

Medical Treatment of Hypercortisolism with Relacorilant: Final Results of the Phase 3 GRACE Study

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Relacorilant: In Development for the Treatment of Cushing Syndrome

A Selective GR Modulator

Decreases excess cortisol activity by competing with cortisol for binding to the GR

Highly selective: No PR, MR, or AR activity

Avoids unwanted PR effects (eg, endometrial hypertrophy, vaginal bleeding)

Structurally different from mifepristone

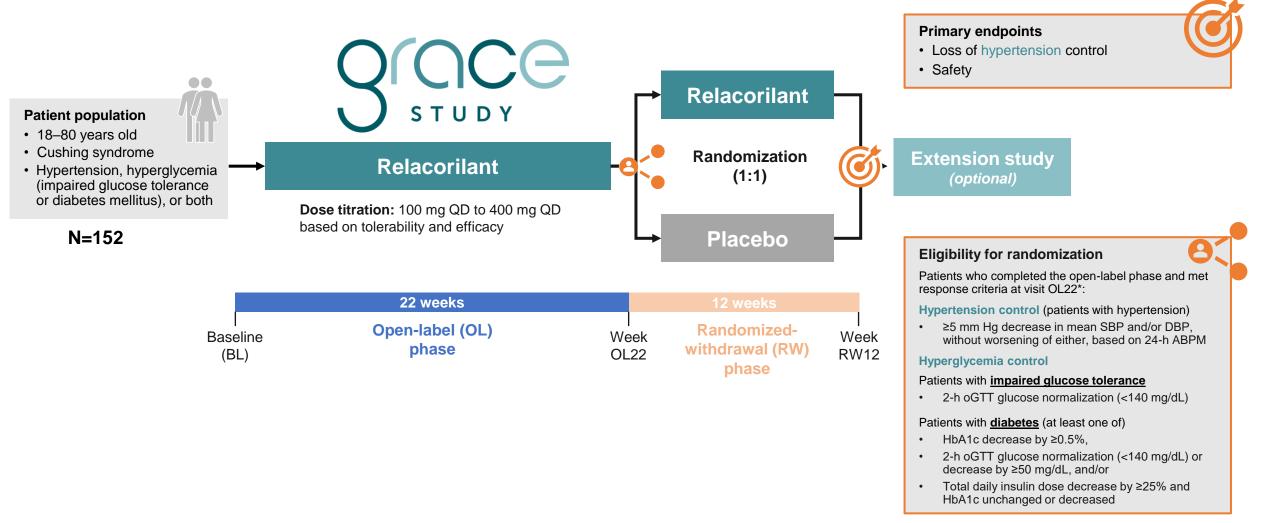
No clinically significant impact on **ACTH levels**

Unique downstream effects

> No clinically significant rise in cortisol levels

ACTH, adrenocorticotropic hormone; AR, androgen receptor; GR, glucocorticoid receptor; MR, mineralocorticoid receptor; PR, progesterone receptor.

The GRACE Phase 3 Study



NCT03697109. ABPM, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring; BL, baseline; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; oGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; OL, open label; QD, every day; RW, randomized withdrawal; SBP, systolic blood pressure. *Patients with hypertension and hyperglycemia who do not meet the response criteria for both must meet the response criteria without worsening of the other comorbidity.

Patient Demographics & Baseline Characteristics

Mean (SD)	Hypertension only (n=31)	Hyperglycemia only (n=50)	Hypertension & hyperglycemia (n=71)	Overall (N=152)
Age, yrs	43.5 (11.6)	54.1 (13.7)	50.9 (12.6)	50.4 (13.2)
Female, n (%)	24 (77.4)	42 (84.0)	61 (85.9)	127 (83.6)
Weight, kg	95.2 (25.5)	91.1 (21.4)	95.0 (26.6)	93.8 (24.7)
BMI, kg/m²	33.4 (7.5)	34.8 (7.9)	35.3 (9.6)	34.7 (8.6)
Waist circumference, cm	112.8 (17.4)	114.4 (14.7)	116.1 (20.4)	114.9 (18.0)
ACTH-dependent, n (%)	23 (74.2)	39 (78.0)	56 (78.9)	118 (77.6)
Plasma ACTH, pg/mL [n] 24-h UFC, μg/d [n]	67.7 (34.0) [23] 191.2 (221.8) [18]	74.9 (85.0) [39] 148.0 (136.3) [26]	78.1 (69.9) [56] 257.9 (407.1) [39]	74.9 (69.8) [118] 209.0 (308.3) [83]
ACTH-independent, n (%)	8 (25.8)	11 (22.0)	15 (21.1)	34 (22.4)
Plasma ACTH ^a , pg/mL [n] 24-h UFC, μg/d [n]	7.3 (4.8) [8] 108.3 (88.9) [6]	20.0 (26.6) [11] 68.7 (67.9) [7]	10.0 (6.2) [15] 61.3 (30.5) [8]	12.7 (16.2) [34] 77.2 (64.0) [21]
Mean 24-h SBP (mm Hg) [n]	138.1 (9.4) [30]	124.6 (9.0) [47]	141.6 (11.0) [71]	135.5 (12.6) [148]
Mean 24-h DBP (mm Hg) [n]	90.8 (5.7) [30]	76.0 (7.3) [47]	88.1 (7.6) [71]	84.8 (9.4) [148]
HbA1c (%)	5.4 (0.5)	7.1 (1.6)	7.2 (1.6)	6.8 (1.6)

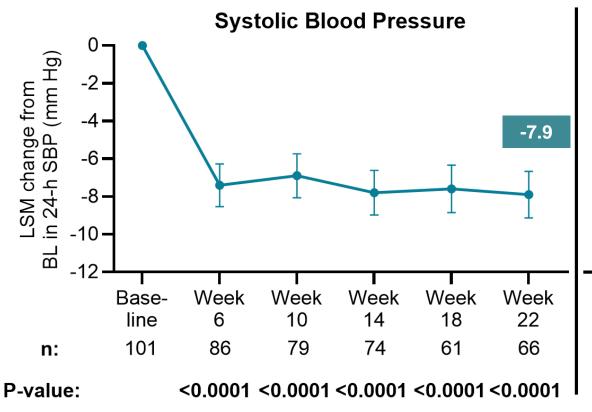
^aMedian ACTH was <5 pg/mL (hypertension only); 9 pg/mL (hyperglycemia only, hypertension and hyperglycemia, and overall). ACTH, adrenocorticotropic hormone; BMI, body mass index; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; OL, open-label phase; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SD, standard deviation; UFC, urinary free cortisol.

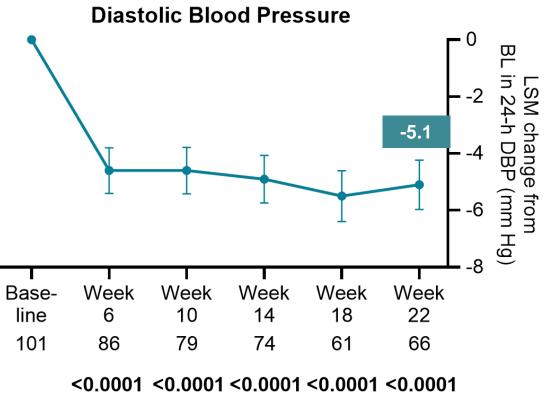
Open-label Results

HYPERTENSION

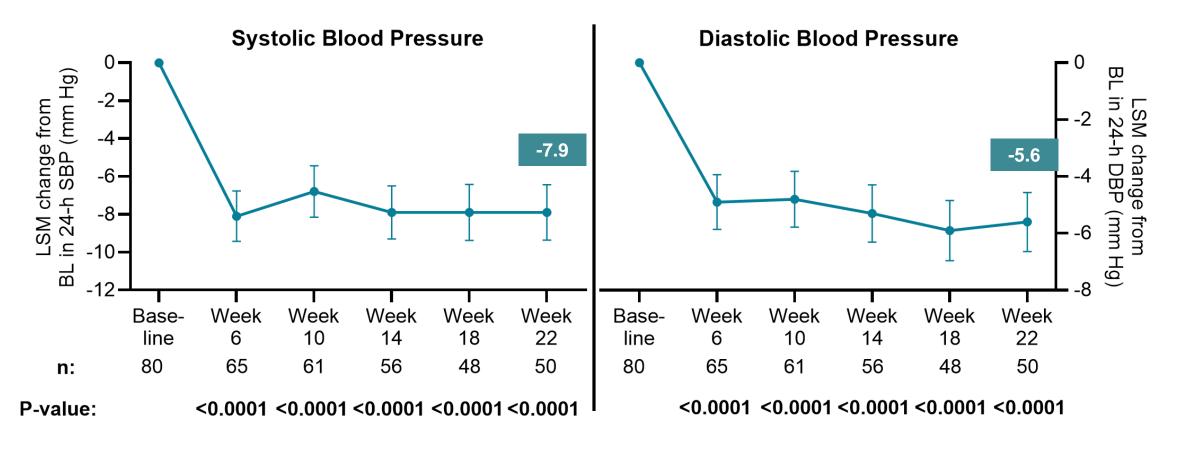


Patients with **hypertension**

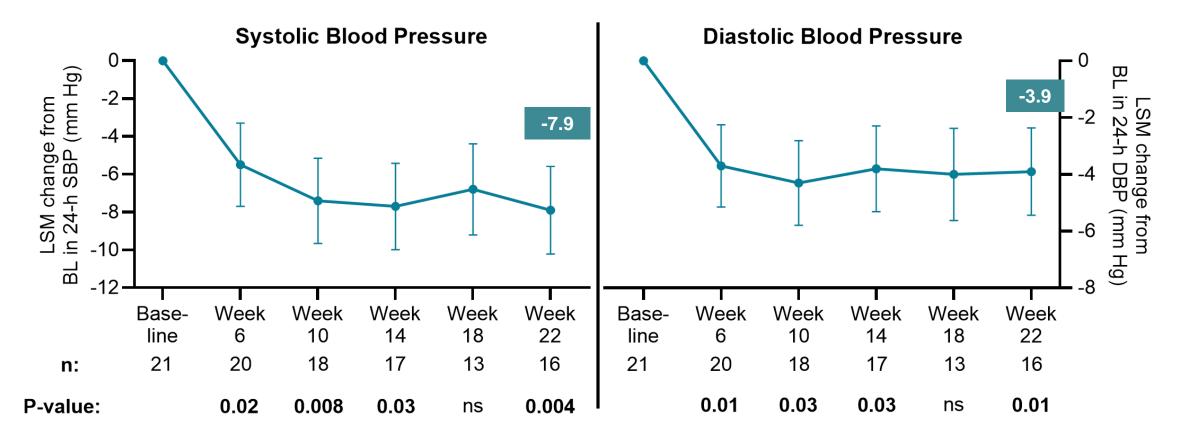




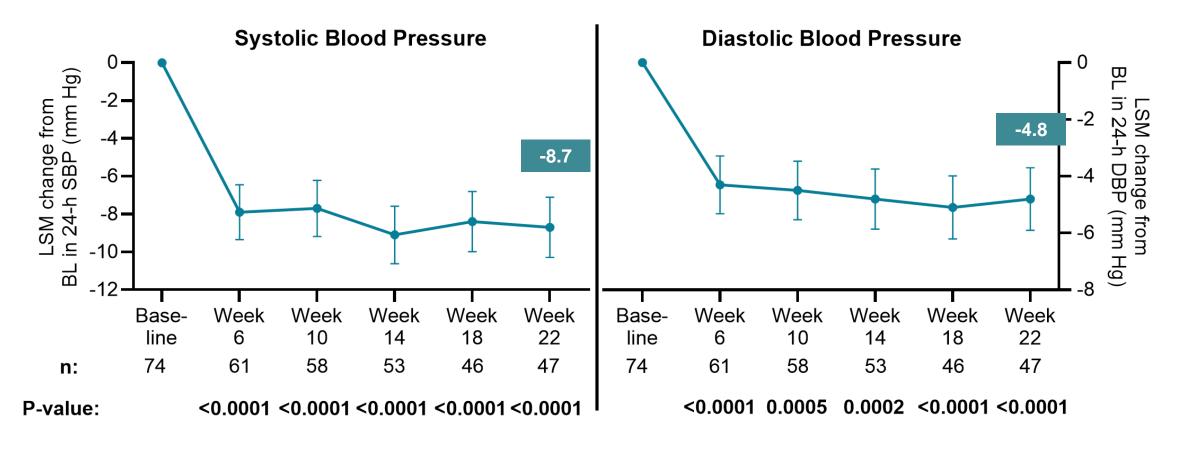
Patients with hypertension who took blood pressure medications



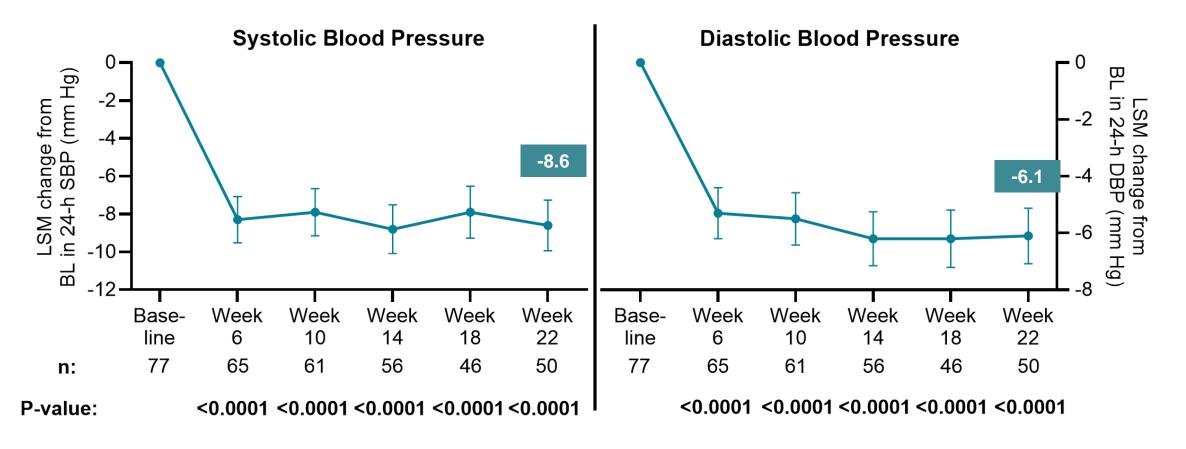
Patients with hypertension who did not take blood pressure medications



Patients with **systolic hypertension**

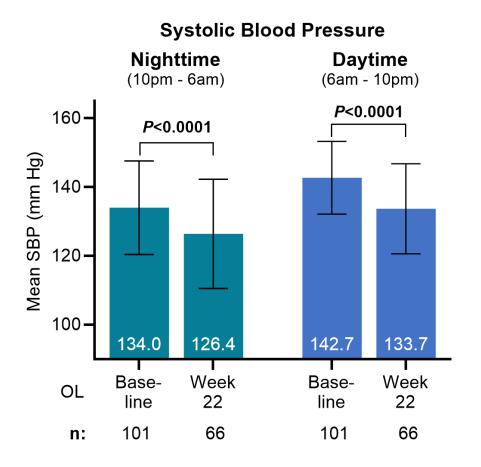


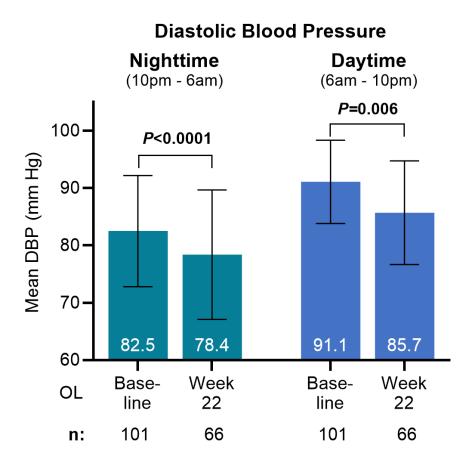
Patients with diastolic hypertension



Improvements in Day- and Nighttime Blood Pressure by ABPM With Relacorilant

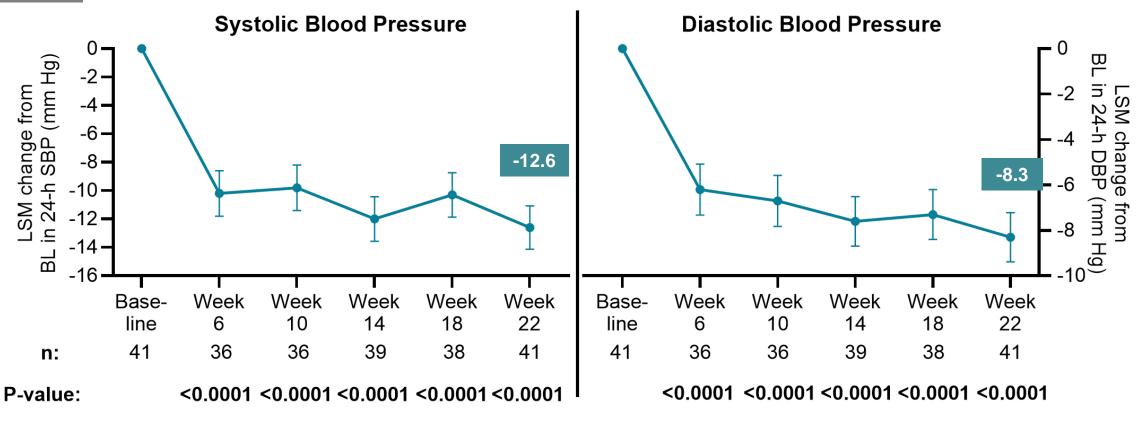
Patients with **hypertension**





ABPM, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring; BL, baseline; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; LSM, least squares mean; SBP, systolic blood pressure; SE, standard error. Error bars: SE of the mean. LSM and SE calculated using a linear mixed model for repeated measures (MMRM). Wilcoxon rank sum test p-values for the mean change from baseline shown.

Patients with hypertension who met hypertension response criteria & entered the RW phase



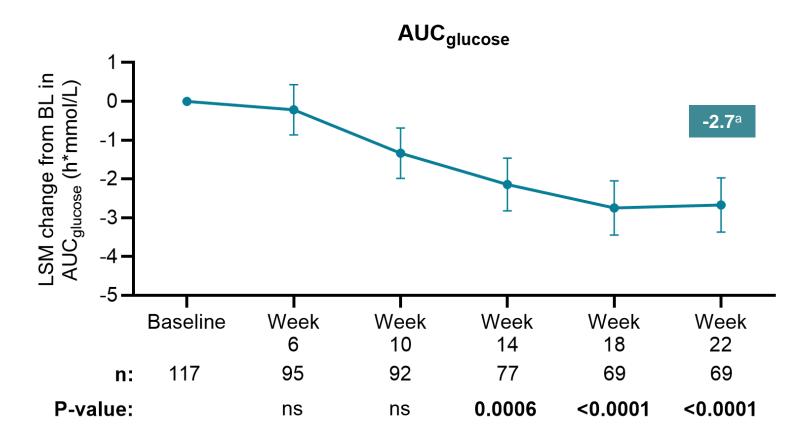
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HYPERGLYCEMIA



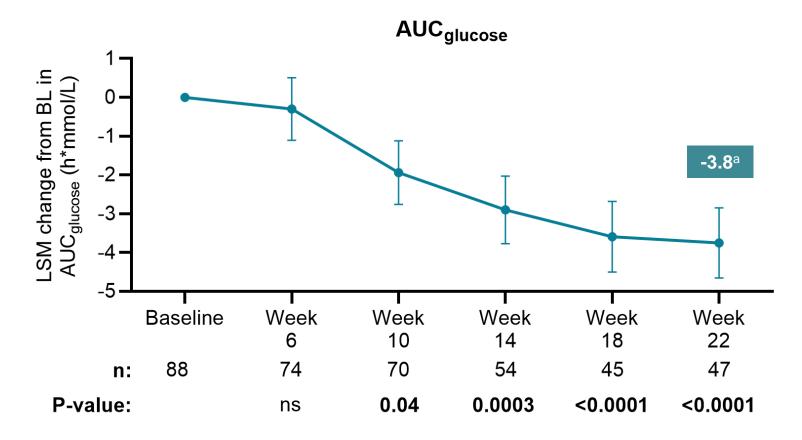
Rapid and Sustained Improvements in AUC_{glucose} With Relacorilant

Patients with hyperglycemia (IGT or DMb)



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Patients with diabetes (DM)b

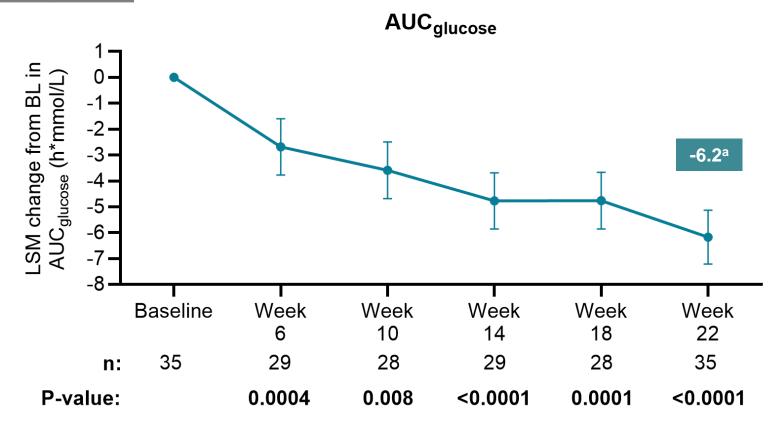


^aMean change from baseline to visit OL 22: -4.7 h*mmol/L. ^bDiabetes defined as fasting plasma glucose ≥126 mg/dL, 2-h oGTT plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL, or HbA1c ≥6.5%.

AUC_{glucose}, glucose area under the curve; BL, baseline; LSM, least squares mean; ns, not significant (*P*≥0.05); oGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; SE, standard error. Error bars: SE of the mean. LSM and SE calculated using a linear mixed model for repeated measures (MMRM). Wilcoxon rank sum test *P*-values for the mean change from baseline shown.

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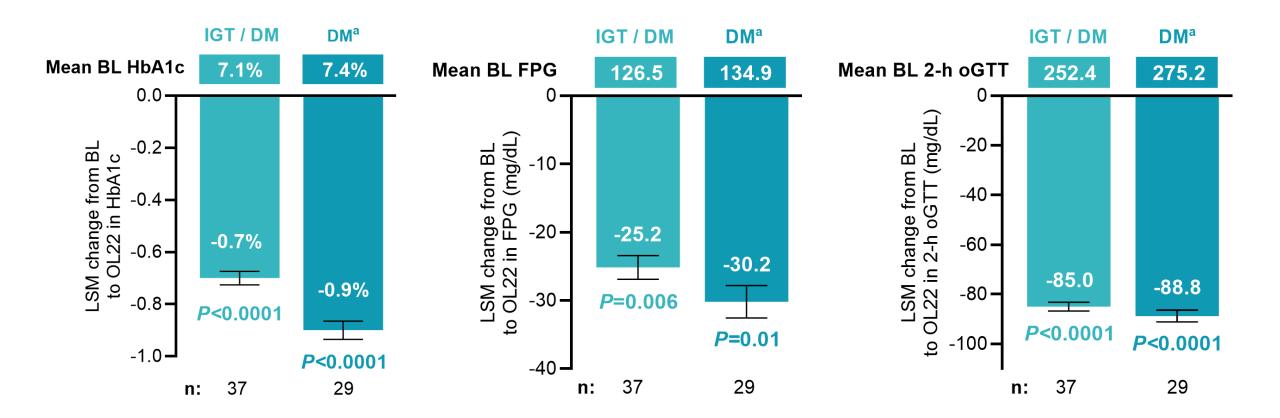
Patients with <u>hyperglycemia (IGT or DMb) who met hyperglycemia response criteria & entered the RW phase</u>



^aMean change from baseline to visit OL 22: -6.2 h*mmol/L. ^bDiabetes defined as fasting plasma glucose ≥126 mg/dL, 2-h oGTT plasma glucose ≥200 mg/dL, or HbA1c ≥6.5%.

AUC_{glucose}, glucose area under the curve; BL, baseline; DM, diabetes mellitus; HbA1c, hemoglobin A1c; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; LSM, least squares mean; oGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; SE, standard error. Error bars: SE of the mean. LSM and SE calculated using a linear mixed model for repeated measures (MMRM). Wilcoxon rank sum test *P*-values for the mean change from baseline shown.

Greater Improvements in Glucose Parameters With Relacorilant in Hyperglycemia Responders

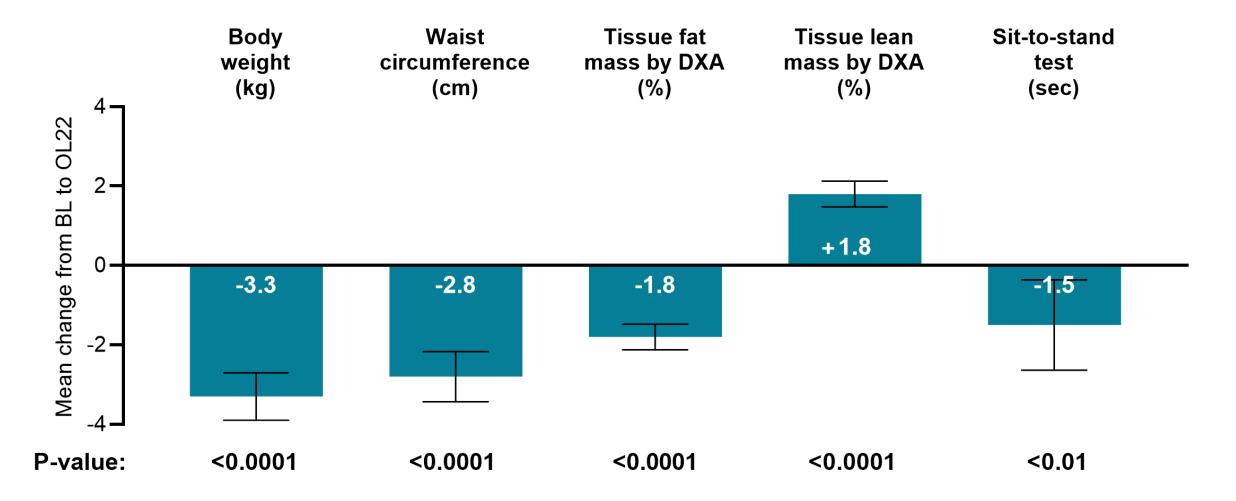


Open-label Results

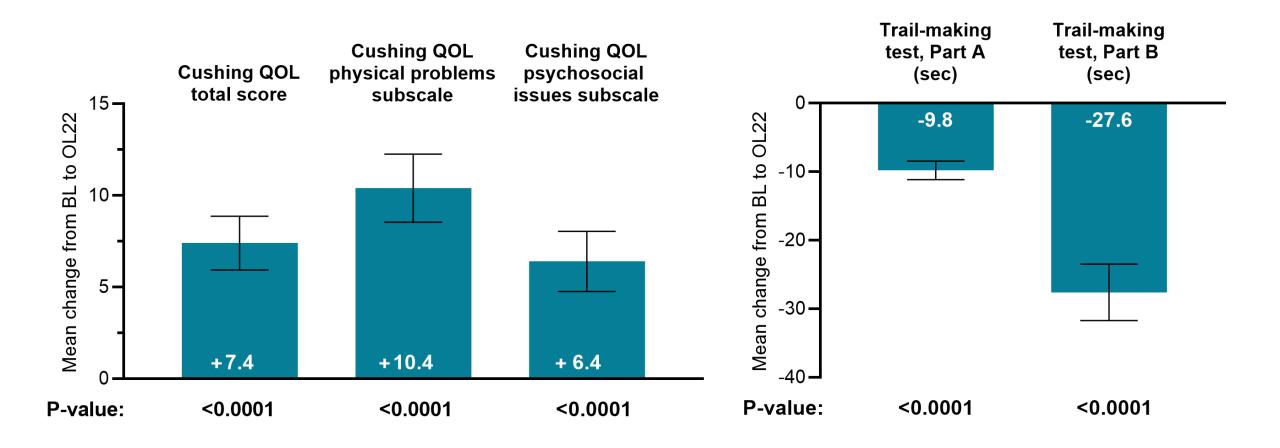
OTHER SYMPTOMS AND COMORBIDITIES



Significant Improvements in Body Composition With Relacorilant



Significant Improvements in Quality of Life and Cognitive Assessments With Relacorilant



Open-label Results

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Adverse Event Summary

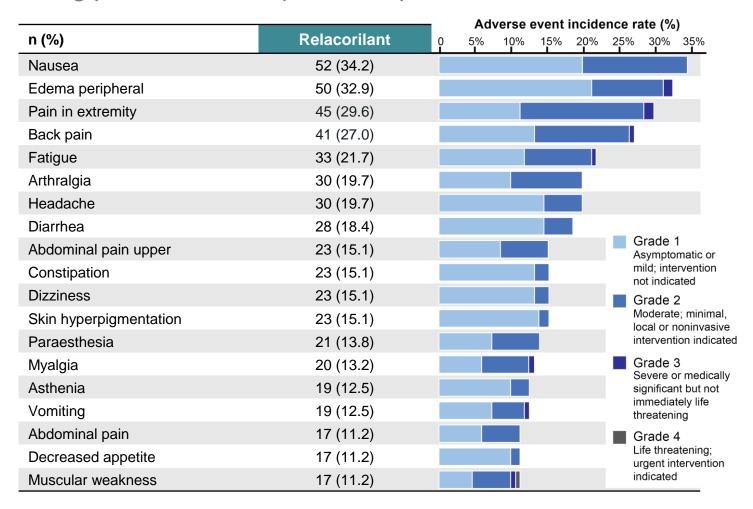
n (%)	Relacorilant (N=152)
Patients reporting at least one TEAE (any grade)	147 (96.7)
Patients reporting at least one grade ≥3 TEAE	37 (24.3)
TEAEs resulting in:	
Dose interruption Dose reduction Permanent withdrawal	50 (32.9) 50 (32.9) 24 (15.8)
Serious TEAEs	28 (18.4)
Treatment-related serious TEAEs	7 (4.6)
TEAEs leading to death ^a (none relacorilant related)	2 (1.3)

- Due to relacorilant's specificity for the GR and its unique mechanism of action, the observed efficacy was seen:
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 - Without increases in cortisol concentrations and relacorilant-induced hypokalemia
 - Without reported cases of adrenal insufficiency
 - Without independently confirmed QT prolongation

^aDeaths due to COVID-19 and chronic cardiac failure. GR, glucocorticoid receptor; OL, open label; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

Adverse Events Occurring in ≥10% of Patients

Among patients in the open-label phase



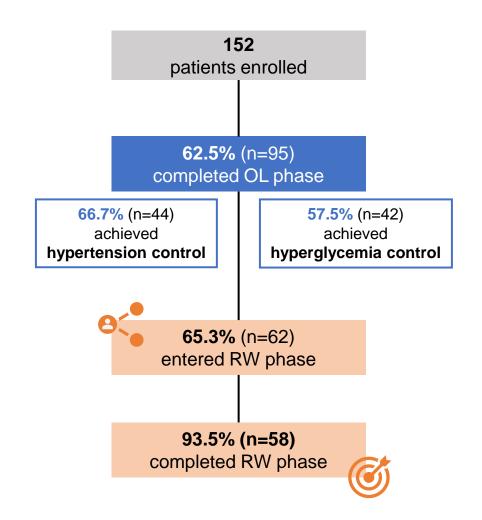
- The majority of AEs were mild to moderate in severity
- No new safety signals were identified
- The frequency of serious AEs was low, with no dose-dependent pattern

Randomized-withdrawal Results



Patient Demographics & Baseline Characteristics

Mean (SD)	Relacorilant (n=30)	Placebo (n=32)
Age, yrs	46.6 (11.0)	48.8 (14.4)
Female, n (%)	22 (73.3)	26 (81.3)
Weight, kg	93.3 (27.4)	88.6 (21.1)
BMI, kg/m²	33.3 (7.6)	32.6 (6.5)
Waist circumference, cm	113.8 (17.7)	108.9 (17.1)
ACTH-dependent, n (%)	26 (86.7)	23 (71.9)
Plasma ACTH, pg/mL 24-h UFC, μg/d	91.7 (85.7) 257.1 (449.1)	71.7 (74.7) 301.3 (287.9)
ACTH-independent, n (%)	4 (13.3)	9 (28.1)
Plasma ACTH, pg/mL 24-h UFC, µg/d	5.9 (2.3) 66.9 (36.8)	10.0 (9.0) 142.2 (194.1)



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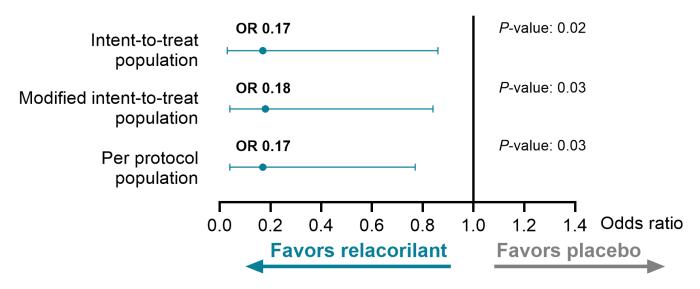


Primary Endpoint Met: Hypertension

Hypertension responders who randomized

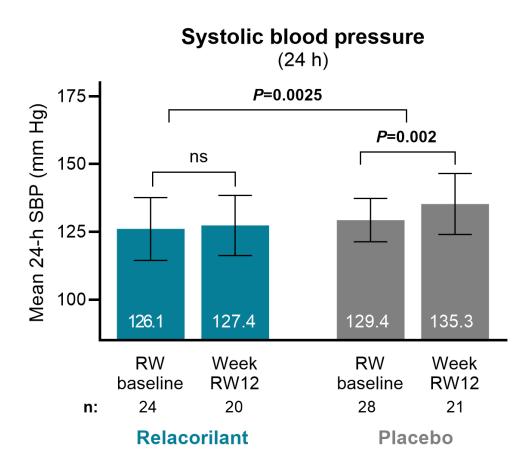
- In the randomized-withdrawal phase, significantly more patients receiving placebo lost hypertension control compared to those who continued to receive relacorilant
 - Odds ratio 0.17 for relacorilant vs placebo (P=0.02)
 - Patients receiving relacorilant were 5.9x more likely to maintain hypertension response

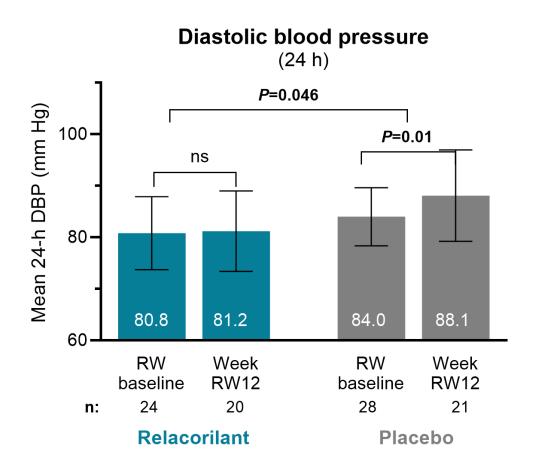
Loss of hypertension response



Similar Blood Pressure Trends Observed in all Patients Randomized, Favoring Relacorilant Over Placebo

In all patients with available ABPM data

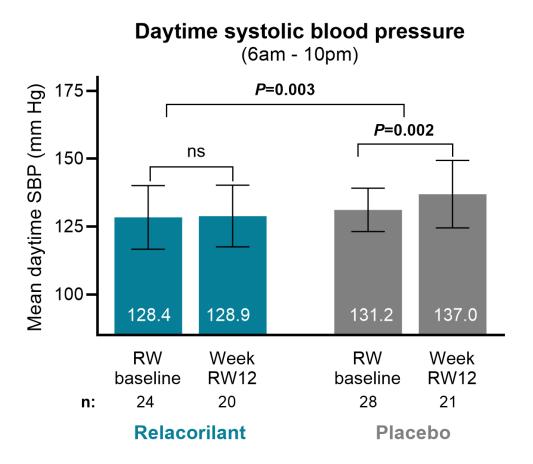


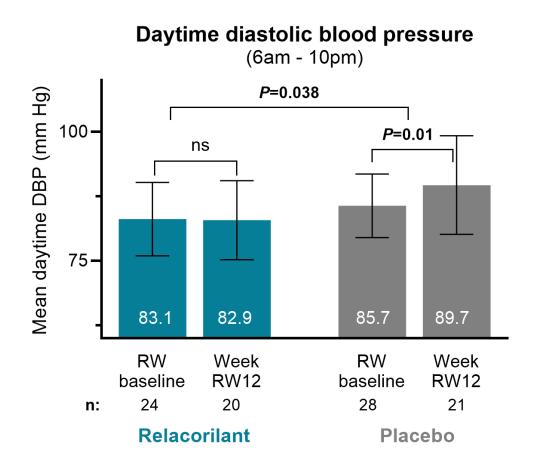


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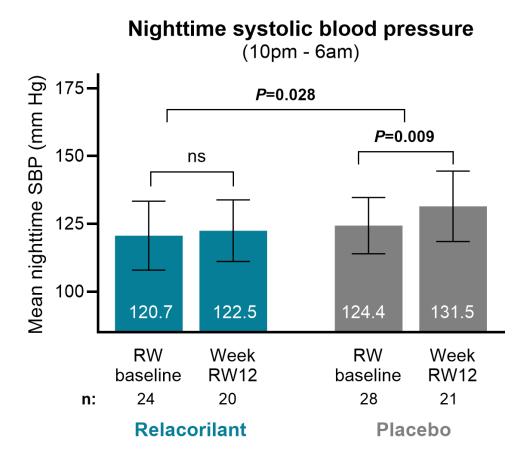


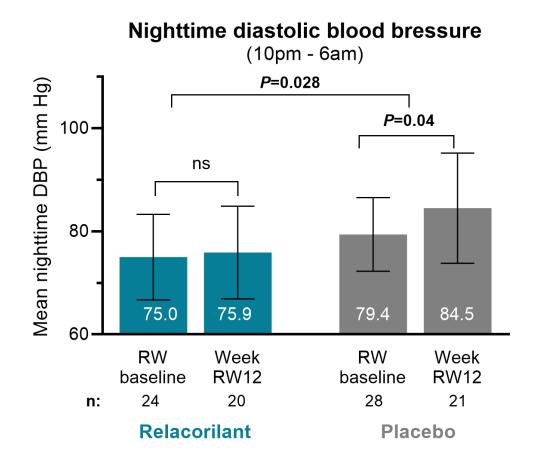


ABPM, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; ns, not significant (P≥0.05); RW, randomized withdrawal; SBP, systolic blood pressure measured by ABPM; daytime blood pressure defined as blood pressure measurements between 6am and 10pm. Error bars: Standard deviation. Wilcoxon rank sum test P-values for the observed mean within each treatment arm shown.

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ABPM, ambulatory blood pressure monitoring; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; ns, not significant ($P \ge 0.05$); RW, randomized withdrawal; SBP, systolic blood pressure. Blood pressure measured by ABPM; nighttime blood pressure defined as blood pressure measurements between 10pm and 6am. Error bars: Standard deviation. Wilcoxon rank sum test P-values for the observed mean within each treatment arm shown.

Randomized-withdrawal Results

HYPERGLYCEMIA AND
OTHER SYMPTOMS AND
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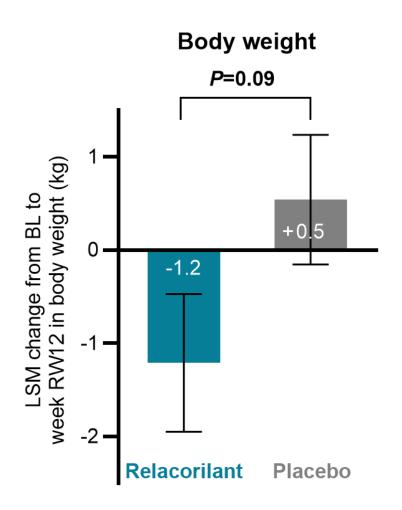


Improvements in Glycemic Measures Maintained With Relacorilant

	Relacorilant (n=30)	Placebo (n=32)	
Change from RW baseline to week RW12 in:			
AUC _{glucose} (in patients with hyperglycemia at study entry), h*mmol/L			
n	15	19	
Mean (SD)	+1.1 (4.7)	+4.9 (6.1)	
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.0003	
HbA1c (in patients with hyperglycemia at study entry), %			
n	16	19	
Mean (SD)	+0.1 (0.8)	+0.3 (0.6)	
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.03	
HbA1c (in patients with diabetes at study entry), %			
n	13	13	
Mean (SD)	+0.1 (0.8)	+0.4 (0.6)	
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.04	

- At the end of the RW phase, patients who switched to placebo experienced significant increases in AUC_{glucose} and HbA1c
- In contrast, glycemic measures were maintained in patients who continued to receive relacorilant

Improvements in Body Composition Maintained With Relacorilant



	Relacorilant (n=30)	Placebo (n=32)
Change from RW baseline to week RW12 in all patients in the RW phase:		
Waist circumference		
n	26	30
Mean (SD), cm	-1.2 (3.7)	+3.8 (10.4)
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.008
Tissue fat mass		
n	17	22
Mean (SD), %	-0.2 (1.7)	+1.6 (1.8)
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.0002
Tissue lean mass		
n	17	22
Mean (SD), %	+0.2 (1.7)	-1.6 (1.8)
Wilcoxon signed rank sum P-value ^a	ns	0.0002

- Similar trends observed across measures of body composition
- Those who switched to placebo experienced a deterioration in body composition
- In contrast, trends toward further improvement were observed in the relacorilant arm

Randomized-withdrawal Results

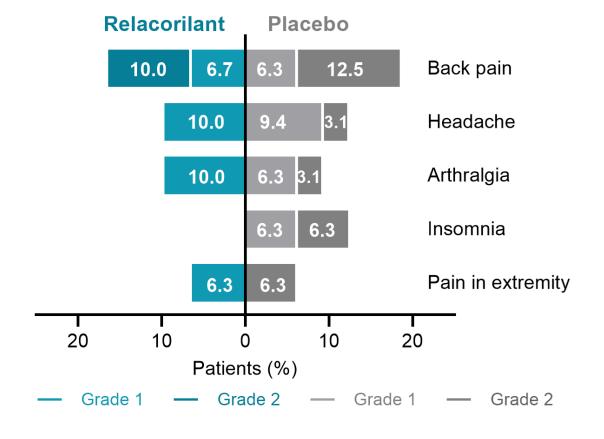
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Adverse Events Occurring in ≥5% of Patients

Among patients in the randomized-withdrawal phase

n (%)	Relacorilant (n=30)	Placebo (n=32)
Back pain	5 (16.7)	6 (18.8)
Headache	3 (10.0)	4 (12.5)
Arthralgia	3 (10.0)	3 (9.4)
Insomnia	0	4 (12.5)
Pain in extremity	2 (6.7)	2 (6.3)



Conclusions

- GRACE met its primary endpoint
- Significant improvements in hypertension, hyperglycemia, and other manifestations
 of cortisol excess were observed throughout the treatment with relacorilant
- Due to relacorilant's specificity for the glucocorticoid receptor and its unique mechanism of action, the observed efficacy was seen:
 - Without cases of relacorilant-induced irregular vaginal bleeding with endometrial hypertrophy
 - Without increases in cortisol concentrations and relacorilant-induced hypokalemia
 - Without reported cases of adrenal insufficiency
 - Without independently-confirmed QT prolongation



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