## Supplemental Appendix 2. SCS-associated AEs

| Duration of<br>exposure  | AE   |
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| Acute  | Gastrointestinal: peptic ulcers                                  |
|  | Infections: pneumonia, sepsis, tuberculosis                      |
| Chronic  | Metabolic: diabetes mellitus type 2, obesity, dyslipidemia       |
|  | <b>CV</b> : CV events, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia        |
|  | Bone related: osteoporosis, fracture                             |
|  | Psychiatric and affective disorders: anxiety, depression,        |
|  | psychosis, irritability, agitation, insomnia                     |
|  | Other: glaucoma, cataracts, HPA axis suppression, herpes zoster, |
|  | chronic kidney disease, sleep apnea                              |
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