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AN INTERIM ANALYSIS OF A PHASE 2 TRIAL EVALUATING ORAL NALBUPHINE EXTENDED RELEASE FOR TREATING CHRONIC COUGH IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS

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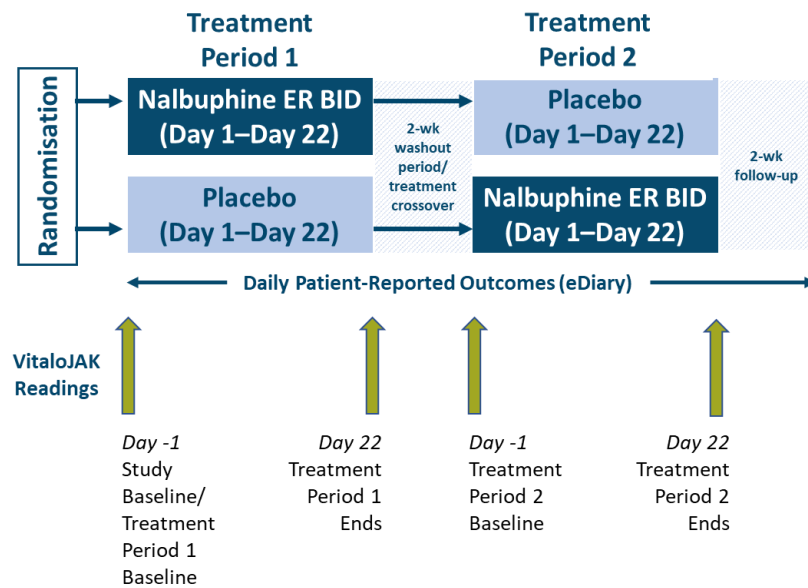
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1. An interim analysis of a phase 2 trial demonstrates nalbuphine extended release (ER) significantly and consistently reduces idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis-associated cough
2. There was 52% placebo-adjusted reduction in daytime cough frequency from baseline ($p < 0.0001$)
3. Safety is consistent with previous nalbuphine ER trials with other patient populations

- Cough is a major cause of morbidity in patients with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF), which lacks effective therapies
- Dual-acting opioid agonists/antagonists are hypothesized to reduce chronic cough by pharmacologically acting on the opioid system, potentially at both peripheral and central nervous system levels
- We report an interim analysis of a phase 2 trial with nalbuphine extended release (ER) tablets, a κ -receptor agonist and μ -receptor antagonist

- A randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, crossover trial with two 22-day treatment periods separated by a 2-week washout period was conducted
- Nalbuphine ER 27 mg once daily was titrated up to 162 mg twice daily at day 16
- Adults diagnosed with definite/probable IPF using international criteria and chronic cough for >8 weeks were enrolled

Study Design



BID, twice daily; ER, extended release.

Primary and Secondary Endpoints

PRIMARY ENDPOINT

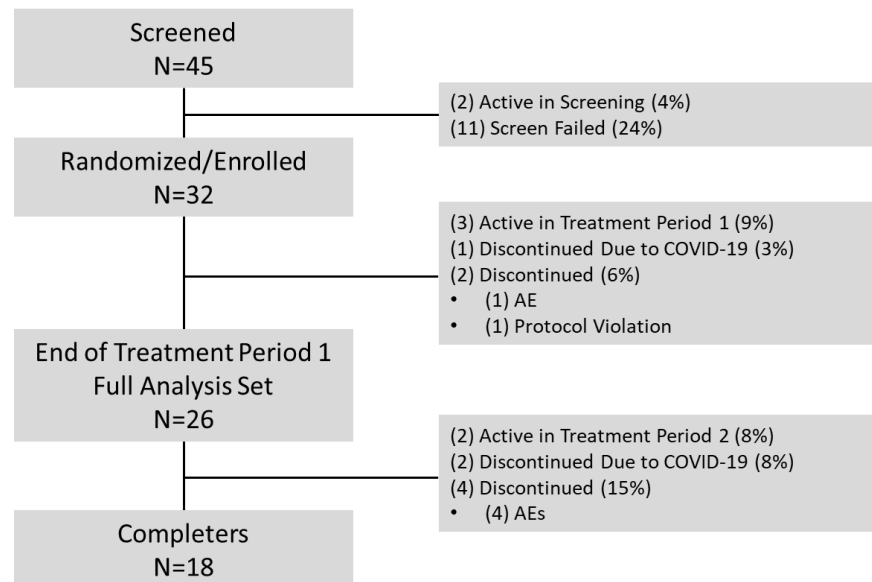
- Geometric mean percent change in daytime cough frequency from baseline as measured by a digital cough monitor (**VitaloJAK®**) between the nalbuphine ER and placebo treatments

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Cough severity
- Fatigue
- Dyspnea

- Of 45 screened subjects, 26 comprised the 1-period full analysis set
 - 18 subjects completed both treatment periods and were included in the completers set
- Subjects were primarily male with a mean age >70 years and a baseline mean daytime cough frequency of 31 coughs per hour

Patient Disposition



Baseline Characteristics

	Full Analysis Set (N=26)	Completers* (N=18)
Male, n (%)	22 (84.6)	14 (77.8)
Age (years), mean	72	71
Anti-fibrotic usage, %	38.5	33.3
Daytime cough frequency (coughs/hour):		
Mean	31	31
Median	20.6	22.4
Min-Max	3.18 – 92.35	3.18 – 77.18

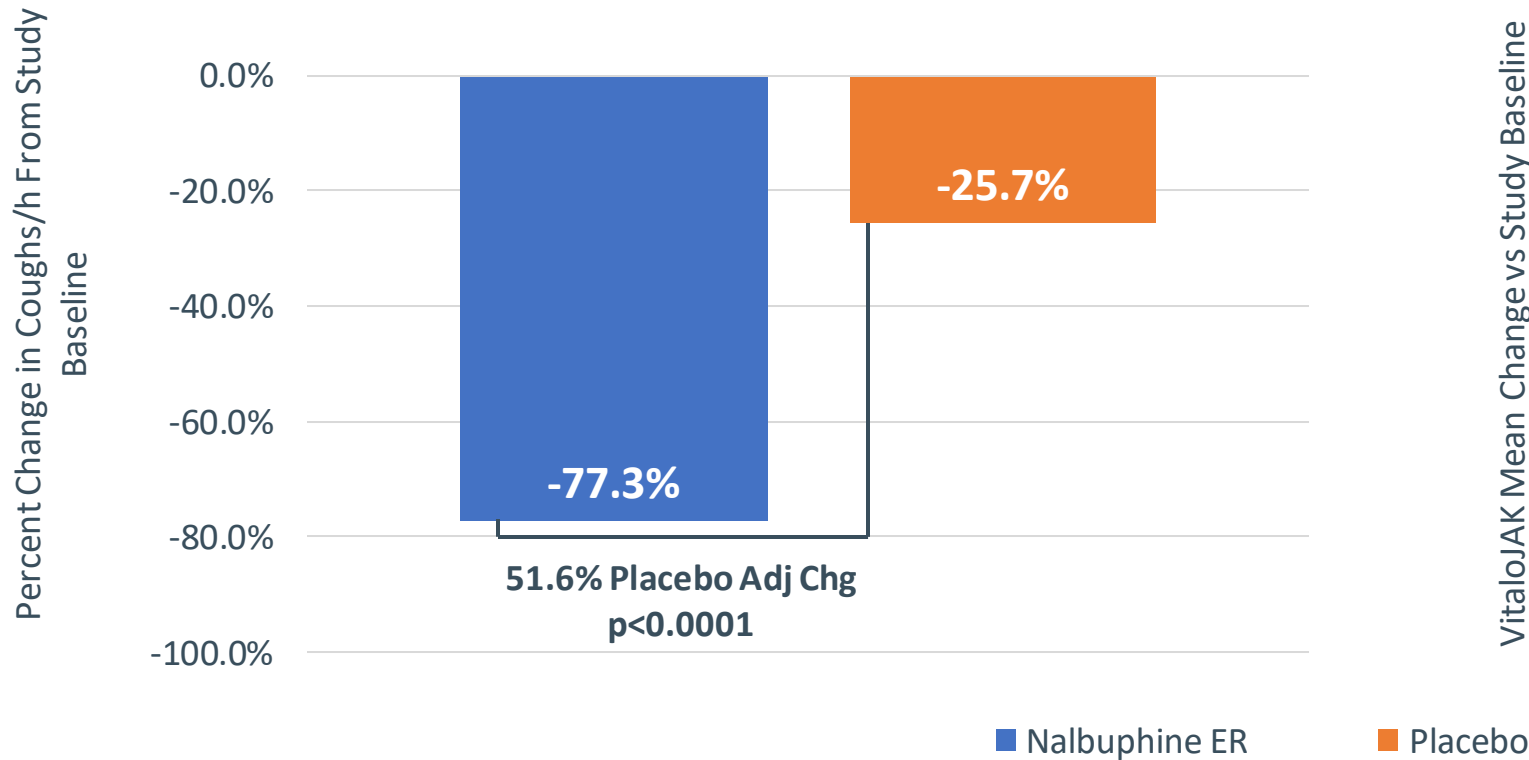
AE, adverse effect.

*Completers set included all subjects who completed both treatment periods.

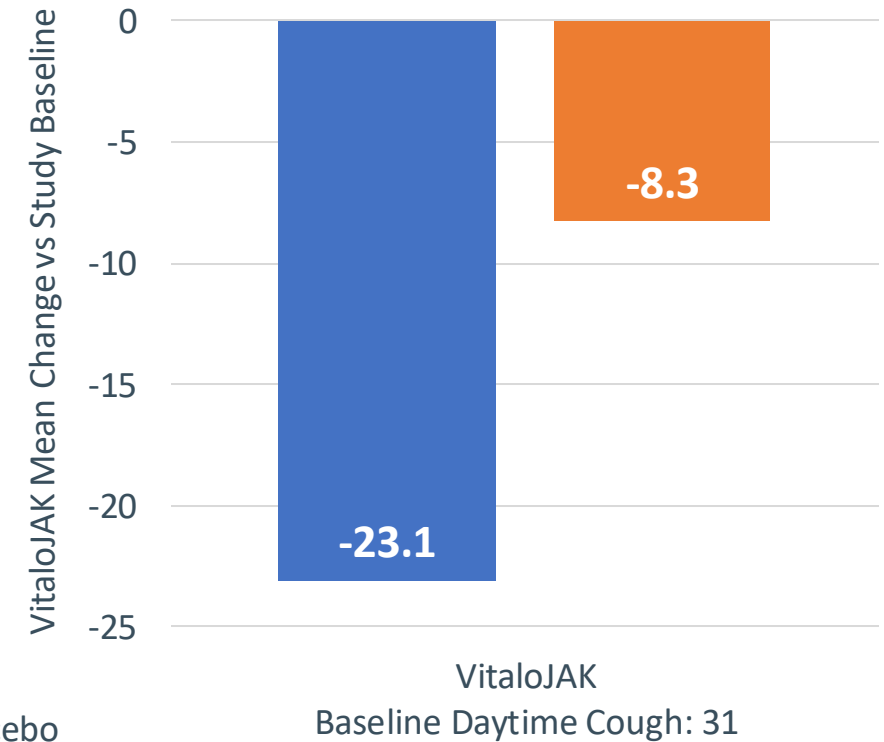
Results: Primary and Secondary Endpoints



Primary Endpoint (N=26): Geometric Mean Change From Study Baseline in Daytime



Secondary Endpoint (N=26): Mean Change in Cough From Baseline



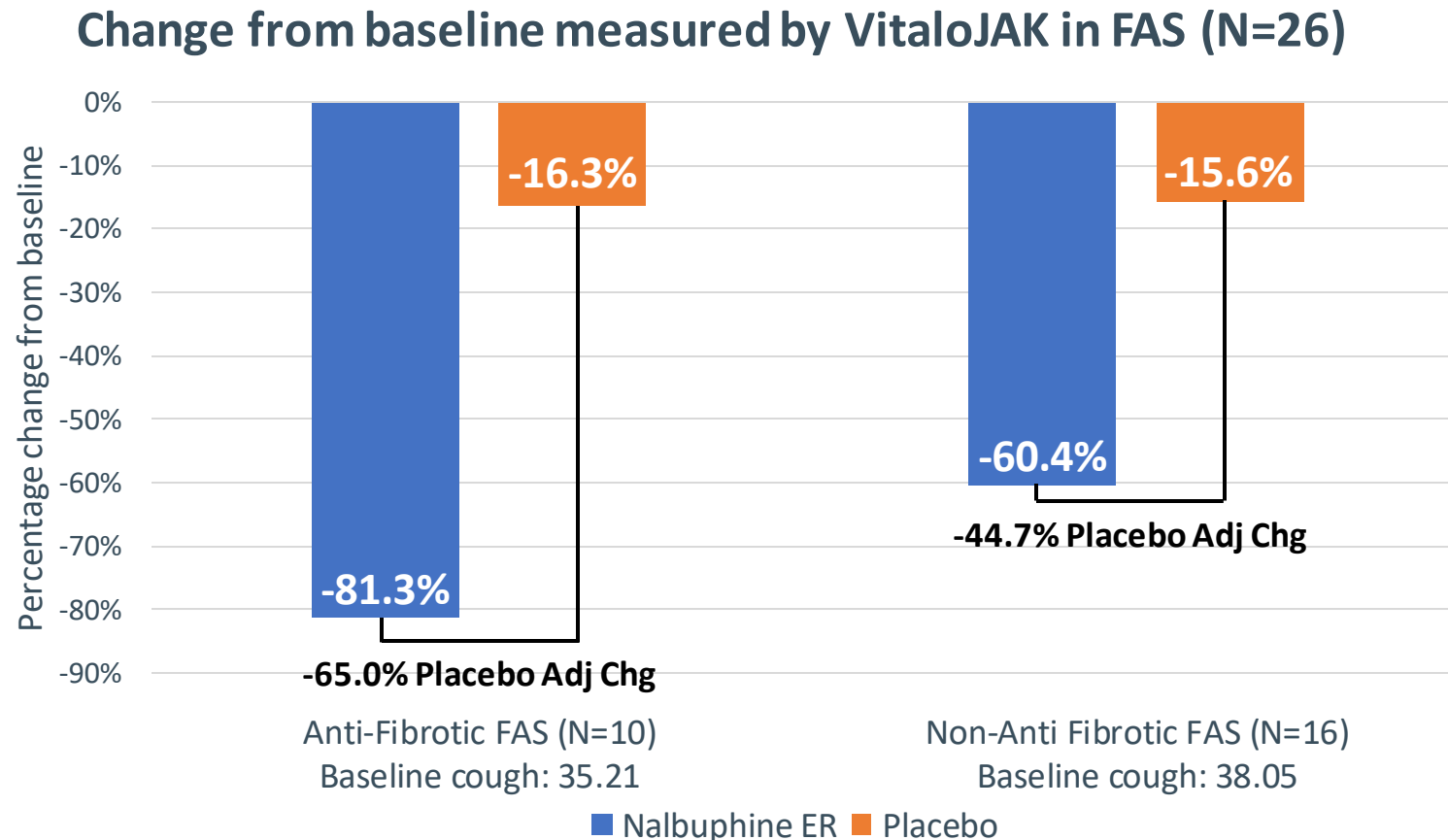
Adj Chg, adjusted change; ER, extended release.

Primary endpoint calculated as geometric mean percent change in daytime cough frequency from study baseline.

Results: Concomitant Medication

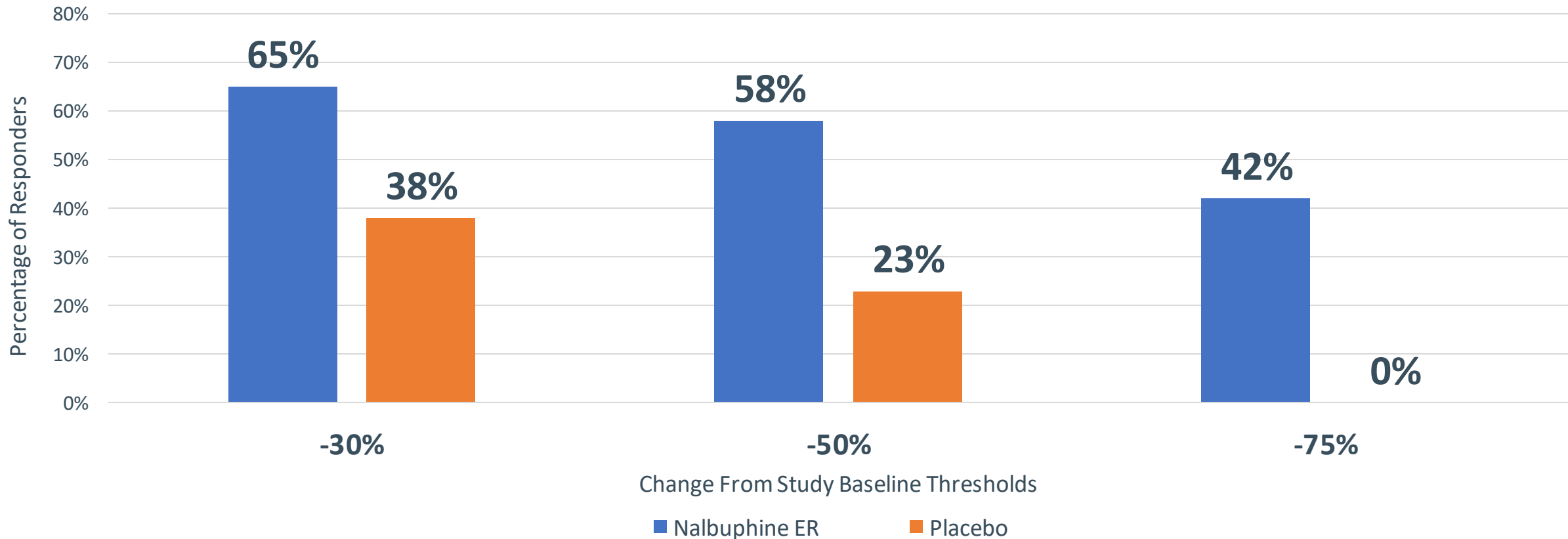


- Cough reduction was seen in patients both with and without concomitant anti-fibrotic medication



Adj, adjusted; FAS, full analysis set.

Percentage of Responders Achieving Mean Change From Study Baseline Thresholds (N=26)



ER, extended release.

Endpoint was calculated as arithmetic mean percent change in daytime cough frequency from study baseline.

- Nalbuphine ER has been administered to >1000 subjects in previously completed clinical trials
- No safety concerns have been raised by the Data and Safety Monitoring Board overseeing the conduct of the study
 - No deaths have been reported; 1 reported serious adverse event (ie, pneumonia) was not considered treatment related
 - 5 adverse events have resulted in discontinuation (16%)
 - 1 anorexia, 1 depression, 1 nausea/vomiting, 1 insomnia/fatigue, 1 agitation/anxiety/dyspnea
- No new safety-related issues have arisen in the study, and the adverse event profile of the drug in the IPF population is consistent with the safety profile noted in all other past studies in which nalbuphine ER was investigated for a variety of medical conditions

Nalbuphine ER demonstrated a highly significant and consistent reduction in chronic cough associated with IPF in an interim analysis, supporting proof of concept

- 52% placebo-adjusted reduction in the geometric mean percent change from study baseline for nalbuphine ER in daytime cough frequency to day 22 of treatment ($p < 0.0001$)
- 42% of nalbuphine ER-treated subjects achieving a $\geq 75\%$ reduction from baseline in daytime cough frequency compared to 0% of placebo-treated subjects
- Directional change in secondary endpoint patient-reported outcomes instruments, consistent with reduction in daytime cough frequency
- Safety profile consistent with prior nalbuphine ER studies in other patient populations, with no new safety signals identified

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