

REPLENISH Trial: Endometrial Protection with a 17 β -Estradiol and Progesterone Combination (TX-001HR) in Menopausal Women with Vasomotor Symptoms

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Background

- Hormone therapy (HT) for menopausal women with an intact uterus requires a progestogen to prevent endometrial hyperplasia and reduce the incidence of endometrial cancer¹
- An estimated 1 to 2.5 million US women use unapproved compounded bio-identical HT (CBHT),^{2,3} representing up to 21 to 39 million prescriptions estimated annually²
 - Endometrial hyperplasia and endometrial cancer have been reported with CBHT⁴⁻⁶
- TX-001HR (TherapeuticsMD, Boca Raton, FL) is an investigational combination of 17 β -estradiol and progesterone (E2/P4; sometimes referred to as bio-identical hormones) in a single oral softgel capsule developed to treat menopausal vasomotor symptoms (VMS) in women with an intact uterus
 - No similar combination HT product has been approved yet in the US or Europe

REPLENISH Trial: Objective and Design

Objective: To evaluate the endometrial safety of four doses of TX-001HR in participants of the REPLENISH trial

Design: Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter, phase 3 trial of TX-001HR in menopausal women with an intact uterus (NCT01942668)

- 1-year endometrial safety study and 12-week efficacy substudy for the treatment of vasomotor symptoms

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Healthy menopausal women aged 40-65 years
- Intact uterus
- Body mass index ≤ 34 kg/m²
- Vasomotor symptoms associated with menopause
- Acceptable endometrial biopsy results

Vasomotor Symptom (VMS) Substudy

- ≥ 7 /day or ≥ 50 /week moderate-to-severe hot flushes

Key Exclusion Criteria

- History of endometrial hyperplasia; melanoma; or uterine/ endometrial, breast, or ovarian cancer
- History of deep vein/artery thrombosis or thromboembolic disorder, coronary artery or cerebrovascular disease, chronic liver or kidney dysfunction/disorder, malabsorption disorder, gallbladder dysfunction/disorders, diabetes, thyroid disease, or any other endocrine disorder
- Prior use of estrogen-, progestogen-, androgen-, SERM products within 2 weeks to 6 months depending on the formulation
- Medications that are known to induce or affect estrogen and/or progestogen drug metabolism or activity (≤ 4 weeks)

Study Design: Randomization

Randomization	Daily Treatment Groups*
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Women with moderate-to-severe hot flushes were randomized 1:1:1:1:1 to one of four E2/P4 doses or placebo (included in VMS substudy and endometrial study)• Women not qualifying for the VMS substudy were randomized 1:1:1:1 to one of four E2/P4 doses (endometrial study)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.0 mg E2/100 mg P4• 0.5 mg E2/100 mg P4• 0.5 mg E2/50 mg P4• 0.25 mg E2/50 mg P4• Placebo

*All women took 2 capsules in a double-blind, double dummy manner to maintain study blinding as 2 different capsule sizes were necessary to accommodate the different doses.

- All women completed daily diaries
 - Frequency and severity of their VMS through week 12
 - Bleeding and spotting through month 12

REPLENISH Trial: Safety Study Endpoints

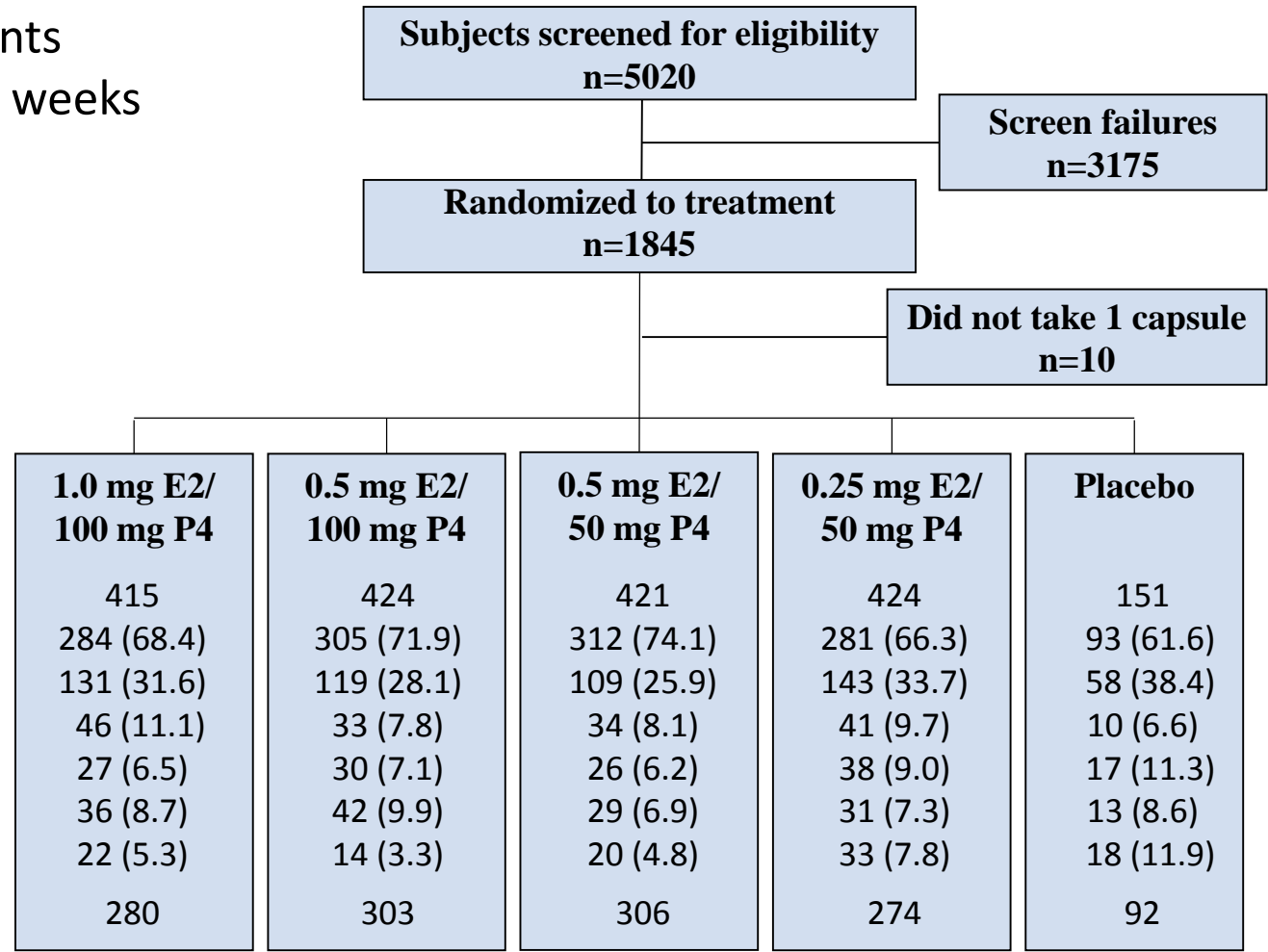
Endpoints		Description
Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none">All women who took ≥ 1 capsule	Primary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incidence of endometrial hyperplasia with up to 12 months of treatment (in women with endometrial biopsies)
	Secondary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incidence of AEs and serious AEsEndometrial bleeding

Statistical Analyses

- Endometrial safety was analyzed in women who took ≥ 1 capsule, had an acceptable biopsy at baseline, and had a biopsy at month 12 or had a diagnosis of endometrial hyperplasia prior to month 12
 - Incidence of endometrial hyperplasia, per FDA guidance, was planned to be $\leq 1\%$ with an upper bound of the one-sided 95% CI $< 4\%$
 - Biopsies were centrally and sequentially read by 3 independent pathologists
 - Endometrial hyperplasia was diagnosed with a consensus of 2 of 3 pathologists
 - Additional findings such as polyps were also reported
- Endometrial bleeding between treatment groups was analyzed
- AEs and serious AEs were descriptively summarized in all women who took ≥ 1 capsule (safety population)

Disposition

- 69% of participants completed at 52 weeks



*Other included investigator decision, lack of efficacy, protocol deviation and other.

Demographics

- Women had a mean age of 55 years (range, 40 to 66) and a mean BMI of 27 kg/m²
- 65% of the women were white and 32% black

Parameter	Estradiol/Progesterone				Placebo
	1 mg/ 100 mg	0.5 mg/ 100 mg	0.5 mg/ 50 mg	0.25 mg/ 50 mg	
n	415	424	421	424	151
Age, y Mean ± SD	54.7 ± 4.4	54.5 ± 4.5	54.9 ± 4.3	54.4 ± 4.0	54.5 ± 4.3
Race, n (%)					
White	271 (65)	281 (66)	276 (66)	273 (64)	100 (66)
Black	134 (32)	136 (32)	133 (32)	140 (33)	46 (31)
Other	10 (2)	7 (2)	12 (3)	11 (3)	5 (3)
BMI, kg/m ² Mean ± SD	26.8 ± 4.1	26.7 ± 4.3	26.7 ± 4.0	26.7 ± 4.0	26.6 ± 3.9

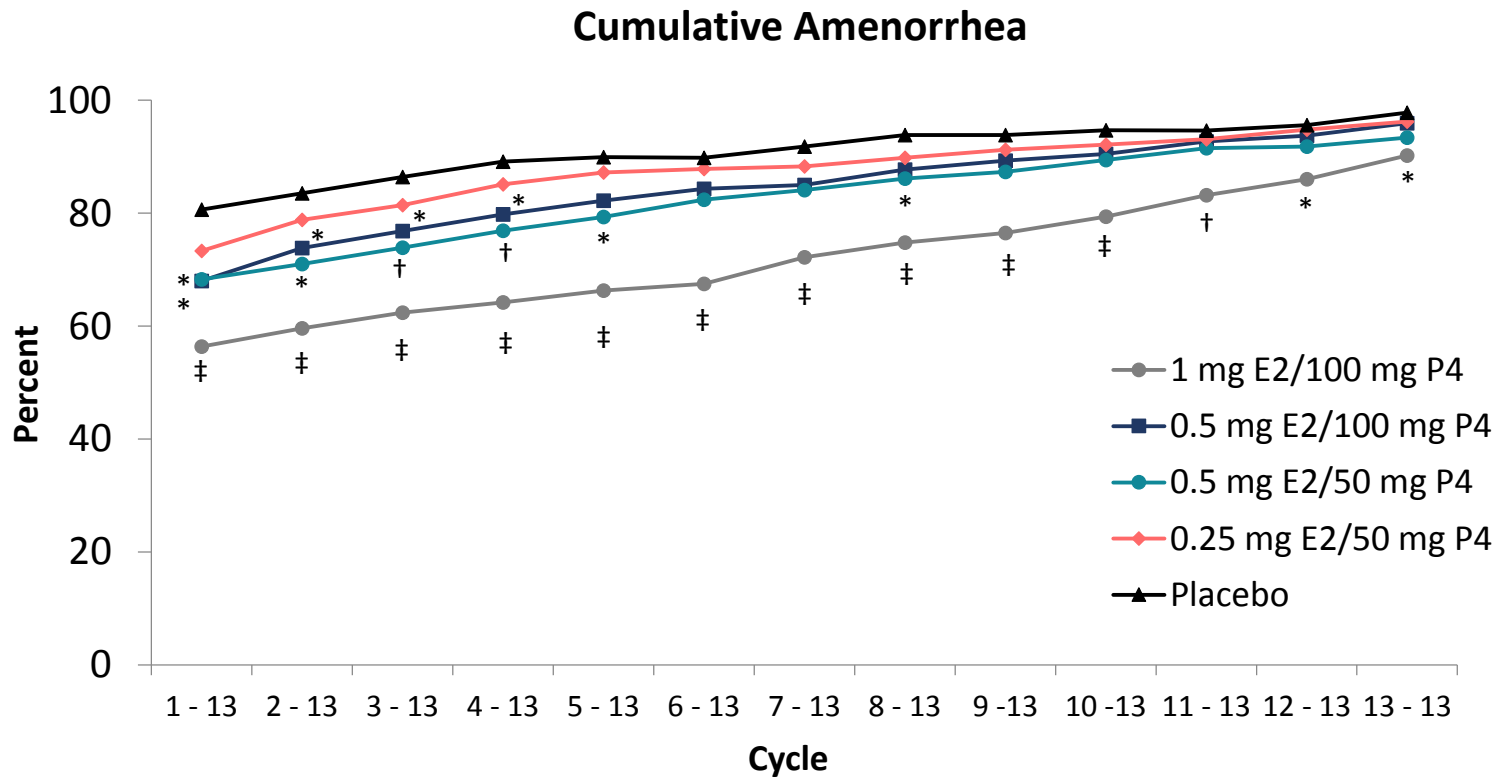
Endometrial Safety

- Endometrial hyperplasia incidence was 0% and no malignancies were detected with any TX-001HR dose or placebo

Treatment, n (%)	Estradiol/Progesterone				Placebo
	1 mg/ 100 mg	0.5 mg/ 100 mg	0.5 mg/ 50 mg	0.25 mg/ 50 mg	
n	280	303	306	274	92
Hyperplasia at 12 months					
Incidence rate	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
1-sided upper 95% CI	1.06%	0.98%	0.97%	1.09%	3.20%
Proliferative endometrium					
Screening	2 (0.7)	5 (1.7)	2 (0.7)	1 (0.4)	0 (0)
Month 12	8 (2.9)	5 (1.7)	1 (0.3)	3 (1.1)	0 (0)
Endometrial polyps					
Screening	5 (1.8)	7 (2.3)	5 (1.6)	5 (1.8)	0 (0)
Month 12	4 (1.4)	6 (2.0)	10 (3.3)	7 (2.6)	0 (0)

Cumulative Amenorrhea

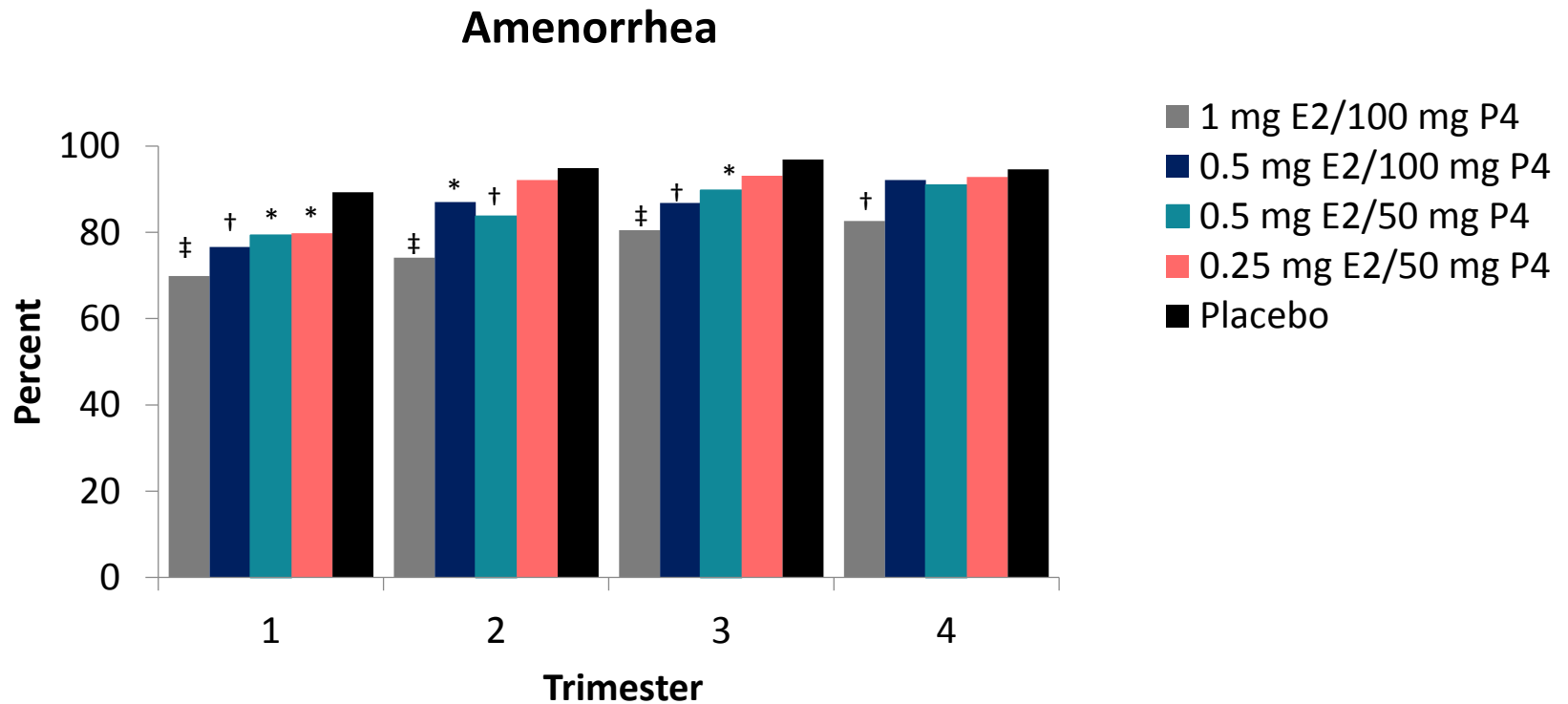
- 56% to 73% of women taking E2/P4 versus 81% taking placebo had amenorrhea from cycle 1 to 13
 - >90% had amenorrhea during cycle 13



* $P < 0.05$; † $P < 0.01$; ‡ $P < 0.001$ vs placebo.
Cycles are 28 days in length

Amenorrhea per Trimester

- Percentages of women with amenorrhea
 - 70–80% with TX-001HR vs 89% with placebo during trimester 1
 - Increased to 83–93% with TX-001HR vs 95% with placebo during trimester 4



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Safety Endpoints

- Incidence of TEAEs was low and most TEAEs were mild or moderate in severity
 - Most frequently reported TEAEs ($\geq 5\%$) were headache, nasopharyngitis, breast tenderness, upper respiratory tract infection, nausea, back pain, abdominal pain
- Serious AEs reported were low and consistent with the age and population studied
 - 7 serious TEAEs were considered related to treatment
- No unexpected safety signals were observed

Conclusions

- This clinical trial provided evidence of endometrial safety
 - All TX-001HR doses had 0% incidence of endometrial hyperplasia, achieving the $\leq 1\%$ incidence (1-sided, upper 95% CI $< 4\%$) as per FDA guidance
 - No endometrial malignancies were found
- The absence of endometrial hyperplasia and endometrial cancer in this study should be considered in light of case reports of endometrial hyperplasia and endometrial cancer observed with CBHT¹⁻³
 - Endometrial safety observed with TX-001HR underscores the need for CBHT safety studies given their potential risks
- If approved, TX-001HR may be an appropriate alternative combination HT with E2/P4 for treating VMS
 - Especially in the estimated millions of menopausal women currently using less regulated and unapproved CBHT