



Innovations in opioid dependence treatment

Prolonged-release buprenorphine

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Prolonged release buprenorphine profiling for ODT patients

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Ensure compliance^{1,2,3}

Reduce burden and stigma of daily pick ups and supervised consumption⁴

- Cost⁵
- Time commitment⁴
- Stigma⁴

Need to ensure opioid receptor blockade

- Preventing overdose^{6,7}
- Alternative options: naltrexone tablets or implant?*

Transport and storage of CDs³

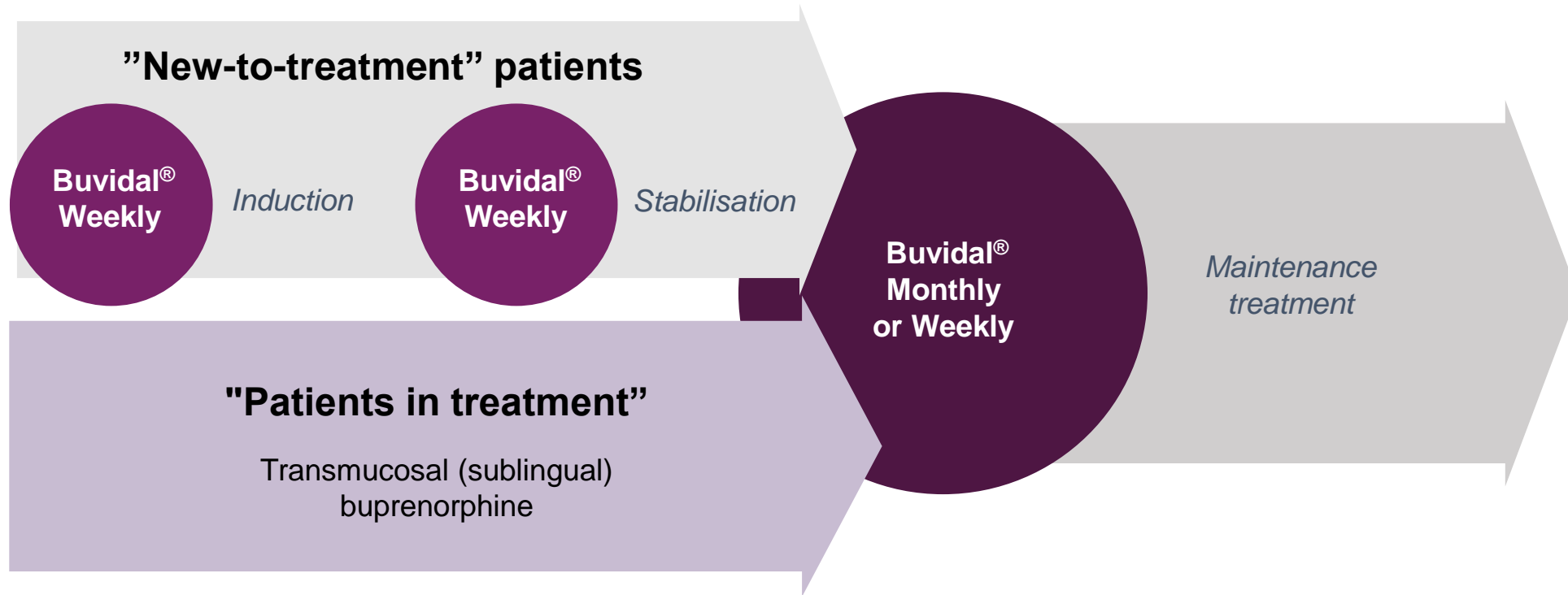
- Commuters⁵
- Domestic and international flyers⁵
- Child safeguarding issues⁵
- Prison population^{3,6}

CD, controlled drug; ODT, opioid dependence therapy

**Not approved in Europe*

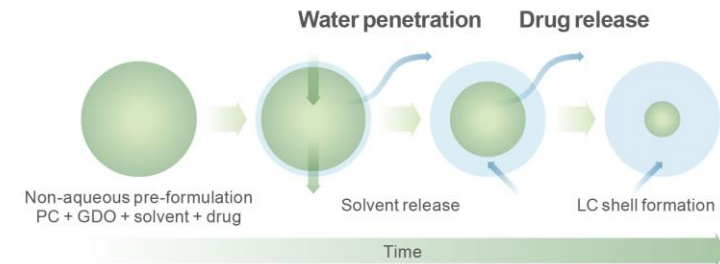
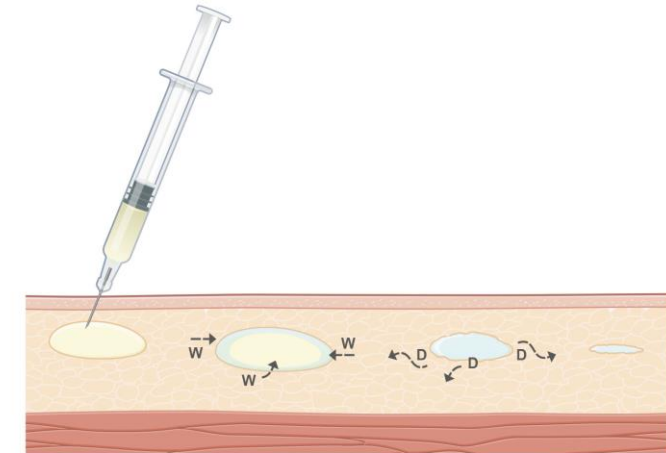
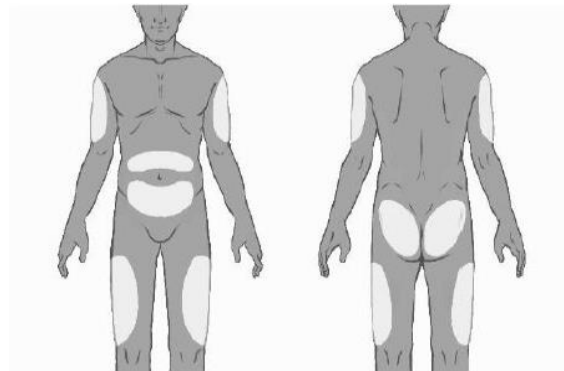
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Buvidal[®] – developed for treatment of opioid dependence across treatment phases



Buvidal[®] – weekly and monthly buprenorphine depots for treatment of opioid dependence

- Multiple dose options: 4 x weekly, 3 x monthly
 - Weekly: 8mg, 16mg, 24mg, 32mg
 - Monthly: 64mg, 96mg, 128mg
- Ready for use – pre-filled syringe
 - Retractable, 23 gauge, stored at room temperature



1. Subcutaneous injection of lipid-based formulation
2. Liquid crystal gel formation on water absorption (w)
3. Slow release of drug compound (D), biodegradation of depot

Buvidal[®] (CAM2038) clinical evidence

Phase I/2 pharmacokinetics

Four clinical trials in healthy volunteers and opioid dependent patients^{1,2}

Phase 2 pharmacodynamics

A double-blind, randomised within-patient, opioid challenge study in adults with moderate-to-severe opioid use disorder³

Phase 3 efficacy

A 24-week, randomised, double-blind, double-dummy study assessing efficacy and safety of CAM2038 versus daily sublingual buprenorphine/naloxone⁴

Phase 3 long-term safety

A 48-week, multinational, open-label study assessing long-term safety and efficacy of CAM2038⁵

Real world evidence

Case reports in clinically relevant scenarios⁶

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Pharmacokinetic Evaluation of Once-Weekly and Once-Monthly Buprenorphine Subcutaneous Injection Depots (CAM2038) Versus Intravenous and Sublingual Buprenorphine in Healthy Volunteers Under Naltrexone Blockade: An Open-Label Phase 1 Study

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Research

JAMA Psychiatry | Original Investigation

Effect of Buprenorphine Weekly Depot (CAM2038) and Hydromorphone Blockade in Individuals With Opioid Use Disorder
A Randomized Clinical Trial

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RESEARCH REPORT

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Long-term safety of a weekly and monthly subcutaneous buprenorphine depot (CAM2038) in the treatment of adult out-patients with opioid use disorder

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Case Report

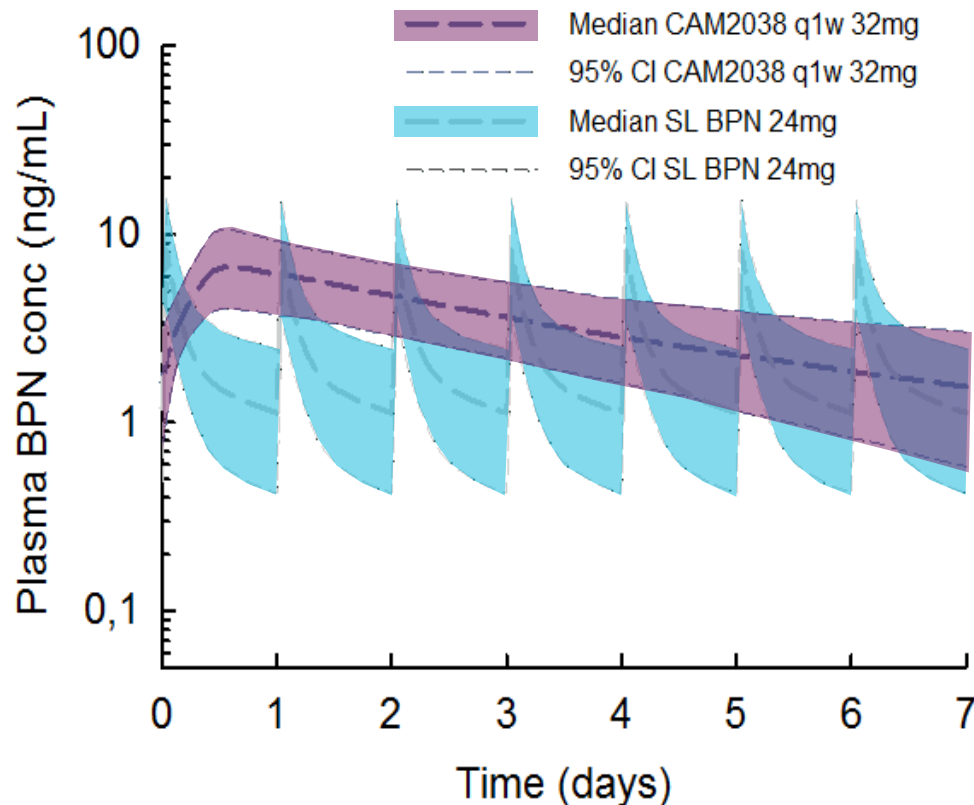
Successful Treatment of Opioid Dependence with Flexible Doses of Injectable Prolonged Release Buprenorphine

Oscar D'Agnone⁶

Steady-state population pharmacokinetics (PK) profile after weekly dosing of Buvidal[®] (CAM2038)^{1,2} ⁷

Weekly Buvidal – Daily SL BPN

Population PK analysis and modelling based on data from four clinical studies (n=236)



Dose proportional PK observed for both weekly and monthly Buvidal[®] formulations

Rapid and sustained blockade of opioid effects observed from first dose³

SL, sublingual; BPN, buprenorphine

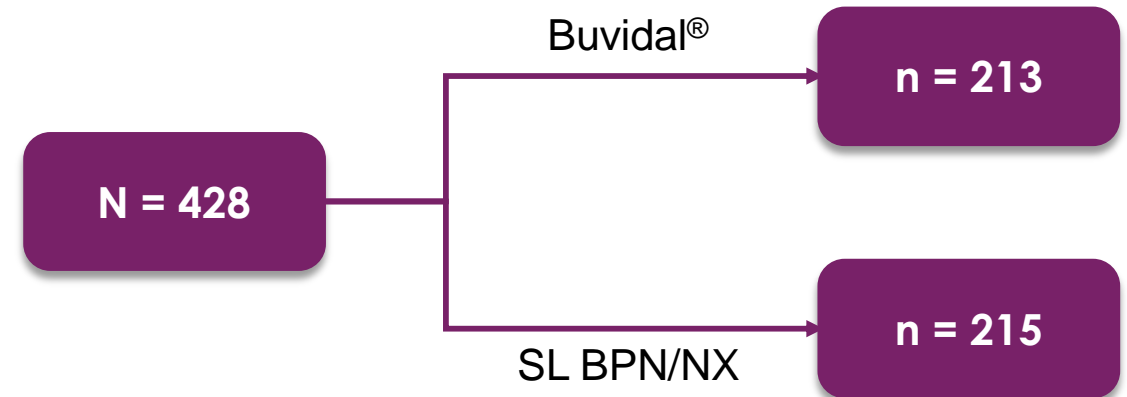
Dose conversion between sublingual buprenorphine and weekly and monthly Buvidal®

Dose of daily SL BPN*	Dose of Buvidal® weekly	Dose of Buvidal® monthly
2–6 mg	8 mg	–
8–10 mg	16 mg	64 mg
12–16 mg	24 mg	96 mg
18–24 mg	32 mg	128 mg

*The dose of buprenorphine in mg can differ between sublingual products, which needs to be considered on a product-by-product basis

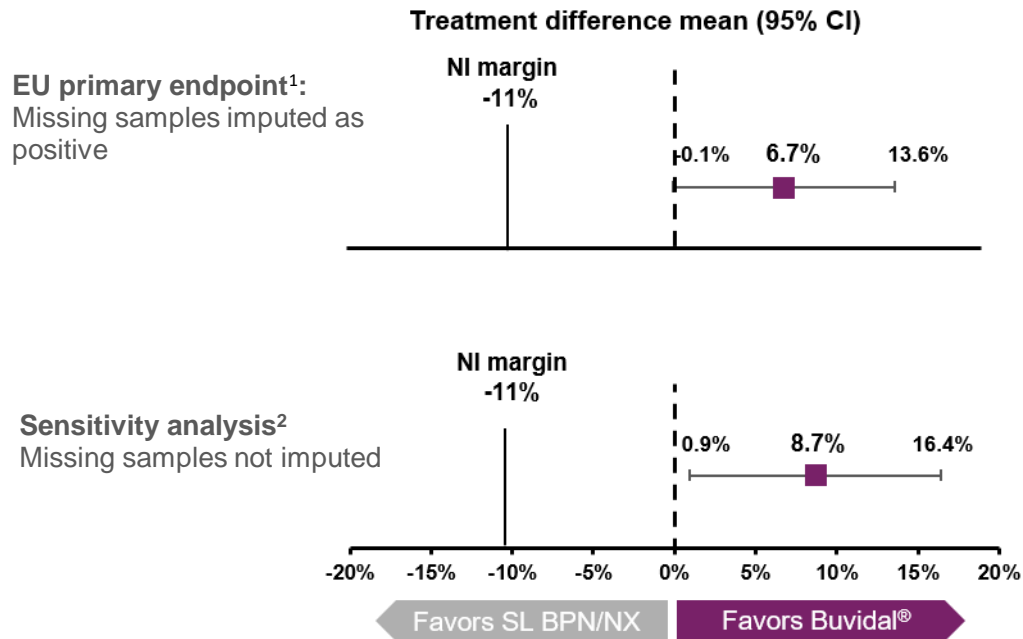
Phase 3 randomised double blind 24-week study of efficacy of Buvidal[®] vs SL BPN/NX¹

- Double-blind, double-dummy
- SC depot BPN (Buvidal[®]) versus SL BPN/NX
- Treatment-seeking adults with moderate-to-severe opioid use disorder
- Flexible dosing according to patient needs and clinical judgement

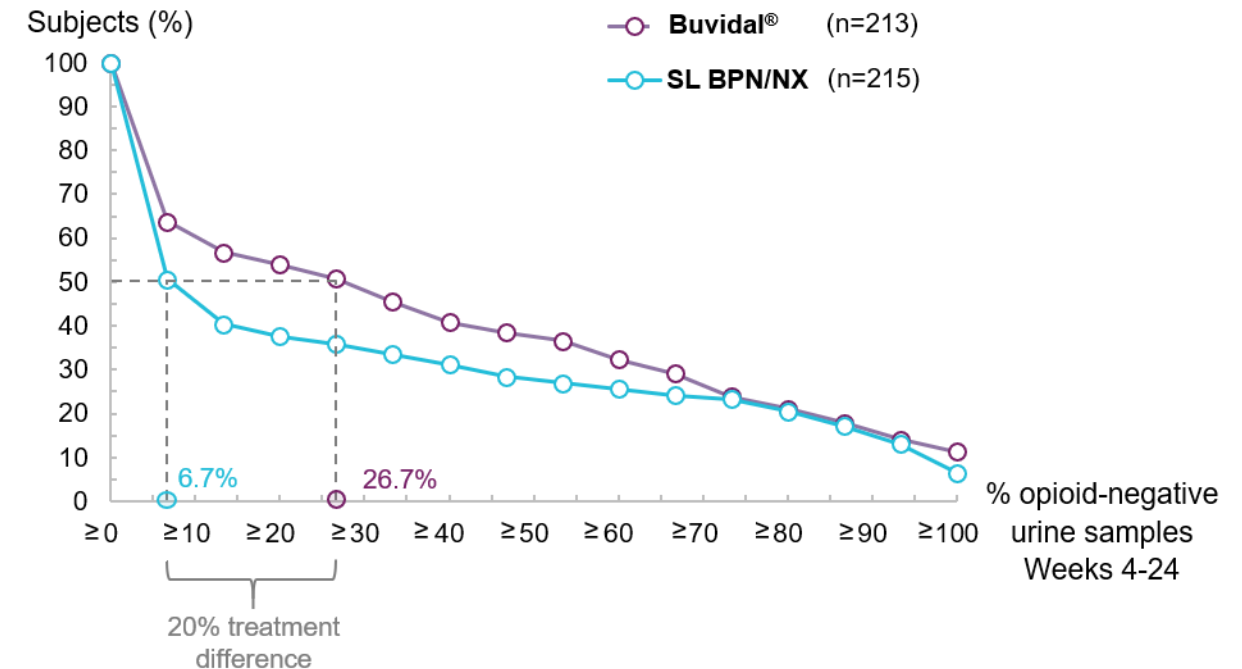


Phase 3 efficacy study primary and key secondary endpoints met¹

Non-inferiority for mean % urines negative for illicit opioids, $p < 0.001^{1,2}$



Superiority for CDF for negative urines weeks 4-24*; median 26.7% vs. 6.7%, $p = 0.008^{1,2}$



*Missing samples imputed as positive

CDF = cumulative distribution function, EMA = European medicines agency, NI = non-inferiority, SL BPN/NX = sublingual buprenorphine/naloxone

Phase 3 efficacy study adverse events¹

Safety profile consistent with sublingual BPN/NX, with the exception of mild-to-moderate injection site adverse reactions

Adverse event characteristic <i>Trial group, no. (%) of participants</i>	SL-BPN/NX (n = 215)	Buvidal® (n = 213)	All (N = 428)
Any	119 (55.3%)	128 (60.1%)	247 (57.7%)
Drug-related	64 (29.8%)	70 (32.9%)	134 (31.3%)
Severe	15 (7.0%)	6 (2.8%)	21 (4.9%)
Non-fatal serious	13 (6.0%)	5 (2.3%)	18 (4.2%)
Deaths*	0	1 (0.5%)*	1 (0.2%)
Hospitalisations	12 (5.6%)	3 (1.4%)	15 (3.5%)
Drug overdoses	5 (2.3%)	0	5 (1.2%)
Led to discontinuation of treatment	3 (1.4%)	7 (3.3%)	10 (2.3%)
Occurred in ≥ 5% of participants			
Injection site reactions	48 (22.3%)	40 (18.8%)	88 (20.6%)
Headache	17 (7.9%)	16 (7.5%)	33 (7.7%)
Constipation	16 (7.4%)	16 (7.5%)	32 (7.5%)
Nausea	17 (7.9%)	15 (7.0%)	32 (7.5%)
Urinary tract infection	10 (4.7%)	11 (5.2%)	21 (4.9%)
Insomnia	6 (2.8%)	12 (5.6%)	18 (4.2%)

¹ Lofwall M R, et al. *JAMA Internal Medicine*. 2018;178(6); 764-773

*One patient died as a result of being hit by a car. SL, sublingual; BPN/NX, buprenorphine/naloxone

Phase 3 open label long-term (48-week) safety study with flexible dosing regimen¹

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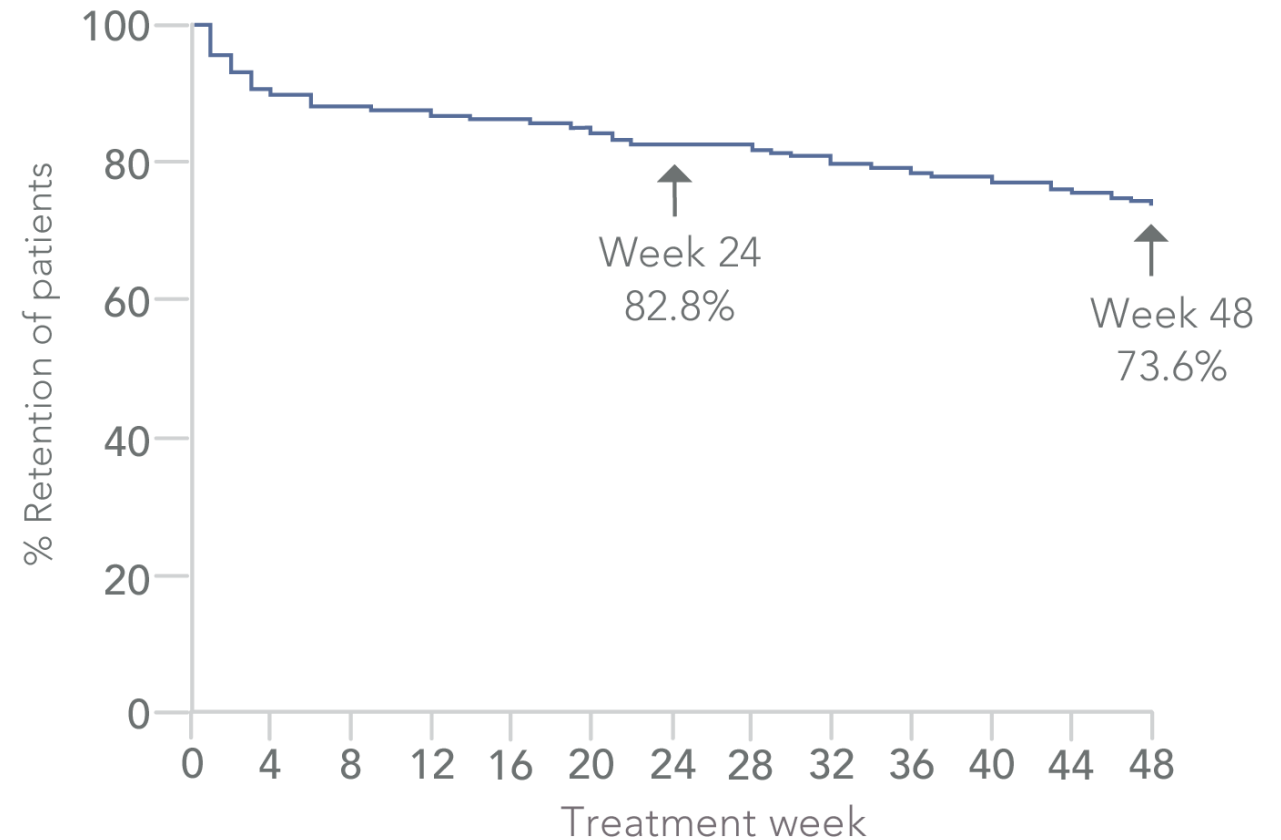
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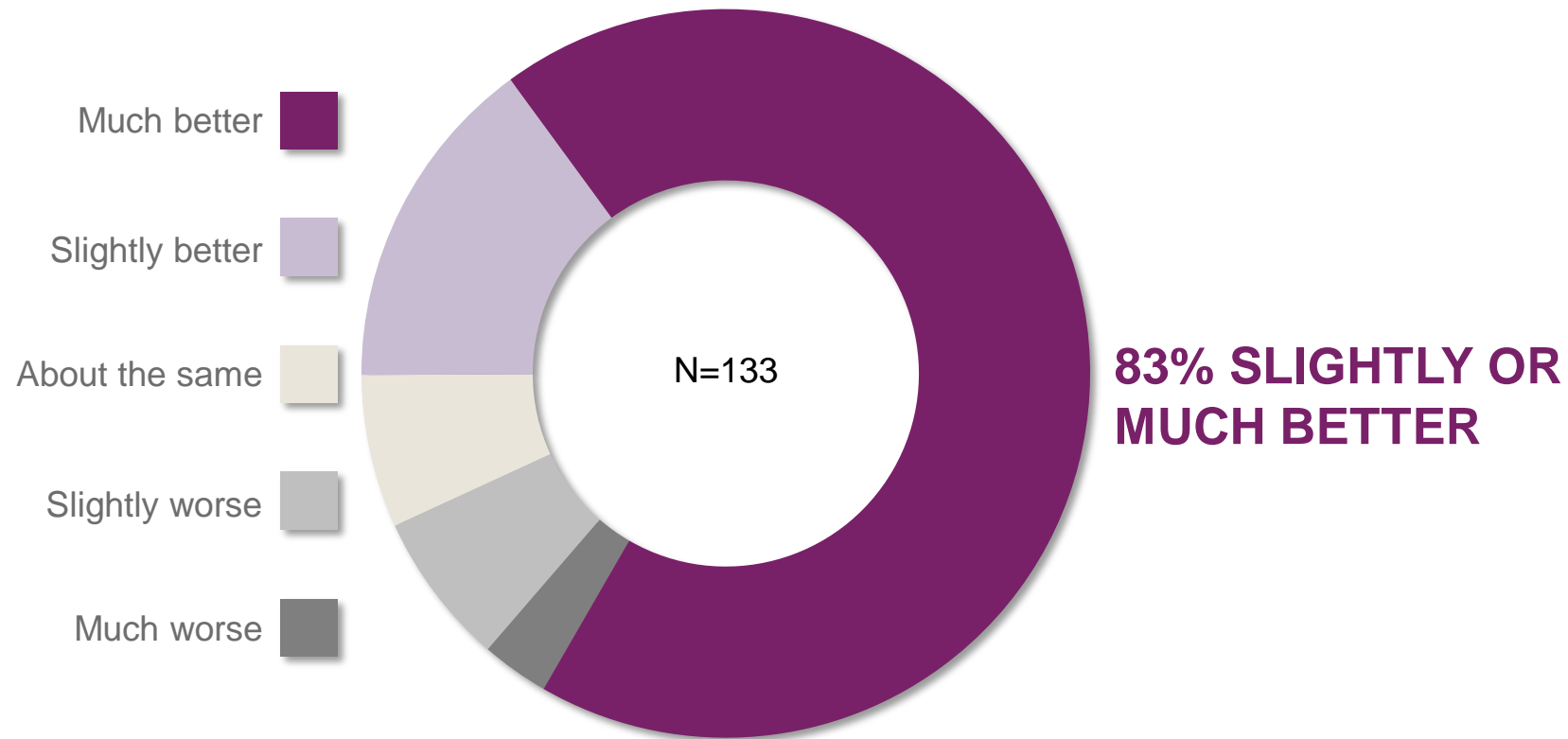
- Open label 48-week safety study
- 26 centres: Europe, USA, Australia
- N=227: 190 transferred from SL BPN, 37 new to BPN
- Injection site reactions (mild-moderate) 20%
 - Pain, swelling, erythema



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Phase 3 long-term safety study patient satisfaction¹

“Please evaluate your overall experience with the study medication compared to your previously prescribed SL BPN treatment”

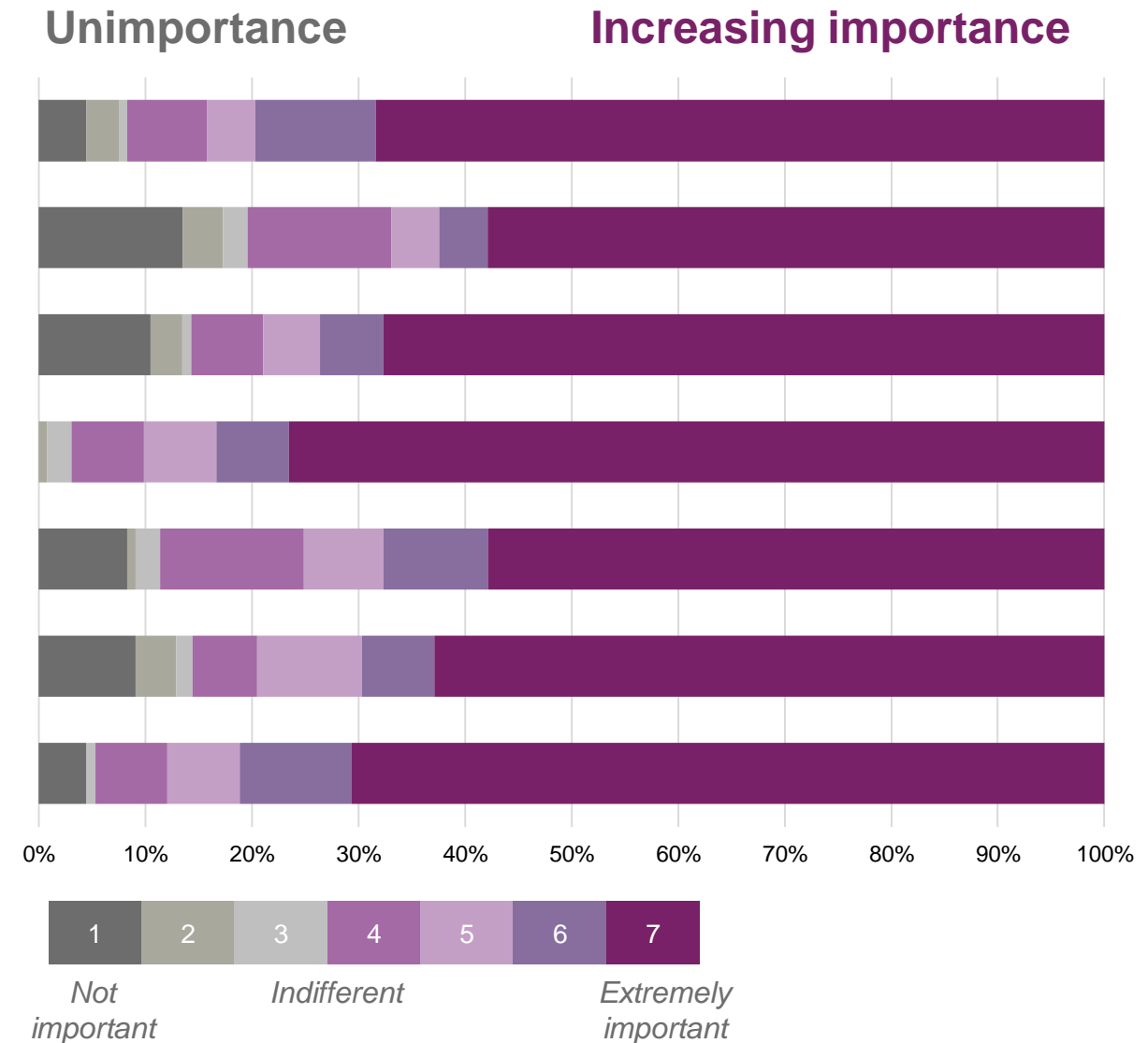


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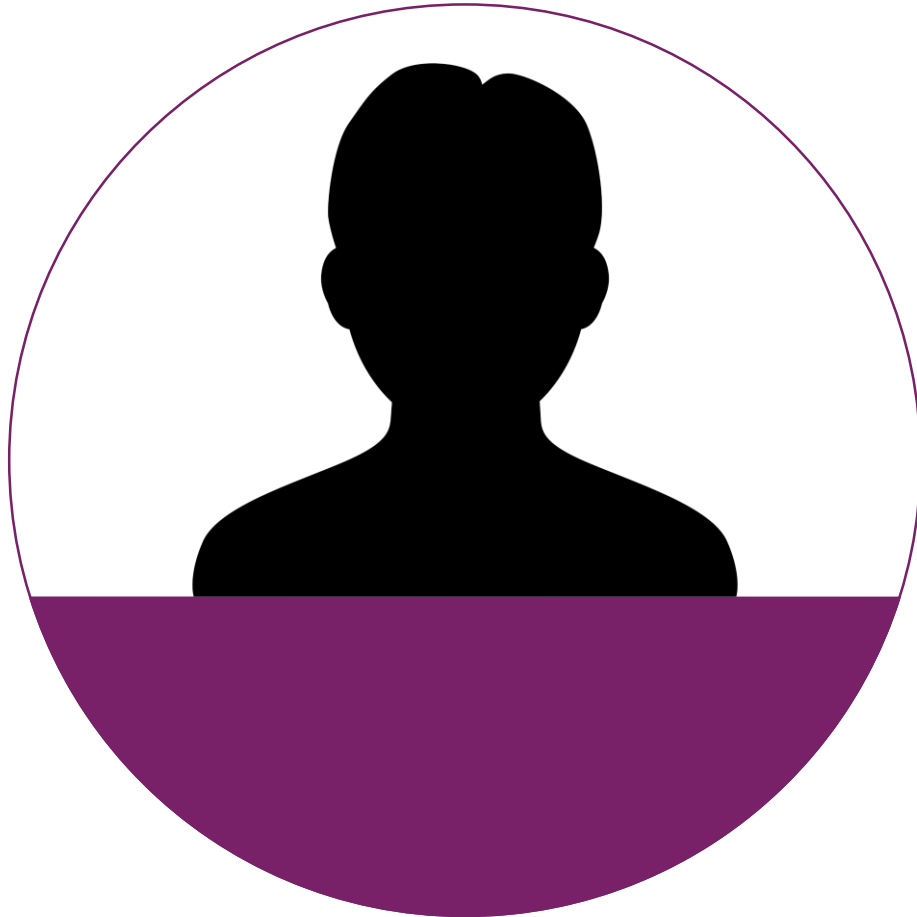
- ✓ **Spares regular visits to the pharmacy (n=133)**
- ✓ **Prevents others access to my medication (n=133)**
- ✓ **Prevents accidental exposure children/pets (n=133)**
- ✓ **Not require daily medication (n=133)**
- ✓ **Improves my privacy as a patient (n=133)**
- ✓ **Helps me not miss or skip medication dose (n=132)**
- ✓ **Allowed to travel with no medication (n=133)**



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Case Study (1)



52 year old, male

- >20 years opioid use, intermittent injected heroin use
- No MH problems
- Married with 2 children, living with family
- Employed in senior management role
- Initial treatment plan based on supervised SL BPN

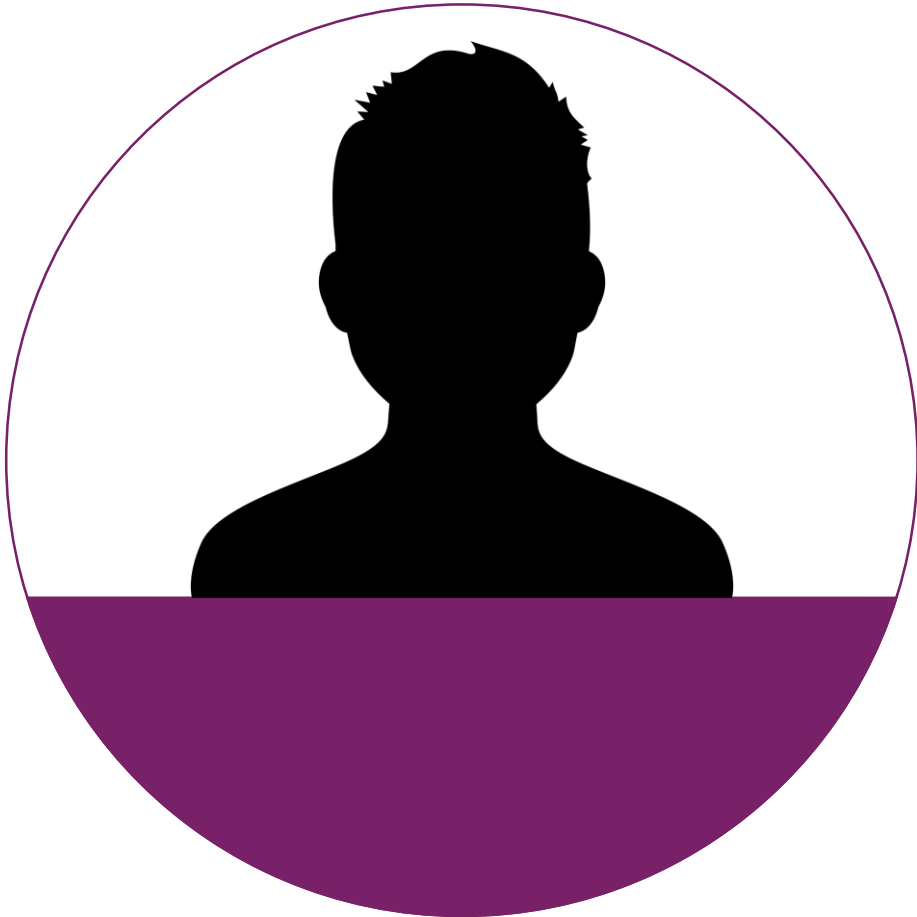
Case Study (2)



56 year old, female

- >20 years use on and off, heroin smoker
- Support from friends
- Committed to treatment
- Poor compliance, has relapsed before
- Initial treatment plan based on oral methadone
- Started to smoke heroin daily in addition to prescribed methadone

Case Study (3)



48 year old, male

- >20 years on and off use, IV heroin user
- No MH issues
- Strong family support
- Employed full-time
- Committed to treatment
- Positive results with buprenorphine ODT previously
- Beginning new treatment episode