



# VX-548 PHASE 2 RESULTS IN PAINFUL DIABETIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY

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# SIGNIFICANT UNMET NEED IN ACUTE AND PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHIC PAIN

- Over 90 million patients in the U.S. treated for acute or neuropathic pain annually
- Existing therapies have significant limitations
- VRTX's approach targets the underlying causal human biology
  - $\text{Na}_v1.8$  and  $\text{Na}_v1.7$  are validated targets for pain
  - Selectively inhibiting  $\text{Na}_v1.8/\text{Na}_v1.7$  could reduce the transmission of pain signals in peripheral sensory neurons
- VX-548 is a selective  $\text{Na}_v1.8$  inhibitor:
  - On track for Phase 3 results in **Acute Pain** in early 2024
  - In **Peripheral Neuropathic Pain (PNP)**:
    - Completed Phase 2 in Diabetic Peripheral Neuropathy (DPN)
    - Initiated Phase 2 in Lumbosacral Radiculopathy (LSR)
- Large commercial opportunity addressable with specialty model



# VX-548: POSITIVE RESULTS IN PHASE 2 STUDY IN DIABETIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY (DPN)

Results support aspiration to target Nav1.8 and transform the treatment of peripheral neuropathic pain (PNP)

## PNP program goals

- Develop a new class of medicines with a superior profile to existing therapies in PNP
- Secure broad PNP label

## DPN Phase 2 study goals

- Establish proof-of-concept of the safety and efficacy of VX-548 over 12 weeks of treatment in DPN
- Further establish proof-of-concept of the safety and efficacy of the NaV1.8 inhibitor class in the chronic setting

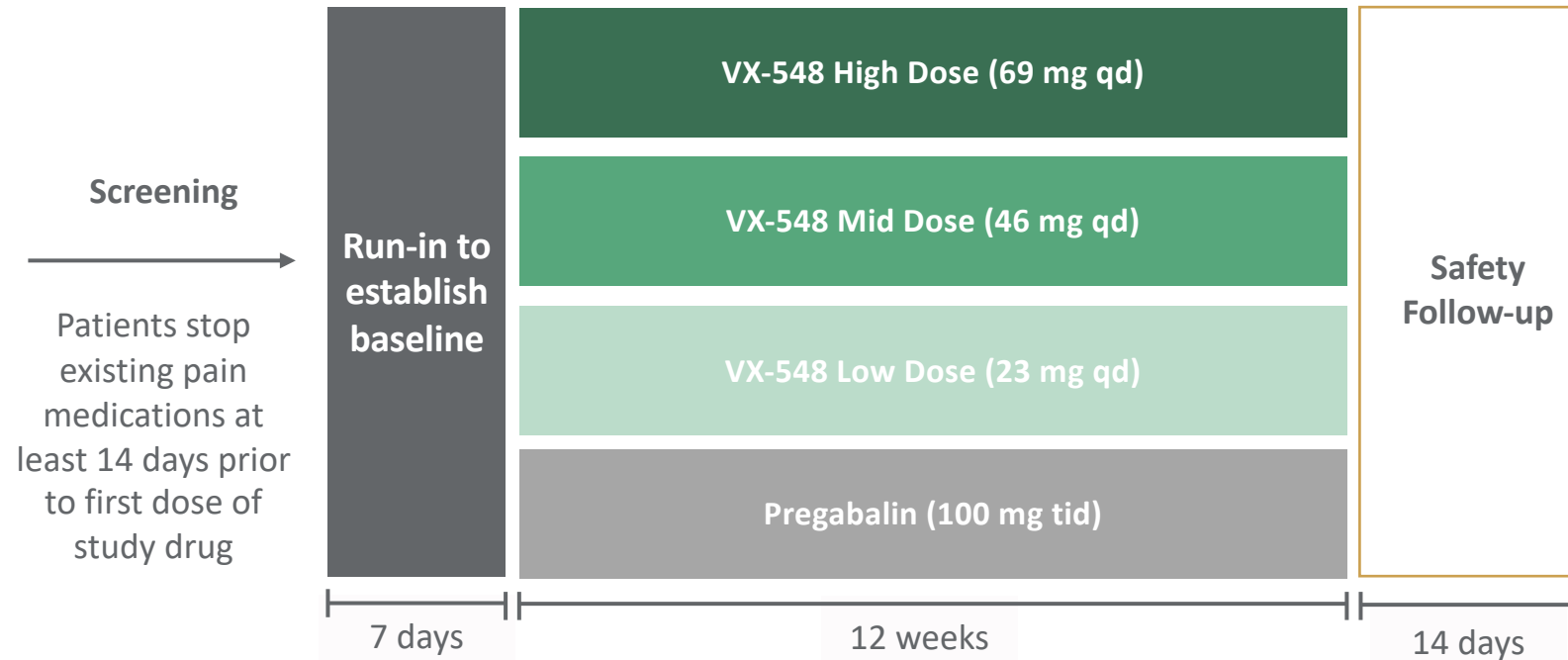
## DPN Phase 2 results

- **Primary endpoint:** statistically significant and clinically meaningful reduction from baseline in weekly average pain scores across all VX-548 doses tested
- Favorable **safety and tolerability** profile for 12 weeks
- VX-548 exposure in three dose groups overlapping, and at the high end of the therapeutic range

# **VX-548 PHASE 2 STUDY IN PAINFUL DIABETIC PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY**

# VX-548 PHASE 2 DPN STUDY DESIGN

Phase 2, randomized, double-blind, active-controlled, dose-ranging study to evaluate safety and efficacy of VX-548 in patients with DPN



**N=192 patients\***, randomized 2:2:1:2 VX-548 High, VX-548 Mid, VX-548 Low, Pregabalin. Treatment naïve and treatment experienced patients were randomized after a 7-day run-in period to establish baseline. Existing pain medications (except acetaminophen 500 mg) were stopped at least 14 days prior to first dose of study drug.

**Key inclusion criteria:** patients with diabetes mellitus type 1 or type 2, ages 18 to 80; bilateral pain in lower extremities due to DPN for at least 1 year; moderate to severe pain at baseline

**Key exclusion criteria:** painful neuropathy other than DPN

\*192 patients enrolled in the trial, 173 were evaluated for efficacy. Due to non-compliance with taking VX-548 at one clinical trial site with 19 enrolled patients, data from this site was included in the safety analyses, but not in the efficacy analyses.

Qd = once a day, tid = three times a day; 100 mg tid is the maximum recommended daily dose of pregabalin for DPN

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- **Primary endpoint:** Change from baseline in the weekly average of daily pain intensity on a numeric pain rating scale (NPRS) at week 12
- Secondary and other endpoints were assessed
- Study not designed or powered for comparisons between VX-548 arms or between VX-548 and pregabalin
- In order to maintain blinding in the study, patients discontinued if CrCl < 60 mL/min across all arms
  - Pregabalin is renally cleared; per label, dose adjustment needed if CrCl < 60 mL/min

# PRIMARY ENDPOINT: TREATMENT WITH VX-548 SHOWED STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT & CLINICALLY MEANINGFUL PAIN RELIEF IN PATIENTS WITH DPN

## Baseline NPRS:

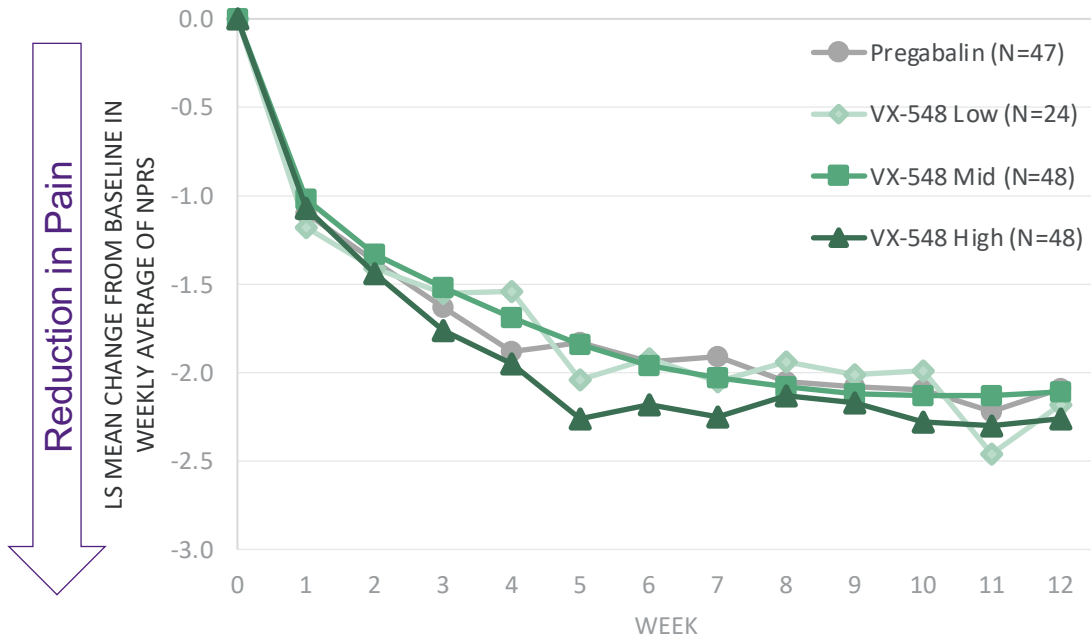
	Pregabalin 100mg TID N=47	VX-548 Low Dose N=24	VX-548 Mid Dose N=48	VX-548 High Dose N=48
Mean (SD)	5.98 (1.28)	5.70 (1.32)	5.88 (0.97)	5.79 (1.22)

**PRIMARY END POINT:** Within group, change from baseline, in the weekly average of daily pain intensity on NPRS at week 12

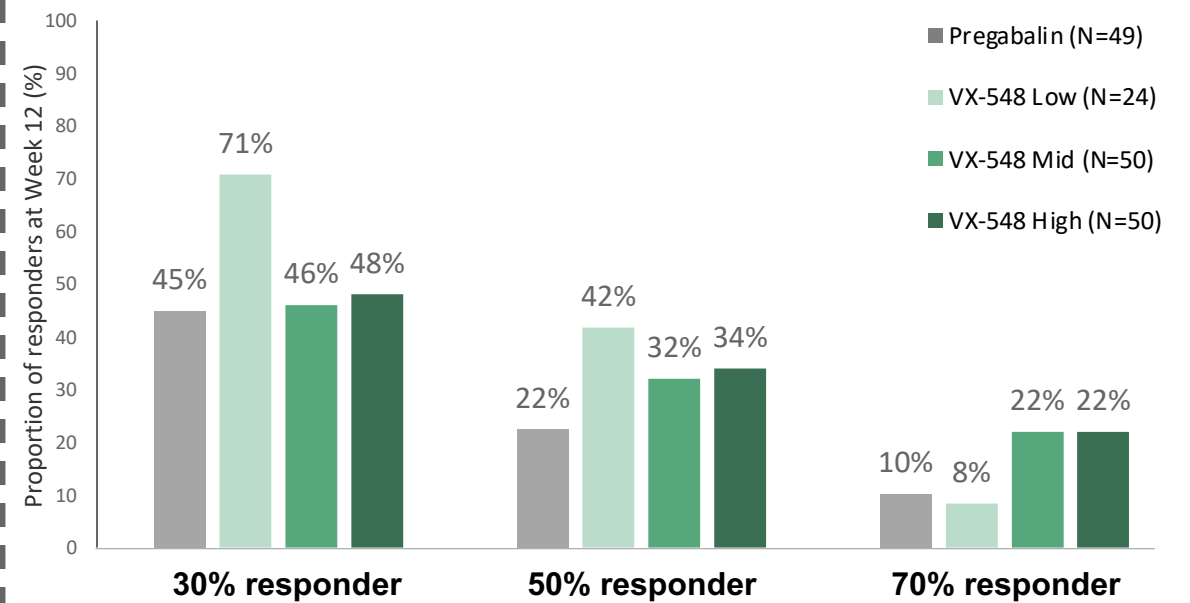
	Pregabalin 100mg TID N=47	VX-548 Low Dose N=24	VX-548 Mid Dose N=48	VX-548 High Dose N=48
LS Mean (SE)	<b>-2.09</b> (0.29)	<b>-2.18</b> (0.39)	<b>-2.11</b> (0.28)	<b>-2.26</b> (0.28)
95% CI	(-2.65, -1.52)	(-2.94, -1.41)	(-2.67, -1.55)	(-2.82, -1.70)
P value	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001

LS Mean = least square mean, SD = standard deviation, SE = standard error, CI = confidence interval

# PRE-SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL ENDPOINTS INDICATE IMPROVED PAIN SCORES FOR PATIENTS TREATED WITH VX-548



Sustained reductions in pain throughout the treatment period for all VX-548 arms



With VX-548, more than 30% of patients achieved  $\geq 50\%$  reduction, more than 20% of patients in the mid- and high-dose groups achieved  $\geq 70\%$  reduction in pain scores

The pregabalin arm serves as a reference. Study was not designed or powered for comparisons between the VX-548 arms or between VX-548 and pregabalin.



# VX-548 WAS GENERALLY WELL TOLERATED AT ALL DOSES STUDIED



## All Study Arms

No SAEs related to VX-548\* or pregabalin



## VX-548 Arms

The majority of AEs were mild or moderate

14.5% related AEs  
(all three VX-548 arms combined)



## Pregabalin Arm

The majority of AEs were mild or moderate

27.8% related AEs

The pregabalin reference arm experienced AEs consistent with pregabalin's label

\* One death in the mid-dose VX-548 group was due to atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and was assessed as NOT related to VX-548.

# TREATMENT EMERGENT ADVERSE EVENTS (TEAE) IN ≥ 2 PATIENTS IN ANY TREATMENT ARM

	Pregabalin N = 54 n (%)	VX-548 Low Dose N = 28 n (%)	VX-548 Mid Dose N = 55 n (%)	VX-548 High Dose N = 55 n (%)	Total VX-548 N = 138 n (%)
Subjects with any TEAEs	20 (37.0)	14 (50.0)	21 (38.2)	31 (56.4)	66 (47.8)
CrCL decrease	1 (1.9)	0	1 (1.8)	6 (10.9)	7 (5.1)
Headache	2 (3.7)	0	3 (5.5)	1 (1.8)	4 (2.9)
Diarrhea	0	1 (3.6)	2 (3.6)	1 (1.8)	4 (2.9)
Nausea	0	0	1 (1.8)	2 (3.6)	3 (2.2)
Fatigue	1 (1.9)	1 (3.6)	0	2 (3.6)	3 (2.2)
Constipation	1 (1.9)	0	2 (3.6)	1 (1.8)	3 (2.2)
Somnolence	2 (3.7)	1 (3.6)	2 (3.6)	0	3 (2.2)
Back pain	0	3 (10.7)	0	0	3 (2.2)
Cellulitis	0	0	0	2 (3.6)	2 (1.4)
GERD	0	0	0	2 (3.6)	2 (1.4)
Pain in extremity	0	0	0	2 (3.6)	2 (1.4)
Type 2 diabetes mellitus	0	0	0	2 (3.6)	2 (1.4)
Lipase increased	2 (3.7)	0	0	1 (1.8)	1 (0.7)
Dizziness	5 (9.3)	0	1 (1.8)	0	1 (0.7)
Oedema peripheral	3 (5.6)	1 (3.6)	0	0	1 (0.7)
Weight increased	4 (7.4)	0	0	0	0

## RELATED TEAE IN ≥ 2 PATIENTS IN ANY TREATMENT ARM

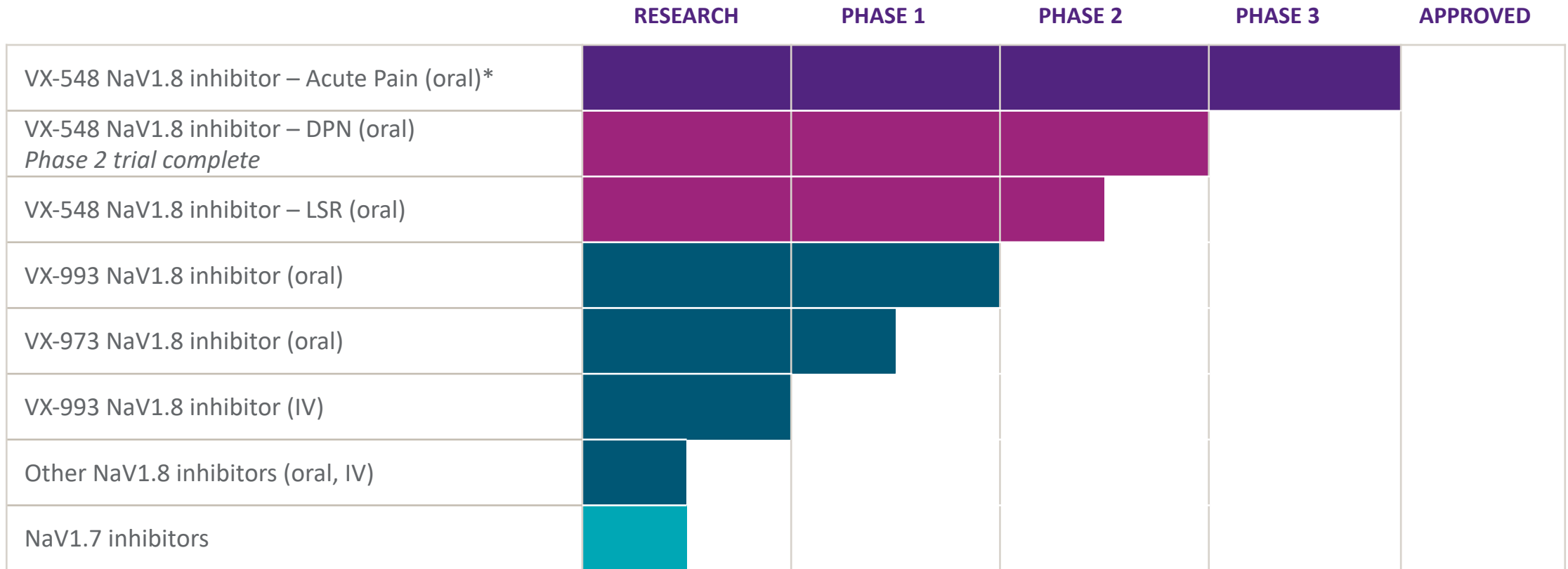
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Subjects with any related TEAEs	15 (27.8)	6 (21.4)	7 (12.7)	7 (12.7)	20 (14.5)
Diarrhea	0	1 (3.6)	2 (3.6)	0	3 (2.2)
Weight increased	3 (5.6)	0	0	0	0
Headache	2 (3.7)	0	1 (1.8)	1 (1.8)	2 (1.4)
Dizziness	4 (7.4)	0	0	0	0
Somnolence	2 (3.7)	1 (3.6)	1 (1.8)	0	2 (1.4)

TEAE = treatment emergent adverse event



# VERTEX IS COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING THE TREATMENT OF PAIN

## BROAD AND DEEP PIPELINE TO MAINTAIN LEADERSHIP IN MULTIPLE PAIN STATES



IV: intravenous

\* Dosing in the Phase 3 program in Acute Pain has completed.

Acute Pain



Peripheral Neuropathic Pain





**SUMMARY:  
POSITIVE PHASE 2  
RESULTS WITH  
VX-548 IN PAINFUL  
DIABETIC  
PERIPHERAL  
NEUROPATHY**

**Growing body of evidence supporting the promise of NaV1.8 inhibitors for pain, the first potential new class of pain medicines in over two decades**

- ❑ MoA targets the underlying causal human biology
- ❑ Non-opioid class that acts in the peripheral nervous system
- ❑ Six out of six positive Phase 2 studies with Vertex selective NaV1.8 inhibitors

**Phase 2 DPN results are first demonstration of VX-548 safety & efficacy in a chronic pain condition**

- ❑ Statistically significant and clinically meaningful reduction from baseline in weekly average pain scores at 12 weeks
- ❑ Favorable safety and tolerability profile

**Immediate next steps in PNP**

- ❑ Enroll Phase 2 study of VX-548 in painful LSR
- ❑ Engage in End of Phase 2 meeting with regulators
- ❑ Advance VX-548 into pivotal development in 2024

**Mid- and long-term goals in pain**

- ❑ Develop a portfolio of first-in-class and best-in-class medicines for pain: NaV1.8 inhibitors, NaV1.7 inhibitors, and potential combinations of NaV1.8 and NaV1.7 inhibitors
- ❑ Secure broad PNP label



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