

# Masupirdine (SUVN-502), a 5-HT<sub>6</sub> Receptor Antagonist in Combination with Donepezil and Memantine in Moderate Alzheimer's Patients: Study Outcomes from a Phase 2 Study

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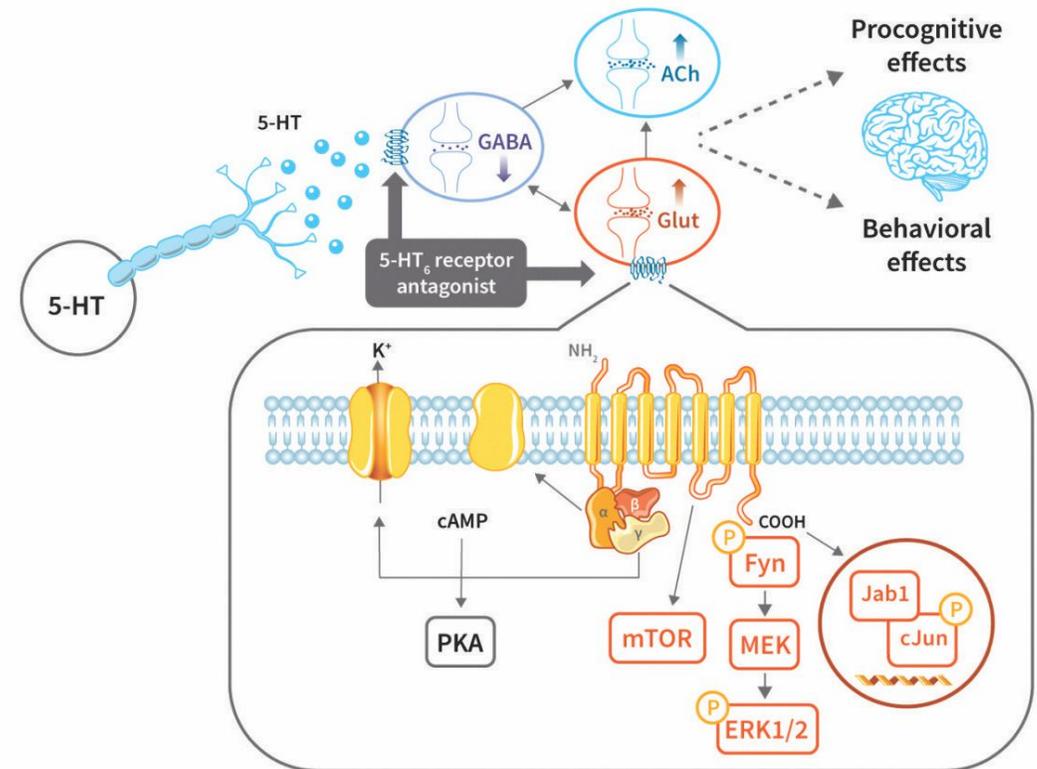
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This talk will include reference to unapproved medications and diagnostics.



# 5-HT<sub>6</sub> Receptor: Cognition and Behavior

- 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptor is a G-protein coupled receptor mediating its effects through cAMP pathways; Ca<sup>2+</sup> signaling, and ERK1/2 pathway.<sup>1</sup>
- Highest density of the receptor is found in cortex, dorsal hippocampus and striatum; brain areas primarily involved in cognition and behavior.<sup>2,3</sup>
- Blockade of central 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptors modulate the release of neurotransmitters like acetylcholine, glutamate, GABA, dopamine and norepinephrine.<sup>4,5</sup>
- Non-clinical evidence for the potential role of 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptor antagonists in reversing cognitive impairment.<sup>6</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Grimaldi *et al.*, 1998; <sup>2</sup>Monsma *et al.*, 1993; <sup>3</sup>Hirst *et al.*, 2003; <sup>4</sup>Riemer *et al.*, 2003; <sup>5</sup>Dawson *et al.*, 2000; <sup>6</sup>Upton *et al.*, 2008



# Masupirdine: Overview

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## Non-clinical

- Masupirdine is a pure 5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptor antagonist (>1200 fold selectivity over 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> receptor)
- Robust efficacy for cognition in animal models
- Elevates brain acetylcholine levels and neural oscillatory pattern of theta rhythm
- Attenuates aggressive behavior in an animal model
- Wide margin of safety in all long-term animal studies

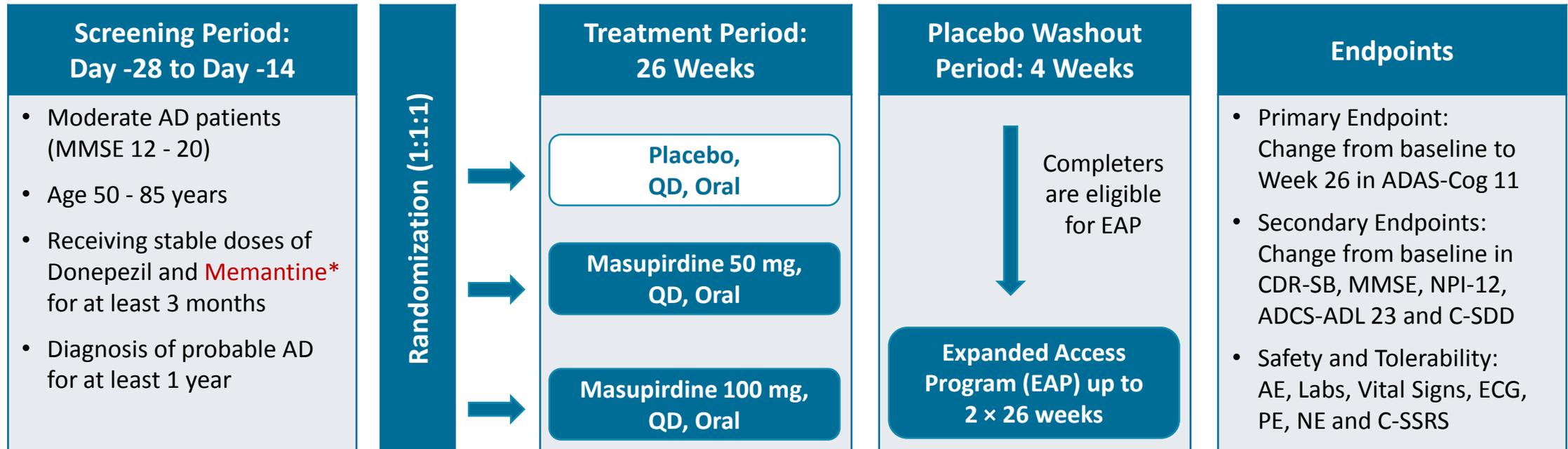
## Clinical: Phase 1

- Safe and well tolerated following single or repeated administration
- Food, gender and age has no effects on pharmacokinetics
- Human pharmacokinetics suitable for once a day treatment



# Masupirdine: Phase 2 Proof of Concept Study Design

5-HT<sub>6</sub> receptor antagonist, Masupirdine in combination with Donepezil and Memantine (Triple Therapy)



\*Three dosage forms of Memantine: **Memantine IR (10 mg, BID)** or **Namenda XR® (28 mg, QD)** or **Namzaric™ (28 mg, QD)**

Planned subjects = 537; 179 per arm. Study is powered to detect a 2-point drug-placebo difference on ADAS-Cog 11 with a standard deviation of 6, assuming a 2-sided 5% significance level and a drop-out rate of 20% or less. All study sites are in USA.



# Masupirdine: Study Population and Demographics

Variables	Placebo	Masupirdine 50 mg	Masupirdine 100 mg	Total
<b>Study Population</b>				
Randomized with intent to treat, n	188	187	183	558
Safety Population, n (%)	188 (100)	187 (100)	181 (98.9)	556 (99.6)
Modified Intent to Treat, n (%)	183 (97.3)	184 (98.4)	176 (96.2)	543 (97.3)
Evaluable Population, n (%)	141 (75.0)	134 (71.7)	122 (66.7)	397 (71.1)
<b>Demographics*</b>				
Age in Years, Mean (SD)	72.9 (7.2)	73.4 (8.1)	74.4 (7.0)	73.6 (7.5)
BMI in Kg/m <sup>2</sup> , Mean (SD)	26.4 (5.0)	26.6 (5.0)	26.9 (5.4)	26.6 (5.1)
Male, n (%)	77 (42.1)	89 (48.4)	80 (45.5)	246 (45.3)
White, n (%)	168 (91.8)	171 (92.9)	162 (92.0)	501 (92.3)
APO-E4 Carrier, n (%)	119 (65.0)	101 (54.8)	110 (62.5)	330 (60.8)

\*Based on mITT (Modified Intent to Treat) population



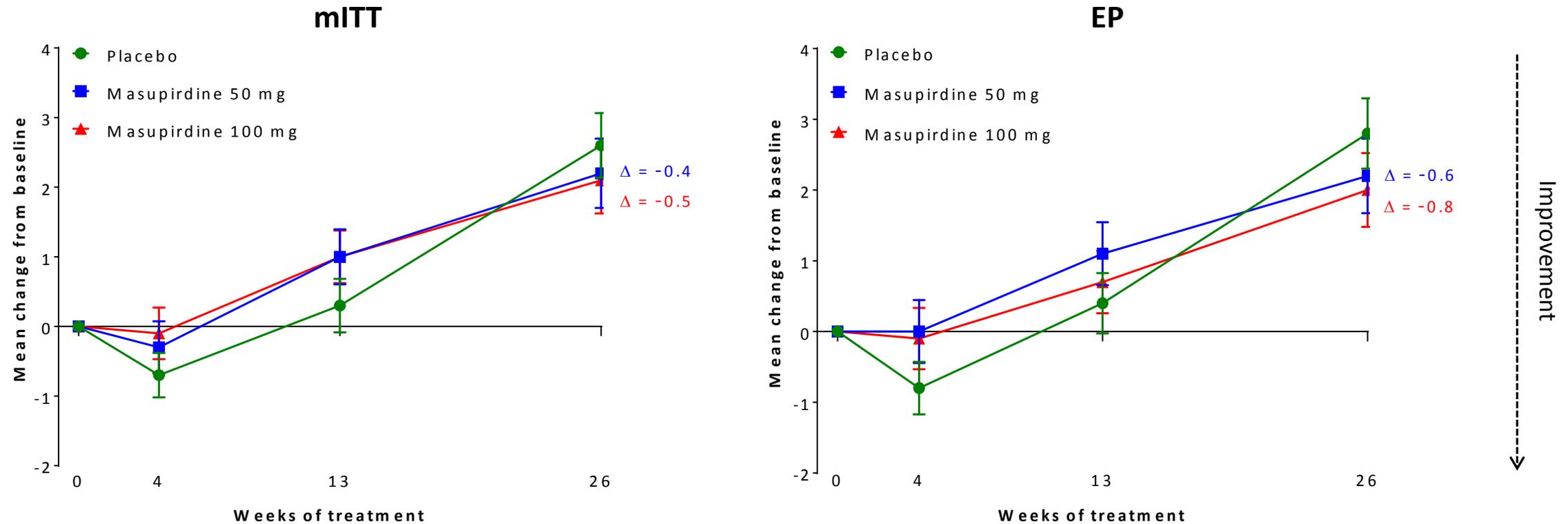
# Masupirdine: Baseline Characteristics

Variables*	Placebo	Masupirdine 50 mg	Masupirdine 100 mg	Total
	n=183	n=184	n=176	n=543
ADAS-Cog 11, Mean (SD)	28.4 (8.2)	27.7 (6.9)	27.9 (8.6)	28.0 (7.9)
MMSE, Mean (SD)	16.5 (2.5)	16.9 (2.2)	17.0 (2.5)	16.8 (2.4)
<b>Memantine Regimen</b>				
Memantine IR 10 mg, BID, n (%)	114 (62.3)	126 (68.5)	117 (66.5)	357 (65.7)
Namenda XR® 28 mg, QD, n (%)	38 (20.8)	27 (14.7)	32 (18.2)	97 (17.9)
Namzaric™ 28 mg, QD, n (%)	31 (16.9)	31 (16.8)	27 (15.3)	89 (16.4)
<b>Memantine Use Duration</b>				
> 3 Years, n (%)	36 (19.7)	32 (17.4)	29 (16.5)	97 (17.9)
> 4 Years, n (%)	21 (11.5)	18 (9.8)	21 (11.9)	60 (11.0)
<b>AD Diagnosis Duration</b>				
> 3 Years, n (%)	95 (51.9)	92 (50.0)	82 (46.6)	269 (49.5)
> 4 Years, n (%)	65 (35.5)	59 (32.1)	49 (27.8)	173 (31.9)

\*Based on mITT population



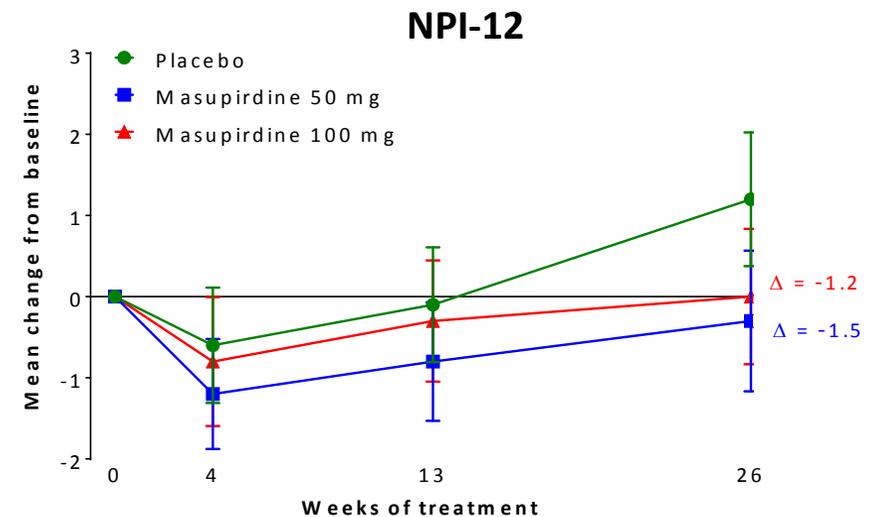
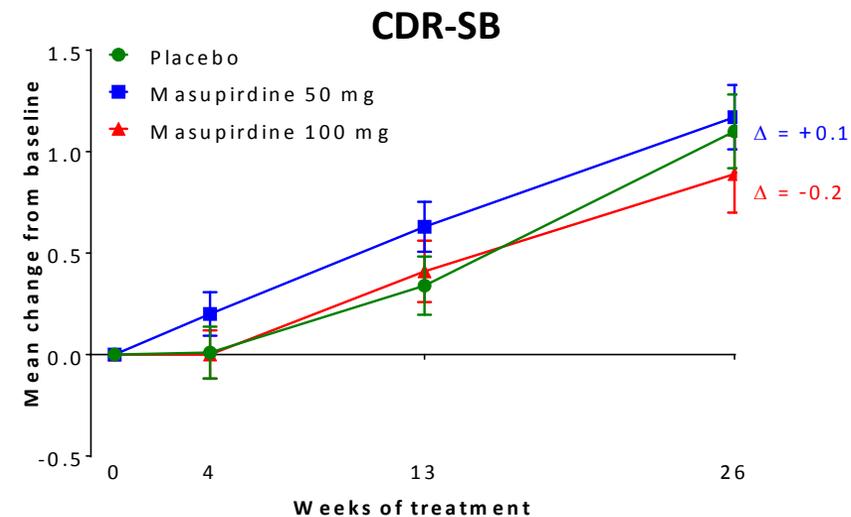
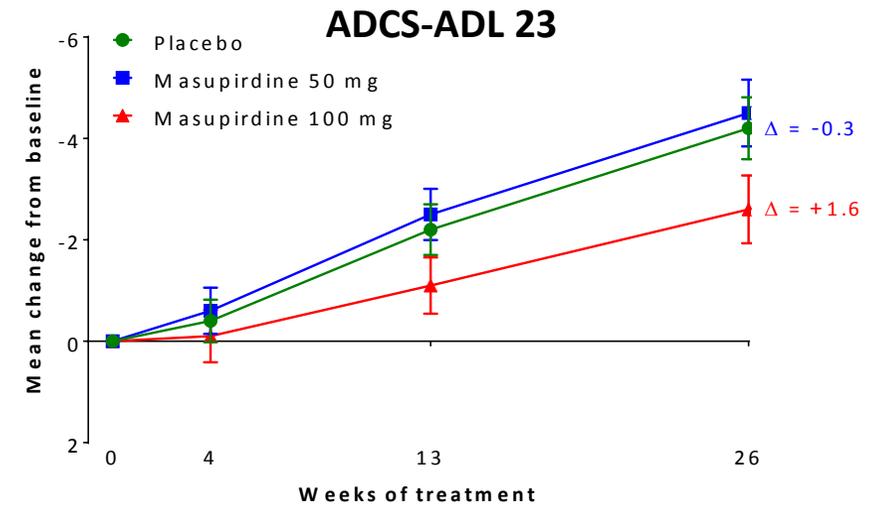
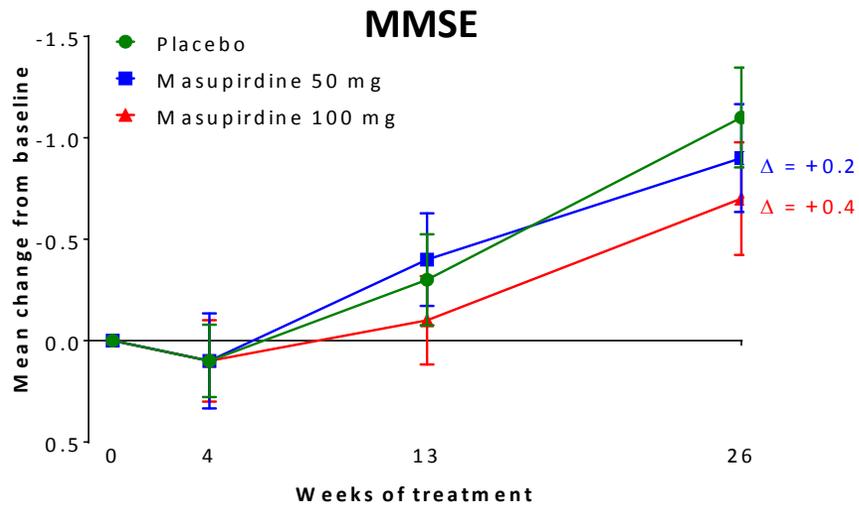
# Masupirdine: Primary Outcome, ADAS-Cog 11



$p > 0.05$ ; mITT: Modified Intent to Treat; EP: Evaluable Population



# Masupirdine: Secondary Outcomes



Improvement  
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p > 0.05; Evaluable Population



# Masupirdine: Safety and Tolerability

	Number (%) of Subjects			
	Placebo	Masupirdine 50 mg	Masupirdine 100 mg	Total
<b>Any TEAE</b>	108 (57.4)	101 (54.0)	107 (59.1)	316 (56.8)
<b>Any Treatment Related AE</b>	21 (11.2)	29 (15.5)	38 (21.0)	88 (15.8)
<b>Any Serious TEAE</b>	12 (6.4)	10 (5.3)	14 (7.7)	36 (6.5)
<b>Any Treatment Related SAE</b>	0	1 (0.5)	1 (0.6)	2 (0.4)
<b>Any TEAE Leading to Study Discontinuation</b>	10 (5.3)	14 (7.5)	19 (10.5)	43 (7.7)

The most common treatment emergent AEs are urinary tract infection, headache, diarrhea and fall; occurred in more than 5% of subjects in any of the treatment arm.

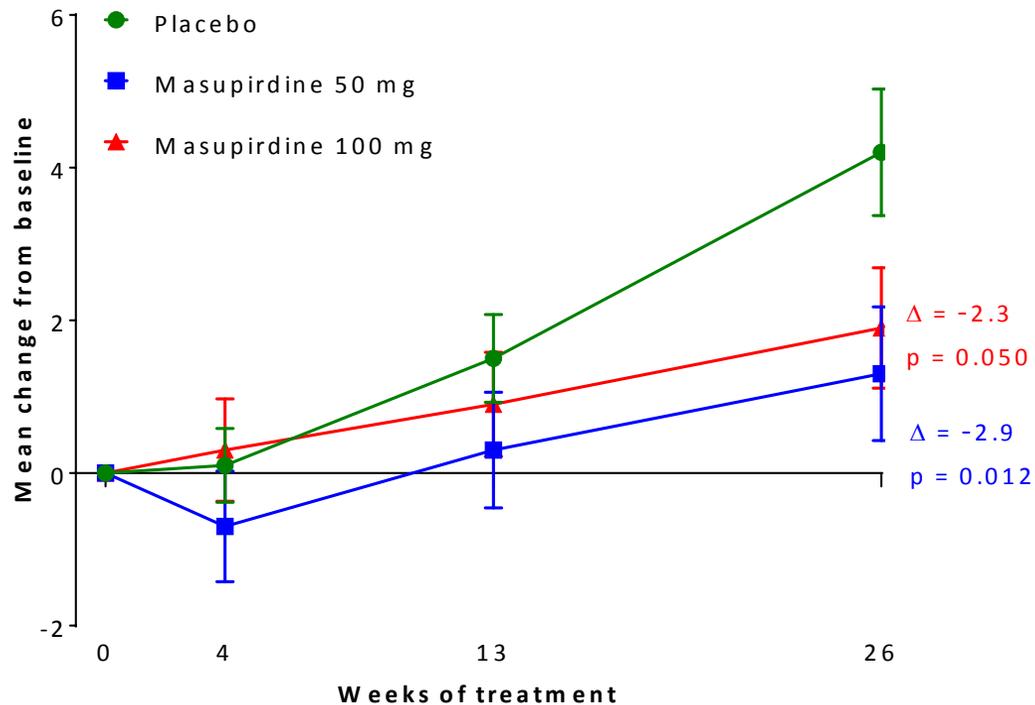
**Masupirdine is safe and well tolerated in moderate AD patients**



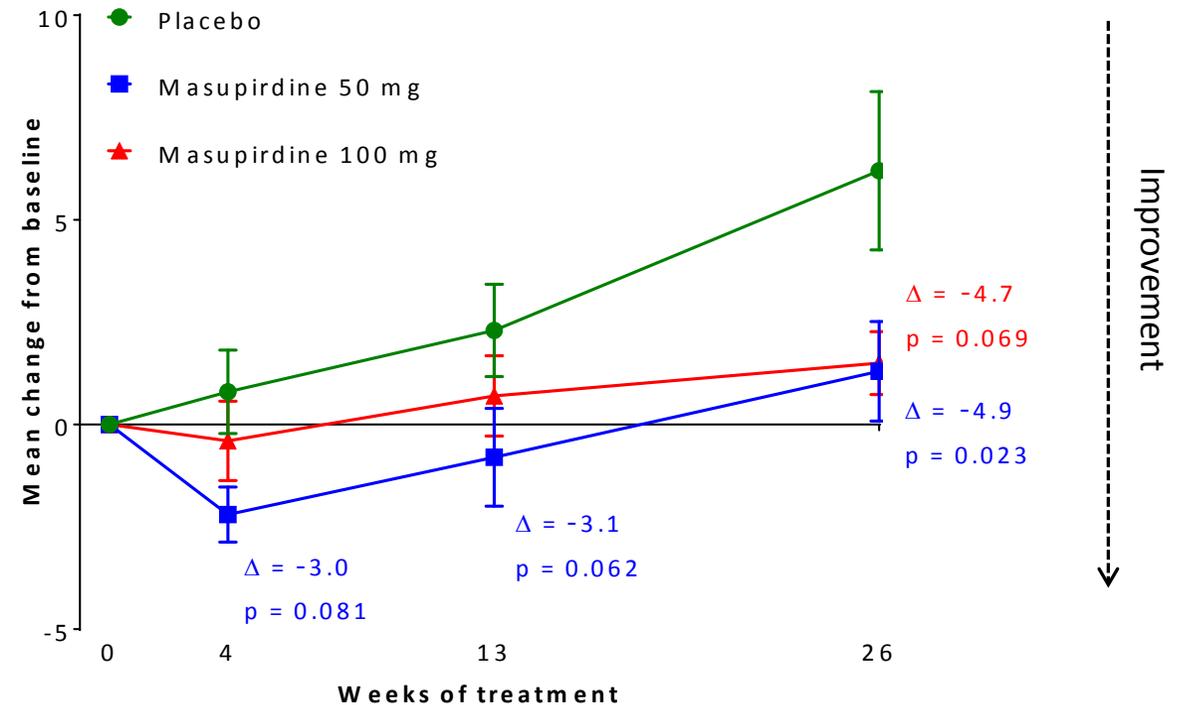
# Hypothesis-Generating Subgroup Analyses

## Masupirdine: Effect on Cognition, ADAS-Cog 11

### Memantine plasma concentrations $\leq 100$ ng/mL



### Memantine use $> 4$ years



Findings suggest exploration of Masupirdine for the treatment of cognitive disorders in the absence of memantine treatment

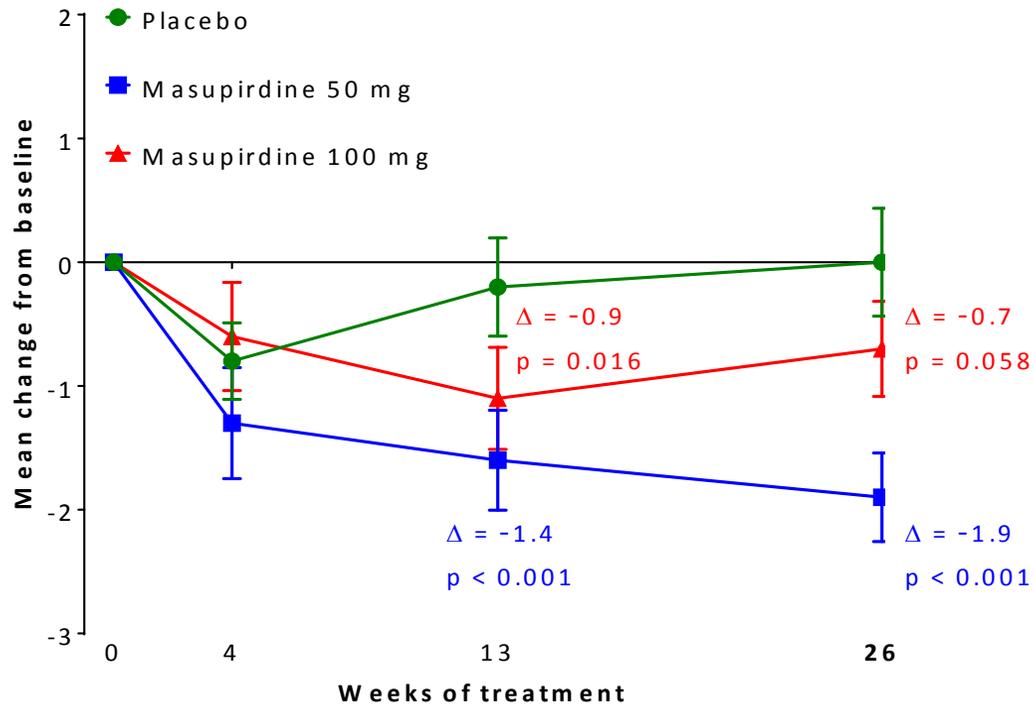
Evaluable Population



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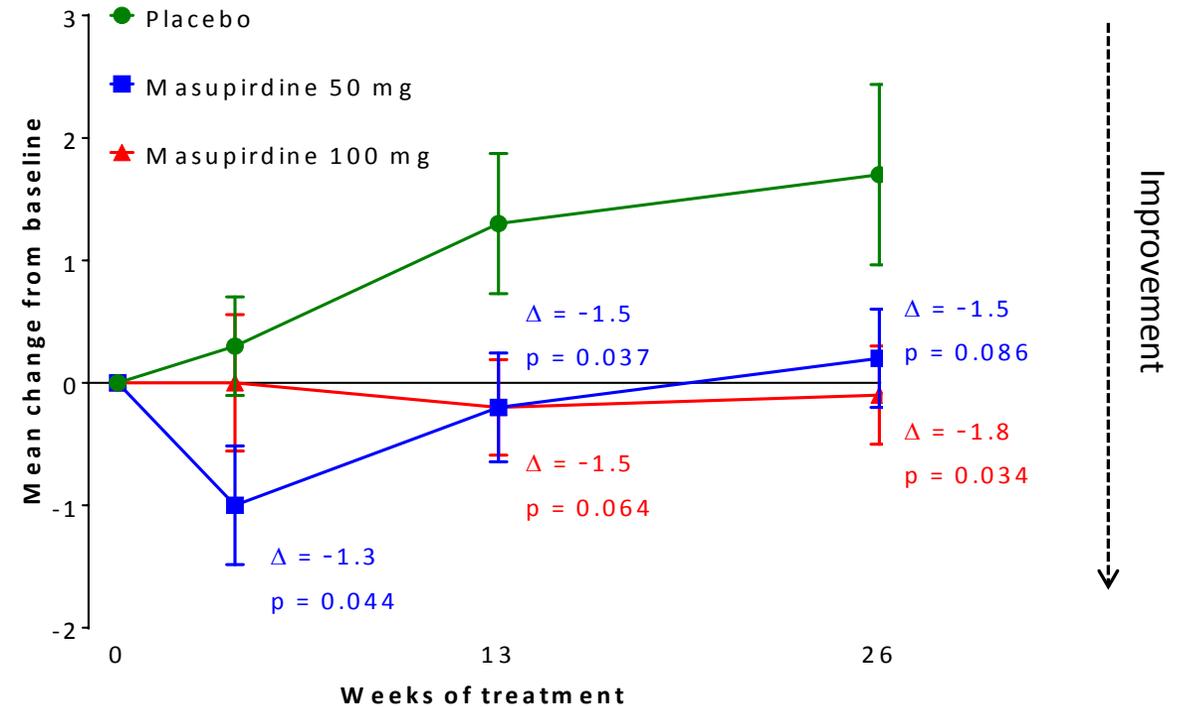
## Masupirdine: Effect on NPI Domains

### Agitation/Aggression



Subjects with baseline agitation/aggression

### Delusions and Hallucinations



Subjects with baseline delusions and/or hallucinations or symptom emergence

**Findings suggest exploration of Masupirdine in Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia (BPSD)**

Evaluable Population



# Masupirdine: Summary and Conclusions

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- ✓ First trial where 5-HT<sub>6</sub> antagonist was tested in combination with standard of care, donepezil and memantine.
- ✓ Masupirdine is safe and well tolerated.
- ✓ Masupirdine in combination with donepezil and memantine missed its primary endpoint.
- ✓ Hypothesis-generating observations emerged from the subgroup analyses of cognition and behavior assessment scales.
  - Potential beneficial effects of masupirdine on cognition emerged upon considering age, AD duration; memantine plasma concentrations and memantine regimen.
  - Beneficial effects of masupirdine were observed on several neuropsychiatric symptoms.



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# Masupirdine: Posters on Subgroup Analyses

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## Dec 4 - 5, 2019

**P37:** Subgroup analyses of memantine regimen, concentrations and duration of treatment

**P38:** Potential benefits on Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms (BPSD) in patients with moderate Alzheimer's disease

## Dec 6 - 7, 2019

**P180:** Effect of AD duration since diagnosis on efficacy endpoints

**P181:** AD diagnosis duration in combination with memantine concentrations on masupirdine efficacy

**P182:** Subgroup analyses based on patient's age and its effect on cognitive endpoints

**P183:** Baseline ADAS-Cog 11 scores and its effect on cognitive endpoints