

THERAPEUTIC DEVELOPMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER & OVERDOSE PREVENTION AND REVERSAL

EXTENDED RELEASE FORMULATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER: A CASE STUDY

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TODAY'S PRESENTATION

PART I: IMPROVING CURRENT TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR OPIOID
USE DISORDER

PART II: LESSONS LEARNED

PART III: FROM TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE TO CLINICAL EFFICACY
& SAFETY

PART IV: ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TREATMENT
OPTIONS FOR OUD: PUBLIC/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

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PART I: IMPROVING CURRENT TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER



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1 LANDSCAPE OF CURRENT MAT VS. NEW OPPORTUNITIES

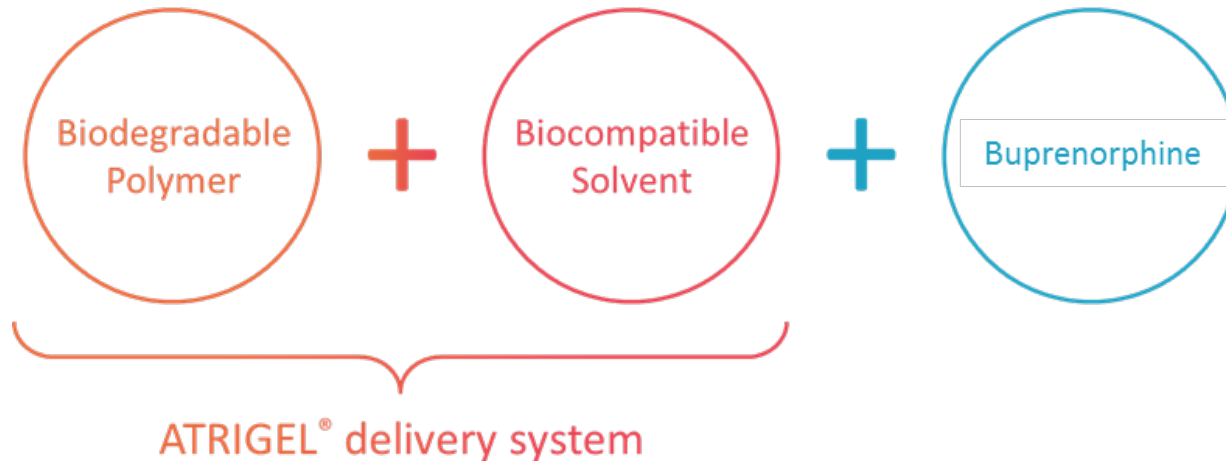
Current MAT Options	Objectives of extended-release (ER) formulations of buprenorphine
Require daily medication adherence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monthly or longer dosing interval to remove burden of daily adherence
Potential sub-therapeutic buprenorphine level at end of dosing interval & occasional need for supplemental dosing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deliver therapeutic buprenorphine level and effective opioid blockade from first dose▪ Control of withdrawal symptoms and craving
Potential diversion, misuse, abuse and accidental exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Restricted distribution scheme▪ Administered by health care professional



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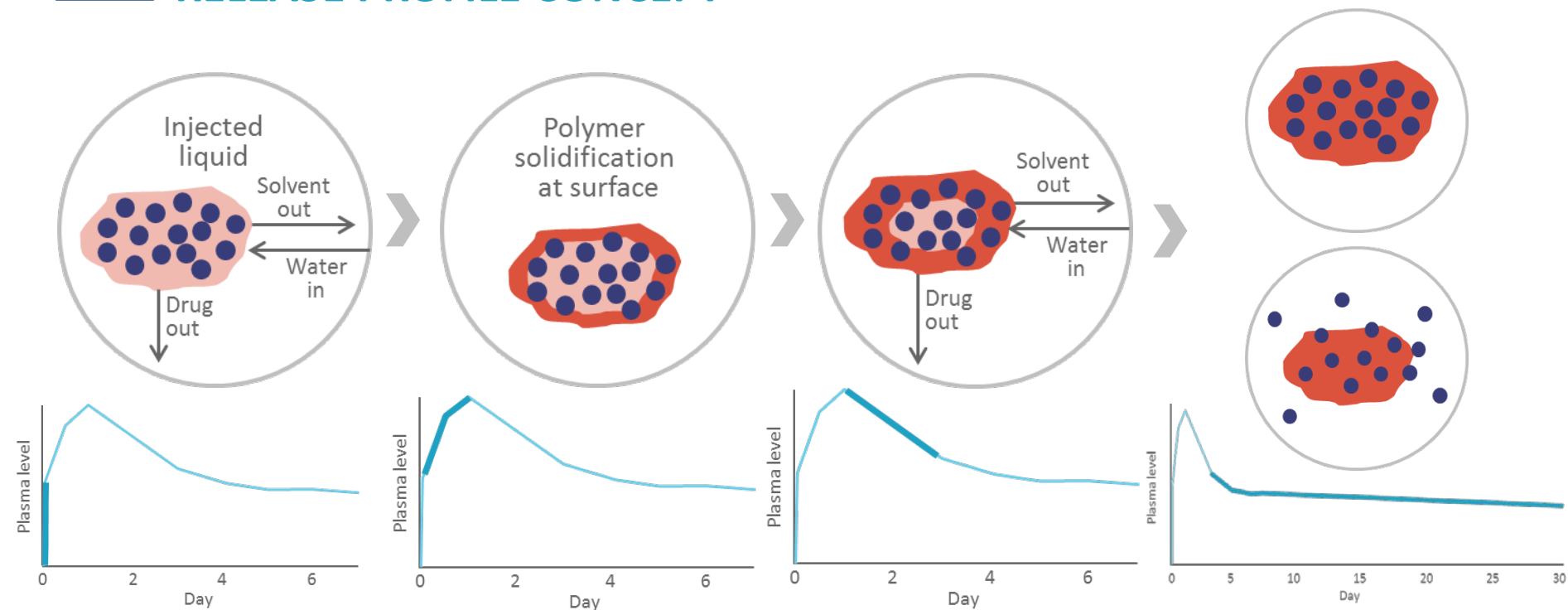
DEVELOPING EXTENDED-RELEASE BUPRENORPHINE: OUR EXPERIENCE WITH ATRIGEL® DRUG DELIVERY PLATFORM

- ✓ Used in 7 other FDA-approved drug products
- ✓ Biodegradable depot of buprenorphine
- ✓ Prefilled syringe, administered subcutaneously



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DEVELOPING EXTENDED-RELEASE BUPRENORPHINE: RELEASE PROFILE CONCEPT



Balance of diffusion and polymer degradation needed to obtain desired release rate and pharmacokinetics



4 DESIGNING & PLANNING A DRUG DEVELOPMENT PLAN: A CASE STUDY WITH RBP-6000

2009

- **Pre-IND submission:** Dec 18th, 2009
- **Pre-IND meeting with FDA:** Apr 27th, 2010
- **IND submission:** Sep 17th, 2010
- **Type C meeting:** May 14th, 2013
- **End-of-Phase II meeting:** Sep 30th, 2014
- **Pre-NDA meeting:** Dec 15th, 2016
- **NDA submission:** May 30th, 2017
- **NDA filing and PDUFA Priority Review Designation by FDA:** Jul 29th, 2017
- **Advisory Committee:** Oct 31st, 2017
- **PDUFA date:** Nov 30th, 2017

2017

- **First-in-Man** study (20 mg)
- **Single Ascending Dose (SAD)** study (50, 100, 200 mg)
- **Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD)** study (50, 100, 200, 300 mg)
- **Opioid blockade** study
- **Phase III double-blind** placebo-controlled study
- **Phase III open label** long-term safety extension study



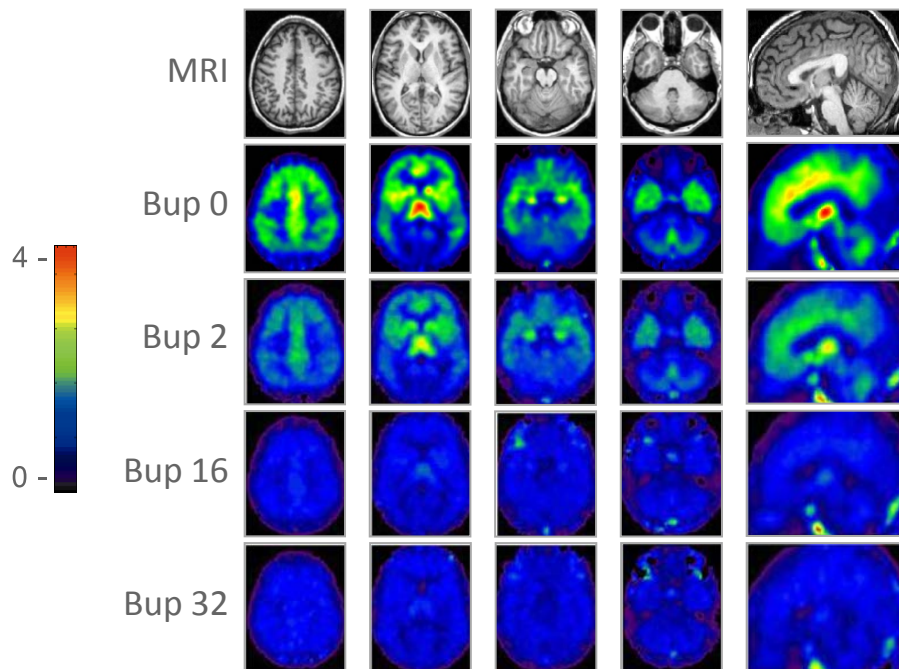
PART II: LESSONS LEARNED



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AT LEAST 70% BRAIN μ -OPIOID RECEPTOR OCCUPANCY (μ ORO) BY BUPRENORPHINE IS REQUIRED FOR OPIOID BLOCKADE



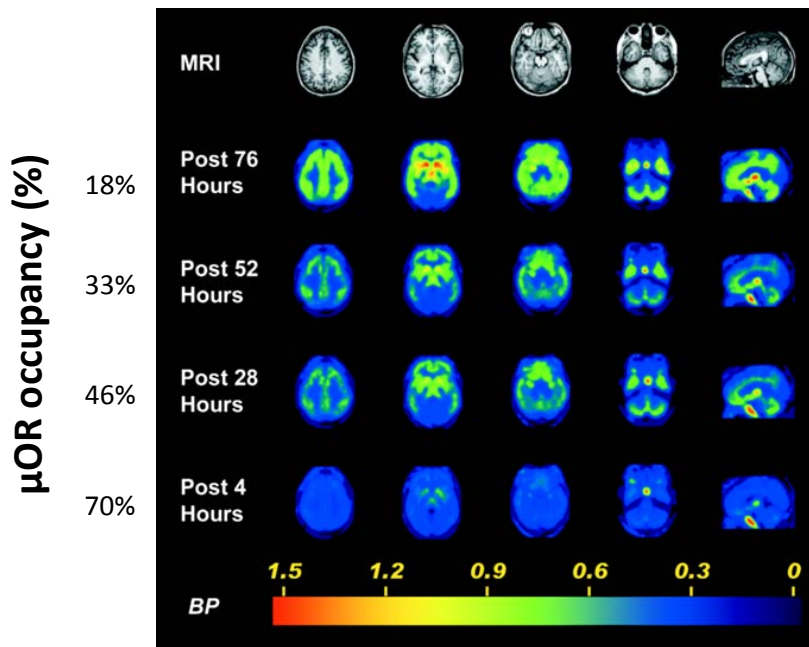
- **At least 70% brain μ -opioid receptor (μ OR) occupancy** by buprenorphine is required to block the subjective drug-like effect (opioid blockade) of full agonist-induced responses.
- An analysis of brain μ OR occupancy and buprenorphine plasma concentration demonstrated that **opioid blockade requires buprenorphine plasma concentrations of ≥ 2 ng/mL**

Adapted from: Greenwald MK et al. (2003) *Neuropsychopharmacology* 28: 2000-2009.



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PHARMACODYNAMIC ACTION OF BUPRENORPHINE DECREASES WITH A DECREASE IN PLASMA CONCENTRATIONS & μ ORO



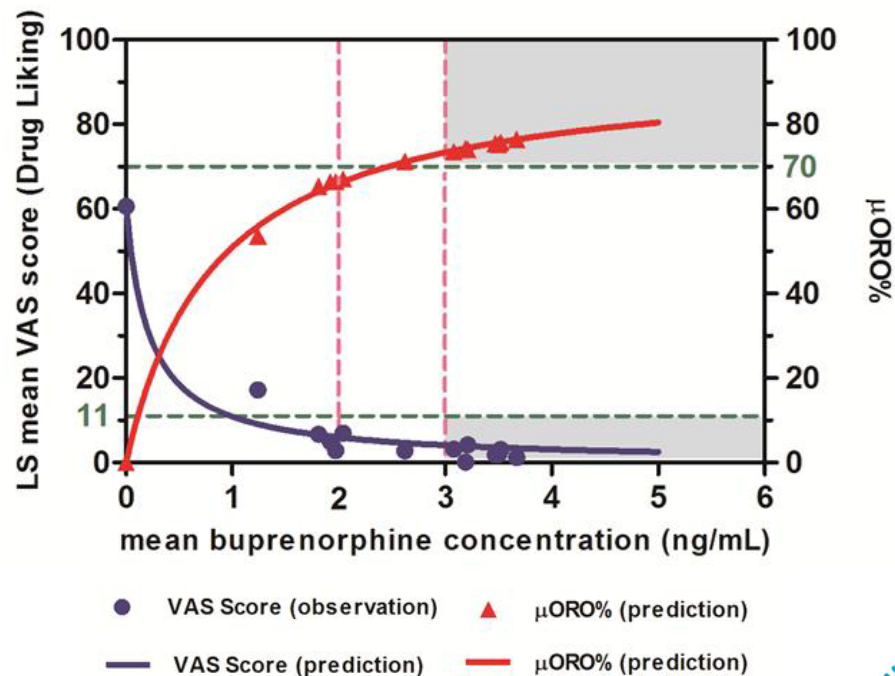
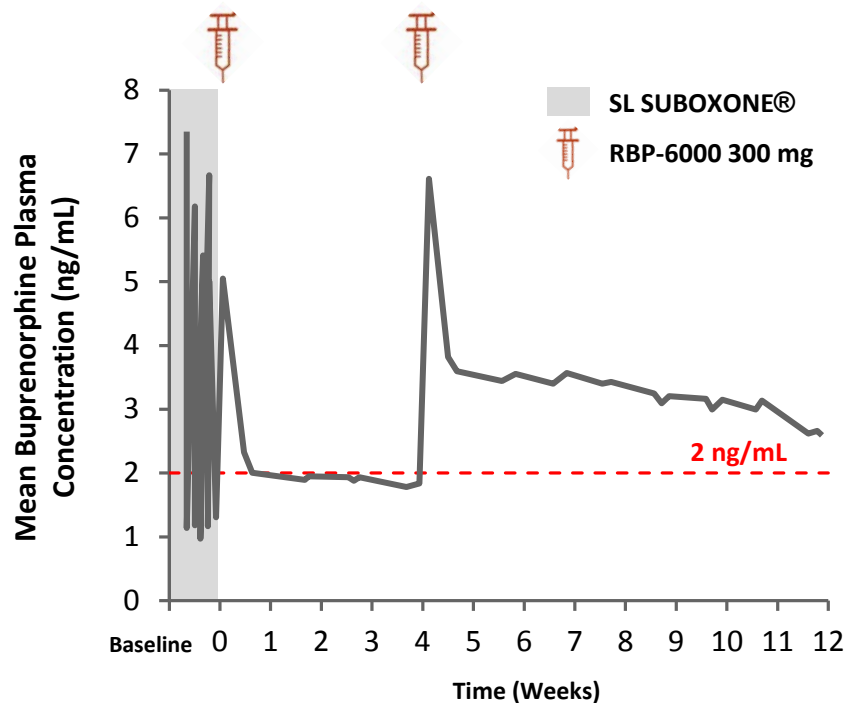
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- Pharmacodynamic action (*estimated by abstinence, suppression of withdrawal and craving, and blockade of the effects of an opioid agonist such as hydromorphone*) of acute sublingual (SL) buprenorphine decreases over time and is **highly correlated with plasma concentrations of buprenorphine (≥ 2 ng/mL) and μ OR occupancy ($> 70\%$)**.



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BUPRENORPHINE PLASMA LEVEL $\geq 2\text{NG/ML}$ ($\geq 70\% \mu\text{OR}$) IS THE MINIMUM THRESHOLD TO ACHIEVE BLOCKADE OF DRUG LIKING



Nasser AF et al. (2016) J Clin Psychopharmacol. 36(1):18-26.



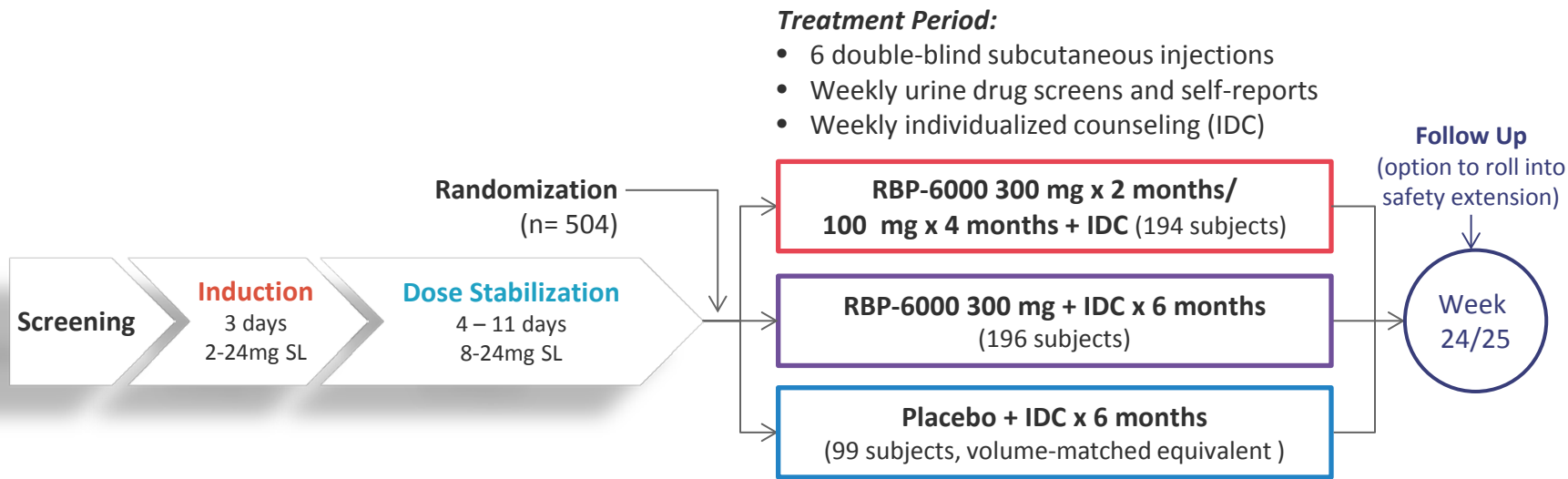
PART III: TRANSLATING OPIOID BLOCKADE DATA INTO CLINICAL EFFICACY & SAFETY



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DESIGNING A PHASE III CLINICAL TRIAL (RB-US-13-0001) TO ADDRESS EFFICACY & SAFETY



Primary endpoint:

The CDF (Cumulative Distribution Function) of the % of urine samples negative for opioids combined with self-reports negative for illicit opioid use collected from Week 5 through Week 24. Urine drug screen (UDS) and self-reports collected weekly

Key Secondary Endpoint:

Treatment success, defined as any subject with $\geq 80\%$ of urine samples negative for opioids combined with self-reports negative for illicit opioid use between Week 5-24. Missing UDS or self-report considered positive for opioids



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DEMONSTRATING CLINICAL EFFICACY: PRIMARY & SECONDARY ENDPOINTS (WEEKS 5 - 24)

	RBP-6000 300mg/100mg	RBP-6000 300mg/300mg	Placebo
% Abstinent Weeks			
Mean (SD)	42.7% (38.50%)	41.3% (39.66%)	5.0% (16.98%)
p-value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	-
≥ 80% Abstinent Weeks (Responder)			
Treatment Success	28.4%	29.1%	2.0%
p-value	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	-

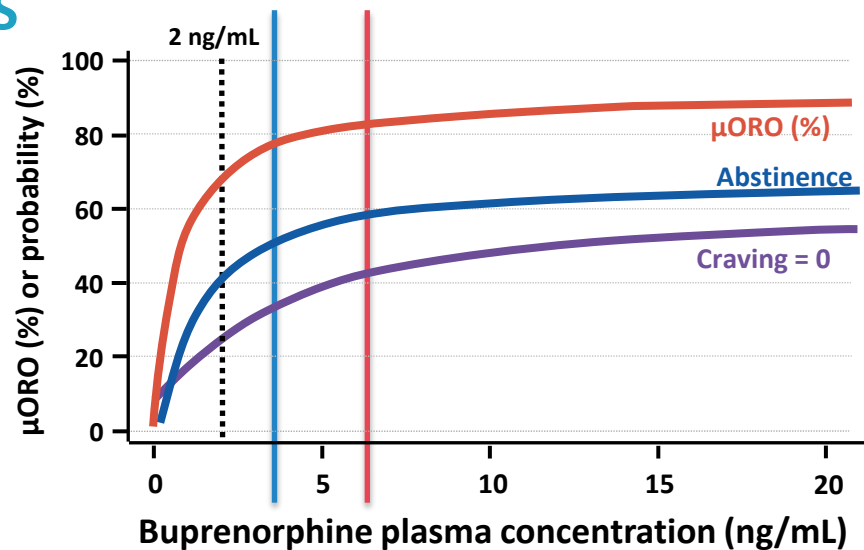
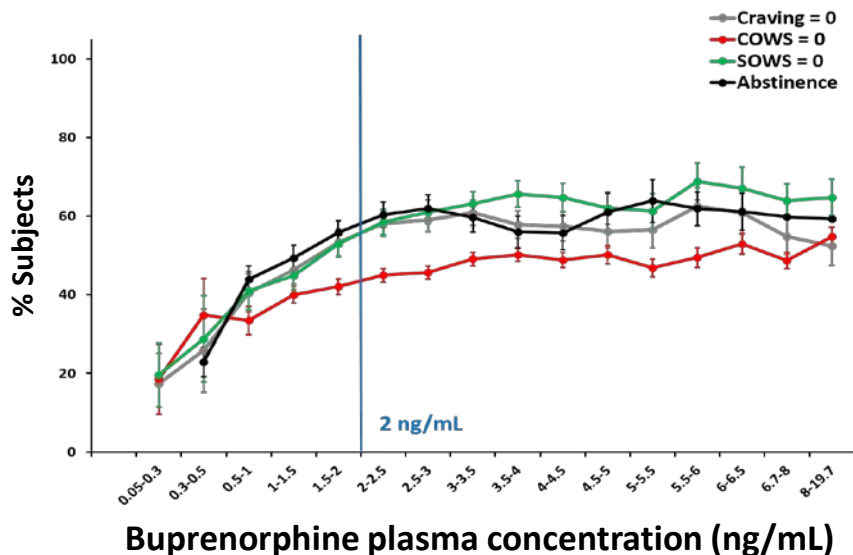
47% of patients on 300 mg/300 mg dosing regimen were drug free in the last 4 weeks of the 6-month study

Secondary Endpoint	LS Mean Difference vs Placebo (95% CI)	p-value
Opioid Craving VAS (0 – 100 mm scale)		
300/300 mg vs placebo	-12.4 (-17.5, -7.3)	< 0.0001
300/100 mg vs placebo	-9.4 (-14.6, -4.3)	0.0003
COWS (0 – 48 scale)		
300/300 mg vs placebo	-1.0 (-1.7, -0.2)	0.010
300/100 mg vs placebo	-0.4 (-1.1, 0.4)	0.31
SOWS (0 – 64 scale)		
300/300 mg vs placebo	-2.6 (-4.3, -0.9)	0.003
300/100 mg vs placebo	-1.6 (-3.3, 0.1)	0.072



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DEMONSTRATING CLINICAL EFFICACY: EXPOSURE-RESPONSE ANALYSIS



Dose Group	N	C_{avg} (ng/mL)	μ ORO (%)*
300 mg/100 mg	194	3.14	75
300 mg/300 mg	196	6.32	83

* Predicted whole brain μ -Opioid Receptor Occupancy corresponding to C_{avg}



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DEMONSTRATING CLINICAL SAFETY

Occurrence (%)	Placebo + IDC (n=100)	RBP-6000 300/100 mg + IDC (n=203)	RBP-6000 300/300 mg + IDC (n=201)
Any TEAE	56.0	76.4	66.7
Serious TEAE	5.0	2.0	3.5
TEAE leading to discontinuation	2.0	3.4	5.0
Any injection site TEAE	9.0	13.8	18.9
Serious injection site TEAE	0	0	0
Injection site TEAE leading to discontinuation	0	0	0.5

- 1048 total exposures
- 848 exposures in Phase 3 with up to 12 monthly doses
- Safety profile consistent with transmucosal buprenorphine-containing products with exception of anticipated injection site reactions
- Injection site reactions generally mild to moderate and self-limiting, and led to treatment discontinuation in < 1%



ACCELERATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR OUD: PUBLIC/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP



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AREAS OF FOCUS: PUBLIC/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

- **ER buprenorphine formulation to prevent opioid overdose?**
- **ER buprenorphine formulation in patient sub-populations?**
- **Impact of ER buprenorphine formulation on patient outcomes?**
 - ✓ improvement in health status and health-related quality of life
 - ✓ medication satisfaction
 - ✓ decreased health care resource utilization
 - ✓ improvement in employment status and health insurance
 - ✓ decreases in comorbid drug use and psychiatric associations
- **Craving research?**



2 AREAS OF FOCUS: PUBLIC/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

- **Biomarkers for patient stratification and as endpoints for clinical trials?**
 - ✓ Clinical phenotyping and identification of common genetic variants
 - ✓ Small clinical trials of homogeneous populations to establish PoC
- **DMPK/DDI?**
 - ✓ Demonstrate early that therapeutic levels of a drug can be reliably delivered to the brain
 - ✓ Demonstrate that, at those levels, the drug binds its target and modifies the disease pathway in the desired directions
- **“Combinatorial” approaches to treatments?**
 - ✓ E.g., combination of drugs, behavioral therapies and psychotherapies, or devices



3 AREAS OF FOCUS: PUBLIC/INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP

- **Reliability and reproducibility of published data?**
 - ✓ Preclinical studies to have rigorous standards, similar to clinical trials, ensuring sound research design and credible statistical analyses for successful translational medicine.
 - ✓ Overrepresentation of positive data in the published literature and corresponding underrepresentation of negative data.
- **Data sharing?**
 - ✓ Success cannot be achieved independently.
 - ✓ Fight high-risk target aversion.
- **Collaborations and cross-training with disciplines outside the neurosciences?**
 - ✓ E.g., engineering, chemistry, physics, and mathematics.



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