



# **A 3D PERSPECTIVE - SLEEP-RELATED PATIENT SYMPTOMS:**

## Evaluation and Treatment of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness Secondary to OSA or Narcolepsy

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On completing the program, attendees should be able to:

- Discuss the recognition of impaired daytime wakefulness and Excessive Daytime Sleepiness (EDS) due to either narcolepsy or OSA
- Describe patients at risk for EDS and impaired wakefulness, resulting in prompt referral and diagnosis
- Review the uses and limitations of currently available pharmacologic options for people with EDS due to either OSA or narcolepsy
- Evaluate clinical trial data for agents to treat impaired wakefulness and EDS in patients with either OSA or narcolepsy

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# A 3D Perspective

## Sleep-Related Patient Symptoms: Evaluation and Treatment of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness Secondary to OSA or Narcolepsy

### PROPOSED AGENDA

#### I. Excessive Daytime Sleepiness: An Overview (10 MIN)

- a) Definition and prevalence
- b) Subjective vs. objective sleepiness
- c) Burden (physical, societal, emotional, occupational)
- d) Associations with narcolepsy and obstructive sleep apnea

#### II. Challenges in the Diagnosis and Management of EDS Secondary to Narcolepsy or OSA (25 MIN)

- a) The importance of early diagnosis and intervention (**5-10 min**)
  - 1. Challenges in diagnosis
  - 2. Age of onset and diagnostic criteria
  - 3. Differential diagnosis (i.e., identifying the cause of EDS as narcolepsy or OSA, and ruling out others such as insomnia, restless legs syndrome, idiopathic hypersomnia, circadian rhythm disorder)
  - 4. Causes of residual sleepiness and pathophysiology
- b) Traditional standard of care therapies (**~20 min**)
  - 1. OSA: CPAP; lifestyle measures; surgical interventions; hypoglossal nerve stimulation; oral appliance therapy
    - a. Efficacy and adherence
    - b. Cardiovascular impact of these interventions
  - 2. Narcolepsy: stimulants (e.g., dextroamphetamine, methylphenidate); wake promoting agents (e.g., modafinil, armodafinil, sodium oxybate); others (off-label – e.g., antidepressants)
    - a. Goals of treatment
    - b. Strengths and limitations of current therapy (response, tolerability, potential for abuse)
  - 3. **3D Video 1: Excessive vs. normal sleepiness; traditional standard of care therapies: MOAs, how they are effective, and ways in which they may be suboptimal in treating EDS associated with narcolepsy, e.g., abuse potential, side effects, response and tolerability**

#### III. Novel Approaches to the Treatment of EDS Associated with Narcolepsy or OSA (15 MIN)

- a) Solriamfetol (March, 2019)
  - 1. Mechanism of Action: Dual-acting dopamine and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
  - 2. Clinical data
- b) Pitolisant (August, 2019)
  - 1. Mechanism of Action: Selective histamine 3 receptor antagonist/inverse agonist
  - 2. Clinical data
- c) Medications for cataplexy
- d) Other options on the horizon
  - 1. Sodium oxybate formulations: low sodium with CV implications, and once-a-night
  - 2. Reboxetine, antidepressants, and others
- e) **3D Video 2: MOA and pharmacology of new/novel agents: solriamfetol and pitolisant; future pharmacotherapy directions (new sodium oxybate formulations, reboxetine, etc)**

#### IV. Conclusions and Q/A (10 MIN)



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## Normal vs Excessive Sleepiness Definitions and Terminology

- Normal sleepiness
  - A biological drive state of decreased ability to maintain wakefulness or an increased propensity to fall asleep
- Excessive sleepiness
  - A symptom of difficulty in maintaining wakefulness and an increased propensity to fall asleep, even in inappropriate circumstances and in situations that interfere with activities of daily living

## Challenges in the Diagnosis and Management of EDS Due to Narcolepsy and OSA

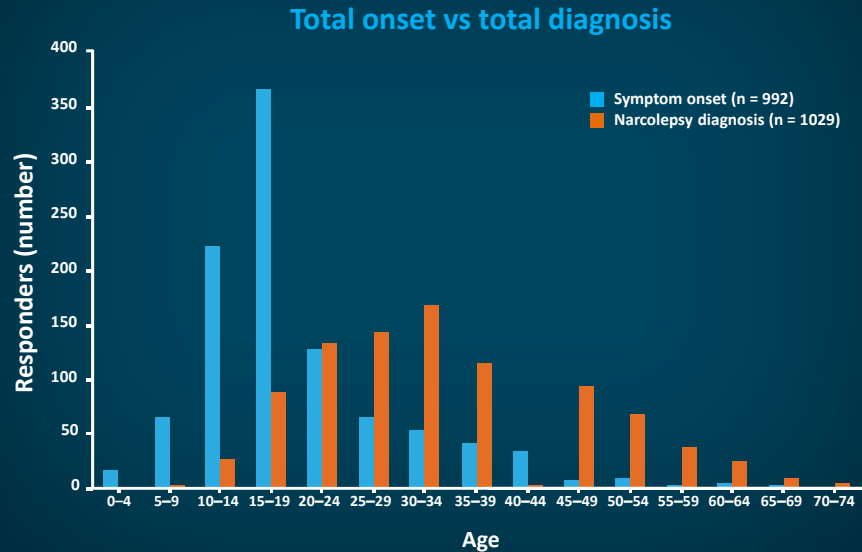
### Narcolepsy

- Narcolepsy is a neurologic disorder characterized by:
- Excessive daytime sleepiness
  - Continual sleepiness (background)
  - Voluntary sleep episodes (naps)
  - Involuntary sleep episodes (sleep attacks)
  - Wakeful sleepiness (automatic behavior, microsleeps)
- REM-related phenomena
  - Cataplexy = ~60%
  - Hypnagogic hallucinations = ~67%
  - Sleep paralysis = ~64%
- Disturbed nocturnal sleep

REM = rapid eye movement (sleep).

Moturi S, Ivanenko A. *Psychiatry* (Edgmont). 2009;6:38-44.

## Narcolepsy Onset and Age at time of Diagnosis



Thorpy MJ, Krieger AC. *Sleep Med.* 2014;15:502-507.

## Narcolepsy Diagnosis Criteria ICSD-3 and DSM-5

### Narcolepsy type 1 (narcolepsy with cataplexy)

- Chronic EDS (daily for at least 3 months) **and**
- Presence of 1 or both of the following:
  - Cataplexy + mean sleep latency  $\leq 8$  minutes and  $\geq 2$  SOREMPs on MSLT\*
  - CSF hypocretin-1 level is either  $\leq 110$  pg/mL or  $< 1/3$  of mean values

### Narcolepsy type 2 (narcolepsy without cataplexy)

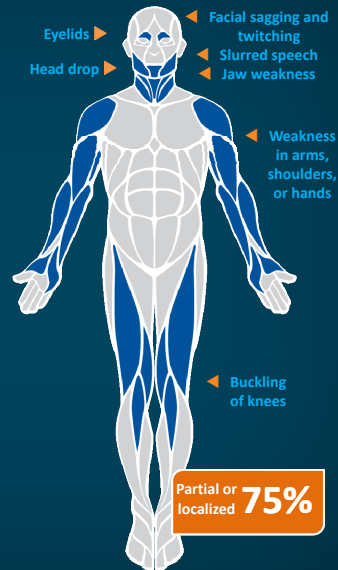
- Chronic EDS (daily for at least 3 months)
- Mean sleep latency  $\leq 8$  minutes and  $\geq 2$  SOREMPs on MSLT\*
- Cataplexy absent
- CSF hypocretin-1 concentration not measured **or** CSF hypocretin-1 level is  $> 110$  pg/mL or  $> 1/3$  of mean values
- Hypersomnolence and/or MSLT findings not explained by other causes

\*A SOREMP on the preceding night's polysomnogram may substitute for 1 of the SOREMPs on MSLT.  
SOREMP = sleep-onset REM period; MSLT = multiple sleep latency test; CSF = cerebrospinal fluid.

AASM. *The International Classification of Sleep Disorders, 3rd ed (ICSD-3)*. 2014. American Psychiatric Association. *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th ed (DSM-5)*, 2015.

## Difficulties in Diagnosis of Cataplexy

- Pathognomonic for narcolepsy
- Sudden and transient loss or reduction of muscle tone
- Triggered by strong emotions
  - Laughter, elation, surprise, anger
- Typically partial or localized—~75%
- Usually of short duration, ie, seconds to minutes
- Frequency varies widely, ie, yearly to daily
- Narcolepsy with cataplexy can be socially disabling and isolating.



AASM. *The International Classification of Sleep Disorders, 3rd ed (ICSD-2)*, 2005. Overeem S, et al. *Sleep Med.* 2011;12:12-18.  
 Ahmed I, Thorpy M. *Clin Chest Med.* 2010;31:371-381.

## Limitations of The MSLT

- False-positive MSLT
  - $\geq 2$  SOREMS occur in 13% of men and 6% of women
  - $\geq 2$  SOREMS and MSLT latency  $< 8$  min occur in 6% of men and 1% of women
  - Can be caused by shift work, OSA, insufficient sleep, etc.
- False-negative MSLT (~20%)
  - Anxiety, psych medications, noise in lab, etc.
- MSLT often not performed per guidelines
  - Actigraphy and sleep logs not done routinely
  - Patients not routinely sleep satiated
  - PSG sleep time of 6–7 hours may not be enough.
- Poor test/re-test reproducibility in NT2 and IH
  - Diagnosis changes in ~50%

PSG = polysomnography; NT2 = narcolepsy type 2; IH = idiopathic hypersomnia.

Okun ML, et al. *Sleep.* 2002;25:27-35. Mignot E, et al. *Brain.* 2006;129:1609-1623. Dauvilliers Y, et al. *Neurology.* 2001;57:2029-2033. Furuta H, et al. *Psychiatry Clin Neurosci.* 2001;55:241-242. Andlauer O, et al. *Sleep.* 2012;35:1247-1255F. Trotti LM, et al. *J Clin Sleep Med.* 2013;9:789-795. Ruoff C, et al. *J Clin Sleep Med.* 2018;14:65-74.

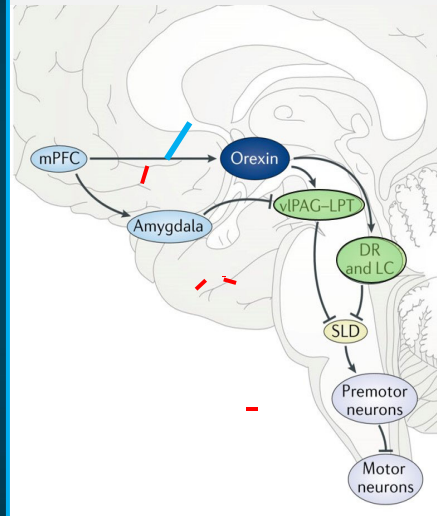
## Pathophysiology of Narcolepsy

- Lack of orexin neurons reduces activity of vPAG/LPT and DR/LC (green)
- Emotions via the amygdala strongly inhibit the vPAG-LPT; in narcolepsy, excitatory drive from orexin neurons is absent, enabling the SLD, thereby resulting in cataplexy

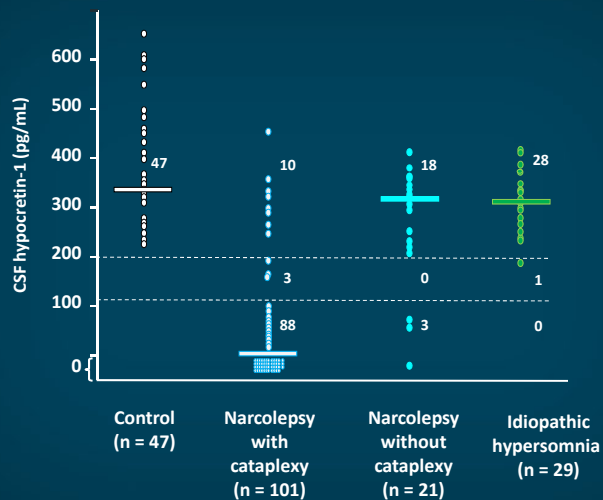
vPAG/LPT = ventrolateral periaqueductal grey and lateral pontine tegmentum; DR = dorsal raphe; SLD = sublaterodorsal nucleus; mPFC = medial prefrontal cortex.

Modified from Mahoney CE, et al. *Nat Rev Neurosci.* 2019;20:83-93.

Orexin neurons maintain muscle tone during wake

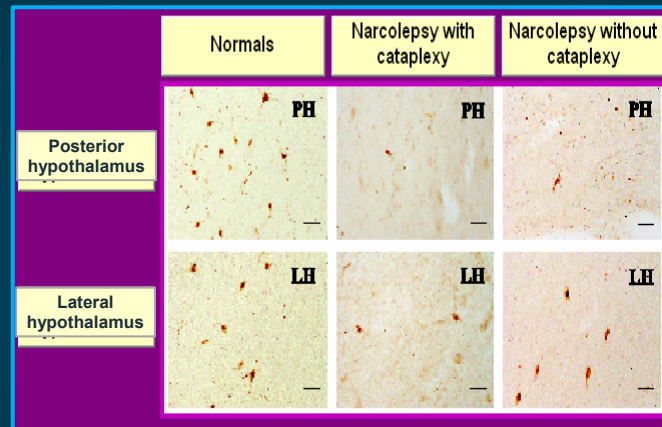


## Hypocretin/Orexin Levels



Modified from Mignot E, et al. *Arch Neurol.* 2002;59:1553-1562.

## Hypocretin in Narcolepsy without Cataplexy

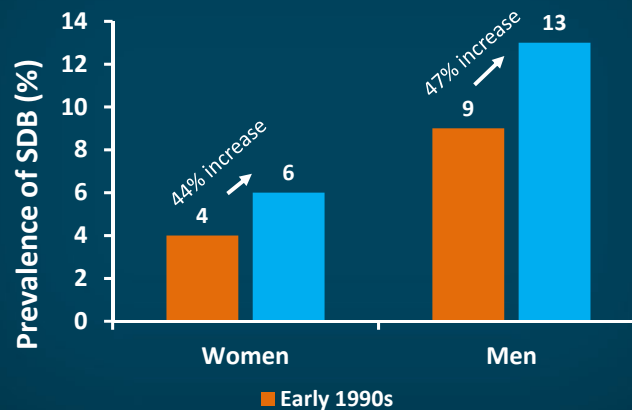


- Hypocretin cells in hypothalami of normals, narcolepsy with cataplexy, and narcolepsy without cataplexy
- Cell loss in patients with narcolepsy without cataplexy found in PH and LH

PH = posterior hypothalamus; LH = lateral hypothalamus.  
 Thannickal TC, et al. *Sleep*. 2009;32:993-998.

## Increased Prevalence of SDB in US Adults Over ~20-Year Span

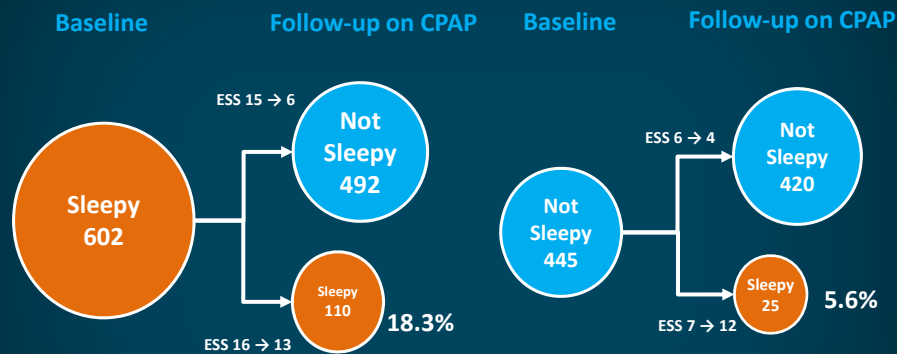
SDB in adults aged 30–70 years of age (AHI  $\geq 15$  events/h)



SDB = sleep-disordered breathing; AHI = apnea-hypopnea index.

Peppard PE, et al. *Am J Epidemiol*. 2013;177:1006-1014.

## Prevalence of Sleepiness in 1047 Patients With OSA French National Sleep Registry



- 58% were sleepy at baseline
- 13% were sleepy at follow-up

CPAP = continuous positive airway pressure; ESS = Epworth Sleepiness Scale.  
Gasa M, et al. *J Sleep Res.* 2013;22:389-397.

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## Causes of Residual Sleepiness in OSA

- Poor adherence with therapy
- Residual or complex sleep apnea
- Chronic partial sleep deprivation
- Disorders of sleep fragmentation, eg, PLMs
- Comorbidities or medications (even SSRIs)

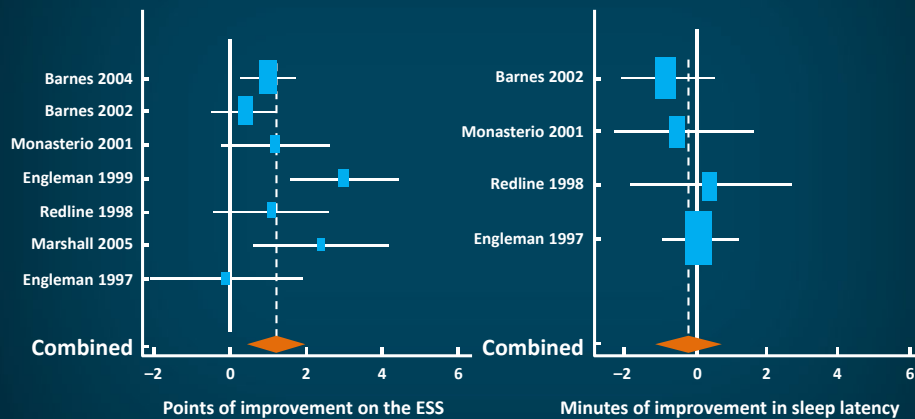
PLM = periodic limb movement (during sleep); SSRI = selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor.



## The Management of EDS in OSA and Narcolepsy

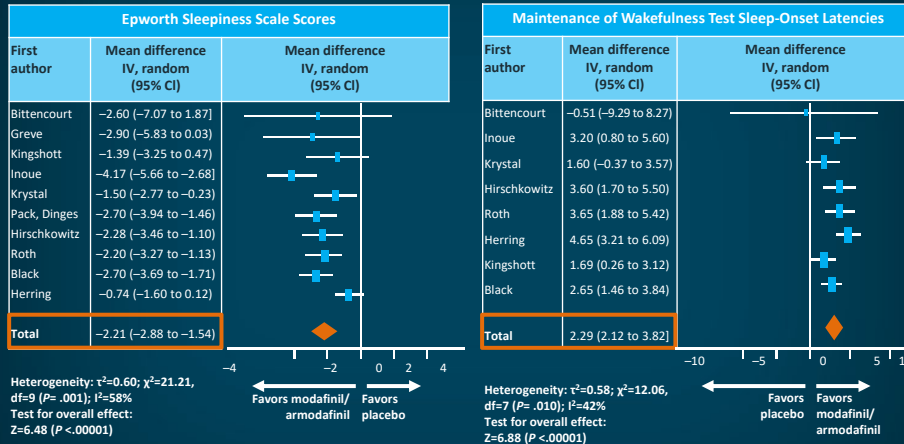
### CPAP Reduces Subjective but Not Objective Sleepiness: Meta-analysis

#### Results of CPAP treatment



Marshall NS, et al. *Thorax*. 2006;61:430-434. (Complete references for the studies cited are available in Marshall et al.)

## Meta-Analysis of 10 RPC Trials of Modafinil and Armodafinil in Treatment of Residual Sleepiness in OSA

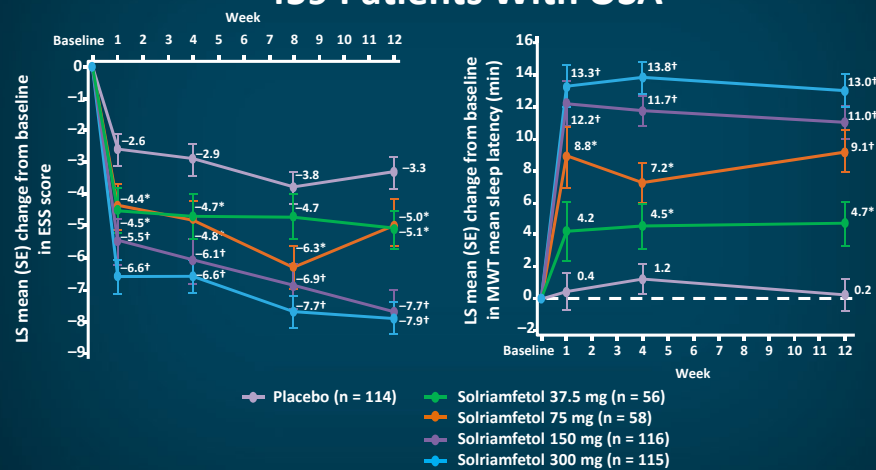


FOSQ total score improved by 1 point over placebo in 3 studies

RPC = randomized, placebo-controlled; FOSQ = Functional Outcomes of Sleep Questionnaire; IV = inverse variance (in this context).

Chapman JL, et al. *Eur Respir J*. 2016;47:1420-1428. (Complete references for the studies cited are available in Chapman et al.)

## Effect of Solriamfetol on Subjective and Objective Measures of Excessive Sleepiness in 459 Patients With OSA



Schweitzer PK, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2019;199:1421-1431.

## Goals of Narcolepsy Treatment

- Reduce daytime sleepiness
- Control ancillary symptoms
  - Cataplexy
  - Nightmares and hallucinations
  - Sleep paralysis
  - Disturbed nocturnal sleep
- Improve psychosocial and work functioning
- Improve safety of patient and public

Thorpy MJ, Dauvilliers Y. *Sleep Med.* 2015;16:9-18.

## Therapeutic Interventions for Narcolepsy: Alerting Medications

Medication	Mechanism of action
Caffeine <sup>1</sup>	Adenosine receptor antagonist
Methylphenidate <sup>2*</sup> , amphetamines <sup>3*</sup>	Sympathomimetic; enhance neurotransmission of dopamine, norepinephrine, serotonin
Modafinil <sup>4*</sup> , armodafinil <sup>5*</sup>	Dopamine reuptake inhibitor
Sodium oxybate <sup>6*</sup>	GABA <sub>B</sub> agonist
Solriamfetol <sup>7*</sup>	Dopamine-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
Pitolisant <sup>8*</sup>	Histamine H <sub>3</sub> antagonist/inverse agonist
Reboxetine <sup>9†</sup>	Selective norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
TAK-944/925 <sup>10†</sup>	Orexin 2 receptor agonist

\*FDA approved to treat excessive sleepiness associated with narcolepsy; †investigational; not FDA-approved for any indication.

GABA = gamma-aminobutyric acid

1. Okuro M, et al. *Sleep.* 2010;33:930-942. 2. Methylphenidate (Ritalin<sup>®</sup>) prescribing information (PI) 2019 ([www.pharma.us.novartis.com/sites/www.pharma.us.novartis.com/files/ritalin\\_ritalin-sr.pdf](http://www.pharma.us.novartis.com/sites/www.pharma.us.novartis.com/files/ritalin_ritalin-sr.pdf)). 3. Amphetamine+dextroamphetamine (Adderall<sup>®</sup>) PI 2007 ([www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2007/011522s040lbl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2007/011522s040lbl.pdf)). 4. Modafinil (Provigil<sup>®</sup>) PI 2018 (<http://provigil.com/provigil.pdf>). 5. Armodafinil (Nuvigil<sup>®</sup>) PI 2018 ([www.nuvigil.com/globalassets/nuvigil-consumer/prescribinginformation.pdf](http://www.nuvigil.com/globalassets/nuvigil-consumer/prescribinginformation.pdf)). 6. Sodium oxybate (Xyrem<sup>®</sup>) PI 2018 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/xyrem.en.USPI.pdf>). 7. Solriamfetol (Sunosi<sup>®</sup>) PI 2019 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/sunosi.en.USPI.pdf>). 8. Pitolisant (Wakix<sup>®</sup>) PI 2019 ([www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2019/0211150s000lbl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2019/0211150s000lbl.pdf)). 9. Larrosa O, et al. *Sleep.* 2001;24:282-285. 10. Centerwatch ([www.centerwatch.com/clinical-trials/listings/158528/healthy-participants-and-patients-with-narcolepsy-phase-1-tak-925-study/](http://www.centerwatch.com/clinical-trials/listings/158528/healthy-participants-and-patients-with-narcolepsy-phase-1-tak-925-study/)). All PIs and other URLs accessed on 5/29/2020.

## AASM Practice Parameters for Narcolepsy: Excessive Sleepiness (Recommendations: 2007)

Agent	Indication	Recommendation Level	Based on
Modafinil	Narcolepsy: EDS	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 level 1 studies</li> <li>• 2 Level 2 studies</li> </ul>
Sodium oxybate	Narcolepsy: EDS	Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 level 1 studies</li> <li>• 2 Level 4 studies</li> </ul>
Amphetamine Methamphetamine d-amphetamine Methylphenidate	Narcolepsy: EDS	Guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 level 2B studies</li> <li>• 4 level 5C studies</li> </ul>
Selegiline	Narcolepsy: EDS, cataplexy	Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 level 2B studies</li> <li>• 1 level 4C studies</li> </ul>
Ritanserin	Narcolepsy: EDS	Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 level 2B studies</li> </ul>

AASM = American Academy of Sleep Medicine.  
Morgenthaler TI, et al. *Sleep*. 2007;30:1705-1711.

## Traditional Stimulants

- Methylphenidate
  - Methylphenidate hydrochloride—Concerta®, Ritalin\*, Daytrana®, Metadate CD®, Methylin®; IR and ER: 5–60 mg/day
  - Dexmethylphenidate—Focalin®: IR and XR: 5–20 mg/day
- Amphetamines
  - Dextroamphetamine—Dexedrine®, Dextrostat®: 5–60 mg
  - Methamphetamine—Desoxyn®; 10–60 mg/day
  - Lisdexamfetamine—Vyvanse®
  - Mixed amphetamine salts—Adderall®; IR\* and XR; 5–40 mg

\*Indicated for narcolepsy

IR = immediate release; ER and XR = extended release.

## Mixed Amphetamine Salts: Adderall®

- Four amphetamine salts
  - racemic amphetamine aspartate monohydrate
  - racemic amphetamine sulfate
  - dextroamphetamine saccharide
  - dextroamphetamine sulfate
- Dopamine- and norepinephrine-releasing agent; mildly serotonergic
- Available in two formulations: IR and XR
- IR is indicated for narcolepsy
  - XR formulation is not indicated for narcolepsy.
- Dosage = 5–60 mg

## Stimulant Adverse Effects

- 58 patients who were taking high-dose stimulants for narcolepsy or idiopathic hypersomnia were compared with 58 control patients
  - High-dose stimulants were taken at  $\geq 120\%$  of the recommended maximal doses
  - The prevalence of psychosis, psychiatric hospitalizations, tachyarrhythmias, polysubstance abuse, anorexia, and weight loss were significantly increased in the stimulant group
- Greater risk of new-onset psychosis with therapeutic amphetamines
- In 2014, approximately 1000 deaths involved prescription stimulants
- Abuse deterrent formulations (ADFs)

Auger RR, et al. *Sleep*. 2005;28:667-672. Moran LV, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019;380:1128-1138.

## Armodafinil

- Longer-acting isomer of modafinil (R-(-)-modafinil)
- Metabolized in the liver
- Half-life approximately 3 x S-(-)-modafinil (approximately 15 hours)
- Once-per-day formulation
- Dose = 50–250 mg (equivalent to 400 mg of modafinil)
- No effect on cataplexy
- Reduces efficacy of oral contraceptives
  - Increases metabolism of ethinylestradiol
- Can cause serious rashes and allergic reactions

## Sodium Oxybate

- Improves nocturnal sleep
  - Increases slow-wave sleep
  - Reduces arousals and awakenings
- Can eliminate cataplexy
- Reduces vivid dreams, nightmares, and hallucinations
- Reduces sleep paralysis
- Only medication that can treat all symptoms of narcolepsy
- Improves overall cognitive functioning

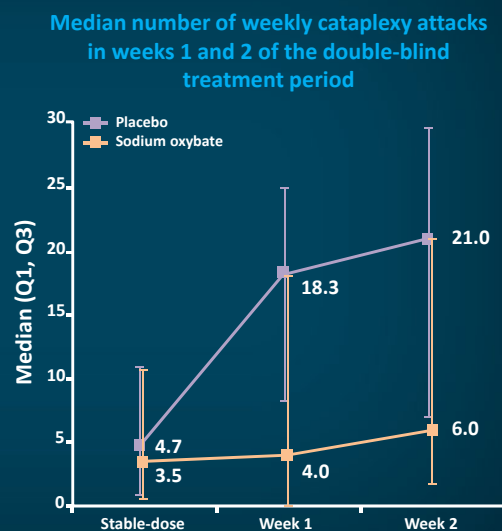
## Sodium Oxybate: Clinical Use

- First-line drug for treatment of narcolepsy
- Most effective drug for treatment of cataplexy
- Most effective for sleepiness, in combination with armodafinil
- Split dosing according to clinical situation
  - 2 doses per night
  - Varying initial and subsequent dose amounts depending on clinical situation
- Side effects can be reduced by either:
  - More rapid increase in dose
  - Reduction of initial dose

Lopez R, Dauvilliers Y. *Expert Opin Pharmacother*. 2013;14:895-903. Pérez-Carbonell L. *Curr Treat Options Neurol*. 2019;21:57. Barateau L, Dauvilliers Y. *Ther Adv Neurol Disord*. 2019;12:1-12. Sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) PI 2018 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/xyrem.en.USPI.pdf>).

## SXB in Children

- Open-label study with 63 participants aged 7–16 years of age at screening
- Primary diagnosis of narcolepsy with cataplexy



Q = quartile.

Plazzi G, et al. *Lancet Child Adolesc Health*. 2018;2:483-494.



## Novel Approaches to the Treatment of EDS Associated with Narcolepsy and OSA

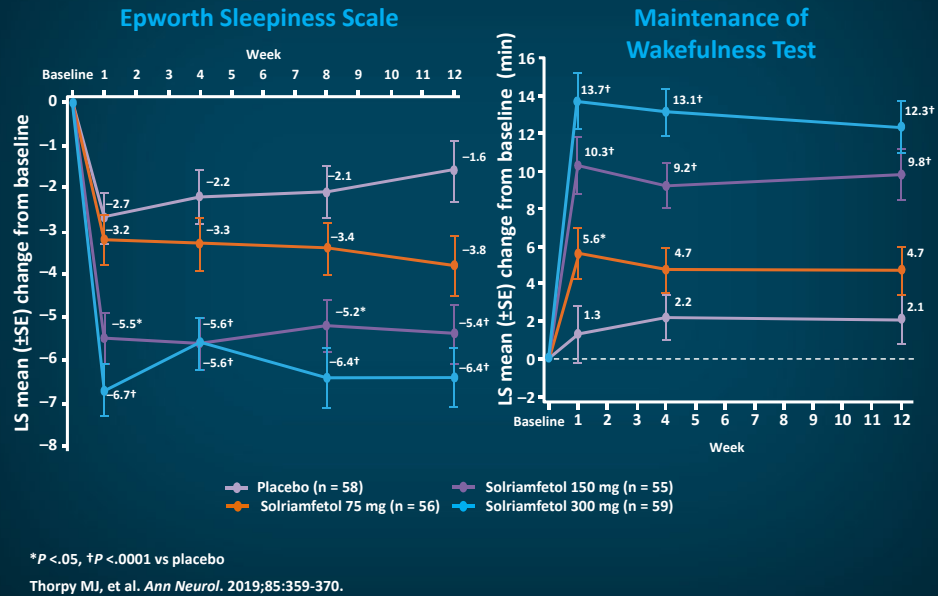
### Solriamfetol: FDA Approved 3/21/19

- Dopamine norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (DNRI)—Schedule IV
- Available in 75 mg scored or 150 mg tablets
- Approved for adults: narcolepsy (75–150 mg) and OSA (37.5–150 mg)

Can be taken with/without food on awakening	Half-life 7 hours, Tmax 2 hours
Contraindicated with MAOIs	Drug-liking score similar to or lower than for phentermine
Renal excretion (95%): reduced dose in renal disease	No effect on oral contraceptives
Can cause increased BP and HR, no effect on QTc	No evidence of increase pregnancy risk
Avoid use in unstable cardiovascular disease	No data on breast milk (present in rat milk)
Can cause anxiety, insomnia, and irritability	No effect on cataplexy
No evidence of dependence or withdrawal	Caution in geriatric population d/t renal excretion

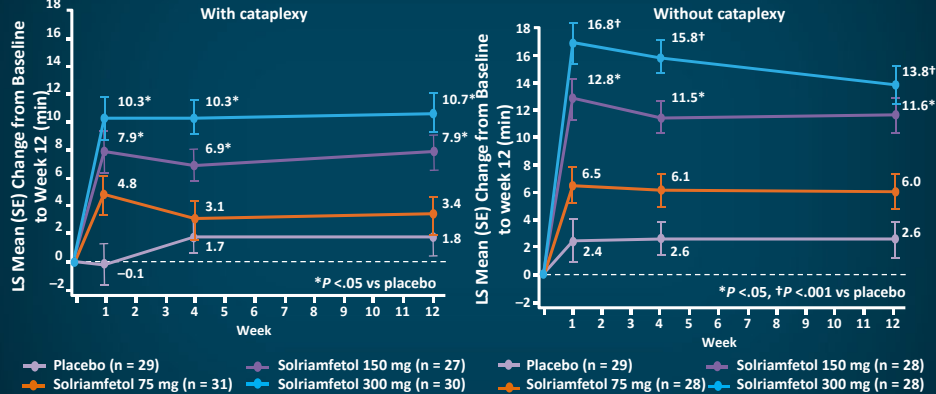
MAOI = monoamine oxidase inhibitor; BP = blood pressure; HR = heart rate; d/t = due to.  
Solriamfetol (Sunosi™) PI 2019 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/sunosi.en.USPI.pdf>). Accessed 5/29/2020.  
Thorpy MJ, et al. *Ann Neurol*. 2019;85:359-370.

## Solriamfetol in Narcolepsy



## Solriamfetol in Maintenance of Wakefulness of NT1 vs NT2

Solriamfetol 150 mg and 300 mg significantly increased sleep latency on MWT in participants with and without cataplexy.



Improvements in wakefulness were observed with solriamfetol 150 mg and 300 mg at week 1 (first evaluated time point)

Dauvilliers Y, et al. Presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Associated Professional Sleep Societies, 2018.

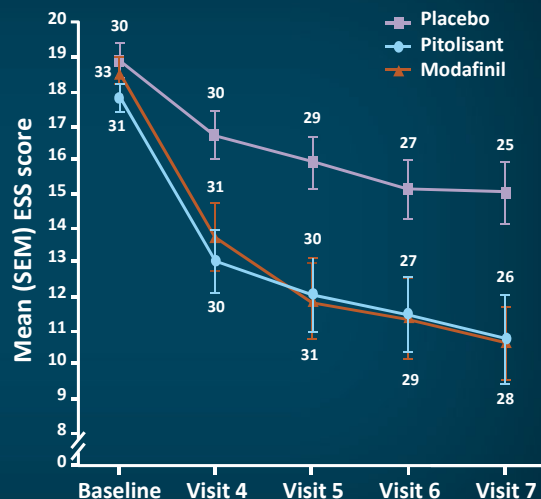
## Pitolisant: FDA-Approved 8/14/19, Became Available 11/4/19

- **Dosing**
  - Recommended dosage range: 17.8–35.6 mg once daily
  - Adjustments in patients with hepatic or renal impairment or poor metabolizers of CYP2D6
- **Contraindications**
  - Patients with severe hepatic impairment
- **FDA approved for treatment of EDS in adults with narcolepsy**
- **Not controlled, not scheduled**
- **Warning and precautions**
  - Increases QTc interval; avoid use in patients who:
    - Are taking other drugs that prolong QTc interval
    - Have risk factors for prolonged QTc interval
- **Pregnancy and lactation**
  - Unknown (present in rat milk)
  - Alternative non-hormonal contraceptive method during and for at least 21 days after discontinuation of treatment

Romigi A, et al. *Drug Des Devel Ther.* 2018;12:2665-2675. Pitolisant (Wakix®) PI 2019 ([www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2019/0211150s000lbl.pdf](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2019/0211150s000lbl.pdf)). FDA drug approvals ([www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019](http://www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019)). NCT03433131 (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03433131?term=NCT03433131&draw=2&rank=1>). Accessed 5/29/2020.

## Pitolisant: Epworth Sleepiness Scale

- Histamine H3 receptor inverse agonist/antagonist
- Selective for the H3 subtype



SEM = standard error of the mean.

Dauvilliers Y, et al; Harmony I study group. *Lancet Neurol.* 2013;12:1068-1075. FDA drug approvals ([www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019](http://www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019)). Accessed 5/29/2020.

## AASM Practice Parameters for Narcolepsy: Ancillary Symptoms (Recommendations 2007)

Agent	Indication	Recommendation Level	Based on
Sodium oxybate	Cataplexy, disrupted sleep, hypnagogic hallucinations, sleep paralysis	Standard Option	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 level 1 study</li> <li>• 2 level 2 studies</li> </ul>
Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs), SSRIs, venlafaxine, and reboxetine	Cataplexy	Guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 level 2 study</li> <li>• 1 level 4 study</li> <li>• 1 level 5 study</li> </ul>
TCAs, SSRIs, venlafaxine, and reboxetine	Sleep paralysis, hypnagogic hallucinations	Option	—

Morgenthaler TI, et al. *Sleep*. 2007;30:1705-1711.

## Medications for Cataplexy

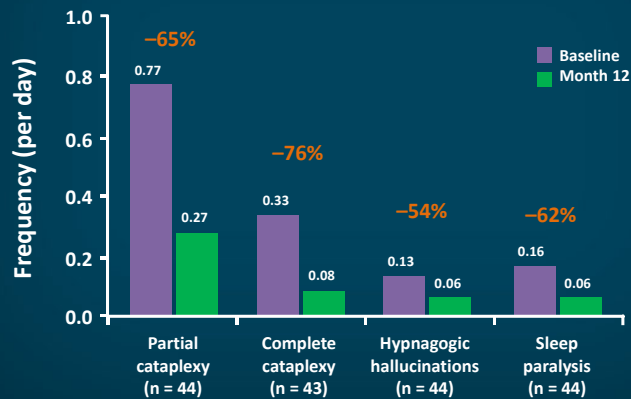
- Sodium oxybate
- Histamine H3 receptor antagonist/agonist
  - Pitolisant
- Antidepressants
  - TCAs: clomipramine hydrochloride, protriptyline
  - SSRIs: fluoxetine, paroxetine
  - NRI/NERIs: atomoxetine, reboxetine
  - SSNRI: venlafaxine

NRI/NERI = norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor; SSNRI = selective serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor.

## Pitolisant: Symptoms After 12 Months of Treatment

Pitolisant is a highly potent, selective histamine  
H3-receptor antagonist/inverse agonist

Improvement in cataplexy and other symptoms in patients who completed  
12 months of treatment



Dauvilliers Y, et al; HARMONY III study group. *Sleep*. 2019;42:Epub ahead of print. FDA drug approvals ([www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019](http://www.fda.gov/drugs/new-drugs-fda-cders-new-molecular-entities-and-new-therapeutic-biological-products/novel-drug-approvals-2019)). Accessed 5/29/2020.

## Agents Under Investigation

### New forms of sodium oxybate

- Once-a-night formulation
- Low-sodium formulation

### Modafinil augmentation

- Modafinil/flecainide (THN102)

### GABA-A antagonists

- Clarithromycin
- Flumazenil
- Pentetrazol (BTD-001)

### Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (NRI)

- Reboxetine

### H3R inverse agonist

- SUVN-G3031

### Orexin agonists

- TAK-925/944
- Mazindol

## JZP-258: Low-Sodium Oxybate\*

- At 6–9 g/night, sodium oxybate contributes 1100–1640 mg to daily sodium intake<sup>1</sup>
  - The American Heart Association recommends total daily sodium intake of <1500 mg as ideal and 2300 mg as the upper limit to maintain blood pressure and heart health<sup>2</sup>
- JZP-258 is a novel oxybate product with a unique composition of cations resulting in 92% less sodium than SXB<sup>3</sup>
  - JZP-258 and sodium oxybate contain the same active moiety, ie, oxybate
- NDA is currently with FDA undergoing priority review

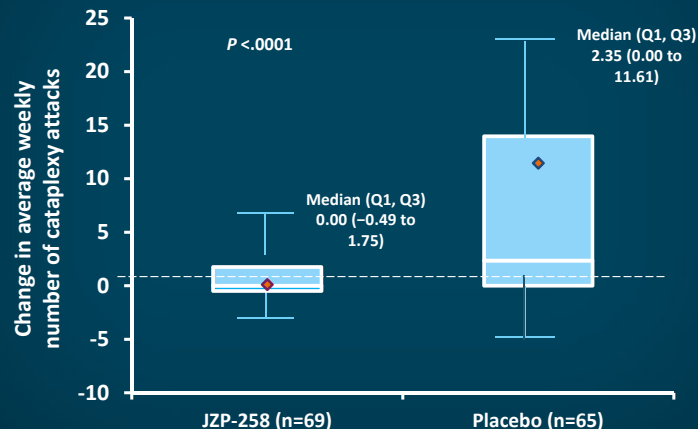
\*This formulation is not currently approved by the FDA.

NDA = New Drug Application

Sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) PI 2018 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/xyrem.en.USPI.pdf>). American Heart Association ([www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/eat-smart/sodium/how-much-sodium-should-i-eat-per-day](http://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/healthy-eating/eat-smart/sodium/how-much-sodium-should-i-eat-per-day)). Jazz Pharmaceuticals press release, September 25, 2019 ([www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/jazz-pharmaceuticals-presents-positive-jzp-258-phase-3-study-data-at-world-sleep-2019-300925650.html](http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/jazz-pharmaceuticals-presents-positive-jzp-258-phase-3-study-data-at-world-sleep-2019-300925650.html)). Jazz Pharmaceuticals press release, March 25, 2020 (<https://investor.jazzpharma.com/news-releases/news-release-details/jazz-pharmaceuticals-announces-fda-acceptance-new-drug>). Accessed 5/29/2020.

## Change in Weekly Number of Cataplexy Attacks With JZP-258\*

From stable-dose period to double-blind randomized withdrawal period



\*This formulation is not currently approved by the FDA.

Bogan RK, et al. World Sleep Meeting, Vancouver, September 2019. Unpublished data. Thorpy MJ. *CNS Drugs*. 2020;34:9-27.

## Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events (TEAEs) With JZP-258\*

TEAEs, n (%)	SXB Only (n = 52)	SXB + Other Anticatataplectics (n = 23)	Other Anticatataplectics (n = 36)	Anticatataplectic Naïve (n = 90)	Total (N = 201)
Patients with ≥1 TEAE	31 (59.6)	20 (87.0)	30 (83.3)	72 (80.0)	153 (76.1)
Preferred term in ≥5% of total participants					
Headache	7 (13.5)	3 (13.0)	7 (19.4)	24 (26.7)	41 (20.4)
Nausea	2 (3.8)	1 (4.3)	7 (19.4)	16 (17.8)	26 (12.9)
Dizziness	1 (1.9)	1 (4.3)	6 (16.7)	13 (14.4)	21 (10.4)
Cataplexy†	0	11 (47.8)	6 (16.7)	3 (3.3)	20 (10.0)
Decreased appetite	0	1 (4.3)	2 (5.6)	12 (13.3)	15 (7.5)
Nasopharyngitis	2 (3.8)	1 (4.3)	5 (13.9)	7 (7.8)	15 (7.5)
Influenza	5 (9.6)	3 (13.0)	3 (8.3)	3 (3.3)	14 (7.0)
Diarrhea	4 (7.7)	0	0	7 (7.8)	11 (5.5)
Vomiting	1 (1.9)	0	4 (11.1)	5 (5.6)	10 (5.0)

Incidences of enuresis and somnambulism were low, ie,  
3.5% and 2.0% of total participants, respectively.

During main study (OLOTTP, SDP, and DBRWP), excluding placebo data (main study safety population).

\*This formulation is not currently approved by the FDA; † Worsening from baseline.

DBRWP = double-blind randomized withdrawal period; OLOTTP = open-label optimized treatment and titration period; SDP = stable-dose period.

Bogan RK, et al. World Sleep Meeting, Vancouver, September 2019.

## FT218: Once-Nightly Sodium Oxybate

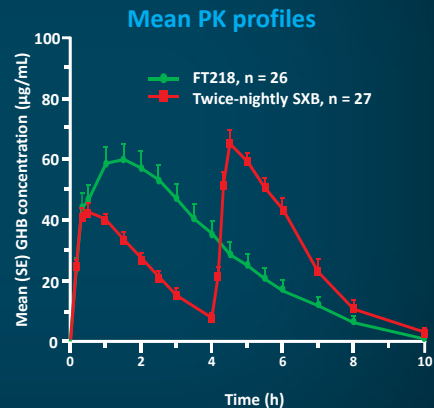
- The approved effective doses of SXB are 6, 7.5, and 9 g per night, divided into 2 doses
  - The first is taken at bedtime and the second is taken 2.5–4 hours later
- FT218 is an investigational controlled-release formulation of sodium oxybate intended for once-nightly dosing, using proprietary Micropump® technology

Sodium oxybate (Xyrem®) PI 2018 (<http://pp.jazzpharma.com/pi/xyrem.en.USPI.pdf>). Avadel Pharmaceuticals press release, January 10, 2018 ([www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2018/01/10/1286580/0/en/Avadel-Pharmaceuticals-Receives-Orphan-Drug-Designation-from-FDA-for-FT-218-for-the-Treatment-of-Narcolepsy.html](http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2018/01/10/1286580/0/en/Avadel-Pharmaceuticals-Receives-Orphan-Drug-Designation-from-FDA-for-FT-218-for-the-Treatment-of-Narcolepsy.html)). Accessed 5/30/2020.



## Randomized, Cross-Over, 2-Period, 2-Sequence Study Comparing FT218\* (6 gm) with Twice-Nightly Sodium Oxybate IR (3+3 gm)

- Main analysis
  - AUC of FT218 meets bioequivalence criteria compared with twice-nightly sodium oxybate IR
  - C<sub>max</sub> of FT218 is lower than overall C<sub>max</sub> of Twice-nightly sodium oxybate IR
- Post-hoc analysis
  - Morning plasma levels (C<sub>8h</sub>) of FT218 are similar to C<sub>8h</sub> of twice-nightly sodium oxybate IR.



\*This formulation is not currently approved by the FDA

AUC = area under the curve; C<sub>max</sub> = maximum concentration; C<sub>8h</sub> = concentration 8 hours; PK = pharmacokinetic; GHB = gamma-hydroxybutyrate.

Thorpy MJ et al. *World Sleep meeting*, Vancouver 2019.

## Antidepressants for Cataplexy

- Can be effective for cataplexy
- Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors most effective, eg, venlafaxine, atomoxetine
- Can cause sexual side effects
- Can disturb nocturnal sleep
- Not effective for other REM phenomena, eg, SP, HH
- Not effective for sleepiness

SP = sleep paralysis; HH = hypnagogic hallucinations.

## Reboxetine\*

- A norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor
- In a phase 2 study was shown to be effective in reducing cataplexy and improving the ESS, as well as sleep quality
- The most commonly reported adverse events with reboxetine treatment were anxiety, constipation, and insomnia

\*Not currently approved by the FDA.

Axsome Therapeutics press release, 12/3/19 ([www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/12/03/1955366/0/en/Axsome-Therapeutics-Announces-AXS-12-Achieves-Primary-Endpoint-in-CONCERT-Phase-2-Trial-in-Narcolepsy.html](http://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2019/12/03/1955366/0/en/Axsome-Therapeutics-Announces-AXS-12-Achieves-Primary-Endpoint-in-CONCERT-Phase-2-Trial-in-Narcolepsy.html)). NCT03881852 (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03881852?term=NCT03881852&draw=2&rank=1>). Accessed 5/30/2020.

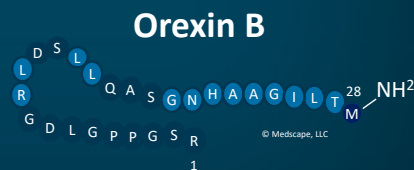
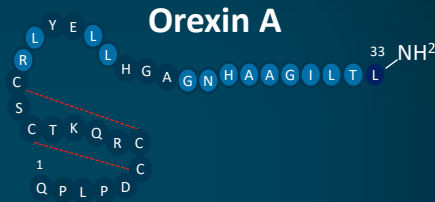
## Orexin Treatment in Narcolepsy

- Orexin replacement
- Orexin gene therapy
- Orexin cell transplantation
- Orexin agonists

Nepovimova E, et al. *Med Res Rev.* 2019;39:961-975.

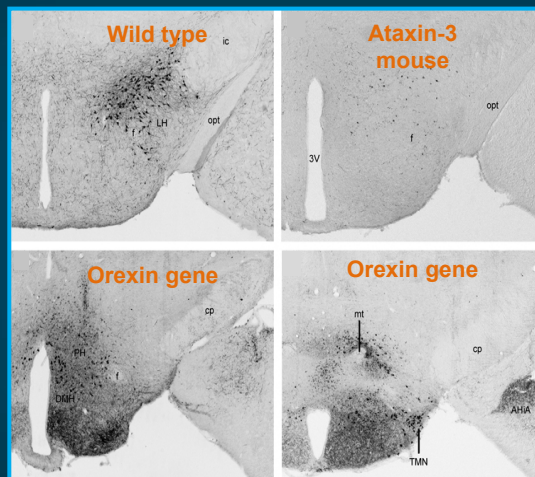
## Orexin Replacement

- Orexin-A: low permeability to the blood-brain barrier
- Orexin-B: does not cross the blood-brain barrier
- Orexin-A more stable in the blood and CSF than orexin-B
- Orexin-A binds with 2 to 3 times affinity to  $OX_1R$  than to  $OX_2R$
- Orexin-B binds with 10 times affinity to  $OX_2R$  than to  $OX_1R$



Nepovimova E, et al. *Med Res Rev.* 2019;39:961-975. Scammell TE, et al. *Annu Rev Pharmacol Toxicol.* 2011;51:243-66.

## Orexin Gene Therapy Restores Timing and Maintenance of Wakefulness in Narcoleptic Mice



ic = internal capsule; opt = optic tract; 3V = third ventricle; f = fornix; DMH = dorsomedial nucleus of hypothalamus; TMN = tuberomammillary nucleus; mt = mammillothalamic tract; cp = cerebral peduncle; AHIA = amygdalohippocampal area.

Kantor S, et al. *Sleep.* 2013;36:1129-1138.

## TAK-925/TAK-994

### TAK-925 (investigational)<sup>1,2</sup>

- Hypocretin/orexin 2 receptor-selective agonist
- Demonstrated improved wakefulness, reduced cataplexy-like episodes, and ameliorated weight gain in orexin/ataxin-3 transgenic mice model of narcolepsy
- The wake-promoting effect of TAK-925 was not diminished after 14 days sub-chronic administration
- Shown to be effective for EDS and cataplexy in a phase 1 study from Japan

### TAK-994 (investigational)<sup>3,4</sup>

- Hypocretin/orexin 2 receptor-selective agonist (OX2R)
- Phase 2, double-blind RCT in USA of oral TAK-994 in patients with narcolepsy type 1 (NT1) and type 2 (NT2)

1. Kimura H, et al. *Sleep*. 2019;42(suppl 1):A23 (abstract 0055). 2. NCT03332784. <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03332784>. 3. NCT04096560 (<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04096560>). 4. Ishikawa T, et al. Biennial World Sleep Congress; 20–25 Sep 2019; Vancouver.

## Case

- 21 year old single female clerk who presents with tiredness, fatigue and lethargy for the last 6 years getting more severe with time
- Bedtime: 11pm; out of bed: 7am; one nap after work for 30 mins
- Falls asleep rapidly but awakens after 2 hours for 10 minutes then several additional times during the night. She thinks she awakens to dreams which are frequent, vivid and sometimes frightening.
- She rarely has sleep paralysis on falling asleep, during the night and on awakening
- No cataplexy

## Case (continued)

- She has mild anxiety and feels a little depressed because her social life is limited due to the fatigue and tiredness
- Sexually active and on oral contraceptives
- Was put on methylphenidate 20mg ER by her PCP but it makes her irritable and anxious, with mild tachycardia and headaches
- Her ESS was 16/24
- PSG: SL - 12 mins; RL - 15 mins; AHI 1.0/hr; Lo2 Sat 91%
- MSLT: 2.3 mins, 2 SOREMPs

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## Case: Discussion

- What is your diagnosis?
- What is your treatment plan?

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## Conclusion

- EDS is present in all patients with narcolepsy and most patients with OSA
- Despite adequate treatment of OSA, residual sleepiness is common
- According to AASM guidelines released in 2007:
  - Modafinil, armodafinil and sodium oxybate are considered standard treatment for EDS associated with narcolepsy
  - Stimulants, methylphenidate, and amphetamines are alternatives
- Solriamfetol was recently approved for treating excessive sleepiness in narcolepsy and OSA
- Pitolisant has been approved for the treatment of excessive sleepiness in narcolepsy
- New low-sodium and once-nightly formulations of sodium oxybate may be approved for narcolepsy in the near future
- Reboxetine (NERI) and TAK-994 (hypocretin/orexin 2 receptor-selective agonist) are being studied for the treatment of EDS and cataplexy in patients with narcolepsy

**Thank You!**

## Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in Narcolepsy and Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Diagnosis and Management Resources

Resource	Address
Barateau L, et al. Recent Advances in Treatment for Narcolepsy. <i>Ther Adv Neurol Disord</i> . 2019;12:1756286419875622.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31632459/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31632459/</a>
Berger M, et al. Risk Factors of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in a Prospective Population-Based Cohort. <i>J Sleep Res</i> . 2020 May 15;e13069.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32412149/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32412149/</a>
Berkowski J, et al. Disorders of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness Including Narcolepsy and Idiopathic Hypersomnia. <i>Sleep Med Clin</i> 2016;11(3):365-78.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27542882/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/27542882/</a>
Bhattarai J, et al. Current and Future Treatment Options for Narcolepsy: A Review. <i>Sleep Sci</i> . 2017;10(1): 19–27.	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5611768/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5611768/</a>
Dauvilliers Y, et al. Long-term Use of Pitolisant to Treat Patients With Narcolepsy: Harmony III Study. <i>Sleep</i> . 2019;42(11):174.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31529094/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31529094/</a>
Dauvilliers Y, et al. Pitolisant for Daytime Sleepiness in Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea Who Refuse Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Treatment. A Randomized Trial. <i>Am J Respir Crit Care Med</i> . 2020;201(9):1135-45.	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7193861/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7193861/</a>
Leger D, et al. The Economic and Societal Burden of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in Patients With Obstructive Sleep Apnea. <i>Sleep Med Rev</i> . 2020;51:101275.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32169792/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32169792/</a>
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Roth T. Effects of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness and Fatigue on Overall Health and Cognitive Function. <i>J Clin Psychiatry</i> . 2015;76(9):e1145.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26455683/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26455683/</a>
Schweitzer P, et al. Solriamfetol for Excessive Sleepiness in Obstructive Sleep Apnea (TONES 3). A Randomized Controlled Trial.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30521757/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30521757/</a>



<i>Am J Respir Crit Care Med.</i> 2019;199(11):1421-31.	
Smith S, et al. Multiple Dimensions of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness. <i>J Thorac Dis.</i> 2018;10(Suppl 1):S170-S176.	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5803055/">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5803055/</a>
Thorarinsdottir E, et al. Definition of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in the General Population: Feeling Sleepy Relates Better to Sleep-Related Symptoms and Quality of Life Than the Epworth Sleepiness Scale Score. Results From an Epidemiological Study. <i>J Sleep Res.</i> 2019;28(6):e12852.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30968492/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30968492/</a>
Thorpy M, et al. A Randomized Study of Solriamfetol for Excessive Sleepiness in Narcolepsy. <i>Ann Neurol.</i> 2019;85(3):359-70.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30694576/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30694576/</a>
Thorpy M, et al. Clinical and Practical Considerations in the Pharmacologic Management of Narcolepsy. <i>Sleep Med.</i> 2015;16(1):9-18.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25458251/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25458251/</a>
Thorpy M, et al. Delayed Diagnosis of Narcolepsy: Characterization and Impact <i>Sleep Med.</i> 2014;15(5):502-7.	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24780133/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24780133/</a>

## Resources and Societies

Resource	Address
<b>American Academy of Neurology</b>	<a href="https://www.aan.com/">https://www.aan.com/</a>
<b>American Academy of Sleep Medicine</b>	<a href="https://aasm.org/">https://aasm.org/</a>
<b>American Sleep Association</b>	<a href="https://www.sleepassociation.org/">https://www.sleepassociation.org/</a>
<b>National Center on Sleep Disorders Research</b>	<a href="https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/divisions/division-on-lung-diseases/national-center-sleep-disorders-research">https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/about/divisions/division-on-lung-diseases/national-center-sleep-disorders-research</a>
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