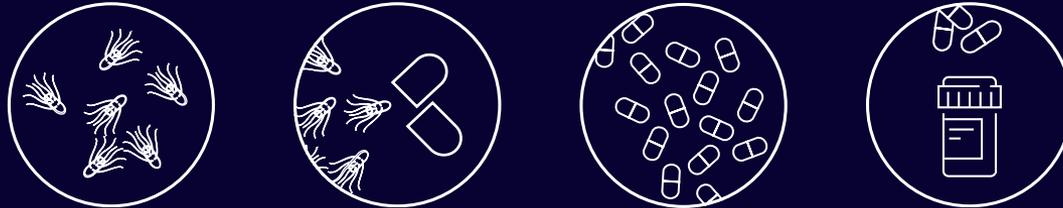


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# BHT-II-002: Phase II trial of Live Biotherapeutic Blautix for IBS

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## 3 KEY TAKEAWAYS



### What we set out to achieve

- BHT-II-002 was a Phase II study designed to generate a meaningful signal of clinical activity in IBS-C and IBS-D and combined populations and to provide the necessary data for a pivotal development program



### What we saw

- Blautix demonstrated an effect size relative to placebo comparable to pivotal studies of approved products in **both** IBS-C and IBS-D
- Blautix demonstrated activity in a combined cohort of IBS-C and IBS-D patients
- Blautix showed a safety profile comparable to placebo
- Preliminary evidence of enhanced activity in specific sub-groups
- Significant signal in overall improvement of bowel habit across both sub-types



### Where we go next

- Data highly encouraging and supportive of progressing the candidate towards pivotal Phase III trials
- Unique potential to address all sub-types of the disease, including IBS-M

***“The prospect of a treatment that equally benefits both IBS-C and IBS-D with a strong safety profile is very compelling.”***

***Prof. Eamonn Quigley, Head of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Houston Methodist Hospital, BHT-II-002 Chief Investigator***



## Blautix<sup>®</sup>

Single strain Live Biotherapeutic product (LBP)



*Blautia hydrogenotrophica*

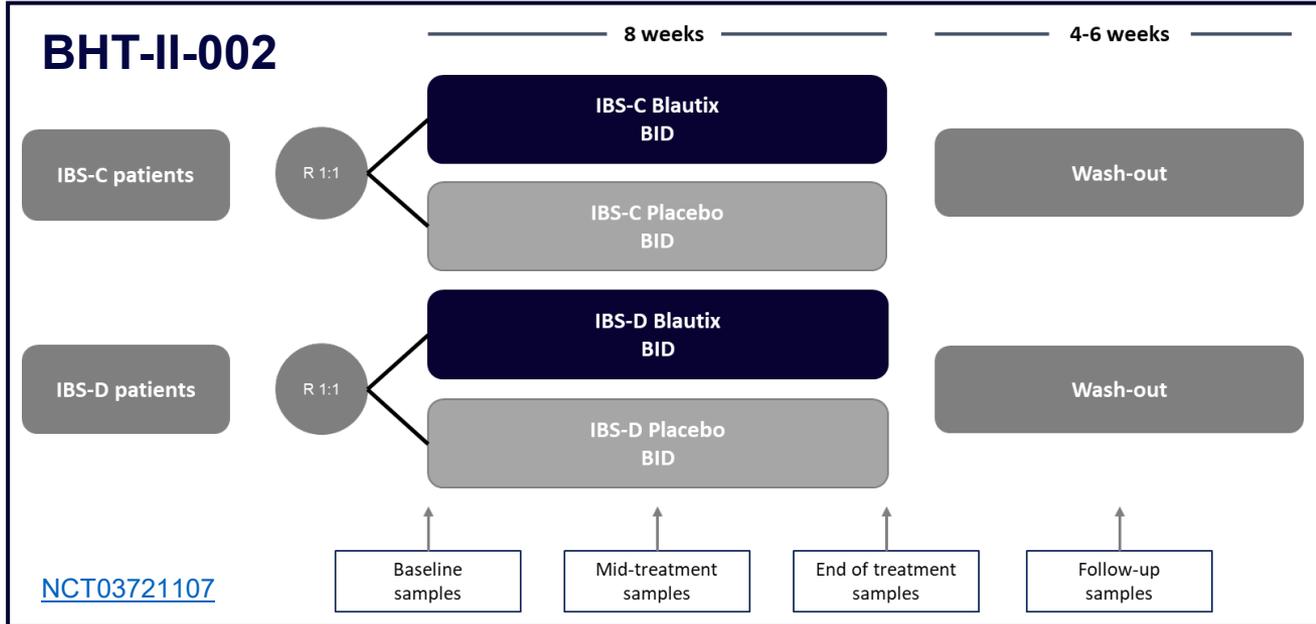
~10<sup>10</sup> CFU per capsule

Manufactured in-house (see: [here](#) for details of manufacturing process and capabilities.)

Patent coverage out to 2036

Four patent families, including granted patents in the US, Europe and Japan



BHT-II-002: INVESTIGATION OF SIGNALS IN IBS WITH BLAUTIX<sup>®</sup>

- Phase II randomised placebo-controlled study, designed with FDA feedback
- Objective to generate data to guide subsequent pivotal development phase
- IBS-C or IBS-D as defined by Rome IV criteria
- Each cohort randomised 1:1 to receive either Blautix<sup>®</sup> or placebo
- Orally administered, 2 capsules twice daily for 8 weeks



# TRIAL OVERVIEW: EVALUATING THE EFFICACY OF BLAUTIX<sup>®</sup>

## Study endpoints



### Primary: **Overall response rate**

To be an 'overall responder' patients must have:

improvement in their weekly, abdominal pain intensity *and* stool frequency (IBS-D) *or* consistency (IBS-C);

for  $\geq 50\%$  of the treatment period

Additional analyses of the primary endpoint include:

Response rate in combined IBS-C/D group  
Analysis of bowel habit and pain independently

## Patient overview

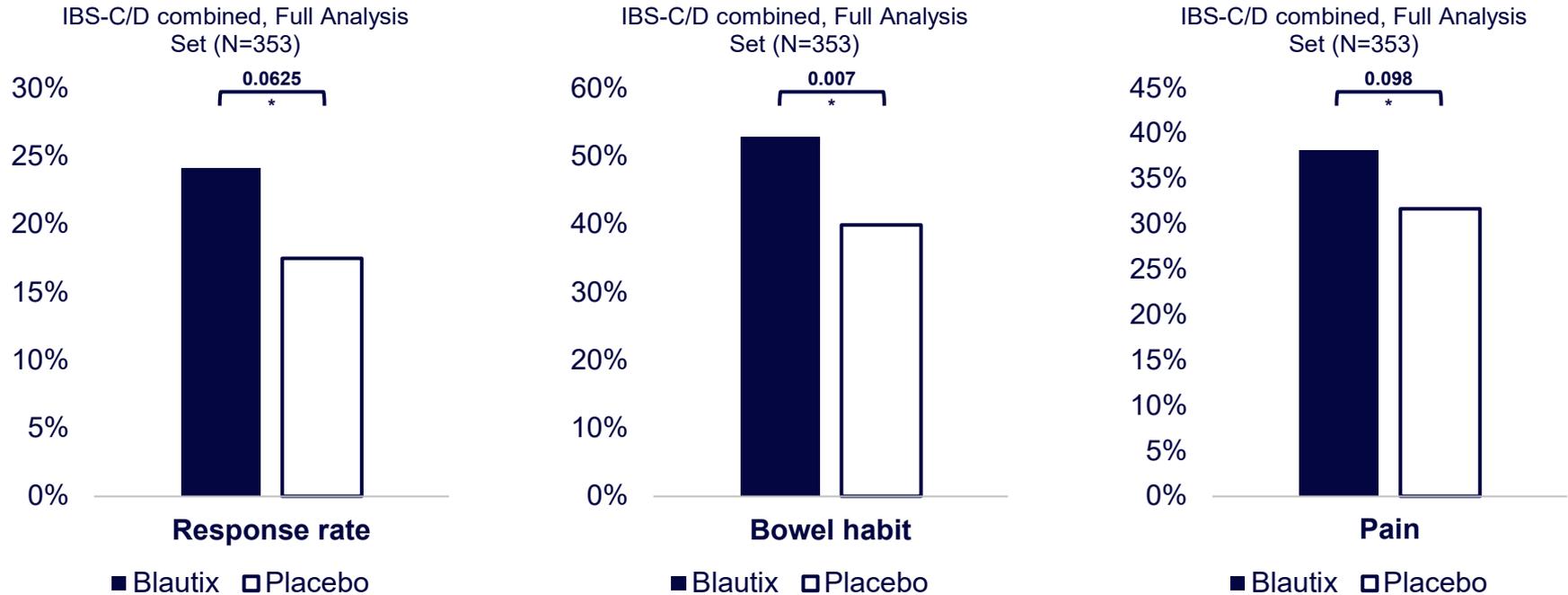


- 353 patients randomized and with eligible baseline criteria
  - 158 IBS-C
  - 195 IBS-D
  - 64% of patients US
  - 75% of patients female
- Primary endpoint calculations based on Full Analysis Set (FAS) <sup>1</sup>
- All endpoints also assessed in Efficacy Evaluable Analysis Set (EEAS) <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Full Analysis Set (FAS) includes all subjects randomized into the study

<sup>2</sup> Efficacy Evaluable Set (EES) includes all members of the FAS who completed the 8-week treatment and assessment period without major protocol violations deemed to impact the assessment of efficacy

# BLAUTIX<sup>®</sup> vs PLACEBO: COMBINED GROUP



## Differential to placebo:

- Overall response rate of 6.6%
- Improvement in bowel habit of 13.1%
- Improvement in abdominal pain of 6.5%

## Points of interest:

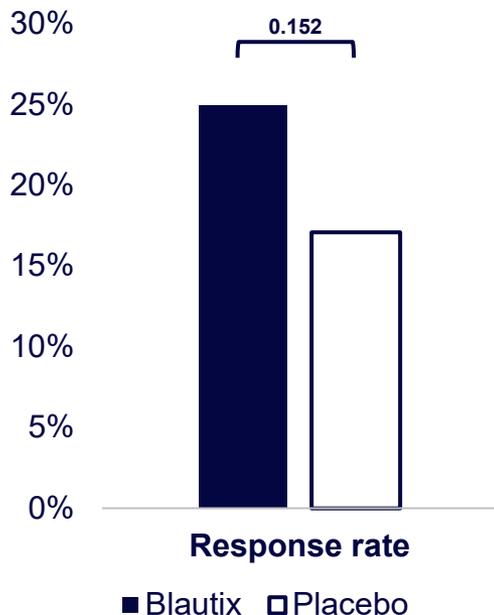
- No existing single agent that addresses both IBS-C, IBS-D or IBS-M
- EEAS response rate shows 8.4% differential to placebo,  $p=0.037$

\* Significance level 0.1, 1-sided Pearson chi-squared test with Yates' correction; no correction for multiple analyses is applied

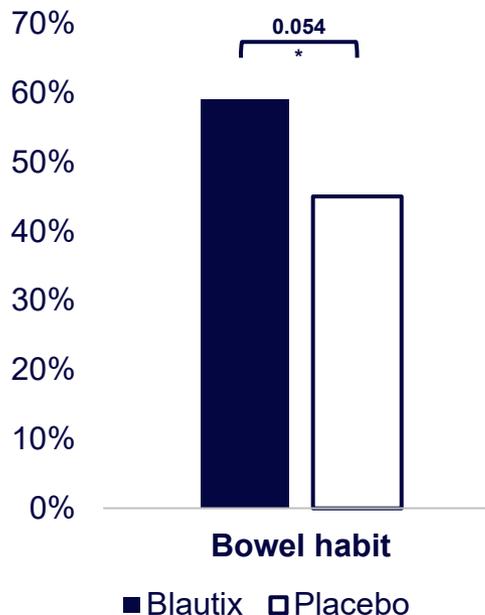


# BLAUTIX® vs PLACEBO: IBS-C

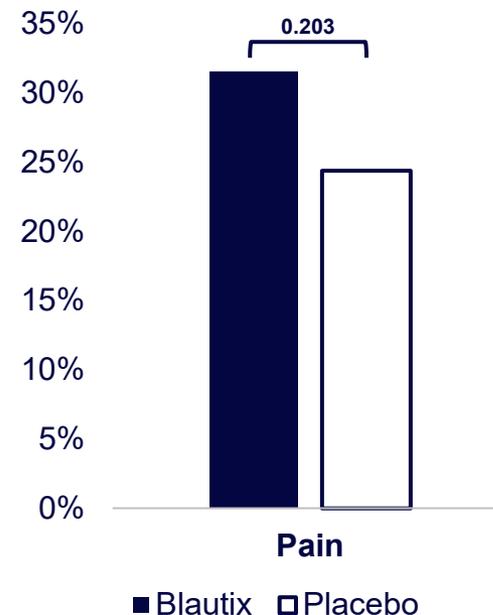
IBS-C, Full Analysis Set (N=158)



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## Differential to placebo:

- Overall response rate of 7.9%
- Improvement in bowel habit of 14.1%
- Improvement in abdominal pain of 7.2%

## Points of interest:

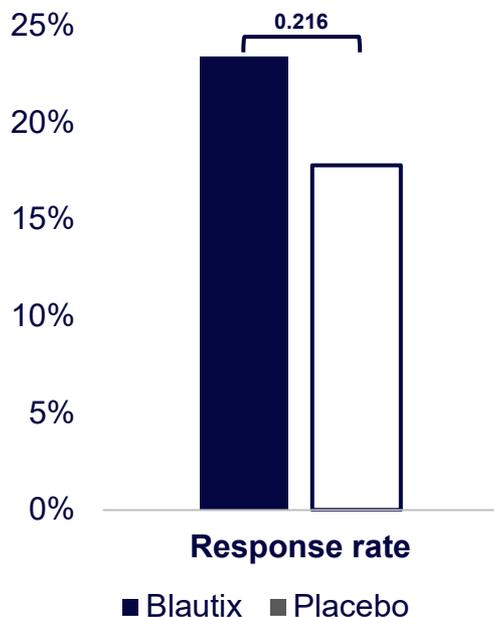
- Total of 76 patients received Blautix®
- EEAS response rate shows 10.1% differential to placebo, p=0.097

\* Significance level 0.1, 1-sided Pearson chi-squared test with Yates' correction; no correction for multiple analyses is applied

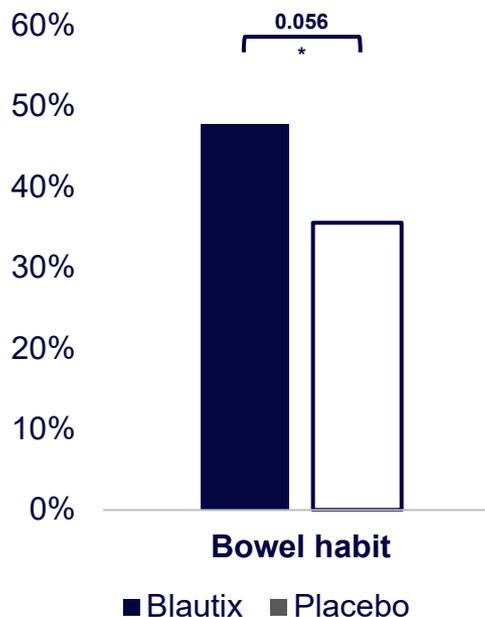


# BLAUTIX® vs PLACEBO: IBS-D

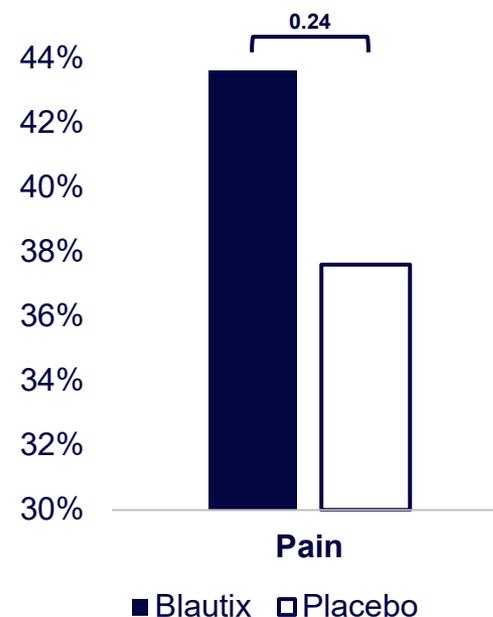
IBS-D, Full Analysis Set (N=195)



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IBS-D, Full Analysis Set (N=195)



**Differential to placebo:**

- Overall response rate of 5.6%
- Improvement in bowel habit of 12.2%
- Improvement in abdominal pain of 6.0%

**Point of interest:**

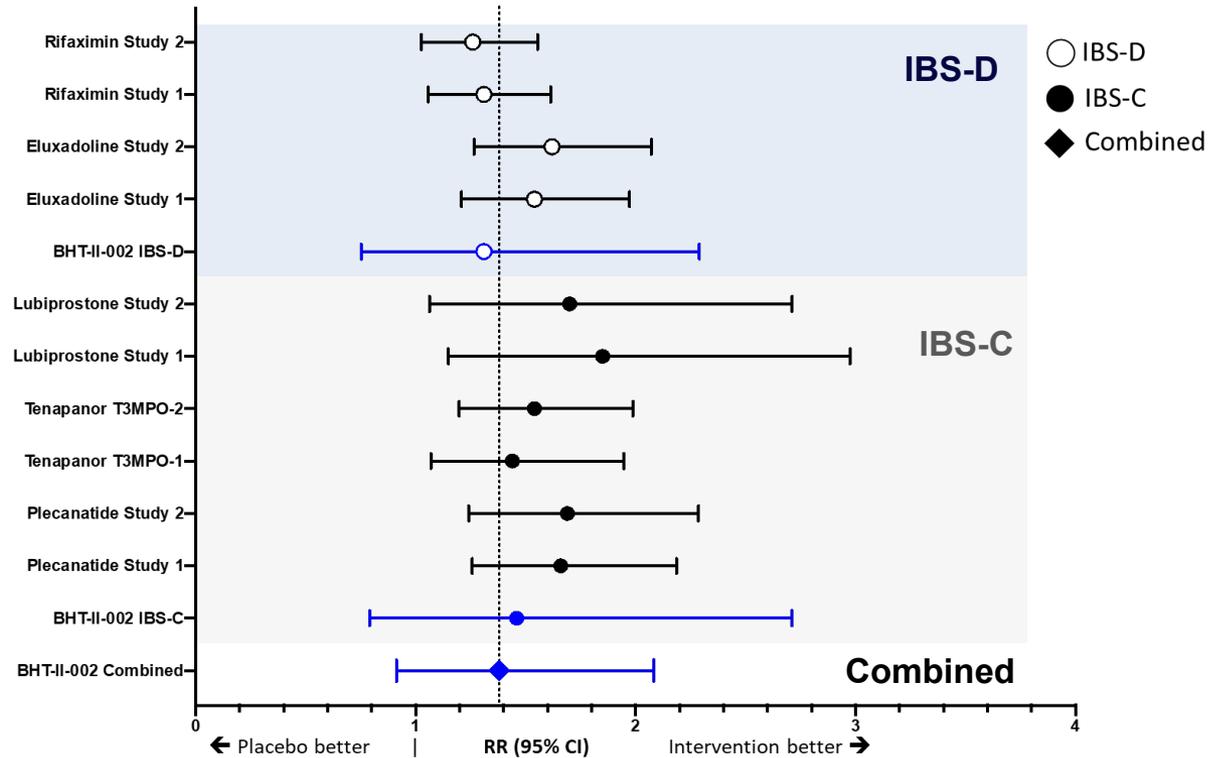
- 94 IBS-D patients received Blautix®
- EEAS response rate shows 6.9% differential to placebo, p=0.188

\* Significance level 0.1, 1-sided Pearson chi-squared test with Yates' correction; no correction for multiple analyses is applied

# COMPARABLE EFFICACY TO APPROVED IBS PRODUCTS

- Blautix relative risk vs placebo in Phase II is within confidence limits of pivotal trials of IBS products
- In both IBS-C and IBS-D
- Comparator studies typically 3-5x size of Phase II BHT-II-002
- **Strong result from signal finding Phase II to support Phase III development**

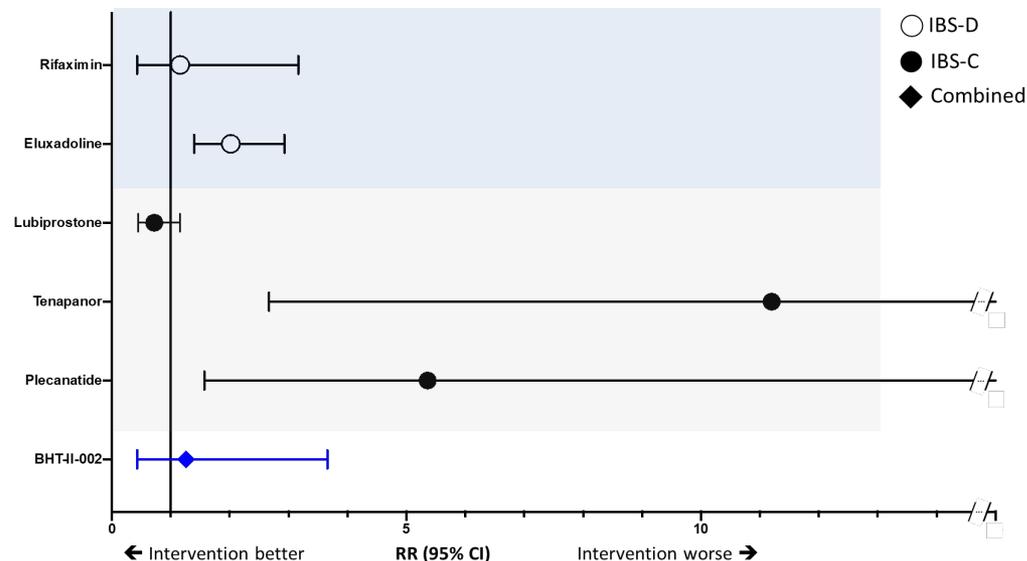
Overall response rate, relative risk vs placebo



# BLAUTIX<sup>®</sup> vs PLACEBO: NO DISCERNIBLE DIFFERENCE IN SAFETY

- All adverse events (AEs) <sup>1</sup>
  - Blautix 32.8% vs placebo 33.0%
- All severe adverse events
  - Blautix N=1, 0.6% vs placebo N=2, 1.1%
  - No treatment-related severe adverse events
- All serious adverse events (SAEs) <sup>2</sup>
  - Blautix N=1 0.6% vs placebo N=1 0.5%
  - No treatment-related SAEs recorded

## Treatment discontinuation due to AEs (Relative risk vs placebo)



<sup>1</sup> AE defined as an adverse event that started or worsened in severity on or after the start date of the study drug and includes all adverse events recorded through the follow-up visit

<sup>2</sup> A serious AE is any AE that is life-threatening, results in death, inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of existing hospitalization, persistent or significant disability/incapacity, or a congenital anomaly/birth defect. *US FDA Title 21, Chapter I, Subchapter D, Part 312. Subpart B, 312.32 IND safety reporting.* Severity is a grading of any AE (mild, moderate or severe). A serious AE can be mild, and a non-serious AE can be severe



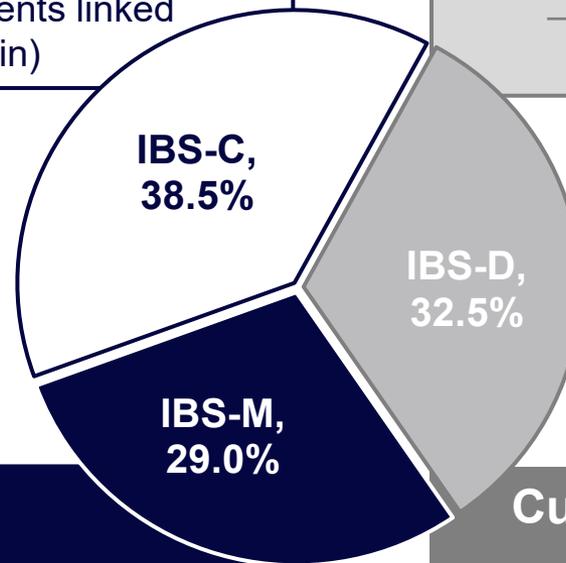
# MARKET STATISTICS AND US PATIENT POP BY SUBTYPE

## IBS-C

- Estimated ~1.7m US cases treated 2019
- Leading blockbuster IBS-C therapeutic – linaclotide
  - High % of adverse events linked to MoA (diarrhoea, pain)

## IBS-D

- Estimated ~1.4m US cases treated 2019
- Leading IBS-D therapeutic - rifaximin
  - Antibiotic - possible for patients to develop resistance



## IBS-M

- **Significant commercial opportunity**
- No approved therapeutic regime
- Clinicians dilemma

## Current Market IBS-C and IBS-D

- Incidence of IBS in US  $\approx$  10-15%
- 60% of all IBS patients are female
- Estimate US market 2024: **\$2.4bn**



## GLOBALDATA IBS MARKET ANALYSIS TO 2026: KOL COMMENTS

***“In terms of IBS-M, we have really nothing much to offer them. That is a huge unmet need, and there is no medication approved by the FDA or the EMA for this condition.”***

***“None of the IBS drugs available on the market work perfectly for all IBS patients. So, the unmet need is having better drugs.”***

***“It can be challenging to treat IBS-M, because patients have different symptoms on different days. It is less clear how to treat IBS-M patients.”***

***“Most patients get a single script [prescription], and then never touch the drug ever again, because they stop using it, and it is just sitting in their cabinet.”***



## BLAUTIX : PLANNING TO BRING NEW SOLUTION TO IBS MARKET

Issue	Solution	Blautix®
30% of patients currently underserved as fall into neither IBS-C or IBS-D	Address Combined IBS-C and IBS-D subtypes	BHT-II-002 primary endpoint met in <b>IBS-C/D combined group</b>  <i>and</i> strong trends in <b>individual subgroups</b>
Clinician concern over safety of current treatment options	Address concerns over side effect	Safety profile <b>comparable</b> to placebo
Poor patient compliance	Address key concerns over debilitating symptoms	<b>Placebo-like tolerability</b>  <i>and</i> strong trends in <b>improvement of bowel habits</b>

- ***The first therapy to show signals of efficacy in both IBS-C and IBS-D***
- ***Blautix has the potential to be first ever therapy for IBS–M patients***
- ***Analysis of Phase II BHT-II-002 to inform larger Phase III pivotal trial***



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