



Fesoterodine

A Novel Anti-Muscarinic: Predictably Dogmatic

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Fesoterodine

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| Brand Name | Toviaz [fesoterodine fumarate extended-release] |
| Manufacturer | Pfizer |
| Indication | Overactive bladder Approved Feb 9 th , 2012 |
| Drug-Class | Anti-muscarinic M3 selective receptor inhibitor |



Overactive Bladder

- Prevalence increases with age
- Lifetime risk
 - Males 15% & Females 30%
- Detrusor muscle contracts inappropriately
- Detrusor muscle over-activity
 - involuntary bladder contractions
 - *urgency to urge urinary incontinence* (UUI)
 - symptom not a disease



Overactive Bladder

- Symptoms include:
 - urgency, frequency and nocturia
 - incontinence
- Non-pharmacological therapy (1st-line)
 - Pelvic floor strengthening
 - Behavioural therapy
- Pharmacotherapy (2nd-line)
 - Anti-muscarinic most studied

Treatment of OAB

| Anti-Musc vs. | PBO (n=4500) | lidocaine (n=15) | doxazosin (n=59) | flavoxate (n=240) |
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| Improvement* | 1.39 [1.28,1.51] 40% improved on PBO | 1.50 [0.71,3.16] 50% improved on lidocaine | X-over study Pts that responded to initial therapy did not X-over | 0.97 [0.90, 1.05] 60% improved on flavoxate |
| Nocturia | NR | NR | 40% improved on doxaosin 55% improved on oxybutynin | 0.96 [0.66, 1.39] |
| Dry mouth | 1.11 [0.91, 1.36] | NR | | 2.28 [1.45, 3.56] |

*individual trial authors definition of cure (objective or subjective criteria)



Questionnaires

- Employed for:
 - Clinical assessment
 - Screening
 - HRQOL

- HRQOL scales measure urgency
 - King's Health Questionnaire (35 pt)
 - Urogenital Distress inventory (22 pt)
 - ICSmaleSF (14 pt)
 - OAB-q (13 pt)

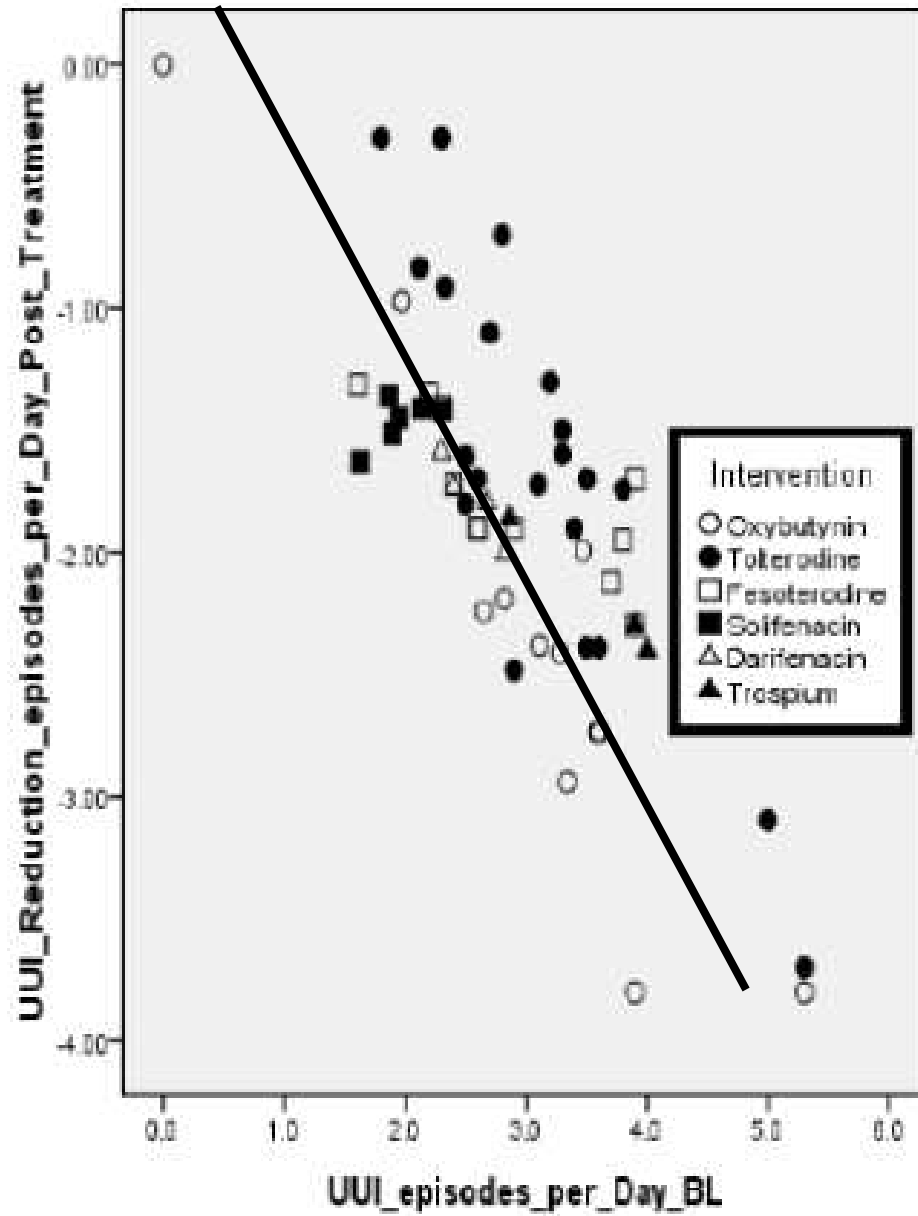
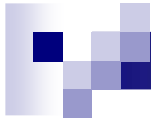
- Urgency incontinence greater negative effect on QOL than other components of OAB



Urgency Severity Score

- 5-point scale to assess urinary urgency

- Rate bladder urgency on a 5-point scale:
 - 1 point (pt) Continue activity eventually go to bathroom
 - 2 pts Mild urgency: Finish activity quickly go right to bathroom
 - 3 pts Moderate urgency: Stop activity go right to bathroom
 - 4 pts Severe urgency: Stop activity run to bathroom
 - 5 pts Urge incontinence: Didn't make it to bathroom





Clinical Question

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| Patient | Symptoms of OAB Experiencing UUI |
| Intervention | fesoterodine |
| Control | Placebo Anti-muscarinic agent |
| Outcome | Mortality Urge Incontinence episodes Adverse effects <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Dry mouth<input type="checkbox"/> Decline in cognition<input type="checkbox"/> Falls<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac arrhythmias |




Literature Search

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| Databases | Pubmed, Medline, Embase, Cochrane, Google Scholar, IPA |
| Search Terms | fesoterodine, anti-muscarinic, over active bladder, urge incontinence |
| Limits | English, Human |
| Results | 5 randomized controlled trial 1 dose-response model analysis |

| | Nitti 2005 (n=173) | Cole 2004 (n = 727) | Chapple 2007 (n = 1132) | Nitti 2007 (n=836) |
|------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Design | R DB PC UUI* 1.5/d | R DB PC UUI 2.3/d | R DB PC UUI 3.7/d | R DB PC UUI 3.8/d |
| Comparison | FST** 4, 8, 12mg | FST 4, 8, 12 mg | FST 4, 8mg, Tolt 4mg | FST 4, 8 mg |
| Δ UUI / d | FST 4 [-0.80] FST 8 [-1.34] FST 12 [-1.30] | FST 4 [-1.3] FST 8 [-1.8] FST 12 [-2.1] | PBO [-1.14] Tolt [-1.72] FST 4 [-1.74] FST 8 [-2.22] | PBO [-0.96] FST 4 [-1.65] FST 8 [-2.28] |
| Comparison | FST > PBO | FST > PBO | FST > PBO FST = Tolt | FST > PBO |
| Dry Mouth (%) | PBO (8) FST 4 (30) FST 8 (30) FST 12 (38) | NR | PBO (7.1) Tolt (16.9) FST 4 (21.7) FST 8 (33.8) | PBO (7) FST 4 (16) FST 8 (36) |

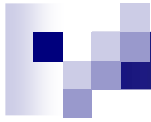
*Baseline mean UUI / d ; FST = fesoterodine



Modeling dose-response relationships of the effects of fesoterodine in patients with overactive bladder

Linda Cardozo^{1*}, Vik Khullar², Ahmed El-Tahtawy³, Zhonghong Guan³, Bimal Malhotra³, David Staskin⁴

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| Design | Data from 2 phase II and 2 phase III trials Population-based longitudinal dose-response model of fesoterodine from clinical trials Sponsored by Pfizer |
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| Patients | n = 2514 F 80% Age ~ 65 <u>Excluded:</u> PVR >100ml Tolterodine treatment group |
| Intervention & Control | Fesoterodine 4 mg (n= 759) Fesoterodine 8 mg (n= 762) Fesoterodine 12 mg (n= 225) PBO (n= 768) |



Outcome

Dose-response model for:

Δ UUI episodes / 24 hrs

Micturation / 24 hrs

Mean volume voided (MVV) / micturation



Population-based modeling

- FDA & EMA provide guidelines for application of population PK/PD modeling:
 - Used to identify the ideal dose
 - Sparse amount of patient data but large number of patients
 - Allows for identification and control of covariates
 - Provides accurate estimate of covariance (interpatient variability)
- Results can be applied to guide dosing in clinical setting



Model Development

- Pooled data from 4 RCTs at each follow-up time
 - From bi-weekly diary entries
 - Nonlinear mixed-effects modeling (NONMEM)
- Age, gender, and baseline OAB symptoms analyzed as covariates
- Validation of model with Positive Predictive Check
 - $\alpha = 0.01$ for comparisons between the models

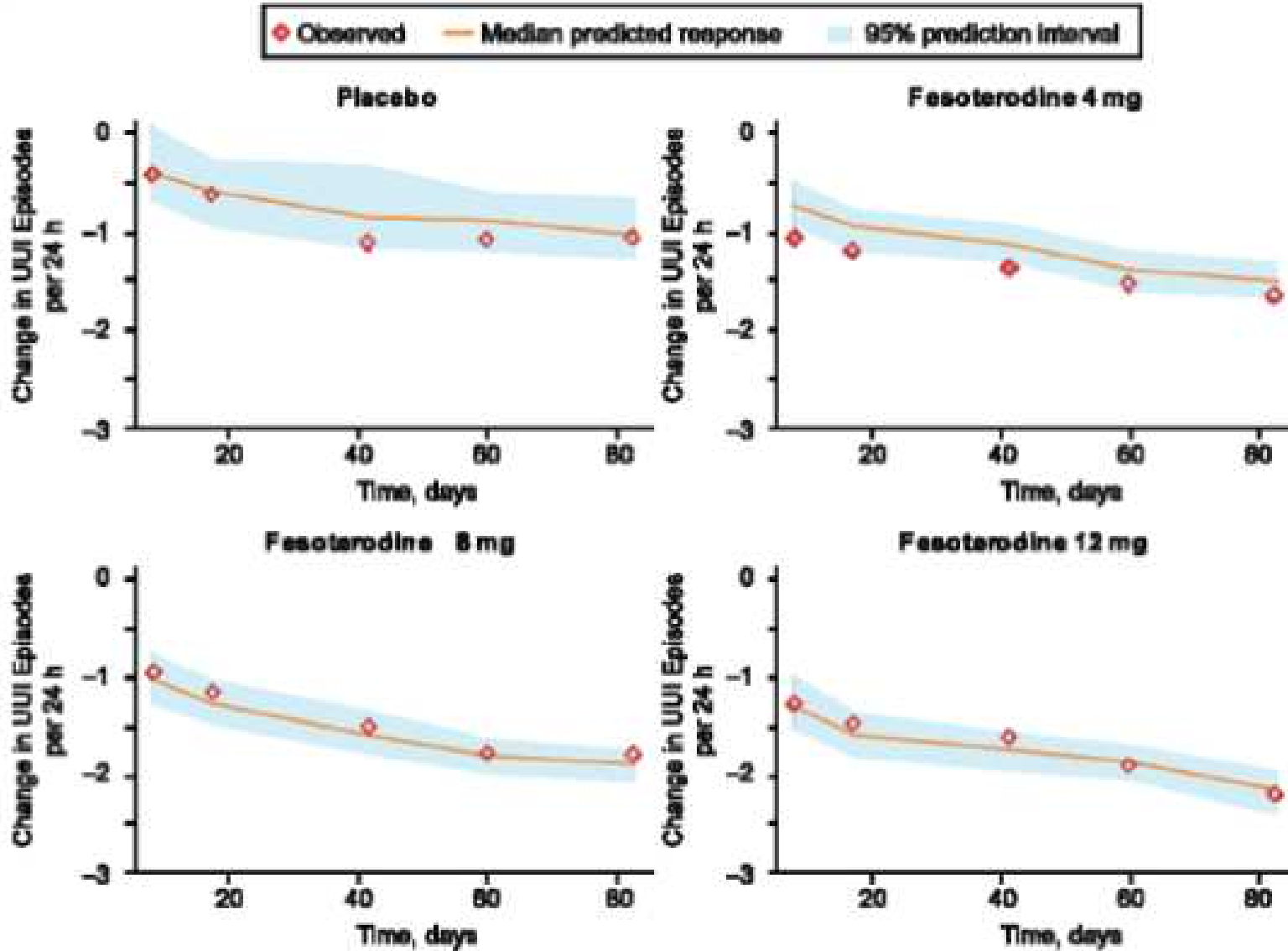


Figure 2 Posterior predictive check for change from baseline in number of urgency urinary incontinence (UUI) episodes after taking placebo or fesoterodine 4 mg, 8 mg, or 12 mg.

Model Predicted Change from Baseline

| | PBO | FST 4mg | FST 8mg |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Δ UUI episodes / 24h* | - 1.1 | - 1.3 | - 1.4 |
| Micturations / 24h | - 1.2 | - 1.7 | - 2.2 |
| MVV (ml) | 9.7 | 23.9 | 38.1 |

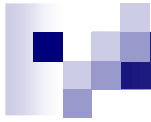
*For a patient with 2 UUI / d

- Onset of clinical effect at 4 weeks
- For UUI / d:
 - FST 4 mg vs. PBO SS
 - FST 4 mg vs. 8 mg NSS
- Did not report prediction for FST 12 mg; stated NSS vs. 8mg



Results

- Reduction in UUI episodes predicted by model less than effect observed in phase III trials
- p-values & confidence intervals not reported for comparing models
- Predicted linear dose response relation for:
 - # of micturations / day
 - Δ UUI episodes / day



- Internal validity:
 - No mention of heterogeneity
 - LOCF for missing data in RCTs

- Generalizability:
 - Fixed dose regimens
 - Coefficient of variation within 15% to 20% for each endpoint

- Covariates not well described
 - Random effect variable in model equation



Bottom-Line

- Placebo group reduction in UUI / day by 1 episode
- Fesoterodine 4mg reduces UUI / day by 1.3 episodes
 - Prevent one episode for every 3 days of therapy
 - When baseline UUI 2x / day
- Onset ~ 4 weeks

Anti-Muscarinics

| | Symptom Improvement | Dry Mouth |
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| oxybutynin v. tropsium (n=136) | 1.41 [1.04, 1.89] 40% on tropsium | 0.66 [0.48, 0.91] 50% on tropsium |
| tolterodine v. oxybutynin (n=1381) | 1.01 [0.93, 1.11] 55% on oxybutynin | 0.52 [0.40, 0.66] 30% on oxybutynin |
| solifenacin v. tolterodine (n=2200) | 1.25 [1.13, 1.39] 56% on tolterodine | 1.37 [0.84, 2.23] 18% on tolterodine |
| tolterodine 1mg, 2mg, 4mg / day -> = efficacy; ↑ dry mouth | | |
| solifenacin 5mg or 10mg -> ↓ frequency / urgency; ↑ dry mouth | | |

Comparison of fesoterodine and tolterodine extended release for the treatment of overactive bladder: a head-to-head placebo-controlled trial

Sender Herschorn, Steven Swift^{*}, Zhonghong Guan[†], Martin Carlsson[†], Jon D. Morrow[†], Marina Brodsky[†] and Jason Gong[†]

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| Design | 12 week trial with 2 week run-in phase R DB PCT DD with AC Sponsored by Pfizer |
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| Patient | N=1712 Excluded: lower GU pathology, neurological condition (e.g. CVA, MS, spinal cord injury, PD), anti-muscarinic for OAB w/in 2 wks |
| Intervention | 2-week run-in period on placebo Placebo Fesoterodine 4mg (1/52) with option to titrate to 8mg (11/52) Tolterodine ER 4mg x 12/52 |
| Control | *all medications taken once daily in the morning |



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| Outcome | 3 day bladder diaries baseline, bi-weekly x 12 wks <u>Efficacy:</u> UUI / day (primary), MVV, Total # voids Used USS rating scale [other questionnaires PPBC, UPS and OAB-Q] |
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Baseline Characteristics:

Age (mean) = 58

Female 80%

Duration of OAB 7 yrs

Baseline UUI / d ~ 2.5



| | PBO | FST | Tolt |
|-------------------------|--|--------|--------|
| Mean Δ UUI / day | - 1.46 | - 1.72 | - 1.61 |
| Comparison | FST > PBO (p <0.001) FST > Tolt (p = 0.017) | | |
| Dry Mouth | 6 % | 27.8 % | 16.4 % |



■ Internal validity:

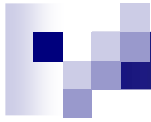
- Overall well designed phase trial
- LOCF (167 pts ~ 9.5%)

■ Generalizability:

- Fixed dose titration as part of protocol
- Duration of trial 12 weeks

| | Δ UUI* | Dry mouth | Cost |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| No treatment | - 1.0 | 7% | \$ 0 |
| Fesoterodine 4mg | - 1.5 | + 13% | \$ 1.5 / day |
| Fesoterodine 8mg | - 1.75 | + 10% | \$ 1.5 / day |
| Tolterodine 4mg | - 1.5 | 16% | \$ 1.91 / day |

*Pre-treatment UUI 2 / d



| Fesoterodine | Tolterodine |
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| Toviaz (Pfizer) | Detrol LA (Pfizer) |
| 4mg, 8mg (SR) | 1, 2, 4mg (SR) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="212 773 1010 837">■ 5-HMT (serum esterases) <li data-bbox="212 959 926 1089">■ Can't actually measure serum fesoterodine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1073 773 1640 837">■ 5-HMT (CYP2D6) <li data-bbox="1073 959 1829 1089">■ Tolterodine undetectable ~2 hrs after dose |



Bottom-Line

- Fesoterodine 4mg:

- Appropriate starting dose

- Re-assess in 4 weeks

- ↑ dose on average does not result in clinical significant benefit

- Fesoterodine is less expensive than tolterodine, until it is off-patent in February 2013

- No trial comparing fesoterodine to solifenacin or darifenacin