



## SUZETRIGINE (VX-548) ASA UPDATE

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# AGENDA

## Introduction

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## Phase 3 Results of Suzetrigine

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## Real-World Perspective on Acute Pain Management

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## Questions & Answers

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# Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Trials of Suzetrigine, a Non-Opioid, Pain Signal Inhibitor for Treatment of Acute Pain After Abdominoplasty or Bunionectomy

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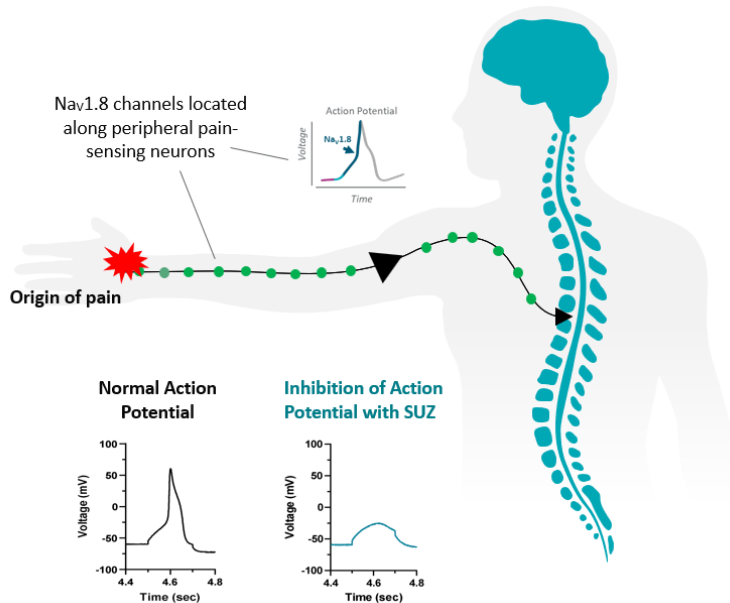
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# Selectively Targeting Peripheral $\text{Na}_v1.8$ Channels With Suzetrigine Inhibits Pain Signals With No Addictive Potential



## $\text{Na}_v1.8$

- **Therapeutic target** for pain management
- Critical role in transmitting nociceptive signals; **selectively expressed on peripheral nociceptors** and within dorsal root ganglia
- **Not expressed in the brain**; therefore, not associated with addiction

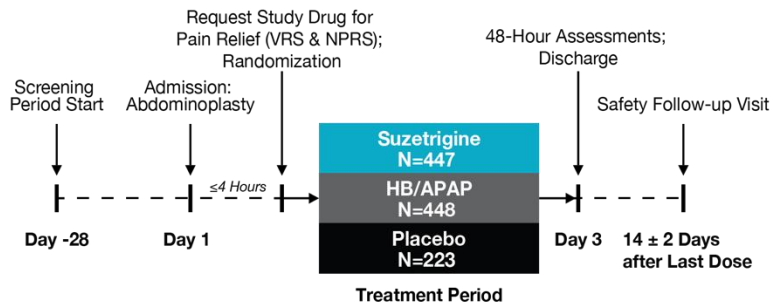
## Suzetrigine

- **Oral, small molecule** that is potent and highly selective for  $\text{Na}_v1.8$
- A **selective pain signal inhibitor** with no addictive potential

**Suzetrigine, a non-opioid, non-addictive, selective pain signal inhibitor, holds the promise to be the first treatment for moderate-to-severe acute pain in a new pharmacologic class in over two decades.**

# Largest Phase 3 Randomized, Controlled Trials in Established Models of Acute Pain

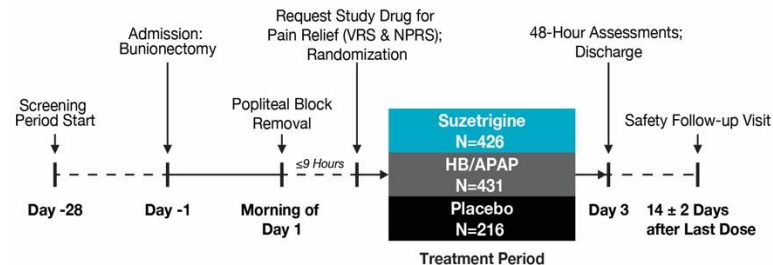
## NAVIGATE 2: Abdominoplasty (N=1118)



### Study Design

- **Suzetrigine tablets:** 100-mg then 50-mg every 12 hours administered orally
- **HB/APAP capsules:** 5-mg/325-mg every 6 hours administered orally
- **Rescue medication:** ibuprofen was permitted, if needed, for pain relief, as is conventional in trials of acute pain with an opioid comparator

## NAVIGATE 1: Bunionectomy (N=1073)



### Key Eligibility Criteria

- **Age:** 18 to 80 years
- **Reported pain:** moderate or severe on the VRS and ≥4 on the NPRS within 4 hours after abdominoplasty or 9 hours after removal of the popliteal sciatic nerve block (with ropivacaine) after a bunionectomy

# Primary and Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints for NAVIGATE 1 and NAVIGATE 2 Trials

## Primary Efficacy Endpoint

- SPID48 for suzetrigine compared to placebo

## Key Secondary Efficacy Endpoints

- SPID48 for suzetrigine compared to HB/APAP
- Time to  $\geq 2$ -point reduction in NPRS from baseline for suzetrigine compared to placebo (i.e., time to clinically meaningful pain relief)

## Analysis of the Primary and Key Secondary Endpoints

- **Pre-specified analysis with imputation of NPRS** scores after ibuprofen rescue for 6 hours using the pre-rescue score to assess the efficacy of suzetrigine as a **monotherapy** compared to placebo.
- **Ad hoc analysis without imputation of NPRS** scores after ibuprofen rescue to assess the efficacy of suzetrigine *plus* ibuprofen (if used) compared to placebo *plus* ibuprofen (if used), which is representative of **multimodal treatment**.



# Demographics & Baseline Characteristics Were Balanced Within Each Trial; Greater Baseline Pain in the Abdominoplasty Trial Than the Bunionectomy Trial

	Abdominoplasty				Bunionectomy			
	<u>Suzetrigine</u> N = 447	HB/APAP N = 448	Placebo N = 223	Total N = 1118	Suzetrigine N = 426	HB/APAP N = 431	Placebo N = 216	Total N = 1073
<b>Age (years), mean (SD)</b>	41.5 (9.1)	42.1 (8.7)	41.5 (8.5)	41.8 (8.8)	47.7 (13.3)	48.3 (12.6)	48.1 (13.5)	48.0 (13.1)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>								
Female	437 (97.8)	441 (98.4)	220 (98.7)	1098 (98.2)	366 (85.9)	359 (83.3)	187 (86.6)	912 (85.0)
Male	10 (2.2)	7 (1.6)	3 (1.3)	20 (1.8)	60 (14.1)	72 (16.7)	29 (13.4)	161 (15.0)
<b>Race, n (%)</b>								
White	307 (68.7)	316 (70.5)	155 (69.5)	778 (69.6)	285 (66.9)	314 (72.9)	160 (74.1)	759 (70.7)
Black or African American	123 (27.5)	114 (25.4)	62 (27.8)	299 (26.7)	116 (27.2)	96 (22.3)	48 (22.2)	260 (24.2)
Other*	17 (3.8)	18 (4.0)	6 (2.7)	41 (3.7)	25 (5.9)	21 (4.9)	8 (3.7)	54 (5.0)
<b>BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>), mean (SD)</b>	29.21 (4.06)	29.38 (4.37)	29.58 (4.20)	29.35 (4.21)	28.10 (4.93)	28.07 (4.82)	28.29 (4.77)	28.13 (4.85)
<b>NPRS, mean (SD)</b>	7.3 (1.7)	7.4 (1.7)	7.5 (1.7)	7.4 (1.7)	6.7 (1.8)	6.8 (1.9)	6.8 (1.8)	6.8 (1.8)
<b>NPRS category, n (%)</b>								
<8	227 (50.8)	229 (51.1)	111 (49.8)	567 (50.7)	274 (64.3)	274 (63.6)	143 (66.2)	691 (64.4)
≥8	220 (49.2)	219 (48.9)	112 (50.2)	551 (49.3)	152 (35.7)	157 (36.4)	73 (33.8)	382 (35.6)
<b>VRS, n (%)</b>								
Moderate	266 (59.5)	262 (58.5)	127 (57.0)	655 (58.6)	291 (68.3)	279 (64.7)	147 (68.1)	717 (66.8)
Severe	181 (40.5)	186 (41.5)	96 (43.0)	463 (41.4)	135 (31.7)	152 (35.3)	69 (31.9)	356 (33.2)

Table includes participants who were randomized and received at least one dose of study drug. Participants were analyzed according to their randomized treatment.

\* "Other" category includes Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Other, Multiracial, or Missing

# Suzetrigine Showed Statistically Significant Superior Efficacy in Pain Reduction Compared to Placebo as Measured by SPID48

## Primary Endpoint was Met in Both Trials

	Abdominoplasty		Bunionectomy	
Primary Endpoint: SPID48 Compared to Placebo	Suzetrigine N=447	Placebo N=223	Suzetrigine N=426	Placebo N=216
<b>With Rescue Imputation (monotherapy)</b>				
LS mean (SE)	118.4 (4.3)	70.1 (6.1)	99.9 (4.5)	70.6 (6.3)
LS mean difference from placebo	48.4	--	29.3	--
95% CI	(33.6, 63.1)	--	(14.0, 44.6)	--
<i>P</i> value versus placebo	<0.0001	--	0.0002	--
<b>Without Rescue Imputation (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)</b>				
LS mean (SE)	153.0 (4.5)	105.4 (6.4)	128.8 (4.7)	100.1 (6.6)
LS mean difference from placebo	47.7	--	28.8	--
95% CI	(32.4, 62.9)	--	(12.9, 44.6)	--
Nominal <i>P</i> value versus placebo*	<0.0001	--	0.0004	--

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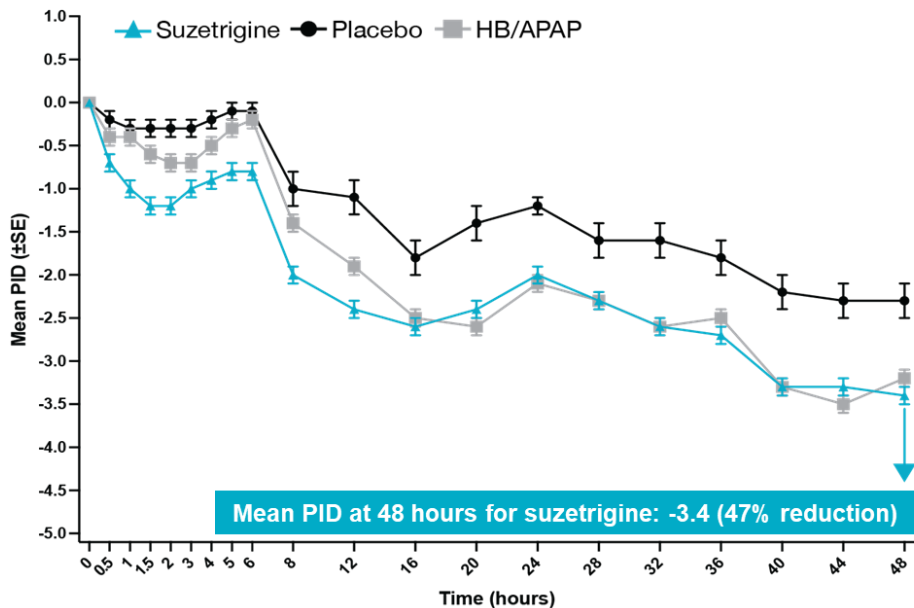
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**The magnitude of the treatment effect over 48 hours demonstrates that suzetrigine is effective as a monotherapy and as part of a multimodal therapy**

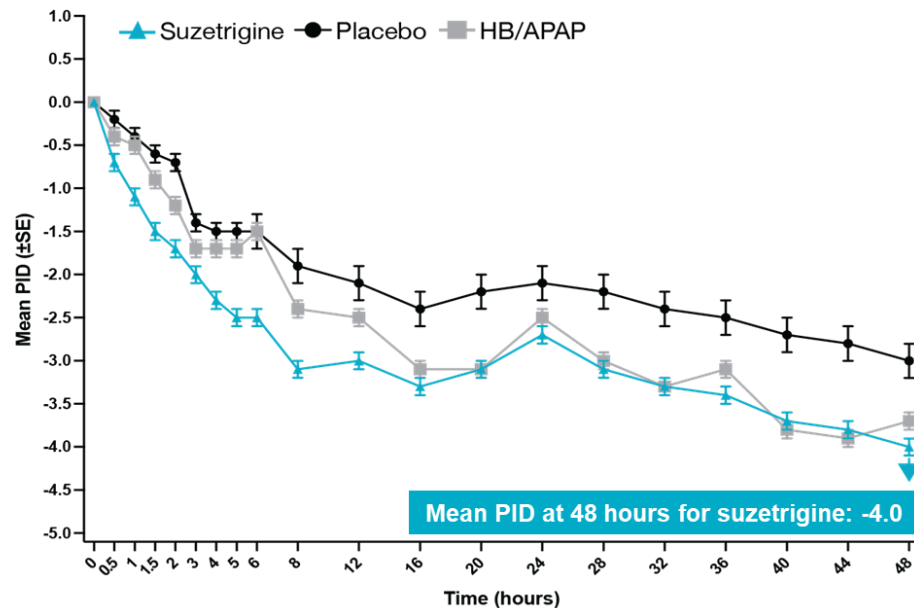
# Rapid, Sustained, and Clinically Meaningful Pain Relief at 48 Hours was Observed With Suzetrigine After Abdominoplasty

## Abdominoplasty

Analysis with rescue imputation: effect of study drug only (monotherapy)



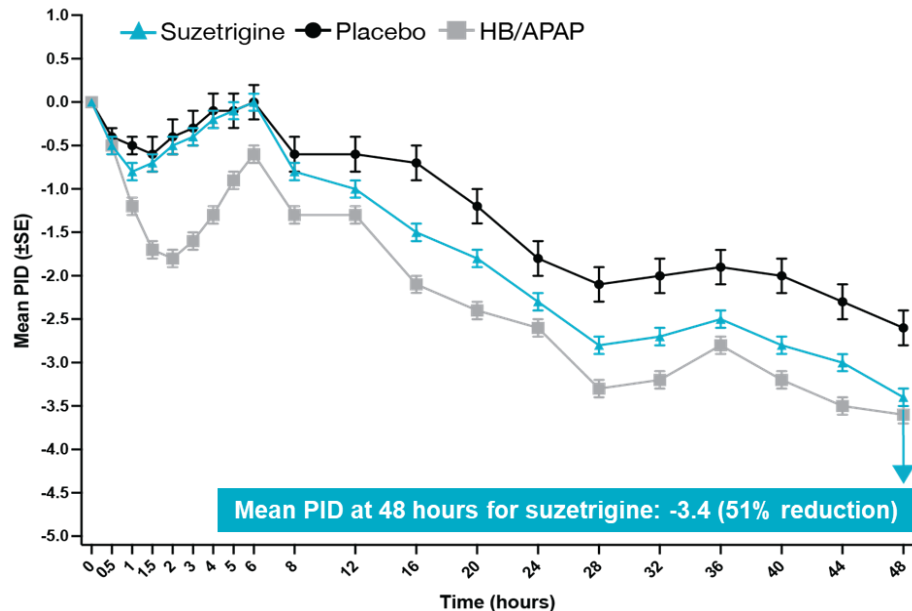
Analysis without rescue imputation: effect of study drug *plus* ibuprofen (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)



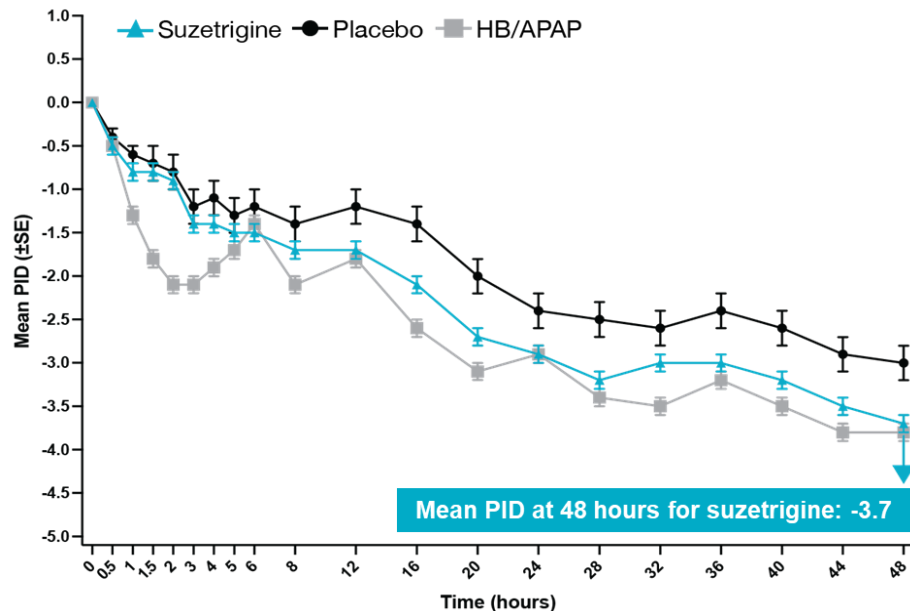
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## Bunionectomy

Analysis with rescue imputation: effect of study drug only (monotherapy)



Analysis without rescue imputation: effect of study drug *plus* ibuprofen (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)



# Suzetrigine Monotherapy Did Not Meet the First Key Secondary Endpoint of Superiority to HB/APAP Combination Product

## First Key Secondary Endpoint: SPID48 Compared to HB/APAP

	Abdominoplasty		Bunionectomy	
	Suzetrigine N=447	HB/APAP N=448	Suzetrigine N=426	HB/APAP N=431
<b>With Rescue Imputation (monotherapy)</b>				
LS mean (SE)	118.4 (4.3)	111.8 (4.3)	99.9 (4.5)	120.1 (4.5)
LS mean difference from HB/APAP	6.6	--	-20.2	--
95% CI	(-5.4, 18.7)	--	(-32.7, -7.7)	--
<i>P</i> value vs. HB/APAP	0.2781	--	0.0016	--
<b>Without Rescue Imputation (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)</b>				
LS mean (SE)	153.0 (4.5)	141.0 (4.5)	128.8 (4.7)	140.6 (4.7)
LS mean difference from HB/APAP	12.0	--	-11.8	--
95% CI	(-0.5, 24.4)	--	(-24.8, 1.2)	--
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. HB/APAP*	0.0595	--	0.0752	--

Note: Table includes participants who were randomized and received at least one dose of study drug. Participants were analyzed according to their randomized treatment.

\*Analyses for SPID48 compared to HB/APAP without rescue imputation are ad hoc; therefore, *P* values are nominal.

# Suzetrigine Treatment Led to Rapid Onset of Clinically Meaningful Pain Relief

## Second Key Secondary Endpoint: Time to $\geq 2$ -Point Reduction in NPRS from Baseline Compared to Placebo

	Abdominoplasty		Bunionectomy	
	Suzetrigine N=447	Placebo N=223	Suzetrigine N=426	Placebo N=216
<b>With Rescue Imputation (monotherapy)</b>				
Median time (minutes)	119	480	240	480
95% CI	(90, 180)	(477, 705)	(117, 477)	(476, 716)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo* (Log rank test)	<0.0001	--	0.0016	--
<b>Without Rescue Imputation (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)</b>				
Median time (minutes)	91	180	122	180
95% CI	(89, 116)	(175, 235)	(115, 177)	(120, 245)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo† (Log rank test)	<0.0001	--	0.0353	--

Note: Table includes participants who were randomized and received at least one dose of study drug. Participants were analyzed according to their randomized treatment.

\* *P* values for the secondary endpoint of time to  $\geq 2$ -point reduction in NPRS from baseline were nominal due to the break in hierarchical testing.

†Analyses for time to  $\geq 2$ -point reduction in NPRS from baseline without rescue imputation are ad hoc; therefore, *P* values are nominal.

# Onset of Clinically Meaningful Pain Relief for Suzetrigine Was Similar Between All Participants in Abdominoplasty Trial and Subgroup of Participants in Bunionectomy Trial with Baseline NPRS $\geq 6$

<b>Abdominoplasty: All Participants</b> Mean baseline NPRS: 7.4		
	<b>Suzetrigine N=447</b>	<b>Placebo N=223</b>
<b>With Rescue Imputation (monotherapy)</b>		
Median time (minutes)	119	480
95% CI	(90, 180)	(477, 705)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo* (Log rank test)	<0.0001	--
<b>Without Rescue Imputation (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)</b>		
Median time (minutes)	91	180
95% CI	(89, 116)	(175, 235)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo† (Log rank test)	<0.0001	--

<b>Bunionectomy: Participants With Baseline NPRS <math>\geq 6</math></b> Mean baseline NPRS: 7.7		
	<b>Suzetrigine N=285</b>	<b>Placebo N=159</b>
<b>With Rescue Imputation (monotherapy)</b>		
Median time (minutes)	115	480
95% CI	(87, 475)	(180, 716)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo† (Log rank test)	0.0008	--
<b>Without Rescue Imputation (representative of multimodal therapy in real-world setting)</b>		
Median time (minutes)	95	175
95% CI	(86, 123)	(90, 235)
Nominal <i>P</i> value vs. placebo† (Log rank test)	0.0128	--

\* *P* value for the secondary endpoint of time to  $\geq 2$ -point reduction in NPRS from baseline was nominal due to the break in hierarchical testing.

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# Suzetrigine Was Generally Safe and Well Tolerated; Lower Incidence of Adverse Events Was Observed With Suzetrigine Than HB/APAP or Placebo

	Abdominoplasty			Bunionectomy		
	Suzetrigine N = 448	HB/APAP N = 448	Placebo N = 222	Suzetrigine N = 426	HB/APAP N = 431	Placebo N = 216
<b>Participants with any AEs, n (%)</b>	224 (50.0)	272 (60.7)	125 (56.3)	132 (31.0)	180 (41.8)	76 (35.2)
<b>Participants with AEs by maximum severity, n (%)</b>						
Mild	131 (29.2)	149 (33.3)	72 (32.4)	104 (24.4)	134 (31.1)	61 (28.2)
Moderate	83 (18.5)	112 (25.0)	46 (20.7)	27 (6.3)	42 (9.7)	15 (6.9)
Severe	8 (1.8)	9 (2.0)	6 (2.7)	1 (0.2)	4 (0.9)	0
Life-threatening*	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	0	0	0	0
Death†	0	0	1 (0.5)	0	0	0
<b>Participants with SAEs, n (%)</b>	11 (2.5)	7 (1.6)	5 (2.3)	0	0	0
<b>Participants with AEs leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)‡</b>	5 (1.1)	5 (1.1)	1 (0.5)	0	0	0
<b>AEs (≥4% in any treatment group in either trial), n (%)</b>						
Nausea	85 (19.0)	147 (32.8)	56 (25.2)	35 (8.2)	62 (14.4)	23 (10.6)
Constipation	47 (10.5)	39 (8.7)	24 (10.8)	15 (3.5)	22 (5.1)	9 (4.2)
Headache	19 (4.2)	32 (7.1)	11 (5.0)	21 (4.9)	45 (10.4)	20 (9.3)
Dizziness	18 (4.0)	24 (5.4)	17 (7.7)	15 (3.5)	23 (5.3)	11 (5.1)
Hypotension	11 (2.5)	16 (3.6)	15 (6.8)	0	0	1 (0.5)
Vomiting	10 (2.2)	18 (4.0)	3 (1.4)	7 (1.6)	19 (4.4)	6 (2.8)

Note: Table includes participants who received at least one dose of study drug. Participants were analyzed according to the treatment they received. In the abdominoplasty trial, one participant was randomized to receive placebo but received one dose of suzetrigine due to an error in dispensing study drug kits at one site.

\* In the abdominoplasty trial, life-threatening SAEs were pulmonary embolism (suzetrigine), anemia (suzetrigine), pulmonary embolism (HB/APAP), and intra-abdominal hematoma (HB/APAP); all SAEs were considered unlikely related or not related to study drug.

† In the abdominoplasty trial, one participant who received placebo had an SAE of pulmonary embolism that led to death; the SAE was considered not related to study drug.

‡ In the bunionectomy trial, one participant who received HB/APAP discontinued due to a pre-treatment AE (hypotension).



# Conclusions

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- Suzetrigine is an **oral**, non-opioid, non-addictive, **pain signal inhibitor** of Na<sub>v</sub>1.8.
- Suzetrigine was evaluated in the **largest** phase 3 randomized, controlled trials in established models of acute pain (abdominoplasty and bunionectomy).
  - **Statistically significant, clinically meaningful, and rapid reduction in moderate-to-severe acute pain was observed with suzetrigine.**
  - The magnitude of the treatment effect over 48 hours demonstrates that **suzetrigine is effective as a monotherapy and as part of a multimodal therapy.**
- Suzetrigine was generally **safe** and **well tolerated with lower incidence of AEs than placebo and HB/APAP**; most AEs were **mild or moderate** in severity and **consistent with the post-surgical setting.**

**Suzetrigine, a non-opioid, non-addictive, highly selective Na<sub>v</sub>1.8 pain signal inhibitor, holds the promise to be the first new class of treatment for moderate-to-severe acute pain in over two decades.**

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For Treatment of Acute Pain From Surgical and Non-surgical Conditions**

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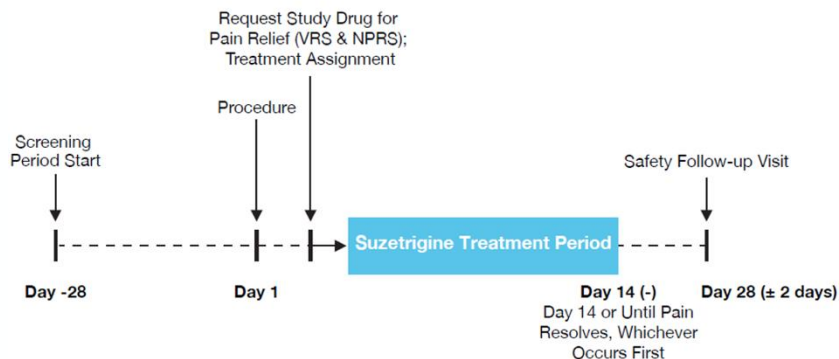
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# Single-arm Study Evaluated Safety and Effectiveness of Suzetrigine for Treatment of Diverse Acute Pain Conditions in a Real World Setting

Figure 2. Study Design

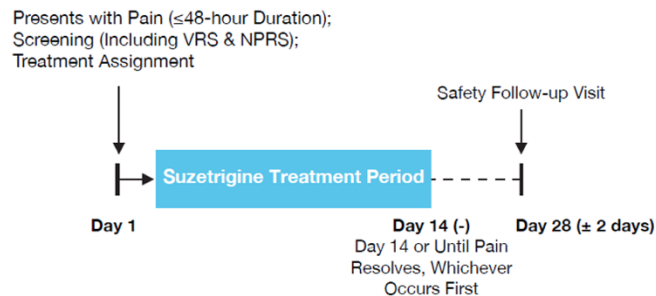
A. Surgical



## Key Eligibility Criteria

- **Age:** 18 to 80 years
- **Reported pain:** moderate or severe on the VRS and  $\geq 4$  on the NPRS following surgical procedures or after presenting to a medical facility with non-surgical pain of new origin (prior 48 hours; not related to a prior known condition)

B. Non-Surgical



## Study Design

- **Suzetrigine tablets:** 100-mg first dose, then 50-mg every 12 hours administered orally for 14 days or until pain resolved
- **Rescue medication:** ibuprofen and acetaminophen were permitted, if needed, for pain relief, in line with standard multimodal therapy

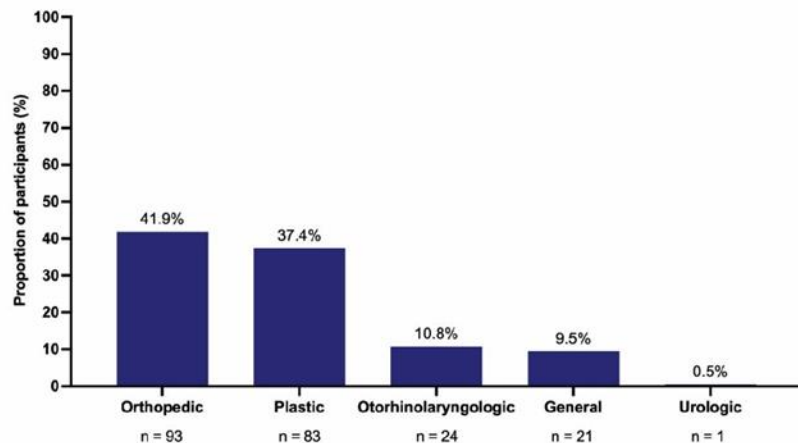
## Outcomes

- **Primary Endpoint:** Safety
- **Secondary Endpoint:** Participant perception of the effectiveness of suzetrigine in managing pain at the end of treatment assessed by the proportion of participants reporting good, very good, or excellent on a patient global assessment (PGA)

# Study Included Participants With Wide Variety of Acute Pain Conditions

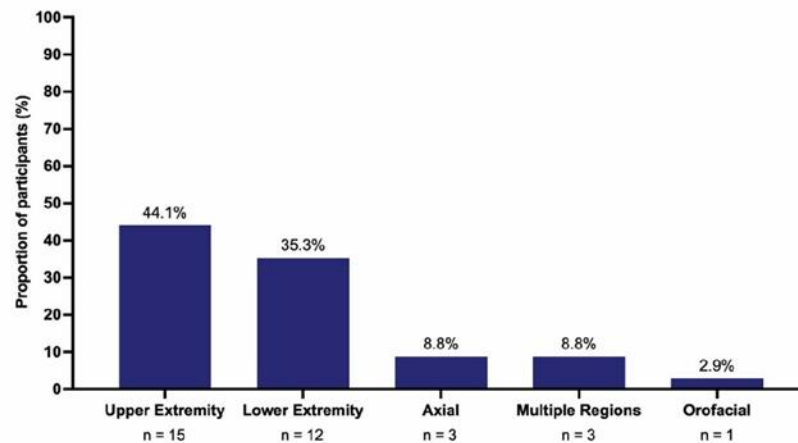
## Figure 3. Study Participants

### A. Surgical Type



Most Common				Included
Foot	Liposuction	Nasal septal	Inguinal hernia	Circumcision
Ankle	Mammoplasty	Turbinoplasty	Abdominal hernia	
Shoulder	Abdominoplasty	Nasal valve		
Knee	Rhinoplasty			
Hip				
Toe				

### B. Non-surgical Region



Included				
Wrist	Ankle	Back	Ankle	Jaw pain
Elbow	Knee	Neck	Arm	
Arm	Leg		Neck	
Shoulder	Hip		Thorax	
Hand	Foot		Hip	
			Shoulder	

n: number of participants in specified category

Note: Figure includes participants who received at least one dose of suzetrigine.

# Most Participants Completed Treatment With Suzetrigine

**Table 2.** Disposition

	Suzetrigine N = 256
<b>Completed study drug, n (%)</b>	242 (94.5)
<b>Reason for completion of treatment, n (%)</b>	
Pain resolution	137 (53.5)
Completed dosing until Day 14	105 (41.0)
<b>Discontinued study drug, n (%)</b>	14 (5.5)
<b>Reason for discontinuation from study drug, n (%)</b>	
Adverse event <sup>a</sup>	5 (2.0)
Lack of efficacy	4 (1.6)
Sponsor decision	1 (0.4)
Other	4 (1.6)

**N:** number of participants in the analysis set; **n:** number of participants

Note: Table includes participants who received at least one dose of suzetrigine.

- <sup>a</sup> Adverse events that led to treatment discontinuation in 5 participants were accidental overdose, arrhythmia, nausea, rash, and somnolence. All adverse events that led to treatment discontinuation occurred in a single participant each, and all but 1 (arrhythmia) resolved by the end of the study.

# Suzetrigine was Generally Safe and Well Tolerated With No Serious Adverse Events Related to Suzetrigine

**Table 3.** Summary of Adverse Events

	Suzetrigine N = 256
<b>Participants with any AEs, n (%)</b>	94 (36.7)
<b>Participants with any AEs by maximum severity, n (%)</b>	
Mild	71 (27.7)
Moderate	21 (8.2)
Severe	2 (0.8)
<b>Participants with SAEs, n (%)<sup>a</sup></b>	2 (0.8)
<b>Participants with AEs leading to treatment discontinuation, n (%)</b>	5 (2.0)
<b>AEs occurring in ≥2% of participants, n (%)</b>	
Headache	18 (7.0)
Constipation	9 (3.5)
Nausea	8 (3.1)
Fall <sup>b</sup>	6 (2.3)
Rash	5 (2.0)

**AE:** adverse event; **N:** number of participants in the analysis set; **n:** number of participants; **SAE:** serious adverse event

Note: Table includes participants who received at least one dose of suzetrigine.

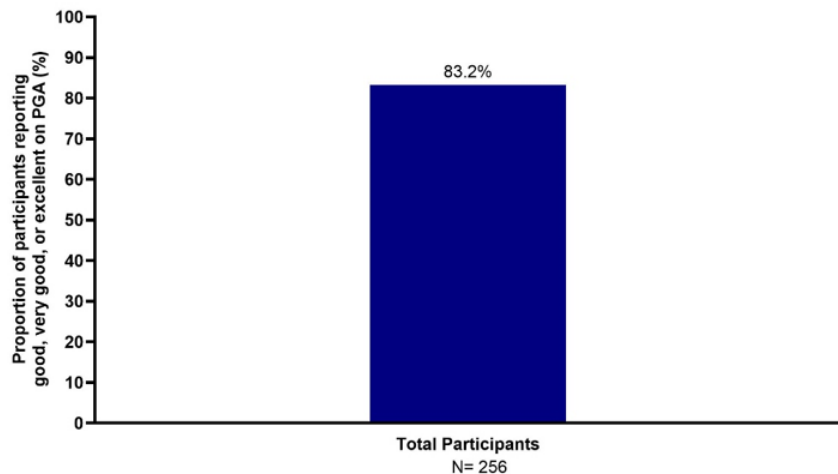
<sup>a</sup> SAEs included cellulitis (1 participant) and suicidal ideation (1 participant); both SAEs were considered not related to suzetrigine.

<sup>b</sup> Six participants (2.3%) who had lower extremity, foot, and/or ankle surgeries had falls; these events were all mild and considered by investigators as not related or unlikely related to suzetrigine. None of the participants had dizziness or syncope and all recovered.

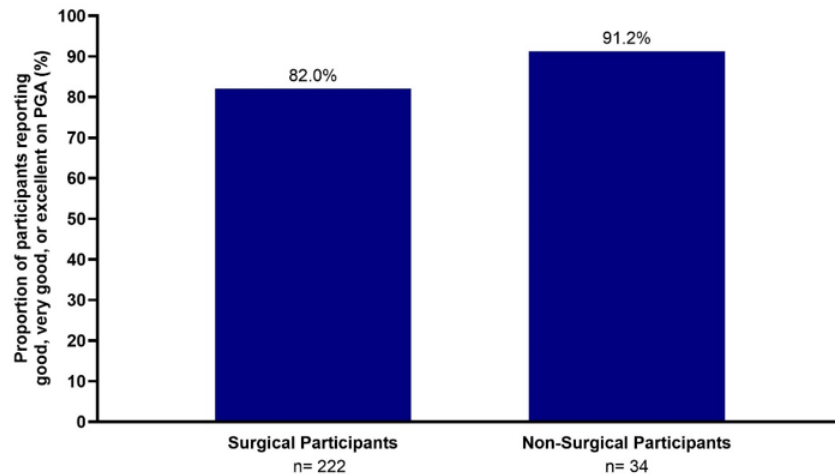
# Most (83.2%) Participants Rated Suzetrigine Effectiveness for Treating Pain on a Patient Global Assessment as Good, Very Good, or Excellent

Figure 4. Patient Global Assessment

A



B



**N**; number of participants in the analysis set; **n**: number of participants; **PGA**: patient global assessment

Note: Figure includes participants who received at least one dose of suzetrigine. Participants complete the PGA at the end of suzetrigine treatment.



# Most (83.2%) Participants Rated Suzetrigine Effectiveness for Treating Pain on a Patient Global Assessment as Good, Very Good, or Excellent

**Table 4.** Patient Global Assessment

	Suzetrigine N = 256
<b>Participants reporting good, very good, or excellent on the PGA at end of treatment, n (%)</b>	<b>213 (83.2)</b>
<b>PGA at the end of treatment, n (%)</b>	
Excellent	70 (27.3)
Very good	92 (35.9)
Good	51 (19.9)
Fair	26 (10.2)
Poor	11 (4.3)
Missing	6 (2.3)

**N:** number of participants in the analysis set; **n:** number of participants; **PGA:** patient global assessment

Note: Table includes participants who received at least one dose of suzetrigine.

# Conclusions

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For the first time in over two decades, suzetrigine, a novel small molecule and highly selective  $\text{Na}_v1.8$  inhibitor, offers an effective and safe non-opioid, non-addictive treatment with broad applicability for the treatment of moderate-to-severe acute pain.

# REAL-WORLD PERSPECTIVE ON ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT

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- ❖ Opening remarks
- ❖ Management of acute pain today
- ❖ Potential role of suzetrigine in acute pain management



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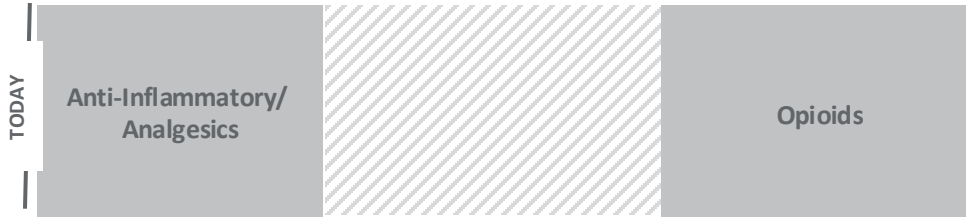
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## LIMITED TREATMENT OPTIONS IN ACUTE PAIN

Opioids are currently the **only** indicated oral option for moderate to severe acute pain

- Act on opioid receptors ( $\mu$ OR) in the brain to reduce the **perception of pain**
- Opioids are efficacious in mitigating pain, but with **significant side effects** including risk of addiction
- Approximately 50% of patients receiving prescription medications to manage acute pain are **prescribed opioids**
- **Significant unmet need** for medicines that are efficacious in reducing pain, well tolerated, with no risk of addiction



Sources: Vertex Pharmaceuticals research; CDC WONDER data, reported by the NIH; the Society of Actuaries Report 2019: Economic Impact of Non-Medical Opioid Use in the United States.



80M acute pain patients every year in the U.S.



40M acute pain patients receive an opioid every year



85K develop opioid use disorder (OUD) within the first year

**\$180B**

estimated annual costs of OUD to the U.S. economy

**\$60B**

attributed to healthcare for the management of OUD

# VERTEX U.S. PROVIDER AND PATIENT SURVEYS INDICATE SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR NEW OPTIONS TO TREAT ACUTE PAIN

## Healthcare Providers

**88%** reported that **risk of side effects** of current medications limits their ability to adequately treat their patients with acute pain

**78%** were concerned about the **risk of opioid addiction** among their patients with acute pain

**88%** reported that their patients prefer to manage pain without a prescribed opioid



## Patients

**52%** said they are seeking a new pain medication with fewer side effects than their last medication

**67%** reported that they will request a nonopioid medication for acute pain if they experience it again



Sources: Data on file. Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated “State of Pain in America” survey of 547 U.S. healthcare providers who treated acute pain in the last month and 1,001 U.S. adults treated for acute pain in the last year. Boston, MA. REF-26477 (v1.0); 2024.



# ACUTE PAIN IS A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR OPPORTUNITY

Suzetrigine holds potential to fundamentally reshape the treatment of moderate to severe acute pain



>1B calendar days of treatment



- 2/3 of patients treated in the institutional setting
- 50% of prescriptions originate in the institutional setting



~2000 high volume hospitals/hospital systems

# SUZETRIGINE IN ACUTE PAIN: LAUNCH PREPAREDNESS WELL UNDERWAY

PDUFA Target Action Date January 30, 2025

- Experienced team of strategic account leads and territory account managers fully trained and engaged
- Initiated contracting discussions with the goal of securing payer coverage and hospital formulary inclusion in 2025
- National disease education campaign underway, reached >40K healthcare providers
- Broad range of initiatives to support patient access in first year of launch
- Working to secure national retail distribution
- Continue to engage with federal and state policymakers



## Launch focus

- Hospitals & hospital systems
- Select high volume procedures and conditions
- Key physician specialties: orthopedic, general & plastic surgeons, ED, anesthesiologists, pain management specialists
- Earliest uptake expected in the discharge segment

ED = Emergency Department

**High levels of enthusiasm for a potential new class of pain medicine**



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# VERTEX IS COMMITTED TO TRANSFORMING THE TREATMENT OF PAIN

## SERIAL INNOVATION, BROAD/DEEP PIPELINE FOR LEADERSHIP IN MULTIPLE PAIN STATES

	FORMULATION	RESEARCH	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	APPROVED
VX-548 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor* - ACUTE	Oral	[Dark Purple Bar]				
VX-548 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor - DPN	Oral	[Magenta Bar]			[Grey Bar]	
VX-548 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor - LSR	Oral	[Magenta Bar]			[Grey Bar]	
VX-993 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor - ACUTE	Oral	[Dark Purple Bar]			[Grey Bar]	
VX-993 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor - DPN	Oral	[Magenta Bar]			[Grey Bar]	
VX-993 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor	IV	[Dark Purple Bar]	[Grey Bar]		[Grey Bar]	
VX-973 Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitor	Oral	[Dark Teal Bar]	[Grey Bar]		[Grey Bar]	
Additional Na <sub>v</sub> 1.8 inhibitors	Oral and IV	[Dark Teal Bar]	[Grey Bar]		[Grey Bar]	
Na <sub>v</sub> 1.7 inhibitors	Oral	[Light Teal Bar]	[Grey Bar]		[Grey Bar]	

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DPN: diabetic peripheral neuropathy; LSR: lumbosacral radiculopathy; IV: intravenous



## SUZETRIGINE (VX-548) ASA UPDATE

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