

Risk-benefit assessment of *neffy*



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Ideal Properties of an Epinephrine Delivery Product



Does it work?

- Consistent and reproducible PK/PD profiles (no to minimal outliers) and drug administration that is not affected by anaphylaxis symptoms or pre-existing conditions or co-morbidities
- Robust and rapid PD effects that are especially important for severe anaphylaxis



Is it safe?

- No risk of injury and minimal side effects
- Minimize risk of overdosing with epinephrine
- Avoid side effects that are also anaphylaxis symptoms



Will patients use it?

- Minimal side effects
- Palatable
- Small
- Easy to use



Severe or Fatal Anaphylaxis Due to Laryngeal / Airway Edema in Children; Presence of Hypotension in Adults



Both

- Most frequent symptom is laryngeal edema: 41% to 46% prevalence of upper air way edema (lips to larynx) in fatal anaphylaxis^{1, 2}



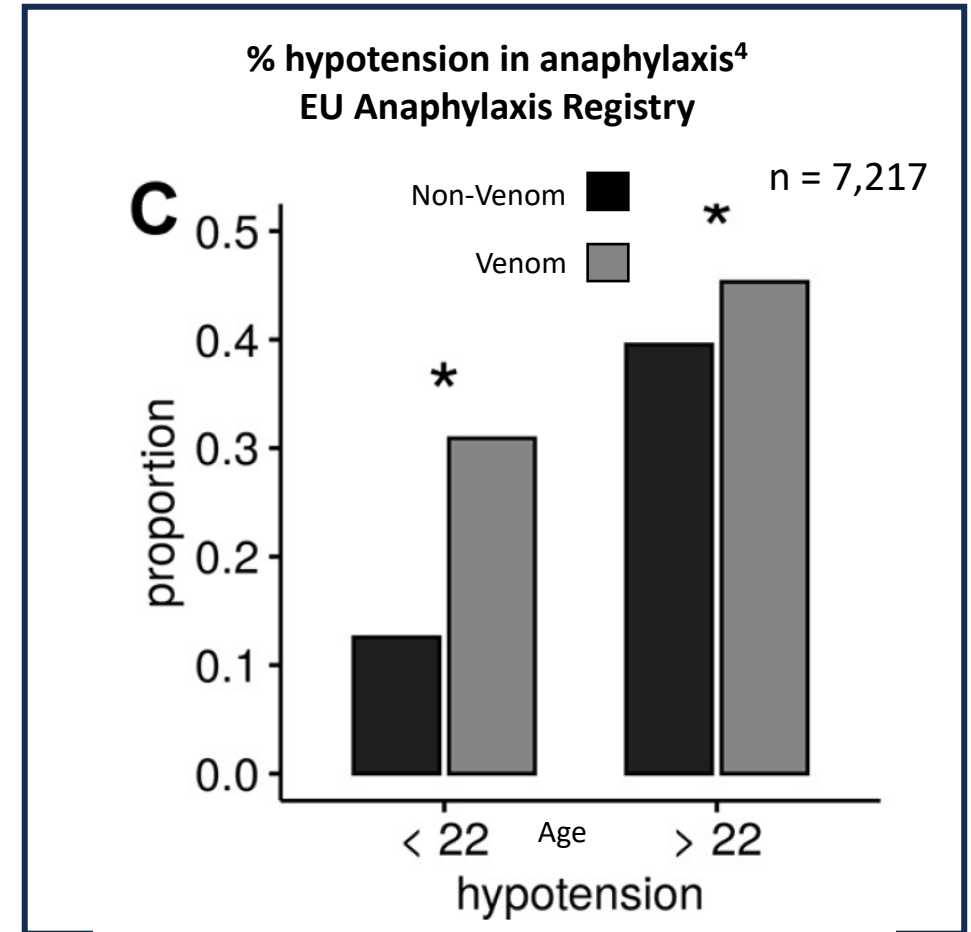
Children

- Deaths are rather secondary to the laryngeal edema, observed in 40%-50% of cases.³
- Cardiovascular involvement is rare in infants, most often observed in adolescents, probably related to age-dependent physiological changes.”³

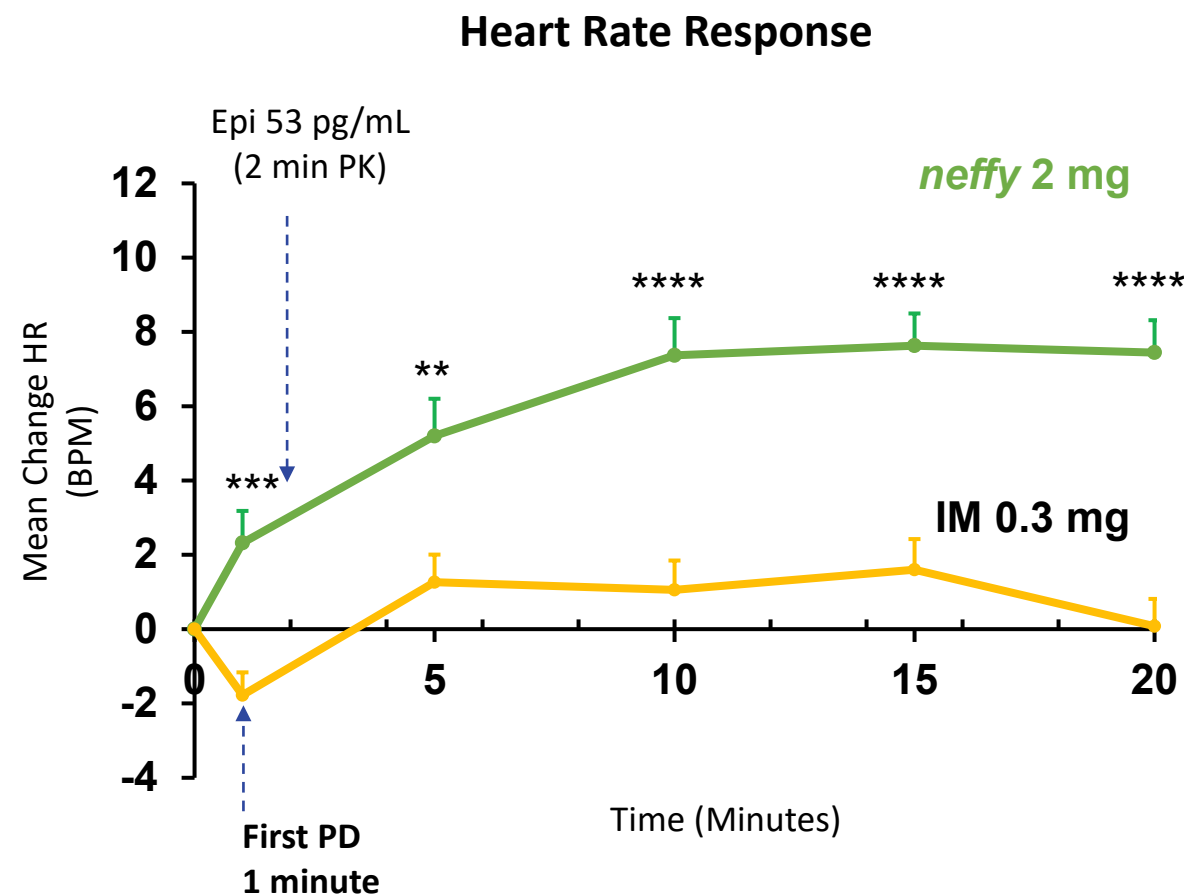
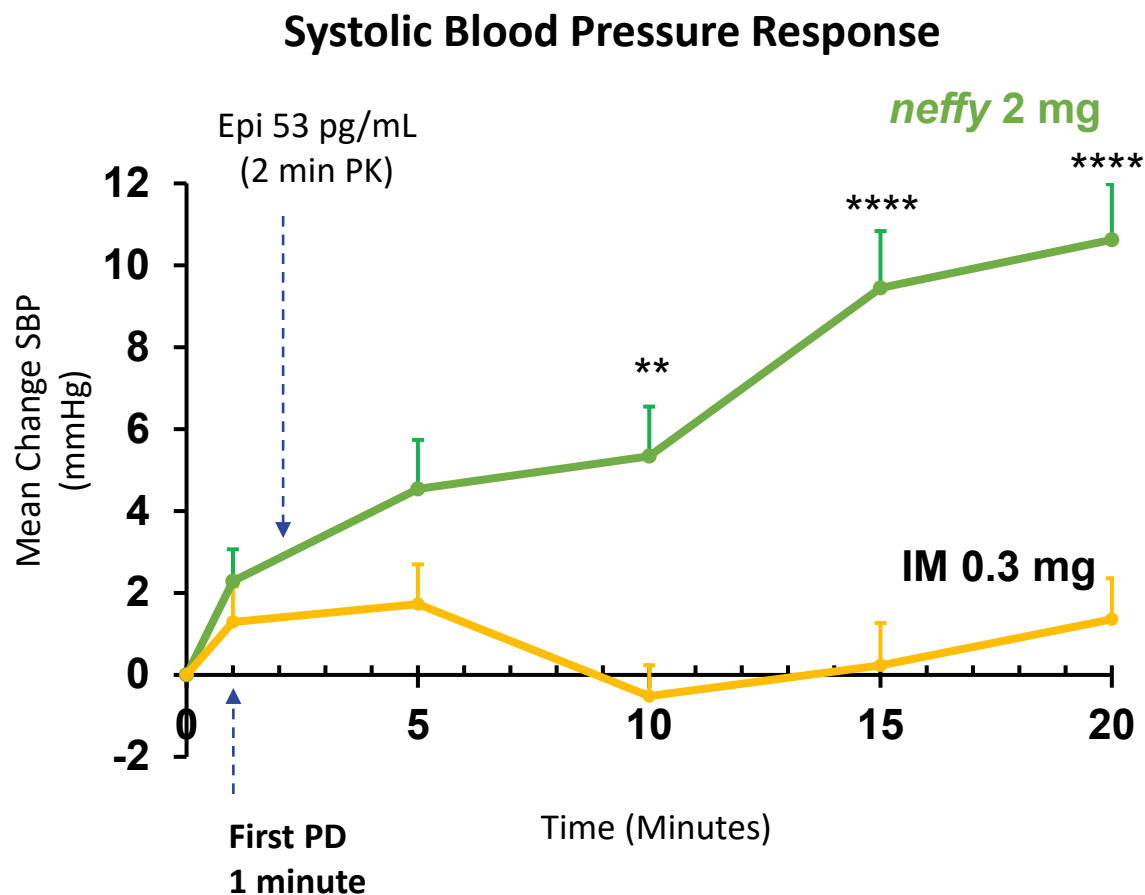


Adults

- Significantly higher rates of hypotension and cardiovascular involvement in older adults⁴



neffy Shows Rapid and Robust PD Response that Demonstrates Engagement of Receptors that Reverse Anaphylaxis Symptoms

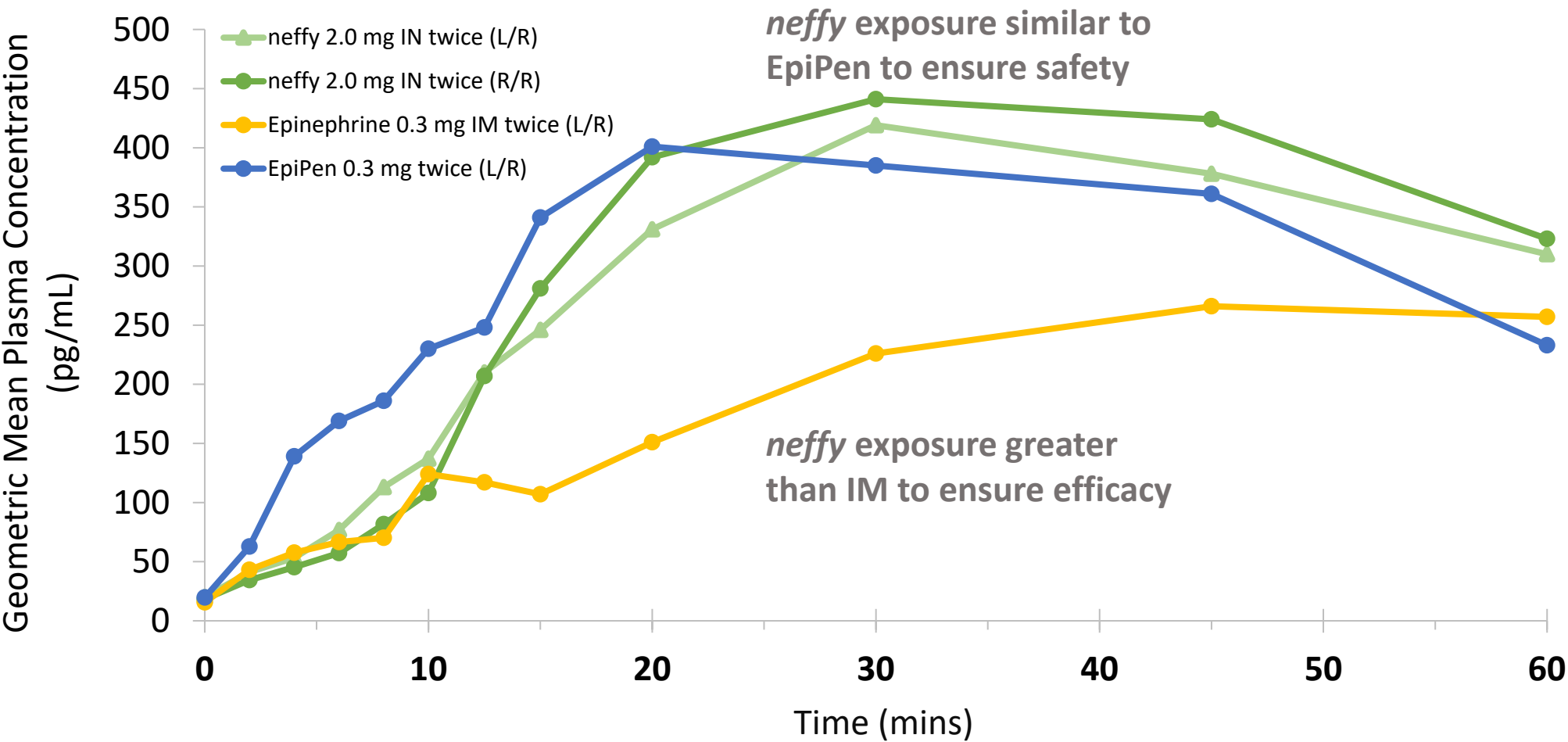


Significance level: ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001 **** p < 0.0001

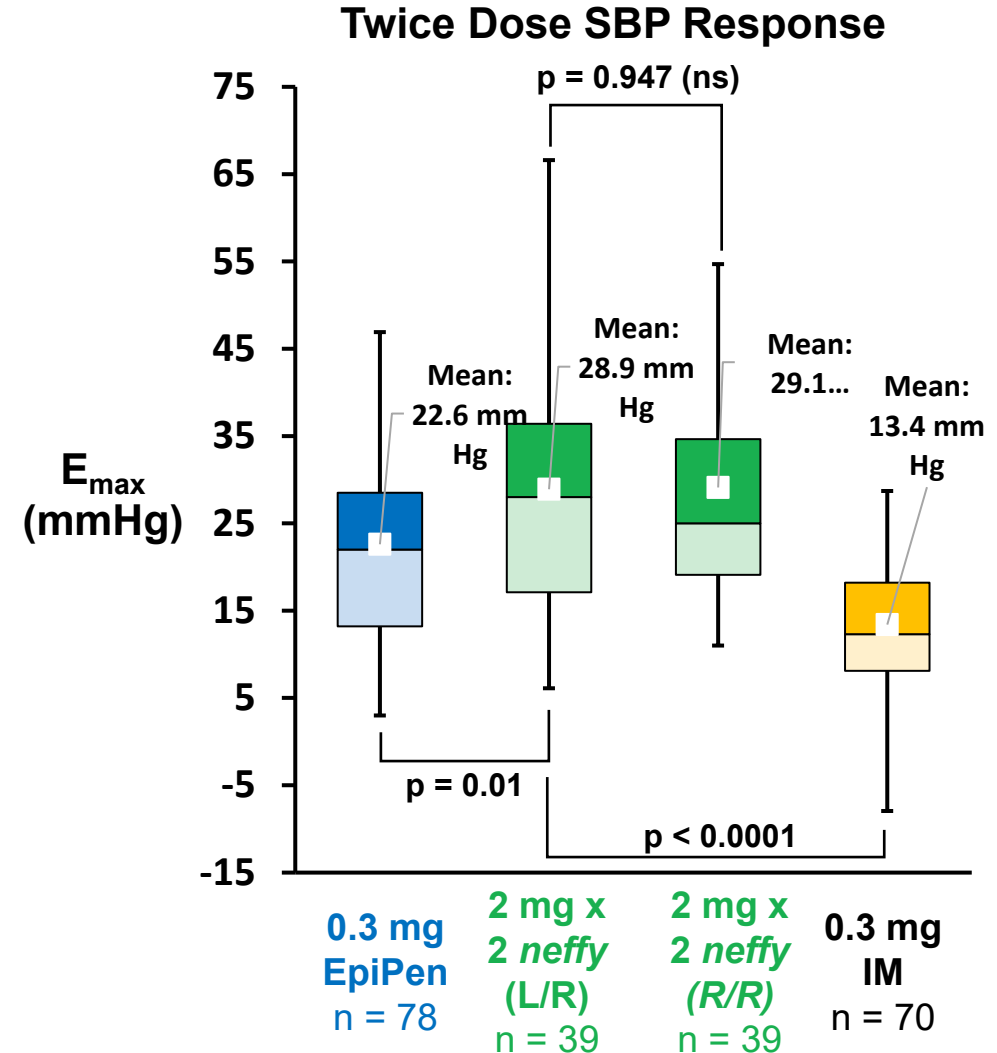
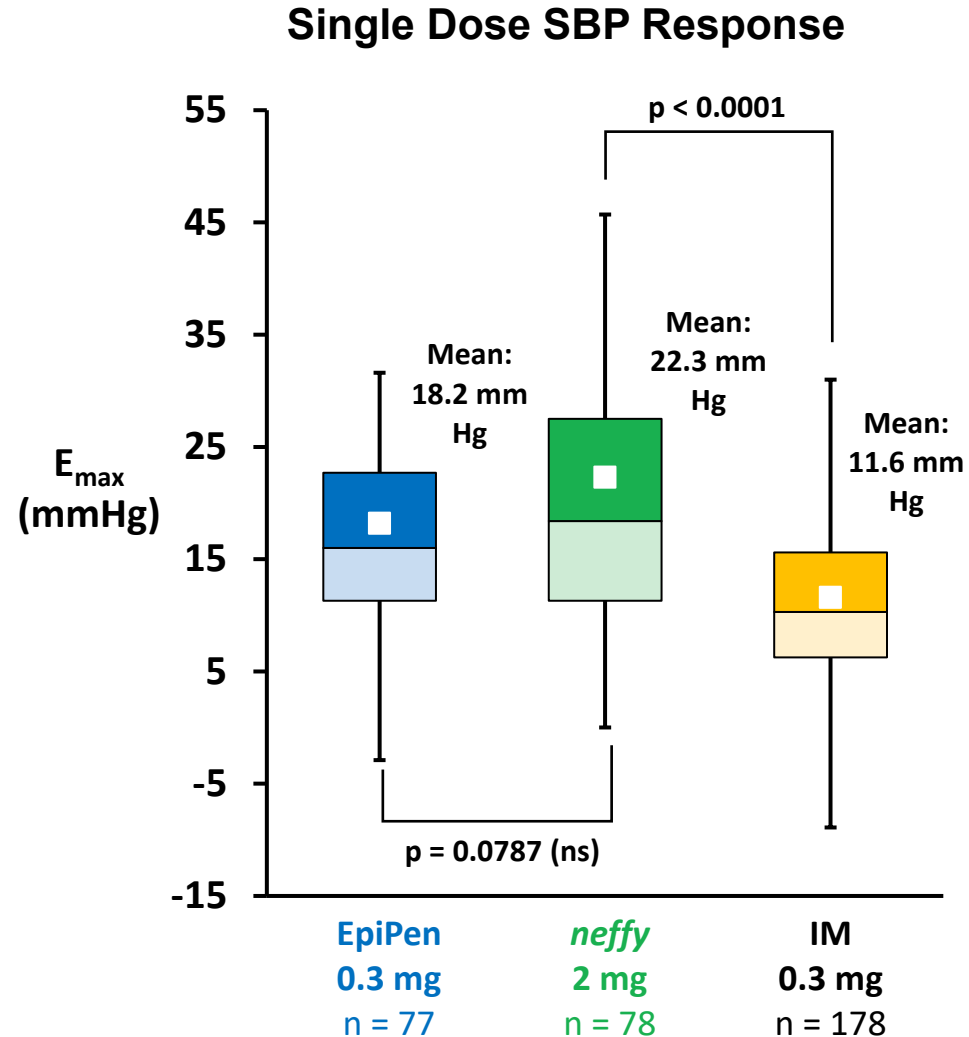


Exposures of Repeat Doses of *neffy* in Healthy Subjects are also in the Range of FDA Approved Epinephrine Injection Products

Repeat dosing 10 min apart in healthy subjects



PD Response as Shown to be at Least as Good as EpiPen, Supporting Engagement of Receptors that Reverse Anaphylaxis Symptoms



neffy Shows Robust and Rapid Clinical Resolution of Oral Food Challenge Induced Anaphylaxis Symptoms

Efficacy Study of *neffy* in Oral Food Challenge Induced Anaphylaxis (EPI-JP-03)¹

Study Design: single arm, open-label study

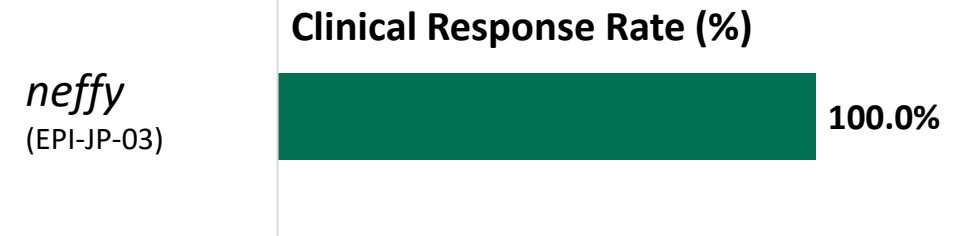
Participants: 15 pediatric subjects (aged 6 to 17):

- 9 subjects (30 kg+)
- 6 subjects (15-30 kg)

Patients experiencing Grade 2 (moderate) or higher anaphylaxis symptoms (out of 3 grade scale)³ following oral food challenge dosed with a single dose of either 2 mg or 1 mg *neffy*:

- **Mucosal:** generalized urticaria/exanthema/wheal pruritus, swollen face, throat pain
- **GI:** moderate abdominal pain, recurrent emesis/diarrhea,
- **Respiratory:** repetitive cough, chest tightness/wheezing detectable via auscultation
- **Circulatory:** pale face/mild hypotension/tachycardia (>15 beats/min), light-headedness/feeling of “pending doom”/somnolence/headache

Study Outcomes



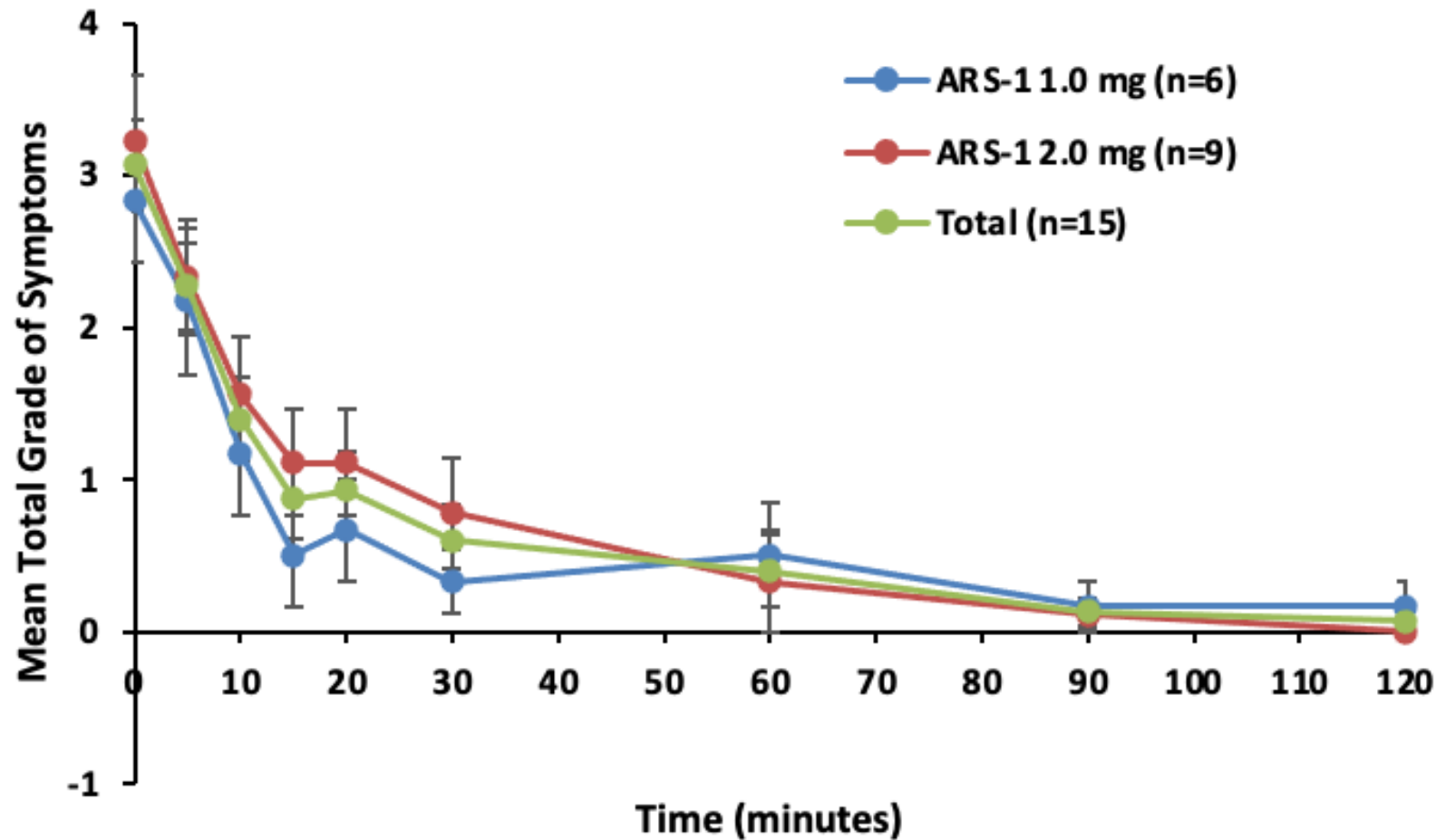
100% of patients responded to a single dose of *neffy* in the first 15 minutes, and did not require a second dose of epinephrine per treatment guidelines

100% of patients experienced complete resolution of the anaphylaxis symptoms with single dose of *neffy*²

16 min median time to complete resolution of anaphylaxis following single dose of *neffy*



neffy shows Robust and Rapid Clinical Resolution of Oral Food Challenge Induced Anaphylaxis Symptoms

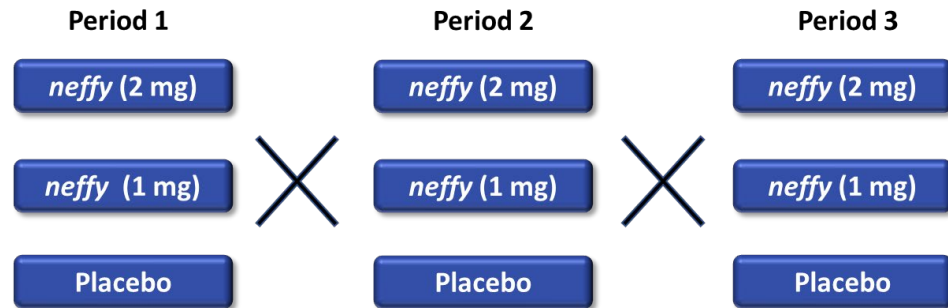


neffy Shows Robust and Rapid Clinical Responses in Treatment-Resistant Urticaria (Most Common Symptom of Anaphylaxis)

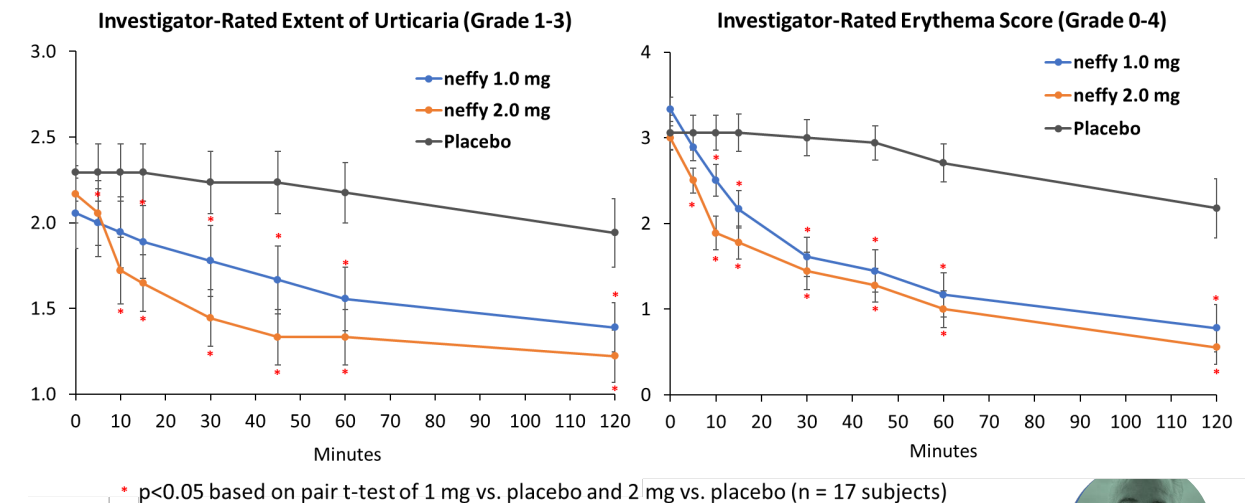
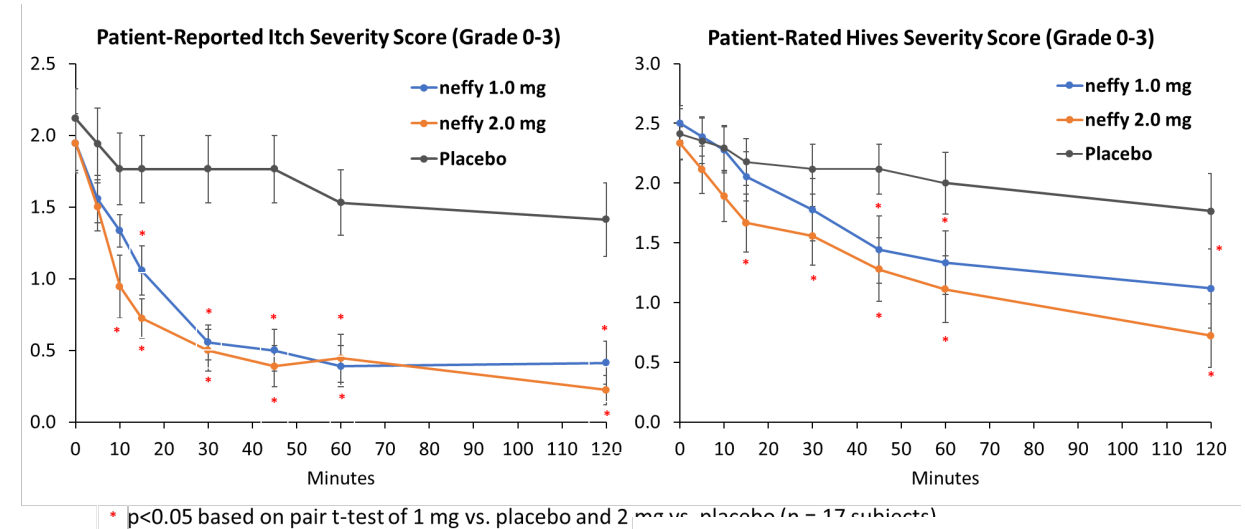
Randomized, Placebo-Controlled Efficacy Data in Treatment Refractory Chronic Urticaria (EPI-U01)¹

Study Design

randomized, placebo-controlled crossover trial study



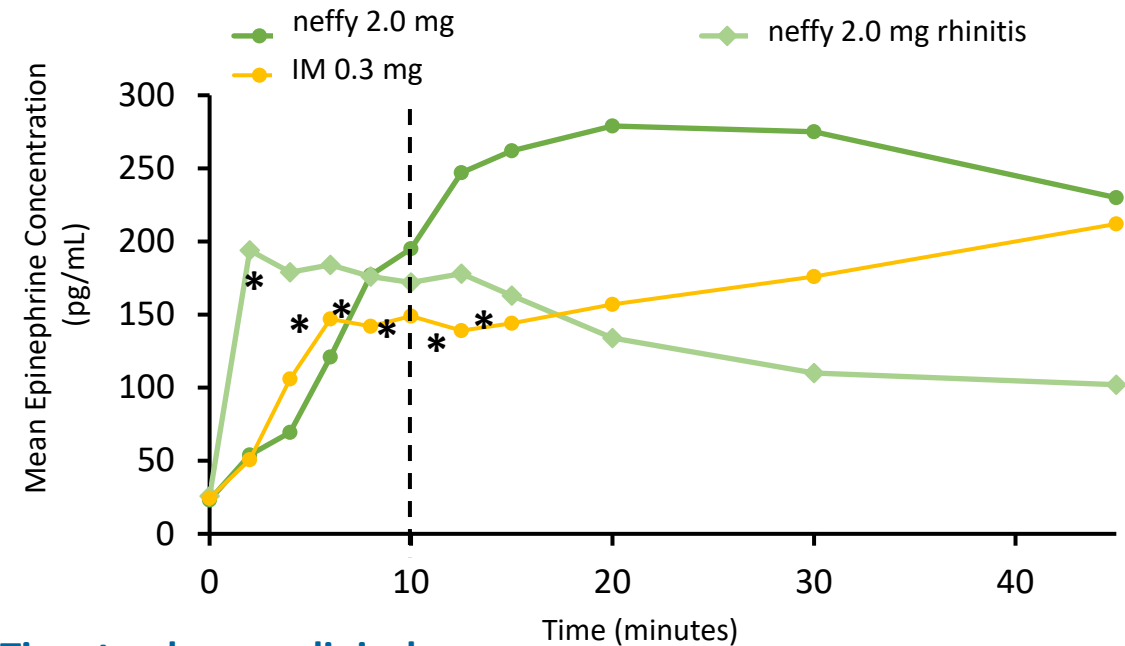
- 18 chronic urticaria subjects who experience flares at least two times a week while on chronic treatment (antihistamines +/- Xolair)
- Patients come to clinic when experiencing a flare and are treated with 2 mg, 1 mg or placebo



Experimental NAC-Induced Rhinitis Does Not Negatively Impact *neffy*'s PK Profile (Allergic Rhinitis Subjects)

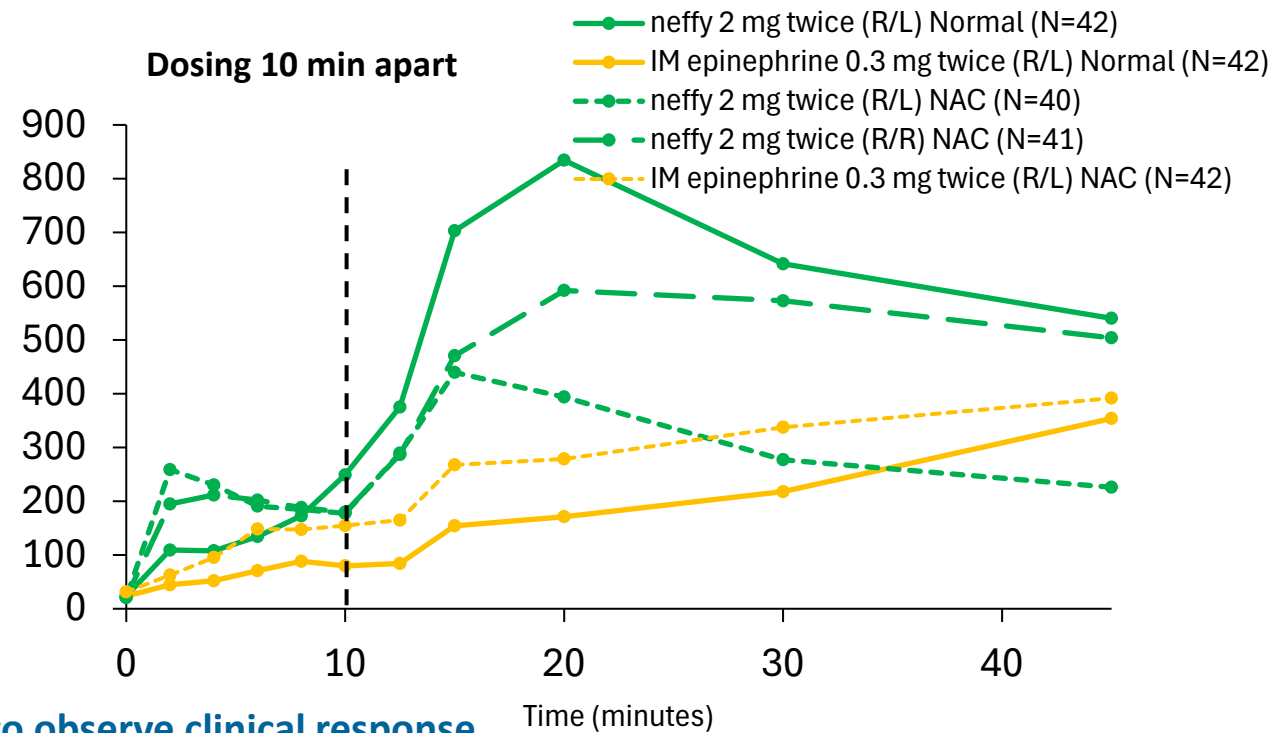
FDA Advisory Committee viewed *neffy* NAC data as “encouraging” and “favorable”

NAC-induced rhinitis accelerates absorption of single dose *neffy*, but within the range of injection



Time to observe clinical response, and re-dose per guidelines

Repeat dose under NAC-induced rhinitis supports similarity to injection for more severe cases of anaphylaxis

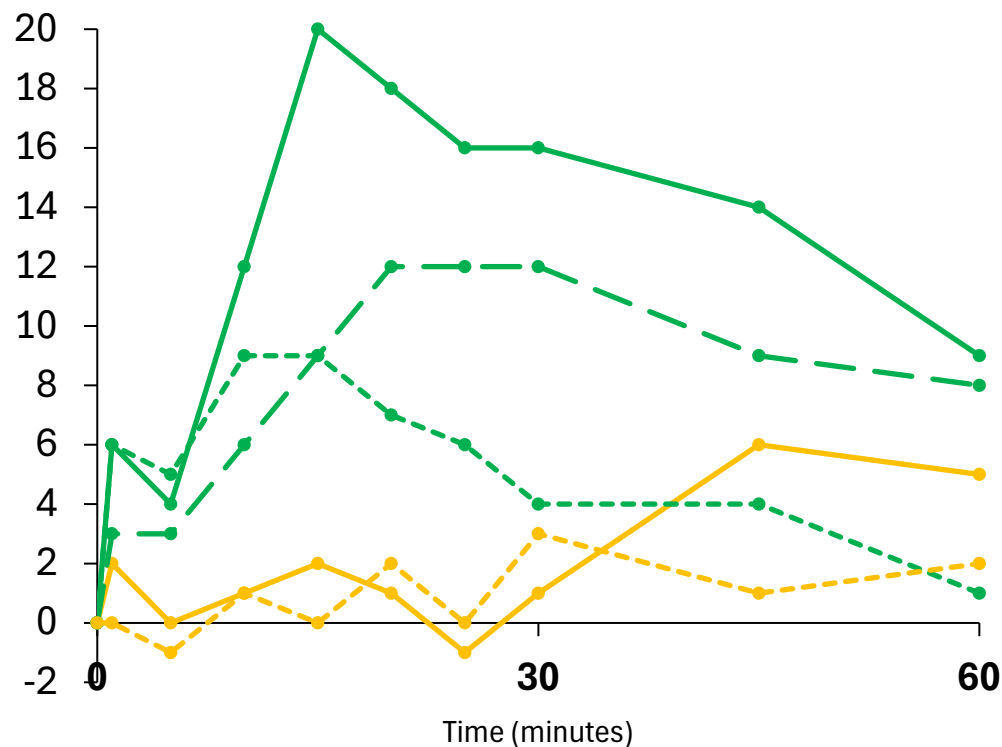


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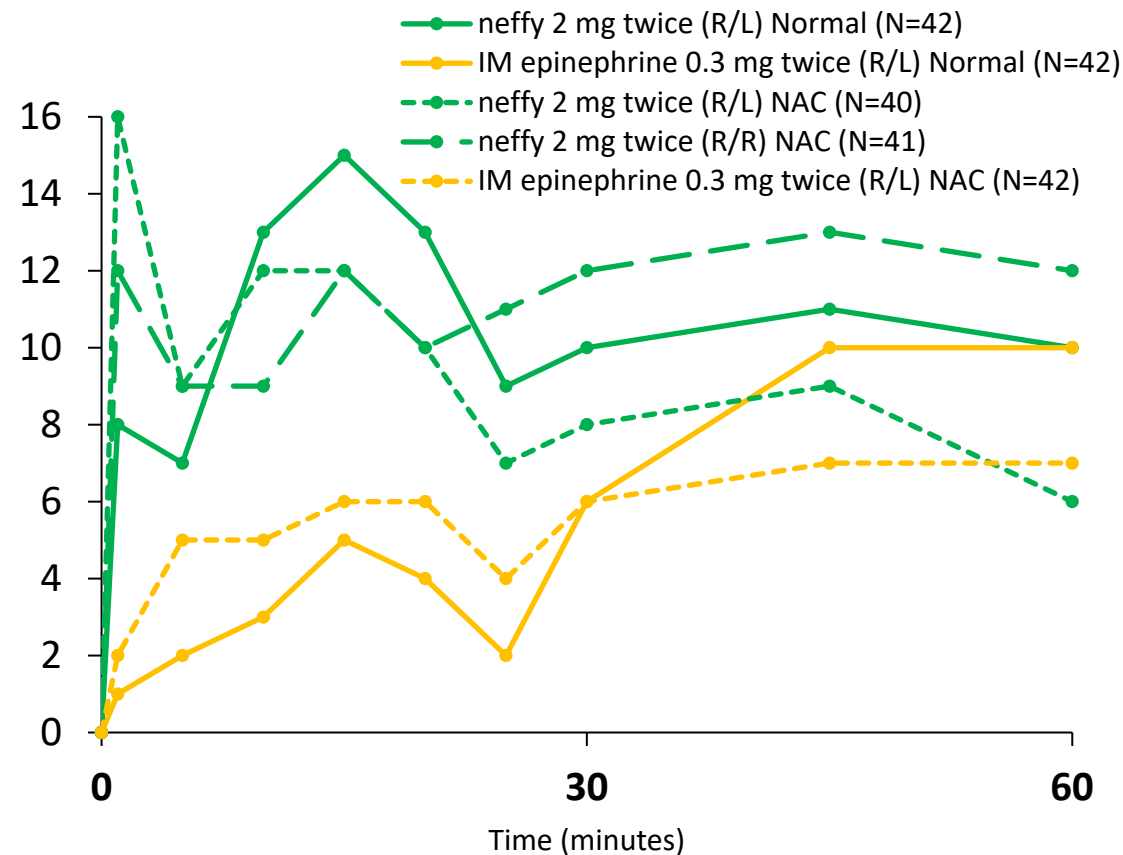


Experimental NAC-Induced Rhinitis Does Not Negatively Impact *neffy*'s PD Profile (Repeat Doses 10 min Apart)

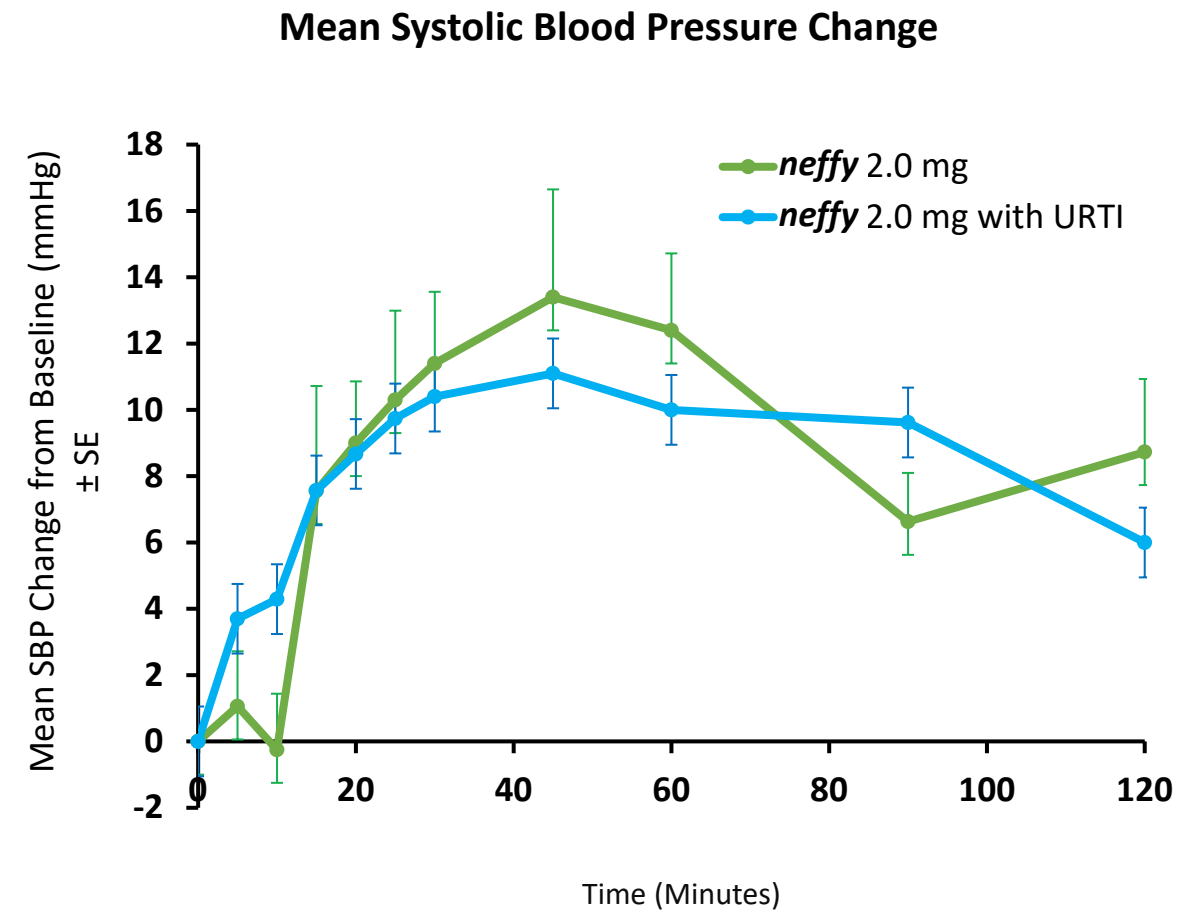
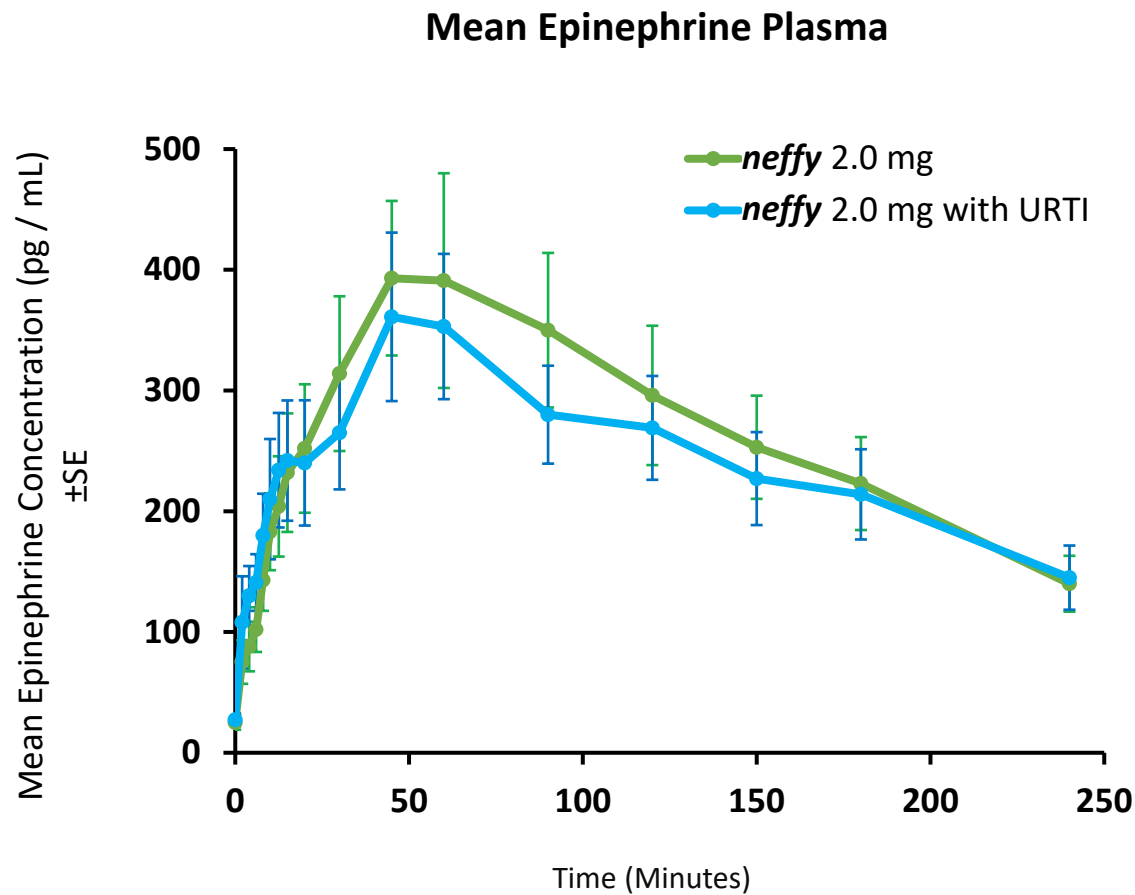
Mean Change in Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)



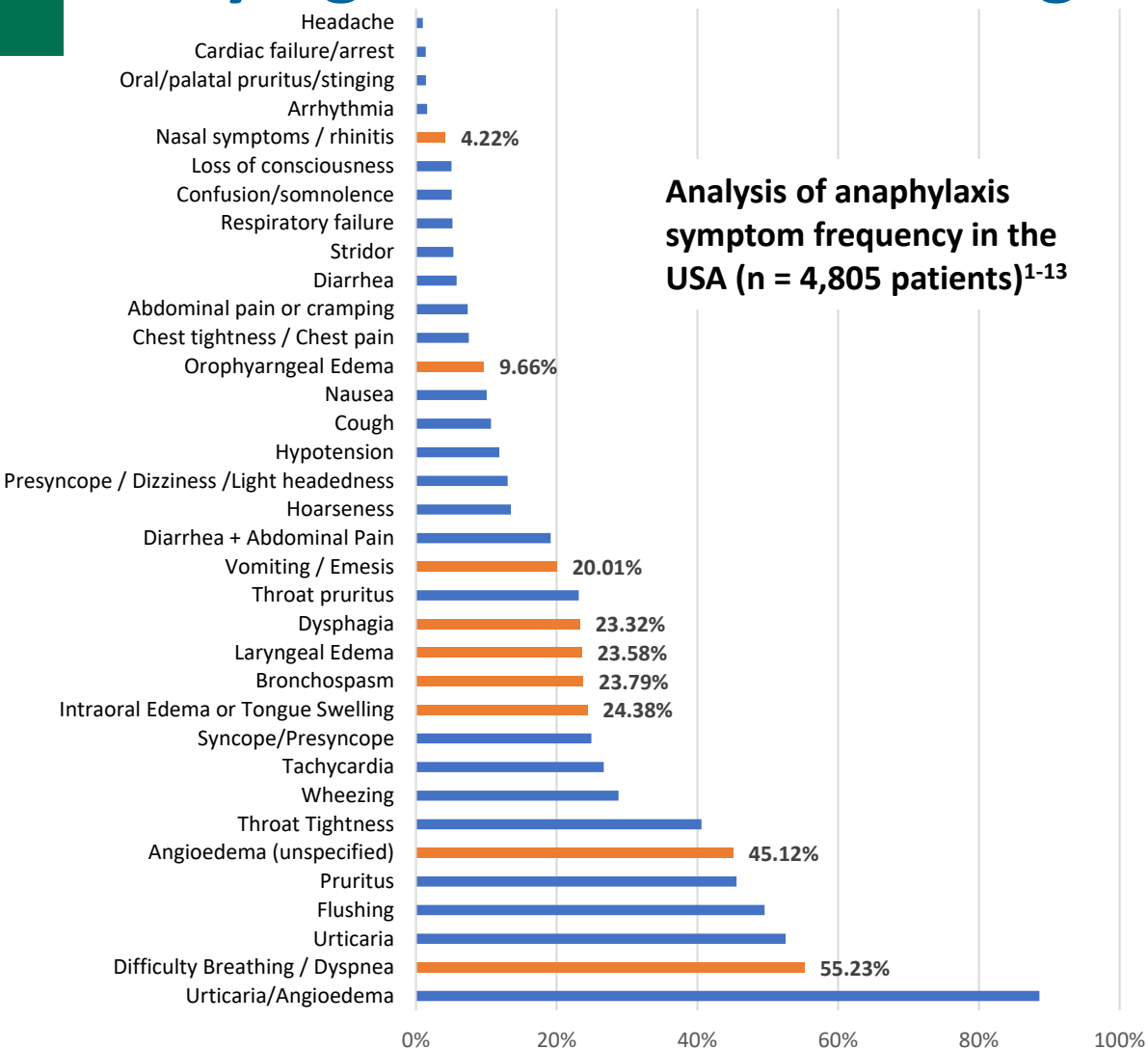
Mean Change in Heart Rate (bpm)



Upper Respiratory Tract Infection (URTI)-Induced Rhinitis has no Clinically Meaningful Impact on the PK/PD Profile of *neffy*



PK/PD Profile and Ability to Dose May Be Influenced By Varying Conditions Including Anaphylaxis Itself



Potential effect on ability to dose or absorption profile by theoretical route of administration for epinephrine

Anaphylaxis Symptom	US %	Intranasal	Sublingual	Oral*	Inhalation*
Nasal symptoms / rhinitis	4%	X			X
Oropharyngeal edema	10%		X	X	X
Vomiting / Emesis	20%		X	X	X
Dysphagia	23%			X	X
Laryngeal Edema	24%			X	X
Bronchospasm	24%				X
Intraoral Edema or Tongue Swelling	24%		X	X	X
Angioedema (e.g. face, lips, tongue or larynx)	45%		X	X	X
Difficulty Breathing / Dyspnea	55%				X

*insufficient oral and inhalation systemic absorption due to rapid conjugation and oxidation in GI tract or difficulty taking in enough puffs¹⁴



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Excellent Tolerability and Palatability

Adverse events generally mild in nature with no meaningful nasal irritation or pain up to 4 mg dose

No serious adverse events in any clinical study

No risk of needle-related injuries or blood vessel injections with *neffy*

Most common adverse events (>5%) were mild nasal discomfort (9.7%) and mild headache (6%), with no correlation of nasal discomfort to pain or irritation

- Mean VAS pain scores between 5 to 8 out of 100 (no stinging or burning)
- No irritation based on formal assessment (no erythema or ulcers)

Excellent palatability – no taste or smell with *neffy*

- “Inherent bitterness of epinephrine may hinder acceptability for patients, especially children”¹



Adverse Event Profile Compares Favorably to Autoinjectors

Incidence of adverse events in *neffy*, EpiPen and Auvi-Q studies (greater than 5% frequency)

Adverse Event	2 mg neffy ¹	0.3 mg EpiPen ²	0.3 mg Auvi-Q ²
Injection-site erythema	0%	32.6%	31.3%
Injection-site pain	0%	24.4%	13.4%
Tremors	0%	14.1%	13.4%
Mild nasal discomfort	9.7%	0%	0%
Mild headache	6.0%	<5%	<5%
Anxiety	<1%	7.4%	10.4%
Injection-site bleeding	0%	9.6%	4.5%
Injection-site induration	0%	6.7%	4.5%



Low Dose is an Important Benefit of *neffy* that Minimizes Risk of Overdosing, and Difficulty Monitoring Clinical Response

Epinephrine has a therapeutic window and potential for overdose

if too much is systemically absorbed too fast (e.g. IV bolus)^{1, 2} – multiple cardiac events and fatalities reported in literature^{3, 4}

2 mg *neffy* has essentially minimal risk of overexposure

even with higher bioavailability in the event of increased permeability during an allergic reaction or population variability (nasal abnormalities, impact of using other drugs or substances on nasal mucosa, etc.)

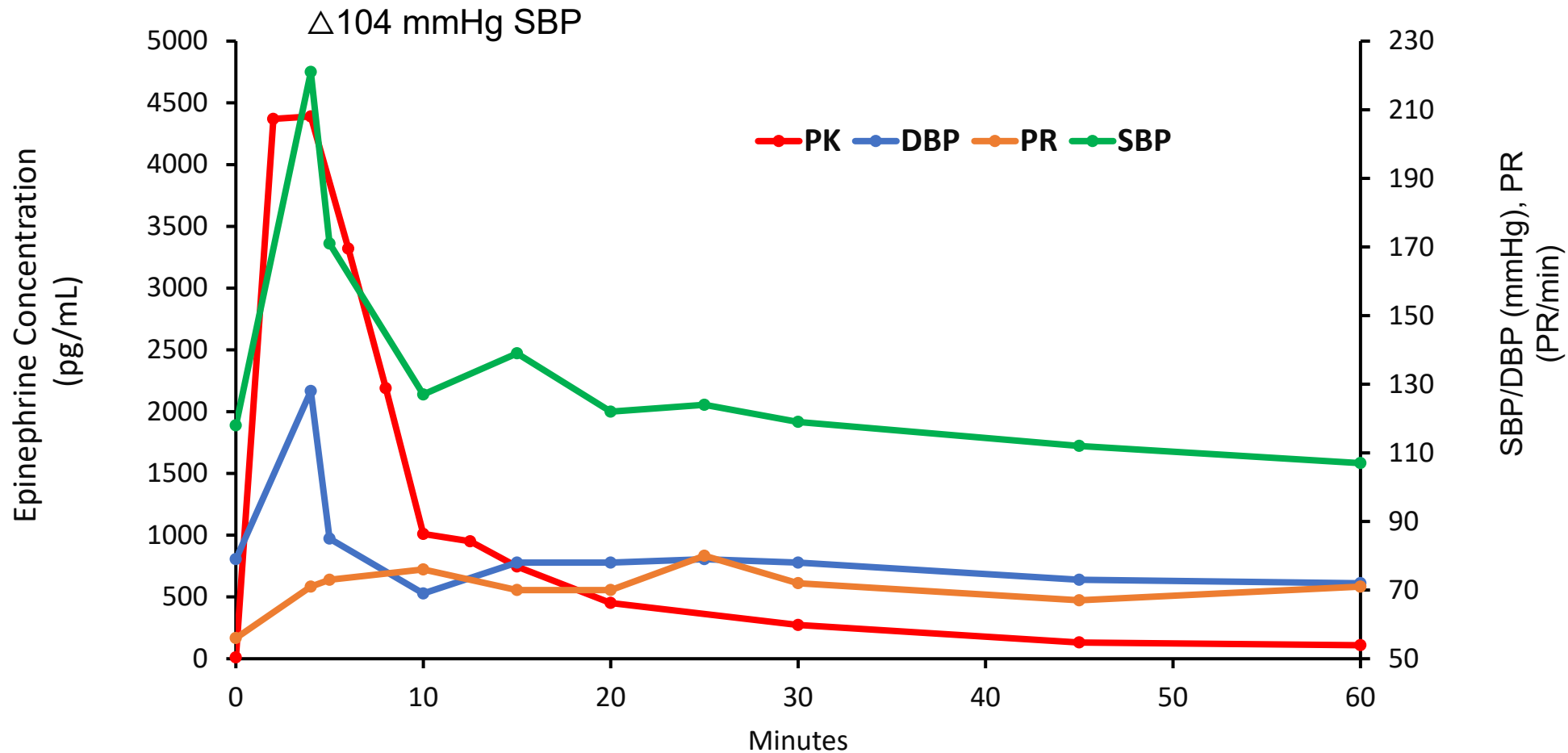
High dose of epinephrine can also lead to swallowing of non-absorbed epinephrine and GI side effects (vomiting/abdominal pain)^{5, 6}

Vomiting/abdominal pain is a common symptom of food-induced anaphylaxis (especially biphasic) that can confound monitoring of clinical response leading to unnecessary treatment and re-dosing^{7, 8, 9}

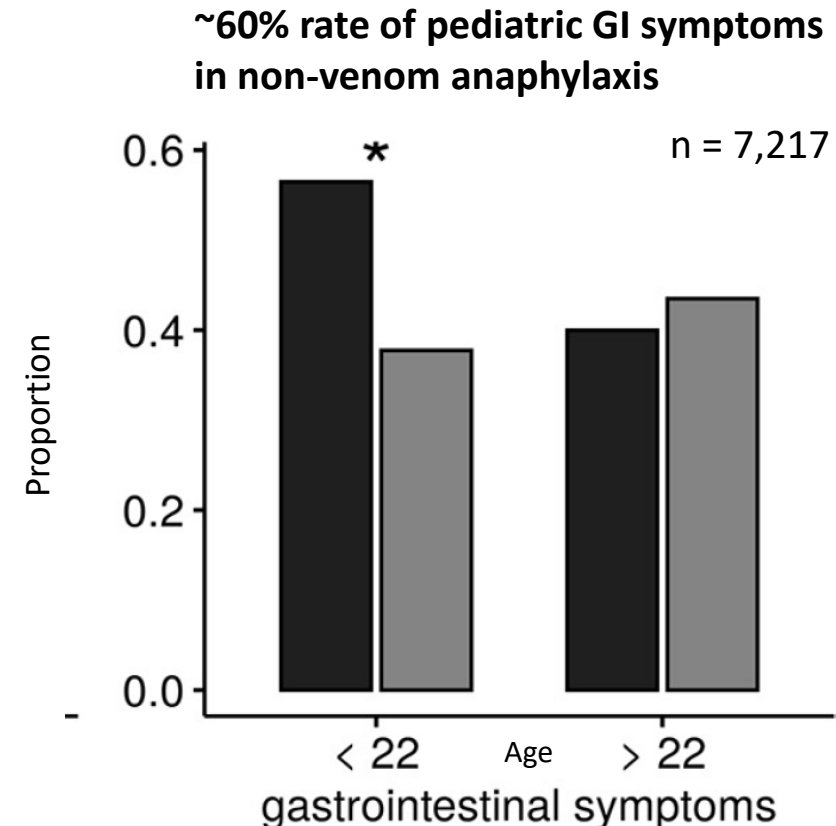
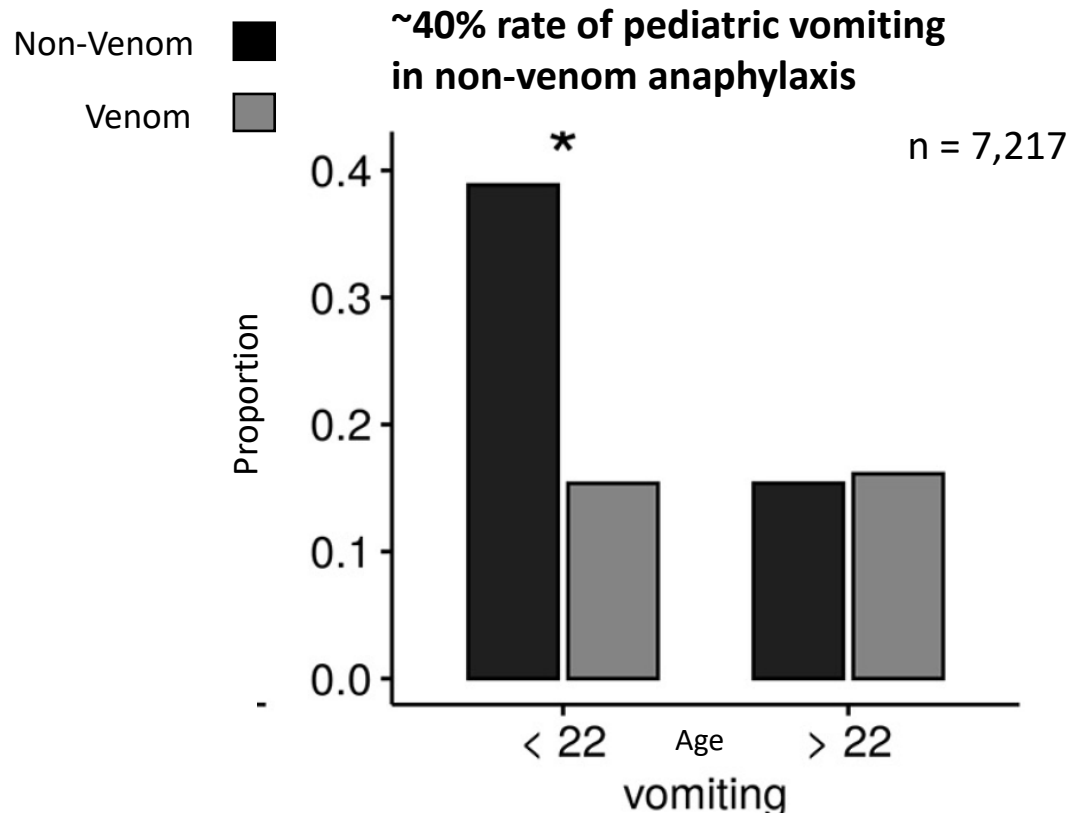
neffy has minimal to no GI side effects



Too Much Epinephrine, too Fast, can be Dangerous, without More Benefit: Suspected IV Bolus Case-Study with EpiPen¹



Children more likely to experience vomiting and GI symptoms than adult anaphylaxis patients with non-venom allergies



Important side effect to avoid for monitoring of clinical outcomes
(and also a co-morbidity that could alter absorption of dosing via mouth)



Human Factors Studies and Real-World Data Have Proven that *neffy* is Easy for Patients to Carry and Simple to Administer

Proven ease of use in human factors studies and real-world emergency use settings

100% of adults (including passersby without allergies) able to use *neffy* successfully without training

100% of children (about half of the current autoinjector prescriptions) able to use *neffy* successfully without training

Same device available over the counter in NARCAN OTC (no training required)



Patients Should be Carrying and Dosing Sooner with *neffy*'s Potential Best-in-Class Epinephrine Product Profile



Does it work?

- PK/PD response shows onset within 1 minute after dosing
- Rapid efficacy profile in OFC anaphylaxis (100% response rate in first 15 min), as well as treatment-resistant urticaria
- Predictable dose-proportional PK/PD profile within range of approved injection products even under real-world co-morbidities (e.g. rhinitis)
- Only anaphylaxis symptom that may **alter** PK/dosing is rhinitis, and for *neffy*, no negative impact on PK/PD



Is it safe?

- Benign safety profile – mild nasal discomfort (9.7%) and mild headache (6%)
- No risk of injury (no needle) and minimal risk of overdose even with population variability (high bioavailability, low dose)
- No side effects (GI, vomiting, erythema) that could confound clinical monitoring and treatment



Will patients use it?

- Benign safety profile – mild nasal discomfort and headache
- Palatable – no meaningful pain/irritation, no taste/smell
- Small – fits in pocket
- Easy to use – 100% of adults and children can use without training (even passerby's); ability to dose not obstructed by anaphylaxis symptoms

