

# Olanzapine and Samidorphan in Adults With Schizophrenia or Bipolar I Disorder: Updated Review of Clinical Data

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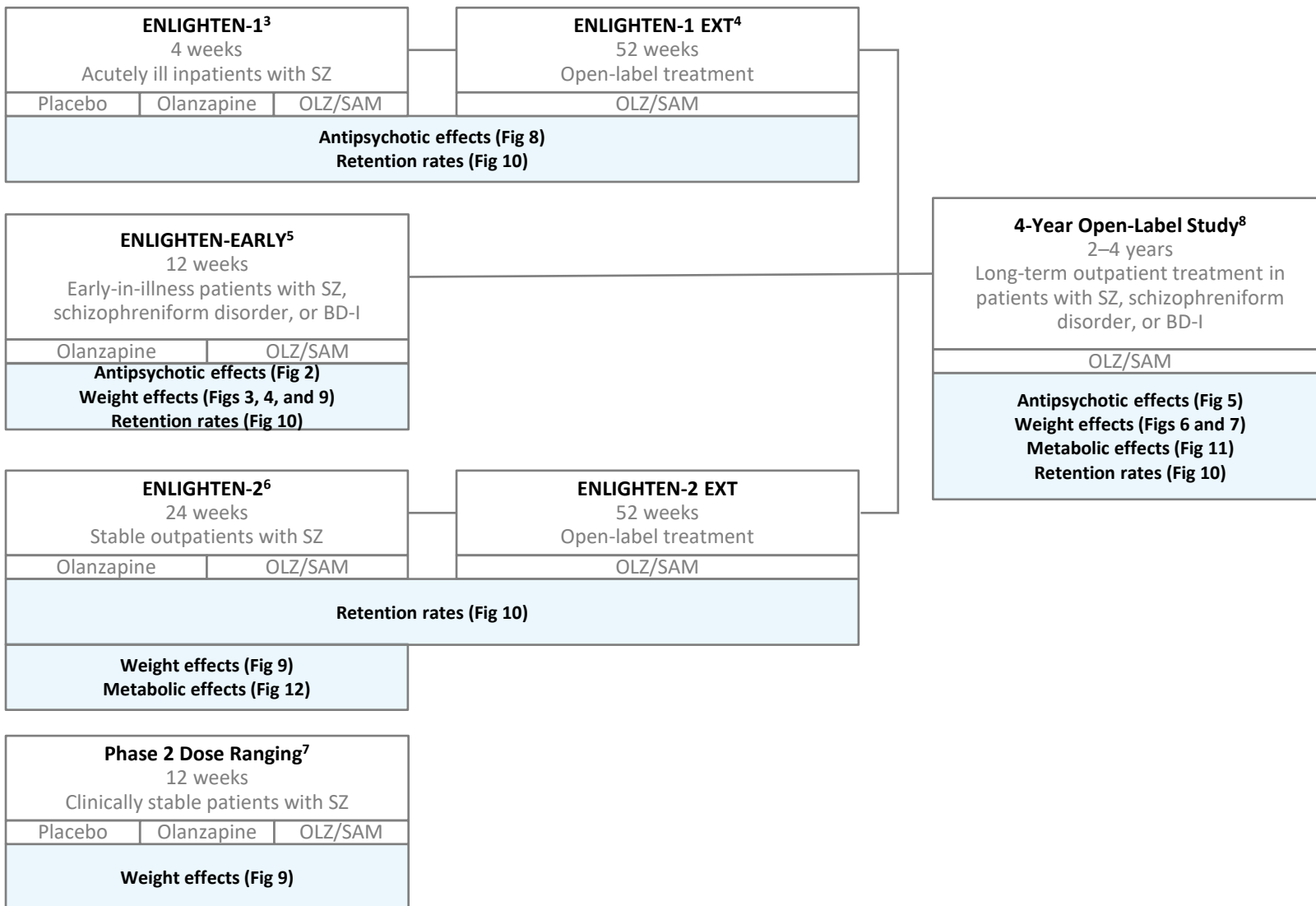
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## BACKGROUND

- The combination of olanzapine and samidorphan (OLZ/SAM) received US Food and Drug Administration approval in 2021 for the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar I disorder (BD-I) and was accompanied by a clinical data review summarizing OLZ/SAM research to date<sup>1,2</sup>
- In that review, data from 18 OLZ/SAM studies in >1600 patients characterized the pharmacokinetic, efficacy, and safety profile of OLZ/SAM
  - Clinical pharmacokinetic data supported the use of OLZ/SAM in patients with BD-I based on bioequivalence with olanzapine<sup>2</sup>
  - Antipsychotic efficacy and weight gain mitigation of OLZ/SAM were observed in multiple studies; effects were durable and maintained during open-label treatment<sup>2</sup>
- This review summarizes clinical studies and analyses of OLZ/SAM from the past 5 years, providing a comprehensive overview of the OLZ/SAM clinical program

Figure 1. Summary of Studies



### Analyses summarized in this poster<sup>a</sup>

ENLIGHTEN-EARLY <sup>5</sup>	• 12-week double-blind randomized study
4-Year Open-Label Study <sup>8</sup>	• Effectiveness and safety of OLZ/SAM in early-in-illness patients with SZ, schizophreniform disorder, or BD-I
Individual patient data meta-analysis <sup>5-7,9</sup>	• Long-term safety and durability of treatment effect study with up to 4 years of additional OLZ/SAM treatment in patients with SZ, schizophreniform disorder, or BD-I
Negative symptoms of SZ <sup>4,4</sup>	• Estimate of OLZ/SAM weight mitigation vs olanzapine at 12 weeks
Cardiometabolic risk factors <sup>5,10</sup>	• Includes 3 phase 2/3 clinical trials with weight as primary/secondary outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Phase 2 dose-ranging study</li><li>– ENLIGHTEN-2</li><li>– ENLIGHTEN-EARLY</li></ul>
Retention rates in the phase 3 clinical program <sup>3,6,8,11</sup>	• Post hoc, pooled analysis of ENLIGHTEN-1 and ENLIGHTEN-1 EXT
	• PANSS Total score and Positive, Negative, and General Psychopathology Subscale scores
	• Post hoc analysis of ENLIGHTEN-2
	• Comparing OLZ/SAM vs olanzapine across multiple cardiometabolic risk factors
	• Summary of retention rates in 6 phase 3 studies of OLZ/SAM

## Safety

Table 1. In a 4-year open-label study, the safety profile of OLZ/SAM was consistent with that observed in previous ENLIGHTEN program studies<sup>3,5,6</sup>; most AEs were mild to moderate in severity and serious AEs were rare

Most common AEs (≥5% of patients) <sup>b,c</sup>	All patients (N = 523)
Weight increased	51 (9.8)
Headache	37 (7.1)
Anxiety	32 (6.1)
Insomnia	31 (5.9)
Somnolence	31 (5.9)
Nausea	30 (5.7)
Weight decreased	30 (5.7)

<sup>a</sup>Limitations of each analysis can be found in their respective publications/presentations. <sup>b</sup>All patients who received ≥1 dose of OLZ/SAM. <sup>c</sup>Patients who experienced ≥1 AE in a category were counted only once in that category. AE, adverse event; BD-I, bipolar I disorder; EXT, extension; OLZ/SAM, combination olanzapine and samidorphan; SZ, schizophrenia; PANSS, Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale.

## RESULTS

### Antipsychotic Effects

Figure 2. In early-in-illness patients, OLZ/SAM treatment was associated with clinical symptom improvements similar to those associated with olanzapine at 12 weeks<sup>a</sup>

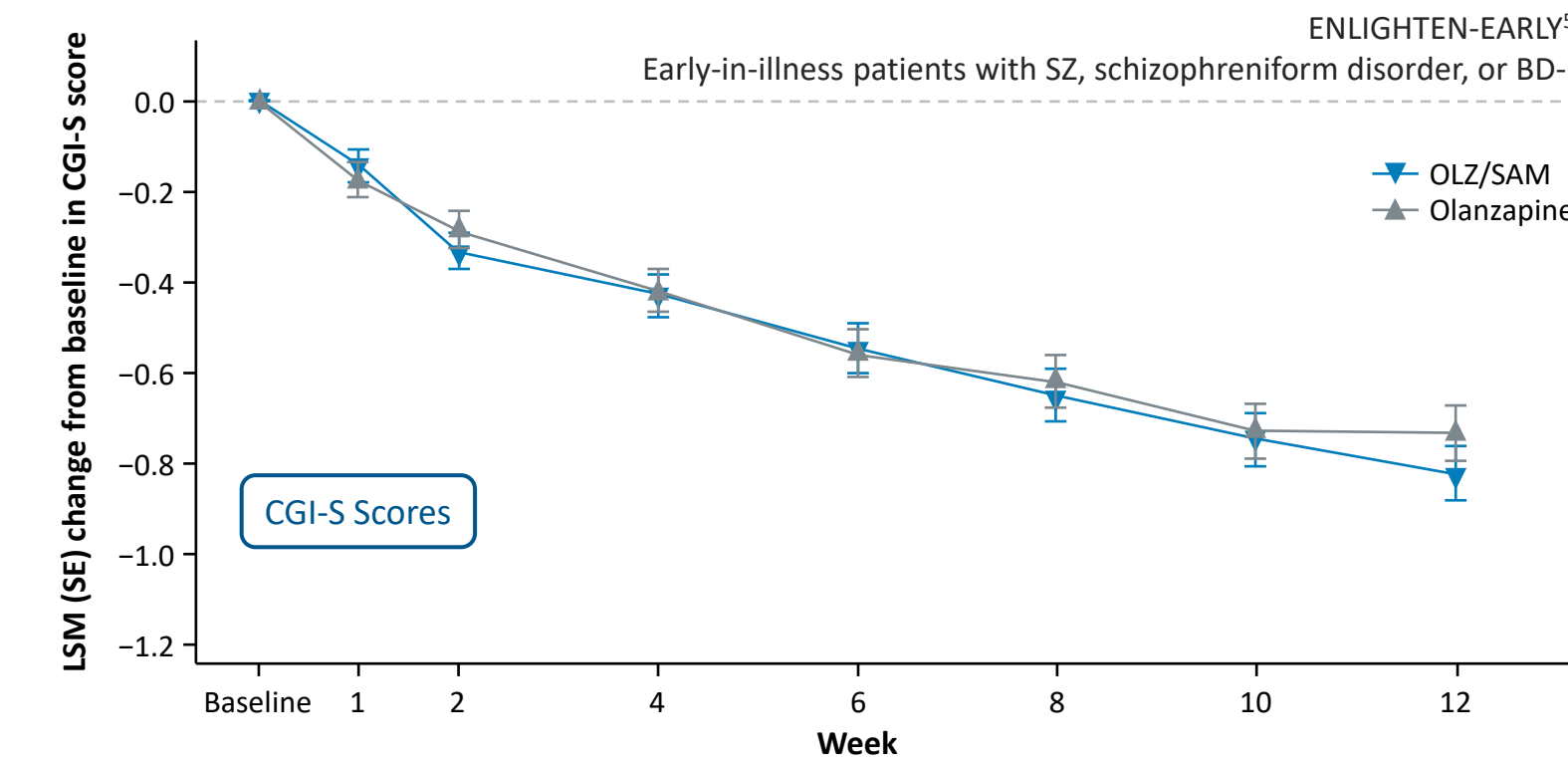


Figure 5. OLZ/SAM treatment was associated with durable antipsychotic effects over 4 years of OLZ/SAM open-label treatment<sup>b</sup>

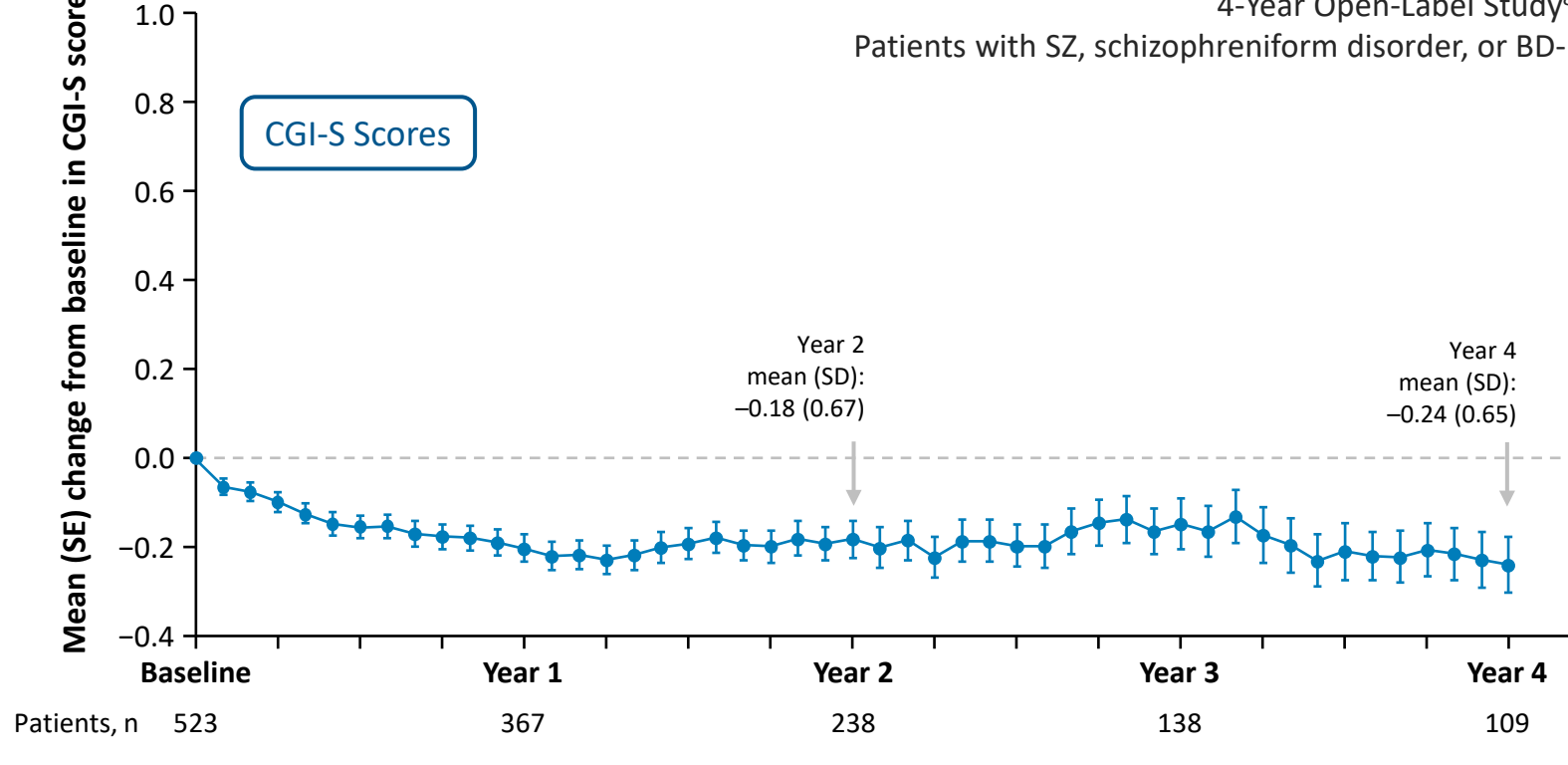
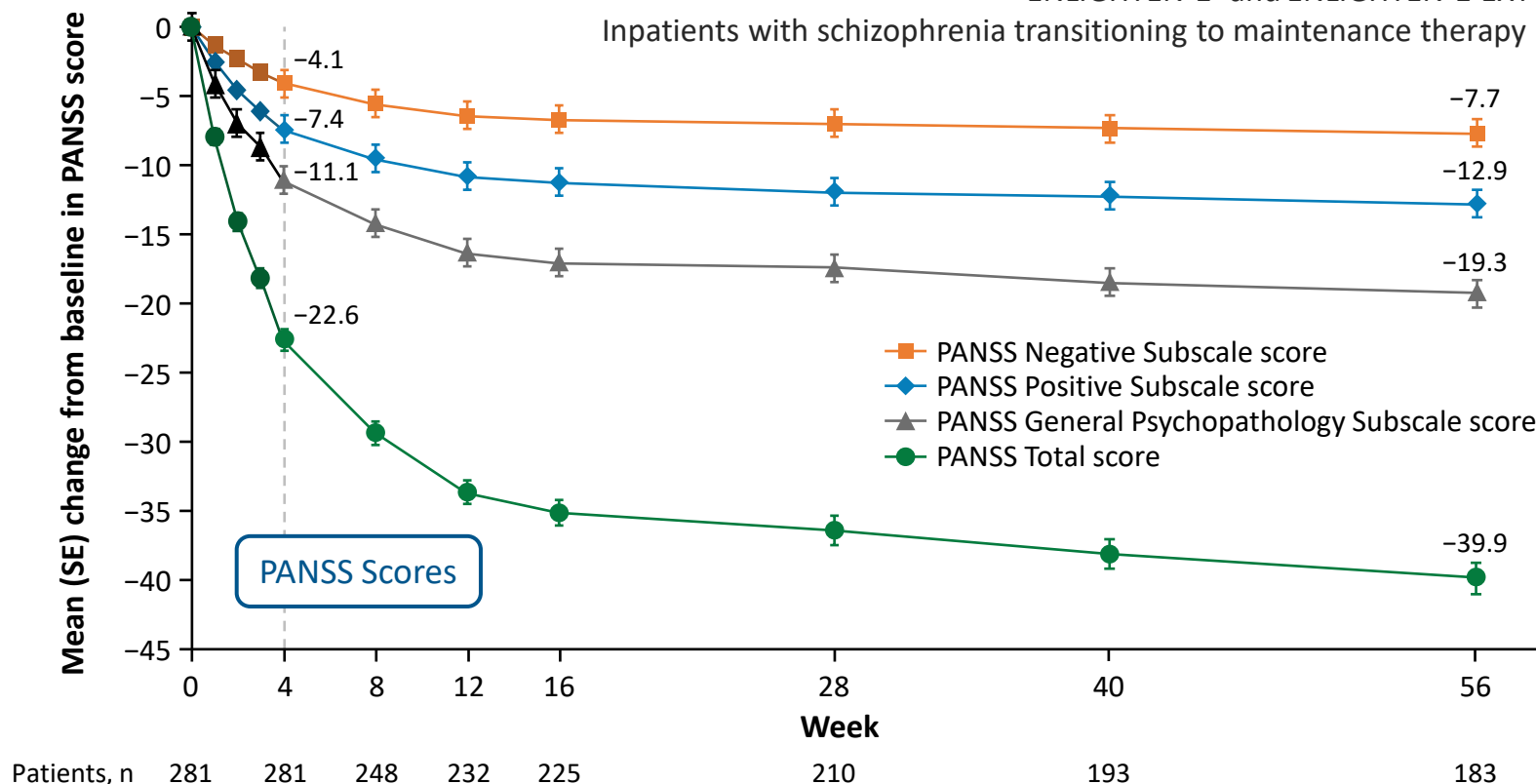


Figure 8. In a post hoc, pooled analysis, negative symptoms of schizophrenia decreased with OLZ/SAM treatment, and durable improvement was observed over 52 weeks of maintenance therapy, as assessed by PANSS Total and Subscale scores<sup>c</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Change from baseline to week 12 in CGI-S scores was a key secondary endpoint and was not formally tested due to early termination of the hierarchical testing procedure, which required statistical significance on the ≥10% weight gain endpoint before proceeding. <sup>b</sup>Baseline was defined as the last nonmissing value before the first dose of study drug in the current study. <sup>c</sup>In the overall post hoc analysis population, defined as patients who had completed the 4-week ENLIGHTEN-1 lead-in study and had ≥1 postbaseline visit in the 52-week open-label ENLIGHTEN-1 Extension; the gray line represents end of the 4-week lead-in study and beginning of the extension study. CGI-S, Clinical Global Impression–Severity; LSM, least squares mean; OLZ/SAM, combined olanzapine/samidorphan; PANSS, Positive and Negative Symptom Scale.

### Weight Effects

Figure 3. In early-in-illness patients, OLZ/SAM treatment was associated with significantly less weight gain vs olanzapine at 12 weeks<sup>a</sup>

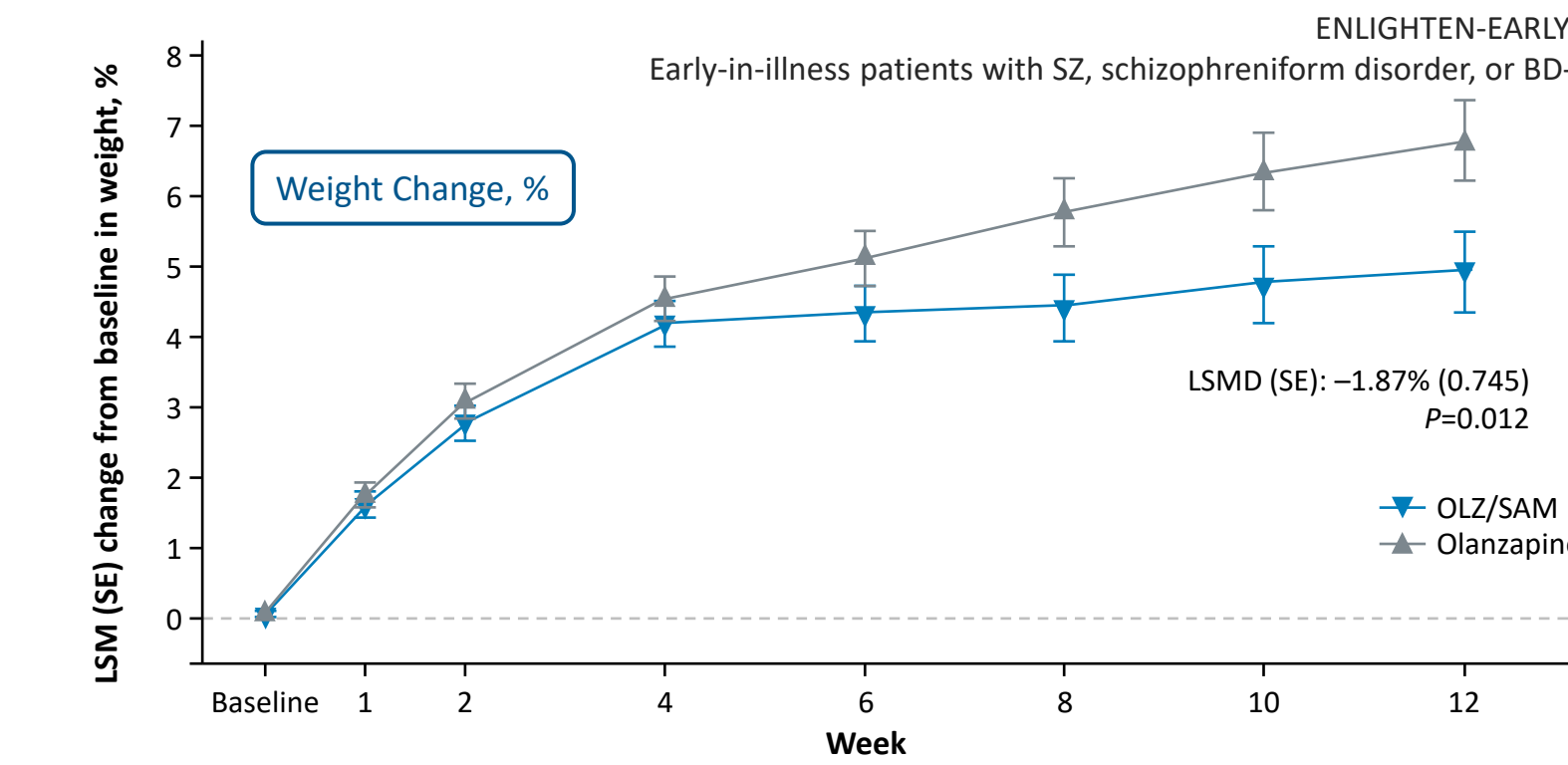


Figure 6. Small changes in body weight were observed for up to 4 years of OLZ/SAM open-label treatment<sup>b</sup>

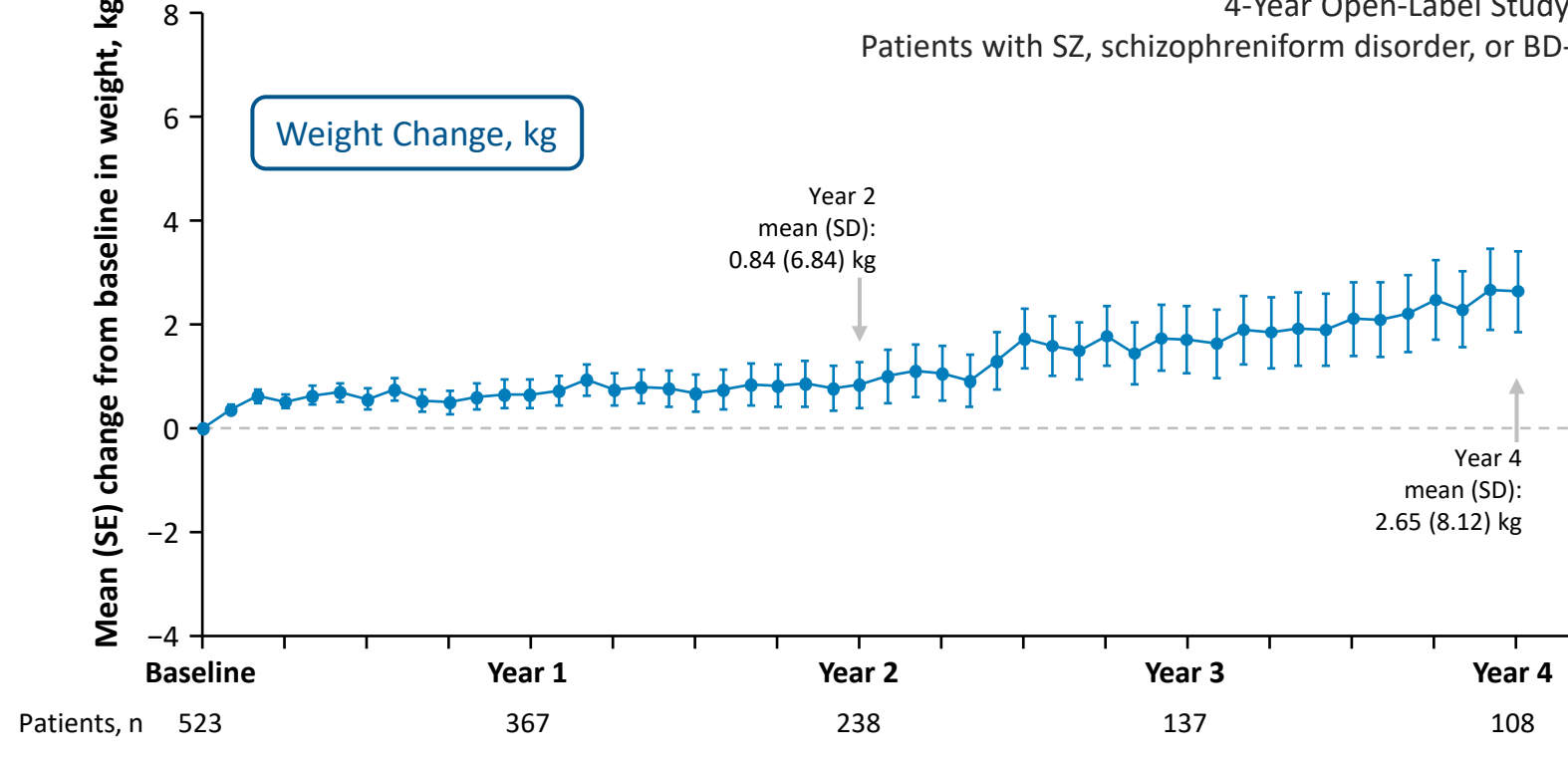
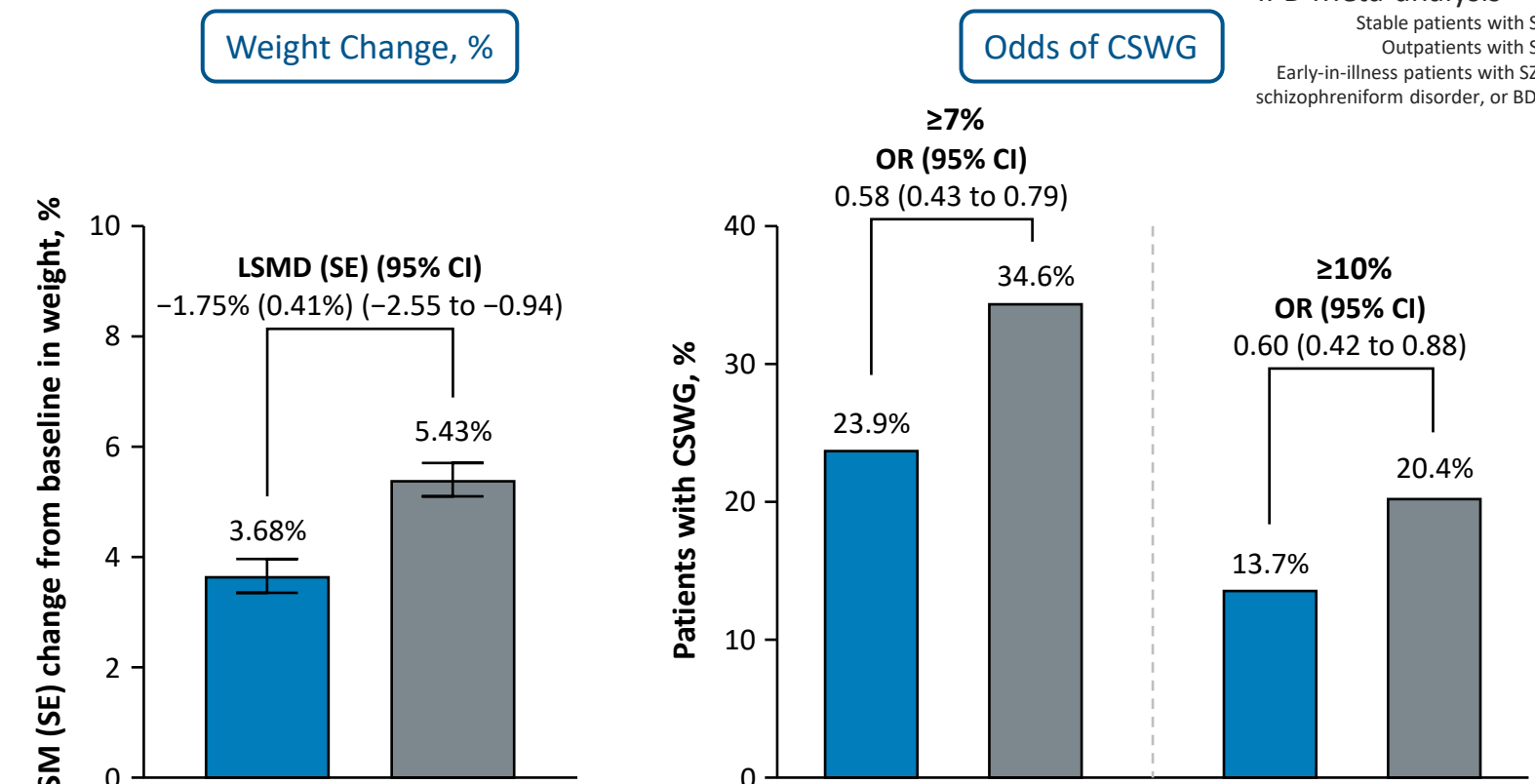


Figure 9. In an IPD meta-analysis across 3 clinical trials, OLZ/SAM was associated with significantly less weight gain and lower odds of CSWG vs olanzapine at 12 weeks of treatment, confirming consistent findings of weight mitigation



<sup>a</sup>Change from baseline to week 12 in body weight was the primary endpoint. <sup>b</sup>Baseline was defined as the last nonmissing value before the first dose of study drug in the current study. CSWG, clinically significant weight gain; LSM, least squares mean; LSM, LSM difference; OLZ/SAM, combined olanzapine/samidorphan; OR, odds ratio.

Figure 4. In early-in-illness patients, OLZ/SAM treatment was associated with a lower change from baseline in waist circumference vs olanzapine at 12 weeks<sup>a</sup>

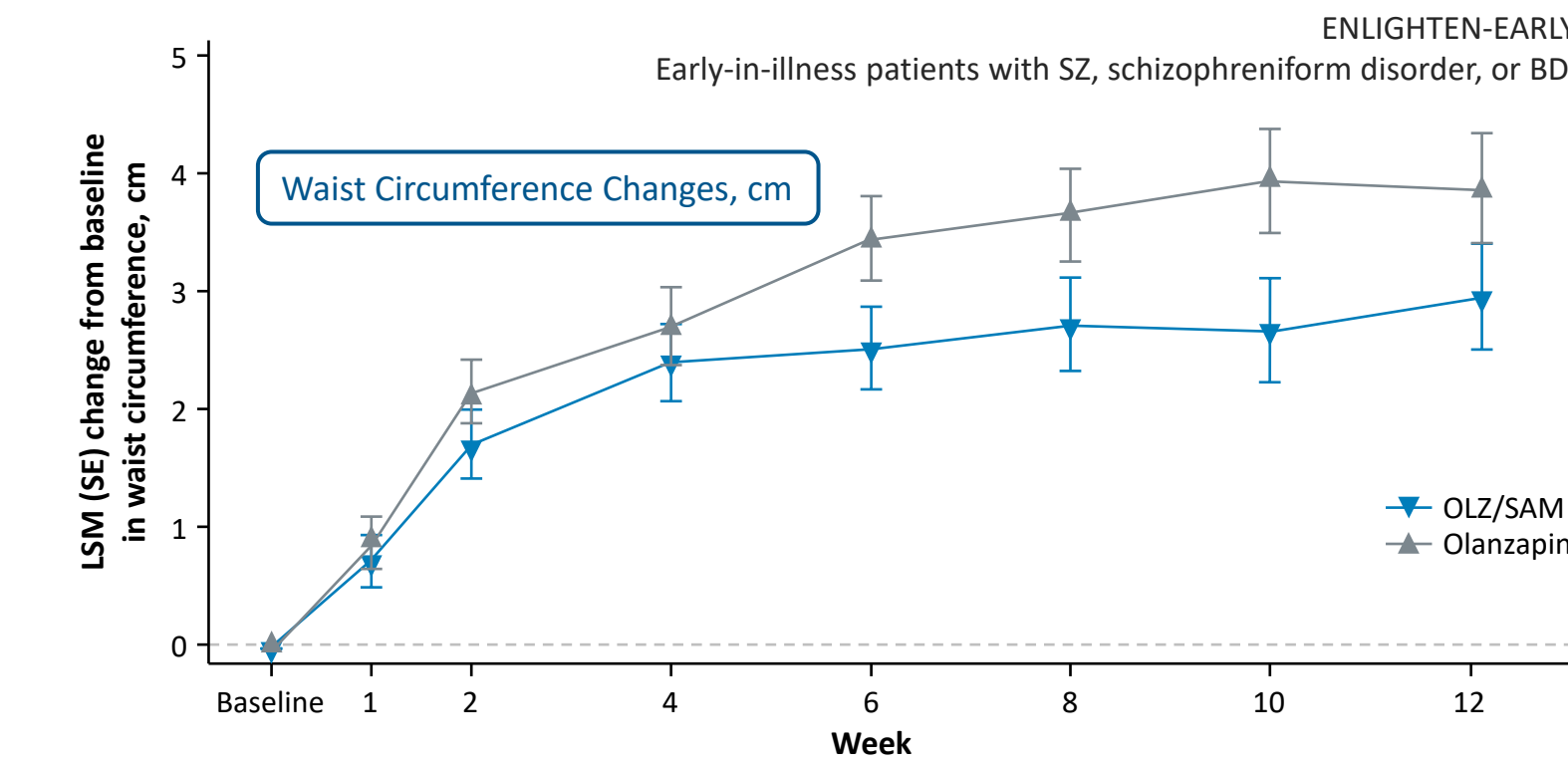
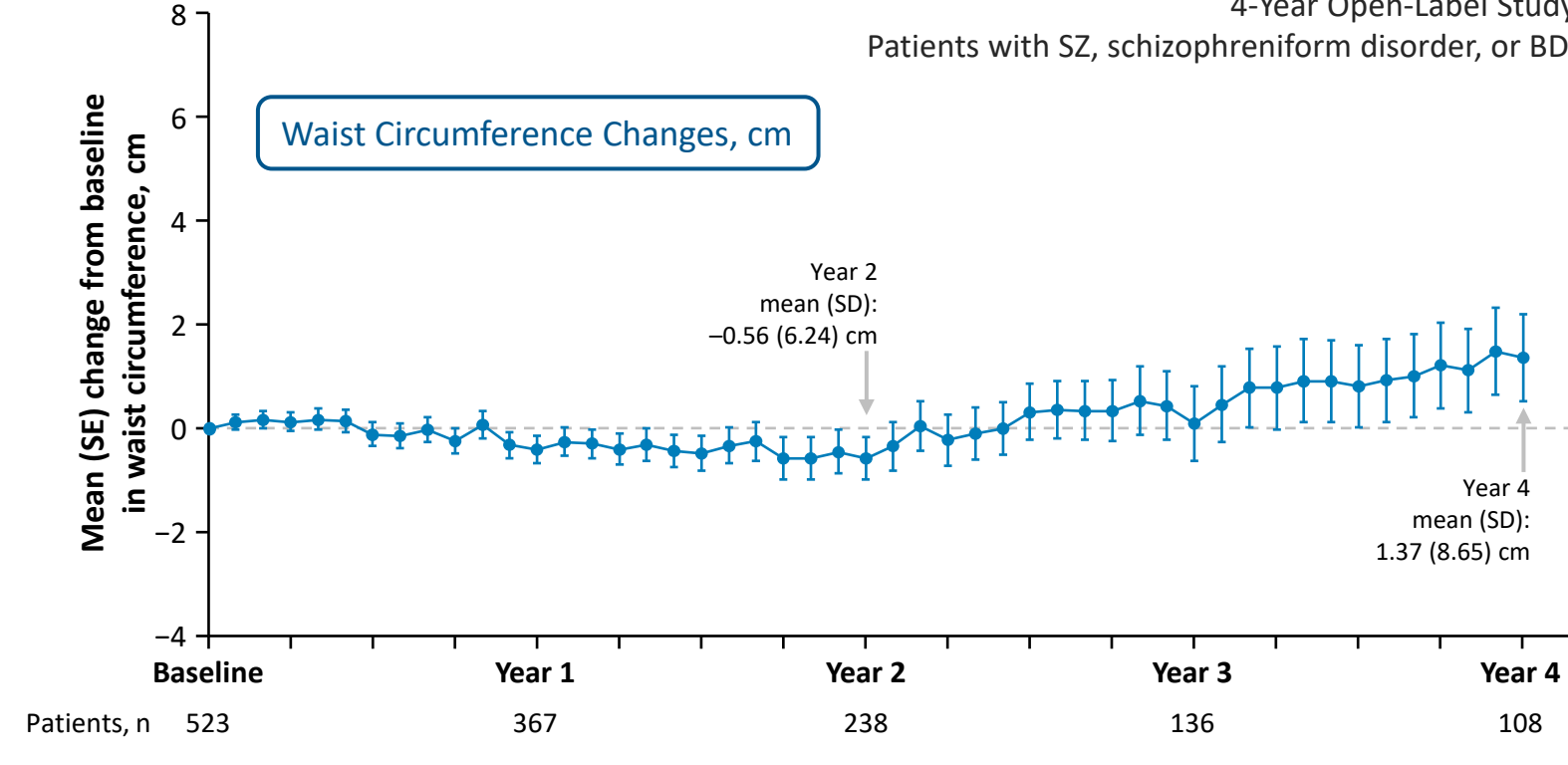
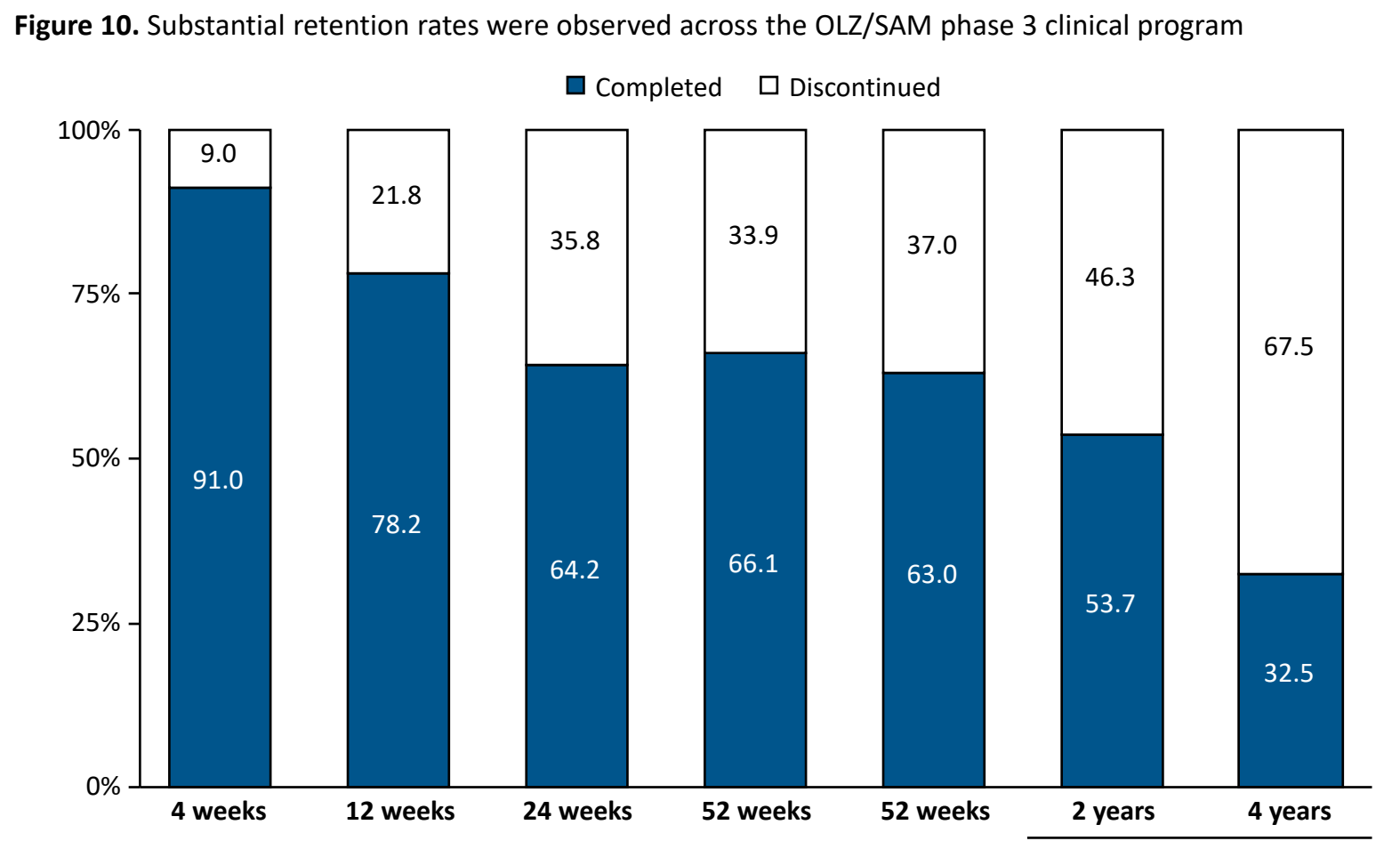


Figure 7. Minimal changes in waist circumference were observed for up to 4 years of OLZ/SAM treatment<sup>b</sup>



### Retention Rates in the Phase 3 Clinical Program<sup>3-6,8,11</sup>



<sup>a</sup>Change from baseline to week 12 in waist circumference was a key secondary endpoint and was not formally tested due to early termination of the hierarchical testing procedure, which required statistical significance on the ≥10% weight gain endpoint before proceeding. <sup>b</sup>Baseline was defined as the last nonmissing value before the first dose of study drug in the current study.

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### Metabolic Effects

Figure 11. Changes in triglycerides and HbA<sub>1c</sub> were minimal following up to 4 years of OLZ/SAM open-label treatment

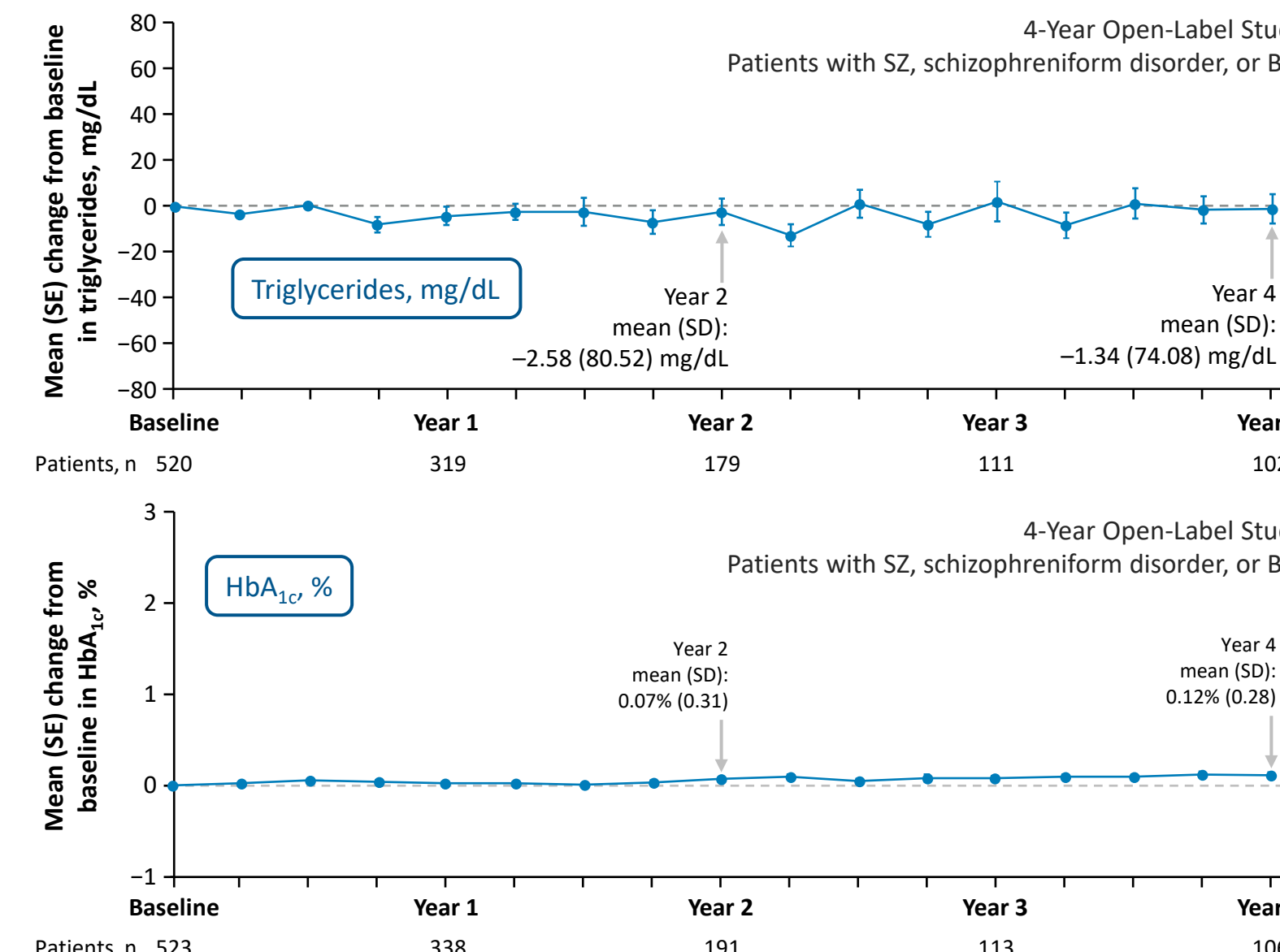
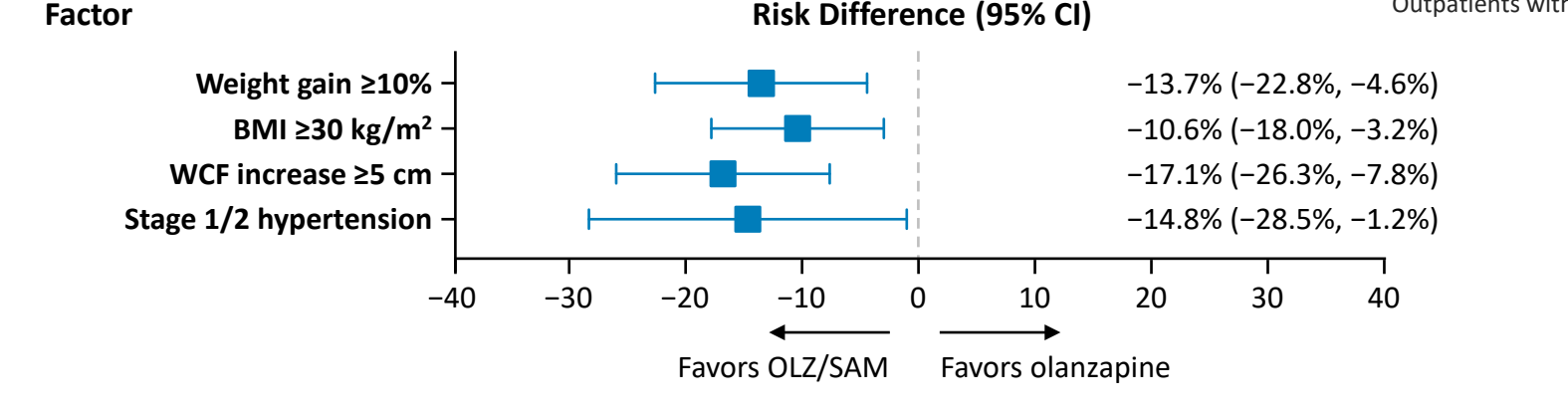


Figure 12. OLZ/SAM treatment reduced the risk of developing CSWG, obesity, ≥5 cm waist circumference increase, and stage 1/2 hypertension vs olanzapine over 24 weeks of treatment in this post hoc analysis of ENLIGHTEN-2



BMI, body mass index; CSWG, clinically significant weight gain; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycosylated hemoglobin; HDL, high-density lipoprotein; LDL, low-density lipoprotein; OLZ/SAM, combined olanzapine/samidorphan; WCF, waist circumference.

## CONCLUSIONS

- Safety**
  - The safety profile of OLZ/SAM was consistent with previous studies in the ENLIGHTEN program<sup>3,5,6</sup>
- Efficacy**
  - The clinical symptom improvements observed in pivotal studies and associated open-label extensions remained stable in the 4-year open-label extension study<sup>5</sup>
  - Sustained symptom control was observed for up to 4 years of additional OLZ/SAM treatment, with some patients having up to 5 years of continuous OLZ/SAM exposure<sup>8</sup>
  - Negative symptoms of schizophrenia improved during short-term OLZ/SAM treatment, with continued improvement observed over 52 weeks of maintenance therapy<sup>3,4</sup>
- Weight and Metabolic Profile**
  - OLZ/SAM treatment consistently resulted in significantly less weight gain vs olanzapine<sup>5-7,9</sup>; small changes in body weight and minimal changes in lipid/glycemic parameters were observed over long-term treatment<sup>8</sup>
  - OLZ/SAM treatment reduced the risk of developing clinically significant weight gain, obesity, waist circumference increase, and stage 1/2 hypertension vs olanzapine at 24 weeks<sup>5,10</sup>
- Patient Retention**
  - Substantial retention rates were observed across the OLZ/SAM phase 3 clinical program<sup>3-6,8</sup>
  - These results reinforce the clinical utility of OLZ/SAM as a long-term treatment option for patients with schizophrenia or BD-I

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