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# Chronic Constipation

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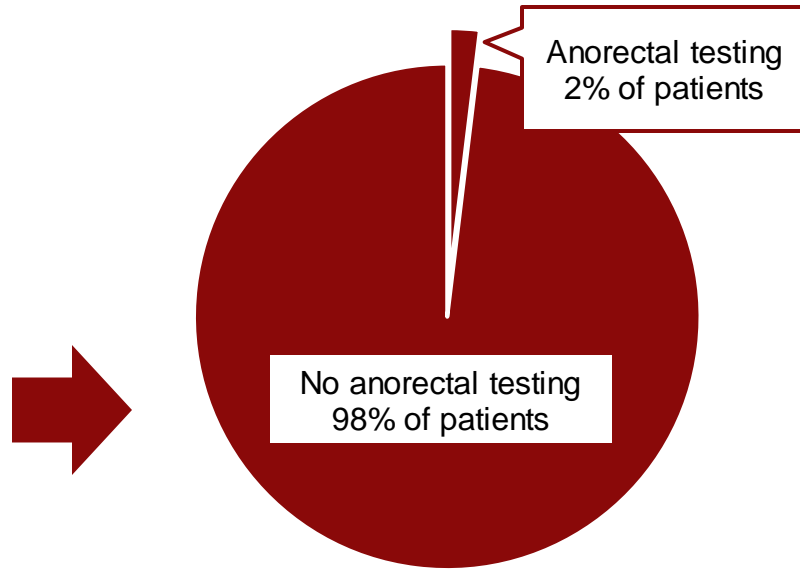
# An Office-Based, Point-of-Care Rectal Expulsion Device (RED) Predicts Treatment Outcomes With Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy Among Patients With Chronic Constipation

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# Anorectal Function Testing Is Broadly Underutilized



**US Survey of Individuals with Chronic Constipation**  
(n=1,768 care-seeking patients)

- 2-8 million patients referred to gastroenterologists each year for constipation
- Laxative refractory CIC patients are enriched for an evacuation disorder
- Few undergo anorectal function tests

# RED (Rectal Expulsion Device)

- Provides a simple screening test for evacuation disorders
- Enables point-of-care testing
- Provide actionable, binary test results in the office or the lab



# Aim

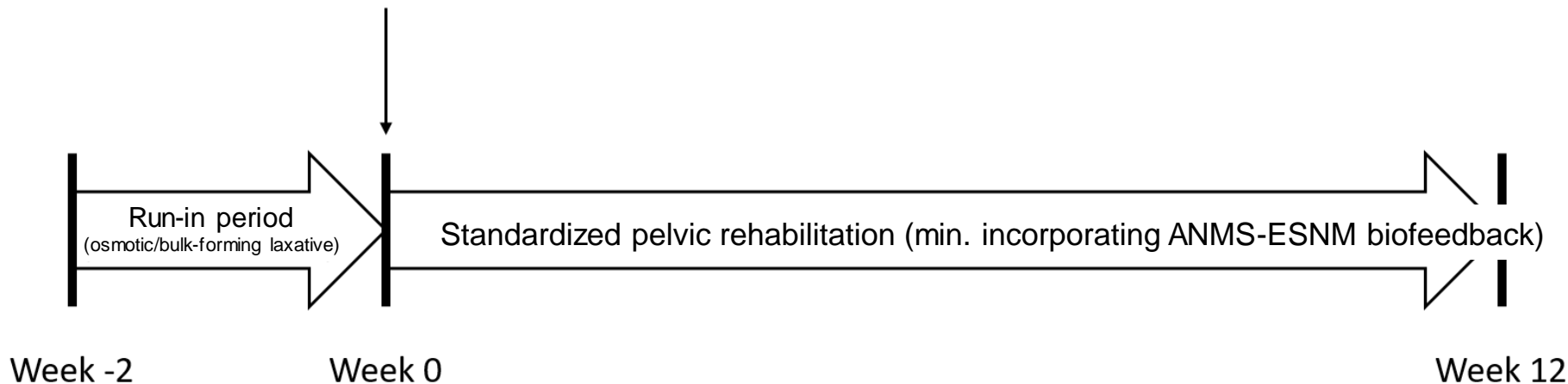
To evaluate the **predictive accuracy** of RED on clinical outcomes with community-based pelvic floor physical therapy

**In other words:**

*Can RED inform clinical outcomes in practice?*



Baseline anorectal function testing  
with RED and lab-based testing



Week -2

Week 0

Week 12

**Timing of  
outcome  
measurements**

Baseline

Post-treatment

# Protocol for Use of RED

1. Device inserted into rectum after DRE in left lateral position



2. Device inflated by removing cap on device
3. Expulsion attempted in privacy: 2 minutes in a left lateral position. If not expelled, then 2 minutes in a seated position

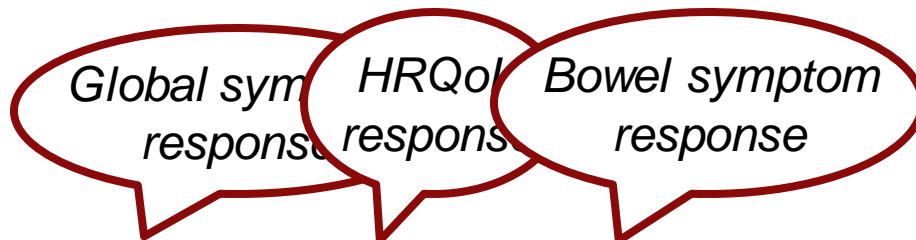
# Outcomes Defined by Clinical Response to Community-Based Pelvic Floor Physical Therapy

- Primary outcome: Global clinical response
  - Achieving a minimal clinically important difference (MCID) in PAC-SYM score reduction  $\geq 0.75$  at 12-weeks vs. baseline
- Secondary outcome: Disease-specific HRQoL
  - Achieving a MCID in PAC-QOL score reduction  $\geq 10$  at 12-weeks vs. baseline
- Secondary outcome: Weekly CSBM responder
  - Achieving at least 3 weekly CSBMs at week 12 with increase of 1 CSBM/week compared to baseline

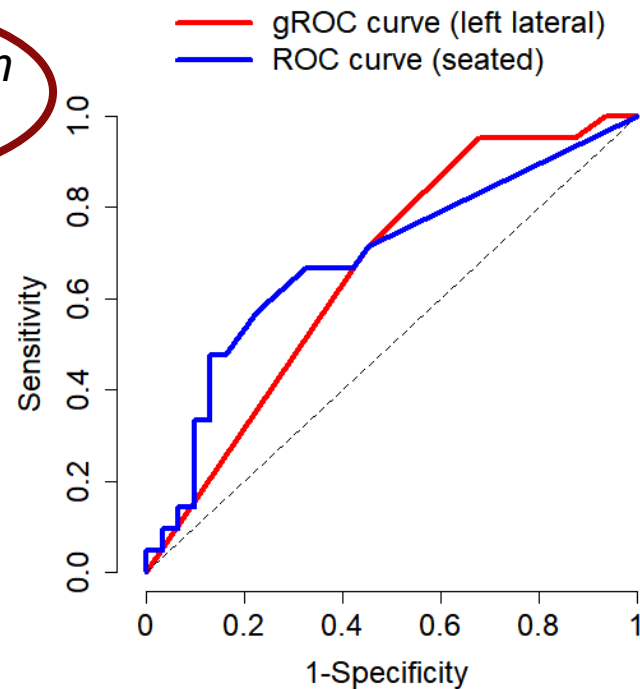
# Study Participants

- 60 adult patients meeting Rome IV FC criteria enrolled between January to June 2021 (safety population)
- 52 patients included in intention-to-treat analysis completing at least 1 physical therapy appointment
  - Median of 3.0 PT appointments attended (range 1-7)
  - At baseline: 21.7% of patients had at least 3 CSBM/week
- One adverse event: anal pain (n=1) due to suspected fissure
- No serious adverse events

# Results



Testing method	PAC-SYM	PAC-QOL	CSBM 3+1 responder
Left lateral	0.67 $p < 0.001$	0.67 $p < 0.001$	0.63 $p < 0.001$
Seated*	0.69 $p = 0.009$	0.65 $p = 0.058$	0.63 $p = 0.095$



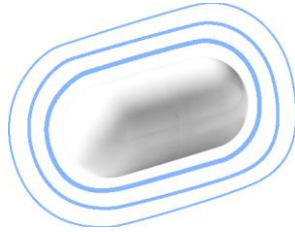
\*Patients are given a 2-minute trial in left lateral before trying seated.



# Conclusions

- RED is an investigational point-of-care device designed for use during the initial office consultation for chronic constipation.
- RED appears capable of identifying patients with a low likelihood of response to community-based pelvic floor physical therapy in the left lateral position.
- RED appears capable of informing the likelihood of response to pelvic floor physical therapy delivered in the community.

# Efficacy & Safety of Vibrant capsule for Chronic Idiopathic Constipation (CIC): Randomized, Double-Blind, Multicenter, Placebo-controlled, Phase III Trial



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# Background

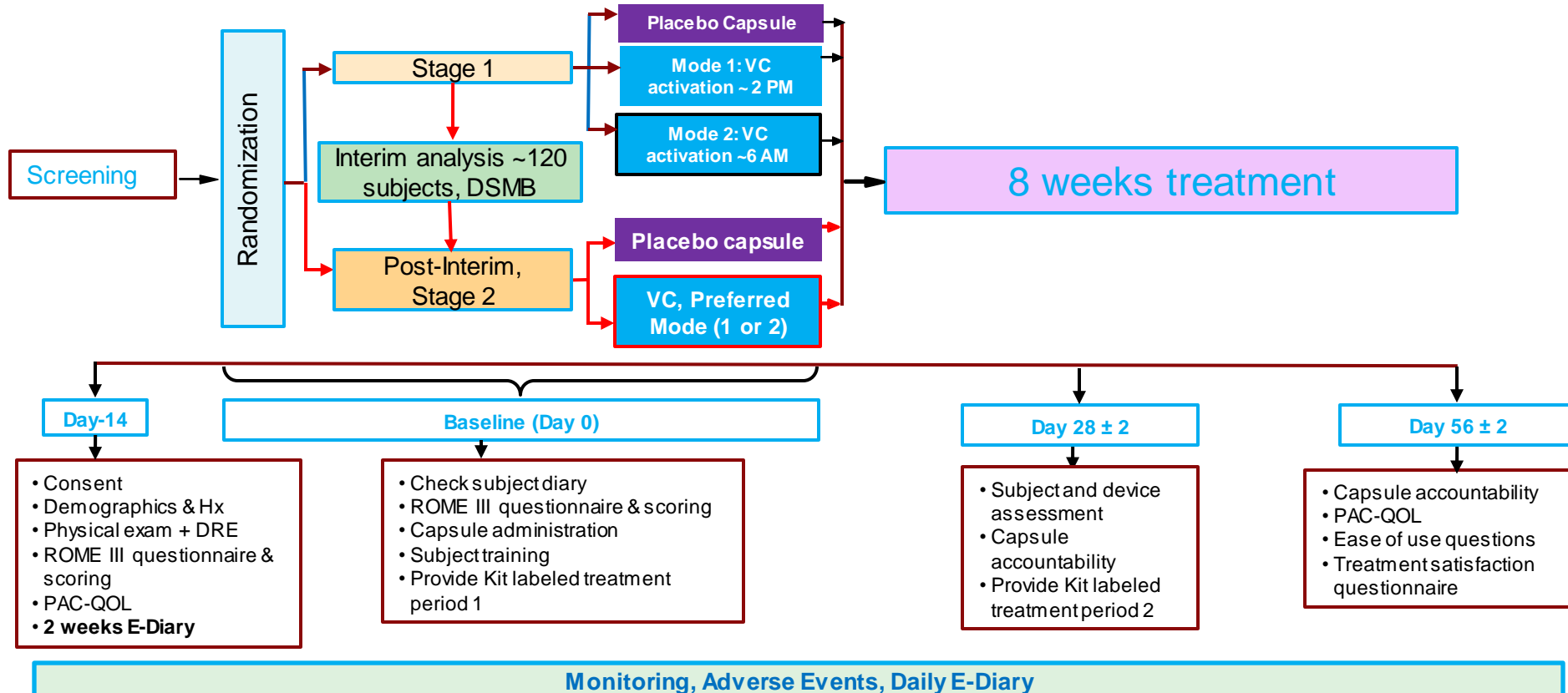
- 45% of constipated patients remain dissatisfied with current drug therapies, suggesting a need for new therapies
- There is growing interest in mechanical stimulation of the colon
- In preliminary studies, a Vibrating Capsule (Vibrant Ltd, Yokenam, Israel) improved constipation symptoms, possibly by augmenting circadian rhythm

# Hypothesis

## Aim

- Conduct a prospective, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center, 3-arm study, (2 active arms + 1 placebo), to examine the efficacy and safety of the vibrating capsule in patients with chronic constipation

# Vibrating Capsule (VC), Phase III Study Protocol





# Vibrating Capsule System

## Vibration Capsule Program

Two Stimulation Cycles, each ~ 2 hours:  
Each Vibration cycle: 3 seconds on and  
16s rest

## Vibrating capsule



## Activation POD:

- **Used for activating the capsule**



## E-Diary: Patient Reporting APP

- Daily stool data
- Symptoms
- Capsule ingestion information
- Compliance
- Rescue
- Adverse Events

# Primary and Secondary Outcomes & Analysis

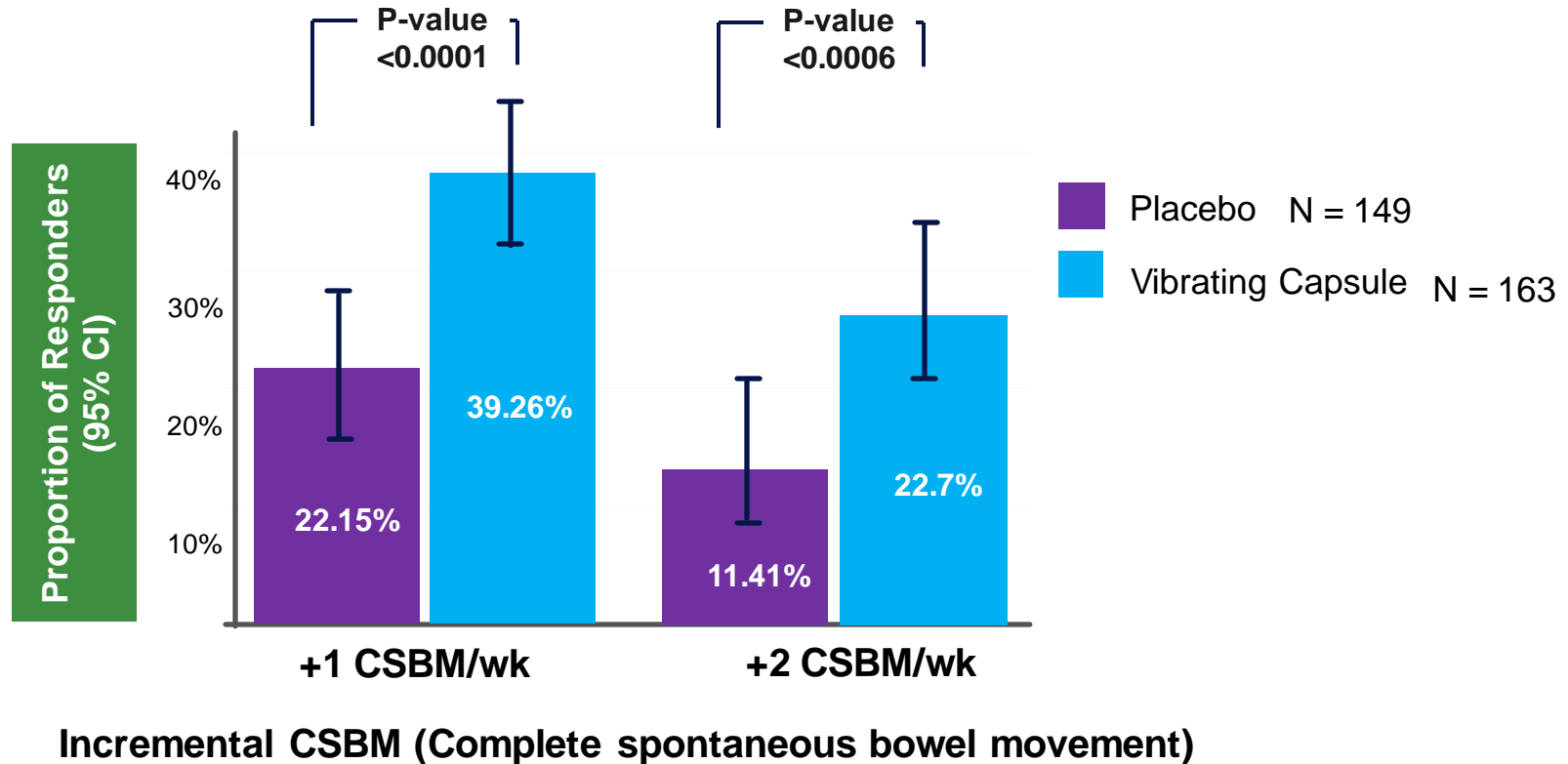
## Primary Endpoints

- **CSBM1 success rate** – an increase of at least 1 CSBM/week relative to run-in, and during at least 6 of the 8 weeks of treatment
- OR
- **CSBM2 success rate** – an increase of at least 2 CSBM/week relative to run-in, and during at least 6 of the 8 weeks of treatment
  - SBM: A spontaneous BM without use of laxative/enema/suppository for previous 48 hours
  - CSBM: A complete SBM

## Secondary Endpoints

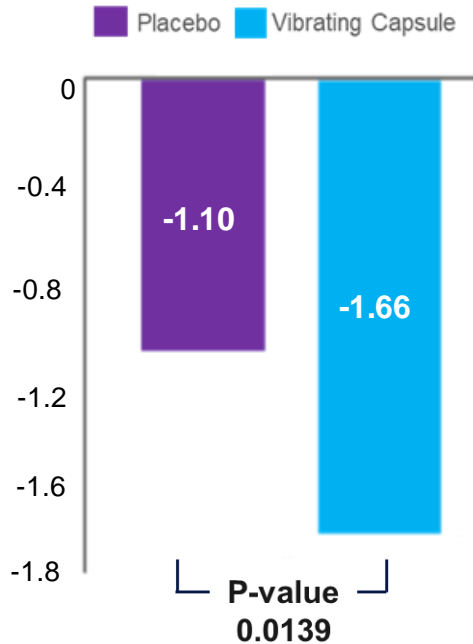
- Change from baseline in:
  - Straining effort
  - Stool consistency (Bristol Stool Scale)
  - Bloating
- Quality of Life (QoL)
  - Total Score
  - Individual domains (Physical, Psychosocial, Worries, Satisfaction)
- Safety during 8 weeks of treatment
- *Data were analyzed using Intention to Treat (ITT) analyses*

# Effect of Vibrating Capsule on CSBM, Primary Outcomes

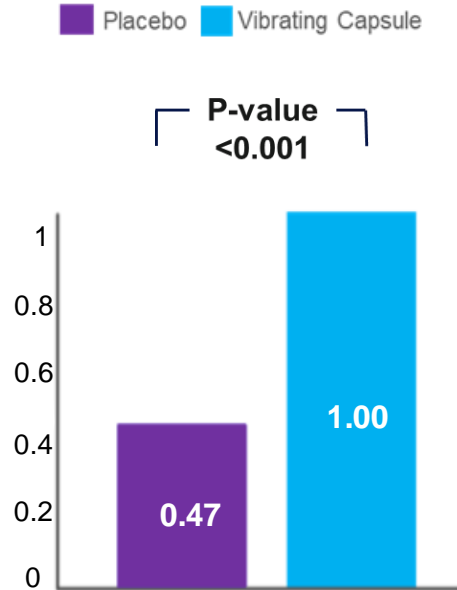


# Effects of Vibrating Capsule on Straining, Stool consistency and QOL

## Straining score



## Stool consistency



## QOL



# Adverse Events

Adverse event	Vibrating Capsule, Mode 1 (n=163) No. of patients (%)	Vibrating Capsule, Mode 2 (n=37) No. of patients (%)	Placebo (n=149) No. of patients (%)
Adverse events during treatment (combined safety populations including interim analysis groups).*			
Any event	44 (27.0)	9 (24.3)	26 (17.4)
Vibrating sensation/discomfort	18 (11.0)	1 (2.7)	.
Headache	3 (1.8)	1 (2.7)	4 (2.7)
Urinary tract infection	3 (1.8)	1 (2.7)	2 (1.3)
Abdominal pain/discomfort	4 (2.5)	.	8 (5.4) 1 SAE
Vomiting	2 (1.2)	2 (5.4)	1 (0.7)
Nausea	3 (1.8)	.	1 (0.7)
Abdominal distention	1 (0.6)	.	2 (1.3)
Anorectal problem	1 (0.6)	.	5 (3.4)
Diarrhea	2 (1.2)	.	.
Covid-19	1 (0.6)	.	2 (1.3)
Nasopharyngitis/Bronchitis	4 (2.5)	1 (2.7)	4 (2.7)
TIA	.	.	1 (0.7) SAE
Musculoskeletal	2 (1.2)	.	1 (0.7)
*Data shown for adverse events in at least 1% of the subjects			



# Summary

- The Vibrating Capsule significantly increased the number of CSBM1 ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and CSBM2 ( $p = 0.0011$ ) compared to placebo in patients with chronic constipation, and met both primary outcome measures
- The straining effort to defecate ( $p = 0.0126$ ) and stool consistency ( $p < 0.0001$ ) significantly improved with VC compared to placebo, but not bloating
- The overall QoL ( $p = 0.0020$ ) and all QoL domains significantly improved with VC
- The onset of increase in CSBMs occurred within 1-2 weeks and was sustained
- The adverse event profile of VC was comparable to placebo

# Constipation Nuggets

- Online survey of 24,089 US adults
  - 5.7% (n=1,367) met R4 criteria and/or reported a physician diagnosis.
  - Of these, 20.7% were undiagnosed, 38.2% had PD only and 41.1% met both R4 and had a PD (Lacy et al. Mo1084)
- Same survey, 2,105 met Rome IV criteria for CIC.
  - 28.9% (n=608) CIC patients reported currently taking an Rx medication
  - CIC patients taking an Rx reported higher overall satisfaction with control of bowel symptoms (49.3%, [n=300] vs. 27.2% [258];  $p<0.001$ ), and abdominal symptoms (48.8% [n=297] vs. 29.8% [283],  $p<0.001$ ) than patients taking an OTC
  - Linaclotide most common prescription med (29%) (Lacy et al Tu1339)

# Constipation Nuggets

- Concordance between history and a stool diary for key constipation symptoms such as stool frequency, stool consistency, use of digital maneuvers, frequency of incomplete BMs and straining effort, was poor (30-50%) in a clinic setting. To accurately characterize symptoms, a prospective stool diary is recommended (Hudgi et al. Tu1330)
- Constipation Diary©APP accurately recorded bowel-related symptoms in constipated patients. The APP provides a detailed daily stool log and electronic summary report providing useful information to physicians and researchers (Yan Tu1344)