

# KOL Webinar on DCCR for the Treatment of Prader-Willi Syndrome

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# Prader-Willi Syndrome



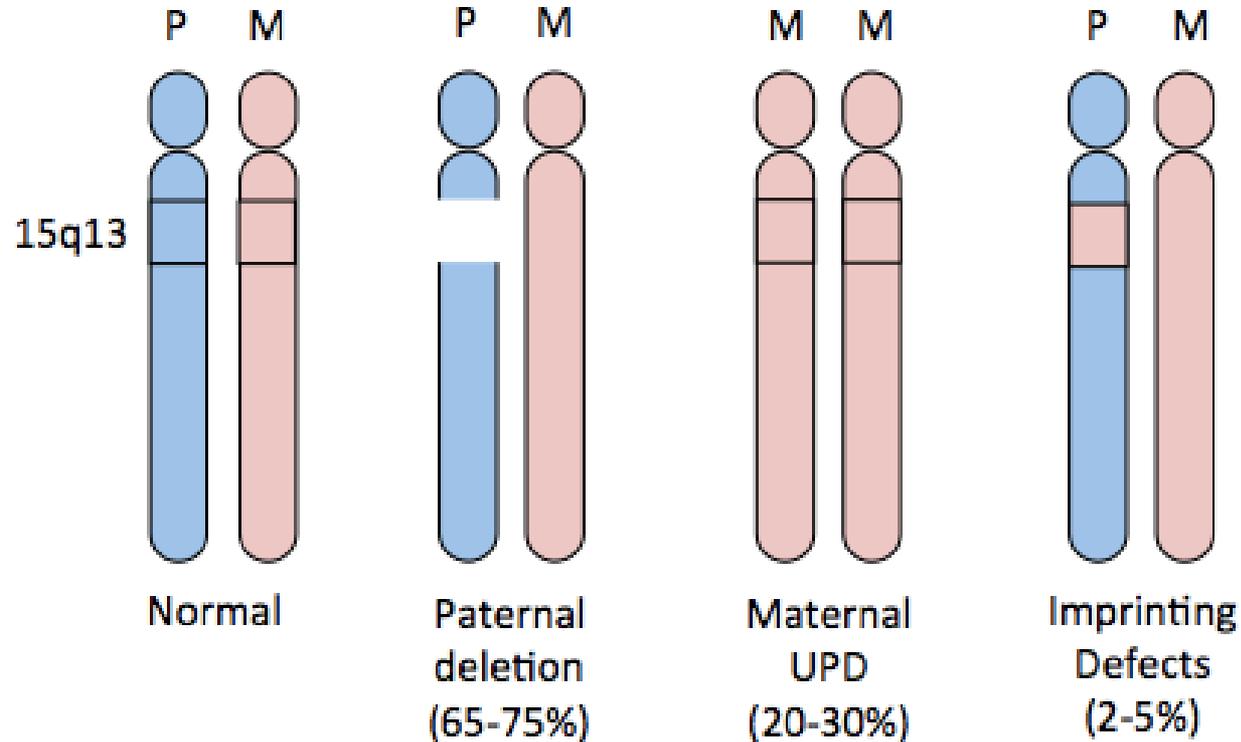
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# Prader-Willi syndrome

- Caused by lack of paternal contribution of Chromosome 15 q11.2-q13 region
- Prevalence= 1:15,000-1:30,000
- Decreased fetal movements, typically about 15% smaller for weight and length at birth than unaffected siblings
- Average age of diagnosis is 1.2 months



# Prader-Willi syndrome : Genetic mechanisms

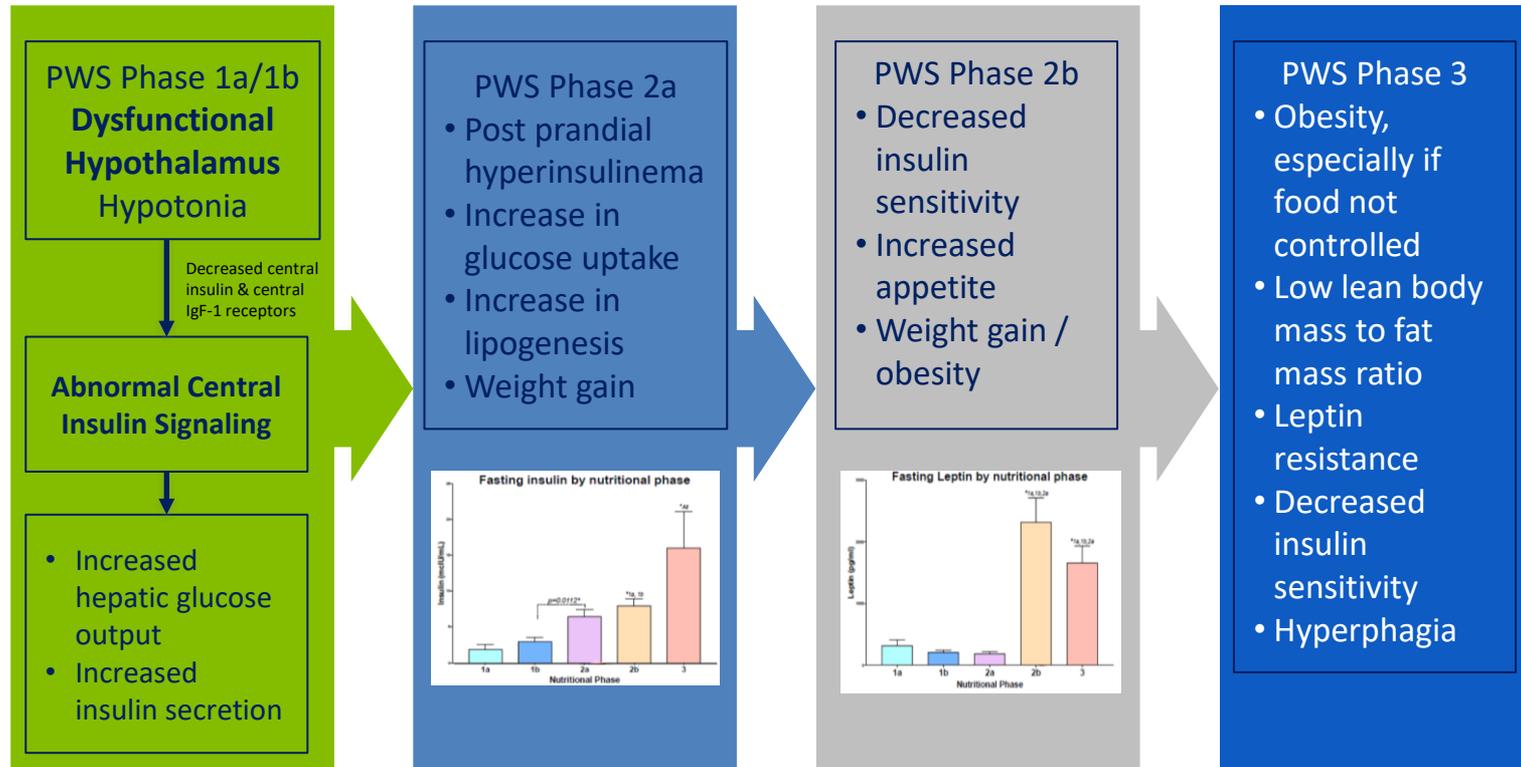


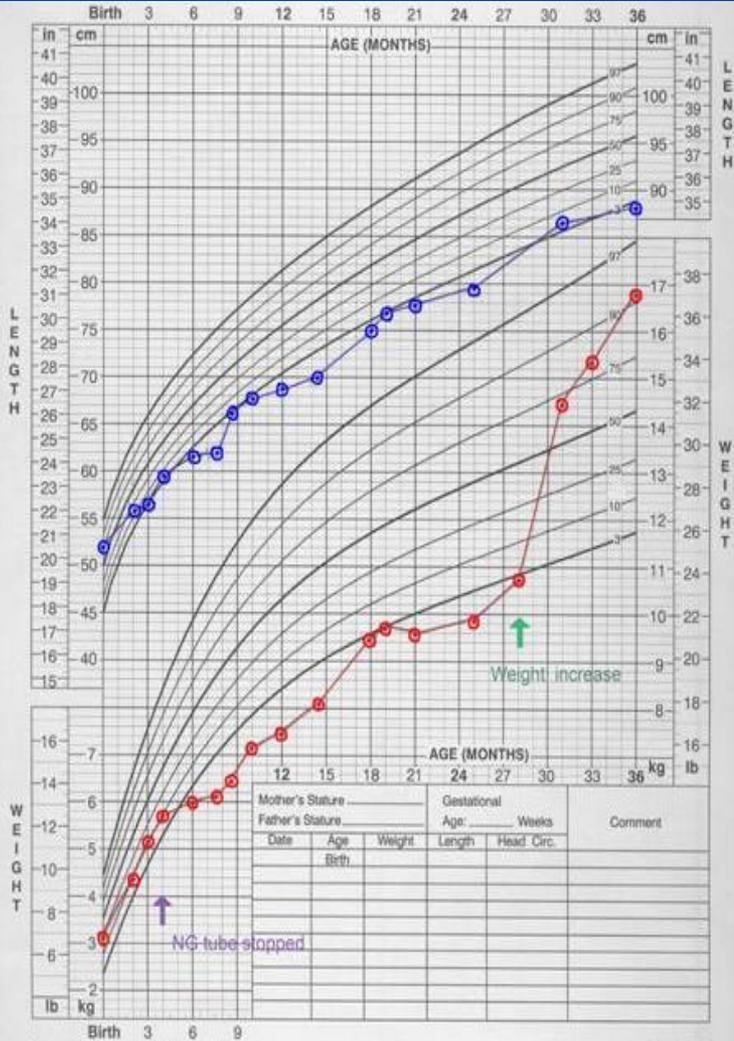
# Prader-Willi syndrome

## Phenotypic features include:

- FTT in infancy
- Early-onset weight gain
- Weight gain precedes hyperphagia
- Hypotonia
- Speech delay/language impairment
- Multiple endocrinopathies due to hypothalamic/pituitary dysfunction
- Variability in cognitive impairment
- Characteristic behaviors/OCD/anxiety

# Progression to hyperphagia in PWS





Published May 30, 2000 (modified 4/20/01)  
 SOURCE: Developed by the National Center for Health Statistics in collaboration with  
 the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (2000).  
<http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts>



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# PWS - Body Composition

- Ectopic accumulation of excess body fat
  - Higher total body fat
  - Higher subcutaneous fat and lower visceral fat than similarly obese controls
- Low lean body mass
  - Reduced muscle mass relative to controls with similar BMI
- Contributes to sedentary lifestyle

# PWS - Behavioral Problems

- Hyperphagia
  - Constant food seeking, tantrums, meltdowns
- Obsessive compulsive behaviors
  - Self injurious behaviors
- Anxiety
  - Both food-related and non-food-related
- Autistic-spectrum like behaviors
- Aggressive behaviors are common, especially regarding food

# PWS - Intellectual Disability

- Mild to moderate cognitive impairment
- Intellectual delay and learning problems apparent by school age
- Cognitive rigidity leading to behavior complications
- May be exacerbated by hypersomnia and food-related behaviors

# PWS - Impact on Families

- Burden of care increases from childhood to adolescence and early adulthood, especially when they become hyperphagic
- Strain on family relationships
  - PTSD and behavioral complications among siblings
- Caregivers experience
  - Reduced sleep quality, frequent anxiety, depression and low mood
- Adversely impacts work, and economic opportunities for the family

# The Burden

- Appetite typically increases gradually, and then becomes insatiable
- Even if kept thin with environmental controls, the appetite is all consuming
- Will seek and steal food, hide and hoard food, sneak out of home to try to get food, eat frozen food, raw food, food from garbage, non-food



# Treatments

- Growth hormone is the only approved treatment
  - FDA-approved for growth failure
- Several other medications may be tried for symptomatic improvements:
  - Hormone replacement (sex steroids, thyroid hormone, etc)
  - Behavioral medications (SSRI's, stimulants)
- No medications approved for hyperphagia

# Treatments

- Currently, most families treat the hunger/appetite in PWS by making the home a prison – and the rest of the family the wardens



# The Impact of Covid

- The already complex clinical picture of PWS has been further complicated by the pandemic
- The transition to isolation and lack of typical activities is very evident
- FPWR's survey has captured the magnitude of the disruption

# Impact of the COVID Pandemic on PWS Families: Results of a Survey

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[www.fpwr.org](http://www.fpwr.org)

# It takes a (very predictable) village...

- PWS families typically have built a network of support to navigate the challenges of PWS - may include 1:1 educational support; multiple therapies; structured social activities; respite care
- Individuals with PWS thrive on routine and structure, and have tremendous difficulty coping with transitions, unexpected change, and uncertainty.



# “Impact of COVID” Survey

The COVID pandemic has severely impacted the developmentally disabled population, disrupting education, social activities, and access to medical and supportive care.

We developed a survey in the Global PWS Registry to assess the pandemic’s impact on the individual with PWS and their caregivers:

- Parent/caregiver reported data – report on peak of impact

This analysis includes responses:

- May – August 2020
- Age 4+
- US and UK

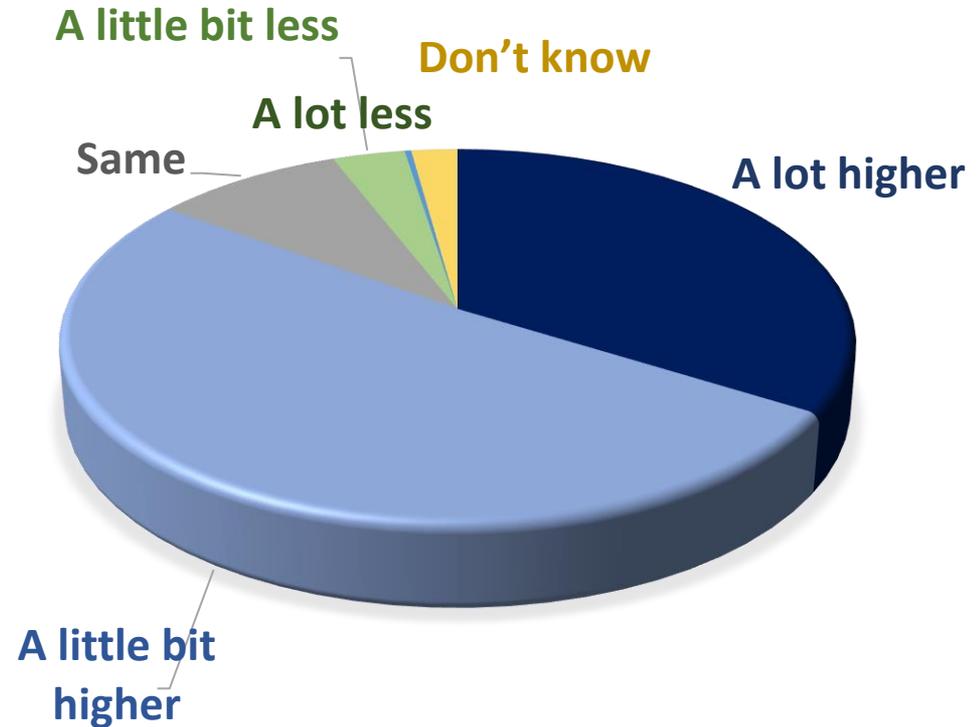
(n=322 families)

# Caregiver stress is up; sleep is down

**85% of caregivers report more stress**

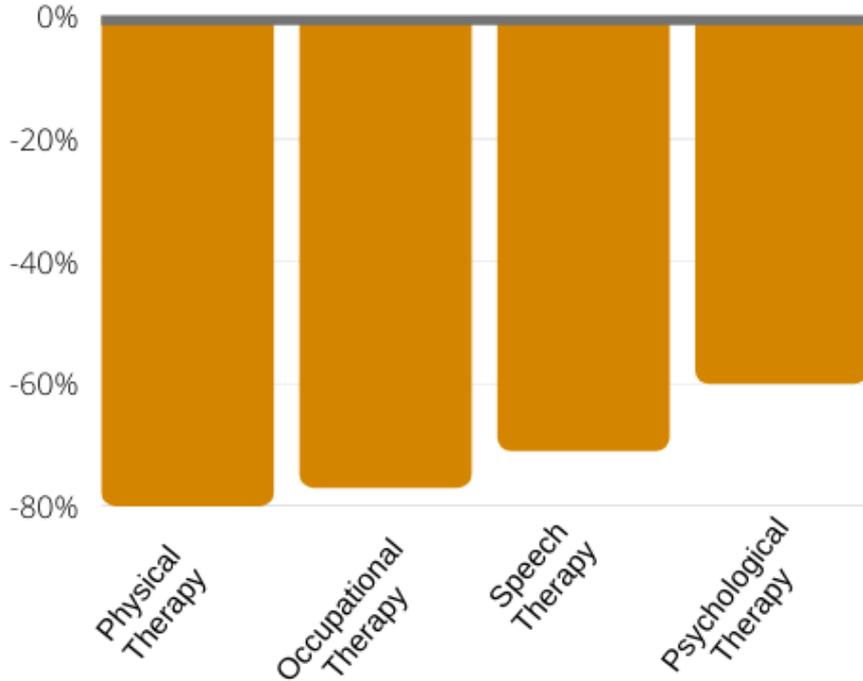
## Biggest concerns

- My loved one with PWS will get sick with COVID-19
- I will get sick with COVID-19 and not be able to care for my loved one with PWS
- That the person with PWS is not receiving adequate educational support and will fall behind



35% report less sleep, while ~50% report the same amount of sleep

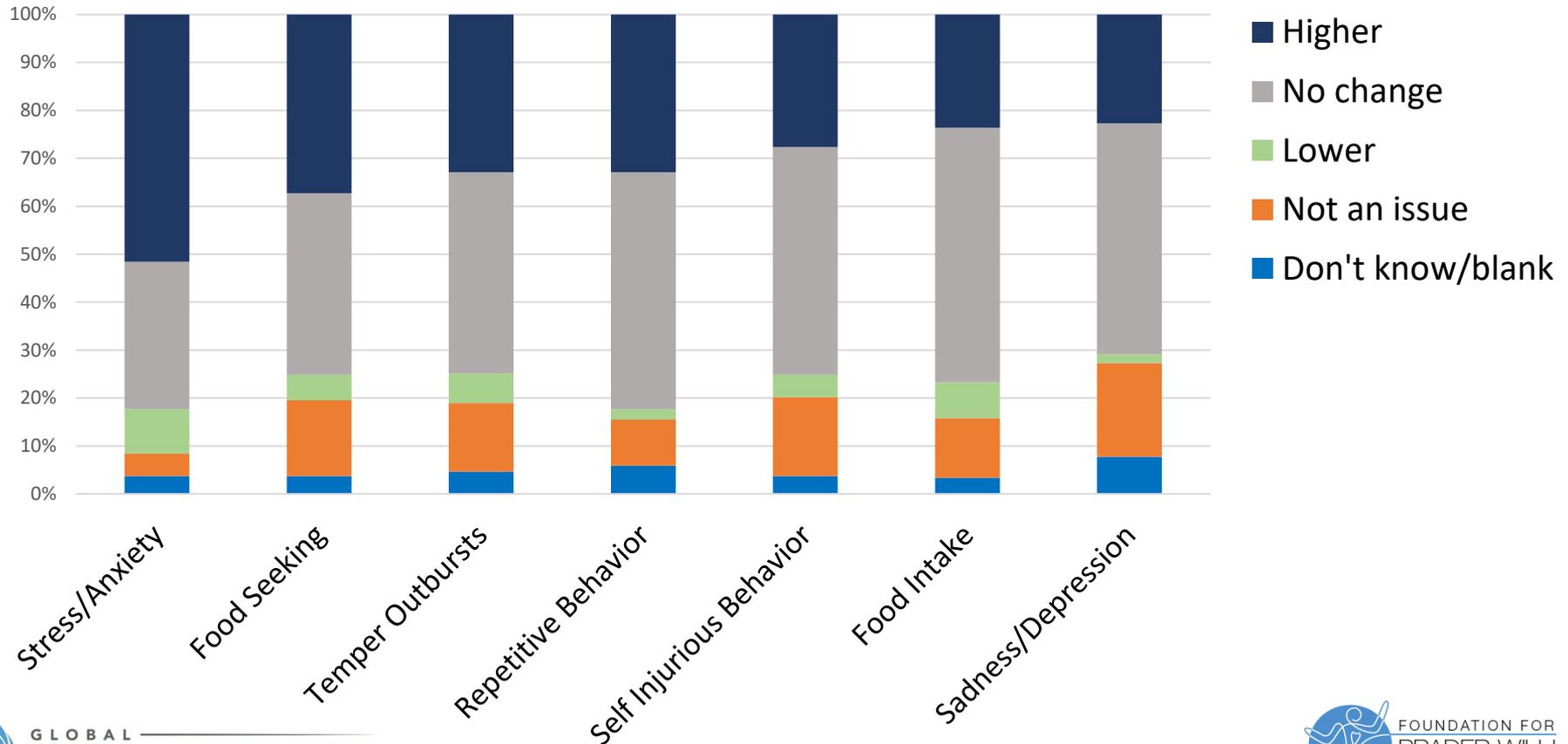
For the majority of families receiving therapies, access was temporarily reduced or eliminated.



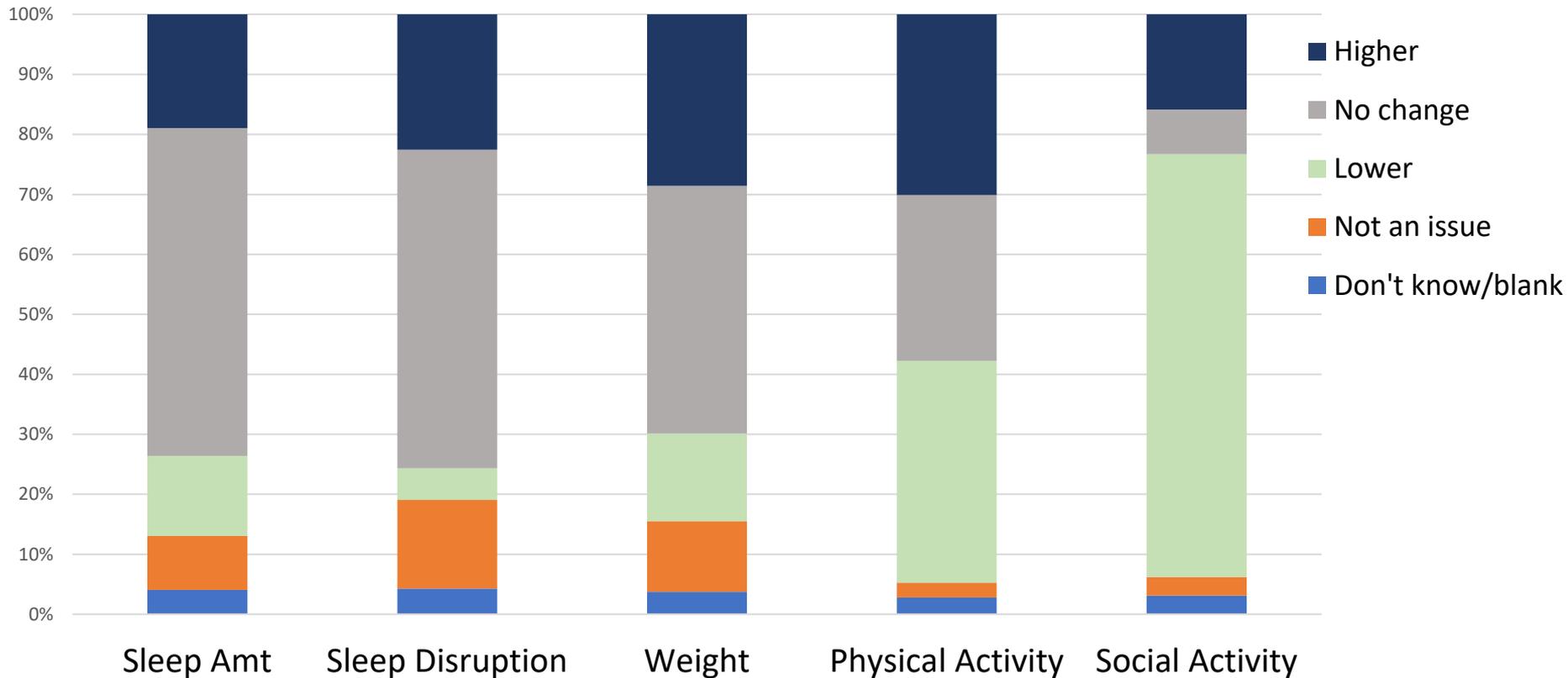
Overall, behavior has been more difficult to manage



# Change in behaviors for the person with PWS



# Change in sleep, weight, physical activity and social interaction



# Summary

- Individuals with PWS and their parents/caregivers experienced significant disruptions during to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Caregivers experienced increased stress as they took on additional responsibilities in schooling, therapies, exercise and as ‘activity coordinator’
- Decreased social opportunities, changes to routine, loss of structure and associated stress have manifested as increased behavioral challenges
- Parents cite stress associated with transition and uncertainty as particularly difficult for their loved ones with PWS



# Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on DESTINY PWS

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# Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on DESTINY PWS

- Comprehensive analyses undertaken based on
  - Published statistical guidance from the FDA and from industry publications<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Published literature on impact of COVID-19 (COVID) pandemic on childhood psychiatric conditions<sup>3</sup>
  - FPWR Global Registry COVID Pandemic Impact survey<sup>4</sup>
- Expected that subjective endpoints more likely to be impacted
  - HQ-CT
  - Caregiver GI-C
  - PWS Profile (PWSP)
  - Others

<sup>1</sup> U.S. FDA. Guidance for Industry: Statistical Considerations for Clinical Trials During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. June 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Meyer et al. Statistical Issues and Recommendations for Clinical Trials Conducted During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Statistics in Biopharmaceutical Research*. 2020;12, 2020(4):399-411.

<sup>3</sup> Aman MG, Pearson DA. Challenges for Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Research in the Era of COVID-19. *J Child Adolesc Psychopharmacol*. 2020;30(5):280-284.

<sup>4</sup> Foundation for Prader-Willi Research. PWS Registry Data: Impact of COVID-19 on PWS Families. <https://www.fpwr.org/blog/pws-registry-data-impact-of-covid-19-on-pws-families-infographic> and unpublished data, January 2021.

# Choice of March 1, 2020 as Cutoff

- C601
  - Last patient randomized in late January 2020
  - Last patient last visit late April 2020
  - Topline data received early June 2020
- COVID
  - Declared public health emergency January 31, 2020
  - National emergency declared March 1, 2020
- March 1, 2020 considered to be appropriate “pre-COVID” cutoff (including by other sponsors in PWS space)
  - 86 subjects (69%) completed C601 by March 1, 2020

# C601 Primary and Key Secondary Endpoints

<b>Primary Endpoint</b>
Change from Baseline in Hyperphagia at Visit 7
<b>Key Secondary Endpoints</b>
Clinical Global Impression of Improvement at Visit 7 (CGI-I)
Change From Baseline in Body Fat Mass (DXA)
Caregiver Global Impression of Change at Visit 7 (Caregiver GI-C)

# C601 Primary and Key Secondary Endpoints

Primary Endpoint	All Data		Data through March 1, 2020	
	DCCR (N = 82)	Placebo (N = 42)	DCCR (N = 80)	Placebo (N = 41)
Change from Baseline in Hyperphagia at Visit 7	-5.94 (0.88)	-4.27 (1.15)	-6.64 (1.00)	-3.51 (1.28)
LS Mean Difference [DCCR-Placebo] (SE)	-1.67(1.29)		-3.13 (1.48)	
p-value	0.198		<b>0.037</b>	
Key Secondary Endpoints				
Clinical Global Impression of Improvement at Visit 7 (CGI-I)	<b>0.03</b>		<b>0.015</b>	
Change From Baseline in Body Fat Mass (DXA) at Visit 7	<b>0.03</b>		<b>0.004</b>	
Caregiver Global Impression of Change at Visit 7 (Caregiver GI-C)	0.41		<b>0.031</b>	

Analyses in this presentation are preliminary and may be subject to change.

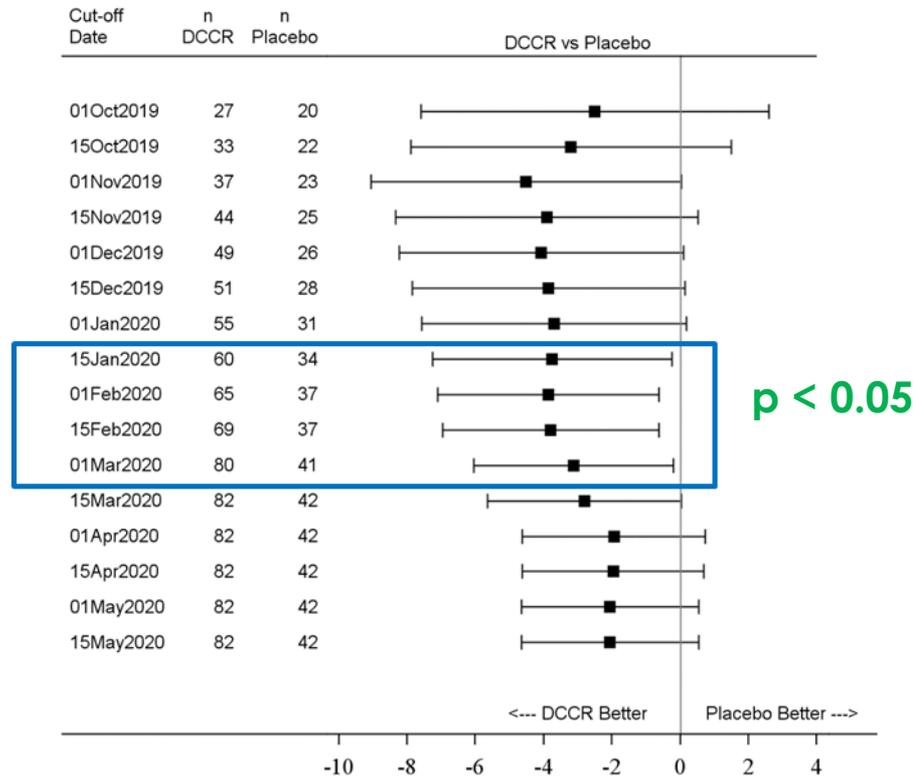
# C601 HQ-CT Change from Baseline

- Visits on or before March 1, 2020

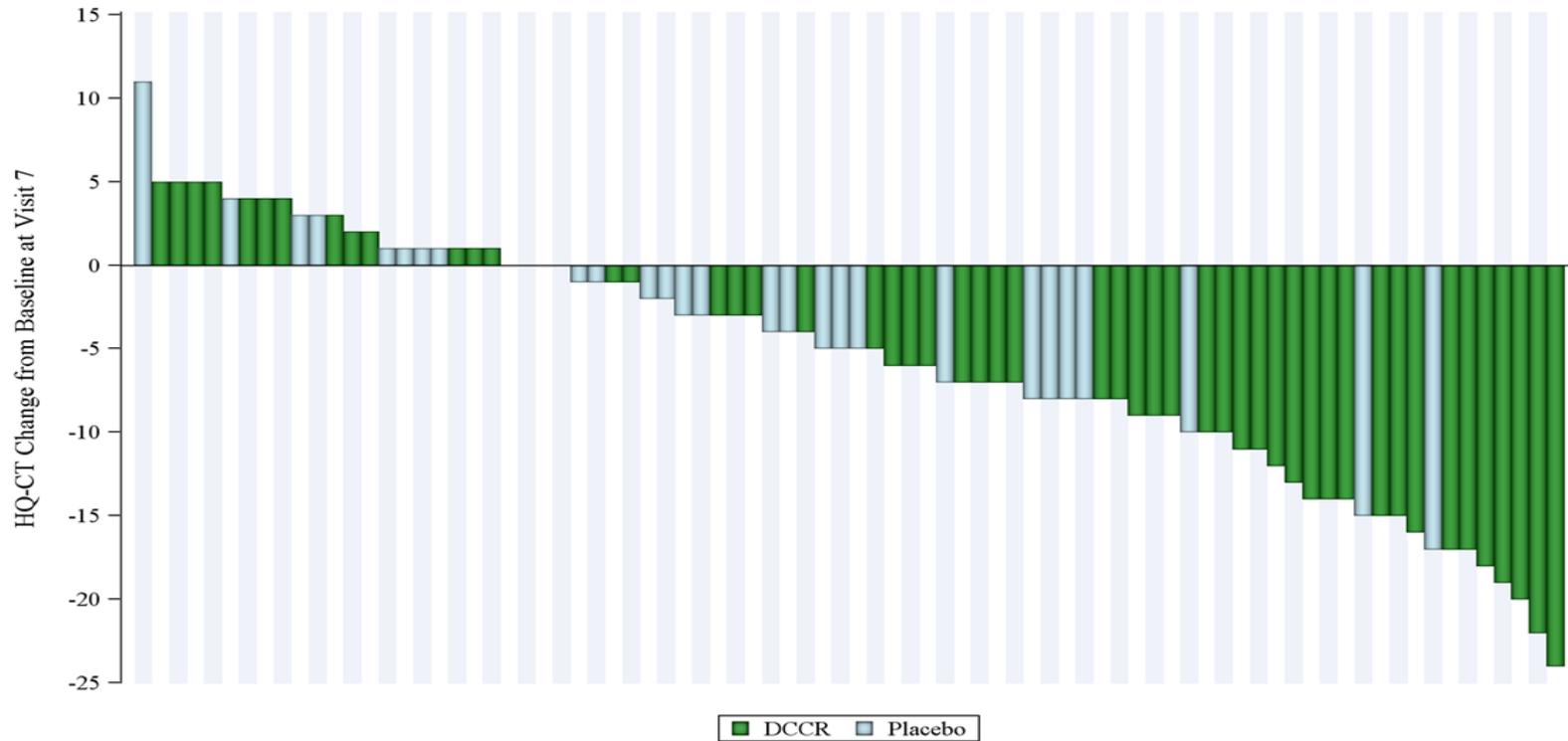
HQ-CT: Change from Baseline to Week 13	DCCR N=80	Placebo N=41
LS Mean Change from Baseline (SE)	-6.64 (1.00)	-3.51 (1.28)
LS Mean Difference	-3.13	
p-value	<b>p = 0.037*</b>	

\* Analysis performed using a linear mixed model for repeated measures with change from Baseline as the dependent variable

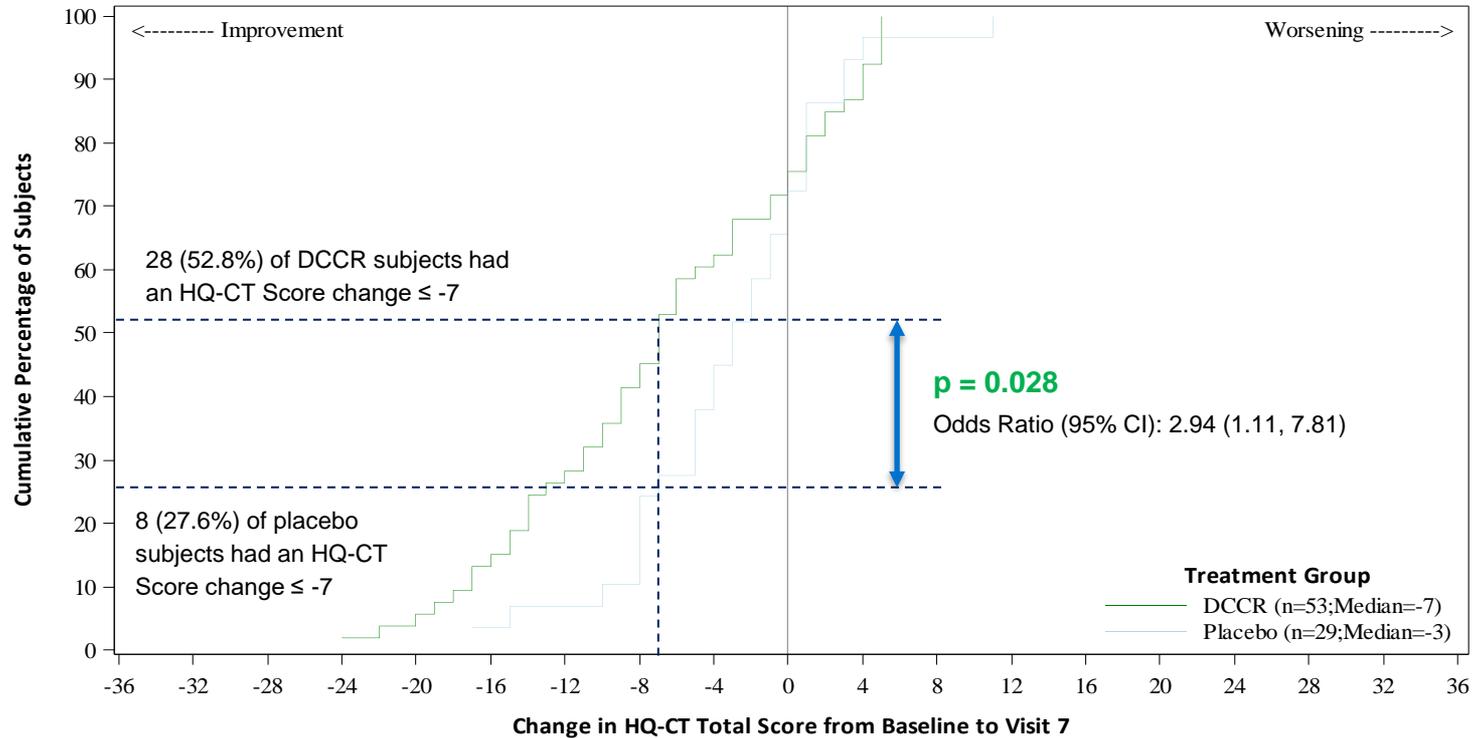
# C601 HQ-CT Changes in HQ-CT by Cut-off Date



# HQ-CT Changes from Baseline Waterfall Plot through March 1, 2020

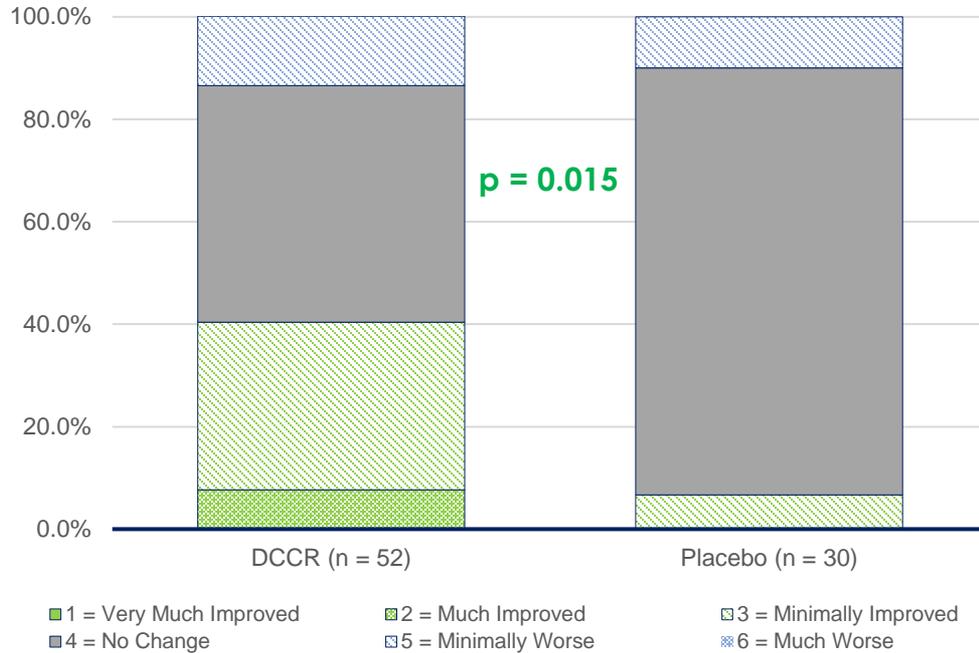


# C601 HQ-CT Responder Analysis through March 1, 2020



- p-value and odds ratio for DCCR vs placebo obtained using a CMH chi-square test and observed data at Visit 7.

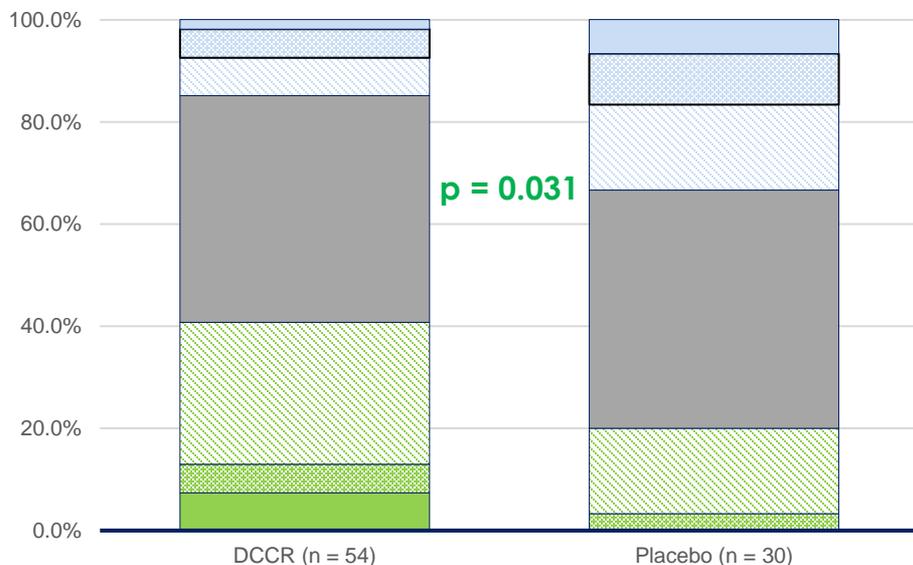
# C601 Key Secondary Endpoint: CGI-I



CGI-I Rating	DCCR (n = 52)	Placebo (n = 30)
Improved	40.4%	6.7%
No Change	46.2%	83.3%
Worse	13.5%	10.0%

*p-value using CMH; all observed values through March 1, 2020  
Using imputation for missing data p = 0.037*

# C601 Key Secondary Endpoint: Caregiver GI-C

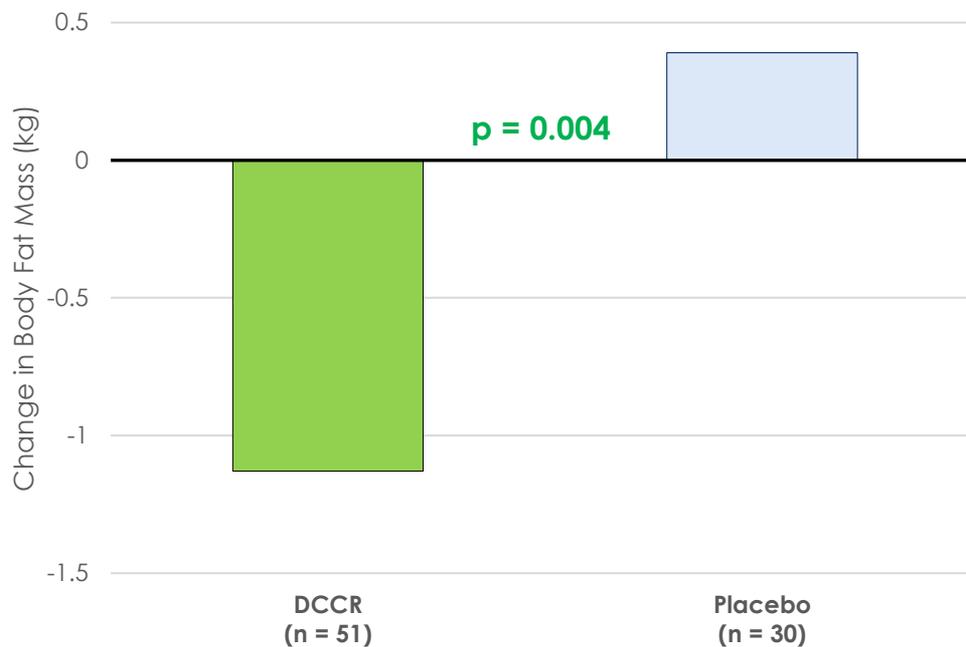


Caregiver GI-C Rating	DCCR (n = 54)	Placebo (n = 30)
Better	40.8%	20.0%
No Change	44.4%	46.7%
Worse	14.9%	33.4%

■ 1 = Very Much Better   
 ■ 2 = Moderately Better   
 ■ 3 = A Little Better   
 ■ 4 = No Change  
■ 5 = A Little Worse   
 ■ 6 = Moderately Worse   
 ■ 7 = Very Much Worse

*p*-value using CMH; all observed values through March 1, 2020  
 Using imputation for missing data *p* = 0.086

# C601 Key Secondary Endpoint: Body Fat Mass



Observed values through March 1, 2020  
Using imputation for missing data  $p = 0.005$

# C601 Behavioral Endpoints, data through March 1, 2020

<b>PWSP Domain</b>	<b>p-value DCCR vs Placebo</b>
Aggressive Behaviors	<b>0.048</b>
Anxiety	<b>0.018</b>
Rigidity, Irritability	<b>0.003</b>
Compulsivity	<b>0.008</b>
Depression	<b>0.185</b>
Disordered Thinking	<b>0.011</b>
<b>DBC-2</b>	
Total Score	<b>0.009</b>
Communication Disturbance	<b>0.003</b>
Social Relating	<b>0.008</b>

# Analyses of Data

- No significant differences in the demographics compared with topline ITT population
- In general, DCCR showed statistically significant improvements in several other subjective endpoints that were not significant in the topline analyses
- Objective endpoints, mostly significant in the topline analyses, generally remained so
- The safety profile was similar to that observed in the topline ITT population

# Conclusions

- Clear impact of COVID pandemic on the caregivers and subjects in DESTINY PWS
- Primary, subjective key secondary, and several other efficacy variables that were not significant in the topline analyses, are significant with pre-March 1, 2020 analyses
- No differences observed in the safety of DCCR compared to the profile seen in the topline analyses

# DCCR in C601/C602 Patients

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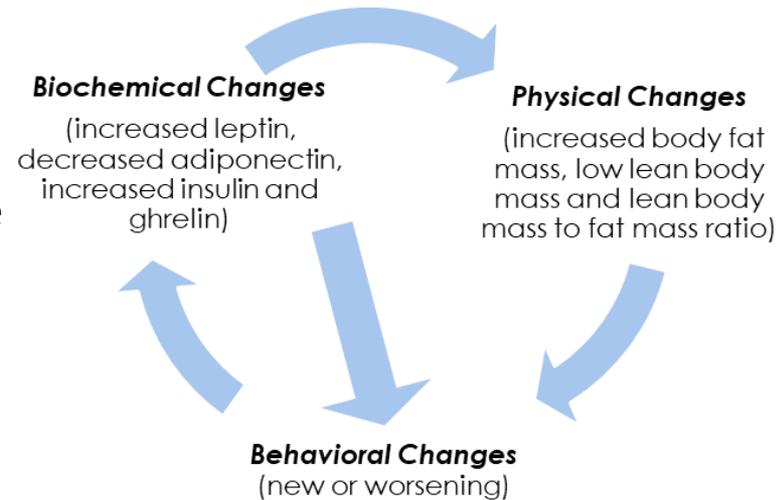


# DCCR in PWS

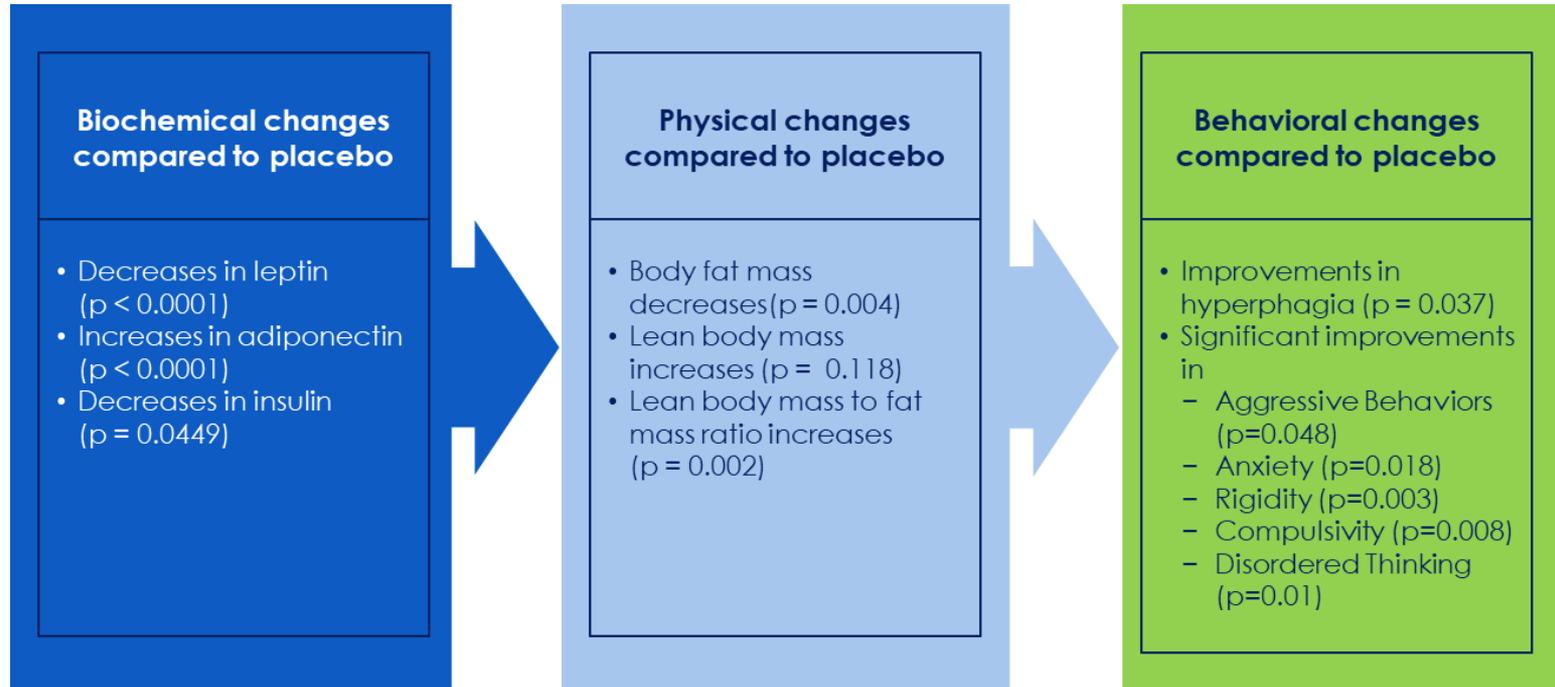
- Observations of my patients in the C601 and C602 studies
  - Earliest enrolled patients have been on DCCR in C602 for more than 2 years
  - Anecdotes include my clinic patients participating at other study centers
- Observations do not apply to every patient

# The Cycle of PWS

- In PWS, the loss of Snord116 leads to excess NPY and AgRP synthesis and secretion by NPY/AgRP neurons
  - Exacerbated by leptin resistance and insulin resistance leading to both physical changes and behavioral changes, including hyperphagia
  - Unmanaged hyperphagia continues to fuel the cycle



# DCCR Effects on PWS



# Improvements in Hyperphagia

- Food is no longer top-of-mind, allowing them the ability to focus on and think about other things
- Can be distracted from talking about food
- Meal schedule can be relaxed, mealtimes less stressful
- May be able to unlock the refrigerator, kitchen, and pantry
- May be able to take the PWS patient to the grocery store, restaurants, the movies or family gatherings
- Improvement of behavior around food

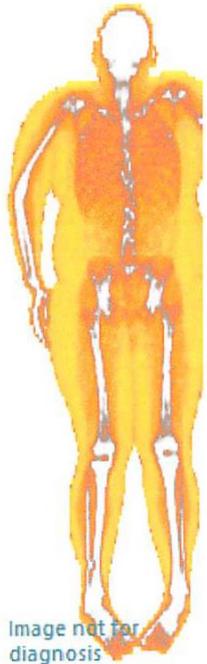
# Improvements in Behaviors Other than Hyperphagia

- Improved family dynamics
- Improved social interactions
- Less anxiety
- Decreased compulsive behaviors
- Decreased skin picking
- Decreased repetitive questioning

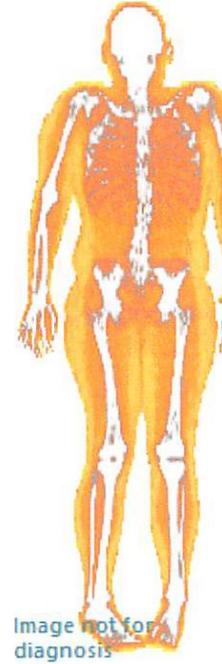
# Improvements in Body Composition

- Increased strength, stamina and exercise capacity
- Ability to perform tasks otherwise unusual (biking, rollerblading, etc.)
- Increased voluntary energy expenditure
  - Treated patients can increase their food intake without gaining weight
- Overall sense of well-being

# DXA Results for DCCR Treated PWS Patient

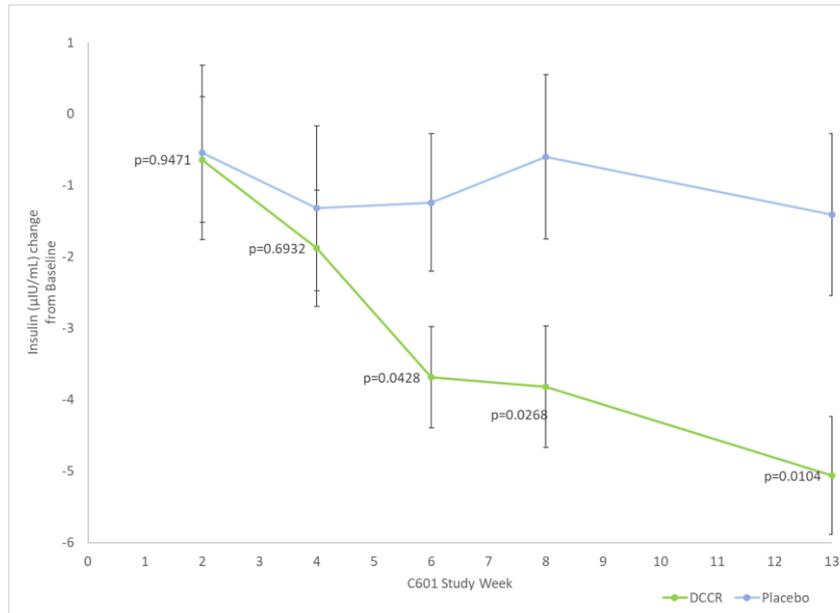


C601 Baseline	Body Composition Parameter	After 12 months Open-label DCCR
121.28 kg	Total Mass (kg)	94.72
62.26 kg	Fat Mass (kg)	31.69
55.93 (kg)	Lean Mass (kg)	59.63
52.7% (kg)	% Body Fat	34.7%



# Improvements in Biochemical Markers

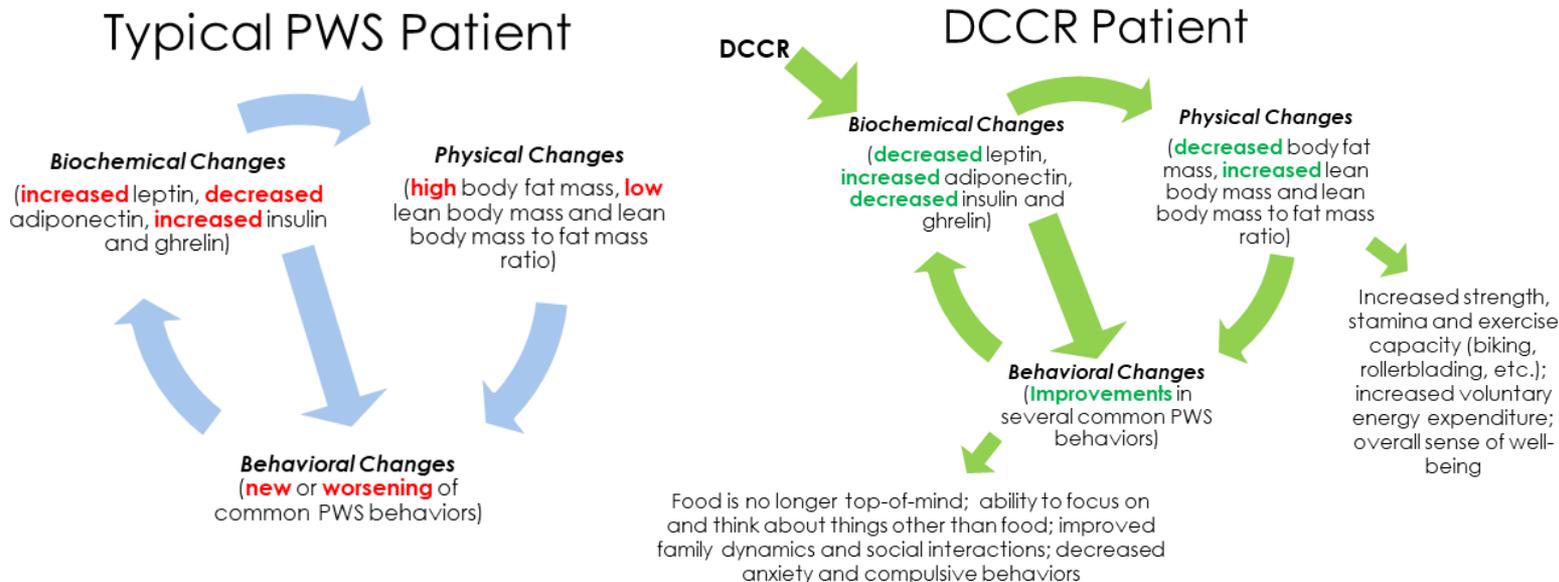
## Insulin Change from Baseline



Change from Baseline to Visit 7 (through March 1, 2020)	DCCR vs Placebo p-value
Decreased Acylated Ghrelin (active form)	<b>0.009</b>
Decreased Leptin	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>
Increased Adiponectin	<b>&lt;0.0001</b>

# Clinical Global Impression of Improvement

- Assessment allows investigators to think about the whole patient, not just each individual endpoint and the impact of those changes



# Safety / Risk-Benefit

- The adverse event profile for DCCR has been consistent with that of diazoxide and prior experience with DCCR
- Most common AEs are hypertrichosis, increases in blood glucose levels and edema
- Given the significant unmet need in PWS, DCCR has a desirable risk-benefit profile

# Conclusions

- Data from DCCR studies to date suggests statistically significant and clinically meaningful benefits to PWS patients
- The benefits appear to span behavioral as well as metabolic endpoints
- These effects of DCCR, if sustained, may have the potential to change the natural history of PWS

# Commercial Opportunity



# US Patient Population

## Patient Population

- Overall US diagnosed PWS prevalence rate: ~2.7 per 100k persons<sup>1</sup>
- 8,870 estimated patients with diagnosed PWS in 2018<sup>1</sup>
- Elevated mortality rates; mean life expectancy ~30 years
- Estimated current US prevalence of approximately 10,000 – 20,000<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> McCandless SE, et al. (2020) - Rare causes and conditions of obesity: PWS, Lipodystrophy

<sup>2</sup> Bohonowych J, et al. The global Prader-Willi syndrome registry: Development, launch and early demographics. Genes (Basel) 2019; 10(9):713

## US Prevalence per 100k (IQVIA data)<sup>1</sup>

Age	Diagnosed
0 - 2	3.9
3 - 8	5.2
9 - 17	4.5
18 - 26	4.2
27 - 49	2.5
≥ 50	1.1

PWS patients were identified via the presence of ≥ 2 claims with a diagnoses code for PWS

# Small Commercial Footprint to Reach Patient Population

- Primary treating physicians
  - Predominantly Pediatric Endocrinologists
    - ~1,000 Pediatric Endocrinologists in the US
    - <150 Pediatric Endocrinologists treating PWS: 70 listed on PWSA USA website<sup>1</sup>
  - Minority by others, such as medical geneticists, psychiatrists or adult endocrinologists
  - Increasing number of centers where multidisciplinary clinics are available
- Active Patient Advocacy Groups
  - Two major organizations in the US (FPWR and PWSA USA)
    - PWSA USA has state-level chapters in most states

<sup>1</sup> As per PWSA USA website: Healthcare Provider Directory: Endocrinology - Pediatric

# DCCR Commercial Considerations

- No alternative approved treatment
- Once daily tablet
- Patient's environment is highly structured with defined routines suggesting higher than average compliance and adherence
- Distribute to patients via 3PL, Specialty Pharmacy and Hub
- Orphan pricing

# Pipeline – Other Opportunities for DCCR

	Potential Upside Opportunities for DCCR	Estimated US Prevalence
Syndromic Obesity	Fragile X-PWS Phenotype	6,700 - 8,500
	Schaaf-Yang syndrome	200 - 300
	Smith Magenis syndrome	13,000 - 22,000
	MC4R deficiency	32,700 - 163,000
Other	Chronic Hyperinsulinism	820 - 1,100
	Glycogen Storage Disease Type 1	2,800 - 6,800

# Key Takeaways for Creating Shareholder Value

- PWS is a rare disease, US estimate of 10,000 – 20,000 people
- DCCR is focused on treating the highest unmet needs of PWS for which no approved treatments exist
- Once a day tablet formulation with orphan pricing
- Focused physician population that can be targeted by a small commercial footprint
- Substantial potential upside with other rare disease indications

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**Q&A**

