## BREXPIPRAZOLE sNDA for Agitation Associated with Alzheimer's Dementia (AAD)

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### Agitation Associated with Alzheimer's Dementia (AAD)



Poor Health Outcomes



Increased Institutionalization



**Caregiver Distress** 

No approved treatments

## Seeking Supplemental Indication for Brexpiprazole

#### **Proposed sNDA Indication**

Treatment of agitation associated with AD

#### **Recommended Dosing**

- Target dose: 2 mg QD
- Maximum dose: 3 mg QD

#### **Boxed Warning**

Not proposing to remove boxed warning

## Brexpiprazole (REXULTI®) – Atypical Antipsychotic Approved for Schizophrenia and Major Depressive Disorder

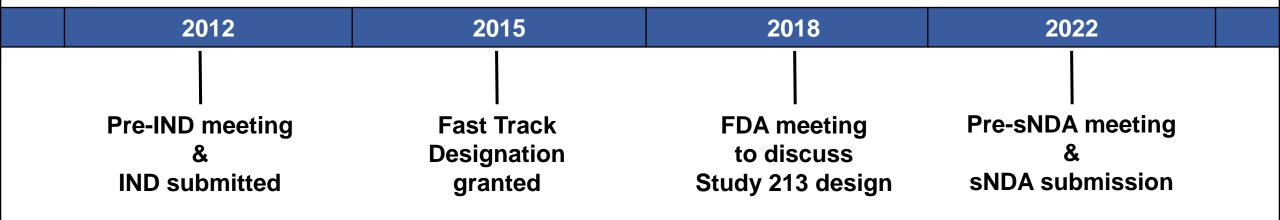
- Approved in US for treatment of schizophrenia and for adjunctive treatment of major depressive disorder
  - First approved in US in 2015
  - Approved in > 60 countries, including EU and Canada
- 1,269,877 patient-years experience from clinical studies and post-approval

### Brexpiprazole sNDA Key FDA Regulatory Interactions

Phase 3 Studies 283 (fixed 1 and 2 mg dose) 284 (flexible 0.5 – 2 mg dose)

Phase 3 Study 213 (fixed 2 and 3 mg dose)

**Open-label Extension Study 182** 



# Three Phase 3 Studies Support Efficacy and Safety of Brexpiprazole

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# Brexpiprazole Positive Benefit / Risk for Treatment of AAD When Dosed 2 or 3 mg QD

Statistically significant and clinically meaningful improvements in key measures of agitation vs placebo

Favorable tolerability profile

AEs consistent with those previously reported for brexpiprazole and observed in this patient population

Addresses critical unmet clinical need and provides substantial improvement relative to currently utilized off-label treatments for AAD

### Agenda

### **Unmet Need**

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### Efficacy

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# **Unmet Need in AAD Zahinoor Ismail, MD, FRCPC**

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## Alzheimer's Dementia Is Highly Prevalent and Expected to Increase Significantly in Coming Decades

Alzheimer's is most common form of dementia





## ~ Half of Patients with Alzheimer's Dementia Develop Agitation

 International Psychogeriatric Association (IPA) defines agitation in dementia as ≥ 1 behavior persistent or frequently recurrent for ≥ 2 weeks<sup>1,2</sup>

## **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

# AAD Worsens Impact of Already Devastating and Burdensome Disease for Patient and Caregiver

#### PATIENT<sup>1-5</sup>



Accelerated disease progression



Functional decline



Poorer quality of life



**Greater mortality** 



Higher rates of institutionalization

#### CAREGIVER<sup>6-10</sup>



Anxiety and depression



Further increases burden of care



> 20 hours per week supervising and providing care to patients



Caregiver distress can lead to institutionalization

<sup>1.</sup> Banerjee et al. 2006; 2. Halpern et al. 2019; 3. Koenig et al. 2016; 4. Peters et al. 2015; 5. Scarmeas et al. 2007;

<sup>6.</sup> Cohen-Mansfield 2008; 7. Allegri et al. 2006; 8. Grossberg et al. 2020; 9. Mohamed et al. 2010; 10. Okura et al. 2011

### **Evidence Based Approach to Treating AAD**

- Nonpharmacological strategies are first line
- Both pharmacological and non-pharmacological treatments often initiated only after clinical emergency
  - Poor recognition of agitation
  - Lack of indicated treatments
  - Reluctance to treat early
- Goal is to reduce agitation and calm patient without sedation

## No Approved Medication in US for Agitation in Patients with AD

- Current pharmacotherapy requires balance of risks and benefits
- Choice of medications (all off-label) can depend on acuity of agitation (i.e., frequency, severity, and safety issues)
  - Benzodiazepines, antihistamines, antidepressants, antiepileptics, and antipsychotics (both typical and atypical)
- Off-label medications show inconsistent and modest effects and carry several notable safety limitations
  - Sedation, extrapyramidal symptoms, falls, worsened cognitive performance, and cardiovascular and cerebrovascular events
- No labeling to guide use

# Need for Better Identification of AAD and Approved, Well-Documented Pharmacological Treatments



 AAD worsens impact of already devastating and burdensome disease for patients, caregivers, and healthcare system



- Need for FDA-approved product that communicates efficacy and safety expectations in label
- Reduce AAD symptoms with better risk / benefit profile than currently used off-label pharmacotherapy
- Ultimate goal to not sedate patients but reduce AAD symptoms



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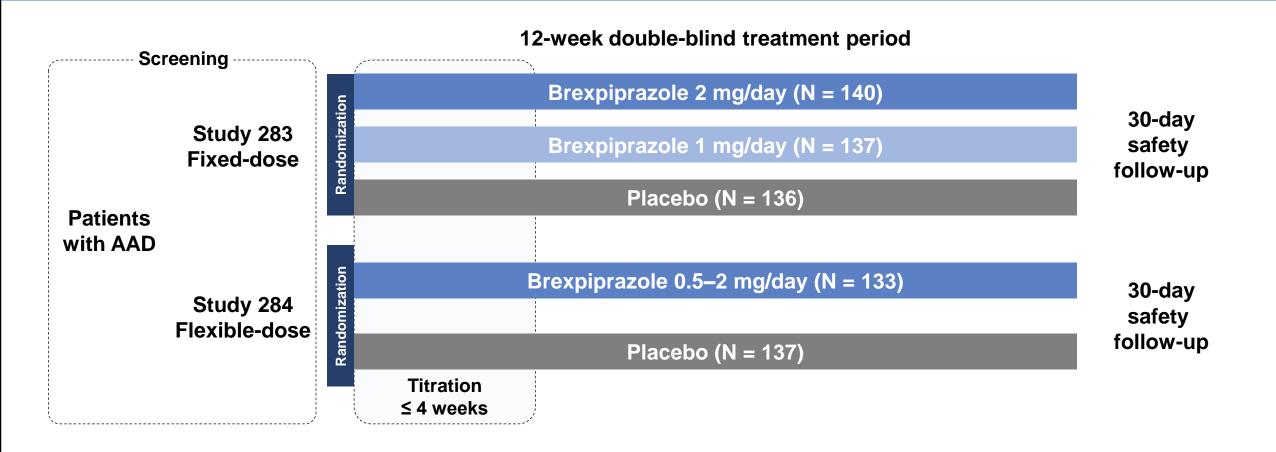
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### Studies 283 and 284: Similar Clinical Designs



Titration, Study 283: Brexpiprazole 2 mg: Days 1–3, 0.25 mg; Days 4–14, 0.5 mg; Weeks 3 and 4, 1 mg/day; Weeks 5–12, 2 mg/day Brexpiprazole 1 mg: Days 1–3, 0.25 mg; Days 4–14, 0.5 mg; Weeks 3 and 4, 1 mg/day; Weeks 5–12, 1 mg/day

Titration, Study 284: Brexpiprazole 0.5–2 mg: Days 1–3, 0.25 mg; Days 4–14, 0.5 mg; Weeks 3 and 4, 1 mg/day; Weeks 5–12, 2 mg/day

Study 283 originally had a 0.5 mg group which was removed based on new information from completed studies in other indications

### Studies 283 and 284: Endpoint Selection

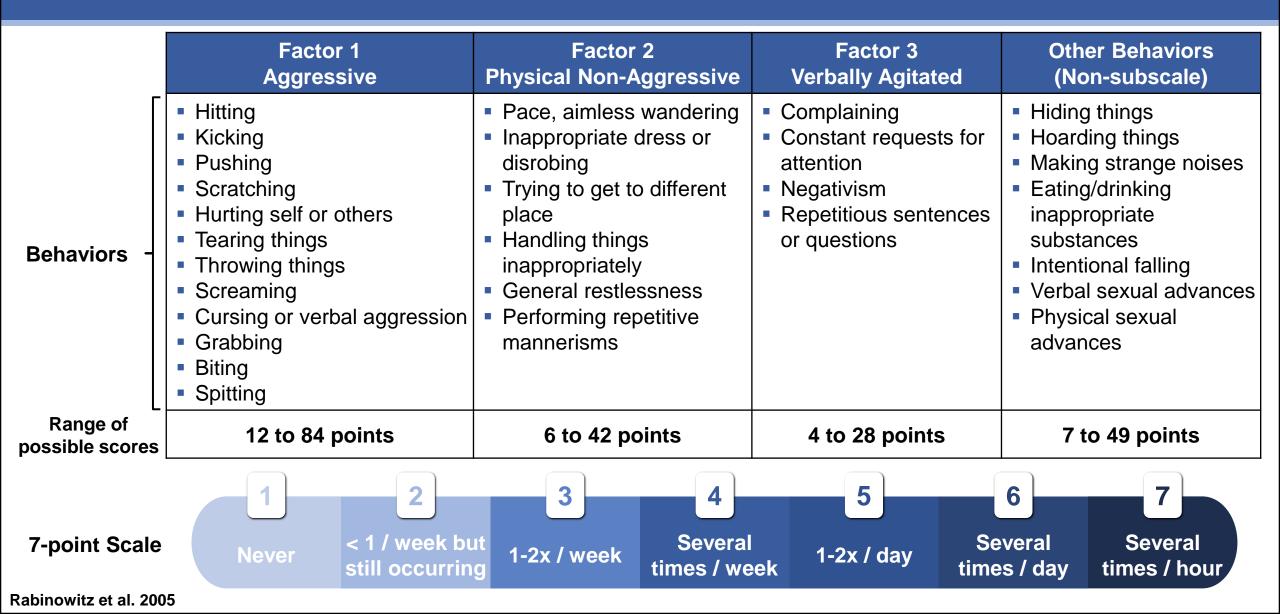
Primary Endpoint

Mean change in Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory (CMAI) Total Score at Week 12

Key Secondary Endpoint

Mean change on Clinical Global Impression of Severity (CGI-S) score as related to agitation at Week 12

## Cohen-Mansfield Agitation Inventory (CMAI): Well-Established Tool



### Studies 283 and 284: Key Enrollment Criteria

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

- Adults 55-90 years old
- Diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease according to NINCDS-ADRDA criteria and MMSE score 5-22
- Diagnosis of agitation with onset of symptoms ≥ 2 weeks prior to screening
- NPI-NH or NPI/NPI-NH Agitation/Aggression Score ≥ 4 at screening and baseline

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

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- Axis-1 disorders (schizophrenia, BD, current MDD)
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## Studies 283 and 284: Demographics Similar Across and Within Studies

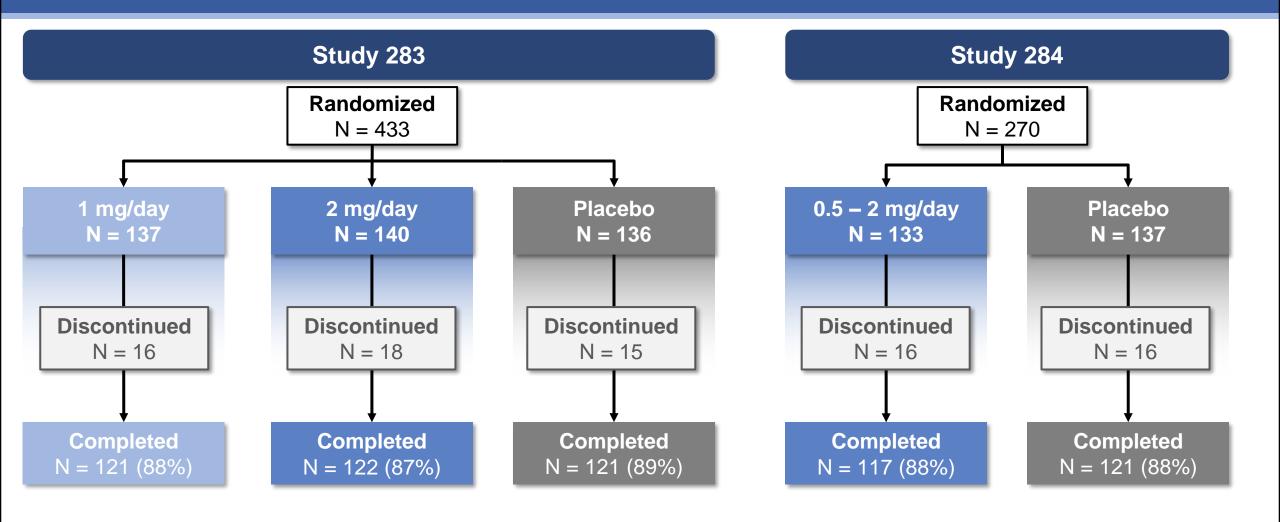
		Study 283			Study 284	
Characteristic	<b>1 mg/day</b> N = 137	<b>2 mg/day</b> N = 140	<b>Placebo</b> N = 136	<b>0.5 – 2</b> <b>mg/day</b> N = 133	<b>Placebo</b> N = 137	
Age (years), Mean	74	74	74	74	74	
Female	57%	56%	51%	62%	64%	
Race						
White	98%	95%	96%	96%	94%	
Black / African-American*	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	
Other	0.7%	1%	0.7%	0.8%	2%	
Hispanic or Latino	18%	16%	17%	5%	7%	

<sup>\*</sup> Black / African American patients represented 10% and 15% of randomized US patients

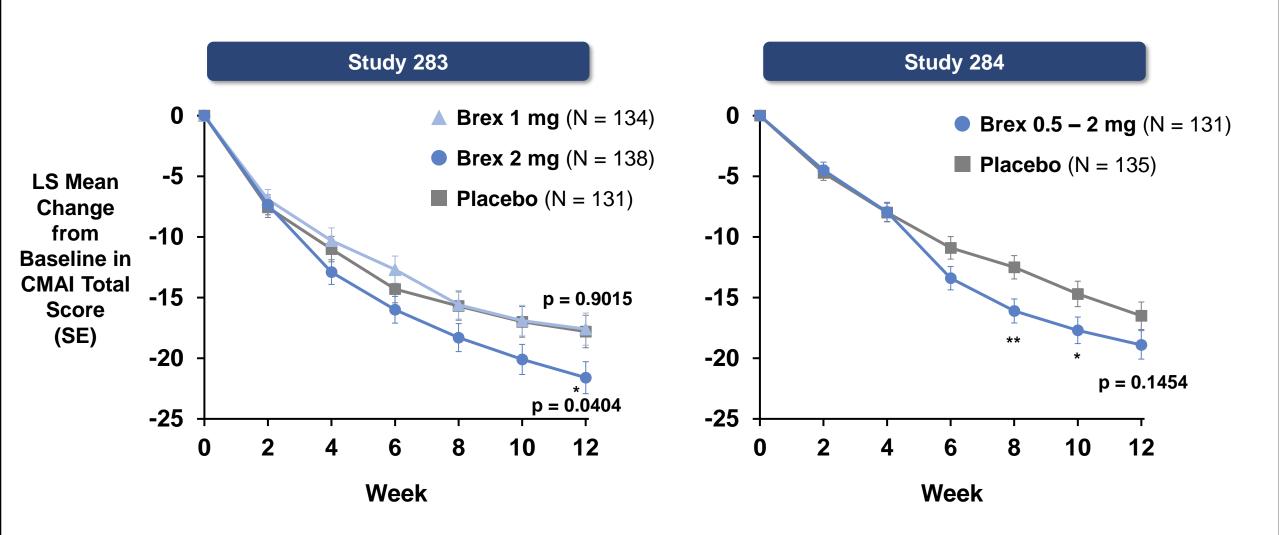
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CMAI total score, Mean	70.7	71.0	72.0	71.4	68.5
CGI severity score, Mean	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Dementia severity (MMSE)					
Mild (> 18)	5%	8%	14%	21%	25%
Moderate (13 – 18)	55%	62%	54%	48%	47%
Severe (≤ 12)	39%	30%	32%	31%	28%
Institutionalized	65%	61%	65%	55%	55%
Time since diagnosis of Alzheimer's (months), Mean	36.7	31.3	32.3	28.2	32.1
Time since onset of current agitation episode (months), Mean	7.0	9.3	4.7	5.2	4.5

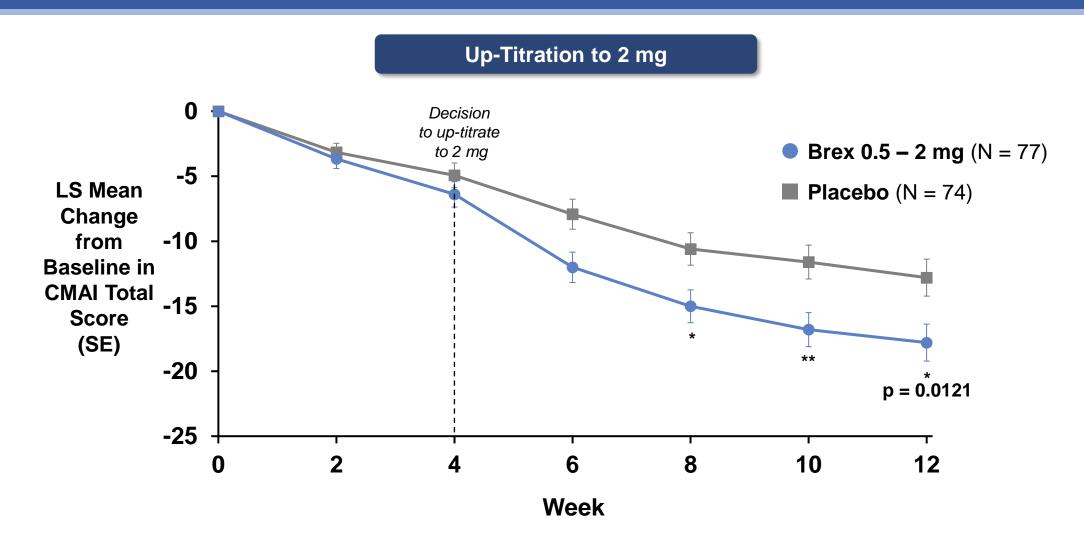
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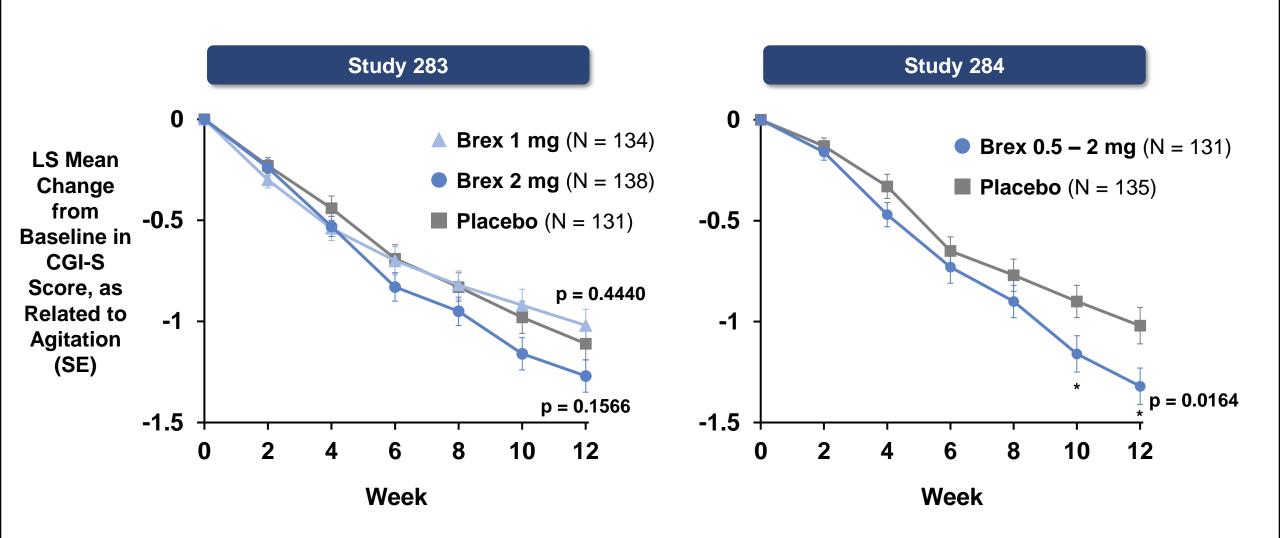
## Studies 283 and 284: Primary CMAI Results Show Improvements with Brexpiprazole



## Study 284: Patients Up-Titrated to Brexpiprazole 2 mg Demonstrated Efficacy on CMAI Total Score (Post-Hoc)



# Studies 283 and 284: Improvement on Key Secondary (CGI-S) Endpoint with Brexpiprazole



### Studies 283 and 284: Key Conclusions

- Study 283 met primary endpoint; Study 284 did not
- Data supports efficacy of brexpiprazole 2 mg
  - 2 mg identified as minimum effective dose

# Studies 283 and 284: Enrollment of Some Patients with Insufficient Agitation May Have Impacted Results



Agitation inclusion criterion in 283 and 284 based on NPI-NH Agitation/Aggression item score of ≥ 4¹ not on CMAI



Focused on behaviors that are more prominent and more impactful on patient's and caregiver's quality of life

CMAI Factor 1\* encompasses physical and verbal aggressive behaviors<sup>2</sup>



Post-hoc analyses of patients meeting criteria for Factor 1 demonstrated greater baseline frequency and greater effect of treatment over placebo

- ~ 86% met criteria for CMAI Factor 1 with baseline of 71-75 points
- Those who did not meet Factor 1 criteria had baseline of 55-59 points

<sup>\*</sup>To meet criterion, one of following must be displayed: i. ≥ 1 aggressive behaviors occurring several times per week; ii. ≥ 2 aggressive behaviors occurring once or twice per week; iii. ≥ 3 aggressive behaviors occurring less than once per week

1. Grossberg et al. 2020; 2. Rabinowitz et al. 2005

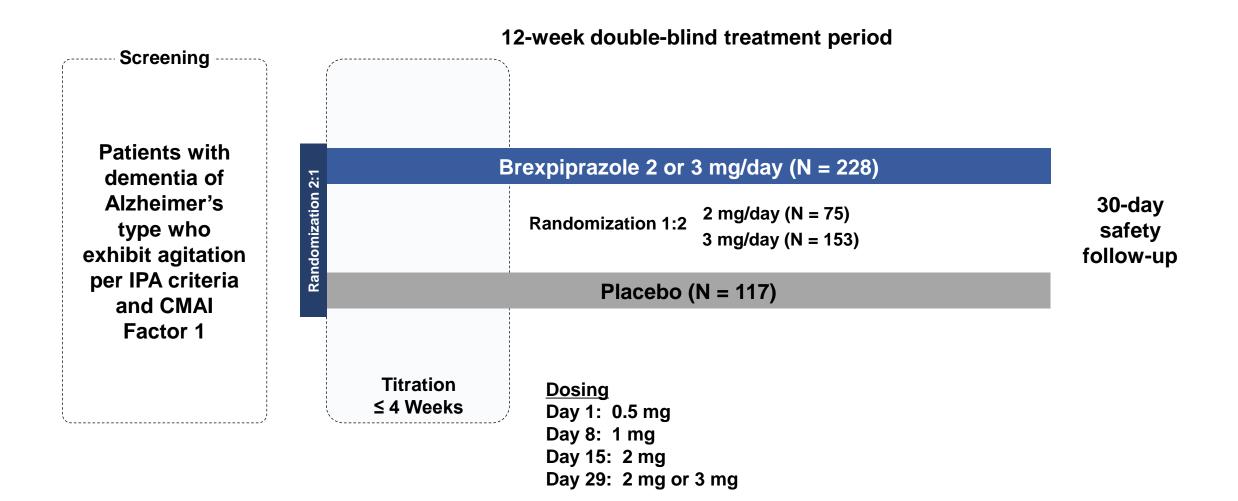
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### Study 213: Clinical Design Based on FDA Feedback



The study had an interim analysis at 255 patients. Decision to move to full sample of 330. Alpha level for final analysis is 0.035.

For all patients who terminated early from the study, a mortality assessment was obtained from the patient's caregiver by telephone contact at Week 16

## Study 213: Key Enrollment Criteria Included Enrichment for More Prominent Agitated Behaviors

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- Adults 55-90 years old
- Diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease according to NINCDS-ADRDA criteria and MMSE score 5-22
- Diagnosis of agitation meeting IPA provisional definition and onset of symptoms ≥ 2 weeks prior to screening
- NPI-NH or NPI/NPI-NH Agitation/Aggression Score ≥ 4 at screening and baseline
- Meet criteria for CMAI Factor 1 at baseline

#### **Exclusion Criteria**

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### Study 213: Endpoint Selection Same as 283 and 284

Primary Endpoint

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## **Study 213: Demographics Consistent Across Arms**

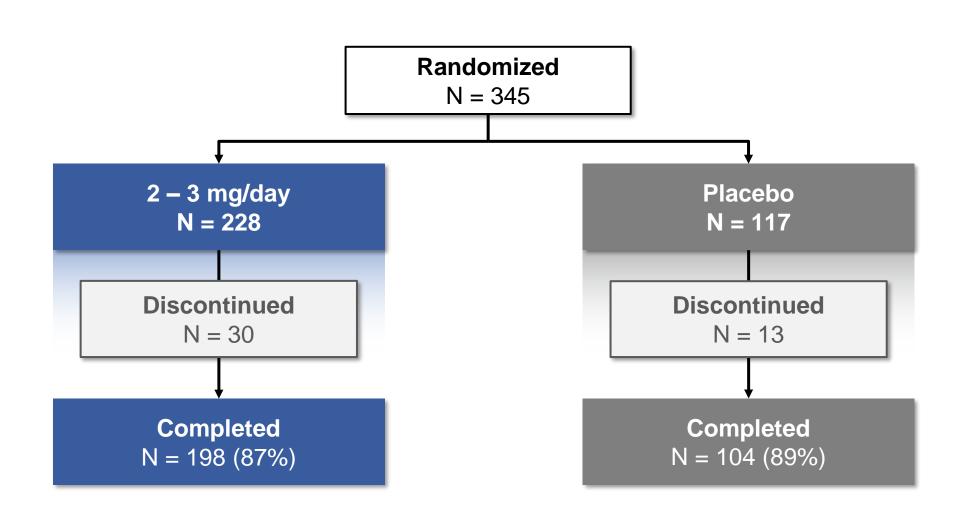
Characteristic	<b>2 mg/day</b> N = 75	<b>3 mg/day</b> N = 153	Placebo N = 117
Age (years), Mean	74	75	73
Female	57%	60%	51%
Race			
White	93%	94%	98%
Black / African-American*	7%	4%	1%
Other	0%	2%	0.9%
Hispanic or Latino	33%	30%	32%

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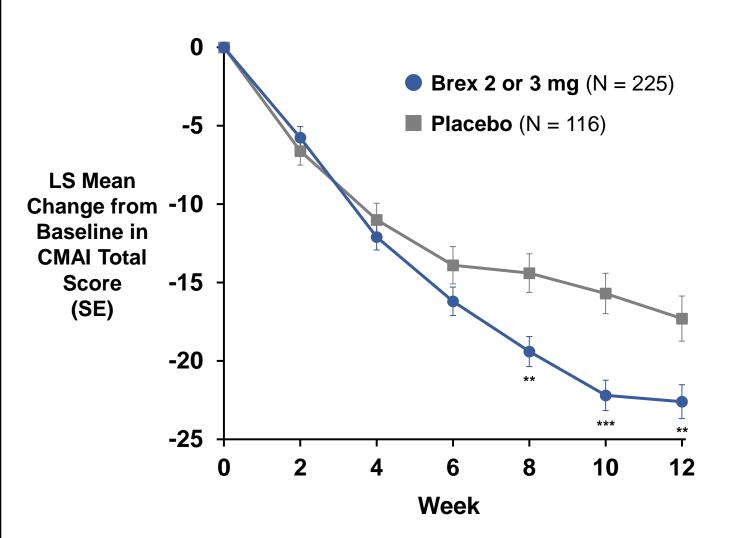
### **Study 213: Disease Characteristics Similar Across Arms**

Characteristic	<b>2 mg/day</b> N = 75	<b>3 mg/day</b> N = 153	Placebo N = 117
CMAI total score, Mean	78.6	81.2	79.4
CGI severity score, Mean	4.6	4.7	4.7
Dementia severity (MMSE)			
Mild (> 18)	21%	24%	24%
Moderate (13 – 18)	64%	52%	56%
Severe (≤ 12)	15%	24%	20%
Institutionalized	43%	42%	46%
Time since diagnosis of Alzheimer's (months), Mean	34.5	37.8	34.1
Time since onset of current agitation episode (months), Mean	9.0	10.5	8.9

### Study 213: Most Patients Completed Study

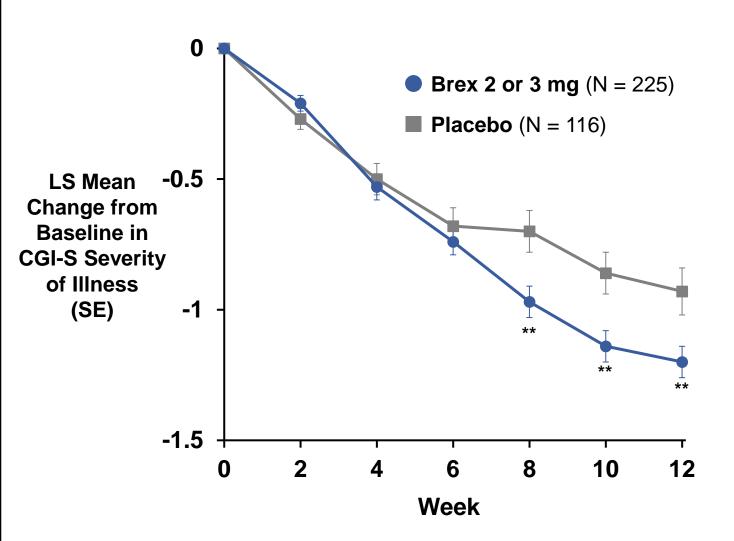


# Study 213: Brexpiprazole 2 or 3 mg Significant Improvement vs Placebo in Primary Endpoint CMAI



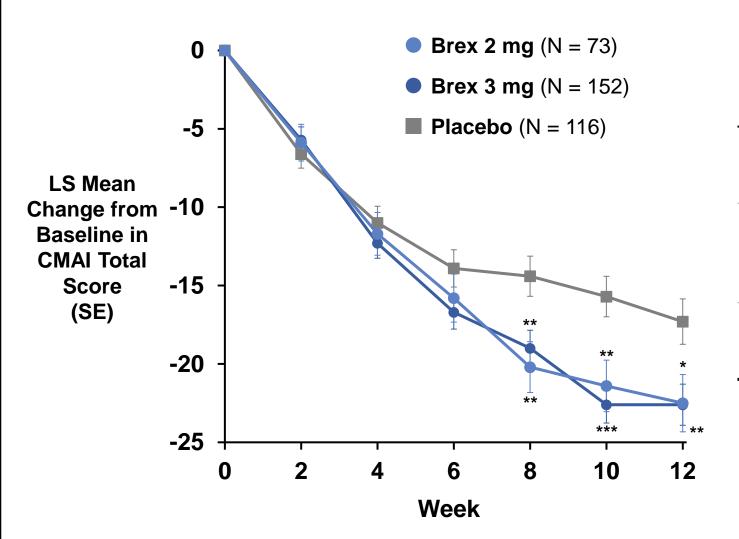
	<b>Brexpiprazole</b> N = 225	<b>Placebo</b> N = 116
CMAI Total score at baseline, Mean (SD)	80.6 (16.6)	79.2 (17.5)
Mean Change in CMAI Total score at Week 12, LS Mean (SE)	-22.6 (1.08)	-17.3 (1.44)
Treatment Difference at Week 12 (95% CI)	-5.32 (-8.77, -1.87) p = 0.0026	

## Study 213: Brexpiprazole 2 or 3 mg Significant Improvement vs Placebo in Key Secondary Endpoint CGI-S



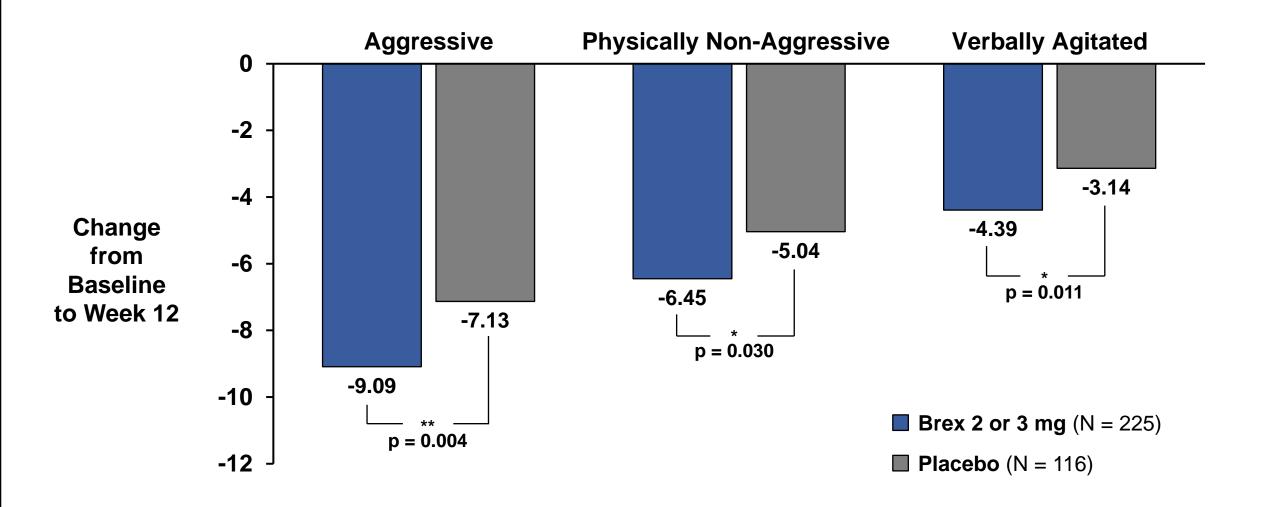
	<b>Brexpiprazole</b> N = 225	<b>Placebo</b> N = 116
CGI-S score at baseline, Mean (SD)	4.71 (0.66)	4.71 (0.69)
Mean Change in CGI-S score at Week 12, LS Mean (SE)	-1.20 (0.06)	-0.93 (0.08)
Treatment Difference at Week 12 (95% CI)	-0.27 (-0.47, -0.07) p = 0.0078	

# Study 213: CMAI Endpoint Demonstrates Improvement vs Placebo for Both Brexpiprazole 2 and 3 mg

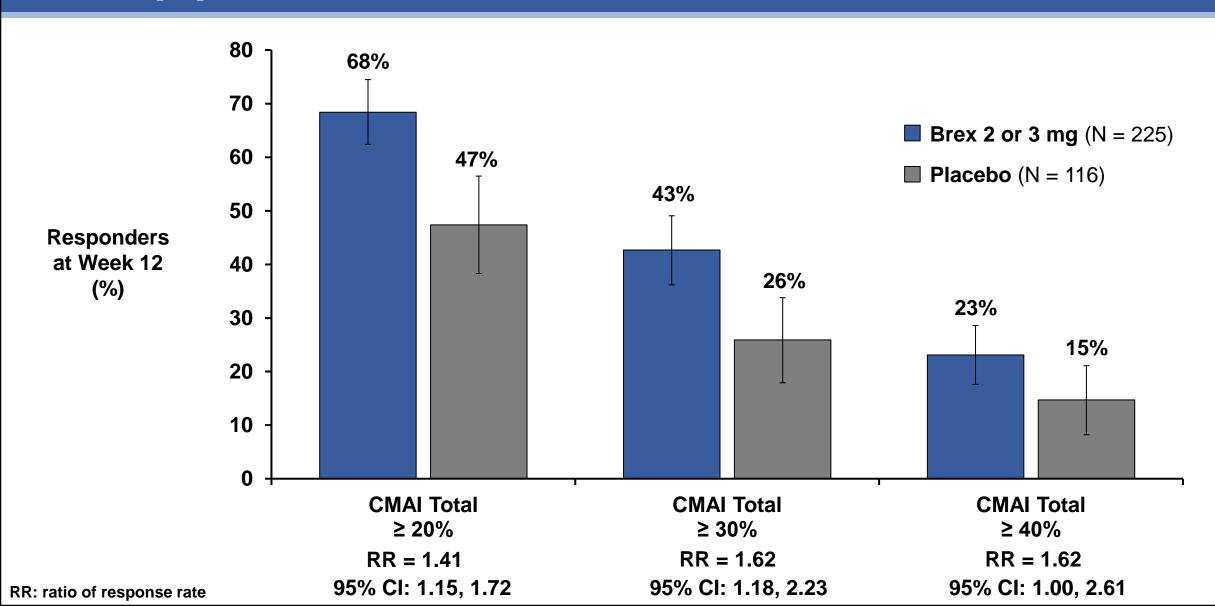


	<b>Brex 2 mg</b> N = 73	<b>Brex 3 mg</b> N = 152	<b>Placebo</b> N = 116
CMAI Total score at baseline, Mean (SD)	79.1 (15.2)	81.3 (17.3)	79.2 (17.5)
Mean Change in CMAI Total score at Week 12, LS Mean (SE)	-22.5 (1.83)	-22.6 (1.31)	-17.3 (1.45)
Treatment Difference at Week 12 (95% CI)	-5.28 (-9.77, -0.78) p = 0.0216	• • •	

# Study 213: Brexpiprazole Separated from Placebo Across 3 Key Factors of Agitation



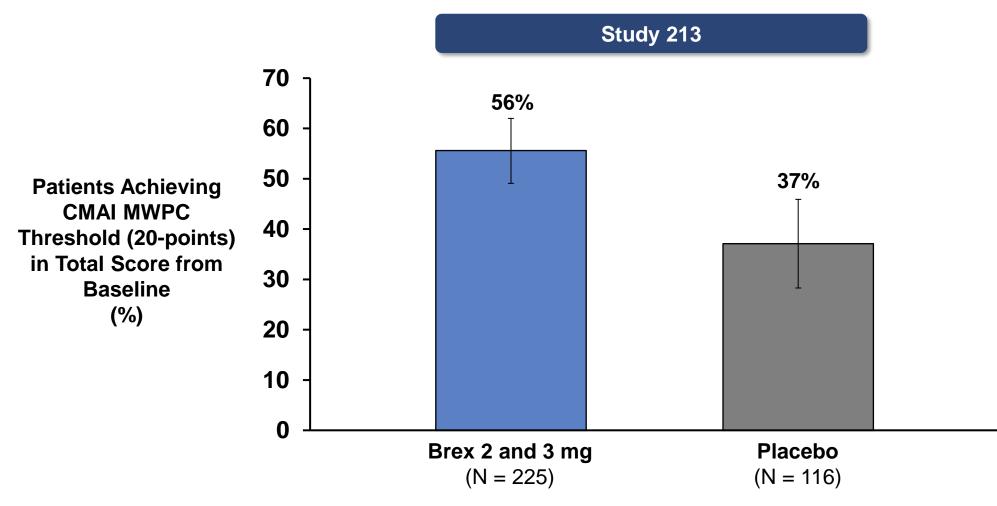
## Study 213: Higher Percentage of Responders with Brexpiprazole vs Placebo on CMAI Total Score



### CMAI Reduction Strongly Correlated with Improvement on CGI-S

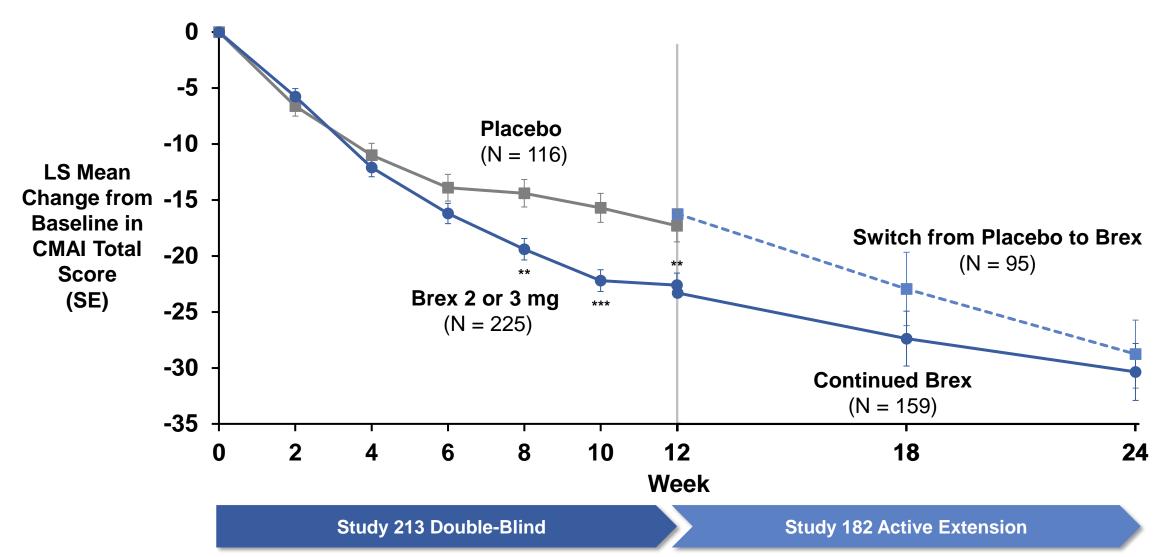
- Strong correlation between reductions in CMAI Total Score and CGI-S
- Meaningful within patient change threshold in CMAI (20-point reduction) correlated to improvement of CGI-S (2-point reduction)

## Higher Percentage of Brexpiprazole-Treated Patients Achieve Meaningful Within Patient Change Threshold



**RR = 1.51**; 95% CI: 1.17, 1.94

# Study 182: Continued Improvements Observed in 12-Week Extension Trial with Brexpiprazole Treatment



## Brexpiprazole Shows Consistent Efficacy Across 3 Trials Supporting Meaningful Benefit to Patients with AAD

Trial Number and Analysis	Daily Dose	CMAI Result	CMAI p-value	CGI-S Result	CGI-S p-value
Pre-specified Analyses					
Study 283 ITT	2 mg	-3.77	0.0404	-0.16	0.1566
Study 213 ITT	2 or 3 mg	-5.32	0.0026	-0.27	0.0078
Study 284 ITT	<b>0.5 – 2 mg</b> (Mean dose 1.54 mg)	-2.34	0.1454	-0.31	0.0164*



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### **Brexpiprazole AAD Safety Population**

Three Phase 3 Studies

N = 432

Study 283 Fixed-dose (1 or 2 mg/day)

N = 269

Study 284
Flexible-dose (0.5 to 2 mg/day)

N = 342

Study 213 Fixed-dose (2 or 3 mg/day)

N = 655

**All Brexpiprazole** 

**Placebo** 

N = 388

## Brexpiprazole Generally Safe and Well-Tolerated in Patients with AAD, Similar with Established Safety Profile

N (%)	Brexpiprazole Fixed ≤ 1 mg N = 157	Brexpiprazole Fixed 2 mg N = 213	Brexpiprazole Fixed 3 mg N = 153	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
≥ 1 AE	77 (49%)	119 <b>(56%)</b>	64 <b>(42%)</b>	335 <b>(51%)</b>	178 <b>(46%)</b>
AEs leading to discontinuation	14 <b>(9%)</b>	7 <b>(3%)</b>	11 <b>(7%)</b>	41 <b>(6%)</b>	13 <b>(3%)</b>
Serious AEs	16 <b>(10%)</b>	13 <b>(6%)</b>	6 <b>(4%)</b>	42 <b>(6%)</b>	16 <b>(4%)</b>
Deaths	4 (2.5%)	1 <b>(0.5%)</b>	1 <b>(0.7%)</b>	6 <b>(0.9%)</b>	1 <b>(0.3%)</b>

### **AEs Generally Consistent Across Groups** *Three Phase 3 Studies*

MedDRA Preferred Term ≥ 2%, N (%)	Brexpiprazole Fixed 2 to 3 mg N = 366	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
Headache	28 <b>(8%)</b>	50 <b>(8%)</b>	36 <b>(9%)</b>
Dizziness	14 <b>(4%)</b>	21 <b>(3%)</b>	13 <b>(3%)</b>
Insomnia	12 <b>(3%)</b>	24 <b>(4%)</b>	11 <b>(3%)</b>
Somnolence	12 <b>(3%)</b>	22 <b>(3%)</b>	7 <b>(2%)</b>
Urinary tract infection	12 <b>(3%)</b>	17 <b>(3%)</b>	6 <b>(2%)</b>
Nasopharyngitis	9 <b>(2%)</b>	18 <b>(3%)</b>	10 <b>(3%)</b>
Asthenia	8 <b>(2%)</b>	11 <b>(2%)</b>	5 <b>(1%)</b>
Fall	7 <b>(2%)</b>	11 <b>(2%)</b>	10 <b>(3%)</b>
Decreased appetite	6 <b>(2%)</b>	10 <b>(2%)</b>	10 <b>(3%)</b>
Agitation	6 <b>(2%)</b>	16 <b>(2%)</b>	10 <b>(3%)</b>

### Serious Adverse Events Generally Low in Frequency

Three Phase 3 Studies

MedDRA Preferred Term ≥ 2 Events in All Brexpiprazole or Placebo, N (%)	Brexpiprazole Fixed 2 to 3 mg N = 366	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
Any SAE	19 <b>(5%)</b>	42 <b>(6%)</b>	16 <b>(4%)</b>
Urinary tract infection	6 <b>(2%)</b>	6 <b>(0.9%)</b>	1 (0.3%)
Agitation	1 <b>(0.3%)</b>	3 <b>(0.5%)</b>	0
Pneumonia	1 (0.3%)	2 <b>(0.3%)</b>	2 <b>(0.5%)</b>
Hip fracture	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.2%)	2 <b>(0.5%)</b>
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease	1 (0.3%)	2 <b>(0.3%)</b>	0
Dementia Alzheimer's type	1 (0.3%)	2 <b>(0.3%)</b>	0
Fall	1 (0.3%)	2 <b>(0.3%)</b>	0
Syncope	0	1 <b>(0.2%)</b>	2 <b>(0.5%)</b>
Seizure	0	2 <b>(0.3%)</b>	1 (0.3%)

## Safety Topics of Special Interest Expected and Balanced Across Treatment Groups

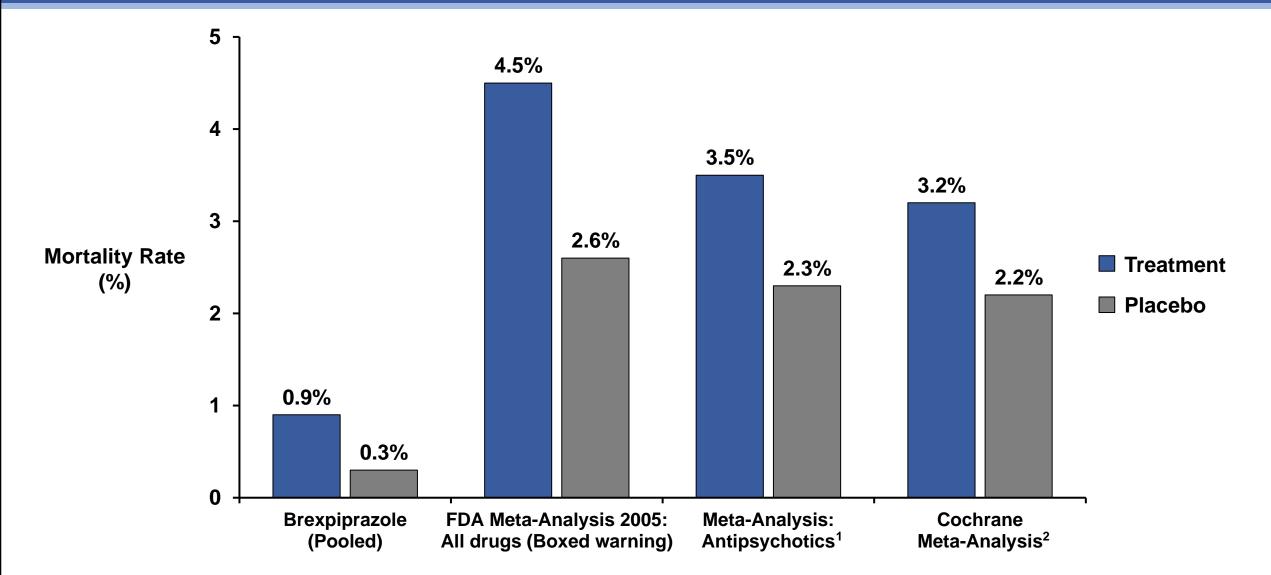
Three Phase 3 Studies

System Organ Class / Preferred Term, N (%)	Brexpiprazole Fixed 2 to 3 mg N = 366	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
Orthostatic hypotension, dizziness and syncope	17 <b>(5%)</b>	30 <b>(5%)</b>	19 <b>(5%)</b>
Extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS) <sup>1</sup>	17 <b>(5%)</b>	35 <b>(5%)</b>	12 <b>(3%)</b>
Somnolence, sedation	13 <b>(4%)</b>	24 <b>(4%)</b>	7 <b>(2%)</b>
Cardiovascular events <sup>1</sup>	10 <b>(3%)</b>	24 <b>(4%)</b>	9 <b>(2%)</b>
Cerebrovascular events <sup>1</sup>	0	3 <b>(0.5%)</b>	1 (0.3%)
Accidents and injuries <sup>1</sup>	8 <b>(2%)</b>	15 <b>(2%)</b>	16 <b>(4%)</b>
Falls	7 <b>(2%)</b>	11 <b>(2%)</b>	10 <b>(3%)</b>

No worsening in cognition as assessed by MMSE change from baseline compared to placebo

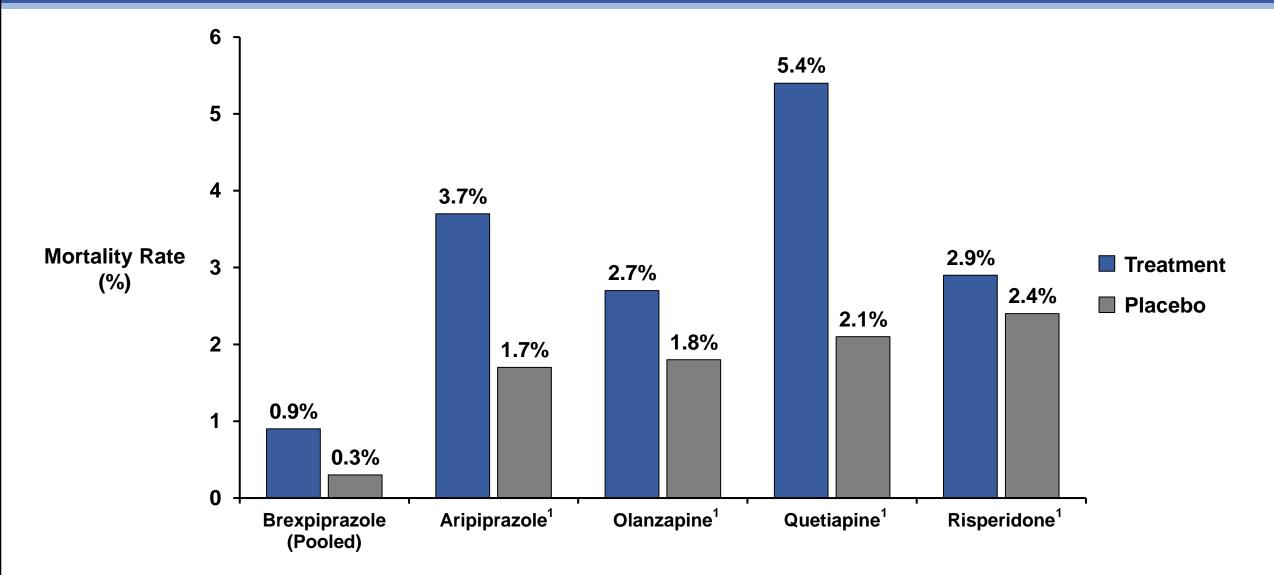
#### 1. Grouped terms MMSE = Mini-Mental State Examination

## < 1% Mortality Rate Observed in Brexpiprazole AAD Program Lower than Meta-Analyses for Other Antipsychotics



<sup>1.</sup> Schneider et al. 2005; 2. Mühlbauer et al. 2021 (Data presented exclude brexpiprazole studies)

## Lower Mortality Rates with Brexpiprazole Compared to Other Antipsychotics in Elderly Population with Dementia



<sup>1.</sup> Mühlbauer et al. 2021 – Included majority of studies with AD population, similar age range and study duration with Brexpiprazole AAD program

## Events Within Study or 30-Day Follow-Up Period that Led to Death from Three Phase 3 Studies

Study	Dose	Age	Sex	Study Treatment Duration (days)	Days Since Last Dose Prior to Death	Fatal Event Verbatim	Treatment Completion	Relevant Details
283	0.5 mg	87	F	8	27	Intracranial hemorrhage	Withdrew – Fall	History of subarachnoid hemorrhage and recent initiation of clopidogrel
283	0.5 mg	76	M	50	2	Acute purulent meningoencephalitis	Withdrew – Personal reason	Multiple significant medical conditions, incidental infection-related event
283	1 mg	78	M	65	13	Aspiration pneumonia	Withdrew – Aspiration pneumonia	History of COPD, gastritis, oesophagitis and encephalopathy
283	1 mg	66	F	85	67	Airway obstruction	Completed	Choked on an orange
283	2 mg	86	F	86	9	End stage Alzheimer's dementia	Completed	Transferred to hospice, disease progression
213	3 mg	78	M	28	23	Heart failure	Withdrew – Hallucinations	Concurrent pneumonia, autopsy showed cerebral and coronary atherosclerosis
284	Placebo	86	M	74	2	Pneumonia	Completed	Bed bound, lived in nursing home

<sup>2</sup> additional deaths not included. One patient in Study 284 died from vascular encephalopathy and brain edema 2 days after 30-day protocol specified safety follow-up period. One patient in Study 284 died from pancreatic cancer > 100 days after last dose

## Study 182 Open-Label Extension Study: Use of Brexpiprazole Long-Term Is Safe and Well-Tolerated

- Patients (N = 259) who completed Study 213 rolled over into
   Brexpiprazole extension trial (Study 182) for 12 weeks of brexpiprazole
  - Of these, 163 patients were exposed to brexpiprazole up to 24 weeks
- Long-term use generally safe and well-tolerated in patients with AAD
  - No new safety signals
  - No deaths
- Safety profile similar to double-blind placebo-controlled studies

## Brexpiprazole 2 and 3 mg Safe and Well-Tolerated in Patients with AAD

- AEs comparable between brexpiprazole and placebo
  - Consistent with established safety profile
  - Consistent with events observed from extensive clinical experience
- High tolerability to brexpiprazole with low incidence of discontinuations
- Deaths numerically higher in all brexipiprazole group (0.9%) vs placebo (0.3%)
  - No pattern of time after first administration or time since last dose
  - No consistent cause of death
  - No deaths considered by investigator as related to treatment



### **Clinical Perspective**

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### Dire Need for Approved and Safe Options to Treat AAD

- Clinically meaningful benefits for patients and families
- Favorable benefit/risk profile
- Many patients with AD suffer from severe agitation behaviors
  - Agitated behaviors negatively impact QoL and health of dyads
- Current off-label options are problematic and lacking evidence
  - Limited clinical benefit must be balanced with safety, tolerability, and serious side effects
  - Leads to pharmacological yo-yo

**Need better treatment options** 

# **Examples of Agitation-Related Behaviors that Increased Dyad Burden**

#### **Patient Example 1**

- 62-year-old male, physically healthy,
  6'2" 220 lbs
  - Early onset AD, significant receptive aphasia
- Constant humming and pacing
- Separation anxiety
- Weekly and unprovoked episodes of grabbing, glaring, or pushing

#### Patient Example 2

- 56-year-old female
  - Early onset AD
  - Good communication but substantial difficulties with visuospatial cognition and praxis
- Repeatedly resistant to hygiene
- Hitting family and caregivers
- Crying and screaming

Pattern of agitated behaviors varies by patient and their impact also dyad specific

#### Relevant Assessment in Evaluation of Treatment

What is overall acuity of condition?
What factors could be triggering or exacerbating it?

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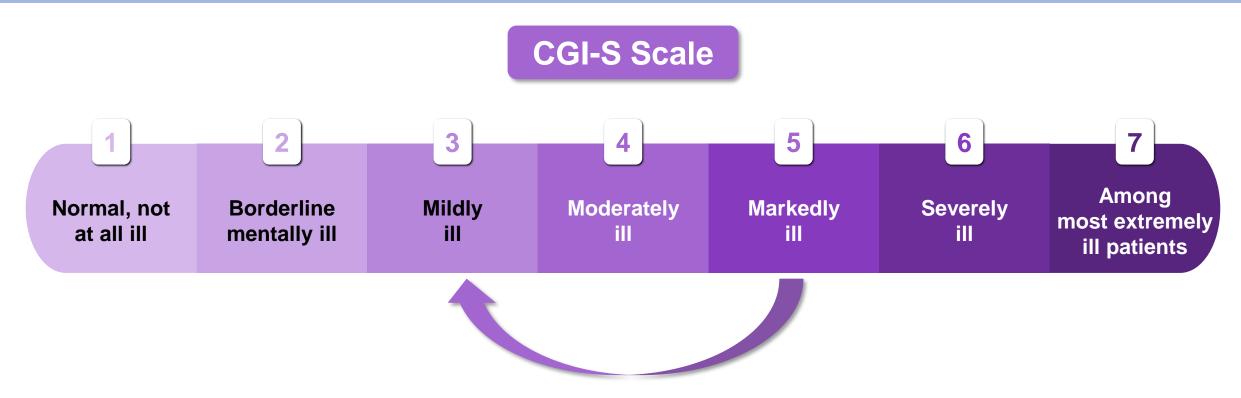
What is frequency, severity, duration, timing, triggers, and impact of relevant behavioral disturbances?

Commonly evaluated using holistic observations and scales

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Could intervention meaningfully help my patient?

# 20-Point CMAI Reductions Associated with Clinically Meaningful Decreases of 2 Points on CGI-S



CGI-S improvement could prevent downward spiral and clinical / psychosocial tipping point

## Reducing Impact of Agitation-Related Behaviors Reduces Burden

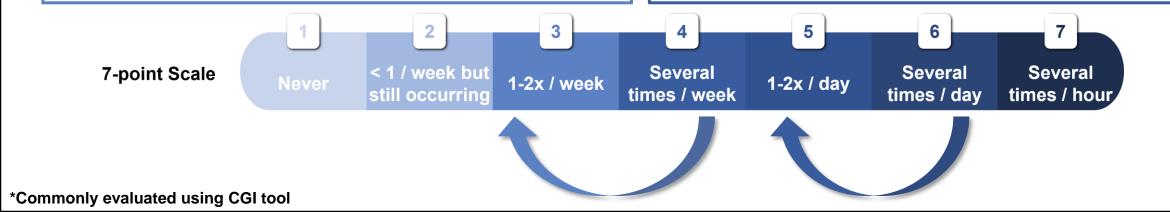
Reduce frequency, severity, duration or "diffusibility" of troubling and volatile symptoms\*

#### 62-Year-Old Male

- Reducing glaring and grabbing episodes could have kept at home (e.g., 1-point CGI change)
- Shorter or less-intense episodes easier to diffuse

#### **56-Year-Old Female**

- Reducing resistance, combativeness, to hygiene might lessen medical issues (e.g., 1-point CGI change)
- Preventing escalation to refusal to take medication and food needed to allow patient management



#### Brexpiprazole Is A Needed Treatment Option for Care of AAD Efficacy with Favorable Tolerability and Benefit-Risk Profile

- Effect size point estimates range between 0.25 0.35 for group-level differences
- Clinically meaningful and beneficial within patient changes for individual-level differences
  - 50% greater likelihood that any given patient may benefit from large
     2-point CGI improvement
- Tolerability and safety profile allows patients to remain on treatment sufficiently to have opportunity to receive benefit
- Need to stop solely relying on off-label treatment options
  - Need FDA-approved products with favorable and well-defined efficacy and safety profiles, clear dosing directions, and defined appropriate use

Meaningful effectiveness to provide better options for positive impact on patients, families, and caregivers



**Benefit / Risk Summary Mary Hobart, PhD** 

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# Brexpiprazole Has Favorable Benefit/Risk Profile for Treatment of Agitation in Patients with AD

#### **EFFICACY**

- Substantial evidence of efficacy in multiple measures of agitation
  - Demonstrated across 3 main factors on CMAI scale
  - Improvement in aggressive and non-aggressive behaviors
  - Clinically meaningful benefit

#### **SAFETY**

- Safety profile in AAD consistent with known safety profile in other indications
- Well-tolerated with no new safety events
- Low mortality overall (< 1%) but greater number of events with brexpiprazole than placebo

Appropriate labelling will guide prescribers on appropriate use of brexpiprazole in elderly patients with dementia

## BREXPIPRAZOLE sNDA for Agitation Associated with Alzheimer's Dementia (AAD)

**April 14, 2023** 

Psychopharmacologic Drugs Advisory Committee and Peripheral and Central Nervous System Drugs Advisory Committee

Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co.

Lundbeck Inc.

### Back-up Slides

### 5-Point Reduction in CMAI Total Score is Associated with Improved Patient and Caregiver Outcomes

Outcome		Percent Reduction in Likelihood of Outcome	Odds Ratio (95% CI)
	Hospital Admissions	19%	<b>1.19</b> (1.12, 1.25)
Patient Outcomes	Emergency Room Visits	17%	<b>1.17</b> (1.10, 1.23)
	Falls	15%	<b>1.15</b> (1.08, 1.21)
	High Level of Caregiver Burden (Zarit Burden Interview)	19%	<b>1.19</b> (1.14, 1.25)
Caregiver Outcomes	Caregiver Depression (PHQ-2 subscale of PHQ-4)	11%	<b>1.11</b> (1.07, 1.16)
	Caregiver Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD-2 subscale of PHQ-4)	7%	<b>1.07</b> (1.03, 1.10)

Odds ratios were obtained from logistic regression adjusted for care recipient's and caregiver's age and gender, AD severity, and time since AD diagnosis. An Odds Ratio > 1 indicates that the variable is associated with a higher risk of the care recipient having the event in the year prior to the data collection 1. Caregiver Burden Study, 2022 (data on file)

## Deaths in Patients Exposed to Brexpiprazole in Clinical Program Was Low, Without Trend Observed Among Specific Fatal Events

	<b>AAD</b> N = 751	Schizophrenia N = 3,170	<b>MDD</b> N = 5,265	<b>Placebo</b> N = 2,259
Incidence of Deaths	6 (0.8%)	9 (0.3%)	6 (0.1%)	1 (0.04%)
Fatal Events				
	<ul> <li>Haemorrhage intracranial (1)</li> <li>Obstructive airways disorder (1)</li> <li>Dementia alzheimer's type (1)</li> <li>Cardiac failure (1)</li> <li>Encephalitis (1)</li> <li>Pneumonia aspiration (1)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gun shot wound (1)</li> <li>Uterine cancer (1)</li> <li>Completed suicide (1)</li> <li>Asphyxia (1)</li> <li>Cardiac failure (1)</li> <li>Coronary artery disease (1)</li> <li>Gastric ulcer perforation (1)</li> <li>Death (1)</li> <li>Peritonitis (1)</li> <li>Septic shock (1)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acute myocardial infarction (1)</li> <li>Metastatic malignant melanoma (1)</li> <li>Completed suicide (2)</li> <li>Pulmonary embolism (1)</li> <li>Myocardial rupture (1)</li> <li>Gastric ulcer perforation (1)</li> <li>Peritonitis (1)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pneumonia</li> </ul>

### Rexulti Dosing Adjustments for Drug Interactions

Factors	Dose Adjustment for REXULTI		
Strong CYP2D6 or CYP3A4 inhibitors	Administer half the usual dose		
Strong/moderate CYP2D6 with Strong/moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors	Administer a quarter of the usual dose		
Known CYP2D6 poor metabolizers taking strong/moderate CYP3A4 inhibitors	Administer a quarter of the usual dose		
Strong CYP3A4 inducers	Double the usual dose and further adjust based on clinical response		

### Low Incidence of AEs Leading to Discontinuations Pooled Studies

System Organ Class / Preferred Term ≥ 1%	Brexpiprazole ≤ 1 mg N = 157	Brexpiprazole Fixed 2 to 3 mg N = 366	Brexpiprazole 0.5 – 2 mg N = 132	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
AEs leading to discontinuation	9%	5%	7%	6%	4%
Psychiatric disorders	4%	1%	0	2%	2%
Nervous system disorders	3%	1%	2%	2%	0.3%
Infections and Infestations	1%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0
Investigations	1%	0.5%	2%	0.9%	0.8%

### AEs Leading to Discontinuation Were Low in Three Phase 3 Studies **Pooled Studies**

Preferred Term > 1 AE	All Brexpiprazole N = 655	<b>Placebo</b> N = 388
AEs leading to discontinuation	6%	3%
Agitation	0.6%	0.8%
Pneumonia	0.5%	0
Seizure	0.5%	0
Asthenia	0.3%	0
Insomnia	0.3%	0
Fall	0.3%	0
Alanine aminotransferase increased	0.3%	0
Aspartate aminotransferase increased	0.3%	0
Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	0.3%	0
Positive COVID-19 test	0	0.5%

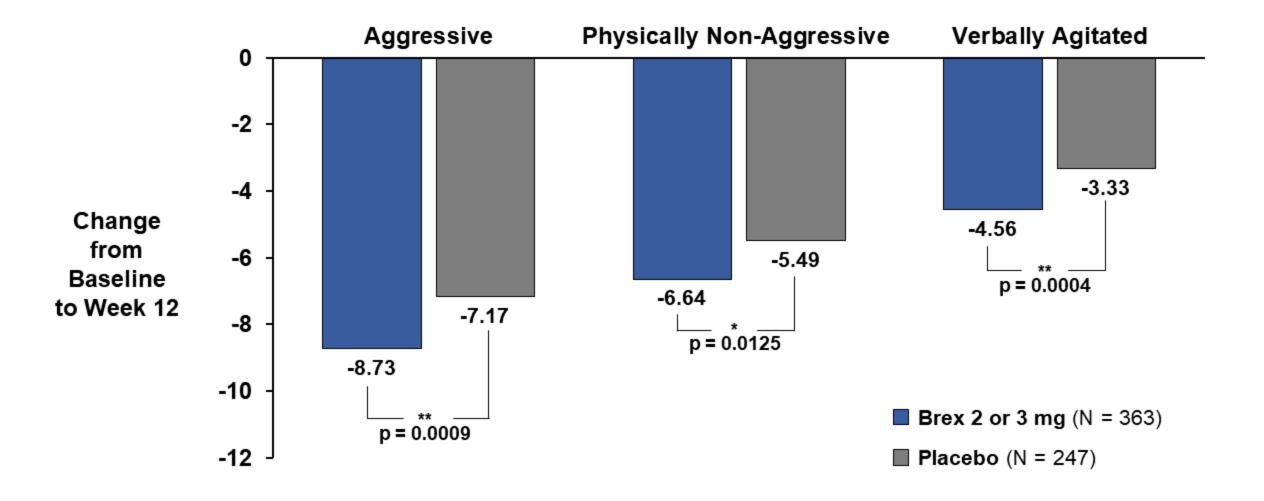
# Categorical Changes in QTcB/QTcF Were Higher in Placebo Than Brexpiprazole in Three Phase 3 Studies Pooled Studies

Classification	Category	All Brexpiprazole N = 645	<b>Placebo</b> N = 382	
	New Onset (> 500 MSEC)	0	4 (1%)	
QTcB	30 - 60 MSEC	96 (15%)	58 (15%)	
	≥ 60 MSEC	5 (0.8%)	11 (3%)	
	New Onset (> 500 MSEC)	0	0	
QTcF	30 - 60 MSEC	66 (10%)	44 (12%)	
	≥ 60 MSEC	2 (0.3%)	6 (2%)	

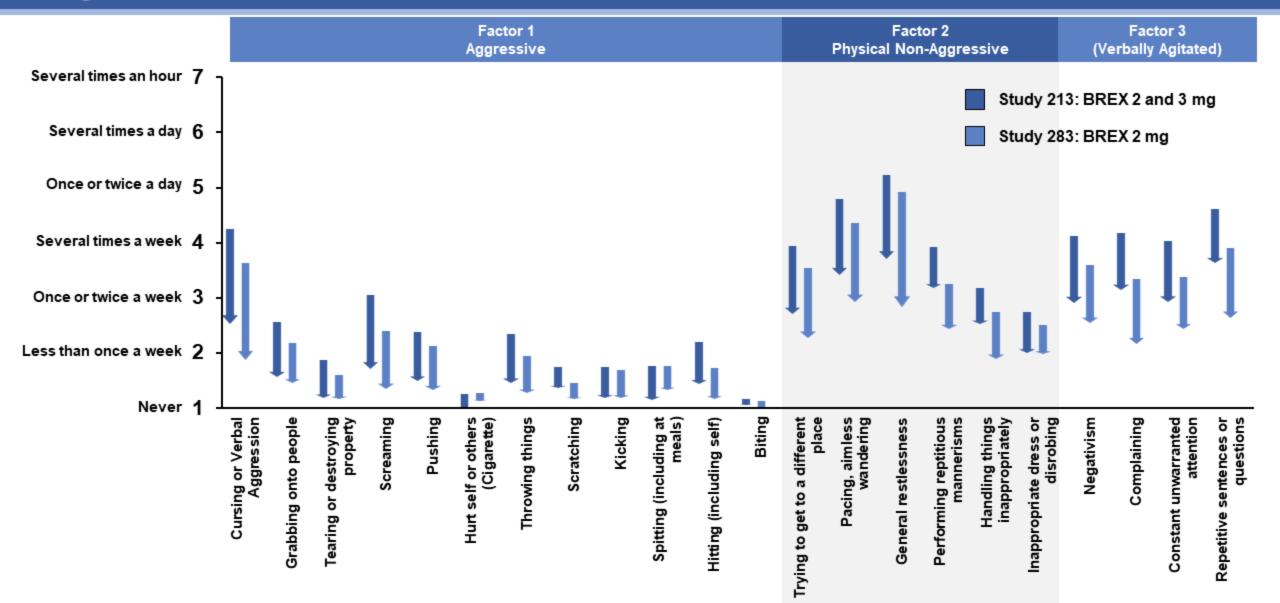
### Study 283 and 284: Quality of Life

	Plac	ebo	Brexpiprazole			
Endpoint/Variable	Baseline Mean	LS Mean Change	Baseline Mean	LS Mean Change	Treatment Difference (95% CI)	p-value
Study 283						
QoL Alzheimer's Disease Score – Patient	28.96	1.41	28.96	1.20	-0.21 (-1.31, 0.88)	0.7026
QoL Alzheimer's Disease Score – Family Member or Caregiver	26.05	1.78	24.89	1.39	-0.39 (-1.35, 0.58)	0.4331
Study 284						
QoL Alzheimer's Disease Score – Patient	30.36	1.18	29.35	1.64	0.45 (-0.53, 1.44)	0.3634
QoL Alzheimer's Disease Score – Family Member or Caregiver	26.65	1.52	25.97	2.21	0.69 (-0.29, 1.67)	0.1668

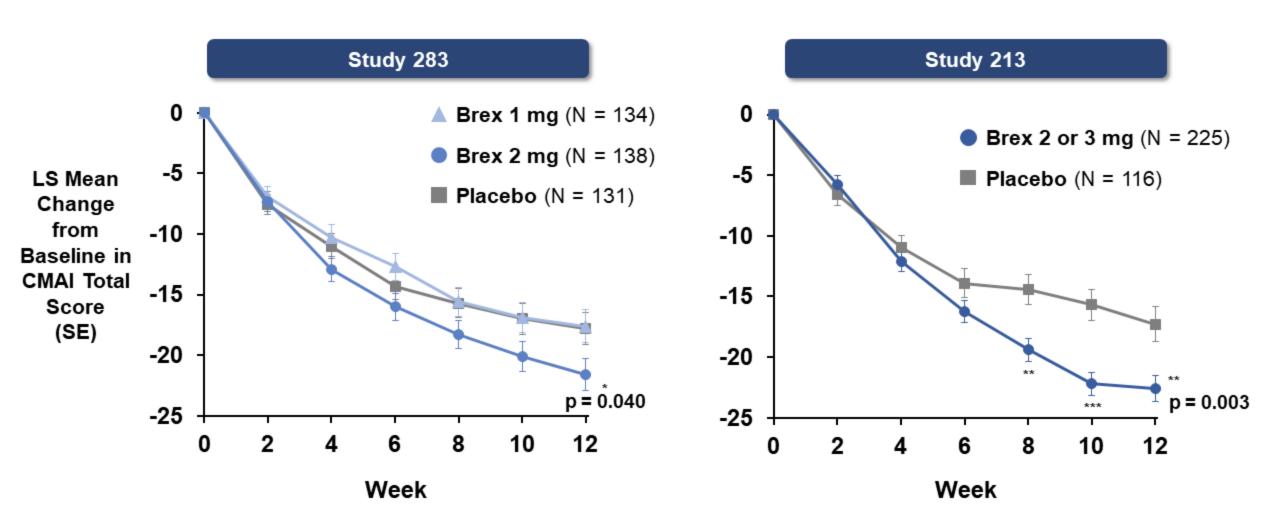
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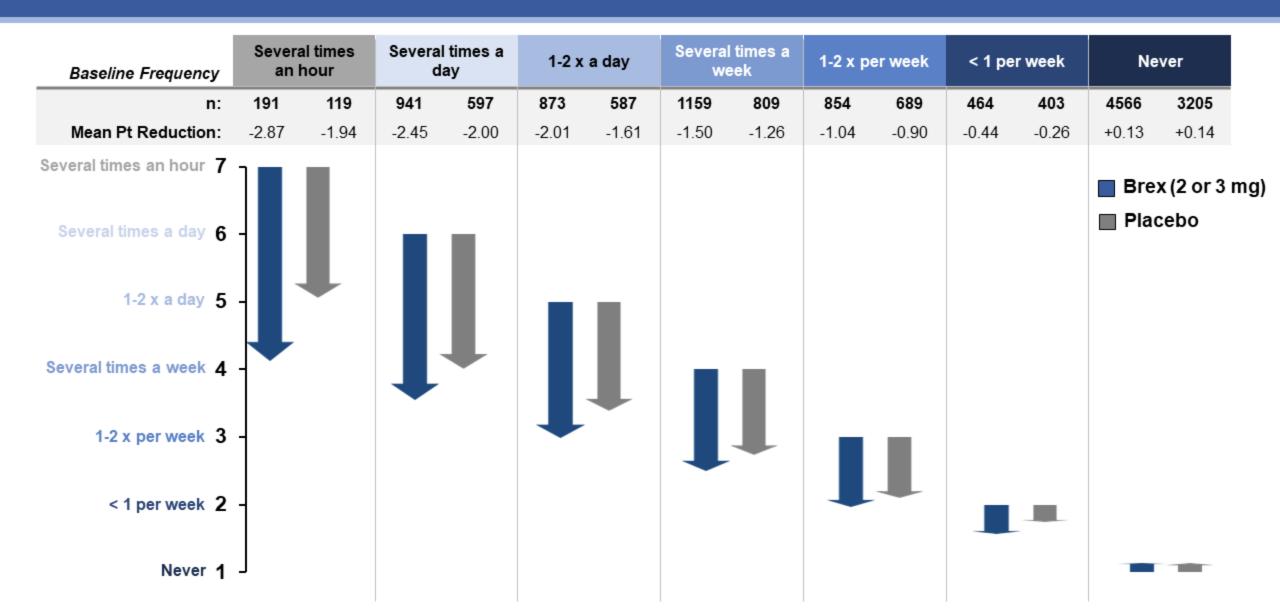
# Study 213 and 283: Brexpiprazole Demonstrates Reduction in Mean Frequency Across Aggressive, Physically Non-Aggressive, and Verbally Agitated Behaviors



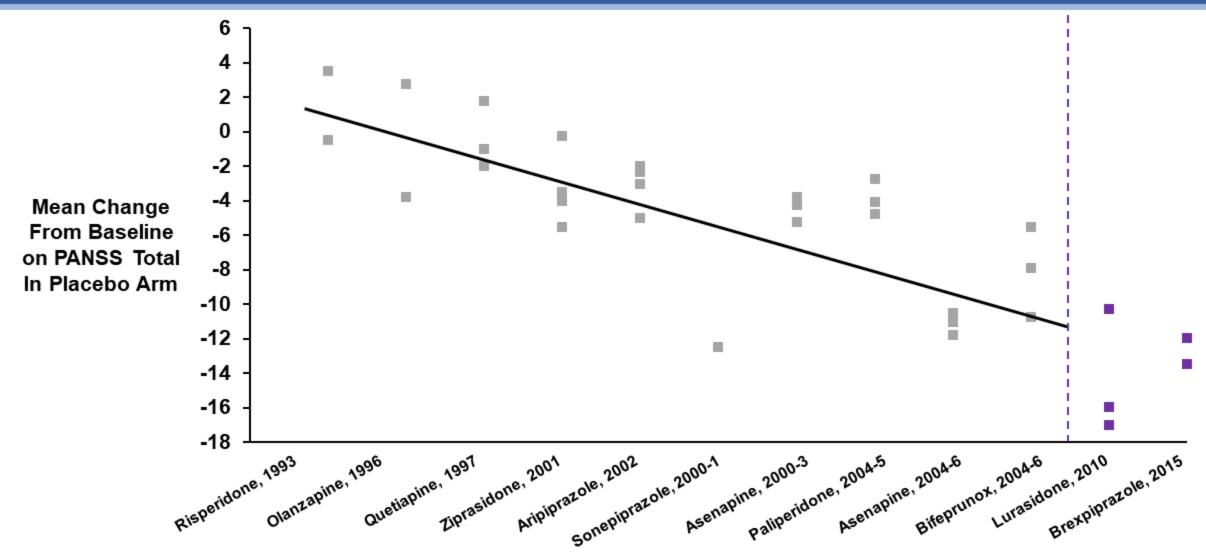
## Brexpiprazole Efficacy Results Across 2 Phase 3 Trials Support Meaningful Benefit to Patients with AAD



### Pooled: Agitated Behaviors Are Reduced to Lower Frequencies in Brexpiprazole-Treated Patients Compared to Placebo



# Increased Response in the Placebo Group Over Time in Acute Schizophrenia Trials



Note: Latuda and Brex data was not part of the original paper and has been added in based on the package insert Kemp et al. 2010

# Study 213: Brexpiprazole Separated from Placebo Across 3 Key Factors of Agitation

