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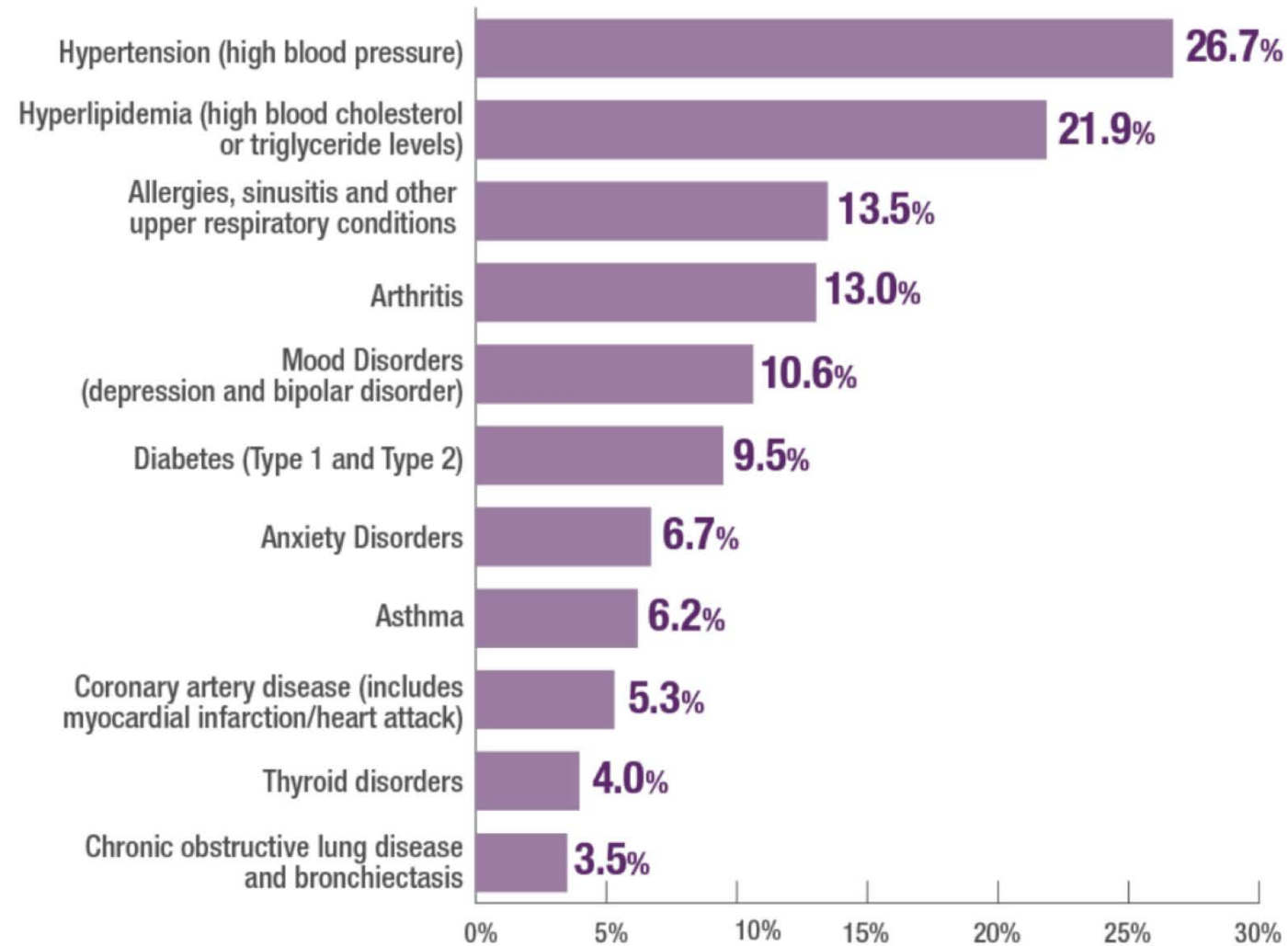


Our Mission  
is to improve the experience for  
patients on life-changing  
therapies

# 1 in 2 American Adults Suffers from a Chronic Disease

Source Data: CDC, 2016

# Prevalence of Chronic Diseases in US Adults



Source: Agency for Healthcare and Quality, U.S. DHSS, 2014

# Only 30% Adherence Rates with Biologics

Source Data: CDC 2016

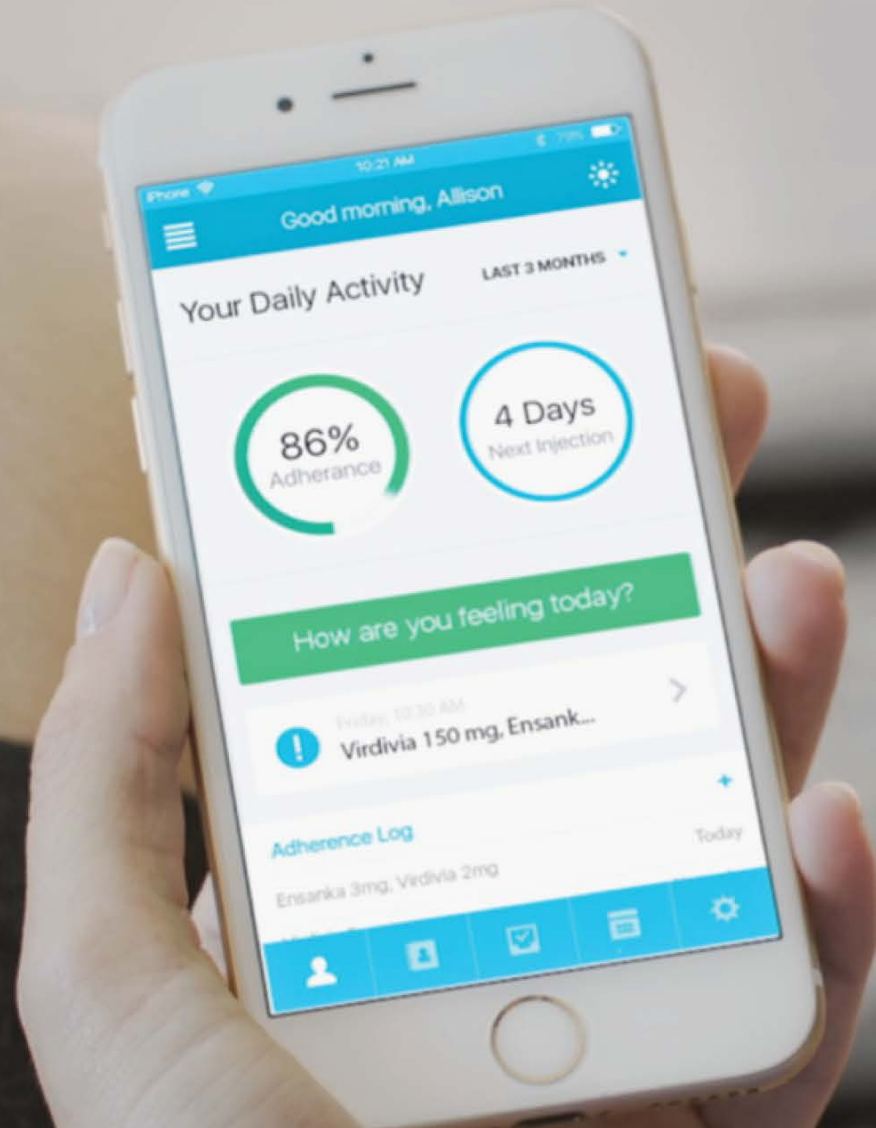
Our Technology is from Star Trek



# PRIME Simple, Easy, and Connected



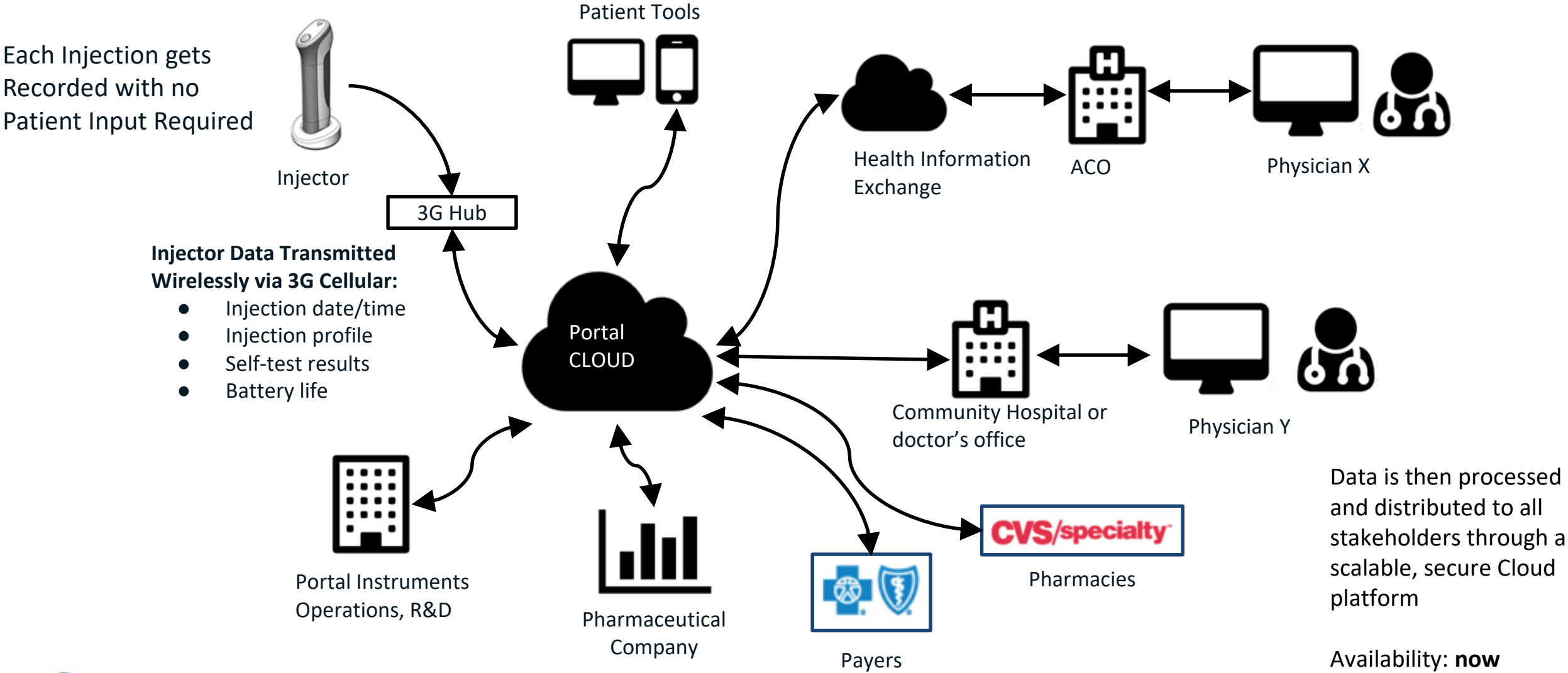
# Integrated with the Patient's Digital World



- Nurse in your pocket™
- Treatment data is automatically collected in real-time
- Patients receive reminders to encourage compliance
- Users get tailored feedback on how well they are doing on the therapy



# Portal has Built an Ecosystem Augmenting the Patient's Treatment and Care with the Goal of Improving Outcomes





## Needle-Free Viscous Drug Injections: Interview with CEO of Portal Instruments

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### Needle-free: solving challenges viscous biologic self-injections

Portal Instruments' needle-free and digitally controlled device can help in tolerability and adherence of self-injections via a 'smart' needle-free device.

**The challenge with biologics**  
The advent of large protein biologics enabled the creation of breakthrough treatments for many chronic conditions, and this represents a multi-billion-dollar market. However, challenges exist with the delivery of biologics to be effective; these biologics often need to be delivered at high doses, but regulatory bodies impose limits on the injectable volumes of drug formulations. The result is high-viscosity drug solutions. High viscosity solutions, however, pose new challenges both at the technical level—for example, with respect to needle size and the force needed to administer the injection—and at the patient-comfort level, owing to increased pain, anxiety about 'losing it right', and potentially the need for repeated injections to achieve an effective therapeutic dose.

**The challenge with needles**  
Patient adherence and persistence with injection-based chronic therapy regimens are notoriously low owing to, among other factors, needle anxiety and injection-related pain. Needle phobia, a condition officially recognized by the American Psychiatric Association in its *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, affects up to 10% of the population and is associated with a spectrum of mild to severe symptoms of distress. Because the condition is triggered by the presence of a needle, no easy solution to the problem exists beyond helping patients relax or avoiding injections altogether.

**The Portal platform: a simple and 'smart' solution**  
Portal Instruments, founded in 2012, can solve some of these challenges with its needle-free, connected drug delivery device. The technology, currently being developed under a global licensing agreement with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), allows for comfortable, fast and safe medication administration, including high-concentration and high-viscosity biologics (Fig. 1). The device also allows data related to drug, dosage, injection frequency and other relevant parameters to be collected automatically by the device and shared (as desired) with physicians or other health care providers and stakeholders. Insights into patient adherence and symptom progression will enable health care providers to more accurately assess the effectiveness of the medication and, if needed, make changes more quickly. The Portal solution gives clinicians the confidence to



Figure 1: Portal's connected, handheld, needle-free drug delivery device. This device is designed to deliver high-viscosity drugs quickly and precisely.

modify treatment, as they will have current relevant insights into their patients' medical patterns.

**Cutting-edge technology**  
To allow the delivery of precise amounts of subcutaneously, the Portal platform leverages unique intellectual property portfolio of patent a jet-injector-based technology developed over the past ten years.

The Portal platform consists of an electromagnetic actuator controlled by a computer that generates a jet of liquid with a diameter that is about 1/3 that of a 27 gauge hypodermic needle, which is approximately the diameter of a human hair. It is the force of the jet, which contains the drug of interest, pierces the skin to reach the desired subcutaneous space, without the intervention of any physical component to puncture the skin. The effect for the patient is less pain sensation than experienced with a traditional needle and syringe.

The actuator enables precise control of the size of the pressurized jet of liquid, thus resulting in accurate targeting of the desired subcutaneous space with the exact amount of drug needed. The high adaptability of the system further allows the jet-injection device to accommodate the delivery of low to very high liquid viscosities and concentrations without any changes to the device.

The design of the device currently supports subcutaneous administration of up to 1 mL of preparation in 0.4 s. The unique technology from MIT allows full control of the jet via a computer-controlled feedback mechanism, thus decreasing sensation when paired with needle and syringe," said Patrick Anquetil, CEO of Portal Instruments.

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## Digitally Controlled Jet Injection

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### Research Article

## An Innovative Needle-free Injection System: Comparison to 1 ml Standard Subcutaneous Injection

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**Abstract.** A needle-free delivery system may lead to improved satisfaction and compliance, as well as reduced anxiety among patients requiring frequent or ongoing injections. This report describes a first-in-man assessment comparing Portal Instruments' innovative needle-free injection system with subcutaneous injections using a 27G needle. Forty healthy volunteer participants each received a total of four injections of 1.0 mL sterile saline solution, two with a standard subcutaneous injection using a 27G needle, and two using the Portal injection system. Perception of pain was measured using a 100-mm visual analog scale (VAS). Injection site reactions were assessed at 2 min and at 20–30 min after each injection. Follow-up contact was made 24–48 h after the injections. Subject preference regarding injection type was also assessed. VAS pain scores at Portal injection sites met the criteria to be considered non-inferior to the pain reported at 27G needle injection sites (i.e., upper 95% confidence bound less than +5 mm). Based on a mixed effects model, at time 0, accounting for potential confounding variables, the adjusted difference in VAS scores indicated that Portal injections were 6.5 mm lower than the 27G needle injections (95% CI –10.5, –2.5). No clinically important adverse events were noted. Portal injections were preferred by 24 (60%) of the subjects ( $P = 0.0015$ ). As an early step in the development of this new needle-free delivery system, the current study has shown that a 1.0-mL saline injection can be given with less pain reported than a standard subcutaneous injection using a 27G needle.

**KEY WORDS:** needle-free jet injections ; subcutaneous injections; injection pain; injection site reactions.

### INTRODUCTION

Injections are required for administration of many different medications, including a variety of difficult to inject viscous biologics (e.g., monoclonal antibodies) and other therapies. Reduction of the pain and time of injections may lead to improved patient satisfaction and compliance, as well as reduced anxiety in populations of patients who require frequent or ongoing injections to treat their medical conditions. A needle-free delivery system offers the potential to address a number of these issues.

The essence of needle-free drug delivery is the ability to achieve a fluid (drug) stream or jet with sufficiently high velocity (typically >150 m/s) in order to pierce the skin (1,2). The thin fluid column (typically <300 μm in diameter) can be thought of as being a "virtual needle" since it penetrates the skin. Prior approaches to a needle-free delivery system have been limited by relying largely on either mechanical (e.g.,

spring-based) or gas-based approaches to generate the high pressures needed to eject the fluid at speeds sufficient to pierce the skin and achieve a successful subcutaneous injection (3–5). These approaches lack the ability to control the injection (i.e., the fluid stream) in real time, meaning that once the mechanism of action is activated, there is no possibility of further modifications to the injection (1). This becomes the limiting factor when attempting to deliver larger volumes, such as 1.0 mL often needed for viscous biologics, to the subcutaneous space in a needle-free fashion. For example, the spring-based approach has the spring generating the force needed to push out the fluid out of an orifice with high speeds (e.g., >150 m/s). Since the spring has a force (or energy) profile that decays during the time of the injection, the fluid velocity will also decay over time (4,6). Similarly, a decaying velocity profile is also characteristic for gas-based injectors (4). The decreasing velocity profile results in the highest velocity being at the onset of the injection followed by a decrease to smaller and smaller velocities, which for a 1.0-mL injection of a viscous biologic may be insufficient to achieve a successful subcutaneous injection.

To overcome these restrictions, Portal Instruments (Cambridge, MA) has developed new technology that has the ability to control (and modify) in real time the fluid

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# Quality Management System Ready for Prime Time

- Quality Management System at Portal
  - FDA Compliant QMS verified by external audit Q1 2016
- ISO 13485:2012
  - Notified Body: NSAI National Standards Authority of Ireland
  - ISO 13485 Certification received Q1 2017
  - ISO 13485 Surveillance completed Q2 2017
  - ISO 13485:**2016** target: June 2018



Certificate of Registration  
of Quality Management System  
to I.S. EN ISO 13485:2012

The National Standards Authority of Ireland certifies that:  
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has been assessed and deemed to comply with the requirements  
of the above standard in respect of the scope of operations given  
below:

**The Design, Manufacture and Distribution of Hand  
Held Needle-Free Injection Devices for Drug  
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# The Delivery of Biologics is Mostly Undifferentiated

## Case Study for Rheumatoid Arthritis

Auto Injector

Humira



Enbrel



Simponi



Cimzia



Actemra



Orencia



Pre-Filled Syringe



PFS-S



PFS-S

# The Portal PRIME Device

FEATURES	BENEFITS
Needle Free, no sharps disposal	Patient preference and ease of use
Fast (<0.3 s), simple	Ease of use
Interactivity – reminders, data tracking	Improves compliance; integrates data with Pharma patient support services
Interactivity – patient support	Responds to patient needs, provides support, builds brand loyalty
Does not affect pK or drug integrity	Compatible with biologics
Automatically adjust to any drug dose or viscosity	No long device redesign required for each drug and will operate at wide drug temperature range (straight from the fridge)
Standard primary container	Compatible with standard pharma fill/finish lines. No additional line CAPEX investments required

# Overwhelmingly Preferred over the State of the Art

**Portal**



**vs.**

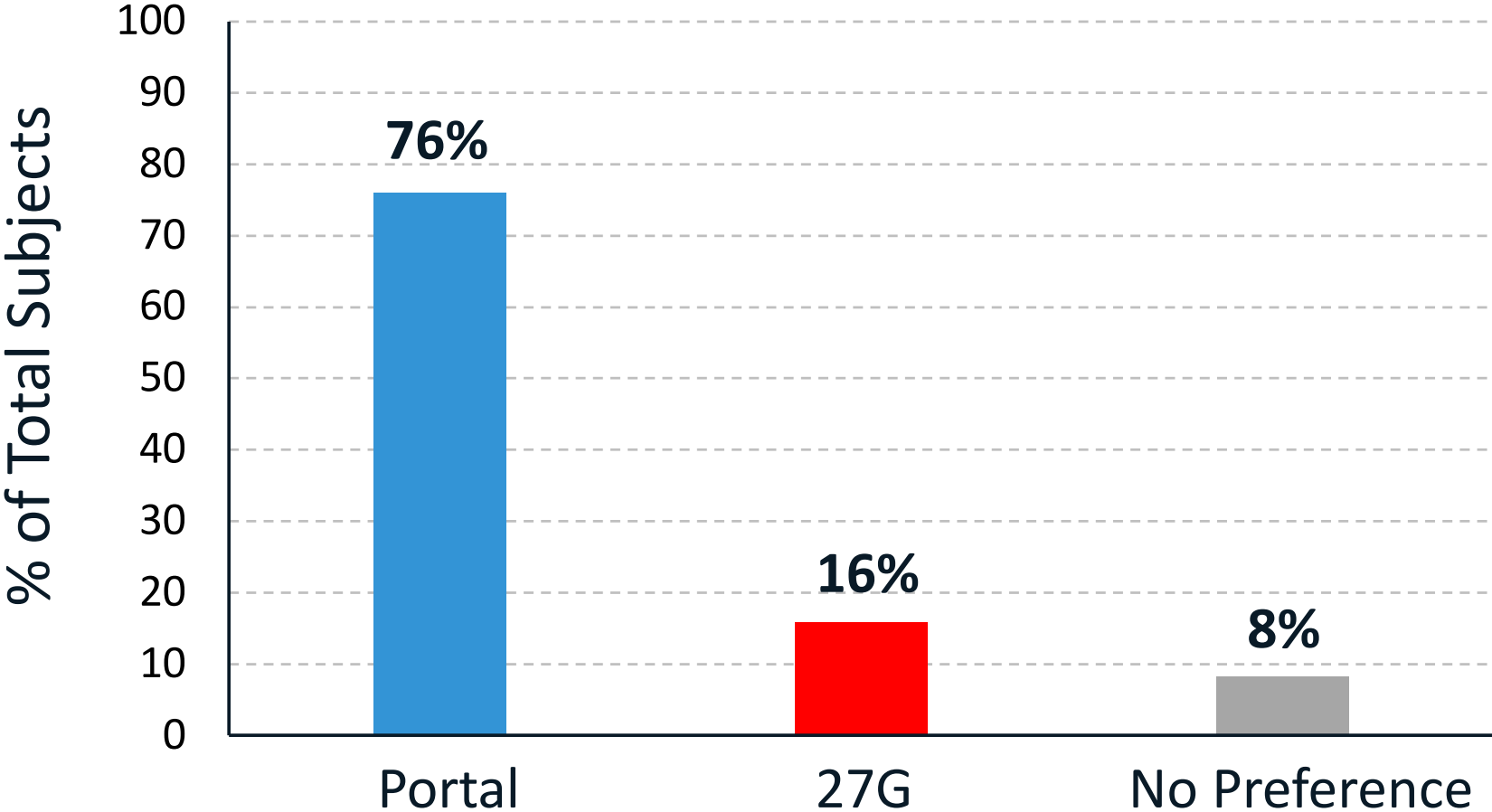
**Auto Injector**



- **Pharma-sponsored human factors study**
- **Subjects:** 9 RA Patients & 14 RA HCPs (4 physicians, 10 nurses)
- **Results:**
  - **8 out of 9 patients** preferred the Portal injector over the auto-injector
  - **12 out of 14 HCPs** would prescribe the Portal injector for self-administration
  - **8 out of 14 HCPs** would still prescribe the Portal injector over the auto- injector if the discomfort was the same
- **Key reasons for preference:** comfort and convenience:
  - Needle-free injection + short injection time = attractive
  - Needle-free cartridge: Higher safety, no sharps disposal, less waste

# Subjects prefer PRIME vs. Needle & Syringe when injected with large volume (1 mL) saline solution

## Subject Preference in Clinical Studies



**N=149 subjects**  
**447 Total Injections**  
(data excludes Portal employees)

# HOW DOES IT WORK?



# The Portal Solution

“plug & play”  
nest & tub  
format for  
easy filling



Pre-filled at pharma  
*(max 1.2 mL)*



EPDM + fluoropolymer  
coating plunger

COP Material

Sterile Cap  
*(removed at time of use)*



Ready-to-use

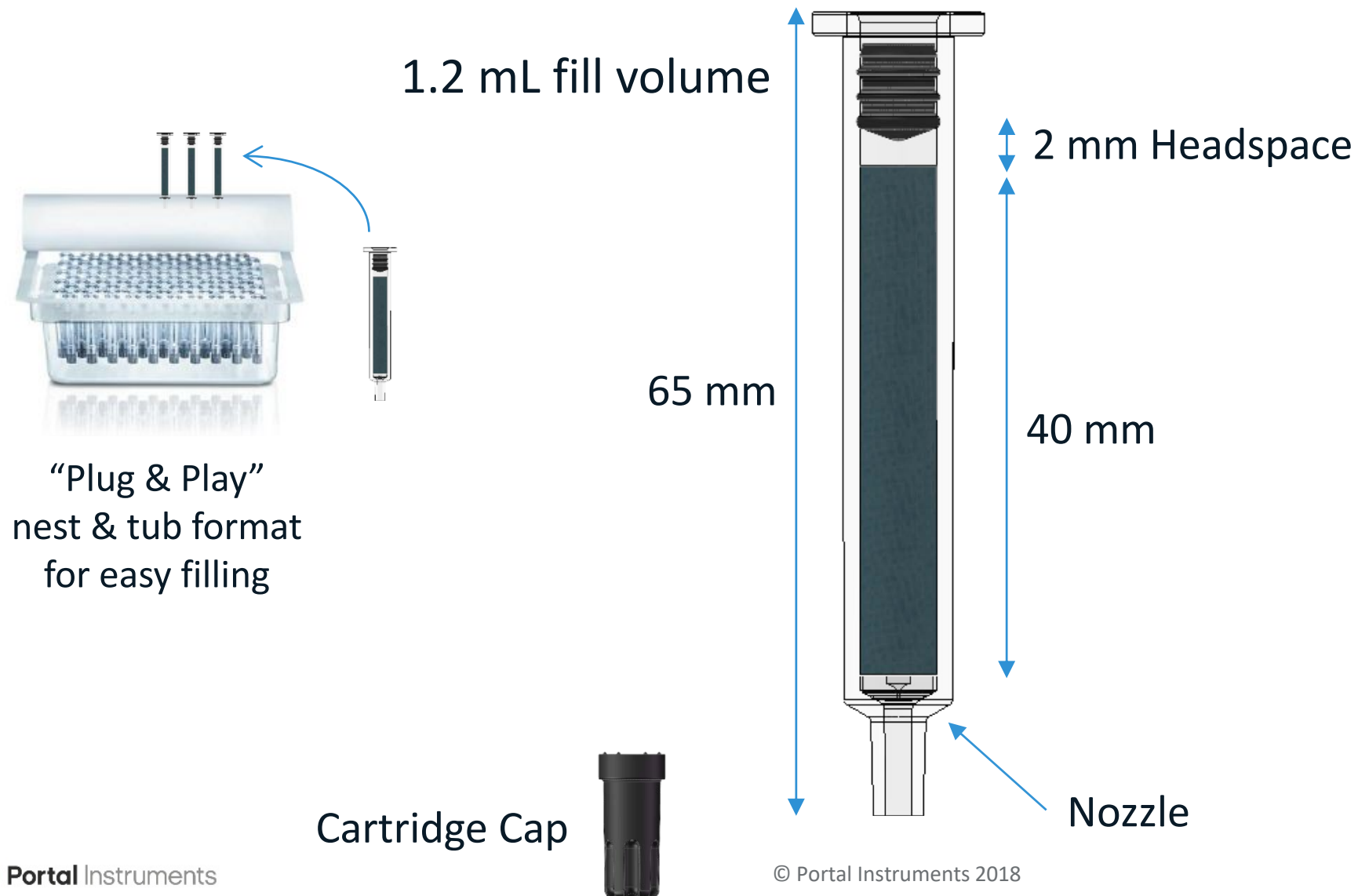
Headspace  
compatible

Cartridge loaded in  
handheld



Secondary pack  
*(single or multi)*

# Portal Cartridge is based on 1 mL long PFS

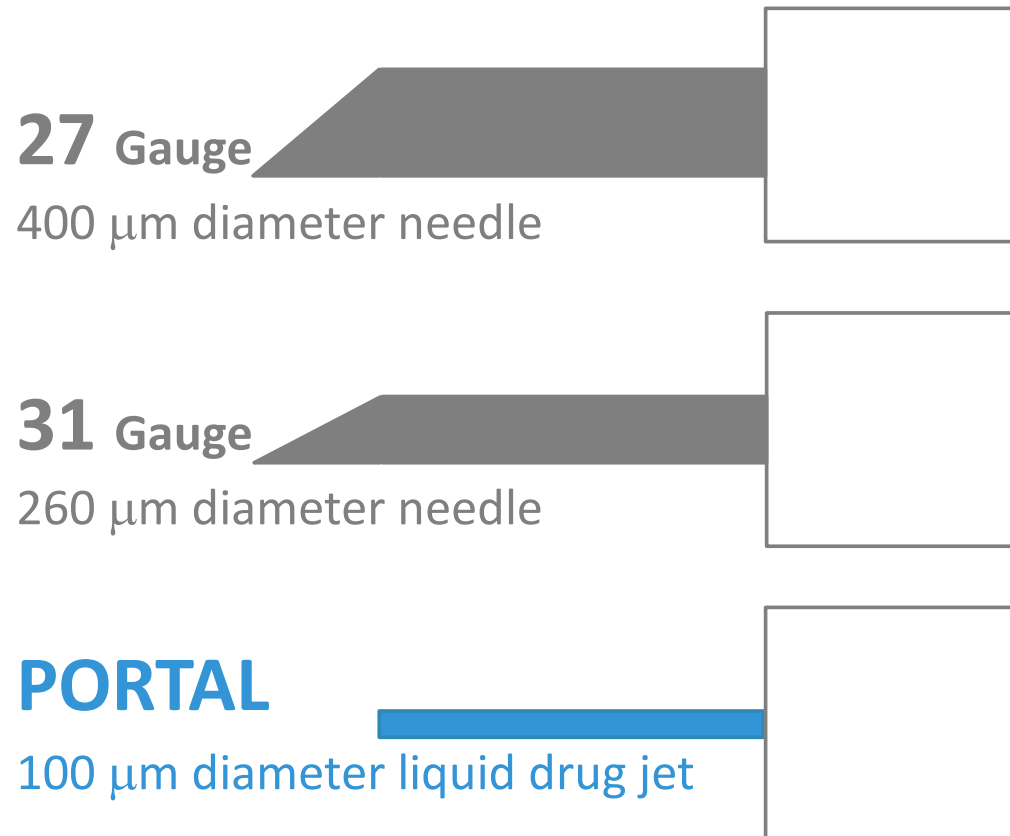


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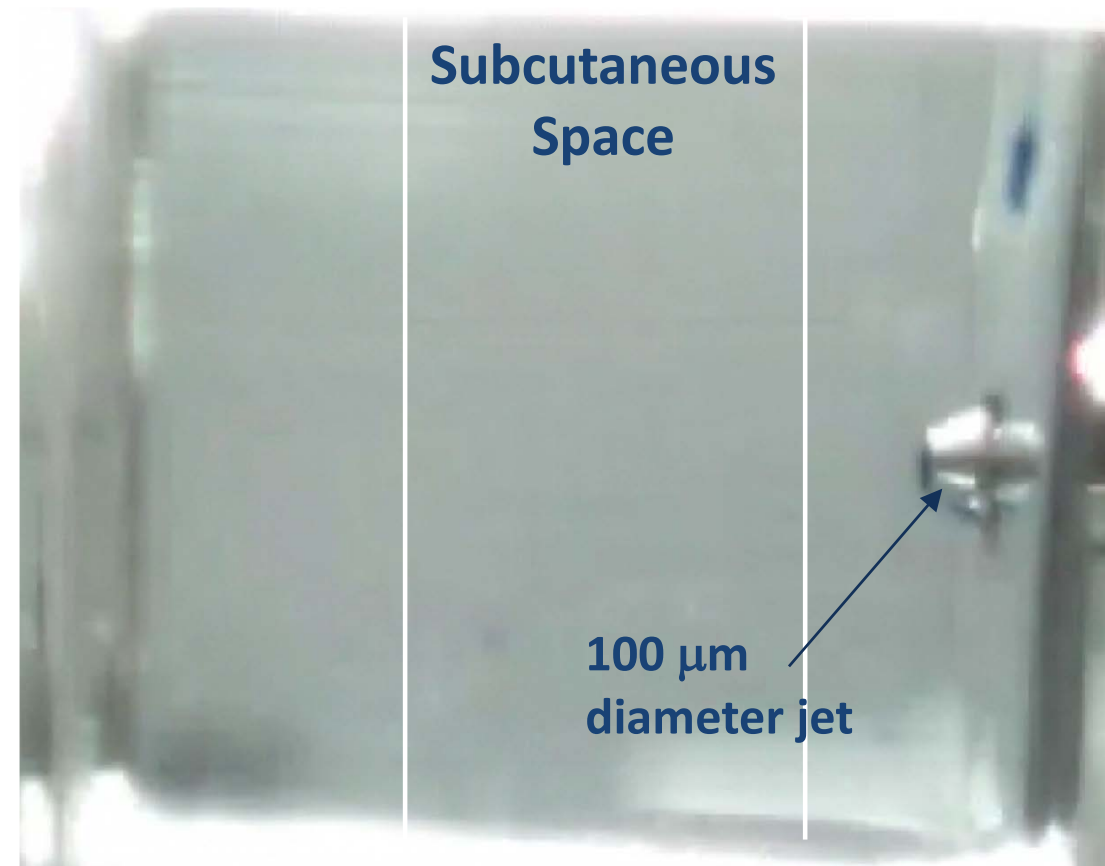
Choice for rubber  
components. All are  
“off the shelf”:

# The Needle is Replaced with a Small Liquid Drug Jet

## Diameter Comparison Portal vs. Needle & Syringe



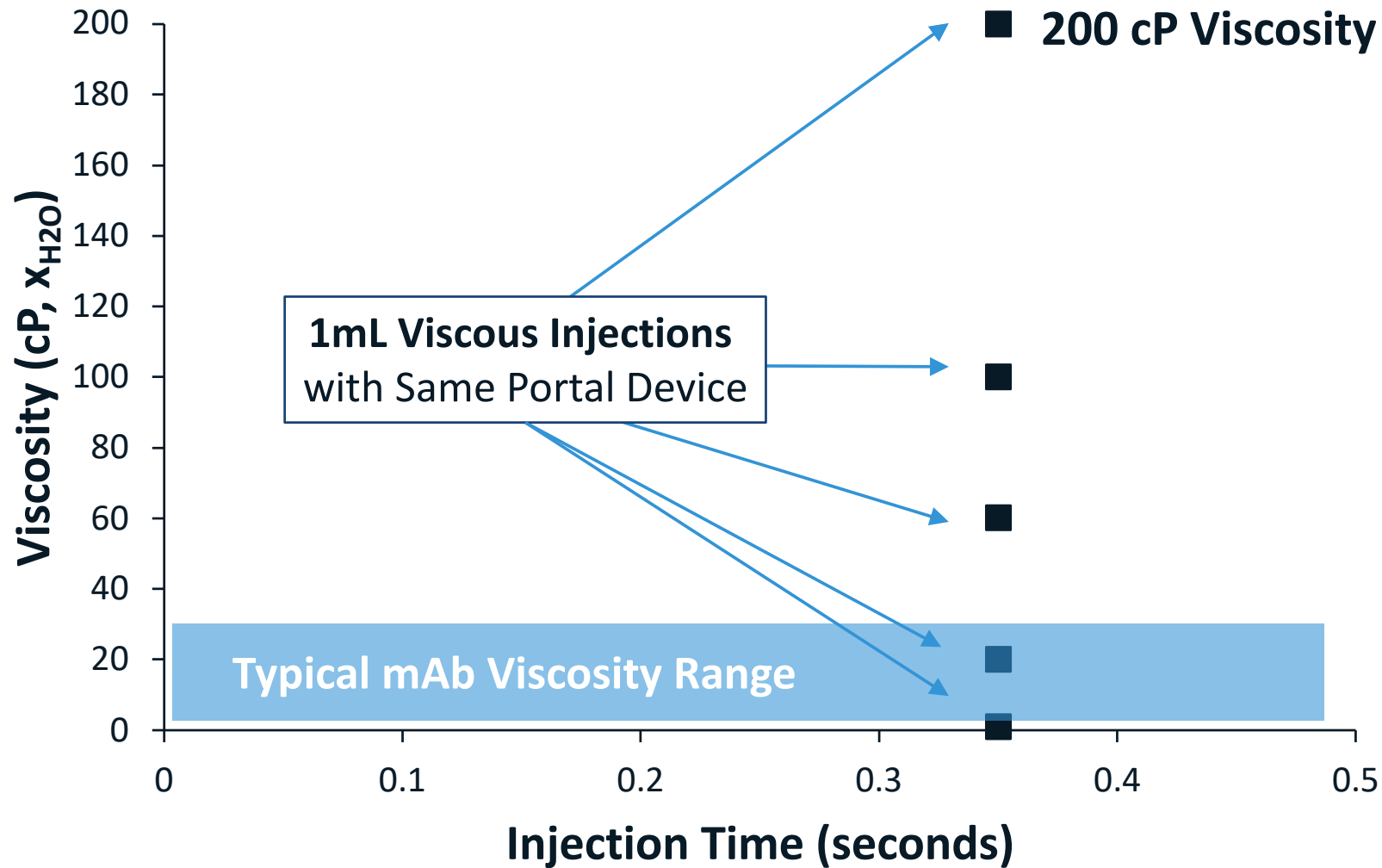
## Portal's Needle-Free Injection



Vaccine injection in 0.18 seconds  
10,000 frames per second

# Portal Injector is Agnostic to Drug Viscosity

1 mL Solution Viscosity vs. Injection Time



**1mL Viscous Solutions  
(1 cP – 200 cP)  
All had a duration of  
0.35 seconds**

**Same Portal device used  
with no changes in  
parameters**

**In traditional drug  
delivery, each data point  
would require a  
different auto-injector**

# FEASIBILITY DATA

# Feasibility Studies Performed at Pharma Partners' Laboratories

## 8 Partners: 14 mAbs, 2 Proteins Tested, 100% Success Rate

	Drug Development Stage			Physical Integrity	Functional Integrity	Animal pK Study	Pharma Partner Performing Testing & Analysis	Conclusion
	Pre-C.	Ph 1-3	Marketed					
<i>Humira</i> <sup>®</sup>			✓	✓	✓		Avastus Preclinical Services	✓ Passed
mAb 2	✓			✓	✓	✓	Pharma Partner 1	✓ Passed
mAb 3			✓	✓	✓		Pharma Partner 2	✓ Passed
mAb 4			✓	✓	✓		Pharma Partner 2	✓ Passed
mAb 5			✓	✓	✓		Pharma Partner 2	✓ Passed
mAb 6		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 3	✓ Passed
mAb 7		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 3	✓ Passed
mAb 8		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 4	✓ Passed
Protein 1			✓	✓	✓	✓	Pharma Partner 4	✓ Passed
mAb 9		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 5	✓ Passed
mAb 10			✓	✓	✓		Pharma Partner 5	✓ Passed
mAb 11			✓	✓	✓		Pharma Partner 6	✓ Passed
mAb 12		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 7	✓ Passed
mAb 13		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 7	✓ Passed
Protein 2		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 7	✓ Passed
mAb 14		✓		✓	✓		Pharma Partner 8	✓ Passed

# Analytical Techniques Used by our Pharma Partners

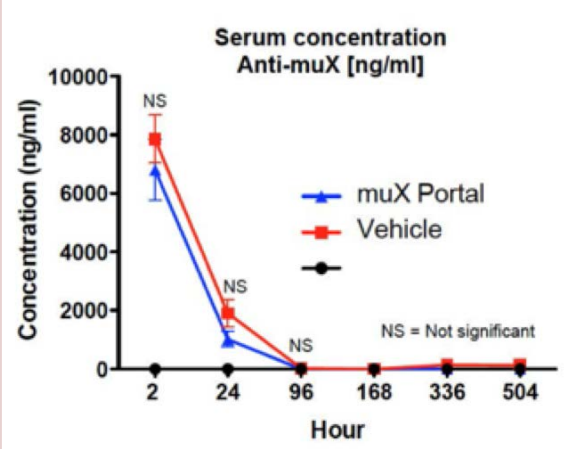
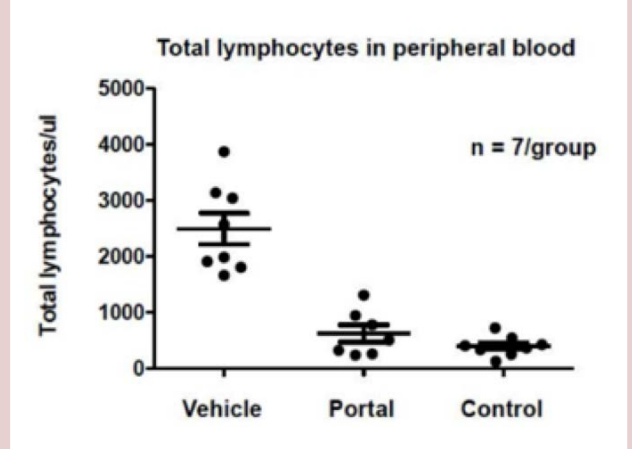
## Structural Integrity Testing

- Gel electrophoresis
- UPLC
- MCE-SDS
- MFI
- DLS
- HIAC
- SEC
- Circular Dichroism
- FTIR

## Functional Integrity Testing

- ELISA
- Flow cytometry
- Drug specific Bio-assays
- In vivo PK/PD studies  
(mouse, pig)

# pK/PD equivalent to Needle & Syringe

	Pharma Partner	Animal pK Study	Animal pD Study
<i>Anti-muX</i>	Pharma Partner 1	<p>No Significant Difference (<math>C_{max}</math>, AUC, Time Points) <i>Mouse Model</i></p> 	<p>Same Degree of Clinical Effect <i>Mouse Model</i></p> 
<i>TNF<math>\alpha</math></i>	Pharma Partner 4	<p><i>Minipig pK study where Portal Device shows pK equivalence to standard administration (see next slide)</i></p>	



# TNF $\alpha$ pK Study in Mini Pigs

## Experimental Design

<b>Group</b>	<b>Product X IP</b>	<b>Dose (mg)</b>	<b>Dose (mL)</b>	<b>No. of Males</b>
1	Needle-free Device	20	0.4	8
2	PFS	20	0.4	8

# TNF $\alpha$ pK Study in Mini Pigs

## Results: Equivalence to Needle & Syringe

Dependent	CI_90_Lower	CI_90_Upper	Ratio % Portal vs. Ref
Ln(AUC <sub>last</sub> )	79.72	132.27	102.68
Ln(C <sub>max</sub> )	78.05	131.98	101.49

90% CI; %Ratio: Group 2 (Reference); Group 1 (Portal)

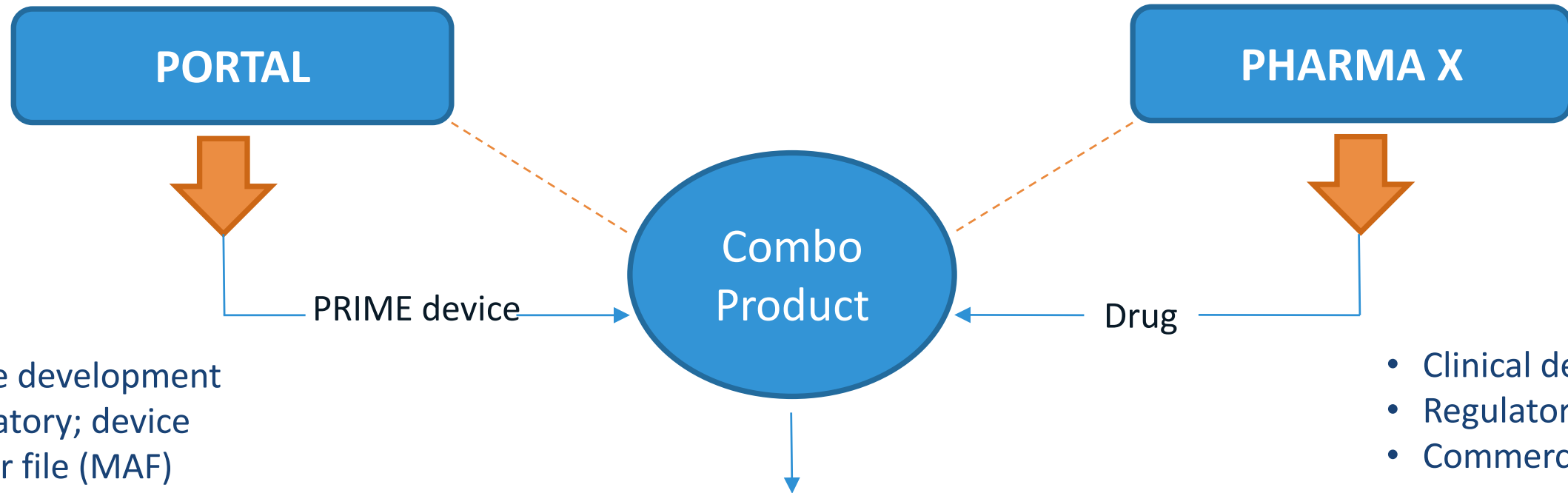
“Preliminary PK data suggest two treatments are comparable in terms of PK exposure”

# HOW TO PARTNER WITH PORTAL

# How Can Portal Help Pharma?

- 1 Greater **Market Differentiation** vs. other biologics
- 2 Enhanced **Market Penetration** via patient preference
- 3 Increased **Patient Adherence** via connected disease mgmt

# Portal's Partnership Model



- Device development
- Regulatory; device master file (MAF)
- Manufacture and supply

- Clinical development
- Regulatory; sBLA
- Commercialization

## **Traditional Pharmaceutical License (exclusive)**

- Joint Committee to oversee clinical development; device design
- Work together on regulatory filings to gain Combo Product approval

# FDA Approval Process

- Handheld: Class II
  - Device Master File (MAF) in lieu of 510(k)
    - Pharma partner references MAF as part of Drug submission
    - Simplifies Drug submission by removing need for approval/clearance across FDA Centers
- Prefilled Cartridge:
  - Included in Portal Device MAF and in Combination submission
  - MAF approach supports partner-specific requirements

# Enhancing the Takeda IBD Franchise



- Takeda utilizes PRIME to deliver its IBD drug needle free
  - Portal manufactures device, Takeda fills drug, ships the drug and device
  - Patient choice of PRIME “no needle” device drives market penetration
  - Unique interactive experience drives compliance and build brand loyalty
  - Pharma receives treatment insights & intervention effectiveness measures to drive better service offerings
- Biotech deal structure:
  - Exclusive collaboration and license agreement in IBD
  - Upfront, milestones and royalty payments
- \$100+ million landmark deal

# How to Partner with Portal

Step 1

## Goal Setting



Evaluation of target molecule

- NDA
- Drug-Device Evaluation
- Evaluation of Primary Package

Step 2

## Planning



Technical expertise provided by Portal

- Collaborative Study Design
- Quote & Protocol
- Material Transfer Agreement

Step 3

## Execution



Study completed by partner

- Feasibility Testing
- Training, Support & Recruitment
- Clinical Evaluation

## Study Outcomes



### Clinical

- Tolerability
- PK/PD Profile
- Compliance



### Human Factors

- Preference
- Market Acceptance
- Usability Profile

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# Summary

- Transformative technology, solving the patient experience challenge for self-administration of biologics in chronic diseases
- Unique needle-free jet injection technology augmented by connectivity and digital health solutions driving market penetration, market share and improved compliance
- Successful clinical studies and usability studies support value proposition and rapid adoption
- First pharma commercial deals signed

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