

# WORKSHOP



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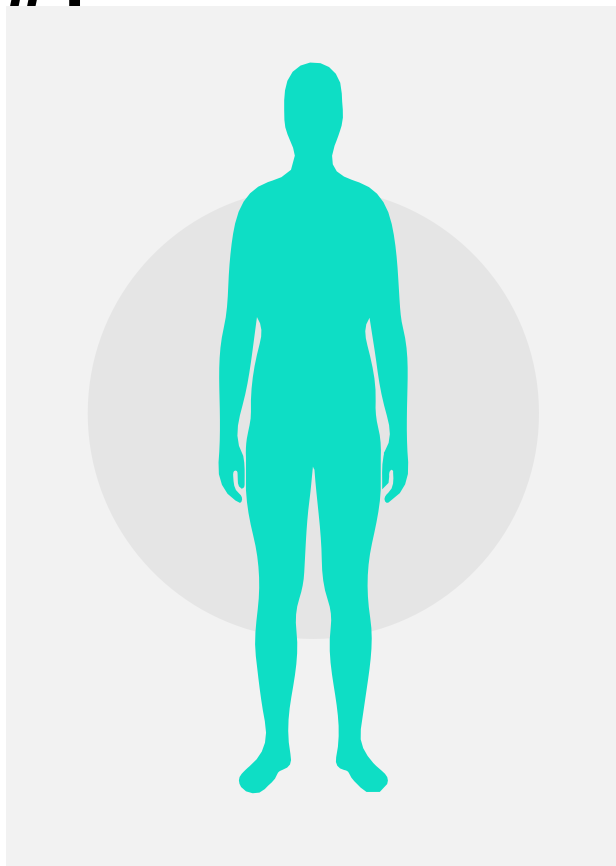
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# Περίπτωση

## #1



➤ Άνδρας 52 ετών

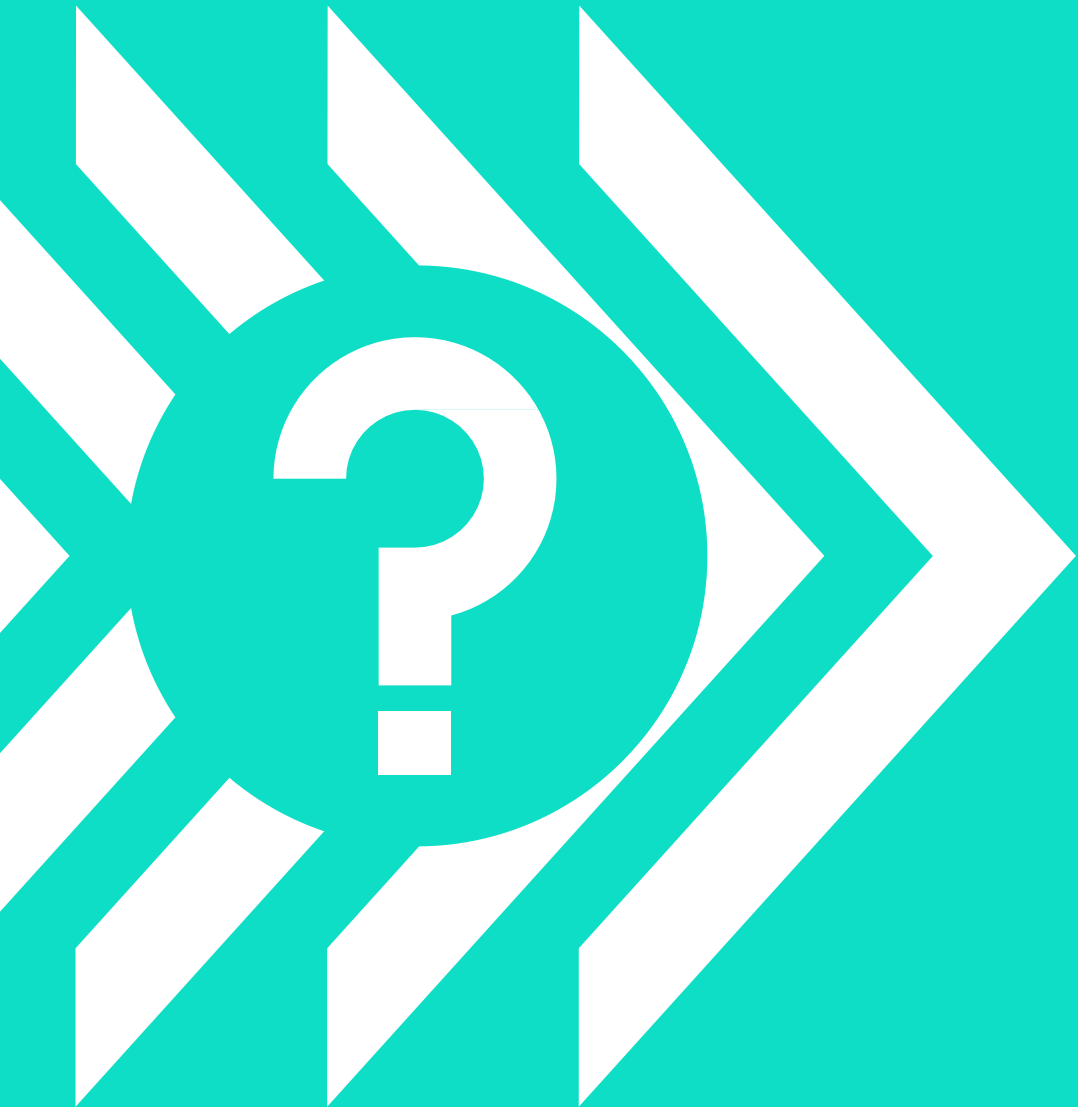
➤ BMI: 30.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Κλινικά χαρακτηριστικά

CRP (mg/L)	7
TKE	30
TJC/SJC (68/66)	16/12
PASI	4.4
BSA	3
Patient global assessment (VAS 100 mm)	75
Pain VAS (100 mm)	80
HAQ-DI	1.8
DAS28-CRP	5.9
Μικροσκοπική κολίτιδα	

➤ Προηγούμενη θεραπεία: Ανεπαρκής ανταπόκριση σε MTX 17,5mg/w

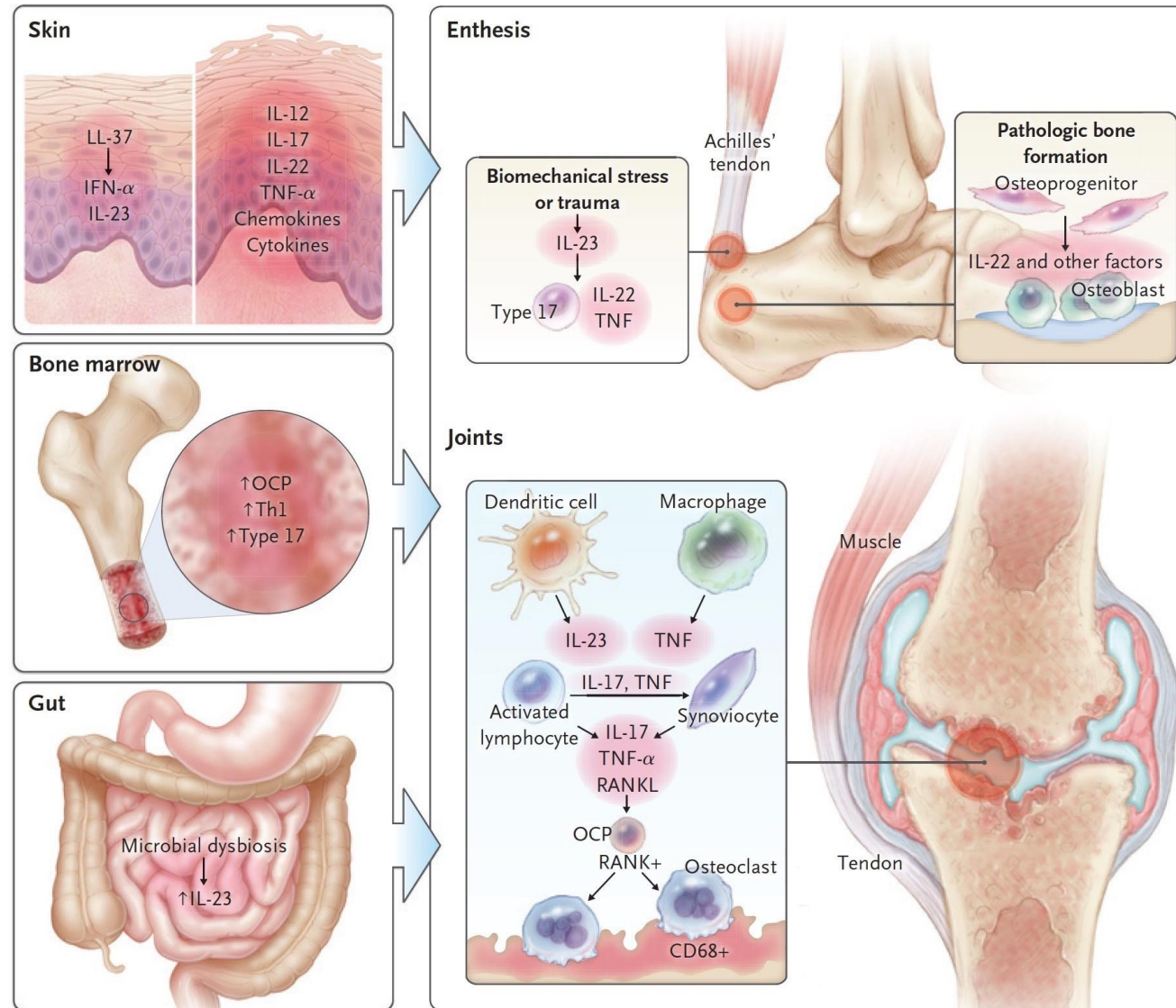
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## Προσθήκη

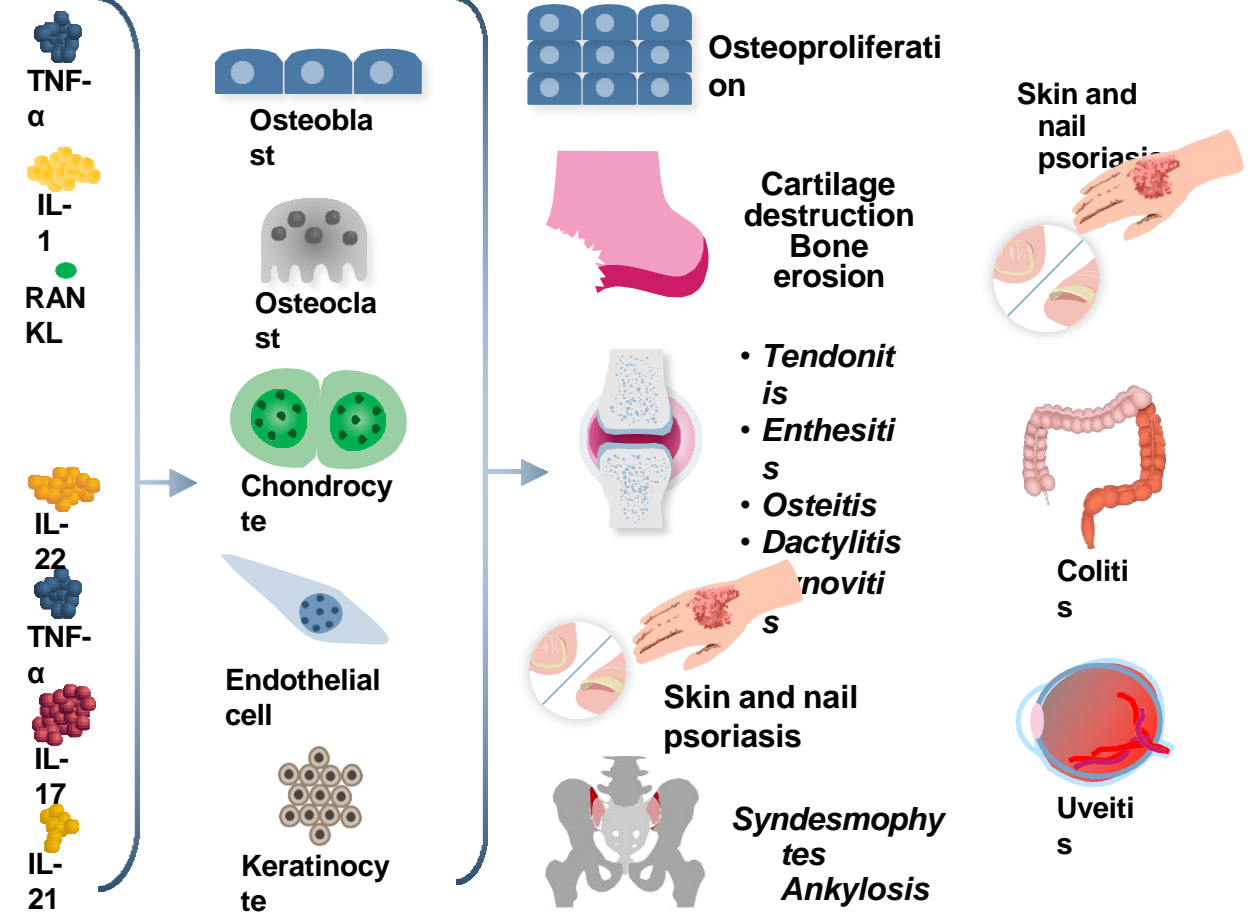
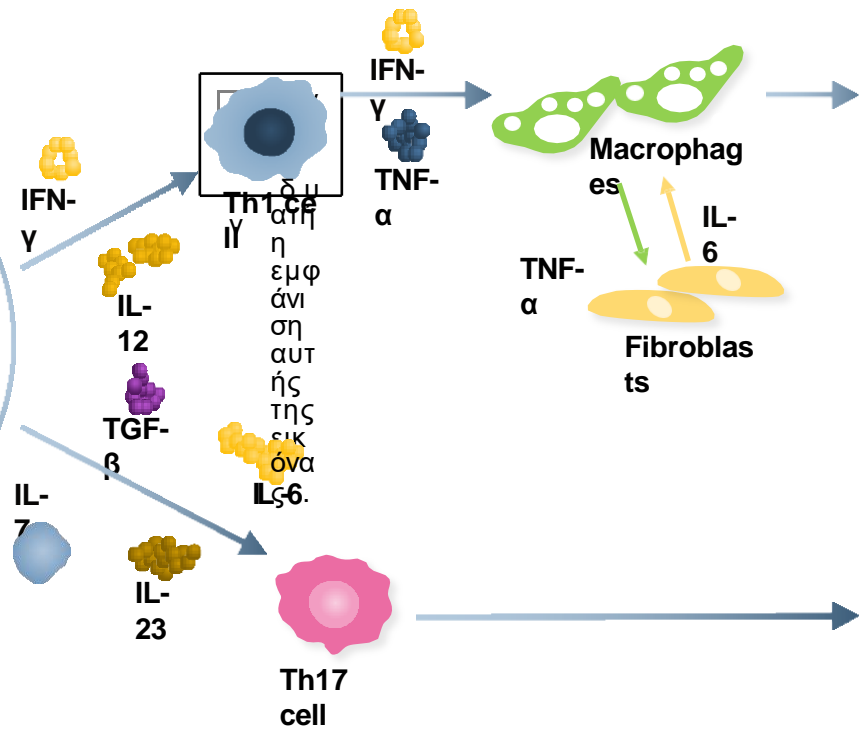
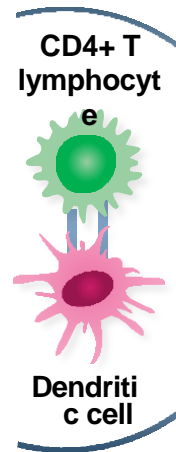
1. Anti-IL17
2. Anti-IL12/23
3. JAK  
inhibitor
4. PDE4  
inhibitor
5. Anti-TNF $\alpha$

# Pathogenic Pathways in Psoriatic Arthritis



# Pathogenic pathways in SpA are directly and indirectly mediated by JAK-dependent cytokines

## Initiating event



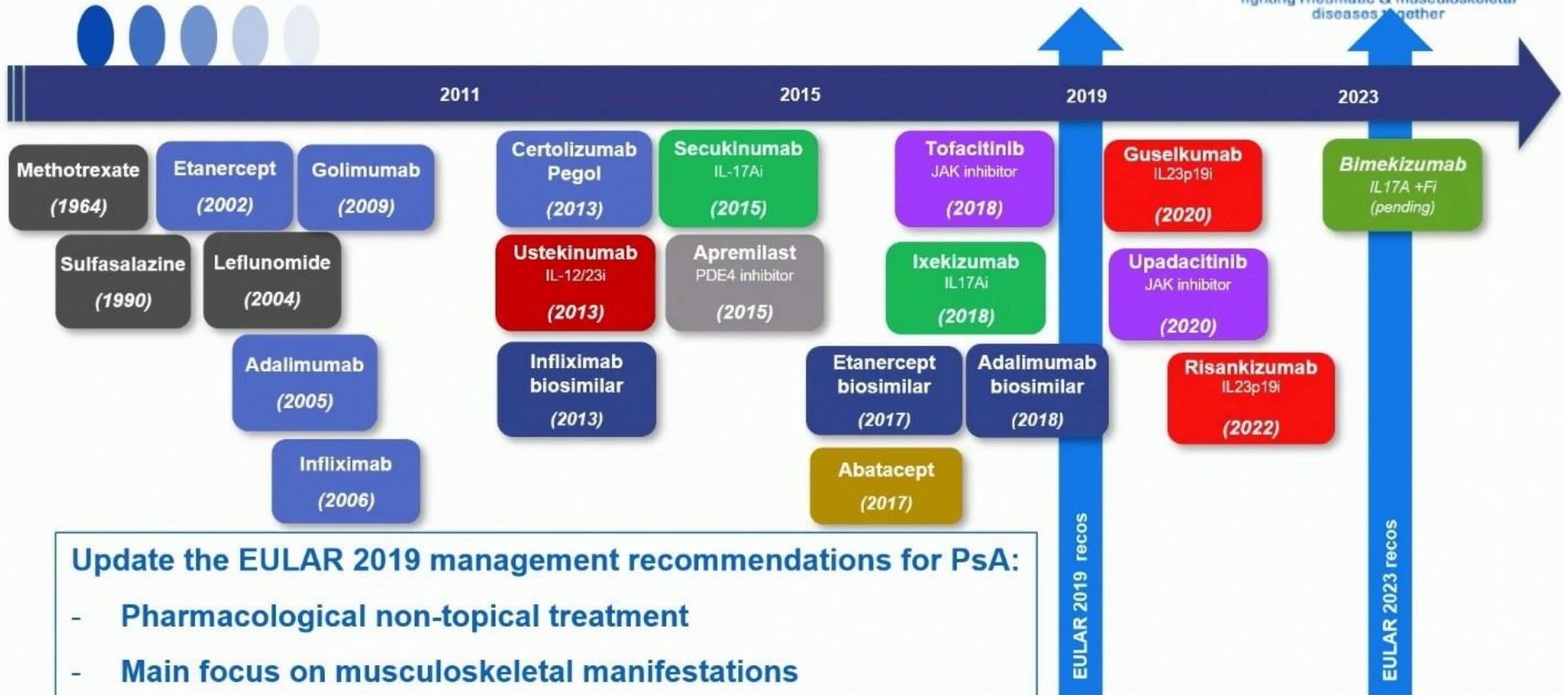
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# Timeline: PsA recommendations and drugs

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fighting rheumatic & musculoskeletal diseases together

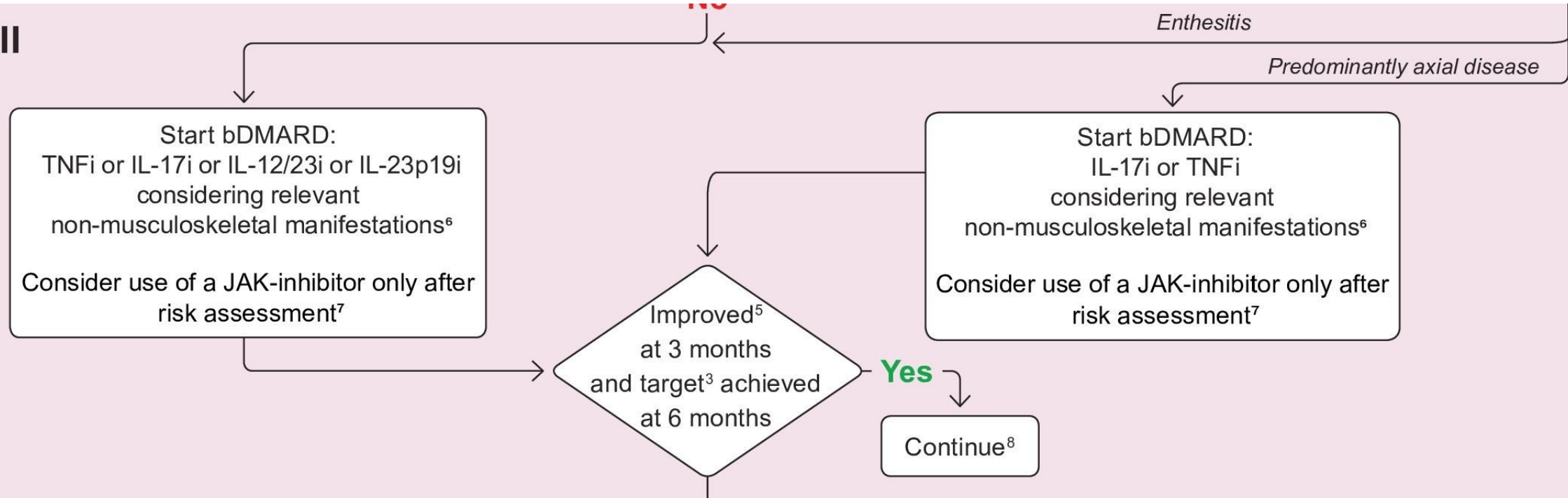


## Update the EULAR 2019 management recommendations for PsA:

- Pharmacological non-topical treatment
- Main focus on musculoskeletal manifestations
- Decisions based on the data: balance efficacy/safety

*Italics: drug not approved as of June 2, 2023*

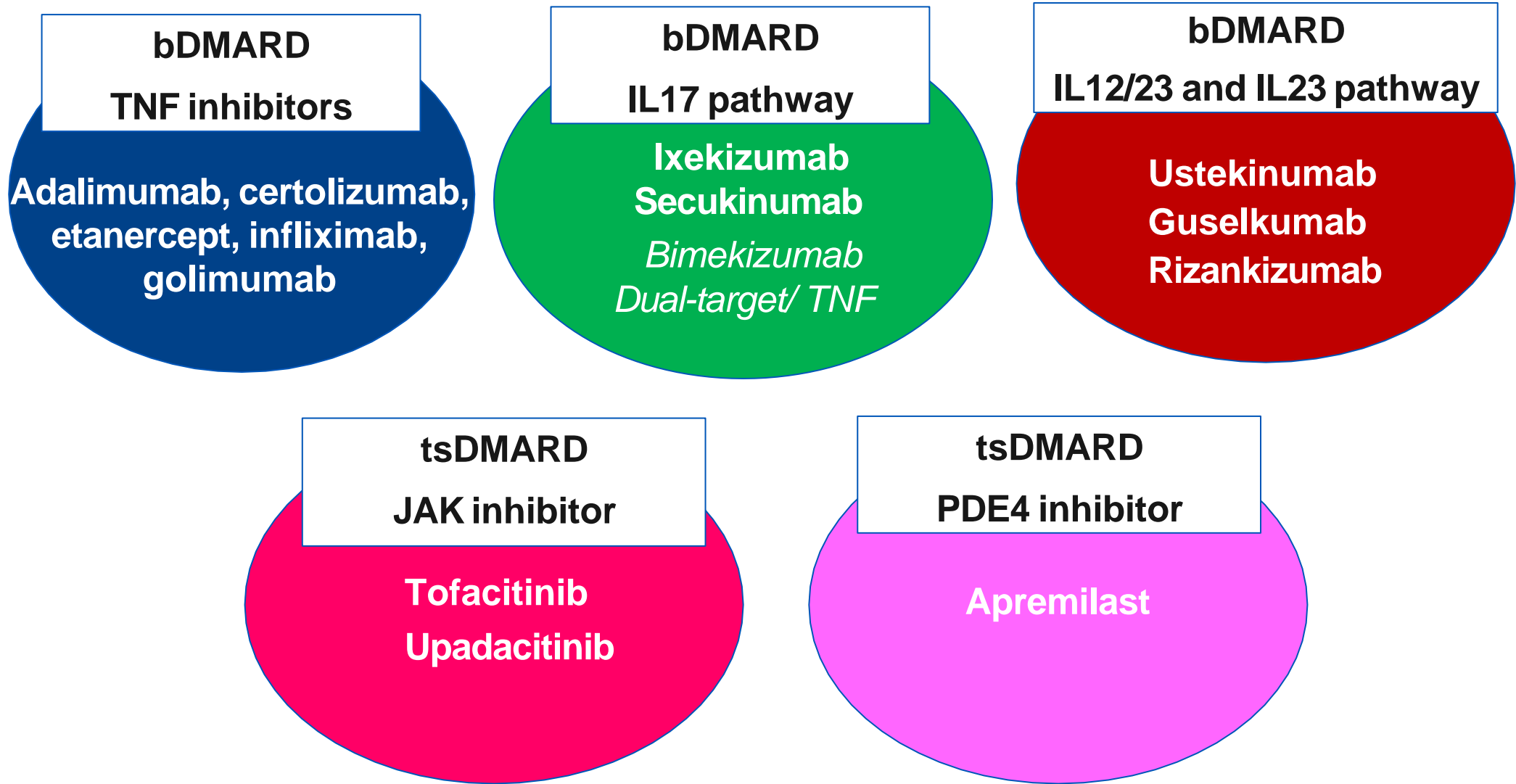
## Phase III



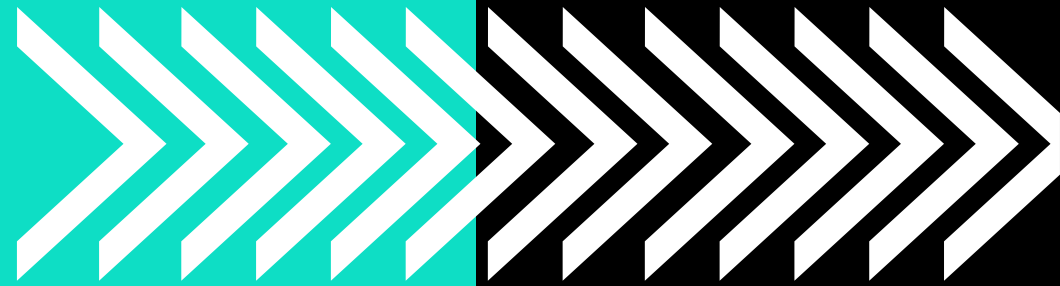
\*For JAKis, caution is needed for patients aged 65 years or above, those who are current or past long-time smokers, with a history of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease or other cardiovascular risk factors or with other malignancy risk factors, and with known risk factors for venous thromboembolism.



# Drugs on top of conventional synthetic ones in PsA



# Περιφερικ ή αρθρίτιδ α



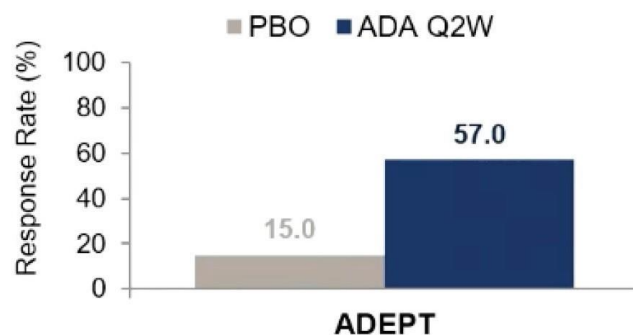
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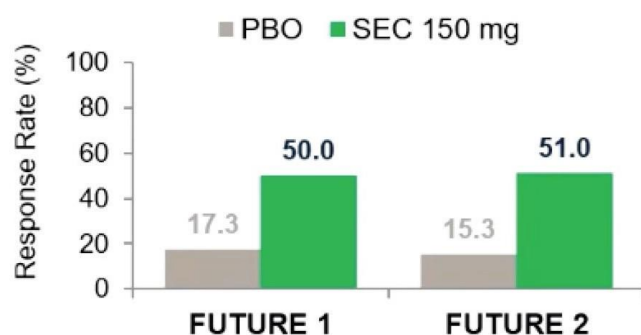
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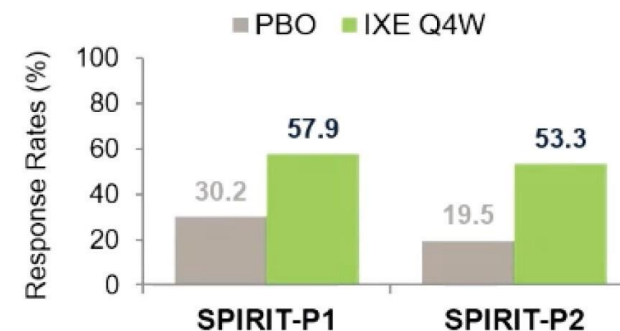
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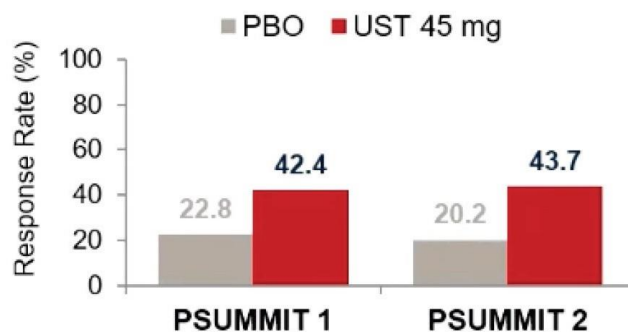
IL17i: Secukinumab<sup>2</sup>



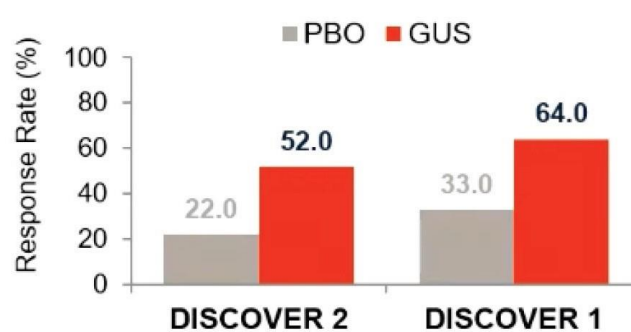
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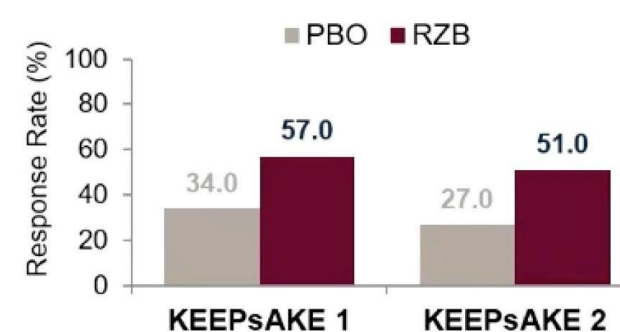
IL12/23i: Ustekinumab<sup>3,4</sup>



IL23p19i: Guselkumab<sup>9,10</sup>



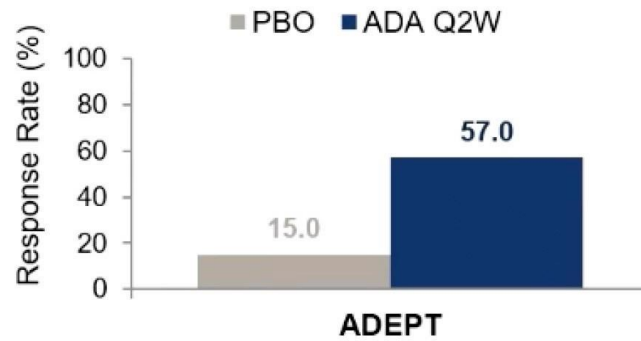
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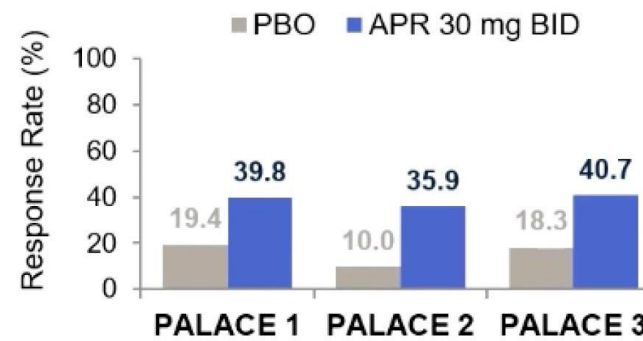
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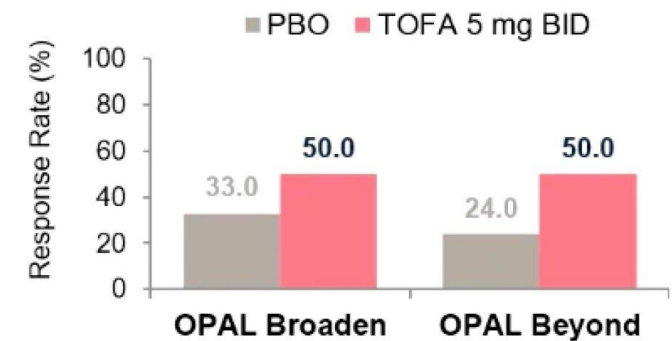
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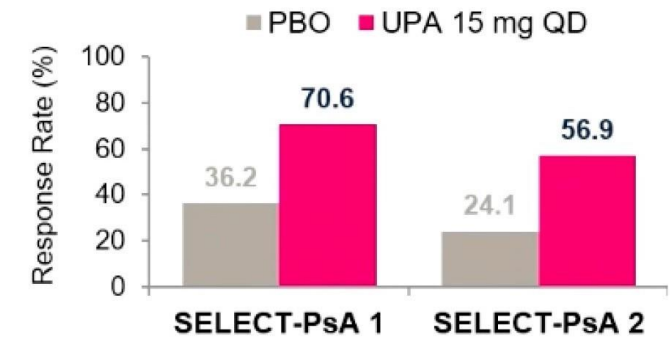
PDE4i: Apremilast at week 16<sup>2-4</sup>



JAKi: Tofacitinib<sup>5, 6</sup>



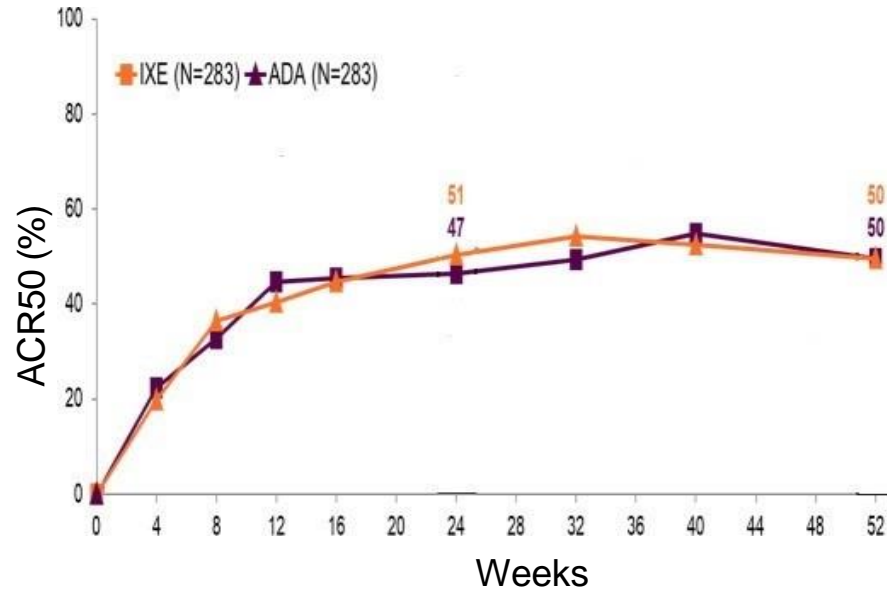
JAKi: Upadacitinib at week 12<sup>7, 8</sup>



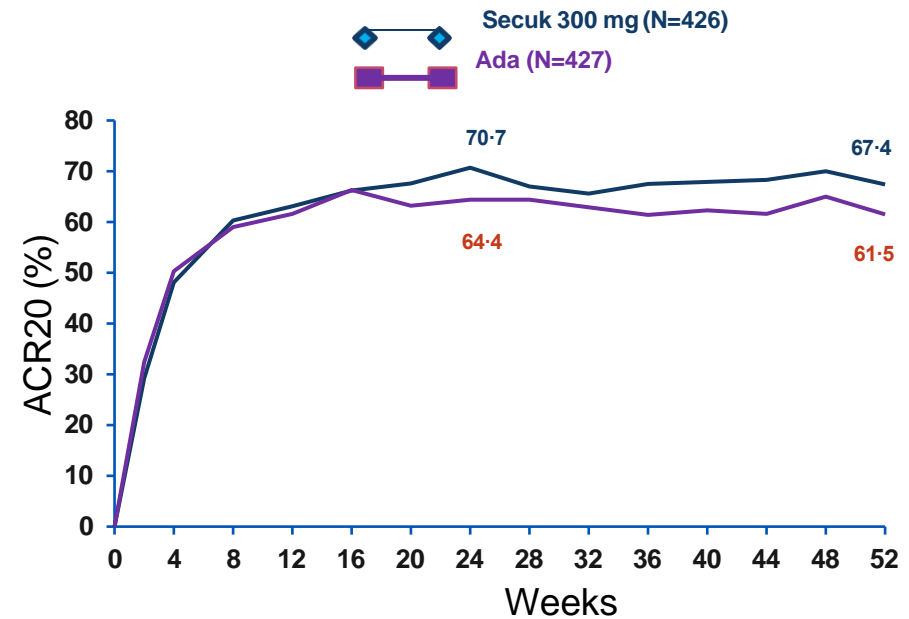
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# 2 head-to-head trials, IL-17Ai vs adalimumab (PsA): similar efficacy on joints

**SPIRIT H2H: ixekizumab vs adalimumab, %ACR50 at 1 year**

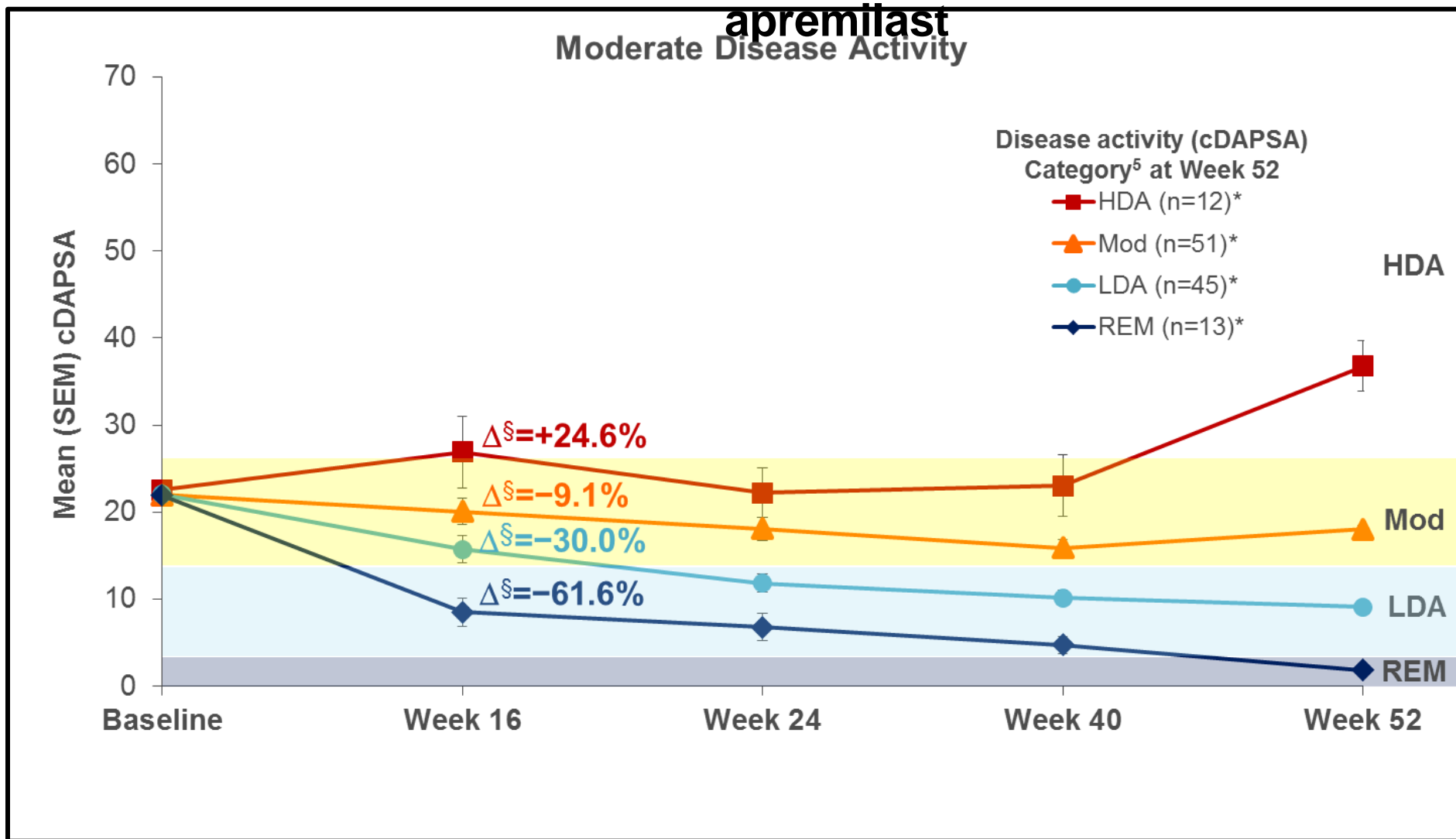


**EXCEED: secukinumab vs adalimumab, %ACR20 at 1 year**





Μεταξύ ασθενών με μέτρια ενεργότητα νόσου (Mod) κατά την έναρξη, μέση βελτίωση  $\geq 30\%$  έως την εβδομάδα 16 συσχετίστηκε με την επίτευξη των θεραπευτικών στόχων την εβδομάδα 52 με



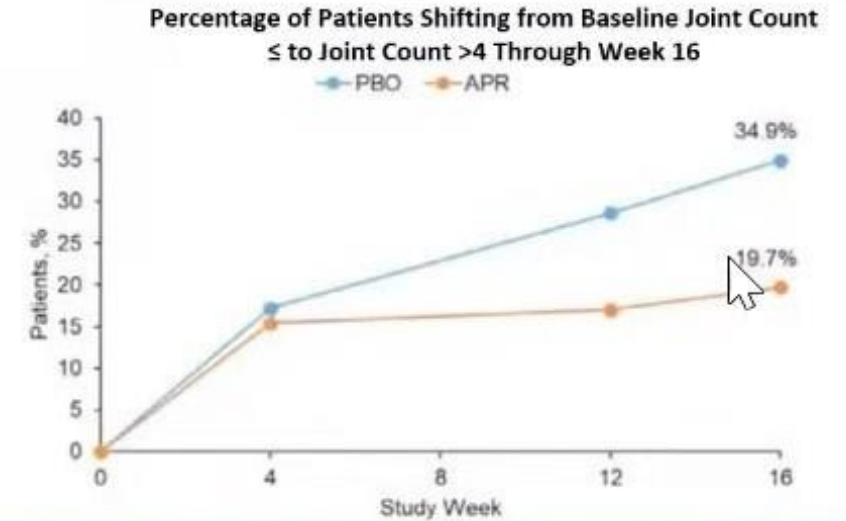
# 16w Results from a Placebo-Controlled Study Involving Oligoarticular Psoriatic Arthritis Treated with Apremilast

## Background

- FOREMOST (NCT03747939) is a phase 4, multicenter, randomised, double-blind, placebo (PBO)-controlled, parallel-group study examining the safety and efficacy of APR in oligoarticular PsA (defined as 2–4 swollen and 2–4 tender joints [2–8 active joints]), using a modified minimal disease activity score (MDA-Joints)
- Patients were randomised 2:1 to APR or placebo (PBO) for 24 weeks, with an early escape at week 16. The primary endpoint was defined as the proportion of patients achieving MDA-Joints at week 16

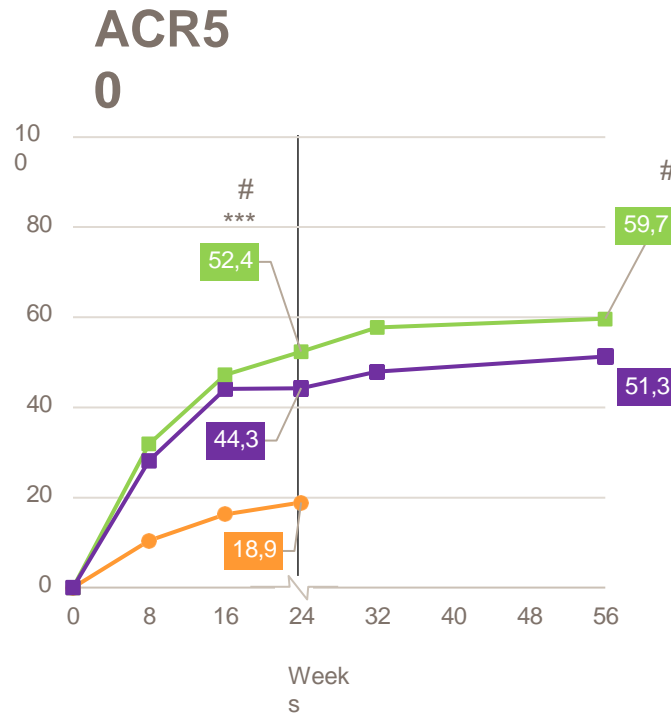
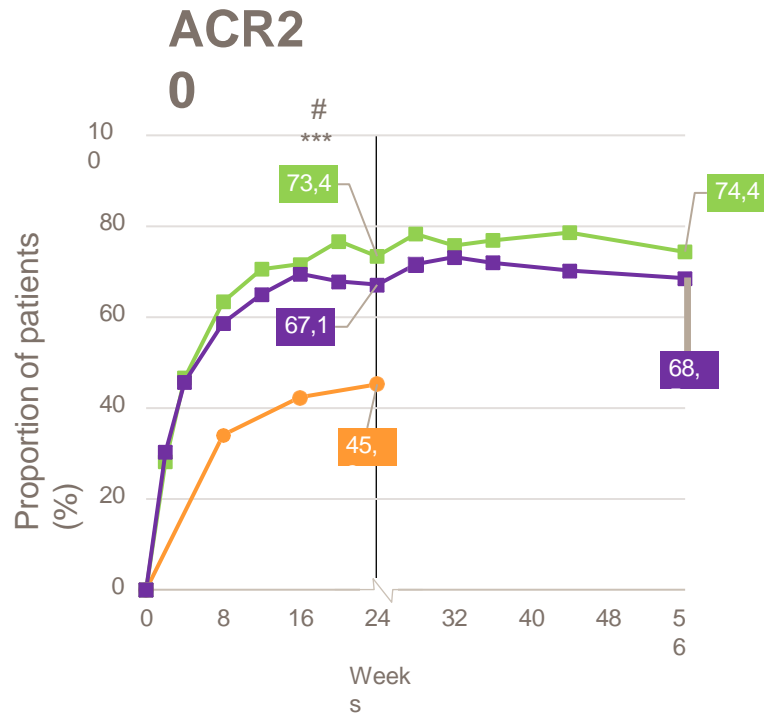
## Key results

- In the overall population, MDA-Joints response was achieved by significantly more patients with APR (33.9%) vs PBO (16.0%) at week 16
- cDAPSA REM/LDA was achieved in 70.2% of APR patients versus 51.8% in PBO patients at week 16
- In patients with 2–4 joints involved at baseline, there was an increase in the proportions of patients who switched to a joint count >4 through Week 16 among those receiving PBO but not among those receiving APR
- No new safety signals were identified



FOREMOST, the first global randomised controlled trial in oligoarticular PsA, demonstrated superior disease control with APR versus PBO at 16 weeks, measured by MDA-Joint response

# ACR20/50/70 responses with upadacitinib over time through Week 56

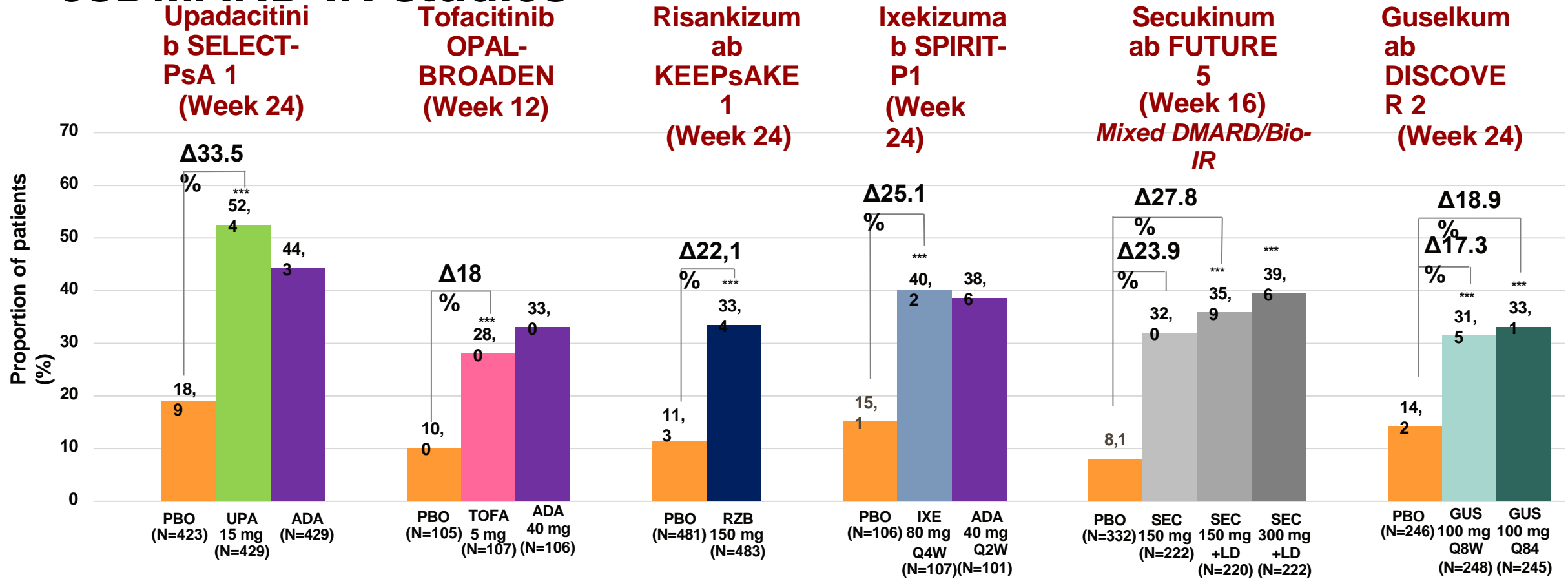


● PBO (n=423)

■ UPA 15 mg QD (n=429)

■ ADA (n=429)

# IL-17, IL-23 and JAK inhibitors in PsA: ACR50 responses in csDMARD-IR studies

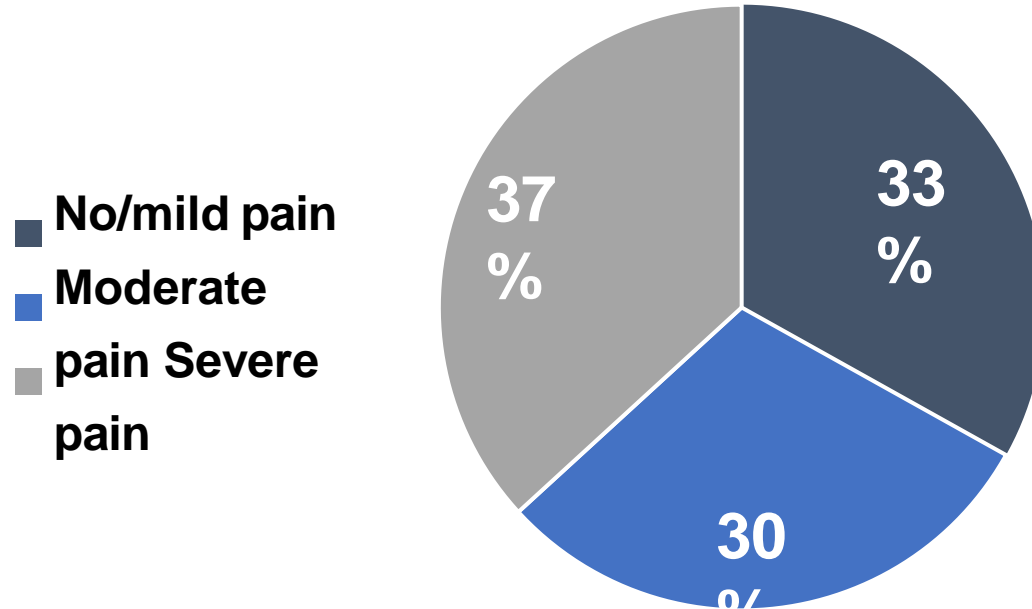


Direct comparisons are not appropriate as data are not from H2H trials.

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# Two-thirds of PsA pts (n=782) reported experiencing moderate or severe bodily pain despite treatment with biologics

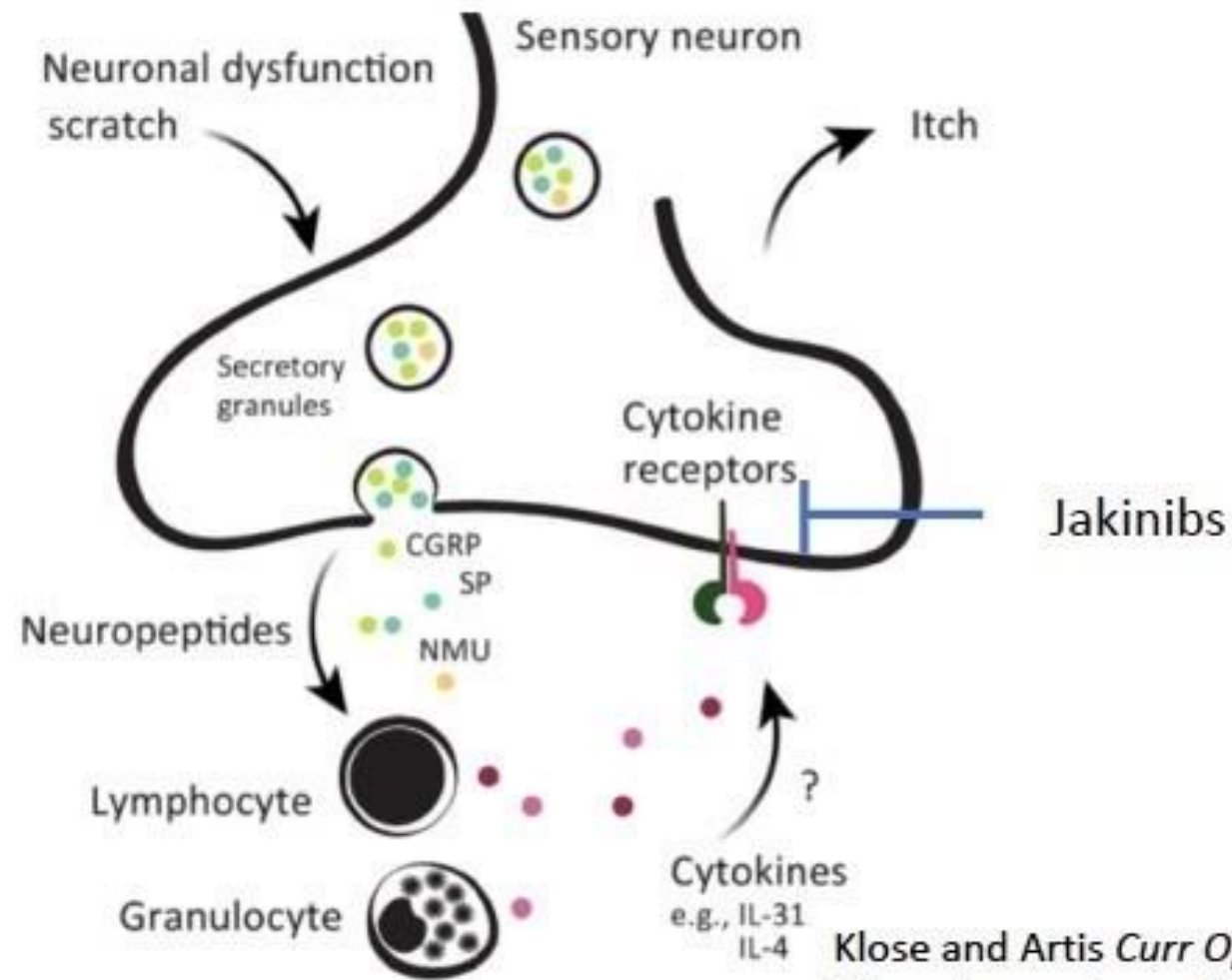
- Cross-sectional survey data from rheumatologists and dermatologists (specialists) treating PsA and their patients in 13 countries spanning the Americas, Asia Pacific, EU, Turkey, and the Middle East
- **782 patients with PsA** receiving biologic treatment (mainly anti-TNF) for  $\geq 3$  months who completed SF-36 questionnaires



- ✓ The level of HRQoL impairment assessed by SF-36 domains among PsA patients significantly increased as pain increased ( $p < 0.0001$ )
- ✓ Severe pain in patients with PsA was associated with greater disability (higher HAQ-DI scores), and greater activity impairment, overall work impairment, work time missed and impairment while working (all  $p < 0.0001$ )

• Pain was evaluated as SF-36 bodily pain domain tertiles: BP  $>75-100$  = mild/no pain; BP  $>52-75$  = moderate pain; 0-  
 $\leq 52$  severe pain  
• HAQ-DI, Health Assessment Questionnaire-Disability Index; HRQoL, health-related quality of life; PsA, psoriatic arthritis;  
SF-36, Short Form 36 Health Survey Questionnaire; TNF, tumor necrosis factor

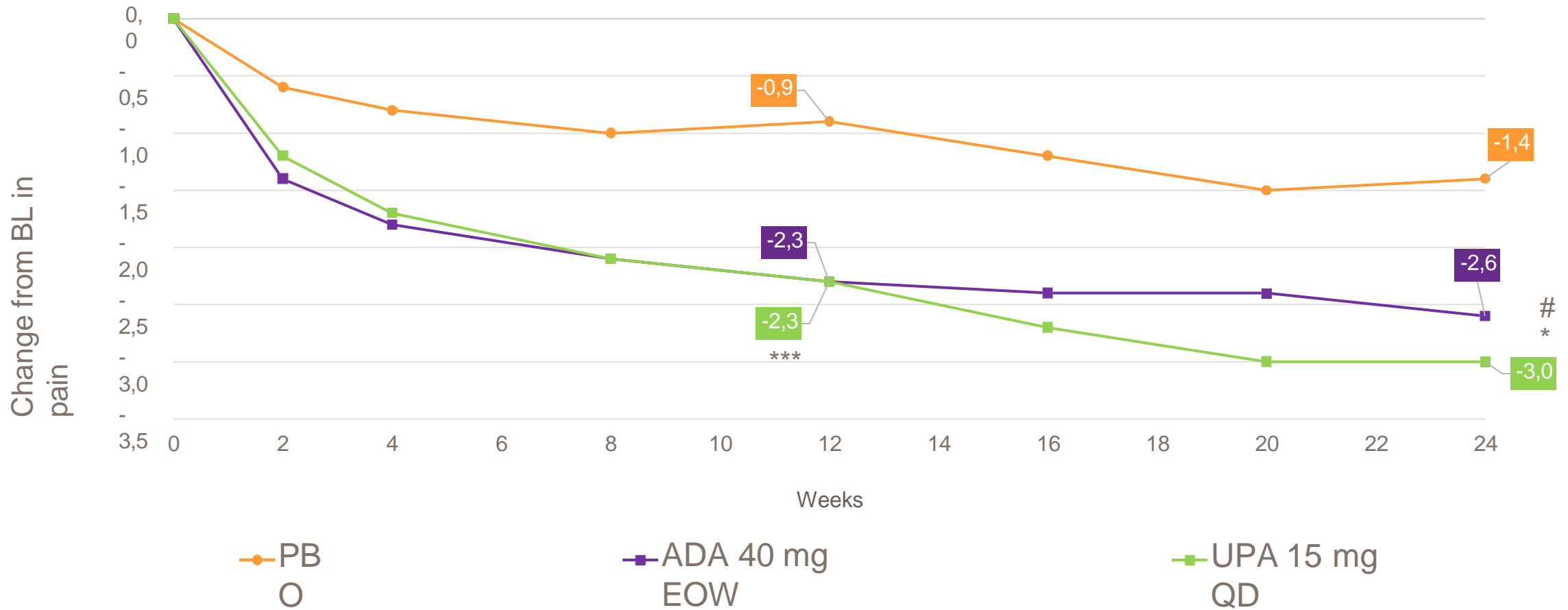
# Jakinibs and Cytokines in Pain: Neural Immune Crosstalk



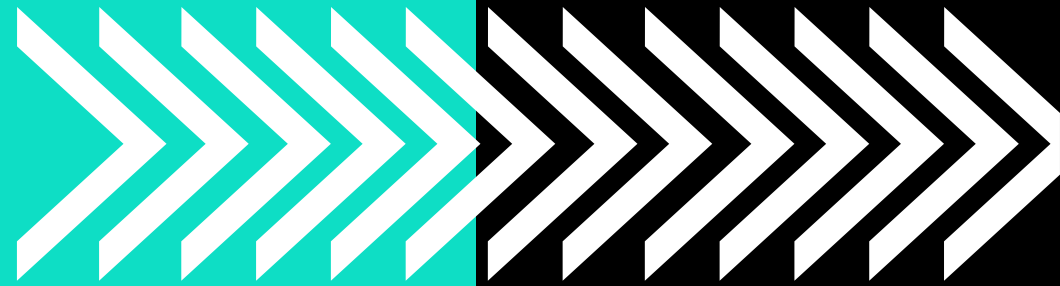
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# Patient's assessment of pain (NRS) through Week 24



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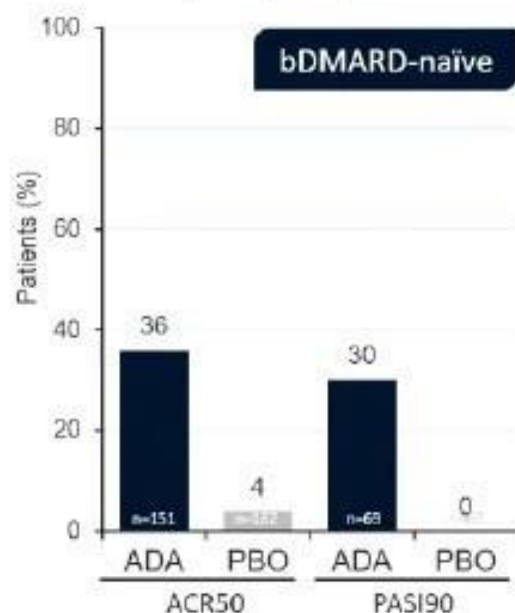
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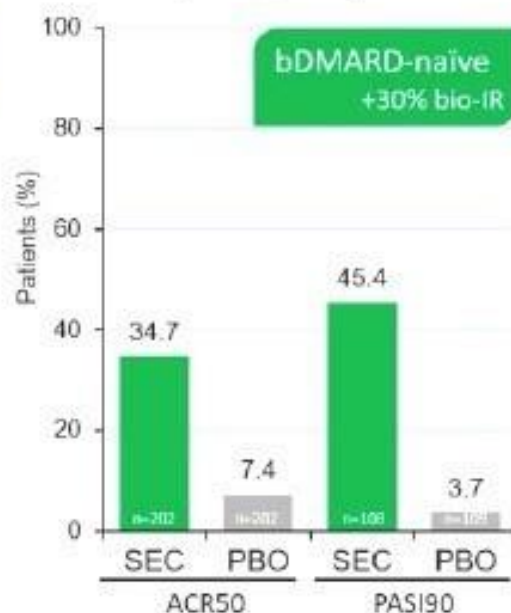
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ADEPT: Adalimumab Week 12  
(40 mg Q2W)



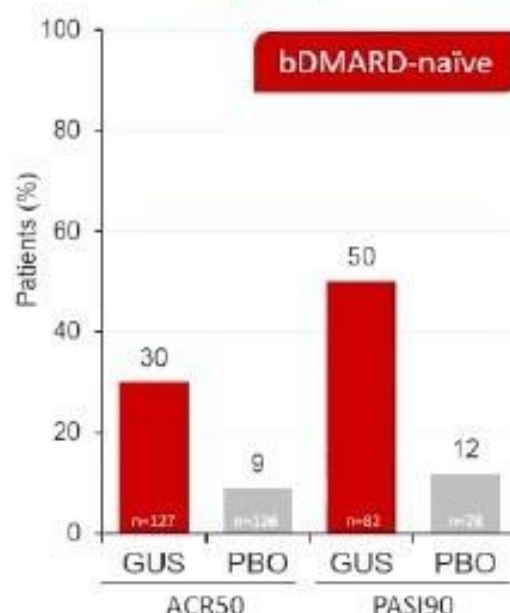
## IL-17i: secukinumab<sup>2</sup>

FUTURE 1: Secukinumab Week 24  
(150 mg Q4W)



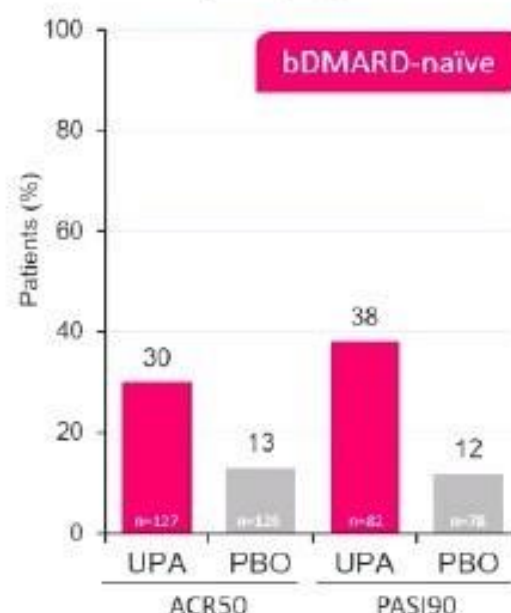
## IL-23i: guselkumab<sup>3</sup>

Discover-1: Guselkumab Week 24 (100 mg Q8W)



## JAKi: upadacitinib<sup>4</sup>

SELECT-PsA 1: Upadacitinib Week 12  
(15 mg QD)



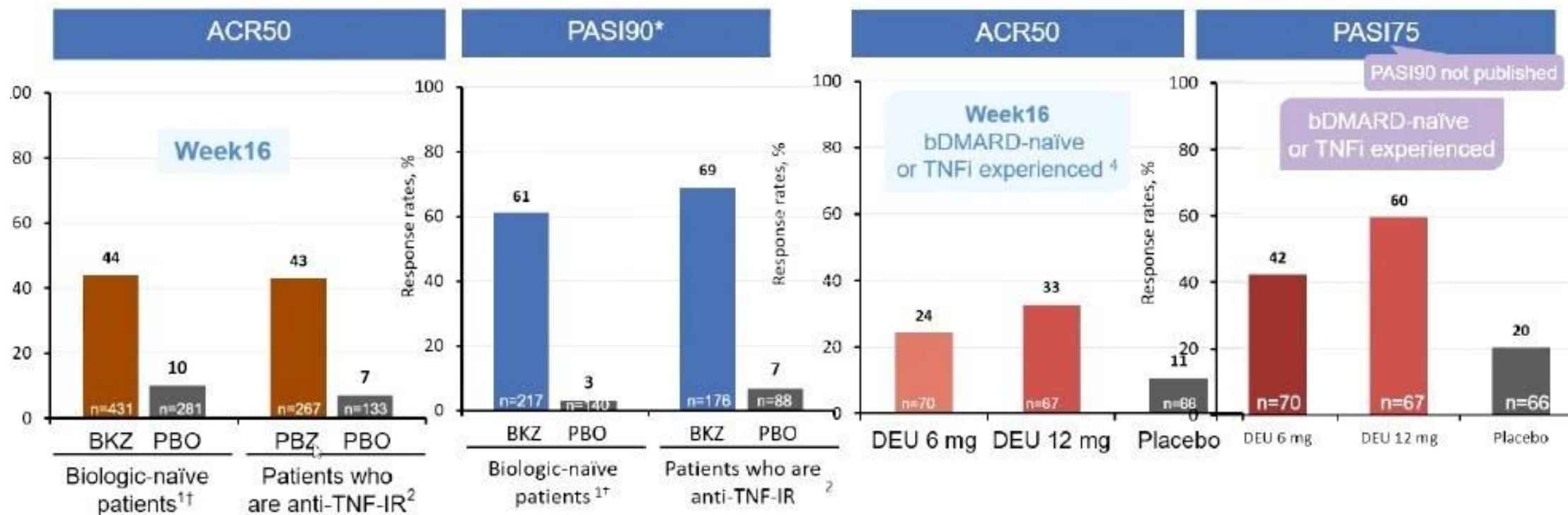
Licensed doses for PsA – in major RCTs – not all drugs shown

No head-to-head comparisons: Results of individual studies cannot be directly compared, nor conclusions inferred

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IL17 inhibitor (IL-17A & IL-17F)**

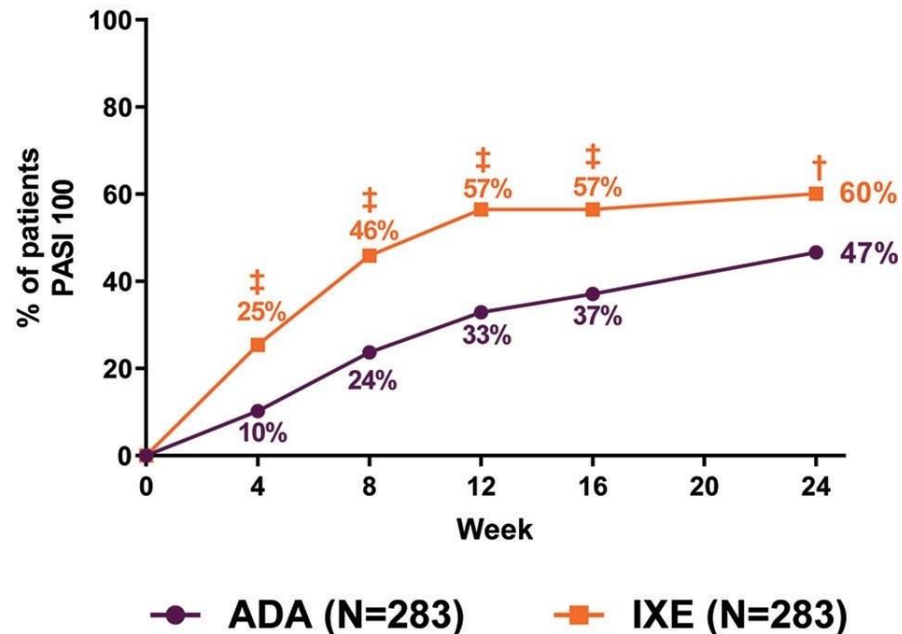
**Deucravacitinib,  
tsDMARD targeting TYK2**



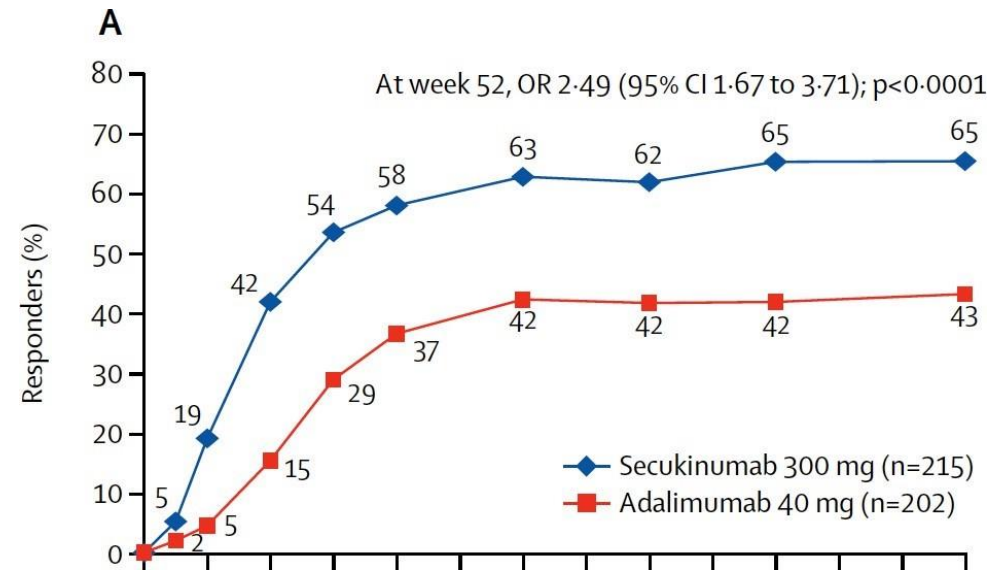
Drugs in clinical development for psoriatic arthritis not currently approved for this indication  
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# 2 head-to-head trials, IL17i vs adalimumab: better efficacy on skin

**SPIRIT H2H: ixexizumab vs adalimumab, PASI 100 at 24 w**

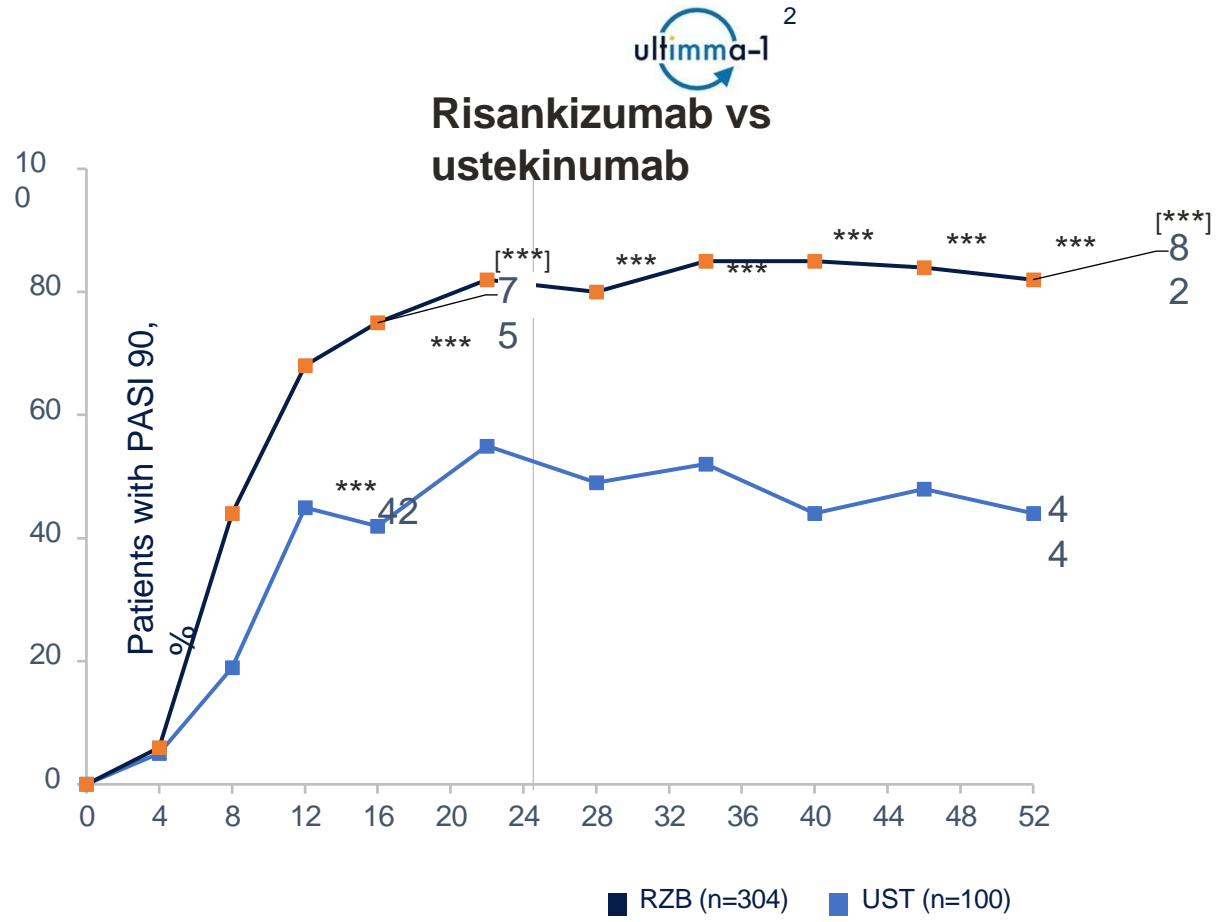
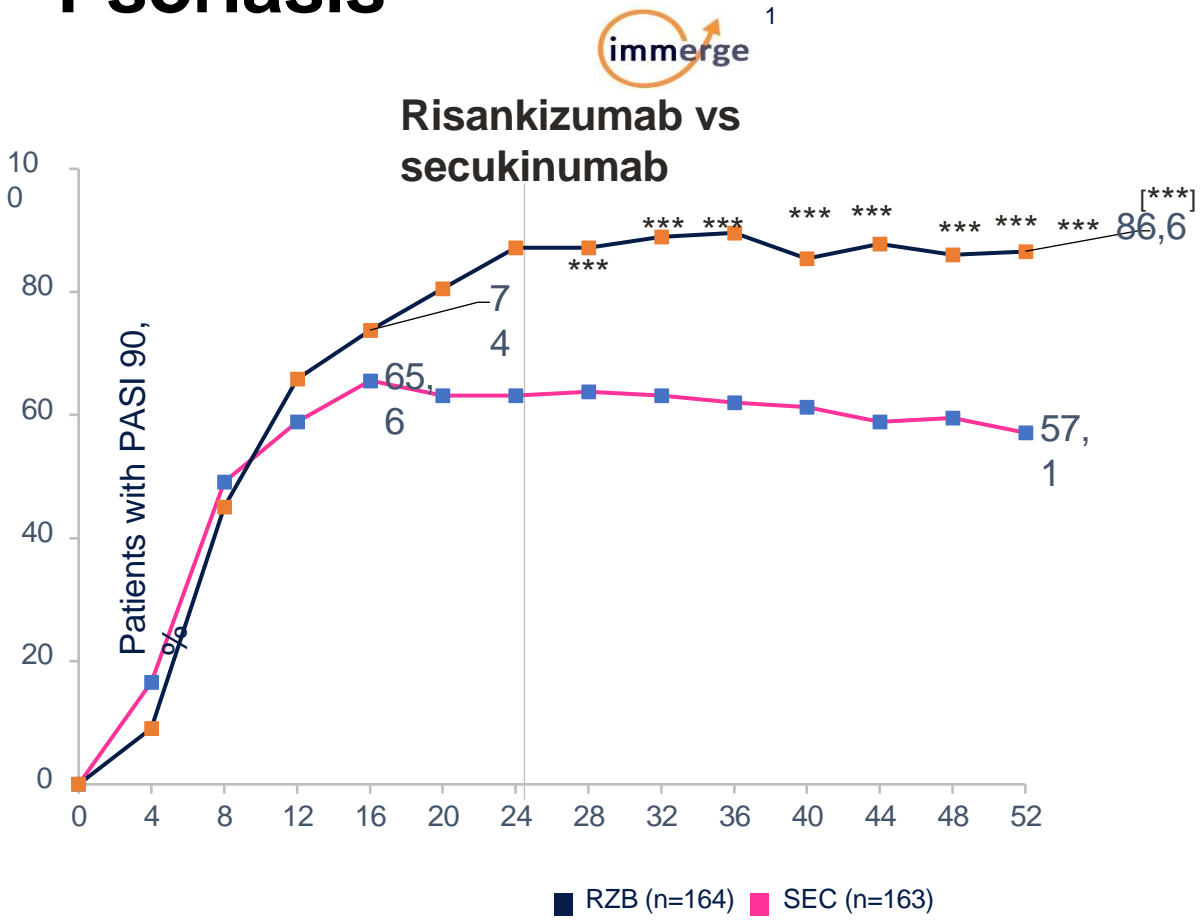


**EXCEED: secukinumab vs adalimumab, PASI 90 at 1 year**





# Superior PASI 90 Response of Risankizumab (IL-23i) vs Secukinumab (IL-17i) and Ustekinumab (IL12/23i) in Psoriasis

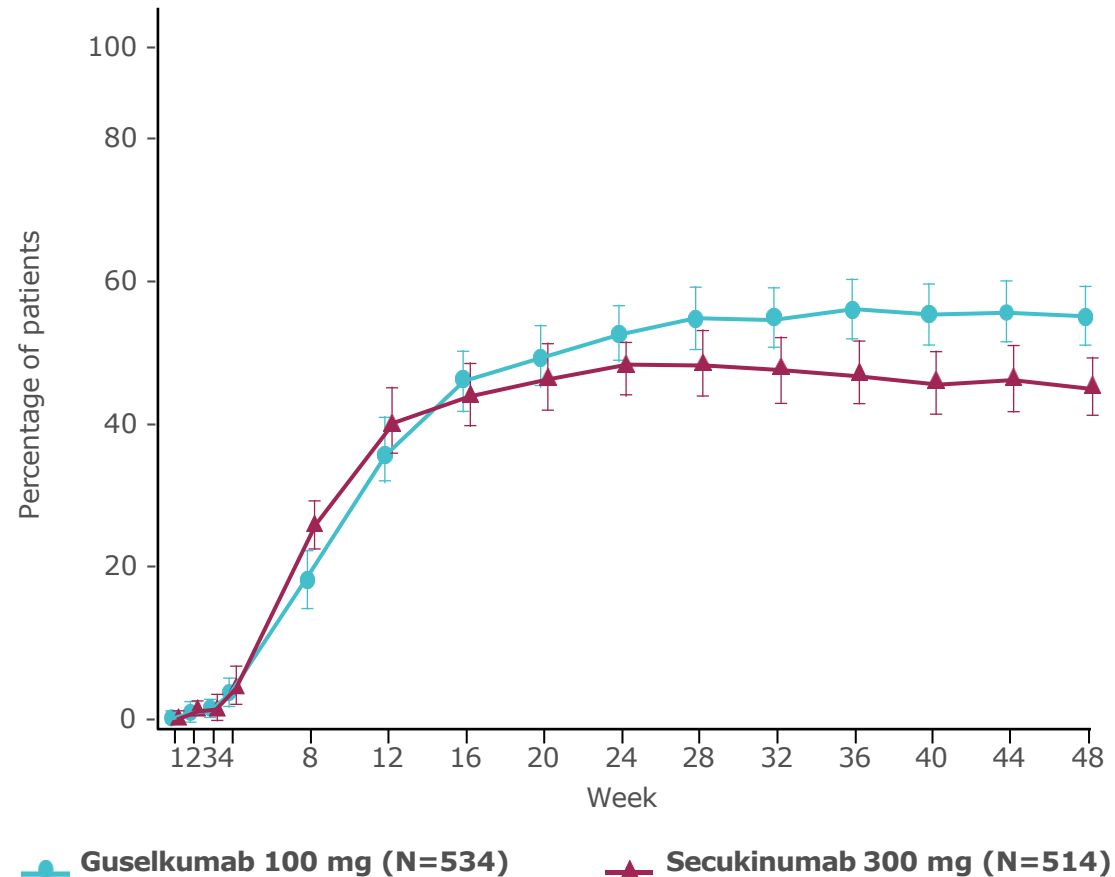


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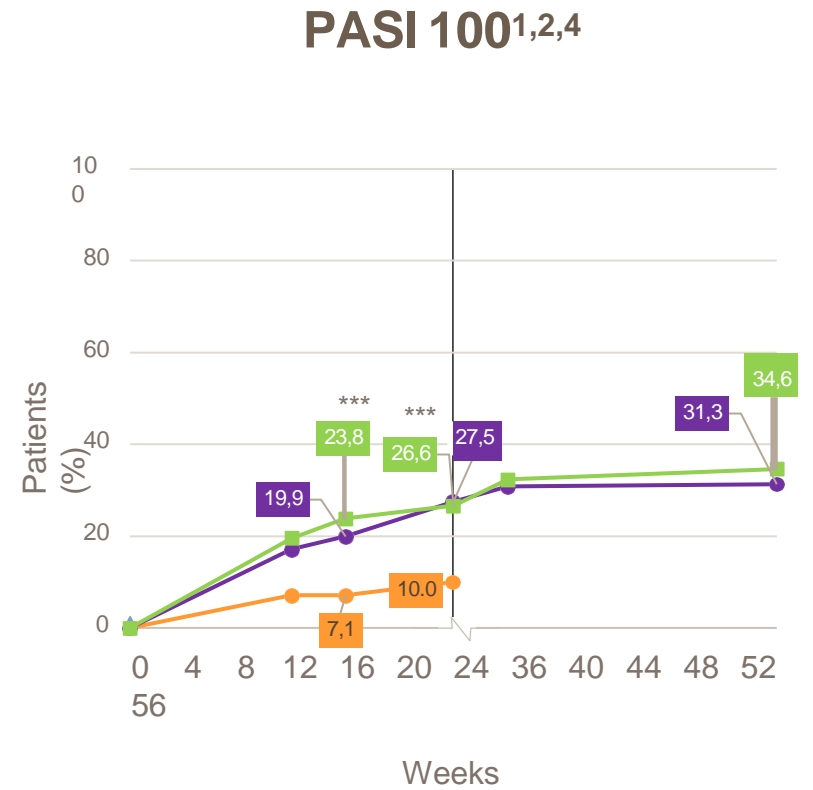
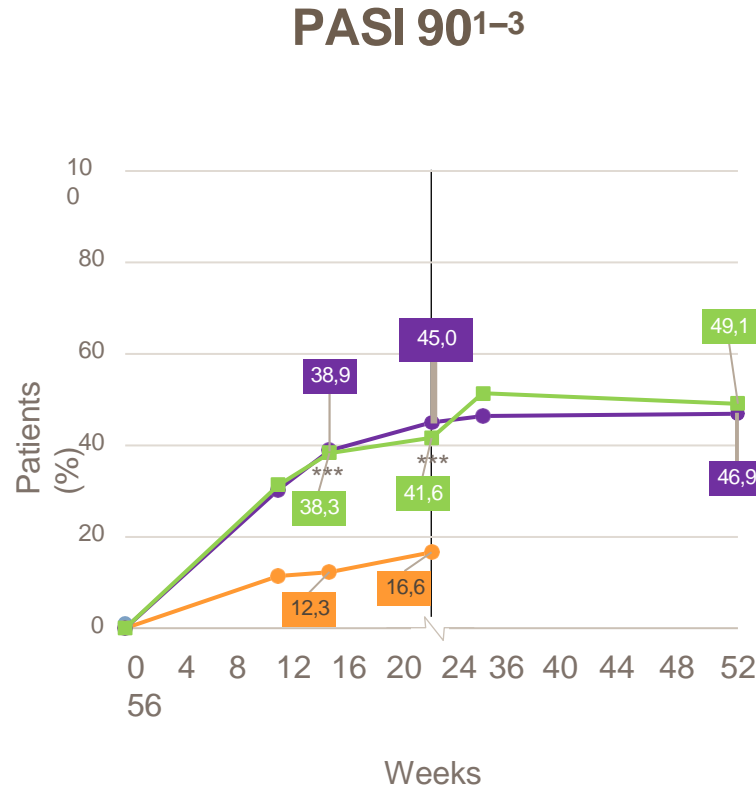
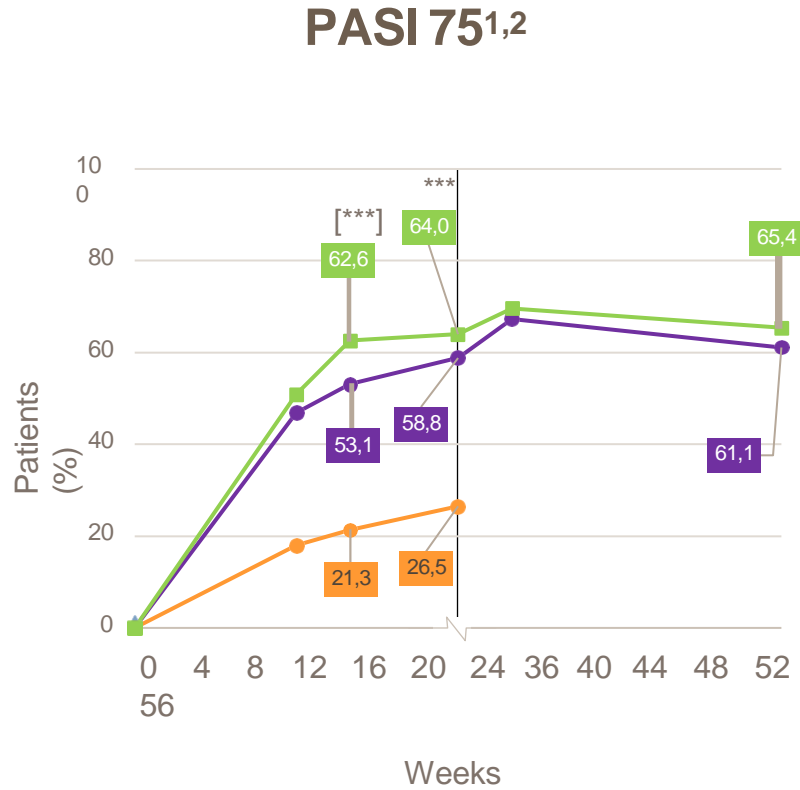
# Guselkumab showed superior long-term efficacy based on PASI 90 at week 48 when compared with secukinumab

ECLIPSE

PASI 100 response rates through Week 48 by visit\*



# PASI 75/90/100a responses with upadacitinib over time through Week 56



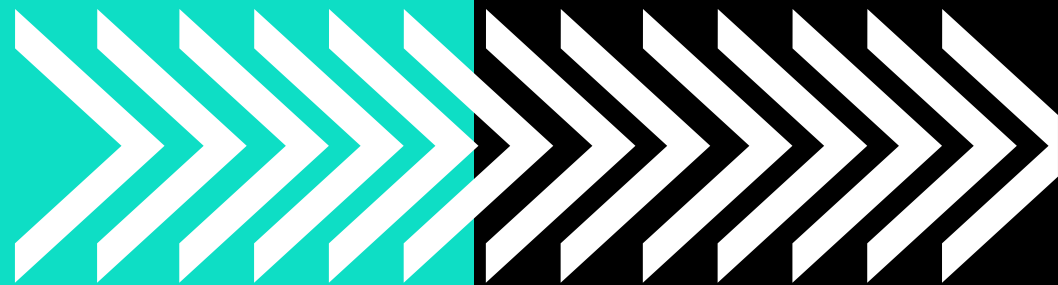
● PBO  
(n=211)

■ UPA 15 mg QD  
(n=214)

● ADA  
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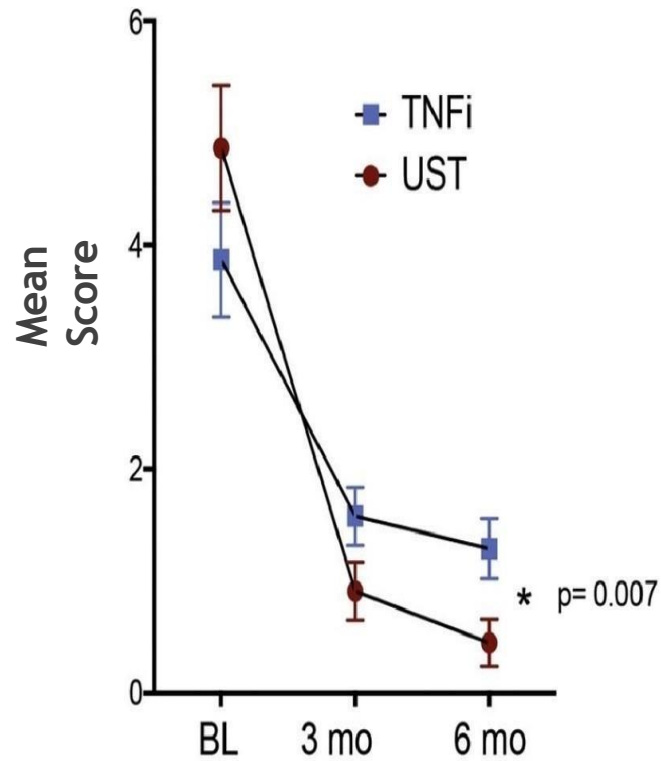
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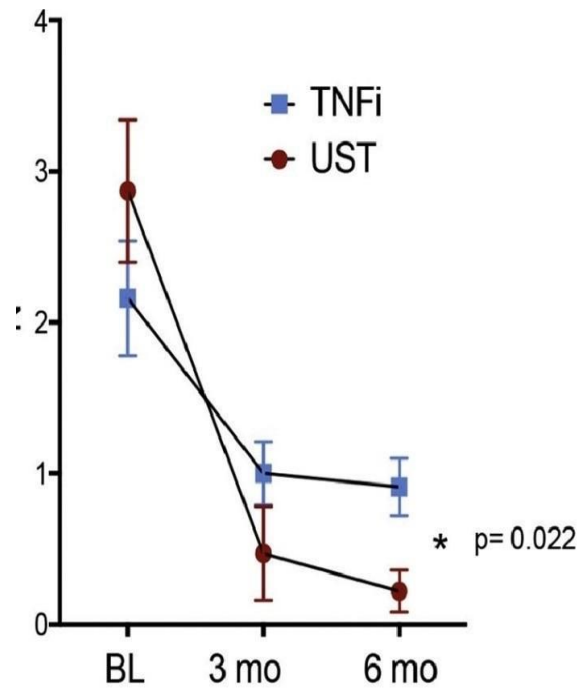
# Ustekinumab is superior to TNFi in resolving enthesitis in PsA patients (n=47)

ECLIPSA Study

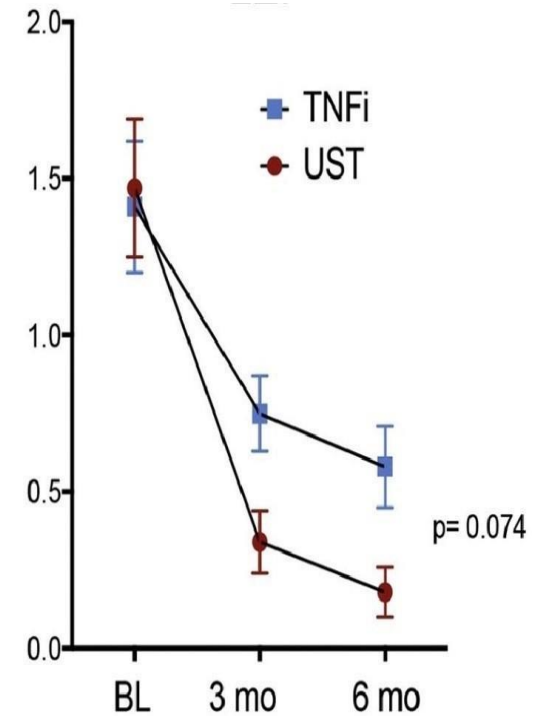
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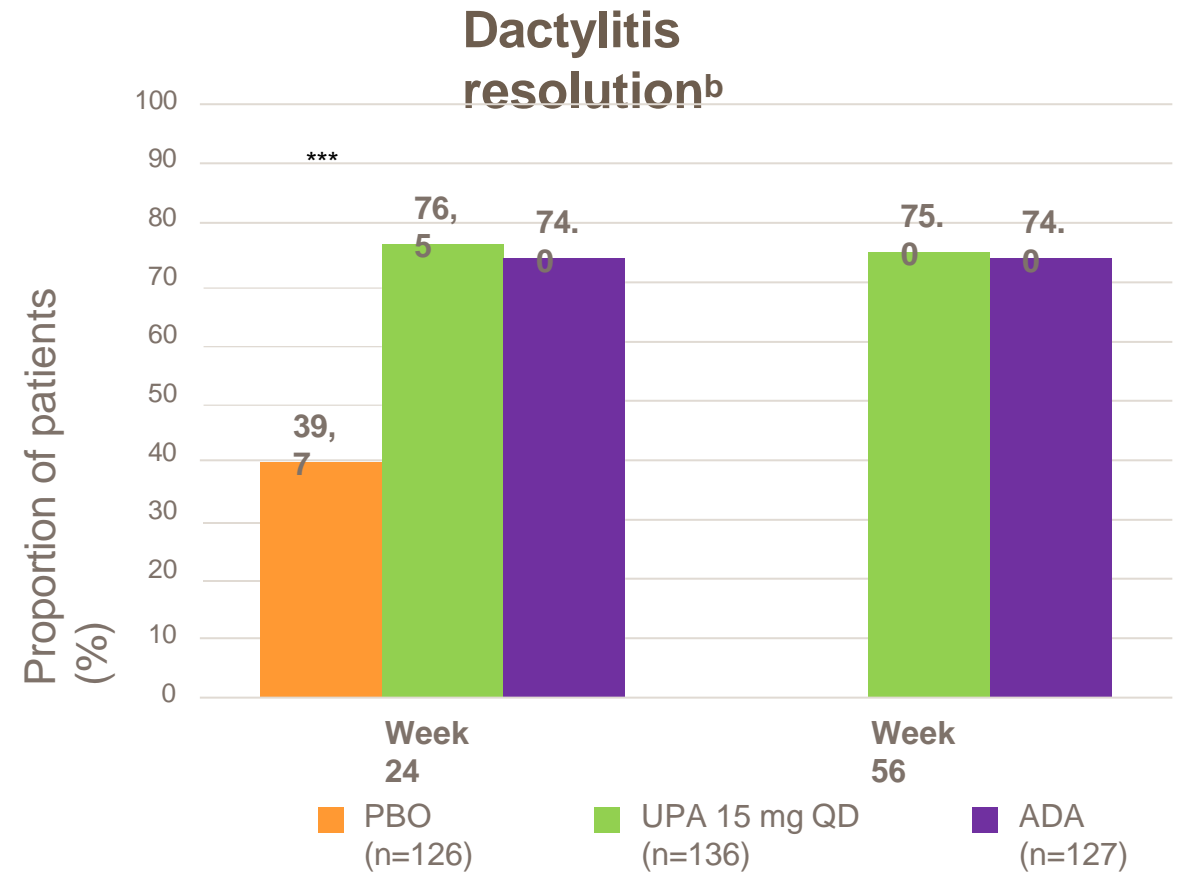
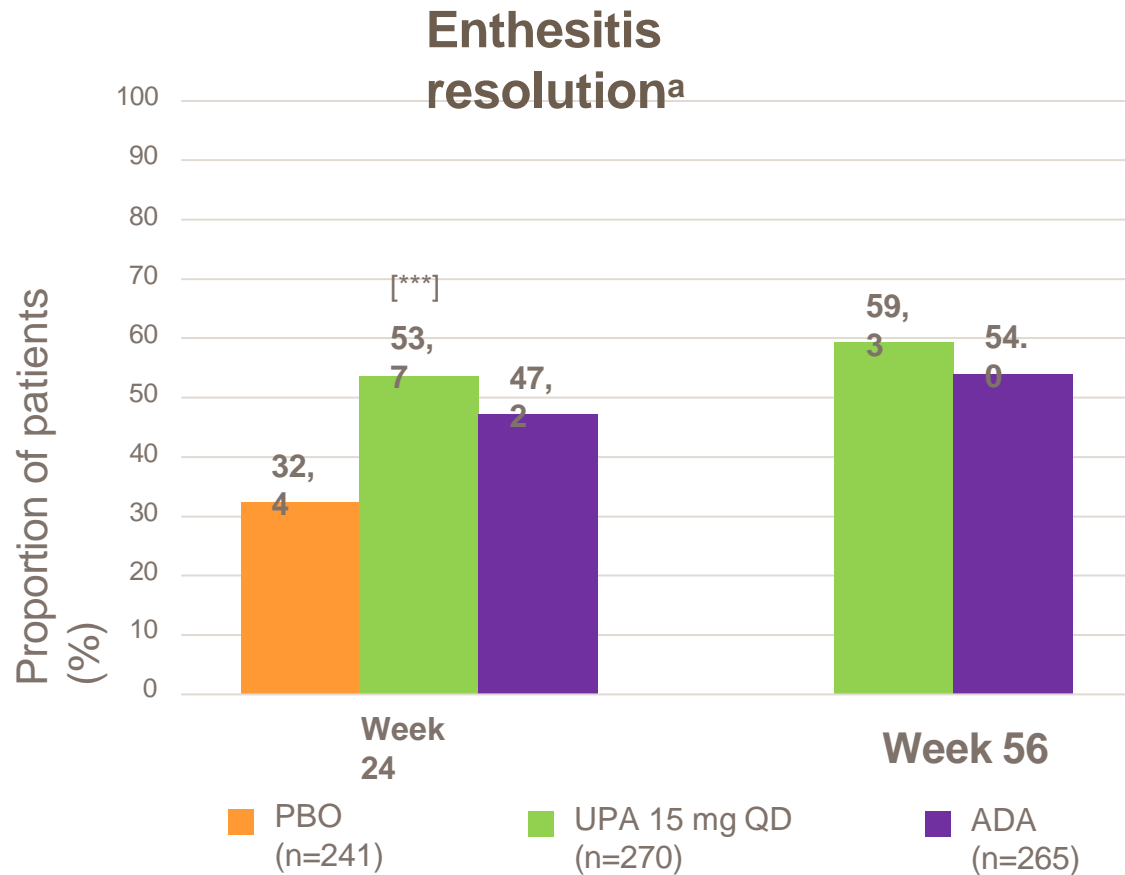
MASES



LEI



# Resolution of enthesitis and dactylitis at Weeks 24 and 56



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# Extra-MSK manifestations influence treatment choice for b/tsDMARDs



**Uveitis**

**TNFi (monoclonal Ab)**



**Inflammatory bowel disease**

**TNFi (monoclonal) or IL12/23i or IL23i or JAKi\***

## Current EMA authorisations in IBD (in green)

DISEASE	IL12/23	IL-23		IL-17	JAKs
Crohn's disease	UST	RZB	GUS (prelim data)	Disease aggravation	UPA
Ulcerative colitis	UST	RZB, GUS (prelim data)			UPA, TOFA, FILGO

\*For JAK-inhibitors, caution is needed for patients with risk factors, refer to the EMA guidelines.

# GRAPPA 2021 PsA treatment guidelines propose a guide to MOAs according to comorbidities in PsA

Comorbidity	NSAIDs	GCs	MTX and/or LEF	TNFi	IL-17i	IL-12/23i	IL-23i	JAKi	PDE4i
Elevated risk of CVD	Caution							Caution	
Congestive heart failure <sup>a</sup>		Caution		Avoid					
Elevated risk for VTE								Caution	
Obesity			Caution						
Fatty liver disease			Avoid						
Active hepatitis B or C			Avoid	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution
Tuberculosis				Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution
History of recent malignancy				Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution	Caution
MS and/or demyelinating disease				Avoid					
Depression and/or anxiety									Caution

<sup>a</sup>Severe or advanced, class III or IV according to the New York Heart Association (NYHA) Functional Classification.

CVD, cardiovascular disease; GC, glucocorticoid; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; i, inhibitor; IL, interleukin; JAK, Janus kinase; LEF, leflunomide; MS, multiple sclerosis; MTX, methotrexate; NSAIDs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs; PDE4, phosphodiesterase 4; PsA, psoriatic arthritis; TNF, tumour necrosis factor; VTE, venous thromboembolism.

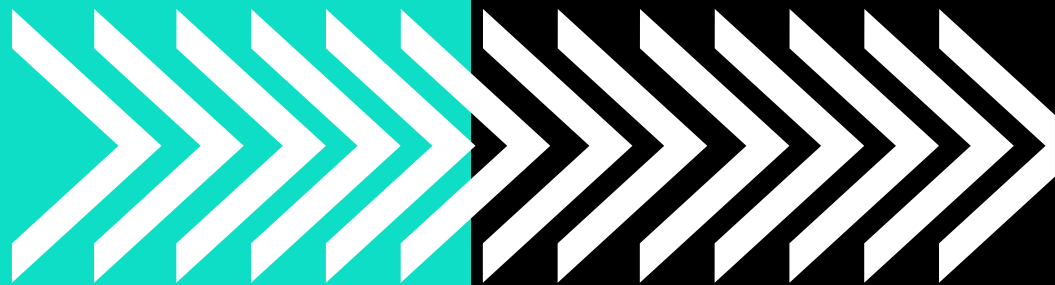
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# 2023 update of the EULAR recommendations for the management of PsA

Target	Disease Domain								
	Arthritis (ACR 70)	Physical function (HAQ)	Skin (PASI 75)	Enthesitis*		Dactylitis*		Radiographic damage (PsA-mSvdHS)	
<b>TNF</b> (ADA, CZP, ETN, IFX, GOL)									
<b>IL-17A</b> (IXE, SEC)									
<b>IL-17A/F</b> (BKZ)									
<b>IL-12/23</b> (UST)									
<b>IL-23-p19</b> (GUS, RIS)								GUS	RIS
<b>JAK</b> (TOFA, UPA)				TOFA	UPA	TOFA	UPA	TOFA	UPA
<b>CD80/86</b> (ABA)									
<b>PDE-4</b> (APR)									

**Ασφάλει  
α**



# b/tsDMARDs increase the risk of infections

**Infection**

Risk increase with b/tsDMARDs<sup>1</sup>

**Tuberculosis**

Risk increase with bDMARDs, particularly TNFi<sup>2</sup>

**Herpes Zoster**

Risk increase with JAKi<sup>2</sup>

**Candidiasis**

Risk increase with IL-17i (localised)<sup>2</sup>

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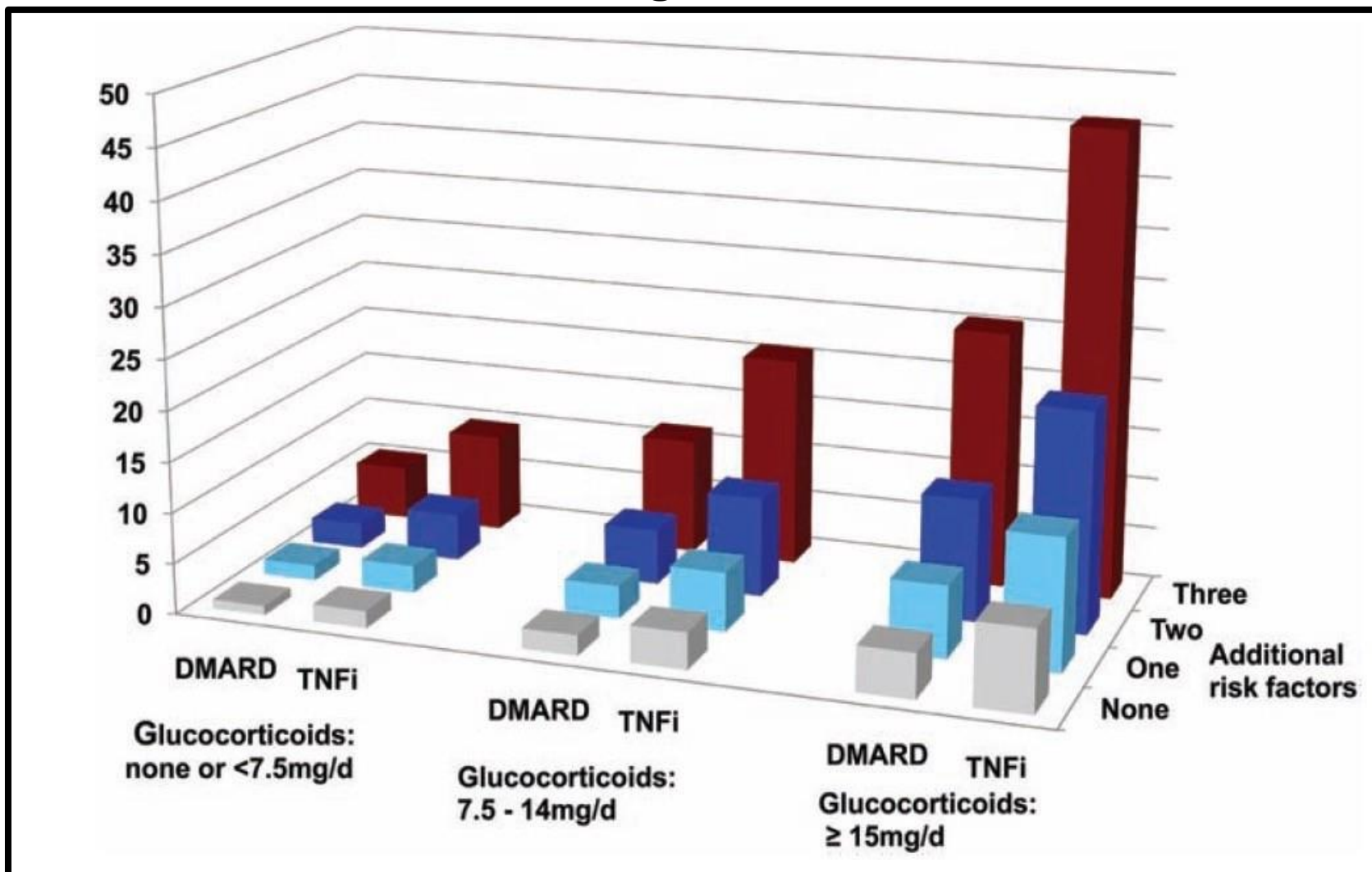
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# Σοβαρές λοιμώξεις ανά 100 ασθενείς ανά χρόνο σε σχέση με τη θεραπεία και παράγοντες κινδύνου

## German Register RABBIT







# Ανεπιθύμητες ενέργειες Jakinibs

- Infection – equivalent to biologics, including serious and opportunistic infections
- Including: TB, nontuberculous mycobacteria, *Candida*, *Pneumocystis jirovecii*, *Cryptococcus*, toxoplasmosis
- Viral infection
  - Herpes zoster – more common than biologics
    - 1.5 to 2 fold higher; more common in Asian populations
    - Related to IFN $\alpha$  antagonism?
    - VZV reactivation also seen with Sifalimumab in SLE
  - Small number of CMV infections

# ΑΝΕΠΙΘΥΜΗΤΕΣ ΕΝΕΡΓΕΙΕΣ

## Jakinibs

- Cytopenias: anemia, leukopenia, neutropenia
  - Jak2inhibition? IL-6?
- DVT– Drug vs Classeffect? Mechanism?
  - Yunet al Abstr824 ACR
  - 2018 Desai et al Abstr L09, ACR 2018
- Increasedlipids
  - Significancefor CVdisease?HDLmay also be increased
    - Taylor et al ARD2018
- GIperforation
  - Efficaciousin IBD(?)
- Increasedtransaminases
- IncreasedCPK
- Increasedcreatinine
  - Decreasedcreatinine clearance no long term

# Clinical Management of Herpes Zoster in Patients With Rheumatoid Arthritis or Psoriatic Arthritis Receiving Tofacitinib Treatment

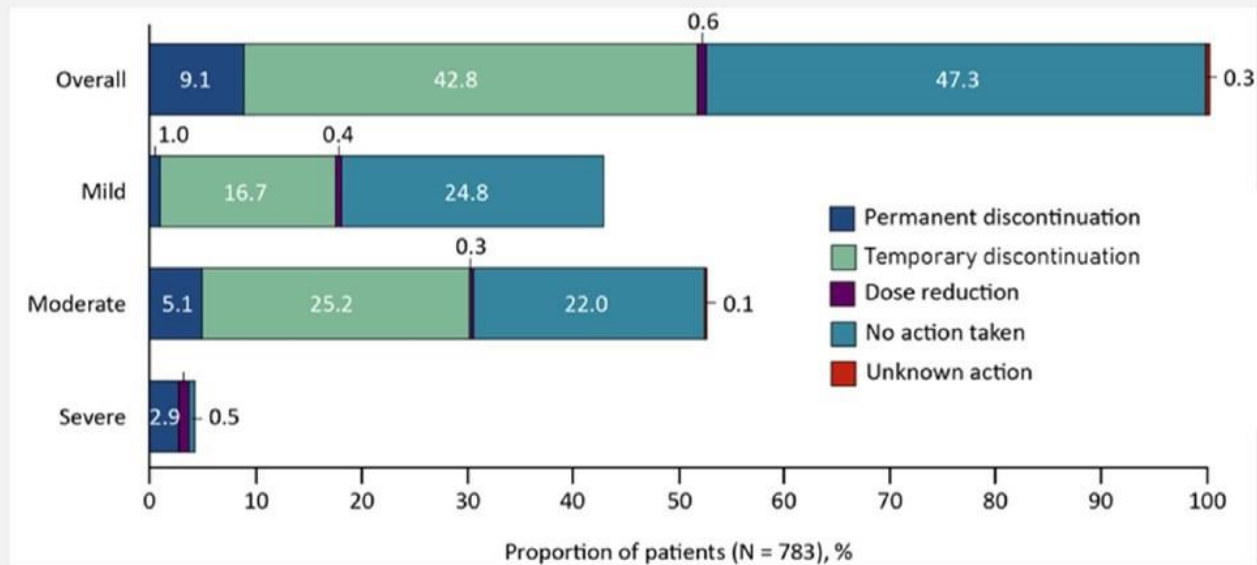
## Study design

- Post hoc analysis of data from 21 RA and 3 PsA clinical studies
  - **Phase I:** 2 studies (RA)
  - **Phase II:** 10 studies (RA)
  - **Phase III:** 6 studies (RA), 2 studies (PsA)
  - **Phase III/IV:** 1 study (RA)
  - **LTE:** 2 studies (RA), 1 study (PsA)
- Outcomes of HZ events and TOFA treatment changes were evaluated in response to first and second HZ events

## Key results

- HZ events in patients receiving tofacitinib were
  - generally non-serious and mild or moderate in severity
  - clinically manageable with events resolving in most patients

## Changes to TOFA treatment due to first HZ event in RA



**HZ events in patients with RA receiving tofacitinib were generally nonserious and clinically manageable**

# Safety of JAK inhibitors: EMA guidance

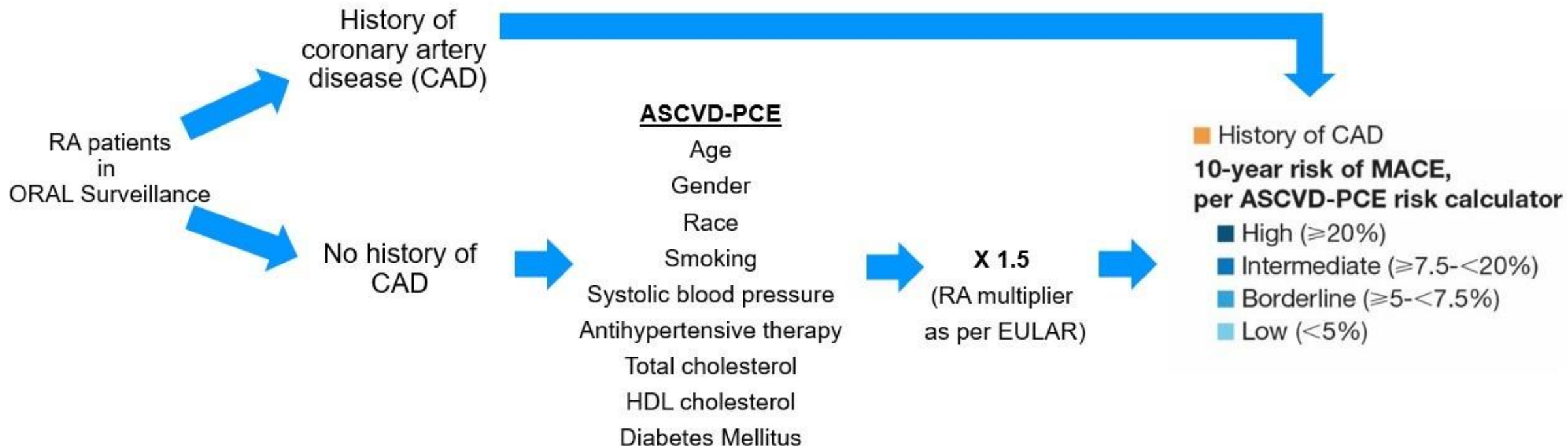


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- An EMA review has found that, compared with TNF-alpha inhibitors, Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors used to treat chronic inflammatory disorders (rheumatoid arthritis, **psoriatic arthritis**, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, axial spondyloarthritis, ulcerative colitis, atopic dermatitis and alopecia areata) are linked to a higher risk of major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE), venous thromboembolism (VTE), malignancy, serious infections and all-cause mortality.
- EMA concluded that **the identified risks apply to all JAK inhibitors approved for the treatment of chronic inflammatory disorders.**
- These medicines (Xeljanz, Cibinqo, Olumiant, Rinvoq and Jyseleca) should be used **in the following patients only if no suitable treatment alternatives are available:**
  - those aged 65 years or above,
  - those who are current or past long-time smokers,
  - those with a history of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease or other cardiovascular risk factors,
  - or those with other malignancy risk factors.
- Cautious use is also recommended in patients with known risk factors for VTE other than those listed above.

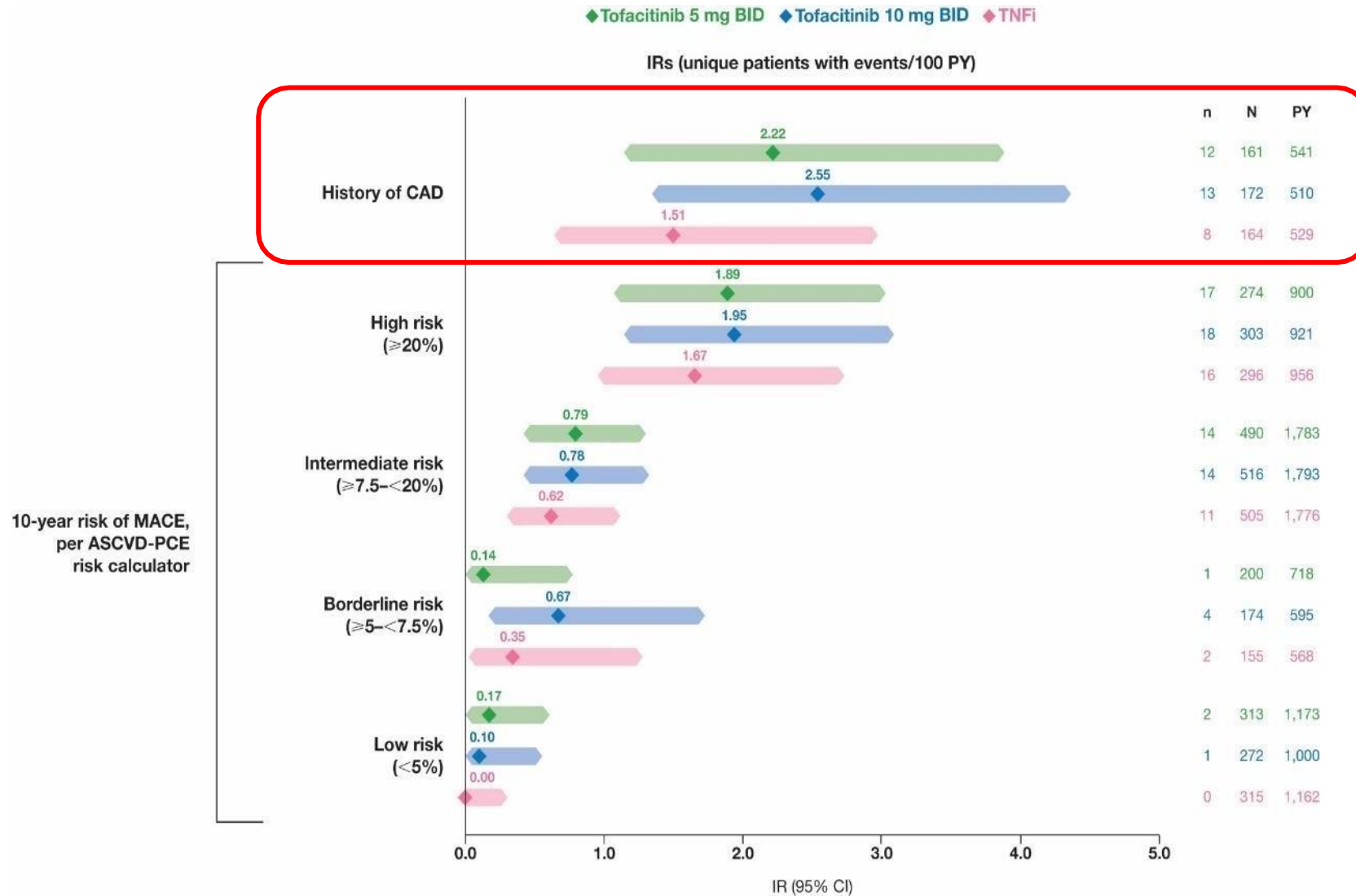
# ASCVD-PCE Cardiovascular Risk Scoring

- Applied 10-year atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD)<sup>1</sup> risk estimation with additional EULAR-recommended<sup>2</sup> risk multiplier
  - The scoring method only applies to patients who do not already carry a diagnosis





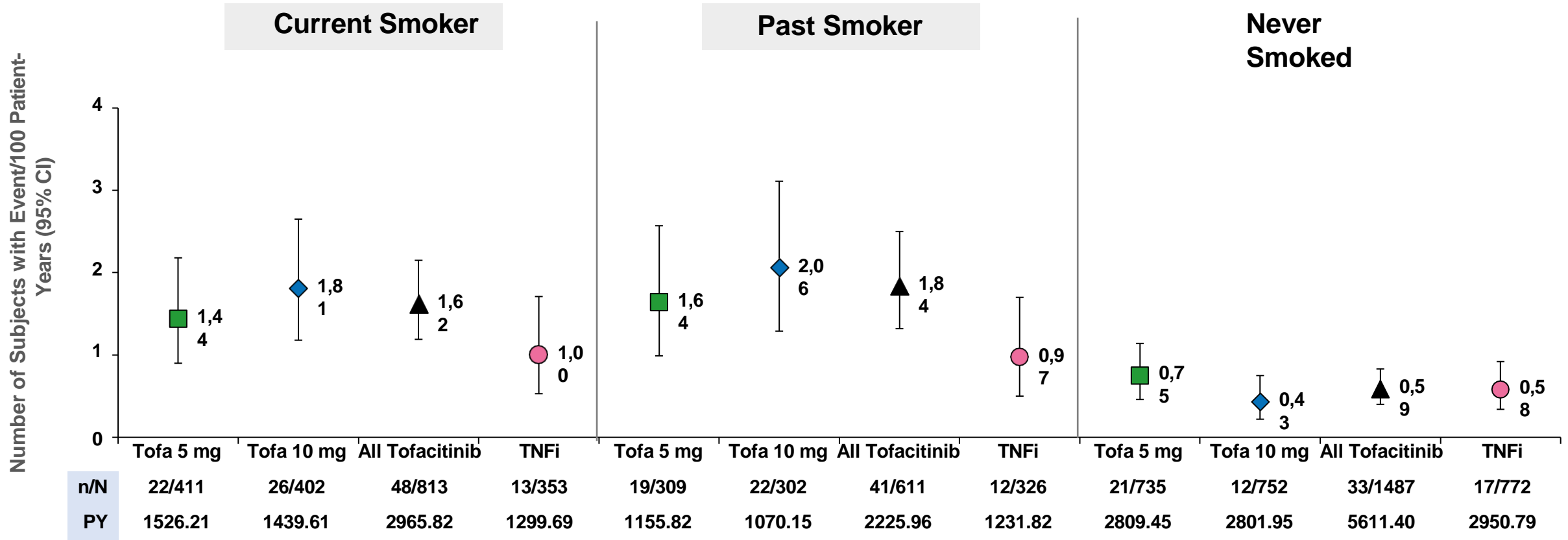
# Across treatment groups, MACE mostly occurred in patients with a history of CAD or at high risk of MACE at baseline



a. 10-year risk of MACE, per ASCVD-PCE risk criteria, were calculated only for patients without a history of CAD; proportions do not sum to 100% due to missing data to derive ASCVD-PCE score in 17, 19 and 16 patients in the tofacitinib 5 mg BID, tofacitinib 10 mg BID, and TNFi treatment groups, respectively; ASCVD-PCE, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease-pooled cohort equation; BID, twice daily; CAD, coronary artery disease; CI, confidence interval; IR, incidence rate; MI, myocardial infarction; PY, patient-years; TNFi, tumor necrosis factor inhibitor. Data on file. Pfizer Inc, New York, NY. Presented at ACR Convergence 2021, presentation 0958



# Incidence Rates of Malignancies (Excluding NMSC) by Smoking Status



# Incidence of AEs of Special Interest in Tofacitinib PsA program

**783** patients studied<sup>1</sup>

**2038** PY of exposure<sup>1</sup>

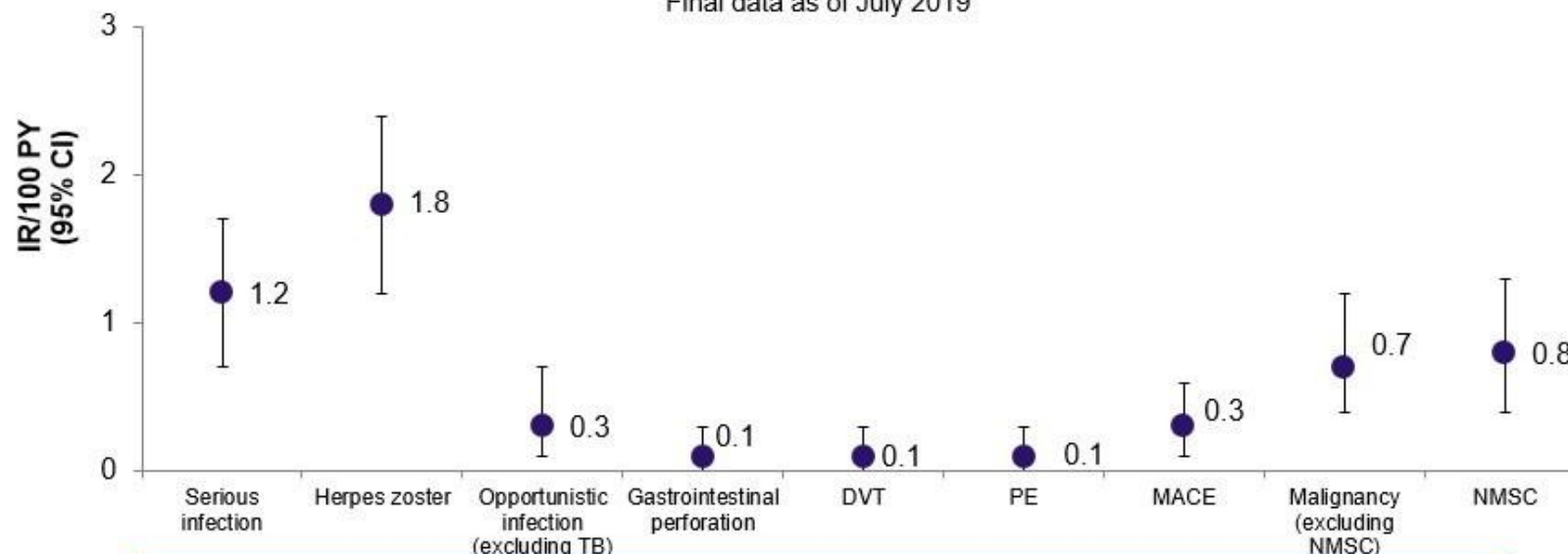
**PHASE 3**

**3** clinical trials<sup>2,3†</sup>

**Up to 48 months‡** of observation in the LTE study for safety<sup>4</sup>

IRs for AEs of Special Interest<sup>1</sup>  
Integrated Safety Summary (P3LTE) – All Tofacitinib Doses

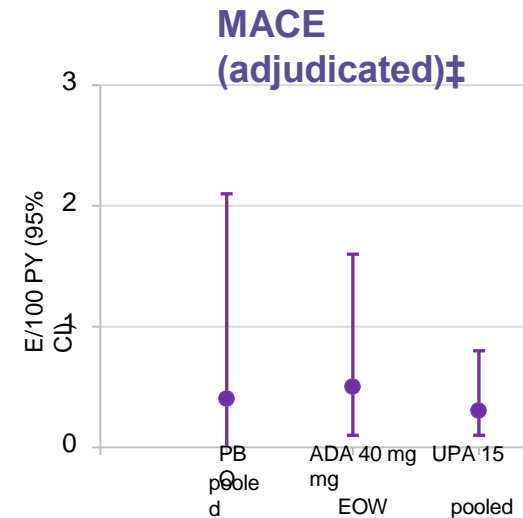
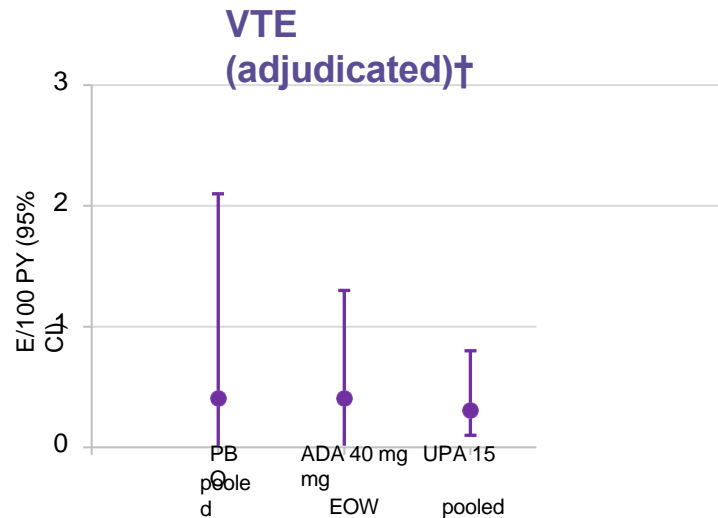
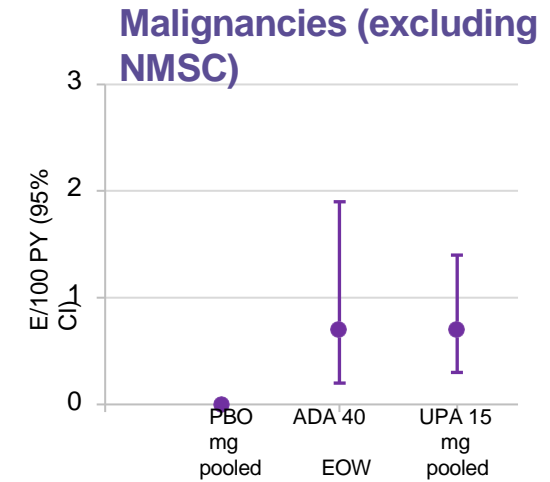
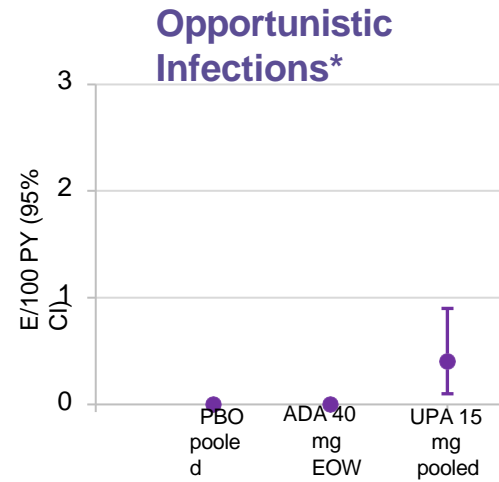
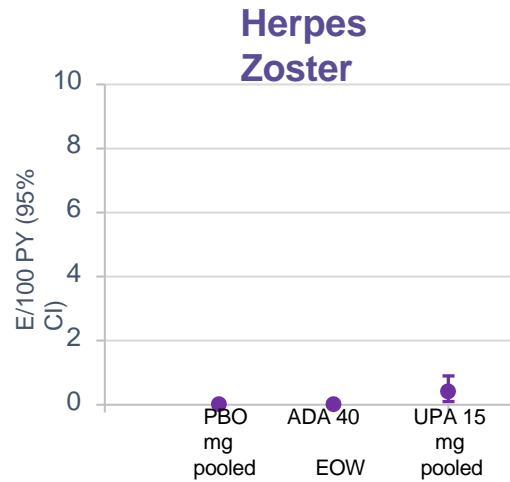
Final data as of July 2019



In clinical trials, the safety profile of tofacitinib in PsA was consistent with the safety profile of the overall tofacitinib clinical program<sup>1,3</sup>

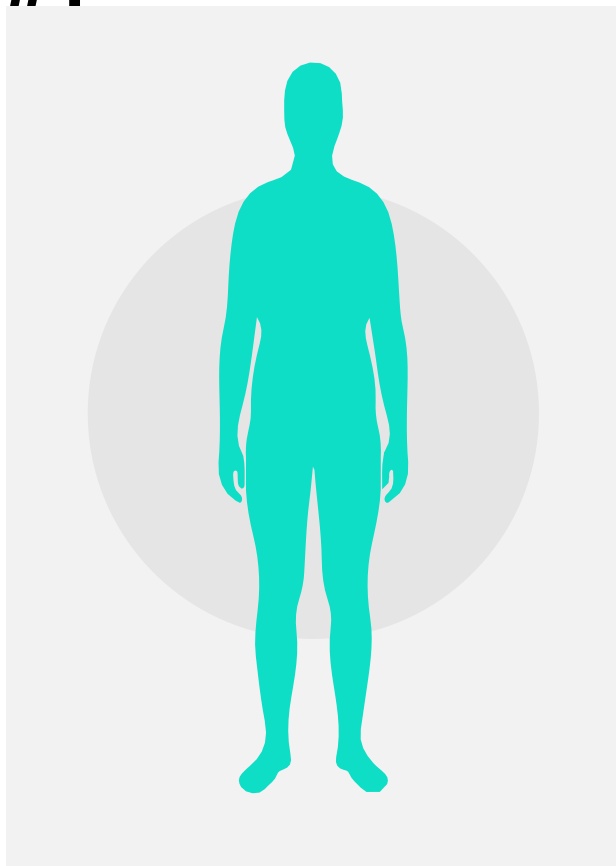
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3. Nash P, et al. *Lancet Rheumatol*. 2021;3(4):e270-e283.

# Upadacitinib 15mg and adalimumab had similar safety profiles with the exception of HZ and opportunistic infections up to 3 Years: An Integrated Analysis of Two Pivotal Phase 3 Trials



# Περίπτωση

## #1



➤ Άνδρας 52 ετών

➤ BMI: 30.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

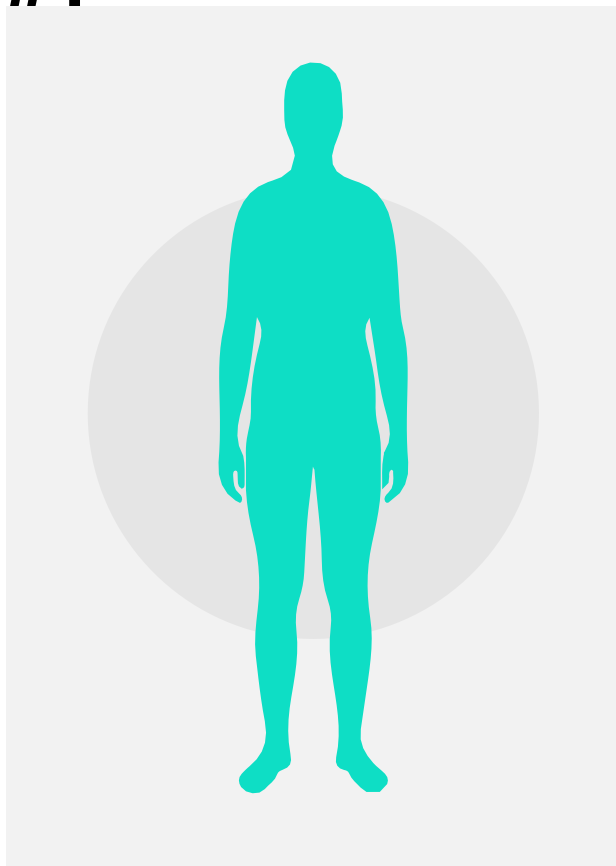
### Κλινικά χαρακτηριστικά

CRP (mg/L)	7
TKE	30
TJC/SJC (68/66)	16/12
PASI	4.4
BSA	3
Patient global assessment (VAS 100 mm)	75
Pain VAS (100 mm)	80
HAQ-DI	1.8
DAS28-CRP	5.9
Μικροσκοπική κολίτιδα	

➤ Προηγούμενη θεραπεία: Ανεπαρκής ανταπόκριση σε MTX 17,5mg/w

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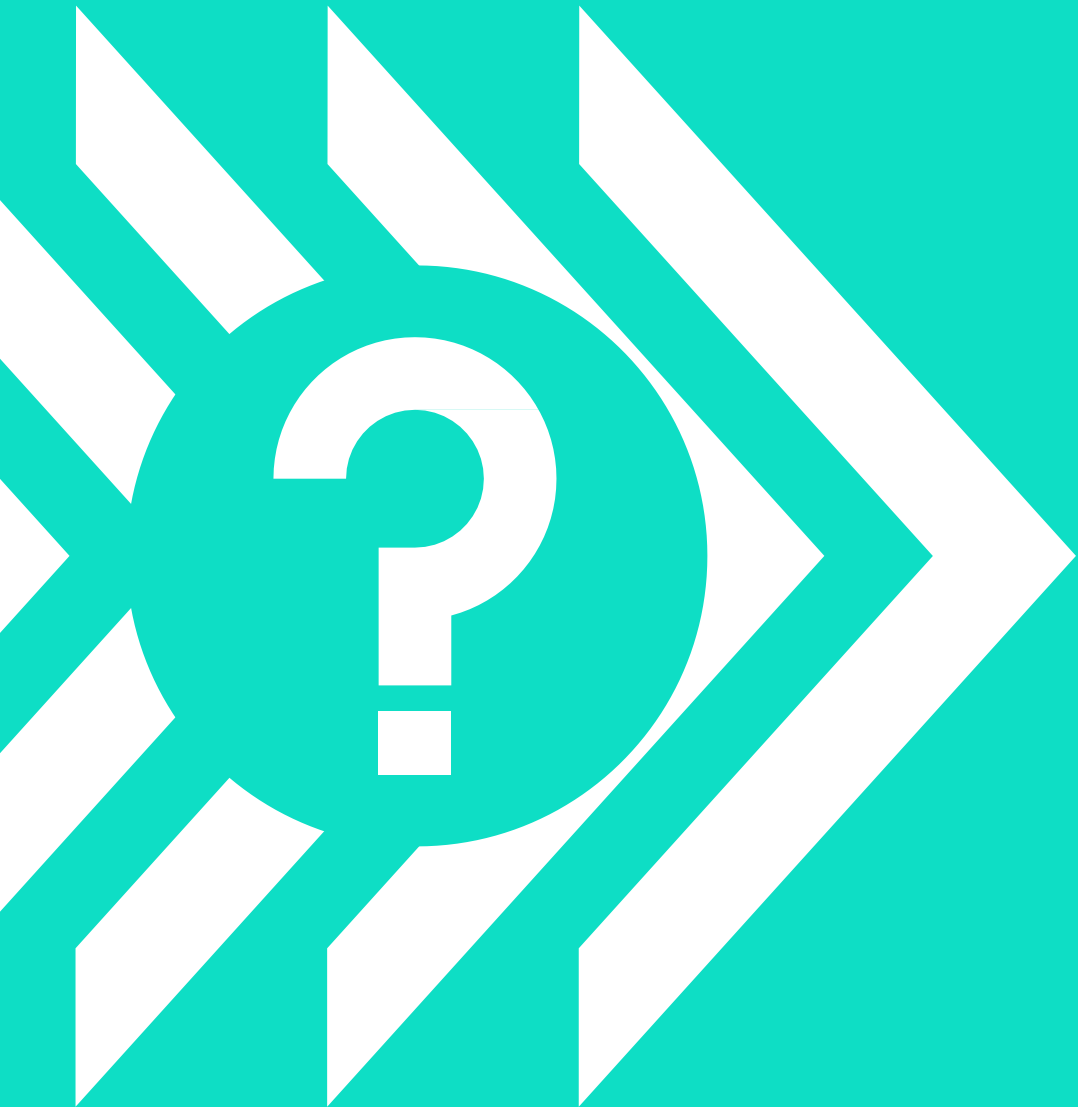
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# Θεραπευτική αντιμετώπιση Περιστατικού

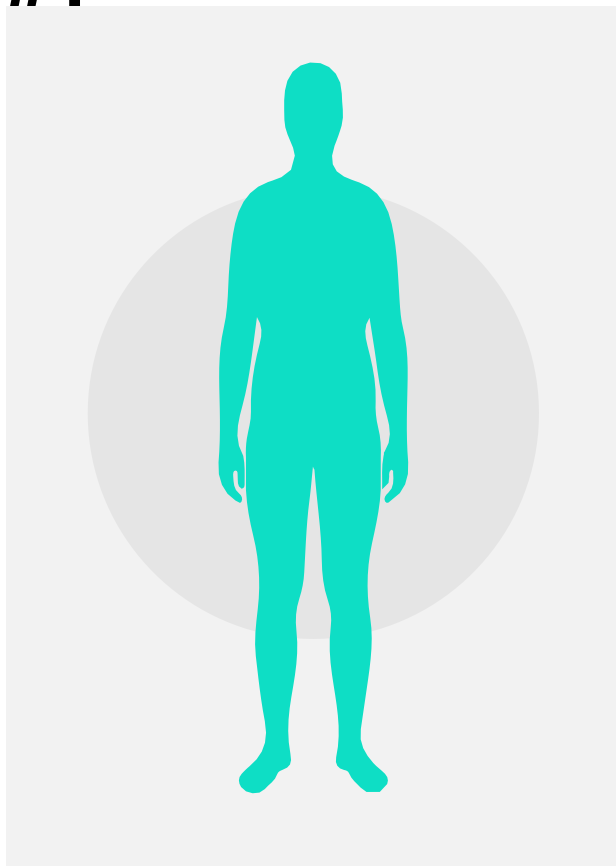


## Προσθήκη

1. Anti-IL17
2. Anti-IL12/23
3. JAK  
inhibitor
4. PDE4  
inhibitor
5. Anti-TNF $\alpha$



# Περίπτωση #1



## Περιστατικό 1 Μετά από Uradacitinib 15mg/ημέρα (6 έτη)

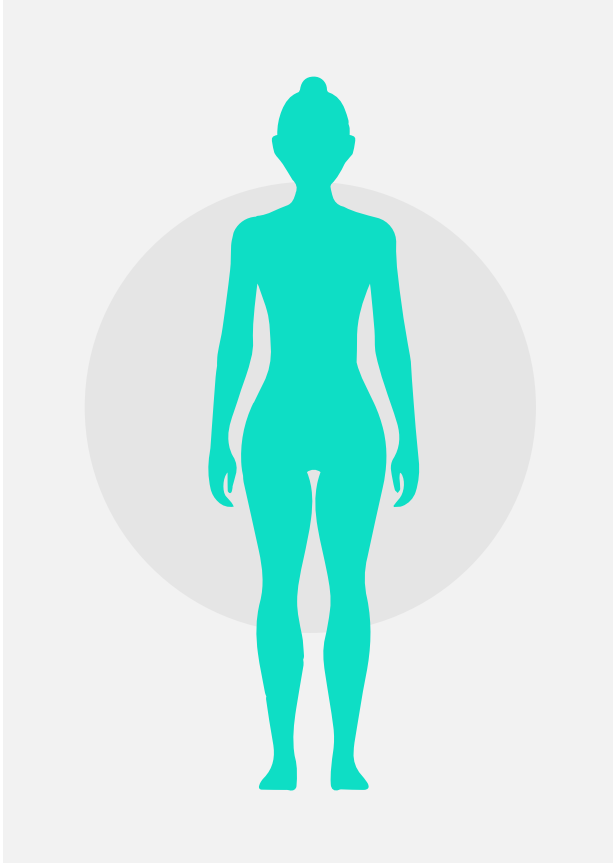
➤ Άνδρας 52 ετών

➤ BMI: 30.8 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

### Κλινικά χαρακτηριστικά

CRP (mg/L)	4
TKE	20
TJC/SJC (68/66)	1/0
PASI	0
BSA	0
Patient global assessment (VAS 100 mm)	15
Pain VAS (100 mm)	10
HAQ-DI	0.7
DAS28-CRP	2.3
Μικροσκοπική κολίτιδα	(-)

## Περίπτωση #2



**Female 45 years old**



**Past history: none**



**Family history: father with PsA**



**Occupation: civil engineer**

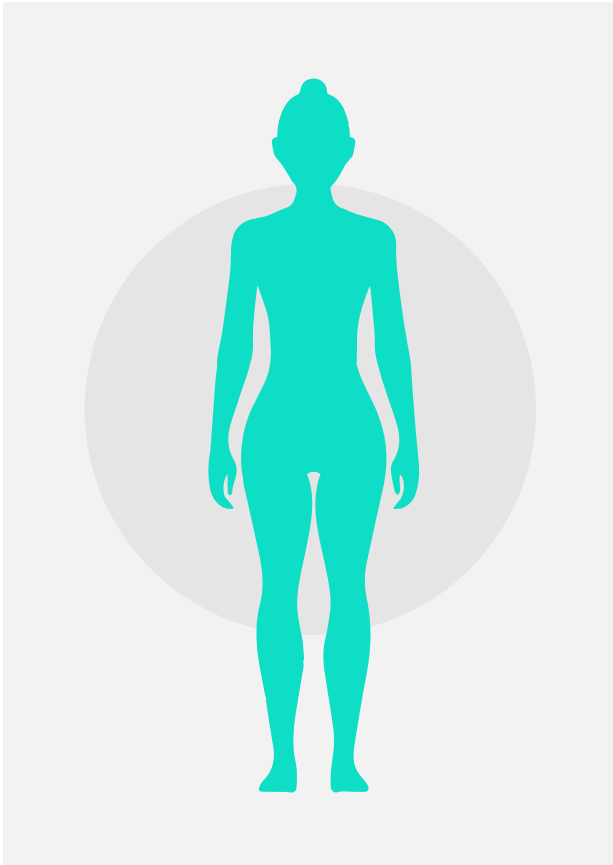


**Habits: smoker (25pack-years)**



**BMI: 29**

## Περίπτωση #2



### Clinical

**2018: Asymmetric oligoarthritis + Psoriasis**

- 4 TJC/2 SJC (2017)

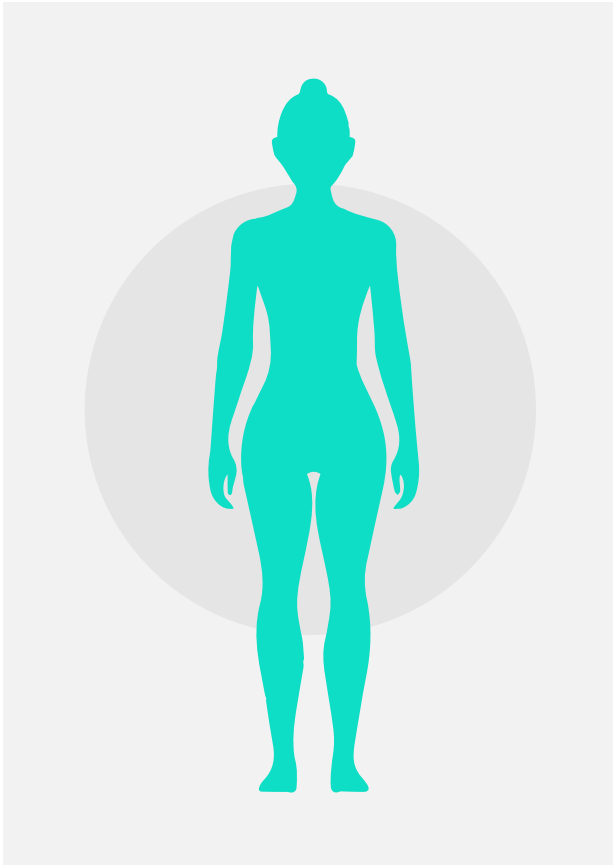
#### ◆ Laboratory

- ◆ B-27: positive
- ◆ ESR: 31 mm/h
- ◆ CRP: 0,78 mg/dl



Courtesy of Dr. Fragkoulis

## Περίπτωση #2



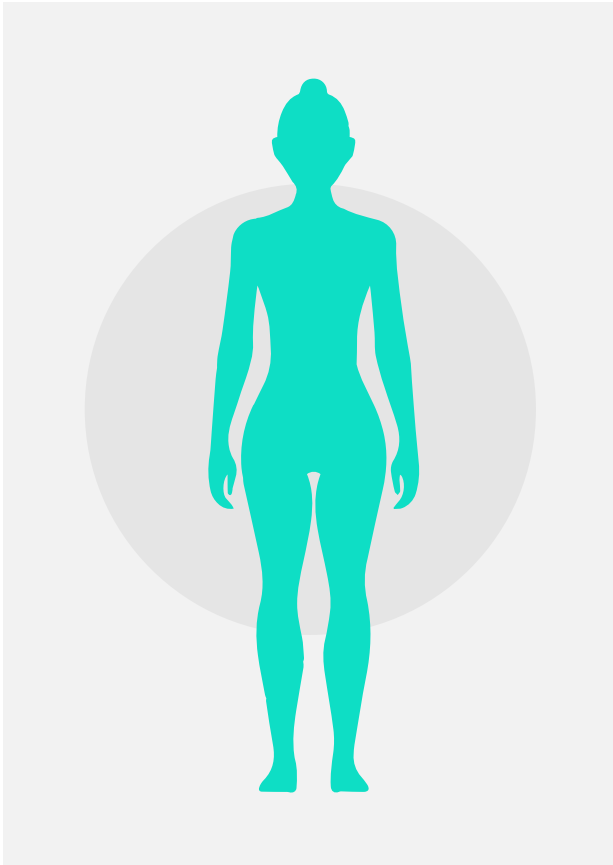
### Treated with

**Methotrexate 17.5 mg/week**

**After couple of months moderate improved**

- But....residual disease (DAPSA: 7.3) plus BSA=6
- LFTs

## Περίπτωση #2



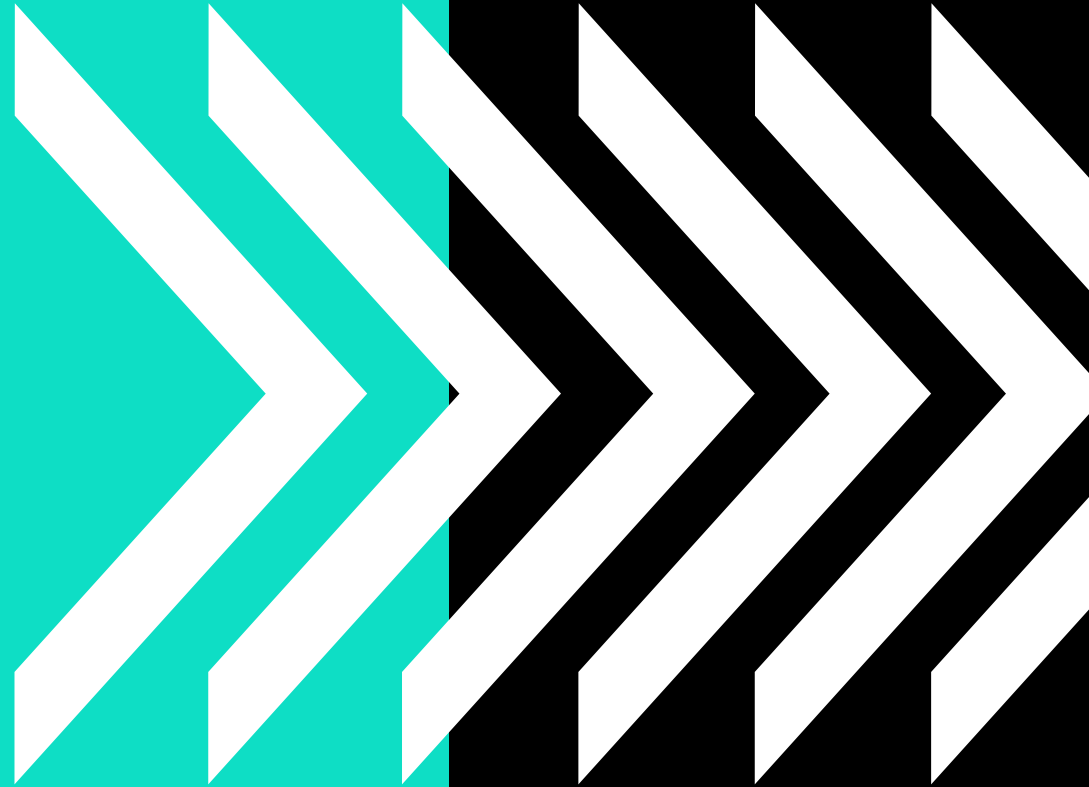
### Treated with

**Secukinumab**

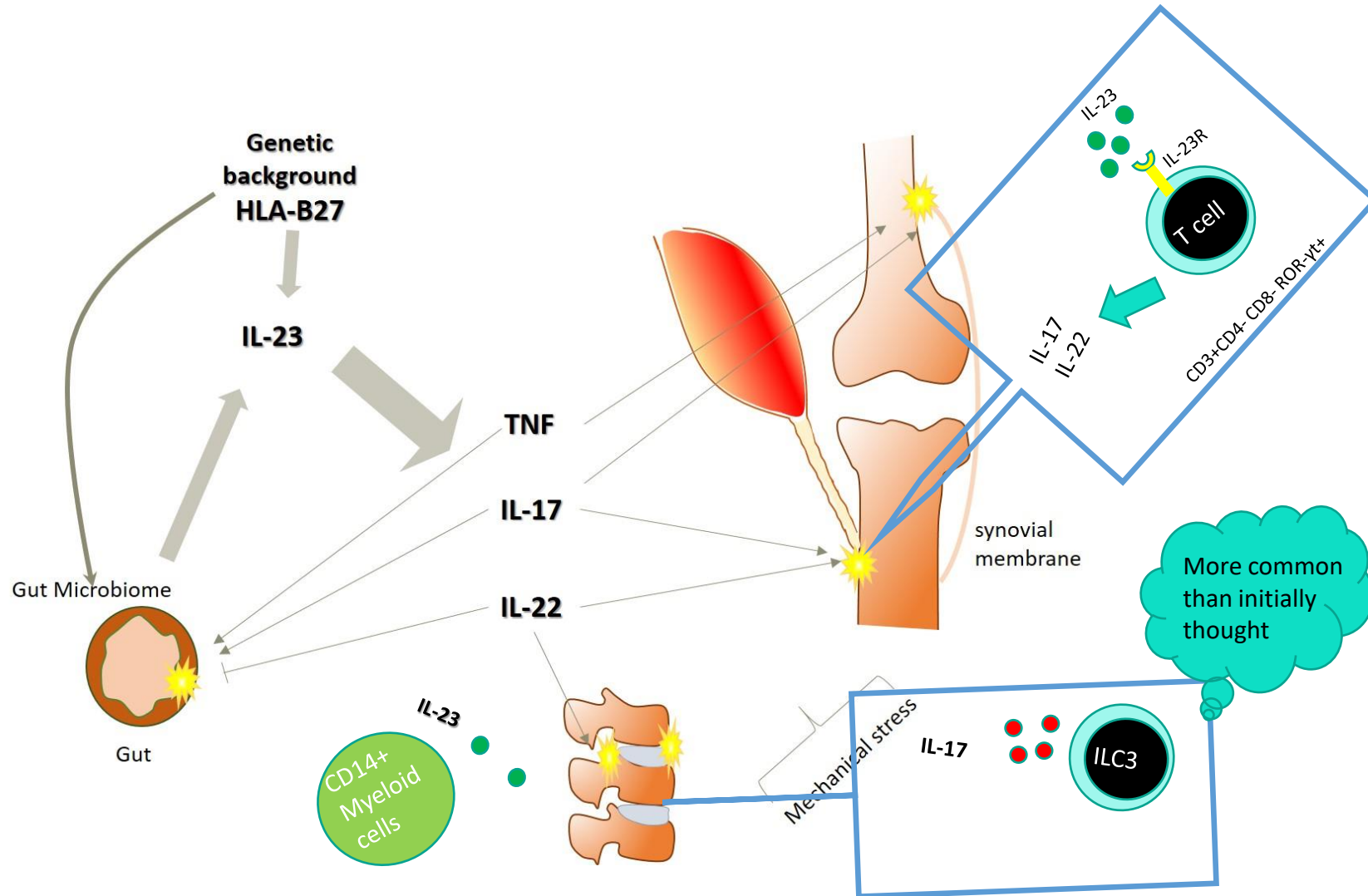
**After 6 months**

- Improved
- But...diarrheas
  - Colonoscopy: IBD- (Crohn's Disease?)

- ◆ TJC: 2
- ◆ SJC: 0
- ◆ DAPSA: 8,1
- ◆ BSA: 2
- ◆ LEI: 2



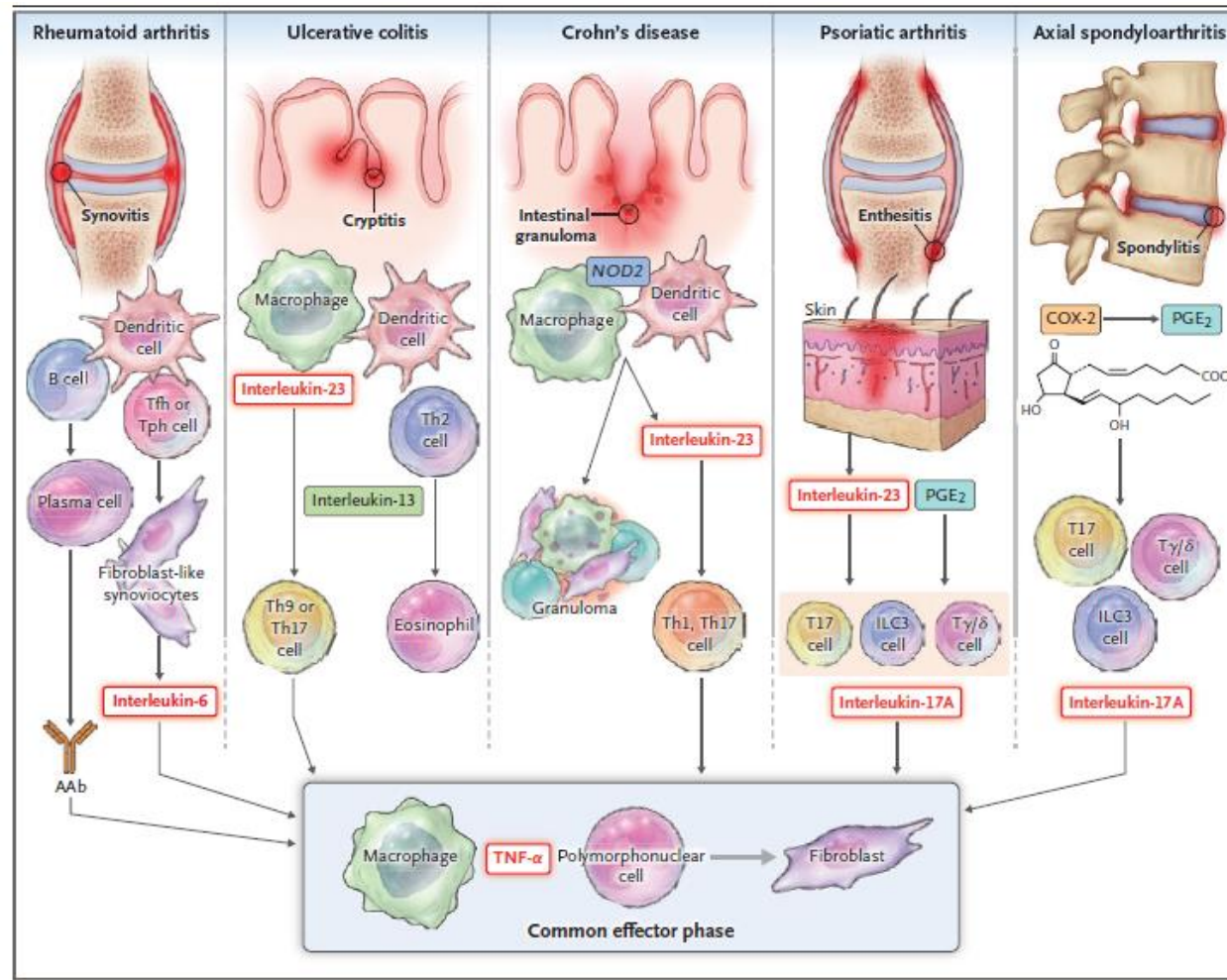
# PsA Pathogenesis overview





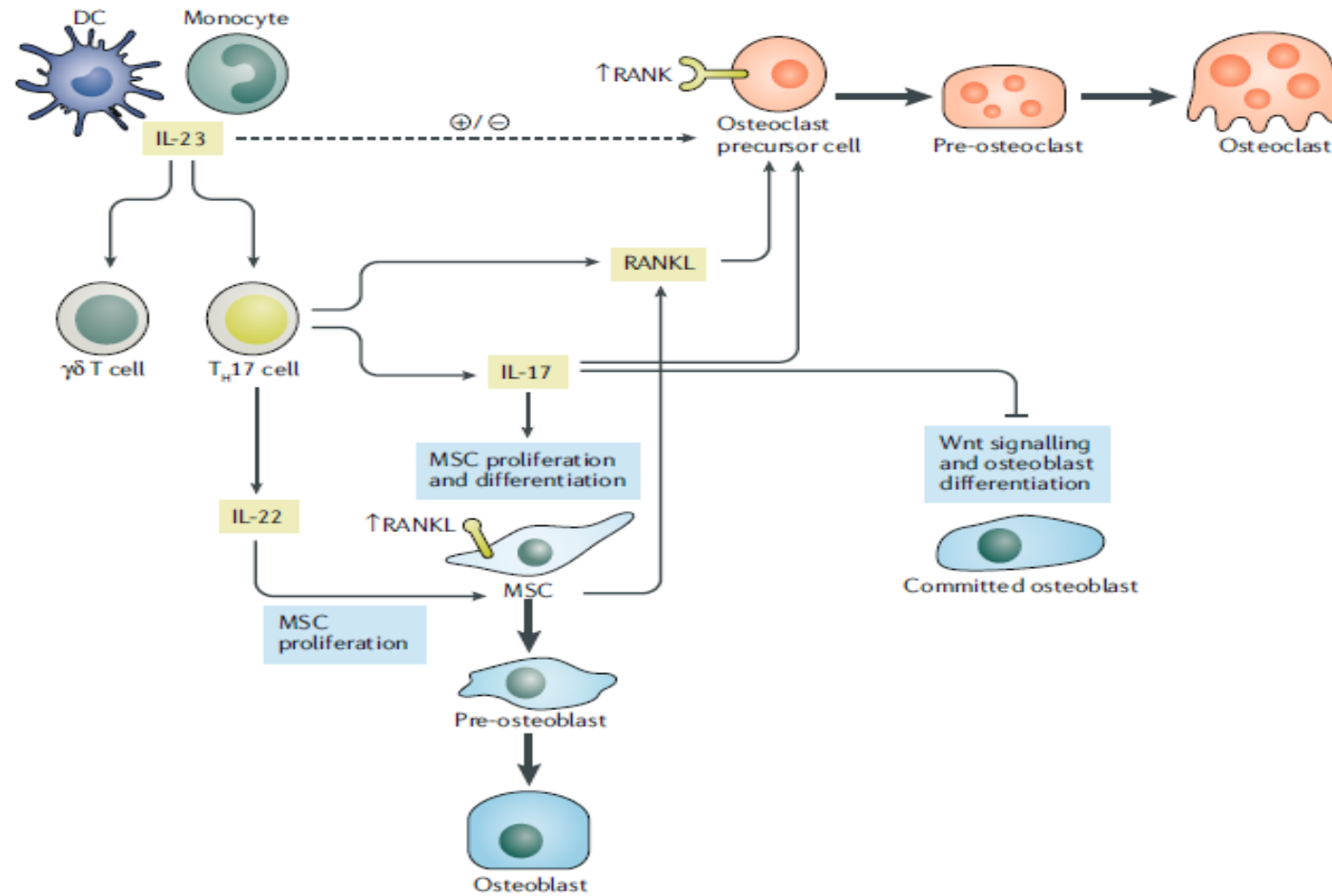
# Cytokines

## Same but different...



# Psoriatic arthritis

## Pathogenesis





# IL-23

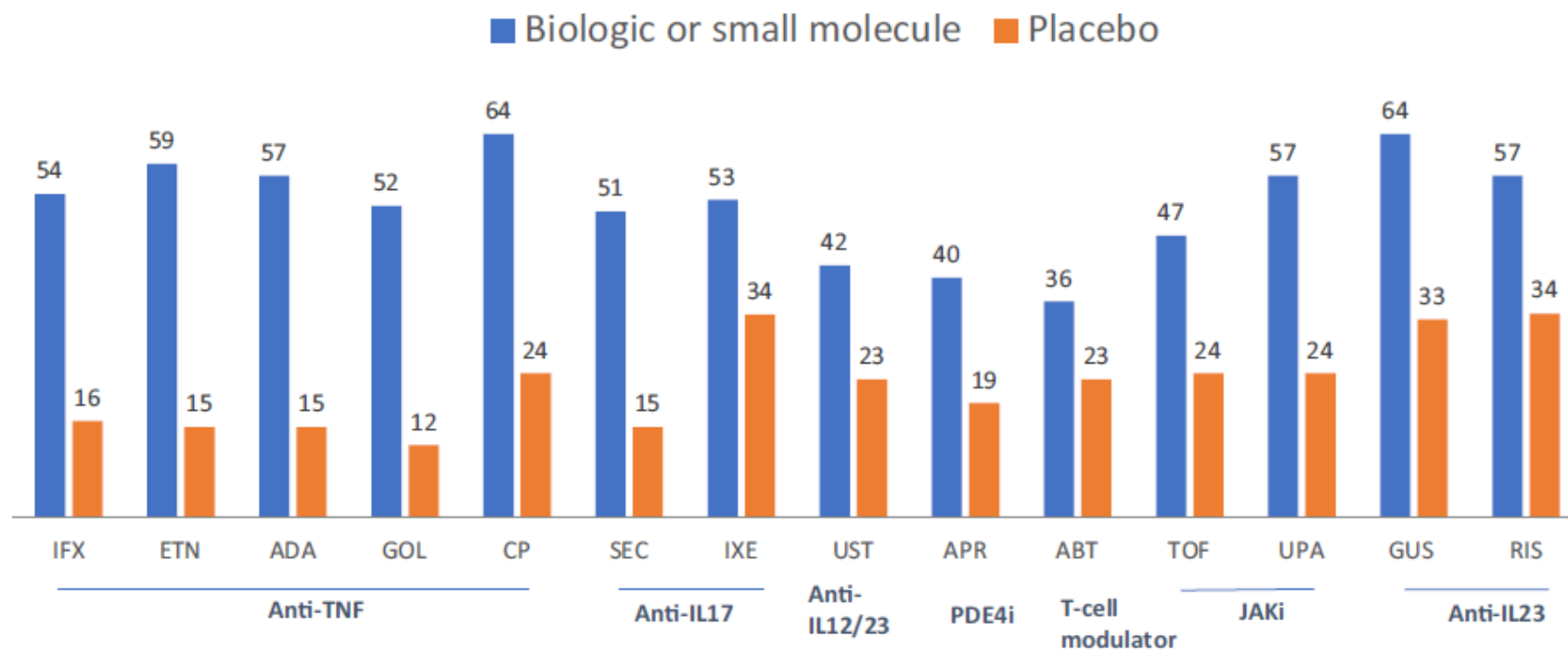
## Evidence for SpA

→ In

- ◆ Entheses
- ◆ Spine
- ◆ Bowel
- ◆ Joints
- ◆ Skin

# Biologic and Small-molecule Therapies for PsA: Efficacy Data from Registration Trials

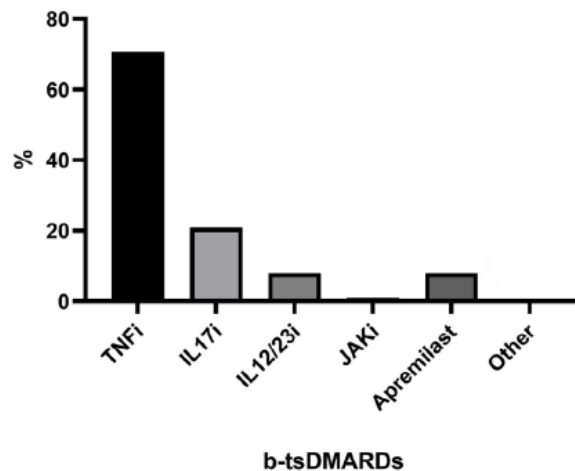
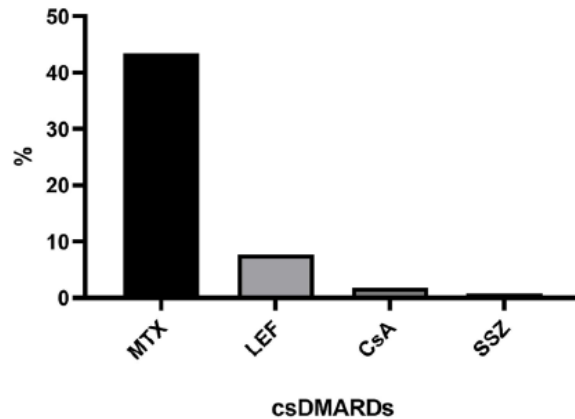
## Patients achieving ACR20% Response in Phase 3 PsA Trials



Note: Data are only presented for illustrative purposes and not for direct comparison.

# PsA

## Data from Greece



- Among patients treated with biologics, 52.1% were receiving them as monotherapy
- More patients treated with anti-IL-17 or-12/23 agents received them as monotherapy (64.2%) compared to those on TNFi monotherapy (49.4%,  $p=0.0001$ ).

# Psoriatic arthritis Synovium Vs Skin

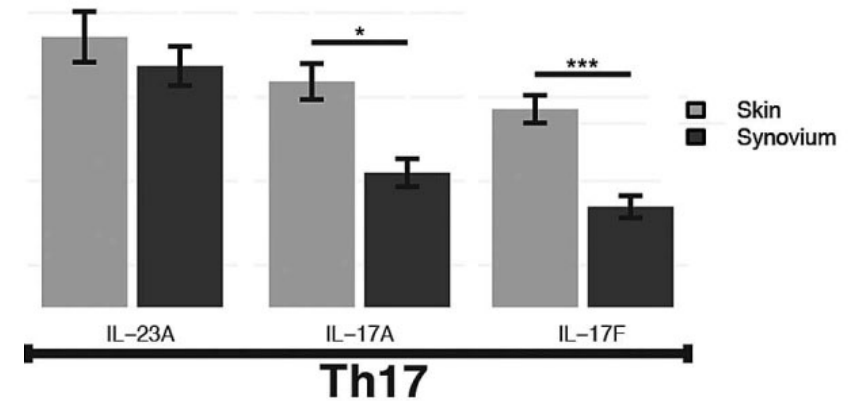
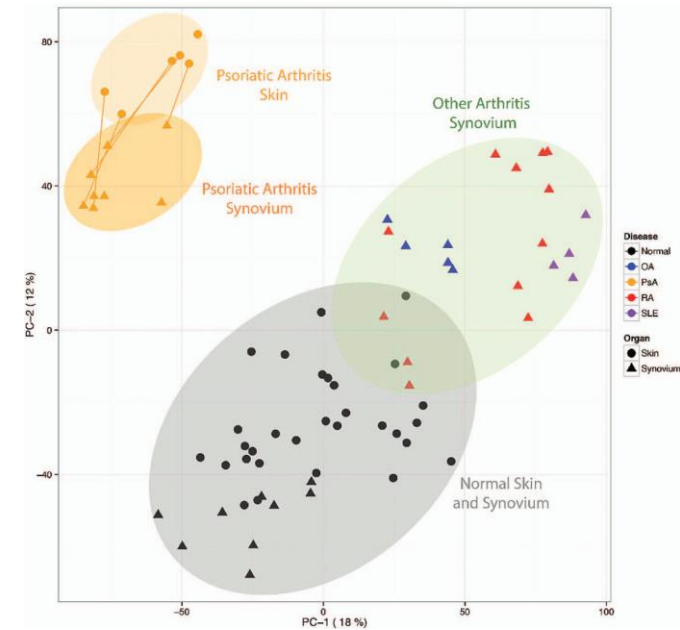
## Similarities & differences

◆ TNF pathway, VEGF, TGF- $\beta$ 1  
and IL-6

✿ More activated in synovium

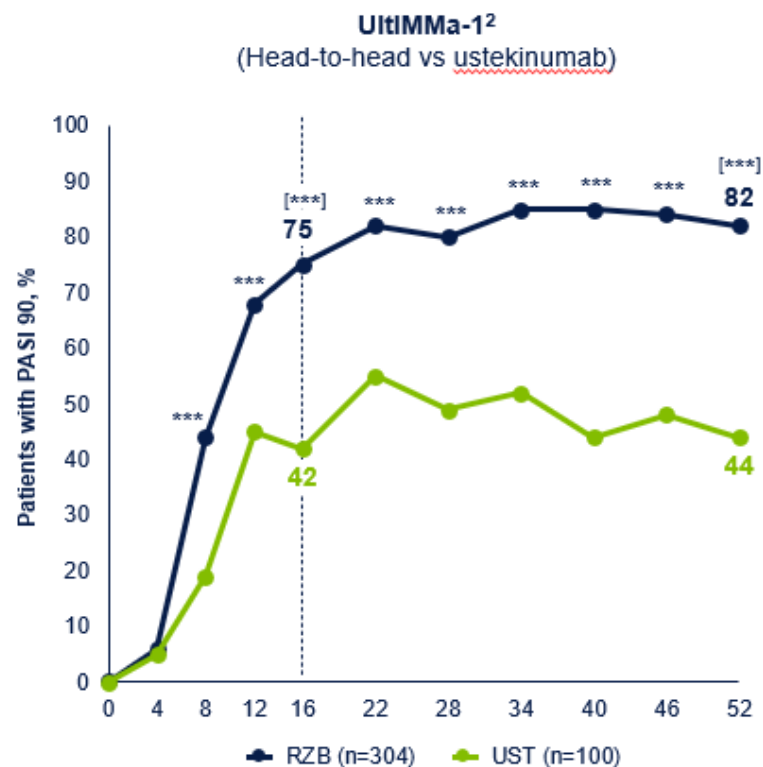
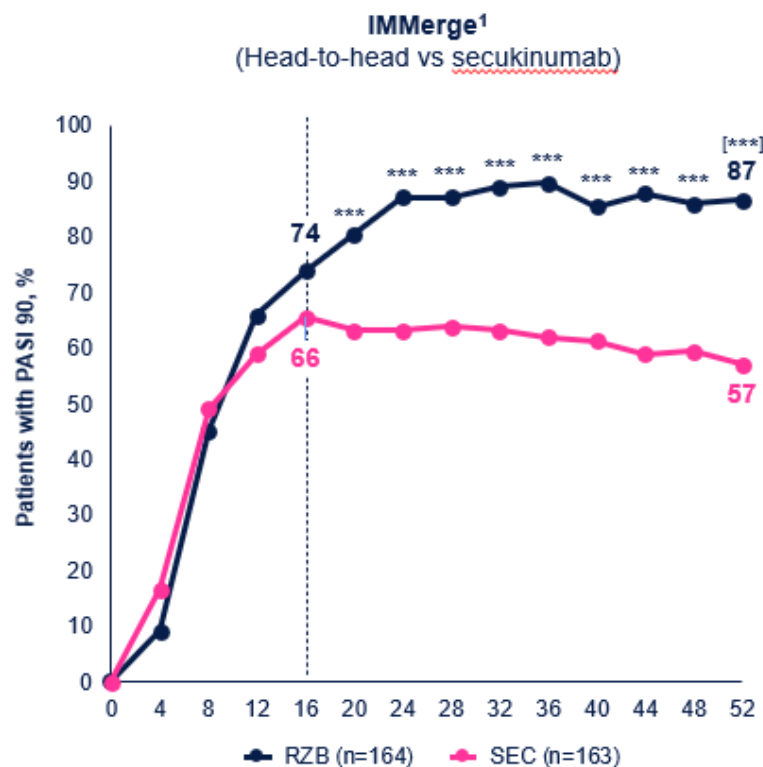
◆ IL-23/-17 axis

✿ More active in the skin



# Psoriatic arthritis – Skin IL-23/IL-17

## Superior PASI 90 response vs secukinumab and ustekinumab in psoriasis



\*\*\*p<0.001 vs SEC/UST; Comparisons adjusted for multiplicity [ ]. Co-primary endpoints IMMerge: PASI 90 vs SEC (non-inferiority) at Week 16; PASI 90 vs SEC (superiority) at Week 52. Co-primary endpoints UltIMMa-1: PASI 90 and sPGA (0/1) vs placebo at Week 16. NRI used for missing data. NRI=non-responder imputation; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; RZB=risankizumab; SEC=secukinumab; UST=ustekinumab.

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# IL-23 inhibitors

## Disease interception ?

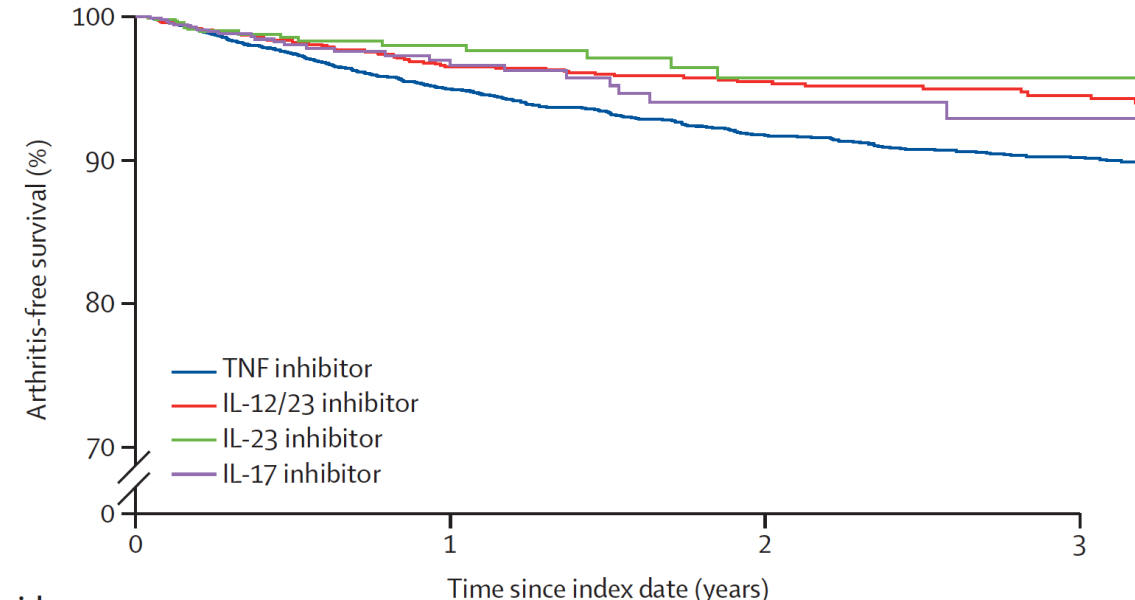
### → USA electronic health records

#### ◆ 15,501 PsO patients

- ✱ 6.3% developed PsA
- ✱ cumulative incidence of 2.6 cases per 100 person-years

### → Treatment with IL-23i Vs TNFi or IL-17

- ◆ According to first biologic class prescribed
- ◆ associated with ↓ risk of progression to PsA inflammatory arthritis
  - ✱ The results persisted in all 6 sensitivity analyses (e.g. other definitions, drug switching etc)





# Adipose tissue

## An inflammatory tissue

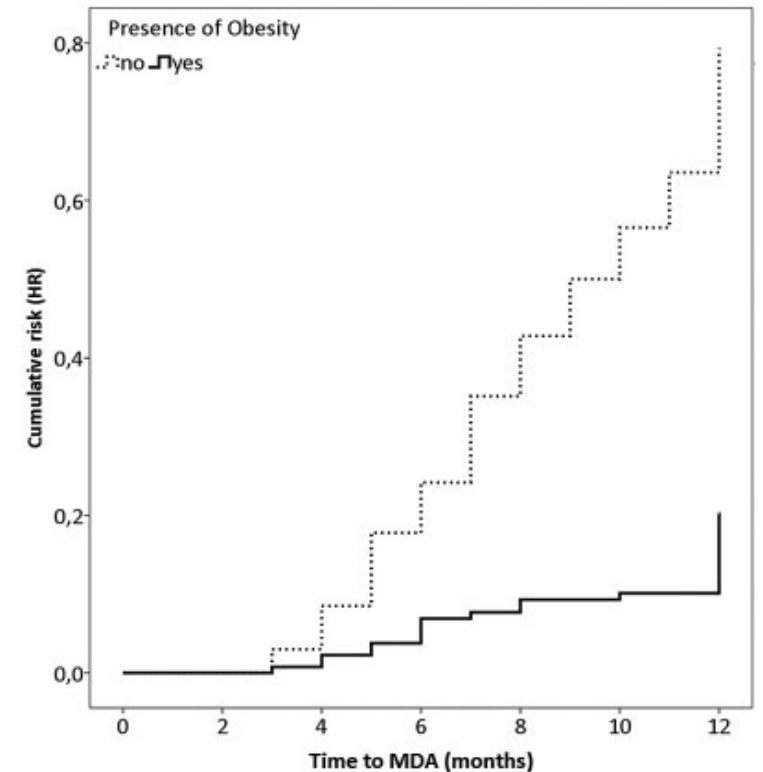
### → Adipose tissue

- ◆ Adipocytes + Immune cells (B cells, T cells, Macrophages etc)
  - ✿ Lean state: homeostatic role
  - ✿ Obesity: Other cells (e.g Th17) take over
    - ✓ Producing inflammatory cytokines (e.g IL-17, TNF etc)
    - ✓ Macrophages are polarized towards M1 (more inflammatory..)
    - ✓ Alterations in adipokines

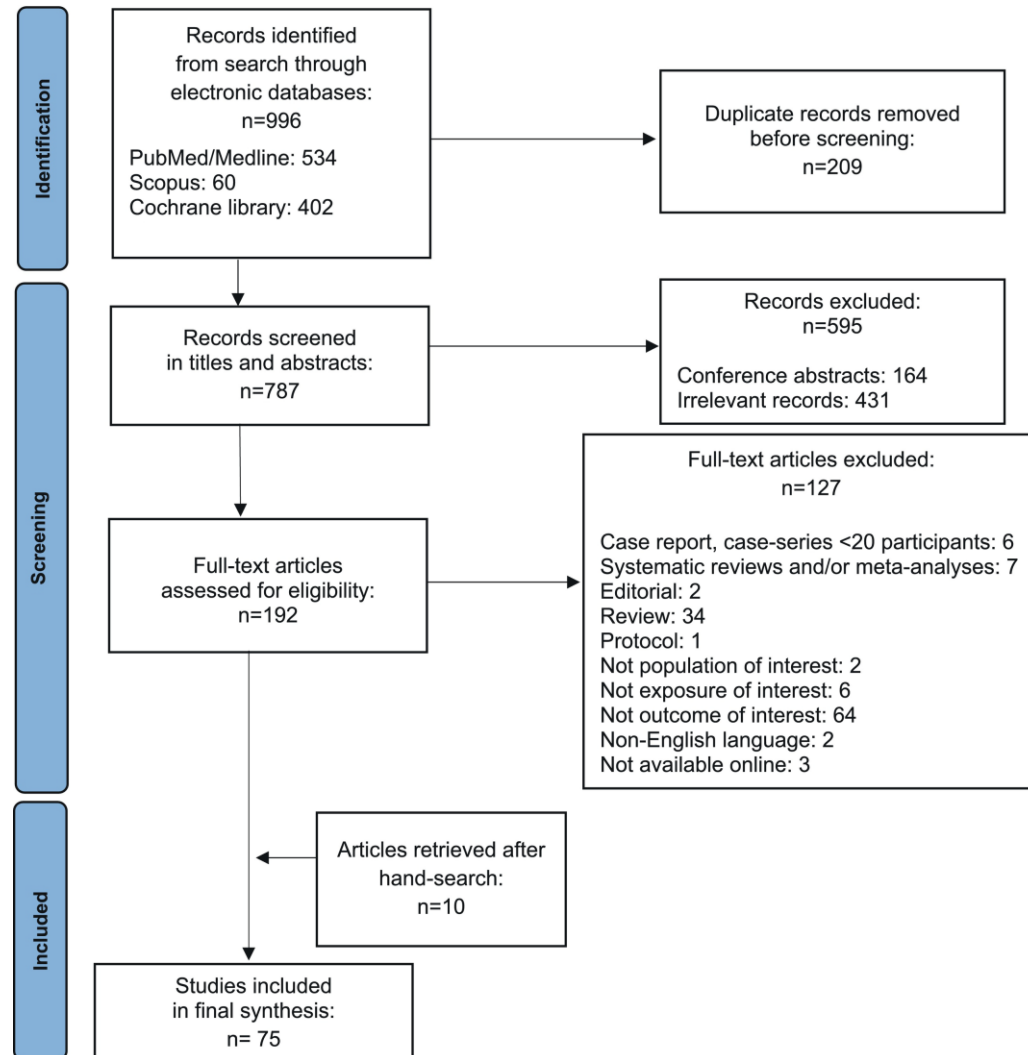


# PsA Obesity: difficult to reach and maintain good outcome

- ➔ in a prospective study, PsA starting TNFi
  - ◆ 135 obese (BMI >30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) patients Vs 135 patients of normal weight
  - ◆ Follow-up for 24 months
- ➔ Obese PsA patients
  - ◆ less likely to achieve MDA at month 12
    - ✱ [HR] 4.90, 95% confidence interval [95% CI] 3.04–7.87; *P* < 0.001
  - ◆ Those who achieve MDA, increased BMI was an adverse prognostic factor for maintaining MDA at month 24
    - ✱ HR 2.04, 95% CI 1.015–3.61; (*P*=0.014)



# Effect of BMI in treatment efficacy b-ts-DMARDs



- Effect more pronounced for TNFi across IA
- IL 17i and IL-23i: less affected

Drug category	RA	PsA	SpA
Abatacept	Green	Yellow with dots	White
JAK inhibitors	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
IL-17 inhibitors	White	Green	Yellow
IL-23 inhibitors	White	Green	White
IL-6R inhibitors	Green	White	White
Rituximab	Yellow	White	White
TNF inhibitors	Red	Red	Red

# Psoriatic arthritis IBD

- **1.2% of PsO**
- **~3% of PsA (mainly CD)**
  - ◆ Possibly higher in those with PsA-axial
  - ◆ Few are known for subclinical inflammation
- **Inflammatory bowel disease**
  - ◆ **Risk Ratio**
    - ✿ Vs Healthy: 2.96 (1.40 - 6.00)
    - ✿ Vs Psoriasis 3.60 (1.83 - 7.10)

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# AxSpA IBD Treatment

Approved Drugs	
Ulcerative colitis	Crohn's Disease
<b>TNFi</b>	
Infliximab	Infliximab
Adalimumab	Adalimumab
Golimumab	Certolizumab
<b>IL-23i</b>	
Ustekinumab	Ustekinumab
Risankizumab (pre-reg)	Risankizumab
Guselkumab (pre-reg)	
<b>JAKi</b>	
Upadacitinib	Upadacitinib
Tofacitinib	



# Serious Infections

- ➔ **23.333 PsA 11.457 axSpA patients**
- ➔ **Serious infections: 1.09/100py similar between PsA and AxSpA**
  - ◆ PsA (0.96 per 100 PY 95% CI 0.69 to 1.28)
  - ◆ axSpA (1.09 per 100 PY 95% CI 0.76 to 1.46).
- ➔ **Non-serious infections: 53.0/100 PY**
  - ◆ PsA (54.08 (95% CI 40.96 to 68.99, I2=98%))
  - ◆ axSpA (58.02 per 100 PY (95% CI 44.79 to 72.94, I2=98%))

In PsA patients (IRs) for Serious Infections

TNFi 1.36 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.72 to 2.16, I2=55%)  
IL-17i 0.97 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.49 to 1.57, I2=47%)  
JAKi 1.51 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.00 to 14.74, I2=31%)  
**IL-23i 0.29 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.00 to 1.03, I2=15%)**  
PDE4 0.38 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.00 to 1.19, I2=0%)

In axSpA patients,

TNFi 1.24 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.78 to 1.77, I2=28%)  
IL-17i 1.20 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.59 to 1.96, I2=40%)  
JAKi 1.28 per 100 PY (95% CI 0.00 to 13.77, I2=0%)  
with JAKi



ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Incidence of infections in patients with psoriatic arthritis and axial spondyloarthritis treated with biological or targeted disease-modifying agents: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials, open-label studies and observational studies





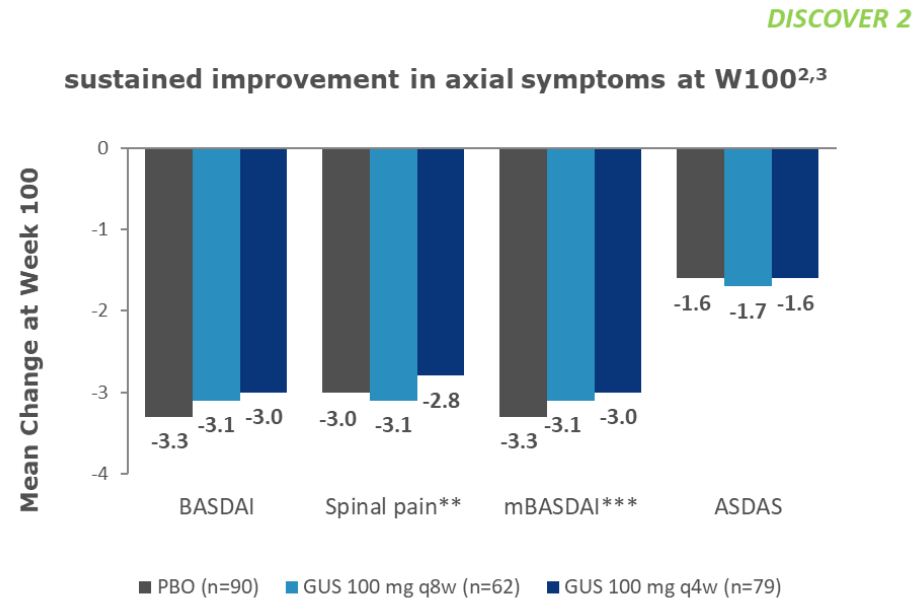
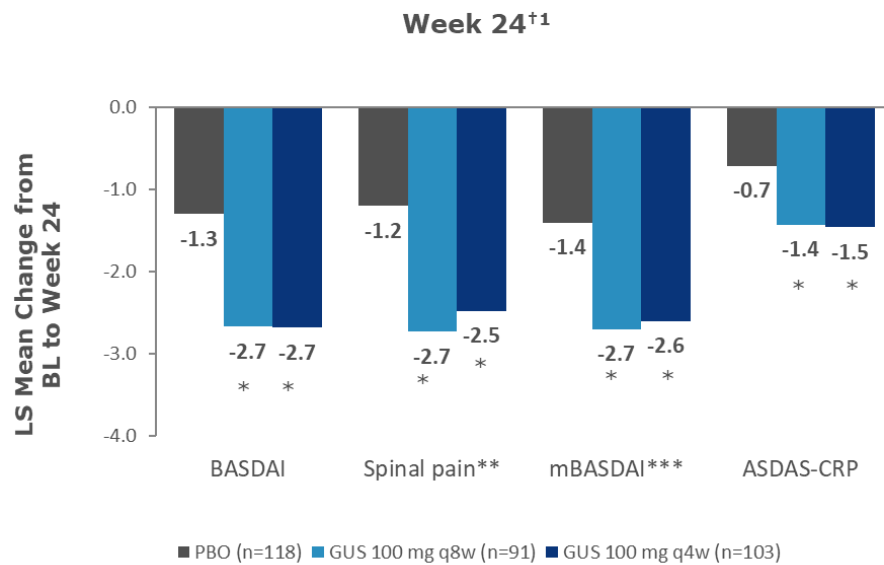
# Ustekinumab in Axial PsA

## Data from Psummit-1 & 2

- Pooled data from PSUMMIT 1 & 2
  - ◆ the presence of spondylitis at baseline was based solely on the treating physician's assessment
- Week 24
  - ◆ mean changes were larger in UST Vs PBO
  - ◆ **mBASDAI** (-2.09 vs -0.59).
  - ◆ ↑ proportions of UST Vs PBO achieved **ASDAS** clinically important improvement
    - \* decrease  $\geq 1.1$ ; 49.6% vs 12.7%; nominal  $p < 0.05$

# Guselkumab in Axial PsA Data from Discover 1-2

- ***n=312***
- ***Axial involvement: sacroiliitis at baseline and either a history of imaging confirmation or pelvic x-ray at screening (post-hoc)***
- ***30% were HLA-B27 + (Results irrespective to B27 status)***



# IL-23 Axial-PsA

- ➔ Axial-PsA differs from AS
- ➔ IL-23i promising for PsA-Axial
- ➔ Waiting for results

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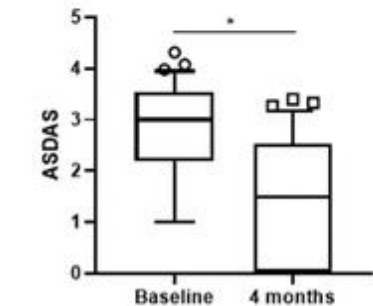
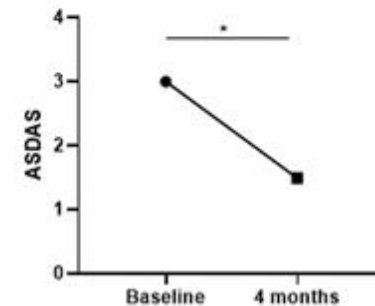
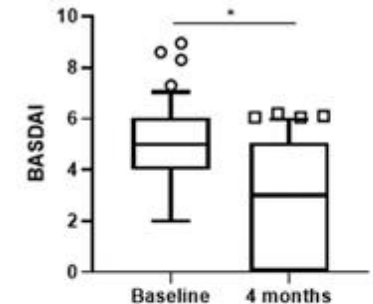
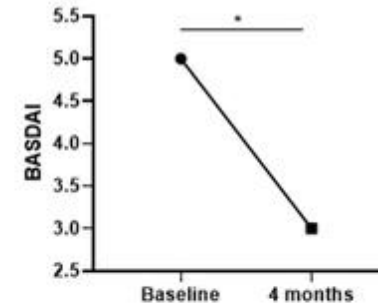
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# IL-23 in PsA

## Real-life data

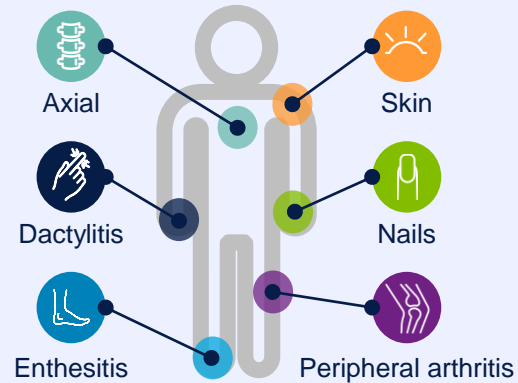
- 67 PsA patients with axial involvement (Subjective + XR OR MR)
  - ◆ Received anti-IL-23 for 4 months
  - ◆ In 27 patients
    - ✿ MRIs before and after
  - ◆ Significant BASDAI and ASDAS improvement
  - ◆ MRI: ↓ > 0.80 score SI was observed in 70.3% of pts
    - ✿ Paralleled clinical improvement



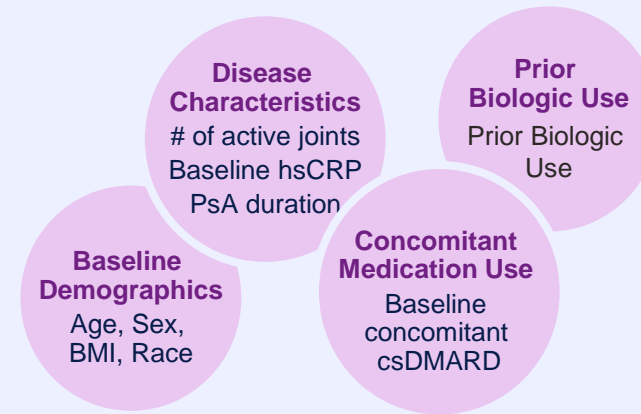


# IL-23 in PsA

## Efficacy across all PsA domains<sup>1-3</sup>

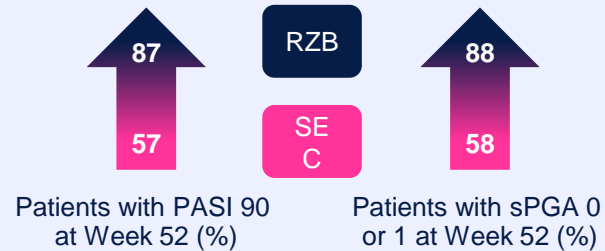


## Efficacy across patient groups<sup>4</sup>

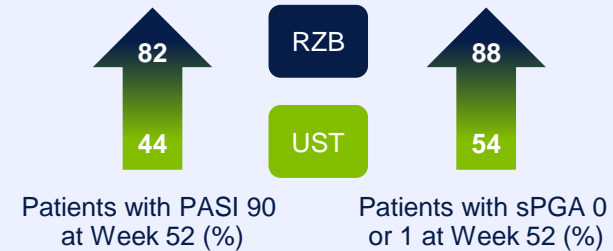


## Superior skin clearance in PsO<sup>5,6</sup>

### Superior PASI 90 response and skin clearance vs secukinumab



### Superior PASI 90 response and skin clearance vs ustekinumab



BMI=body mass index; csDMARD=conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug; hsCRP=high sensitive c-reactive protein; PASI=psoriasis activity severity index; PsA=psoriatic arthritis; PsO=psoriasis; SEC=secukinumab; sPGA=static Physician's Global Assessment; UST=ustekinumab.

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