

Phase IV Randomized Controlled Study of an Extended-Wear Transforming Powder Dressing in Partial-Thickness Burns: Interim Results

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INTRODUCTION

Challenges:

- Partial-thickness burns (PTB) are challenging to manage, particularly in combat and low-resource settings
- Standard-of-care (SOC) burn dressings require frequent changes, increasing pain and wound exposure to infection^{1,2}

Potential Solution:

- Altrazeal® Transforming powder dressing (TPD) is an extended wear dressing that can remain on the wound for up to 30 days. Upon hydration, it transforms into a moist, oxygen-permeable matrix that shields the wound from contamination. Powder may be added as needed without requiring primary dressing changes. The matrix dries and flakes off as the wound heals
- TPD has demonstrated reduction in dressing change frequency, associated pain, and favorable healing outcomes across acute and chronic wounds^{3,4,5,6,7,8}

This ongoing randomized, controlled trial (RCT) compares TPD to SOC dressings for dressing change frequency, related pain, and healing in PTB.

METHODS

Design: Randomized, multicenter, Phase IV controlled study (n=50)

Inclusion Criteria: Deep and superficial PTB

Duration <72 hours | TBSA ≤ 20% | Age: 18-65 years

Treatment Period: up to 28 days | **Randomization:** 1:1

Research Sites: Jackson Memorial Hospital, MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Parkland Memorial Hospital, University of California, Irvine Medical Center, University of Louisville Hospital

Study Endpoints: Primary: Pain (Visual Analogue Scale) | Secondary: Healing trajectories (wound area reduction), safety (adverse events), and patient acceptability and clinical usability (questionnaires)

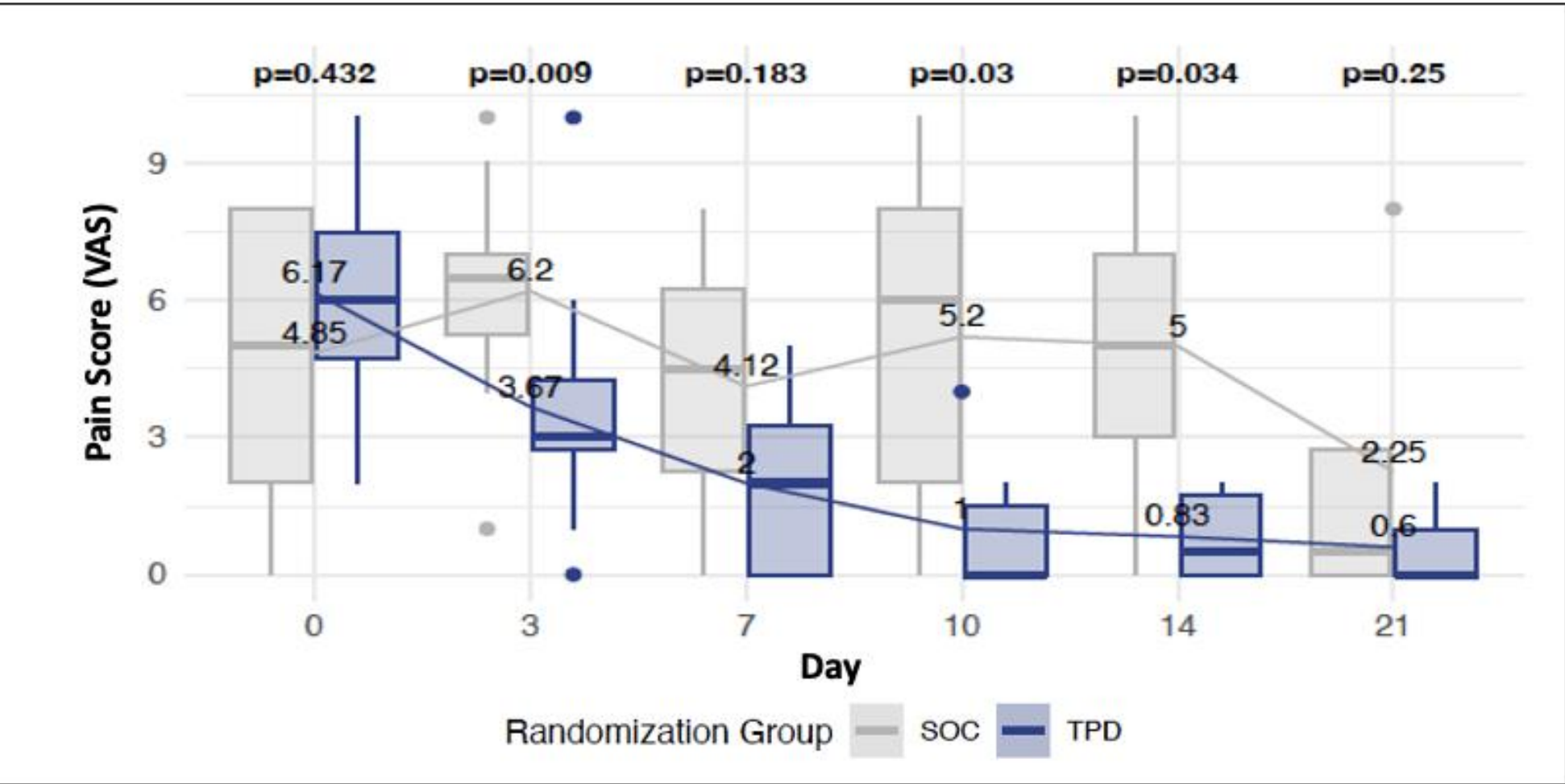
BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS (N=27/50)

BASELINE MEDIAN & RANGE STATISTICS	SOC (n=14)	TPD (n=13)
Age (years)	31.5 (18-64)	34 (18-61)
Wound Area (cm ²)	94.9 (9.8-2912)	193.9 (28-1293)
TBSA (%)	2 (0.5-6)	4 (0.4-8)
Initial Pain Score (VAS)	5 (0-8)	6 (2-10)

INTERIM RESULTS (N=27/50)

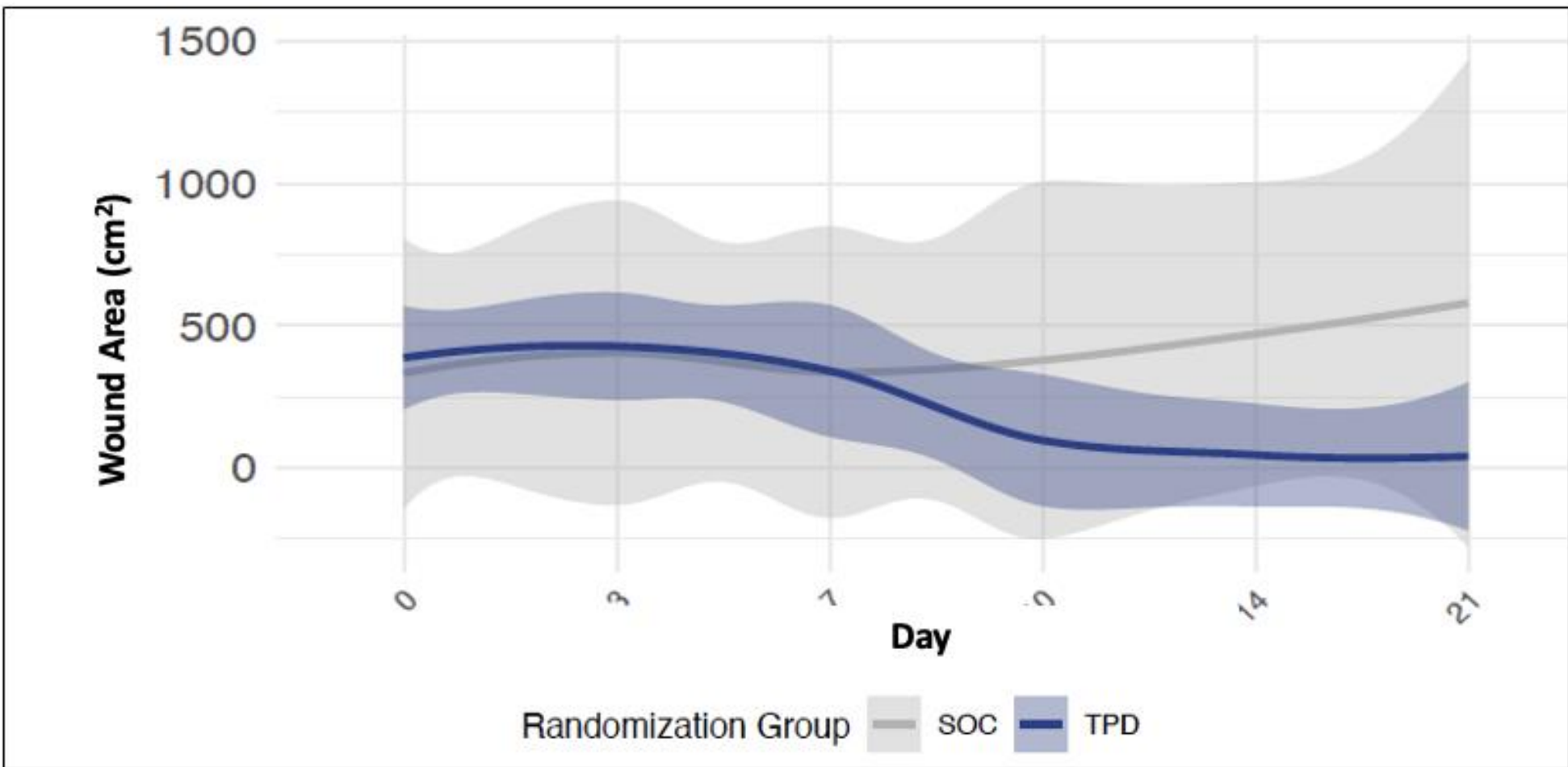
PAIN SCORES (VAS):

Daily reduction rate = 12.3% for TPD vs 2.2% for SOC (p<0.0001)



WOUND AREA REDUCTION (WAR):

Daily Area Reduction Rate = 10.2% for TPD vs. 4.5% for SOC (p=0.019)



DRESSING CHANGE FREQUENCY

Total dressing changes were 74% lower for TPD vs SOC (p<0.001)

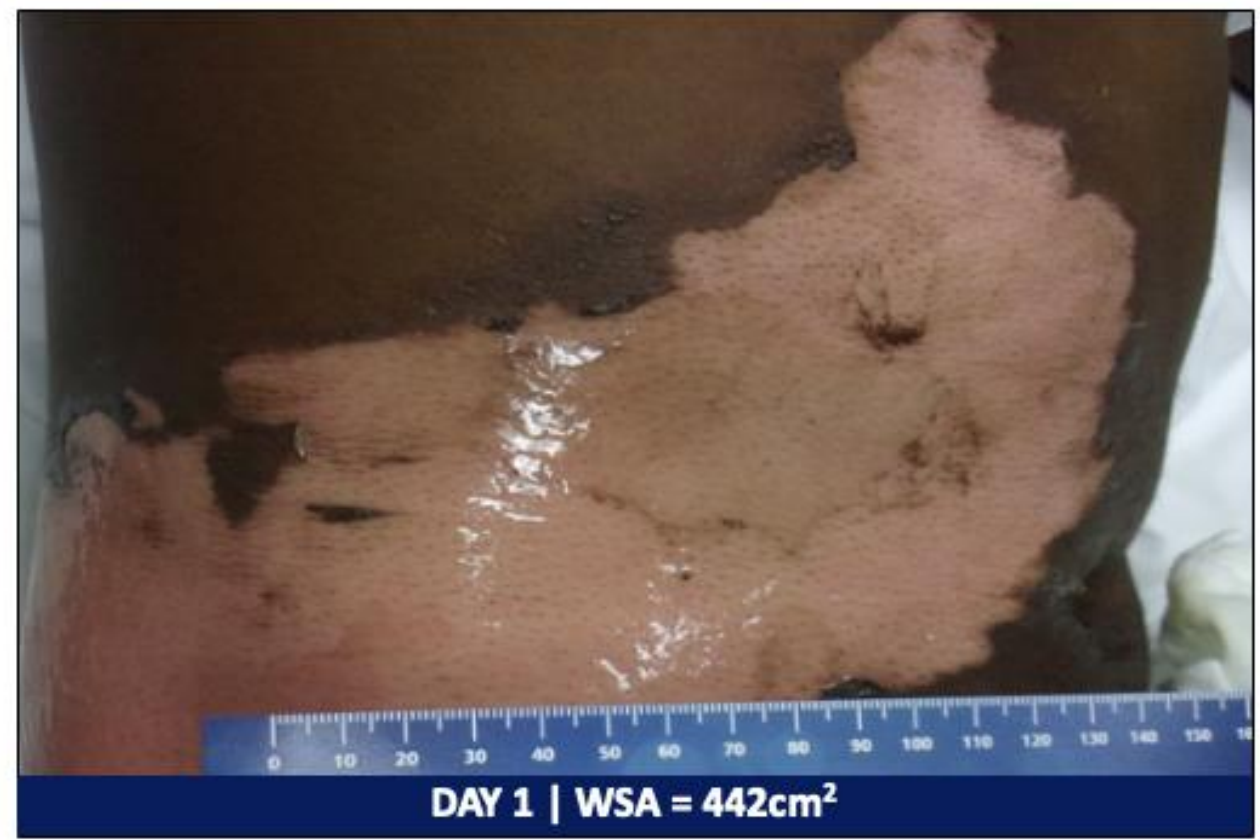
WEEKLY DRESSING CHANGES	SOC	TPD	% Reduction	p-value
Mean (SD)	3.2 (2.7)	1.6 (1.5)	50%	<0.001
Median	3 (1, 4.8)	1 (0.7, 2.1)	67%	--
TOTAL DRESSING CHANGES (28-Days)	SOC	TPD	% Reduction	p-value
Mean (SD)	8.4 (8.4)	2.2 (0.9)	74%	<0.001
Median	7 (1.5, 10)	2 (2, 3)	71%	--

ILLUSTRATIVE CASES

44 y/o Female with Thermal Burns | 6.1% TBSA



32 y/o Male with HIV with Chemical Burns | 5% TBSA



CONCLUSION

Interim results demonstrated statistically significant reductions in dressing-change frequency and pain scores, along with faster wound area reduction, in TPD-treated patients compared with SOC. No TPD-related adverse events were reported. These findings are consistent with RCTs in other wound etiologies and further support the use of TPD in the management of partial-thickness burns.

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