

Improved Tolerability with Oliceridine Compared to Morphine at Equianalgesic Conditions

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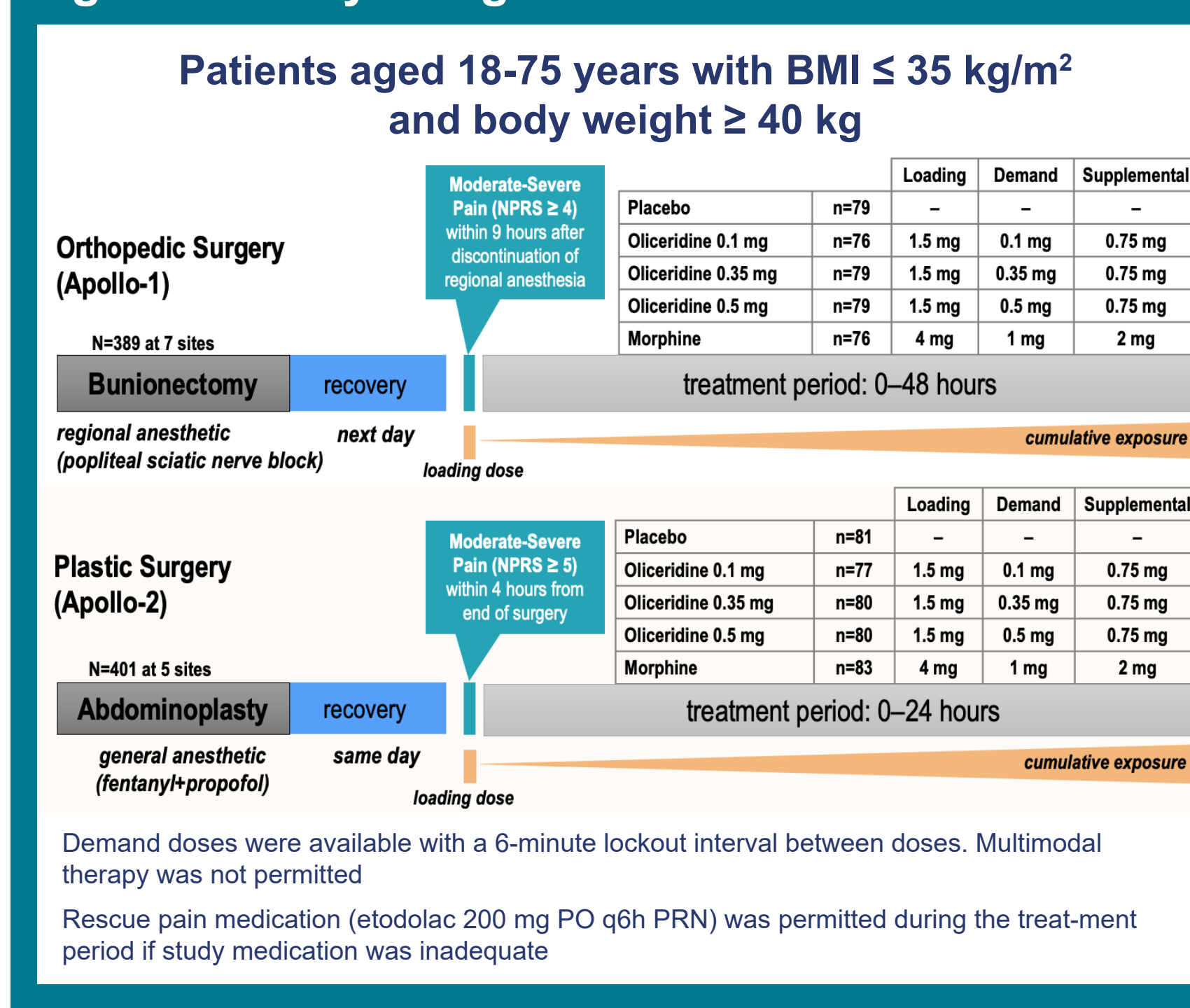
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BACKGROUND

- Opioids remain important pharmacotherapeutic agents in the management of postsurgical pain.¹ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that in certain situations of postsurgical pain, the benefits of a limited course of opioids may outweigh the risks if pain management is inadequate with nonopioid therapies.²
- Conventional opioids have a narrow therapeutic index and are associated with dose-limiting opioid-related adverse events (ORAEs), including nausea, vomiting, and respiratory depression.³
- Oliceridine, a next generation IV opioid, is a G-protein selective agonist at the μ -opioid receptor.⁴
 - This G-protein selectivity results in analgesia with limited recruitment of β arrestin, a signaling pathway associated with ORAEs.⁴
- In two randomized, double-blind, placebo- and morphine-controlled studies in patients with moderate-to-severe acute pain following either orthopedic surgery (bunionectomy) or plastic surgery (abdominoplasty), oliceridine administered using patient-controlled analgesia (PCA) at demand doses of 0.1, 0.35, and 0.5 mg was highly effective compared to placebo and had a favorable safety profile.^{5,6}
- We performed an exploratory analysis to determine the safety of oliceridine when adjusted for equal levels of analgesia compared to morphine.

METHODS

Figure 1: Study Designs of the Phase 3 Pivotal Trials



For this analysis:

- The adverse events (AEs) of oliceridine and morphine, adjusted for therapeutic effectiveness, were compared by logistic regression, with the final model selected by backward elimination with the $p \leq 0.15$ criterion.
- AEs selected were events that occurred in $\geq 10\%$ of patients in any treatment group. Patients receiving placebo were excluded from the analysis.
 - In both studies, spontaneously reported AEs were assessed during the randomized treatment and 7-day follow-up period, coded using the Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA), version 19.0.
- MedDRA events of nausea, vomiting, sedation, dizziness, pruritus, and hypoxia, with at least one treatment-emergent adverse event, was used as the composite safety endpoint.
- Analgesia was determined utilizing the weighted Sum of Pain Intensity Differences, SPID 48/24 (bunionectomy/abdominoplasty).
- For patients who received rescue analgesics (etodolac 200 mg q 6h as needed), the pre-rescue pain score was used instead of the pain scores measured after rescue medication usage for 6 hours. This imputation was utilized in the calculation of the SPID score.
- The logistic model included effects of treatment, baseline pain score, and SPID 48/24. This analysis was done for both individual studies as well as the pooled data.

RESULTS

- The incidence of spontaneously reported MedDRA events used in the composite endpoint in any treatment group by study is shown in **Table 1**.
- At a given level of SPID 48/24, the odds ratio for the composite safety endpoint with oliceridine was approximately half of that observed with morphine (**Figure 2**). The findings were consistent across both the bunionectomy and abdominoplasty studies.

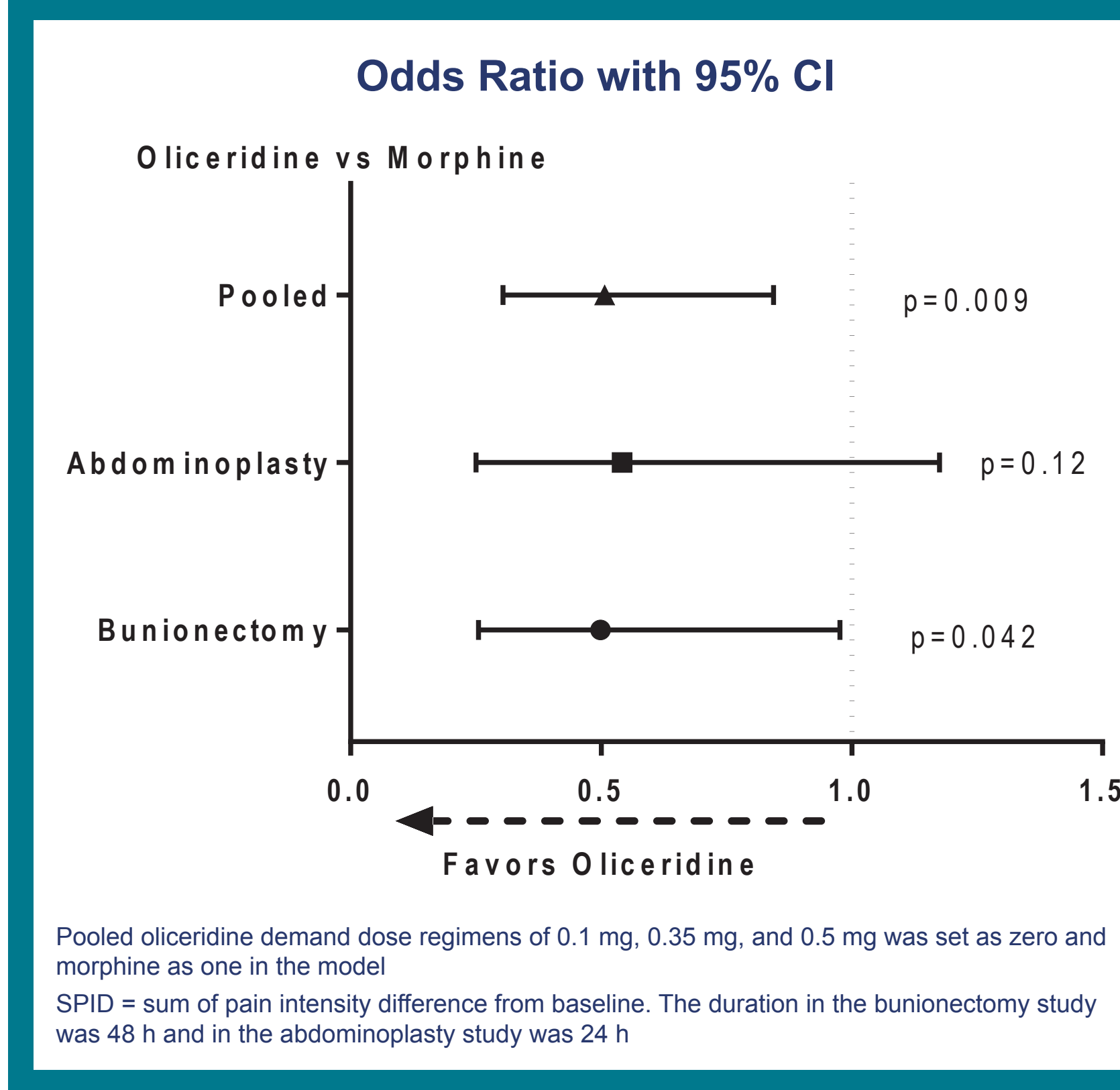
Table 1: Incidence of Spontaneously Reported MedDRA Events Used in the Composite Endpoint

Orthopedic Surgery-Bunionectomy					
Adverse Drug Reaction	Placebo (n=79)	Oliceridine demand dose regimen			Morphine 1 mg (n=76)
		0.1 mg (n=76)	0.35 mg (n=79)	0.5 mg (n=79)	
Nausea	19 (24.1)	27 (35.5)	44 (55.7)	50 (63.3)	49 (64.5)
Vomiting	5 (6.3)	13 (17.1)	31 (39.2)	32 (40.5)	38 (50.0)
Sedation	6 (7.6)	6 (7.9)	19 (24.1)	12 (15.2)	12 (15.8)
Dizziness	8 (10.1)	21 (27.6)	25 (31.6)	28 (35.4)	26 (34.2)
Pruritus	6 (7.6)	2 (2.6)	13 (16.5)	5 (6.3)	24 (31.6)
Hypoxia	0	0	4 (5.1)	7 (8.9)	7 (9.2)

Plastic Surgery-Abdominoplasty					
Adverse Drug Reaction	Placebo (n=83)	Oliceridine demand dose regimen			Morphine 1 mg (n=82)
		0.1 mg (n=77)	0.35 mg (n=79)	0.5 mg (n=80)	
Nausea	38 (45.8)	34 (44.2)	49 (62.0)	60 (75.0)	61 (74.4)
Vomiting	11 (13.3)	18 (23.4)	17 (21.5)	34 (42.5)	44 (53.7)
Sedation	8 (9.6)	7 (9.1)	11 (13.9)	11 (13.8)	25 (30.5)
Dizziness	9 (10.8)	11 (14.3)	7 (8.9)	7 (8.8)	13 (15.9)
Pruritus	5 (6.0)	11 (14.3)	14 (17.7)	14 (17.5)	19 (23.2)
Hypoxia	4 (4.8)	6 (7.8)	16 (20.3)	14 (17.5)	19 (23.2)

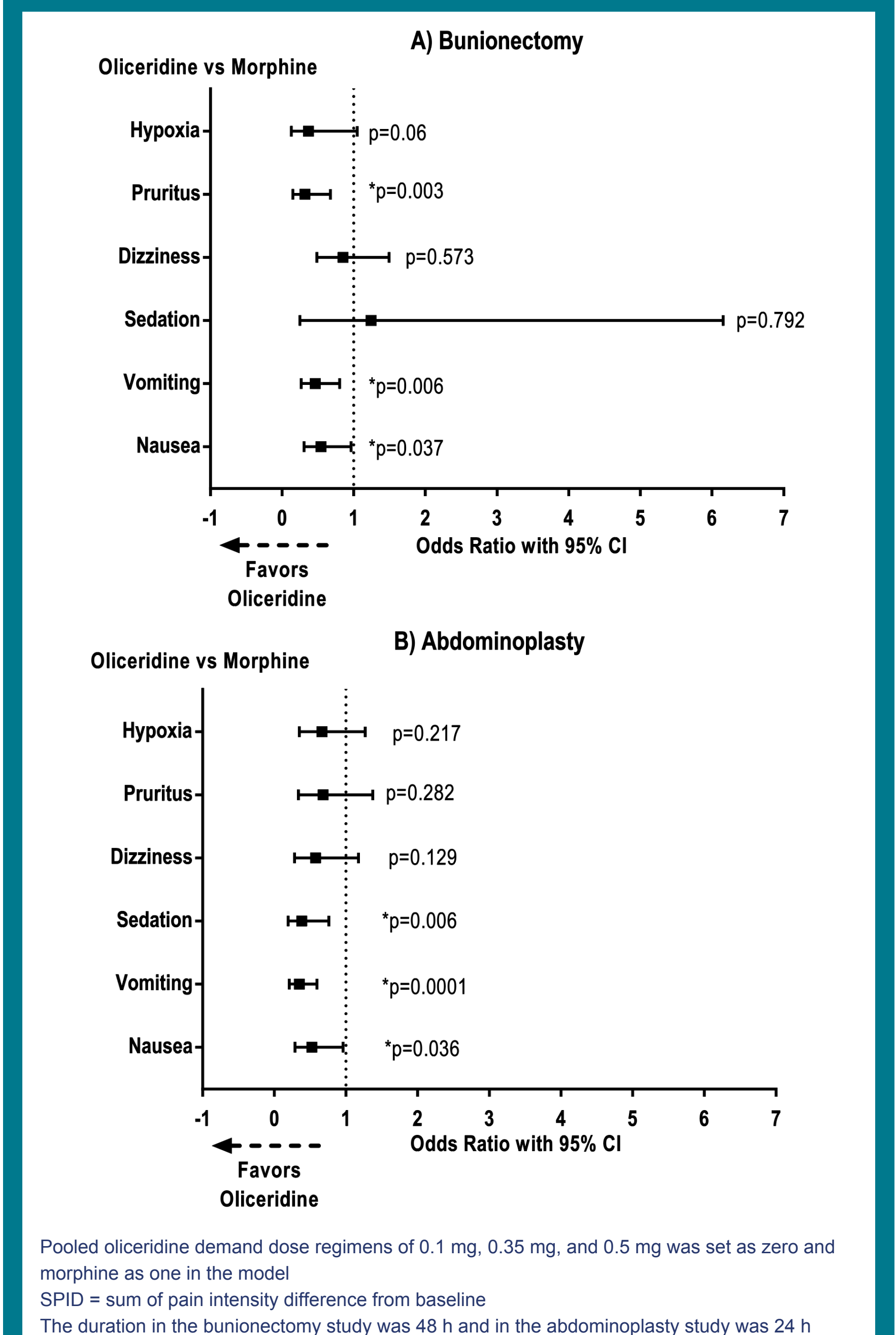
AEs were spontaneously reported with onset at the time of or following the initiation of the loading dose with study medication until 7 days after the last dose of study medication

Figure 2: Odds Ratio for the Composite Safety Endpoint at Constant SPID levels



- The odds ratio for the individual adverse events of nausea, vomiting, sedation, dizziness, pruritus, and hypoxia at a constant level of SPID for the bunionectomy and abdominoplasty study is shown in **Figure 3**.
 - In the bunionectomy study, at a constant level of SPID 48, the odds ratio was lower (odds ratio < 1) for 5/6 individual AEs with oliceridine vs. morphine, with statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) differences for nausea, vomiting and pruritus.
 - In the abdominoplasty study, at a constant level of SPID 24, the odds ratio was lower for all individual AEs with oliceridine vs. morphine, with statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) differences for nausea, vomiting and sedation.

Figure 3: Odds Ratio for the Individual Adverse Events at Constant SPID Levels



CONCLUSIONS

- These findings suggest that, when analgesia (as measured by SPID 48/24) is held constant across treatment groups, patients receiving oliceridine were less likely to experience adverse events compared to patients treated with morphine.
- In both studies, the odds ratio for the composite safety endpoint with oliceridine was approximately half of that observed with morphine.
- The results from the pooled data were consistent with those observed in the individual studies.
- Findings from the analysis show that under equianalgesic conditions, oliceridine has a favorable risk/benefit profile compared to morphine.

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Disclosure:

Oliceridine was recently approved in adults for the management of acute pain severe enough to require an intravenous opioid analgesic for whom alternative treatments are inadequate. For patient-controlled analgesia (PCA), the recommended demand dose is 0.35 mg with a 6-minute lock-out. A demand dose of 0.5 mg may be considered.

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