

## Clinical Considerations for Patients with Excessive Daytime Sleepiness due to Obstructive Sleep Apnea:

Novel Strategies for Improved Management



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## **Learning Objectives**

- Assess the burden, incidence, and psychopathology of EDS due to OSA
- Diagnose EDS due to OSA in patients using clinical guidance and evidence-based diagnostic tools
- Describe the limitations of conventional treatment strategies for patients with EDS due to OSA
- Evaluate current clinical data associated with novel pharmacologic agents for the treatment of EDS due to OSA
- Implement shared decision-making strategies with patients and their care partners in the management of EDS due to OSA which incorporate novel pharmacologic agents and personalized care

# What is Excessive Daytime Sleepiness?



- Sleepiness: Increased likelihood of falling asleep
  - A normal biologic drive
  - Sleep is to sleepiness as eating is to hunger
- Hypersomnia: Prolonged sleep times
- Excessive daytime sleepiness: Sleepiness that occurs in a situation when an individual would usually be expected to be awake and alert
- *Tiredness and fatigue*: Sensation of weariness, exhaustion, loss of energy; the desire to rest not necessarily sleepiness

# **Impact of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness**

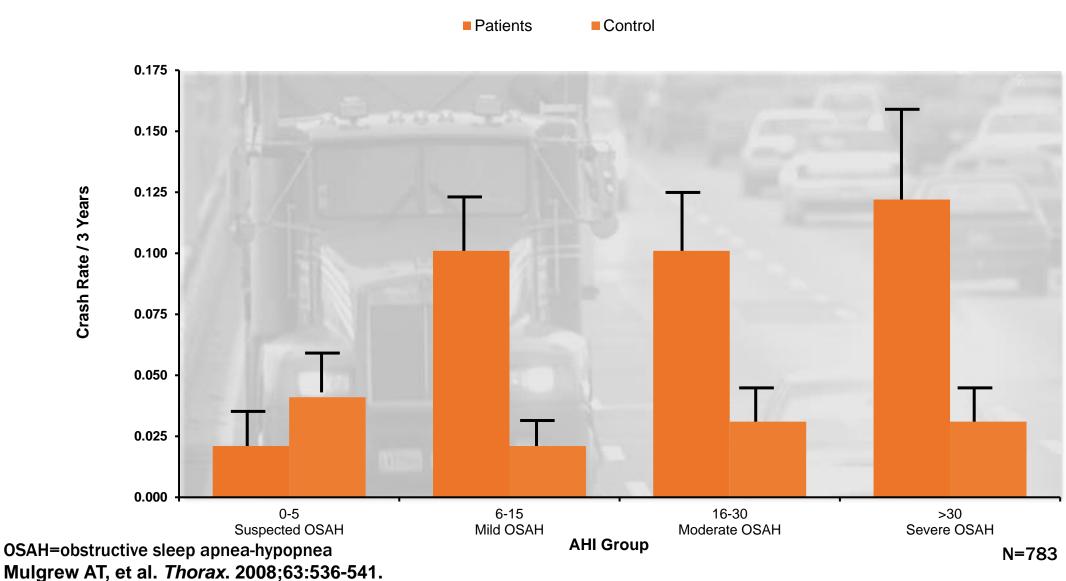
- Slower response time
- Instability of attention
- Cognitive slowing with rapid deterioration of performance
- Increased cognitive errors with increased time pressure
- Decline in short-term recall and working memory performance
- Reduced learning of cognitive tasks

- Drowsy driving (collisions and near misses)
- Diminished motivation
- Depression and anxiety
- Elevated sympathetic activity
- Insulin resistance
- Impaired immune function
- Hypoxemia
- Impaired quality of life
- Increased mortality

Lockley SW, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2004;351(18):1829-1837. Zohar D, et al. *Sleep*. 2005;28(1):47-54. Philibert I. *Sleep*. 2005;28(11):1392-1402. Banks S, et al. *J Clin Sleep Med*. 2007;3(5):519-528. Hall MH, et al. *Sleep*. 2017;40(1):zsw003. Bhatia R, et al. Examining excessive daytime sleepiness in psychiatric patients. *Current Psychiatry*. 2017;16(7):27-32.

# **Automobile Accidents Associated With Injuries**





## Sleepiness Scales

### **Epworth Sleepiness Scale**

(recent times)

Situation	(		ice o	f
Sitting and reading	0	1	2	3
Watching television	0	1	2	3
Sitting inactive in a public place (eg, a theater or a meeting)	0	1	2	3
As a passenger in a car for an hour without a break	0	1	2	3
Lying down to rest in the afternoon when circumstances permit	0	1	2	3
Sitting and talking to someone	0	1	2	3
Sitting quietly after a lunch without alcohol	0	1	2	3
In a car, while stopped for a few minutes in traffic	0	1	2	3

An ESS score >10 suggests EDS. An ESS score ≥16 suggests a high level of EDS. Scores within this range are generally associated with significant sleep disorders, including narcolepsy.

### **Stanford Sleepiness Scale**

(now)

Degree of Sleepiness	Scale Rating
Feeling active, vital, alert, or wide awake	1
Functioning at high levels, but not fully alert	2
Awake, but relaxed; responsive but not fully alert	3
Somewhat foggy, let down	4
Foggy; losing interest in remaining awake; slowed down	5
Sleepy, woozy, fighting sleep; prefer to lie down	6
No longer fight sleep, sleep onset soon; having dream-like thoughts	7
Asleep	X

Respondents use a scale from 1 to 7 to indicate their current level of sleepiness. Scores can then be compared longitudinally across different times of day, seasons, and stages of treatment.

Johns MW. Sleep. 1991;14(6):540-545. Hoddes E, et al. The development and use of the Stanford Sleepiness Scale (SSS). Psychophysiology. 1972;9:150.

# Causes of Excessive Daytime Sleepiness



Insufficient sleep (quantity and quality)	Acute			
	Chronic			
Circadian rhythm sleep-wake disorders				
Sleep disordered breathing (eg, obstructive sleep apnea)				
Disorders of central hypersomnia	Idiopathic hypersomnia			
Disorders of central hypersomnia	Idiopathic hypersomnia Narcolepsy			
Disorders of central hypersomnia  Medication or substance use effects				

Insomnia?

American Psychiatric Association. *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition.* American Psychiatric Association Publishing; 2013. American Academy of Sleep Medicine. *International Classification of Sleep Disorders, Third Edition.* American Academy of Sleep Medicine; 2014.

# **Excessive Daytime Sleepiness and Psychiatric Disorders**



### Depression (MDD)

- Sleep difficulty occurs in up to 90% of those with MDD during episodes
- Hypersomnia is reported in ~30% of those with MDD and 50% with SAD

### Bipolar Disorder

- Manic phase: Decreased "need" for sleep
- Depressed phase: Hypersomnia

### Anxiety (GAD)

• >50% experience sleep difficulties and daytime fatigue

### **PTSD**

• Difficulty initiating and maintaining sleep, vivid nightmares, panic awakenings, all leading to daytime fatigue

## Schizophrenia

• Shifts in circadian rhythm ("day-night reversal") – 15% at risk for SDB

### Alcohol Use Disorder

Poor sleep quality, EDS

GAD = generalized anxiety disorder; MDD = major depressive disorder; SAD = seasonal affective disorder; SDB = sleep disordered breathing. Krystal AD. *Neurol Clin.* 2012;30(4):1389-1413.

# Hypersomnia Associated with a Psychiatric Disorder



### ICSD-3 Criteria

- Daytime sleepiness for at least
   3 months
- 2) A concurrent psychiatric disorder
- 3) Sleepiness is not better explained by another untreated sleep, medical, or neurological disorder or from the effects of medication

HAPD accounts for 5%–7% of hypersomnia cases

Women > Men

Age of onset: 20–50 years

Those with insomnia and hypersomnia are 10× more likely to have MDD

Severe sleep disturbances often occur prior to episodes of acute psychotic decompensation in those with schizophrenia

ICSD-3 = International Classification of Sleep Disorders, Third Edition.

Berry RB, et al. Sleep Medicine Pearls. Third Edition. Saunders; 2015.

## Overview of Obstructive Sleep Apnea



- Sleep-related breathing disorder
  - Muscles relax and soft tissue collapses
  - Repetitive blockage of the upper airway
  - Decrease or complete halt in airflow
  - Intermittent episodic hypoxia and impaired ventilation
- Diagnosis
  - Laboratory polysomnography (AHI)
  - Home sleep apnea test (REI)
  - Diagnostic criteria (AHI or REI)
    - ≥5 episodes/hour in combination with excessive daytime sleepiness, insomnia, hypertension, mood disorder, cognitive impairment, ischemic heart disease or prior stroke
    - ≥15 episodes/hour
  - Severity Criteria (AHI or REI)

• Mild: 5 – 15

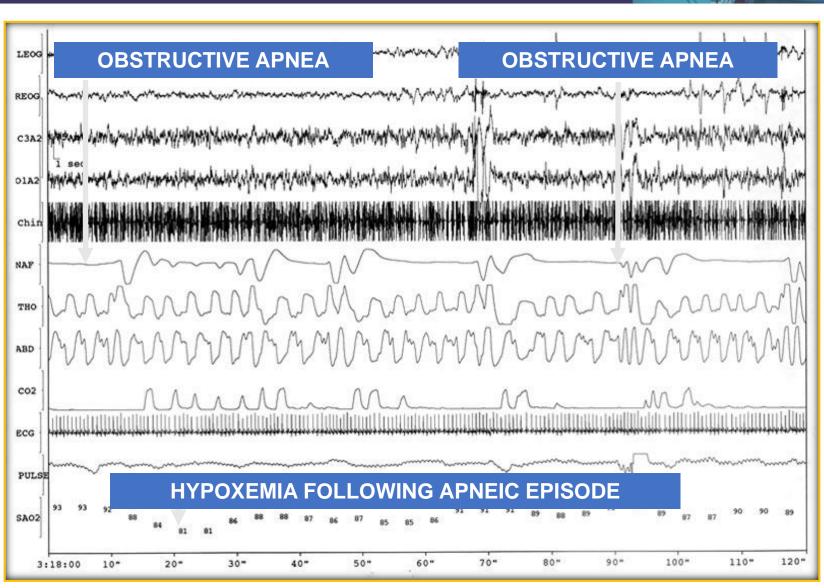
Moderate: 16 – 30

• Severe: > 30

AHI: Apnea hypopnea index. REI = respiratory event index. aasm.org/resources/factsheets/sleepapnea.pdf. Benjafield. Lancet Respir Med. 2019;687. Javaheri. Chest. 2020;158:776. Lal. Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2021; 18:757. Rundo. Cleve Clin J Med. 2019;86:2.

# Obstructive Apnea During Laboratory Polysomnography





# STOP-BANG Inventory for OSA Detection



- Risk factors of OSA
  - S: Snoring
  - T: Tired (daytime fatigue, sleepiness)
  - O: Observed breathing pauses (choking, gasping)
  - P: Pressure (high blood pressure)
  - **B**: BMI >35
  - **A**: Age >50
  - N: Neck size large (>40 cm)
  - G: Gender = male
- Scoring: Risk for OSA
  - **High risk**: ≥ 3 items

BMI = body mass index.

## **Treatments for OSA**

- Continuous positive airway pressure
- Upper airway surgery
- Oral appliances
- Body positioning devices
- Nasal EPAP devices
- Nasal insufflation
- Upper airway muscle strengthening
- Medications
- Bariatric surgery
- Hypoglossal nerve stimulator







## Residual EDS in OSA



- 9%-22% of OSA patients have persistent EDS despite adherence to PAP treatment and AHI normalization
- These patients are at risk for impairments associated with EDS
- Etiology unclear; may be a result of hypoxic brain damage

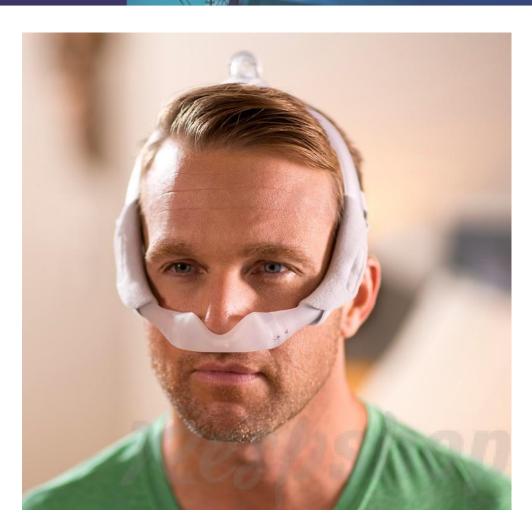
## Management of Residual EDS in OSA



- Optimize PAP adherence
  - Minimum adherence generally regarded as PAP use ≥ 4 hours per night for ≥ 70% of days over a 30-day period¹
  - Greater adherence rates are related to lower residual EDS<sup>2</sup>
- Consider treatment alternatives for OSA
- Lifestyle modifications
- Treat comorbid causes of EDS
- Direct treatment of residual sleepiness despite above
  - Modafinil
  - Armodafinil
  - Solriamfetol

# **Strategies to Improve PAP Adherence**

- Early follow up critical!
- Machine-patient interfaces
  - Masks
  - Nasal pillows
  - Chin straps
- Humidifiers
- Ramp
- Desensitization
- Bi-level pressure



# **Examples of Lifestyle Modifications**



- Adequate amounts of sleep
- Judicious napping
- Get out of bed at the same time every morning
- Establish a daily activity routine
- Increase exposure to bright light during the day
- Exercise regularly in the morning and/or afternoon
- Avoid alcohol
- Judicious use of caffeine
- Implement behaviors that promote sleep quality



**Current and Emerging Treatment Options for** Managing EDS due to **OSA in Patients with** Mental Illness

# Traditional Pharmacotherapy Options for Excessive Daytime Sleepiness in OSA

Medication	Schedule	Mechanism of Action	FDA Indications
Modafinil/Armodafinil	IV	Dopamine reuptake inhibitors	EDS in OSA, Narcolepsy, and SWSD
Methylphenidate	II	Inhibits reuptake of dopamine and norepinephrine	ADHD, Narcolepsy (some)
Amphetamines	II	Inhibits reuptake of and causes release of dopamine, norepinephrine	ADHD, Narcolepsy (some)
Caffeine	None	Adenosine receptor antagonist	Off-Label (Over the Counter)

**SWSD** = shift work sleep disorder.

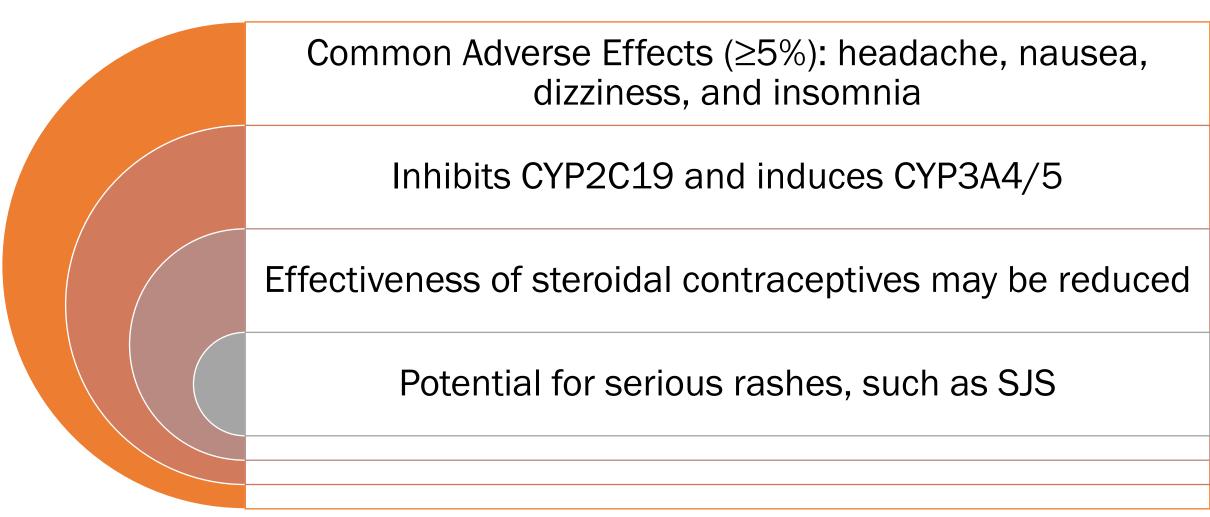
Rosenberg R, et al. Postgraduate medicine. 2021;133(7): 772-783. Aldosari MS, et al. Sleep Breath. 2020;24(4):1675-1684.

# The Most Common Pharmacotherapy for EDS in OSA?



# Limitations of Modafinil / Armodafinil



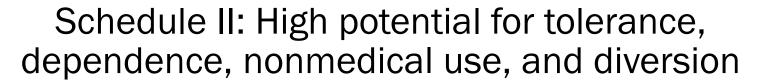


AE = Adverse Effects; CY = Cytochrome P450; SJS = Stevens-Johnson Syndrome.

Modafinil Prescribing information. Cephalon; 2015. Armodafinil Prescribing information. Cephalon; 201. Holfinger S, et al. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*. 2018;14(5):885-887.

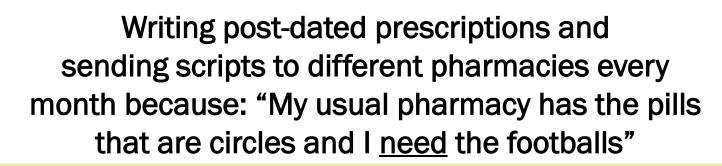
# Stimulants for EDS in OSA: 100% Off-Label, 100% Unnecessary



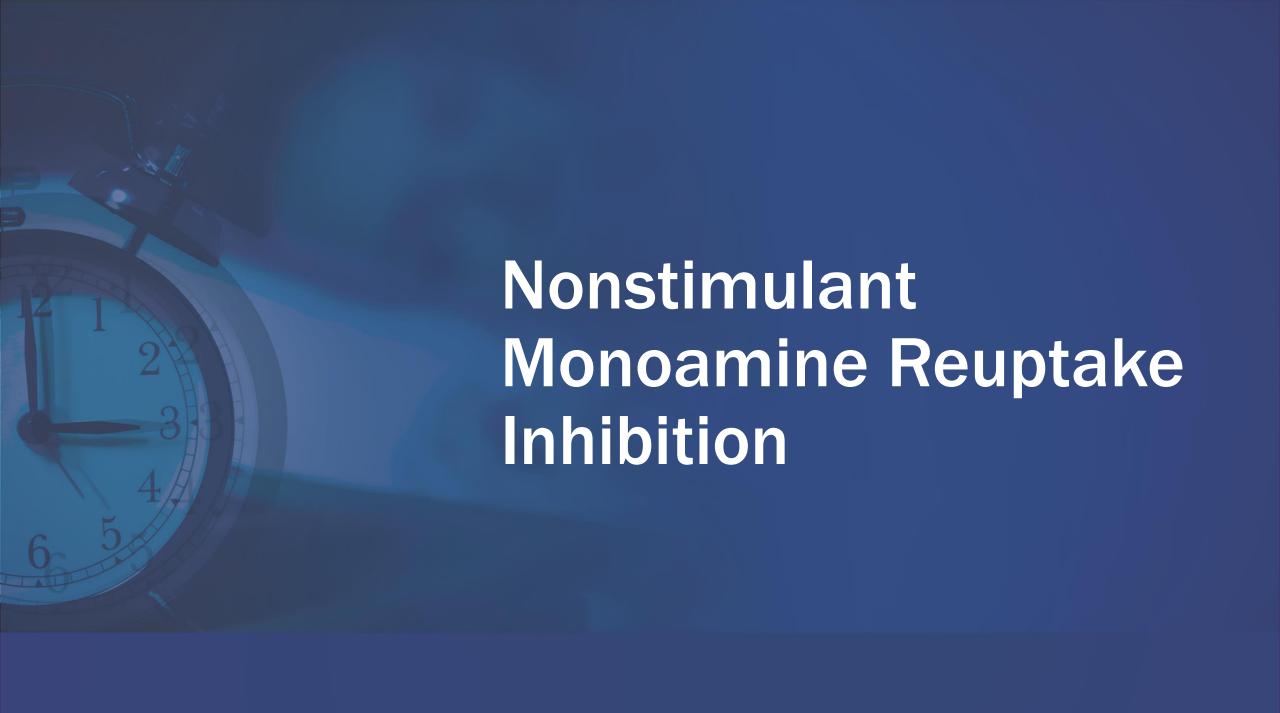


Less dangerous alternatives that are FDA-approved for this condition exist

This substantially alters the risk-benefit calculus compared to ADHD







## **Solriamfetol Basic Information**



DNRI indicated for adults with EDS associated with OSA or narcolepsy

Approved doses: 37.5 mg, 75 mg, or 150 mg once daily *in the morning* 

 $t_{max}$  2 hours,  $t_{1/2}$  = 7 hours; Efficacy established to at least 9h in trials

No hepatic metabolism; predominantly excreted unchanged in the urine

No induction or inhibition of CYP or other metabolic enzymes

Not a stimulant: a schedule IV medication with lower abuse/dependence liability

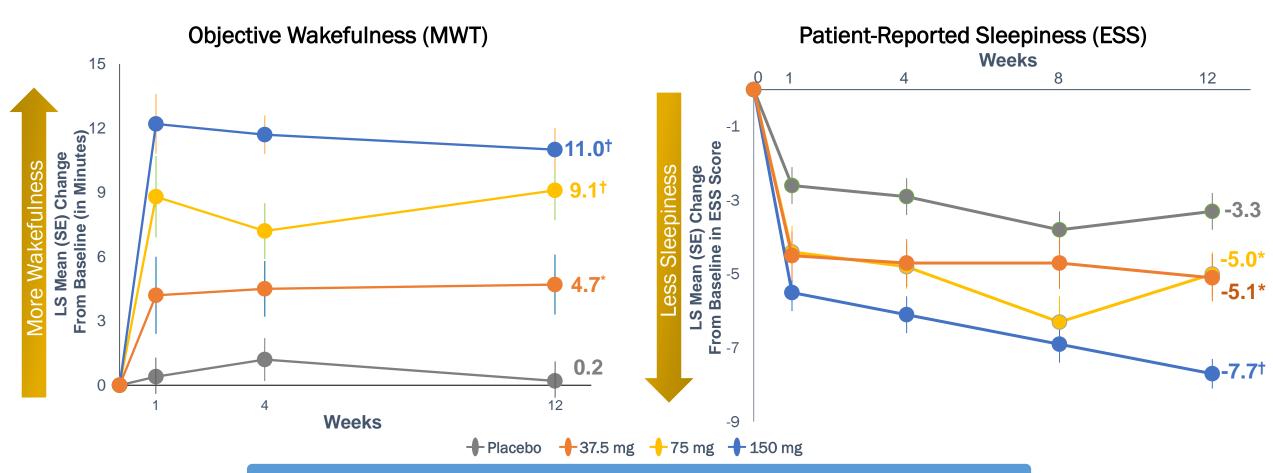
Abuse potential at 8x maximum recommended dose was similar to or lower than that of phentermine

No evidence of tolerance, withdrawal, or dependence in clinical trials

DNRI = dopamine-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor; EDS = excessive daytime sleepiness; OSA = Obstructive Sleep Apnea; CYP = cytochrome P450. Solriamfetol Prescribing Information. Jazz Pharmaceuticals 2021. Carter, LP, et al. *Journal of Psychopharmacology*. 2018;32(12): 1351-1361.

# Solriamfetol Improves Wakefulness and Reduces Sleepiness





Significant improvements vs. placebo at all doses in both measures

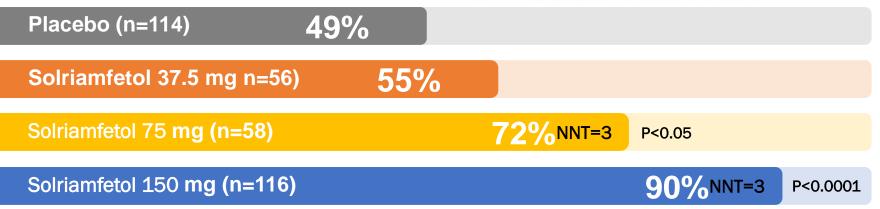
\*P<0.05 versus placebo. †P<0.0001 versus placebo.

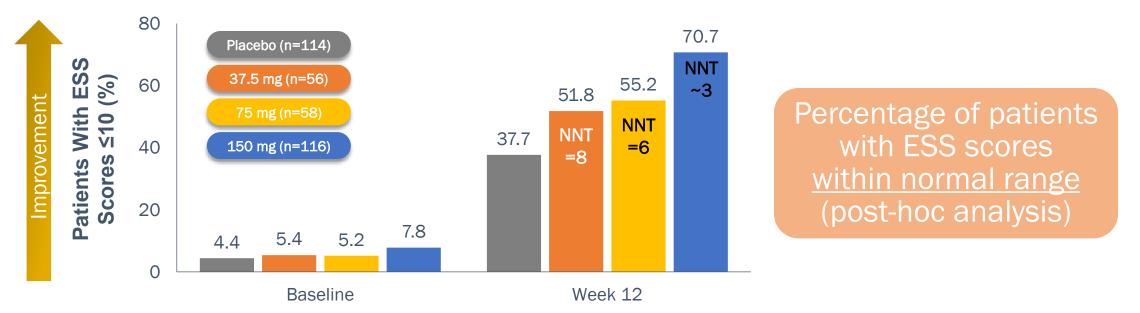
MWT=Maintenance of Wakefulness; ESS=Epworth Sleepiness Scale; LS=least squares; OSA=obstructive sleep apnea; SE=standard error. Solriamfetol Prescribing Information. Jazz Pharmaceuticals 2021. Schweitzer PK, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 2019;199(11):1421-1431.

# Additional Measures of Solriamfetol Efficacy



Percent of patients who reported feeling better on the PGI-C





PGI-C = Patient Global Impression of Change; ESS = Epworth Sleepiness Scale; NNT = Number Needed to Treat. Schweitzer PK, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2019;199(11):1421-1431.

# Tolerability of Solriamfetol in Pooled 12-Week OSA Studies



### Adverse Reactions ≥2% and ≥Placebo

	Placebo (%)	Solriamfetol (%) (all doses)
Nausea	6	8
Decreased appetite	1	6
Diarrhea	1	4
Anxiety	1	4
Irritability	0	3
Palpitations	0	3
Abdominal pain	2	3
Dry mouth	2	3
Feeling jittery	0	3
Chest discomfort	0	2
Hyperhidrosis	0	2
Dizziness	1	2

## Discontinuation due to adverse reactions (all doses)

Solriamfetol 3% (n=11)

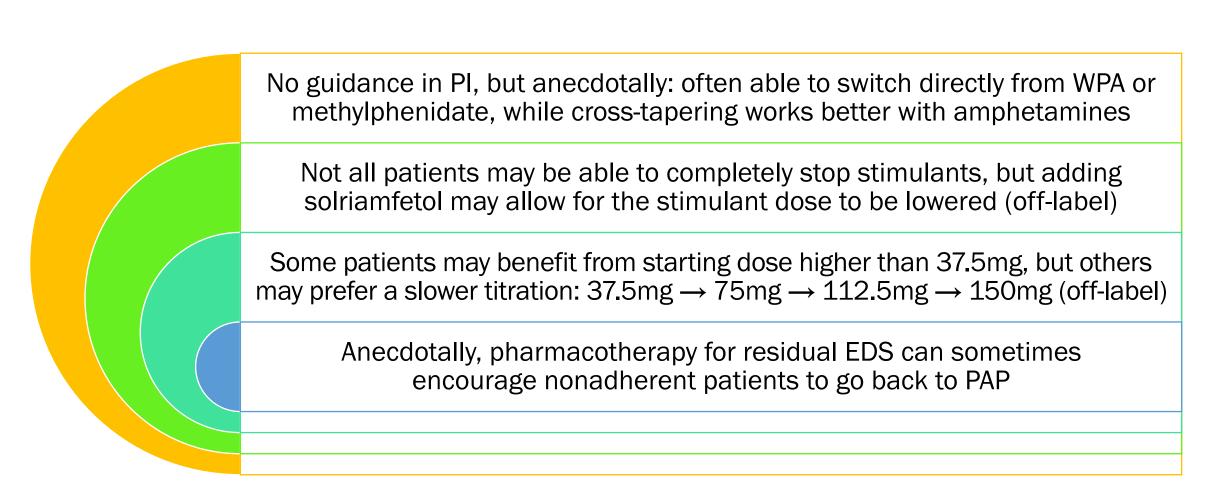
Placebo <1% (n=1)

### No effect on QTc; May cause increased BP and HR

Mean (95% CI)	Placebo	37.5 mg	75 mg	150 mg
ΔSBP	<b>1.7</b> (-1.4, 4.9)	<b>4.6</b> (-1.1, 10.2)	<b>3.8</b> (1.2, 6.4)	<b>2.4</b> (0.4, 4.4)
ΔDBP	<b>1.4</b> (-0.1, 2.9)	<b>1.9</b> (-2.3, 6.0)	<b>3.2</b> (-0.9, 7.3)	<b>1.8</b> (0.4, 3.2)
ΔHR	<b>1.7</b> (0.1, 3.3)	<b>1.9</b> (-1.9, 5.7)	<b>3.3</b> (0.6, 6.0)	<b>2.9</b> (1.4, 4.4)

# Lessons Learned from >3 Years of Clinical Experience with Solriamfetol





# START Your Engines: Solriamfetol Titration and Administration Study



### Design

Descriptive study with retrospective patient chart review

24 clinicians (1/5<sup>th</sup> psychiatrists) provided data from 50 patients with EDS in OSA

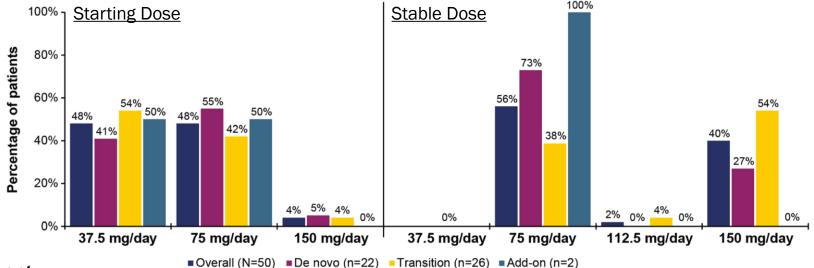
### **Transitions**

52% were transitioned from another agent, 4% had it added to current WPA/stimulant
WPAs were abruptly discontinued for 94% and stimulants for 67% of

transitioning patients

### Titration

Median of 14 days to reach a stable dose indicates that clinicians generally titrate at intervals longer than the 3 days the label suggests as the minimum.



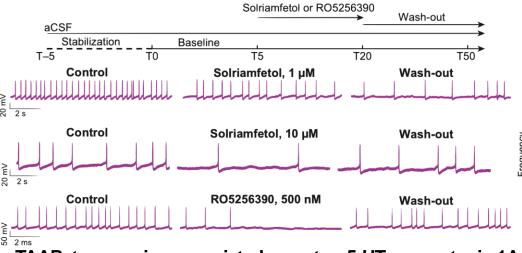
WPA = wake-promoting agent Singh, H, et al. Advances in Therapy(2022): 1-15.

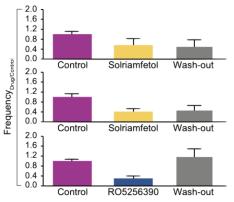
# Solriamfetol Shows TAAR1 Agonism in Preclinical Studies



Solriamfetol activates TAAR1, a component of the endogenous wake-promoting system, in vitro at potencies within the clinically relevant plasma concentration range

	DAT IC <sub>50</sub> µM	NET IC <sub>50</sub> µM	TAAR1 EC <sub>50</sub> µM (E <sub>max</sub> )	5-HT <sub>1A</sub> IC <sub>50</sub> µM
WPA or hDAT/hNET inhibitor				
Solriamfetol	3.21	14.4	10-16 (100%)	25
Modafinil	2.8	>100	No dose response	Unknown
Bupropion	0.26	2.79	No dose response	No functional activity
Stimulants				
(+) Amphetamine	0.041	0.023	2.8 (91%)	Unknown
(+) Methamphetamine	0.082	0.0013	5.3 (70%)	Unknown





Solriamfetol inhibited firing frequency of VTA neurons in a D2-sensitive manner, similar to TAAR1 agonist R05256390

TAAR, trace amine-associated receptor; 5-HT<sub>1A</sub>, serotonin 1A receptor;  $EC_{50}$ , half maximal effective concentration;  $E_{max}$ , maximal effect; DAT, dopamine transporter; NET, norepinephrine transporter;  $IC_{50}$ , half maximal inhibitory concentration; WPA, wake-promoting agent; VTA = Ventral tegmental area Gursahani, H, et al. Preclinical Pharmacology of Solriamfetol: Potential Mechanisms for Wake Promotion. Poster Presented at Psych Congress. New Orleans, LA. September 17-20, 2022.

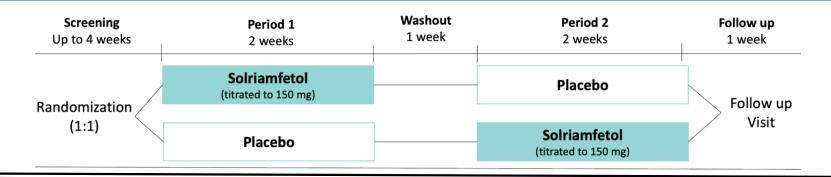
# Solriamfetol May Have Potential for Cognitive Improvements



Randomized, double-blind, cross-over study assessing adults with OSA and impaired cognitive function

Primary endpoint is change in the Digit Symbol Substitution Test vs. placebo in each 2-week double-blind period

### Data expected 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022





Phase 2/3 study in adults aged 18-55 years with ADHD beginning 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022

Results expected 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023; Future pediatric ADHD studies also planned

https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT04789174. Leary, E, et al. Sleep Medicine 100 (2022): S285-S286. https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT04839562. https://axsometherapeuticsinc.gcs-web.com/static-files/b6615d47-89c0-4ba7-b42e-eaa73b1bcc34. Accessed 9-4-2022.



# Histamine-3 Receptor Inverse Agonism

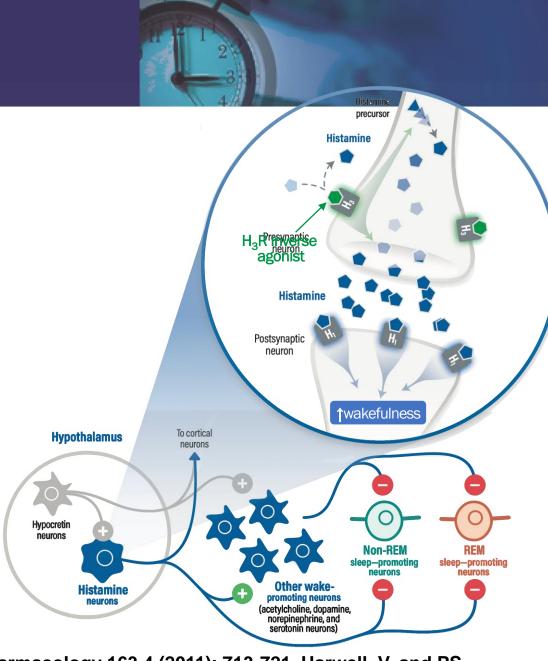
Histamine neurons originate in the hypothalamus and project to major sleep and wake centers

H<sub>3</sub> receptors are presynaptic autoreceptors found in only in the central nervous system

Stimulation of H<sub>3</sub>Rs on histamine neurons inhibits firing frequency, histamine synthesis and release

H<sub>3</sub>R inverse agonists disinhibit these processes, enhancing histamine release

This activates postsynaptic H<sub>1</sub> receptors and promote wakefulness



H<sub>3</sub>R=Histamine-3 Receptor

Lin, J-S, et al. JPET 336.1 (2011): 17-23. Schwartz, J-C. British journal of pharmacology 163.4 (2011): 713-721. Harwell, V, and PS. Fasinu. Medicines7.9 (2020): 55. Benarroch, EE. Neurology 75.16 (2010): 1472-1479.

# Currently Available H<sub>3</sub>R Inverse Agonist: Pitolisant

Pitolisant in EDS in OSA

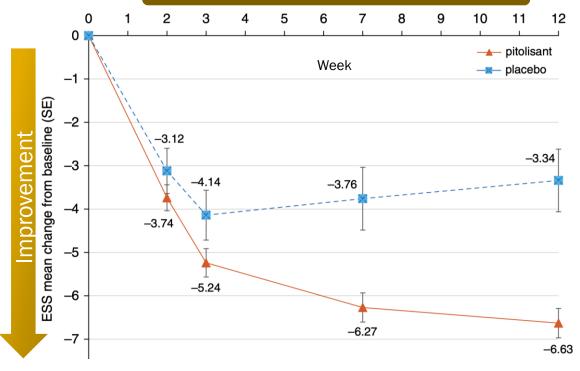
Currently approved for adults with narcolepsy;

Not a scheduled medication

Common adverse reactions (≥5% and 2x placebo): insomnia, nausea, anxiety

Weak CYP3A4 inducer; Increases QT ~4 msec Centrally acting antihistamines reduce effectiveness

Positive phase 2 study in EDS in OSA; ex-US phase 3 study in progress





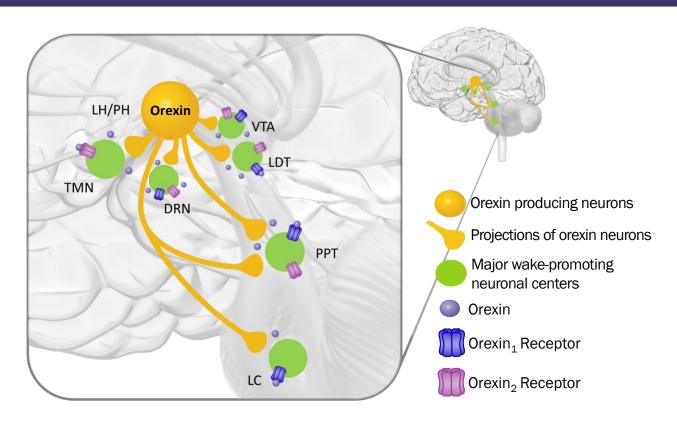
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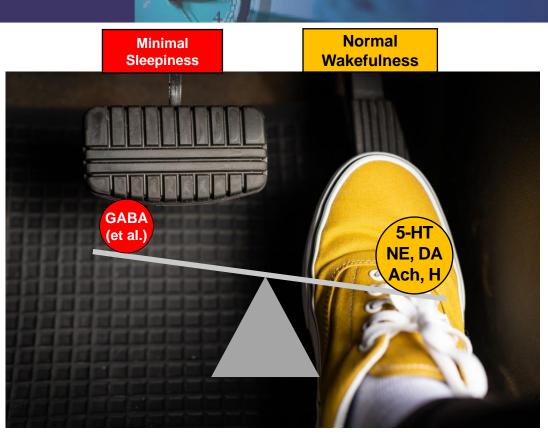
- Currently in phase 2 for narcolepsy
- Phase 2 studies for cognitive disorders planned

H<sub>3</sub>R = Histamine-3 receptor; CYP = cytochrome P450; EDS = excessive daytime sleepiness; OSA = obstructive sleep apnea; ESS = Epworth Sleepiness Scale. Pitolisant Pl. Harmony Biosciences, 2021. Dauvilliers Y, et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2020;201(9):1135-1145. https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT05223166. Accessed 5-14-22. Nirogi, R, et al. Journal of Psychopharmacology. 2021;35(6):713-729. https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT04072380. Accessed 5-14-22.



## The Normal Orexin System



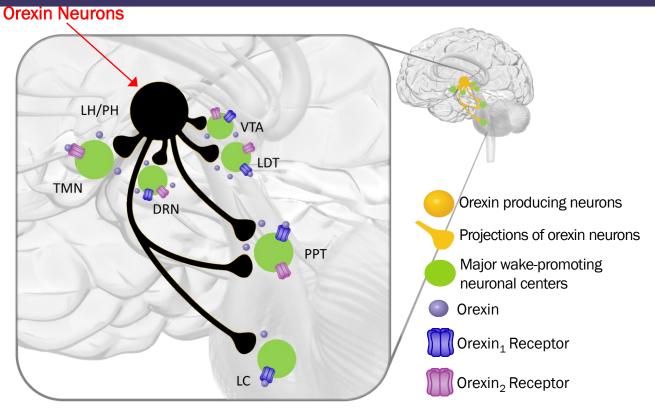


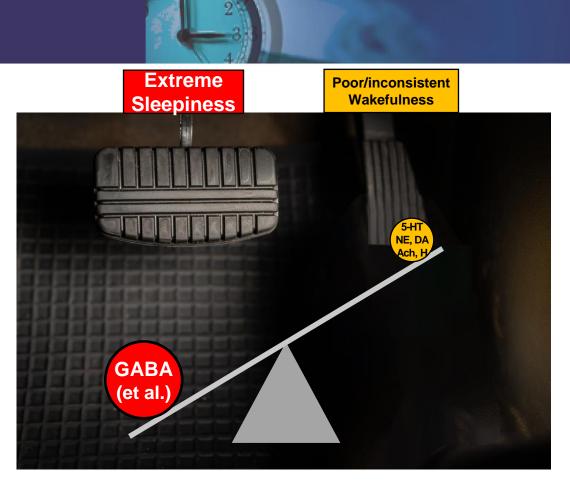
Orexin stabilizes the wake-promoting neurotransmitter centers of the brain to produce wakefulness

DRN = dorsal raphe nucleus; LC = locus coeruleus; PPT = pedunculopontine tegmental nucleus; LDT = laterodorsal tegmental nucleus; LH/PH = lateral/posterior hypothalamus; TMN = tuberomammillary nucleus; VTA = ventral tegmental area. Sakurai T. *Nat Rev Neurosci.* 2007;8(3):171-181. Marcus JN, et al. *J Comp Neurol.* 2001;435(1):6-25. Scammell TE, et al. *Annu Rev Pharmacol Toxicol.* 2011;51:243-266. Morin CM, et al. *Nat Rev Dis Primers.* 2015;1:15026.

## Narcolepsy Type 1

Deficiency of

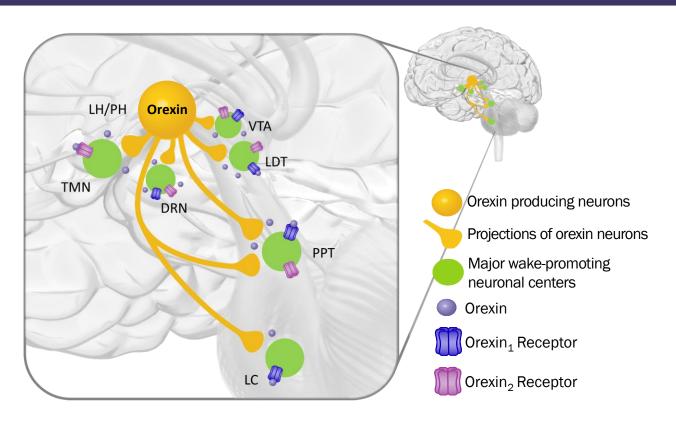


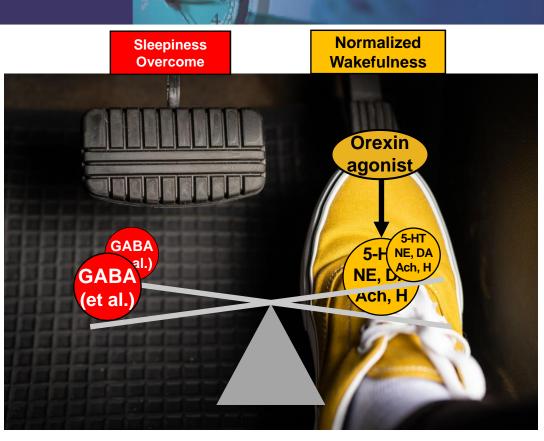


Deficiency of orexin neurons produces unrelenting sleepiness and intermittent cateplexy

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## Orexin Agonists in OSA





An orexin agonist could restore normal wakefulness in EDS of OSA (or narcolepsy)

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## **Orexin Agonists in Development**



### Danavorexton (TAK-925): IV orexin-2 receptor agonist

- Positive Phase Ib study in EDS in OSA
- Most common TEAEs were urinary system-related.
- No serious TEAEs or discontinuations due to TEAEs occurred
- Oral OX<sub>2</sub>R agonist (TAK-861) in phase I in Japan

### JZP 441: oral orexin-2 receptor agonist

- Currently in phase 1 trial for narcolepsy in Japan
- Potential to treat other sleep disorders, such as EDS in OSA

### ALKS 2680: oral orexin-2 receptor agonist

Currently in preclinical studies, narcolepsy trials planned

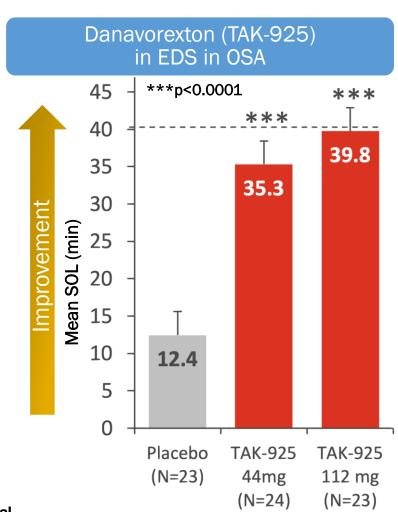
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EDS = excessive daytime sleepiness; OSA = obstructive sleep apnea; SOL = Sleep Onset Latency.

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## Summary



Historical treatments for EDS in OSA may be effective for many, but there are significant unmet needs

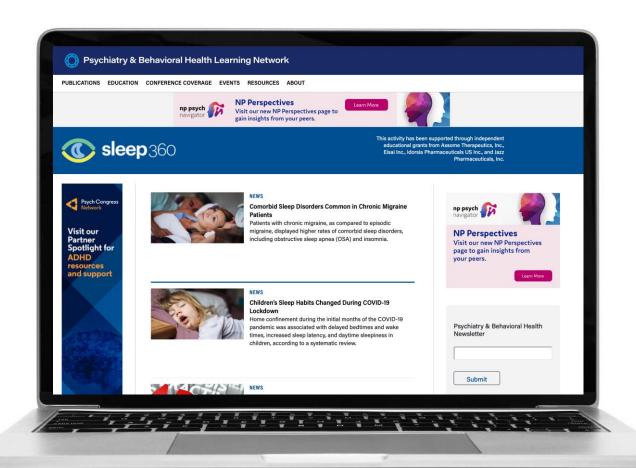
A novel nonstimulant DNRI has shown a favorable efficacy and tolerability profile and other pipeline agents may have potential

EDS in OSA is commonly missed in psychiatric practice, and can be debilitating and dangerous

This is within our scope and our responsibility to find and treat!

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