine symptoms across a broad range of patient profiles

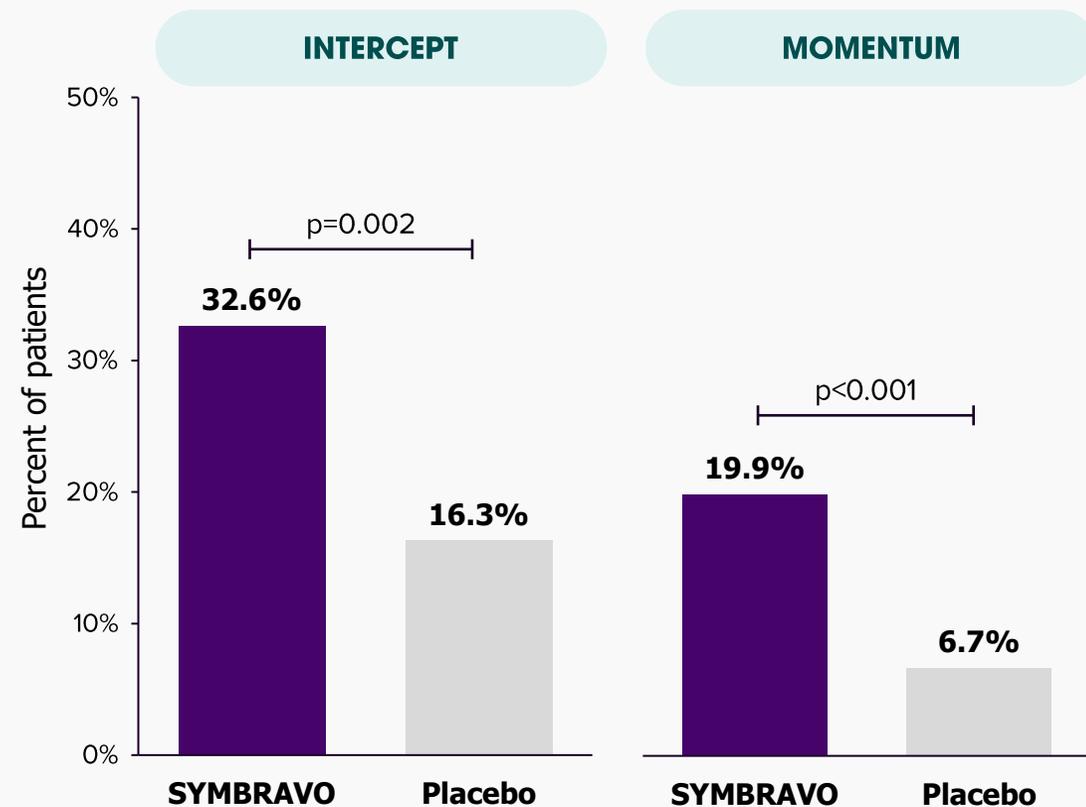
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INTERCEPT N=302	MOMENTUM N=1594	EMERGE N=96
Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	Phase 3, randomized, double-blind, active- & placebo-controlled	Phase 3, open-label
Earliest onset of migraine pain, while pain is <i>mild</i>	<i>Moderate or severe</i> migraine pain, with a history of inadequate response to an acute treatment	History of <i>inadequate response</i> to an oral CGRP inhibitor
Substantially greater percent of patients achieved pain freedom and MBS freedom at 2 hours with SYMBRAVO vs. placebo		Substantially more patients achieved greater symptom control with SYMBRAVO vs. their prior oral CGRP inhibitor
A single dose of SYMBRAVO provided sustained efficacy through 24 and 48 hours and the ability to quickly return to normal activities		

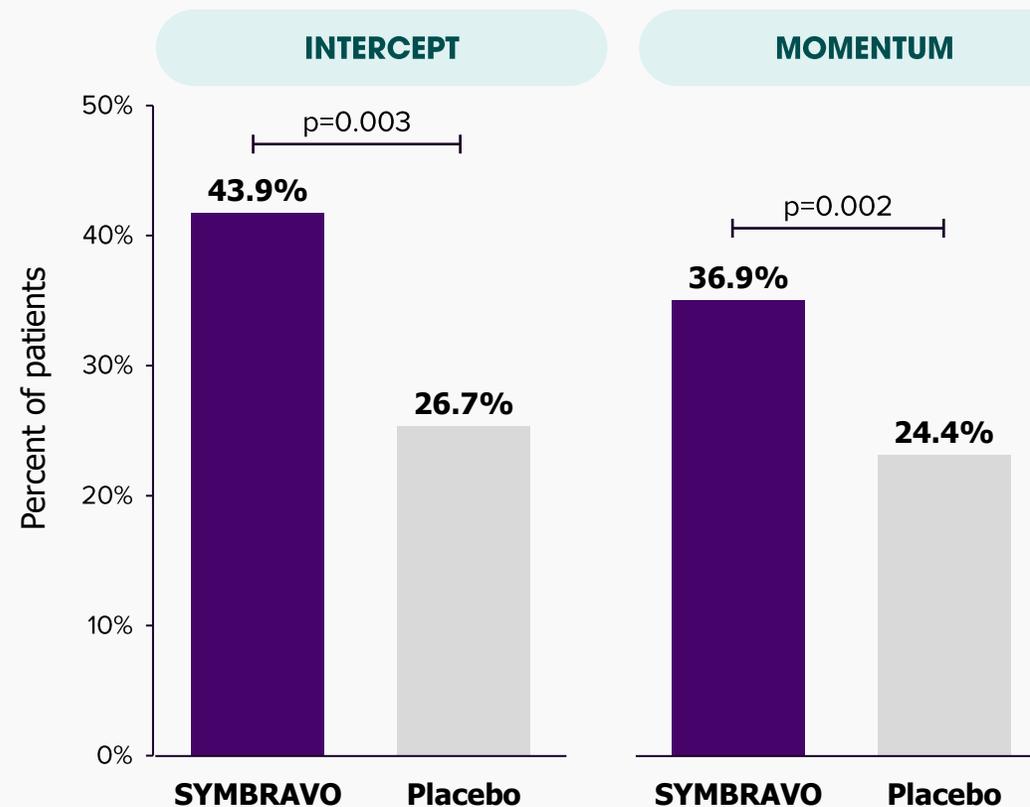
Rapid, robust efficacy results in two Phase 3 trials

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Pain freedom at 2 hours



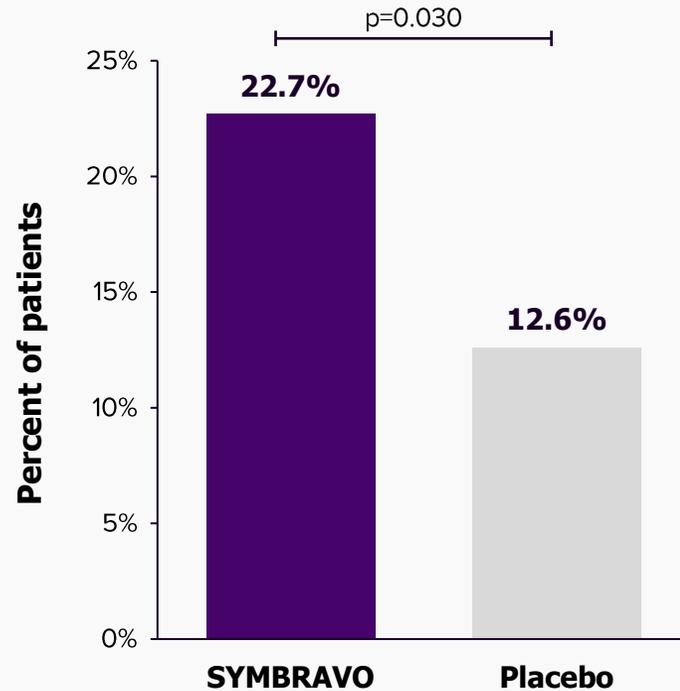
MBS freedom at 2 hours



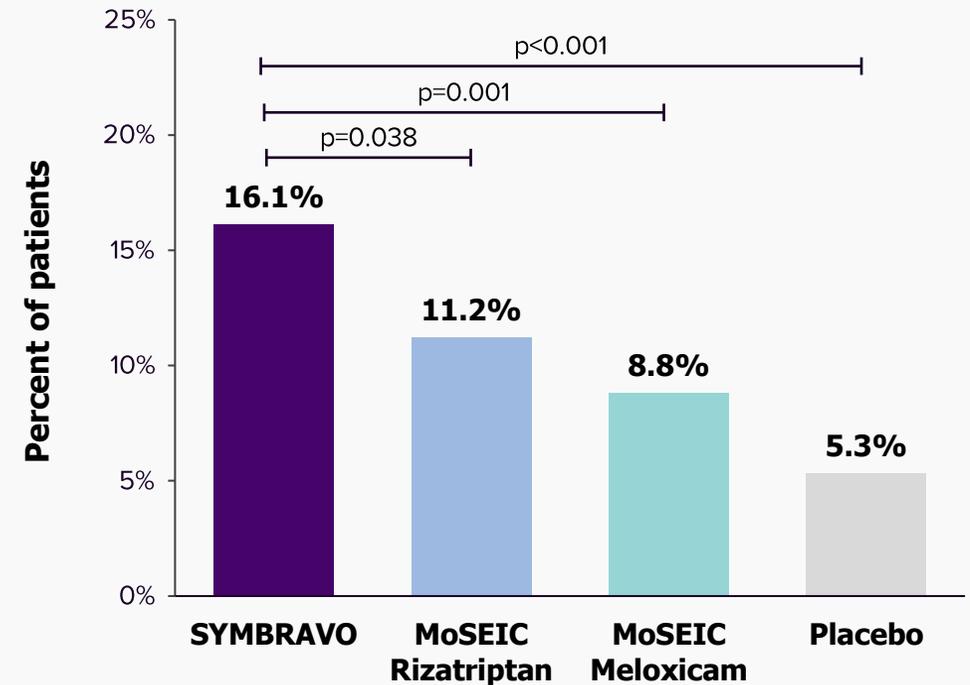
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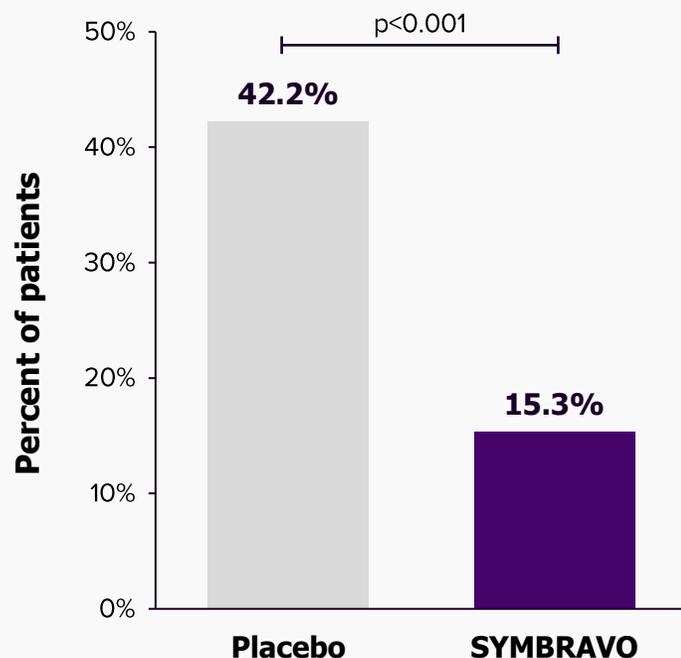


➤ 70% and 81% of patients who achieved pain freedom at 2 hours remained pain free through 24 hours with SYMBRAVO

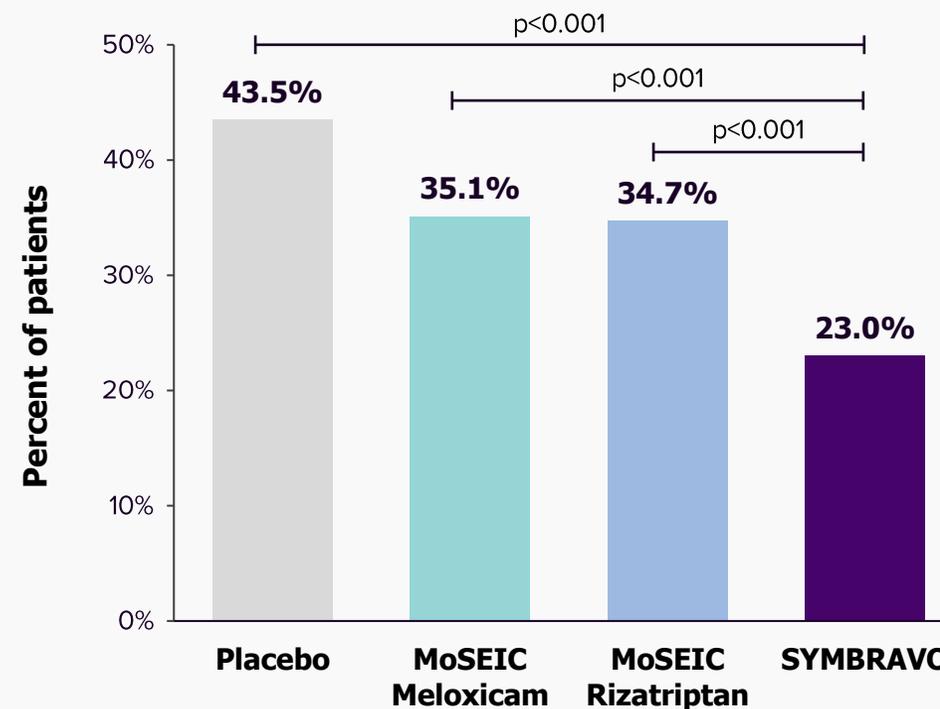
Reduced rescue medication use

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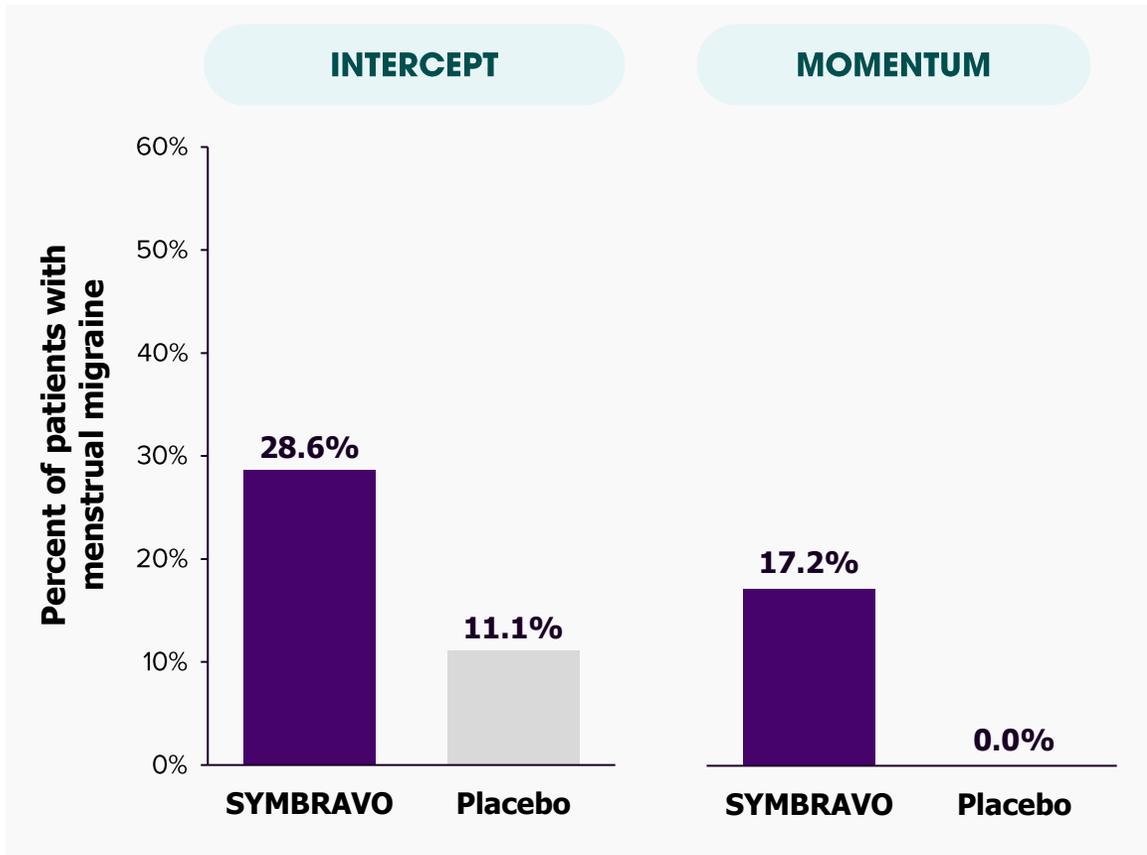


> 85% and 77% of patients did not require migraine rescue medication within 24 hours after a single dose of SYMBRAVO

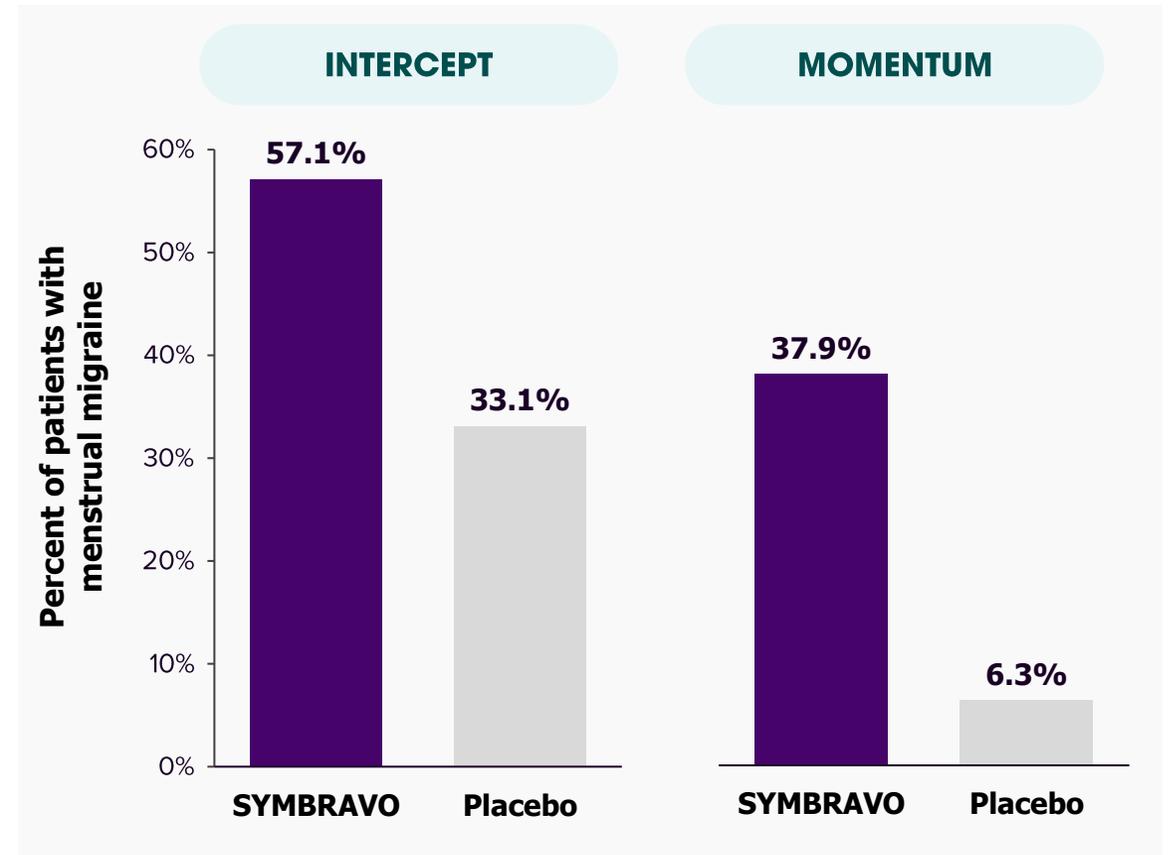
Menstrual migraine subgroup analysis¹

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Pain freedom at 2 hours



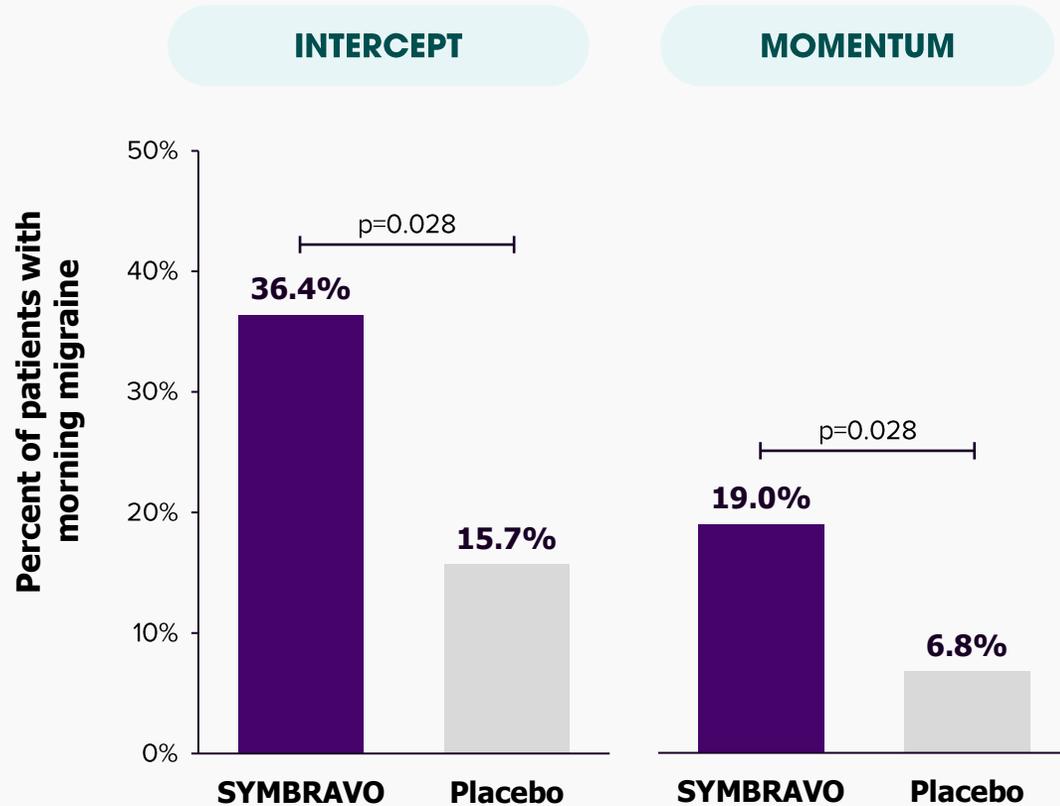
MBS freedom at 2 hours



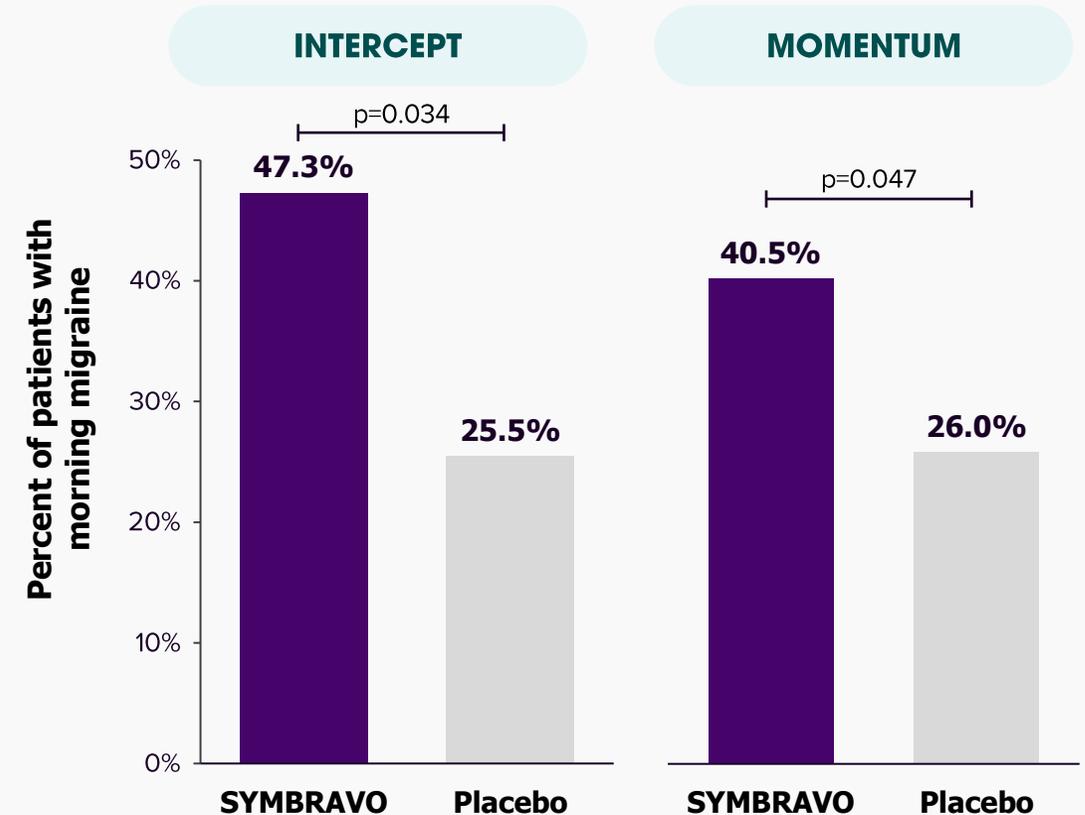
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MBS freedom at 2 hours



Safety and tolerability summary

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SYMBRAVO was well tolerated in patients with mild, moderate, and severe migraine pain:



Low incidence of adverse events

Overall TEAE rates were *lower* for SYMBRAVO compared to rizatriptan and meloxicam



No discontinuations due to adverse events

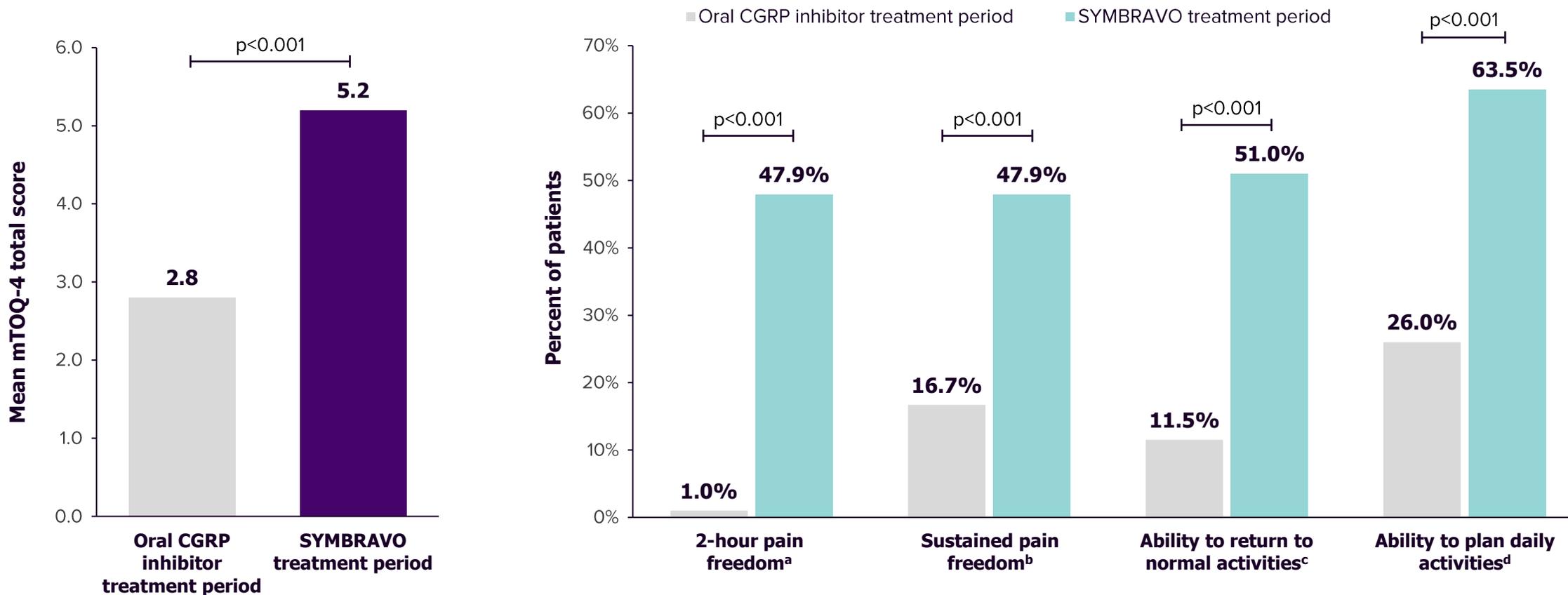
No adverse events led to discontinuation of SYMBRAVO in early intervention or harder-to-treat migraine patients

Statistically significantly greater migraine treatment response compared to prior oral CGRP inhibitors

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Clinical response on individual mTOQ-4 item scores¹



1. Clinical response defined as reported half the time or more; ^amTOQ-4 Item 2: "After taking your migraine medication, are you pain free within 2 hours for most attacks?"; ^bmTOQ-4 Item 3: "Does one dose of your migraine medication usually relieve your headache and keep it away for at least 24 hours?"; ^cmTOQ-4 Item 1: "Are you able to quickly return to your normal activities after taking your migraine medication?"; ^dmTOQ-4 Item 4: "Are you comfortable enough with your migraine medication to be able to plan your daily activities?" Axsome Therapeutics, Inc. Data on file.

SYMBRAVO: Key takeaways

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Migraine pathophysiology involves *multiple, interrelated mechanisms* not adequately addressed by most available treatments



Patient outcomes are marked by *high dissatisfaction* due to limited efficacy and/or burdensome side effects



SYMBRAVO is a *novel multi-mechanistic medicine* for the acute treatment of migraine



SYMBRAVO demonstrated *rapid and durable efficacy* across a variety of migraine settings



New subgroup analyses further support potential benefits in patients with *menstrual and morning migraine*

New frontiers in brain health

		Indication	Innovation	Development stage	Peak sales
Psychiatry	 Auvelity® (dextromethorphan HBr and bupropion HCl) extended-release tablets 45mg/105mg	Major depressive disorder	First-in-class MOA, FDA Breakthrough therapy	In-market	\$1-\$3B
	AXS-05 (dextromethorphan-bupropion) NMDA antagonist, sigma-1 agonist, and aminoketone CYP2D6 inhibitor	Alzheimer's disease agitation	First-in-class MOA, FDA Breakthrough therapy	NDA-stage	\$1.5-\$3B
		Smoking cessation	First-in-class MOA	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B
	Solriamfetol DNRI, TAAR1 agonist, 5-HT _{1A} agonist	ADHD	Novel MOA	Phase 3	\$1-\$3B
MDD with EDS		Novel MOA, precision-driven targeting	Phase 3	\$1-\$1.5B	
Binge eating disorder		Novel indication	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B	
Neurology	 SUNOSI (solriamfetol) 	EDS in narcolepsy or OSA	First-in-class, best-in-class MOA	In-market	\$0.3-\$0.5B
	 SYMBRIA^{VO} (meloxicam and rizatriptan) 20 mg/10 mg tablets	Migraine	MoSEIC™ technology-enabled NCE	In-market	\$0.5-\$1B
	AXS-12 (<i>reboxetine</i>) Highly selective NRI, dopamine mod.	Narcolepsy	Novel MOA, pro-cognitive	NDA-stage	\$0.5-\$1B
	AXS-14 (<i>esreboxetine</i>) [S,S]-enantiomer of AXS-12	Fibromyalgia	Best-in-class MOA, addresses fatigue	Phase 3	\$0.5-\$1B
	Solriamfetol DNRI, TAAR1 agonist, 5-HT _{1A} agonist	Shift work disorder	Best-in-class MOA	Phase 3	\$0.3-\$0.5B

Advancing novel medicines with the potential to deliver significant long-term value to patients and shareholders



Thank you

