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Effect of mometasone furoate/formoterol combination therapy on nocturnal awakenings in subjects with persistent asthma

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Objective

We characterized the effect of mometasone furoate/ formoterol (MF/F) treatment on nocturnal awakenings requiring rescue-medication (SABA) use in three Phase III efficacy trials (baseline=awakenings in wk prior to first dose; endpoint=awakenings across entire treatment period).

Methods

Subjects were asthmatics previously using low- (n=746), medium- (n=781) or high-dose (n=728) inhaled corticosteroids ICS. Low-dose subjects were randomized to 26-wk treatment with MF/F $100/10\mu g$, MF $100\mu g$, F $10\mu g$, or placebo; medium-dose subjects to 26-wk treatment with MF/F $200/10\mu g$, MF $200\mu g$, F $10\mu g$, or placebo; high-dose subjects to 12-wk treatment with MF/F $400/10\mu g$, MF/F $200/10\mu g$, or MF $400\mu g$. All treatments were delivered twice-daily via metered-dose inhaler.

Results

Baseline awakenings ranged from 0.84-1.05 (MF/F $100/10\mu g$ study), 1.05-1.26 (MF/F $200/10\mu g$ study), and 1.33-1.61 nights/wk (MF/F $400/10\mu g$ and $200/10\mu g$ study). Nocturnal awakenings were reduced by MF/F $100/10\mu g=-0.42$, MF $100\mu g=-0.21$, F $10\mu g=-0.21$, and placebo=0.14 nights/wk; changes in the other placebo-controlled study were MF/F $200/10\mu g=-0.56$, MF $200\mu g=-0.35$, F $10\mu g=+0.07$ and placebo=0.00 night/wk, respectively. In both of these studies MF/F was superior to placebo (P<.001) and F (P=.035); MF was also superior to F and placebo. In the non-placebo controlled study, awakenings were reduced

by -0.70, -0.70 and -0.35 nights/week by MF/F $200/10\mu g$, MF/F $400/10\mu g$ and MF $400\mu g$, respectively; both MF/F treatments were superior to MF ($P \le .006$).

Conclusions

Both MF/F and MF significantly reduced nocturnal-awakenings compared with F and placebo. Both doses of MF/F were superior to MF in the non-placebo controlled study.

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