# Triple-Combination Clindamycin Phosphate 1.2%/Adapalene 0.15%/Benzoyl Peroxide 3.1% Gel for Acne: Clinical Efficacy and Application Characteristics

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

- Triple-combination therapies for acne that include an antibiotic, topical retinoid, and benzoyl peroxide (BPO) are among the most effective, with meta-analyses demonstrating greater efficacy with triple-combinations than dual-combinations or topical monotherapy
- However, complicated treatment regimens may lead to reduced treatment adherence<sup>2</sup>
- Application characteristics of topical formulations can impact treatment tolerability and factor heavily into patient acceptance and adherence to treatment<sup>3</sup>
- Clindamycin phosphate 1.2%/adapalene 0.15%/BPO 3.1% (CAB; Cabtreo<sup>TM</sup>, Ortho Dermatologics) gel was developed to deliver three active ingredients in an easy-to-use formulation, and is the first fixed-dose triple-combination product approved for the treatment of acne

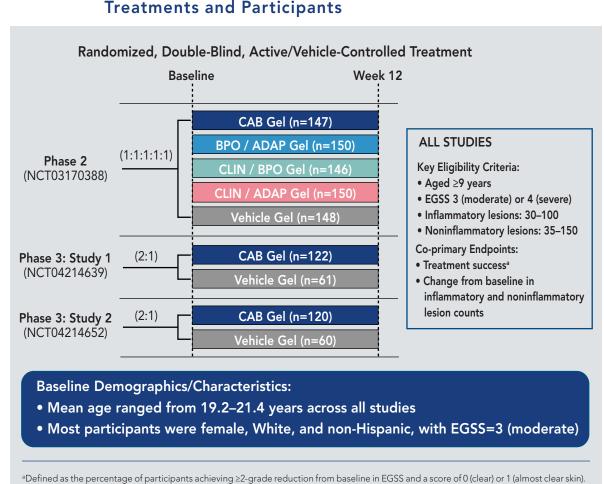
#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Review efficacy of CAB gel in phase 2 and phase 3 clinical trials of participants with moderate-to-severe acne
- Compare the application characteristics of CAB gel to layered application of its individual active ingredients

#### **EFFICACY IN PHASE 2 AND PHASE 3 CLINICAL STUDIES**

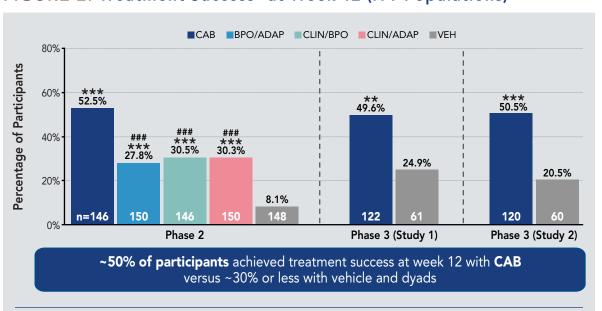
- Efficacy of CAB gel was assessed in one phase 2 and two phase 3 clinical studies of participants with moderate-to-severe acne (Figure 1)<sup>4,5</sup>
- At week 12, ~50% of CAB-treated participants achieved treatment success, significantly greater than with vehicle or dyad combinations of active ingredients (Figure 2)
- CAB was also associated with >70% reductions from baseline in inflammatory and noninflammatory lesions, significantly greater than with vehicle or dyads (Figure 3)

## FIGURE 1. Randomized, Double-Blind, 12-Week Studies of CAB Gel: Treatments and Participants



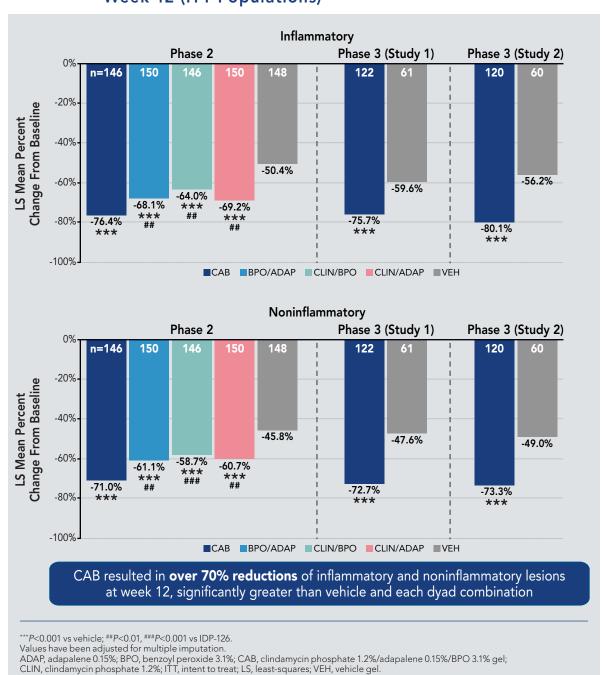
ADAP, adapalene 0.15%; BPO, benzoyl peroxide 3.1%; CAB, clindamycin phosphate 1.2%/adapalene 0.15%/BPO 3.1% gel; CLIN, clindamycin phosphate 1.2%; EGSS, Evaluator's Global Severity Score.

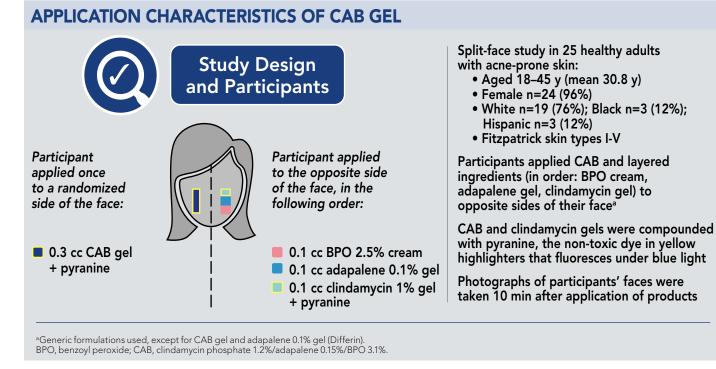
# FIGURE 2. Treatment Success<sup>a</sup> at Week 12 (ITT Populations)



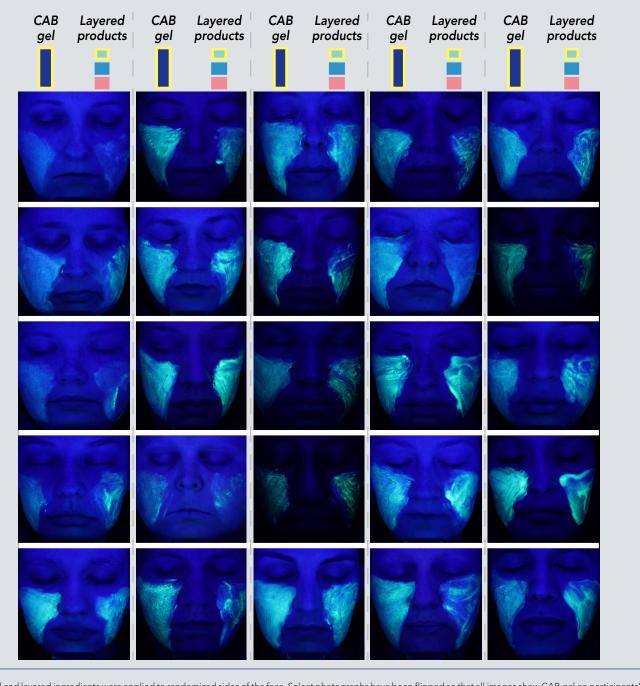
- \*\*P<0.01, \*\*\*P≤0.001 vs vehicle; ###P≤0.001 vs IDP-126. <sup>a</sup>Defined as percentage of participants achieving ≥2-grade reduction from baseline in Evaluator's Global Severity Score and a score of
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FIGURE 3. Mean Percent Changes from Baseline in Lesion Counts at Week 12 (ITT Populations)



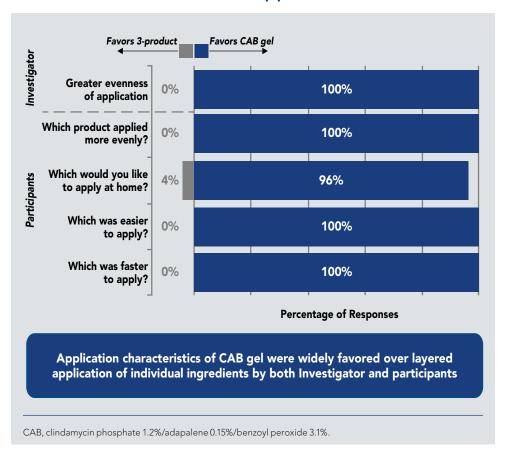


## FIGURE 4. Participant Photographs



d ingredients were applied to randomized sides of the face. Select photographs have been flipped so that all images show CAB gel on participants' right side (left side of photo) and layered products on participants' left side (right side of photo). CAB, clindamycin phosphate 1.2%/adapalene 0.15%/benzoyl peroxide 3.1%.

## FIGURE 5. Assessments of Application Characteristics



## CONCLUSIONS

- In phase 2 and phase 3 clinical trials, fixed-dose triple-combination CAB gel demonstrated significantly greater efficacy than vehicle or dyad combinations of active ingredients in the treatment of moderate-to-severe acne<sup>4,5</sup>
- In a split-face study, CAB gel applied more evenly and was preferred by participants over separate applications of its three active ingredients
- Patients are unlikely to adhere to a treatment regiment requiring application of three separate products<sup>2</sup>
- Ease of use and uniform spread of topical formulations contribute to treatment tolerability and adherence<sup>3</sup>
- By addressing three of the main acne pathogenic pathways in a single, easy-to-apply formulation, CAB may improve efficacy of and adherence to acne treatment

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