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1	PROCEEDINGS	1	productive meeting. Thank you for your
2	(8:00 a.m.)	2	participation and cooperation.
3	DR. BUCHMAN: Good morning, everyone.	3	DR. BUCHMAN: I'm going to open the
4	I'm going to call the meeting to order here.	4	meeting of the Gastrointestinal Drugs Committee
5	I'm Dr. Alan Buchman, professor of medicine and	5	to evaluate Entereg, alvimopan, for the
6	surgery at Northwestern University's Feinberg	6	acceleration of recovery time for upper and
7	School of Medicine. And I'm going to introduce	7	lower gastrointestinal recovery following
8	Mimi Phan, who's got some business statements to	8	partial large or small bowel resection surgery
9	read.	9	and primary anastomosis.
10	MS. PHAN: Good morning. Before we	10	Let's begin with a roll call. If
11	start the meeting, I just want to read some	11	the voting members of the committee could
12	procedure for the public and the members who are	12	introduce themselves by name and institution
13	here.	13	or where you're from, and we'll start with
14	For the topics such as those being	14	Dr. Rosing and work our way around the table.
15	discussed at today's meetings, there are	15	Please press the red button on your
16	often a variety of opinions, some of which	16	microphone to speak.
17	are quite strongly held. Our goal is that	17	DR. ROSING: Douglas Rosing, the
18	today's meeting will be a fair and open forum	18	National Institutes of Health.
19	for discussion of these issues, and that	19	DR. CULLEN: Joe Cullen, University of
20	individuals can express their views without	20	Iowa.
21	interruption. Thus, as a gentle reminder,	21	DR. KRIST: Alex Krist, Virginia
22	individuals will be allowed to speak into the	22	Commonwealth University.
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1	record only if recognized by the chair.	1	MR. PROSCHAN: Mike Proschan, National
2	In the spirit of the Federal	2	Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.
3	Advisory Committee Act and the Government in	3	DR. PASRICHA: Jay Pasricha, Stanford
4	the Sunshine Act, we ask that the advisory	4	University.
5	committee members take care that their	5	DR. LEVINE: Bob Levine, State
6	conversations about the topic today take	6	University of New York, Upstate Medical
7	place in the open forum of the meeting and	7	University, Syracuse.
8	not during lunch or breaks.	8	MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: JoEllen DeLuca,
9	We are also aware that members of	9	Spartanburg, South Carolina, your patient
10	the media are anxious to speak with the FDA	10	consultant.
11	about these proceedings. However, like the	11	DR. RICHARDSON: Ron Richardson, Mayo
12	advisory committee members, FDA will refrain	12	Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.
13	from discussing the details of this meeting	13	DR. CHANG: Lin Chang, UCLA.
14	with the media until its conclusion. For the	14	DR. KRAMER: Judith Kramer, Duke
15	convenience of media representatives I would	15	University Medical Center.
16	like to identify the FDA press contact,	16	MS. PHAN: Mimi Phan, federal rep,
17	Ms. Rita Chappelle. Are you in the audience?	17	designed federal official.
18	Please stand. To your left.	18	MR. HENNESSY: Good morning. I'm Sean
19	And finally, I would like to remind	19	Hennessy. I do pharmacoepidemiology research at
20	everyone present to please silence your cell	20	the University of Pennsylvania.
21	phone or pager if you have not already done	21	DR. LINCOFF: Michael Lincoff from the
21		22	Claveland Clinic Foundation

10 1 DR. TALAMINI: Mark Talamini, 2 University of California, San Diego. 3 MS. KARWOSKI: Claudia Karwoski, team 4 leader for risk management, Office of 5 Surveillance and Epidemiology at FDA. 6 MS. WEAVER: Joyce Weaver, Office of 7 Surveillance and Epidemiology, FDA. 8 DR. HE: Ruyi He, medical team leader, 9 Division of GI, FDA. 10 DR. KORVICK: Joyce Korvick, deputy 11 director, Division of Gastroenterology, FDA. 12 DR. BEITZ: Julie Beitz, office 13 director, CDER, FDA. 14 DR. BUCHMAN: Thank you. I'd like to 15 introduce Dr. Korvick, who's going to introduce the speakers for our sponsors. But prior to 17 that, Ms. Phan is going to read a Conflict of Interest Statement. 18

authorized FDA to grant waivers to special government employees who have potential 3 financial conflicts when it is determined that the agency's need for a particular 5 individual's services outweighs his or her 6 potential financial conflict of interest.

Under 712 of the FD&C Act, Congress has authorized FDA to grant waivers to special government employees, or regular government employees with potential financial conflicts when necessary to afford the committee essential expertise.

Related to the discussions of today's meeting, members and consultants of this committee who are special government employees have been screened for potential financial conflicts of interest of their own as well as those imputed to them, including those of their spouses or minor children, and for purposes of 18 U.S.C. 208, their employers.

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1 The Food and Drug Administration is 2 convening today's meeting of the 3 Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee 4 under the authority of the Federal Advisory 5 Committee Act of 1972. With the exception of the industry representative, all members and 7 consultants are special government employees 8 or regular federal employees from other agencies, and are subject to federal conflict 10 of interest laws and regulations.

MS. PHAN: Good morning. This is the

Conflict of Interest Statement for the

Today is January 23, 2008.

Gastrointestinal Drugs Advisory Committee.

investments, consulting, expert witness testimony, contracts, grants, CRADAs, teaching, speaking, writing, patents and royalties, and primary employment.

Today's agenda involves discussion of safety and efficacy of Entereg (alvimopan) new drug application 21-775 by Adolor Corporation for the proposed indication of acceleration of time to upper and lower gastrointestinal recovery following partial large or small bowel resection surgery with primary anastomosis.

11 The following information on the 12 status of the committee's compliance with 13 federal ethics and conflict of interest laws 14 covered by, but not limited to, those found 15 at 18 U.S.C. 208 and 712 of the federal Food, 16 Drug, and Cosmetic Act is being provided to 17 participants in today's meeting and to the 18 public. FDA has determined that members and 18

Based on the agenda for today's meeting and all financial interests reported by the committee members and consultants, conflict of interest waivers have been issued in accordance with U.S.C. 208(b)(3) and 712 of the FD&C Act for Drs. Epstein and Hennessy.

19 consultants of this committee are in 20 compliance with federal ethics and conflict

Dr. Epstein has been granted this waiver for his speaker bureau activity for a competing firm on an unrelated issue.

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22 Under 18 U.S.C. 208, Congress has

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14 16 1 Dr. Epstein received less than \$10,001 per 1 other participants to advise the committee of 2 2 vear. any financial relationships that they may 3 3 have with any firms at issue. Dr. Hennessy has been granted this waiver for his unrelated consulting to the 4 4 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Korvick is going to 5 5 competing firm. introduce our first presenter from the sponsor. 6 6 Dr. Hennessy received less than Please note that all questions for the sponsor 7 7 \$10,001 per year. In accordance with 18 are to be held until the end of the sponsor's 8 8 U.S.C. 208(b)(1), a conflict of interest full presentations. 9 waiver has been issued to Dr. Joseph Cullen. Joyce? 10 Dr. Cullen has been granted this waiver for DR. KORVICK: Thank you, Dr. Buchman. 11 his activities as a co-investigator on a 11 Welcome, members of the advisory committee. 12 competing product. The study is funded for 12 Today, before we get started with the sponsor's presentation, I'm going to give you a brief 13 less than \$100,000 per year. 13 14 14 The waiver allows these individuals introduction. 15 15 to participate fully in today's As you said, we're here to talk 16 deliberations. FDA's reasons for issuing the about the efficacy and safety of alvimopan, 17 waivers are described in the waivers 17 or Entereg, for the proposed indication, 18 18 document, which are posted on FDA's web site which is to accelerate the time to upper and 19 at www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/default.htm. 19 lower gastrointestinal recovery following 20 Copies of the waivers may be obtained by 20 partial large or small bowel resection 21 21 submitting a written request to the agency's surgery with primary anastomosis. 22 Freedom of Information Office, Room 6-30 of 22 Currently, there are no drugs 15 17 1 the Parklawn Building. A copy of this 1 approved for this indication. 2 2 statement will be available for review at the As the sponsor proposes, this registration table during this meeting and product is not intended to be used as an 4 will be included as part of the official outpatient therapy for this indication. 5 5 transcript. Today, you will discuss the efficacy and 6 6 safety. FDA regrets that there is no 7 7 industry representative participating in First of all, there are five 8 8 studies submitted for the postoperative ileus today's meeting. Four different industry 9 representatives were invited. However, none indication. And it's been described in your 10 could attend. 10 background package that Adolor is the sponsor 11 11

In addition, FDA wants it noted for

the record that our consumer representative cancelled her attendance yesterday due to a critical illness in her family.

We would like to remind members and consultants that if the discussions involve any other products or firms not already on the agenda for which an FDA participant has a 18 personal or imputed financial interest, the participants need to exclude themselves from such involvement, and their exclusion will be

noted for the record. FDA encourages all

that is developing that indication. It will 12 be of interest to FDA for you to have a 13 discussion regarding the primary evaluation 14

endpoint for this indication. As has been noted in your background packages, this development program evolved over time. In the course of development in the five different studies, there were different patient populations, so these included total abdominal hysterectomy patients as well as small and large bowel surgery resections. And as well, the primary

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outcome variable was originally in some of these designed GI-3. Currently, we focus on GI-2, which we've agreed with the sponsor is probably a very relevant endpoint.

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5 There is also a secondary endpoint 6 called discharge order written and ready as 7 defined as the time from the end of surgery to the time ready for hospital discharge, based solely on the recovery of GI function 10 as determined by a surgeon. So for that part of the advice that we're seeking from you, 11 12 we're interested in, you know, the usefulness 13 of these various indications, but we also 14 have to look at the specific primary outcome 15 variable and get your impression on the efficacy with regard to how that worked out 16 17 in these studies.

And you will see, we have a list of questions. And one that is very interesting to us is what is the minimum time? That would be clinically meaningful for a statistically significant outcome.

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And finally, it will be important
then to put that in a sort of risk-benefit
equation. And we will take a vote on whether
you recommend approval or not. But prior to
that, we also want your input on the proposed
risk management plan and have some discussion
there as proposed by the sponsor.
So we look forward to a lively

day's discussion. And I will turn the meeting back over the Dr. Buchman and the Adolor company for them to resume their presentation.

DR. BUCHMAN: Okay. Our first presenter from the Adolor Corporation is Linda Young, a registered pharmacist, who's vice president of regulatory affairs, who's going to give an introduction on Entereg capsules.

MS. YOUNG: Good morning. I am Linda
Young, vice president of regulatory affairs.
And welcome, Dr. Buchman, members of the FDA,
the committee, and guests. Thank you for being

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1 Then we move on to safety. For the 2 postoperative ileus indication and studies, 3 as you'll hear from the sponsor and Dr. He, I 4 think the safety was relatively 5 straightforward. However, during the development of this product by GSK for the 7 longer-term opioid-induced constipation, 8 there were some adverse events that showed up 9 in those studies.

10 They're here today to present some 11 of that preliminary data. And you should 12 realize that those projects are still in 13 development, and that we are not here to 14 discuss the indication for opioid-induced 15 bowel dysfunction. But that information was 16 brought to you today to further illuminate 17 the safety profile of this drug. So 18 regarding safety, we're interested in the 19 committee's opinion regarding the short-term 20 use of alvimopan, and how any of these safety 21 information data that you hear will affect

your evaluation of the short-term use of the

1 here today.

We are here today to discuss the safety and efficacy of Entereg, a novel compound in a new class for the management of postoperative ileus and bowel resection. Postoperative ileus, or POI, is a serious condition, with an adverse impact on both the patient and the health care system.

There is a recognized morbidity

associated with POI, one of the most common causes of delayed hospital discharge.
Currently, there is an unmet need in POI, as there is no FDA-approved agent for this condition. But as the data will show,
Entereg provides for the effective management of POI following bowel resection.

Entereg is the trademarked name for alvimopan, a selective, peripherally acting, mu-opioid receptor antagonist. Entereg mitigates the adverse effects of opioids on the GI motility without blocking their beneficial analgesic effects.

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1 In patients undergoing bowel resection, this results in earlier resolution 3 of GI recovery and earlier hospital 4 discharge. 5 Adolor has been developing Entereg 6 since 1999, and we've collaborated with the 7 FDA throughout the development process. Over the years, several indications have been studied with Entereg, but since 2000, Adolor 10 has focused on postoperative ileus and acute 11 care indication in an inpatient setting. 12 GlaxoSmithKline is working toward 13 an indication for chronic care opioid bowel 14 dysfunction, or OBD, in outpatient setting. 15 Because we are only seeking the postoperative ileus indication today, we will focus our 17 discussion mainly on the safety and efficacy 18 of Entereg for POI. 19 We filed the NDA for Entereg in 20 2004. It included Phase III study data from

1 a robust data set from a study of bowel2 resection patients using the 12-milligram

3 dose. During the review of Study 314, we

4 received interim data from Study GSK014, a

5 12-month safety trial, not in POI, but in the

6 OBD patients on chronic opioid therapy.

7 These data led the FDA to issue another

8 approvable letter, asking for final data from

9 GSK014 and a risk management plan.

10 Therefore, as requested by the agency, we

11 will also briefly address these safety

12 findings from the study. And all of this

13 brings us to today's meeting.

Adolor believes that robust safety and efficacy data that will be presented today provides compelling evidence to support approval of Entereg for POI following bowel resection. When used in this acute care setting, there is a favorable benefit-risk ratio, permitting this product to enter the market to fulfill the unmet need and to provide a clinically meaningful benefit to

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1 hysterectomy patients, with the doses of both 2 6 and 12 milligrams. We saw variability in

3 responses in the combined population, but

mixed populations of largely bowel

resections, but also total abdominal

4 there was a consistent response in the bowel5 resection subgroup and especially at the

6 12-milligram dose. We agreed with the agency

to focus future studies on bowel resection,

8 the subgroup that did well, and we also

proposed the 12-milligram dose because it

10 gave the most consistent response, and the

safety profile was similar to 6 milligrams.
 During the NDA review, GSK was

During the NDA review, GSK was conducting a POI study in Europe: Study 001. In this study Entereg did not show clinical superiority to placebo. But we learned that

16 in Europe, clinical practice and

17 socioeconomic systems are different. This

18 point will be further explained by my

19 colleague, Dr. Techner.

20 Given these data, the agency issued 21 an approvable letter and asked for further

efficacy data. We then submitted Study 314,

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Adolor has also shown its commitment to the safe use of this product through the development of a risk management plan, which Dr. Jackson will review later in our presentation.

We are fortunate to have with us today several experts who will help us demonstrate the medical need and the clinical benefits of Entereg and POI. Dr. Senagore will share a surgical perspective of POI. Dr. Lee Techner will outline the POI development program and present the efficacy data. Dr. Jackson will present the safety data from our clinical trials.

And Dr. Eric Mortensen from GlaxoSmithKline will discuss the safety findings from the OBD study, GSK014.

Dr. Jackson will then conclude with a summary of our findings and an overview of our proposed risk management plan.

In addition, we are joined today by

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26 28 the following experts who will be available 1 only impairs the patient's recovery. 2 2 to answer your questions: John Alexander, Postoperative ileus is 3 cardiologist, Duke University; John Camm, 3 traditionally associated with several 4 cardiologist, St. George's Hospital Medical 4 clinical signs, including the presence of 5 School; Conor Delaney, surgeon, University 5 nausea and vomiting, the absence of passage 6 Hospitals of Cleveland; Charles Fuchs, 6 of flatus or stool, abdominal bloating, 7 7 oncologist, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; distension of the abdomen, and in turn. Gary Koch, statistician, University of North 8 abdominal pain and discomfort. 9 Carolina; and Kenneth Lyles, endocrinologist, Over the last decade, we have 10 Duke University. 10 gained considerable knowledge regarding the 11 I now would like to invite 11 etiology of ileus. One of the components of 12 Dr. Senagore to the podium. 12 developing ileus is the surgical stress 13 DR. SENAGORE: Thank you, Linda, 13 response. This happens after major surgical 14 Dr. Buchman, members, and guests. My name is 14 intervention, and is a complex interplay of 15 Anthony Senagore, and I'm a professor of surgery 15 biological factors, including neurogenic at Michigan State University College of Human 16 factors related to the autonomic nervous 17 Medicine, and vice president of research and 17 system, and a variety of hormones and 18 education at Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, 18 neuropeptides which are released in direct 19 Michigan. I've been asked to give a surgical 19 response to the stress. 20 perspective on the condition of postoperative 20 There is also increasing knowledge 21 ileus. 21 showing that a variety of inflammatory 22 Postoperative ileus and bowel 22 mediators contribute to the development of 27 29 1 resection is a significant problem. There 1 postoperative ileus. Surgical anesthetics 2 are about 400,000 bowel resections performed may also be involved. Both inhalational 3 annually in the U.S. It is estimated that gases and intravenous agents may impair GI 4 4 90 percent of these cases are still performed motility, and they tend to have a primary 5 5 by open surgical technique. Postoperative effect on the colon. 6 6 ileus occurs in all of these patients. The most significant identified 7 Postop ileus is the most common 7 factor, however, is the role of opioid 8 8 cause of prolonged hospital stay after bowel analgesics, particularly with parenteral 9 resection, frequently leading to additional administration. Opioids are known to bind to 10 interventions. And surgeons cannot predict 10 the mu-opioid receptors with the enteric 11 which of these patients will go on to develop 11 nervous system. They block the excitatory 12 a more severe form of POI. 12 neurons, which innervate intestinal smooth 13 POI is defined as the transient 13 muscle, and thereby inhibit both 14 cessation of coordinated bowel motility after 14 gastrointestinal motility and secretion. 15 surgery, preventing effective transit of 15 But from the patient's perspective, intestinal contents and/or tolerance of oral 16 opioid-based patient-controlled analgesia has 17 intake. When I trained as a surgeon, we were 17 become the standard of care for the 18 18 management of postoperative pain, taught that POI was a protective response to 19 surgery, that it rested the anastomosis, and 19 particularly after bowel resection.

Opioid-based PCA pumps have been shown to

provide more effective analgesia, shorten

hospital stay, and improve overall patient

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improved healing. Today, we know better.

advantage for an anastomotic healing, and

POI offers no physiologic benefit or

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satisfaction. Despite these benefits, PCAs are associated with a higher incidence of documented postoperative ileus on hospital coding.

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So in an ideal world, when should a patient recover after abdominal surgery? A recent consensus conference data suggests that an optimum time to recovery would be within five days of surgery, after which we would diagnose prolonged or serious POI. Unresolved ileus is associated with an extended hospital stay as well as with a variety of associated morbidities, including nosocomial infections and pulmonary complications.

16 Furthermore, management of 17 prolonged POI and associated complications 17 18 frequently results in additional medical and 19 surgical interventions. For this reason, the 20 primary clinical objective following bowel resection is the avoidance of POI. Thus, in 22 studies relating to enhanced recovery

complications, such as intravenous catheter infection, urinary tract infection, and pulmonary compromise.

The costs associated with severe

POI are substantial. When we examine large administrative data sets, we see two distinct patient populations: Those where surgeons have documented the development of POI and hospital coders have captured that data for 10 bill submission; and those that are uncoded, 11 and therefore, were not felt by the 12 caregivers to have POI. Looking at length of 13 stay, patients with coded POI have nearly a week's longer length of stay. And that 14 15 prolonged hospitalization translates into a 16 nearly doubling of hospital costs.

Further examination of these data reveal that these patients also have a significantly higher in-hospital mortality rate.

Current treatment options for POI focus on the use of multimodal accelerated

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pathways after major abdominal surgery, the time to recovery of bowel function has been the primary clinical endpoint.

Patients with POI suffer discomfort from nausea, vomiting, abdominal distension, and NG tube insertion, which can cause complications such as pneumonia and atelectasis.

As I mentioned previously, POI is the most common cause for prolonged hospital stay after bowel resection. The POI patient consumes significantly greater hospital and nursing resources. There's a need to manage the NG tube, monitor fluid balance, and assess vital signs more frequently. This support often will progress to the administration of TPN for nutritional support and further monitoring and data collection.

Prolonged hospitalization adversely affects patient census and hospital throughput. And it is directly correlated with the risk of the so-called preventable

postoperative care pathways, which frequently require intense nursing and physician input

3 and coordination. These pathways involve

4 early removal of the nasogastric tube, early

5 acceleration of dietary advancement, and an 6 emphasis on early ambulation of the patient.

7 Opioid-sparing analgesia is sometimes used to 8 minimize the deleterious effects of opioids.

Prokinetics have also been studied. However, none are approved or routinely available in preventing or treatment postoperative ileus. In fact, none of these approaches have consistently shortened hospital stay in large population studies.

From a clinical perspective, a commonly used metric for evaluating the treatment strategy is NNT, or number needed to treat. How can we compare the NNT of alvimopan for POI prophylaxis with two commonly recommended and currently CMS-mandated prophylactic measures for other surgical patients?

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1 A large meta-analysis of 2 prophylactic measures for DBT and surgical 3 site infection in colorectal cancer patients 4 revealed an NNT that ranged from 4 to 17. In 5 comparison, as you will hear shortly by 6 Dr. Techner, the NNT for alvimopan for POI 7 prophylaxis, using discharge order within seven days as the outcome measure, is five to 9 nine, clearly within this same range. Thus, we are left with no approved

10 11 drugs for the prevention or management of 12 postoperative ileus, and the current 13 management options are limited and not 14 consistently effective. We have no reliable 15 criteria to predict who will develop either a 16 prolonged or severe postoperative ileus, and 17 the burden on the patient and the health care system is severe. So as clinicians, we feel 18 19 that postoperative ileus should be managed 20 proactively in bowel resection patients with 21 an agent that should decrease the 22 manifestations of this condition.

focus on alvimopan's mechanism of action and rationale for its use in the management of postoperative ileus.

Alvimopan is a highly selective, competitive antagonist at the mu-opioid receptor. It is metabolized to an active metabolite by gut microflora. The metabolite is equipotent to alvimopan, but is not required for efficacy in POI.

Alvimopan and its metabolite are peripherally acting, and much less potent at both delta and kappa receptors. Furthermore, alvimopan demonstrated no activity at any of over 70 non-opioid receptors, enzymes, and ion channels, thus reducing the potential for off-target effects.

Alvimopan competes with opioid analgesics such as morphine or fentanyl for binding it in the opioid receptors located within the enteric nervous system. In fact, alvimopan's affinity for the mu receptor is over 40-fold greater than that of morphine.

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I'd like to ask Dr. Techner now to
 discuss Adolor's clinical development and POI
 efficacy results.

efficacy results.

DR. TECHNER: Good morning. I'm Lee
Techner, senior medical director for Adolor.

Techner, senior medical director for Adolor.Today, it is my privilege to share with you the

7 efficacy results from the Phase III clinical

8 trials supporting the use of alvimopan,

9 12 milligrams, for the management of

10 postoperative ileus following segmental bowel

11 resection. I'll start by providing a brief

12 overview of alvimopan's mechanism of action,

13 then review study design endpoints and the

14 efficacy results. I'll conclude the

presentation with a brief summary.An extensive clinical pharma

An extensive clinical pharmacology program has been completed, characterizing the mechanism of action, pharmacologic

19 efficacy, pharmacokinetic profile, and

20 exposure response of alvimopan. An overview

21 of the findings has been provided in your

22 briefing document. This morning, I will

Once bound, alvimopan blocks the negative effects of opioids on bowel motility without compromising central analgesia.

As you've heard this morning, opioid analgesics are a key factor in the development and duration of postoperative ileus. Therefore, the use of a peripherally acting mu-opioid receptor antagonist directly targets a primary component of this serious surgical condition.

Now let's turn our attention to the alvimopan Phase III POI clinical development program. Overall study design was similar across all Phase III trials. Initially, we evaluated both 6- and 12-milligram doses. Patients received their first dose of alvimopan or placebo preoperatively in order to mitigate the GI effects of highly potent opioids commonly administered during induction of anesthesia.

Dosing continued postoperatively until discharge, or for a maximum of seven

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advancement, with liquids offered on

Postoperative Day 1 and solids on Day 2.

of I to III and were scheduled for partial

Key inclusion criteria required

that patients over 18 years had an ASA score

large or small bowel resection with primary

all performed by laparotomy. In addition,

for postoperative pain management. The

opioid used was at the discretion of the

trials if they were scheduled for total

patients were required to receive

anastomosis or total abdominal hysterectomy,

opioid-based IV patient-controlled analgesia

Patients were excluded from the

colectomy, colostomy, ileostomy, or had a

complete bowel obstruction, used opioids

doses of opioid analgesics within seven days

chronically, or received more than three

days, if the patient remained in the hospital.

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3 Adverse events were assessed up to 4 Day 14. Active monitoring of sites for

5 serious adverse events continued for 30 days

6 following the last dose of study drug, or

7 until resolution. Patients typically

8 returned to their surgeon for the initial

postoperative evaluation within two to four

10 weeks of discharge, corresponding to the

11 adverse event monitoring period. 12

Four alvimopan doses were evaluated in Phase II dose-ranging studies, of which two were chosen for the initial Phase III trials: 6 and 12 milligrams. Of these, the 12-milligram dose appears to be optimal for the bowel resection population when examined

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19 Population PK analysis demonstrate 20

that with BID dosing plasma concentrations 21 remained above the KI for the mu-opioid

22 receptor for 12 hours in 95 percent of 21 In the POI development program, 22

three measures were evaluated to support

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patients receiving the 12-milligram dose, two

2 times longer than that achieved with 3

6 milligrams.

Clinical trial results demonstrated a consistent and robust treatment effect with alvimopan 12 milligrams, particularly in the North American trials enrolling the largest

8 number of bowel resection patients, which I 9 will discuss shortly. And the safety

10 profiles of both the 6- and 12-milligram

11 doses are comparable. Therefore, consistent

12 with the proposed label, efficacy results

13 will be presented for the 12-milligram dose 14

only.

15 A standardized accelerated 16 multimodal postoperative care pathway was implemented in all trials in order to be

17 18 consistent with current best practices. This

19 consisted of early removal of the nasogastric

20 tube -- that is, no later than Postoperative Day 1, early ambulation initiated on 21

Postoperative Day 1, and early diet

clinically meaningful benefit. GI recovery,

the primary measure of clinical progress 3

following major abdominal surgery, and the

4 main driver for discharge. 5

Hospital length of stay. As we've heard from Dr. Senagore, reduction in length of stay is associated with substantial benefits to both the patient and the health care system.

Insertion of a nasogastric tube for symptoms of POI increases patient risk for associated complications, some of which may lead to serious morbidity or mortality. Therefore, the incidence of postoperative NG tube insertion was assessed in order to determine whether alvimopan, through accelerating GI recovery, could reduce the need for this intervention.

Upper and lower GI recovery are required for complete resolution of POI. For the initial alvimopan clinical trials, the primary endpoint was a three-component

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composite: GI-3, the last to occur of upper

2 GI recovery, represented by the time to

tolerating solid food, and lower GI recovery,

4 the first to occur of either flatus or bowel

5 movement.

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6 Resumption of colonic motility is 7 generally considered the rate-limiting factor 8 for complete resolution of POI. Clinically,

passage of stool is more closely associated

with this event when compared with flatus.

11 Therefore, for assessment of alvimopan's

12 treatment effect on GI recovery in bowel

13 resection patients, a two-component composite 13

14 endpoint is more clinically relevant. This

15 is represented by GI-2, the last to occur of

16 the time to tolerating solid food and the

17 time to first bowel movement.

In agreement with FDA, GI-2 was the

primary endpoint in the most recent trial,Study 314. GI-2 was a pre-specified

21 secondary endpoint in two of the North

22 American studies, 313 and 308; the non-U.S.

1 recovery. Today, we'll present our results

2 using an expanded responder definition

3 developed in collaboration with FDA and

4 surgeons for the most recent trial,

5 Study 314, and retrospectively applied to the

6 other North American studies. A responder is

7 defined as a patient that achieves the

8 endpoint of interest on any of Postsurgical

9 Days 3 through 8 and has no subsequent

10 adverse event reports of POI, which,

11 according to the investigator, either delayed

discharge or resulted in hospital readmission

3 within seven days of discharge.

GI recovery by Day 5 and early discharge are primary clinical objectives following bowel resection. Therefore, using our responder definition, we evaluated

18 whether treatment with alvimopan would allow

19 more patients to achieve these important

20 clinical milestones, thus potentially

21 reducing patient risk.

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Study 001; and a post hoc analysis in Study 302.

The length of hospital stay was characterized using several measures: ready

for discharge based solely on the time of GI
 recovery as defined by the surgeon; time to

7 discharge order written, DOW, preferred over

8 actual time to hospital departure, as it

9 avoids the potential influence of confounding

10 factors such as social or transportation

11 issues; and finally, an approach more

12 consistent with how this measure is typically

13 reported, discharge order written by

14 postoperative day, referred to as "length of

15 stay." This measure uses the calendar day

16 the order was written as opposed to its

17 occurrence relative to the end of surgery18 time.

19 Because there

Because there is no precedent defining a responder in POI, several analyses

21 were explored in the earlier trials, all

22 based on a single component: time to GI

1 indication, the efficacy results will focus

2 only on patients who underwent partial small

or large bowel resection with primaryanastomosis. Study 314, which enroll

anastomosis. Study 314, which enrolled onlybowel resection patients, Study 313 in which

6 93 percent of the patients enrolled underwent

7 bowel resection, will provide the primary

8 confirmation of clinical benefit.9 Studies 302 and 308, althor

Studies 302 and 308, although not designed to evaluate the bowel resection population independently, provide additional support for alvimopan's benefit in these surgical patients.

Study 306 was a safety study enrolling only hysterectomy patients, and unlike the other trials, had an outpatient component. Therefore, this study will not be included in discussion of the POI efficacy results. The POI safety presentation, however, will include data from all patients who had surgery.

Study 001 was the only non-U.S.

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study, and differed from the North American 2 trials with respect to opioid use and length 3 of stay. Therefore, I will discuss results 4 from this trial first and then focus the

5 remainder of the presentation on the North

American studies.

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The prospectively defined analysis population used to evaluate efficacy outcomes was the modified intent-to-treat population, 10 defined as all patients who had at least one 11 dose of study drug, surgery as per protocol, 12 and at least one post-surgery efficacy 13 assessment. Ninety-four percent of bowel 14 resection patients in the North American 15 trials were included in the MITT bowel resection population.

16 17 The pre-specified primary approach 18 to evaluating alvimopan's treatment effect 19 was the Cox proportional hazards model, using 20 the P value associated with the resulting 21 hazard ratio. To describe the magnitude of 22 treatment effect, estimates of the mean time

elements of the Phase III POI clinical 2 development program, let's turn our attention 3 to the efficacy results, starting with the 4 non-U.S. Study 001. 5 Study 001 was conducted outside

North America. Results for the bowel

7 resection population were not statistically significant for the primary endpoint, GI-3. 9 Post hoc analyses provided additional 10 perspective, allowing a better understanding 11 of this outcome. Results of these analyses 12 highlighted significant differences between 13 Study 001 and the North American trials, 14 primarily with respect to opioid use and 15 length of stay.

In the North American trials, use of opioid-based IV PCA and restricted use of non-opioid analgesics was mandated. This was not the case in Study 001, which led to greater than 60 percent higher use of non-opioid analgesics, and 55 percent lower utilization of opioid-based IV PCA. Overall

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2 time will be presented, and are derived from

3 the Kaplan-Meier curves as pre-specified in

the analysis plan. The FDA briefing document 5 provides median and 75th percentile estimates

6 derived from the Cox proportional hazards

7 model. In most cases, the results based on 8

either method are comparable.

The difference in the mean times was obtained from the area between the two treatment group curves. As such, this area may be viewed as the sum of differences between the curves over the entire 10-day

13 14 observation period, or alternatively, across

15 the various percentiles. Differences in the

median and the 75th percentile supplement

17 information provided by the mean. Additional

18 measures further characterizing clinical

19 benefit include a responder analysis, which I

20 described earlier, and numbers needed to

21 treat, or NNT.

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22 Now that we've reviewed the key postoperative opioid exposure was two times higher in the North American trials.

3 With respect to length of stay, we 4 learned that GI recovery was not a primary

5 determinant of discharge in Study 001. In 6 fact, the average time from GI recovery to

7 discharge order written, along with the

8 average hospital stay, were approximately 9 three days longer in the 001 placebo group as

10 compared with placebo patients in the North

11 American studies. This may be related to 12 regional variation and practice patterns,

13 along with other cultural differences that

14 impact decisions on discharge.

Due to these differences. meaningful interpretation of discharge-related endpoints within the context of the North American trials is

19 confounded and will not be presented. 20 However, the results are in your briefing

21 document.

The mean age for the bowel

resection population in Study 001 was

- 2 approximately 64 years, which is consistent
- 3 with the primary reason for surgery:
- 4 Colorectal cancer. Approximately 80 percent
- 5 of the patients completed treatment, and
- 6 there was a low discontinuation rate for

7 adverse events.

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For the bowel resection population in Study 001, statistical significance was not achieved for the primary endpoint GI-3.

11 For GI-2, the hazard ratio was 1.3, and

12 statistically significant when compared with

13 placebo. Mean and median differences between

14 treatment groups for GI recovery ranged from

15 3 to 11 hours, and 4 to 20 hours at the 75th

16 percentile, all favoring alvimopan.

17 We will now focus on the results

18 from the North American studies. Over 2,200

19 patients were included in the North American

20 trials. Eighty-two percent underwent bowel

21 resection. As mentioned previously, the

22 highest proportion of bowel resection a higher proportion performed on the left

2 versus the right colon. Surgery duration was

3 similar across treatment groups and within

4 the expected range for these procedures. The

5 most common reasons for surgery was colon or

6 rectal cancer, followed by diverticular

7 disease, consistent with the frequency of GI

8 conditions requiring elective bowel resection

9 in the general population.

10 These Kaplan-Meier curves represent 11 the pattern of GI recovery in bowel resection 12 patients based on integrated data from the

four North American trials. No events, bowel 13

movement or toleration of solids, are

15 occurring within the initial 48 hours

16 following surgery. At that point, the curves

17 separate, and they remain separated

18 throughout the entire postoperative

19 observation period of 10 days.

> The orange line, alvimopan 12 milligrams, remains to the left of the

22 gray placebo line at all time points. This

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- patients were enrolled in Studies 314 and 1
 - 313, 100 percent and 93 percent,
- 3 respectively.

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5 completing was slightly higher in the

alvimopan 12-milligram group compared with

7 placebo across all trials, with the exception

8 of Study 302. Adverse events were the most

common reason for discontinuations and higher

10 in placebo, primarily due to a numerically

11 higher incidence of nausea, vomiting, and

12 postoperative ileus as compared with

13 alvimopan-treated patients, again, with the

14 exception of Study 302.

Patient demographics were

16 well-matched across treatment groups. Forty 17 percent of bowel resection patients were 65

18 years or older, and 17 percent greater than

higher risk for perioperative complications.

19 or equal to 75 years or age, populations at 20

21 Over 90 percent of resections were large

bowel, and consistent with clinical practice,

shifting of the curve indicates that patients 1

2 treated with alvimopan had a higher

3 probability of earlier GI recovery from

4 Postoperative Day 2 through Day 10 as

5 compared with placebo. Between Postoperative

Days 5 and 6, representing patients with more

7 prolonged ileus and potentially at higher

8 risk for complications, the curves are at

9 their widest divergence.

The mean difference in GI-2

11 recovery between alvimopan and placebo over 12 the 10-day observation period is 18.8 hours,

13 the difference at the median 10 hours, and a

14 22.4-hour difference at the 75th percentile.

15 These findings are supported by results from

16 the individual studies. 17 In studies with the highest

18 proportion of bowel resection patients, 314

19 and 313, hazard ratios in the alvimopan

20 treatment group for both GI-2 and GI-3 were

21 greater than 1.4, and statistically

significant when compared with placebo.

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and 313, with mean differences from placebo

ranging from 13 to 21 hours, and with similar

results seen in supportive studies. Across

all studies, differences from placebo at the

75th percentile were robust, ranging from

The pattern of discharge order

represented by these Kaplan-Meier curves.

12 hours, corresponding to clinical practice

patterns, with these orders typically written

In the North American trials,

approximately 90 percent of the discharge

during the first two nursing shifts.

written in the four North American studies is

The repeating steps occur approximately every

approximately 1 to 2 days.

- Further support is provided by Studies 308
- 2 and 302, where hazard ratios for GI-2 were
- 3 also statistically significant. A positive
- 4 trend was observed for the GI-3 endpoint in
- 5 these studies. However, statistical
- 6 significance was not achieved.
- 7 In Studies 314 and 313.
- 8 statistically significant results as measured
- by the hazard ratios were associated with a
- 10 mean difference of 20 to 26 hours between the
- 11 treatment groups for GI-2 recovery. The
- 12 difference at the median, 17 hours. And at
- the 75th percentile, GI recovery occurred up 13
- 14 to approximately 1-1/2 days earlier with
- alvimopan as compared to placebo. These data 15 15
- 16 are supported by the other studies as well.
- 17 Although somewhat less robust, similar trends
- 18 were observed for GI-3.
- 19 The treatment effect of alvimopan
- 20 12 milligrams was consistent regardless of
- 21 sex, age, or race, with hazard ratios and
- 22 associated confidence intervals all above 1.

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Across all studies, a higher proportion of

- 2 patients receiving alvimopan achieved GI
- recovery by Postsurgical Day 5, ranging from
- 4 10 to 18 percent greater than placebo-treated
 - patients.

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When converted to NNTs, 5 to 10

- patients would require treatment with
- 8 alvimopan to move one patient into this 9
 - earlier GI recovery period.

10 Resolution of POI is the driver for

- 11 discharge following bowel resection.
- 12 Therefore, achieving this clinical milestone
- 13 early may reduce overall hospital length of
- 14 stay. In patients receiving alvimopan,
- 15 hazard ratios for ready were 1.4 and 1.5 in
- 16 Studies 314 and 313, both statistically
- 17 significant when compared with placebo.
- 18 Similar results were demonstrated in
- 19 Studies 302 and 308.
- 20 The magnitude of treatment effect
- 21 by all measures was comparable to that
- observed for GI recovery in both Studies 314

orders were written between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The mean difference in DOW is 18 hours, the difference at the median 15.6

19 hours, and a 27-hour difference at the 75th

20 percentile.

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In Studies 314 and 313, hazard ratios for DOW were greater than or equal to

1 1.4, and statistically significant when

- 2 compared with placebo. Similar findings were
- demonstrated in Study 308. A positive trend
- favoring alvimopan was observed in Study 302.
- 5 However, this was not statistically
- 6 significant.

across all studies.

Mean differences from placebo range from to 19 hours in Studies 314 and 313, and were comparable in Study 308. Differences at the median range from 6 to 22 hours and 21 to approximately 45 hours at the 75th percentile

A higher proportion of patients in the alvimopan treatment group had discharge orders written prior to Postsurgical Day 7 as compared to placebo-treated patients, 12 to approximately 15 percent in Studies 314 and 313, and similar findings in Studies 302 and 308. These differences correspond to NNTs ranging from 5 to 9. When calculated using the calendar day the discharge order was

written, mean postoperative length of stay

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58 60 was shortened by 1 day in Studies 314 and 1 the other North American trials, and achieved even with implementation of a standardized 2 313, with a comparable reduction in 3 Study 308. 3 accelerated care pathway. 4 Integrated results from the four 4 In the four North American trials 5 5 North American studies demonstrate hazard combined, treatment with alvimopan reduced 6 ratios and associated confidence intervals 6 the incidence of postoperative NG tube 7 7 insertion by 43 percent. Across all studies, above 1 for primary and secondary endpoints. 8 8 Intervention to relieve symptoms treatment with alvimopan 12 milligrams had no 9 9 associated with unresolving postoperative impact on pain management. We believe that 10 10 ileus often involves insertion of a these results demonstrate clinically 11 nasogastric tube. This can be associated 11 meaningful benefit to patients undergoing 12 12 with serious complications, and does not bowel resection. 13 13 shorten the duration of POI. Treatment with I would now like to ask my 14 alvimopan 12 milligrams was associated with a 14 colleague, Dr. David Jackson, to lead the 15 15 presentation on the safety profile of significant reduction in the incidence of 16 postoperative NG tube insertion as compared 16 alvimopan. 17 17 DR. JACKSON: Thank you and good with placebo. The difference of 18 morning. I'm David Jackson, the chief medical 18 approximately 5 percent corresponds to an NNT 19 of 20. 19 officer for Adolor. And this morning, I would 20 Effective pain management following 20 like to present to you the POI safety data. 21 21 bowel resection is frequently achieved with Before we do, I'm going to go and sit down again 22 opioid-based IV PCA. Therefore, the 22 and invite Dr. Mortensen from GSK to address the 59 61 1 agency's request to provide more information 1 potential for alvimopan to compromise 2 about the GSK-sponsored OBD trials and in analgesia was assessed. In the North 3 American clinical trials, treatment with 3 particular, Study GSK014. Eric. 4 4 DR. MORTENSEN: Thank you, alvimopan had no impact on either opioid 5 consumption or VAS pain scores. This finding Dr. Jackson. Eric Mortensen, group director, 6 has been consistent across all studies. GlaxoSmithKline, clinical development. And good 7 In summary, treatment with 7 morning, and thank you to the committee for the 8 8 chance to present some of our data today. alvimopan 12 milligrams in the studies where 9 greater than 90 percent of patients enrolled I'll be talking to you today about 10 10 underwent bowel resection resulted in studies of alvimopan in the setting of OBD, 11 statistically significant acceleration of GI 11 the opioid-induced bowel dysfunction that's 12 12 frequently observed in patients with chronic recovery and an associated reduction in 13 hospital length of stay; mean differences 13 opioid use. I'll be focusing most of today's 14 from placebo in these key clinical milestones 14 discussion upon the results of a single 15 of about a day, and up to 2 days at the 75th 15 clinical trial, a long-term safety study, 16 percentile, corresponding to patients with 16 Protocol 014, and I'll conclude with a few remarks from our study in patients with 17 prolonged POI and likely a higher risk for 17 18 delayed discharge; a higher proportion of 18 cancer-related pain. 19 19 responders achieving GI-2 recovery by Day 5; Now, opioid bowel dysfunction, or 20 20 OBD, is a chronic condition characterized by and hospital discharge prior to Day 7, with 21 21 corresponding NNTs below 10. severe constipation and associated symptoms.

The patients we studied with OBD were quite

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These outcomes were supported by

distinct from those in the POI population, in
that they generally had chronic pain of
several years' duration for which they had
required much higher doses of opioids than
those commonly used in POI for acute
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Now, because long-term exposure to opioids sensitizes patients to the effect of opiate antagonists, patients with OBD were intolerant of the much higher alvimopan doses used in the POI condition, experiencing abdominal cramping and diarrhea. Doses of 1 milligram alvimopan increased those symptoms on the first day of treatment of OBD.

And for that reason, patients in the OBD program were treated with only 1/2 a milligram alvimopan twice daily as opposed to the proposed dose of 12 milligrams twice daily in the POI indication.

Patients in the OBD population suffered a debilitating pain condition for an or placebo at a ratio of 2-to-1. And it

2 should be noted that relative to today's

3 concern about safety, that this study's4 inclusion criteria did not require baseline

5 chest radiography or electrocardiography.

Now, the adverse events will be discussed and consist of three categories:

8 Myocardial infarctions and other significant

9 cardiovascular events, and events that were

10 encoded as either neoplasia or as bone

11 fracture. No imbalance in these events was

12 seen in prior studies, and hence, no

13 pre-specified definitions were established to

14 permit uniform case ascertainment or

15 comparison between treatment groups. We note16 these events were uncommon, and therefore,

17 risk estimates have very wide confidence18 intervals.

Our review of the various events included careful evaluation of the index cases along with examination of the biological, clinical, and epidemiologic

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1 average of greater than 10-1/2 years. They'd

2 required opioid analgesia for these

3 conditions for greater than 7-1/2 years, with

a mean total daily dose of opioid that was

5 equivalent to about 232 milligrams of6 morphine.

Now, this was in significant

contrast to the experience in the POI condition, where there were generally no

10 underlying pain conditions, and patients

11 received approximately a tenth of this dose

12 of opioid for fewer than two weeks. Per

13 protocol, those patients did not have any

14 significant prior opioid exposure. And the

data I'll be presenting today comes from our

studies in patients with OBD.

Study 014 was a 12-monthrandomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled

19 trial assessing the effect of alvimopan in

20 patients with chronic non-cancer pain and

21 symptoms of OBD. Patients were randomized to 21

22 either alvimopan, 1/2 milligram twice daily,

1 plausibility of each event. Exposure

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2 response relationships were assessed. And

3 finally, integrated reports were subjected to

4 both internal and external expert review.

A global review of the

cardiovascular events in Study 014 using

7 categories agreed with the FDA showed low8 incidence of events on alvimopan, but a

9 numerical increase compared with the ab

9 numerical increase compared with the absence

of events on placebo. This was largelydriven by an increase in myocardial

12 infarctions in the alvimopan group.

The low frequency of individual

14 events results in the wide confidence15 intervals seen here around the relative risk

intervals seen here around the relative riskestimates. Subsequent assessment showed that

17 all the events of myocardial infarction in

18 the alvimopan patients occurred in those with

19 prior cardiovascular disease, with a

20 clustering of events noted so that 5 of the 7 21 events occurred at 2 of the 232 study sites

22 in the trial.

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the results of Study 014. In particular, the

1 A time-to-event analysis of CV 2 events observed in Study 014 is shown here, 3 and shows the separation versus placebo for 4 the 538 patients on alvimopan. Few 5 cardiovascular events were observed beyond 6 six months, suggesting no accumulation of 7 risk, and no events were observed in the period relevant to postoperative ileus. Importantly, none of the myocardial 10 infarctions, the initial event of concern, 11 occurred at less than 30 days or at more than 12 four months after initiation of study drug. 13 Prior to the observation of the 14 imbalance of Study 014, no evidence of an 15 increase in cardiovascular events was identified from clinical studies at less a 16 17 duration in essentially the same patient population. This included two studies with 18 19 three months' duration of drug exposure. 20 Now, focusing upon the adverse 21 event of myocardial infarction, the principal

2 imbalance of myocardial infarctions was less
3 pronounced. And once again, the confidence
4 intervals around the relative risk estimates
5 for individual events are wide, owing to the
6 overall low incidence of events in both
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Now, as I've stated, the lack of pre-specified disease definitions confounded our ability to analyze cardiovascular events. As a result, an independent data monitoring committee was established to provide standard definitions to improve the uniformity of case ascertainment, to review individual cases, and to provide a blinded comparison of the incidences of cardiovascular events across the OBD database.

The resulting IDMC's analysis showed no significant difference in the frequency of CV events between alvimopan and placebo, and similarly, no significant

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these studies showed no association with 1 2 alvimopan compared with placebo. Again, the 3 number of adverse events are small, 4 reflecting the low incidence rate, and 5 resulting in the wide confidence intervals that we see here around the relative risk 7 estimates. 8 A time-to-event analysis of the cardiovascular events in these other OBD

observation of imbalance in the 014 study,

that we see here around the relative risk estimates.

A time-to-event analysis of the cardiovascular events in these other OBD studies of patients with non-cancer pain is shown here. The maximum duration of exposure is here three months, but largely overlaps the period of accumulation of cardiovascular events in Study 014. Here, with a larger population of 1,190 patients exposed to alvimopan, the curve showed no separation from placebo with respect to incidence.

A combination of these CV events from the OBD program in non-cancer pain is

shown here. After integrating all data, we

saw a persistent but lesser imbalance of cardiovascular events, primarily driven by difference was observed in either ischemic or non-ischemic cardiovascular events.

Recognizing the limitation of making conclusions from adverse event reports, the IDMC concluded that the risk of ischemic heart disease with alvimopan exposure was largely discharged.

Furthermore, they found no significant evidence of an elevation in the incidence of other or non-ischemic cardiovascular events with alvimopan versus placebo. Nonetheless, they suggested that a further study be conducted in the OBD population to confirm these observations, and that any studies should include an enhanced monitoring of cardiovascular events and IDMC oversight to confirm this interpretation.

Study 014, a second imbalance was observed with respect to the number of adverse events encoded as neoplasm. The incidence rates following the inclusion of an additional case

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reported post-study are also shown here. And I think the change in the relative risks seen with this addition shows how this value is

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A review of individual case reports shows this group encoded as neoplasm was quite heterogeneous, including some instances as post-traumatic neuroma, lipoma, benign hair follicle tumor that are not pre-malignant and do not show clinical development or progression. The range of lesions was also considered to be atypical

13 for an agent with primary or secondary 14 carcinogenic potential. 15

Now, given questions about the clinical meaningfulness of the range of events in this broad grouping, we'll examine those events of malignant neoplasm to assess potential treatment and balance. Adverse events associated with significant risk of malignancy were identified without respect to

22 drug treatment. The separations were then

1 relative risk, but also approximates the NULL 2 value, and with little difference in the 3 distribution of cases.

To further explore the potential observed imbalance of neoplastic events in the non-cancer OBD studies, an examination was conducted of results from a study in patients with cancer-related pain requiring an opioid analgesia. Study 008 and its extension 101684 were intended to assess the effect of alvimopan in patients with cancer-related pain requiring opioid analgesia and with symptoms of OBD.

Eligible patients were randomized unequally to placebo or 1 of 3 doses of alvimopan at a ratio of approximately 2.5-to-1 alvimopan to placebo by study's end. Patients completing the three-week efficacy trial were allowed to continue with their assigned treatment for as long as they desired.

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2 oncologists for consistency. Apart from

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with respect to classification, there was

5 general agreement for all events classified 6

as malignant.

Here, we see that malignancies constitute a small number of the cases, that the relative risk estimates are modest, while confidence levels all embrace the NULL value. With the inclusion of Study 014 of the

12 additional unsolicited neoplastic adverse 13 event reported post-study, we see the

perceived imbalances further diminished. 14

These imbalances of the militant neoplasm were significantly affected by the small number of events in the safety database, and the likelihood that several

19 patients may apparently have had pre-existing

20 lesions prior to randomization. We see in

21 the third line the inclusion of all cases

22 from all non-cancer OBD studies produces a 1 Study 001 predominantly selected patients

with advanced disease and a high likelihood

of mortality. Enrollment of eligible

4 patients was challenging, given the

5 limitations that many patients with severe

illness had in providing detailed study

7 reports of their symptoms. Of note, this

8 study was not designed to measure the

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progression of patients' underlying cancer

10 diagnosis, nor to ensure that prognostic

11 factors for disease progression were balanced

between the treatment groups.

As a conservative clinical assessment then, we therefore compared the number of deaths by treatment group. In this population, we saw a numeric imbalance for deaths, with 20 patients in the alvimopan group compared with 3 on placebo. We have, however, provided a detailed analysis in the briefing document that examines potential

21 reasons for these findings.

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1 exposure to study agent was much greater in

- 2 the alvimopan group. Furthermore, subjects
- 3 in the alvimopan arm had markers of more
- advanced disease than subjects on placebo.
- 5 Overall, our analysis indicated that
- 6 alvimopan exposure was not the significant
- predictor for death, and suggested the
- patients' experience of potential drug
- efficacy may have led to the greater

10 retention of patients in the alvimopan group

11 for the extension study.

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Finally, the observation of an imbalance in bone fractures are summarized here. There was an excess of fractures reported among alvimopan users in the 014 study. Based upon the evaluation of all data 16 across all OBD studies in cancer and non-cancer subjects, this finding appears to

18 19 be limited to Study 014.

20 The assessment of events in the OBD 21 studies was hampered by the lack of

22 perspectively defined fracture criteria and a long-term trial, and were not replicated in other OBD or POI studies.

Now, based upon these findings, the preclinical data were reviewed for any potential association. With respect to cardiovascular events, the preclinical program failed to identify any evidence of cardiotoxicity. Similarly, monitoring of cardiac function during clinical pharmacology studies demonstrated no negative cardiac effects. In addition, preclinical assessments of alvimopan, including clastogenicity, mutagenicity, and

carcinogenicity assays, were all negative.

Definitive QT studies in humans showed no effect at doses up to 24 milligrams given twice daily. An evaluation of exposure response relationships showed no relationship between levels of alvimopan and either cardiovascular events, neoplasia, or fractures. Overall, preclinical and clinical data do not suggest a clear pattern of either

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1 lack of collection of radiography. No

2 negative action was identified to explain

these findings, and studies of other

4 opioid-receptor antagonists have not

identified any effects on bone metabolism.

In summary, we believe that no confirmed association between drug exposure and any of the adverse events has been

9 established. The OBD population is in

10 general at high risk for each of these

11 problems. The presence of hypertension,

12 hyperlipidemia, and tobacco use increases the 13 risk of cardiovascular events. Tobacco use

14 is further associated with aero-digestive

15 cancers. Opioid users have an increased risk

of falls and often use concomitant

17 medications associated with osteopenia.

18 In each case, the frequency of 19 events was low, and the relative risk

20 estimates uniformly included the NULL value.

21 Finally, we see that these events were

22 principally confined to Study 014, a 1 beneficial or deleterious effects on

2 cardiovascular function, neoplasia, or bone

3 metabolism as associated with long-term

4 treatment with opioid agonists or 5

antagonists.

In summary, the findings of interest were primarily related to a single study in the OBD patient population. These findings did not reflect the experience of other OBD studies, nor did the time to these events generally overlap the period for treatment of the proposed indication of POI.

With respect to the risk of ischemic heart disease, the independent monitoring committee concluded that the available data indicated that the risk for treatment effect had been largely discharged.

While the clinical significance of these findings remains unclear, we recognize these observations require further investigation in the OBD population to fully establish the safety of long-term

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administration of alvimopan. These findings 2 have not ever been replicated in shorter term 3 studies of alvimopan in either the OBD or the 4 POI populations.

With that then, I'll turn things back over to Dr. Jackson to complete the discussion of the POI safety program.

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DR. JACKSON: Thank you, Dr. Mortensen. So now, if we may turn our attention back to the POI safety database. I'm going to address the following four points, including the safety follow-up in the POI studies.

14 The POI safety database includes 15 nearly 4,000 patients worldwide. It consists 16 of, as you've seen, three Phase II studies 17 and six Phase III studies. This database 18 includes all patients who underwent bowel 19 resection or total abdominal hysterectomy and 20 who received at least one dose of 1, 3, 6, or 21 12 milligrams of alvimopan or placebo. 22 Disposition of these patients, as you've seen

Focusing on serious adverse events, overall rates were low. The most common serious adverse events were POI and small intestinal obstruction, which are, as you may know, often difficult to differentiate in this setting, both of which were less frequent in the alvimopan group. SAEs resulting in death were rare and comparable between groups.

Now, because of the numerical imbalance of myocardial infarctions in GSK014, the agency asked us to provide additional documentation, such as ECG tracings and cardiac biomarkers for POI patients who had a cardiovascular event of interest. Both the agency and Adolor used these additional data to adjudicate and categorize these cardiovascular events as noted here, to determine if any imbalances existed.

The rates for these CV events of interest were low, and there was no evidence

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1 already, shows that approximately 80 percent

2 completed treatment, and about 8 to

3 11 percent discontinued as a result of an

adverse event. It's worth noting, I think,

5 that fewer patients treated with 6 or

12 milligrams discontinued due to adverse

7 events. Now, because very few patients

8 received doses of 1 or 3 milligrams of

alvimopan in these studies, this is the last

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time I will discuss this group. As you would expect, following major abdominal surgery, the most commonly reported treatment-emergent adverse events were nausea and vomiting. And as you can see here, the frequency of nausea, vomiting, abdominal distension, pyrexia, and hypertension were essentially comparable across the treatment groups. Less common

18 19 events occurring with a frequency of less 20 than 10 percent in any group also showed

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1 of an increase in cardiovascular events among

2 the alvimopan group. Because event rates

3 were low, the 95 percent confidence intervals

surrounding the relative risks are generally

5 wide. And when we combine all cardiovascular

6 events of interest in the second line here

7 into a single category, we see that the

8 incidence is somewhat lower in the alvimopan

9 group.

10 To provide further assessment, we 11 also sought an independent analysis from the 12 Duke Clinical Research Institute Clinical 13 Events Committee, the team of practicing 14 physicians specializing in cardiology or 15 neurology. Now, they provided a blinded 16 adjudication of all POI cardiovascular 17 adverse events using patient-level source 18 documents. The DCRI used the American Heart

19 Association, American College of Cardiology,

20 guidelines, as well as clinical judgment to

21 define specific events. Hence, their numbers

22 differ slightly from the Adolor analysis, but

the results confirm no imbalance in CV events exists between the two treatment groups.

3 In addition to the Adolor and Duke 4 analyses, we also looked for references in 5 the literature regarding the incidence of 6 myocardial infarction following a bowel 7 resection. The data shown here are from a

paper by Khuri et al. using the NSQIP

database, the VA database. And we see that 10 the observed incidence of myocardial infarcs 11 in our POI trials was generally consistent 12 with that shown in this very large database

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Turning to the secondary category of imbalance seen in the GSK014 study of OBD patients' bone fractures, we saw only one in the POI database.

18 And finally, looking here at 19 treatment-emergent malignant neoplasia in the 20 POI studies, the incident of neoplasia was 21 low and balanced between the groups.

Now, a question has been raised

1 again, that metabolite concentrations may be 2 significant beyond this observation time. 3 But, in fact, by six-plus days following the 4 last dose, metabolite levels are negligible. 5 Therefore, we believe that the follow-up

6 safety monitoring in the POI population was 7 appropriate and was comprehensive. 8

In summary, alvimopan 12 milligrams was well-tolerated. There's no evidence of increased cardiovascular, fracture, or cancer risk seen in this large clinical safety database. As Dr. Techner noted earlier, there was no evidence of a reversal of opioid analgesia with alvimopan. Collectively, the efficacy, morbidity, and safety results you've seen today we believe support a positive benefit-risk profile for the use of alvimopan 12 milligrams in patients undergoing bowel resection.

I would now like to turn to and provide an outline of our proposed risk management plan. In November 2006, we

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1 regarding the adequacy of follow-up in the

2 POI studies to detect later adverse events.

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given that 88 percent of the patients in the 5 worldwide POI safety database were followed

up after their last dose of medication.

7 Three-quarters were contacted by telephone,

most at one to two weeks, to ask about

adverse events. Another 13 percent had a

10 follow-up visit with the surgeon. And in

11 Study 001, there was also a six-week

12 follow-up visit where 76 percent of patients

13 were seen and questions were asked about 14

In the North American studies, site visits by monitors assessed all follow-up

data for 30 days after the last dose by review of records. Bowel resection patients,

18 19 as you heard from Dr. Techner, are routinely

20 seen by the surgeon and evaluated, usually

21 within two to four weeks for an initial 22 postop visit. And it has been suggested,

11 12 13 adverse events.

1 received an approvable action letter 2 requesting that we provide a risk management

3 plan to address possible cardiovascular risk 4 of longer term exposure, and to minimize

off-label use.

With this risk management plan, our primary goal is to ensure appropriate use of Entereg, and to prevent any use of Entereg outside of the hospital.

We recognize the importance of providing Entereg within the proposed indication, because POI is an unmet medical need. There is no approved pharmacological option available for patients or for those who care for them. In addition, I think it's clear from the data presented today that Entereg provides clinically meaningful benefit to patients undergoing bowel resection without an increased risk of adverse effects. Now, in our evaluation of the

various different options, other

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considerations were also important. The dose 2 of Entereg which will be available for the 3 management of POI is 12 milligrams. The 4 potential for inappropriate use of Entereg 5 outside of the hospital would be in patients 6 already receiving opioids.

7 From our data, we know that 8 opioid-tolerant patients who receive 3 milligrams or greater experience 10 gastrointestinal side effects that would make 11 it highly unlikely that they would want to 12 use a 12-milligram dose again. We also know that the physical-chemical properties of the 13 14 12-milligram formulation make it very 15 difficult to divide it into smaller doses. 16 These facts make it unlikely that the 17 12-milligram capsule would be used outside of 18 the hospital. 19 In addition, we know from past

pharmacists that Entereg is for hospital use 2 only and should not be used outside of that 3 setting.

4 We plan to institute systems to 5 monitor compliance with these requirements, 6 and these will include daily reports from 7 wholesalers detailing where Entereg was 8 shipped. In the event of a shipment to an 9 non-approved pharmacy, we will take immediate 10 corrective action. The use of this approach 11 has already been applied by others in the 12 industry, and has resulted in a high rate of 13 compliance, ensuring that the product reached 14 the appropriate end user in over 99 percent 15 of shipments.

The second component of our risk management proposal is our professional labeling. We're proposing that the numerical imbalance in myocardial infarcs from GSK014 be described in the Warnings and Precautions section of the label. In addition, the proposed label is very specific about where

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1 process employed for this type of distribution should not be overly burdensome for the health care system, and we want to

experience that limiting distribution from

the wholesaler can significantly reduce

inappropriate distribution. However, the

make sure that Entereg is readily available 5 for those patients who will benefit from its

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Therefore, our risk management plan comprises four components. Each of these serves a specific function, and they need then to be considered in totality.

The first and most important component will be the distribution process. We will not distribute samples. We will put contracts in place that require wholesalers only to distribute to acute care hospitals identified in their databases. Wholesalers will place an NDC block on Entereg, which will remove Entereg as an ordering option for retail pharmacies.

In the unlikely event that Entereg should reach a retail pharmacy, the major pharmacy information systems would alert the 22

1 the drug should or should not be used.

2 Specifically, we state that Entereg is

3 contraindicated in patients who have received

4 prior opioids for more than seven consecutive

5 days. The Warnings and Precautions section

6 also describes the most common

7 gastrointestinal adverse events that would 8

occur in opioid-tolerant patients. 9

Entereg is limited to seven days or 15 doses in the hospital only. And we have highlighted our professional labeling and modified our packaging, both the blister and the carton, so that it clearly states, "hospital use only."

Our educational effort will be directed at health care providers involved in the management of bowel resection patients, who will be in strict compliance with the approved label, reinforcing that Entereg should be used in the hospital only. In addition, promotional efforts will also be directed only to the appropriate professional

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- audience involved in the care of bowel
- 2 resection patients. We will have our
- 3 hospital sales force visit hospital
- 4 outpatient pharmacies to ensure that that
- 5 they are aware that Entereg should not be
- 6 dispensed. And we feel that through this
- 7 risk management plan, we can safely provide
- 8 access to Entereg in the hospital, thus
- meeting an unmet clinical need without
- 10 placing an unnecessary burden on the health

11 care system.

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In summary, the data from the extensive development program of Entereg clearly demonstrate a clinically meaningful acceleration of GI recovery, resulting in

16 fewer patients with prolonged hospital stays.

Dr. Senagore has illustrated thebenefits associated with early resolution of

- 19 POI. These include fewer postoperative
- 20 nasogastric tube insertions, fewer patients
- 21 with prolonged hospital stays, and a marked
- 22 reduction in all-cause readmissions within 10

1 indication we proposed at the beginning.

2 This concludes the sponsor

3 presentation. Mr. Chairman, ladies and

4 gentlemen, I thank you for your attention.

DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to now open the discussion to questions for the sponsor.

6 the discussion to questions for the sponsor.7 Members of the committee who have questions for

8 the sponsor, please raise your hand and make

9 sure when you speak that you press the red

10 button on your microphone.

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Dr. Talamini?

DR. TALAMINI: Mark Talamini,

13 University of California at San Diego. I'm a

14 temporary voting member. I'd like to commend

15 the company for an excellent presentation and a

16 set of data beforehand as well, as well as the

17 FDA preparation package was terrific. A couple18 of questions, and I'll ask them all at once.

19 In your protocols, were there any 20 aspects of the surgical procedure itself that

were part of the protocol, such as how the

22 anastomosis is done or how the operations

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1 days of hospital discharge. This meaningful

2 improvement was observed in addition to an

3 accelerated care pathway without any

4 significant safety issues in the POI

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The numerical imbalances observed in the OBD study, GSK014, were unprecedented

8 and not seen in the other OBD studies. Given

9 that these events occurred in a time period

10 not relevant to POI, and that no plausible

11 explanation for their occurrence has been

12 identified, we feel that Entereg is safe for

13 use in the management of postoperative ileus.

However, to ensure that Entereg is appropriately used, we are proposing a risk

16 management plan that will limit the use of

10 management plan that will infinit the use of

17 Entereg to the hospital and keep it out of

18 the retail space.

19 As a result, we believe that

20 Entereg represents a favorable and compelling

21 benefit-risk profile, which makes it

22 appropriate to market alvimopan for the

1 were conducted, or was that simply at the

2 surgeon's discretion? So that's one

3 question.

4 The second question, in all of your

5 postoperative ileus study patients, I believe

6 they were all screened with EKGs and chest

7 X-rays. But in your risk management or

8 risk -- this most recent aspect that you

9 discussed, are you proposing that that also

10 be a screen for all patients who receive this

11 drug if it's approved? I guess it's just

12 those two questions right now.

DR. JACKSON: Thank you, Dr. Talamini.

14 If I could take the second question first, and

15 then I'm going to ask Dr. Techner to come up and16 address the surgical issues.

We are not proposing that the label currently contain recommendations in regard

19 to clinical management, but certainly, as you

well know, all of these patients undergoingelective surgery do have pretty extensive

22 work-up as part of their preoperative

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evaluation. And we did not see anything in 2 the clinical studies suggesting changes in 3 EKG between the alvimopan and placebo groups. 4 Dr. Techner? 5

DR. TECHNER: Lee Techner, Adolor. To 6 address the first part of your question, the 7 answer is no. There was no standardized

8 surgical procedure or standardized methodology

for the anastomosis across the clinical trials. 10 That was basically left to the discretion of the

11 surgeon, and of course, I would assume, based on 12 the clinical condition.

13 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer, did you have 13 14 some questions or comments?

15 DR. KRAMER: Dr. Judith Kramer, Duke University. Dr. Techner I think probably might

17 want to answer this. As a competitive

18 antagonist of the mu-opioid receptor, I would

19 have thought that a strong predictor of

20 alvimopan's GI effects would be the dose of

21 concomitant opioids administered. Yet I didn't 22 see an attempt to quantify the dose in any way

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getting virtually very low doses to patients 2 getting very, very high doses. So we have not been able to see that across any of our 4 clinical trials.

5 But what we have been able to see, 6 I'll show you this right now, is that for the 7 vast majority of patients who received opioid IV PCA, the choice of opioid was morphine. 9 That was in approximately 90 percent of 10 patients. And what you see here is the GI-2 Kaplan-Meier recovery curve in those patients 11 12 who did receive IV morphine. And I think you can see here that the curves look very similar to what I showed you before. So we 15 see the alvimopan treatment group always to the left of the placebo treatment group, and 16 17 the magnitude of effect, as we represent by 18 the Kaplan-Meier curve across the observation

period, is about the same. DR. KRAMER: You said that you looked very carefully at those, but is there any reason that you didn't quantify the quintiles of dose

and look at that in a multivariable analysis for the effect -- on peripheral effects on the GI system or the GI endpoints. Could you comment on that?

5 DR. TECHNER: Sure I could. We have 6 looked extensively to see whether or not there's

7 any relationship between dose of opioid used and 8 pharmacologic effect. We have evaluated the current POI database to see whether or not we

10 could determine if there's any threshold that

11 one needs to achieve with respect to opioid 12

dose, and thus produce either a more or less 13 robust response.

14 What we have found is we have not

15 been able to determine that type of 16 relationship or demonstrate one. And I think

17 the reason for that is, certainly in the

18 U.S., the vast majority of patients are

19 receiving a fairly consistent amount of

20 opioid-based IV PCA, at least within the 21 first 48 to 72 hours following surgery. So

you don't get that broad range of patients

and look at that as a covariate endpoint? 1 2

DR. TECHNER: We have done that. And again, in doing so, we did not see any relationship, even looking at quartiles or even looking at opioid consumption in other ways, a relationship between opioid dose and response.

DR. KRAMER: And yet in the European trial where you had an opioid-sparing approach, you were not able to demonstrate a benefit?

DR. TECHNER: In the European Study 001, we had certainly more patients using opioid-sparing technique. And I think what we saw there, as I showed you in the core slide, is that when we look at GI-2, the endpoint that I believe we and FDA feel is a more reasonable endpoint with respect to assessing the treatment effect in patients undergoing bowel resection, although it was somewhat less robust, it was

19 still a statistically significant effect. 20 DR. KRAMER: But about four hours.

21 DR. TECHNER: Excuse me? 22 DR. KRAMER: But more on the order of

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1 4 hours difference rather than 24 hours.

2 DR. TECHNER: Well, it depends on what 3 measure you're looking at, yes.

4 DR. KRAMER: One last question. Given

5 that your successful efficacy studies all

required planned PCA, and the one study that

7 didn't require it, the European study, was

negative, will your label specify that this

should only be used in patients getting opioid

10 postop PCA?

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11 DR. TECHNER: Well, I'll address your 12 question in two parts. One, I don't believe

13 that -- certainly we don't believe that

14 Study 001 was a negative study. I think when

15 you look at the GI recovery endpoint by GI-2, as

we've just said, it is statistically

17 significant, and the mean and median differences

are all favoring alvimopan. So that's number

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label, we have not really negotiated with FDA

proposed label, and certainly we are willing

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

Pasricha, Stanford. I have several questions,

follow-up on the issue of the mechanism of

action. I think the emphasis so far has been

that this is primarily due to antagonism of

exogenous opioids, but it's true that it also

And some of the discrepancies that

you're seeing between the doses of morphine

efficacy in the transabdominal hysterectomy

The underlying pathophysiology is not so much

group, may be because what's at play here.

due to exogenous opioids, but activation of

So I wonder if you have any

comments on that, and I'll go on to my other

and the effect, and particularly the lack of

has some intrinsic motility effect.

endogenous opioid systems.

and I'll ask them one at a time. First is a

DR. PASRICHA: Thank you. Jay

to discuss things like this that would be

22 the label at this point. They have our questions.

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DR. TECHNER: Sure. I think let's address the second part of your question with respect to the hysterectomy population. And I

5 think it's important to note that part of the

6 reason for us moving to the bowel resection

7 population is because in the hysterectomy

8 patients, there was an important finding. And

9 that is, in general, they were only in the

hospital for three days. And so in essence, the

11 window of opportunity to demonstrate an effect

12 on either GI recovery or length of stay in a 13

patient who's only in the hospital for two or 14

three days becomes very challenging. 15

I will say that in that study, and that's Study 306, we allowed the patients to take the dose for a total of seven days and

18 they left the hospital with drug. We did

19 show, when you look at the entire treatment 20

period -- so that seven-day treatment period 21 both in and out of the hospital, we did show

an acceleration of about one day in time to

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first bowel movement. 2 So it's not that alvimopan was

3 ineffective in the hysterectomy population.

It's just the fact that they're in the

5 hospital for such a short period of time does

not really allow us to assess the impact in a

7 hospital setting as compared with bowel

8 resection patients, who, as you saw from our

data, with an accelerated care pathway, the

10 mean length of stay is somewhere around six

11 days.

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DR. PASRICHA: So the other question I had was related to -- I think one of the questions that the FDA has asked us to look at is the clinical significance of improvement of recovery by one day.

And so you had an opportunity perhaps to look at all this data. And have you seen any correlation between GI-2 and

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clarify that point? Okay.

other nosocomial infections or other

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complications related to that? And have you 2 shown a benefit of your drug with respect to 3 those non-POI hospital complications? Which 4 is really implied, but I'm not sure has been 5 actually demonstrated. 6 DR. TECHNER: Yeah. I think that gets

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at a very important question, and certainly one that we are very interested in. And I think you have to take a couple things into consideration.

One, the studies really weren't designed to evaluate differences in those types of events between the active groups and placebo. So that's number one.

Number two is we don't have predefined or prespecified definitions for those events. However, we did look at that, and we did try to see what potential effect we may have on those more common nosocomial complications. And let's show you that now.

20 So what we did was we looked at 21 several categories. One, thromboembolic 22 events, DVT-PE, and also under a broad

from his clinical perspective. Yes?

2 DR. PASRICHA: So related to that, 3 your all-cause readmission rate was higher in 4 the placebo group?

DR. TECHNER: That's correct.

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DR. PASRICHA: Did you analyze by category of --

DR. TECHNER: Yes.

DR. PASRICHA: And what did you find? DR. TECHNER: Yes, let's show you that as well. All-cause readmissions broken down by category. Now, again, understanding the caveats that I mentioned before, we look at the events that were classified by the physician, by the investigator, as the primary cause for readmission.

And what you can see here is we've broken these out into three categories: GI events, surgical complications, and the category of other. And I think when you look down this list you can see that postoperative ileus, certainly the readmission for POI as

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1 category of postoperative infection, we 2 looked at wound infection, respiratory tract 3 infections, sepsis, and UTI.

Now, one thing you'll notice here immediately is that the event rate for these are quite low. I think part of that is related to the fact that, at least these

days, in the preoperative arena, surgeons will aggressively try and prophylax for all

9 10 of these events. But what you do see here is

11 that the incidence of these events is low and

12 it's comparable. However, there is a

13 trend -- when you look here, particularly in

14 the broad category of postoperative

15 infection, that the incidence is lower in the

16 active treatment groups. And that pretty

17 much pertains across the board.

18 So that is the extent to which we 19 have tried to get at the point that you're

20 getting to. But what I'd like to do to try

21 and elaborate even further is I'd like to

22 bring up Dr. Senagore so that he can address | 22

1 per the investigator, was lower in the

2 12-milligram group as compared to the placebo

3 group. 4 Same thing for readmission for 5 vomiting. Now, it's difficult to ascertain

what the underlying diagnosis was there. I

7 mean, this could represent unresolved ileus

8 as well. Interestingly, when you look at

9 anastomotic leak, you see a lower readmission 10 rate for an anastomotic leak in the

11 12-milligram group, and same thing with

postoperative abscess. I think everything

else is fairly comparable.

So yes, we have tried to break this down and see where the trends may be. And what we conclude from this, realizing that the event rate is low and realizing the

18 trials really weren't prespecified and

19 designed to look at this, that it looks as 20 though that there's a tendency for a lower

21 readmission rate when the readmission is

caused by a GI complication, if you will, in

- the Entereg group versus placebo. And again,
- I'll caveat that by we certainly understand
- 3 these rates are low and we can't draw any
- 4 definitive conclusions, but we are certainly
- 5 interested in looking at this.
- 6 DR. BUCHMAN: I'm going to ask a
- 7 follow-up question on that particular issue.
- 8 You showed the data on readmissions, but the
- premise is that if a patient is discharged from
- 10 the hospital earlier, there would be a lower
- 11 risk of nosocomial infections. The previous
- slide showed postoperative complications related 12 12
- 13 in some way to the operation.
- 14 We know that there's an epidemic of
- 15 Clostridium difficile within the hospitals.
- You had virtually no one who was readmitted 16
- 17 for that. But what about during the
- 18 admission in which they had their surgery?
- 19 Did you see a difference in either aspiration
- 20 pneumonias or in Clostridium difficile
- 21 toxin-positive patients between treatment and
- 22 placebo groups?

- question, and I think that I'd like to bring
- Dr. Senagore up here to answer that question
- 3 based on his clinical experience directly with
- 4 these patients.
 - Tony?

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- 6 DR. SENAGORE: I think your question's
- 7 focused on -- there is a strategy now to examine
- postoperative pain management more aggressively
- 9 than we may have in the past. And there is a
- 10 much broader application of narcotic analgesia,
 - at least in the States, for that. And so the
 - data you saw here was for a very focused
- 13 application in a very structured enhanced
- 14 recovery program. If you look at hospitals
- 15 across the States, you'll probably see much
- higher doses of narcotics administered to the
- 17 postoperative patients in a variety of forms.
- 18 So the hope would be that these data would
- 19 actually be replicated and enhanced by showing
- 20 even a greater advantage for the patients that
 - receive alvimopan.
- 22 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

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- 1 DR. TECHNER: Yeah, it's an 2 interesting question, and we have looked at
- 3 that. And the answer to your question is no, we
- 4 did not see any differences in either of those
- 5 events in the data that we have. Now, again,
- the event rates are low, so it's hard to draw
- 7 any conclusions. But the bottom line is we did
- 8 not see any differences there.
- 9 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Rosing, did you have
- 10 a question?
- Ms. Corkery-DeLuca? 11
- 12 MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: Dr. Techner, I
- 13 was reading a recent journal, JAMA, and they had
- 14 an article, and the article's on rise of opioid
- 15 use in surgery. Not being a doctor, doesn't
- that mean that the morphine would keep you in 16
- 17 the hospital longer?
- 18 So are you saying that the
- 19 alvimopan would get -- by even the one day,
- 20 would be a better alternative than to the
- 21 increased opioid use and morphine?
- 22 DR. TECHNER: That's an interesting

- DR. CHANG: Hi. Lin Chang, UCLA. I 1
 - 2 was just trying to get a better feel for what's the applicability of the side effect profile in
 - the longer term opioid bowel dysfunction 4
 - 5 studies, and how it's applicable actually to the
 - POI population. So I was wondering if you
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 - looked carefully at the patients who did get cardiovascular events in the POI population, if
 - they at all have any similarities to the opioid

 - 10 bowel dysfunction patients who had
 - 11
 - cardiovascular?

For example, did they have any cardiovascular risk factors? Had they been

- 14 previously on opioids, not in the seven days
- 15 before the study, but in the past? I mean,
- is there any -- because the risk management
- 17 plan isn't going to exclude anybody with a 18 pre-existing condition. So I just wanted to
- 19 know, are there some people at risk, or do
- 20 you really believe that you get the side 21 effects because you're on opioids longer,
- 22 that there's something different in the

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opioid bowel dysfunction patients having 2 long-term opioid use with either metabolism 3 or something like that?

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4 DR. JACKSON: Thank you. Firstly, in 5 regard to the imbalance in cardiovascular

6 effects that we did see in the OBD patients,

largely confined to Study 014 and -- as you saw

from Dr. Mortensen's data, not replicated in the

other studies that essentially covered

10 90 percent of that same period for the

11 myocardial infarctions, we did not, I believe,

12 see anything different about the patients in

13 Study 014 that might have accounted for this.

14 In terms of the POI database, we

15 did indeed look for established

cardiovascular disease and cardiovascular

17 risk factors, both in the placebo and the

18 alvimopan population. If we focus over here

19 primarily on the bowel resection subjects, it

20 was interesting that there is no imbalance in

21 terms of cardiovascular adverse events, but

22 established cardiovascular disease just

in and of itself is almost somewhat of a 2 protective mechanism, we believe.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine?

4 DR. LEVINE: I just wanted to go ask 5 you a little bit about dose response actions as

far as the primary goals that you had on

solids-in and solids-out, which you didn't show

so much here. But in the studies that

previously you showed from your publications on

314, and in 313 and on 308, the 6-milligram dose

11 for solids-in/solids-out it was .01, the P

12 value, .05 for the 12-milligram. It was .001

for the 12 in 313 and .05. And in the -- there 13

was a difference of about seven hours in the

15 313, which was the published paper. Putting it

16 all together, you showed the pharmacokinetic

17 data, that certainly it sounded like the

12-milligram had overall better efficacy.

Do you feel confident that there is a dose-response curve in any of these primary or secondary endpoints, including hospital

22 discharge, between 6 milligrams and

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turned out to be a little higher in the 1 2 alvimopan patients.

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The sorts of things we saw are those you would expect. Smoking was perhaps a little less frequent than the U.S. common numbers, and it's certainly much less than we saw in OBD Study 014, where Dr. Mortensen said about 40 percent of those patients were smokers.

Apart from that, we really don't see anything in here that is predictive other than age.

DR. TECHNER: If I just might add one thing here. I think it's important to keep in mind that these patients, as you know, are going to undergo, as I believe Dr. Jackson said, a

17 fairly aggressive preoperative screening

18 program. They're undergoing major abdominal

19 surgery. And as such, we would expect that

20 patients at high cardiovascular risk would not

21 be cleared, particularly from a cardiology

perspective, to undergo such a surgery. So that

1 12 milligrams?

DR. JACKSON: Dr. Techner, I'm going to ask to provide a more detailed response, but 4 essentially from my clinical perspective, there is a subtle dose-response curve. You've got to look in specific places for it to establish the 7 12 milligrams as superior to the 6. And maybe, Lee, you would --9

DR. TECHNER: Sure. Interesting point, and we have looked at this carefully. I think to take the last part of your question first, to establish that up front, we do feel confident that the 12-milligram dose is the appropriate dose in this population. There are several perspectives we look at, as I was discussing with you before.

One is the PK perspective. So we do see a higher plasma concentration achieved and maintained for a longer period of time with the 12-milligram versus the 6-milligram dose.

In addition, when you look at the

clinical efficacy results, the consistency of the 12-milligram dose seems to beat out the 6-milligram dose pretty much at all time points. And let's just show you an example of this.

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We're going to look here at the studies, the initial trials, 313, 308, 302. And the reason I'm focusing on that is because those are the studies where in fact there were two doses. As you've correctly pointed out, there was only one dose in 314, and there was a reason for that. We felt that that was the appropriate dose. Here, what you see is the hazard ratios for the key endpoints:

GI-2 ready for discharge and discharge order written for the 6-milligram dose. Now, let's bring on the 12-milligram dose. And what you can see is that in each instance, there is a somewhat more robust response with the 12-milligram group as

So when you combine the PK profile

22 compared to the 6-milligram group.

of 12 versus 6, the efficacy profile, the

you is comparable. And you take into

consideration that for this condition, we

don't have the ability to titrate. There's

no time to titrate. We want to be sure that

for the largest number of patients possible.

When you combine all of that

collectively, that provides what we believe

is support for the 12-milligram dose. And I

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff?

DR. LINCOFF: I have two types of

pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, which 19

think certainly we feel that that was borne

out in the results from the 314 study in

questions, one just associated with some

I'll ask first, and then some regarding the

First, from the pharmacodynamic

bowel resection only.

cardiovascular events.

that dose that we choose is the right dose

safety profile which Dr. Jackson has shown

standpoint, what is the property that

- determines the relative central versus
- 3 peripheral action of this opioid -- this
- selectivity? Because, is there any potential
- 5 agonist effect that may relate to the issue
- 6 of fractures or falls, et cetera, or other
- 7 potential complications? So is there any
- 8 central effect, and what determines the

9 difference in central versus peripheral?

as best I understand it from my limited clinician's perspective. If we need more, we'll ask one of our chemistry colleagues to come up. But it is based on the physical-chemical behavior of the molecule. It does not cross membranes well. It is low in variable absorption from the GI tract. And the parent

DR. JACKSON: I'll give you the answer

18 compound, therefore, doesn't get into the 19 blood -- into the CNS. 20 DR. LINCOFF: Doesn't get into the 21

blood or doesn't get into the CNS?

DR. JACKSON: Doesn't get into the

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CNS. It gets into the blood. We have adequate 1 2 plasma levels to exceed the KI for the vast 3 majority of the time in most patients at a

4 12-milligram dose.

5 DR. LINCOFF: And then focusing on the cardiovascular adjudications that were done for

7 both the OBD studies and the postoperative ileus

8 studies, I understand that the Duke Clinical

9 Research Institute did the cardiovascular

10 adjudication for the postoperative ileus. And

11 when we compare the slides, I guess your Slide

12 CP-9 and CP-11, with adjudicated and

13 non-adjudicated, it's fairly straightforward to

14 look at the two, because the same endpoints are 15

used, and we also know a bit about the details

of how the DCR did they analysis.

The concern that came up with the cardiovascular, of course, came up with the OBD. And I didn't see too much detail in terms of what the constituency of this IDMC was, or what constituted the IDMC. Who were

they? What was the process by which their

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many of the cases did not have full

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We used a standard criteria for definition of

myocardial infarction and ischemic events,

plus, of course, clinical judgment, because

documentation, although we had available to

us all the source documentation that could be

did not start out seeking particularly to identify and evaluate cardiovascular safety

as such. And therefore, there was no

You'll recall that the GSK014 study

1 events were adjudicated?

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2 Because if you compare the slides

of unadjudicated versus adjudicated there,

- 4 the endpoints are classified differently. So
- 5 among the questions who was on the committee,
- 6 How were the -- which cases were chosen for
- 7 adjudication and by what criteria, what
- 8 source documentation they had? Can you
- provide some more details about that
- 10 adjudication? Because that's really what
- 11 brought the concern was that the OBD study.

DR. JACKSON: You bet. I'm going to

13 ask Dr. Camm. We're very fortunate to have the

14 chairman of the IDMC here, and let him provide15 you that information.

DR. CAMM: Good morning, Dr. Buchman. 16

17 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is

18 John Camm, and I'm from St. George's and the

19 University of London in the U.K. I was the

20 chair of the IDMC to which you refer. The other

21 members of the IDMC were Tom Koch, a

22 statistician; Jim Eisenach, a pain specialist;

detailed cardiovascular history, and so on and so forth, nor was there for the first part, and as it turned out the most important part with regard to cardiovascular

baseline electrocardiography lipid profiling,

events -- the first part of GSK014 did not have any prospective data collection, so it

20 all had to be trawled back from the field.

So I hope that that answers your question of what constituted the committee

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and two other cardiologists, Chris Cannon and

Marc Pfeffer, both from Boston. We were

- 3 constituted, as you probably know, about halfway
- 4 through the ongoing 014 study, when it became
- 5 apparent from the ongoing pharmacovigilance that
- 6 there was an accumulating numerical excess of
- 7 myocardial infarction appearing in association
- 8 with treatment with alvimopan.

9 Our mandate was to look at the 10 opiate-induced bowel dysfunction development

11 program for GSK and review the cardiovascular

12 events in detail.

So we chose prospectively to consider all deaths and all adverse events

which were serious enough to require

16 hospitalization. All of the latter were

10 Hospitanzation. Thi of the latter were

17 trawled by a third-party extractor to see if

18 any of them had any cardiovascular element.

19 We then as an adjudication group,

20 which consisted just of the three

21 cardiologists, looked at all of those

22 cardiovascular serious adverse events which

and how the committee worked.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Richardson?

3 DR. RICHARDSON: I have three

4 questions. My first question is why is it that

5 the studies using the GI-2 criteria seem to have

6 a more favorable outcome for the drug than those

7 using GI-3, when the only difference is dropping

8 flatus as an endpoint? I mean, one would think

9 that it should be no worse using GI-3 versus

10 GI-2. So I'm wondering whether there are data,

11 in fact, that combine both of these that we can

12 see.

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Secondly, the second speaker

14 indicated that there was a reduction in the

incidence of nasogastric tube insertion by

16 43 percent. And what were the actual

17 percentages of those events in the placebo

and drug treatment group?

And I guess I'd like to get back to that question again on cardiovascular events.

21 It seemed to me that from one of the slides,

there was an excess number of patients I

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think in the OBD group that had arrhythmias.

2 And could you comment on that?

3 DR. JACKSON: All right. Thank you.

4 In terms of the first two parts of your question

5 on GI-2 versus GI-3 and the actual percentage of

nasogastric tube insertions, I'm going to ask

7 Dr. Techner to respond.

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8 DR. TECHNER: There's one key

difference between GI-2 and GI-3, and that is

10 flatus. And I think certainly as clinicians, we

11 all know that the accurate reporting and

12 recording of that endpoint is very challenging.

13 And so certainly what we found in the data is a

14 lot of variability in that endpoint. Certainly

15 when patients are sleeping, whether or not they

6 feel comfortable reporting it to their

17 physician, I think it's a combination of factors

18 that contribute to that variability as opposed

19 to a bowel movement.

20 So number one, we feel, and I

21 believe FDA agrees, that GI-2 is the more

relevant endpoint and the more objective

1 and 302, where GI-3 was the primary endpoint.

2 I think you can see here that certainly in

3 314, both GI-3 and GI-2 were statistically

4 significant; same in 313; close in 308, and

5 this may be due to the rule for adjusting for

6 multiple comparisons here, but the hazard

7 ratio, if you look at it itself -- and

8 competence interval could be considered

9 statistically significant if we didn't have

10 that little adjustment for multiple

comparisons; and 302, again, trending in the right direction.

So I think you're correct in saying it can't be that much worse. We agree, it

it can't be that much worse. We agree, it wasn't that much worse. However, in

washt that much worse. However, in evaluating the impact of alvimopan in this

population, we feel that GI-2 is the more

18 consistent and more appropriate because it

19 eliminates that variability of flatus.

20 Your second question -- I'm sorry,

I cannot -- ah, yes. May I have my core

slide, please? So here's the actual

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1 endpoint in measuring the treatment effect on

2 GI recovery.

3 DR. RICHARDSON: But GI-3 also

4 included bowel movement.

5 DR. TECHNER: Yes, it did.

6 DR. RICHARDSON: Right. So GI-3 can't

7 be worse than GI-2.

8 DR. TECHNER: Well, it's --

9 DR. RICHARDSON: You don't have to

10 satisfy all three requirements.

DR. TECHNER: For GI-3, it's whichever

12 occurred first.

13 DR. RICHARDSON: Correct.

DR. TECHNER: Right. And the

15 variability in reporting is how many times it

16 occurred first, how many times it occurred last,

17 et cetera. Whereas bowel movement seems to be

18 very consistent across the board. However,

19 let's look at the data.

20 And what I'm showing here is

21 Study 314, where the primary endpoint was

22 GI-2, and then the initial trials, 313, 308,

1 percentage, about 11-1/2 percent of the

2 placebo patients had an NG tube inserted

3 postoperatively, versus approximately

4 7 percent of the Entereg 12-milligram

5 patients.

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6 DR. RICHARDSON: Now, this is postop

7 insertion or reinsertion, the tube has come out

and having to have it put back in?

DR. TECHNER: It's postoperative

10 insertion. In other words, the patients were

11 required to have their NG tube removed by the

12 morning of Postoperative Day 1. In the vast

13 majority of cases, that did occur. If the NG

14 tube had to be inserted after that, reinserted,

15 that's what's counted here. Okay? So if they

had an NG tube or an OG tube during the case and

17 it was pulled, that was fine within the time

18 frame. If it was then inserted once again,

19 that's what makes up these percentages.

20 Does that clarify it for you?

21 DR. RICHARDSON: Right.

DR. BUCHMAN: It was announced,

- though, that you had a 43 percent decrease in
- 2 the number of reinsertions of the NG tube. I
- 3 don't see where that 43 percent comes from.

4 DR. TECHNER: It's the relative 5 difference between 11-1/2 percent and

6 6.6 percent.

7 DR. BUCHMAN: I'm going to ask 8 actually a follow-up question on the NG tubes.

- We've known for over 15 years, based on studies
- 10 with feeding jejunostomies, that patients could
- 11 be fed as early as even in the recovery room
- 12 following small bowel resections. So my
- 13 question is, what was the rush to remove the NG
- 14 tube? And why wasn't it actually placed in the
- 15 duodenum, for example, and perhaps the second
- 16 dose of medication, or the first
- 17 postoperatively, administered via the
- 18 nasogastric tube, and if the medication actually
- 19 has any effect on the stomach, which is actually
- 20 the major problem in terms of trying to feed
- 21 patients postoperatively and not the small
- 22 intestine?

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tube. So rather than leaving it or placing

- it in the duodenum until the morning after
- 3 surgery, we can simply avoid it altogether.
- 4 So the rationale for getting it out as soon
- 5 as possible, if it's placed, is the correct
- 6 one, and perhaps not even use it at all. And
- 7 then patients can get diet or liquids
- immediately after surgery. And that's why
- when you give this medication orally and know
- now that it works well orally, it's obviously
- beneficial to be able to do it in that
- 12 manner.

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13 DR. BUCHMAN: Does the drug have any 14 effects on the stomach or gastric endthing (?) I 15

should say? DR. TECHNER: We have, as you I

17 believe saw in your briefing document, done a 18 number of studies in order to try and understand

19 the pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic relationship

20 and the effect of this drug on GI transit time.

21 What we have found in all of those studies is

22 although alvimopan has an impact on both large

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DR. TECHNER: I'm going to ask

- 2 Dr. Delaney to help answer that question with
- 3 respect to placement of the NG tube. While he's
- 4 making his way up here, certainly we, during the
- 5 trials, as you know, did not allow the use
- of -- insertion of Entereg or placebo through
- 7 the NG tube if it was in place. There are
- 8 multiple reasons for that. As you know, that
- 9 can be fraught with potential complications, and
- 10 it's difficult to tell whether or not the
- 11 patient actually received the dose. So that was
- 12 not permitted within the trials.

13 As far as the second part of your

14 question, Dr. Delaney, could you respond, 15

please?

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16 DR. DELANEY: Thank you, Lee.

17 Dr. Buchman, ladies and gentlemen, I'm Conor

Delaney from Case Western Reserve University.

- 19 You're quite correct that nowadays,
- 20 we do know that we can feed people early.
- 21 What we also know nowadays is that you
- actually don't even require a nasogastric

bowel and small bowel transit, we have not seen 1

- 2 a clear response with respect to its effect on
- GI transit time. So we have clear responses in
- alvimopan being able to reverse the inhibition
- of small bowel and large bowel motility, but we
- 6 don't have, at this point, clear data on how it
 - impacts gastric motility.

8 DR. BUCHMAN: So do you think that the

postoperative effect could be mediated solely by

10 the one preoperative dose, because

11 postoperatively, you've got doses -- a multiple

12 dose of medication sitting in the stomach and

13 not getting actually out of the stomach to have

14 a topical effect on the small bowel?

15 And would you, therefore,

16 potentially recommend perhaps only a

17 preoperative dose rather than postoperative

18 dosing, and has that been evaluated?

19 DR. TECHNER: The second part of your 20 question, the answer is no, we have not

21 evaluated that.

The first part of the question is,

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- I believe what we have to take into
- 2 consideration here is that these patients are
- 3 being exposed over a relatively short period
- 4 of time to a consistent level of opioid. And
- 5 as long as they're exposed, that opioid is
- 6 going to have an impact on bowel motility.
- We certainly believe that it is important to
- mitigate those effects by maintaining
- coverage on the receptors as long as
- 10 exogenous opioid, particularly parenterally,
- 11 is being administered. So that is the reason 12

for the dosing regimen.

DR. BUCHMAN: Our last question is going to be Dr. Krist. I know there's a lot of

15 burning questions from the rest of the

16 committee. We'll have additional time this

afternoon that we're going to allot for 17

18 additional questions for the sponsor.

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20 DR. KRIST: I just have two questions 21 and they're unrelated, and I apologize for that.

22 One is further clarification about that the findings here in these studies might

apply if released into other community and

3 other settings.

4 DR. JACKSON: Thank you. I appear to have engendered some misunderstanding in terms

of those data. The observation in the POI

7 studies was primarily in the first 14 days

pretty extensive and out through 30 days if and

when it could be done. And you're absolutely

correct that the myocardial infarctions in

11 Study 014 occurred between 40 and about 115 days

12 or whatever it was, so there was no overlap.

The point we were trying to get at with those 13

curves was that the period during which POI and

15 its observations took place did not result in

any excess cardiovascular morbidity in the OBD

17 studies either.

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Then in regard to the hospital settings, Dr. Delaney, would you have anything to add about that? Because it's very interesting when we look at how long

patients are in hospital, you're absolutely

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cardiovascular events.

2 I heard a statement made that in

the POI studies, that patients were followed

4 for 90 percent of the time period of when the

5 cardiovascular events occurred in the OBD

studies. And what I just wanted was a

7 clarification. Because when I look at Slide

CS-7 on the time to cardiovascular events, it

looks to me in the 014 study like

10 cardiovascular events are occurring between

11 40 and 120 days. And what I heard was in the

12 POI studies, that patients were followed up

13 to two to four weeks after a procedure, so

14 that seemed inconsistent.

The second question I had is just I

wanted to hear a little bit about the

17 hospital settings where these studies were

18 conducted. My guess would be that these are

19 more academic settings. And I'm just

20 thinking about the external validity or

21 generalizability of the time to discharge in

22 other settings, and whether we could expect 1 right, most of these were academic centers.

2 DR. DELANEY: Conor Delaney, Case 3 Western Reserve University. Actually, one of

4 the strengths of this data set is that it was

5 accrued over a large number of centers,

including private practice and smaller centers

7 as well as larger academic institutions. So I

8 think the data set particularly shows that it

9 probably is very generalizable throughout

10 multiple types of clinical practice.

> So I hope that answers your question.

DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to take a break for 15 minutes. Please be back here sharply.

For committee members, feel free to talk about your kids or the weather, but refrain from talking about any of the data that's been presented so that we can get it transcribed in the record. Thanks.

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DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to get

started now. The FDA's presentation is going to

2 start with Dr. Ruyi He, who is the medical team

3 leader of the Division of Gastrointestinal

4 Products, and he's going to speak on the FDA's

5 analysis of the efficacy data.

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DR. HE: Good morning. My name is Ruyi He. I'm medical team leader in the Division of GI.

9 Today, I will present clinical 10 efficacy and a general safety evaluation for 11 alvimopan. My presentation will focus on 12 alvimopan and a proposed indication.

13 I'll wait for a minute. Okay.

My presentation will focus on alvimopan and a proposed indication, regulatory history, POI clinical program, POI

17 efficacy results, POI general safety results,

18 and OBD clinical program. Then I will turn

19 to Dr. Dannis for a special safety

20 evaluation. She will be followed by the

21 presentation of non-clinical evaluation and

22 risk management.

Main regulatory history. The

sponsor submitted the initial IND in August

3 1998, and a fast-track designation was

4 granted for POI indication in February 2004,

5 because we did believe that POI is a serious

6 condition with no available therapy for POI

7 indication. The sponsor submitted the

8 original NDA in June 2004, and approval

9 action was taken in July 2005, because of

10 insufficient evident for efficacy.

11 In May 2006, the sponsor submitted 12 a complete response, a second review cycle

13 start. During this period, a serious

14 cardiovascular event was identified in an

15 ongoing OBD study. That is Study 014, as

16 mentioned in the sponsor's presentation. In

17 November 2006, the sponsor submitted -- in

18 November 2006, FDA issued a second approvable

19 action letter and requested the final

20 12-month safety funding and a risk management

21 plan for the potential cardiovascular adverse

22 event.

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1 Alvimopan is a new molecular 2 entity. It's a peripherally-acting

3 opioid-receptor antagonist. Alvimopan has a

4 low systemic oral bioavailability, only about

5 6 percent. Tmax is about 2 hours and a

6 half-life ranged from 4 to 17 hours. There

7 is one active metabolite.

The sponsor's proposed indication is acceleration of time to upper and lower GI recovery following partial large and small bowel resection surgery with primary

12 anastomosis. In other words, the indication

13 is management of POI, postoperative ileus.

POI is a transient impairment of GI function after surgery. It is characterized

16 by inability to tolerate liquids and solid

17 food, nausea and vomiting, and/or abdominal

18 pain. Complications include prolonged

19 hospitalization and delayed nutrition. No

20 product is currently approved for POI21 indication in the U.S. Off-label therapies

22 include metoclopramide and erythromycin.

1 In April 2007, FDA put the

2 alvimopan program on clinical hold because of

an additional two cardiovascular events,neoplasms, and a bone fracture were

5 identified in OBD studies. In August 2007,

6 the sponsor submitted a second complete

7 response. Now we are in the third NDA review

8 cycle. Due date is February 10, 2008.9 For the POI clinical program, the

sponsor conducted six Phase III clinicalstudies. All are randomized, double-blind,

placebo-controlled studies in patientsundergoing partial large or small bowel

resection, or total abdominal hysterectomy

15 surgery. Study 001 was conducted in Europe

16 and Australia. All other studies were

17 conducted in the U.S. and Canada. Patients18 on chronic opioids were excluded from the

19 studies.

Since efficacy was not demonstrated in the total abdominal hysterectomy surgery subgroup in the original NDA submission, the

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sponsor decided to narrow proposed indication 2 to the bowel resection surgery population 3 only. Study 306 is not included in the 4 efficacy evaluation because no bowel 5 resection patient was enrolled in that study.

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Treatment. The initial dose was given a half-hour to two hours prior to surgery. Subsequent doses were giving 12-milligram PO, BID from Post-Surgery Day 1 until hospital discharged, or until Post-Surgery Day 7. The maximum number of doses is 15, and a study drug only given in

12 13 hospital.

14 Key endpoints. GI-3 is time from 15 end of surgery to time of recovery of both 16 upper and lower GI tract function. Recovery 17 of upper GI tract function is indicated by 18 toleration of solid food, and a recovery of 19 lower GI tract function is indicated by first 20 bowel movement or first flatus. GI-3 was the

21 primary endpoint for Studies 302, 308, 313, 22 and Study 001.

evaluation: The 25th percentile, median, and the 75th percentile.

From this table you can see that the patient trial medical alvimopan group had

5 a median time to achieve GI-3, 4.4 to 13.4.

6 All were earlier than the patient did in the

7 placebo group: 4.4 for Study 001, 13.4 for 8 Study 308. At the 75th percentile, the

9 differences were larger, from 7.5 hours to 21

10 hours. Hazard ratios are between 1.3 and

11 1.49. Because two different doses, 12 6 milligrams and 12 milligrams, were tested,

a significant level for P value per protocol 13

14 was less than 0.025. In this way, you can

15 see that for the first full study, only

Study 313, which is highlighted in here in 16

yellow, reached protocol-specified 17 18 statistically significant levels.

19 Based on those results at the end 20 of the first review cycle, the agency issued

21 an approval letter and required additional 22

efficacy data prior to approval. Study 314

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1 GI-2 basically is the same as GI-3 2 except without the evaluation of flatus. And 3 GI-2 was the primary endpoint for Study 314. 4 I do agree with the sponsor that GI-2 may be 5 a more objective endpoint than GI-3 because 6 it is very difficult to objectively assess 7 flatus.

Both DOW and Ready are the secondary endpoints for all the studies. Ready is time from end of surgery to time ready for hospital discharge, based solely on recovery of GI function as defined by the surgeon. DOW is time from end of surgery to time discharged order is written.

15 Now let's move to the efficacy 16 results. This table summarizes efficacy results of time to recovery of GI tract function measured by GI-3. As I mentioned before, GI-3 was the pre-specified primary

20 endpoint for the first full study on this 21 slide and a secondary endpoint for Study 314.

22 Three time points were selected for this 1 was then submitted in the second review 2 cycle.

3 Now let's see GI-2. GI-2 was the 4 primary endpoint for Study 314 only, which is

5 highlighted in here in yellow. From this 6 table, you can see that a patient in the

7 12-milligram alvimopan group had a median

8 time to achieve GI-2 -- 4.4 hours to 21.7

9 hours earlier than the patient did in the

10 placebo group. At the 75th percentile, the

11 differences were larger, from 18.7 hours to 28.9 hours. Hazard ratios are between 1.3 12

13 and 1.63. For Study 314, P value was less

14 than 0.001 and it is statistically

significant.

This table summarizes the results for Ready, time from end of surgery to time ready for hospital discharge. Ready was one of the secondary endpoints for all studies. From this table, you can see that the patient in the alvimopan group had a median time to achieve Ready 8 hours to 17.3 hours earlier

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- than the patient did in the placebo group.
- 2 Hazard ratios listed here are between 1.1 and
- 3 1.54.

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- 4 This table summarizes the
- 5 (inaudible) time to discharge order written,
 - DOW, in days. DOW was one of the secondary
- 7 endpoints for all studies. From this table,
- 8 you can see that Study 001, which was
- conducted in Europe and highlighted here in
- 10 yellow, shows no difference between the two
- 11 groups.
- 12 However, for other (inaudible)
- 13 American studies, a patient in the alvimopan
- 14 group had a median time to achieve DOW .3 to
- 15 .8 days earlier than the patient did in the
- 16 placebo group.
- 17 At the 75th percentile, the
- 18 differences were larger, about one day early
- 19 shown here. From this column, you can see
- 20 that in all four North American studies, DOW
- 21 was consistently between six and seven.
- 22 However, in the Study 001, DOW was 11 days.

- 1 hospital stay by roughly 1 day in the U.S.
- 2 The questions are: What is the minimum
- 3 acceptable efficacy difference for recovery
- 4 of GI function measured by GI-2 or GI-3 for
- 5 alvimopan relative to placebo? Do you
- consider the efficacy results from the POI
- 7 studies which I present here today to be
- 8 clinically meaningful? Discussion will help
- 9 us to do benefit-risk assessment not only for
- 10 this drug, but also for other drugs with
- similar indications. 11

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Now let's move to general safety evaluation in the POI population. A total of 4,000 patients are included in the POI safety database. That includes 2,000 patients

16 received alvimopan.

This table summarizes demographic 18 data for overall POI population. Mean age

- 19 was 57 to 58 years old, and 35 percent of
- 20 them were patients 65 years old or older.
- 21 The majority, 85 percent, were Caucasian in
- all groups. More female patients were

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- 1 When compared to the U.S. study, Study 001
- 2 has a similar time to recovery of GI tract
- 3 function measured by GI-3 and GI-2, but a
- different time to discharge order written,
- 5 DOW, suggesting different clinical practices
- 6 in Europe with regard to hospital discharge.
- 7 In Europe, discharge may be delayed beyond GI
- 8 recovery.
- 9 This table summarizes results of
- 10 mean length of hospital stay by study. Three
- 11 of four North American studies indicate that
- 12 the hospital stay was one day shorter for
- 13 patients in the 12-milligram group than
- 14 patients in the placebo group, shown in here.
- 15 Again, Study 001 has a longer hospital stay
- 16 than the U.S. studies. Nine days versus five
- 17 to six days.
- 18 Efficacy summary in POI population.
- 19 Efficacy data demonstrated that there was
- 20 acceleration of recovery of upper and lower
- 21 GI tract function by roughly about 20 hours measured by GI-2, and a reduced length of

- 1 enrolled in the POI program, because
- 2 initially, the target population included
- patients with hysterectomy surgery. For the
- 4 patients with bowel resection surgery only,
- 5 male and female were similarly represented in
- each group, and equally distributed between
- 7 the treatment groups.

8 In the POI population, mortality

- 9 was the same in the placebo and in the 10 alvimopan group. So here, 0.5 percent, and
- 11 at 0.7 percent in the placebo.

Non-fatal serious adverse events

- 13 were numerically lower in the alvimopan group
- 14 compared to the placebo group -- 12 percent,
- 15 12 percent versus 18 percent. This was
- 16 mainly due to fewer postoperative ileus and
- 17 small bowel obstruction in the alvimopan
- groups. So in here, 2 percent, 2 percent 18
- versus 6 percent. 19
- 20 This slide summarizes the results
- 21 for discontinuations due to adverse events.
 - The data indicates that a proportion of

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- patients with discontinuations due to adverse
- 2 events was numerically lower in the alvimopan
- 3 groups compared to the placebo group,
- 4 8 percent versus 12 percent. This was also
- 5 mainly due to fewer GI adverse events in the
- 6 alvimopan groups. Fewer GI adverse events in
- 7 the alvimopan groups may indeed support
- 8 efficacy claim of acceleration of GI tract
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For treatment-emergent events in the bowel resection population, there was either a smaller or similar proportion of patients with treatment-emergent events in the alvimopan groups compared to that in the placebo group, as shown in this slide:

16 43 percent, 49 percent, 12 percent, 17 21 percent, 12, 14, 8, 9.

18 General safety summary in the POI 19 population. Similar or lower incidences of 20 death, nonfatal SAEs, discontinuations due to

21 AEs, and treatment-emergent events were

22 identified in the alvimopan group in

difference is that it's used in the hospital only for POI indication, but in the OBD 3 program, it's mainly used for outpatient 4 therapy.

special safety evaluation, I want to say thanks to everyone in the review team, especially my thanks to Eric Brodsky. Eric 9 was the primary medical reviewer for this 10 submission, and did excellent clinical 11 evaluation. Thanks.

Before I turn to Dr. Dannis for a

Now is Dr. Dannis. DR. DANNIS: Good morning. I'm going to be discussing three special safety issues: Serious cardiovascular events, neoplasms, and fractures. Each of these issues was identified as a possible safety problem in a year-long safety study for opioid-induced bowel dysfunction, or OBD, while alvimopan was under review for the POI indication. Because of these potential safety concerns, the studies for the POI indication and the OBD indication were

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reanalyzed, concentrating on each problem. 1

Thus, I'll be discussing each issue as it

3 relates to both indications. POI and OBD. 4

First, cardiovascular safety in the POI program. The cardiovascular risk factors in the worldwide POI population were well-balanced between treatment groups. The average age was about 57 for both groups, and each had an equal percentage of patients with diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. Smokers made up about 9 percent of both groups.

Here, we have the total number of patients who had serious cardiovascular events in the whole POI population. As you can see, patients in the alvimopan treatment group had a similar number of cardiovascular events as compared to patients in the placebo group. Cardiovascular death as well as all-cause death were essentially balanced between treatment groups.

The total cardiovascular events which occurred were separated into ischemic

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comparison with the placebo group in the POI population. Now let's move to chronic

opioid-induced bowel dysfunction, OBD, program. OBD is a chronic condition

characterized by decreased frequency of bowel

7 movement and associated symptoms. Patients

8 in the OBD studies were treated for chronic

pain with opioids for months or years instead 10 of days in the POI program. Although current

11 submission is only for POI indication, 12 imbalances in cardiovascular events,

13 neoplasms, and bone fractures were identified

14 in the OBD clinical studies.

> This slide shows the difference in dosing regimen in the POI and OBD studies.

17 In the OBD program, the dose was much

18 smaller: 0.5 milligram QD or BID, in

19 comparison with 12 milligrams BID in the POI 19 20 program. However, duration was longer, up to

21 a year in the OBD program, instead of up to

eight days in the POI program. Another

events and other serious cardiovascular

- 2 events. Ischemic events were defined as
- 3 myocardial infarction, cerebral vascular
- 4 accident, and unstable angina. Other serious
- 5 cardiovascular events included congestive
- 6 heart failure, serious arrhythmia, cardiac
- 7 arrest, and non-ischemic cardiovascular

8 death.

9 Once again, there does not seem to 10 be any difference between treatment groups in

- 11 the percentage of these events. Multiple
- 12 independent analyses of the specific
- cardiovascular events were carried out. And 13
- 14 although the interpretation of certain events
- 15 was different, the overall assessment was the
- 16 same: There were no apparent differences in
- 17 the occurrence of serious cardiovascular
- 18 events in the alvimopan group as compared to
- 19 the placebo group. The time-to-event
- 20 analysis shows that the occurrence of CV
- 21 events are distributed fairly uniformly over

to the patients after they left the hospital.

protocol-defined hospital follow-up was by

telephone call. As you can see here, the

majority of patients had their last contact

had phone follow-up one to five days after

discharge. Few patients had any follow-up

For the patients who did have an

investigator follow-up visit, most were also

seen 6 to 14 days later. This visit occurred

in 7 percent of the placebo patients and

protocol-specified investigator visit more

In addition, there were 580

reason. It's unclear how many of these

patients were lost to follow-up. Also, 257

1 percent of patients had a

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by telephone at between 6 and 14 days. Some

In most all of the POI studies, the

This table describes what happened

22 time for both groups.

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patients who completed the study per the sponsor's protocol had no follow-up after discharge.

4 In the POI program, a patient was 5 considered to have completed the study if all 6 protocol-specified in-hospital assessments 7 were completed. Therefore, there were some 8 limitations of the POI study designs.

As I mentioned, follow-up was by phone call only. Important safety endpoints such as 30-day and 60-day morbidity and mortality were not collected. Cardiovascular events were not prospectively defined nor consistently assessed post-exposure, and the fact that the data wasn't there doesn't really imply that there were no serious cardiovascular events that occurred. In conclusion, the POI studies were not adequately designed to properly assess cardiovascular risks.

Next, we'll move on to cardiovascular safety in the OBD population.

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The major OBD trials were divided into two

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opiates for non-cancer pain and studies with patients taking opiates for cancer pain. 5 Here's a table of all of the relevant Phase II and Phase III studies. In

7 white are all the non-cancer studies except 8 Study 14, which is in red. As I mentioned,

this was the large, year-long, non-cancer

10 study which had some potential safety issues.

In green are the cancer pain studies. Here, we have the total number of patients who had serious cardiovascular events in the non-cancer OBD population. More than twice as many patients who took alvimopan had a serious cardiovascular event as compared to patients who took placebo.

Here, once again, the events were divided into ischemic and non-ischemic events. Both of these show an imbalance between treatment groups.

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9 11 12 13 14 14 percent of alvimopan patients. Less than 15 16 17 18 19 patients who discontinued treatment for any 20

Now we look at Study 14 alone.

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1 2.6 percent of all the alvimopan patients had 2 a serious cardiovascular event, yet the 3 placebo patients had no events. Of note here is the lower confidence bound of about a 5 twofold risk increase for CV events. 6

Here, the events are broken down into ischemic and non-ischemic events. Still, large differences between treatment groups exist. Of note is that 7 of the 11 ischemic events in Study 14 were MIs.

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Now we look at the entire OBD population, non-cancer plus cancer studies. There are continued differences between treatment groups in the total cardiovascular events, cardiovascular deaths, and now also in all-cause death. Broken down into ischemic and non-ischemic events, the differences persist, with more events occurring in the alvimopan group. This table presents the time to all CV events by varying intervals. As can be

patient demographics or underlying CV risk factors within Study 14. But the duration of most of the other OBD studies was from 3 to 12 weeks, and for Study 14, it was 12 months.

In summary, there is a numeric imbalance of the serious cardiovascular events seen in the pooled analyses of OBD studies, and most strikingly in Study 14 alone. These findings are not predicted by the preclinical findings, as my colleague will discuss in the next presentation. This may suggest that chronic alvimopan use can increase risk of serious CV events in the OBD population. However, the implications for the short-term POI use are unclear.

Now we move on to the next topic, neoplasms. And first, neoplasms in the POI population. There were several different types of neoplasms identified. No particular kind of malignancy seemed to predominate. As mentioned, these studies were of short duration with mostly phone follow-up, which

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group occur between 31 and 180 days. This 2 table presents the time to all ischemic CV events by varying intervals. Again, most of 4 the events in the alvimopan group occur 5 between 31 and 180 days.

seen, most of the events in the alvimopan

Here is the time to CV event analysis. The risk appears constant over the entire time period even though the majority of CV events in the alvimopan group occur between 31 and 180 days. The plot also suggests increased risks with increased exposure to alvimopan. Note that the number 12 of patients in the risk set drops off around Day 42 and again at Day 84 due to the

completion of 6-week and 12-week studies.

17 long-term Study 14. 18 In looking for reasons to explain 19 the imbalance, there were no differences in 20

What remain are those patients in the

patient demographics or underlying CV risk 21 factors between Study 14 and the other OBD trials, and there were no differences in

usually didn't exceed two weeks. Both treatment groups appeared balanced for neoplasia events.

There isn't much to say about neoplasms in the POI studies, but to summarize, the percent of neoplasms reported in each treatment group appears to be similar. The POI study design doesn't allow for any real conclusions to be drawn.

For OBD, I'm going to discuss neoplasms in the non-cancer studies, and then the neoplasm deaths in the cancer studies. In general, the incidence of neoplasia was low across all non-cancer OBD studies.

But numerical imbalances were observed between treatment groups in the number of total neoplasms. Alvimopan-treated patients had a higher percentage of neoplasms than those patients who received placebo. Similarly, when the total number was divided into malignant and benign neoplasms, in both categories, the same imbalance persisted.

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The alvimopan treatment group had a higher percent of neoplasms as compared to the placebo group.

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Given that the original neoplasm imbalance was reported from Study 14, this study was again analyzed separately. Even with an additional placebo case discovered 50 days after study completion, the relative risk of all neoplasms was 2.5 in alvimopan-treated subjects compared to placebo-treated subjects.

The time to malignant neoplasm for alvimopan patients varied from less than 1 week to greater than 10 months. Six cases occurred in two months or less. Many of the others occurred after six months, all of these in Study 14. All except one of the benign neoplasms occurred in Study 14. The majority occurred after six months of treatment. There were three neoplasms reported

time-to-event analysis is once again 2 difficult to interpret. As time increases 3 there are so few patients left in the study, 4 especially in the placebo group.

between treatment groups in the percent of certain malignancies. For example, in Study 008, more subjects with head and neck cancers received alvimopan than placebo. However, the deaths were almost entirely in GYN, GY, and breast cancers. In contrast, in Study 684, more subjects with non-small cell lung cancer received alvimopan than placebo and here more deaths did occur in patients with non-small cell lung cancer.

There were imbalances noticed

There were also imbalances noticed in the baseline performance status between treatment groups. In Study 008, Karnofsky Performance scores appeared balanced between treatment groups. However, in Study 684, there was a higher percentage of patients with lower Karnofsky Performance scores in

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1 occurred from about 6 weeks to greater than 2 52 weeks. The time-to-event analysis is

3 difficult to interpret with such a small

in the placebo patients. These cases

number of events, but it suggests that 4

5 increased exposure to alvimopan may increase 6 neoplasm events.

The most common neoplasms reported in the non-cancer studies were squamous cell carcinoma, breast cancer, and lung cancer.

Now we move on to the OBD studies in patients with cancer. Study 008 and the Extension Study 684 were the two main OBD studies in cancer-related pain.

While reviewing the neoplasms in these studies, an imbalance between treatment groups and the death rates was noticed. There were 10 deaths in Study 008; 9 occurred 17

18 in the alvimopan group. In Study 684 there 19 were 13 deaths; 11 occurred in the alvimopan

20 group. Combining these studies, 13 percent

21 of the alvimopan group died as opposed to

22 4 percent of the placebo group. The the alvimopan group as compared to the placebo group: 42 percent versus 13 percent, respectively.

The demographic characteristics and extent of metastatic disease were similar between the Study 008 and Study 684 populations, and were balanced between treatment groups within each study.

In summary, for the non-cancer OBD population, alvimopan-treated patients had a higher incidence of neoplasia events as compared to placebo. These results were possibly driven by the imbalance in neoplasia events seen in the only long-term safety study for non-cancer patients. There's no apparent reason for the observed imbalance between treatment groups in this placebo-controlled study.

In summary, for the cancer OBD population, there was a large discrepancy seen in the death rates between treatment groups in Study 008 and Study 684. However,

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some differences in cancer etiology and patient performance status did exist.

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The final topic is fractures, beginning with the POI population. Only one patient with a fracture was identified. This patient sustained multiple rib fractures secondary to a syncopal event and fall after a bowel resection surgery. No real conclusions can be drawn from this one case. Now, fractures in the OBD

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population. When you look at the fracture incidence in the entire OBD population, non-cancer plus cancer studies, there wasn't any difference between treatment groups. However, again, when you look at Study 14 alone, the difference between treatment groups is apparent. There was a 3.7 percent fracture rate in alvimopan patients, versus a

19 1.1 percent rate in placebo patients. 20 This table describes the location 21 of all of the fractures. Interestingly, the 22 more typical osteoporotic-type fractures,

of treatment and risk of bone fracture. But 2 given the small number of fractures, this 3 analysis is somewhat limited.

there did not seem to be an imbalance between treatment groups for factors that might increase fall risk, fractures such as dizziness, syncope, gait instability, et

When adverse events were reviewed.

9 cetera. Of the subjects who reported 10 fractures, certain demographic

11 characteristics were imbalanced between 12 treatment groups.

The alvimopan group had a higher percentage of women, more individuals aged 65 or older, and a higher average BMI. Baseline demographics, except advanced age, were well-balanced between treatment groups in Study 14 as well as in the total OBD population. Additionally, the mean opioid daily dose was similar between treatment groups.

22 In summary, for the OBD population

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such as hip and vertebral, were rarely seen.

2 The bones most frequently broken were the

3 ribs and extremities. The same fracture

4 locations were seen in Study 14, where the

5 majority of events occurred. More of the

6 fractures in the alvimopan group were in

7 women, but once again, these were not

osteoporotic fractures.

When we looked at time to fracture, fracture rates were reasonably balanced between treatment groups until about six months. After this, most of the events occurred in the alvimopan treatment group. Although the causality for many of the fracture cases was not determined, the overwhelming majority of cases were secondary to falls.

18 Here is the time-to-fracture 19 analysis only for Study 14. The majority of 20 fractures were reported after 12 weeks of

21 treatment. In the alvimopan group, there appears to be a relationship between duration

fractures were not the typical osteoporotic 1

fractures, such as hip and vertebral. The

patients with fractures in the alvimopan

group were more commonly women than in the

5 placebo group. More fractures were secondary

6 to falls, and confirmatory information was

7 often not available. The etiology for the

8 imbalance seen in fracture rates between

9 treatment groups, mainly in Study 14, is

10 unclear.

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So, to summarize overall, what we have is the largest long-term safety study of alvimopan for the OBD indication showed potential safety signals in three specific areas: Serious cardiovascular events, neoplasms, and fractures. The POI studies did not show any evidence of these safety signals. However, the follow-up of patients was extremely limited.

Next we'll hear about the

preclinical findings.

MR. CHAKRABORTI: Good morning. I'll

and conscious dogs, alvimopan did not produce

present the nonclinical studies and the results of the nonclinical studies for alvimopan.

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Alvimopan has been adequately tested in a wide variety of nonclinical studies at sufficiently high doses. These studies include several in vitro and in vivo pharmacology studies -- safety pharmacology studies that examined the effects of alvimopan on the central nervous system, gastrointestinal system, cardiovascular system, and renal system.

In addition to that, the absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion studies are also conducted in several species, in rats and rabbits. The acute, subacute, subchronic, and chronic toxicology studies were also conducted in mice, rats, and rabbits. The genotoxic potential for

20 alvimopan and its active metabolite, 21 ADL 08-0011, was also tested in a complete 22 battery of genotoxicology studies. The

2 any significant effect, including 3 prolongation of QT or any other effects on ECG up to a dose of 2.5 milligrams per

5 kilogram, IV.

6 The toxicology studies, there is no 7 significant target organ in any of the toxicology studies in any of the species 9 tested. There was no significant effect on 10 either bone, including the bone marrow, and 11 alvimopan did not produce any significant 12 toxicity in the heart in any of the 13 toxicology studies. The no observed adverse 14 effect level, or NOAEL, was identified in a 15 six-month chronic toxicity study in rats at 16 200 milligrams per kilograms per day. And 17 the value for dog was 100 milligrams per 18 kilograms per day in a six-month oral 19 toxicity study. 20 As I mentioned before, the 21

genotoxicity for alvimopan and its active metabolite was tested in a complete battery

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carcinogenicity studies were conducted by

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And lastly, the reproductive and 4

developmental toxicity of alvimopan was

5 tested in rats and rabbits.

Let me walk you through some of the major findings from these nonclinical studies. I'll first discuss the cardiovascular safety pharmacology studies.

In hERG assay, alvimopan did not show any significant inhibition of hERG current up to 50 micromolar concentration. In isolated canine or dog Purkinje fiber experiment, there was no significant effect on action potential duration or any other parameters that were tested up to 100 micromolar concentration.

In rats, the cardiovascular effects of alvimopan was tested up to 200 milligrams 19 per kilograms by oral route, and there was no significant effect on any of the

cardiovascular parameters. In anesthetized

of genotoxicity studies that includes Ames test, mouse lymphoma assay, chromosomal aberration test, and mouse micronucleus test. In all these studies, alvimopan was negative.

The active metabolite was tested in Ames assay, chromosomal aberration assay in Chinese hamster ovary cells, and mouse micronucleus test. And in all these tests, this active metabolite was also negative.

Two-year oral carcinogenicity studies were conducted in rats and in mice. In rats, the doses were 100, 200, and 500 milligrams per kilograms per day. And in mice, these doses were 100, 1,000, and 4,000 milligrams per kilograms per day.

These are the neoplastic findings for the carcinogenicity study. I'll first discuss the results on the mouse. There was a statistically significant positive trend and pairwise difference versus vehicle control at the highest dose, which is 4,000 milligrams per kilogram in the combined

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- incidences of fibroma, fibrosarcoma, and
- 2 sarcoma in the skin and subcutis only in the
- 3 female mice. In addition, there was a
- 4 statistically significant positive trend and
- 5 pairwise difference compared to the vehicle
- 6 control at the highest tested dose of 4,000
- milligrams per kilograms per day in the
- combined incidences of osteoma and
- osteosarcoma in the bones in female mice.
- 10 Alvimopan was negative in the rat and did not

11 produce any significant tumor.

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12 This table summarizes the incidences of tumor in the female mice in the 14 two-year bioassay. The first column shows 15 the type of the organ and the second column 16 shows the tumor type, and then the dose 17 groups and the P value for the trend test.

As you can see for the bone, there is combined incidences when osteoma and osteosarcoma were combined. There were no incidences in the vehicle control or the

low-dose, one incidence in the mid-dose, and

preclude approval of alvimopan. 2

To summarize, the nonclinical 3 findings for alvimopan in cardiovascular

4 safety pharmacology studies or in other

5 safety pharmacology studies, there are no

6 notable effects. In toxicology studies,

7 there is no significant target organ of

8 toxicity. And in genetic toxicology studies,

9 alvimopan and its active metabolite was

10 negative. In carcinogenicity studies, it was

11 only positive in female mice. However, it

12 was negative in rat. And in reproductive 13 toxicology studies, alvimopan didn't show any

14 adverse effect on fertility and reproductive

15 performance in rats. And it is not 16 teratogenic in rats and rabbits.

I thank you everybody in the agency for contributing to this project, and also thank you all for your attention.

MS. WEAVER: I'm going to talk about Risk Minimization Action Plans, or RiskMAPs. I'll present some background about the content

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- there were four incidences at the high dose. 1
- And it was statistically significant, at the
- 3 level of P 0.025. If we look at the skin and
- subcutis, when these tumors were combined,
- 5 fibroma, fibrosarcoma, and sarcoma, you see
- 6 there are five incidences of these tumors at
- 7 the high dose and none in control, low-, or
- 8 mid-dose, and it was also statistically
- 9 significant.

10 Now, these findings in the female 11 mice was observed about eight times the human

12 exposure at the recommended dose. These

13 tumor incidences were statistically

14 significant only in one sex. And there was

15 no statistically significant findings either

in the male mice or in the female rates, or

17 in other words, alvimopan was not a

18 transspecies or a transgender animal

19 carcinogen.

20 And the relevance of these findings

21 to human is unknown. And such type of tumor

findings in the female mice generally do not

and use of RiskMAPs, and then I'll address what 1

2 the sponsor has proposed for alvimopan. 3

So what is a RiskMAP, a Risk Minimization Action Plan? A RiskMAP is a

5 strategic safety program designed to meet

specific goals and objectives in minimizing

7 product risks. A RiskMAP employs one or more

RiskMAP tools to achieve the goals and

objectives of the RiskMAP. And RiskMAPs go 10 beyond the FDA-approved labeling.

So how do RiskMAPs work? There are several strategies that are used within RiskMAPs. Depending on the nature of the product and the nature of the risk, one or more of these strategies might be used.

The use of a product could be limited to settings or patients with a good risk-benefit profile, or to look at the reverse of that, the use of the product could be prevented in high-risk settings or patients. The RiskMAP can encourage or mandate safety-related monitoring. Therapy

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- could be started in a closely monitored
- setting if that's a period of high risk. A
- 3 RiskMAP can empower patients to participate
- 4 in medication-related decisions and safety
- 5 monitoring, with education or informed
- 6 consent. And RiskMAPs can educate health
- 7 care providers on safety-related issues and

8 monitoring.

So what are the components of a

10 RiskMAP? A RiskMAP has goals and objectives.

- 11 And that's the desired end result or goal, 12 with intermediate steps, often stated in
- terms of the health outcome we're trying to 13
- 14 avoid. For example, the goal in a clozapine
- 15 RiskMAP is to have no episodes of
- agranulocytosis. An objective or
- 17 intermediate step to this goal is to perform
- 18 periodic white blood count monitoring in
- 19 patients receiving the product.

20 A RiskMAP uses tools. These are 21 processes or systems beyond labeling to

achieve the goals and objectives. We

1 delivered many different ways, including

- 2 "Dear Health Care Practitioner" letters;
- 3 training programs for health care
- 4 practitioners and patients; continuing
- 5 education; patient labeling, such as
- 6 medication guides and patient package
- 7 inserts; RiskMAP program guides; videos;
- 8 DVDs; and also limits in marketing or
- 9 promotion, such as no direct-to-consumer

10 advertising, or detailing only to certain

specialties. 11

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The next level of tool are reminder or prompting systems. And the purpose of reminder and prompting systems is to assist

15 health care providers in following

appropriate prescribing practices. Examples 16 17 of these systems include: limiting the supply

- of product per prescription, such as 18
- 19 dispensing only a 30-day supply; limits on
- 20 the number of refills, or not allowing
- 21 refills at all; prescription expiration, such
- 22 as requiring a prescription to be filled

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characterize the tools into three different 1

- 2 categories: Education and outreach, reminder
- 3 or prompting systems, and finally, restricted
- 4 distribution, also called performance-linked
 - access systems.

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5 6 RiskMAPs also include an evaluation

component. We look at the health outcomes or

8 the surrogate of health outcomes to evaluate

9 the success of the RiskMAP, often numbers or 10 rates of an outcome or event. RiskMAPs can

11 also be evaluated for compliance with

12 important RiskMAP processes and procedures or 12

13 process outcomes. And RiskMAPs can be

14 evaluated by assessment of comprehension,

15 knowledge, or desired behavior, often through

16 surveys. And we often use that to assess the

17 educational component of a RiskMAP.

18 Now, to turn to the RiskMAP tools,

19 targeted education and outreach is used to 20 communicate risks and appropriate safety

21 behaviors to health care practitioners and to

patients. Education and outreach can be

1 within a certain period of time; specialized

- 2 packaging; packaging may require certain 3
- warnings on the packaging; the packaging may 4 include a medication guide or patient package
- 5 insert; the specialized packaging may have a

pharmacist checklist; and there may be

7 limitations to the amount of product packaged 8 together.

Another example of a reminder or prompting system is prescriber or other health care practitioner attestation of conditions of safe use, and physician-patient agreements as an informed consent.

The highest level or most restricted of the tool categories are restricted distribution or performance-linked access systems. The purpose of these systems is to target the population and conditions of use to those most likely to confer benefits, and to minimize particular risks. This can include restrictions on prescribing, distribution, dispensing, and administering

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- the product. Examples of these kinds of
- 2 systems are: Prescriptions only by specially
- 3 certified health care practitioners; product
- dispensing that's limited to pharmacies or
- 5 health care practitioners that elect to be
- 6 specially certified; mandatory pharmacy
- enrollment to dispense; mandatory enrollment
- of infusion centers or hospitals to
- administer; the drug could be dispensed or
- 10 administered only in certain health care
- 11 settings -- for example, the drug could be
- 12 administered in an acute care hospital;
- product dispensing only to patients with 13
- 14 evidence or other documentation of safe use,
- 15 for example, required pregnancy testing or
- 16 required liver lab testing; and wholesaler
- 17 agreement to distribute product only to
- 18 registered entities.
- 19 So when should a RiskMAP be 20 considered? Products with important benefits 20
- 21 should be considered for a RiskMAP if the
- 22 risks are serious, but preventable; if safe

So the first question that we have is whether the logic model holds. Do we understand the risks? From Dr. Dannis' presentation, you saw that the follow-up in short-term trials might not have been sufficient to ascertain cardiovascular and other events that might have occurred outside the period of observation. Additionally, we note that the proposed daily dosage is 24 times higher than the dose that produced the cardiovascular safety signal in longer term testing.

The RiskMAP outline submitted proposes a RiskMAP comprised of these elements: agreements with pharmaceutical wholesalers to sell only to hospitals; targeted education, sales, and promotion to acute care hospitals; packaging that specifies hospital use; and an alert system for outpatient pharmacies to alert pharmacists not to dispense on an outpatient basis.

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and effective use requires specialized health 1

- 2 care skills or settings; when intervention is
- 3 needed to increase the benefits relative to
- risks; and when the product is in a class of
- 5 products with similar risks that require a
- 6 RiskMAP.

7 So now with that background, let's 8 turn to the RiskMAP proposed for alvimopan.

- 9 The proposed RiskMAP addresses cardiovascular
- 10 risk. So far, the sponsor has not made a
- 11 complete RiskMAP submission.

12 An outline of a proposal has been

- 13 submitted, but the outline did not include
- 14 any goals, objectives, supporting documents,
- 15 detailed implementation plans, an evaluation plan, metrics for evaluation, or the 16
- 17 frequency and content of RiskMAP reports to
- 18 the agency. The RiskMAP outline addresses
- 19 cardiovascular risk, and the logic of the
- 20 RiskMAP framework relies on the assumption
- 21 that cardiovascular risks will be minimized
- by limiting use to inpatient settings.

We are concerned that the current proposal may not prevent longer term use or

- 3 outpatient use. We understand that
- 4 pharmaceutical wholesalers do not have a
- 5 definition of "acute care hospital," and they
- 6 may not be able to distinguish acute care 7 hospitals from surgery centers,
- 8 rehabilitation hospitals, or nursing homes, 9
 - for example.

Many hospitals dispense for outpatients. Physicians may want patients to finish a course of therapy at home that they've started in the hospital. Extended inpatient stays are possible, and the product could be used in that situation. And the alert system for outpatient pharmacies is available in 50 percent of pharmacies, and the pharmacists can override the alert.

We also note that the proposal does not provide for the collection of medical outcomes to determine if cardiovascular events are indeed minimized. So we would not

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have that information to use to evaluate the 2 success of the RiskMAP.

3 To address some of the concerns I 4 showed you on the last slide, we have some

5 thoughts on tool selection that may address

6 some of them. We think that hospitals may

7 require more support for the safe use of the

product, and it might be useful to have

hospitals register and attest that they have

10 a safe-use protocol in place. And we have

experience with a RiskMAP for dofetilide that 11 12

uses attestation of a safe-use protocol.

Also, because of the problems we see with wholesalers making the decision on who can buy the product, we would suggest

16 that the sponsor retain control of who

17 purchases it. And we do have an example of

18 that as well in which the product is ordered

19 through the wholesaler, but then okayed and

20 shipped through the sponsor.

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21 So our conclusions about the 22

proposed alvimopan RiskMAP: we need much more

1 was used? There is publicly submitted data

2 that would suggest an improvement in efficacy

3 over the 3-milligram dose, but I'm still

4 curious as to why the 12-milligram dose was

5 chosen. And can you shed some light on the

6 agency's evaluation of the efficacy 7 difference?

DR. HE: So I answer again here or I should go there? I can stay here? Okay.

10 You are right, we do have a concern 11 which dose is the best dose for this 12 product -- for this program POI indication. 13 As you indicated, in the early study, they do 14 study several different doses, 3-milligram,

15 6-milligram, and 12-milligram. In my presentation. I did not show the data for 16 17 6 milligrams, but I did include those data in

18 my background package.

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In the initial submission, we have a lot of discussion about which dose is the best dose. Some studies do show 6 milligrams is better than 12 milligrams. And we are

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1 detail about the goals, objectives,

2 implementation plans, evaluation plan,

metrics, and RiskMAP reporting to the agency.

4 We think that operational changes are needed

5 in the proposal that was submitted, and we

6 propose that the sponsor retain control over

7 the supply chain. And we think there may be

8 a need for a systematic program for hospitals

to prevent diversion to outpatient use and to

10 prevent longer term inpatient use.

11 Finally, even with these changes, 12 the RiskMAP framework is acceptable only if

13 short-term use is safe and if process

14 evaluation of the RiskMAP is sufficient,

because medical outcomes would not be 15

16 measured.

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17 DR. BUCHMAN: Okay. We're going to 18 open the meeting up to questions for the

19 committee, to the FDA and FDA presenters.

20 Dr. He, in your analysis, did you 21 evaluate the efficacy difference between the

earlier studies where the 6-milligram dose

1 concerned -- focused on the primary endpoint

2 and a second endpoint, like GI-2 and GI-3.

If you only focus on GI-3, you do find the

difference between 6 milligrams and

5 12 milligrams, and some data indicated that

6 milligrams is better based on GI-3. But if

7 you're checking the endpoint for GI-2, in

8 that case you're limited evaluation for

9 flatus, and then you can see 12 milligrams

10 compared to 6 milligrams, maybe 12 milligrams

11 is better. That data I saw in my background 12

package.

13 Like I said before, GI-2 only 14 secondary endpoint for the first full

15 Study 302, 308, 313, and 001. But doing the

evaluation, we do recognize that the flatus

17 is a very difficult endpoint to objectively 18 assess, especially the method the sponsor

19 used to assess the flatus. You know, you

20 wake up the patient every two hours to ask do 21 you have a flatus. And in this way, if you

ask my personal opinion, I do consider the

GI-2 is a more objective endpoint.

And based on GI-2, I do feel

- 12 milligrams may be better dose for the
- 4 further study, although the data do not show
- 5 in that way. But I have no objection for the
- 6 sponsor to choose 12 milligrams at a further
- 7 study. That is Study 314; they only study
- for 12 milligrams.

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9 DR. BUCHMAN: With the idea of trying 10 to use the minimal effective dose, do you think

11 another study comparing 6 and 12 milligrams

12 would be necessary?

13 DR. HE: No. Probably -- I mean, if

14 you do more studies, it's better -- we try to

15 collect more data, but probably not necessary.

The reason is there are five studies. If you

17 include Study 306, a total of six studies. And

18 though they did not show a significant dose

- 19 response between 6 and 12, when you evaluate for 19
- 20 the safety scenario, you do not see
- 21 12 milligrams increase significantly for a
- 22 safety issue. Therefore, we do not have an

afternoon then. Let's see, who was next here?

Dr. Pasricha? 2

3 DR. PASRICHA: I have a question for 4 Dr. He, also, which might require the sponsor's

5 response as well. But just looking at the

6 efficacy data by median and 75th percentile, the

7 difference in the median is only -- looking at

DOW, discharge order written, which is perhaps

9 the most relevant parameter here, is only 0.3

days. And it's only when you get to the 75th

11 percentile that you have a day difference. So

12 is the interpretation correct then that the

13 effect of this drug is really only valuable in

14 the patients who are in the outliers, and it may

15 not be as effective or as valuable in the

16 majority of the patients or at least in the

17 first five days to respond?

> And then I guess a follow-up to that is, has either the sponsor or your group looked at differences in the profiles of patients, early responders versus the late

22 responders, to try and see if there's some

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objection for the sponsor to choose which one 1

they will go to further study, because Study 314

3 was only studied for 12 milligrams, you know.

4 At this time point, we will focus on

5 12 milligrams.

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6 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Rosing?

7 DR. ROSING: Yes. We've heard about

8 Study 014, and the sponsor and Dr. Dannis has

9 described the various characteristics and

10 cardiovascular risk factors, et cetera, in the

11 study. Unless I missed it, I haven't heard,

12 though, what drugs those patients were on or

13 those subjects were on in addition to the study

14 drug; in other words, anti-platelet drugs,

15 statins, diabetic treatment drugs, et cetera.

16 Is there any reason to believe, or was it

17 examined to see whether there was any skewing of

18 the use of those drugs in the placebo versus the

19 treatment groups?

20 DR. KORVICK: It might be appropriate

21 to ask that question to the sponsor.

22 DR. BUCHMAN: Let's save that for the

1 marker that we can look at to identify which 2

patients may best respond?

3 DR. HE: Yeah. You're definitely 4 right. When we did the efficacy evaluation,

5 initially we focused on the median. Right now,

during my presentation, I chose three different 7 time points: 25 percent, median, and 75

8 percent. I tried to give balanced data to show

9 you all of the data.

roughly about 5 days.

To answer your question, the difference between median and the 75th percentile, roughly only 1 day difference. If you're looking for the time achieved for the median, roughly about four days. And if you're looking for the 75th percentile,

And because this indication is POI post-surgery, it is very difficult to assess the early responder. Most of the patients, they take several days to recover GI function, you know? If you don't give a treatment, roughly five days. And if you try

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- to see the early time, like a 75th
- 2 percentile, it is very difficult, because
- 3 this disease -- the nature of the disease.
- 4 Therefore, we later on -- initially, we only
- 5 focus on median, but later on, I do agree to
- 6 looking at the data at the 75th percentile.
- 7 Because the total of the hospital 8 stay is seven days, and you want to evaluate
- the totality of the data. Therefore, you
- 10 looking for the time point at 75th percentile
- 11 may be okay even at the later, after disease.
- 12 But there's still some -- the meaningful
- 13 difference between the two groups.
- 14 Therefore, either choose at Day 4 or Day 5, I
- have no personal feeling. Either way is 15

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17 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan?

MR. PROSCHAN: Yeah. I think one of

- 19 the most important things that we have to do is 20 figure out whether 014, why is it different? Is
- 21 it a real difference?
- 22 And so I was looking at Dr. Dannis'

1 And the second question was -- oh, there were no patients that were counted

- 3 twice for events, either for Study 008 and
- 4 684. Any patient that had an event only had
- 5 one and was counted once, especially in this
- 6 side because this side is the patient's
- 7 experience and serious cardiovascular events.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

9 DR. TALAMINI: So many surgeons have 10 used the admittedly off-label use of ketorolac

11 as a similar narcotic-sparing type of a

12 strategy. It looked like in only Study 001 that 13 was done overseas was that drug used. And I

14 wonder if there was enough data in there to

15 determine what the effect of that specific drug

16 was on the outcomes of that study.

DR. HE: Study 001 is a large study.

It includes more than 700 patients. They do 18 19 have some difference between the North American

20 study and Study 001, the European study. But I

21 do believe to evaluate the primary endpoint for

22 GI-2 or GI-3, Study 001 is still valid, which

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Slide 18, and I wonder if we could put that

- up. Yeah. So I'm trying to compare the
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- results for Study 014 with these results, and
- 4 these include 014, so I'm trying to subtract
- 5 out the 014. But the problem is, I think
- that 008 and 684 involve the same patients.
- 7 Some of the patients are the same. And so it
- 8 looks like the N at the top isn't quite
- 9 right, because I think that N was obtained by
- 10 just adding the number of patients in those
- 11 two as if they were separate people.

And the other thing I worried about with this slide. I want to make sure about

14 this, is that could someone have a CVD event 15

and then go into the extension study and have another one and be counted twice? I can't

16 remember from the briefing document whether 17 17

18 there was anyone in that category.

19 DR. DANNIS: Is this on? Okay. To

20 answer your first question, the patients that 21 went from Study 008 to 684 were only counted 21

22 once, so that N should just be who was in 008.

should include those data for evaluation of GI 1

recovery.

3 But -- because, according to the

sponsor's presentation, you can see the

5 difference between the North American and

6 European clinical practice is different. And

7 therefore, I personally agree for evaluation,

DOW already for discharge or hospital stay,

Study 001 may not provide so much

10 information.

DR. KORVICK: As far as the

12 concomitant drugs, that's I think the second

13 time we've heard that question. I think that 14 maybe the sponsor might have some backup slides

15 to enlighten us later. Maybe this afternoon we

can come back to that. We're not prepared to 16

talk about that issue.

18 DR. BUCHMAN: As a follow-up question 19 to that, virtually all -- we don't know all, but

20 perhaps virtually all these patients were on a

PCA pump postoperatively. Postop ileus, by definition, would be related to manipulation of

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the bowel. Is the agency able or in need to 2 differentiate between postoperative ileus from a 3

bowel-related issue versus a narcotic-induced

4 ileus? And are we talking about two potential 5

different indications here?

6 DR. KORVICK: I think that's an interesting point that perhaps the group should 8 discuss in a broad way. We're looking for 9 feedback from you, and I think that we've seen 10 the data and what the sponsor's proposed, so 11 we'd be looking forward to that discussion later

12 this afternoon.

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13 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer?

14 DR. KRAMER: Yes, I had a question for

Dr. Dannis. A lot of the questions we'll have to deal with this afternoon have to do with

17 assessing the clinical meaning of these results,

18 and for me, that ties both benefit and risk.

19 You have clearly pointed out that although there 19

20 wasn't a cardiovascular signal seen in the POI

calculations of the kind of study that would

need to be done to assess cardiovascular risk

I mean, it's conceivable that even

a short-term administration could, since we

long-term effect if you follow these people.

And I just wondered if anyone could give us a

DR. DANNIS: I think that's a very

interesting idea, but at this point, we haven't

yet come up with the answer to that question.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Hennessy? Oh, I'm

DR. RICHARDSON: I have a question

don't know the mechanism, could have a

sense of what type of a study would be

required, and if you've looked at that.

that I think follows a little bit on what

relating to the FDA's impression of

Dr. Kramer had asked, and that is I think

cardiovascular risk and whether this changed

sorry, Dr. Richardson.

21 studies, the follow-up was limited and the

22 extent to -- in fact, there were over 250

with a short-term administration?

over time. Were the bowel resection studies

completed before the questions of cardiovascular

3 risks were known? And when these questions

4 surfaced, did the agency feel that these

5 patients needed to be re-consented?

DR. HE: For your first question, yes, during the end of the first review cycle, we did not have identify any specific safety issues. We issued an approval letter purely because of

10 the advocacy issue.

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Cardiovascular events were identified after we issued the approval

13 letter, that is during the second review

14 cycle, after the sponsor submitted the second

NDA. During that period, we identified the

16 imbalance cardiovascular events during the

17 interim analysis for that 12-month safety

18 study. And that is why the study for the POI

program is not designed to capture those

20 kinds of events.

> DR. RICHARDSON: But what about the question of re-consenting patients once that

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patients that didn't have any follow-up after

discharge. Has the FDA done any sample size

risk surfaced? I mean, that would have demanded

2 a little bit more in the way of follow-up.

3 DR. KORVICK: I believe for Study 14, we had discussions with the sponsor where we

5 discussed the follow-up and the safety issues

6 for the continuation of that study since it

7 wasn't clear if we would see more events in the

long term, and they were close to completing

9 that study. So there were, I believe,

10 re-consents, and there were also attempts to

11 better define for the patients still in that

12 Study 014 more close follow-up. But I think the

13 sponsor can tell you more closely the timetable,

14 but a lot of those patients had completed a

15 significant proportion of the study. So I think

that there were mechanisms put in place and we

17 had these kind of discussions.

18 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff? 19

20 Dr. Dannis regarding the safety analysis of

21 cardiovascular events. The Kaplan-Meier curves,

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DR. LINCOFF: I have a question for

et cetera, that you presented look a bit

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concerning, but they're based upon the

- 2 non-adjudicated data. In cardiovascular trials,
- 3 we usually use adjudicated data, recognizing the
- 4 difficulties in investigators and the
- 5 variability in sites assessing -- particularly
- 6 myocardial infarction or non-mortal endpoints,

7 which have a great degree of objectivity.

8 So there's clearly precedent with 9 the regulatory agencies for accepting

10 adjudicated data's endpoints.

11 Now, I recognize that this is a

12 post hoc adjudication, but then again, the

13 cardiovascular endpoints were all post hoc

14 anyhow. They weren't primary endpoints. So

15 I'm curious why you chose to do all of your

16 analyses with the non-adjudicated data, and

17 if you feel that there's a problem with the

18 adjudicated data. Because at least from the

19 sponsor's presentation, the adjudicated data

20 looks much more reassuring.

21 DR. KORVICK: We used the

22 non-adjudicated data, but I think that the

1 non-adjudicated. And that reduces the 2 difference quite substantially for the 3 non-adjudicated.

If you look at ischemic cardiovascular events, it's 13 versus 6 as compared to 14 versus 3.

That, again, because of the differences in the treatment groups, virtually eliminates the difference in the point estimates.

So now, other cardiovascular events were more similar, but -- so, again, it turns out to be -- actually it's 14 adjudicated as compared to 8 non-adjudicated, 3 in the placebo compared to 2 non-adjudicated for the other events, non-ischemic. So at least for ischemic events and for total events, the adjudication does change the point estimates and the relative risks substantially.

So again, I think that the adjudication process should be valid. Certainly the people participating in it and

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differences were small. And I'm not sure that

2 there were that many differences in the

different ways that you did the analysis, and

4 that's the data we had at-hand at the time.

DR. LINCOFF: Perhaps I can address that because this I think is a key point and I'm not trying to perseverate on something

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But if you look at your Slide, I guess, 15 -- it's really 14 and 15, and

11 compare it to Table 35 that's presented on 12

page 98 of the sponsor's packet -- or

13 sponsor's form. So if you look at the actual

14 number of events, any cardiovascular -- now,

15 the denominator's slightly different, but I

16 think relatively small differences and I'm 17

not completely clear. I mean, it's 1,800 as

18 compared to -- 1,807 in the active treatment

19 group compared to 1,728. But if you look at 20 the total number of any cardiovascular events

21 adjudicated, it's 13 versus -- I'm sorry, 26

22 versus 9, and that's 26 versus 4 for the the methodology that they reported sound to be valid and appropriate, similar to what we

would use in a cardiovascular trial. And so 4

I'm concerned that the non-adjudicated data 5 may give us a somewhat skewed result,

estimate of the cardiovascular risk.

7 I'm also interested, on a related 8 note, there's been concern about whether or 9 not longer-term follow-up of the short-term

10 POI studies would have shown a later

11 cardiovascular event. I'm unaware of any 12 precedent for a short-term drug that led to

13 long-term cardiovascular risk. I'm certainly

14 happy to -- be pleased to know of a

15 precedence that exists, but I don't know of 16 any where a five- to seven-day drug then

17 leads to an incremental risk of events out

18 beyond an immediate post-drug observation 19 period.

DR. DANNIS: I just want to make sure that you're comparing -- this table is actually patients experiencing the events. So there's

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another table, I think the next slide, which is 2 events. I'm not sure if those numbers are more 3

similar.

4 DR. LINCOFF: So that's what I was comparing to Table 35. They have all -- any 5 6 event, which seems to be what you have on your

7 previous, but perhaps if we just look at -- so

that's patients. But if -- so then, if you look

at your next slide, so ischemic events, 14

10 versus 3. Adjudicated ischemic events were 13

11 versus 6. Now, that makes a big difference.

12 Because 13 versus 6 comes out .7 percent versus

13 .7 percent.

14 DR. DANNIS: What we discovered while 15 doing these analyses is the sponsor did their

16 analyses, adjudication did their analyses, and

17 when we looked at what we had, which was

somewhat limited because we just had narratives, 18

19 we had -- we didn't have complete information.

20 We actually at times got different results.

21 However, what we found were that even though the

22 results were somewhat different, they were put 1 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan?

2 MR. PROSCHAN: Yeah, again, I want to 3 go back to the comparison of 014 with the other

4 studies. And I notice that the FDA made some

5 different comparisons. One was versus the

non-cancer OBD trials, and the other one

7 combined cancer and non-cancer. And I'm

8 wondering whether you think that's reasonable to

9 combine the cancer and non-cancer. It seems

10 like those are quite different.

> DR. HE: For combined non-cancer and cancer patients, we combined them according to the duration of treatment. For the long-term

14 therapy, for the long-term safety data, we have

15 very limited information, because they are both

cancer and the non-cancer patient treated,

17 duration is longer. Therefore, we want to do

18 different analyses to see if that more days are

19 still so the signal or not. That is one way we

20 do our safety analysis, so that is why we pooled

21 them together. But we also do the separate

analysis, and that is why we put them in here

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in different categories and moved around a

2 little bit, the end result was really the same.

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have complete information to have a really great 5 investigation of what went on, but we did do the

analysis. And because the end result really 6

7 wasn't that different, we didn't want to kind of

8 fight over who had angina and who had this

9 because it just seemed like the end result was

10 the same.

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11 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

12 DR. PASRICHA: I want to follow up on

13 the cancer signal. Since the majority of

14 patients in the POI study were being operated on

15 for colon cancer or GI cancer, and given the 16 concern about cancer, if there's any data on

17 survival of these patients -- they're presumably

18 all in a registry of some sort and we should be

19 able to get long-term at least cancer-related 20 outcome data on these patients, and if the

21 agency is thinking of trying to obtain that

information, it'd be helpful.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

3 DR. CHANG: I just wanted to follow up on Dr. Kramer and others' comments about having

a short duration of therapy and then maybe

having a long-term effect. And I'm just kind of

7 surprised when Dr. Dannis presented the follow-up. In person with the investigator, the

9 patients had so little contact.

I would think that after a bowel resection, you would come back and see the surgeon in person. So I thought that there must be data out there on a follow-up visit and how they're doing. And if there was any -- if you ask the sponsor to go back, even though it's not standardized and it's

17 retrospective, to go back and look at some of 18 the data. 19 And then also, I was thinking that

20 in the opioid bowel dysfunction, most of the 21 trials are short-term, and they may have had

22 follow-up later on in a month or two that you

particular compound, they also did a

distribution study in rats, a radiographic

the opioid receptors are located, what part.

DR. BUCHMAN: The question was where

MR. CHAKRABORTI: Yeah. Opioid

receptors are almost located and distributed all

over the body, including the CNS. But for this

study, and this drug was not distributed. And

I did not cross the (inaudible) barrier walls,

tract, and actually locally acting on probably

systemic absorption and concentrations of the

MR. CHAKRABORTI: Yes. In the

the GI mu-opioid receptors in the gut, and

so -- because of its structure. So it was

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- could collect that data, or patients who
- 2 would rollover in the extension study who had
- 3 drug. And then, I don't know if there's any
- 4 of these people that had drug on a short-term
- 5 study, rolled over in the extension study and
- 6 had placebo. There's probably not that many
- 7 of them, but I mean, that's a way to follow
- 8 them, also. But there's probably ways to
- 9 collect some of that information out there.

10 DR. DANNIS: Yes. That was one of the

- 11 questions that I actually had for the sponsor in
- 12 one of our meetings. I think that what I was 13 presenting was the official protocol-defined
- 14 visit, where the official information was
- 15 collected. I'm sure that most of -- if not all
- actually, probably every single person who had a
- 17 bowel resection was followed up, and I'm sure
- 18 that that information is somewhere.
- 19 However, I don't know if it was
- 20 collected in a standardized way and whether
- 21 we have entire information on all the 22 patients.

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drug in the bloodstream?

toxicology studies, there was about

6 percent -- about 10 percent absorption

following oral administration of this drug.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Was there any data on

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

DR. CHANG: You could probably get

- that, though, couldn't you? I mean, that might
- 4 be something good to look at.
- 5 DR. DANNIS: Yes.
- 6 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini? Last
- 7 question, Dr. Kramer. Did you have a question? 8
- Dr. Epstein?

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- 9 DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, I have a question
- 10 for Dr. Chakraborti. The mu-opioid receptor,
- 11 can you describe where that is in the body? Is
- 12 it in the smooth muscle? Because you mentioned
- 13 the Purkinje fiber study that the sponsor did,
- 14 but was there any evidence of any effect on
- 15 arteries? I know we use morphine, too, in
- 16 patients with congestive heart failure, et
- 17 cetera, so I wondered about that.
- 18 MR. CHAKRABORTI: Mu-receptors are
- 19 distributed in several organs and tissues. But
- 20 the -- I'm sorry, I did not follow your question
- 21 there.
- 22 Can you tell me one more time?

1 DR. BUCHMAN: And do you have any 2 concern with that in terms of opiate receptors

3 elsewhere outside of the CNS?

4 MR. CHAKRABORTI: They have done in

5 pharmacology studies -- the CNS effects, first

- of all, in 70 (?) pharmacological studies there
- 7 is no CNS effects of alvimopan in rats at tested doses, up to 2 milligrams per kilograms.
- 9 Besides that, they have actually demonstrated in
- 10 a pharmacological study in mice where the mice
- 11 were actually treated with morphine and it
- 12 causes the morphine-induced (inaudible) -- I'm
- 13 sorry, the (inaudible) morphine-induced infusion
- 14 of the (inaudible) transit. But it did not
- 15 cause any effect on the (inaudible)
- acid-induced. Our writing reflects that is
- 17 actually morphine was exhibited in that, but it
- 18 did not actually cause any effect to that. So
- 19 the (inaudible) for that particular central
- 20 effect was about 8.7 milligrams per kilogram
- 21 compared to the morphine's (inaudible) effect
- 22 was about 0.7. And that gives us a

peripheral-to-central ratio of about 127. So 2 that demonstrated pretty much that it actually 3 acts through a peripheral mechanism, so the 4 central action is not our concern. 5 MR. DESEGTER: To answer your 6 question, we don't have any concern about 7

other peripheral opiate receptors.

DR. BUCHMAN: Could you identify yourself, please?

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MR. DESEGTER: Yeah, I'm Shoshan Desegter. I'm the pharmacologist here at FDA. And to answer your question, we don't have any concerns about other peripheral opiate receptors because in toxicology studies, there is no target organs identified even at high doses. DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to take a break for lunch here. We'll be back at 1:00 p.m. For the committee, downstairs in the lunch 18 room, there is an area that's roped off with tight security just for committee members.

21 (Whereupon, at 12:00 p.m., a 22 luncheon recess was taken.)

greatly from the sponsor on the

categorization of the individual patients in

3 terms of cardiovascular events. But what I

4 think what we're seeing with the different

5 analyses that have been presented today, some

6 instability in the data and in the risk

7 estimates that we're wrestling with and that

8 we're going to ask you to wrestle along with

9 us. And that's kind of where I'd leave it at 10 this point.

DR. BUCHMAN: Thank you very much. What we're going to use this next period for is, there are a lot of questions that committee members had left for the sponsor. So we're going to allow those to be addressed at this point. And the sponsor can also add some additional information as a rebuttal, if you will. And if we have time in the hour, we'll allow for a re-rebuttal. So with that, I'd like to call on

20 21 Dr. Hennessy, if he recalls his questions 22 from this morning.

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AFTERNOON SESSION

(1:00 p.m.)

3 DR. BUCHMAN: Okay, good afternoon. I 4 hope everybody enjoyed their lunch.

The original schedule has for an open public forum as we typically do at these sessions, although no one from the public has registered. So therefore, we're going to dispense with that. That gives us an extra hour of discussion, and I think there are some important points that we need to address that are going to be used before we get to

the questions. I'd like to reintroduce Joyce Korvick, who will address some of the concerns that were raised this morning about the cardiovascular risk profile from Entereg.

18 DR. BEITZ: I'll just read sort of a 19 summary of where we are after this past hour of 20 sort of discussion regarding the different 21 analyses that have been presented.

22 So we essentially don't differ very 1 DR. HENNESSEY: Great, thank you. I

2 have two questions. One has to do with the size of the population that's likely to be exposed to

the drug if it's approved. So one obvious

5 population is people who have had gut surgery.

How large a population is that likely to be per

7 year? And also, it seems likely that the drug

would be used for non-gut surgery. For example, 9 orthopedic surgery, where there's lots of opiate

10 use after surgery. And I'm wondering if the 11 drug is used off-label, how large the population

of people that is likely to get it off-label.

DR. BUCHMAN: Please identify yourself when you speak for the transcriber.

DR. JACKSON: This is David Jackson from Adolor. I'm going to ask Dr. Senagore to address the question about numbers of potential surgical patients.

DR. SENAGORE: Anthony Senagore, Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The labeling is requesting for colectomy, and

national numbers are somewhere in the range of

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- about 400,000 per year for all diseases. And of
- 2 that, still in this country, about 90 percent of
- 3 those are done by open surgical techniques. So,
- 4 it would be about 350,000 to 360,000 patients.
- 5 In terms of the off-label, I'll leave that to
- 6 the sponsor to discuss.
- 7 DR. BUCHMAN: Thank you. Dr. Epstein?
- 8 DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, my question to the
- 9 sponsor is, was there any sub-analysis done of
- 10 patients with diabetes? One of the biggest
- 11 clinical problems we face is individuals with
- 12 diabetes having a significant risk to develop
- 13 prolonged motility disorders. And I wonder if
- 14 there was any look at the data regarding
- 15 diabetes, and how that impacted on the trial and
- 16 the clinical endpoints.
- DR. JACKSON: Thank you. Dr. Techner?
- 18 There are significant numbers of patients in the
- 19 database who did indeed have diabetes.
- DR. TECHNER: If I could just have the
- 21 slide on baseline cardiovascular risk factors
- 22 and POI population. I think that's an

- l tendency to get postoperative ileus regardless.
- 2 And I wonder if the clinical effect would be
- 3 stronger in that population or if you have any
- 4 data? Do you have any data on that
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DR. TECHNER: We do not have data on that. But that's certainly something we could look at in the future.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

DR. PASRICHA: As sort of a related question to that, can you please clarify whether the outcomes were analyzed with your modified intention to treat equally all patients whose discharge was potentially delayed for non-GI problems as well, or only included GI-related?

DR. TECHNER: No, our analyses included all patients, regardless of whether they were readmitted or their hospital stay was prolonged for a GI or non-GI event.

DR. PASRICHA: So was that a significant proportion of patients whose discharge was delayed because of non-GI

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- 1 interesting question. And one of the things we
- 2 have looked at is the proportion of patients who
- 3 in fact did have diabetes. And I think what you
- 4 can see here is that somewhere between 10 and
- 5 14 percent, whether it be the overall population
- 6 we're looking at or the bowel resection
- 7 population only, had recorded baseline
- 8 comorbidity of diabetes.
- 9 So proportionally, it was about the 10 same across treatment groups. We did not
- 11 look at the treatment effect specifically in
- 12 that subgroup. However, one would suspect
- that it if that was a factor in any way,
- shape, or form, it would be affecting both
- 15 the placebo and the alvimopan treatment
- 16 groups similarly. The other thing is, I
- 17 believe what you're referring to is not
- 18 really a narcotic-induced condition. And
- 19 again, alvimopan is a highly selective
- 20 mu-opioid receptor antagonist.
- DR. EPSTEIN: Yes. And I guess
- 22 nevertheless, those patients do have a higher

1 complications?

DR. TECHNER: I believe that I would really have to say that the majority of

4 patients, the primary reason for a delay

5 discharge was unresolved ileus, which is, as

6 you've heard from Dr. Senagore, consistent with

what surgeons see in practice.

DR. PASRICHA: I guess what I'm trying to see is if the effect was even larger if you carved out the non-GI complications.

DR. TECHNER: We did not look at the data that way. But again, this is certainly something we could look at in the future.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini, you had a question regarding the use of ketorolac and other -- perhaps a group of patients that did not receive narcotics?

DR. TALAMINI: Yes, so my question was, particularly in the European study, where that drug was indeed used, whether you had enough data to analyze that group separately, and if so, what the effects were. Again,

because in context, I think in this country,

- 2 many surgeons use that as a strategy to reduce
- 3 overall opioid postoperative use and get the
- 4 patients out of the hospital a little bit more
 - quickly. So it's a similar strategy.

5 DR. TECHNER: How about -- I think the 6

- 7 way we'll answer your question is twofold. I'll
 - address it from a data perspective, and then I'd
- 9 like to have Dr. Senagore address it from what
- 10 is commonly used in practice today. You are
- 11 correct, in the European study -- in the
- 12 non-U.S. study, I should say, the range of
- opioid use and opioid-sparing technique was 13
- 14 broad. It varied from country to country. So
- 15 we would have countries, for example, where we
- saw virtually no opioids being used. And in
- 17 those situations, as you would expect, the
- 18 effect of Entereg was minimal to countries where
- 19 the use of opioids was comparable to what we see
- 20 in the States.
- 21 So I think -- and this goes back to
- 22 an earlier question -- is there a threshold,

that Dr. Senagore can address that as well. And

- I think this goes back to what is the etiology?
- 3 What are the mechanisms involved in ileus? So
- 4 Tony, if you would address that, please.

5 DR. SENAGORE: Yeah, I think probably the 001 study gives us guidance on that, because

- there are truly no regimes that are devoid of
- narcotic administration in patients undergoing
- 9 major laparotomy. But as I discussed, the
- 10 etiology of ileus is multifactorial. So it may
- 11 be that the group that gets an NSAID is actually
- 12 abrogating the effects of the inflammatory
- 13 component that leads to ileus, and now you're
- 14 seeing an added benefit from blocking the
- 15 narcotic component. So even in Europe, patients
- still do get modest doses of narcotics, of which
- 17 you did see benefit in the 001.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer?

19 Dr. KRAMER: Judith Kramer from Duke.

- 20 Actually, my question is for Dr. Senagore as
- 21 well, but it's very similar. It's really a
- 22 follow-up on what Sean raised. And my question

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- 1 if there is virtually no opioid on board,
- 2 then we would not expect this drug to have
- 3 much benefit.
- 4 I'd like to ask Dr. Senagore to
- 5 come up just to address common practice with
- 6 respect to pain management in these patients.
- 7 DR. BUCHMAN: You know what? Before
- 8 Dr. Senagore addresses us, I just want to follow
- 9 up on your comment with regard to a question I
- 10 had earlier --
- DR. TECHNER: Sure. 11
- 12 DR. BUCHMAN: And something that we'll 12
- 13 perhaps discuss a little bit later. But what is
- 14 the sponsor's feeling in terms of the labeling?
- 15 Is this really a postoperative ileus that you're
- 16 treating? Or in view of your most recent
- 17 comment, perhaps that's incorrect. Perhaps it's
- 18 a narcotic-induced, specifically a
- 19 narcotic-induced postop ileus that you're
- 20 treating. And is that more appropriately the
- 21 indication that you seek?
- 22 DR. TECHNER: You know what? I think

- 1 is, as a surgeon who is very familiar with this
- 2 drug, would you expect that if this were
- marketed, that surgeons would prescribe it to
- prevent and treat postoperative ileus plus other
- 5 types of abdominal surgery besides bowel
- 6 resection?

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DR. SENAGORE: Well, if you look at

- 8 the data, at least for laparotomy, what
- operations lead to the highest rate of
- 10 postoperative ileus, it really is bowel
- 11 resections, both large and small. And so for
- our general surgical community, that would be
- 13 the most common indication. Could this drug be
- 14 advantageous in other operations that use high
- 15 doses of narcotics, like spinal surgery or total
- joint reconstruction? It's plausible, but I
- 17 don't know that we have data at this point to
- 18 say that.

19 DR. BUCHMAN: Would you foresee the 20 use of this medication in a postoperative ileus

- in a patient that had a abdominal aortic
- aneurism repair or had other baseline

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DR. SENAGORE: Again, I don't think that there's data to say convincingly that it would work there, but certainly if you pull the expectation that, again, these patients have a major incision, high doses of narcotics, it's plausible to believe there would be a benefit in that population as well.

6 7 8 9 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff? 10 DR. LINCOFF: I'd just like to 11 continue the same line of questioning I was 12 discussing with the adjudicated endpoints. I 13 wonder if you have any more data that you can 13 14 show us specifically for Study 14 with the 15 adjudicated endpoints? I mean, given really that Study 14 is the reason that we're having I 17 think all of this discussion on the

19 small number of events that differ between the 20 adjudicated and the non-adjudicated that 21 nevertheless changed the odds ratios fairly 22 substantially. And the point estimates, which

cardiovascular endpoints, and that there is a

chronic constipation study, so it's strictly the OBD population. It changes the denominators slightly, and I think you recognized that when comparing the graphs.

5 So here are the results expressed 6 in terms of events and patients, and this relates to ischemic events. And I should point out at this point that the ischemic 9 composite that was assigned prior to doing this analysis was somewhat different to the 11 FDA ischemic composite, because it contained, 12 in addition to myocardial infarction, unstable and new angina, and stroke, it also contained ischemic heart failure and TIA and 15 sudden cardiac death and cardiac arrest. 16 which was deemed to be ischemic in origin.

So you can see here that any ischemic event, in terms of events, was 8 versus 14 for the whole program. And the number of patients was 6 versus 13. That is roughly equivalent. But you can see that there is a numerical imbalance in terms of

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is, of course, a good indicator of the

- 2 instability of these estimates in the first
- 3 place with small numbers. But how much of the
- 4 data that was in the table, that is in your
- 5 book, and that you had shown, how much of that?
- Could we see that for 14, which is really where
- 7 most of the analyses that the FDA has done with
- 8 the unadjudicated data focused on? What can you
- 9 show us in terms of breakdown, the components of
- 10 the ischemic endpoints, et cetera?

11 DR. JACKSON: Let's try and get to it.

- 12 Dr. Camm?
- 13 DR. CAMM: Thank you very much,
- 14 Dr. Lincoff. First of all, I'd like to see the
- 15 data for the adjudicated events, the ischemic
- events, for the entire OBD database, and I think 16
- that's in OC 44. This is the data of the 17
- 18 adjudicated events for the whole OBD program.
- 19 Now, I mean by that not exactly the same
- 20 population as Dr. Dannis analyzed, because it
- 21 didn't include the clinical pharmacology
- 22 studies, and it didn't include the idiopathic

acute MI, which was contributed to very 1

2 largely by the GSK014 study, and that in

percentage terms was 0.24 with placebo and

4 0.44 with patients.

> New onset unstable angina also showed potentially an imbalance, at 0.12 percent versus 0.22 percent. But as you can see, the numbers are very small, and any oscillation in terms of the assignment would make a big difference to the ratios in either the acute MI or in terms of the new onset or unstable angina.

I'm not sure whether you also have a slide for the GSK014. Do you have that available? Here, you can see just in the number of studies, one by one, going from 011, 012, 013, and 014, the difference between placebo and alvimopan with respect to ischemic cardiovascular events. And you can see in 014, it was 9 versus 0 ischemic events when adjudicated by the IDMC.

And I think I shouldn't go past

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226 228 this point without remarking on the fact that think that was quite what Dr. Lincoff asked for, zero events in the placebo group is pretty at least it's not what I was thinking. Because 3 unusual, given that this group of patients 3 what you didn't show was the MI, patients with 4 was relatively high risk for cardiovascular 4 MI, in the 014 adjudicated. And I'm wondering events. And the events seen with alvimopan 5 5 if you have that slide and that information? 6 are not necessarily out of context with DR. BUCHMAN: Do you have that, Eric? 7 chronic opioid bowel disorder. 7 DR. MORTENSEN: Eric Mortensen, GSK 8 So those, I think, answer the 8 I'll see if we have a slide to bring up. But 9 9 question that you put to me. essentially, I can say to you is that all seven 10 DR. BUCHMAN: Ms. Corkery-DeLuca? 10 of the myocardial infarctions that occurred in 11 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: Yes, my comment 014 were positively adjudicated. I mean, I 11 12 and question would be related to Dr. Lincoff's. 12 wouldn't bother showing the slide. Essentially, Looking at the diabetes population, I think one and as I noted before, they all occurred in 13 13 of the more popular upcoming surgeries is 14 patients who were then confirmed to have had 15 bariatric, a bowel resection to alleviate 15 pre-existing cardiovascular disease. 16 diabetes. So who handles that? 16 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Cullen? 17 Who's in charge? 17 DR. CULLEN: Joe Cullen from DR. JACKSON: Well, I'm going to have 18 University of Iowa. One question on the 18 19 a surgeon answer the question for you. 19 postoperative ileus studies: Were the use of 20 DR. SENAGORE: I don't do that surgery 20 prokinetics, like Reglan on a scheduled basis, 21 anymore, but that population actually has a 21 or antiemetics or suppositories allowed in the 22 very, very low rate of postoperative ileus. In 22 study protocols? And if so, was there 227 229 fact, if you look at the U.S. data, I think 1 1 equivalence between placebo and drug? 2 probably the mix today is probably 90 percent or 2 DR. TECHNER: In order to address your 3 greater laparoscopic versus open. And the rate 3 question, let me answer it in two ways. One, in 4 of ileus is very low. The length of stay is general, the prophylactic use of antiemetics, et 5 under two days in the U.S. for that operation. 5 cetera, generally was as per hospital standard. 6 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: So it would be a So in general, we did not restrict to any 7 move forward. 7 significant extent across the board the use of 8 DR. SENAGORE: Well, again, I'm not 8 those medications. However, if we look at the 9 9 use of those medications, in other words, all sure that this drug would be an advantage in 10 that population, because they're laparoscopic, 10 medications where we feel their use may have in 11 very small incisions, and they're home so 11 some way, shape, or form impacted GI function, 12 quickly that they're on to other alternative 12 5HT3s, metoproclamide, erythromycin, laxatives, 13 treatments. 13 cathartics, 5HT4, and any other antiemetics, I 14 DR. BUCHMAN: Are you suggesting, 14 think you can see here that it was very 15 then, that the drug be limited to use in 15 well-balanced across treatment groups. So if 16 patients with open bowel surgeries? there was some effect, we would basically expect 17 DR. SENAGORE: I guess I can leave 17 it to be a wash between a placebo and the 18 that to the sponsor to comment on what they're 18 alvimopan treatment. 19 asking for on the labeling. 19 DR. BUCHMAN: A related question. 20 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan? 20 Electrolyte abnormalities have been demonstrated 21 DR. PROSCHAN: I just wanted to follow 21 quite frequently to have a role in the up on the question previously, because I don't 22 development and prolongation of postoperative

230 232 ileus. I would assume that you have data on 1 DR. MORTENSEN: We'll be happy to get 2 2 potassium, magnesium, and calcium in these that information. I am sorry I don't have that 3 patients, and if so, were they similar between 3 information for you. 4 groups? 4 DR. LEVINE: Was it a small number? 5 DR. TECHNER: We do have that data in 5 Was it a modest number? Can you give us some 6 6 our adverse event database, and they were idea? 7 7 similar across treatment groups. DR. MORTENSEN: The total number of 8 patients randomized from Eastern Europe was DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine? 8 9 9 relatively small. The majority of the patients DR. LEVINE: Just one possible 10 confounding variable with the cardiovascular 10 overall for the entire 14 study, the majority 11 events. I wonder if you can tell me about the 11 came from the United States. I don't have --12 12 geography of Europe? Was this Western DR. LEVINE: No, I'm talking about the Europe-limited or was it all of Europe? 13 13 non-United States studies. 14 DR. MORTENSEN: I'm not sure. What do 14 DR. MORTENSEN: No, I understand it. 15 you have in mind? What kind of a subissue is 15 I'm just saying that the total composition for 16 16 014 -- did you say 001 or 014? 17 DR. LEVINE: I'm specifically asking 17 DR. LEVINE: Either one, actually. 18 if there are any -- if Eastern Europe 18 I'd like to know the numerical number 19 investigators were involved in this. 19 approximately of the Eastern European 20 DR. MORTENSEN: In Study 001 or in the 20 investigators versus the Western European 21 21 014 study? investigators, for possible obvious reasons. 22 DR. LEVINE: In any of the non-U.S. 22 DR. MORTENSEN: Okay. I don't have 231 233 Studies. that answer for you immediately for 014. I will 1 2 DR. MORTENSEN: Can I have the slide be happy to get that information by the time of 3 that shows the distribution of sites for 014? 3 the second review. I'm not sure, Lee, if you 4 What I'll start out just by noting is I didn't 4 have a slide that speaks to the issue in 001. 5 mention in my core presentation that of the 5 DR. TECHNER: Let's see if this 6 seven events, that five were Cluster II sites. potentially answers your question. How about 7 We don't know what it means, but we have known let's look at the slide of opioid use by 8 that three of those events did occur at a site country. Yeah, that should do it. 9 9 in Glasgow, which is a region that is So on Study 001, here is a list of 10 particularly marked to have a very high rate of countries involved. What you see here is the 11 cardiovascular disease incidence. 11 proportion of patients that came from that 12 We did have sites also -- I'm still country, and this is really the use of PCA 12 13 not seeing the slide coming up -- we did have opioids within the first 48 hours by country. 14 sites extended across Eastern Europe, but we 14 So the purpose of the slide is a bit 15 did not have anything in the Soviet Union. 15 different, but at least it gives you a Are you done with the slide? Number 14. We breakdown of where the patients were divided across countries. You see certainly, if you 17 did include sites in both Eastern and Western 17 18 Europe, but we did not include the former 18 were in Greece, that might be a bit of an

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer, did you have

DR. KRAMER: Yes, I just had a

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a follow-up question on that?

Soviet Union countries.

DR. LEVINE: I'd like to know the

number of the total subjects that were in

Eastern Europe versus Western Europe.

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- follow-up question. The sponsor is pointing out
- 2 that three of the patients were at a single site
- 3 in Glasgow, and there was a high incidence of
- 4 cardiovascular disease. But is there any reason
- 5 to think that there weren't also placebo
- 6 patients of equal balance in that site? Was
- 7 that site somehow randomized such that they were
- 8 all alvimopan?

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- DR. MORTENSEN: No, we actually --
- 10 DR. BUCHMAN: Please state your name
- 11 for the record.
 - DR. MORTENSEN: Eric Mortensen,
- GlaxoSmithKline. No, we did look to see whether 13
- 14 or not the two sites that represented the
- 15 majority of the myocardial infarctions showed
- perhaps any alteration imbalance. There was no
- 17 evidence of an imbalance with regard to
- 18 randomization. We simply mention this to note
- 19 that it is a somewhat unusual clustering and we
- 20 cannot rule out potentially differences in
- 21 regional practice in terms of the number of
- 22 patients with high risk that may have been

- receptors, had some kind of tumor-inhibiting
- 2 effect, like it's believed that endorphins
- 3 may help cancer patients. But is there any
- 4 studies, either by the FDA or sponsor, that
- 5 people know of where the mu-opioid receptor
- 6 plays a role in tumor inhibition or growth,
- and might that blocking that receptor may
- 8 play a role in enhancing tumor growth?
- 9 DR. TECHNER: Lee Techner, Adolor.
- Let me address the first part of your question,
- 11 the efficacy part. And I'm going to do it, if 12 you don't mind, in two ways. I'll present our
- thoughts, a bit about our thoughts, and then I'd 13
- like to have either actually Dr. Senagore or
- 15 Dr. Delaney come up and give you their clinical
- 16 perspective. May I have my slide showing GI-2
- 17 recovery, the Kaplan-Meier curves, please?
- 18 I think one of the important things
- 19 to consider here is that when we set out to 20
- design these trials and evaluate these 21 patients, we really wanted to look at the
- 22 10-day period where we knew things were

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randomized at the trial.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

- 3 DR. CHANG: Hi. I have an efficacy 4 question and a safety question. The efficacy
- 5 question is about whether the treatment effect
- 6 is clinically meaningful. And I would think
- 7 that the unmet need is more of these patients
- 8 with prolonged postoperative ileus, and I
- 9 suppose that's your 75th percentile where you
- 10 show a one day earlier discharge. To me, that
- 11 seems clinically meaningful.
- 12 I don't think a half-day seems
- 13 clinically meaningful, but I was wondering
- 14 how the sponsor determined that. Is that
- 15 based on a survey with surgeons or with
- 16 patients or a cost-effective analysis? How
- 17 is that determined? That's the first one.
- 18 The safety issue is really based on 19 this issue about neoplasm. And I was
- 20 wondering if, like in colitis, immune cells
- 21 release opioids, and I don't know for tumors
- 22 if the opioid receptors, the mu-opioid

- 1 happening. They were recovering from their
- 2 ileus, if you will. And so we followed them
- 3 along this period. And I think what you can
- 4 see here is that clearly, regardless of
- 5 whether patients are down in this part of the
- curve or up in this part of the curve, which
- 7 really corresponds to about Day 5 or 6,
- 8 which, as I think you've heard from
- 9 Dr. Senagore, is the period of time where
- 10 that red flag starts to go up in their heads,
- 11 that the alvimopan curve is always to the
 - left of the placebo curve.

And so yes, we do see what appears to be the most robust difference at around

- 14 15 the 75th percentile, Day 5 and 6, which I
- think is very clinically appropriate. But we 16
- 17 also see that patients all along this curve 18 are doing better.
- 19 And so I think certainly from our 20 perspective, we feel that if we can get
 - patients to achieve GI recovery earlier so that they can eat earlier, so that their

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nutritional status improves, they're up and

- 2 around earlier, that to us likely is very
- 3 important to the patient and likely important

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5 So how about if we bring

Dr. Delaney up here and allow him to address

7 this from his perspective?

8 DR. DELANEY: Conor Delaney, Case

Western Reserve University. Actually, one day

10 is probably quite a clinically meaningful

- 11 endpoint. That's something that's really
- 12 evolved over the last decade in this type of
- 13 research. First, from the patient's point of
- 14 view, obviously every day less in hospital is a
- nice thing for them. And from the institution's 15
- 16 point of view, it's useful as well. You have
- 17 not only that bed available, but you have the
- 18 opportunity to bring someone else into that
- 19 hospital bed. The one day is useful, and it's
- 20 become valid enough that it's now really the
- 21 endpoint that's been used for many of the other
- 22 studies that we do on postoperative ileus,

- presented, it approximates one day. What I think you have to remember when you look at the
- 3 Kaplan-Meier curves is that it's not a shift to
- the left for one day for every patient, but it's
- 5 particularly the patients who have the longer
- complicated postoperative ileus that were

7 improving.

8 So yes, maybe for a certain

- percentage of the patients, they only go home
- or are ready to have a discharge order
- 11 written two hours earlier, and no, that's not
- 12 going to matter much for the hospital. But
- 13 for the patients who really make the
- 14 difference to shifting that mean, or the
- 15 patients who stay seven days instead of nine,
- and that's opportunity for the hospital, but
- 17 particularly important for the patient. And
- 18 then the other spin on it is that they end up
- 19 being less likely to be readmitted with ileus
- 20 symptoms. So I think the effect is seen in
- 21 multiple places.

DR. BUCHMAN: If we contrast that 75th

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looking at different types of postoperative care

- 2 pathway. So one day has become reproducibly an
- 3 effective endpoint for that reason.

4 DR. BUCHMAN: One day is 24 hours.

5 Hospitals don't function like cheap hotels where

you pay by the hour. So is one day 24 hours; is

7 that the same as 22 hours? Is that the same as

25 hours?

9 Or in the current billing

10 structure, if we're going to save money and

11 get people out earlier, it seems to me that

12 we're really stuck at 24 hours here. Because

13 otherwise, if they're there for 24 hours and

14 30 minutes, they've paid for that second day.

15 DR. DELANEY: Right. And I think that's a very important point to raise, whether

it's 12 or 18 or 20 or 22 or 24. I think what 17

- 18 we see with all the multiple types of data
- 19 analysis that have been presented is that
- 20 whatever way you look, whether it's recovery of
- 21 GI-2 or GI-3 or discharge order written or
- average mean length of stay, which you also saw

percentile to the mean and median data, if 1

- indeed there's this full-day benefit for the
- 75th percentile, which is quite different from
- that which we see with a mean or median patient,
- 5 to me that suggests that there are patients on
- 6 the other end who actually stay longer with the
- 7 Entereg medication.

Have you evaluated -- what's the

- 9 25th percentile group, for example? Is there
- 10 a longer stay in some of those patients?
- 11 Because how do we see such a difference
- 12 between the 75th percentile and the mean?
- 13 And also, how do you explain the difference
- 14 between the mean and median? The median, of

15 course, would alleviate the outlier data.

16 DR. TECHNER: Let me see if I can

17 address that question for you. Can I please see 18 the core slide that I showed the committee on

19 the Kaplan-Meier curves for discharge order

- 20 written, please? Very much like the GI recovery
- 21 curves that I showed you, the same pattern
 - applies to the discharge order written curves.

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1 And so I think what you're seeing here -- and 2 remember, as I discussed before, we see this 3 cyclical pattern in these curves just as a 4 result of the pattern of when discharge orders 5

were written clinically. 6 But I think you see the same thing. 7 And that is that all time points, from about 8 between Day 2 and Day 3, which is when some patients do get out -- now, we don't know if these folks are coming back with unresolved 11 ileus. Maybe they were discharged too early; 12 we don't know that. But from here all the 13 way through the entire 10-day observation 14 period, the alvimopan curve stays to the left 15 of the placebo curve. So there is no point along here where we see patients receiving 17

Entereg doing worse than placebo. So I think 18 that addresses one point. 19 I think the other point that I'd 20 like to make is, you mentioned the difference between the median, et cetera. Can we just 22 please leave that up? Thank you. Okay. I

is that we don't know who's going to be here 2 and who's going to be here. And I think 3 that's the biggest dilemma that these guys face, not only from a GI recovery 5 perspective, but also from a discharge 6 perspective.

I think if you asked Drs. Delaney or Senagore to predict which one of their patients is going to have earlier GI recovery or later GI recovery or earlier discharge or later discharge, they will tell you they cannot do that. So I think that's also an important item to remember.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

DR. TALAMINI: I'm not exactly sure how to ask this, but the construct that we're dealing with today is built upon the belief that once a patient is having bowel movements after an anastomotic procedure, that they're okay and they can go home. And all the surgeons in the room have been trained to believe that because we believe that once the bowel's functioning,

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1 see what you're trying to do. You know, 2 again, I think when you look at the median

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versus when you look at the means, you're

looking at two different measures. The

5 median, you're looking at one time point 6

across this entire early perioperative

7 recovery period. 8 And it may be that at that particular point in time, the curves are either very close together or they're either 10 11 very far together, and that's going to have 12 an impact on your median. And that's why, 13 from our perspective, we believe that the 14 mean, the Kaplan-Meier mean, meaning the 15 difference between these two treatment groups 16 over the entire 10-day observation period, is 17 more appropriate for looking at what Entereg 18 is really doing with respect to either GI 19 recovery or discharge order in this 20 particular population.

And the third thing I'd like to

add, in follow-up to Dr. Delaney's statement,

the anastomosis is okay. That probably isn't 1 2 really true.

And the reason I bring it up is that that right now is what keeps patients in the hospital, and if that turns out not to be true, there will be a push to send bowel anastomosis patients home when they're on liquids, much like your hysterectomy patients went home when they were on liquids, which would change this whole idea of this drug only being given when patients are in the hospital.

I wonder if you've thought about that or anticipated it, because there are some early studies of bowel surgery patients going home before they have their first bowel movement.

DR. TECHNER: I think that's an important question. And I think I'd like to ask Dr. Delaney to respond to that from his clinical perspective. I can tell you that certainly, in our studies, in polling all of these surgeons as

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- to what criteria they use to discharge their patients -- now understand, this spans a period 3 of time between 2001 and 2006 -- consistently, 4 consistently, their definition of GI recovery 5 usually includes both tolerating solids and the 6
- occurrence of a bowel movement. 7 So I'll let Dr. Delaney address

8 that for you.

9 DR. DELANEY: Conor Delaney, Case 10 Western. I think Dr. Techner has really partly 11 addressed your answer. But I think we also have

- 12 to remember that the GI-2 or GI-3 endpoint
- includes tolerance of diet. And while yes, 13
- 14 there are protocols to discharge patients early
- 15 from hospital while they're just on liquids,
- first, it certainly would be routinely accepted
- 17 and it would be quite an aggressive discharge

18 policy to follow.

19 And second, that that depends on 20 the patient's being able to adequately 21 tolerate oral intake sufficient to be able to

22 maintain hydration at home. So this would 1 Is that correct?

2 DR. TECHNER: That is correct. And 3 the reason, because they contain either all, or 4 mostly all, bowel resection patients.

5 DR. KRAMER: Bowel resection, right. 6 The next slide, the one that has the actual

7 individual studies.

8 DR. TECHNER: The actual mean, median, 9 et cetera.

10 DR. KRAMER: That's CA 38.

11 DR. TECHNER: Yes. Go ahead and put 12 that up.

DR. KRAMER: I'm concerned about the representation of how you counted the median there. If we just look at Studies 313 and 314, the median difference from placebo is 7.8 and 6 hours; is that correct?

DR. TECHNER: That is correct.

19 DR. KRAMER: And the mean is clearly 20 affected by outliers, and the 75th percentile by

21 definition are the outliers. So I just feel

22 like when we consider the risk and benefit, we

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1 suggest that this is still going to help from

- 2 that point of view. It's not just passing a
- 3 bowel movement, but also being able to
- tolerate diet earlier, that this medication

5 can help that.

6 And then finally, the concern with 7 being too aggressive about discharging people

8 is that they may be more likely to be

9 readmitted. And so that's perhaps I think

10 why many people do wait for GI function to

11 occur before they discharge patients. And 12

again, this is somewhere this may be able to

13 help us in practice.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer?

DR. KRAMER: Judith Kramer from Duke 15

University. I'd like to follow up on

17 Dr. Buchman's question again concerning if you

18 could go back to that slide, CA 38, where you're

19 trying to show the medians in the different

- 20 studies. If I understood your presentation
- 21 correctly in the packet, 314 and 313 are major

efficacy studies in your application.

really need to consider how many patients we're 1

2 asking to take this drug with an unknown

3 cardiovascular risk, I would say at this point,

in order to obtain the benefit in the patients

5 at one end of the spectrum. So I don't think we

6 should discount the median benefit. So if you

7 line up all the numbers, it's right in the

middle, and the most common kind of response is

9 going to be on order of magnitude less in terms 10 of the clinical meaning of it.

11 DR. TECHNER: Let me address your

12 question two ways, if you would. I'll give you just a brief perspective for myself. And then

14 I'd actually like Dr. Koch to come up and give you a perspective of the mean, the median, et

cetera, from a practical standpoint. I think

17 that we certainly are not discounting the

median. And in no way, shape, or form, and if 18

19 it came across that way, I will certainly

20 apologize, that the median is not valid 21 statistically. I think what we're trying to say

22 is in order to evaluate the effect, the

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- treatment effect of alvimopan in this
- 2 population, we believe that the mean is one
- 3 important measure that we focus primarily on,
- 4 and that the median, and at the 75th percentile,
- 5 provide additional information to support the
- 6 mean based on the differences between the two
- 7 treatment groups.

8 So we're not dismissing the median.

- We're trying to look -- and as a matter of
- 10 fact, we're trying to present you with all
- 11 the data. But I think maybe it would help to
- 12 have a little more of a perspective from
- 13 Dr. Koch as far as the practicalities of
- 14 looking at medians and means to help you
- 15 understand this maybe a little differently.
- DR. KOCH: Gary Koch, Biostatistics
- 17 Department, University of North Carolina. Can
- 18 we go back to CA 31, with the area filled in?
- 19 So as you can see, Kaplan-Meier curves wiggle.
- 20 And when you pick a particular quantile like the
- 21 median, you make pick a quantile where they are 21
- 22 randomly somewhat closer together, or you may

two groups that you're comparing, the

curve or non-event curve. And when you have

- 2 two groups that you're comparing, the
- 3 difference in means is the area between the
- 4 Kaplan-Meier curves. Now, when we work with
- 5 the difference in means, we're actually
- 6 looking at the horizontal distance between
- 7 the curves at every quantile, and then
- 8 averaging them together as we move up. And
- 9 we're taking into account what the
- 10 differences are at every quantile and
- 11 averaging them together.

The difference in means is actually

- 13 an underestimate of what the actual
- 14 difference is, because the difference in mean
- 15 estimate is truncated at 264 hours. So it is
- 16 not leveraged by outliers beyond 264 hours.
- 17 It actually is a truncated mean calculated
- 18 through 264 hours. And because alvimopan is
- 19 still better through 264 hours, the estimates
- 20 that you're seeing for the difference in
- 21 means is actually an underestimate of what
- the means would be if you went the full

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- 1 even pick one up down here, where they may be
- 2 randomly somewhat further apart. So picking a
- 3 single quantile to emphasize isn't really that
- 4 much different than picking a particular time 5 point, like 72 hours in comparing proportions
- 5 point, like 72 hours in comparing proportions,6 or 96 hours in comparing proportions, or 120
- 7 hours in comparing proportions.

8 The different hours along the time

- 9 course are arbitrary landmarks, although some
- 10 may be more meaningful than others. And
- 11 there has been some mention here that five
- 12 days was a meaningful landmark along the time
- 13 course. And some quantiles may be of more
- 14 interest than others. And we've had
- 15 discussion of the 25th percentile, the 50th
- 16 percentile, which is the median, and the 75th
- 17 percentile.
- Now, we also have been emphasizing
- 19 more the difference between the means than
- 20 the means per se. When you have a
- 21 time-to-event curve, the mean is actually the
- 22 area under the Kaplan-Meier survivorship

1 distance.

- So the main advantage of the mean
- 3 is that it's basically integrating all of
- 4 these horizontal distances between the two
- 5 curves at their respective quantiles
- 6 together, and producing what can be
- 7 interpreted as the average amount of benefit
- 8 that a patient might expect, comparing one of
- 9 the arms to the other arm.

DR. BUCHMAN: In terms of -- leaving

- 11 this up for a minute, the number needed to
- 12 treat, I think there's been some perhaps
- 13 misunderstanding of that.

It was suggested that this was to

- 15 get the average 75th percentile patient out
 - 6 early. But what's actually the number needed
- 17 to treat from the get-go, with an
- 18 intent-to-treat analysis to get the median
- 19 patient out 24 hours earlier?
- 20 Did you understand my question?
- DR. TECHNER: Sort of.
- DR. BUCHMAN: Let me rephrase it then.

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1 DR. TECHNER: Go ahead. 2 DR. BUCHMAN: Simply, what is the 3 number needed to treat? How many patients from

4 an intent-to-treat analysis have to be given the 5 medication in order to get a single patient out

6 24 hours earlier, regardless of which percentile 7 they fall into?

8 DR. TECHNER: I think in order to 9

answer your question, let's look at the responder analysis for discharge order written,

10 11 and I believe that will provide a range of NNTs

12 that you can use to judge. As you remember, we

13 did do a responder analysis. And if you recall,

14 that responder analysis was based on patients

15 who achieved the endpoint of interest between

any of Postsurgical Days 3 through 8, and then

17 had no subsequent reports, adverse event reports

18 of ileus, that either led to prolonged

19 hospitalization or readmission within seven days

20 of discharge.

21 No, sorry. Wrong slide. Why don't 22 you go back to my core slide? Percentage of per year even if it's used strictly on-label,

I'm wondering whether you think a safety

database and POI of about 2,600 patients is

adequate to address the safety signal of MI?

5 DR. JACKSON: Dr. Alexander, may I ask you if you would respond to that question for

7 Dr. Hennessy?

8 DR. ALEXANDER: John Alexander from

9 Duke University. The patient population that's 10 enrolled in these clinical studies, and in fact,

11 the patient population that undergoes elective

12 bowel resection surgery is at generally

relatively low risk for cardiovascular events. 13

14 And so the perioperative myocardial infarction

15 rate in this population is likely to be less

16 than 1 percent.

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So even enrolling substantially 18 larger numbers of patients on the orders of

19 10- to 20,000 in a safety database is 20

unlikely to eliminate or exclude modest 21 increases -- 25, 50 percent increases -- in

22 myocardial infarction with alvimopan. So

patients discharged by Postsurgical Day 7. I

think that's what I was looking for; I'm

3 sorry. Yes.

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So I think when we look across the studies, using that responder definition I

just defined, we can see here that the NNTs

7 to get patients out, in the pooled data for

8 bowel resection only, within seven days

9 ranged from five to nine. And this is across

10 each of the individual trials. And so this

11 is looking at responders in the pooled data

12 from each individual study. And I think what

13 you can see, one, is a higher proportion of 14

alvimopan responders. And when you look at 15 the absolute difference between these in each

16 study, the NNTs you get are between five and

17 nine.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Hennessy?

19 DR. HENNESSY: Thank you. Given that

20 alvimopan, at least as far as we know, doesn't 21 save any lives, and given that the size of the

potential market is at least 400,000 patients

with rare cardiovascular or other safety 1

> 2 events, there's a real challenge in low-risk

3 populations of excluding them, even with

4 large safety databases.

5 In the totality of evidence from

the POI population studies, and the analyses

7 that we've gone over quite extensively from

8 the OBD populations, there's risk, there's

9 possible risk, increased risk of myocardial

10 infarction that showed up in one OBD

11 population study that -- where there was no

such signal for MI or any other rare event in 12 13 the POI studies or in the other OBD studies.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Epstein?

DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, question for

16 Dr. Techner. Dr. Epstein from Annapolis. Could

17 we go back to slide CA 31? In this pooled study

18 or, for that matter, in 314, for example, did

you get a chance to look at the different age

20 brackets by decade? Perhaps to see if -- you 21 know, elderly patients obviously are less mobile

22 and they may have more of an ileus, so your

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effect may be greater in that population. I'm just wondering if you had a chance to look at 3 that group and see if there was any clinical

4 difference maybe by decade.

DR. TECHNER: We did, and it brings up I think a very interesting point. So we broke

7 down the population for you here. This is 8 looking at GI-2 by age in the pooled North

American trials: Less than 65 years, greater

10 than or equal to 65 years, and greater than or

11 equal to 75 years. I think what you can see

12 here is that regardless of where we cut the age

13 group, we see consistent benefit throughout.

14 And yes, the numbers are not quite as large, but

15 we tend to see somewhat of a more robust

16 response in patients that are elderly.

17 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

> DR. PASRICHA: I had a couple of questions, one of them related to preclinical

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the effects of this drug on vascular tone?

makes sense that what you'd really want to

2 reduce the time in are the patients in whom

3 there's a problem. So a patient who only stays

for one day, it doesn't matter as much whether 5

vou reduce their time.

On the other hand, someone who takes five or six days, maybe it's a lot more

8 important to reduce their time. And

9 likewise, if you went to the other extreme

and took people -- I know the maximum here is

11 only 10 days, but if you had data going out

12 to 30 days, then maybe a one-day difference

wouldn't be very important. So it seems to 13

14 me that the 75th percentile actually might be

15 fairly reasonable in terms of clinically

16 important. But this is coming from a

17 non-clinician.

18 And the other thing I wanted to ask 19 about was this decision about going to GI-2 20 instead of GI-3. You know, I'm worried that

21 that hindsight may have been driven by

22 results a little bit. And I'm wondering if

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1 Have you done isolated blood vessels and seen

if there's any change in vasomotor activity?

3 I know you looked at blood pressure in intact

animals. But have you specifically looked at

5 that, because that's one of the preclinical

6 screening tests for --

DR. JACKSON: Yes, I'm going to ask Dr. Garver to address that preclinical question.

DR. GARVER: Deanne Garver, a non-clinical consultant to Adolor. There have been no systematic studies done for localization

11 12 of the mu-receptors in the cardiovasculature

13 itself. There's some limited data with respect

14 to the distribution in heart, which is largely

15 kappa- and delta-receptors, and not the

16 mu-receptor.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan?

18 DR. PROSCHAN: Yeah, I'm a

19 statistician, so I'm trying to get the clinical

20 understanding in terms of the mean and the median and so forth. And I'm thinking, from a 21

clinical standpoint, to me as a statistician, it

you're so convinced that GI-2 is really the

better endpoint, then why did you decide on GI-3 at the beginning of some of those

4 studies?

5 DR. TECHNER: You know, the clinical

development program for Entereg really spanned 7 almost seven years, a long seven years. And

8 we're still here. And I think, to be quite

frank with you, it's a learning experience. I

mean, we have to understand a couple of things.

11 One, there is no precedent here. There's no

12 guidance document to tell a sponsor how to 13

develop a drug to manage postoperative ileus in 14 patients undergoing bowel resection.

15 So in essence, Adolor and GSK kind 16 of were carving the path. And so we really 17 relied on I think two very important

18 things -- three important things. One, our

19 data as we accumulated it. Two, our

20 surgeons, our anesthesiologists, our 21 statisticians, our physicians who really

helped us understand the condition, and what

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really matters from their perspective and from the patient's perspective. And third, 3 the FDA, who we've been collaborating with 4

over this entire period of time.

5 And I think when we looked at 6 everything, the data, what's important to the 7 surgeons, what's important to the patients, what really gets to the treatment effect of 9 alvimopan, and our ability to really assess 10 that so that we can be able to give you data 11 that you feel confident in making your 12 decision, it really came down to GI-2. And

13 that really is the honest answer. It was a

14 learning experience. We took input from

15 everybody, and that's how we got there.

16 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

17 DR. PASRICHA: I just had a couple of 18 questions about the cancer signaling, because I

19 remain a little concerned about that.

20 Dr. Dannis mentioned that there was a fairly

21 large difference in the Karnofsky scores between 21

22 the two groups receiving the drug and the 1 some information on two-year survival after

exposure, even though brief, to this drug. And

3 that should not be very difficult to get.

4 DR. MORTENSEN: Eric Mortensen, GSK. 5 Let me first speak to your direct question about

the multi-event analysis, and I'll ask us to put

7 that up.

8 Understandably, we wanted to know 9 why we were seeing this gross imbalance, the

10 20 versus 30 that we saw in the continuum of

11 008, 101, 684. And so in conjunction with

12 our external consultants, we suggested that

13 we had to consider that, given that we had

14 not made any effort, because that was not the

15 objective of the study, to try to balance

patient Z severity or prognostic factors,

17 that we should investigate some very

18 well -- clinically well-established

19 prognostic factors for death and disease

20 progression in patients to see whether or not

we really had balance between the treatment

22 groups.

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1 placebo in the OBD study; is that correct? And

2 if you correct for that variable, do you still

see a risk, an increased risk for cancer?

Because there's a question over this immune

5 surveillance may be related to that effect and 6

it's not truly a drug effect.

7 DR. BUCHMAN: Microphone, please? 8 DR. DANNIS: I'm not sure we looked

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DR. PASRICHA: And the question of the sponsor is, it's probably been at least two years since you've completed the study or enrolled your last patient in the study; is that correct?

DR. JACKSON: No, 014, the data are not quite as mature as that. And we did -- if you'd like an answer from the sponsor to that question, I think we can provide it.

18 19 DR. PASRICHA: What I would like to 20 see, especially since most of these patients 21 were treated for cancer, with this new information on the signaling, I'd like to see

1 Now, what I'm showing here, this

2 first, just looking at the initial unadjusted

3 hazard ratio for the risk of death in the

4 continuum of 008, 101, 684, and we see

5 there's a 2.1 alvimopan to placebo, again,

6 broad confidence in embracing one because

7 we're talking about small numbers here. The

8 next steps were then to look at the influence

9 of those factors that were thought to

impact the outcome of patients.

10 potentially be related to what we saw as the

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Again, we note we had a numerical increase in the number of patients who had with non-small cell lung cancer in the alvimopan treatment group. And we saw here that we ended up doing this in a sequential step stages of looking at a multi-variant model, and that actually showed the most significant risk factor for patients' death. So imbalances based upon their underlying diagnosis would potentially significantly

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1 But in addition, we also then

- 2 looked at two other factors. One is
- 3 Karnofsky score. Now, Karnofsky scores are a
- 4 patient performance score that is I guess
- 5 commonly used in many oncology studies. And
- 6 what we found is that each additional
- 7 10-point decrease in Karnofsky score is
- associated with additional worsening of
- patient's outcome and greater probability of

10 the patient being moribund.

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11 And so we see that for each

- 10-point decrease, we then see a hazard ratio
- 13 increase of 1.5. And I'm emphasizing that
- 14 because it's not saying that it was an
- 15 arbitrary cut. Each cut, from 100 to 90 to
- 80, you're seeing each of those cuts, and if
- 17 you then have the increase in those patients
- 18 in the treatment group, a progressive
- 19 worsening of their outcome. And then, a
- 20 similar number of metastatic sites for their
- 21 cancers. And again, there's a numeric
- 22 increased number of patients with more

- the United States. A total of 85 percent of
- the patients overall were from the United
- States, Canada, and the U.K. We then also
- had a small number of patients contributing
- from other sites, fewer than 1 percent from
- either Poland or Hungary.

7 And then we had fewer than

- 3 percent of patients coming from New
- Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.
- 10 So it was largely a study conducted in the
- 11 U.S., Canada, and U.K.

DR. JACKSON: This is David Jackson,

- 13 Adolor. In regard to the second part of your
- 14 question, we do not have, obviously, two-year
- 15 follow-up on those patients. But we've talked
- extensively about the IDMC and the consideration
- 17 of the cardiovascular effects of that drug.
- 18 Obviously, there was no place for an IDMC and
- 19 that the neoplasmic findings were after the
- 20 study was finished.

We did, however, convene a panel of expert oncologists, one of whom is present

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- metastases, and that the treatment group,
- 2 that was also as you see here, seen to be
- positively associated with an increased risk
- 4 for death.

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- 5 So when we adjusted the studies for
- the proportion of patients with these
- 7 differences between the alvimopan group
- 8 versus placebo, we actually saw that we had a
- decrease in the adjusted hazard ratio to 1.4.
- 10 Again, with a wide confidence level, but at
- 11 least that gave us some confidence that the
- 12 factors that we were told by external experts
- 13 in oncology that might very well be
- 14 influencing the outcomes of our study seem to
- 15 be borne out.
- 16 I was going to give a quick factual
- 17 answer to the earlier question that was
- 18 asked. There was an earlier question about
- 19 the distribution of patients in 014, and I
- 20 just wanted to just very quickly get back to
- 21 that and answer your question. Briefly,
- 22 65 percent of the patients in 014 were from

- today, and would I'm sure be very happy to 1
- 2 provide his thoughts if you'd like to hear
- 3 them.
- 4 DR. FUCHS: Hi. I'm Charlie Fuchs,
- 5 medical oncologist and cancer epidemiologist at
- 6 the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. And
- 7 our group did look at the evidence in its
- totality to look at the relationship between
- 9 this drug and cancer risk, and thought about
- 10 sort of several of the major criteria that one
 - considers when thinking about cancer risk.
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- 12 First, there really was not a
- 13 plausible biological mechanism by which this
- 14 opiate antagonist would contribute to cancer
- 15 risk. None that we're aware of. The
- question was asked earlier about the presence
- 17 of mu-receptors on cancer cells. I'm not
- 18 aware of that. In fact, in terms of looking
- 19 at opiate antagonists and opiates on immune
- 20 surveillance, there is limited evidence, but
- 21 would suggest that opiates sometimes reduce

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increase it. Now, I think that's purely 2 speculative, but doesn't suggest that one 3

impairs immune surveillance. So bottom line

4 is, first, we didn't see clear biological

5 plausibility for a relationship with this 6

drug and cancer.

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Secondly, as you've seen, the genotoxic studies and the animal studies delivered over two years failed to demonstrate any clear carcinogenicity of the compound.

Thirdly, the time course seems implausible. Namely, the idea that cancers could develop in a matter of weeks to months is unlikely with any agents.

And then finally, the histology. We're clearly looking at a panoply of cancer histologies.

20 usually expects to see a specific tumor 21 histologic type. And as you saw in the data,

And when assigning risk, one

22 we're not seeing any clear pattern. So in 2 minimal they be because we have to consider a cost-benefit analysis. Do you think you should be required to do a single dose, a preoperative 5 dosing study -- in other words, 6 or

given the potential complications however

6 12 milligrams one time only preoperatively as 7 the only dose, another study? 8

Do you think you should be required to do that? And if not, why not?

DR. TECHNER: Before I answer your question, I'd like to, if you don't mind, make one point of clarification, because I think it will help in you understanding the response.

DR. BUCHMAN: My question is predicated on the answer to my previous question, where you illustrated the continuous difference between the curves at all points, even as soon as two days postoperatively.

DR. TECHNER: Let me start by clarifying something, and I think it was a point actually that Dr. Chang raised, and also Dr. Dannis.

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And I think we -- and I think Drs. Senagore and Delaney can speak better

3 than I to this, agree that virtually all of

4 these patients are being seen by their

5 surgeon within generally two to four weeks.

6 And actually, I can tell you that we polled

7 all of our sites, and the vast majority of

8 our surgeons see their patients back for

9 their first follow-up visit within two to

10 four weeks. Per all of the protocols, the 11 sites were required to report any serious

12 adverse events that occurred between the last 13 dose of study drug and 30 days following that

time point.

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In addition, we had monitors visiting these sites routinely, scouring through the hospital records, the clinicians' medical office records, and any other medical records that were available, to ensure that anything that looked like an adverse event was captured. And the sites were instructed to report any adverse events, including

sum, we're really not seeing any convincing

2 evidence that would link alvimopan with 3

cancer risk.

Finally, with regard to the POI indication, we're looking at seven days of exposure to the drug, and I'm not aware of any precedent where a drug that doesn't have any genotoxicity or carcinogenicity would lead to cancer risk with a seven-day exposure.

DR. BUCHMAN: As chair, I'm going to 12 take the prerogative to ask the last question for this session. Given that we're dealing with a benign condition here, vis-a-vis I'm not aware of a single case report of anyone dying from postop ileus; furthermore, I'm not aware of any data that would suggest that leaving hospital 22 18 hours earlier also decreases nosocomial

19 infections, C. diff, or anything else that we've

20 discussed, and you haven't shown that actually

21 in your study that you showed a positive benefit 21

there, we need to limit exposure to the drug

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- serious adverse events, that occurred during
- 2 that period of time. So we believe that the
- 3 database that FDA currently has would include
- 4 those events that occurred basically from the
- 5 onset of study through 30 days post last
- 6 dose. So I just wanted to clarify that to
- 7 give you a perspective of follow-up.

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- Dr. Schmith from GSK?
- DR. SCHMITH: Hi, Ginny Schmith from
- 10 GSK. I wanted to comment on the idea that a
- 11 single dose preoperatively would work. And I
- 12 would argue that I do not believe that it would,
- and I'd like to show you a plot as to why. 13
- 14 Dr. Techner had told us originally
- 15 that the time above the KI for the mu-opioid
- receptor was longer with a 12-milligram dose
- 17 than with a 6-milligram dose. Okay? And
- 18 this data comes from POI patients. Okay. We
- 19 have collected samples in POI patients, and
- 20 they do have higher concentrations than we
- 21 would expect to see in healthy volunteers,
- 22 because they have higher viability because

would be lost. And this is not that dissimilar from administering antibiotics to prevent wound 3 infection, and other prophylactic measures that we use in order to reduce the chance that a 5 patient will get a certain condition.

DR. BUCHMAN: That goes back to a question I had a few hours ago. And that is, is it what you're really treating here is not a postop ileus at all, that you're treating narcotic-induced ileus? I can tell you from dealing with a lot of patients with complicated GI surgery, those that stay the longest are those that have a trigger finger. They can't get their finger off of the PCA pump. And they may stay a couple of weeks in the hospital with a postop ileus. And so that also then brings up the issue of using it more than seven days.

But the most important issue is, are you seeking an indication that perhaps doesn't truly exist or that you weren't really treating? That you're treating a completely different indication, being a

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they do have a decreased GI transit and more 1

- 2 time for the drug to be absorbed. Okay? But
 - as you can see, this is a over a 12-milligram
- 4 dose over a 12-hour period. So they're above
- 5 the KI for 12 hours. They're not going to be 6
 - above the KI for five days.

DR. BUCHMAN: But if you prevent the development of a postop ileus, why would you need to give it for five days? If you don't have a postop ileus at Day 1, you're not going

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11 to suddenly get one at Day 5. 12

DR. TECHNER: I will address that, and

- 13 I will also ask Dr. Senagore to address that as
- 14 well. I think we discussed the fact that ileus
- 15 is multifactorial. Opioids are definitely a key 16 component. So as long as a patient is receiving
- 17 opioids, the risk that ileus is prolonged is
- high. And therefore, we believe that if you 18 19
- only gave one dose preoperatively and the
- 20 patient continued to get opioids, then in
- 21 essence, that preoperative dose effect, the
- chance to mitigate the effect of those opioids,

1 narcotic-induced ileus.

2 DR. TECHNER: I think this is the way

I would respond to that. If the standard of

care in this country was to manage postoperative

pain with no narcotics, then I don't believe we

would feel this drug would have a benefit. I do

7 not believe that that is the standard of care

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DR. BUCHMAN: You can answer the other question when we get to some of the questions. Dr. Krist, you had one question. Then we've got

11 to move on to the questions.

12 13 DR. KRIST: Well, maybe my question is

14 better to be brought up as we address these

15 questions. What I'm really looking for is

reassurance that we don't need to be worrying 17 about looking at long-term safety issues for the

- 18 short-term indication of the medicine. And I
- 19 know we've been trying to talk about this, and
- 20 we've been skirting around that topic when we're
- 21 looking at the incidences of cancer and MI and
 - those types of things. But the picture that I

keep coming back to that has me uncomfortable is

- I hear consistent information about efficacy.
- 3 The clinical significance, we could 4 talk about, and as Alan, you brought up we
- 5 don't see reductions in mortality and DVT and
- 6 nosocomial infections, but we do see
- 7 consistent reductions in nausea and postop
- 8 ileus and earlier discharge from the
- 9 hospital.

10 But I also hear a drug that would

- 11 apply to 400,000 people that you can't
- 12 predict who's going to need it, so you've got
- 13 to give it to everyone. It's something that
- 14 I would envision a surgeon would just do.
- 15 You wouldn't really discuss it with the
- patient, because there's bigger things to
- 17 think about, like your cancer resection and
- 18 other things like that that patients are
- 19 dealing with. So I feel like there's a lot
- 20 of importance for making sure that this is
- 21 safe.

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22 And on one hand, I heard reassurance and trying to figure out, well,

- 2 why don't we need to worry about looking at
- 3 that longer time period for the short-term
- 4 administration? I know it wasn't the plan
- 5 and it came up afterwards, after these spikes
- 6 appeared. But before releasing a drug and
- 7 saying it's safe and potentially exposing a
- 8 lot of people to it, it seems like an
- 9 important thing that we need to figure out.

DR. BUCHMAN: So your question is if we use similar cumulative doses, why don't we look at the data the same? Is that the question

that you're asking? 13

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DR. KRIST: The cumulative dose, I didn't mean to -- it's not an issue of the cumulative dose.

It was more of an issue of on one hand, we're saying, well, if you give it short-term, in the studies we see, we don't see risks of MI in the POI studies. But as Sean was bringing out, we probably don't have

22 power to see that at least short term.

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Dr. Lincoff earlier say, well, why would a

- drug that you give for seven days cause an MI
- 2 three to six months later. So we see these
- spikes in the folks on the long-term use of
- 5 the medication. And I can buy that, but on
- some level, the people in the short term are
- 7 getting more of the drug. They're getting
- 120 to 168 milligrams, where the people on
- the long-term dose -- if you're looking 40
- 10 days to 120 days out, they getting 40 to 120
- 11 milligrams of the medicine.

12 And then in the risk management

- 13 plan, I don't see anything to even go back or
- 14 look at or think about -- if you give it for
- 15 a short period of time, are there these
- 16 long-terms complications that we saw the
- 17 spikes of? Cancer, I can buy more as a
- 18 short-term dose. You can have an increase in
- 19 cancer 6 to 12 months later. That certainly
- 20 is plausible. MI, I have a more difficult
- 21 time with.
- 22 But I'm just looking for some

1 The thing I'm concerned about is

- 2 our follow-up is 14 days, and the spikes in
- 3 the chronic use folks occurred at 40 to 120
- 4 days. The issue of the dose was just -- the
- 5 positive towards the POI studies is, well,
- it's only five to seven days people get it as
- 7 opposed to 60 to a year's worth of days that
- they get it. But the negative is the
- 9 cumulative dose might be more in the
- 10 short-term POI patients in the studies.

DR. JACKSON: David Jackson from

- 11 12 Adolor. I'd love to make you comfortable in
- 13 that regard, obviously. In part, I'd like to
- 14 answer your question with providing an answer to
- 15 a comment that came from the left side of the
- committee table earlier. And I apologize, I
- 17 can't remember whether it was Dr. Lincoff or
- 18 Dr. Talamini. But the size of this acute care
- 19 safety database at 4,000 patients is actually
- 20 rather large for a short-term administered
- 21 product. Okay?
- 22 DR. KRIST: Short term.

1 DR. JACKSON: So we have a lot of 2 data. The second point I would offer is that in 3 the OBD data, the risk, whatever it is, whatever 4 that signal, if it is a signal, means, is 5 largely confined to one single study. Those 6 other studies which looked at a significant 7 number of patients for three months did not see that imbalance. So although we don't understand perhaps the meaning of the signal right now, if 10 it is such, we have a preponderance of data in 11 which we don't see anything. 12 DR. KRIST: But that one study was the main one that followed people for a year. The 13 14 other one stopped at three months, right? 15 DR. JACKSON: Yes, but the myocardial 16 infarctions were all seen in the first four 17 months. 18 There was nothing seen at all in 19 the last six months of that study. 20 DR. KRIST: Not necessarily true,

The first question is a non-voting question, and we'll spend about 10 to 15 minutes on this, less if we need. And the question is, for the record, for the assessment of efficacy in clinical trials of postoperative ileus, GI-2 and GI-3 have been utilized to measure times for recovery of upper and lower GI function.

What do you consider a minimal acceptable treatment difference as measured by GI-1 or GI-3 for alvimopan relative to placebo? Specifically, do you think 12 hours is sufficient? Twenty-four hours, 36 hours, a month, 12 years? We need you comments on this.

Dr. Pasricha?

DR. PASRICHA: I just think we need to clarify what time points or what percentile we're talking about. Are we talking about the means for the whole -- are we talking about differences in means?

DR. BUCHMAN: That's a good question

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again, as I think my colleague Dr. Mortensen 1 2 tried to indicate, there is a very good chance

DR. JACKSON: Absolutely not, but

3 that a large number of those cancers were 4 present at the time of introduction into the

though, for the cancer risk, of course.

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DR. KRIST: Likewise, there's no methodologic reason to say that we shouldn't be considering Study 14. Even though it all occurred in that one study, there's no -- when you look at that study compared to the other studies, there's no explanation as to why it occurred in that one study compared to the others.

DR. JACKSON: There is indeed not, and 14 we have looked very hard for that.

DR. BUCHMAN: Unfortunately, we're going to have to move on and catch up here. We're going to move on to the questions that the 18 agency has posed to the committee. Some of these will be questions that the committee will actually vote on, and I will announce those as

here. Are we talking about the mean, median, 1

2 or 75th percentile?

DR. KORVICK: I would think that anyone that responds to this question should specify what's the most meaningful to them, and why and how much. So you can pick whichever one you think is meaningful to you.

DR. PASRICHA: So I'd like to say in

general that reducing postop stay by 24 hours on an average patient is meaningful. But if you're talking about an operation or a procedure that 12 results only in 3 days hospitalization and you can reduce that by 12 hours, that might be meaningful, also. So in part, it depends on the denominator, which is one of the reasons we asked the question. But if you just take sort of this dumb average that we have, five days and so on, I think 24 hours would be considered a meaningful endpoint. DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

DR. TALAMINI: I would say as one of

those surgeons on the committee who's watched

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we get to them.

lots of patients go through this, I think for

2 me, 12 hours in terms of the GI-2 endpoint or 12

3 hours in terms of being able to leave the

4 hospital would be significant.

5 I'd like to add one quick comment

to follow up on what you said, Dr. Buchman.

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7 The surgeons in the room know when we finish

most operations, the small bowel is

peristaltic. So there is this definition.

10 You know, in our minds, we have this ileus

11 thing when we close a patient. When we close

12 a patient, the small bowel's functional. The

colon usually isn't, the stomach usually 13

14 isn't, but the small bowel is. It'd be

15 fascinating to know by ultrasound what's

16 really going on with the bowel at all these

17 time points, but we don't.

18 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine?

19 Dr. Epstein?

20 DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, just to expand a 21 little bit on what Dr. Talamini said. And as

22 we've been going through this discussion and

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talking a lot about the safety, we've also gone, 1

2 and Dr. Chang has made the comments, on more of

3 a pharmacoeconomic argument, which is kind of

4 unique in my experience on panels. But

5 nevertheless, it's an important thing to

6 discuss. And just by way of my background, I've

7 served as president of a medical staff and on a

board of a 700-physician hospital for more than

9 a decade. So we wrestle with these issues from

10 the pharmacoeconomic every day. And we also

11 have the P&T committee, which would then

12 consider this drug because it's going to be a

13 hospital drug.

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14 And a lot of our time is spent

trying to get the hospital bed days -- our

16 mean hospital bed days are around 3.16 days,

17 trying to get it from 3.23 days down to 3.16

18 days, and that is a huge number. It has

19 everything to do with reimbursement to the

20 hospital, quality indicators, and on and on.

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if you gave it to the 500 patients or so that

hospital bed day or even half a bed day, 3 which is significant, or 12 hours, you're 4 talking about 55 bed days. That's very 5 substantial. It's not only you're getting

had a bowel resection, if you could save one

6 the patient out of the hospital early and

7 saving money, but you're putting somebody in 8 the hospital on that day and you're able to

9 do more surgeries.

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I don't know about the hospitals or the places where everyone else works, but we have a very, very critical bed shortage on a

13 daily basis. And this is a common problem 14 throughout our area. So this would have a

15 significant pharmacoeconomic impact if we

16 could save even 12 hours on our postoperative

17 patients. So from that standpoint, I think 18 this drug would be very beneficial if we

19 could make that change in our time of stay.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini and Dr. Epstein, if the nurse called you at home,

and actually both of you are probably rounding

1 at midnight, and the patient eats dinner, solid

food -- and of course, we don't know what solid

food tolerance means. They ate a hot dog, they

4 ate a whole sandwich, they ate one piece of

5 toast. But if they call you at midnight and

say, well, the patient ate, can they go home 7 now, but the patient's asleep now, would you

8 send them home or would you wait until 8:00 in

9 the morning? And so basically that's just a

10 joke that didn't go over very well to illustrate 11 my point, does 12 hours really make a difference

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next morning.

DR. TALAMINI: This is Dr. Talamini again. I believe that it does, because most surgeons, at least academic surgeons, which is what I've been and lived with, really think of these things twice a day: Once for the morning and once for the evening. So if you hear from the house staff in the afternoon bowels are moving, patient's eating a diet, you'll say go

on home, and we'll have a bed fresh early the

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1	DR. EPSTEIN: Just to	1	So that's how I might rationalize and
2	DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist?	2	interpret the overall population mean versus
3	DR. EPSTEIN: I'm sorry.	3	the 75th percentile.
4	DR. BUCHMAN: Oh, I'm sorry,	4	DR. BUCHMAN: And of course, we saw a
5	Dr. Epstein.	5	mean of six to seven hours in this study. So
6	DR. EPSTEIN: Just to reiterate on	6	okay, well, we're going to move on to Question
7	that. The protocol that we have in place in our	7	No. 2.
8	hospital is we have a 24-hour team in the	8	DR. PASRICHA: The mean was about 15
9	hospital, a discharge team. We have cars	9	or something.
10	standing by ready to get you out of the	10	DR. KRIST: The 75th percentile mean
11	hospital. It does not matter if it's New	11	was closer to a day.
12	Year's, Christmas Eve, a blizzard.	12	DR. BUCHMAN: Were you referring to
13	Our ER is we just built a	13	the overall mean or the mean for the 75th
14	brand-new hospital and our ER is stacked up	14	percentile?
15	with people in the hallways down the halls.	15	DR. KRIST: Well, the overall mean was
16	We don't have room for these people, and it's	16	more like 15 hours.
17	really a troubling situation. But the point	17	DR. BUCHMAN: Fifteen. Fifteen,
18	is that every hour makes a difference. And	18	you're correct.
19	we can't even transfer a patient to another	19	DR. KRIST: And the 75th percentile
20	hospital. We have the same problem	20	one was 24 hours.
21	throughout the metropolitan area. So yeah,	21	DR. BUCHMAN: Yep, you're correct.
22	it's a big difference, and 12 hours is	22	We're going to move on to Question No. 2. And
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294 296 Dr. Senagore, described the care pathways being when you integrate across all time points, it 2 2 instituted across the country now, some of the seems to me that 18 hours is pretty long as 3 3 well. So once again, from a non-clinician newer approaches, I think one of the things you 4 listed in general, not in these studies, 4 standpoint, it seems like the results are 5 5 included opioid-sparing techniques. That was pretty good. 6 6 excluded from these studies, with the exception DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Rosing, do you have 7 7 of the one in Europe. any comments on this particular question? 8 8 So in order to determine whether or Dr. Cullen? 9 9 not this is efficacious, we have to say what DR. CULLEN: I think the results are 10 10 are we really doing? Are we minimizing the efficacious. I think that the GI-1-2 study and 11 effect of opioids, and should it have that 11 the DOW as mentioned previously are what I look 12 indication? Should it be tied to use in a 12 at. And I think getting a patient out in a day 13 situation where you're administering PCA? So 13 at 75th percentile is really significant. 14 you interpret the results accordingly. So 14 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist, anything to 15 that's the comment I want to make. 15 add to your previous comments? 16 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha? 16 Dr. Levine? 17 DR. PASRICHA: I think it's very hard 17 DR. LEVINE: I just want to ask Dr. Cullen, we agreed that in the 302 and some 18 to look at the data and tease out what's 18 19 opioid-induced and what's non-opioid-induced in 19 of the other studies where we had total 20 the setting of postoperative ileus. So I'm not 20 abdominal hysterectomies, that this was going to 21 21 sure that clinically that would be very helpful only look at postoperative ileus, not in the for us to do that. I think you can clarify the gynecological surgery. On the other hand, if 295 297 context in which you're asking for efficacy, 1 you can save a half a day or a day in total 1 2 which is I guess the context in which they're abdominal hysterectomy, it may be 3 asking for the label. 3 cost-effective. My question is, can we 4 And in my opinion, I think it is guesstimate if this would be utilized on or 5 clinically meaningful, the data. And I'm off -- in the hospital on- or off-label by 6 relying on the GI-2 and the DOW endpoints to gynecological surgeons for cancer surgery, where 7 support that. And I think we see it in all 7 there's total abdominal hysterectomy, when we 8 the studies that have been presented. don't have data in that area shown in the 9 9 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan? presentation? 10 10 MR. PROSCHAN: I just wanted DR. BUCHMAN: Ms. Corkery-DeLuca, any 11 to -- actually, Slide CA 37 shows that the mean 11 comments? 12

12 difference is more like 18 hours. Now again, I 13 don't -- you know, I'm not a clinician, so I'm 14 probably the wrong one to be commenting on this. 15 But it seems to me that it's appropriate that as you go out to the 75th percentile, you're 17 getting a bigger difference, a whole day; as 18 you're down in the lower amounts of time, maybe 19 12 hours is really important. 20 You know, if you're talking about 21 the difference between three days and two and

a half, that may be very important. And then

MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: I haven't heard enough negative to think --DR. BUCHMAN: Use your microphone, please. MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: Pardon me. I haven't heard enough negative comments to say that it would not be. DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Richardson? DR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, Mayo. I have a comment, and perhaps Dr. Talamini and some of the other surgeons can answer this for

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me. I know that at our institution, more and

- 2 more bowel resections are being done
- 3 laparoscopically, and that has shortened up the
- 4 stay substantially. And I guess I'm wondering,
- 5 if you're looking for this narrower indication,
- 6 that is using this particular drug only in the
- 7 situation of the open laparotomy, is this going
- 8 to be relevant as practice evolves?
- 9 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?
- 10 Dr. Talamini, go ahead.
- 11 DR. TALAMINI: Should I respond?
- 12 DR. BUCHMAN: Go ahead. But this is 13 going to be your one time to respond, so make it 13 14 a full one.

15 DR. TALAMINI: I think that the data's pretty clear that right now the majority are 17 open surgery. I think over time, though, those

numbers will shift and it's an unanswered 18

19 question.

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20 I would say in terms of my 21 answering of Question No. 2, the endpoints

22 that are key to me are GI-2 and Ready, 1 that this is in the context of opioid PCA.

2 DR. BUCHMAN: I'd have to say who am I 3 to question the surgeon's judgment when to send

4 their patient home, although I don't

5 infrequently do that.

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If I was the patient at 4:00 a.m., and you're going to send me home, I'd beg you

to not wake me up first, and secondly, to

9 wait until 8:00 a.m. But given that there is

10 a feeling around the table from our surgeons

11 that 12 hours is clinically important for

12 ready for discharge, then I would have to say

I think that that is efficacious as well.

The problem with the written order for discharge is it suffers from exactly the same problems as actually going home, because

17 it's a red flag for insurance companies. If

18 I know a patient from out of state, for

19 example, is ready to go home on Friday and

20 they can't get picked up until Monday, I'm

21 not going to write that order. So it suffers

22 from exactly the same problems. So ready to

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1 because GI-3, flatus, patients just can't

- 2 explain most of the time, and discharge order
- 3 depends on another human being in the chain.
- So those are the data points that are
- 5 important. And I think that this is
- 6 significant based on those endpoints.

7 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

DR. CHANG: I would say I like what

Dr. Krist said about the mean being 12 hours and

10 at the 75th percentile, it's 24 hours. But I

11 would go by GI-2 because it is objective. I

12 don't feel like Ready or discharge

13 orders -- that's more subjective and it's based

14 on -- it could be variable. But obviously, the

15 results support the GI-2 endpoint, so I

16 definitely think this is efficacious.

17 DR. KRAMER: I'd like to say that I do

18 think that it's efficacious for -- I agree that

19 GI-2 makes sense, although it does bother me

20 that it looks like it was a post hoc decision

21 after the data was looked at, but it does make

sense. But I think the statement must specify

discharge is important. We're talking about 1

2 a benign condition, but if we can get the

3 patient out earlier and basically save

4 money -- that's the only thing we're talking

5 about here is potentially saving

6 money -- then I'm going to concur with my

7 surgical colleagues.

Dr. Hennessy?

MR. HENNESSY: Thanks. I would say that the endpoint is clinically meaningful, but only marginally so. It's right at the cusp.

12 DR. LINCOFF: As a non-GI specialist, 13 I would say that I think this endpoint is very 14 clinically meaningful from other conditions. A

15 day in the hospital or a half a day in the

16 hospital, I think is relevant, particularly a 17 day or a half a day of having an unpleasant

18 condition, like an NG tube or nausea. So from

19 that standpoint, I think that even a half a day

20 would be clinically relevant. 21

In terms of the endpoints, I think that the GI-2 is the hardest endpoint, in

- that it's most linked to an objective
- 2 finding. But I also believe that the DOW and
- 3 Ready are very important as well, in
- 4 particular because they're concordant with
- 5 the more mechanistic endpoint, and because
- 6 this is a blinded trial.

7 So for all the limitation -- these

- 8 are blinded trials. So for all the
- limitations inherent in the physician's
- 10 decision of when he's going to discharge and
- 11 if he's got people wandering around at night
- 12 ready to kick people out into the cars or
- 13 not, but whatever these are, they apply to
- 14 both groups, and they model clinical
- practice. So for the very question of 15
- relevance, where GI-2 is science, DOW and 16
- 17 Ready are clinical relevance and relevance in
- medical practice. And so I think they're all 18
- 19 meaningful. They all support each other.
- 20 And I think together it's a
- 21 very -- as much as I hate to use this
- 22 overused word -- robust findings, set of

findings, that there is efficacy for this

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Epstein?

colleagues so far. And even just modeling

a very substantial clinical savings, cost

cost of the medicine and its delivery.

time, so go ahead, Dr. Talamini.

think that's a consideration.

DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, I agree with my

Dr. Talamini's hospital, the number of surgeries

he does, if you apply some numbers to this, it's

savings, time savings, that would outweigh any

chance, but he begs me for one more. We have

bringing up, Dr. Buchman, is having personally

had a PCA after a very painful operation, it is

the Rolls Royce of pain control. And if this

does ameliorate or make that easier to use, I

to vote on this as a committee. And the way the

would add to the differentiation that you're

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini had his

DR. TALAMINI: The only thing that I

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- voting procedure is going to go is I'm going to
- read the question for the record, but then all
- 3 committee members who are going to vote yes, I'm
- 4 going to ask them to raise their hand. Now,
- 5 unfortunately, you're going to need to keep your
- hand up in the air until Dr. Phan has recognized
- 7 that she has recorded your vote.
 - Separately, we will then -- I will
- 9 then ask for those that are voting no, and
- 10 finally, those who abstain. And remember to
- 11 keep your hand up until it's acknowledged.
- 12 Not quite the secret ballot that we're used
- 13 to.

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- 14 So the question again is do you
- 15 consider the efficacy results from the
- 16 submitted POI studies to be clinically
- 17 meaningful? All those that say yes,
- 18 please -- I'm sorry, we have an interruption.
- 19 DR. KRAMER: Can I just ask a
- 20 clarification?
 - DR. BUCHMAN: Yes.
- 22 DR. KRAMER: Can we specify that

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- this -- since all the studies require PCA, that
- 2 this is the setting in which we're making the
- 3 statement?
- 4 DR. BUCHMAN: Well, I think you can
- 5 make a comment, but as far as voting goes, the
- question stands as is. You can certainly
- 7 abstain if you feel that it's an incomplete
 - question.

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- Any comments from the agency?
- Would they like to see that any differently?
- DR. KORVICK: I agree with what you
- 12 just said.
- 13 DR. BUCHMAN: So all of those that
- 14 feel that the efficacy is clinically meaningful,
- 15 please raise your hand. Oh, please -- now that
- you have your hand up, that was just an
- 17 exercise. Now you have to actually state your
- 18 name and say yes. And we're going to start with
- 19 Dr. Talamini.
- 20 DR. TALAMINI: Talamini, yes.
- DR. BUCHMAN: We're actually now going 21 DR. EPSTEIN: Epstein, yes.
 - 22 DR. BUCHMAN: And you can put your

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308 306 1 arms down. The war's over after you've voted. I think that a meaningful signal for 2 DR. LINCOFF: Lincoff, yes. cardiovascular events, and in particular MI, was 3 MR. HENNESSY: Hennessy, yes. 3 raised for other studies. I think that the 4 DR. BUCHMAN: Buchman, yes. studies in postoperative ileus were too small to 5 5 DR. CHANG: Chang, yes. address that. I think there's a potential 6 DR. BUCHMAN: Losing hands over here. mechanism underlying the potential signal, and 7 7 Put them down after you've been recorded. that is mu-opioid agonism can reduce 8 MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: DeLuca, yes. arrhythmias, so blockage would reduce that 9 reduction of arrhythmias. Given the number of DR. LEVINE: Levine, yes. 10 DR. PASRICHA: Pasricha, yes. 10 patients that are likely to see this drug, I 11 MR. PROSCHAN: Proschan, yes. 11 don't think that that safety signal has been 12 DR. KRAMER: Krist, yes. 12 adequately addressed. 13 DR. CULLEN: Cullen, yes. 13 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan? 14 DR. ROSING: Rosing, yes. 14 MR. PROSCHAN: Yes, I also had 15 DR. BUCHMAN: All those that vote no, 15 concerns. I was -- you know, for me, the two 16 that the efficacy has not been shown, please big questions are, is 014 really different than 16 17 raise your hand. All those who are abstaining? 17 the others? And is the OBD different from POI? 18 Please state your name. And when I look at -- I did my own statistical 18 19 DR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, 19 test to see if the results were different in 014 20 abstention. 20 compared to the other trials, and I got 21 21 DR. KRAMER: Kramer, abstention. something that was statistically significant, 22 DR. BUCHMAN: With that, we're going showing that there's a difference between 014 307 309 and the other OBD trials. Now, I don't know why 1 to --1 2 2 that is, so it's hard for me to dismiss GSK014, MS. PHAN: So we have 13 yes, no nos, 3 and 2 abstains. 3 because that's the one that had most of the MIs. 4 4 You're taking a trial that had more DR. BUCHMAN: Thank you, Dr. Phan. 5 With that, we're going to move on to Question 5 of the information and trying to dismiss 6 No. 3, which is a non-voting question. The that. I have a real problem with that. In 7 question is: based on currently available data, 7 particular, you're estimating the odds ratio 8 do you have concern for the use of alvimopan better in that trial than you are in all of 9 12-milligram capsules in the short term, that is the other trials in terms of variability. 10 10 seven days or 15 doses, for the patient The other thing that bothered me 11 following a partial large or small bowel 11 was that it wasn't just MI. If you look in 12 resection with primary anastomosis with regard 12 014 in the briefing document, it looked like 13 to the following: Cardiovascular events, it was arrhythmias, it looked like it was 14 neoplastic events, and/or bone fractures? 14 other cardiac events. So that, to me, 15 If you noticed I only call on 15 suggests that this is not really just a anybody, put them in the hot seat if it's a 16 chance finding, those two factors. 17 17 voting question, so this is a free-for-all As far as POI versus OBD, I did my 18 18 here. own statistical test and I did not get a 19 If you have a comment, please make 19 statistically significant difference in the 20 20 it. Dr. Hennessy? odds ratios for those two classes of trials. 21 21 MR. HENNESSY: So yes, I do have And so that suggests that maybe the harm, if

you believe that there's harm, in OBD might

concerns with regard to cardiovascular events.

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also apply to POI, and we just don't have 2 enough events to detect that. So I did have 3 those concerns.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

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cardiovascular events, which I think are

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DR. TALAMINI: I would say that I have concerns. I don't have concerns regarding bone fractures. I don't think I have concerns about the neoplastic events, because looking at each individual case, they're all over the board, and many of them really just make no sense to me in terms of long-term use of the drug in that study.

somewhat allayed by the comments here today that nobody can point to a short-term drug like this creating a longer-term cardiovascular event. So I have concerns, but I think they've largely been addressed. DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer?

21 DR. KRAMER: I do have concerns, in 22 particular about the cardiovascular events. And

time these patients were observed, a large percentage of the patients were observed. So 3 I don't think we have adequate information to say that there's even no relatively short-term problem in the POI population.

So I do have a concern, and I think that given that this benefit -- it's really striking. The FDA is not allowed to make decisions based on financial information or cost savings, but now our clinicians are making those decisions based on saving hospitals money.

But our patients are being asked to take this drug, I suspect without, as Dr. Krist said, I suspect without a lot of informed consent about what the potential downsides are. Everyone has acknowledged that it's really for those patients who are going to have a problem. But since we don't know who they are, all the patients have to take it. That's when you get into trouble later on, retrospectively, if you do discover

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1 it's not just short-term exposure causing

2 long-term effects, but I would say that the

3 follow-up in the short term was really

4 inadequate. Granted, at the time these studies

5 were done, it was not known that there was a

signal -- a signal would later show up in this

7 OBD population. But I think we have to keep in

8 mind that this was passive adverse event

reporting, and we know how doctors collect that

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information. It's not an active solicitation of cardiac events. But furthermore, a very large percentage of these patients were not followed when they left the hospital, that there's -- if I read the slide correctly, I think it was 257 patients did not have any further information. And that is not even short-term follow-up. I mean, they could have had an event at 10 days or 2 weeks. And my understanding, even though the metabolite is less potent than the parent drug, that the

metabolite would have been present past the

1 the signal is real, that you have mud on your 2 face or egg on your face, however you want to 3 say it. So I have a concern.

DR. BUCHMAN: I had some concern as well in terms of the long-term data. I don't think we can ignore the long-term data, because if we look at corticosteroids, for example, well, you say seven days' worth of corticosteroids, there's no increased risk of bone fractures, but with cumulative use, there certainly is. And it's the cumulative dose of corticosteroids that have the greatest effect on the risk of fracture.

So if we look at the long-term data, the cumulative dose that those patients 16 have at a very small dose, but for a long period of time, is very similar to the much 18 larger dose used for a very short period of time. And indeed, it may be -- we don't know this, but it may be the cumulative dose is what's most important. Because many of these patients that have an operation will be

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re-operated on in the future, and do they get

- 2 the medication again or are they allowed it
- 3 once in a lifetime?

4 If we look at a Crohn's patient,

- 5 for example, within five years of having a
- 6 stricture plasty, they've got a 40 percent
- 7 risk of being back in an operation again.
- 8 Patients who -- an ideal obviously with IBD
- 9 patients, but patients who have had an IPAA,
- 10 within five years have a greater than
- 11 50 percent chance of being in an operation
- 12 again because of a bowel obstruction from
- 13 adhesions. And do they then get this
- 14 medication again? Patients who have had 30
- 15 abdominal surgeries, they get 30 weeks of
- 6 this medication, that may prove to be a
- 17 significant risk. We don't have the
- 18 information on that, obviously.
- 19 Dr. Pasricha?

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- DR. PASRICHA: I think everybody on
- 21 this panel has some degree of concern about the
- 22 cardiovascular risks. The question is what do

- 1 Dr. Lincoff couldn't think of any mechanisms
- 2 to cause long-term myocardial infarction, I
- 3 can't think of any reason once they're off
- 4 the drug that these people should be having
- 5 arrhythmias from a drug that's given over a
- 6 very short period of time. So we're really
- 7 talking about this concern about
- 8 cardiovascular problems on the basis of this
- 9 014 study, which seems to me to have a lot of
- 10 problems associated with it and doesn't make
- 11 a whole lot of sense from a cardiology
- 12 standpoint.

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You raised the question,

14 Dr. Buchman, of the cumulative effect, but

15 even that breaks down, because once you get

16 out beyond 60 or 70 days, there was no

17 cumulative effect. That curve was perfectly

18 flat. So it seems to be an isolated effect

19 in a very brief period of time. There is

20 probably -- and it doesn't even reach

statistical significance apparently.

I think there's information we

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- we do about them? And we have three options:
- 2 We either don't let this drug come on the market
- 3 or we do prospective trials, which you've
- 4 already heard are going to require tens of
- 5 thousands of patients and probably not answer
- 6 the question; or we put in place a very strict
- 7 risk management surveillance program, which are
- 8 really the three options that we have here. I
- 9 think a priori, we cannot necessarily come to
- 10 any conclusion about how severe the risk is
- 11 going to be based on the data we have.
 - DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Rosing?
- DR. ROSING: Yes. As a cardiologist,
- 14 I would come at this with a little different
- 15 approach.
- 16 First of all, I don't think there's
- 17 any evidence in the short-term study that
- 18 there was any cardiovascular risk at all.
- 19 And even though there's a
- 20 question -- Dr. Hennessy raised the question
- 21 of arrhythmias, this was a blinded study and
- 22 there were no arrhythmias. And just as

- 1 don't have. I brought up the question of
- 2 other drugs, but I didn't bring the question
- 3 up a second time because I was convinced that
- 4 the problem is not the seven or the nine
- 5 events. The problem is the zero events, that
- 6 if you take a patient population with these
- 7 risk factors, including age, which the
- 8 average age was in the sixties, you'd be very
- 9 surprised over the course of a year, with an
- 10 intervention such as surgery and other
- 11 stresses, that you wouldn't come up with at
- 12 least one or two or more events.

So as a cardiologist, I think I'd

14 be less concerned and be willing to accept

15 the short term use of this drug.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist?

17 DR. KRIST: I still feel the same way

18 I felt before when I had my little rant. And I

- 19 disagree some, in the sense that, to me, what's
- 20 different here is that it's not that it's
- 21 questionable as to whether there's risks long
- 22 term and beyond 14 days. I'll take it a step

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further than what Dr. Kramer said. We need to 2 look at it past 14 days. There's no systematic 3 data collection beyond the short term use of the 4 medicine.

5 And even building on some of what 6 Jay said, I am concerned about, well, what 7 would it take to evaluate this? But if you look at the Study 014, to at least see this blip, it didn't take that many people to see 10 the blip. Now, it's not enough people to 11 reach statistical significance, but it's 12 enough to raise safety concerns, which I 13 think is different than looking at an 14 efficacy outcome. 15

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff? DR. LINCOFF: So I guess our role here is really to focus on the cardiovascular, "our" being the cardiologists. And I'm trying to put that in the context of what I would expect from other therapies and be concerned about. I really do think there is a difference between long- and short-term

albeit the longest study, one-third of the patients showing what appeared to be a numeric excess ended up being seven events.

Those events, that excess, if it existed -- because it didn't in the adjudicated, although that's with mixing of the MI being mixed with less severe unstable angina, et cetera. So if we just say we're going to talk about MI and we're not going to care about the others, even though they're mechanistically similar so you would have expected them all to trend in the same direction, but if you say we're just going to talk about MI, then what we're talking about is in the first three to four months of this large study, this study with one-third of all the patients in the OBD, you had these excess events.

In two-thirds of the patients in the other studies whose follow-up range from one to three months, that same period, that three to four months, you didn't see any

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therapy. Cumulative effects have impact with some types of therapies, and corticosteroids are obviously an example of that, because the effect on bone may be cumulative.

But if we think about mechanisms of ischemic cardiovascular events, it's either progression of atherosclerosis, plaque instability, thrombosis, vasoconstriction. And it's hard to postulate how a short-term

9 10 therapy would lead to a long-term risk.

Now, that only goes so far. Obviously, theory and pathophysiology are important up to a point, but in the end, you have to go by what your empiric data is. And 14 so what we have here is empirically not a hint of any signal in short term, albeit with

17 incomplete follow-up, but for what we have, 18 no imbalance, virtually no events in this

19 short-term follow-up.

20 And in long-term follow-up, in a 21 study that was one-third of the total 22

patients tested for this OBD indication,

excess. In fact, there was almost a countervailing less -- numerically less than the active drug arm.

So it's not to say it isn't real. The reality is we don't know what we would see if we duplicated this 14. But it's not a strong signal. It's a signal that gives us a lot of question of stability with one or two events in either direction, with one or two extra events in the placebo group that one would have expected based upon the patient population. And so it's a very weak piece of evidence. And it's a piece of evidence that I'd have trouble hanging my hat on even for an approval of a long-term indication.

But certainly to then go back and say I've got a very short-term indication for which we have no signal at all and we can't mechanistically calculate -- or we can't mechanistically postulate why there should be, I have a lot of trouble.

So the long and short is, for the

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322 324 short-term indication that we're talking 1 So I think that often happens in 2 2 about, even though the dose is much higher, clinical trials, that the placebo event rate 3 of course, I don't have a concern for 3 is lower than you thought it would be. 4 4 cardiovascular risk. DR. BUCHMAN: I think that was worth 5 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer? 5 including you. 6 6 DR. KRAMER: I'd like to shift the We're going to move on. Oh, was 7 7 conversation to something that Dr. Pasricha there one other? Dr. Epstein? 8 8 raised, which is what are we to do about this? DR. EPSTEIN: Yes, I just wanted to 9 9 I mean, we can talk all afternoon, and part of say that the three things that were asked, the 10 the reason we're talking so much is because 10 cardiovascular events, I agree there was no 11 there's a lot of missing information, and you 11 signal in the short-term study. And to be able 12 can only go so far with mechanistic discussions. 12 to do a follow-on study, that just statistically 13 based on the numbers, even that you saw in the But the question is what are our options? 13 14 I think there are a couple of 14 long-term OBDs, would be very impractical. 15 15 options that maybe you didn't list that -- I And I've often heard about these 16 didn't see in the plans outlined by the 16 registries and things at various panel 17 sponsor, if this drug were to be approved, 17 meetings, but that's a huge thing to require 18 any suggestion that there even be a registry 18 for something with a very small signal. So I 19 of all patients that are taking this drug 19 don't necessarily follow along with that. 20 with follow-up, or that there be any 20 And again, the other thing we were 21 21 observational studies in large health plan asked is neoplastic. I agree with everyone 22 databases or any -- you know, as this drug is 22 else that there was a very scattered signal, 323 325 on the market, if we just depend on passive 1 1 and again, not short term. 2 2 And the bone fractures, I don't reporting, we're going to be in the same 3 situation we're in right now in the future, 3 know, was the floor more slippery in 4 which is we will not have any information to those -- no. But that didn't seem to have 5 add to the database. So I'm disappointed 5 any real signal. So I don't see anything in 6 6 that there isn't some plan to actively the pooled data on the short-term studies 7 solicit cardiovascular safety in the long 7 that would indicate that there's any 8 term, and I'd like to see that laid out, I particular concern, particularly in regards 9 9 would suggest. to the cardiovascular. 10 10 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan, did you DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to move on. 11 have a comment? 11 Dr. Pasricha, last point and then 12 12 MR. PROSCHAN: I didn't have my hand we're going to move on. up, but now that you called on me, I will say 13 13 DR. PASRICHA: No, no, just for the 14 14 something. record, I want to clarify. On the bone 15 DR. BUCHMAN: You stuck your light on. 15 fractures thing, I think that was the only 16 MR. PROSCHAN: And that is that I signal that was actually statistically 17 think the argument that there are not enough 17 significant, wasn't it? That is the only one 18 placebo events, exactly the same argument was 18 with a 95 percent confidence interval that did 19 made in the cardiac arrhythmia suppression 19 not cross -- so actually, I think as far as the 20 trial. It's not that these drugs are killing 20 long-term data is concerned that is -- if I 21 21 people. It's those -- you know, placebo remember correctly, that is the most robust

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signal that we had amongst the three. I just

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1	don't think it translates into a seven-day	1	12-milligram capsules in the short term, that
2	course of medication.	2	is seven days or 15 doses, for patients
3	But I want to make sure that we	3	following partial large or small bowel
4	have the record straight on that. Is that	4	resection surgery with primary anastomosis
5	correct?	5	with regard to the cardiovascular events,
6	DR. KORVICK: Can you repeat your	6	neoplastic events, and/or bone fractures?
7	question?	7	Just the cardiovascular?
8	DR. PASRICHA: The clarification was	8	DR. KORVICK: Please.
9	whether the fracture risk was statistically	9	DR. BUCHMAN: Did you want three
10	significant. If I recall from Dr. Dannis'	10	separate votes or no?
11	presentation, it was. I just want to make sure	11	DR. KORVICK: I think we've got a lot
12	we have that on the record.	12	of input on the other, but the first one seems
13	DR. BUCHMAN: I think the lower was	13	to be an issue.
14	.99, which was still is my memory correct.	14	DR. BUCHMAN: So just for
15	that it actually kind of approached 0 as well?	15	cardiovascular events. Can I have a show of
16	MS. CASTILLO: This is Sonia Castillo,	16	hands for all those that do have concern with
17	FDA. For Study 014, it was significant. For	17	the cardiovascular risk profile?
18	the non-cancer and cancer population combined,	18	Please keep your hands up and state
19	it was not. Let's see, for the combined cancer	19	your name and then you can put it down.
20	and non-cancer population, confidence interval,	20	Dr. Krist, do you want to start?
21	95 percent, for the relative risk was .6 to 2.3.	21	DR. KRIST: Krist, yes.
22	And for the Study 014, confidence interval was	22	MR. PROSCHAN: Proschan, yes.
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1	1.1 to 10.4.	1	DR. PASRICHA: Pasricha, yes.
2	DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Hennessy?	2	DR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, yes.
3	MR. HENNESSY: A very quick comment.	3	DR. CHANG: Chang, yes.
4	I think that the way to address a safety signal	4	DR. KRAMER: Kramer, yes.
5	is to do a study, even if it's difficult.	5	DR. BUCHMAN: Buchman, yes.
6	Saying that we wouldn't require one because it's	6	MR. HENNESSY: Hennessy, yes.
7	difficult essentially says that we're dismissing	7	DR. BUCHMAN: All those that vote no?
8	the safety concern. I'm uncomfortable doing	8	Keep your hand up until you say your name and
9	that, particularly for a drug that is not	9	your vote's recorded.
10	life-saving, but is dollar-saving.	10	We'll start over here,
11	DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to move on	11	Dr. Talamini.
12	to	12	DR. TALAMINI: Talamini, no.
13	DR. KORVICK: We would be interested	13	DR. EPSTEIN: Epstein, no.
14	if the chair would be willing to ask the members	14	DR. LINCOFF: Lincoff, no.
15	to vote on the first bullet of whether or not	15	DR. LEVINE: Levine, no.
16	they think that there is an issue for the short	16	DR. CULLEN: Cullen, no.
17	term use for cardiovascular.	17	DR. ROSING: Rosing, no.
18	DR. BUCHMAN: Absolutely. We can do	18	DR. BUCHMAN: Any abstentions?
19	that as an official vote. So let's do that now,	19	MS. CORKERY-DeLUCA: DeLuca,
20	and I'm going to read the question.	20	abstained.
21	Based on currently available data,	21	DR. BUCHMAN: The state of Florida is
22	do you have concerns for the use of alvimopan	22	calculating the vote.

330 1 MS. PHAN: We have eight yes, six no, and look to the economic argument because it's 2 and one abstain. easily quantified. But as a surgeon, I would 3 DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to move on 3 also say that lying in a hospital bed for 12 or 4 to Question No. 4, which is a voting question. 24 additional hours with a bloated belly and not 5 5 Do we want to take a break? We eating is not a healthy condition. It's much 6 need a potty break, I guess. 6 harder to quantify what is not healthy about 7 7 Okay, let's take a break. I forgot that and measure it. 8 8 about that. I was so excited about how we But I think most of us who take 9 were moving along here. So let's take a care of patients on a daily basis know 10 10 15-minute break -- actually 13 minutes. If empirically that that is not a healthy thing, 11 everybody could be back here at 3:15 sharp, 11 and that if you reduce that by some 12 we'll move on to Question No. 4. 12 percentage, you're improving the patient's 13 (Recess) 13 14 DR. BUCHMAN: If I could have 15 everybody's attention, please. There is one 15 16 comment that I want to clarify for the press. 16 17 First off, I am going to give a 17 18 brief chair summary of each of the questions

overall care. So I just wanted to get away from this idea that the only thing sitting on the benefit side is economic. I don't believe that that's true. DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Epstein? 18 DR. EPSTEIN: As a treating clinician 19 who deals with a lot of patients with ileus, it 20 is a very unpleasant condition. And if you can

21 if I have a surprise up my sleeve, in regard shorten that, I think, for the patient's to the vote that we had on Question No. 3, it 22

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at the end of today. But for those from the

press that want to scram and not wait to see

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3 voted on, as a committee, was only whether we

had concern about the cardiovascular risk

5 effects. We did not vote on whether we had

concern about neoplastic events or bone 7

fractures, although obviously those were 8 discussed.

9 We're going to move on to Question 10 No. 4, which is a voting question. Do you

11 believe the overall benefits of treatment 12

with alvimopan outweigh the potential risks 13 for short-term in-hospital use in patients

14 with partial large or small bowel resections 15

with primary anastomosis?

I'm going to start, actually, on this side with Dr. Talamini, what comments you have.

DR. TALAMINI: I want to just speak for a moment to the potential benefits of a strategy like this. Certainly the economic argument is there, and it's easiest to fall into

in their overall outcome of health. And whether 1

it's 12 hours or 24 hours, that's very

significant.

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4 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff?

DR. LINCOFF: I agree with that, and I

want to emphasize that -- although we brought up

7 the financial issues, I don't think that that's

8 the key here at all. I mean, what we do in

9 medicine is to make people live longer or to

prevent unpleasant things in terms of make them

11 feel better, and this is the latter, and I think 12 it's very real.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Hennessy?

14 MR. HENNESSY: While I'll agree that

15 there is a clinical benefit to the patient

rather than just to the hospital, and I'll admit that I don't see patients, it seems to me from

17 18 looking at the numbers that the benefit can be

19 characterized as modest or even marginal. And

20 this is a drug that clearly doesn't save lives,

21 and for which there's a significant signal of a 22

cardiovascular risk from a randomized trial.

And in my mind, the benefit does not outweigh

- 2 the risk while that concern has not been
- 3 addressed.

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4 DR. BUCHMAN: I would echo

5 Dr. Hennessy's comments in that we're looking at

- a benign condition. And clearly, I think the
- 7 drug, as we discussed earlier in this session,
- 8 does have some efficacy and has physiologic
- effect. It's not very great, but it is

10 statistically and perhaps marginally clinically

11 significant.

We're asked to make a risk-benefit analysis here. We're dealing with a benign condition with fairly marginal but clinically significant effects of a drug. So therefore, it really can't tolerate any potential for significant side effects. And my concern is that the denominator, that is the risk

19 potential, not necessarily the risk, but the

20 risk potential, does at a minimum slightly

21 outweigh the potential benefit for the

22 patients. It's not really about that much more. But so I

2 obviously think that's very important. 3

I think this is tough because I do have concerns, but I feel that the signal

really is more in the long-term data, and it's a different patient population. So I

would feel more comfortable if there was some

monitoring of the patients that did get the

9 drug. I feel very uncomfortable just giving 10 it to anybody.

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Just because you brought this up a couple times, Judith, is that there is a study on alvimopan in chronic constipation with no opioids and it didn't show efficacy, so I don't know how well it will help. And this is a different patient population, even if you didn't give opioids after a surgery, but I'm not sure how efficacious the drug would be if you're not on an opioid.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Richardson?

21 DR. RICHARDSON: I guess I'm troubled, as everyone else seems to be. Clearly, there

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1 Dr. Kramer?

2 DR. KRAMER: I would love to see a

3 study that compared the effects of this drug in

4 PCA-controlled analgesia after a bowel resection

5 to an alternative pathway that was a postop

6 pathway that involved opioid-sparing techniques,

7 such as what occurred in the European study. I

8 don't think we've demonstrated that this should

9 be -- have a blanket indication for bowel

10 resection surgery; I think it should -- as I've

11 said many times before, bowel resection surgery

12 in the setting of PCA. And I echo the comments

13 of Dr. Buchman and Hennessy. I would not say

14 yes to this question based on my concerns about

15 risk, and the fact that it has been studied only

16 in the setting of PCA.

17 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

DR. CHANG: I think this is a really

19 tough question, but when I brought the cost

20 effective, that was just one example of

21 measuring clinical meaningfulness. I mean, I

take care of -- it's all about how they feel.

1 are some benefits to the various parties that

2 are involved in this. The sponsor, obviously.

The hospitals I think certainly can benefit from

4 this. I think if you look at the patients,

5 though, I think that benefit is much more

difficult to describe.

I was quite taken by the effects of this with respect to use of PCA or not. I'm particularly interested in the effects of ketorolac in this group. Unfortunately, I don't see anybody who is a generic maker of

12 ketorolac out there promoting that drug for

13 this indication, so that I don't think we'll

14 ever see that type of study find the light of 15 day.

16 I'm also troubled by the fact that 17 the number needed to treat -- if you combine 18 the GI-2 and GI-3, which I think

19 realistically, one probably should do because

20 I don't see that there's a great deal of

21 difference in those criteria, it seems to me

22 that the number needed to treat is probably

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- around 10 patients to see one patient
- 2 benefit. In medical oncology, at least, a
- 3 10 percent response rate would be regarded as
- 4 a failure. And I don't see that the overall
- 5 benefits are adequate for the patients.
- 6 I'm also troubled by the fact that
- 7 the RiskMAP doesn't include any sort of input
- 8 from the patients in this, but we'll wait
- 9 until we get to that.
- 10 DR. BUCHMAN: Ms. Corkery-DeLuca?
- 11 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: JoEllen DeLuca.
- 12 As a patient that's had a lot of bowel surgery,
- 13 I'll tell you, every day out of the hospital is
- 14 a good day. And I protest mightily when I have
- 15 to go in. And if I'm your patient and you're
- going to be doing an NG tube, you're going to be
- 17 in for the fight of your life.
- 18 I didn't feel that the
- 19 cardiovascular events -- to me, the GSK
- 20 seemed to be more of a risk than the Entereg.
- 21 The bone fractures, when you start picking up
- 22 with age, when we start looking at people

me say maybe this is a time when we should make a stride with a drug that is looking small and then -- even if we have to revisit it later. I mean, there is not anything else like this.

6 And I'm not just looking from my 7 hospital's bottom line. They don't need 8 another 12 hours. And I've been in the 9 hospital for a weekend because the surgeon 10 didn't make it. He had too many things to do 11 and didn't make it on Friday before closing 12 time and the nurses were gone, so I had to 13 stay until Monday. So I think we can argue 14 the 12 hours or the 24 hours, but the reality 15 is, it's who -- which of the nurses got the paperwork ready or not. So I think the 12 16 17 hours or the 24 is sufficient for most 18 general purposes. And my hospital is fairly 19 large, so it's not a matter of just being a 20

21 So that's how I would feel. I 22 think that the risk for a patient, that a lot

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little community hospital.

1 being age 65 and up, that to me was what made

- 2 me say I think I should abstain.
- 3 Because I am a patient, I don't
- 4 know enough, but bone fractures are something
- 5 that -- you're lying down, you're hitting 65,
- 6 you're hitting 70, you're hitting 75, and I
- 7 think that you're going to be much more
- likely to stand up and fall and injure 8
- yourself that way than perhaps even a
- 10 cardiovascular event.

11 The overall benefits, even reading

- 12 between the lines I think that some of the
- 13 questions have been answered. And looking
- 14 back towards an answer, at least in my mind,
- 15 looking back toward how hospitals will handle
- 16 this, I'm still not sure when gut surgery
- 17 moves from doing one large bowel resection to
- 18 another for another comorbidity factor,
- 19 whether we're -- who's going to handle that.
- 20 But as a patient, I think sometimes
- 21 we have to make strides when we can make
- strides. And the overall risk, to me, made

1 of us that have been in the hospital a lot

2 for bowel resections, would say it's worth 3

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine?

5 DR. LEVINE: I'm more on the fence

than ever, but I would say that, no question

7 about it, as Dr. Hennessy and others point out,

8 the hard data is marginal, modest, whatever you

9 want to call it. It's not very, very

10 significant. Again, I'm unimpressed, or

11 relatively unimpressed, that there's a dose

12 response data shown that's very significant

between 6 milligrams and 12 milligrams.

On the other hand, there's no

15 question, not only for the patient, but for 16 the physician and everyone else, it is a big

17 difference in seeing patients like this, if

18 they can get that tube out in 12 hours or 24

19 hours. And the patients feel better, it's

20 important, and I think we're going to have to

21 have very strict risk management control

here, but I definitely feel that probably the

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patient outweighs it here than just the 2 cost-effectiveness. And I think for the 3 patient's sake, I would probably agree that 4 the benefits marginally overcome the 5 negatives. 6 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha? 7 DR. PASRICHA: I'd like to start by 8 reinforcing the concept that while the 9 discussion may have been a little heavy on the 10 health care costs of this drug, I don't think 11 that's what's driving the decision. I want to 12

make sure that at least that's on the record.

Dr. Buchman, you mentioned that this is not a life-threatening condition, and that is true. But as somebody who's made a career of looking after patients who have chronic nausea, I can tell you next to dying, nausea is probably the most bothersome

- symptom that patients have. And if you can
- 20 make a difference in that, it's a big
- 21 advance.

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So I would just like to say that,

1 POI -- is that similar? And the answer to

2 that is I just don't know. And that's what

- 3 bothers me is maybe that's right. Maybe you
- 4 have to be on this drug long term to feel any
- 5 harm, to have any problems. But I just don't
- 6 know that and I don't have strong evidence
- 7 that that's the case. I have some suggestion
- 8 that that's the case, but I don't have strong 9 evidence.

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So for me, the benefit of reducing by one day versus the potential for an MI or something else is enough.

Maybe I'm just a 'fraidy cat, but that's enough to make me think, no, I wouldn't. I think the risks outweigh the benefit.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist?
DR. KRIST: I'll echo what some of the others have said. And the way I think about it with this question, we're asked to do a benefit-to-risk analysis. And I think, if you look on one level, quality of life-type

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and in that context, I actually was a little

2 struck that the sponsor has not gone beyond

- 3 some very simple measures and not, for
- 4 instance, included any surrogate measures of
- 5 quality of life or global sense of helping in
- 6 their outcome. And I just -- maybe this is
- 7 the time to ask them whether they have any
- 8 data that actually looks beyond the objective
- 9 points, such as we saw with GI-2. But also
- 10 got a global sense from the patients if they
- 11 had any questions that might actually
- 12 reinforce what we're saying here.
- 13 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan?

MR. PROSCHAN: I agree with the

15 comments that this is -- as far as the potential

16 harm, I mean, this is no slam dunk. I am

- 17 persuaded that the signal is real for OBD. Even 17
- 18 that's not a slam dunk, but I am persuaded that
- 19 that's real. I don't see a reason to throw out
- 20 014. And so I'm more persuaded than not that
- 21 that's real.
- Now, the question then becomes is

1 measures, clearly having a postoperative ileus,

- 2 having increased nausea and vomiting, having an
 - NG tube, are significant things.

And I think we've seen relatively clear data suggesting that this medication reduces those risks.

And we do see decreased nausea and vomiting, in a sense, when you look at the adverse events. And people are more likely to stop placebo than the intervention drug because of nausea and vomiting. And then if you look at quality of life risks, like how people feel and those types of side effects, this medicine seems beneficial.

Where I get lost is looking at major morbidity and mortality. And as Dr. Hennessy has pointed out, in the studies, we don't see reduction in mortality from the medication. We don't see reduction of thromboembolic disease or nosocomial infection, and those significant things. It could happen from a reduced hospital stay,

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are your feelings in terms of the

DR. ROSING: I think the

battle the cardiologists, along with the

gastroenterologists are also going to have to

surgeons. I've heard from the patient advocate,

I've heard from some of the gastroenterologists,

and certainly both of the surgeons. I've read

the data and I think there is some benefit that

arrives from this drug beyond the economic

the short-term studies at all. I do respect

benefits. And I really don't see any risk from

some of my colleagues' concerns, though, and I

think it would be reasonable to ask the sponsor

to implement some form of long-term monitoring

DR. BUCHMAN: I would just add one

risk-benefit analysis here?

DR. BUCHMAN: So it looks like the

surgeons and gastroenterologists are going to

have to duke it out in the parking garage after

Dr. Rosing, as a cardiologist, what

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- and that's where I think there's benefit.
- But we don't see that in our studies. We
- 3 don't even see a signal of that. And to me,
- 4 the significant morbidity/mortality risks is
- 5 a black box and we can't answer that. And
- 6 because it's a black box, that makes me more
- 7 afraid overall about the benefit-to-risk
- 8 ratio.
- 9 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Cullen?
- 10 DR. CULLEN: As a surgeon, what a
- 11 patient complains about, there's really
- 12 basically three things postoperatively they
- complain about: pain, which you can take care 13
- 14 with a PCA or something else; an NG tube, if
- 15 they have one, which is a miserable experience,
- and their study shows that it reduces the
- 17 incidence of reinsertion; and then the
- 18 distention, they're not feeling very good
- 19 because they're distended, nausea, and vomiting
- 20 And the study demonstrates that it's efficacious
- 21 in that respect. So I think the benefits of the
- 22 medication are there.

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1 The stress of surgery is -- it's 2 not like running a marathon, but it is a

- stressful situation on the cardiovascular
- 4 system and the pulmonary system. So you're
- 5 adding a medication to this already stressful
- system and you're not seeing an increased
- 7 risk of cardiac events. So in the short
- 8 term, I understand everybody's concerns, but
 - I don't see the increased risk.

10 And then finally, my concern with

- 11 this drug is if it was approved in a
- 12 hospital, that my orthopedic surgery
- 13 colleagues would use it and my vascular
- 14 surgery colleagues would use it, and anybody
- 15 who had anything done would use it, where it
- 16 wasn't -- the studies didn't show an efficacy
- 17 in those type of operations. And that's a
- 18 concern I have in the back of my mind.
- 19 But those other two things I
- 20 mentioned, unless you've been a patient
- 21 sitting in a hospital with an NG tube, you
- 22 don't know how miserable that is.

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- last comment before we come to a vote. There 1
- 2 was an interesting paper a couple of years ago
- that looked at all the drugs ever approved by
- 4 the FDA. And as I recall, not the difference
- 5 between the effect of placebo and study drug,
- but the benefit over placebo was actually only
- 7 20 percent. But if we look at NG tube
- 8 reinsertion in this study, the difference
- was -- sure, the difference was 43 percent, but
- 10 the real difference was 11 percent versus
 - 6 percent.

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12 Let's put it in perspective. We're

- 13 looking at small numbers in terms of risk.
- 14 We're looking at small numbers in terms of 15 benefit.

16 So with that, I'm going to ask are

- 17 there any other comments from the committee, any rebuttals or re-rebuttals? 18
 - Dr. Epstein?
- 20 DR. EPSTEIN: Just one comment. I'd
- 21 like to point out we've heard about ketorolac as
- 22 a opioid-sparing drug. And as a

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1	gastroenterologist, if you want to talk about	1	MR. HENNESSY: Hennessy, no.
2	risk, start putting a lot of people on ketorolac	2	DR. BUCHMAN: Buchman, no.
3	and you'll see a lot of risk.	3	DR. KRAMER: Kramer, no.
4	DR. BUCHMAN: Don't tell people that.	4	DR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, no.
5	That's how we make money.	5	MR. PROSCHAN: Proschan, no.
6	DR. EPSTEIN: And the other thing is,	6	DR. KRIST: Krist, no.
7	just in terms of cardiac we've heard from	7	MS. PHAN: We have nine yes and six
8	Duke, we've heard the adjudicated data, we've	8	no, no abstain.
9	heard from our cardiologists, we've seen no	9	DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to move on
10	signal in any of the combined short-term	10	to Question No. 5, which is also a voting
11	studies. We're dealing with the fact that the	11	question. If alvimopan is approved for the POI
12	placebo happened to have a zero number, and so	12	indication, do you believe Adolor Corporation's
13	we're dealing with a little bit of the tyranny	13	proposed risk management plan is adequate to
14	of small numbers here. And I think it's a leap	14	address the potential risks?
15	of faith to think that there's a big cardiac	15	Explain what features of the
16	risk in the short term. That's just my opinion,	16	proposal would be most desirable.
17	based on the global cumulative data that we've	17	Dr. Rosing, let's start with you.
18	heard today.	18	DR. ROSING: I think we can refocus on
19	DR. BUCHMAN: I'm going to go ahead	19	the questions that have been raised about the
20	and read the question and then we're going to go	20	long-term effects, even though it's short term
21	for our vote.	21	use of this drug. And I think that the features
22	The question again from the agency	22	of the proposal that are not adequate would be
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1	is, do you believe the overall benefits of	1	that I think there should be some form of
2	treatment with alvimopan outweigh the	2	long-term monitoring for the three signals that
3	potential risks for short-term in-hospital	3	were identified in Study 014, namely
4	use in patients following small or large	4	cardiovascular complications, fractures, and
5	bowel resections with primary anastomosis?	5	neoplasia.
6	All of those that feel that the	6	DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Cullen?
7	benefit outweighs the risk, please raise your	7	DR. CULLEN: I agree with Dr. Rosing.
8	hand, and keep them up until you state your	8	I think specifically the cardiovascular effect
9	name.	9	should be monitored long term.
10	Let's start over here with	10	DR. BUCHMAN: And Dr. Proschan? All
11	Dr. Rosing.	11	right, Dr. Krist, I'm sorry I forgot you.
12	DR. ROSING: Rosing, yes.	12	DR. KRIST: I don't think that the
13	DR. CULLEN: Cullen, yes.	13	risk management plan is adequate. We have a big
14	DR. PASRICHA: Pasricha, yes.	14	black box on long-term safety, and the plan
15	DR. LEVINE: Levine, yes.	15	doesn't do anything to address that.
16	MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: DeLuca, yes.	16	DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan?
17	DR. CHANG: Chang, yes.	17	MR. PROSCHAN: I don't have a good
18	DR. LINCOFF: Lincoff, yes.	18	sense of whether it would be adequate or not, so
19	DR. EPSTEIN: Epstein, yes.	19 20	I really don't know. DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?
20 21	DR. TALAMINI: Talamini, yes. DR. BUCHMAN: All those that vote no,	20	DR. PASRICHA: I'd like to see a
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22	state your name.	44	surveillance program for cardiovascular risk.

And secondly, I'd like to make sure that as far

- 2 as possible, we've put restriction on off-label
- 3 use for now. And that means perhaps more
- 4 narrowly define the target population that this
- 5 is really indicated.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine?

7 DR. LEVINE: I definitely agree with

- 8 the latter point. I also feel that there should
- 9 be a much stricter approach in our past meetings 10
- with an already approved drug disparity. We 11 noted that we used the touch phone. I think
- 12 something in that line is really necessary for
- 13 follow-up here. I think we have to be -- it
- 14 would answer the question for short term and
- 15 otherwise if we had a very strong type of risk
- management program, which we didn't hear from 16 16
- 17 yet -- about from the sponsor.

DR. BUCHMAN: Ms. Corkery-DeLuca?

- 19 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: I'm JoEllen
- 20 DeLuca. For the long-term risk, I would like to
- 21 see something more done about that. I think we
- 22 owe it to the people who look for what the FDA

- walk up to them when 10 other people are asking
- them to initial the site of their operation in
- 3 the preop area and -- oh, by the way, we want to
- give you this drug. We're a little uncertain 4
- 5 about the cardiac risks on this, but trust us
- 6 and everything will be all right -- I don't
- 7 think that's an adequate way of addressing that.
- I think patients have to have more information
- and some input into this decision.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Chang?

11 DR. CHANG: There's parts of this that

- 12 I like, that it is restricted to bowel resection
- 13 and they're making sure it's only for hospitals.
- 14 I think that they've put some things in here
- 15 that are very good. I guess I'll have to think
- about the emergency surgeries. Sometimes you
- 17 can't always give the patient all that
- 18 information or they really don't care. But I do
- 19 think that not only just looking at long-term
- 20 monitoring, I think they should look at some
- 21 predictors if someone comes in, like baseline
- characteristics of age or gender or

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approves and not approves to say that there are 1 2

- risk factors. And for me, particularly, the
- 3 cardio and the osteo.

4 And I didn't know, how can we

- 5 monitor this? I don't know that. But that 6 is a question for me. And the off-label use,
- 7 it goes back again to my question about
- 8 letting the horse out of the barn. If it
- 9 goes then to bariatric or if it goes to then
- 10 to another use entirely that we're not
- 11 discussing today, who does that? Who is
- 12 going to monitor that? I don't know.

13 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Richardson?

14 DR. RICHARDSON: I think we need to

15 provide patients with a little more information 16

some written information that they can digest,

- on this. The RiskMAP talked about getting some 17 sort of verbal consent from patients as they're
- 18 being wheeled into the OR, and I don't think
- 19 that's adequate. I think people have to have 20
- 21 say 24 hours before their procedure. I think
- the idea of having some health care provider

cardiovascular risk factors, and cancer or not 1 2 cancer.

3 I think there are some things that may -- information they can get to figure out 5 who may have the greater benefit over risk 6 than others.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer?

DR. KRAMER: I think the proposed risk management program is predicated on process measures of assuring that it only be used in the inpatient setting and not outpatient. I agree with the comments that have been made that I think we need to go beyond that and look at clinical endpoints. As I've said many times, I believe the indication should be specified that

And I agree with the comments about trying to more carefully prevent off-label use. I'm concerned that once this is available, that anybody doing surgery where they think there's a chance of ileus might prescribe it, and therefore, increasing the

it be given in the context of opioid PCA.

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2 I agree with the idea of trying to

get consent. I realize this is challenging,

- 4 but I think that patients should be informed.
- 5 And I was concerned -- I heard a presentation
- 6 recently within the last year by a wholesaler
- 7 about what the impact of all these various
- 8 risk management programs is having on their
- ability to function. They're an industry,
- 10 I've learned from this presentation, that
- 11 operates in a very slim margin of ability to
- 12 manage, and really, the main brunt of this
- 13 program is put on the wholesalers. So I
- 14 agree with the FDA's comments that it really
- 15 shouldn't be the wholesaler trying to sort
- out who gets this drug, and that the sponsor
- 17 should take on some of that cost and

18 responsibility.

19 DR. BUCHMAN: Quite frankly, I think

20 that the RiskMAP proposed by the company was

corrected, but I am quite surprised that we've

You've had this drug under development for seven

years. You've known about these risks, at least

since last November, that you didn't come up

with a more specific plan other than, well,

wholesalers will going to control this. The

Pittsburgh Pirates are not going to finish in

last place next year because they're going to

come to the point of having a meeting here.

- 21 done haphazardly, and it looks like very little
- 22 time was really put into it. It's very, very

together than we can as physicians, and I'm

just disappointed in what I saw.

3 MR. HENNESSY: Sean Hennessy. I think

4 that this drug needs additional study to

- characterize its cardiovascular risks. I'm not
- 6 convinced that it needs a risk management action
- 7 plan. Reading from Dr. Weaver's Slide 8, when
- should a RiskMAP be considered? When the risks
- 9 are serious and preventable. When safe and
- 10 effective use calls for specialized health care
- 11 skills or settings. When a RiskMAP encourages
- 12 appropriate use increase benefits relative to
- 13 risks. Products in a class of product with
- 14 similar risks that require a RiskMAP. I don't
- 15 think any of those criteria apply to this drug.

The drug is going to be used in

17 lots of patients, more so than can probably

18 be accommodated by the more stringent risk 19 management action plans that we've seen, like

20 clozapine and patient registries to prevent

21 pregnancies. So in my view, the risks need

22 to be characterized in the context of one of

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short on specifics. Now, that can all easily be 1

more epidemiologic studies, but they aren't

2 typically part of risk management action

plans. And I don't think that a risk

- management action plan will be effective for
- reducing the risks unless there are
- particular patient populations who can be
- 7 identified who have better or worse
- 8 risk-benefit balances. And in the absence of
- 10 added cost and added inconvenience.

11 play better. You really need to have more

12 specifics. You need to define things. "Acute

13 care hospital" was mentioned only once.

14 Otherwise, it's always "hospital." Hospital has

15 various definitions, even including veterinary

16 hospitals.

17 So I think you need to supply

18 definitions. You need to have an algorithm,

- 19 a framework of exactly how this is going to
- 20 work, what are your check and balance
- 21 systems? I mean, really, I mean, you guys 22 can do a better job at this, putting this

- 9 a benefit of the RiskMAP, then it's just

11 DR. BUCHMAN: I just want to clarify 12 my response. The RiskMAP here primarily, as I

13 see it, is towards prevention of off-label use, 14 because the concern here was in the long-term

- 15 patients, again, the chronic opiate users. And
- 16 there needs to be a clear way in
- 17 which -- because it's very difficult to regulate
- 18 off-label use for anything. And this is going
- 19 to have to be a better attempt to keep it out of
- 20 the hands of the narcotic addicts, those on 21 methadone, patients in nursing homes, and all
- 22 these sorts of thing. So I just wanted to

clarify my remark. 1

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Dr. Lincoff?

DR. LINCOFF: I think we need to be realistic about the prospects of useful data from follow-up long-term epidemiologic studies.

5 6 Such studies are notoriously limited in their

7 ability to look at treatment effects, and we've

got to be realistic. If we force a

10,000-patient registry of the next 10,000

10 patients on-label to get this drug, and we see

11 and event rate, we're going to have an event

12 rate. And we're going to have no idea if that

13 event rate is higher than it would be if

14 patients didn't get the drug.

> And we're not going to be able to look at risk factors for treatment effect.

17 We're going to be able to look at risk

18 factors for cardiovascular events, but we've

19 got better registries in existence right now

20 to do that. So if there's really that much

21 concern about what the long-term

22 cardiovascular events are as a consequence of

important up to a point, but realize, we use 2 a lot of drugs without much in the way of 3 consent that carry much more in the way of 4 danger -- drugs for atrial fibrillation and 5 some antibiotics, et cetera.

Hospitals institute programs with their pharmacies to require approval of specialists, et cetera, before it's given. But in reality, there are a lot of drugs that

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have much more evidence of danger that we use 11 without elaborate methods of consent, et

12 cetera. So I think the main issue should be

to try to assure that these drugs are used within the label.

14 15 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Epstein?

DR. EPSTEIN: I basically second what Dr. Lincoff said. We have a very large number

18 of trial patients in the pooled data set from 19 the short term, and there was no increased

20 cardiovascular signal, and that is the intended

21 use. I think that the RiskMAP should include an

22 order that states -- basically from the

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1 giving these drugs, then the drug shouldn't 2 be approved.

I personally don't believe that. But I also don't believe that the resources

5 should be diverted toward elaborate

6 registries and epidemiologic studies that

7 aren't going to test causation. You can't test causation with observational studies, 8

and that's really what we want to know. So I

10 think efforts should be directed instead toward, as several people have said, trying 11

12 to make this drug used only as the label does

13 describe.

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And I, too, am a physician, not a pharmacist or a manufacturer who can best design those systems, but I suspect they probably can be designed, especially since we 17 are trying to make a wall between outpatient and inpatient, which seems to me to be a relatively discrete setting that's easier

21 than some of the more difficult drugs. 22 As for consent, I think consent is 1 physician that states simply, for use in a

2 patient undergoing bowel resection, to limit it.

3 I think the biggest concern would 4 be, as mentioned by Dr. Cullen, that the

5 orthopedist or some other surgeons might want

to use the drug off-label. So I think that's where we should focus the RiskMAP

specifically.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Talamini?

DR. TALAMINI: I would make a couple of points. I would say the risk management plan is not adequate because it's currently just an outline. And I would encourage the FDA to predicate approval on that being filled out to their satisfaction.

Having said that, I think the consent issue would be extremely difficult, for the same reasons that Dr. Lincoff already outlined. I've got a hunch that the preoperative antibiotics that we give are probably more dangerous than this drug, and we just don't have the means to ask consent

for every single drug that we give during

2 surgery.

3 I also know that the story of 4 post-approval studies is not an encouraging

5 one. So my suggestion would be to be very

6 focused there. And from a point of

7 ignorance, I might suggest looking into the

NSQIP database, which is becoming ever bigger

and more robust, as a potential means to try

10 to answer this question post-approval, if

11 it's approved.

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Kramer, you wanted 12

13 to clarify your comment?

14 DR. KRAMER: Dr. Hennessy's comments 15 made me realize I did want to clarify what I was

at least suggesting. I'm personally seeing the

17 RiskMAP as a method of limiting the use until we 17

have more information. And I would actually 18

19 agree that post-approval epidemiologic studies,

20 while not addressing causation, can identify

21 safety signals. And I think that in an era

22 where we're starting to put together distributed for follow-up for a short term use drug. I can

2 see just methodologically that people are going

3 to have low incentive to respond to having used

4 the drug for five days. So I mean, it depends

5 on the methodology used, if you use an existing

6 database or something. But that's some of the

7 fear that I have with some post-surveillance

trying to figure this out -- or post-approval

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DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Korvick, with your permission, I'm going to split this into two

different votes, with two different questions.

13 The first question being, is a RiskMAP

14 necessary? And the second question being,

whether the RiskMAP proposed by the Adolor 15

Corporation is adequate.

Is the agency in agreement with that, or would you just like the single vote as originally planned?

MR. PROSCHAN: Didn't we already vote? DR. BUCHMAN: No, that was in another

22 life.

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1 safety networks, in the order of being able to go with the way that it's written.

2 accumulate 50 million patient lives to look at

3 things, we have several pilot programs going on 4 right now across multiple collaborative centers

5 in this country, and I think we can get

6 information with a control group to try to

7 understand some of these safety signals. And I

8 don't think we should be ostriches just because

9 it's challenging. If there's any concern, we

10 should look. And if it's no concern, then it's

11 a waste of money, but --12

DR. BUCHMAN: Okay, Dr. Korvick?

13 DR. KRIST: I just wanted to --

14 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist?

15 DR. KRIST: I just wanted to quickly

16 clarify my answer, too. That's the drawback of

17 going very early on in this. I mean, I agree

18 with both of these comments. I don't think a

19 RiskMAP is going to address this and we need

20 more research. I do worry -- and I wasn't going

21 to say anything until you started talking,

Dr. Kramer, I mean, I do worry about response

DR. KORVICK: I think we'd prefer to

3 DR. BUCHMAN: You heard the commander

in chief. We're going to go with one single vote. And so that means that you're voting at

6 the same time as to, A, if you think a risk

management plan is necessary; and also whether

you think the risk management plan as proposed

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So all those in favor that the risk management plan is necessary, and as proposed is adequate, please raise your hand.

DR. EPSTEIN: Point of order.

DR. BUCHMAN: Okay, go ahead.

DR. EPSTEIN: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, can you read the question as written? Because I'm confused about "is necessary" or "adequate."

DR. BUCHMAN: I'm going to reread the question then and just going to delete the last 20 sentence. So if alvimopan is approved for the

21 POI indication, do you believe Adolor

Corporation's proposed risk management plan is

370 372 1 adequate to address the potential risk? 1 DR. LINCOFF: That's easy. This is 2 2 So we're not voting on whether you the situation we all wish we were in, is knowing 3 think they need to have a plan, you're voting 3 the risks prospectively beforehand. I mean, I 4 on whether you think the plan that they have 4 think for short-term trials as well, for any 5 5 proposed is adequate, just so that everybody trial it's fairly clear that we want to 6 understands that. Okay? 6 prospectively, not passively, but actively 7 7 DR. KORVICK: That's correct. gather cardiovascular endpoints, and cancer and 8 DR. BUCHMAN: So all those who think fractures, but particularly cardiovascular. By 9 it's adequate, please raise your hand, for a yes accepted definitions to do that, not by adverse 10 vote. event reporting, but by, at routine visits, a 11 All those that think it's 11 follow-up to explicitly ask patients, and then 12 inadequate, for a no vote, please raise your 12 to fill in more detail as we typically do in 13 hands. 13 cardiovascular trials if a positive response, or 14 Please state your name. 14 if there are triggers to suggest that there was 15 15 an event. Dr. Talamini, why don't you start? 16 DR. TALAMINI: Talamini, no. 16 And for short-term studies, that 17 DR. EPSTEIN: Epstein, no. 17 that follow-up be for at least 30 days after 18 DR. LINCOFF: Lincoff, no. 18 the last administration of drug. And for 19 MR. HENNESSY: Hennessy, no. 19 long-term studies, one could argue three to 20 DR. BUCHMAN: Buchman, no. 20 six months, depending upon how long term 21 DR. KRAMER: Kramer, no. 21 after the last administration of drug. 22 22 DR. CHANG: Chang, no. DR. BUCHMAN: Are you suggesting a 371 373 1 DR. RICHARDSON: Richardson, no. 1 formal Phase IV trial? 2 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: DeLuca, no. 2 DR. LINCOFF: To me, Phase IV -- the 3 DR. LEVINE: Levine, no. 3 definition of Phase IV varies from person to 4 DR. PASRICHA: Pasricha, no. 4 person. 5 DR. KRIST: Krist, no. 5 Some mean it to say drugs approved, 6 DR. CULLEN: Cullen, no. and so any trial you do from that point on is 7 DR. ROSING: Rosing, no. 7 Phase IV, even if it's randomized. And if 8 DR. BUCHMAN: All those abstaining, 8 that's the case, then, yes. 9 9 please raise your hand. State your name. But if we're talking about, for 10 MR. PROSCHAN: Proschan, abstain. 10 example, another indication, the OBD 11 DR. BUCHMAN: Are we going to announce 11 indication, is that Phase IV or is that 12 the vote here? 12 Phase III? Because it's a different 13 MS. PHAN: We have no yes, 14 no, and 13 indication. I don't know. But I'm talking 14 1 abstain. 14 about in a randomized trial format, any trial 15 DR. BUCHMAN: We're going to move on 15 that is ever done from this point forward. 16 to the final question of the day. This is a And certainly none of us have seen the data non-voting question. Based on currently 17 17 for OBD, but if one were to want to come 18 available data, how should safety monitoring be 18 forward with an indication for the OBD, one 19 enhanced for patients enrolled in future 19 would probably want better data than exists 20 short-term and long-term clinical trials with 20 already, no matter how good the efficacy 21 alvimopan? 21 signal is. 22 Dr. Lincoff? 22 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Pasricha?

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1 DR. PASRICHA: I just wanted to 2 clarify this because, I mean, are we talking 3 about studies required for approval or 4 post-approval studies? I'm not sure whether 5 this is linked to the previous question. 6 DR. KORVICK: I think it's now after 7 you've given your answers that you've given and 8 where we find ourselves today. We've had a wide-ranging discussion on a lot of issues. So 10 this is your opportunity for each one of you, if 11 you feel, to register in what area you would 12 like to see what works. So it could be short 13 term, if you still think they need to do 14 something. It could be longer term, as someone 15 else said. So if you could just qualify what 16 you mean, and we'd find any advice helpful. 17 DR. BUCHMAN: And Dr. Lincoff has 18 suggested two very different mechanisms, one 19 being a Phase IV study on this particular 20 indication. Should this drug be approved in 21 this particular population? And the second being, either in addition or instead of that, 375

DR. LINCOFF: I'd like to add to those last two comments because I think they're excellent for several reasons. First of all, these are groups which there still remains equipoise, because we don't have data. So the problem with doing pure Phase IV in the same populations, of course, everybody says, well, I already know it works, so how can I ethically randomize to a placebo? And you could say it's 10 on the basis of safety, but it's much harder. 11

But if you expand the indications to other groups for whom there is logic that the high-dose narcotics would -- there would be a benefit, you then truly have equipoise and you could be focusing, for example, on vascular surgery or elderly patients undergoing orthopedic surgery. So that would be a very good trial from the standpoint of the science, the potential indication for the company, because of expanding it, and the opportunity to prospectively -- still in a short-term study, because I don't know if

for any future trials, Phase III or Phase II, in 1 2 other potential indications. 3 Dr. Talamini, you had a question?

4 DR. TALAMINI: I completely agree with 5 that. And I'm probably on thin ice here, but I

6 think consideration is doing -- expanding the

7 study to a group of patients that don't have

8 bowel resective surgery, but do require high

9 doses of narcotics postoperatively, and see what 10 the benefits and potential cardiovascular risks

11 might be in that population, where there may be

12 equal or even greater potential benefit.

13 MR. HENNESSY: I would recommend a 14 large randomized trial for cardiovascular safety

15 endpoints. That would probably be best

16 accomplished in a group at high risk for

cardiovascular outcomes, since the problem of 17 18

low numbers in the denominator won't be much of 18

19 an issue. Given the size of the potential

20 market, that should take relatively little time

21 to accumulate the number of patients.

22 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff? 1 you're ever going to pursue OBD -- but in the

short-term study, gain much more data that

can then be extrapolated backward in terms of

cardiovascular safety.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Levine? Okay, then just turn your mike off.

Ms. DeLuca?

8 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: Are you saying,

Dr. Lincoff, the 30-day trial that you had

mentioned before, to follow up with the 30 days? 10

11 What is your time limit?

DR. LINCOFF: Yeah, I was thinking 30

days after the last drug administration.

MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: Would this be paid from the cost of the drug as it enters the market? How is this going to be paid for?

DR. LINCOFF: These would be paid for by the sponsor, who stands to make a profit in

19 the future. 20 MS. CORKERY-DELUCA: That's what I'm 21 asking.

22 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Krist?

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1 DR. KRIST: I was just saying, I'd be 2 able to do the study you were talking about, 3 randomizing people for the postoperative 4 indication on the PCAs with equipoise. Because 5 to me, there's still enough of a question 6 that -- and I as a patient would be willing to 7 be randomized for that. Because that's an 8 important question that effects the overall 9 risk-to-benefit ratio. 10 DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Proschan? 11 MR. PROSCHAN: Proschan. Yeah, I 12 think the problem with doing a trial in people 13 who are at high cardiovascular risk is that if

14 you show that there is a problem, then that 15 doesn't answer the question for those who aren't at high cardiovascular risk. Now, I know

17 Dr. Lincoff believes that it will not come out 18 that way and that may very well be true, but I'm 19 just saying if it does come out that way, then 20 there's still an open question for people who 21 aren't at high cardiovascular risk, is it fine? 22 DR. PASRICHA: And I'll have a very

1 payoff for the company and the motivation to 2 do it, is to expand the indication. Because 3 otherwise, there's no motivation. All they can do is downside. If a drug's approved and 5 then they're going to do another study in the 6 same indication, then all they can do is 7 lose.

But if you have the potential for expanding an indication and you have both low- and high-risk patients, you get science, you get safety data, and they potentially get a reason to sponsor a study. So I think if you -- I mean, it's not straightforward, but if you think about it, you could probably satisfy all the criteria for a good design of another study and still get some information that we need.

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Hennessy? MR. HENNESSY: The flipside of that is, if the drug is used extensively for off-label purposes, then the company gets its cake and eats it, too, because they don't have

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hard time getting that study approved through an 1 2 RB using a drug for which a stated 3 contraindication is high-risk cardiac already

for your first approval. So I think you're 5 going to have to structure it in a way that gets

6 around -- assuming this is a post-approval

7 study. 8

DR. BUCHMAN: Dr. Lincoff? 9 DR. LINCOFF: First, I didn't know 10 that we were going to suggest that the 11 contraindication to the use of drug would be 12 high cardiovascular risk, because I don't know 13 that we've seen that. The cardiovascular risk was not a prerequisite, or did I miss it in the

14 15 inclusion/exclusion criteria for entry into the

trial? 16 17

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But that aside, I would think that if you properly designed a trial with perhaps stratification according to whether or not a patient is at high risk and set a criteria,

21 but enroll both high- and low-risk, again the issue is other surgeries. So there's the

1 to do the studies to show that it's safe and effective in the other groups, but they get the sales because of the off-label use, which, my prediction is likely to happen.

DR. BUCHMAN: It looks like we're going to finish early. So because we do have a few extra minutes here I want to see if anybody from the committee has any additional questions, either for the sponsor or for the FDA, or just some comments they want to make themselves.

If not, I'm going to give a brief chair summary of the six questions that we had.

question. For the assessment of efficacy of clinical trials of postoperative ileus, GI-2 and GI-3 have been used to measure times for recovery of upper and lower GI function.

The first question was a non-voting

19 What do you consider a minimum acceptable 20 treatment difference, as measured by GI-2,

21 GI-3, for alvimopan relative to placebo? 22

The committee felt that either a

12- or 24-hour difference was considered to have clinical efficacy, and that GI-2 and ready for discharge were the most important endpoints.

This also included Question No. 2, which was, do you consider the efficacy results from the submitted POI studies to be clinically meaningful?

So Question No. 3 was based on currently available data. Do you have concerns for the use of alvimopan 12-milligram capsules in the short term use, that is the seven days or 15 doses, for patients following partial large or small resection surgery with primary anastomosis with regard to the cardiovascular events, neoplasic events, and bone fractures?

The committee felt that there was

17 neoplasic events, and bone fractures?
18 The committee felt that there was
19 some concern for the cardiovascular risks,
20 although these risks were not adequately
21 addressed. But certainly there was some
22 potential concern. The major concern was

especially if the patients were not on opiate. Although the consensus of the committee was that there were benefits, even if these benefits were relatively marginal and mostly financial.

There is a potential for risk.

There was some concern expressed in the committee that these risks might be real, although might not be applicable to short term use.

It was fairly unanimous that there was small benefit and small risk, although the risk was not zero.

Question No. 5, if alvimopan is approved for the POI indication, do you believe Adolor Corporation's proposed risk management plan is adequate to address the potential risks?

The unanimous decision of the panel was that the risk management plan was not adequate at all. However, it was also brought up as to whether a risk management

that follow-up was inadequate. Cumulative
dose might be important, especially with
repeated doses, but we have no data to either
support or deny that.
Risk analysis for the most part was

Risk analysis for the most part was based on a single long-term study, and there appeared to be weak signals for these three problems. Nevertheless, the cardiovascular, neoplastic, and bone risks cannot be discounted. And that if the drug was approved, there was clear opinion on the committee that some sort of process would need to be put in effect to be able to monitor these specific potential side effects.

Question No. 4 was, do you believe the overall benefits of treatment with alvimopan outweigh the potential risks for short-term in-hospital use in patients following large or small bowel resections? There was some concern with

efficacy as demonstrated in the trial.

plan was even really necessary and whether,
 if the drug was approved, such a plan should
 be oriented towards more specific prevention
 of off-label use.

And finally, Question No. 6, based on currently available data, how should safety monitoring be enhanced for patients enrolled in future short-term and long-term clinical studies of alvimopan?

It was the general consensus of the committee that prospective longer term safety monitoring studies for adverse events would be necessary. These could take the form of one of two mechanisms: either A, a Phase IV type trial to monitor the risk-benefit ratio -- or I should say, just the risks of these specific and perhaps other potential events in patients that end up receiving the drug; or to implement a more thorough and long-term follow-up in any future studies for potential future indications.

So with that, I'm going to adjourn

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