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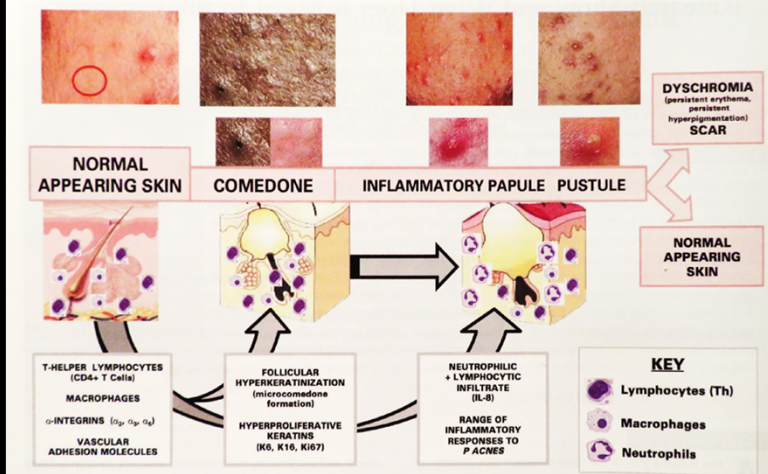
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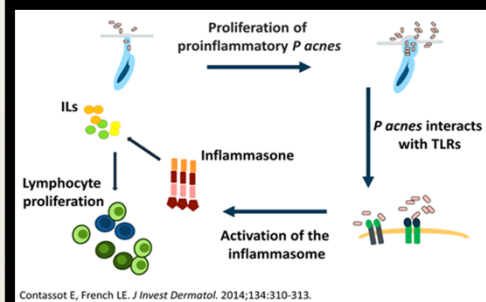
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FIGURE 1. Development and emergence of lesions of acne vulgaris. Formation and progression of acne lesions correlated with sequence of underlying profiles of inflammation. (Profiles characterized by specific patterns of cellular infiltration, biomarkers, and histologic changes).^{14,20,27,28,35}



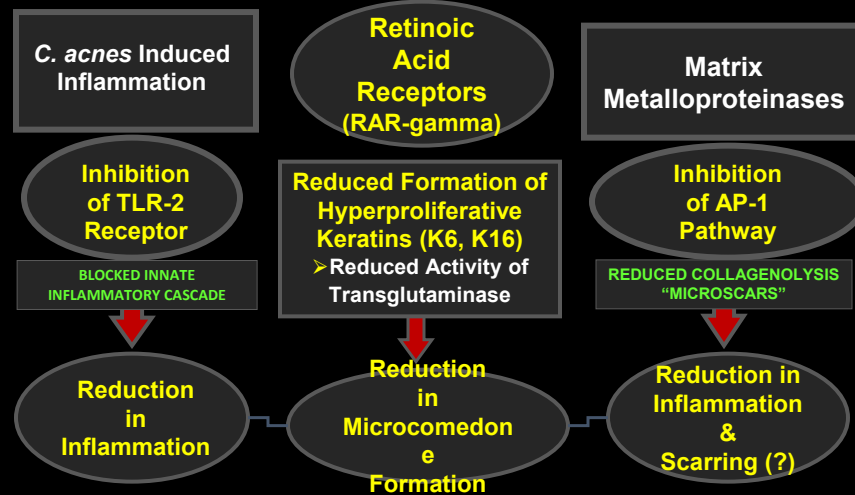
Del Rosso JQ, Kircik LH. *J Drugs Dermatol.* 2013;12:109s-115s
 Zaenglein AL, Thiboutot DM. In: Bolognia J et al, Eds. *Dermatology*, Elsevier, 2018;588-603



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Topical Retinoids Mechanism of Action and Impact on Pathophysiology

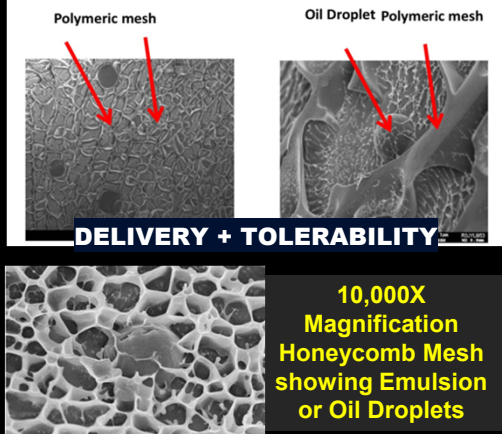


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Tretinoin 0.05% Lotion in Acne Vulgaris

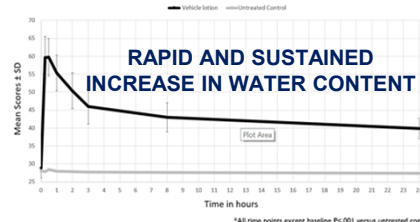
Relevant Vehicle Characteristics

Figure 1: Cryo scanning electron microscopy (SEM) imaging of lotion formulation
A: 1000X magnification, B: 10,000X magnification

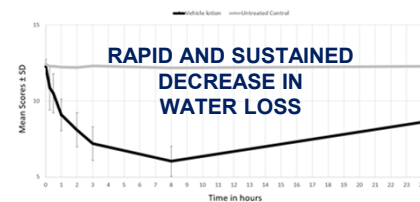


Kircik L, et al. Poster presentations. Fall Clinical Dermatology, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018.

Skin Moisturization Assessment over 24 Hours: Corneometry*



Skin Barrier Assessment over 24 Hours: Trans Epidermal Water Loss (TEWL)*



30 FEMALE VOLUNTEERS

BILATERAL TESTING ON VOLAR FOREARMS

TREATED AND UNTREATED SIDES

ASSESSMENT OVER 24 HOURS

NO ADVERSE REACTIONS

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Tretinoin 0.05% Lotion in Acne Vulgaris Once Daily – 12-Week Phase III Monotherapy Studies

**≥9 Years of Age
with Facial Acne
(N=1640)**

**Moderate to Severe
Acne at Baseline**

**Two Randomized (1:1)
Controlled Studies**

**Greater Improvements in Skin
Oiliness, Patient Satisfaction
and QoL with active vs vehicle
(Week 12 vs Baseline)**

van Rossum AM, Fardes M, et al. Poster presentation, ISDLE
Meeting, Nashville, TN, May 2018
Harper JC, et al. J Dermatolog Treat. 2019 Apr 2:1-8.

Figure 1: Percent Change in Mean Inflammatory Lesions from Baseline to Week 12 (ITT Population, LS Mean data). Study 301 in blue and 302 in red; vehicle data shown in corresponding dotted lines

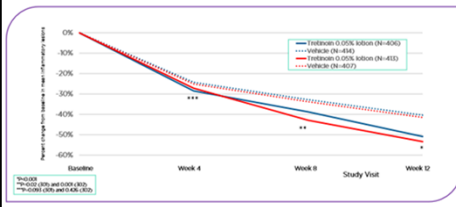
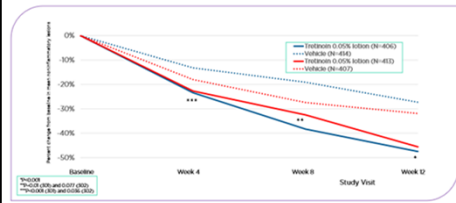


Figure 2: Percent Change in Mean Noninflammatory Lesions from Baseline to Week 12 (ITT Population, LS Mean data). Study 301 in blue and 302 in red; vehicle data shown in corresponding dotted lines



WEEK 12
**Mean % Reduction
Inflammatory Lesions**
50.9% - 53.4%
(Tretinoin) vs
40.4% - 41.5%
(Vehicle)

**Mean % Reduction
Comedonal Lesions**
47.5% - 45.6%
(Tretinoin) vs
27.3% - 31.9%
(Vehicle)

**All Comparisons
P<0.001**

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POST HOC ANALYSES FROM PIVOTAL TRIALS

**PREADOLESCENT
POPULATION
(N=154)**
AGE ≤13 YRS
EFFICACY AND
TOLERABILITY
CONFIRMED
Eichenfield L et al. Ped
Dermatol. 2019;36(2):
193-199

ASIAN POPULATION (N=69)
AGE 12-48 YRS
EFFICACY AND TOLERABILITY
CONFIRMED

Han G, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2019;18(9):910-916

**TRETINOIN 0.05%
LOTION ONCE DAILY
MODERATE-SEVERE
ACNE**

HISPANIC POPULATION (N=766)
AGE 11-50 YRS
EFFICACY AND TOLERABILITY CONFIRMED
Cook-Bolden F, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2019;18(1):32-38

**ADULT AND
ADOLESCENT
FEMALE
POPULATION
(N=909)**
AGE 9-58 YRS
EFFICACY AND
TOLERABILITY
CONFIRMED
Kircik L, et al. J Drugs
Dermatol. 2019;18(2):
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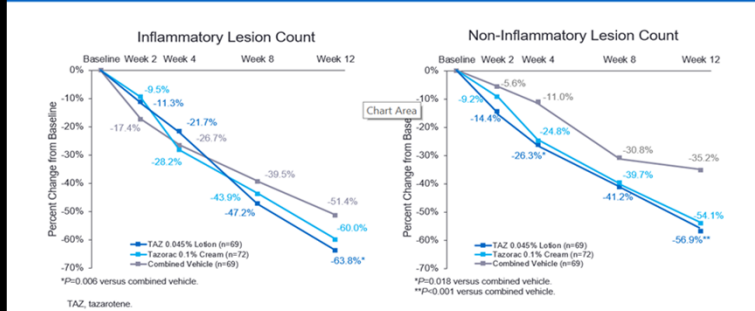
Tazarotene 0.045% Lotion in Acne Vulgaris Once Daily – 12-Week Phase 2 Comparative Study

**≥12 Years of Age
with Facial Acne
(N=210)**

**Moderate to Severe
Acne at Baseline**

**TAZAROTENE 0.045%
LOTION (n=69)
vs
TAZAROTENE 0.1%
CREAM (n=72)
vs
VEHICLES (n=69)**

Percent Change in Inflammatory & Non-Inflammatory Lesion Count



WEEK 12

**Mean % Reduction Inflammatory Lesions
63.8% TAZ 0.045% LOTION vs 60% TAZ 0.1% CREAM**

**Mean % Reduction Comedonal Lesions
56.9% TAZ 0.045% LOTION 54.1% TAZ 0.1% CREAM**

Tanghetti E, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 1;18(6): 542-548

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Tazarotene 0.045% Lotion in Acne Vulgaris Summary of Adverse Events vs Tazarotene 0.1% Cream

DISCONTINUATIONS

TAZ LOTION = 0%
TAZ CREAM = 1.4%

AE RELATED TO DRUG

TAZ LOTION = 2.9%
TAZ CREAM = 5.6%

LOCAL TOLERABILITY (>1% SUBJECTS) "PAIN"

TAZ LOTION = 2.9%
TAZ CREAM = 4.2%

VISIBLE SIGNS

TAZ LOTION = 0%
TAZ CREAM = 5.6%

Tanghetti E, et al. J Drugs Dermatol.
1;18(6): 542-548

Treatment-Emergent and Related Adverse Events Through Week 12

	Tazarotene 0.045% Lotion (n=68)	Tazarac 0.1% Cream (n=71)	Combined Vehicle (n=67)
Subjects reporting any TEAE	10 (14.7%)	19 (26.8%)	9 (13.4%)
Subjects reporting any SAE	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Subjects who discontinued due to TEAE	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Severity of AEs reported			
Mild	6 (8.8%)	12 (16.9%)	9 (13.4%)
Moderate	2 (2.9%)	7 (9.9%)	0 (0.0%)
Severe	2 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Relationship to study drug			
Related	2 (2.9%)	4 (5.6%)	0 (0.0%)
Unrelated	8 (11.8%)	15 (21.1%)	9 (13.4%)
Treatment Related AEs reported by ≥1% subjects			
Application site pain	2 (2.9%)	3 (4.2%)	0 (0.0%)
Application site erythema	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Application site exfoliation	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Application site dryness	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)
Erythema	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.4%)	0 (0.0%)

No deaths occurred in this study.

AE, adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event.

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Trifarotene Cream

Phase 3 Studies in Moderate Facial AND Truncal Acne

- Trifarotene is a RAR γ -selective topical retinoid in a cream (50 μ g/g)
- Development program evaluated efficacy and safety in both **FACIAL and TRUNCAL ACNE**
- Two 12-week, double-blinded, multicenter, vehicle controlled studies
 - Once daily trifarotene cream (n=1209) or vehicle cream (n=1183)
 - Randomization pattern 1:1
- **TRUNCAL ACNE (Data at 12 Weeks) Study 1**

	Study 1	Study 2
• Mean % Change Inflammatory Lesions	57.4% vs 50.0%	65.4% vs 51.1%
• Mean % Change Non-Inflammatory Lesions	49.1% vs 40.3%	55.2% vs 45.1%
- Majority of adverse events local tolerability reactions early in therapy
 - Consistent with topical retinoid therapy – managed with proper skin care
 - Fewer reactions on trunk

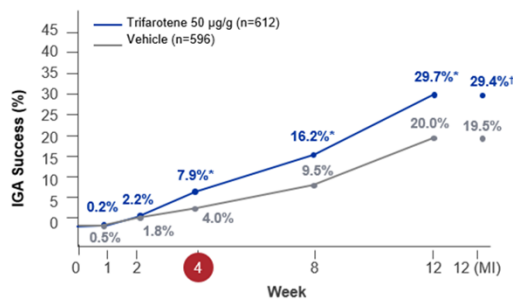
Tan J, Thiboutot D, Popp G, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2019;80(6):1691-1699.

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Trifarotene Cream IGA* Success

Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Studies in Moderate Facial Acne

Study 1

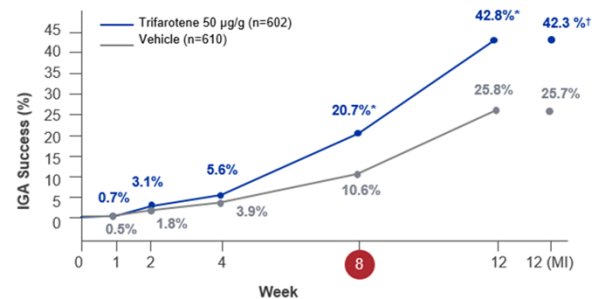


* $P < 0.05$; 95% CI (1.2, 6.7)

† Treatment difference at Week 12 (95% CI) 9.9% (4.8, 14.8); $P < 0.001$

The coloured circle on the x-axis indicates time of first significant difference between treatment arms.
CI, confidence interval; IGA, Investigator Global Assessment; MI, multiple imputation.

Study 2



* $P < 0.05$; 95% CI (5.8, 14.1)

† Treatment difference at Week 12 (95% CI) 16.6% (11.3, 22.0); $P < 0.001$

*IGA = Investigator Global Assessment

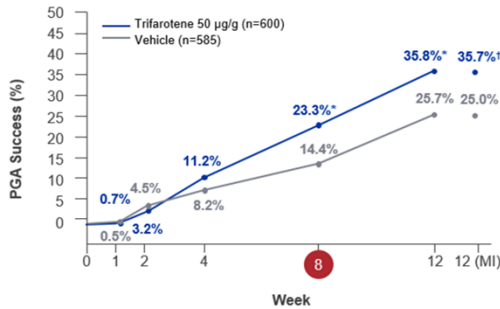
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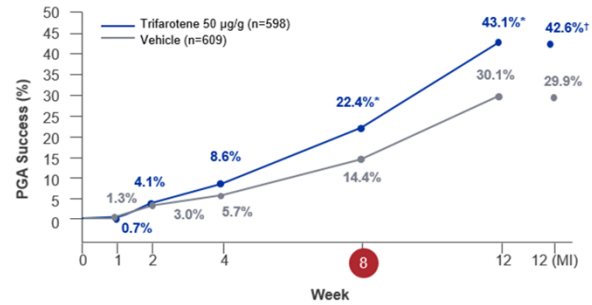
Trifarotene Cream PGA* Success

Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Studies: Moderate Truncal Acne

Study 1

* $P < 0.05$; 95% CI (4.6, 13.7)† Treatment difference (95% CI) 10.7% (5.4, 16.1); $P < 0.001$

Study 2

* $P < 0.05$; 95% CI (3.5, 12.3)† Treatment difference (95% CI) 12.7% (7.2, 18.2); $P < 0.001$

The coloured circle on the x-axis indicates time of first significant difference between treatment arms.
CI, confidence interval; MI, multiple imputation; PGA, Physician Global Assessment.

*PGA = Physician Global Assessment

Tan J, Thiboutot D, Popp G, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2019;80(6):1691-1699.

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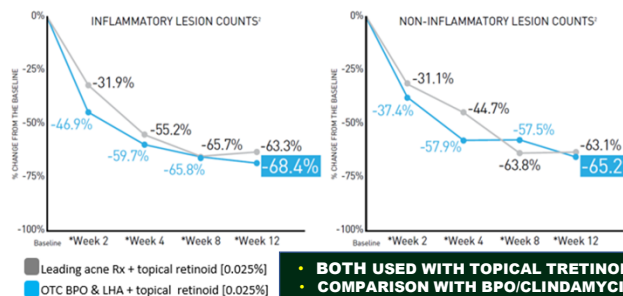
BENZOYL PEROXIDE “STAND ALONE” FORMULATION

An OTC product containing micronized BPO and LHA

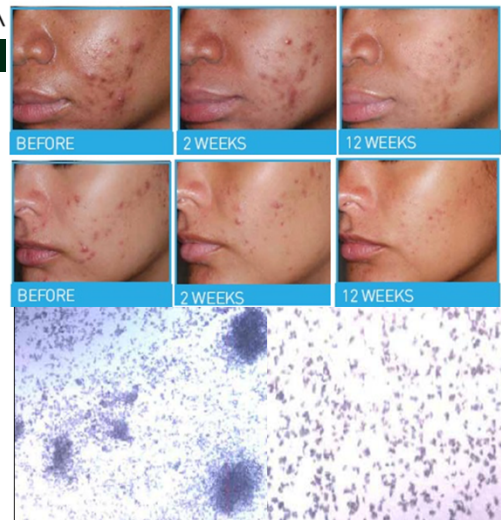
BENZOYL PEROXIDE 5.5% OTC FORMULATION

- Clinically proven as effective as a leading prescription (benzoyl peroxide/antibiotic combination).²

> Study conducted by Zoe Draelos, MD; Alan Shalita, MD; and Diane Thiboutot, MD



BOTH USED WITH TOPICAL TRETINOIN
COMPARISON WITH BPO/CLINDAMYCIN



Product: Final results of a 12-week dermatologist-controlled, multi-center study. 3 centers reporting data. Double-blind clinical trial to evaluate safety and efficacy of two acne creams in subjects with mild to moderate acne vulgaris. 61 patients, ages 18-50, multi-ethnic, skin, all skin types. 2-visit study: Visit 1, 27 patients, [EFTACAR DUO] 0.025% Topical Retinoid vs. Visit 2, 34 patients, [leading topical Benzoyl Peroxide prescription] + 0.025% Topical Retinoid. Results measured as mean % change from baseline at 12 weeks of use. Application of topical retinoid applied once a day in PM and application of Eftacur DUO or a leading topical prescription Benzoyl Peroxide twice a day. Inclusion criteria: ≥ 15 inflammatory lesions and ≥ 20 non-inflammatory lesions.

Draelos ZD, Shalita AR, Thiboutot D, et al. A multicenter, double-blind study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of 2 treatments in participants with mild to moderate acne vulgaris. Cutis. 2012;89(6):287-293. LHA, lipohydroxy acid

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Colorized freeze-fracture scanning electron micrograph of microencapsulated benzoyl peroxide (benzoyl peroxide is brown and the shell is white [arrow])

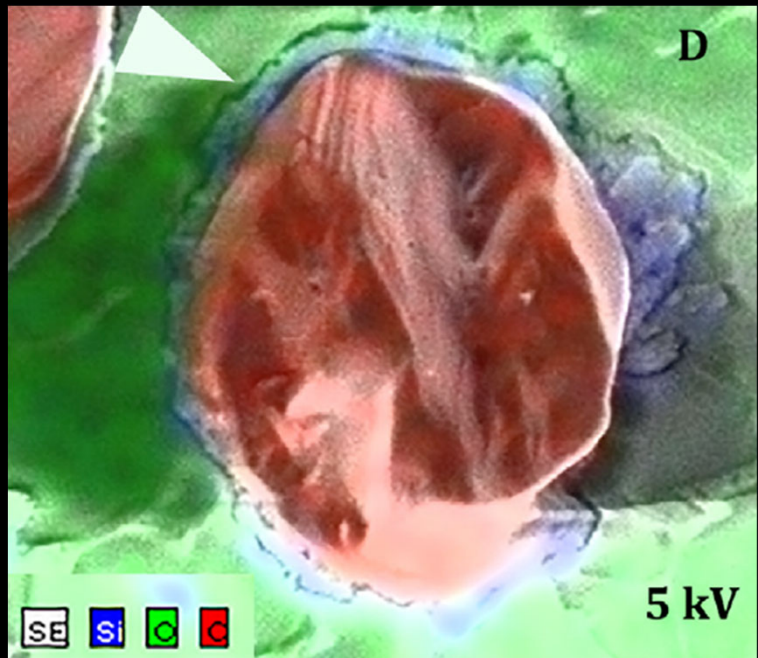
Contains microcapsules which compartmentalize the active ingredient(s)

Slower release and more sustained delivery of active ingredient(s)

Controlled release of active ingredient(s) from microcapsules can extend drug delivery after a single application

Decreased potential for rapid release of high concentrations of the drug that may induce local skin tolerability reactions

Erlch M, et al. Structure elucidation of silica-based core-shell microencapsulated drugs for topical applications by cryogenic scanning electron microscopy. J Colloid Interface Sci. 2020;579:778-785.



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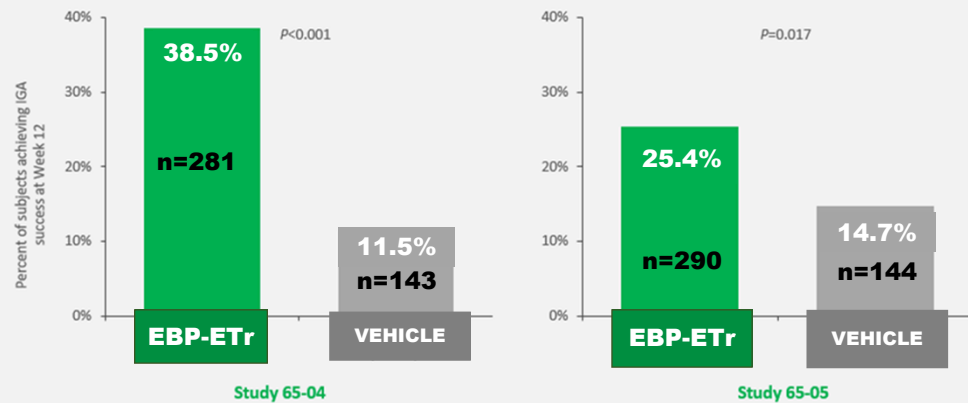
Encapsulated Benzoyl Peroxide 3% / Encapsulated Tretinoin 0.1% Cream Daily for Acne Vulgaris

IGA Endpoint Success Week 12 / 90% Moderate / Age ≥ 9 Years

**MEAN AGE
20-21 YEARS**

**MEAN
INFLAMMATORY
LESIONS
28-33**

**MEAN
COMEDONAL
LESIONS
44-48**



>90% LOCAL SKIN TOLERABILITY REACTIONS RATED AS MILD / IMPROVED OVER TIME WITH CONTINUED USE

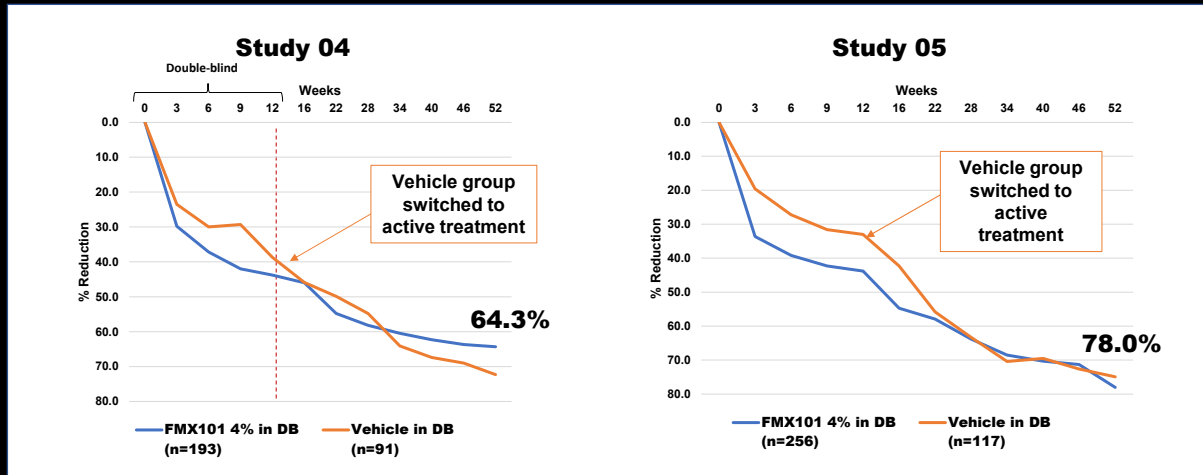
Poster presentation. Winter Clinical Dermatology, Kona, Hawaii, January 2020.

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MINOCYCLINE 4% FOAM ONCE DAILY

LONG TERM SAFETY DATA – MODERATE/SEVERE ACNE

≥9 YEARS OF AGE – CHANGE IN INFLAMMATORY LESIONS (ILs)

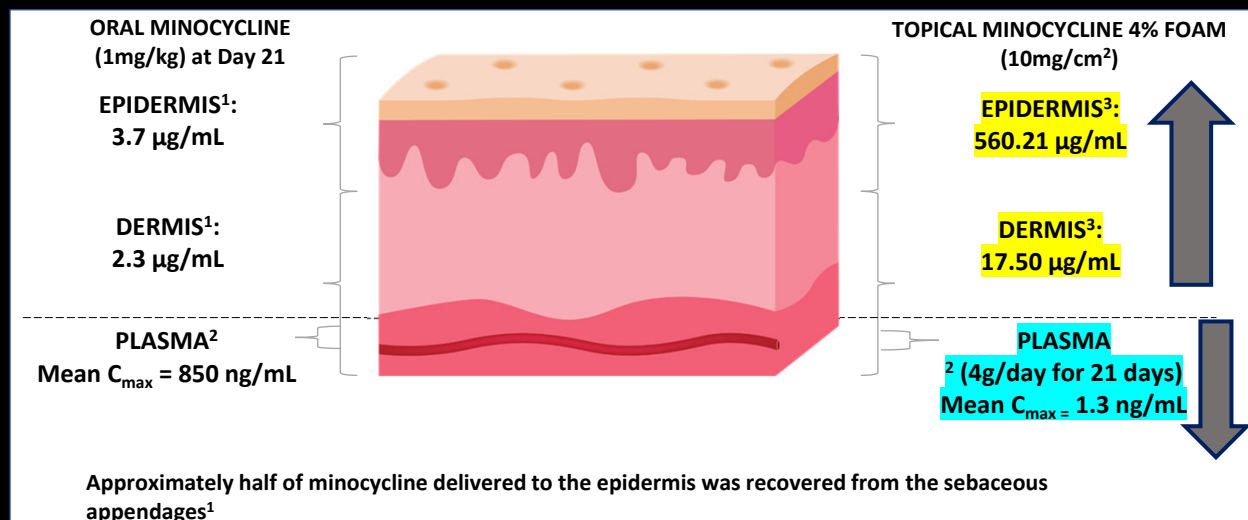


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2. Gold LS et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2019;80(1):168-177.
3. Data on File, Foamix Pharmaceuticals

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Minocycline Distribution

PREFERENTIAL CONCENTRATIONS IN SKIN >>> PLASMA

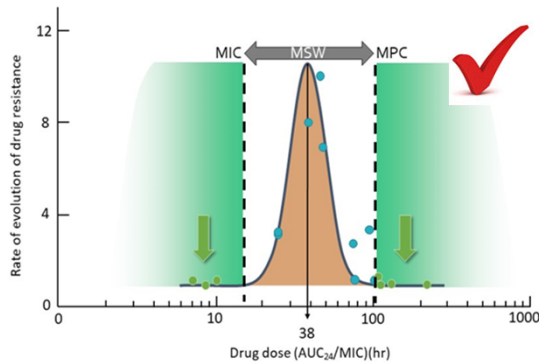


1 Macdonald H et al. *Clin Pharmacol Ther.* 1973;14(5):852-861 2 Jones TM. *J Drugs Dermatol.* 2017;16(10):1022-1028. 3 Data on file: MedPharm Study No. 474-1701-1702.

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Antibiotic Susceptibility vs Resistance : Concentration-Dependent Mutant Selection Window (MSW) vs Mutant Prevention Concentration (MPC)

Figure 1: Evidence for existence of mutant selection window (MSW)



A model example of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* treated with moxifloxacin showed that drug doses outside the MSW did not selectively enrich for resistant mutants

MUTANT PREVENTION CONCENTRATION (MPC)

Antibiotic concentration that blocks the growth of ALL single-step bacterial mutants

MUTANT SELECTION WINDOW (MSW)

Range between the MIC and MPC within which resistant mutants are likely to emerge.

If drug levels fall in the MSW for a prolonged period, resistant mutant bacterial strains are likely to develop

MINIMUM INHIBITORY CONCENTRATION (MIC₅₀)

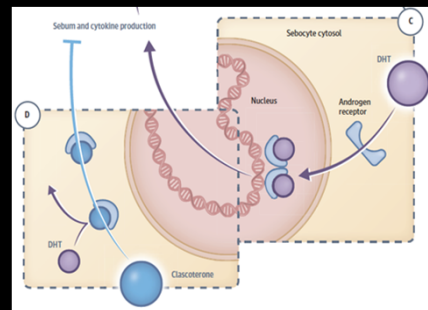
Lower boundary of the MSW is the MIC, or the drug concentration at which growth of 10^5 wild-type bacterial cells is blocked.

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Topical Androgen Receptor Inhibitor

- Androgen inhibition known to correlate with improvement in acne
- Clascoterone 1% Cream Twice Daily
 - First FDA-approved topical androgen receptor (AR) inhibitor, ≥ 12 years of age
 - Mode of action supported by multiple laboratory studies
 - Inhibition of androgen binding to AR reduces sebum production and cytokine release by sebocytes
 - Efficacy and safety established including in MUSE studies
 - Long term study demonstrated efficacy for facial and truncal acne (IGA)



Hebert A, et al. JAMA Dermatol. Published online April 22, 2020. Trifu V, et al. Br J Dermatol. 2011;165:177-183. 3. Mazzetti A, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2019;18(6):563-568. Mazzetti A, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2019;18(6):570-575. 5. Rosette C et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2019; 18(5):412-418.

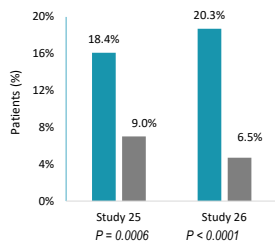
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Clascoterone 1% Cream 1% vs Vehicle Cream Twice Daily

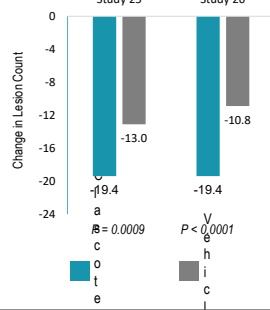
Phase III Trials - IGA Success & Absolute Acne Lesion Change – Baseline → Week 12

Safety and Efficacy (Primary Endpoints) ITT (Week 12)

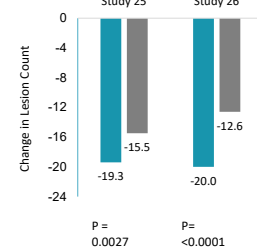
2 Point Reduction in IGA & IGA score of 0 (clear) or 1 (almost clear)



Absolute change from baseline in non-inflammatory lesion count



Absolute change from baseline in inflammatory lesion count



MODERATE TO SEVERE ACNE VULGARIS / AGES ≥9 YEARS / 12-WEEK STUDY

Adverse Events

- There were no treatment-related serious adverse events among patients treated with clascoterone
- Local skin reactions, if present, were predominantly classified as mild

Sample Size

- Study 25: N = 708
- Study 26: N = 732

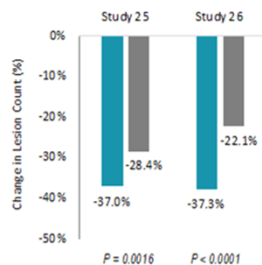
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Clascoterone 1% Cream 1% vs Vehicle Cream Twice Daily

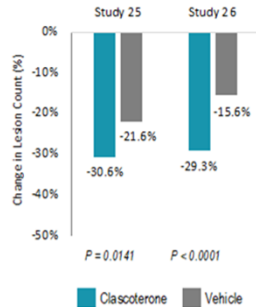
Phase III Trials - Percent Reductions in Acne Lesions - Baseline → Week 12

Safety and Efficacy (Secondary Endpoints) ITT (Week 12)

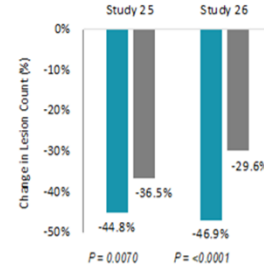
Percent reduction from baseline in total lesion count



Percent reduction from baseline in non-inflammatory lesion count



Percent reduction from baseline in inflammatory lesion count



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BENZOYL PEROXIDE (BP) 9.8% EMOLLIENT FOAM ONCE DAILY SHORT CONTACT THERAPY ON TRUNK P ACNES REDUCTION STUDY

J Drugs Dermatol. 2012 Jul;11(7):830-3.

The effect of benzoyl peroxide 9.8% emollient foam on reduction of Propionibacterium acnes on the back using a short contact therapy approach.

Lovden JJ,¹ Del Rosso JO

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2-3 Minute Contact → Wash off

Abstract

Benzoyl peroxide (BP) exerts its therapeutic effect for acne vulgaris through reduction of Propionibacterium acnes. A 1.0 to 2.0 log reduction in P acnes has been demonstrated primarily on the face with use of "leave-on" BP formulations, but also with some BP cleansers. In addition to use for facial acne vulgaris, cleanser formulations of BP are commonly used for truncal acne vulgaris due to ease of use on a large body-surface area and to avoid bleaching of fabric. To date, evaluation of P acnes reduction on the trunk has not been well studied with BP formulations, especially with the use of recognized and standardized methods to accurately determine P acnes colony counts. A previous study demonstrated that a BP 8% cleanser did not reduce counts of P acnes on the back when subjects were instructed to apply the cleanser in the shower, allow it to dry for 20 seconds on the skin, and then rinse off the cleanser. Evaluation of specified time intervals between application on the back and rinsing with BP formulations would help to better define the necessary skin contact time associated with high reductions of P acnes (>90%), recognizing also the potential roles of BP concentration and vehicle. This 2 week study using quantitative bacteriologic cultures evaluates the effectiveness of BP 9.8% emollient foam in reducing P acnes levels on the back with 2 minutes of skin contact time and compares results with a BP 5.3% "leave-on" emollient foam formulation. Short contact therapy utilizing a 2 minute skin contact time with BP 9.8% emollient foam used once daily over a 2 week duration was highly effective in reducing the quantity of P acnes organisms on the back and provided comparable colony count reduction to "leave on" therapy using BP 5.3% emollient foam.

**BP WASH FORMULATION
NOT EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING P ACNES**

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES

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The Efficacy and Safety of Azelaic Acid 15% Foam in the Treatment of Truncal Acne Vulgaris

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ABSTRACT

Intro: Truncal acne is often associated with facial acne, but there are fewer options for an effective topical treatment on the trunk. Given the advent of foam formulations with enhanced percutaneous absorption and convenient application due to easy spreadability on skin, the previously held idea that effective treatment of truncal acne requires oral treatment is challenged. Azelaic acid cream has been previously approved for acne vulgaris, thus azelaic acid foam may be a viable treatment option for truncal acne.



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Management of Truncal Acne Vulgaris with Topical Dapsone 7.5% Gel

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ABSTRACT

The majority of available data on the prevalence, grading, and management of acne vulgaris (AV) are based on studies that evaluate facial AV. Data are limited in all of these areas with truncal AV. This study evaluates the efficacy and safety of topical management of truncal AV involving the chest and back in a three-center, open-label, 16-week study. Enrolled subjects (30–50, 17 years of age or older, applied dapsone 7.5% gel once daily as monotherapy). The primary endpoint of the study was the percent of subjects who achieved a two-grade improvement and a rating of clear or almost clear based on the Investigator Global Assessment scale. Secondary endpoints included percent reduction of inflammatory, non-inflammatory (comedonal), and total lesions at Week 16 compared to baseline. Safety and tolerability were assessed over the duration of the study.

KEYWORDS: Acne vulgaris, acne, truncal, topical, gel, dapsone

Acne vulgaris (AV) is the most common cutaneous disorder seen in ambulatory dermatology practice among the pediatric and adult populations.¹ The vast majority of data on the epidemiology and management of AV are based on studies evaluating facial AV, with prevalence and treatment data far more limited for truncal AV.²⁻⁴ Studies completed over the past decade have reported that truncal AV (chest and/or back) affects approximately 50 to 60 percent of individuals who present with AV.

than in cases warranting treatment with oral isotretinoin, combination therapy with a topical regimen is recommended, especially concomitant with oral antibiotic therapy in patients with truncal AV where use of an oral agent is deemed necessary.⁵⁻⁷ However, many cases of truncal AV can be mild to moderate in severity, and thus could potentially respond adequately to a topical regimen as initial treatment or as maintenance therapy after discontinuation of oral antibiotic therapy.⁸⁻¹¹

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Azelaic Acid 15% Foam in Truncal Acne Twice Daily – 16-Week Pilot Monotherapy Study (N=20)

≥12 Years of Age
with Chest/Back Acne

94% Moderate Severity
at Baseline
Baseline Inflammatory
Lesions = 34

Progressive Lesion
Reduction with
35% Week 4

74% Reduction Inflammatory
Lesions Week 12

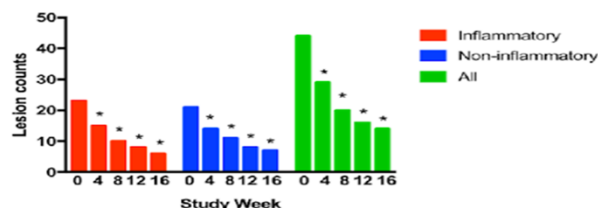
Favorable Tolerability

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45% CLEAR/ALMOST CLEAR + 39% MILD

FIGURE 1. Mean inflammatory, non-inflammatory (comedonal), and total lesion counts. There were significant reductions in mean lesion counts within the first 4 weeks of treatment and were sustained or improved throughout the remainder of the study. All subjects experienced reductions in inflammatory, non-inflammatory, and total lesion counts by the week 16 visit.

* P<0.05



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Dapsone 7.5% Gel in Truncal Acne

Once Daily – 16-Week Pilot Monotherapy Study (N=20)

**≥12 Years of Age
with Chest/Back Acne**

**80% Moderate
20% Severe
at Baseline**

**Progressive Lesion
Reduction at
All Time Points**

Favorable Tolerability

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INFLAMMATORY LESION REDUCTION

Week 4	35%
Week 10	62%
Week 16	74%

COMEDONAL LESION REDUCTION

Week 4	20%
Week 10	52%
Week 16	69%

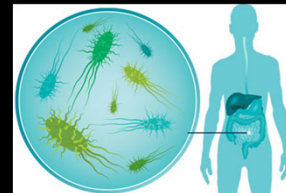
% CLEAR/ALMOST CLEAR + 2 GRADE IMPROVEMENT

Week 4	20%
Week 10	25%
Week 16	52 %

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Oral Antibiotic Therapy in Acne Vulgaris

- **Sarecycline Once Daily (based on patient weight)**
 - Third generation tetracycline evaluated by FDA only for acne
 - **≥9 years of age, efficacy and safety established**
 - Can be taken with or without food
 - Effective for truncal acne demonstrated (secondary evaluation based on IGA)
 - Low rate of adverse effects of special interest
- **Narrow spectrum tetracycline – differs from prior tetracyclines used for acne**
 - High activity against *C. acnes*, *S. aureus*, and *S. pyogenes*
 - Low/negligible activity against gram-negative and anaerobic bacteria
 - Reduced potential for antibiotic resistance due to decreased selection pressure



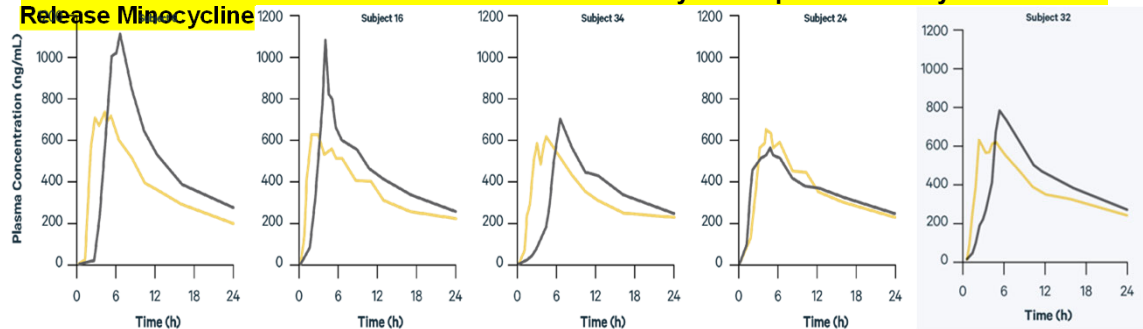
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Minocycline Biphasic Delivery with Immediate- and Sustained-Release Pellets (MUPS)

- 25% immediate and 75% sustained release of minocycline hydrochloride
- Steady-state plasma concentration
- Functionally scored tablet has an even distribution of drug on each side of the score line
- A spherical core coated with micronized minocycline hydrochloride

Less Variable and More Predictable PK Profile with Minocycline Biphasic Delivery vs Extended-Release Minocycline



MINOCYCLINE BIPHASIC DELIVERY

MINOCYCLINE EXTENDED RELEASE

Data on File, EPI Health, Charleston, South Carolina

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ORAL ISOTRETINOIN ADVANCES THAT CAN REDUCE RISK OF RELAPSE

ORIGINAL RESEARCH

An Open-label, Phase IV Study Evaluating Lidose-Isotretinoin Administered without Food in Patients with Severe Recalcitrant Nodular Acne: Low Relapse Rates Observed Over the 104-week Post-treatment Period

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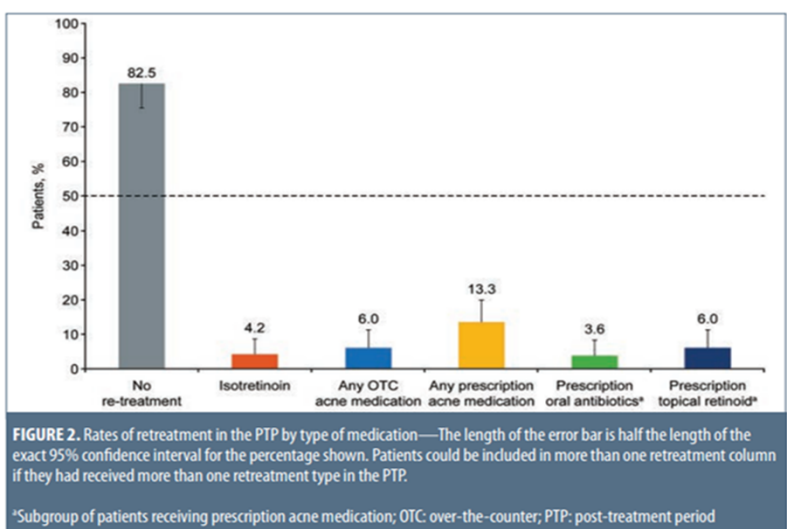
ABSTRACT

Objective: The purpose of this study was to evaluate long-term relapse rates following lidose-isotretinoin treatment in patients without food in patients with severe nodular acne. **Design:** In this single-site, open-label study, 104 patients received lidose-isotretinoin without food for up to 104 weeks. Patients with a 75% or greater improvement in acne severity at baseline were included in the study. **Participants:** Eligible participants were male or female, aged 18 to 40 years, weighing 40 to 110 kg, and with no prior exposure to systemic isotretinoin or systemic retinoids. **Interventions:** Patients were treated with lidose-isotretinoin without food for up to 104 weeks. **Measurements and Main Results:** Patients were assessed for relapse rates at baseline and at 104 weeks post-treatment period (PTP). The relapse rate was defined as the percentage of patients who had a 75% or greater increase in acne severity at 104 weeks compared to baseline. **Results:** Of the 104 patients in the PTP population, none (0.0%) had a relapse rate of 75% or greater. **Conclusion:** Lidose-isotretinoin without food for up to 104 weeks was associated with a low relapse rate. **Keywords:** Acne, isotretinoin, relapse, treatment.

Relapse rates have been correlated directly with decreased total systemic exposure to isotretinoin, meaning that nonadherence or inconsistent adherence with food intake can increase the risk of post-treatment relapse and compromise long-term efficacy.¹

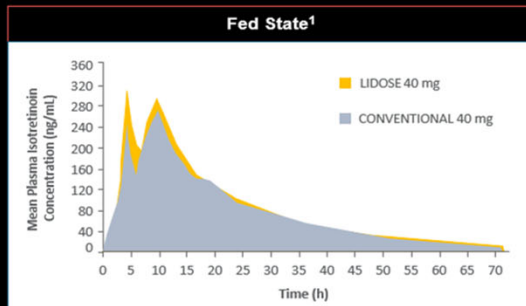
The term relapse in acne treatment refers to the appearance of new acne lesions after apparent clearance. However, in some publications, relapse may only include patients who require retreatment after acne therapy has ceased. Published relapse rates for traditional isotretinoin vary widely (10%-45%) depending on sample size, length of follow-up observation, and relapse definition used.² The cumulative relapse rate of traditional isotretinoin, reflective of total systemic exposure, is reported to be an important risk factor for acne relapse with lower cumulative doses (<120 mg/kg total dose) being more associated with higher relapse rates than higher cumulative doses.^{3,4}

Lidose-isotretinoin is a formulation of isotretinoin encapsulated in a lipid matrix that improves bioavailability through greater gastrointestinal absorption.^{5,6} This formulation has demonstrated comparable safety and



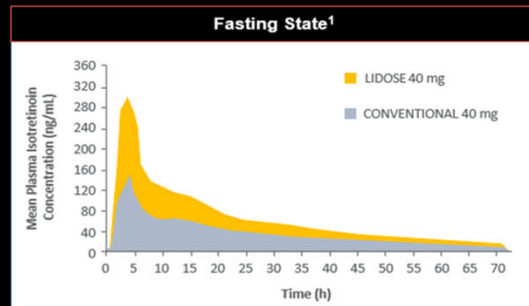
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Lidose Isotretinoin vs Conventional Isotretinoin (Brand and Generic) Formulations With and Without Food



EQUAL IN PRESENCE OF HIGH FAT INTAKE (50 GRAMS)

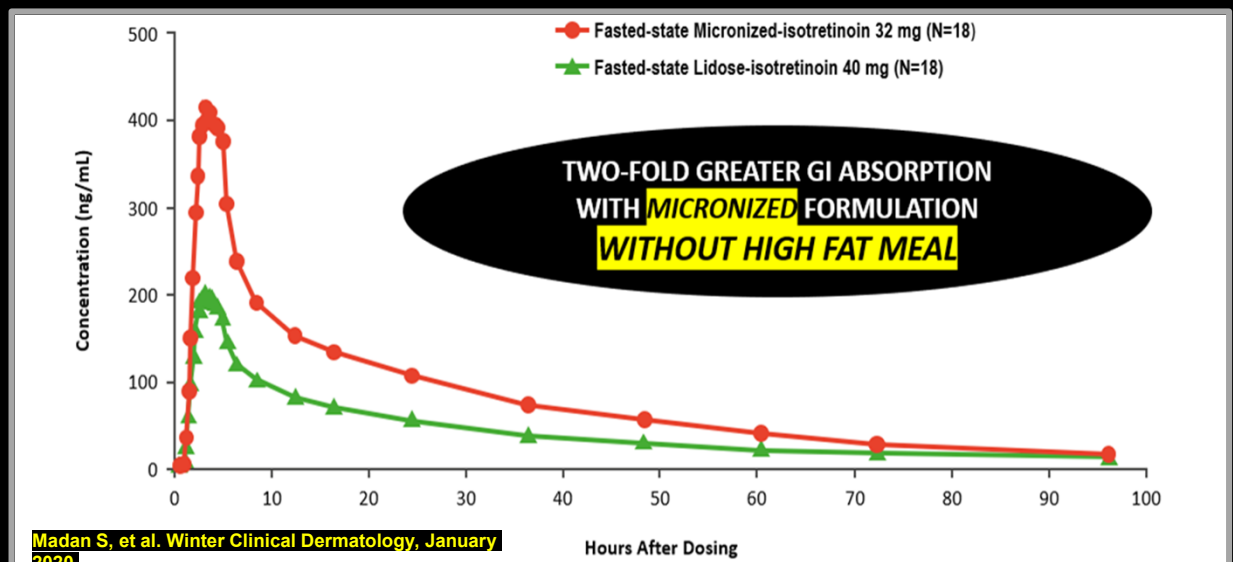
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>80% INCREASE IN GI ABSORPTION WITH LIDOSE FORMULATION WITHOUT FOOD

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Comparative Pharmacokinetics of MICRONIZED-Isotretinoin 32-mg Formulation and Lidose-Isotretinoin 40 mg **WITHOUT FOOD**



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THANK YOU

