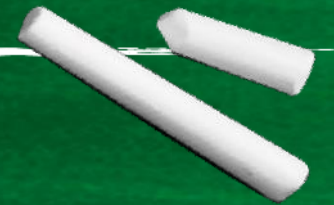




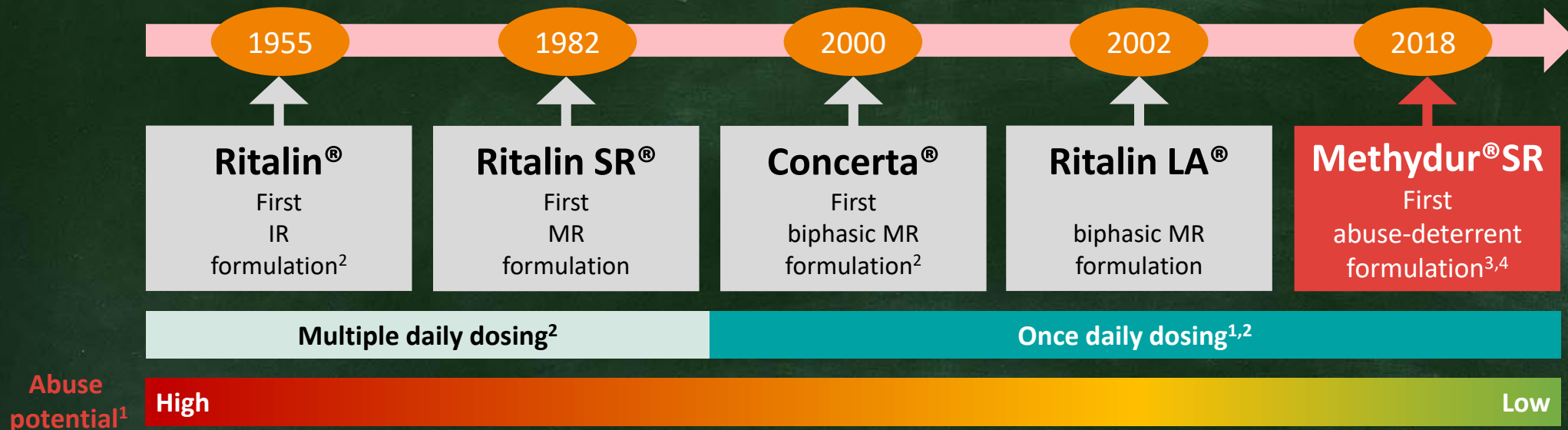
- ✓ **Fast onset : 2 hours reach 6ng/ml**
- ✓ **Sufficient duration : 8-12 hours**
- ✓ **Potential safety profiles : lower incidence of insomnia**



# Milestones in the development of methylphenidate products

Several methylphenidate products have been developed to<sup>1</sup>:

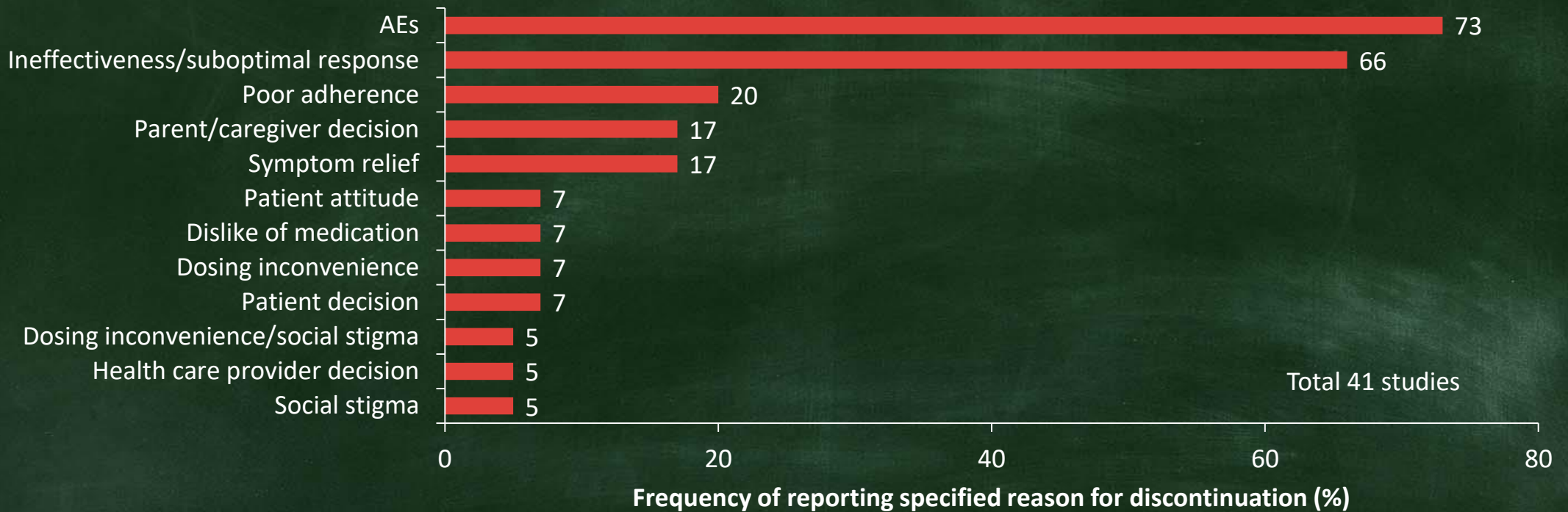
- Improve adherence
- Reduce abuse potential
- Decrease stigma associated with multiple administrations per day
- Decrease the potential for AEs related to dosage peak



AE=adverse effect; IR=immediate release; MR=modified release. 1. Cortese S, et al. CNS Drugs. 2017;31(2):149-60. 2. Patrick KS, et al. Pharmacotherapy. 2018 Oct 23. doi: 10.1002/phar.2190. 3. [http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=121590&p=irol-newsArticle\\_Print&ID=2375965](http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=121590&p=irol-newsArticle_Print&ID=2375965) 4. Data on file.

# Systematic literature review: Most frequently reported reasons for treatment discontinuation

Persistence and adherence to ADHD treatment were generally low, and tolerability was the most important reason for treatment discontinuation.



ADHD=attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder; AE=adverse event.  
Gajria K, et al. Neuropsychiatr Dis Treat. 2014;10:1543-69.

# Effective Concentration of MPH

80% DAT Blockage 8–10ng/ml

PK and PD properties of stimulants: Implications for the design of new treatments for ADHD :

The **maximum MPH blockade** of DAT (80% occupancy) occurs at about **8–10 ng/ml**.

**Therapeutic doses** blocked 50% DAT, corresponded to **6 ng/ml**. In human subjects, the peak **uptake of MPH in the brain was very fast** ( $T_{max} < 10$  min), but the **clearance was relatively slow** ( $T_{1/2} = 90$  min).



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## Pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties of stimulants: implications for the design of new treatments for ADHD

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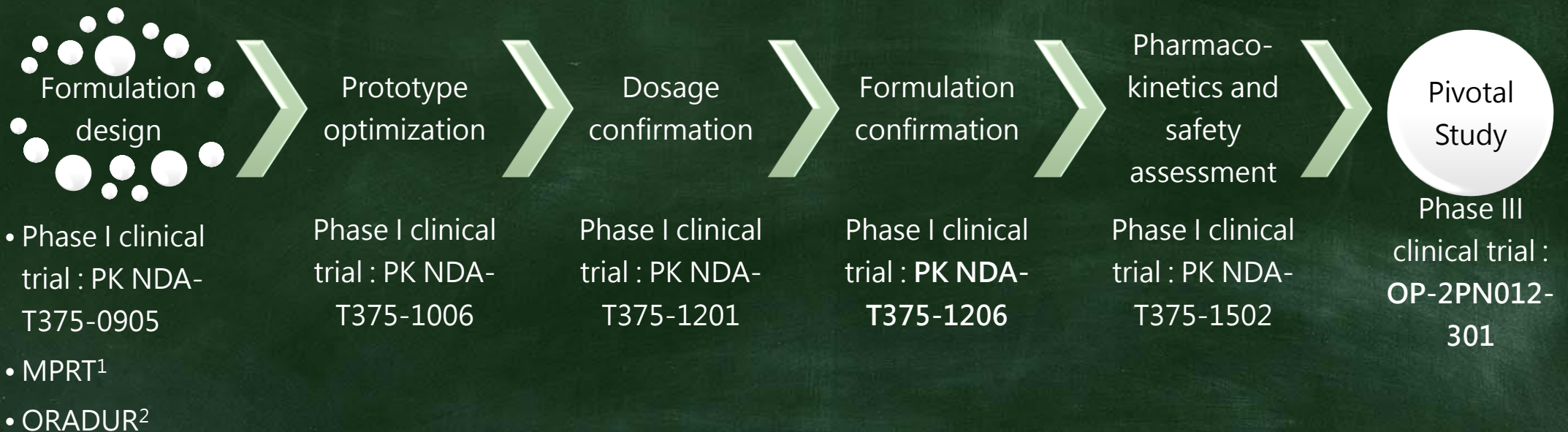
### Abstract

In the USA [22], the stimulant drug methylphenidate (MPH) is used to treat a large number (2 million or more per year) of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Although the US FDA approved MPH in the 1960s [30,45], the pharmacokinetic (PK) properties of serum concentrations of MPH in children with ADHD were not described until the 1980s, and then in only a few cases. Recently, information from drug development programs have increased our knowledge about the serum PK and some pharmacodynamic (PD) characteristics of MPH in ADHD children, and studies based on positron emission tomography (PET) in adult volunteers have provided new knowledge about the PK properties of MPH at the primary site of action in the brain. We will review these two topics and use this new information to evaluate the mechanisms of action of MPH. © 2002 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

# Quality By Design

## Formulation Engineering of Methydur® SR

Methydur® SR processed 5 phase I PK and pivotal trials on research and development phase to study the pharmacologic properties, safety and optimization of capsule based on **quality by design** formulation engineering.

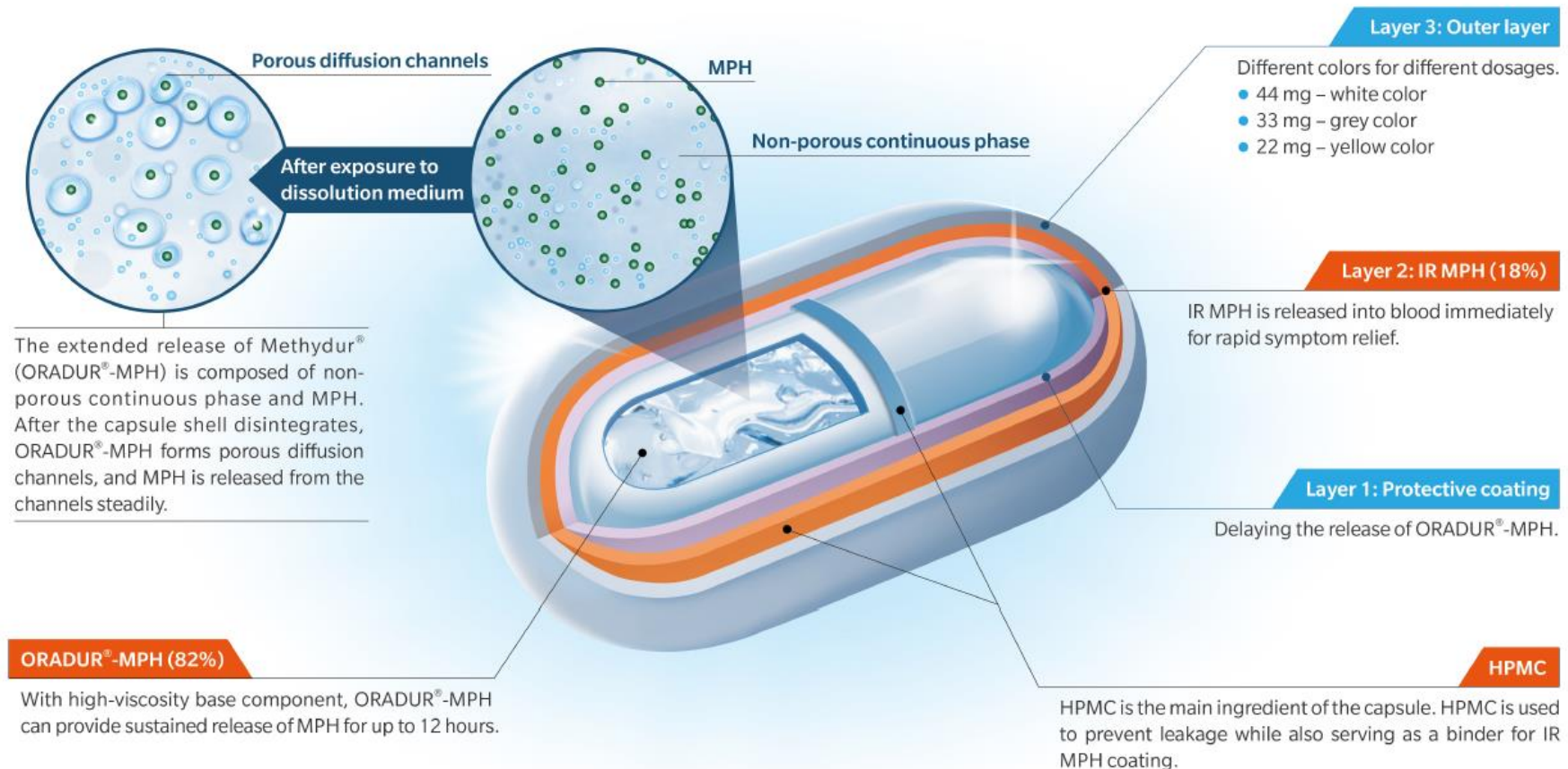


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<sup>1</sup>Patent I426897  
<sup>2</sup>Patent TW201811328 A

# Quality By Design

## ORADUR™ Technology of Methydur®SR

### Design of Methydur® Sustained Release Capsules



HPMC, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose; IR, immediate-release; MPH, methylphenidat

# Methydur<sup>®</sup> SR Phase I Study:

PK NDA-T375-1206

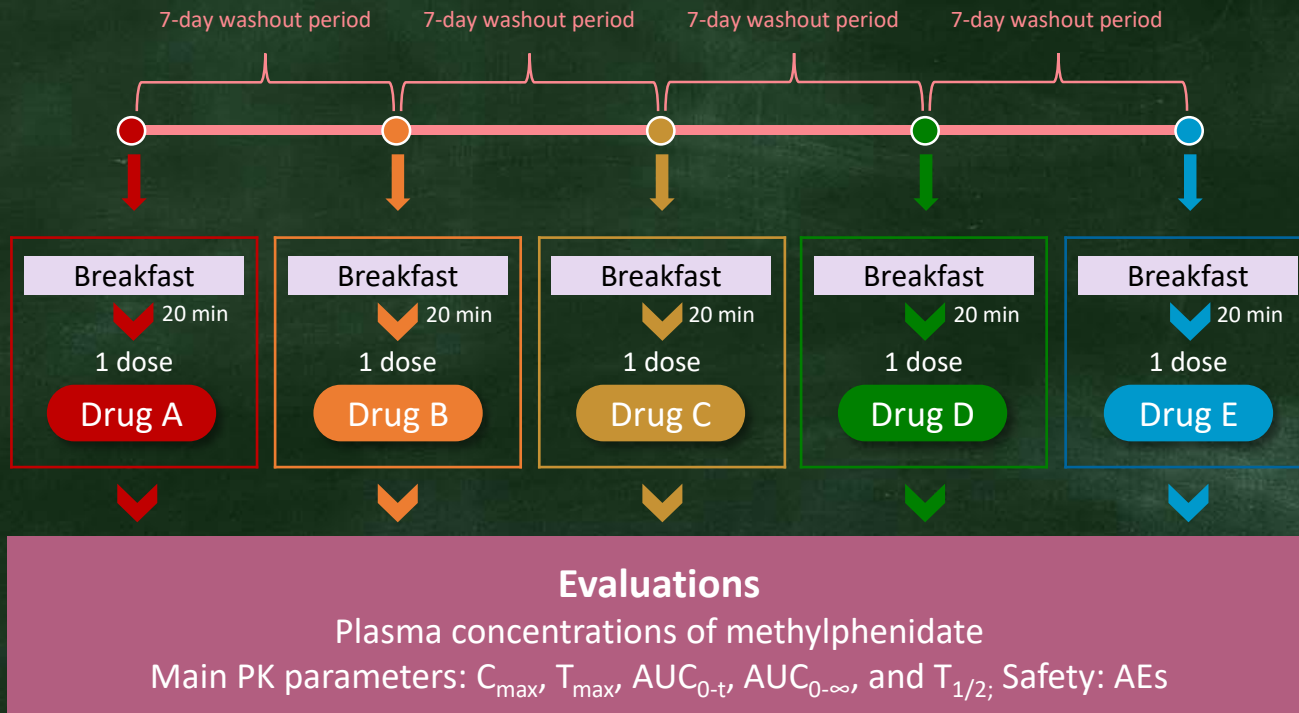
Phase I, five-way crossover study to compare the PK of Methydur<sup>®</sup> 44 mg to Concerta<sup>®</sup> 36 mg after a single oral administration in healthy adult volunteers under fed conditions.

## Healthy adult subjects

(N=15)  
Age 20~45 years  
BMI 18~30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>  
Body weight >50 kg

Methydur<sup>®</sup> Sustained  
Release Capsules 44 mg

MPH-OROS<sup>®</sup> Extended  
Release Tablets 36 mg  
(random sequence)

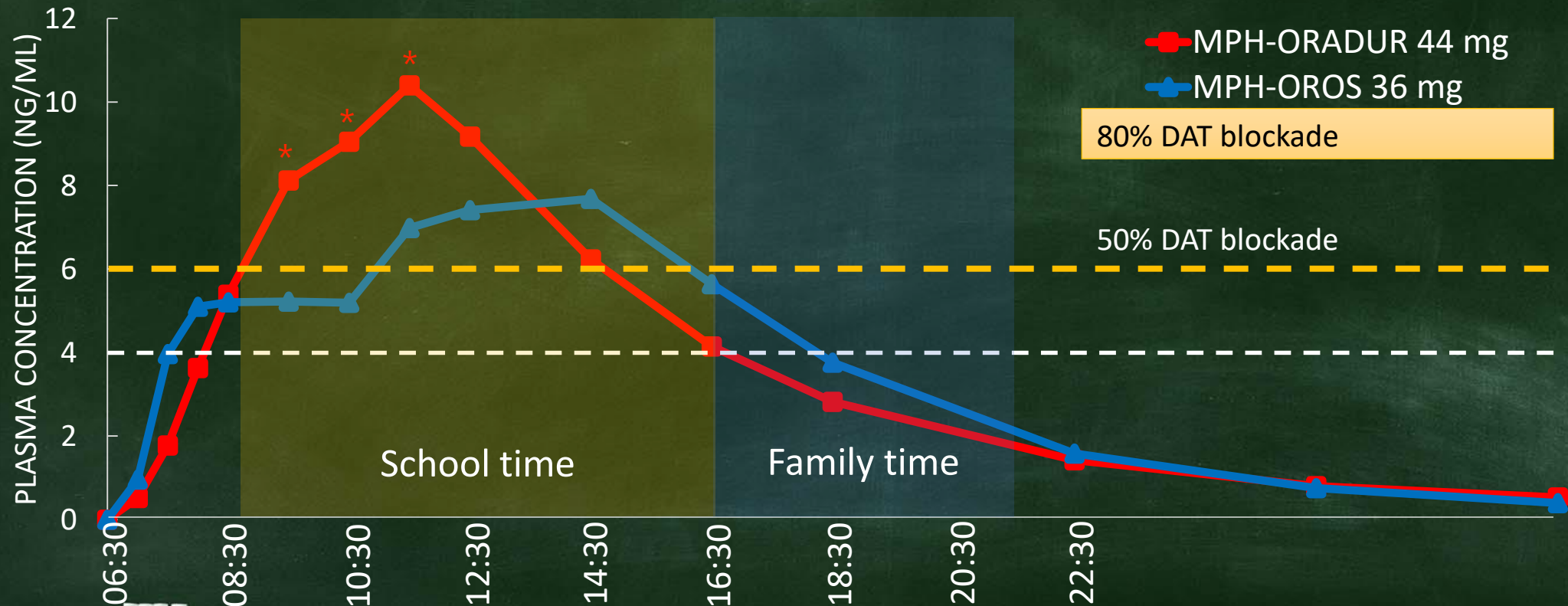


AE=adverse event;  $AUC_{0-\infty}$ =area under the concentration-time curve from time zero to infinity;  $AUC_{0-t}$ =area under the concentration-time curve from time zero to time of the last quantifiable concentration; BMI=body mass index;  $T_{1/2}$ =terminal elimination half-life; Orient Pharma. Clinical Study Report (Protocol No. PK NDA-T375-1206).

# Methydrur<sup>®</sup> SR Phase I Study:

Primary endpoint : pharmacokinetic profiles

Methydrur<sup>®</sup> 44mg exhibited a faster rate and higher extent of absorption than Concerta<sup>®</sup> 36mg.



\*: Significant difference presents between MPH-ORADUR 44 mg and MPH-OROS 36 mg. (p<0.05); Orient Pharma. Clinical Study Report (Protocol No. PK NDA-T375-1206).



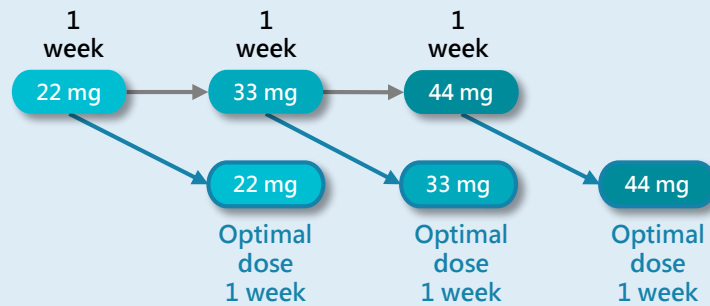
# Methydur<sup>®</sup> SR Phase III Study: OP-2PN012-301

Phase III, Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo Controlled, Two-way Cross-over clinical study to evaluate **safety** and **efficacy** of Methydur<sup>®</sup> in children and adolescents with ADHD.

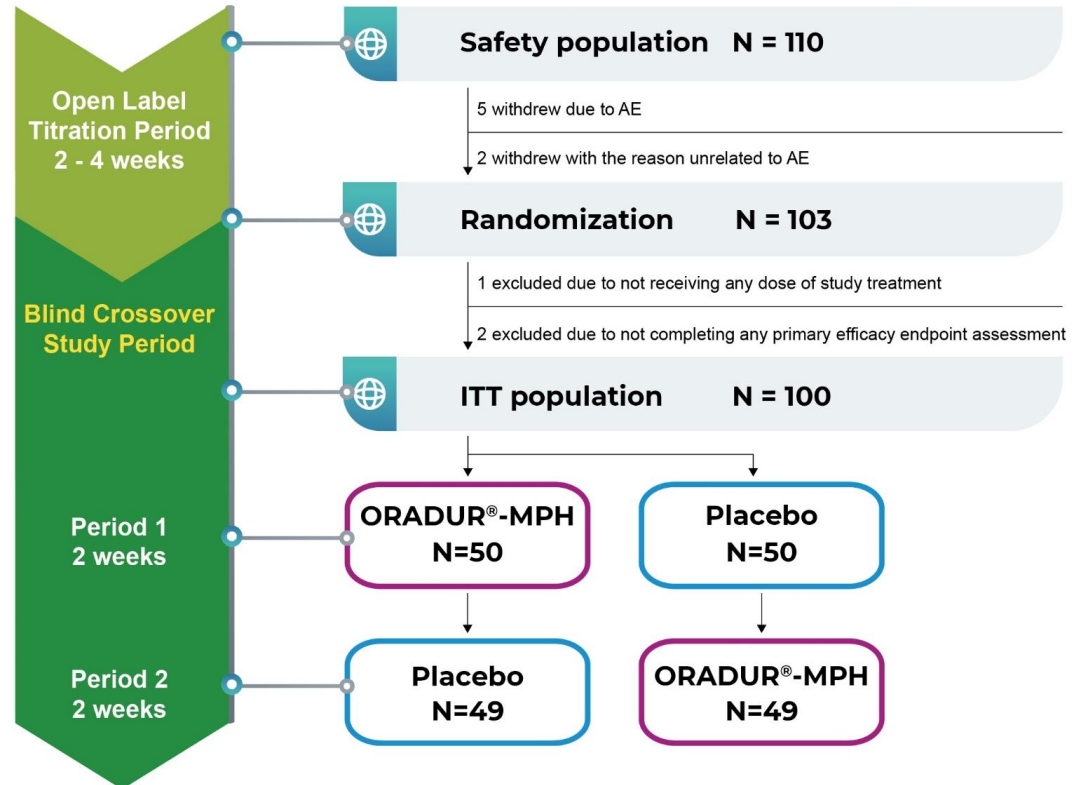
## Main inclusion criteria

- Age 6~18 years old
- Diagnosed with ADHD according to DSM-5 criteria within 1 year
- Could swallow study specific capsule (18 mm) without difficulty

## Titration Period



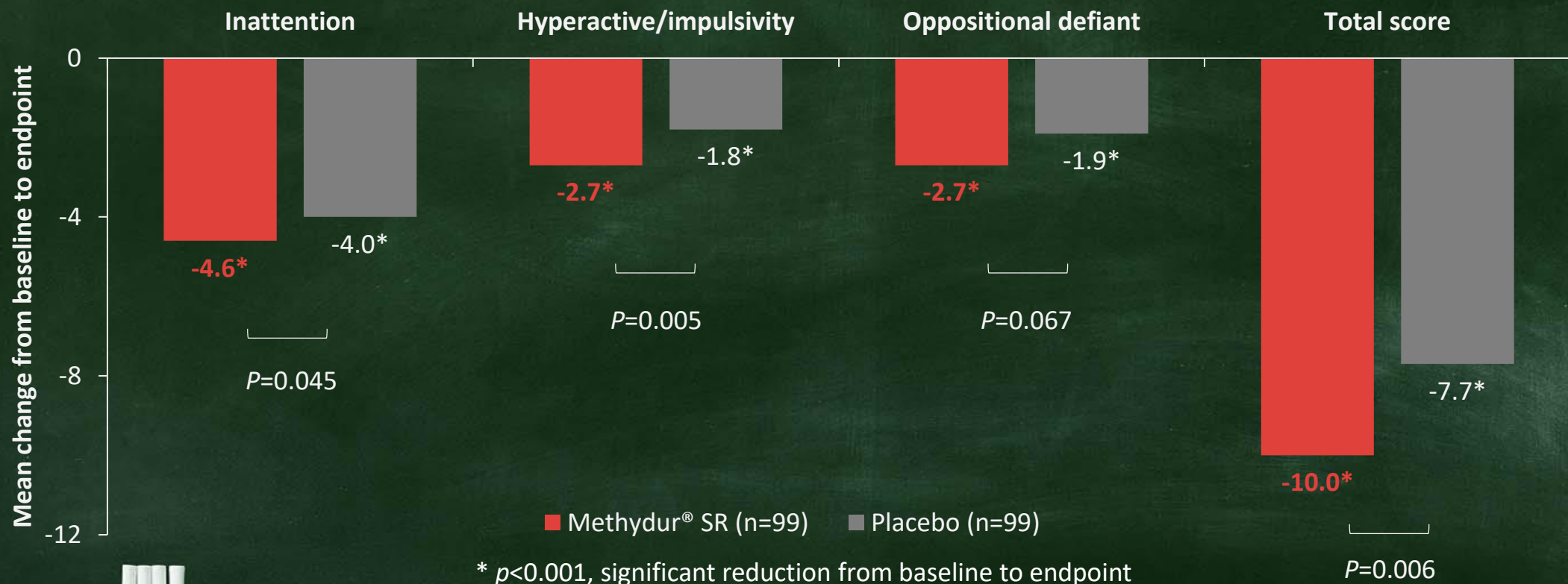
- Patients required dose adjustment
- Patients did not require dose adjustment



Methydur<sup>®</sup> SR was orally administered once daily in the morning within 20 minutes after breakfast. YS Huang et al. J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol. 2020 Dec 31.

# Methydrur<sup>®</sup> SR Phase III Study: SNAP-IV Teacher Form Score

The magnitude of symptoms reduction from baseline to the endpoint was significantly greater for the ORADUR<sup>®</sup>-MPH group than the placebo group.



# MPH Treatment Effectiveness in brain fMRI analysis of brain regions

Treatment with **ORADUR<sup>®</sup>**-MPH may increase the brain activity in the **dACC**, **rDLPFC**, and **rIFG** corresponding to improving focused attention, sustained attention, and inhibition control, and decreasing impulsivity in drug naïve children with ADHD.

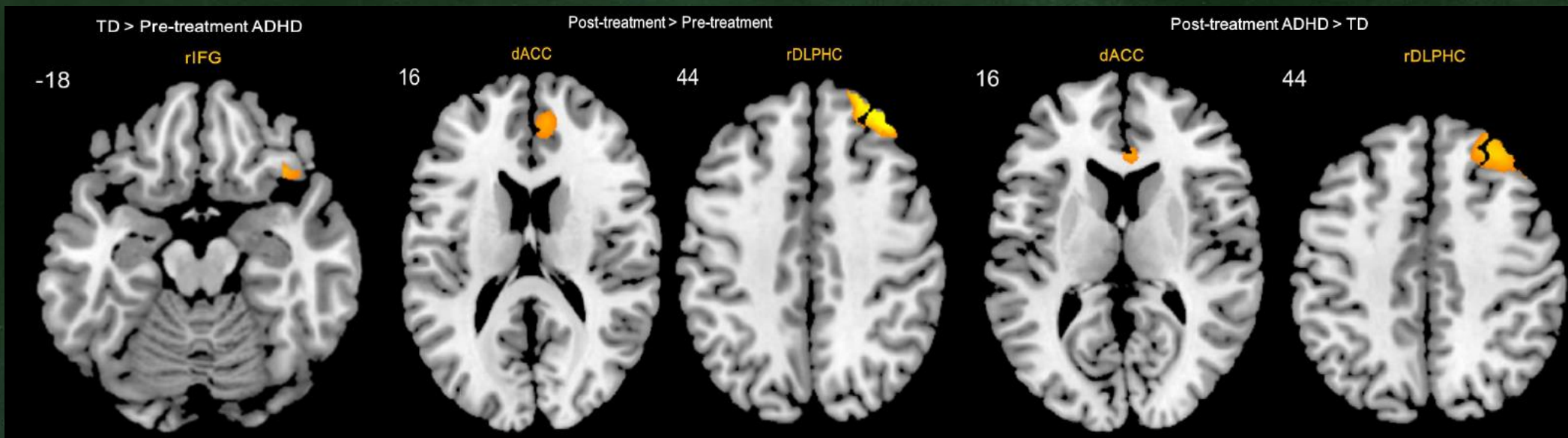


Fig. 2A Greater activation in the rIFG in TD.

Fig. 2B Greater activation in the dACC and the rDLPFC from pre to post treatment in ADHD.

Fig. 2C Greater activation in the dACC and the rDLPFC in post treatment ADHD than TD.

dACC: dorsal anterior cingulate cortex; rDLPFC: right dorsolateral prefrontal cortex;  
rIFG: right inferior frontal gyrus  
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# Non-head-to-head Comparison

## Safety profiles among different methylphenidate products

Methydur<sup>®</sup> had a better safety profile than Concerta<sup>®</sup> and Ritalin IR<sup>®</sup>.

Adverse Event	No. of patients with an AE (%)		Adverse Event	No. of patients with an AE (%)	
	Methydur <sup>®</sup> <sup>1</sup> ORADUR <sup>®</sup> -MPH (N=110)	Placebo (n=101)		Concerta <sup>®</sup> <sup>2</sup> OROS <sup>®</sup> -MPH (n=32)	Ritalin <sup>®</sup> <sup>2</sup> IR-MPH (n=32)
Decreased appetite	53 (48.2%)	1 (1.0%)	Decreased appetite	15 (46.9%)	19 (59.4%)
Insomnia or trouble sleeping	22 (20.0%)	0 (0.0%)	Insomnia or trouble sleeping	13 (40.6%)	15 (46.9%)
Headache	9 (8.2%)	1 (1.0%)	Headache	7 (21.9%)	11 (34.4%)
Stomachache	5 (4.5%)	1 (1.0%)	Stomachache	10 (31.3%)	8 (25.0%)
Anxious mood	2 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)	Anxious mood	6 (18.7%)	10 (31.3%)
Tics	2 (1.8%)	0 (0.0%)	Tics	5 (7.8%)	6 (18.8%)

IR=immediate release; OROS=osmotic-controlled release oral delivery system.

1. YS Huang et al. J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol. 2020 Dec 31

2. Gau SS, et al. J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol. 2006;16(4):441-55.

# Modified-release MPH Formulations

Taiwan FDA approved long acting MPH

Licensed MPH	Tablet		Capsules			
Brand name	Concerta® / MPH-OROS®		Ritalin LA / MPH-SODAS®		Methydrur® SR / MPH-ORADUR®	
Formulation	22% IR / 78% ER		50% IR / 50% ER		18% IR / 82% ER	
Available doses	18, 27, 36, 54 mg		10, 20, 30, 40 mg		22, 33, 44 mg	
Dose range	IR	ER	IR	ER	IR	ER
18-22mg	4	14	10	10	4	18
27-33mg	6	21	15	15	6	27
36-44mg	8	28	20	20	8	36
Titration	18 mg weekly		10 mg weekly		11 mg weekly	

IR=immediate release; ER=extended release.  
 OROS=Osmotic-controlled Release Oral Delivery System; SODAS=Spheroidal Oral Drug  
 Absorption System. Concerta Package Insert 1702; Ritalin LA Package Insert TWI-101018

# Pharmacokinetic Properties of Modified-release MPH Formulations

The NICE committee agreed that HCP should be aware of the pharmacokinetic profiles of ADHD medication because preparations can vary in their profiles<sup>6</sup>.

Pharmacokinetic Profiles	Conc-Time Curve Pattern	T <sub>max</sub> 1&2 (hour)	C <sub>max</sub> 1&2 (ng/ml)	Duration (hour) <sup>5</sup>	Half-life (hour)	Maximized efficacy period*
MPH-IR <sup>2</sup> 10mg BID	First-order	1 <sup>st</sup> : 1.8 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 5.6	1 <sup>st</sup> : 10.2 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 15.3	4	2.5	08:20-10:30- 14:30
MPH-OROS <sup>®1</sup> 18mg QD	First-order (Bi-modal)	6.8	3.7	10-12	3.5	13:30-18:30
MPH-SODAS <sup>®2</sup> 20mg QD	First-order (Bi-modal)	1 <sup>st</sup> : 2 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 6.6	1 <sup>st</sup> : 10.3 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 10.2	6-8	2.4	08:30-14:30
MPH-ORADUR <sup>®3</sup> 22mg QD	Near zero-order kinetic	3-5	7.1	8-12 <sup>4</sup>	7.4	09:30-18:30

\*Dose administered at 6:30am & 4 hours apart, time of major effective period stated from first T<sub>max</sub> to the end of duration of each dose. 1. MPH-OROS<sup>®</sup> Package insert Taiwan (Adult); 2. MPH-SODAS<sup>®</sup> Package insert Taiwan (Pediatric); 3. MPH-ORADUR<sup>®</sup> Package Insert Taiwan (Adult); 4. Data on file; 5. Expert Opin. Drug Metab. Toxicol. (2013) 9(8):1001-1014. 6. NICE guideline 2018



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# Take Home Messages

## Features

- Near zero-order kinetic PK profile
- ORADUR® sustained release formulation
- Abuse-resistant
- Size 4# capsule

## Advantageous

- Timely, 2 hours up to 6 ng/ml effective concentration that meet the needs of prime learning time
- Adequate, 8-12 hours of action time, covering the needs of daily study and life
- Sleep well and strengthen the learning results of classes the next day
- To prevent people intend to grind and smoke powder, to prevent the problem of drug abuse
- Generally available in the smallest size capsules, HPMC is available for vegetarian use

## Benefits

- Experience efficacy in the morning to reduce anxiety about not being able to keep up
- From class to self-study can be consistent
- Spirit full in the next morning, increasing parents' confidence in continuous treatment.
- Reduce the administrative burden and risk of misuse of controlled substances in school management
- School children with different swallowing abilities are easy to swallow and strengthen drug compliance







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methylphenidate sustained release capsule

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and sustained-release characteristics,  
improve patients' compliance.



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