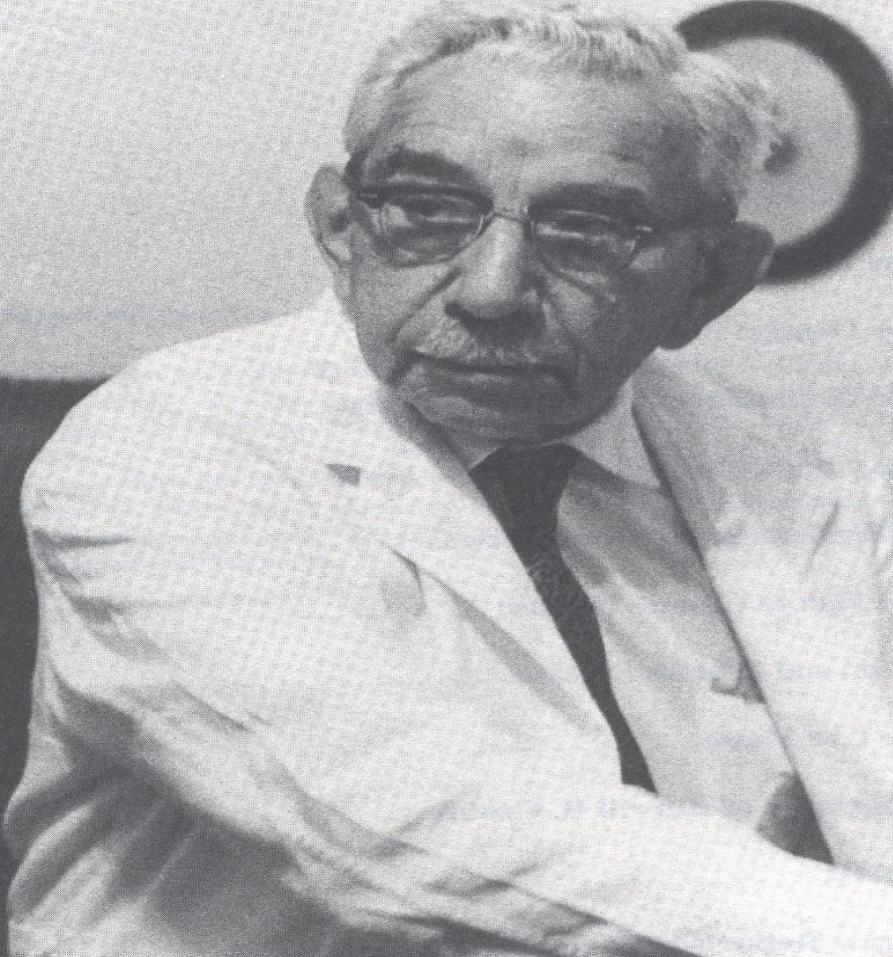


«ΙΦΝΕ: Μεγαλομοριακοί βιολογικοί παράγοντες ή ενδοκυττάρια στόχευση με μικρομόρια;»

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Landmark Article

Oct 15, 1932
(JAMA 1932;99:1323-1329)

Regional Ileitis

A Pathologic and Clinical Entity

Burrill B. Crohn, M.D.

Leon Ginzburg, M.D.

and

Gordon D. Oppenheimer, M.D.

New York

We propose to describe, in its pathologic and clinical details, a disease of the terminal ileum, affecting mainly young adults, characterized by a subacute or chronic necrotizing and cicatrizing inflammation. The ulceration of the mucosa is accompanied by a disproportionate connective tissue reaction of the remaining walls of the involved intestine, a process which frequently leads to stenosis of the lumen of the intestine, associated with the formation of multiple fistulas.

The disease is clinically featured by symptoms that resemble those of ulcerative colitis, namely, fever, diarrhea and emaciation, leading eventually to an obstruction of the small intestine; the constant occurrence of a mass in the right iliac fossa usually requires surgical

tracts.

Such, in essence, is the definition of a disease, the description of which is based on the study, to date, of fourteen cases. These cases have been carefully observed and studied in their clinical course; the pathologic details have resulted from a close inspection of resected specimens from thirteen of fourteen patients operated on by Dr. A. A. Berg.

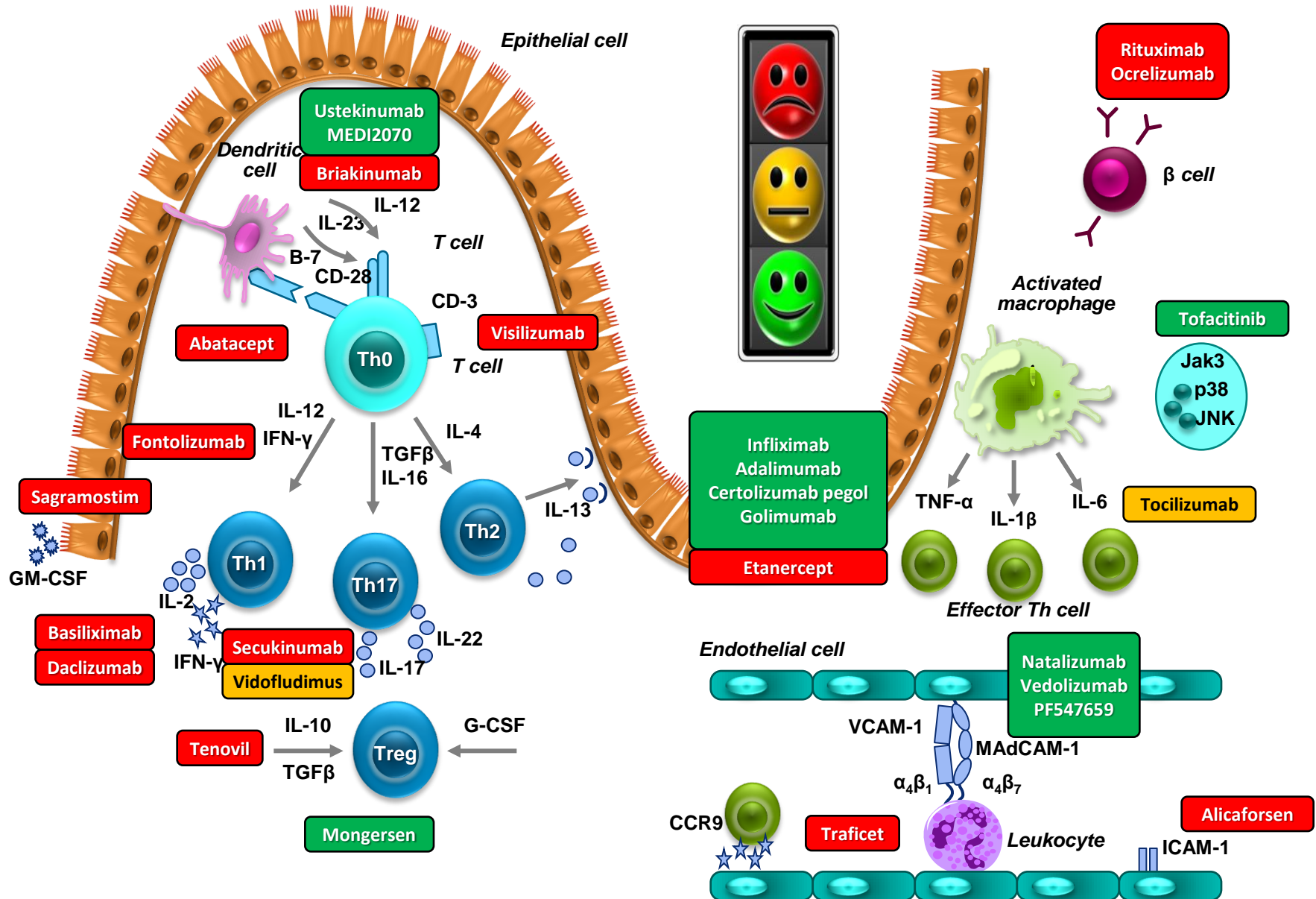
RELATIONSHIP OF REGIONAL ILEITIS TO OTHER BENIGN INTESTINAL PROCESSES

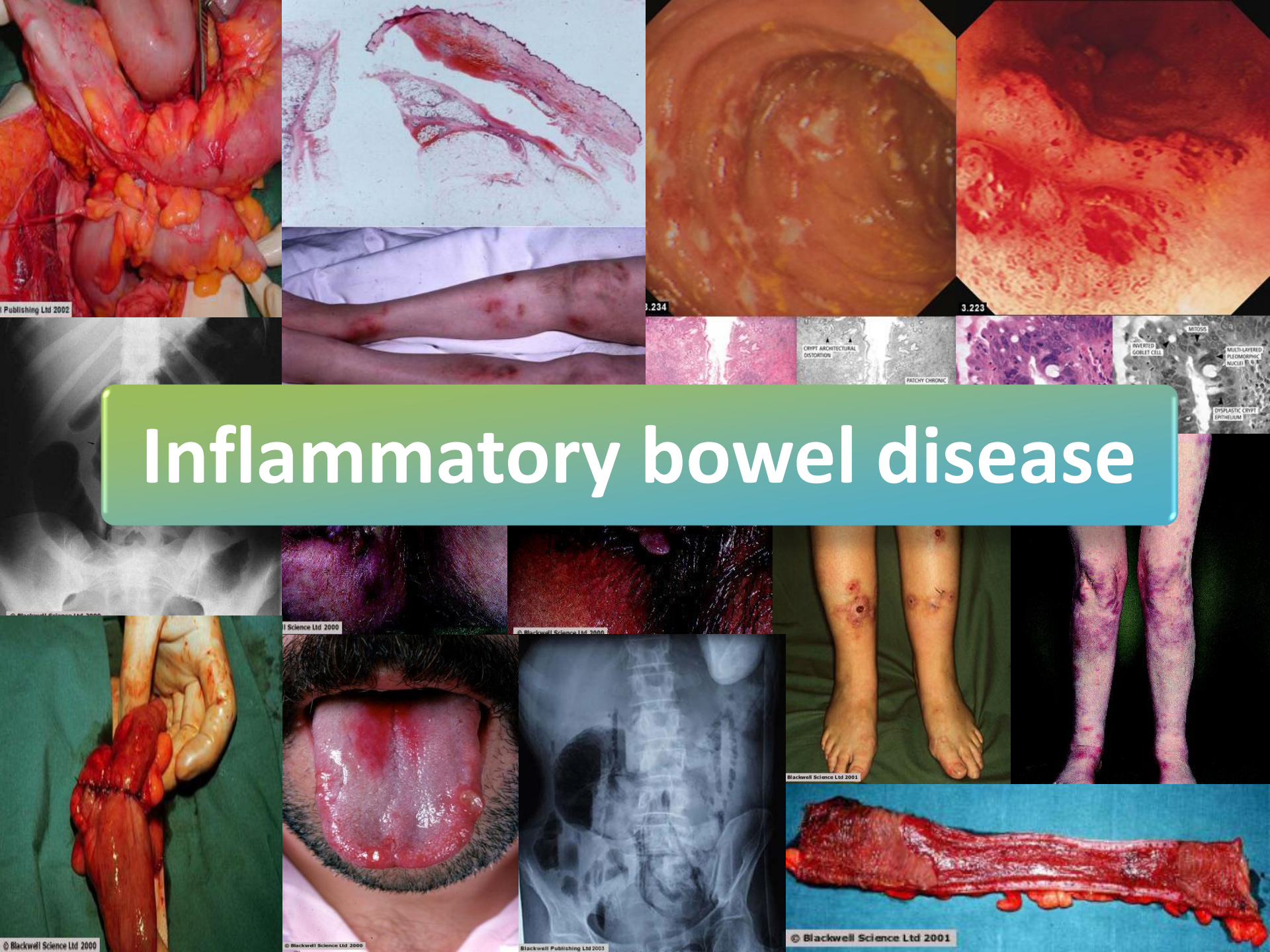
There exists in the medical literature a heterogeneous group of benign intestinal lesions which have now and then been described under the caption of "benign

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The etiology of the process is unknown; it belongs in none of the categories of recognized granulomatous or accepted inflammatory groups. The course is relatively benign, all of the cases that survive operation being alive and well.

Success and failure in IBD drug development





Inflammatory bowel disease

The “new age” of IBD therapy

New dogma

Anti-adhesion

Novel Tx

Anti-TNF

Targeted therapies in patient subpopulations

clinical immunologic genetic

Patient classification

2000

Old dogma

Generalized immunosuppression for all patients

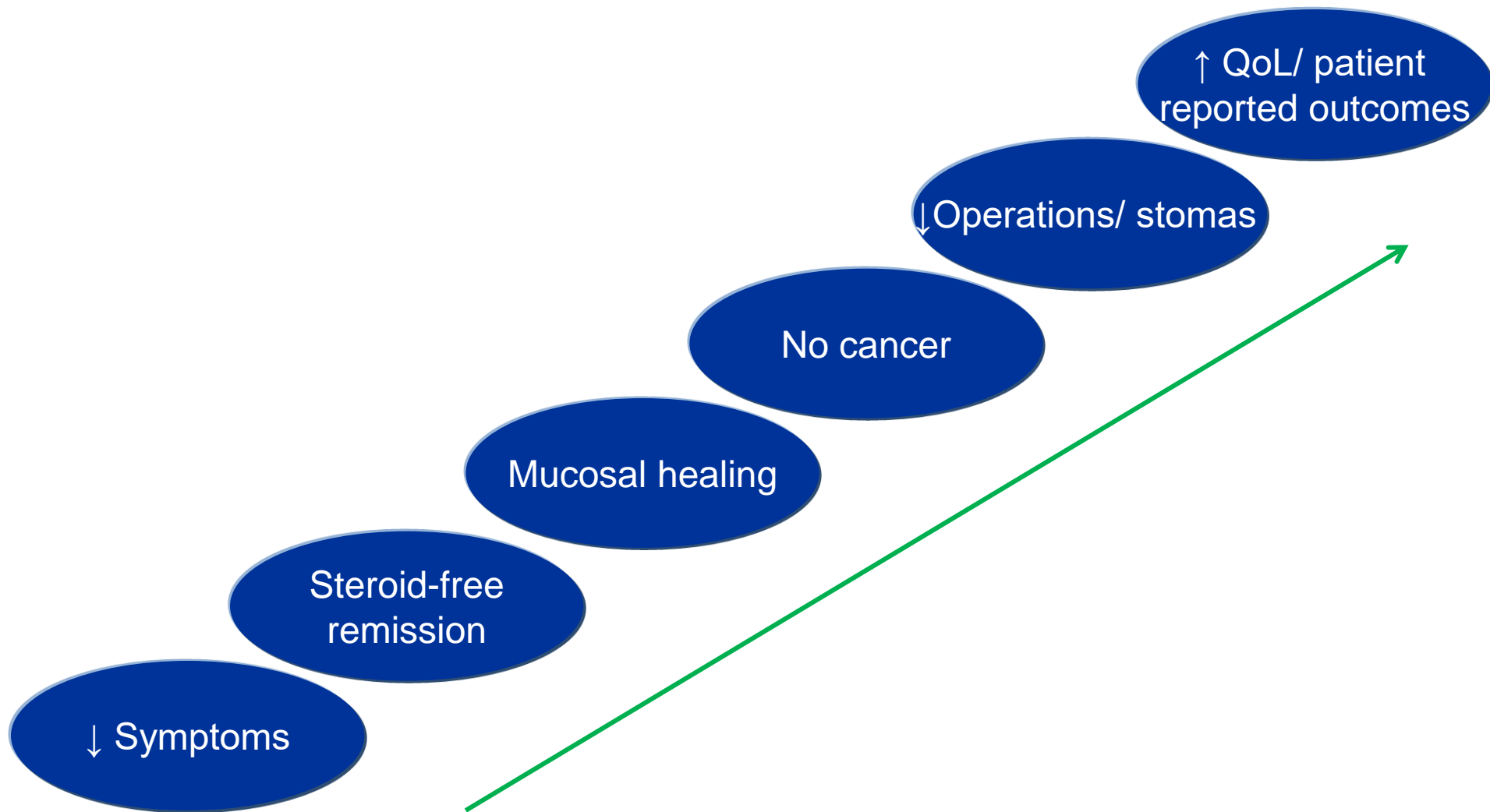
Thiopurines

MTX

Corticosteroids

5-ASA

Aims of management



Two Major Types of New Drugs

- **Conventional = “small molecules”**
 - Synthesized by organic chemistry
 - Potentially cheaper
 - Usually can be oral (pills)
 - Usually short half life (take daily)
 - Can someday be generic
- **Biologics = Biologicals = Biopharmaceuticals**
 - Synthesized in a cultured cell line, in a “Bioreactor”
 - Very expensive to make
 - Cannot be oral: must be IV or shots
 - Long half life (wks to mos)
 - Can someday be “biosimilar”, not generic

Characteristics of Biologic and Small Molecule Therapies

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	Biologics	Small Molecules
Chemical composition ¹	Protein	Organic
Administration ¹	Parenteral	Oral/topical
Molecular weight ¹	>1 kDa	<700 Da
In vivo half-life ¹	(Usually) Long	(Usually) Short
Target ¹	Extracellular	(Usually) Intracellular
Generics ¹	Biosimilar	Identical
Immunogenicity ²	Possible	Not expected

1. Mócsai A et al. *BMC Medicine*. 2014;12:43. 2. Zhao L et al. *Acta Pharmacologica Sinica*. 2012;33:1339-1347.

The 2 decades of biologicals...

- Infliximab / Inflectra / Remsima...
- Adalimumab / Hulio / Amgevita...
- Certolizumab pegol
- Natalizumab
- Vedolizumab
- Ustekinumab

TNF Antagonist Failure History

	Placebo	Ustekinumab				Total
		1 mg/kg	3 mg/kg	6 mg/kg	Combined	
Subjects randomized	132	131	132	131	394	526
Subjects with inadequate initial response, %	33.3	29.8	31.1	27.5	29.4	30.4
Subjects with response followed by LOR, %	68.9	73.3	74.2	72.5	73.4	72.2
Subjects with intolerance, %	31.1	36.6	30.3	35.9	34.3	33.5
Subjects with inadequate initial response/ LOR/ intolerance, %	99.2	100.0	100.0	99.2	99.7	99.6
1 TNF antagonist	53.8	48.9	50.0	50.4	49.7	50.8
2 TNF antagonists	34.8	40.5	36.4	39.7	38.8	37.8
3 TNF antagonists	10.6	10.7	13.6	9.2	11.2	11.0

Migration of Leucocytes plays a key role in gut inflammation in IBD

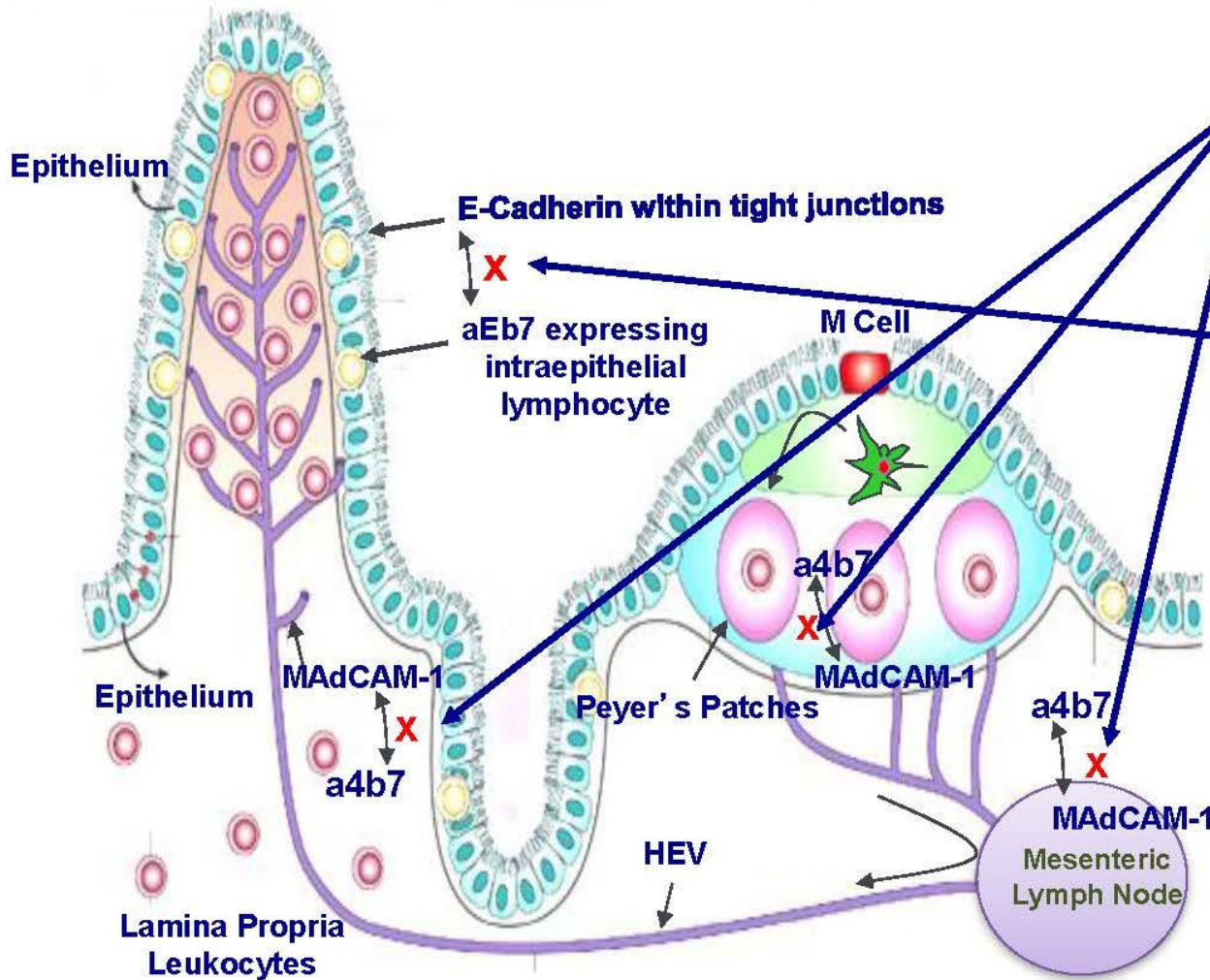
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Anti-leukocyte trafficking

Etrolizumab Mechanism of Action

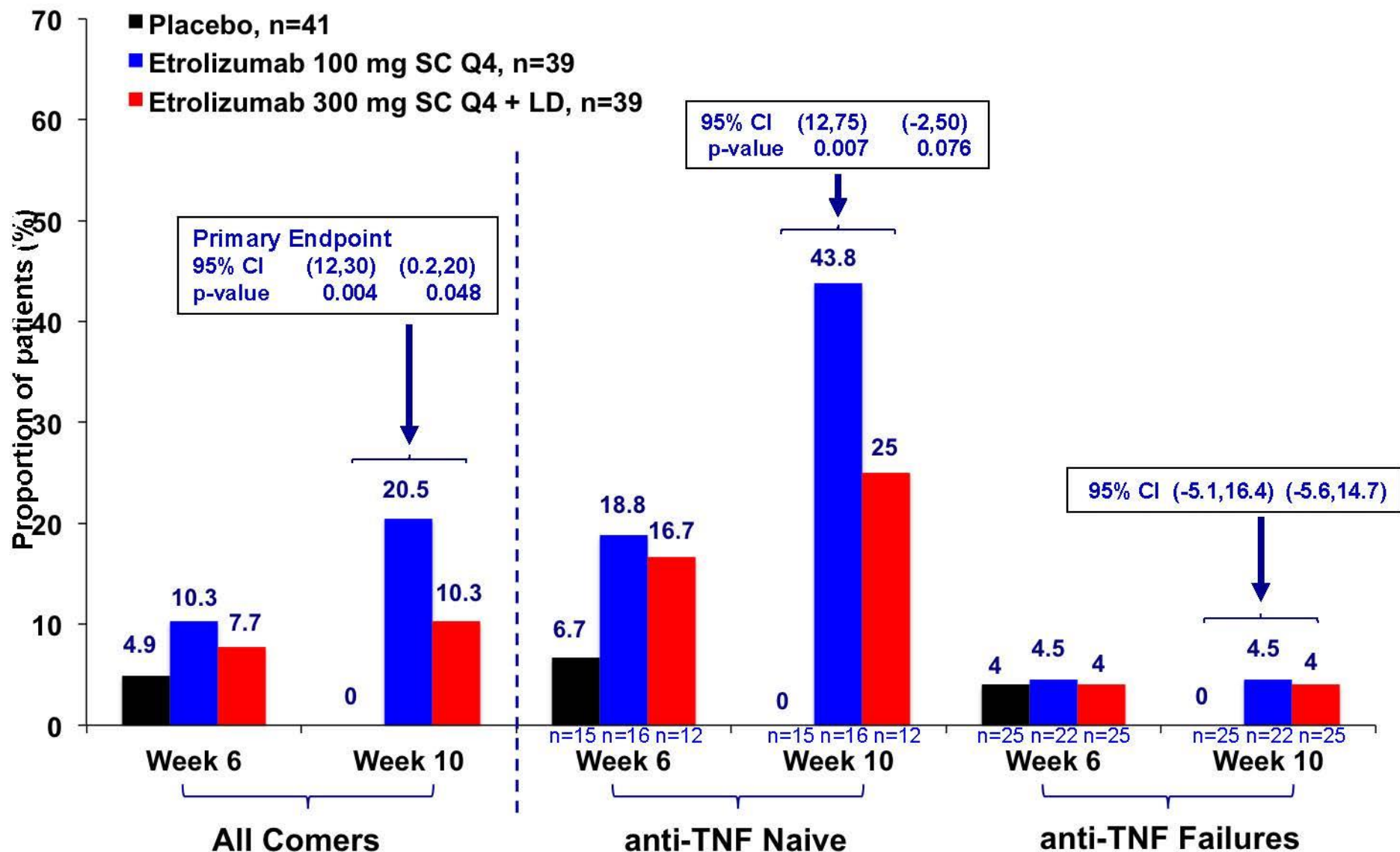
Humanized IgG₁ Monoclonal Antibody to the α 4 β 7 Integrin



- Blocks trafficking into the GI mucosa
 - Clinically validated target
- Blocks retention of lymphocytes in the mucosal epithelium
 - Role in human IBD unknown
 - Exploration in Phase II
- Does not interfere with leukocyte trafficking to the CNS or other non-mucosal tissues
 - No PML expected

Etrolizumab: Clinical Remission in All Comers & by Anti-TNF status

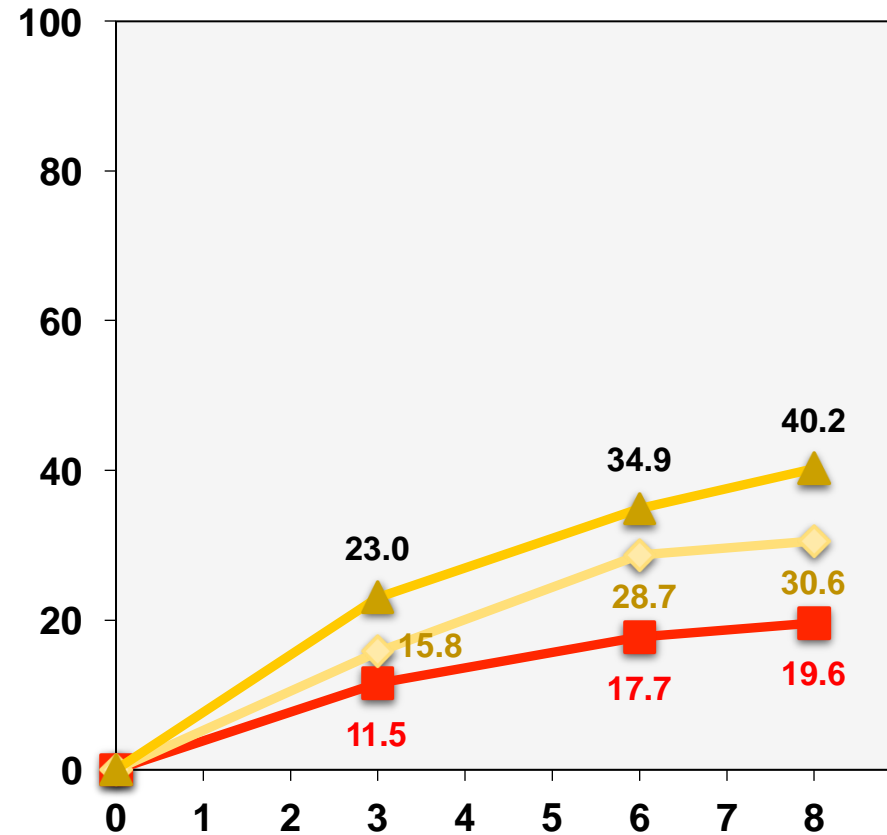
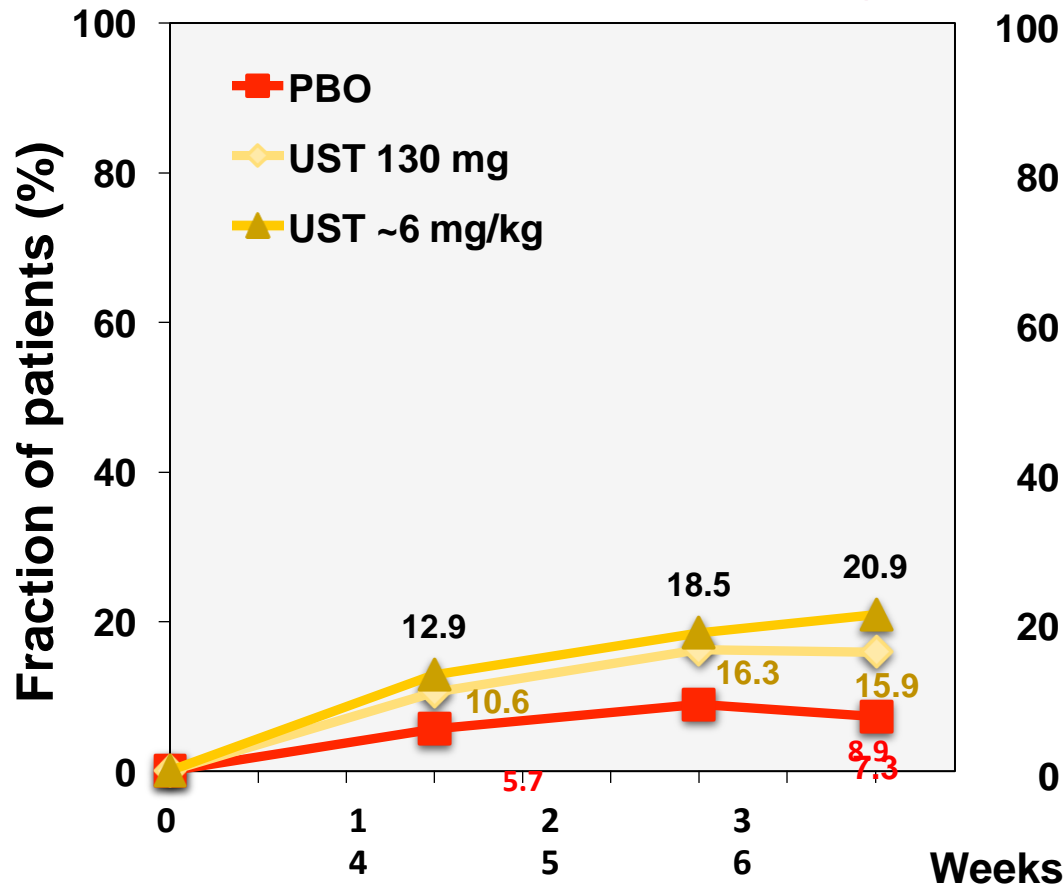
Primary endpoint at Week 10



Ustekinumab Induces Clinical Remission Through Week 8

Clinical Remission** (CDAI < 150)

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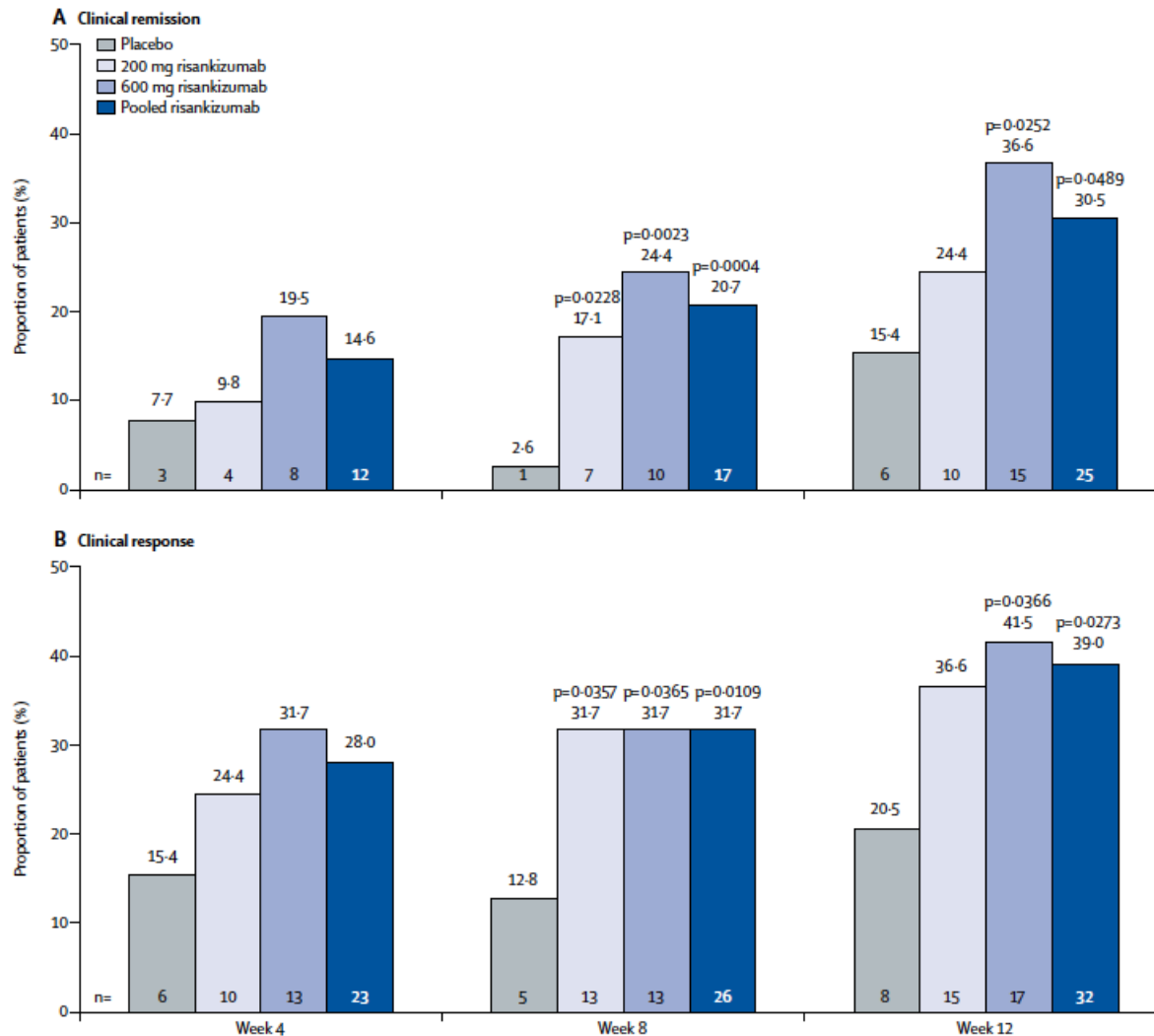


**All p-values < 0.05 except 130 mg dose at Week 3, any UST vs. PBO

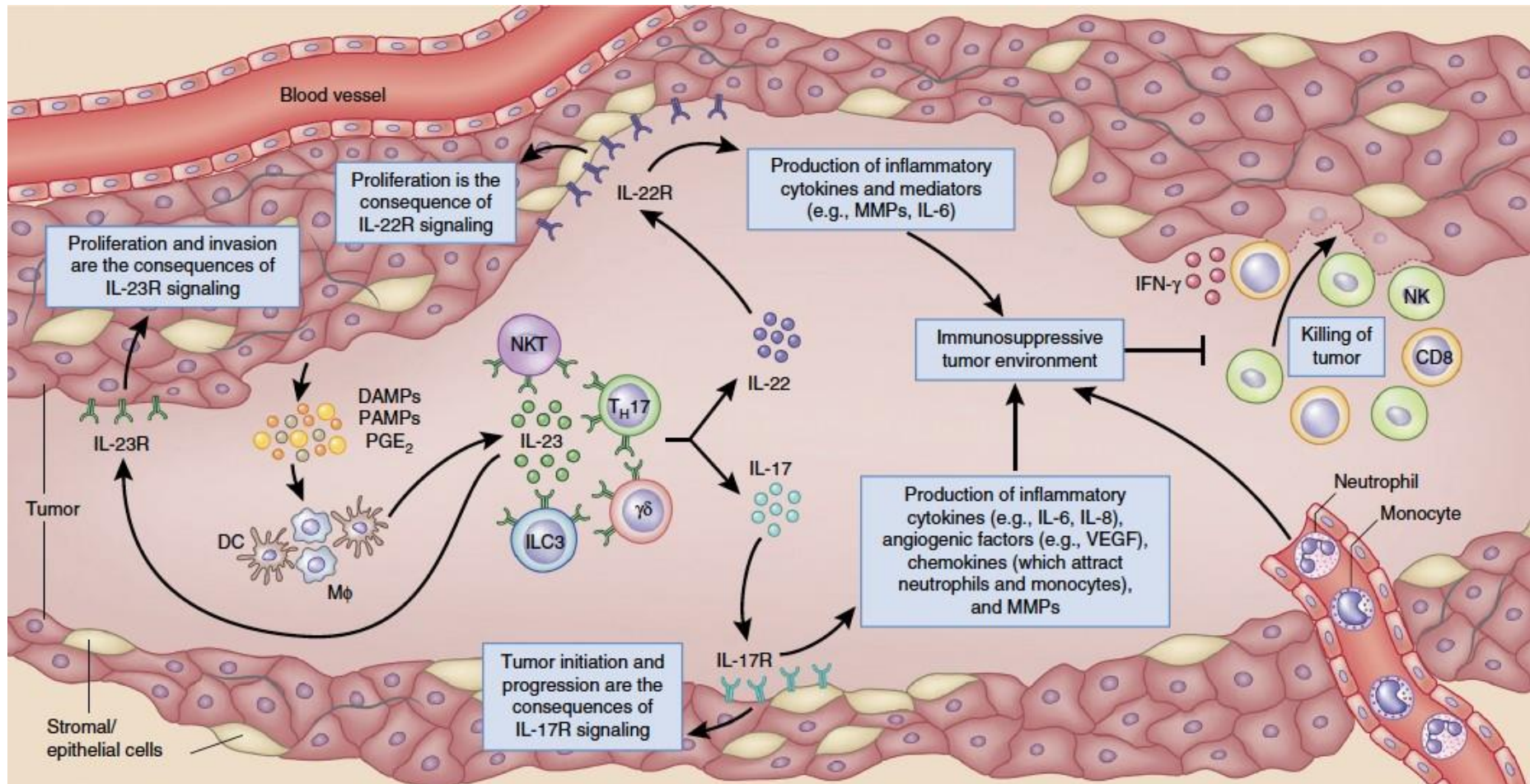
Ustekinumab: Overall Population Summary Safety Findings Through Week 44

- No deaths
- No serious opportunistic infections
 - A single case of non-serious esophageal candidiasis in IV Ustekinumab Induction non-responder group ✎ Ustekinumab q8w maintenance
- A single case of active TB in a patient in an endemic area, which occurred 10 months after receiving IV Ustekinumab Induction ✎ Placebo Maintenance
- Other than NMSCs, a single patient in the IV Placebo Induction non-responder ✎ Ustekinumab q12w Maintenance group had metastatic small bowel adenocarcinoma and an incidental carcinoid tumor found at resection
- 2.3% (27/1154) of subjects developed antibodies, which did not preclude efficacy

Risankizumab (anti-p19/IL-23 antibody) for Crohn's disease



Role of IL-23 in tumorigenesis, growth and metastasis



SMAD7 inhibition

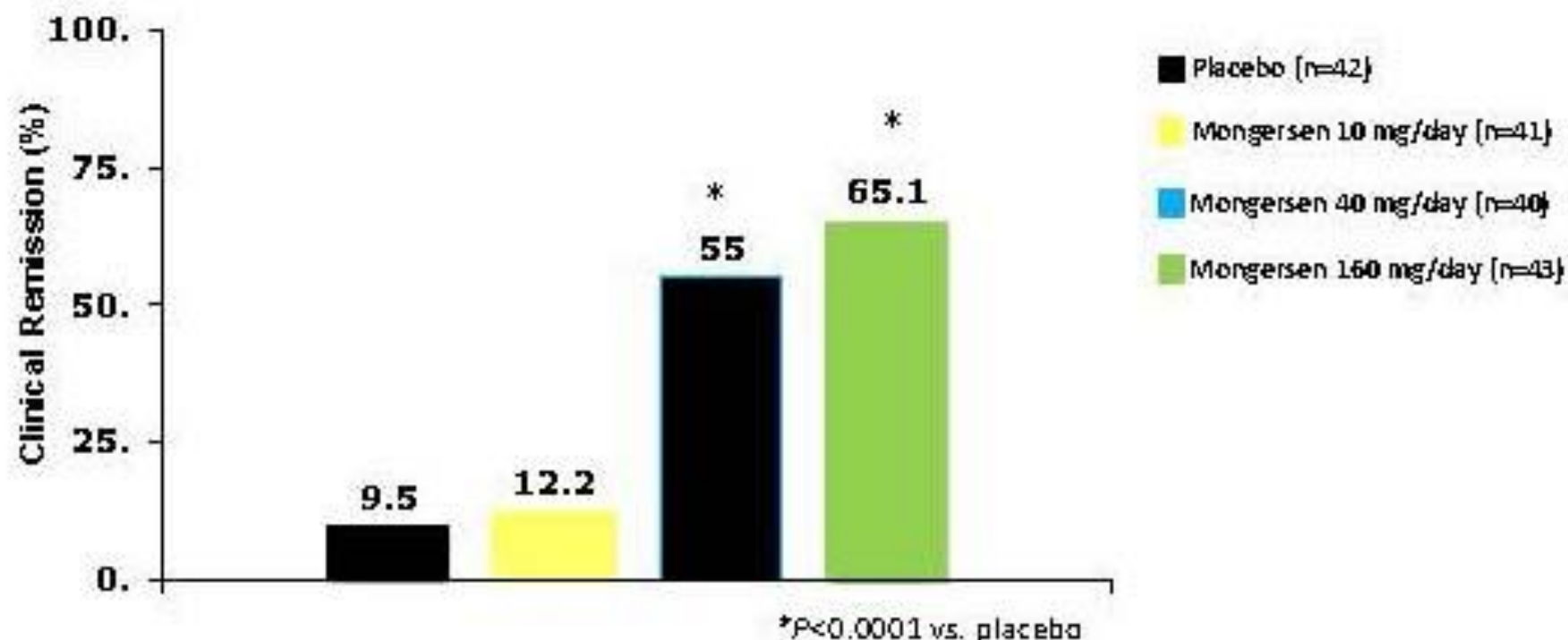
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Mongersen, an Oral *SMAD7* Antisense Oligonucleotide, and Crohn's Disease

- Phase II, placebo controlled, double-blinded trial
- N=166 patients with moderate Crohn's disease
- Daily doses of placebo or 10, 40, or 160 mg Mongersen for two weeks, then stopped
- Patients followed out to 12 weeks to evaluate response

Mongersen (GED-0301) safe and effective in steroid dependent or resistant Crohn's disease

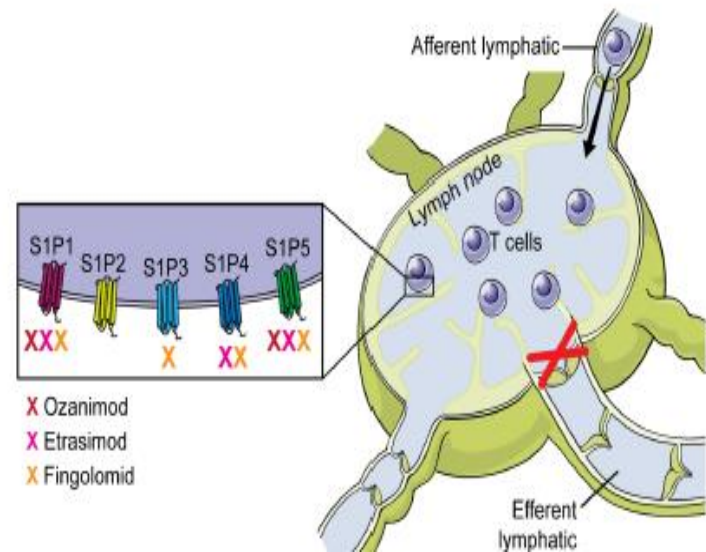
- Mongersen is an oral locally active antisense oligonucleotide that targets Smad7
- Phase 2 RCT, week 12 remission: not affected by hsCRP, disease duration; lower remission with higher baseline CDAI



Drawbacks to study

- Outcomes were subjective (symptoms)
- Enrolled patients had moderate (not severe) IBD
- No “hard” (objective) endpoints
 - Colonoscopy/biopsies?
 - Stool tests for inflammation (calprotectin)?
- Unclear what happens beyond 12 weeks

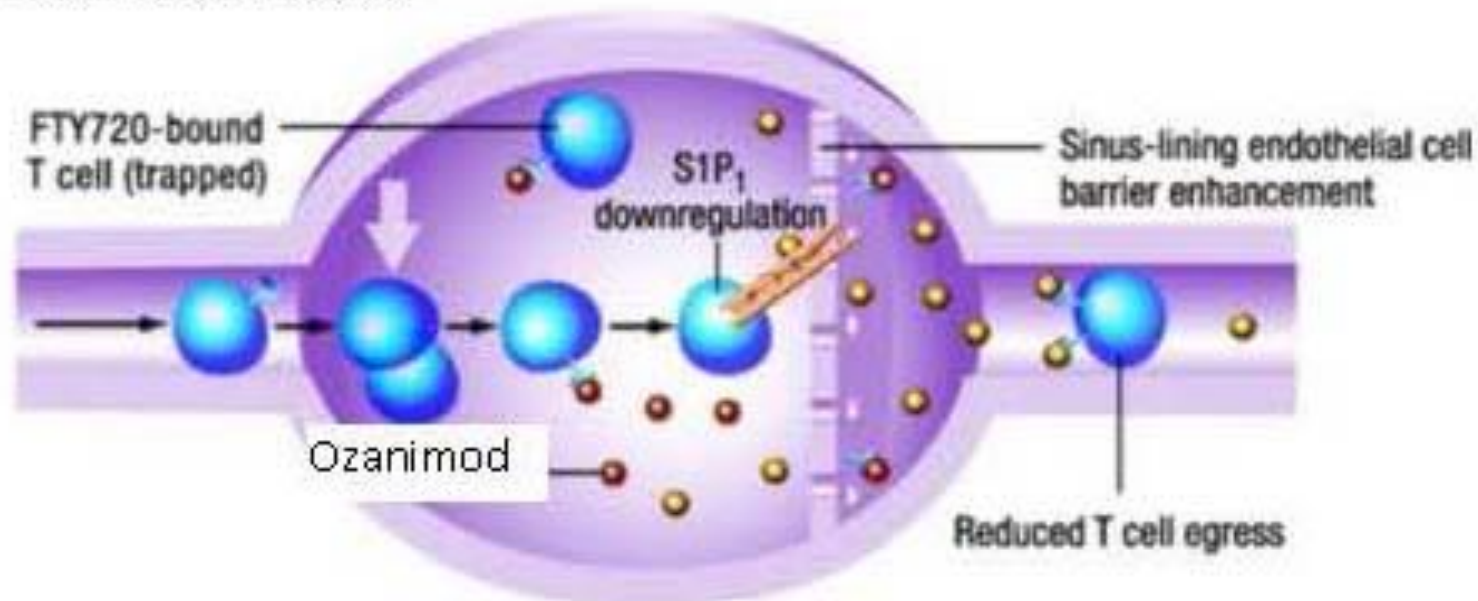
Sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor modulation



Ozanimod

Ozanimod

- Oral pills
- Activates the S1P₁ Receptor, used by lymphocytes to “smell” their way out of a lymph node
- S1P₁ receptor gets down-regulated, and lymphocytes get trapped in lymph nodes, so they cannot go to inflamed tissues



Ozanimod Induction and Maintenance Treatment for Ulcerative Colitis (TOUCHSTONE Phase 2 Study)

Study Design

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial
 - Ozanimod 0.5 mg (n=65)
 - Ozanimod 1.0 mg (n=67)
 - Placebo (n=65)

Primary Endpoint

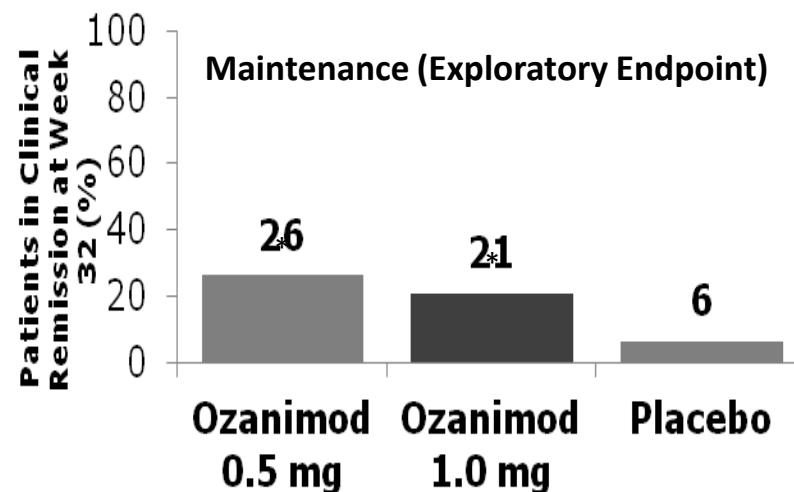
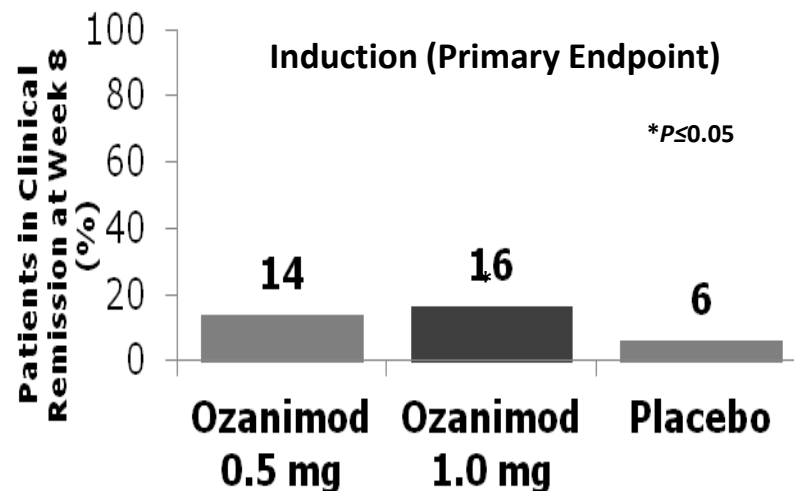
- Clinical remission^a at Week 8 (induction)

Exploratory Endpoints

- clinical response, clinical remission, mucosal healing and change in the Mayo Clinic score at week 32 and histologic at weeks 8 and 32.

Safety

- No important differences in the most commonly reported AEs were observed between treatment groups
 - The most common AEs were worsening UC and anemia
- Transient ALT $\geq 3 \times$ ULN occurred in 4 ozanimod-treated patients
- Ozanimod treatment resulted in large reductions from baseline in ALC



- STEPSTONE was an open-label uncontrolled phase 2 multi-centre trial of ozanimod for 12 weeks, followed by an extension period.
- Patients with active CD received ozanimod 1 mg daily. Sixty-nine patients were enrolled.

Table 1 presents the mean change in RHI for paired segments from baseline to Week 12

Robarts Histopathology Index (RHI): incorporates 4 histological descriptors

Study Group	N (ITT N=69)	Mean (Standard Deviation)
Overall Population	52	-4.5 (9.48)
Biologic Exposure		
Prior Biologic Exposure	30	-4.0 (8.59)
Biologic Naïve	22	-5.1 (10.75)
Segment		
Rectum	48	-1.7 (3.27)
Left Colon	45	-1.6 (3.41)
Transverse Colon	47	-0.1 (2.56)
Right Colon	42	-0.3 (3.69)
Ileum	41	-1.5 (3.26)

Note: Preliminary data

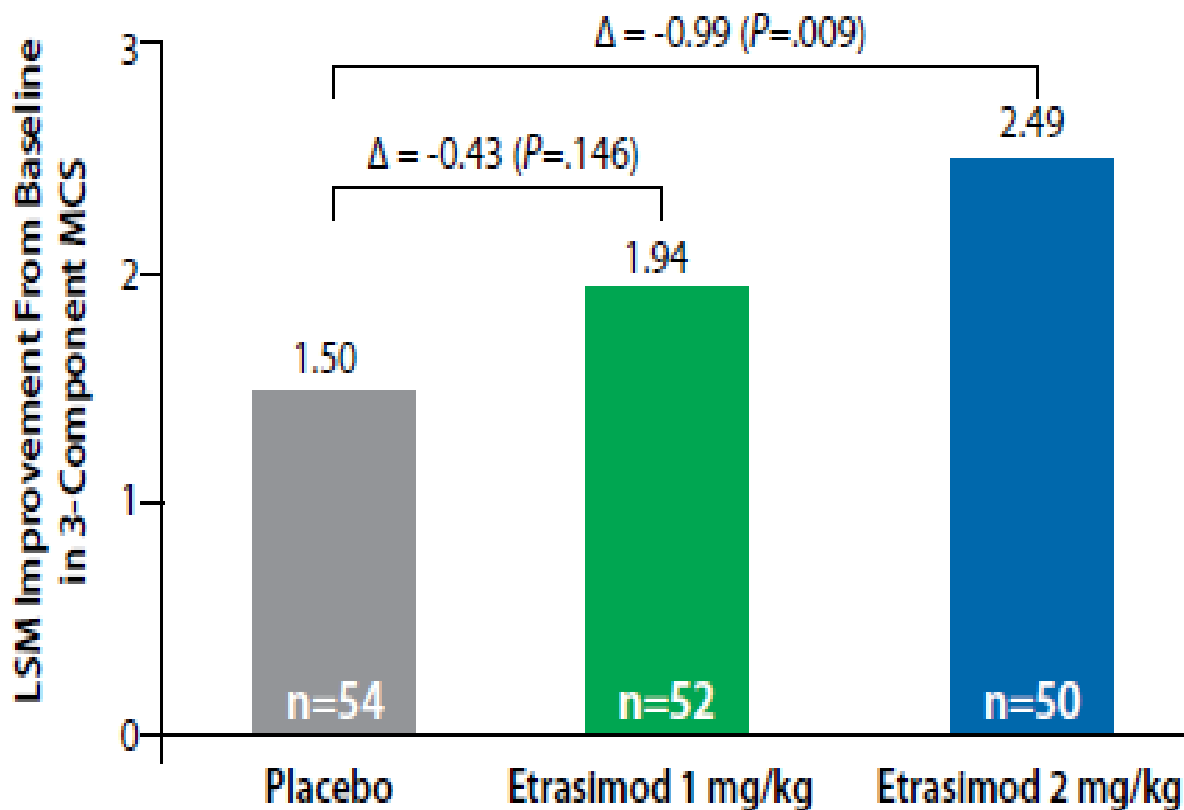
Safety: through 12 weeks, most non-serious and serious adverse events appeared to be related to underlying moderate to severe CD. No new safety signals were identified

Conclusion

- ✓ Results of the STEPSTONE trial demonstrated **early histological improvements** among patients with moderately to severely active **CD** who were treated for 12 weeks with ozanimod.
- ✓ These improvements were seen in the patients with and without prior biologic exposure and across all segments.

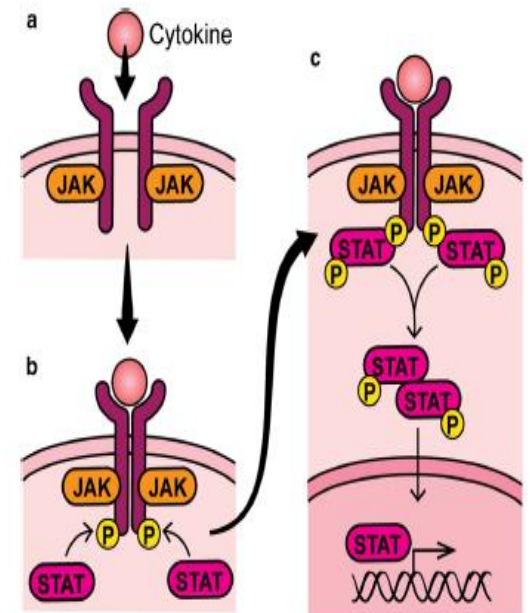
Etrasimod

OP242 | A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial of a selective, oral sphingosine 1-phosphate receptor modulator, etrasimod (APD334), in moderate to severe ulcerative colitis: Results from the OASIS study (Lead author: W Sandborn, US)

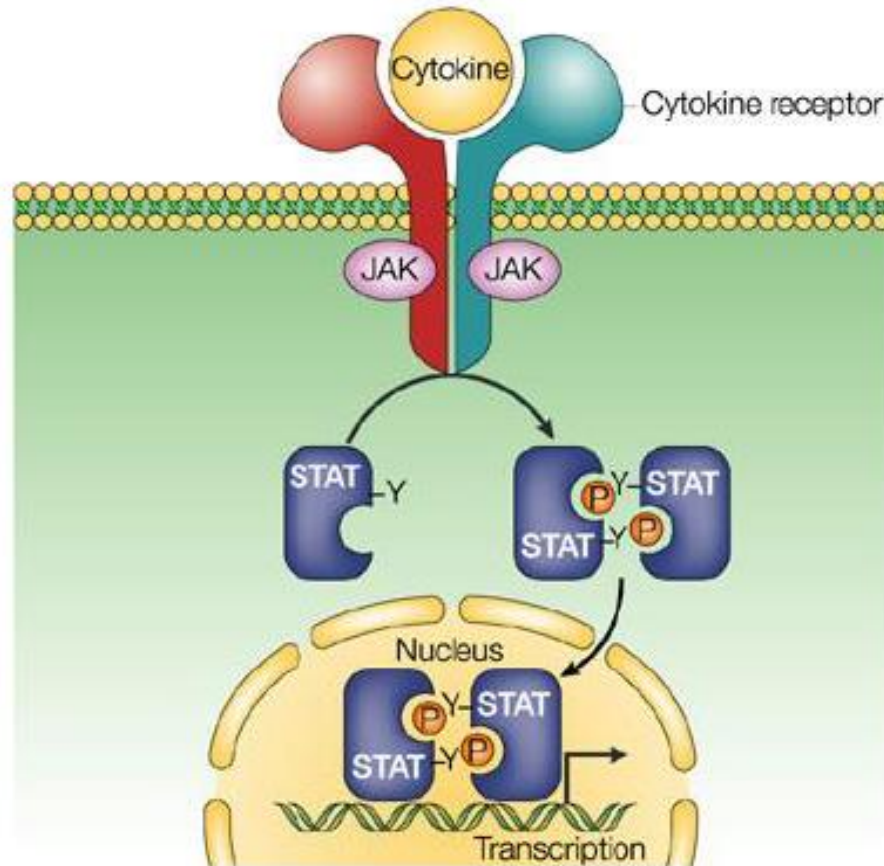


Key takeaway: Etrasimod achieved statistically significant difference in efficacy and safety endpoints

JAK-inhibition



JAK inhibition in inflammatory diseases



Nature Reviews Immunology 2003 3: 900-911

Diseases with dysregulated JAK pathway

Crohn's Disease

Alopecia Areata

Ulcerative Colitis

Atopic Dermatitis

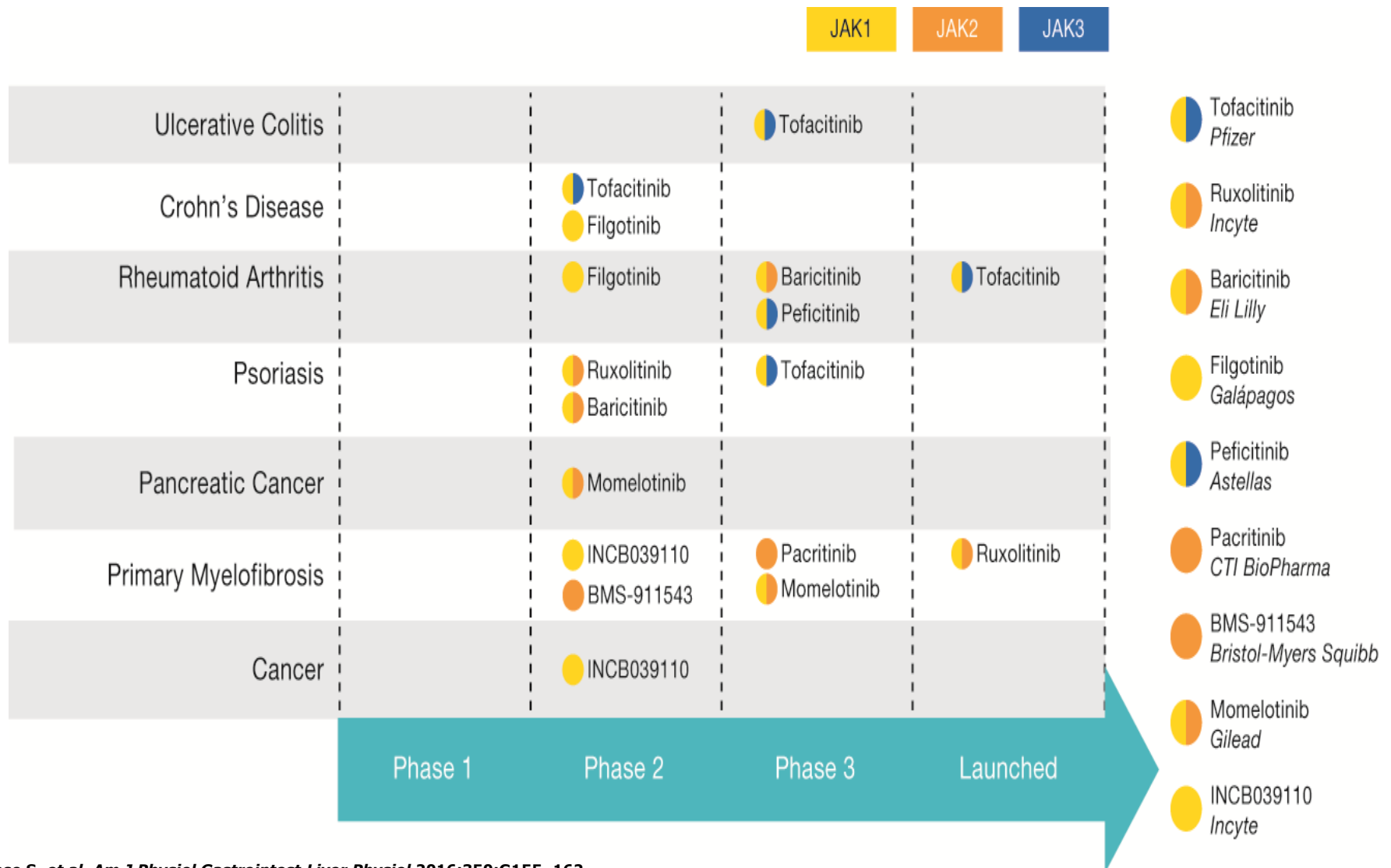
RA

cGVHD




Lupus

Uveitis

Pipeline of JAK inhibitors



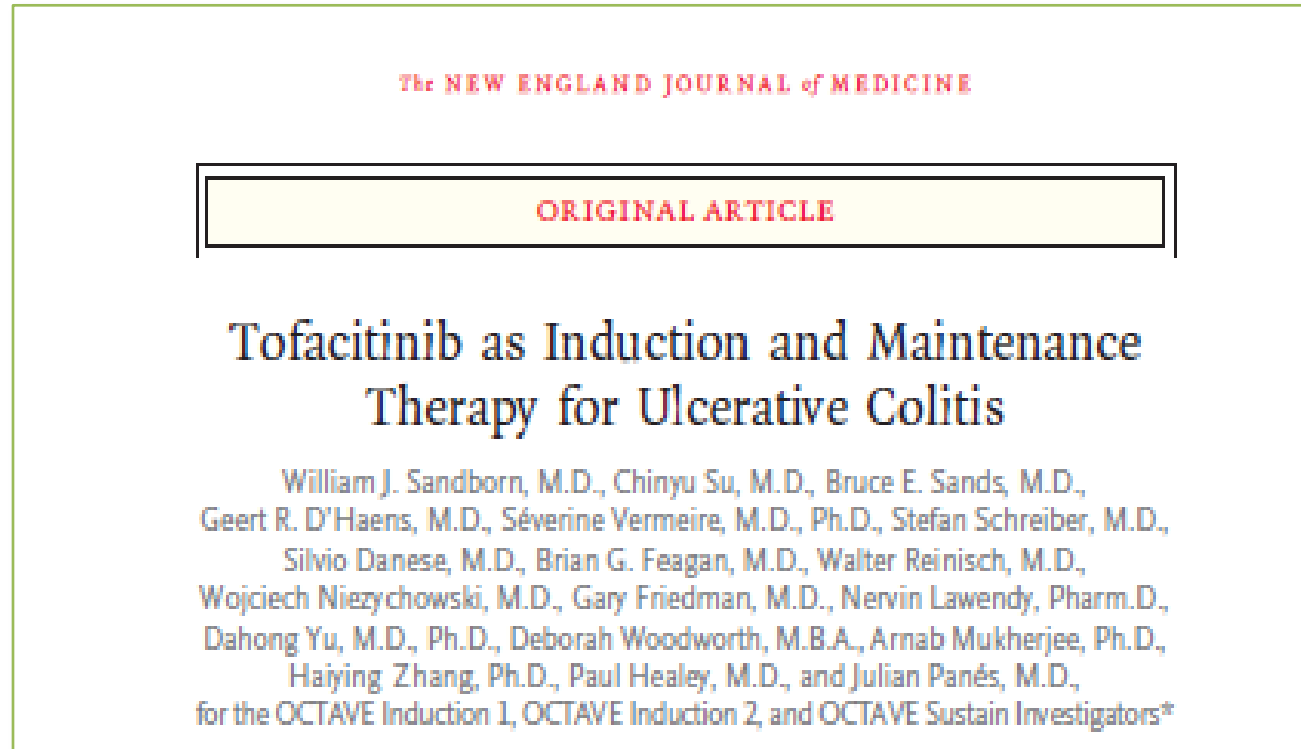
JAK Inhibitors in Clinical Development for UC

JAK Inhibitor	Company	UC Status*	Target	Selectivity
Tofacitinib	Pfizer ¹	Approved	JAK1 and JAK3 ² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20-fold selectivity for JAK3 over JAK2³ IC₅₀ (nM)⁴: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAK1=3.8; JAK2=10.7; JAK3=1.4; TYK2=24
Filgotinib	Gilead, Galapagos ¹	Phase 3 ¹	JAK1 ^{1,3} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30-fold selectivity for JAK1 over JAK2³ IC₅₀ (nM)³: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> JAK1=10; JAK2=28; JAK3=810; TYK2=110
Upadacitinib	AbbVie ¹	Phase 2/3 ^{3,5}	JAK1 ¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 74-fold selectivity for JAK1 over JAK2³

Tofacitinib

(JAK 1-3 inhibitor)

OCTAVE Induction 1, Induction 2 in *NEJM*, May 2017

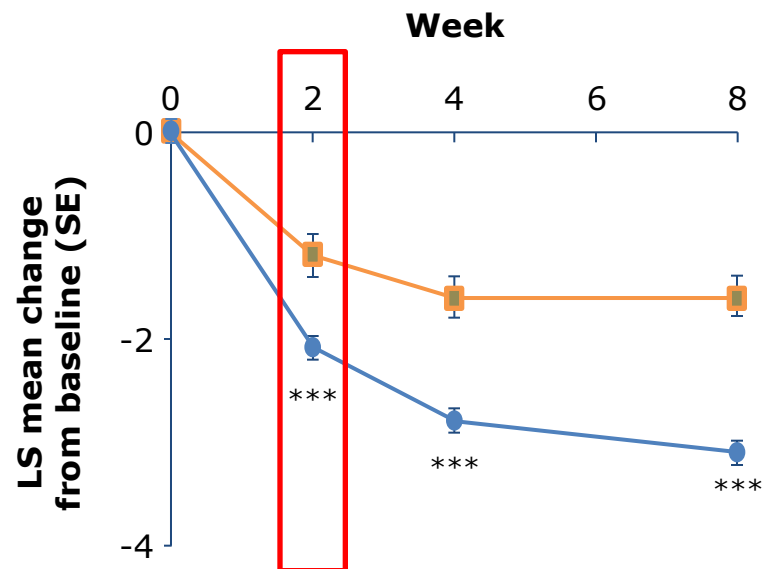


- Global clinical trial programme¹
 - **OCTAVE Induction 1:** 178 locations in 28 countries
 - **OCTAVE Induction 2:** 182 locations in 29 countries
 - **OCTAVE Sustain:** 275 locations in 32 countries

Partial Mayo till week 8

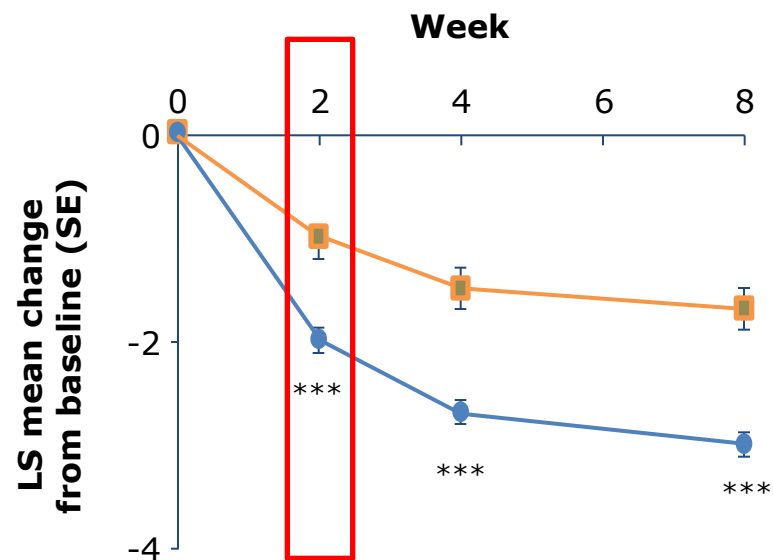
OCTAVE Induction 1

- Placebo (N=122)
- Tofacitinib 10 mg BID (N=476)



OCTAVE Induction 2

- Placebo (N=112)
- Tofacitinib 10 mg BID (N=429)



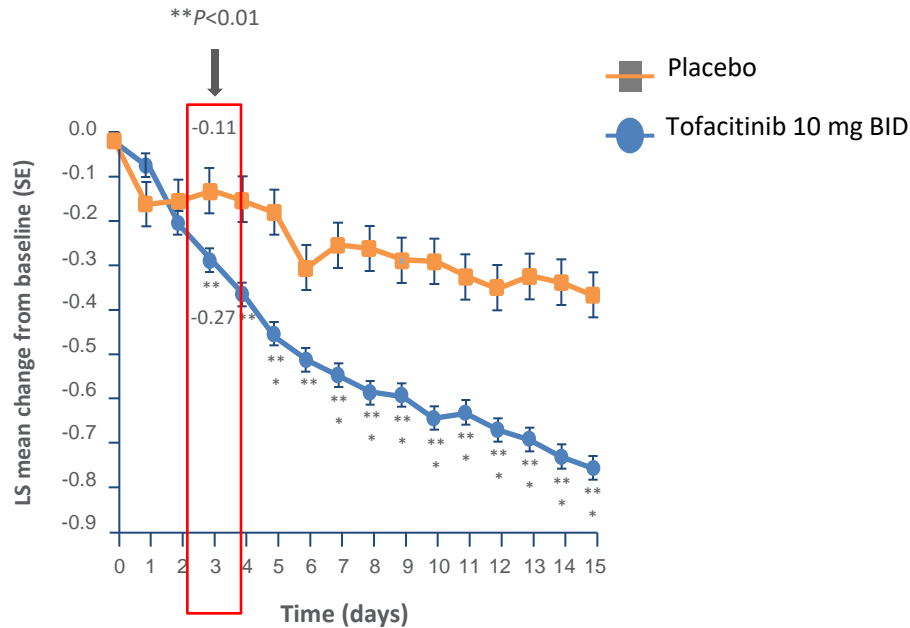
*** $P < 0.0001$ vs placebo.

BID=twice daily; LS=least squares; SE=standard error.

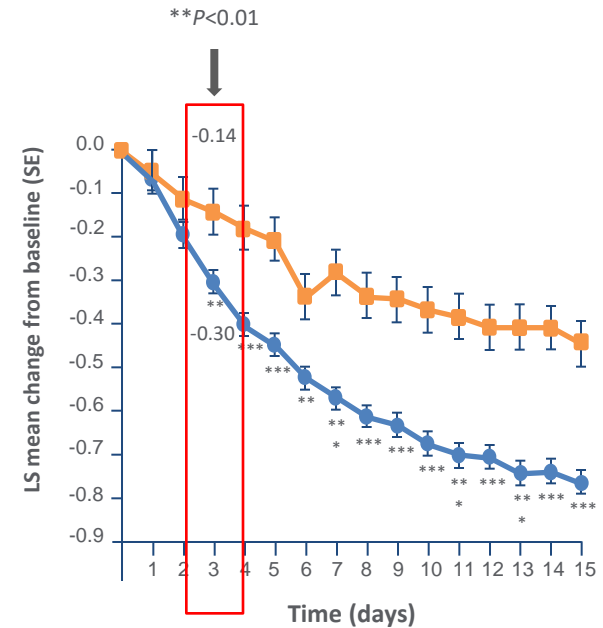
Sandborn WJ, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2017;376(suppl):1723-1736.

PROs : Symptom improvement from day 3

Stool frequency¹



Rectal bleeding¹



There was a significant improvement in stool frequency and rectal bleeding subscores by day 3 with tofacitinib treatment compared with placebo¹

** $P < 0.01$; *** $P < 0.0001$ vs placebo.

BID=twice daily, LS=least-squares, SE=standard error.

1. Hanauer S, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2018 doi:10.1016/j.cgh.2018.07.009. [Epub ahead of print].



Restrictions in use of Xeljanz while EMA reviews risk of blood clots in lungs

- An increased risk of pulmonary embolism and overall mortality has been observed in a study with tofacitinib 10 mg twice daily in rheumatoid arthritis.
- These results come from **study A3921133**, an ongoing open-label clinical trial evaluating the safety of tofacitinib 5 mg twice daily and tofacitinib 10 mg twice daily compared with a tumour necrosis factor (TNF) inhibitor in **patients with rheumatoid arthritis**. Patients in the study are **50 years of age or older with at least one additional cardiovascular risk factor**.
- The preliminary results of the study showed that there were **19 cases of pulmonary embolism** out of **3,884 patient-years** in the tofacitinib 10 mg twice daily arm of the study compared with 3 cases out of 3,982 in the TNF inhibitor arm. Additionally, there were **45 deaths** from all causes out of **3,884 patient-years** in the 10 mg twice daily arm compared with 25 cases out of 3,982 patient-years in the TNF inhibitor group.

EMA PRAC Recommendation (May 2019)

- ♦ Tofacitinib Dose of 10 is contraindicated to the patients with 1 or more of the following conditions
 - Hormonal or contraceptives use
 - Heart failure
 - History of DVT
 - Inherited pro-coagulative disorders
 - Malignancy
 - Patients undergoing major surgical intervention
- ♦ Other factors to consider are
 - age,
 - obesity,
 - smoking
 - immobilization.

Filgotinib



(JAK 1 inhibitor)

Filgotinib was efficacious in CD (Phase 2 data)

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Articles

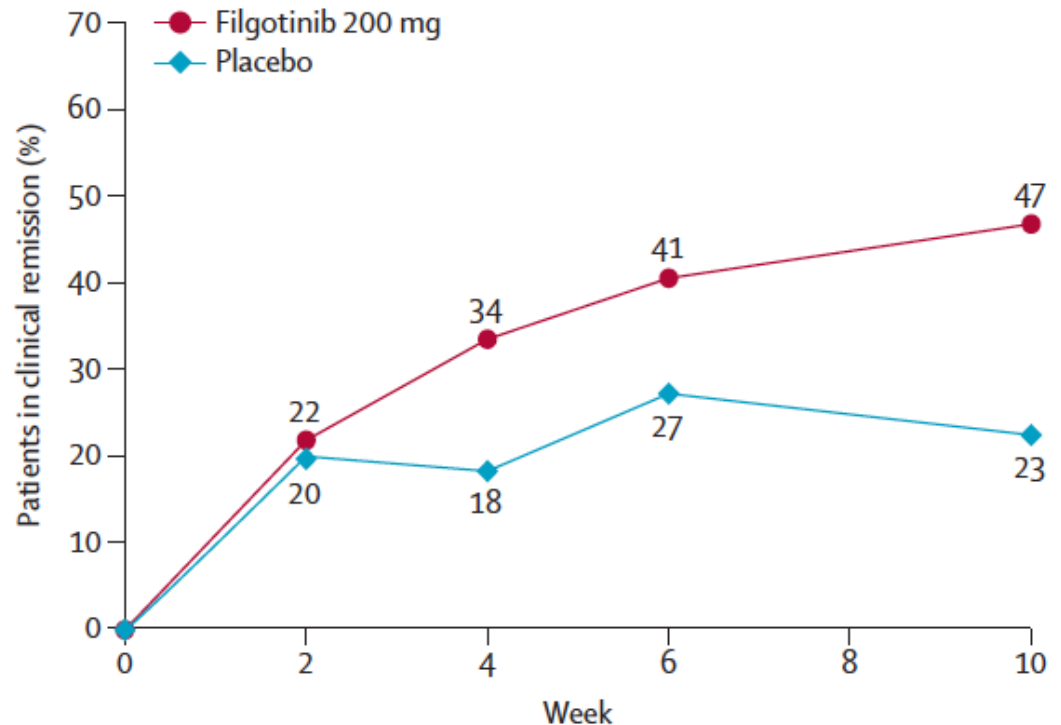
Clinical remission in patients with moderate-to-severe Crohn's disease treated with filgotinib (the FITZROY study): results from a phase 2, double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

Prof Séverine Vermeire, MD  , Prof Stefan Schreiber, MD, Robert Petryka, MD, Prof Tanja Kuehbach, Dr med habil, Prof Xavier Hebuterne, MD, Xavier Roblin, MD, Maria Klopocka, PhD, Adrian Goldis, MD, Maria Wisniewska-Jarosinska, MD, Prof Andrey Baranovsky, MD, Robert Sike, MD, Kremena Stoyanova, MD, Chantal Tasset, PhD, Annegret Van der Aa, PhD, Pille Harrison, DPhil

Published: 14 December 2016

Filgotinib (JAK 1 inhibitor) for Moderate-to-Severe CD

- Filgotinib is a selective once-daily oral JAK1 inhibitor
- 174 patients randomized filgotinib 200 mg QD or placebo for 10 weeks
- All immunosuppressants discontinued
- Primary endpoint: CDAI <150 at 10 weeks



Key safety findings

Infections

- ◆ Serious infections, sometimes fatal, have been reported
- ◆ Overall infection rates are higher in active arms over placebo
- ◆ The rate of serious infections ~ < 3% across trials
- ◆ Pneumonia is an *adverse drug reaction*

Malignancies

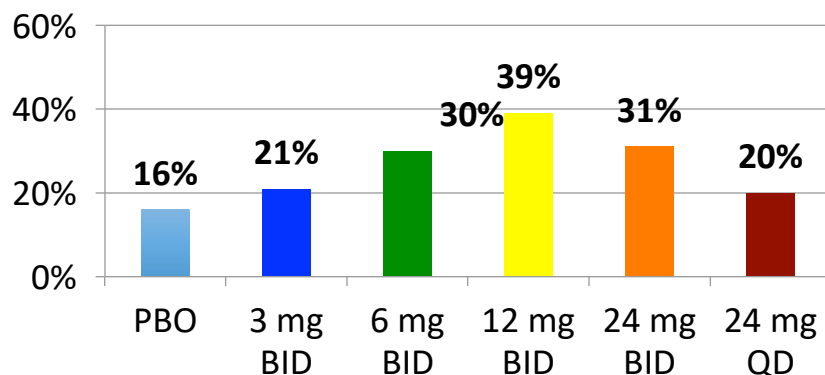
- ◆ 3 cases of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma reported as of January 2017
- ◆ All in subjects with RA
- ◆ A causal association between filgotinib and lymphoma/malignancies has not been determined

Upatacitinib

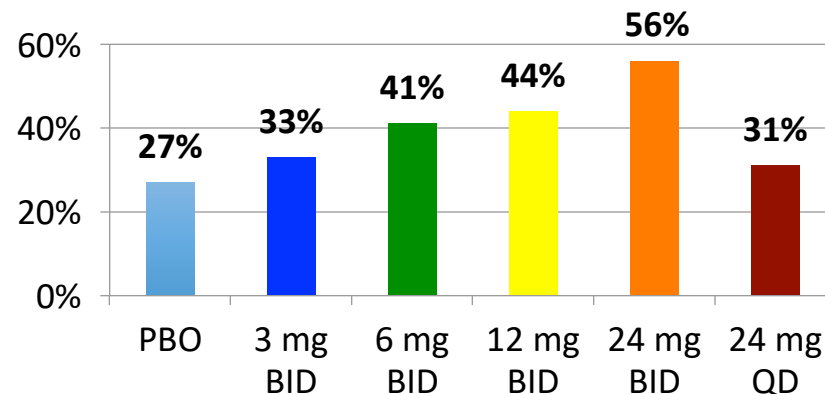
(JAK 1 inhibitor)

Upadacitinib (ABT-494, JAK1 inhibitor) for moderate-to-severe CD at week 16

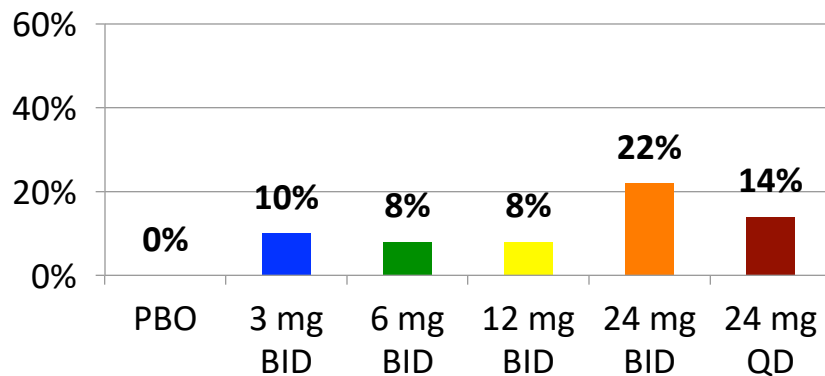
CDAI <150



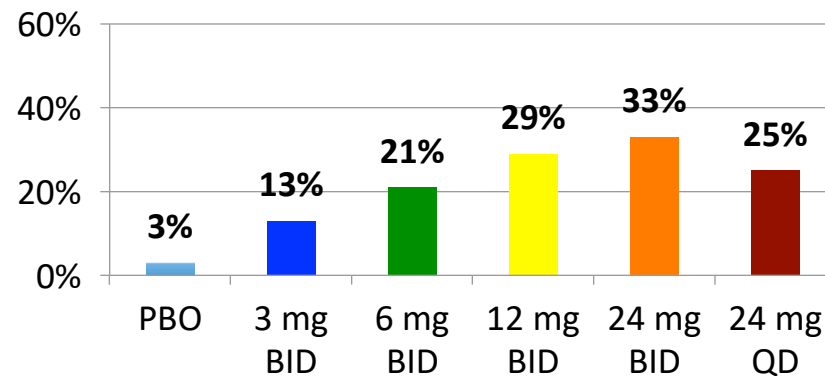
CDAI decrease by 100



Endoscopic Remission



Endosc Resp (50%)



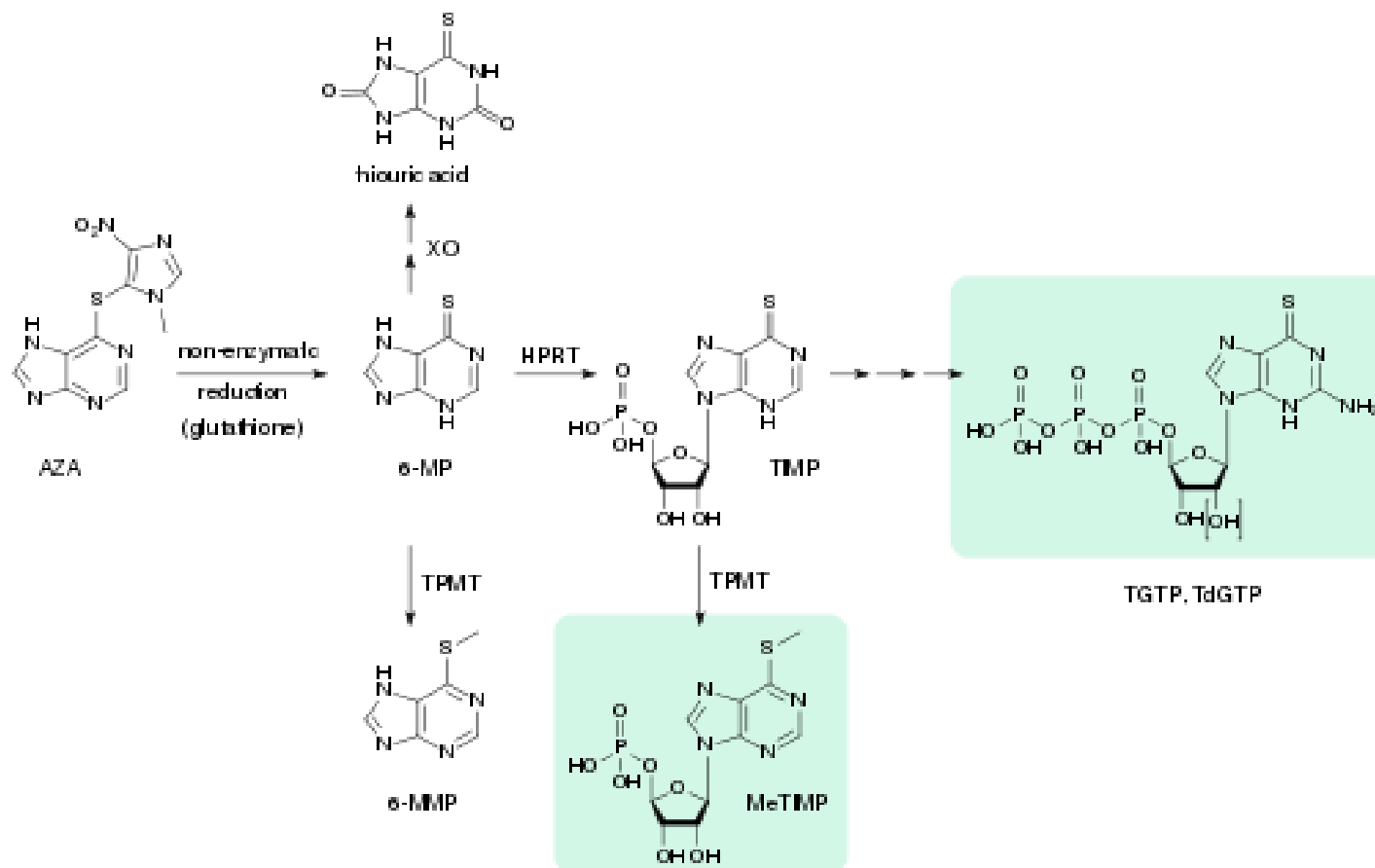
Proportion of patients achieving endoscopic improvement, endoscopic remission, histological improvement, histological remission, and mucosal healing at Week 8.

Endpoints, n (%)	Placebo n=46	UPA 7.5 mg QD n=47	UPA 15 mg QD n=49	UPA 30 mg QD n=52	UPA 45 mg QD n=56
Endoscopic improvement	1 (2.2)	7 (14.9)*	15 (30.6)***	14 (26.9)***	20 (35.7)***
Endoscopic remission	0	3 (6.4)	2 (4.1)	5 (9.6)*	10 (17.9)**
Histologic improvement	3 (8.1)	15 (35.7)**	25 (55.6)***	23 (52.3) ***	27 (56.3) ***
Histologic remission	1 (2.6)	6 (13.6) ⁺	11 (24.4)**	16 (35.6)***	23 (45.1)***
Mucosal healing	0	1 (2.1)	1 (2.0)	3 (5.8)*	8 (14.3)*
***, **, *, ⁺ statistically significant at 0.001, 0.01, 0.05, and 0.1 levels, respectively. UPA: upadacitinib; QD: once daily.					

- ✓ In this dose-ranging 8-week induction study (phase 2b), **upadacitinib 30 and 45 mg QD** consistently demonstrated significant improvement in endoscopic outcomes, histological outcomes, and mucosal healing compared with placebo in patients with moderately-to-severely active ulcerative colitis.

Structure Of Azathioprine:

- **Iupac Name:** 6-(3-methyl-5-nitroimidazol-4-yl)sulfanyl-7H-purine
- **Molecular Formula:** $C_9H_7N_7O_2S$
- **Molecular Weight:** 277.262 g/mol



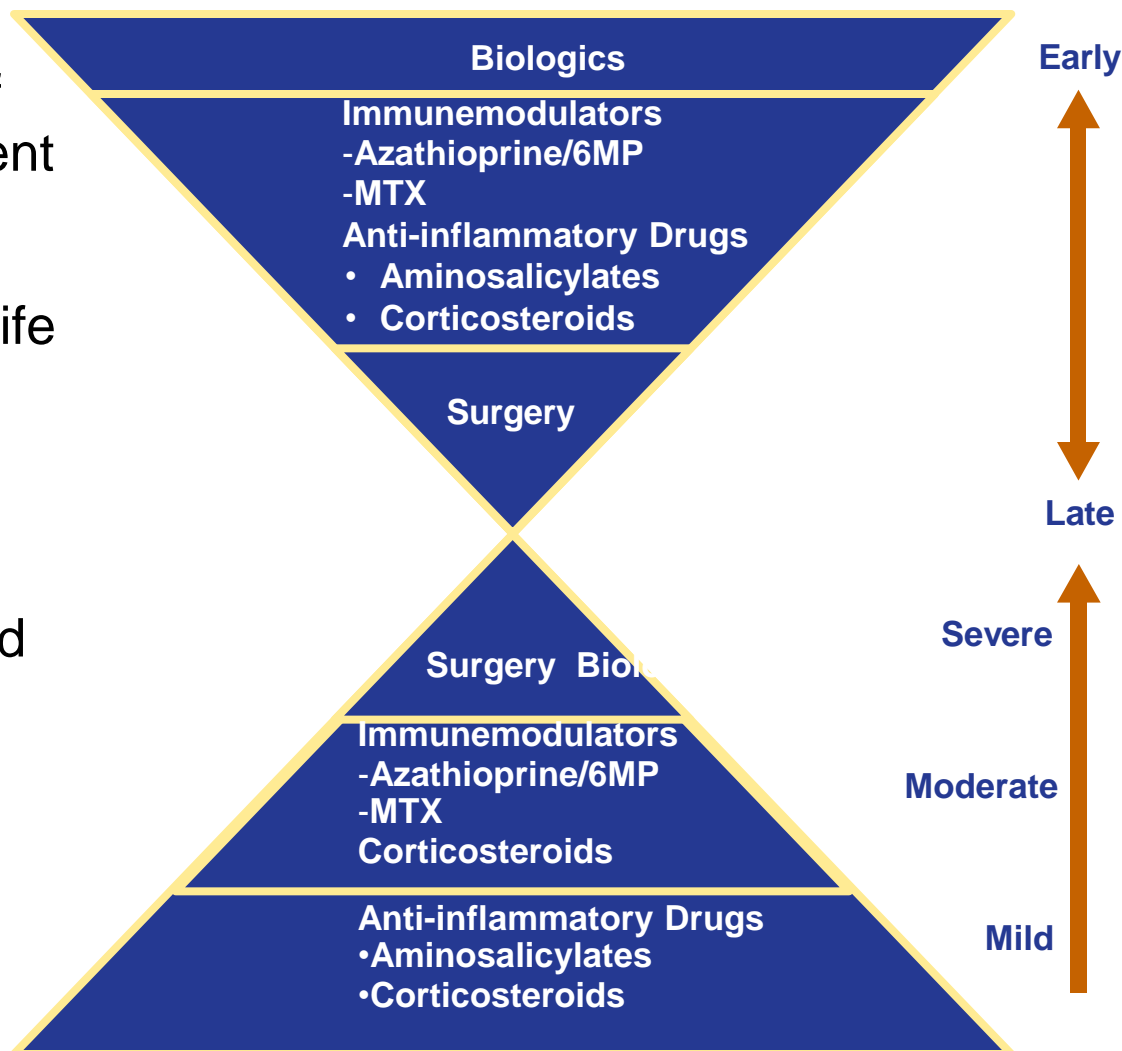
IBD Treatment Strategy

“Top-down” Strategy

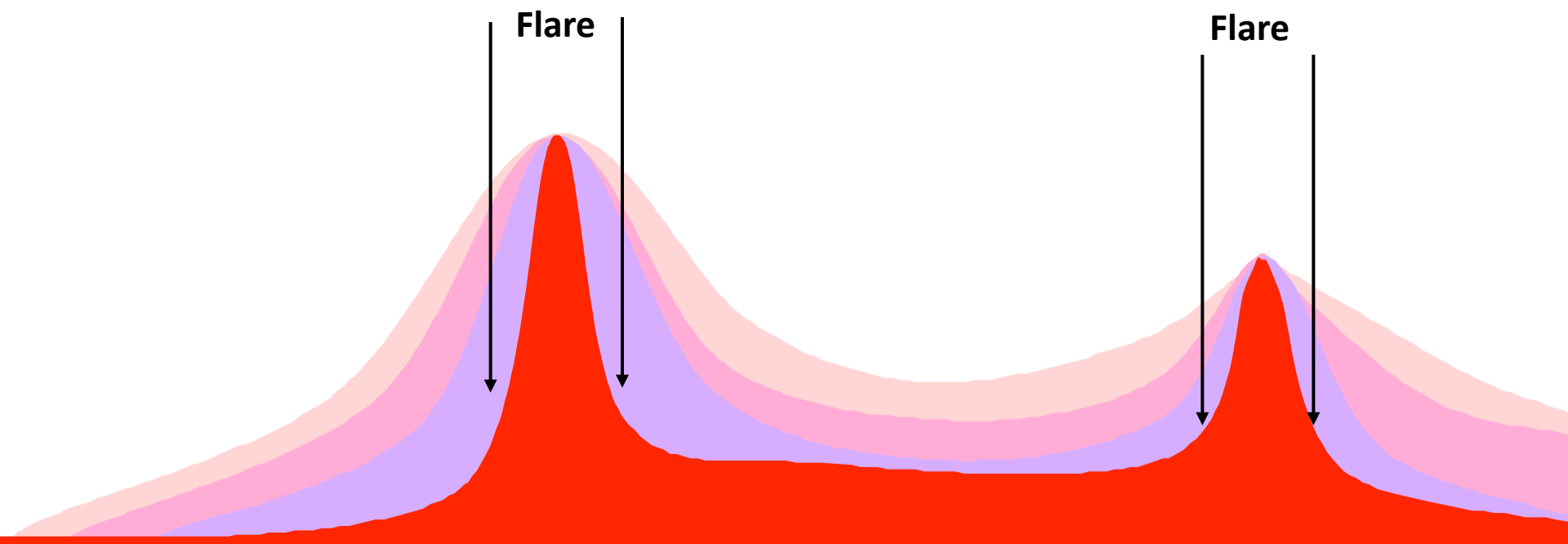
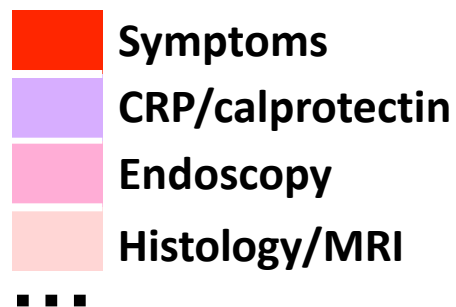
- Early, appropriate use of biologic as initial treatment
- Induces rapid clinical response
- May enhance quality of life

“Step-up” Strategy

- Standard, sequential treatment for remission and maintenance
- Cost-effective
- Minimal side effects

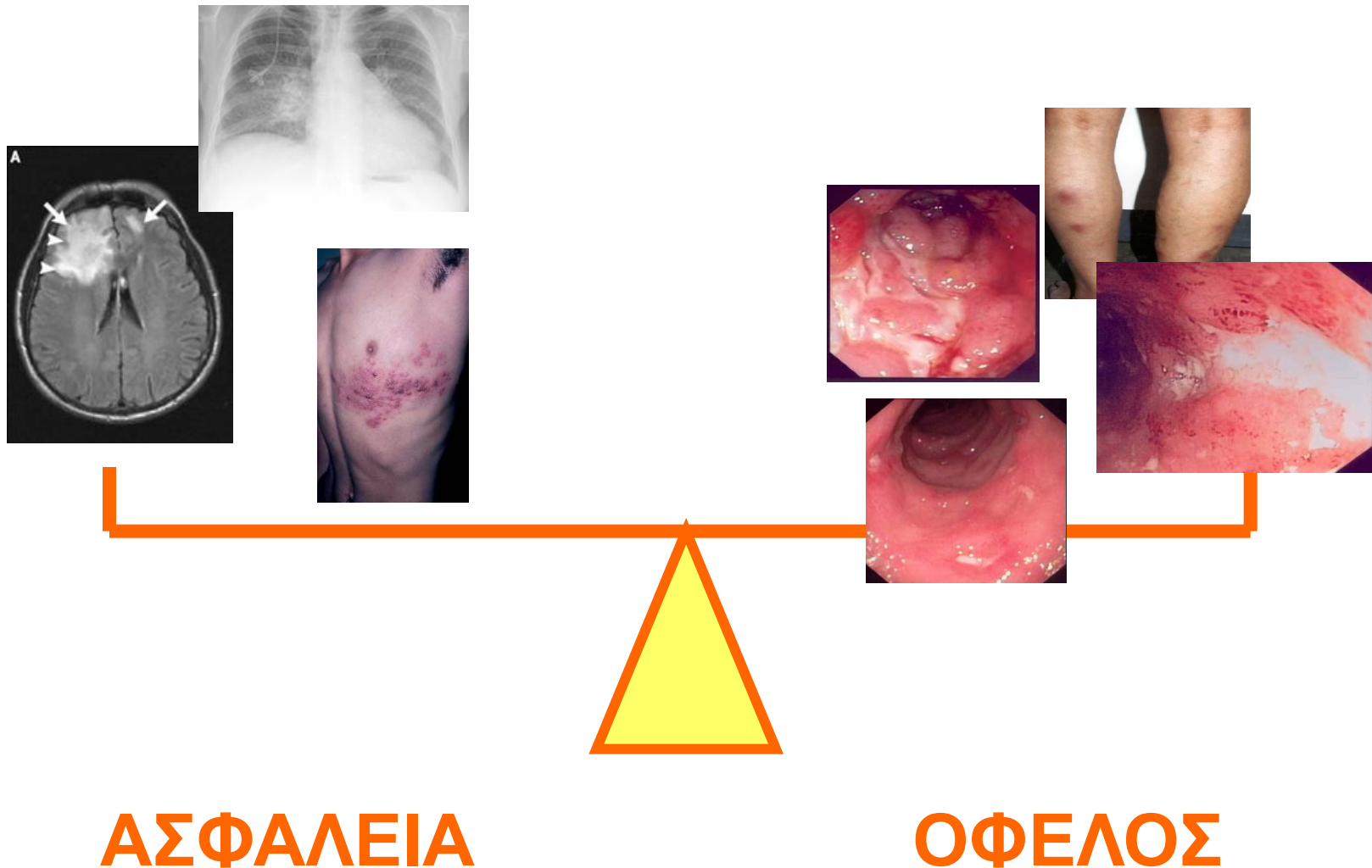


What should be the target ?





Αναλυτική συζήτηση με τον ασθενή



	Indication	Severe, Extensive Fistula, Inpatient	Safety (Thiopurine would increase risk)	Concom IMM for immunog	Pregnancy	Ability to measure Drug level and abs	Adherence	Extra Intestinal Manifest.
IFX	UC/CD	++ ↓albumin ↑CRP	t +	Yes	+	+	IV monitored	++ Rheum Derm Postop Peds
ADA	UC/CD	+/-	 +	Yes	+	+	SQ self	++ Rheum Derm Postop Peds
CTZ	CD	+/-	+	Yes	++	+	SQ self	+
GOL	UC	+/-	+	Yes	+	-	SQ self	+
NATA	CD	+/-	+ - if JCV	Yes	?+	-	IV monitored	+ MS
VEDO	UC/CD CD	+/-	++ >50y?	Yes Yes	?+	+	IV monitored	- ?PSC
UST		+ after TNF	+		?+	- (soon?)	IV induction SQ maint	++ Rheum Derm

Summary: Small molecules for IBD

Advantages include:

- Reliable PK
- No immunogenicity
- Oral dosing

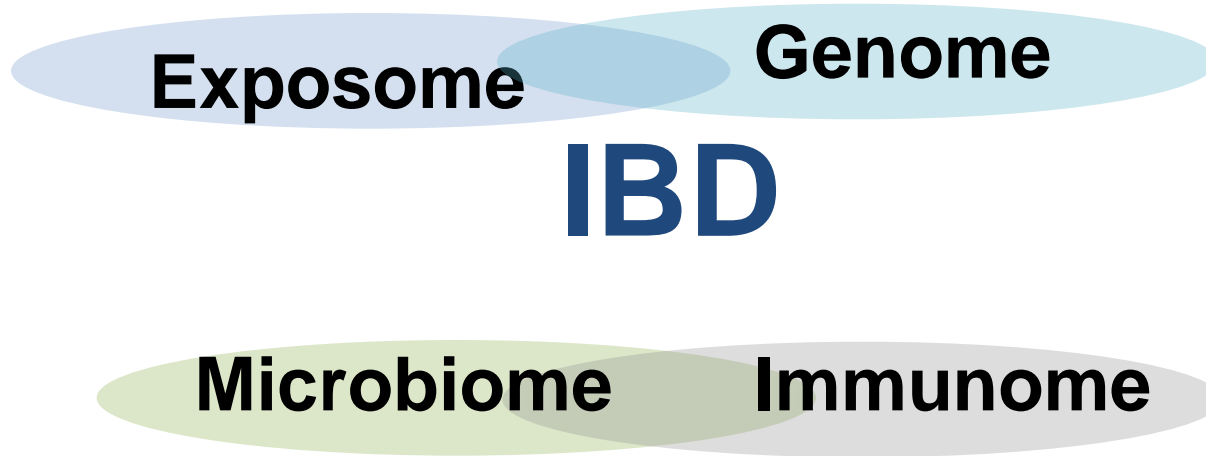
Diverse mechanisms directed at:

- Leukocyte trafficking
- S1P1r modulation
- JAK inhibition
- SMAD7 inhibition
- PDE4 inhibition

Βασικές αρχές

1. Προσεκτικό screening
2. Δεν αλλάζουμε εύκολα φάρμακο-εξάντληση δυνατοτήτων δοσολογίας
3. Εκτίμηση ανάγκης ΆΖΑ-MTX
4. Ακούμε τον ασθενή για αποτελεσματικότητα και παρενέργειες

The “new” IBD perspective: targeting the IBD interactome

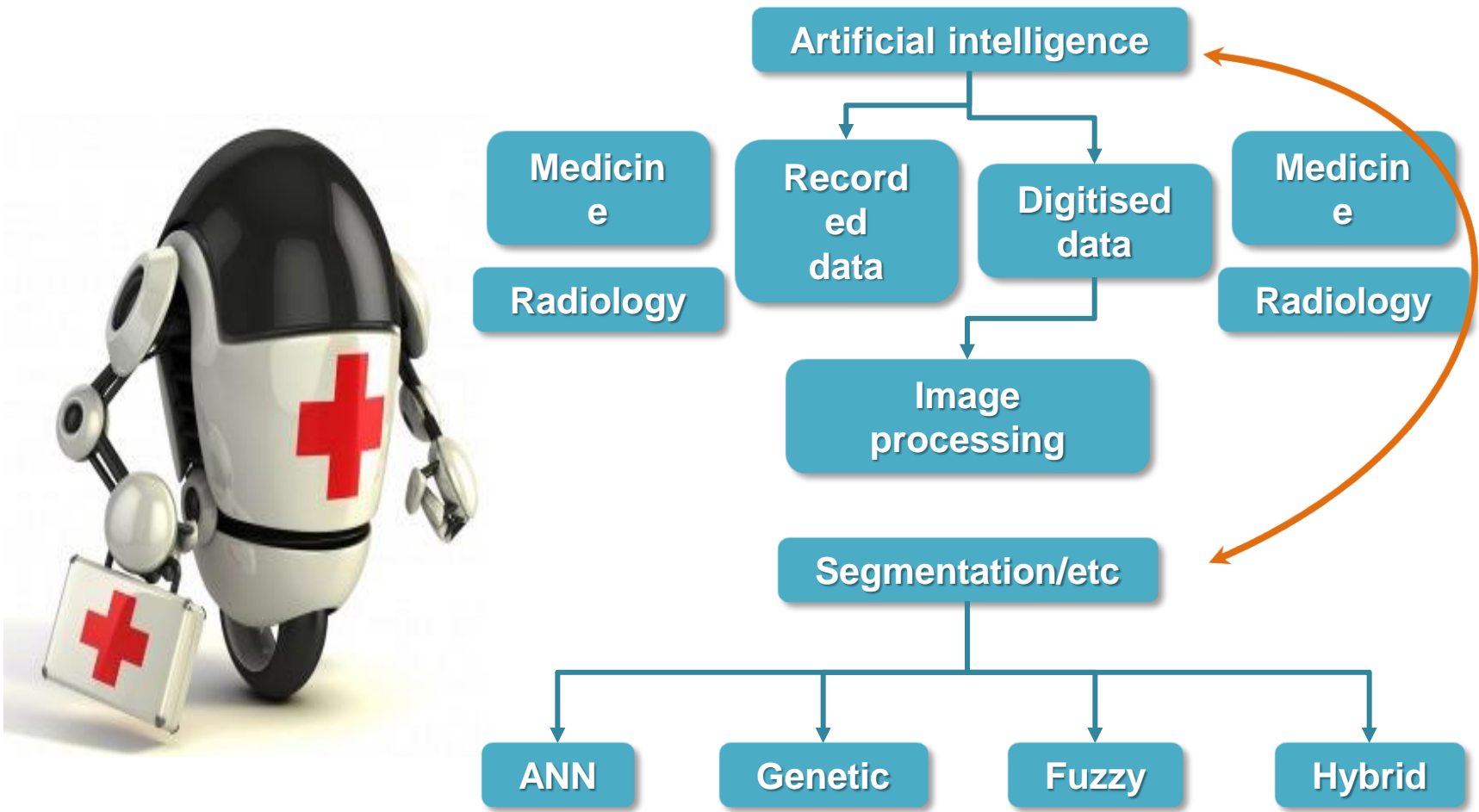


Artificial intelligence in medical decision support

- Use of cognitive computers in assisting medical decisions
- IBM's supercomputer, named Watson, can process over 200 million pages of medical data in seconds
 - Genomics: Watson can help to create personalized treatment strategies for patients, based on results from genetic testing
 - Drug discovery: Watson can help researchers uncover new pathways to identify novel drug targets and new indications for existing drugs



Do we need doctors or algorithms?



Συμπεράσματα

- Νέα φάρμακα
- Πολυπλοκότητα θεραπειών
- Επιλογή κατάλληλης θεραπείας/εξατομίκευση
- Ανάλυση των αιτίων αποτυχίας των φαρμάκων
- Πολλά νέα προγράμματα σε πολλές
φαρμακευτικές εταιρίες με στόχο διαφορετικά
μόρια και μηχανισμούς

Συμπεράσματα

- Ανάγκη για καλύτερες θεραπείες
- Ταυτοποίηση του προφίλ των ασθενών
- Καλύτερα σχεδιασμένες μελέτες με ενεργό συμμετοχή των ασθενών (PRO)
- Συμμετοχή του ασθενούς στην ευθύνη της σωστής λήψης της θεραπείας
- Καλύτερη συνεργασία ομάδας (ασθενείς-ιατροί-νοσηλευτές-διαιτολόγοι).



“Crohn’s disease”
Courtesy of the
painter E. Vogiatzi

