

**The Coming Wave of Novel Analgesics:**

Antibody Therapies, Sodium Channel Modulators, Abuse Deterrent Opioids, Neuromodulation Platforms

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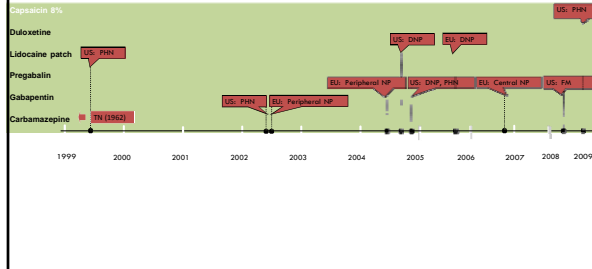
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### A lull in the development of non-opioid analgesics for chronic neuropathic pain?



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### Novel Therapies / Initial Target Indications

- Anti NGF- OA knee, CLBP, IC
- Anti CGRP Ab- migraine
- Nav 1.7 – Trigeminal Neuralgia (and possibly SFN/Radicular Pain)
- ADF Opioids - chronic (and now acute) pain
- High Dose Capsaicin- PHN (and peripheral neuropathic pain)

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### Considerations

- If antibodies are large molecules that do not cross the blood brain barrier how can these formulations be efficacious for chronic pain syndromes so profoundly modulated in the CNS?
- If the nociceptive pathways are polysynaptic and widely distributed throughout the neuraxis, why would a highly specific drug be more likely to have analgesic benefit than an agent interacting with multiple cell types, channels, and neurotransmitter systems?
- Will an abuse deterrent formulation that limits a relatively rarely used route of abuse and misuse have a substantial impact on the public health epidemic of opioid abuse?

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Considerations co.

- Do novel routes of delivery of NSAIDs have equivalent analgesic benefit and reduced GI/cardiac toxicity relative to the oral route?
- How does the analgesic benefit of novel modes of spinal cord stimulation (high frequency, burst paradigm) and targets (dorsal root ganglion) compare to conventional spinal cord stimulation?

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Lessons from congenital insensitivity to pain  
HSAN IV and V

- HSAN conditions may highlight the key role NGF plays in the development and survival of primary nociceptors
- NGF function changes after development from survival in the infant to sensitization in the adult
- Question: does “developmental” HSAN predict effects of intermittent NGF/TrkA blockade in the adult?

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The NGF Story

- Survival factor for sensory and sympathetic neurons in early development
- More recently, recognized to play a role in the genesis of pain and hyperalgesia
- Increased NGF in injured/inflamed tissues
- Activates trk A (tyrosine kinase) on nociceptive neurons—triggers/potentiates pain signaling through “multiple” mechanisms

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Evidence Linking NGF and Pain

- NGF levels are upregulated in injury, inflammation, and chronic pain states
  - OA, prostatitis, cystitis
- Administration of NGF provokes pain and hyperalgesia
  - Sq NGF produces allodynia for ~3 wks in healthy volunteers/ generalized muscle pain
- Congenital Insensitivity to Pain w anhidrosis
  - AR disorder from null mutation of gene encoding for trk A

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Therapeutic Strategies

- NGF Capture
- Block NGF binding to trkA
- Inhibit trk A signaling

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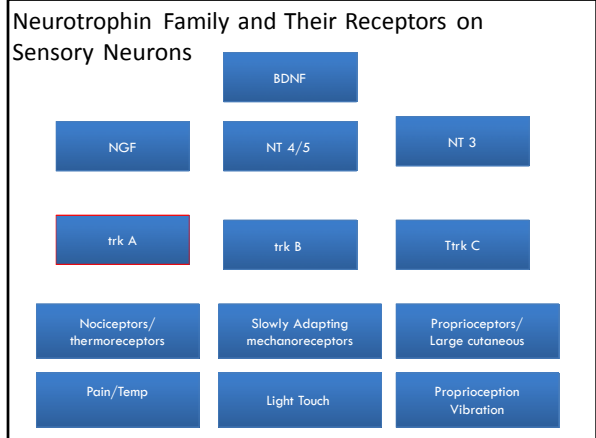
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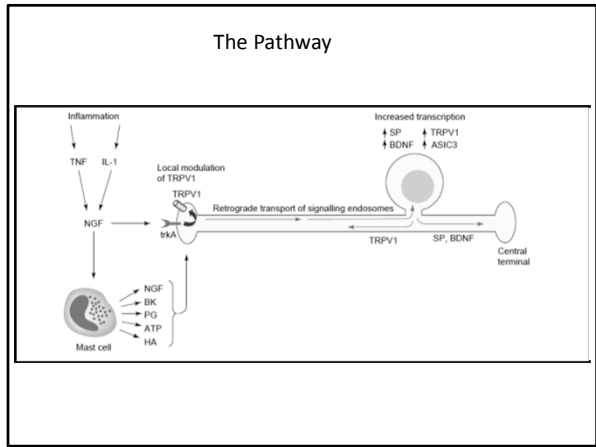
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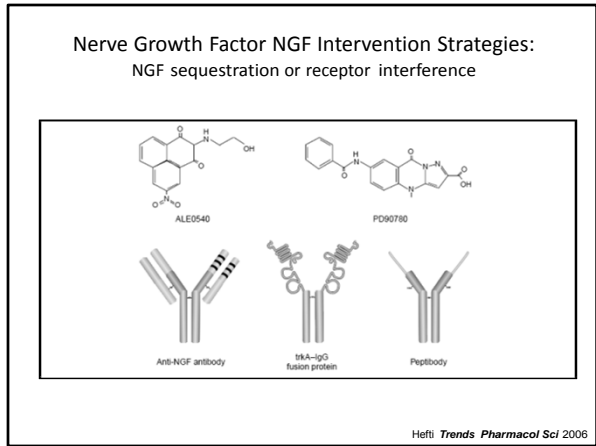
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### Tanezumab

- Knee OA
- Lane et al (100, 200µg/kg)
- 32 wk DBPCRT
- N=690 (4 required a total of 5 TKR)
- Week 16 significant reduction in WOMAC/NRS
- OA hip and knee studies developed osteonecrosis
- Superior to NSAID and CR oxycodone
- Greater effect in OA than CLBP and IC

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### Anti-NGF toxicity signal?

- There is a signal linking the use of NGF drugs with joint deterioration—possibly when these drugs are used in combination with NSAIDS and in higher doses
  
- Treatments for OA are desperately needed. Rheums are anti opioid

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- AMG334 (Amgen)(receptor antibody)
- Eli Lilly & Company
- TEV48125 (Teva Pharmaceutical Industries)

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Anti-CGRP Antibody

- Humanized monoclonal antibody that binds CGRP ( $K_D = 31$  pM)
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- Migraine with and/or without aura
- 4-14 migraine headache days per month
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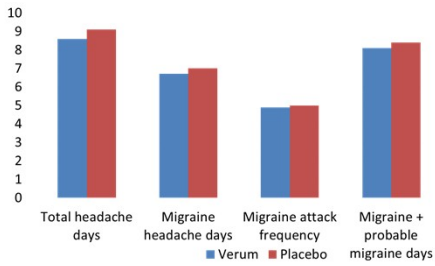
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Baseline headache data (28 days)



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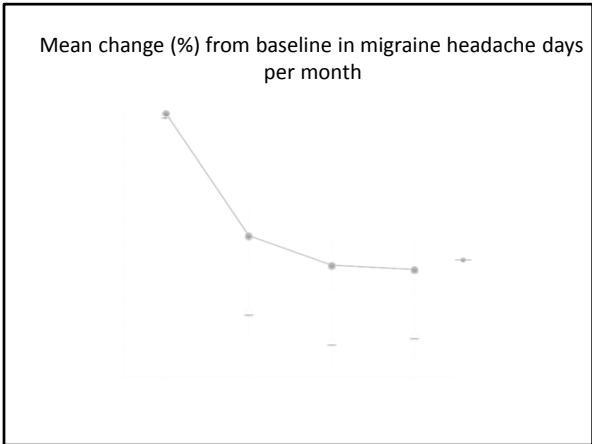
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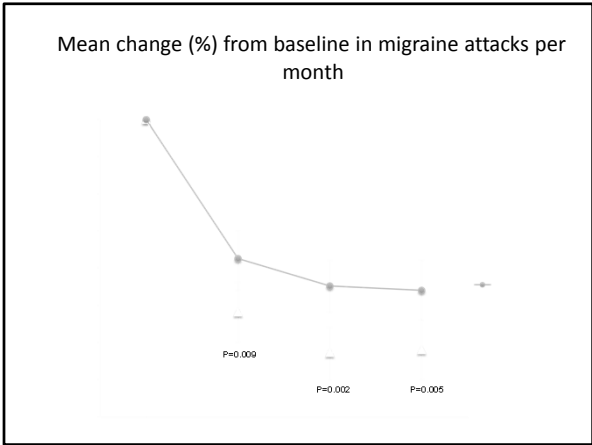
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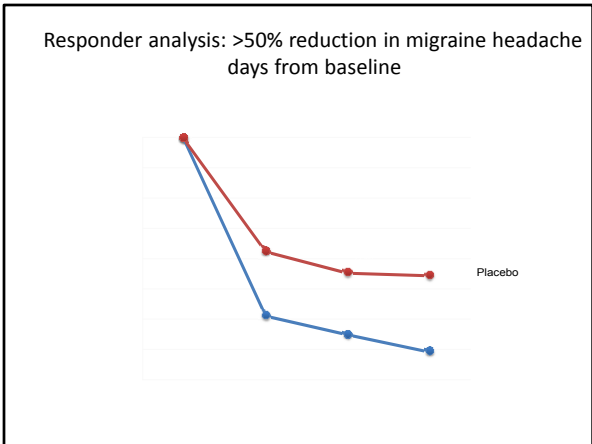
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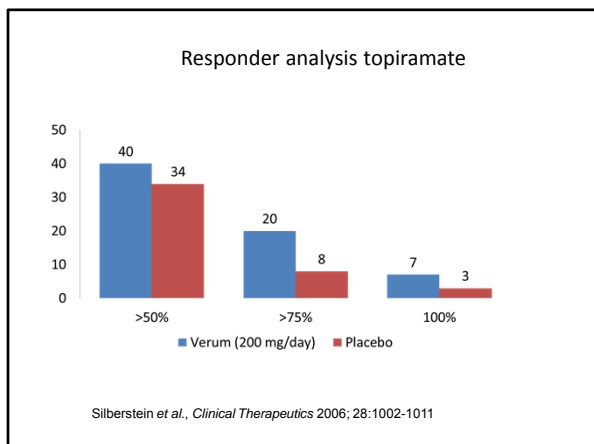
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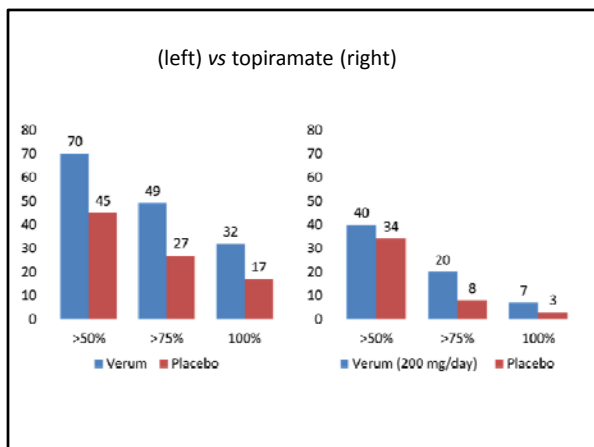
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**The Vanilloid Receptor TRPV1**

- Ion channel highly expressed in nociceptive primary afferent sensory neurons (cell body and termini)
- Activated by specific stimuli (noxious heat >42)
  - Capsaicin, H<sup>+</sup>, anandamide
- Activation of TRPV1 results in release of neurotransmitters in pns and cns
- TRPV1 null mice can sense heat but do not develop thermal hyperalgesia
- Thermal hyperalgesia is associated with inflammatory pain

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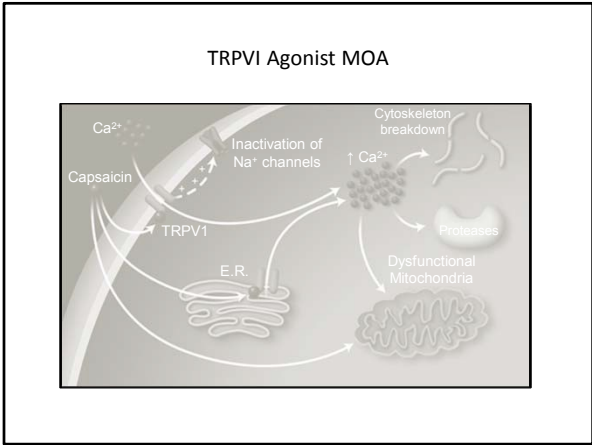
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**Two Phase 3 Double-Blind Controlled Studies**

- 402 and 416 subjects: 8% capsaicin vs low-dose control (capsaicin 0.04% w/w)
  - Single, 60-minute application
  - PHN pain for ≥ 6 months
- 12-week controlled evaluation period
- Half of patients enrolled on stable concomitant pain medications\*
- Baseline Numeric Pain Rating Scale (NPRS)<sup>†</sup> score 3-9, inclusive
  - Average baseline pain was 6
- Endpoints
  - Mean % change from baseline for average pain for past 24 hours using NPRS at week 8
  - Proportion of patients with ≥ 30% response through week 12

\* Concomitant pain medications included anticonvulsants, non-SSRI antidepressants, or opioids.  
† The Numeric Pain Rating Scale is a 11-point scale from 0 (no pain) to 10 (worst possible pain).

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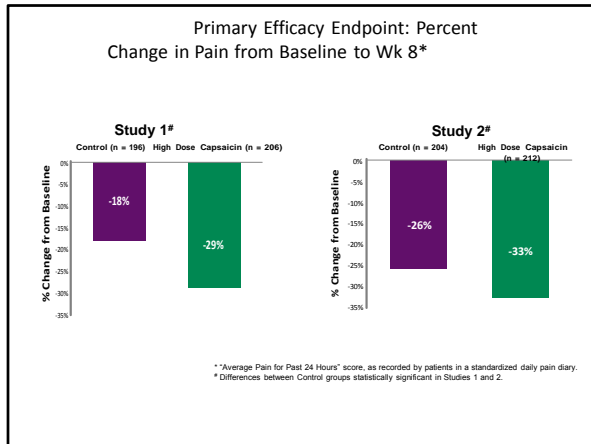
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Effect of TPRV1 Agonist Over 24 weeks in Normal Healthy Volunteers

All subjects were dosed with 8% capsaicin at two sites and two sites were identified as control sites

Neurological function assessments at Baseline, Week 1, Week 12 and Week 24

- Tactile threshold (von Frey)
- Sharp pain (pinprick)
- Quantitative sensory testing (QST) for heat pain and cooling detection thresholds

Biopsies obtained at treatment and control sites 1, 12 and 24 weeks after dosing

- Epidermal nerve fiber density
- Sections were stained for protein gene product 9.5 for nerve (green or yellow), type IV collagen for basement membrane (red), and Ulex for epidermal cells (blue)

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C115: Effect on Sensory Function

- Exposure to (NGX-4010) resulted in:
  - a 15% reduction from baseline in the detection of sharp pain
  - an 8% increase in tactile threshold, which normalized by week 12
- No differences were reported in cool sensation or heat pain perception between treated and untreated sites at any time point

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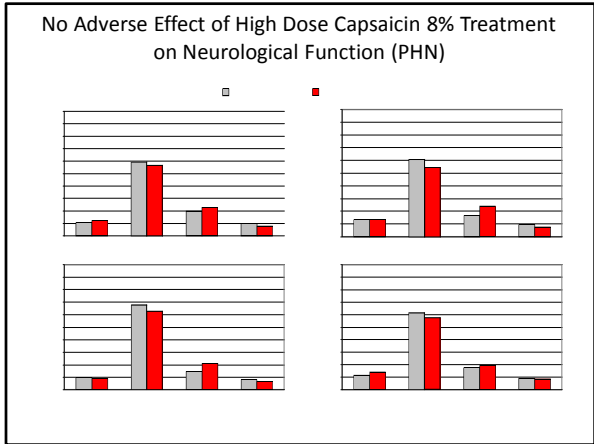
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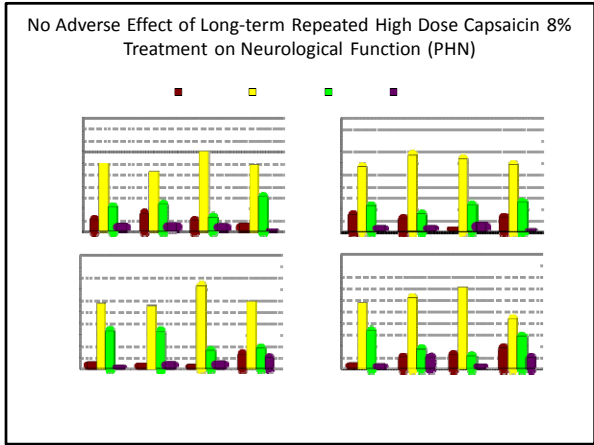
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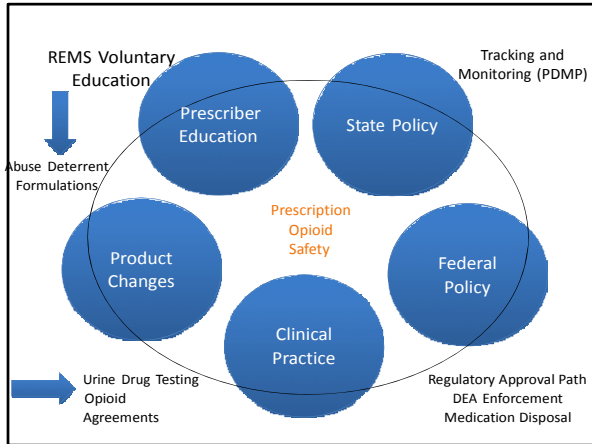
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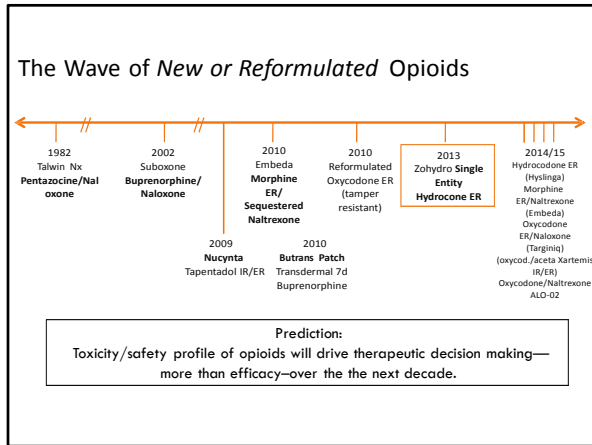
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- ### Different Types of Abuse-deterrent Opioid Formulations
- **Physical/Chemical Barriers**
    - Gelling agents
  - **Agonist/antagonist combinations**
    - Reduce/defeat euphoria associated with abuse
  - **Aversion**
    - Unpleasant effect (e.g. flushing) if manipulated or overused
  - **Delivery System**
    - Sustained release depot injectable/subq implant
  - **New molecular entities/prodrugs**
    - Prodrugs, differential receptor binding, CNS penetration
  - **Combination**

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### High Frequency (10kHz) SCS Therapy

HF10™  
Senza System  
• Pulse rate of 2-10,000hz  
• 10 year battery life (CE mark)

- Paresthesia – independent: no continuous or movement-induced sensations
- Anatomic lead placement – no paresthesia mapping
- Commercially-available in Europe and Australia: >2,500 patients
- Investigational device in the US

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### HF10 Evidence

- US Pivotal
  - RCT comparing HF10 to traditional SCS
  - 10 centers (US)
  - 198 patients randomized
  - Comparative safety and efficacy at 1 year

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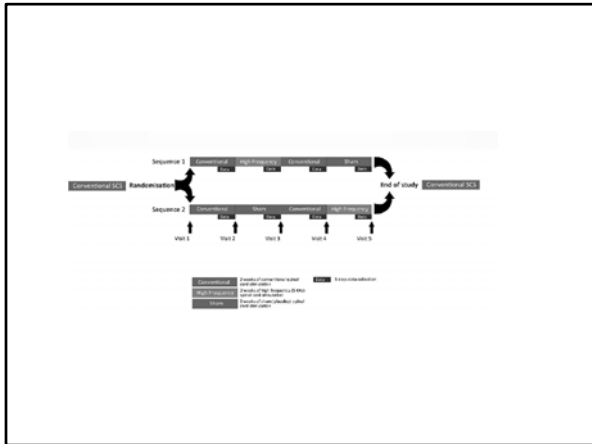
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**Pivotal Trial : High Frequency SCS vs Conventional SCS (Boston Scientific)**

- Comparative safety and efficacy
- Parallel design
- Sample size estimation based on non-inferiority

<p style="text-align: center;">Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic intractable pain of the trunk and limbs refractory to conservative therapy for &gt;3mo</li> <li>• Average back pain of <math>\geq 5</math> (back and leg)</li> <li>• Oswestry of 41-80/100</li> <li>• Appropriate surgical candidates</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">Exclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active disruptive psychological disorder</li> <li>• Mechanical spine instability</li> <li>• Prior experience with SCS</li> <li>• Injury claim in litigation or WC</li> <li>• Medical Condition at another site</li> </ul>
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**HFS Critical Issues**

- Primary outcome: percent of patients with >50% pain relief AND no adverse events
- Adverse events—includes “uncomfortable paresthesias”
- Real efficacy data for conventional SCS would be improved if paresthesias were not considered an AE
- Study population is FBSS and not PHN, DPN etc

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HF RCT: Uncomfortable Stimulation

	Active HF10	Control Traditional SCS
Month 3	0	33 (46.5%)
Month 12	0	28 (44.4%)

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