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Literature Summary

- The following summarized literature details CONCERTA® (OROS® MPH) compared with Teva-methylphenidate ER-C [MPH ER-C®], formerly Novo-methylphenidate ER-C
- A literature search did not identify any publications specific to OROS® MPH compared with Act-Methylphenidate ER, Apo-Methylphenidate ER and pms-methylphenidate ER

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Differences in Reported Rates of Therapeutic Failure Between Two Extended-release Methylphenidate Medications

[Park-Wyllie L, et al. Clin Ther. 2017; 39\(10\):2006-23.](#)

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Differences in Adverse Event Reporting Rates of Therapeutic Failure Between Two Once-daily Extended-release Methylphenidate Medications in Canada: Analysis of Spontaneous Adverse Event Reporting Databases 

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: Our study evaluated adverse events of therapeutic failure (and specifically reduced duration of action) with the use of a branded product, Osmotic Release Oral System (OROS) methylphenidate, which is approved for the treatment of attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and a generic product (methylphenidate, methylphenidate ER-C), which was approved for marketing in Canada based on bioequivalence to OROS methylphenidate. This study was initiated following reports that some US-marketed generic methylphenidate ER products had substantially higher reporting rates of therapeutic failure than did the referenced brands.

Methods: Through methodology similar to that used by the US Food and Drug Administration to investigate the issue with the US-marketed generic, reporting rates were calculated from cases of therapeutic failure identified in the Canadian Vigilance Adverse Reaction Online database for a 1-year period beginning 8 months after each product launch. Corresponding population exposure was estimated from the number of tablets dispensed. An in-depth analysis of narratives of individual case safety reports (ICSRs) with the use of the generic product was conducted in duplicate by 2 physicians to assess causality and to characterize the potential safety risk and clinical pattern of therapeutic failure. Similar secondary analyses were conducted on the US-marketed products.

Findings: Reporting rates of therapeutic failure with the use of methylphenidate ER-C (generic) and OROS methylphenidate (brand name) were 411.5 and 37.5 cases per 100,000 patient-years, respectively (reporting rate ratio, 10.99; 95% CI, 5.93–22.21). In-depth analysis of narratives of 230 ICSRs of therapeutic failure with the Canadian-marketed generic determined that all ICSRs were either probably (60 [26%]) or possibly (170 [74%]) causally related to methylphenidate ER-C. Clinical symptoms suggestive of overdose were present in 31 reports of loss of efficacy (13.5%) and occurred primarily in the morning, and premature loss of efficacy (shorter duration of action) was described in 98 cases (42.6%) and occurred primarily in the afternoon. Impacts on social functioning, such as disruption in work or school performance or adverse social behaviors, were found in 51 cases (22.2%).

Implications: The ~10-fold higher reporting rate of therapeutic failure with the generic product relative to its reference product in the present Canadian study resembles findings with US-marketed generic products. While these results should be interpreted with caution due to the limitations of spontaneous adverse event reporting, which may confound comparisons across products, similar findings nonetheless led the US Food and Drug Administration to declare in 2014 that 2 methylphenidate ER generic products in the United States were neither bioequivalent nor interchangeable with OROS methylphenidate—their reference product. Our results indicate a potential safety issue with the Canadian-marketed generic and suggest

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Objectives and Methods



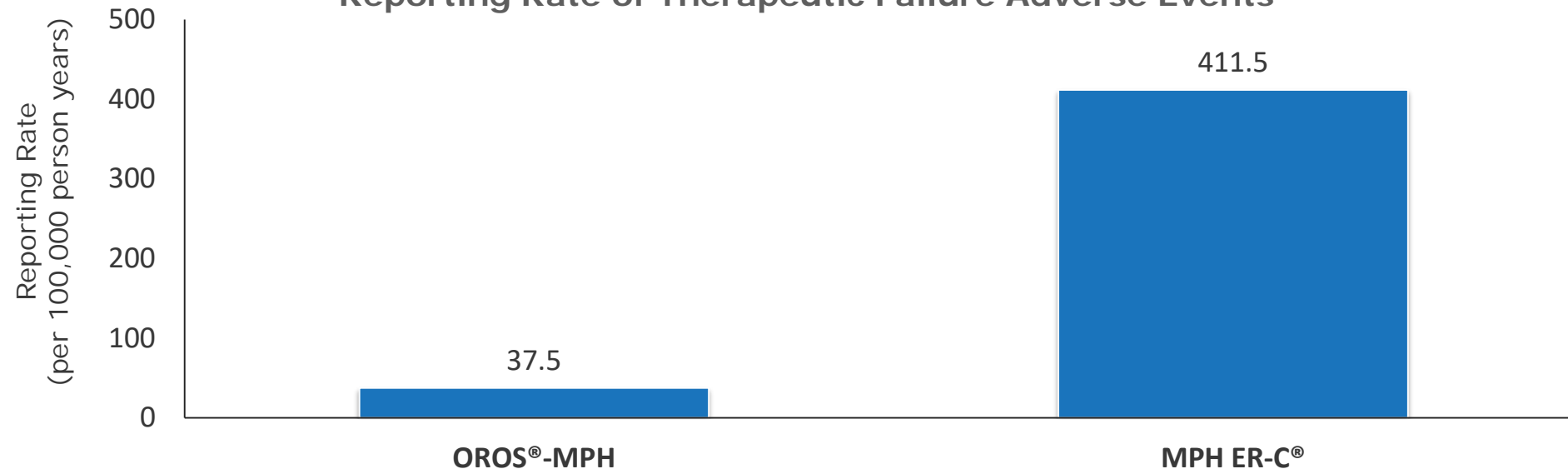
Retrospective analysis of adverse event data from the Canadian Vigilance Adverse Reaction database to:

1. Determine reporting rates of therapeutic failure with CONCERTA[®] (OROS MPH) and methylphenidate ER-C (MPH-ER-C[®]) for a 1-year period beginning 8 months after each product launch.
2. Conduct an in-depth review of individual case safety reports for therapeutic failure to evaluate temporal relationships, assess causality and characterize the clinical features and clinical course of the events.

Results: Differences in AE Reporting Rates of Therapeutic Failure

Reporting rates of therapeutic failure were 10-fold higher for MPH ER-C[®] versus OROS[®] MPH over the prespecified period.

Reporting Rate of Therapeutic Failure Adverse Events



Market Approval Date	Jun-2003	Jan-2010
Study Period (1 year)	Mar-2004 – Feb-2005	Oct-2010 – Sep-2011
Number of Reports of Therapeutic Failure	12	75
Population Drug Exposure† (patient-years)	32,041	18,227

- 230 reports were included in the in-depth review
- Clinical presentation of therapeutic failure
 - 98 of the 230 cases (42.6%) reported lack of effect throughout the day with the majority (63/98) occurring in the afternoon
 - 31 cases (13.5%) suggested excessive methylphenidate exposure with the majority of these events occurring in the morning
 - Occurred within one week of starting treatment in 72% of patients (49/68 cases with information available)
 - Impact on social functioning was reported in 51 cases (22%) of patients

Summary

- Pharmacovigilance studies using spontaneous reporting data have known limitations; however, these reporting systems remain an essential source of information for regulatory authorities in identifying evolving safety signals
- The present study found a >10-fold higher reporting rate of therapeutic failure with MPH ER-C[®] relative to OROS[®] MPH.
- Pattern of premature loss of efficacy (shorter duration of treatment action) arising in the afternoon hours with MPH ER-C[®] was identified in 64.3% of the 98 patients who reported therapeutic efficacy not lasting throughout the day.
 - The clinical pattern aligns with differences observed in the pharmacokinetic profiles.
- Adverse impacts on social functioning were reported in >20% of cases of therapeutic failure

Medication Persistence, Duration of Treatment, and Treatment-switching Patterns Among Canadian Patients Taking Once-daily Extended-release Methylphenidate Medications for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A Population-based Retrospective Cohort Study

[Park-Wyllie L, et al. Clin Ther. 2016 Aug; 38\(8\):1789-802.](#)



Objectives & Methods

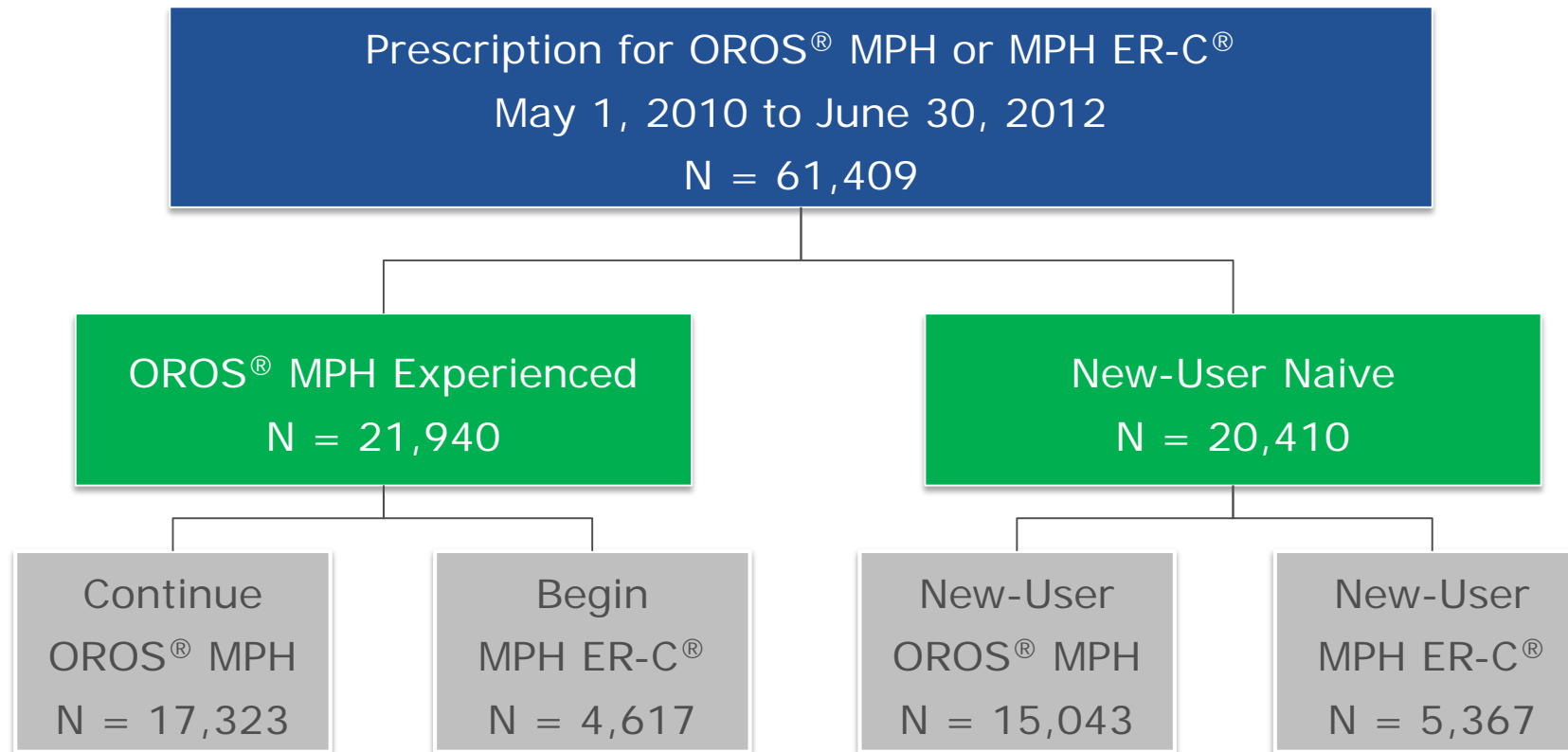


Population-based retrospective cohort study examining medication persistence, duration of treatment and treatment switching patterns in patients treated with branded OROS[®] MPH vs MPH ER-C[®]

Persistence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patient supply of drug at 12 months regardless of gap periods in adherence
Duration of Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of days from first to end of days' supply of last prescription
Treatment Switching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients that were no longer persistent within the first 12 months and subsequently switched to another ADHD medication within 90 days.

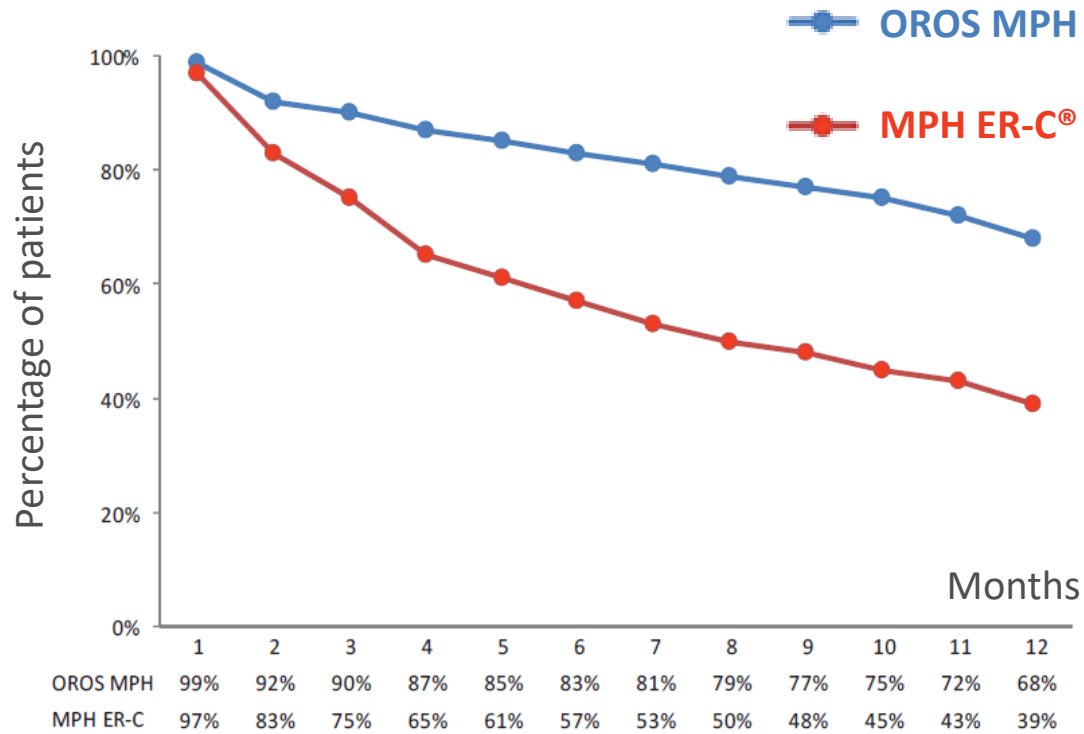
Study Results: Identification of Patient Cohorts

Two cohort populations of patients were established using the IMS Brogan insurance claims database focused on Ontario and Québec.

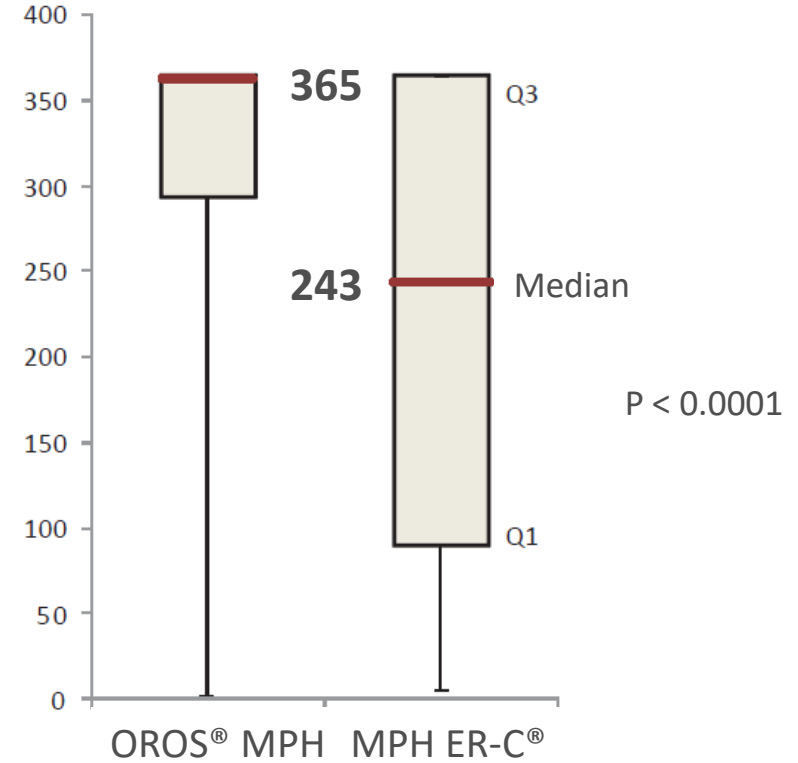


Study Results: Persistence & Duration of Treatment

OROS[®] MPH Experienced Cohort



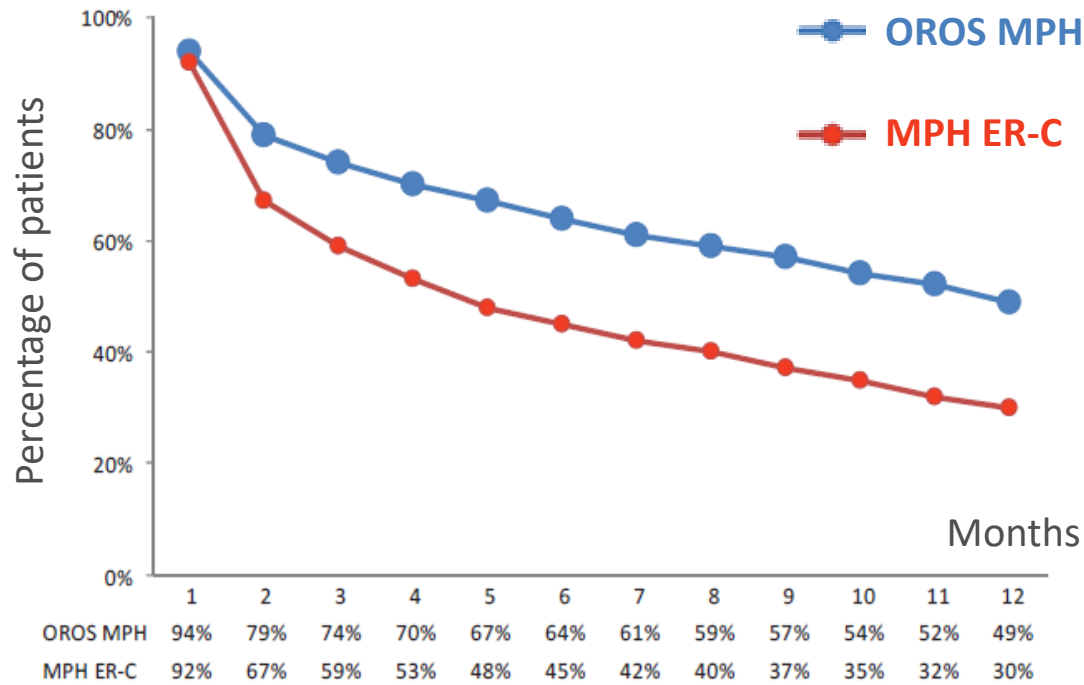
Percentage of Patients Persistent over 12 months



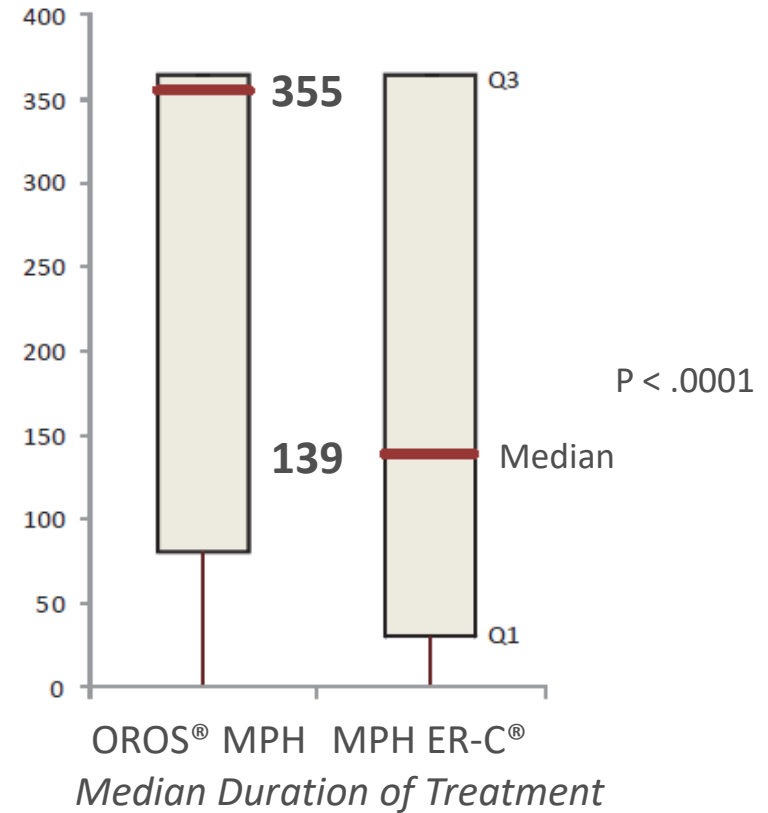
Median Duration of Treatment

Study Results: Persistence & Duration of Treatment

New-User Naive Cohort

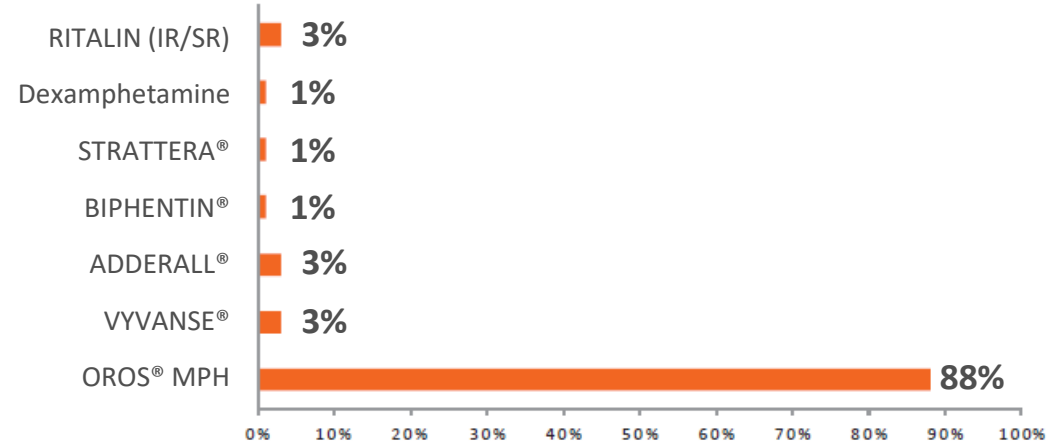
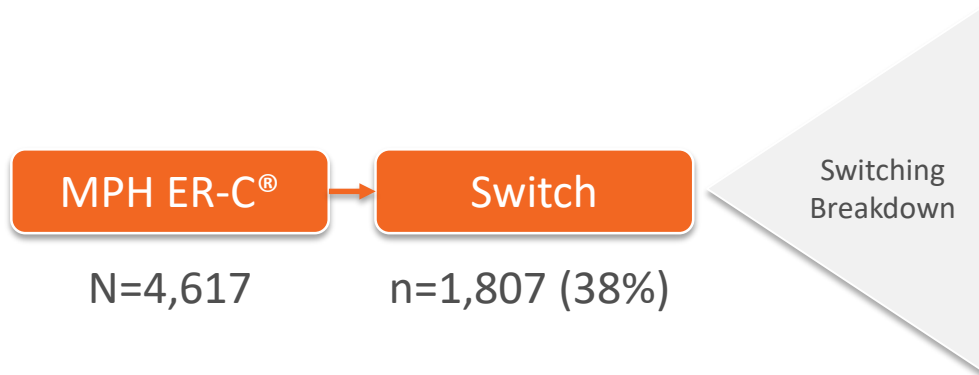
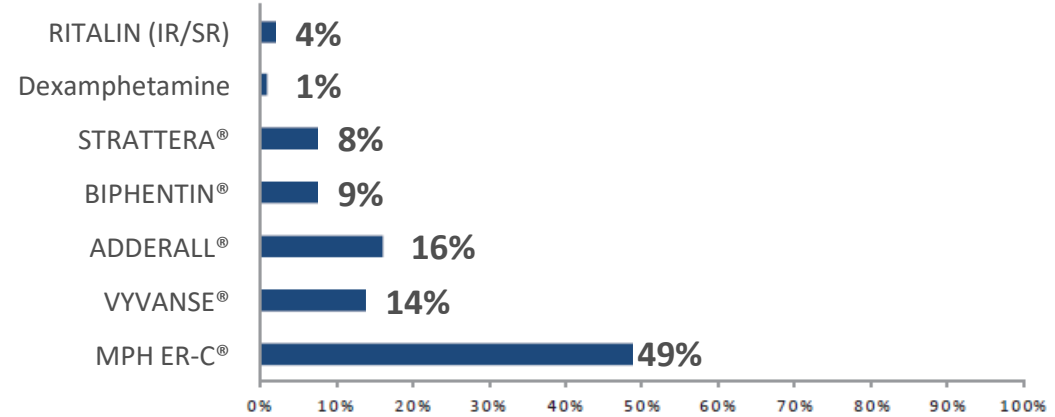
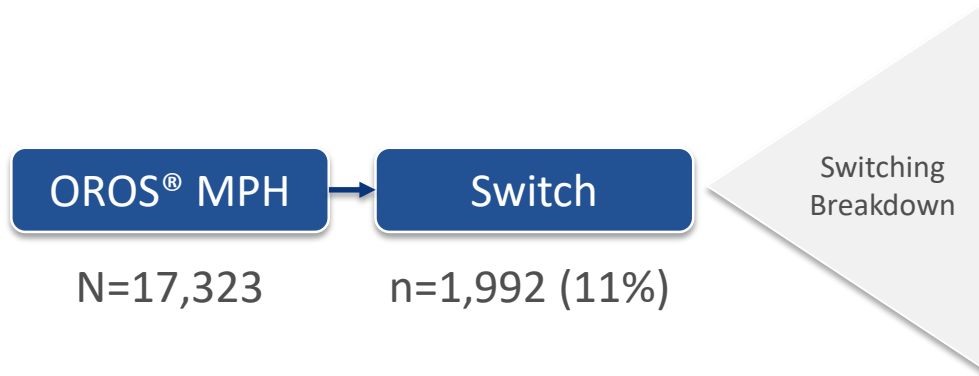


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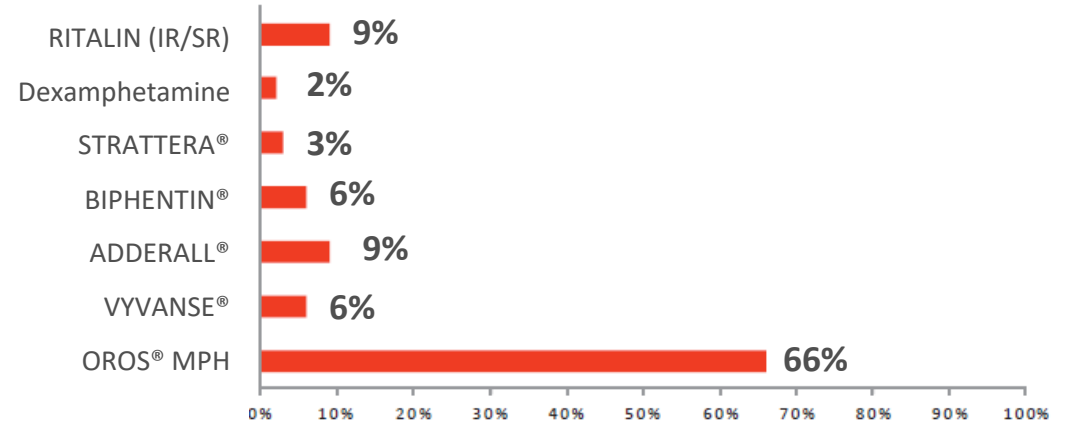
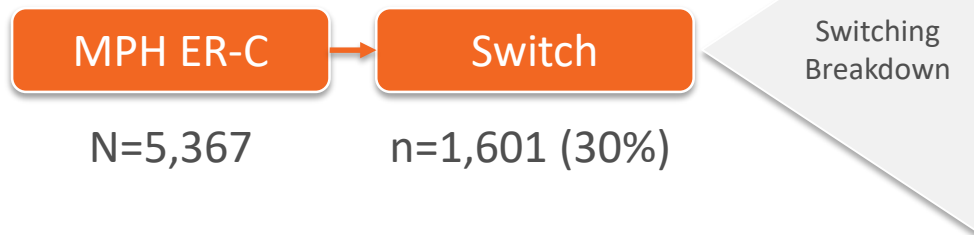
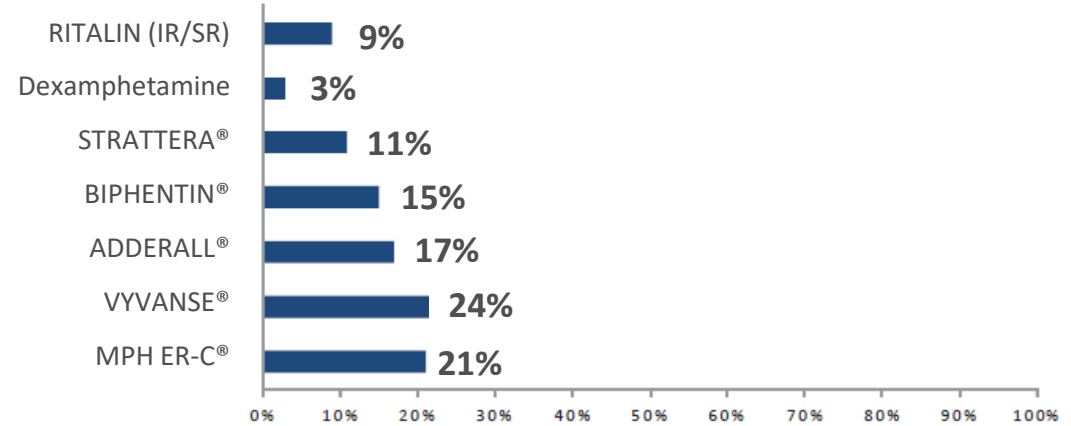
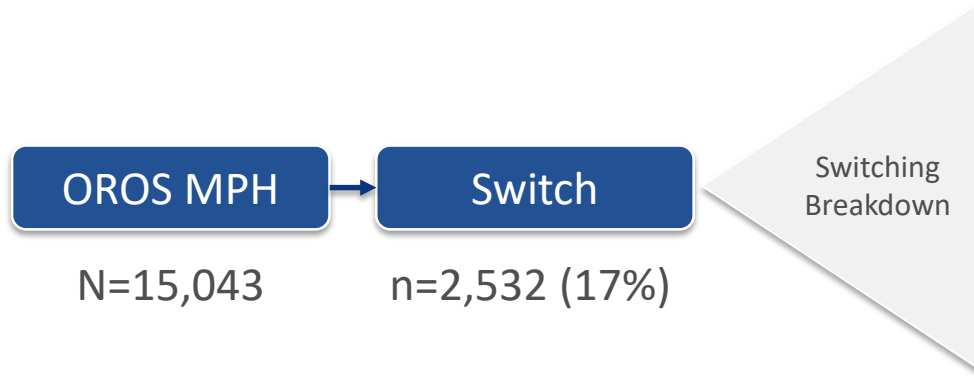
Study Results: Treatment Switching Patterns

OROS[®] MPH Experienced Cohort



Study Results: Treatment Switching Patterns

New-User Naive Cohort



Summary

- Significant differences were observed in how OROS[®] MPH & MPH ER-C were used by patients in the real-world setting
 - In the OROS[®] MPH experienced cohort, OROS[®] MPH was associated with a 70% higher rate of medication persistence at 12 months relative to MPH ER-C[®] (adjusted relative risk [ARR] = 1.70; 95% CI, 1.64-1.77)
 - In the new-user cohort, OROS[®] MPH had a 58% higher rate of medication persistence relative to MPH ER-C[®] (ARR = 1.58; 95% CI, 1.51-1.65)
 - Median duration of therapy was significantly longer ($P < 0.0001$) in patients taking OROS[®] MPH compared with those taking MPH ER-C[®]
 - Treatment-switching occurred significantly ($P < 0.0001$) more frequently in patients taking MPH ER-C[®] compared with those taking OROS[®] MPH

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Cross-Over, Phase IV Trial of OROS[®]-MPH and Generic MPH ER-C[®]

[Fallu A, et al. Ther Adv Psychopharmacol. 2016 Aug; 6\(4\):237-51.](#)

Therapeutic Advances in Psychopharmacology Original Research

A randomized, double-blind, cross-over, phase IV trial of oros-methylphenidate (CONCERTA[®]) and generic novo-methylphenidate ER-C (NOVO-generic)

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Abstract:
Objective: Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a common neurobehavioral disorder with onset during childhood. Multiple aspects of a child's development are hindered, in both home and school settings, with negative impacts on social, emotional, and cognitive functioning. If left untreated, ADHD is commonly associated with poor academic achievement and low occupational status, as well as increased risk of substance abuse and delinquency. The objective of this study was to evaluate adult ADHD subject reported outcomes when switched from a stable dose of CONCERTA[®] to the same dose of generic Novo-methylphenidate ER-C.
Methods: Randomized, double-blind, cross-over, phase IV trial consisted of two phases in which participants with a primary diagnosis of ADHD were randomized in a 1:1 ratio to 3 weeks of treatment with CONCERTA or generic Novo-Methylphenidate ER-C. Following 3 weeks of treatment, participants were crossed-over to receive the other treatment for an additional 3 weeks. Primary efficacy was assessed through the use of the Treatment Satisfaction Questionnaire for Medication, Version II (TSQM-II).
Results: Participants with ADHD treated with CONCERTA were more satisfied in terms of efficacy and side effects compared to those receiving an equivalent dose of generic Novo-Methylphenidate ER-C. All participants chose to continue with CONCERTA treatment at the conclusion of the study.
Conclusion: Although CONCERTA and generic Novo-Methylphenidate ER-C have been deemed bioequivalent, however the present findings demonstrate clinically and statistically significant differences between generic and branded CONCERTA. Further investigation of these differences is warranted.

Keywords: attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, bioequivalence, CONCERTA[®], generic, novo-methylphenidate

Introduction
Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a chronic neurobiological disorder, characterized by behavioral and cognitive deficits [Biederman et al. 2009; Westberg et al. 2010; Pavonoglu et al. 2012] associated with significant impairment in psychological, occupational and social functioning in adults [Biederman et al. 2005, 2006; Kessler et al. 2006]. The literature has estimated prevalence rates of 5.3% in children and adolescents [Polanczyk et al. 2007], and 3.4-4.4% in adults [Kessler et al. 2006; Fayyad et al. 2007]. ADHD represents a significant economic burden to our society, such that in 2005 in the United States, the cost of the disorder was approximately US\$36-52 billion [Pelham et al. 2007]. Furthermore, ADHD results in an estimated loss of 143.8 million days of work-productivity annually [de Graaf et al. 2008].

Despite the high prevalence, ADHD is largely under diagnosed among adults [Faraone, 2004]. In part, the diagnosis of adult ADHD remains challenging for some clinicians as symptoms

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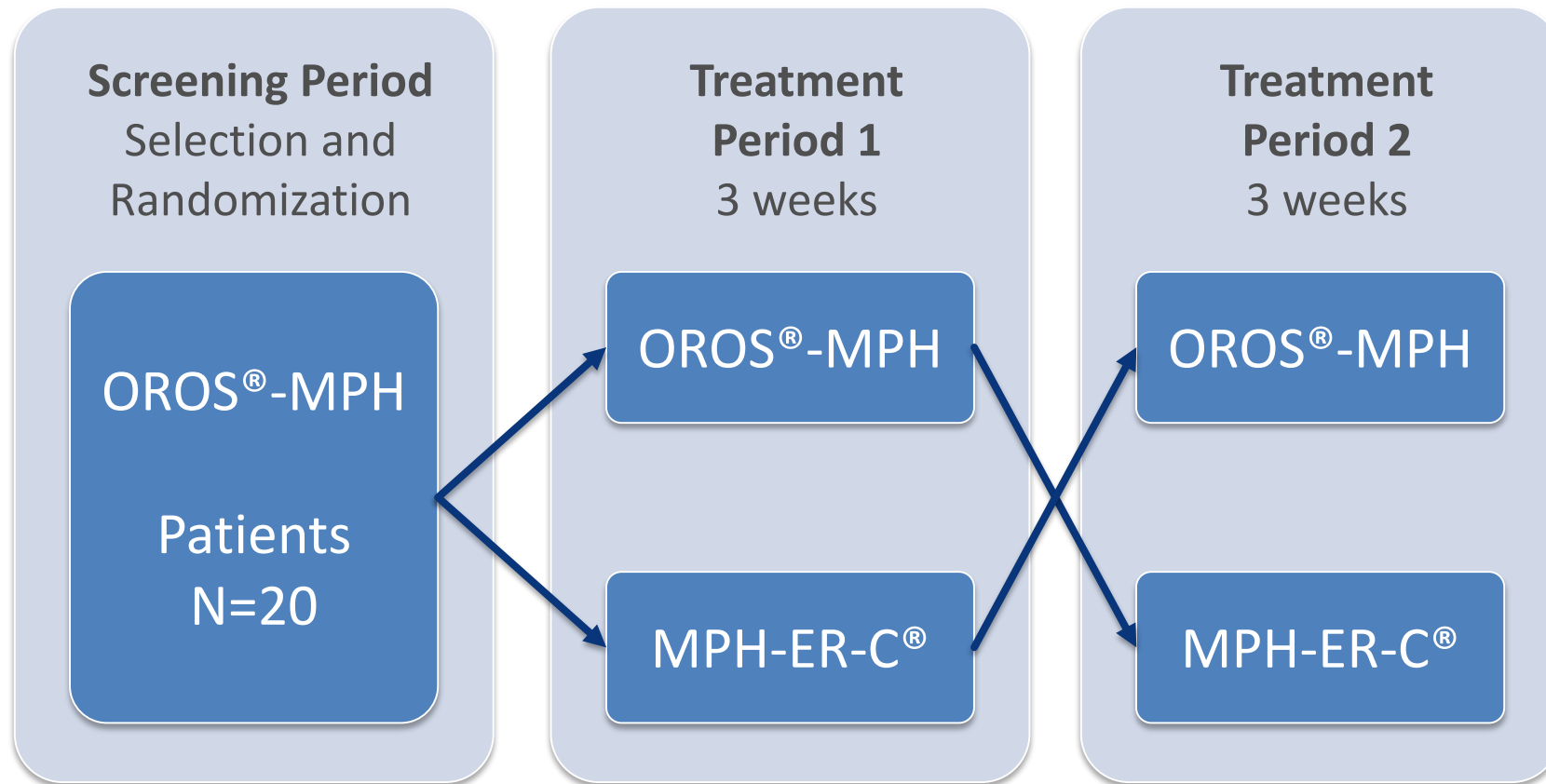
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Objective & Methods



A single centre, randomized, double-blind, crossover Phase IV study with no washout, evaluating adult ADHD patient satisfaction when switched from a stable dose of OROS[®]-MPH to the same dose of the generic MPH-ER-C[®]



Study Results: Primary Efficacy Endpoint

Randomization Group Change from Screening		OROS [®] MPH (n=17)	MPH ER-C [®] (n=19)	p-value (between treatments)
TSQM-II Effectiveness	p-value (vs screening)	No Change 0.5852 (NS)	Significantly decreased 0.0037	0.0433
TSMQ-II Side Effects	p-value (vs screening)	No Change 0.1252 (NS)	Significantly increased 0.0001	0.0321
TSMQ-II Global Satisfaction	p-value (vs screening)	No Change 0.1015 (NS)	Significantly decreased 0.0004	0.0791 (NS)

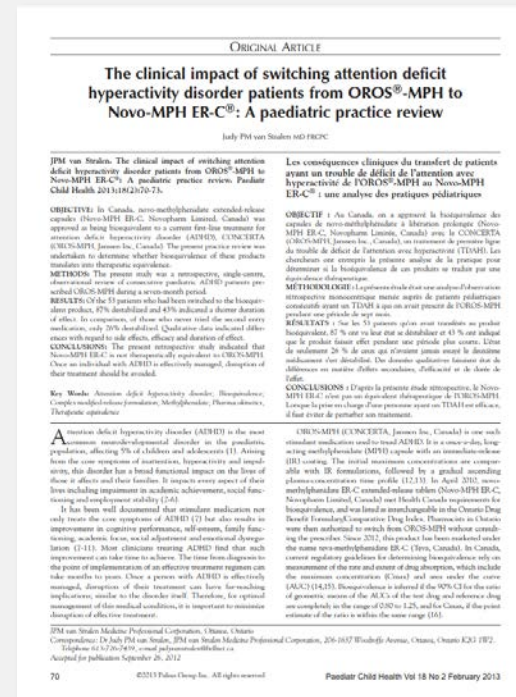
TSMQ II : Treatment Satisfaction Questionnaire for Medication, version II

Study Conclusions

- This study showed clinically and statistically significant differences between the MPH-ER-C[®] and OROS[®] MPH treatments in both subject- and physician-reported treatment outcomes as well as in subject discontinuation rates
 - Adults treated with a stable dose of OROS[®]-MPH were more satisfied, as per the Treatment Satisfaction Questionnaire for Medication (TSQM-II) in terms of efficacy and side effects than those receiving an equivalent dose of the MPH-ER-C[®]
 - All subjects elected to return to OROS[®]-MPH at the conclusion of the trial
 - The authors note that the number of subjects is also too small to draw definitive conclusions and a larger head-to-head trial is needed to confirm this trend

Clinical impact of switching patients from OROS[®]-MPH to MPH ER-C[®]: A paediatric practice review

van Stralen JP. Paediatr Child Health. 2013 Feb;18(2):70-3.



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Objectives & Methods



Retrospective, observational, chart review of consecutive ADHD patients (aged 5-18 years) from a single pediatric practice who were prescribed OROS[®] MPH from May 1 to November 27, 2010 to determine the clinical impact of switching to MPH ER-C[®].

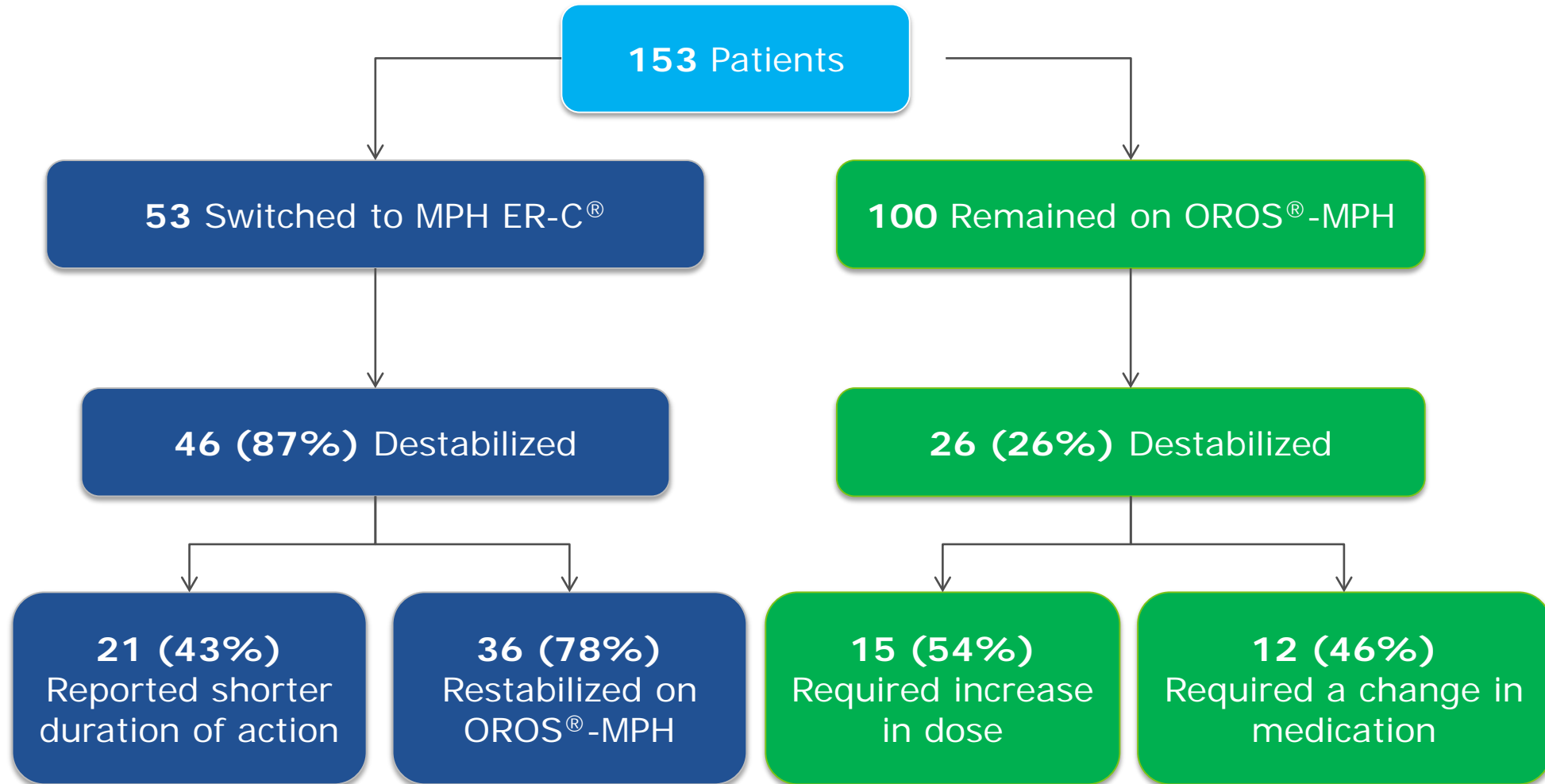
Primary Outcome

- Proportion of patients destabilized
- Destabilization: change in symptoms and/or function resulting from a ADHD medication or dosage change

Secondary Outcome

- Qualitative assessment of the effects of the switch

Study Results: Primary Efficacy Endpoint



Study Results: Secondary Efficacy Endpoints

Secondary endpoints were reported by the study author in a qualitative manner without incidence rates nor statistical significance.

Efficacy

MPH ER-C[®] appeared to be less effective than OROS[®]-MPH:

- Comments: *"feels like not taking the medication at all"* the patient was *"completely destabilized"* and *"bouncing off the walls"*

Adverse Events

Different side effects while treated with MPH ER-C[®]:

- Dizziness, eating more, not sleeping well and anger.

Duration of Action

MPH ER-C[®] was reported to have a shorter duration of action vs OROS[®]-MPH:

- Patients/parents reported 7 or 8 h of effect and some patients required an additional dose of immediate release MPH.

Study Conclusions

- 87% of patients who were switched from OROS[®]-MPH to MPH ER-C[®] clinically destabilized, corresponding to a 66% increase in destabilization compared with those who were left on OROS[®]-MPH
- Qualitative reports indicated inferior tolerability, lower effectiveness and a shorter duration of action with MPH ER-C[®]

Summary



Clinical Summary Conclusions

Study	Design	Slides
Park Wyllie 2017 Retrospective Analysis	Canada Vigilance Adverse Reaction Database analysis: 10-fold higher reporting rate of therapeutic failure for MPH ER-C [®] vs. OROS [®] MPH over 1-year period.	3 - 7
Park Wyllie 2016 Retrospective Cohort Study	Patients taking OROS [®] MPH remained on treatment for significantly longer and were less likely to become non-persistent over 12-month period vs. MPH ER-C [®]	8 - 15
Fallu 2016 Adult Randomized, Double-Blind, Crossover Study	Greater satisfaction with efficacy & side effects on OROS [®] MPH vs. MPH ER-C [®] . All participants chose to continue with OROS [®] MPH treatment at study conclusion	16 - 19
Van Stralen 2013 Pediatric Retrospective Chart Review	87% destabilized for those switched from OROS [®] MPH to MPH ER-C [®] vs. 26% who remained on OROS [®] MPH. Of the destabilized patients who switched to MPH ER-C [®] , 43% reported a shorter duration of effect.	20 - 24

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