#### **PRECISION-ABPM**

Prospective Randomized Evaluation of Celecoxib Integrated Safety versus Ibuprofen Or Naproxen Ambulatory Blood Pressure Measurement Trial



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# Declaration of interest

Study Sponsor: Pfizer

Executive committee members agreed not to accept any financial payments related to NSAIDs from any manufacturer of NSAIDs throughout the duration of the trial, including the trial's sponsor

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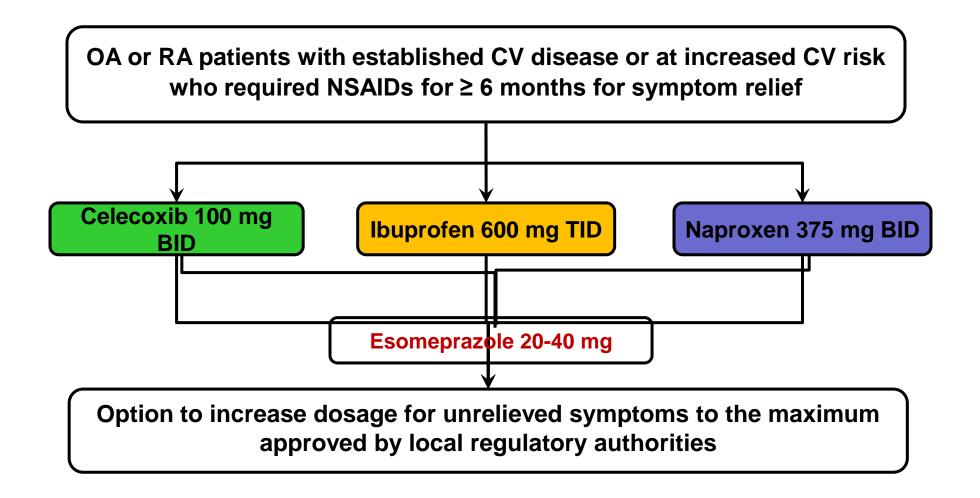
# PRECISION-ABPM: Background

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are amongst the most widely prescribed drugs in the world with more than 100 million prescriptions in the United States and Europe
- NSAIDs reduce pain and inflammation through the suppression of prostaglandin synthesis, by inhibiting the enzyme cyclooxygenase (COX), but may also exert cardiovascular off-target effects
- One fourth of the worlds population aged over 35 years has arthritis
  - of these, almost half have or are at high risk of cardiovascular disease, particularly hypertension

## PRECISION-ABPM: Objective

- Even relatively small changes in blood pressure may impact cardiovascular morbidity and mortality
- Current labeling of all NSAIDs include warnings regarding potential risk of cardiovascular events and increase in blood pressure
- Therefore, the primary objective of PRECISION-ABPM was to compare the COX-2 inhibitor celecoxib vs two widely used non-selective NSAIDs, naproxen and ibuprofen, in patients with arthritis and either known CAD or at relatively high cardiovascular risk
- Primary endpoint was the change from baseline in 24-hour mean systolic blood pressure after 4 months treatment

#### **PRECISION-ABPM: Treatments**



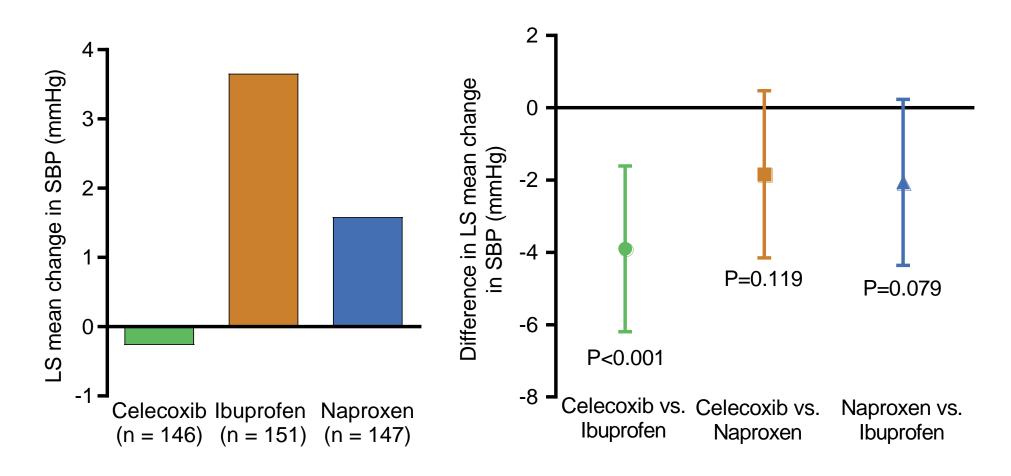
### PRECISION-ABPM: Patient Baseline Characteristics

Characteristics	Celecoxib (100-200mg BID) n = 146	Ibuprofen (600-800mg TID) n = 151	Naproxen (375-500mg BID) n = 147
Age, years	62.1 ± 10.1	$61.9 \pm 9.7$	$61.4 \pm 10.3$
Sex m/f, %	70/76	72/79	63/84
Race: White/Black/Other, %	81/13/6	80/17/3	81/16/2
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	$32.6 \pm 7.0$	$32.7 \pm 6.9$	$31.9 \pm 6.6$
OA/RA, %	92/8	91/9	94/6
Baseline aspirin, %	49	49	46
Blood pressure			
Systolic BP, mmHg	125.1 ± 9.41	125.5 ± 10.63	$125.3 \pm 9.93$
Diastolic BP, mmHg	$74.6 \pm 7.43$	$74.2 \pm 8.72$	$74.8 \pm 7.52$
Laboratory tests			
HbA1c, %	$7.6 \pm 1.92$	$7.4 \pm 1.63$	$7.5 \pm 2.08$
Creatinine, mg/dL	$0.9 \pm 0.21$	$0.9 \pm 0.23$	$0.9 \pm 0.20$
eGFR, mL/min/1.73m <sup>2</sup>	$79.8 \pm 18.28$	$79.8 \pm 18.25$	$79.6 \pm 18.16$

### PRECISION-ABPM: Co-Medication

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Study Drug (mean dose/day)	208 (34)	2031 (237)	852 (98)
Any concomitant medication, %	85	89	87
Agents acting on the RAAS, %	59	67	59
Beta-Blocker, %	29	35	34
Ca Channel Blockers, %	23	22	22
Diuretics,%	32	41	32
Peripheral Vasodilators, %	8	3	5

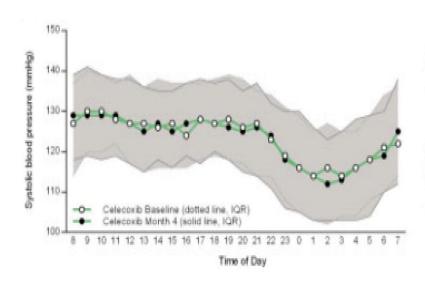
# PRECISION-ABPM: Change in Ambulatory 24-h Systolic Blood Pressure from Baseline at 4 Months



LS, least squares. SBP, systolic blood pressure

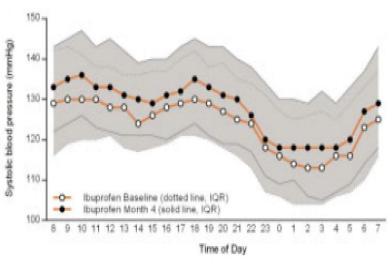
# PRECISION-ABPM: Hourly Ambulatory Systolic BP Over 24 Hours at Baseline and at 4 Months

#### Celecoxib



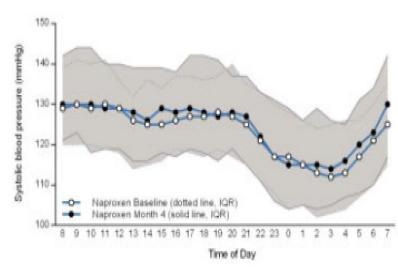
 $\Delta$  at month 4 p=0.80

#### **Ibuprofen**



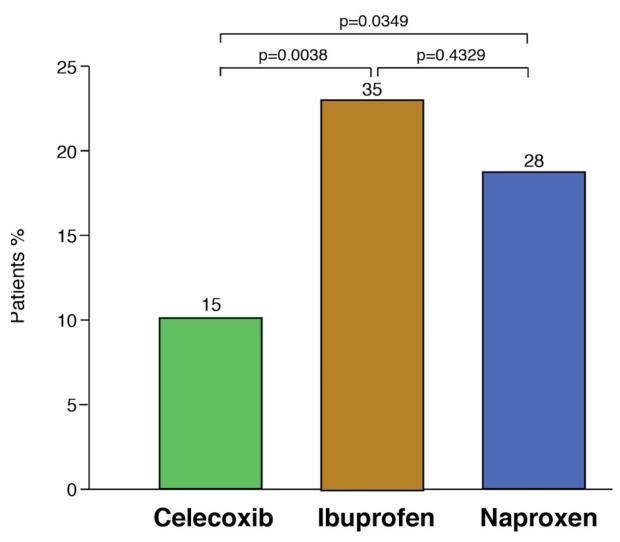
Δ at month 4 p<0.001

#### Naproxen



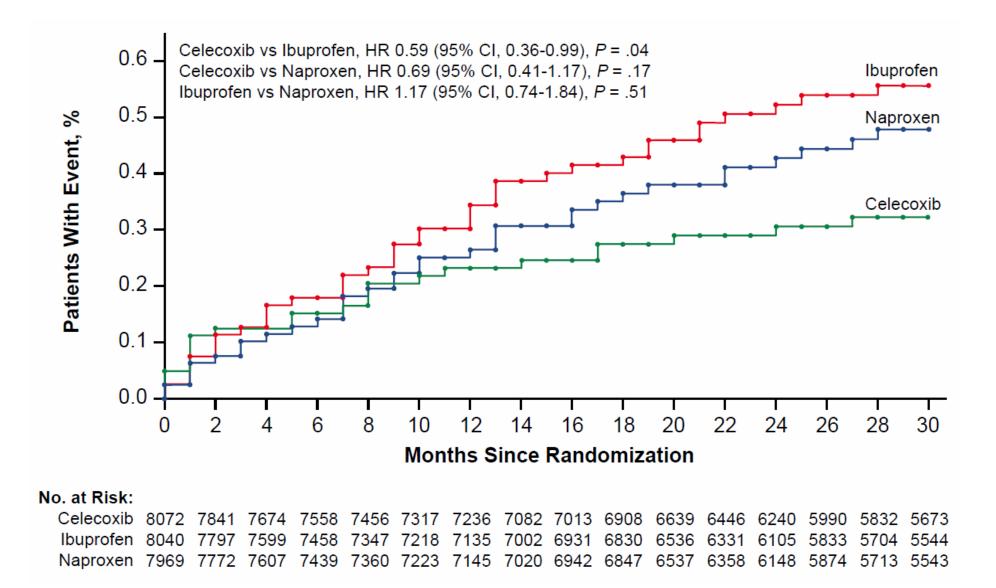
 $\Delta$  at month 4 p=0.12

# PRECISION-ABPM: Patients with Baseline Normotensive Blood Pressure Who Developed Hypertension at 4 months

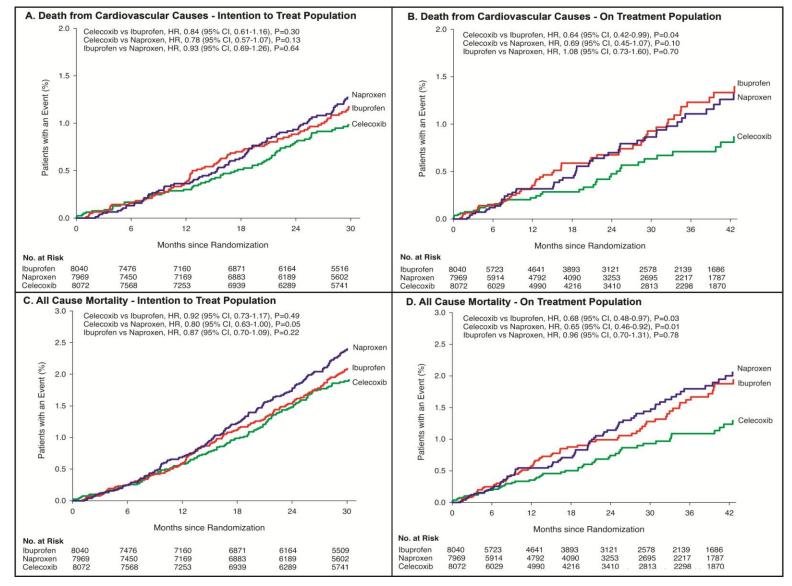


New hypertension defined as mean 24-hour SBP ≥ 130 and/or DBP ≥ 80 mmHg

## PRECISION: Time to First Hospitalization for Hypertension



# PRECISION: Cardiovascular and All Cause Mortality



### **PRECISION-ABPM: Limitations**

- Regulatory restrictions limited the dose of celecoxib to 200 mg daily for osteoarthritis patients who comprised the majority enrolled; however, symptom relief was similar with all 3 NSAIDs
- The results reflect the relative safety of these 3 drugs,
  but provide no information about the other currently-marketed NSAIDs
- These data do not provide conclusive evidence regarding the safety of intermittent treatment or use of low-dose over-the-counter preparations
- No direct inferences are possible regarding the effects of NSAIDs compared with placebo

#### PRECISION-ABPM: Conclusions

- Prescription-strength Ibuprofen was associated with a significant increase of systolic blood pressure, and a higher incidence of new-onset hypertension when compared with the COX-2 selective inhibitor celecoxib
- PRECISION-ABPM adds to the evidence about the adverse cardiovascular effects of NSAIDs, particularly ibuprofen, and confirms that they should be used only after consulting a healthcare professional
- Clinicians need to weigh the potential hazards of worsening blood pressure control and its clinical sequelae against the arthritis-mitigating benefits associated with the use of NSAIDs, particularly ibuprofen

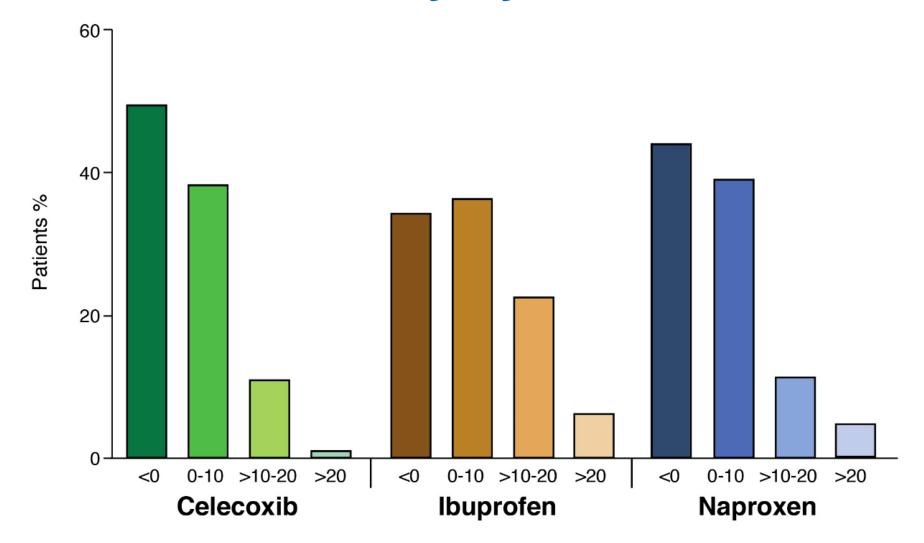
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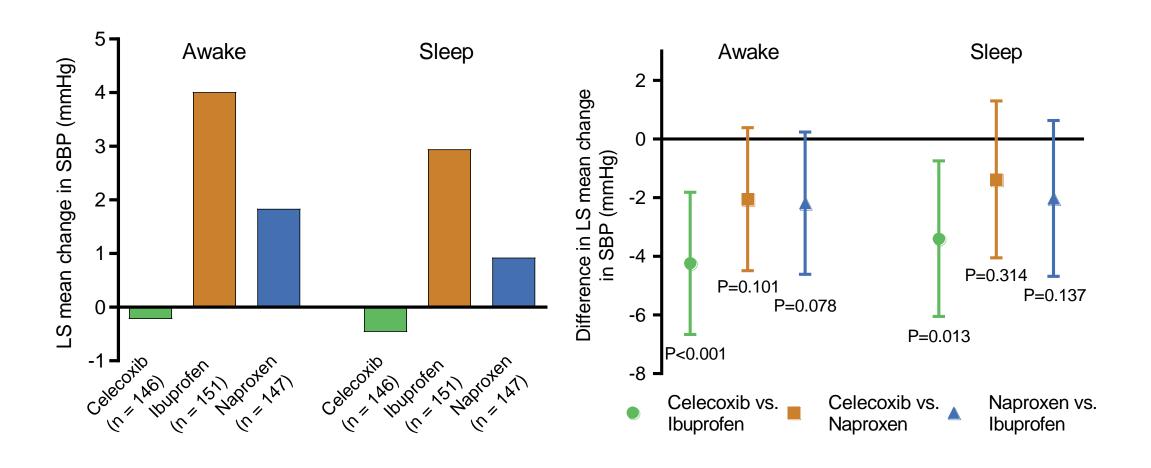
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# PRECISION-ABPM: Distribution of Changes from Baseline in Ambulatory Systolic BP at 4 Months

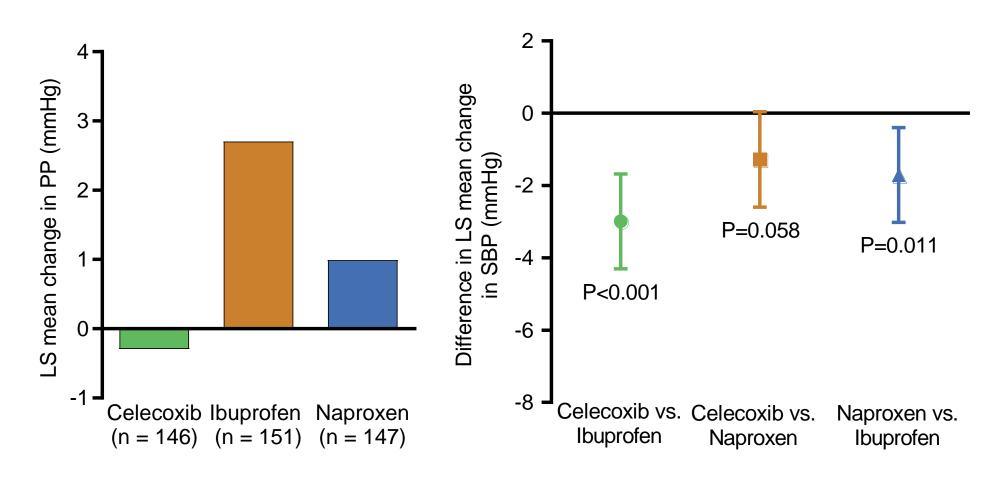


# PRECISION-ABPM: Change in Awake and Sleep Systolic Blood Pressure from Baseline at 4 Months



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# PRECISION-ABPM: Change in Mean 24-h Pulse Pressure from Baseline at 4 Months



LS, least squares. PP, pulse blood pressure

### **PRECISION: Gastrointestinal and Renal Events**

