

# Early 6-month Pain Outcomes from the COMFORT 2 Randomized Controlled Trial

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## Introduction

Early results are presented from a second study in a series of landmark randomized clinical trials (for details see QR code) involving a micro-implantable (micro-IPG) system (Nalu Medical Inc., Carlsbad, CA).

## Methods

- **Active Arm:** Peripheral Nerve Stimulation (PNS) + Conventional Management (CMM); **Control Arm:** CMM alone.
- **Chronic pain** in low back, shoulder, knee and foot/ankle.
- **Cross over option** for control subjects at 3 months.

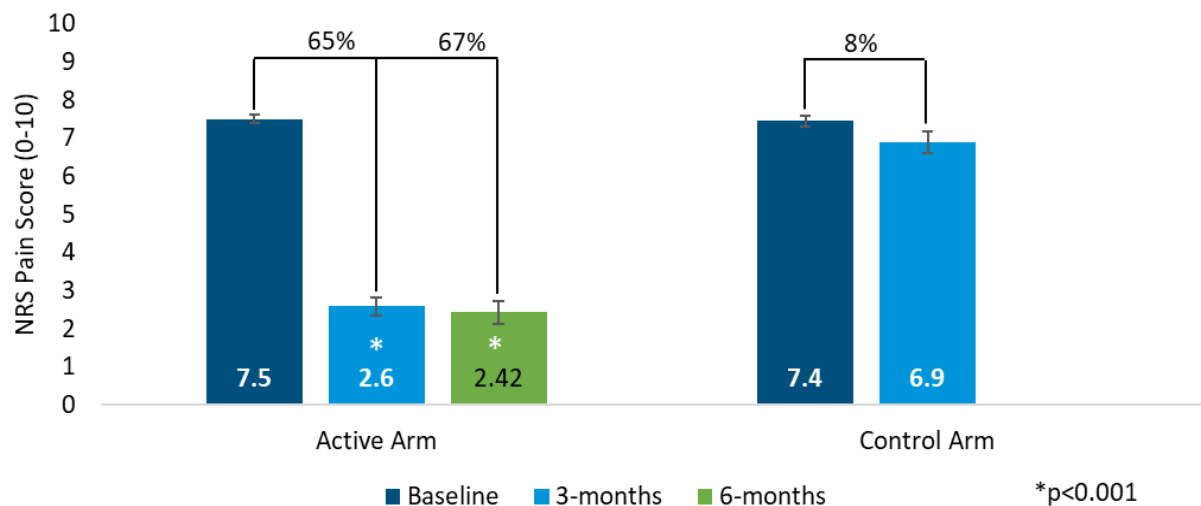
## Results:

Twenty-six (26) subjects in the Active Arm have completed 6-months of device use.

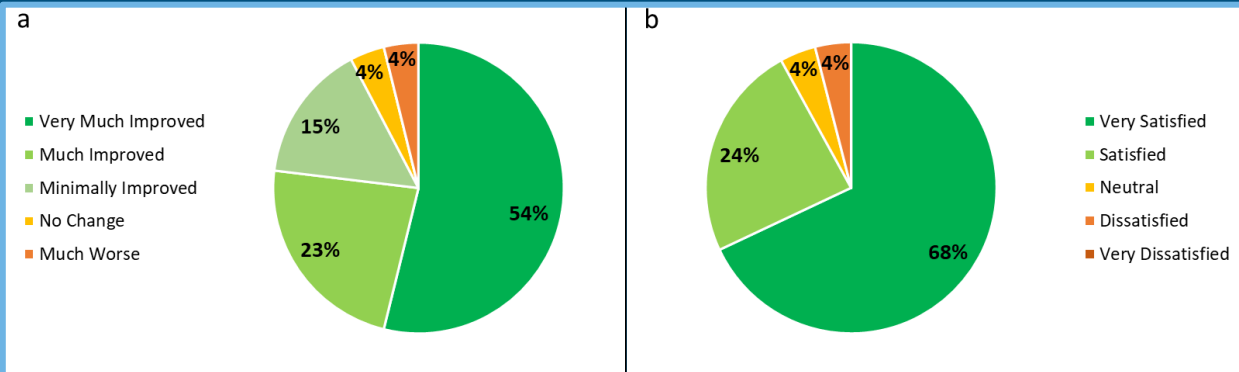
**6-month Responder Rate** ( $\geq 50\%$  pain reduction) of 88%

**Mean pain reduction** baseline to 6-months of 67% ( $p < 0.001$ ; Figure 1).

**Patient Global Impression of Change (PGIC)** data shows that 92% of these subjects reported improvement in PGIC (Figure 2). There have been no serious adverse device effects and no reports of pocket pain.



**Figure 1:** Active vs Control- Pain Relief at 3 and 6 months compared to baseline. At 3-months, the Active Arm showed an average 65% improvement in pain score compared to 8% in the control arm ( $p < 0.001$ ). At 6-months, subjects showed an average 67% improvement in pain.



**Figure 2:** **a.** Patient Global Impression of Change at 6-months. 92% (24/26) of subjects showed improvement from baseline to 6-months in activity limitations, symptoms, emotions and overall quality of life related to pain condition. **b.** 92% (23/25) subjects reported overall satisfaction with the system at 6-months.

## Conclusions:

- **PNS+CMM is better than CMM alone ( $p < 0.001$ ) at 3-months**
- **Statistically significant pain reduction at 6-months**
- **Majority of subject reporting improvement in PGIC and system satisfaction**
- **No serious adverse device effects or reports of pocket pain**

## Reference:

1. Registered on [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov); NCT05870124.



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