



«Είναι το Filgotinib ο “preferential” JAK1 αναστολέας στη Ρευματοειδή Αρθρίτιδα;»

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Filgotinib as a preferential JAK1 inhibitor



In biochemical assays, filgotinib has a higher potency for JAK1 vs. other JAKs^{1,2}

- A minimum of **5-fold higher potency** was conferred on **JAK1** compared with any other JAK^{1,2}
- Higher and lower fold differences in potency were observed in individual assays^{1,2}



Therefore, filgotinib is a **JAK1-preferential inhibitor**¹



In cellular assays, filgotinib preferentially inhibited JAK1/JAK3-, JAK1/JAK2- and JAK1/TYK2-mediated signalling^{1,3}

- **Filgotinib preferentially inhibits JAK1/JAK3, JAK1/JAK2 and JAK1/TYK2** signalling pairs compared with JAK2/JAK2 and JAK2/TYK2^{1,3}
- Filgotinib demonstrated **more potent inhibition of JAK1/JAK2/TYK2-dependent IL-6 signalling** vs. JAK2/JAK2-dependent GM-CSF signalling^{1,4}



Filgotinib is functionally selective for pathways where **JAK1** is involved compared with **JAK2/JAK2 and JAK2/TYK2**¹

GM-CSF: granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor; IL: interleukin; JAK: janus kinase; TYK: tyrosine kinase

1. Jyseleca EU Summary of Product Characteristics, March 2021. 2. Filgotinib Public Assessment Report 2020. 3. Van Rompaey L, *et al. J Immunol* 2013; 191:3568–3577.

4. Traves P. *et al. Ann Rheum Dis* 2021;0:1-11.

Real world cases for filgotinib





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NICE guidance on use of filgotinib

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Filgotinib for treating moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis

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Overview

[Evidence-based recommendations](#) on filgotinib for moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis in adults.

Is this guidance up to date?

Next review: 2024

NICE guidance on use of filgotinib

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 Filgotinib, with methotrexate, is recommended as an option for treating active rheumatoid arthritis in adults whose disease has responded inadequately to intensive therapy with 2 or more conventional disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), only if:
- disease is moderate or severe (a disease activity score [DAS28] of 3.2 or more) and
 - the company provides filgotinib according to the commercial arrangement.
- 1.2 Filgotinib, with methotrexate, is recommended as an option for treating active rheumatoid arthritis in adults whose disease has responded inadequately to intensive therapy with 2 or more conventional disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs), only if:
- disease is severe (a DAS28 of more than 5.1) and
 - they cannot have rituximab
 - the company provides filgotinib according to the commercial arrangement.
- 1.3 Filgotinib, with methotrexate, is recommended as an option for treating active rheumatoid arthritis in adults whose disease has responded inadequately to rituximab and at least 1 biological DMARD, only if:
- disease is severe (a DAS28 of more than 5.1) and
 - the company provides filgotinib according to the commercial arrangement.
- 1.4 Filgotinib can be used as monotherapy when methotrexate is contraindicated or if people cannot tolerate it, when the criteria in sections 1.1, 1.2 or 1.3 are met.

Patient #1

Patient #1



Female 55 yo

RF-/CCP- RA: Dx 2003
Extra-articular: Sjogren's

Comorbidities: none
Non-smoker

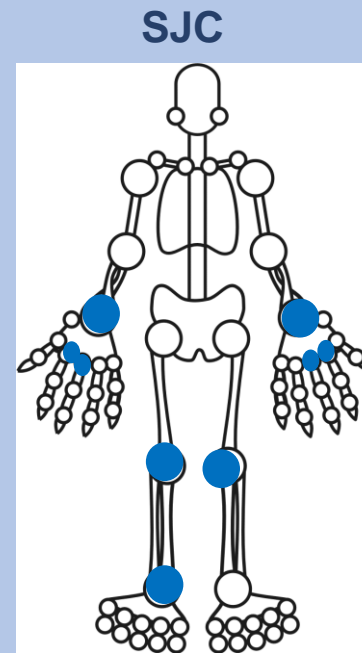
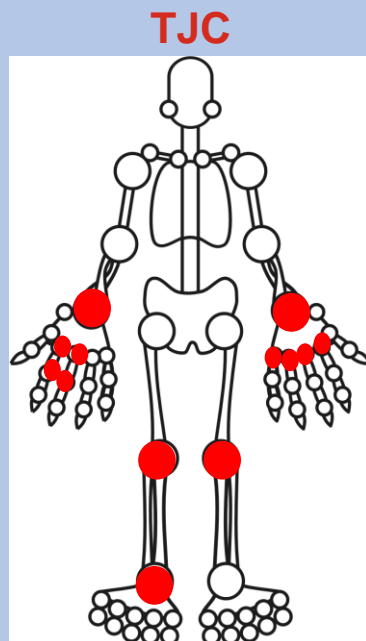
Current meds:
RTX infusions 2009-2022
HCQ 400mg OD

Previous cDMARDs:
MTX: intolerant

Previous bDMARDs: (-)



July 2022
Clinical examination



Metrics

TJC68	12 (+1)
SJC66	8 (+1)
painVAS	8/10
globalVAS	8/10
CRP	2 mg/dL
DAS28	5.91
CDAI	35

Patient #1



Female 55 yo

Patient on RTX, initially with good response – but currently

- a. Hypogammaglobulinaemia (IgG 415mg/L) and frequent infections (recently severe Covid-19 having received Rx with neutralising Abs)
- b. CXR minor upper lobe fibrosis
- c. High disease activity, confirmed on MSKUS

July 2022: commenced on **Filgotinib 100mg OD**

Patient #1 – latest FU



Female 55 yo

RF-/CCP- RA: Dx 2003
Extra-articular: secondary SjS

Comorbidities: none
Non-smoker

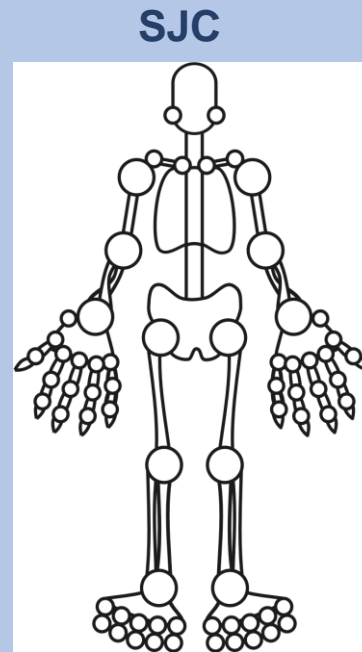
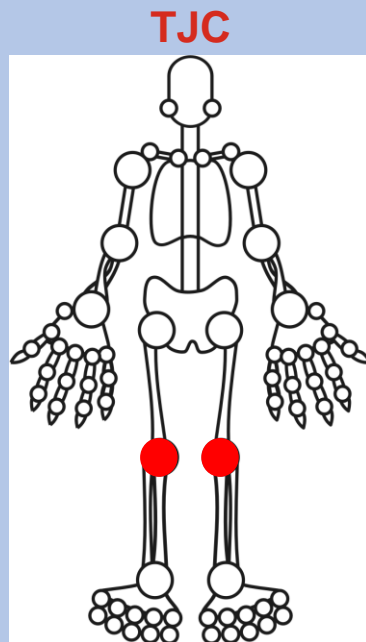
Current meds:
Filgotinib 100mg OD
HCQ 400mg OD

Previous cDMARDs:
MTX: intolerant

Previous bDMARDs:
RTX (2009-2022)



Feb 2024
Clinical examination



Metrics

TJC68	3 (+0)
SJC66	0 (+0)
painVAS	2/10
globalVAS	3/10
CRP	0.3 mg/dL
DAS28	2.53
CDAI	7

Patient #1: benefits of filgotinib use



Female 55 yo

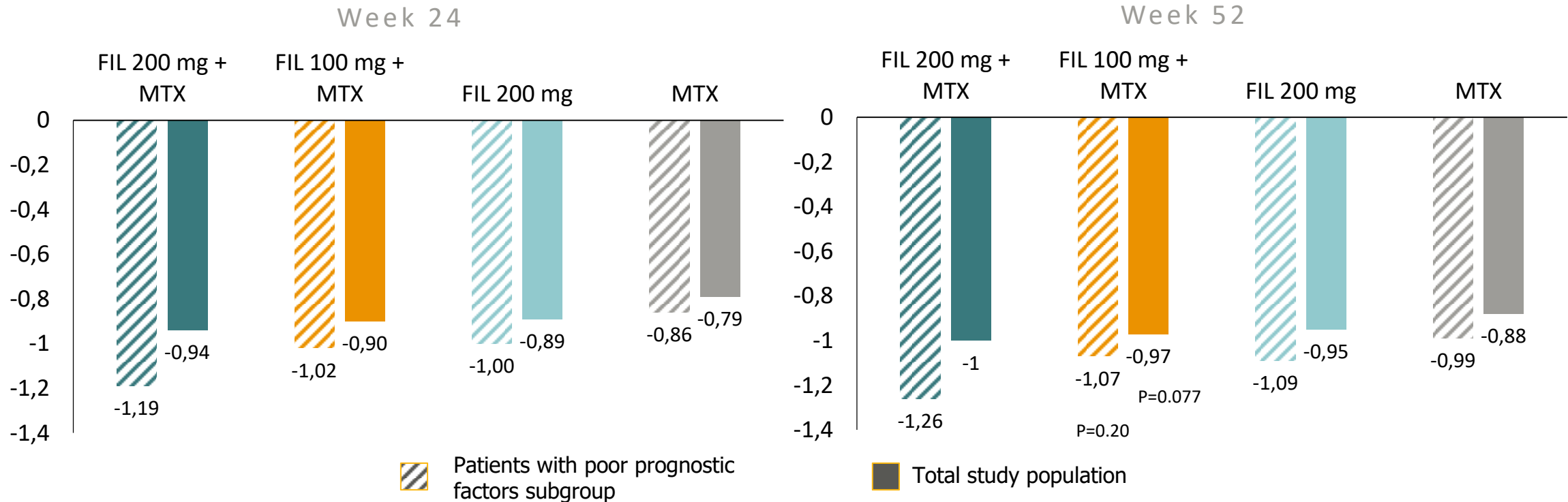
Excellent response on filgo and no further infections

Benefits:

a. Monotherapy

Efficacy of FIL in MTX-naïve patients with poor prognostic factors

Mean change from baseline in **HAQ-DI score**



In patients with four poor prognostic factors at baseline, improvement in HAQ-DI at Week 24 was greater with all FIL regimens vs. MTX and at Week 52 following treatment with FIL 200 mg + MTX and FIL 200 mg vs. MTX

PROs with filgotinib monotherapy

Genovese et al. *Arthritis Research & Therapy* (2018) 20:57
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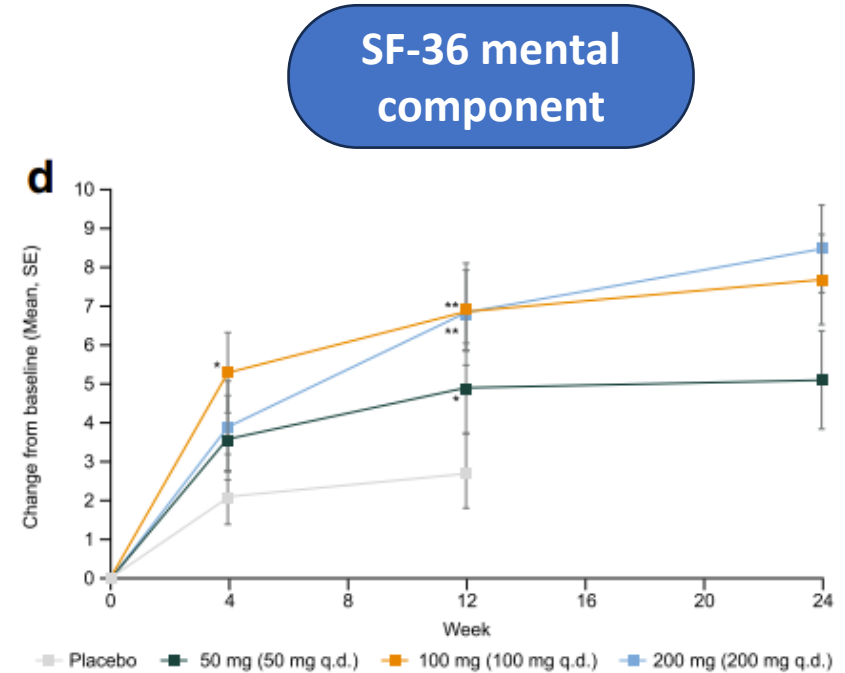
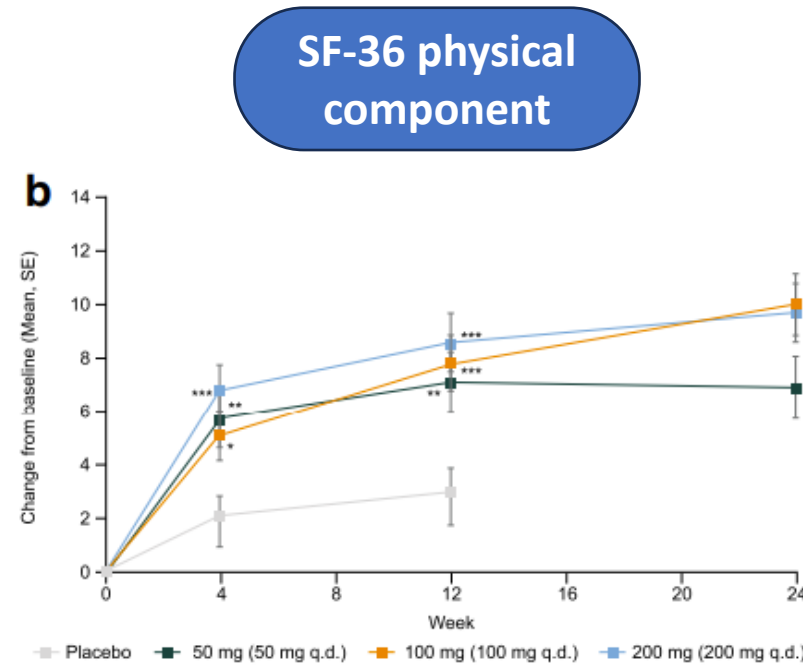
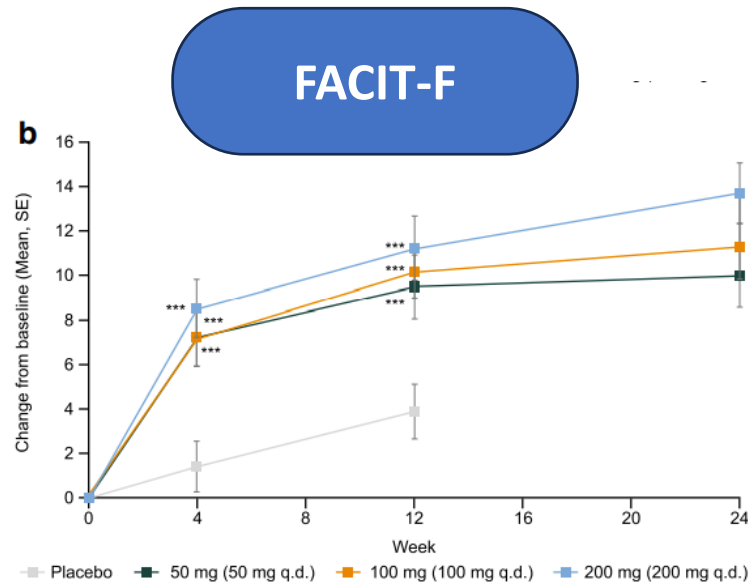
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Effect of filgotinib, a selective JAK 1 inhibitor, with and without methotrexate in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: patient-reported outcomes

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Patient #1: benefits of filgotinib use



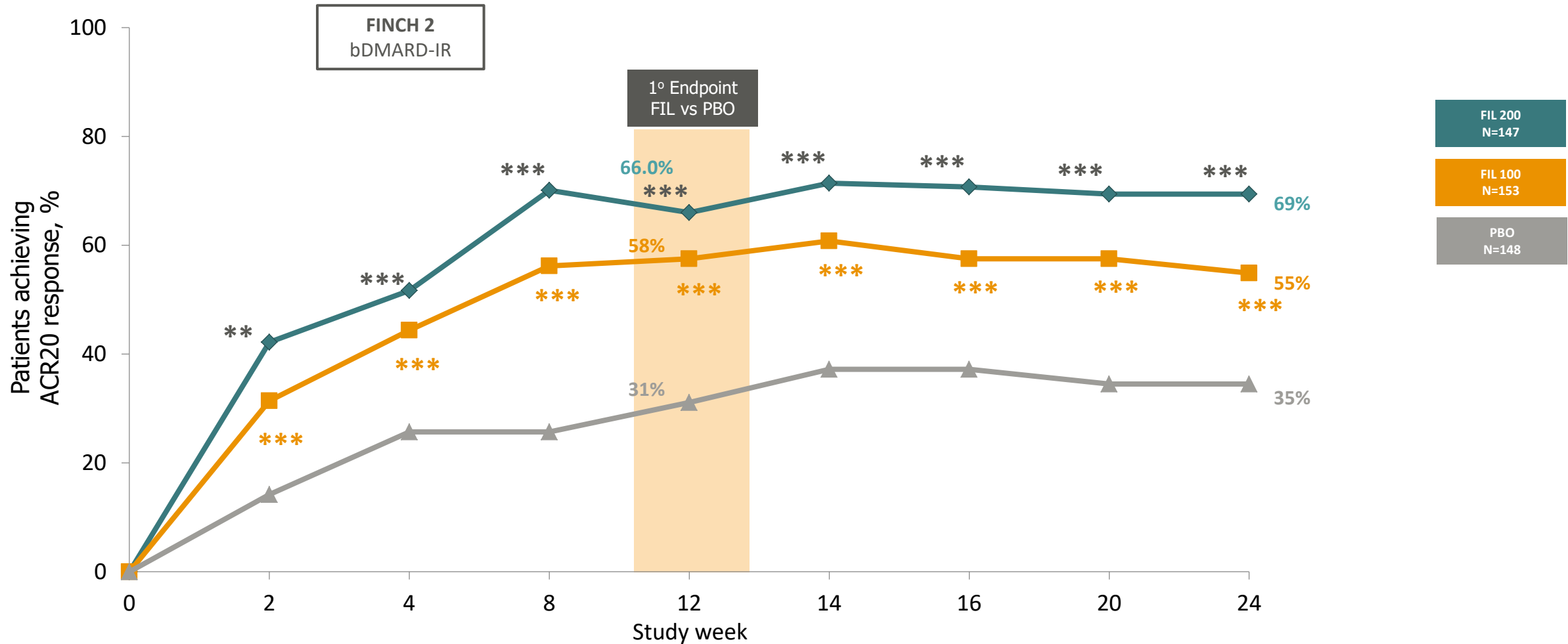
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Excellent response on filgo and no further infections

Benefits:

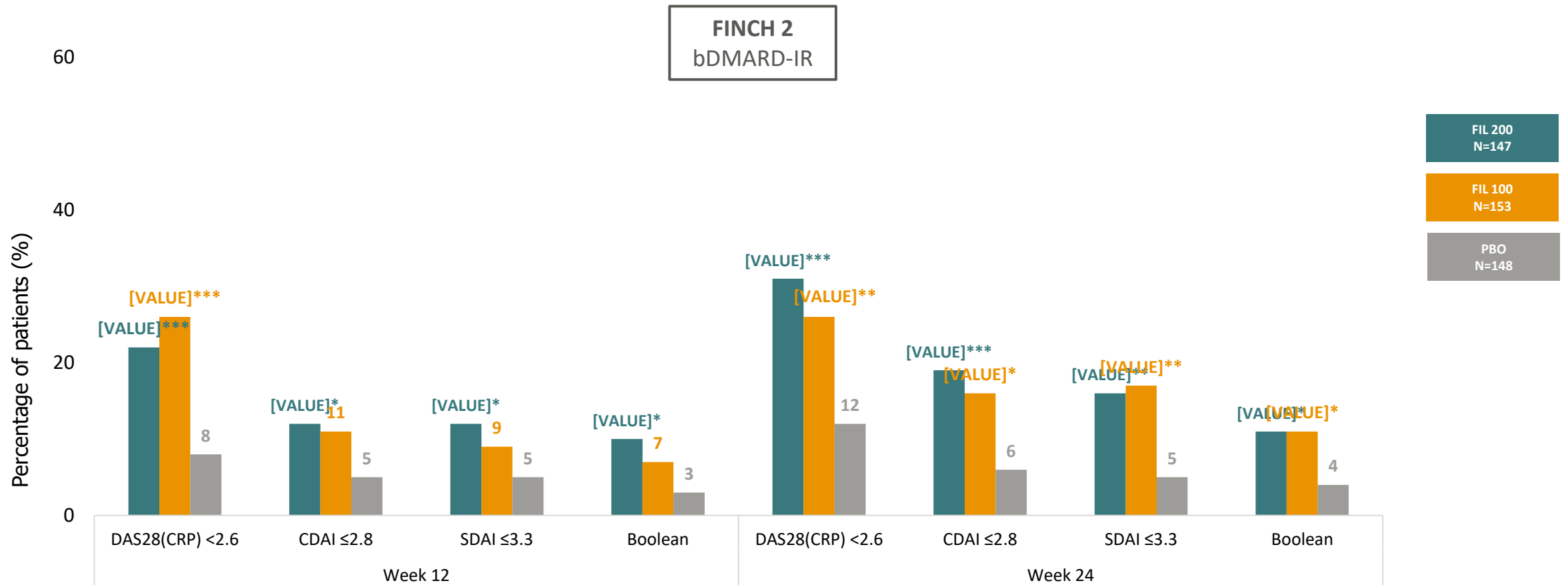
- a. Monotherapy
- b. Good efficacy on bDMARD – experienced patients

ACR20 responses with FIL as early as week 2 in bDMARD-IR patients



p<0.01; *P<0.001 for FIL vs PBO, Full Analysis Set; NRI
 Note: Only the data for the primary endpoint are adjusted for multiplicity; all other significance levels are nominal
References: Genovese. *JAMA*. 2019;322(4):315–325

bDMARD-IR RA patients were more likely to achieve remission on FIL 200mg or FIL 100mg vs PBO



*p<0.5; **p<0.01; ***P<0.001 for FIL vs PBO, Full Analysis Set; NRI

References: Genovese. *JAMA*. 2019;322(4):315–325. Section 2.5 Clinical Overview Filgotinib 19JUL2019, page 24-25.

Patient #1: benefits of filgotinib use



Female 55 yo

Excellent response on filgo and no further infections

Benefits:

- a. Monotherapy
- b. Good efficacy on bDMARD – experienced patients
- c. No increase in infections

(possibility to start on lower dose and then increase in patients with difficult comorbidities)

Patient #2

Patient #2



Female 66 yo

RF-/CCP+ RA: Dx 2020
Extra-articular: interstitial changes on HRCT, but normal PFTs
Comorbidities: Depression, irritable bowel syndrome, frequent LRTIs
Non-smoker

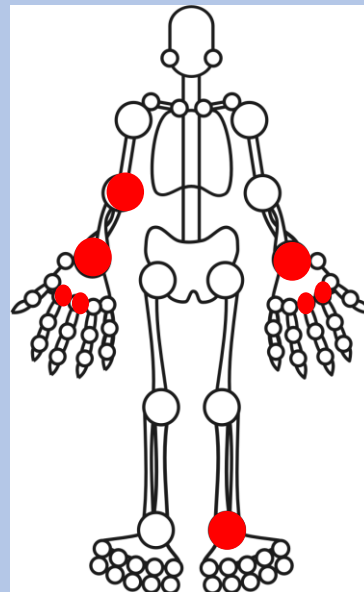
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Previous cDMARDs:
MTX: intolerant
SSZ: intolerant

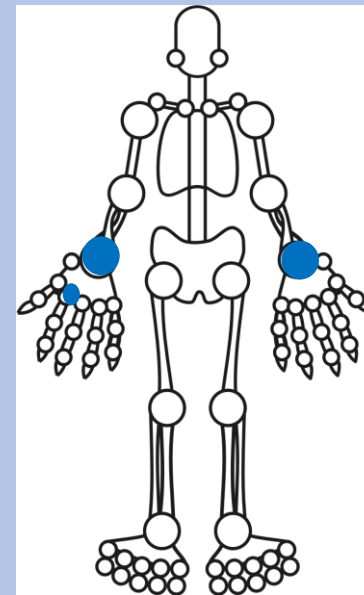


March 2024
Clinical examination

TJC



SJC



Metrics

TJC68	7 (+1)
SJC66	3 (+1)
painVAS	6/10
globalVAS	6/10
CRP	1.1 mg/dL
DAS28	4.68
CDAI	22.5

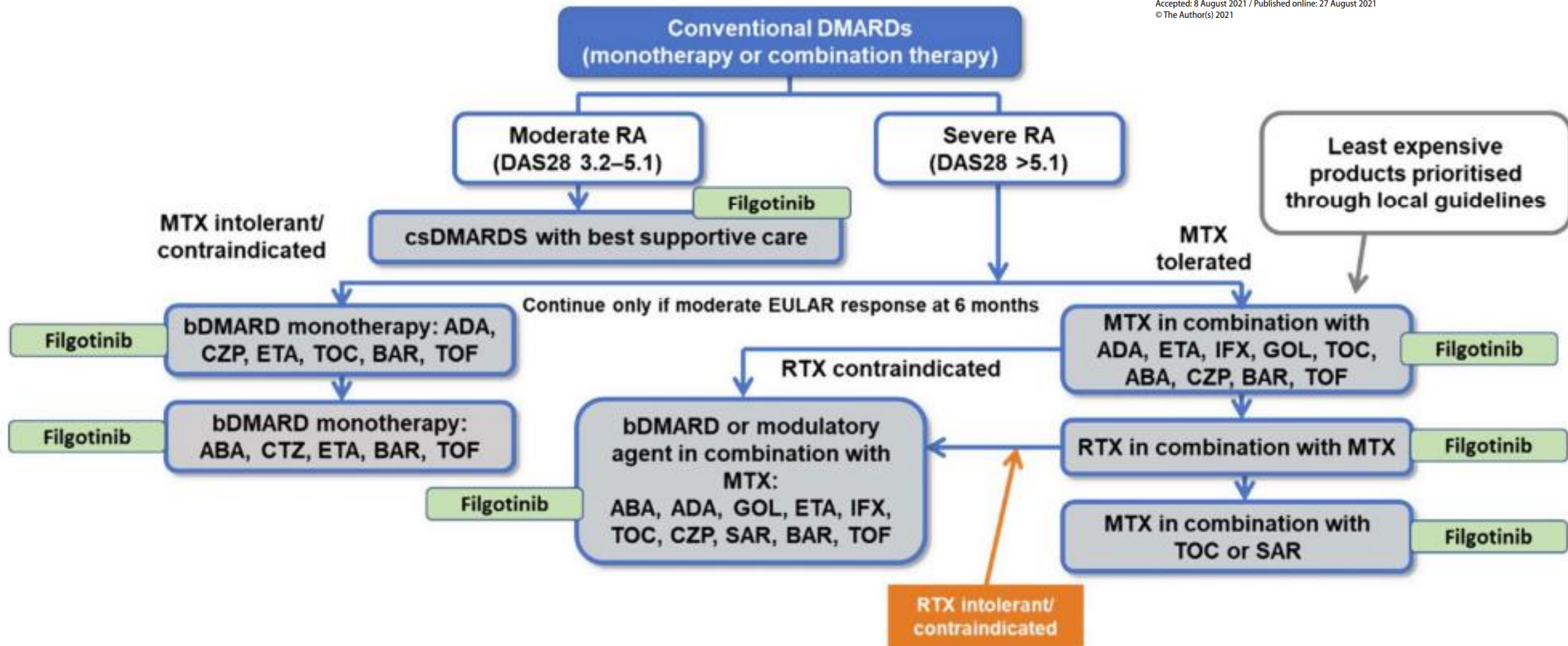
Filgotinib for moderate to severe



Filgotinib for Moderate to Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis: An Evidence Review Group Perspective of a NICE Single Technology Appraisal

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Patient #2



Female 66 yo

Patient with moderate disease activity (in the UK unable to start bDMARD otherwise)

First biologic choice

- a. Non-smoker
- b. No history of ASCVD
- c. History of Lower Respiratory Tract Infection and potential ILD (but satisfactory PFTs)

March 2024: commenced on **Filgotinib 200mg OD**

Patient #2 – latest nurse led FU



Female 66 yo

RF-/CCP+ RA: Dx 2020
Extra-articular: interstitial changes on HRCT, but normal PFTs

Comorbidities: Depression, irritable bowel syndrome, frequent LRTIs
Non-smoker

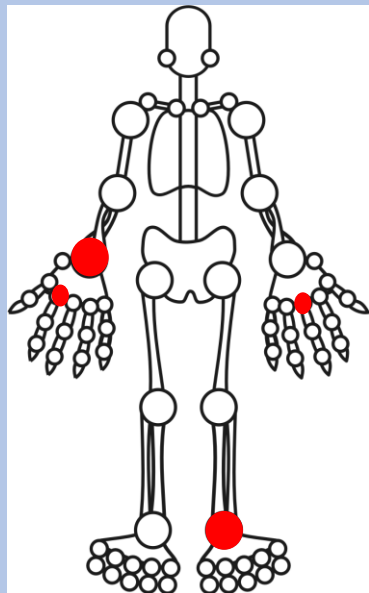
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Previous cDMARDs:
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SSZ: intolerant

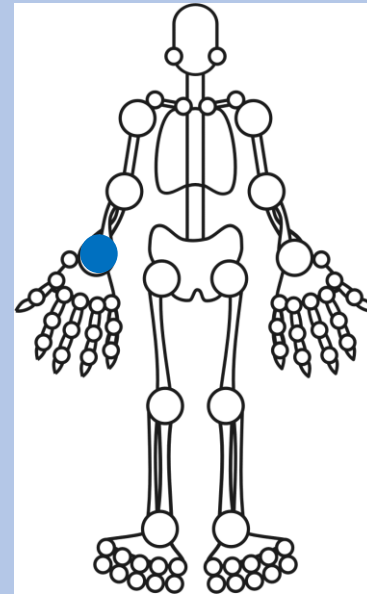


Sep 2024
Clinical examination

TJC



SJC



Metrics

TJC68	3 (+1)
SJC66	1 (+0)
painVAS	2/10
globalVAS	3/10
CRP	0.2 mg/dL
DAS28	2.89
CDAI	8.5

TEAEs of special interest were generally balanced amongst treatment arms

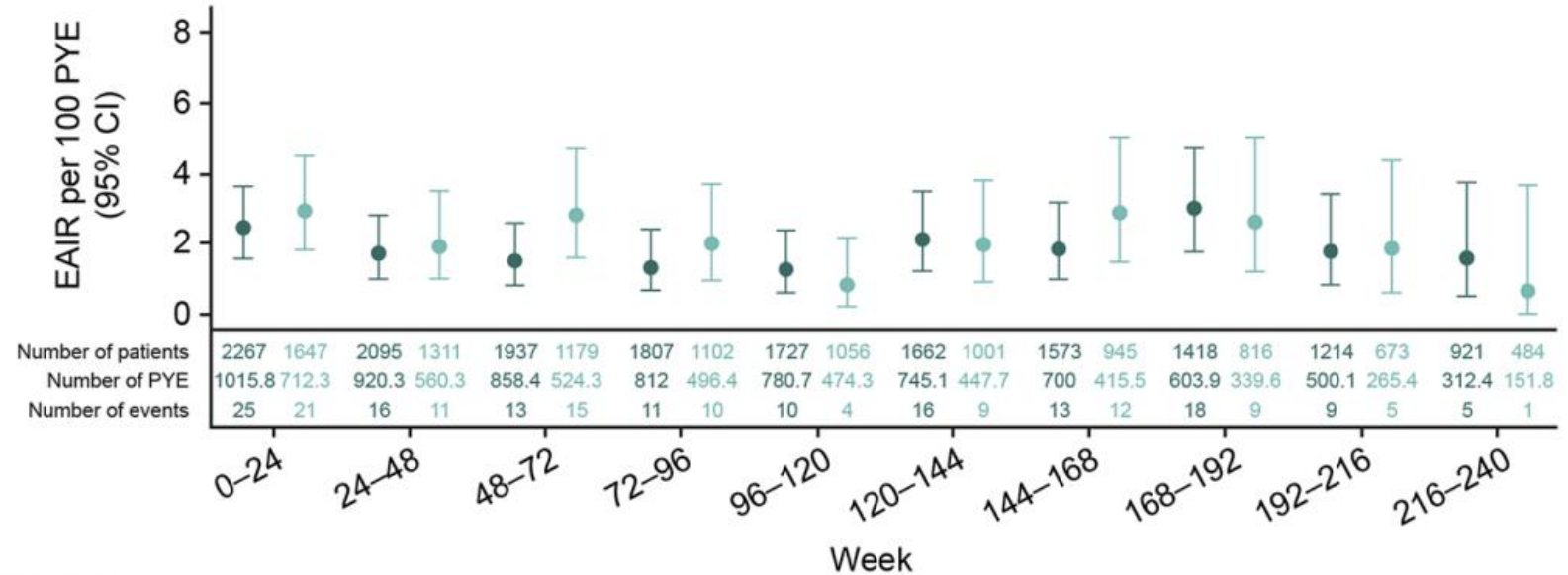
n (%) in RA patients with inadequate response to MTX	Placebo-controlled period (Week 0 to 24)				Week 24 to 52					
	FIL 200 mg (n=475)	FIL 100 mg (n=480)	ADA (n=325)	PBO (n=475)	FIL 200 mg (n=475)	FIL 100 mg (n=480)	ADA (n=325)	PBO to FIL 200 mg (n=190)	PBO to FIL 100 mg (n=191)	On PBO period (N=475)
Infectious AEs	133 (28.0)	128 (26.7)	88 (27.1)	105 (22.1)	206 (23.4)	194 (40.4)	129 (39.7)	45 (23.7)	39 (20.4)	106 (22.3)
Serious infectious AEs	8 (1.7)	8 (1.7)	8 (2.5)	4 (0.8)	13 (2.7)	13 (2.7)	10 (3.1)	1 (0.5)	2 (1.0)	4 (0.8)
Herpes zoster	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.6)	2 (0.4)	6 (1.3)	4 (0.8)	2 (0.6)	2 (1.1)	1 (0.5)	2 (0.4)
Hepatitis B or C	0	0	1 (0.3)	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	0
Opportunistic infections	0	0	1 (0.3)	0	0	0	2 (0.6)	0	0	0
Active tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 (0.3)	0	0	0
MACE^a	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.3)	2 (0.4)	0	2 (0.4)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.5)	1 (0.5)	2 (0.4)
Malignancy										
Excluding NMSC	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.3)	3 (0.6)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	2 (0.6)	0	0	3 (0.6)
NMSC	0	0	0	0	1 (0.2)	1 (0.2)	0	0	0	0
VTE^a	1 (0.2)	0	0	2 (0.4)	1 (0.2)	0	1 (0.3)	1 (0.5)	0	2 (0.4)
GI perforation	0	0	0	0	1 (0.2)	0	0	0	0	0

^a Positively adjudicated

ADA: adalimumab; AE: adverse event; FIL: filgotinib; GI: gastrointestinal; MACE: major adverse cardiac event; MTX, methotrexate; NMSC: nonmelanoma skin cancer; PBO: placebo; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; TEAE: treatment-emergent adverse event; VTE: venous thromboembolism
Combe B, et al. *Ann Rheum Dis*. 2021 Jul;80(7):848-858.

Risk of Serious Infections with filgotinib

Serious infections



Week	Number of patients	Number of PYE	Number of events
0-24	2267	1015.8	25
24-48	1647	712.3	21
48-72	2095	920.3	16
72-96	1311	560.3	11
96-120	1937	858.4	13
120-144	1179	524.3	15
144-168	1807	812	11
168-192	1102	496.4	10
192-216	1727	780.7	10
216-240	1056	474.3	4
240-264	1662	745.1	16
264-288	1001	447.7	9
288-312	1573	700	13
312-336	945	415.5	12
336-360	1418	603.9	18
360-384	816	339.6	9
384-408	1214	500.1	9
408-432	673	265.4	5
432-456	921	312.4	5
456-480	484	151.8	1

Rheumatoid arthritis



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Integrated safety analysis of filgotinib in patients with moderate-to-severe rheumatoid arthritis over a treatment duration of up to 8.3 years

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	Filgotinib 200 mg QD (PYE=8008.6) (N=2267)	Filgotinib 100 mg QD (PYE=4532.4) (N=1647)	Pooled filgotinib (PYE=12541.0) (N=3691)
	n (%), EAIR per 100 PYE (95% CI)		
Infections			
Serious infections	149 (6.6), 1.9 (1.6 to 2.2)	97 (5.9), 2.2 (1.8 to 2.7)	246 (6.7), 2.0 (1.7 to 2.2)
Herpes zoster	114 (5.0), 1.5 (1.2 to 1.8)	49 (3.0), 1.1 (0.8 to 1.5)	163 (4.4), 1.3 (1.1 to 1.6)
COVID-19	249 (11.0), 3.2 (2.8 to 3.6)	147 (8.9), 3.3 (2.8 to 3.9)	396 (10.7), 3.2 (2.9 to 3.6)
Cardiovascular events			

Which real-life patients take filgotinib?

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Real-world experience with filgotinib for rheumatoid arthritis in Germany

A retrospective chart review

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Table 2 Baseline comorbidities	
	Total (N = 301), n (%)
CV disease	
Any CV risk factor ^a	140 (46.5)
Arterial hypertension	103 (34.2)
Dyslipidemia	39 (13.0)
Diabetes mellitus	32 (10.6)
Cardiac arrhythmias	16 (5.3)
Coronary heart disease	13 (4.3)
Condition following myocardial or cerebral infarction	9 (3.0)
Condition following deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism	8 (2.7)
Heart failure	7 (2.3)
Metabolic syndrome	
Obesity (body mass index ≥ 30 kg/m ²)	35 (11.6)
Cancers	
Other cancers	9 (3.0)
Nonmelanoma skin cancer	3 (1.0)
Gastroenterological diseases	
Liver disease	11 (3.7)
Gastroesophageal reflux disease	8 (2.7)
Inflammatory bowel disease	6 (2.0)

Patient #3

Patient #3



Female 49 yo

RF+/CCP+ RA: Dx 2010

Extra-articular: (-)

Comorbidities: Latent TB treated 2013, depression, fibromyalgia
Current smoker

Current meds:

Prednisolone 10mg OD
RTX 2023-2024

Previous cDMARDs:

MTX and LEF: intolerant

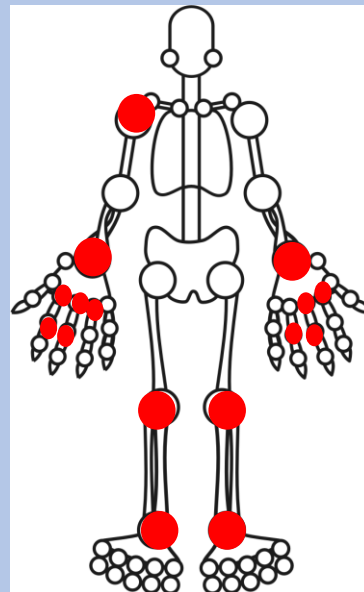
Previous bDMARDs:

Etanercept, abatacept, rituximab, sarilumab

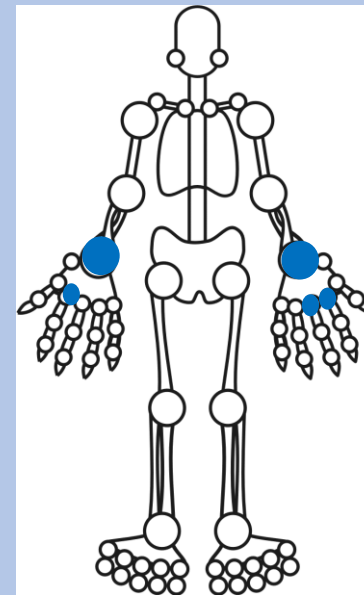


August 2024 Clinical examination

TJC



SJC



Metrics

TJC68	14 (+2)
SJC66	5 (+0)
painVAS	9/10
globalVAS	9/10
CRP	0.4 mg/dL
DAS28	5.44
CDAI	36

Patient #3:



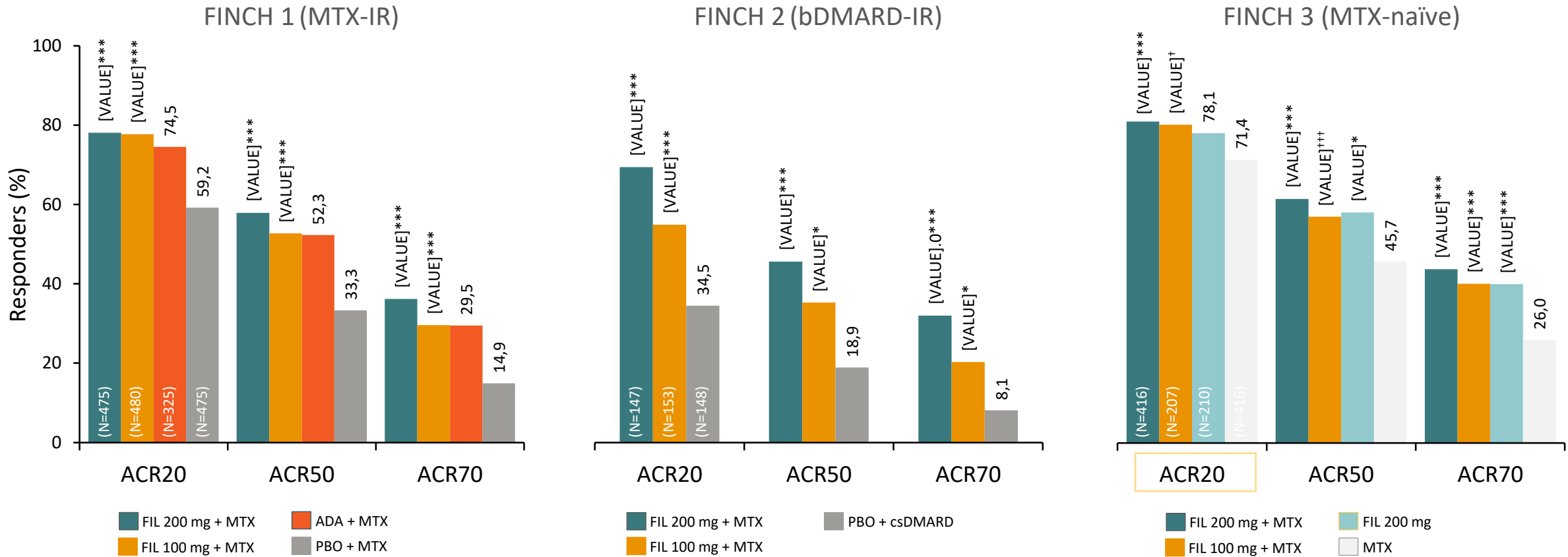
Female 49 yo

Patient with

- a. High disease activity on high dose prednisolone
- b. Pain augmentation / FMS
- c. History of multiple bDMARD failures

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Efficacy in different stages of RA

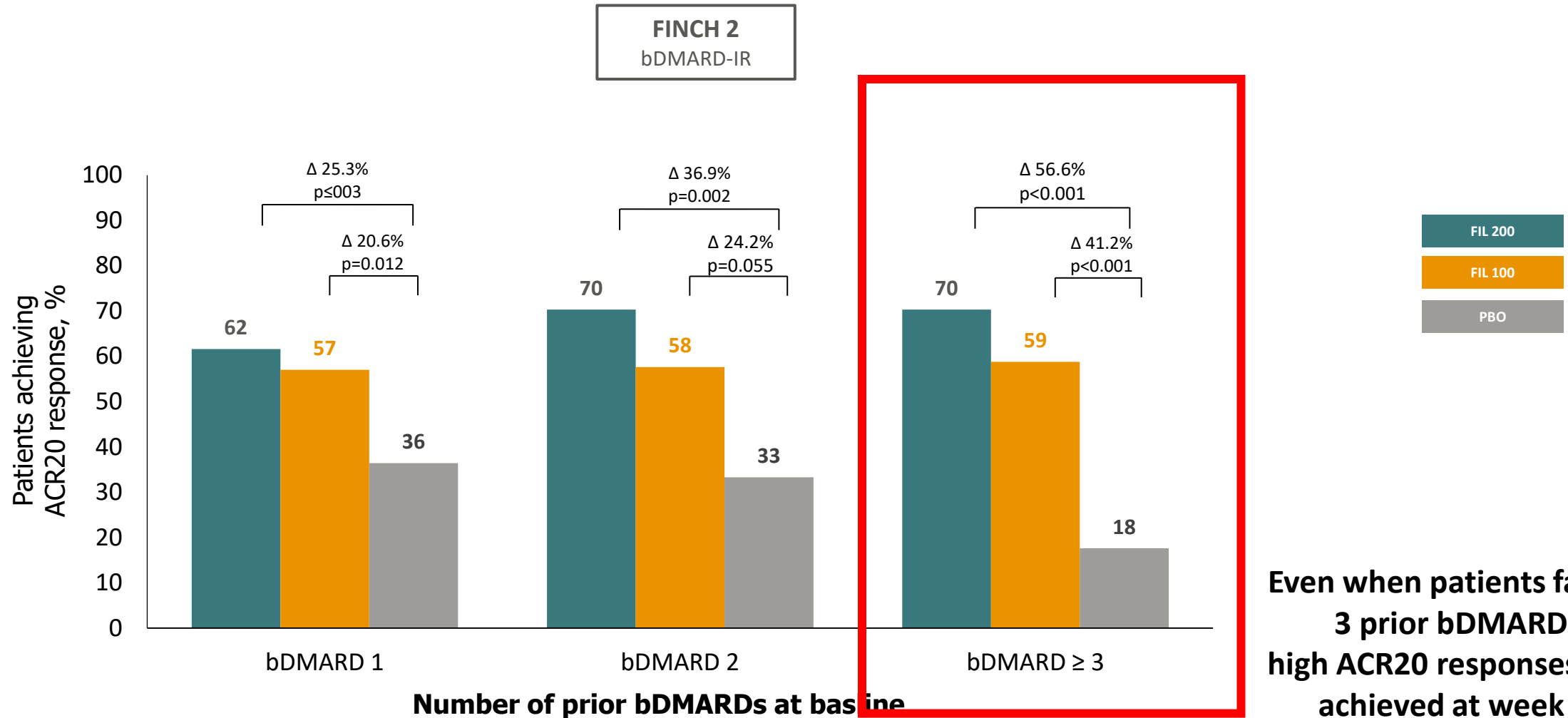


Filgotinib is not indicated for the treatment of csDMARD-naïve RA patients.

*** $P < 0.001$; ** $P < 0.001$ * $P < 0.005$; ††† $P < 0.01$; †† $P < 0.01$; † $P < 0.05$ vs PBO + MTX (FINCH 1); PBO + csDMARDs (FINCH 2); or MTX (FINCH 3). Endpoints boxed indicate primary endpoint for the study.

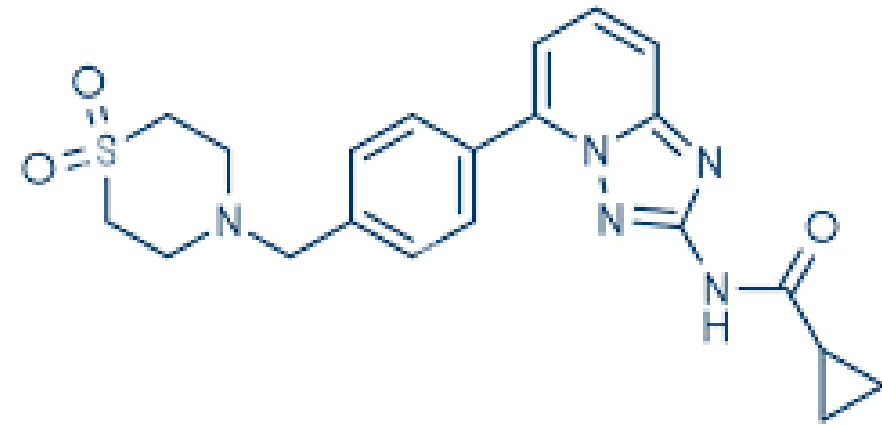
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Efficacy in “difficult” RA patients



Even when patients failed ≥ 3 prior bDMARDs, high ACR20 responses were achieved at week 12

Why should I think about filgotinib for my next RA patient (when available?)



filgotinib



Why do people choose filgotinib?

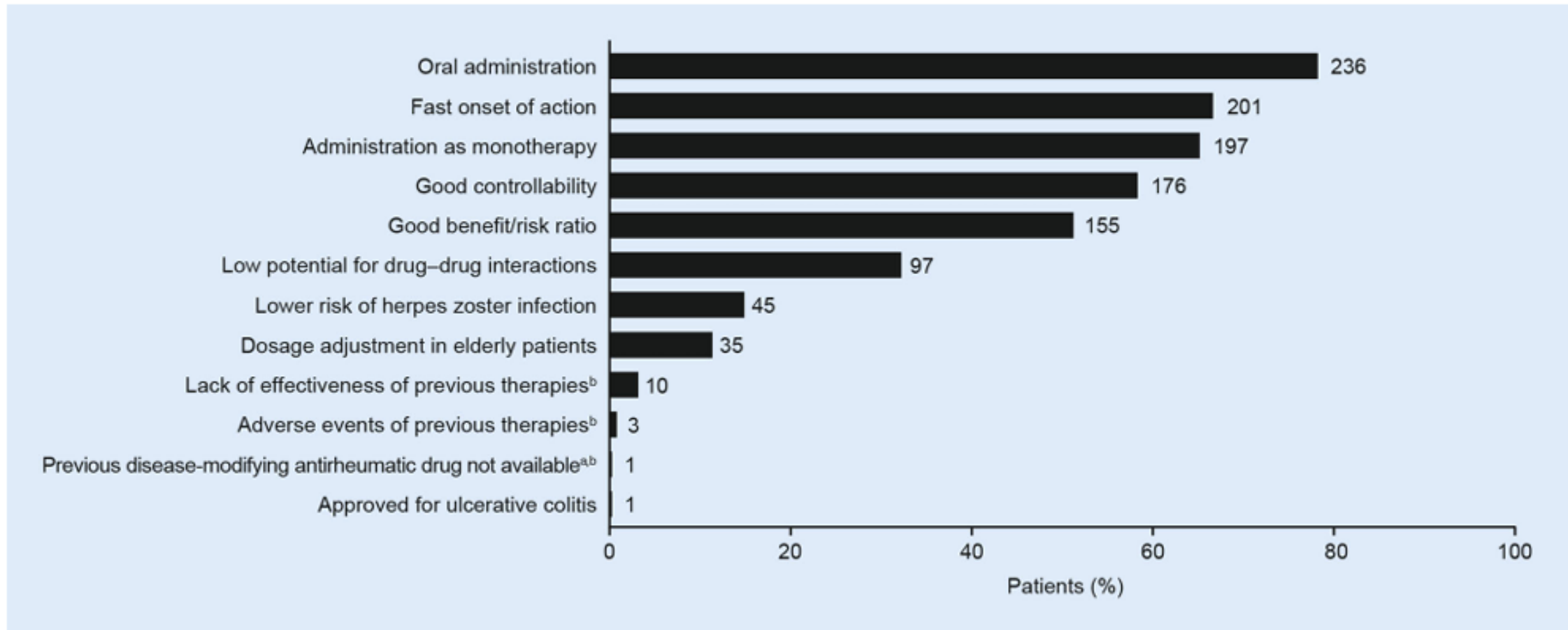
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Real-world experience with filgotinib for rheumatoid arthritis in Germany



Filgotinib in real life practice (With a little help from my friends)

The previous cases have shown that filgotinib represents a good bDMARD choice in patients with

1. Need for efficacious and fast-acting treatment
2. Even with moderate disease activity
3. Increased risk of infection
4. Where quick “wash-out” is important
5. Previous multiple bDMARD failures



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