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Essential Tremor Exploratory Trial Results

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Building a Wholly-Owned Multi-Product Portfolio

Discovery Development
Candidates IND
Enabling Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3

GABA_A-Related Seizure Disorders

Super-Refractory Status Epilepticus (IV)

SAGE-547

Status Epilepticus (IV)

SAGE-689

Orphan Epilepsies (Oral)

SAGE-217

Disorders Associated with GABA_A Dysfunction

Postpartum Depression (exploratory)

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Essential Tremor (exploratory)

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New Indications / New chemical entities

Disorders Associated with NMDA Dysfunction

New Indications / New chemical entities

Using Human Data to Accelerate Development of Selected Candidate Molecules

- SAGE internal library has thousands of molecules with established mechanisms
- Well characterized IV agent enables quick readout if indications chosen wisely
- Signal-finding studies may be small, efficient and easily interpretable without major powering considerations (unlike conventional Phase 2 programs)
- Approach streamlines and accelerates development of NCEs; no NCE required for initial determination - data can guide NCE selection
- Positive data >>>→ develop; negative data >>>→ program elimination
- Signal-finding activity already accomplished in 2 proof-of-concept studies

SAGE strategy of leading with human data can accelerate and enhance development of NCEs for new indications

Essential Tremor: Debilitating Neurological Disorder

- Involuntary, rhythmic shaking with no known cause¹
- Affects ~10 million in U.S. and millions more worldwide²
 - Significant proportion are undiagnosed and untreated³
- Current treatments only moderately effective, reducing (not resolving) tremor amplitudes in ~50% of patients⁴
 - Common treatments include primidone, propranolol, gabapentin and benzodiazepines⁵
 - 1 out of 3 patients abandons treatment due to side effects or poor efficacy⁶
 - 1 out of 4 patients who seek treatment are forced to quit their profession⁷

Footnotes:

¹ NINDS Tremor fact sheet,

http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/tremor/detail_tremor.htm

^{2,3} International Essential Tremor Foundation website,

<http://www.essentialtremor.org/about-et/>

⁴ Thanvi et al., 2006, Gironell 2007

⁵ Zesiewicz et al., 2002, 2005; Benito-Leon and Louis, 2006, 2007

⁶ Louis et al, 2010

⁷ Rautakorpi, 1978; Bain et al., 1994

Study Design

- Exploratory study evaluating GABA_A mechanism of action as treatment for essential tremor
- Designed for signal detection and to inform development methodology for second-generation oral SAGE molecule for chronic treatment
- Evaluate safety, tolerability, PK and efficacy of SAGE-547 mechanism

Stage 1

- 25 patients
- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled crossover
- Dose-escalating step-up infusion to target steady state dose
- Tremor amplitude and frequency measured by TETRAS and accelerometer
- 30-day safety follow-up

Stage 2

- 17 patients returning from Stage 1
- Open-label, single-arm
- Dose-escalating step-up infusion to target steady state dose
- Tremor amplitude and frequency measured by TETRAS and accelerometer
- 30-day safety follow-up

Inclusion Criteria

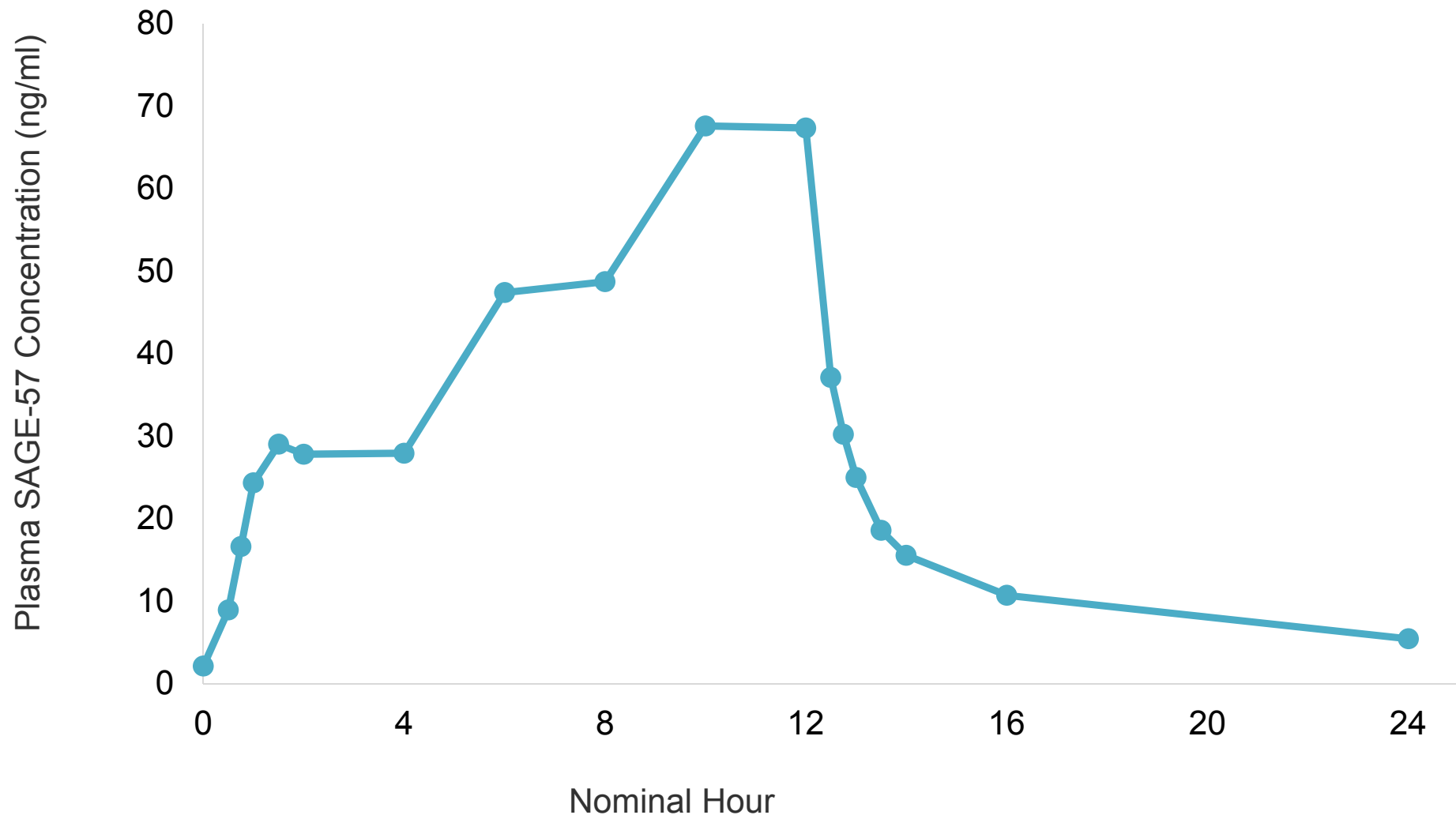
- Adults between 35-75 years of age
- Diagnosis of essential tremor, with symptoms clearly present in at least one upper limb confirmed by TETRAS
- Tremor present for at least two years prior to screening
- Off medication, or on a stable dose of medication, for at least 28 days prior to screening

Trial Demographics

All Patients	Total (N=25)
Males / Females	10 / 15
Mean Age	64.2
Age Range	54-73
Race	
Caucasian	22 (88%)
Other	2 (8%)
African-American/African	1 (4%)

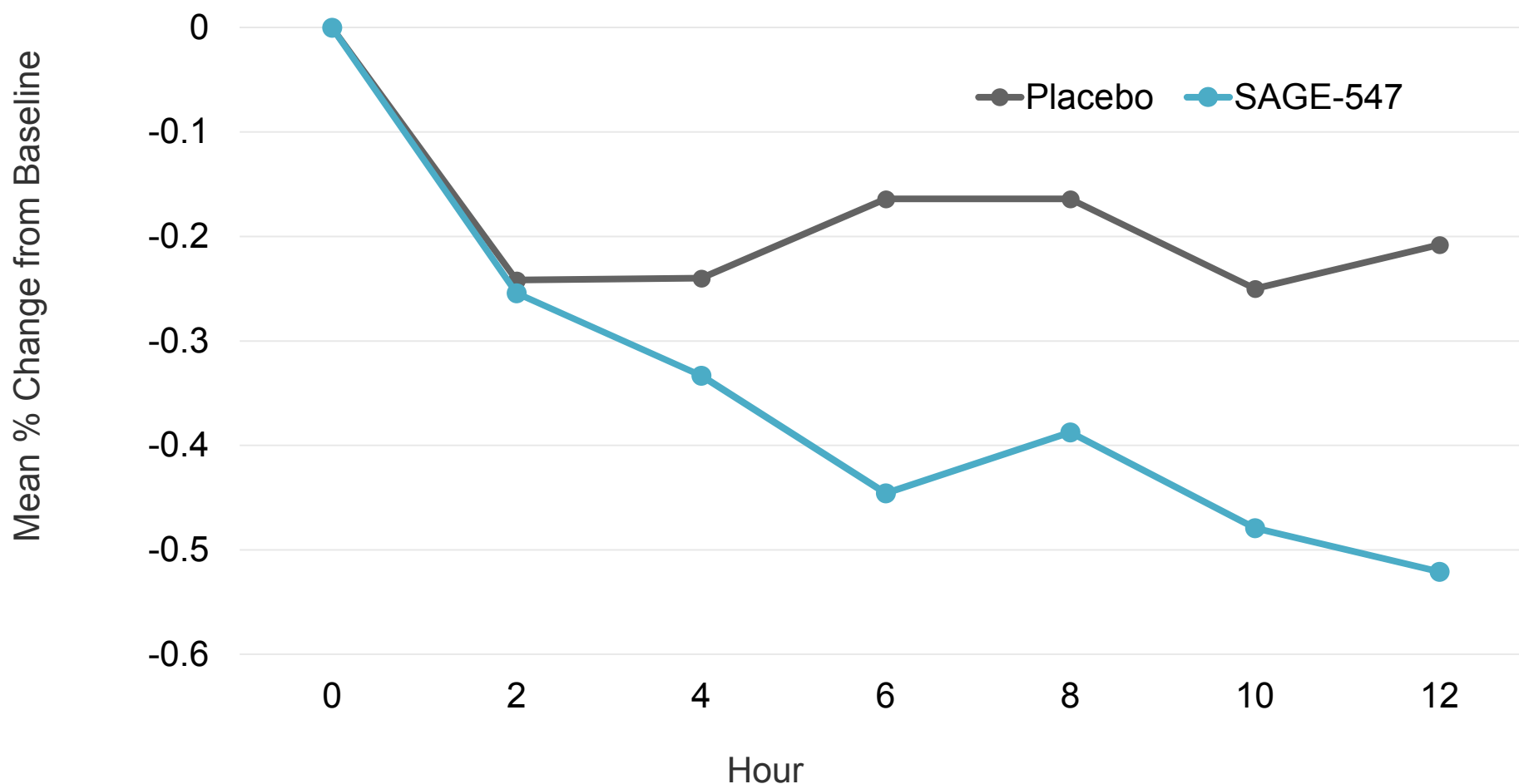
SAGE-547 Exposure in Placebo-Controlled Stage 1 Correlates to Peak Therapeutic Activity

Mean Concentration-Time Plot (All patients, n=25)



Upper Limb Response: Placebo-Controlled Stage ($p=0.046$ at 12 hours)

Accelerometer Kinetic Tremor Combined Score over Time (All patients, $n=25$)



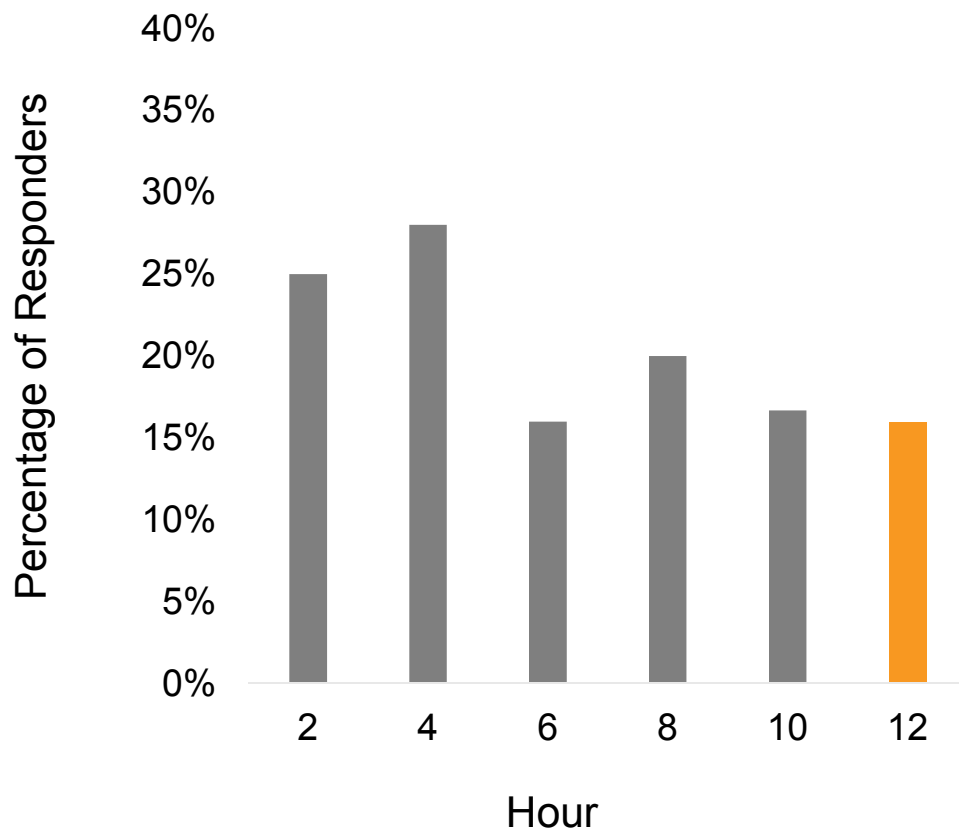
Strong Trend in Overall Response in Placebo-Controlled Stage

Accelerometer Response over Time

(At least 30% reduction from baseline; All patients, n=25)

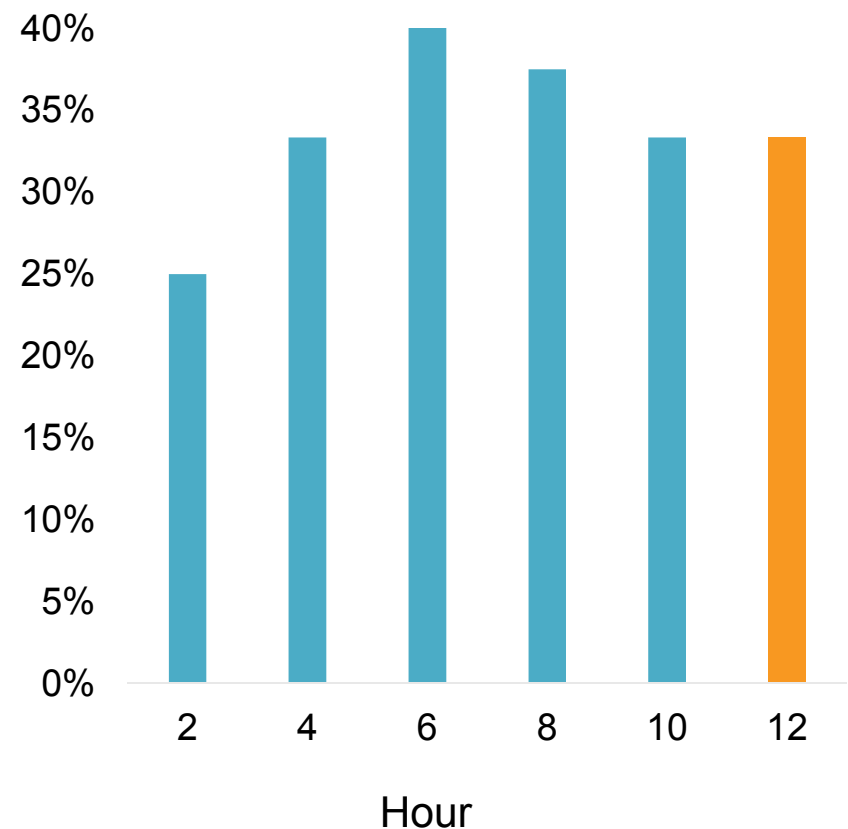
Placebo

16% response rate at 12 hours



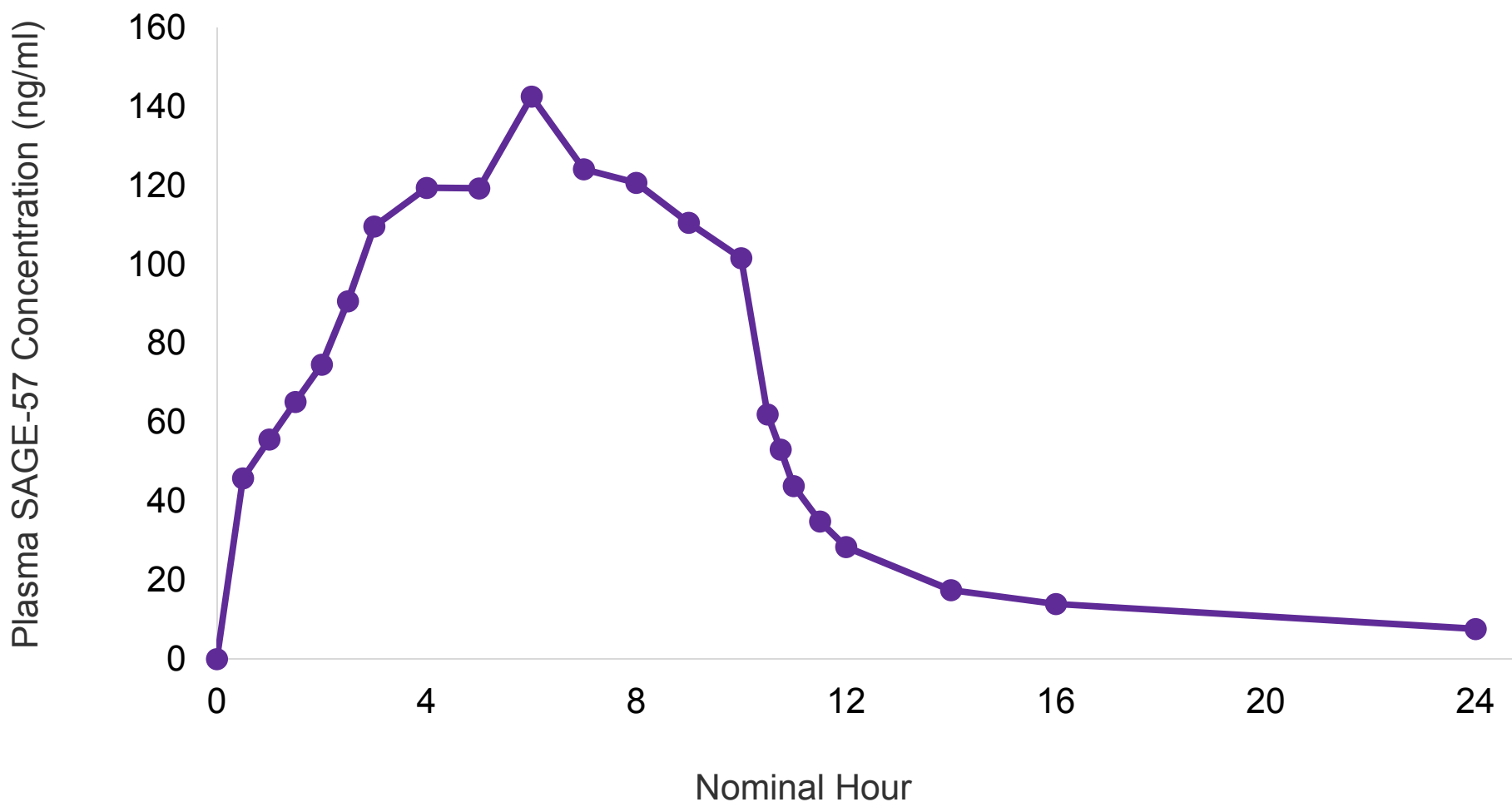
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*33% response rate at 12 hours
(target steady state)*



SAGE-547 Exposure in Open-Label Extension Correlates with Peak Therapeutic Activity

Mean Concentration-Time Plot (Stage 2 patients, n=17)

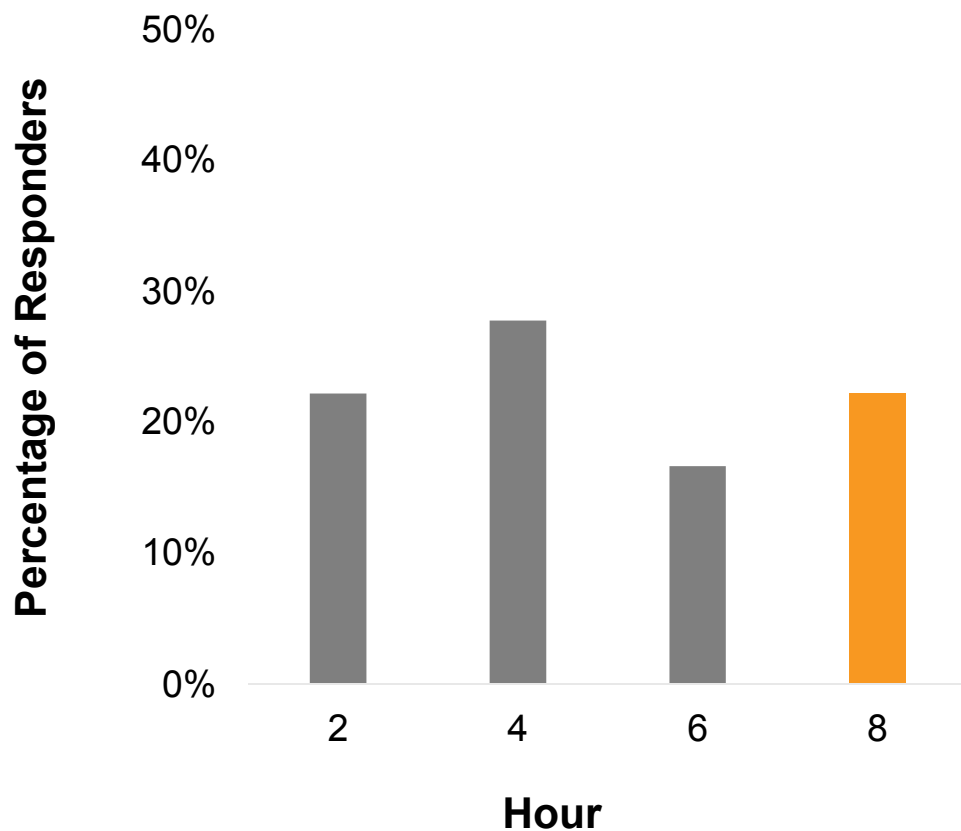


Overall Response Rate in Open-Label Extension vs. Matched Placebo

Accelerometer Response over Time (At least 30% reduction from baseline; n=17)

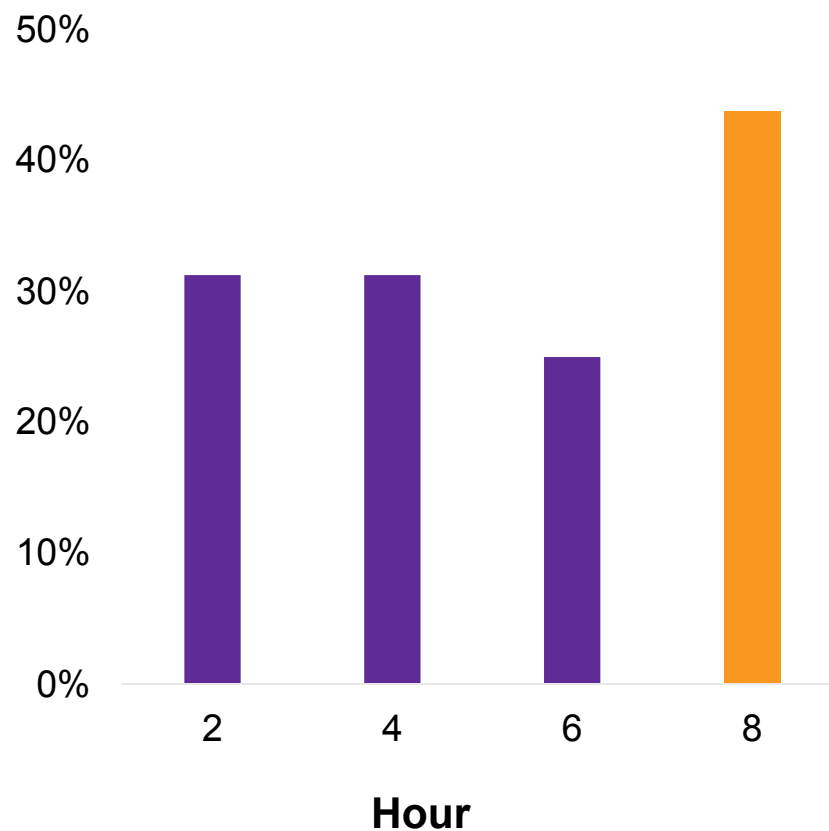
Placebo

22% response rate at 8 hours



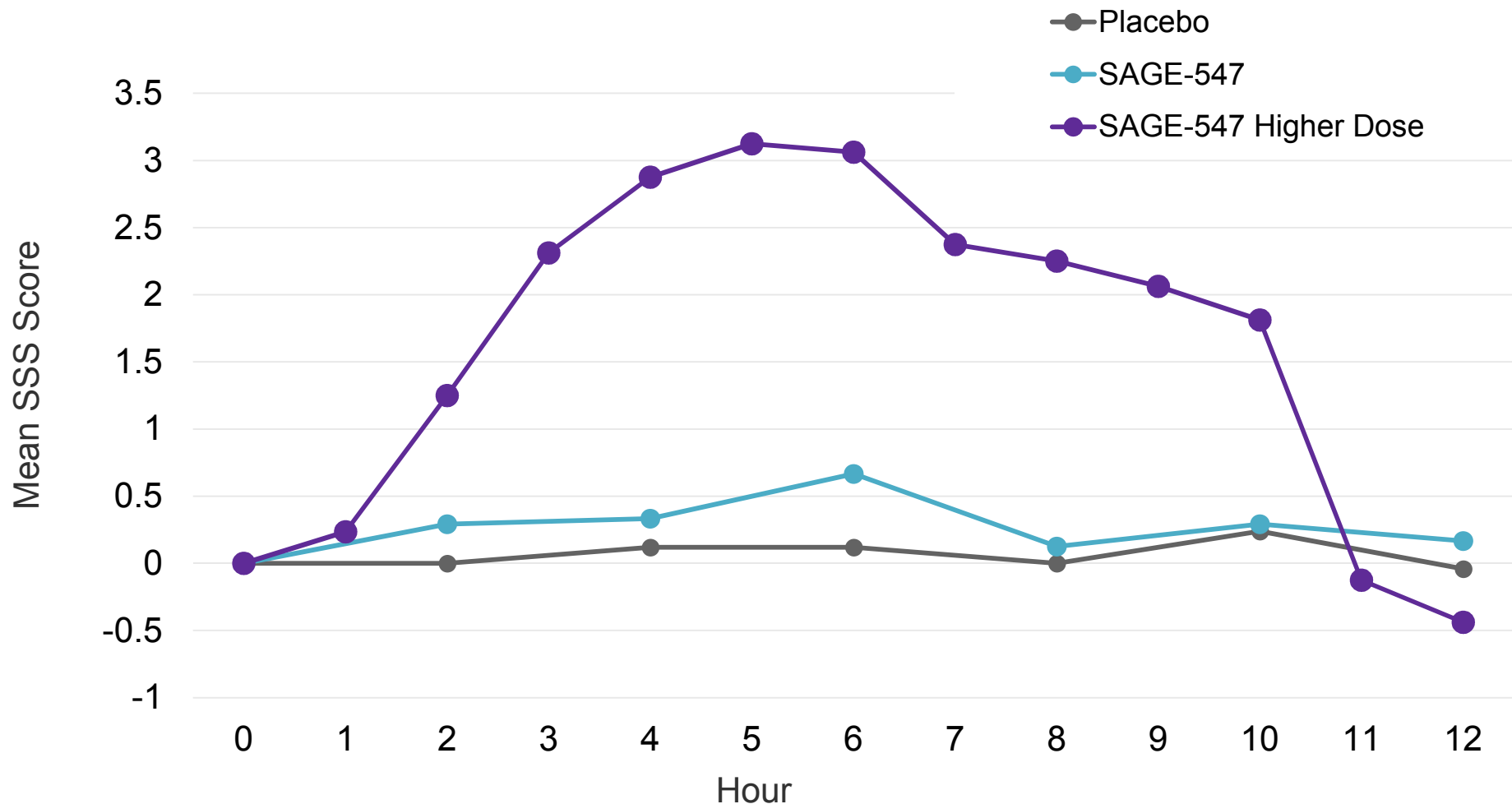
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44% response rate at 8 hours



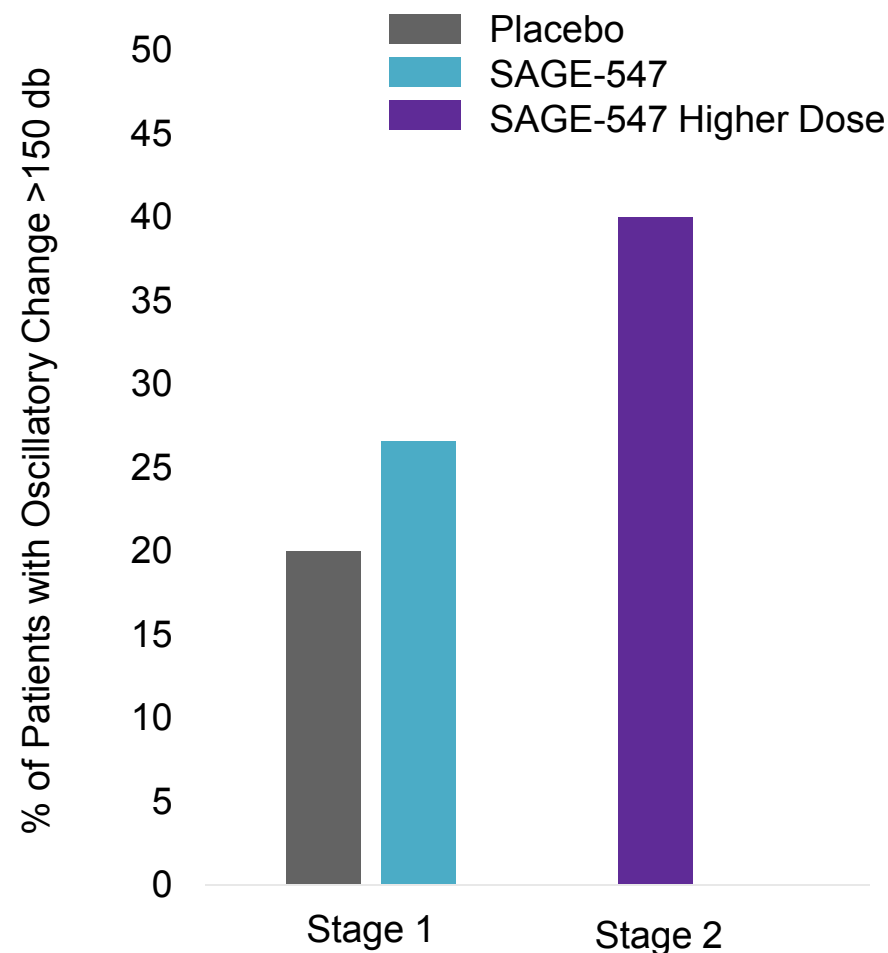
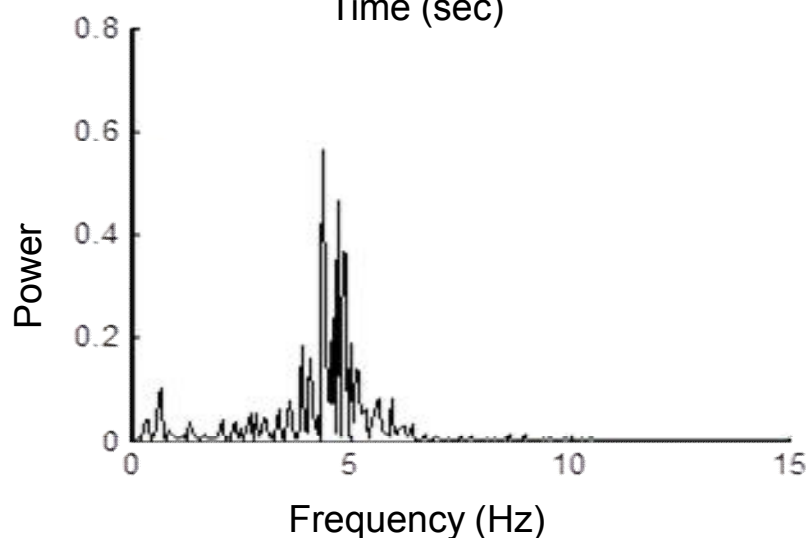
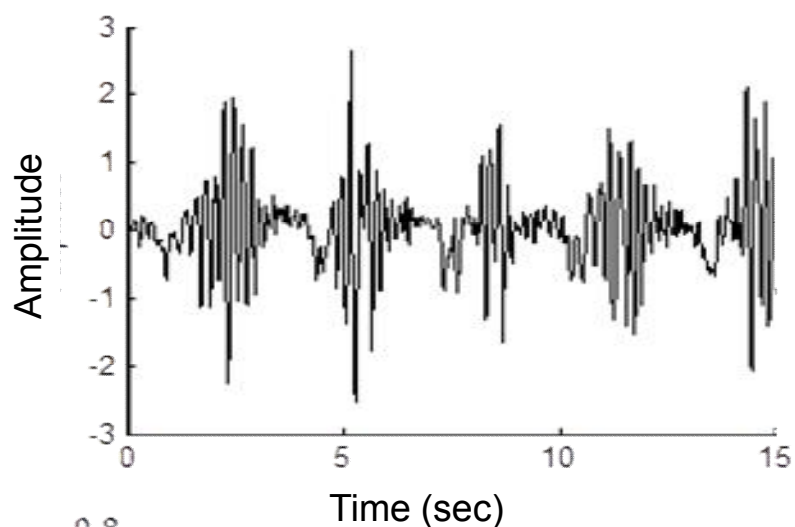
Sedation as Measured by Stanford Sleepiness Scale Placebo-Controlled vs. Open-Label Stages

Stanford Sleepiness Scale (SSS) Degree of Sleepiness Score over Time (All patients, n=25)



Objective Biomarker for Determining Treatment Effect

Tremor Oscillation as Assessed by Multi-dimensional Measurements



Safety Profile

- No SAEs reported during treatment and follow-up periods
- Only AEs reported >1 time across all SAGE-547 treatment periods were fatigue and dizziness, predominantly in Stage 2
- Of 25 patients enrolled in Stage 1:
 - 3 patients reported at least one AE on blinded SAGE-547
 - 5 patients reported at least one AE on blinded placebo
- Of 17 patients enrolled in open-label, higher dose Stage 2:
 - 8 patients reported at least 1 AE
 - 1 patient discontinued due to hypotension with recovery following drug discontinuation

Summary of Study Findings

- Clinically meaningful and significant reduction in tremor amplitude observed in patients exposed to target steady state dose for only 2 hours
- Anti-tremor effect may be uncoupled from sedation; tolerance to sedation may occur quickly
- SAGE-547 well-tolerated in conscious patients
- Results inform trial methodology for planned Phase 2 program using oral, second-generation GABA_A modulator, such as SAGE-217
- Plan to submit detailed results, and further exploratory analyses, from trial for publication and presentations at future medical meetings

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Questions & Answers