

# Improvements in clinical signs of hypercortisolism and quality of life according to urinary and late-night salivary cortisol levels in patients with Cushing's disease treated with osilodrostat

## Findings from the LINC 3 study

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## Introduction

- 24-hour mUFC and LNSC levels are complementary parameters recommended for screening and monitoring treatment response in patients with CD<sup>1</sup>
  - LNSC assessment is a simple and more convenient test for patients with CD
- In the Phase III LINC 3 study (NCT02180217), therapy with osilodrostat (potent oral 11β-hydroxylase inhibitor) produced rapid, sustained reductions in mUFC and LNSC alongside improvements in clinical signs of hypercortisolism in patients with CD<sup>2</sup>
- Here, we explored these clinical improvements by mUFC and/or LNSC control status for all patients with evaluable assessments during the 48-week core phase of LINC 3

## CONCLUSIONS

- Treatment with osilodrostat led to rapid, sustained reductions in mUFC and LNSC, resulting in control of one or both parameters in most patients
  - After 48 weeks of osilodrostat treatment, most evaluable patients had both mUFC and LNSC controlled (54.3%) or only mUFC controlled (30.0%); there was a moderate, positive correlation between mUFC and LNSC
- Improvements in clinical signs and physical manifestations of hypercortisolism, as well as HRQoL indicators, were generally greatest in patients with either both mUFC and LNSC controlled or only mUFC controlled
- Control of both mUFC and LNSC is likely to be of clinical importance; measuring both parameters to assess control of hypercortisolism can provide a more comprehensive assessment of medical treatment response and optimize patient outcomes

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## Abbreviations

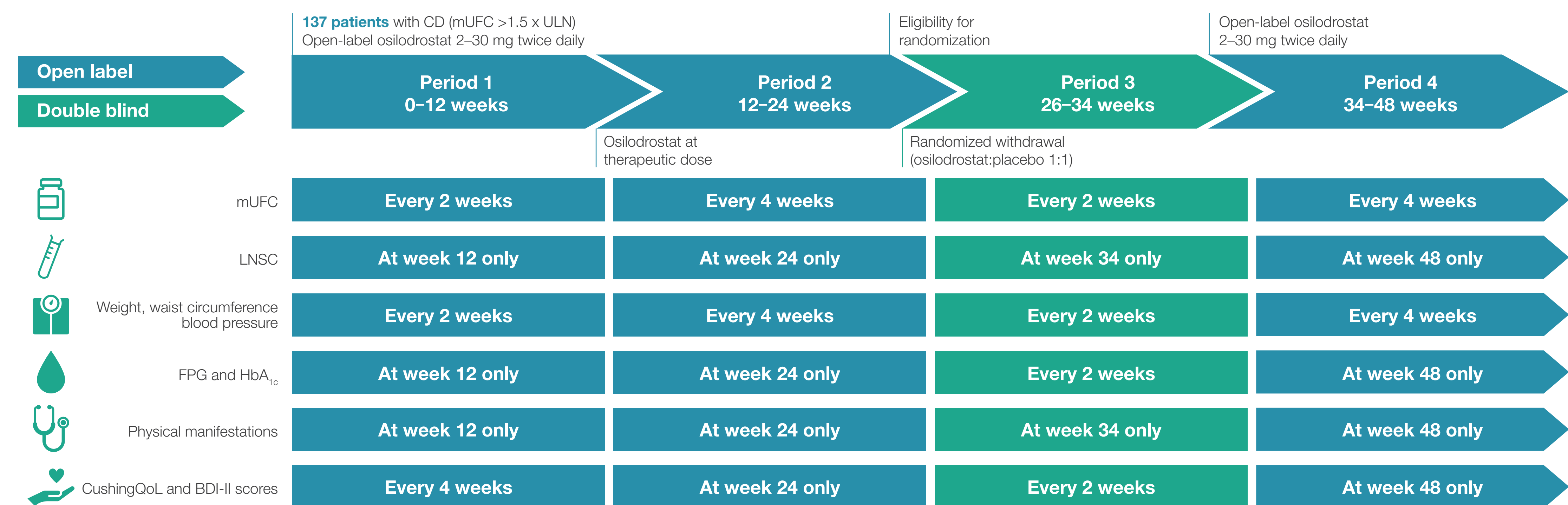
BDI-II, Beck Depression Inventory II; BMI, body mass index; CD, Cushing's disease; CushingQoL, Cushing's Quality of Life; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycated hemoglobin; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; IQR, interquartile range; LC-MS/MS, liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry; LNSC, late-night salivary cortisol; MID, minimal important difference; mUFC, mean urinary free cortisol; QoL, quality of life; SBP, systolic blood pressure; ULN, upper limit of normal

## Methods

- mUFC (average of 2–3 24-h samples; normal: 11–138 nmol/24 h [4–50 µg/24 h]) and LNSC (single sample; normal ≤2.5 nmol/L) were measured by LC-MS/MS in a central laboratory
- Physical manifestations of hypercortisolism were rated locally from photographs (0=absent; 1=mild; 2=moderate; 3=severe); improvement was defined as the symptom score being lower (ie less severe) than at baseline
- HRQoL was assessed using the CushingQoL questionnaire (scored from 12 [worst] to 60 [best])<sup>3</sup> and the BDI-II (scored from 0 [best] to 63 [worst])<sup>4</sup>
- Control was defined as an mUFC and/or LNSC value ≤ULN
- Analyses are presented for patients with both mUFC and LNSC assessments:

- Both mUFC and LNSC controlled
- Only mUFC controlled
- Only LNSC controlled
- Both mUFC and LNSC uncontrolled

## LINC 3 study design and assessment schedule



## Results

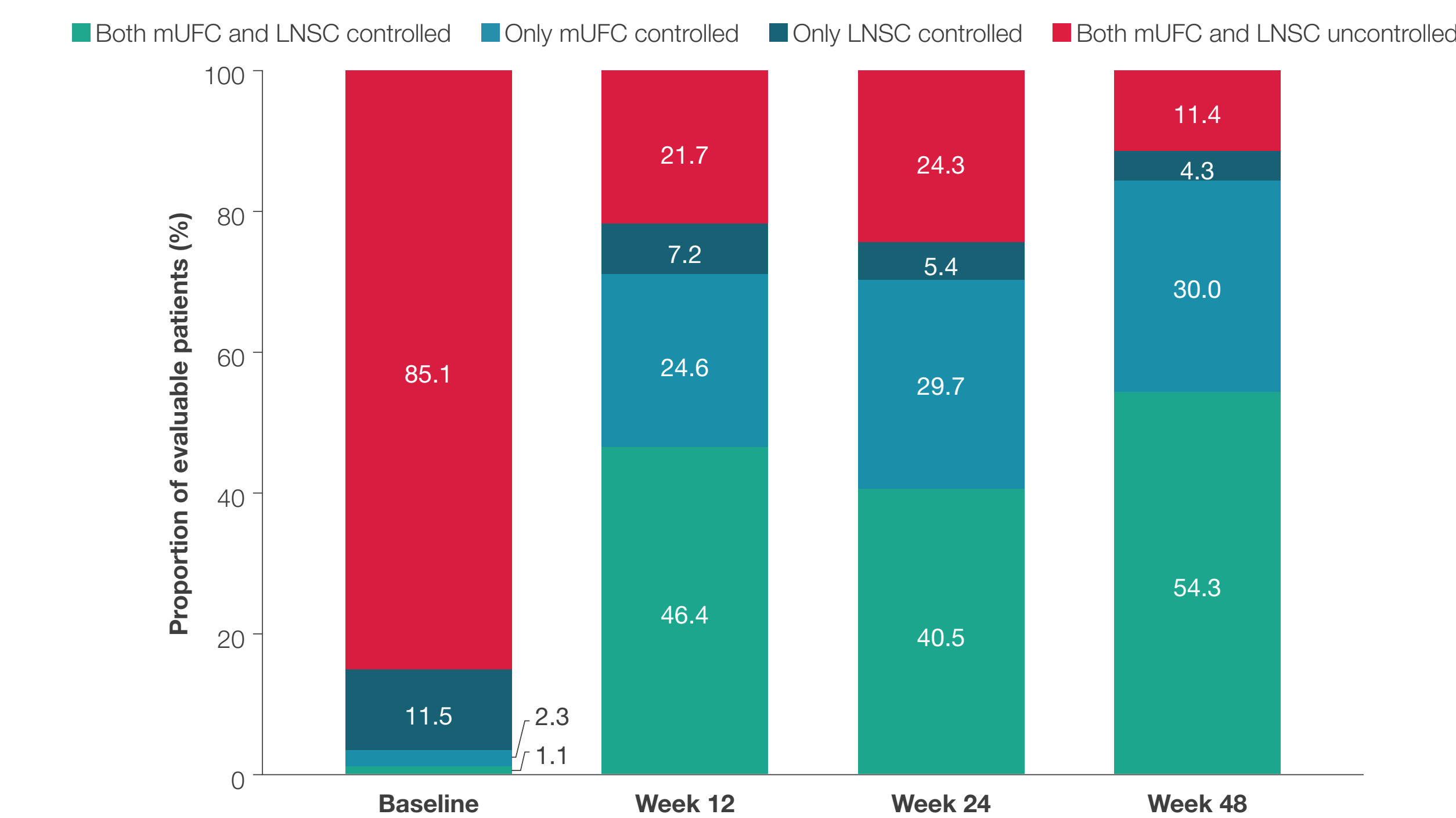
### Baseline patient characteristics

	N=137
Median age, years	40.0
Female, %	77.4
Mean/median mUFC, x ULN	7.3/3.5
Mean/median LNSC, x ULN	5.0/3.1
Mean weight, kg	80.8
Mean SBP/DBP, mmHg	132.2/85.3
Mean FPG, mg/dL	99.2
Mean HbA <sub>1c</sub> , %	6.0
Mean CushingQoL score	42.2
Mean BDI-II score	16.8

### Exposure to osilodrostat up to core study data cut-off

- Median duration of osilodrostat exposure: 75 weeks (range 1–165, IQR 48–117)
- Average median osilodrostat dose: 7.1 mg/day (range 1.1–53.9, IQR 3.8–14.0)

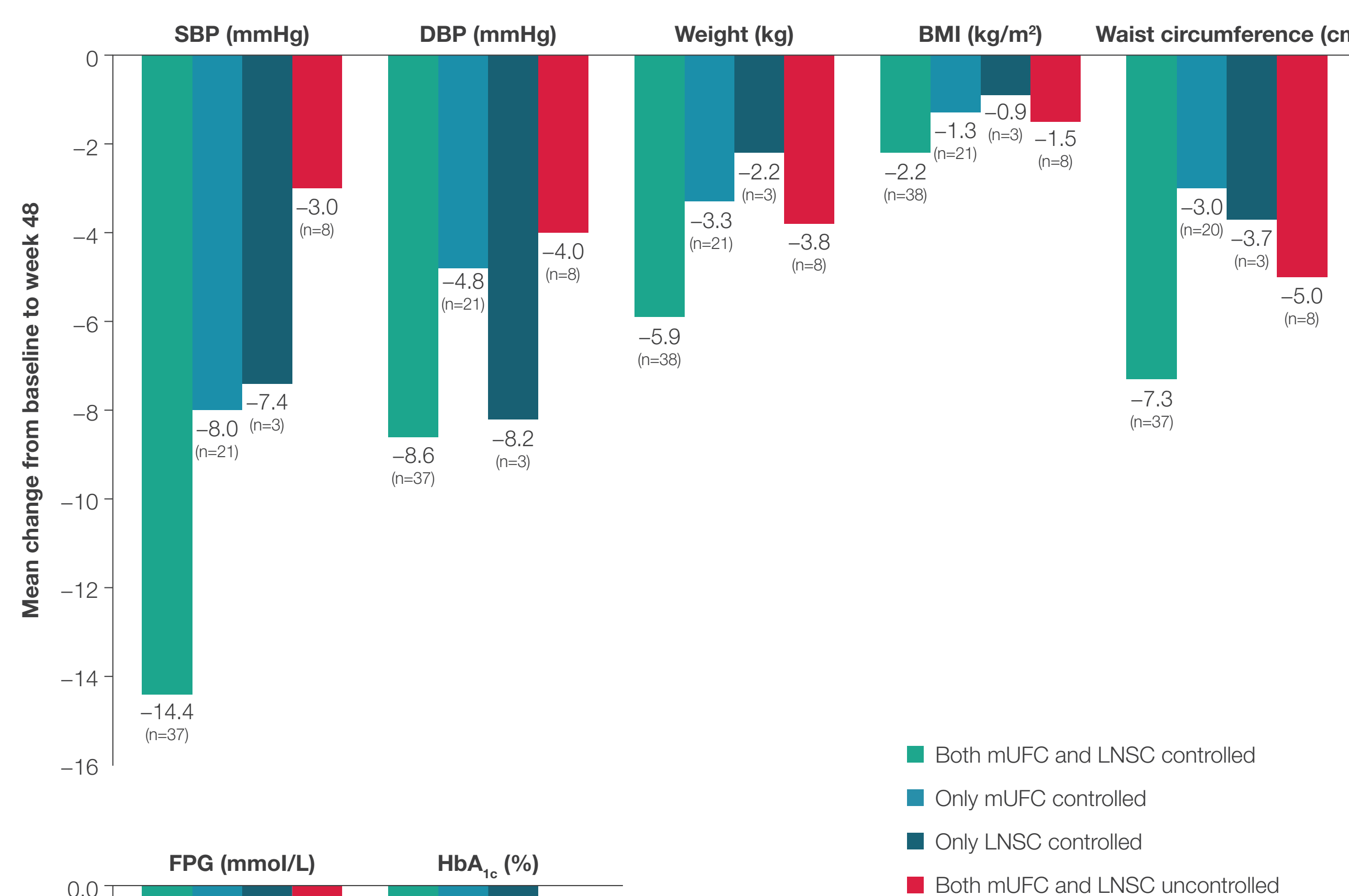
### 1. At week 48, over half of the evaluable patients had both mUFC and LNSC controlled



The denominator for the percentage includes all enrolled patients who received at least one dose of osilodrostat with evaluable assessments for both mUFC and LNSC at the given time point (n)

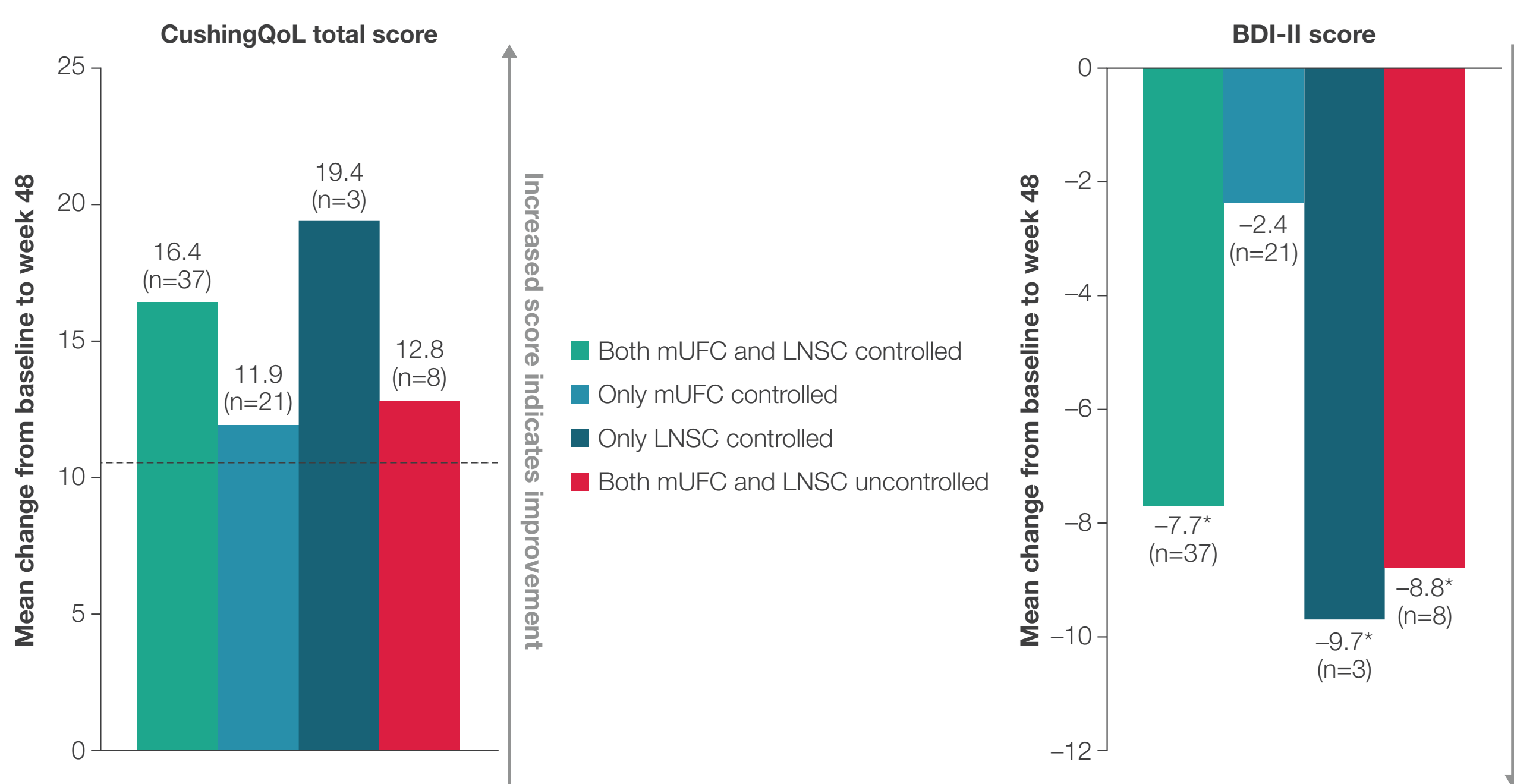
- Pearson's correlation coefficient between mUFC and LNSC (in patients with an assessment within the same 24-h period) was 0.73 (baseline), 0.47 (week 12), 0.60 (week 24) and 0.44 (week 48)

### 2. Mean improvements from baseline to week 48 in cardiovascular/metabolic-related parameters were generally greater in patients with both mUFC and LNSC controlled



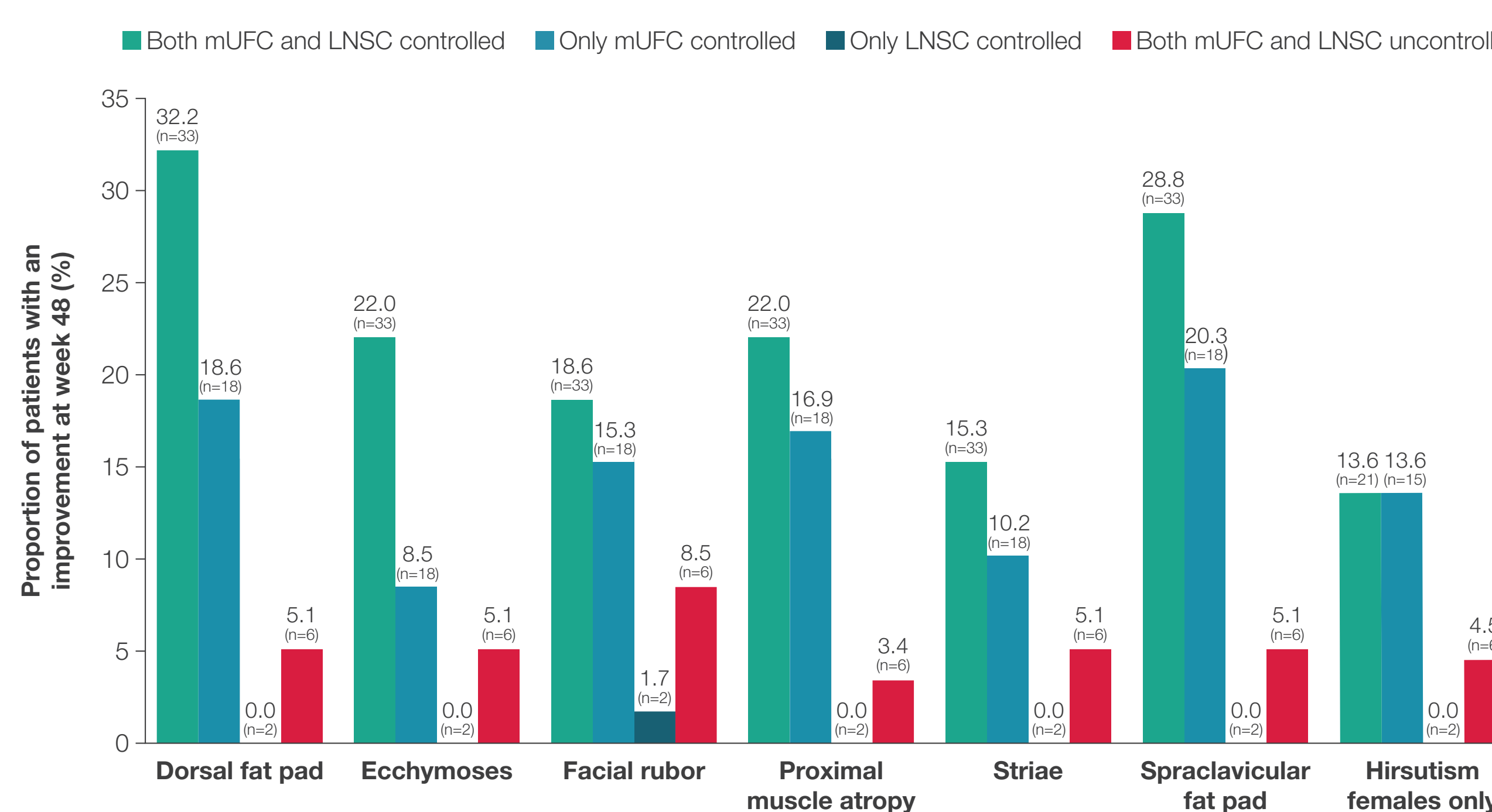
n includes all enrolled patients who received at least one dose of osilodrostat with evaluable assessments for both mUFC and LNSC and the clinical assessment at the given time point. Patients were not evenly distributed between subgroups; the 'only LNSC controlled' and 'both mUFC and LNSC uncontrolled' subgroups included few patients

### 3. Improvements in QoL indicators occurred at week 48 across all patient subgroups



n includes all enrolled patients who received at least one dose of osilodrostat with evaluable assessments for both mUFC and LNSC and the QoL assessment at week 48. Patients were not evenly distributed between subgroups; the 'only LNSC controlled' and 'both mUFC and LNSC uncontrolled' subgroups included few patients. The dotted line indicates the distribution-based MID corresponding to a 10.1-point change from baseline. \*Changes in BDI-II score that reached the MID (17.5% reduction in score from baseline)

### 4. Improvements in rated scores for physical manifestations of hypercortisolism at week 48 were more common in patients with both mUFC and LNSC controlled, followed by those with only mUFC controlled



The denominator for the percentage includes all enrolled patients who received at least one dose of osilodrostat with an evaluable assessment at baseline and week 48, and with assessment of mUFC and LNSC (n). Patients were not evenly distributed between subgroups; the 'only LNSC controlled' and 'both mUFC and LNSC uncontrolled' subgroups included few patients