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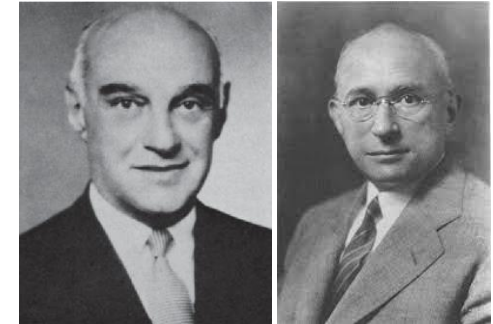
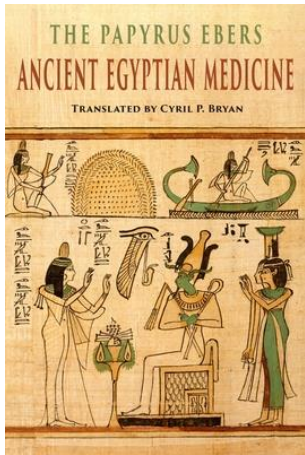
Welcome



ASLAN Pharmaceuticals is a clinical-stage, immunology-focused biopharmaceutical company developing innovative therapies to treat inflammatory disease, transforming the lives of patients



Atopic dermatitis has been around since



1500BC

500BC

1AD

1000

1500

2000



We're at an inflection point in history for treatment of AD

Rheumatoid
Arthritis (RA)



Psoriasis



Atopic
Dermatitis



1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025



Biomedtracker database, year of biologic therapy approval for listed indication



Agenda

Time	Presentation	Speaker	
10:00	Welcome		Dr Carl Firth CEO, ASLAN
10:10	Emerging unmet needs in Atopic Dermatitis (AD)		Dr Peter Lio Northwestern University
10:30	<i>Eblasakimab</i> : addressing the market needs and opportunities		Stephen Doyle Chief Business Officer, ASLAN
10:40	Promise of targeting the IL-13 receptor		Dr Ferda Cevikbas Head Translational Sciences, ASLAN
10:55	Type-2 inflammation and beyond		Dr Shawn Kwatra Johns Hopkins University
11:20	Q&A		

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11:40	New findings from the proof-of-concept study		Dr Karen Veverka VP Medical, ASLAN
12:00	<i>Eblasakimab</i> development program		Dr Alex Kaoukhov Chief Medical Officer, ASLAN
12:10	Company Q&A		
12:25	Panel discussion	Dr Lio, Dr Kwatra, Dr Veverka moderated by Dr Carl Firth	
12:55	Closing remarks	Dr Carl Firth CEO, ASLAN	



Developing innovative therapies to treat inflammatory disease

Program	Target	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Anticipated milestones
<i>Eblasakimab</i>	IL-13R α 1	Atopic dermatitis	Biologic naïve				Phase 2b topline data in 1H 2023
			<i>Dupilumab</i> experienced				Phase 2 initiation 4Q 2022
		Type 2-driven disease					
<i>Farudodstat</i>	DHODH	Autoimmune skin disease					



Past 12 months has seen tremendous advances in the development of *eblasakimab*

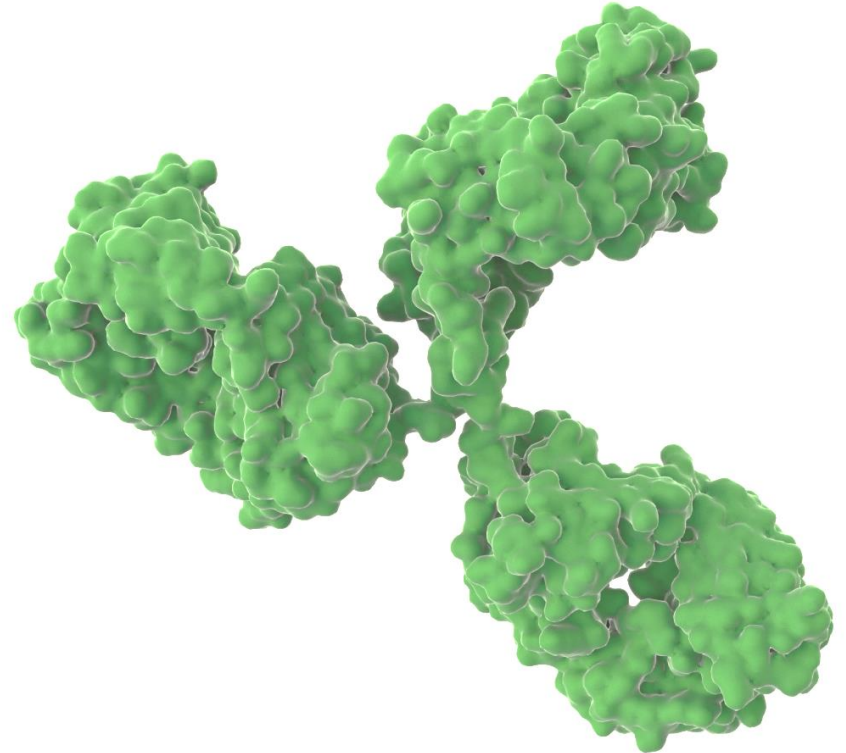


- **Positive topline** data readout from Phase 1b MAD study in Sep 2021
- Presentation of **results from MAD study**:
Late Breaker Oral Presentation at AAD 2022 and 3 posters at EADV 2022
- TREK-AD: **Phase 2b study initiated**
- **Data supporting differentiation**: novel translational work on neuronal itch, late-breaker at SID 2022, 2 late-breakers accepted at ESDR 2022
- Initiating TREK-DX: **pioneering study for *dupilumab*-experienced patients**
- Built **world-class dermatology team** bringing experience from Regeneron, Dermira, Eli Lilly, Almirall and LEO Pharma



Takeaways from the R&D Day

- The **unmet needs and opportunities** in AD
- Mechanistic rationale supporting **differentiated profile** of *eblasakimab*
- Role of the IL-13 receptor in disease pathology and **advantages of directly blocking IL-13R α 1**
- How *eblasakimab* can directly reducing **neuronal itch responses**
- Clinical data supporting potential for **differentiated profile**





Dr Peter Lio
Northwestern University

Welcome

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Eblasakimab: addressing the market needs and opportunities

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EMERGING UNMET NEEDS IN ATOPIC DERMATITIS

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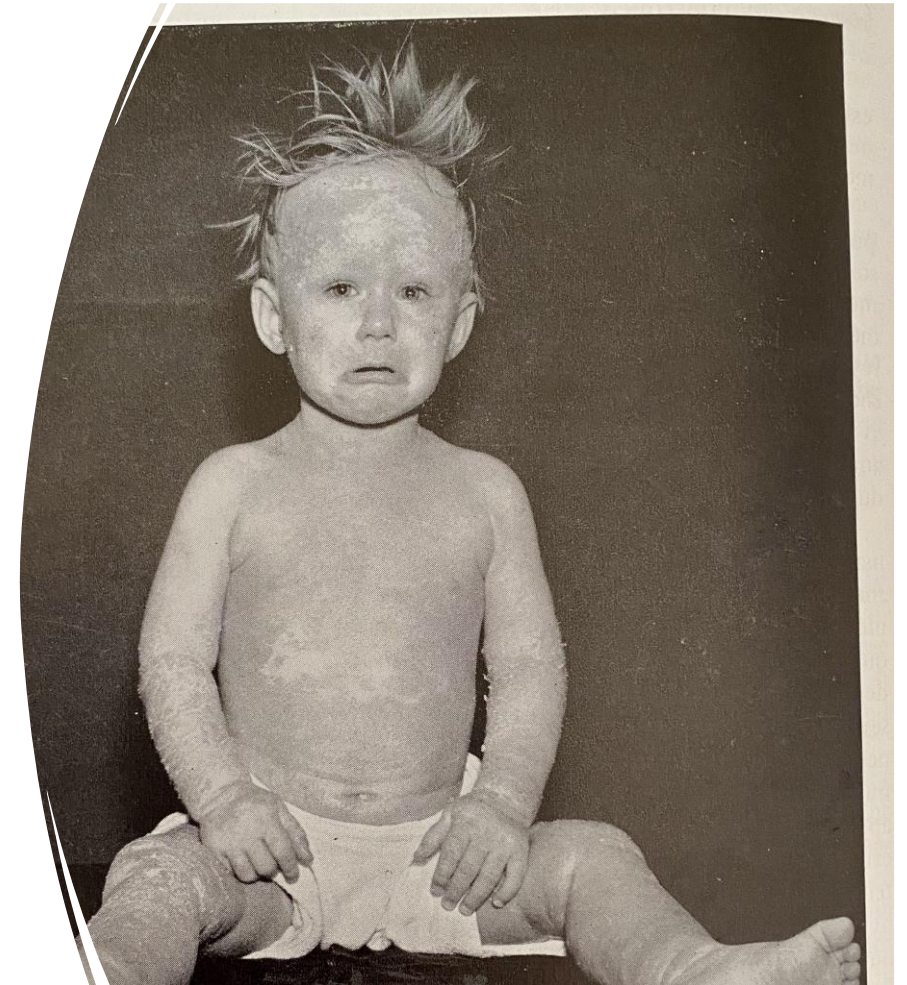
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AD BACKGROUND

- Incredibly common, chronic inflammatory disease
- Up to 20% of children and up to 10% adults in developed countries
- Massive suffering for both patient and family



BURDEN OF AD IS HIGH

Increasing US Prevalence^{1,2}

12% to 13% in children and adolescents and 7% in adults

- 90% of cases present by 5 years of age
- Among adults, 17% of cases develop after adolescence

Increasing Costs³ ~\$5.3 billion/year

- Doesn't include time, emotional cost, and presenteeism

Impact on QoL⁴ Greater than Type I diabetes

- Not “just a rash”

Sleep Deprivation^{2,3-6}

- Exhaustion
- Mood changes
- Impaired psychosocial functioning

Social Isolation^{2,3,5}

- School avoidance
- Depression

Restricted Choices^{3,5}

- Clothing, holidays, socializing, owning pets, and participating in sports

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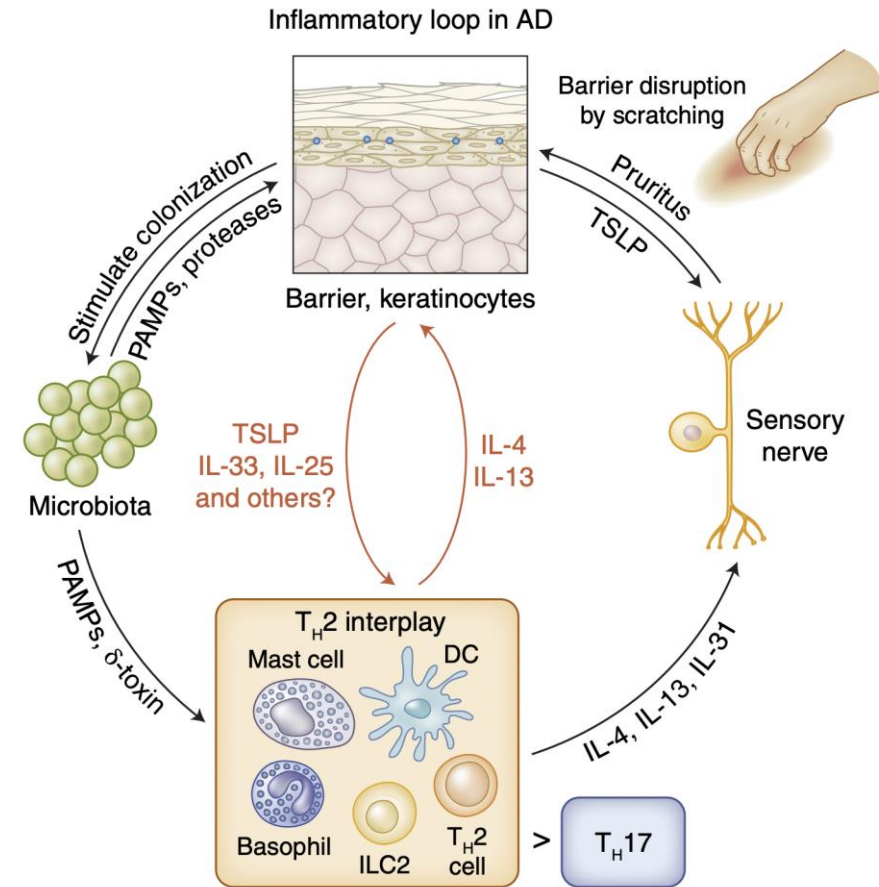
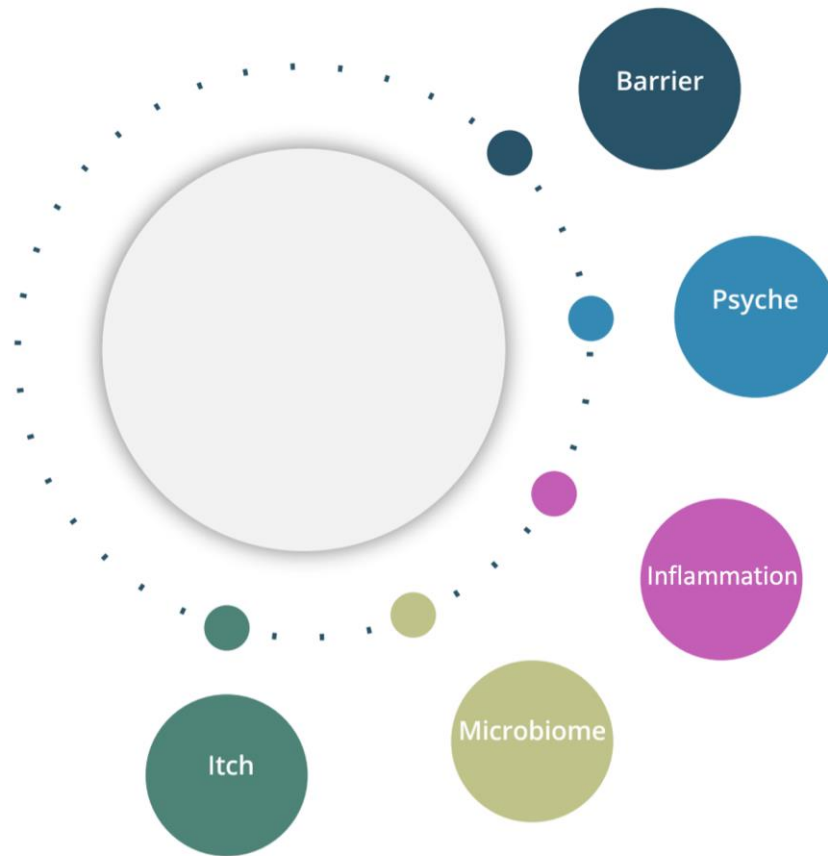
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CAUSES OF AD



TREATMENT OPTIONS FOR AD PATIENTS: PAST AND PRESENT

Clinical Drug Investigation
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s40261-020-00905-7>

REVIEW ARTICLE

Revisiting Therapies for Atopic Dermatitis that Failed Clinical Trials

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Agent	Drug Class
Apremilast	PDE4 inhibitor
Roflumilast	PDE4 inhibitor
Fevipirant	CRTH2 inhibitor
Timapirant	CRTH2 inhibitor
Tezepelumab	Anti-TSLP
Ustekinumab	Anti-IL12/IL23/p40
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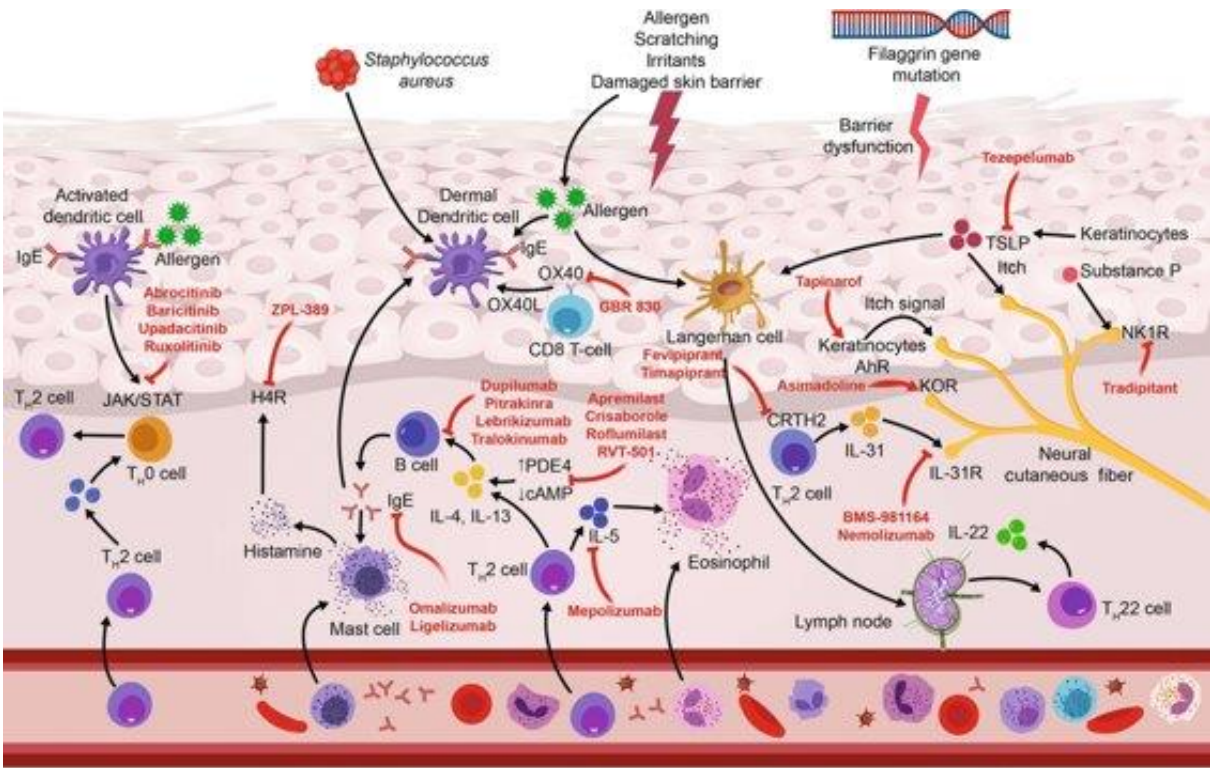
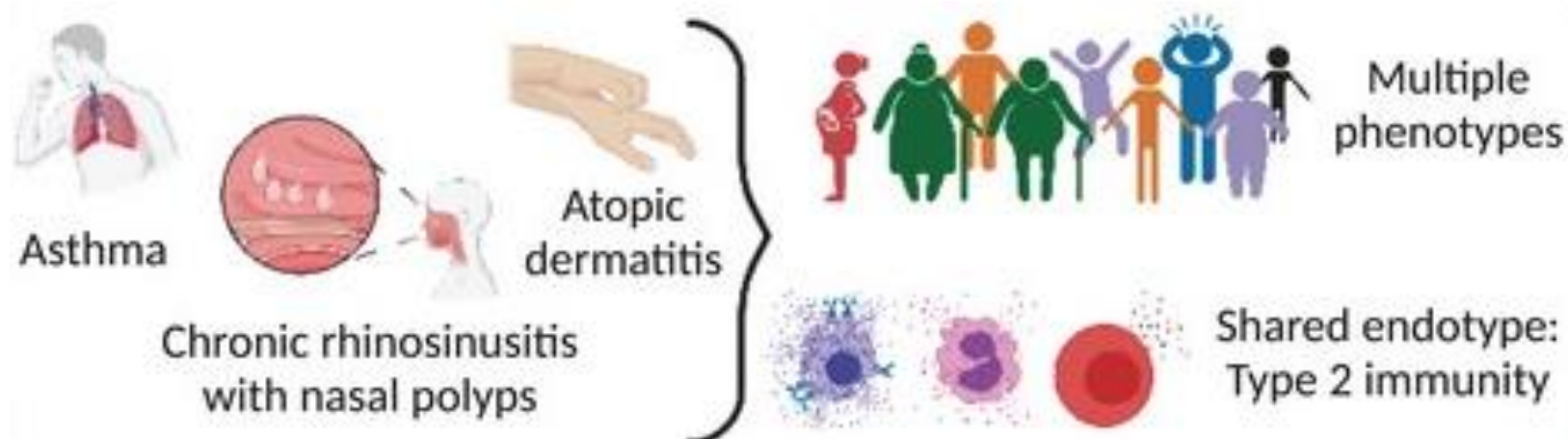


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bid twice-daily, PDE4 phosphodiesterase-4, EASI Eczema Area and Severity Index, SCORAD SCORing Atopic Dermatitis, CRTH2 chemoattractant receptor-homologous molecules expressed on Th2 lymphocytes, IL interleukin, PBO placebo TSLP thymic stromal lymphopoietin, TCS topical corticosteroid, SC subcutaneous, SE standard error
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ALLERGIC COMORBIDITIES

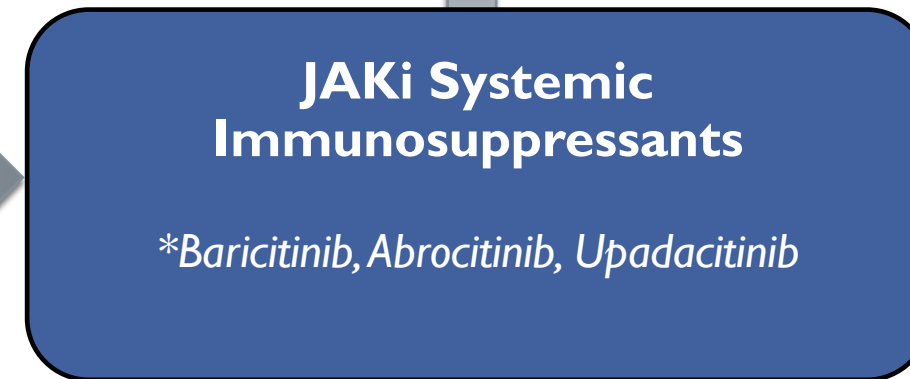
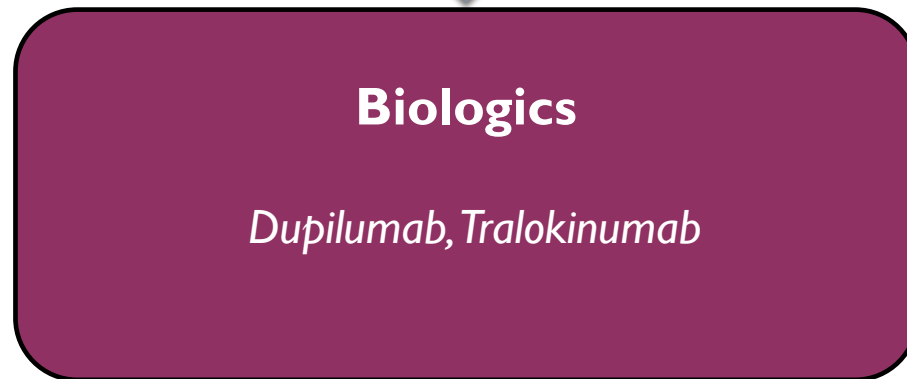
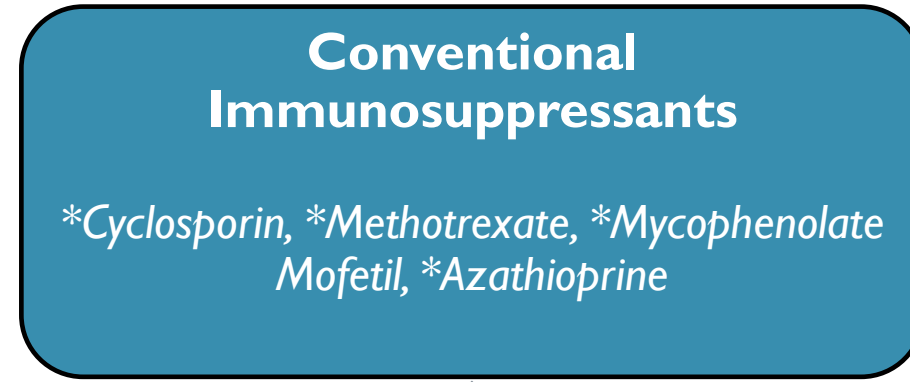
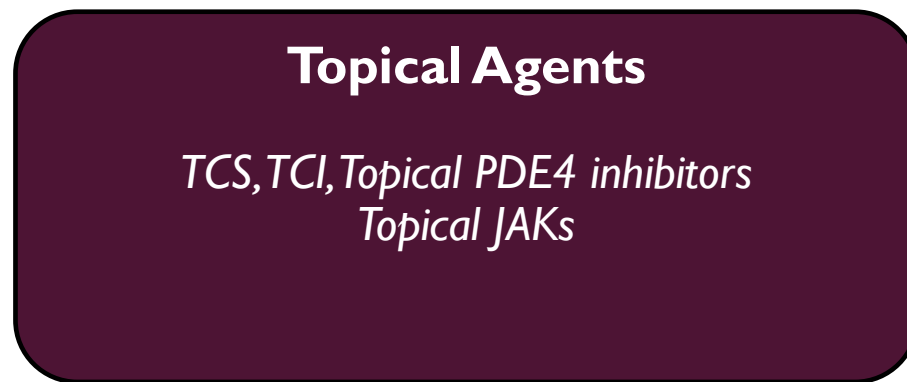


Adults with AD are 3 times more likely to have asthma

In a cross-sectional study of over 2200 children,

- ~80% had some form of allergy
- ~40% had asthma and allergic rhinitis

CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TREATMENT OPTIONS



*Not approved in the United States for treatment of AD

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ADVERSE EVENTS

- Every drug has different levels of adverse events
- Characterising patient-specific adverse event profile can be the next frontier in precision medicine

System Agent	Common AEs (Clinical Trial Incidence of $\geq 1/100$)
Clobetasol propionate	Burning, stinging, skin dryness, irritation, erythema, folliculitis, pruritus, skin atrophy, telangiectasia
Ruxolitinib	Bruising, dizziness, headache, UTI, herpes zoster, increased weight, flatulence, anemia, thrombocytopenia, neutropenia
Dupilumab	Nasopharyngitis, headache, URTI, injection site reactions, conjunctivitis, AD exacerbation, skin infections, herpes viral infections
Tralokinumab	Nasopharyngitis, URTI, headache, AD exacerbation, injection site reactions, arthralgia, syncope, pruritus, conjunctivitis, skin infections
Abrocitinib	Nasopharyngitis, nausea, headache, herpes simplex, Increased blood creatinine phosphokinase, dizziness, fatigue, UTI, acne, vomiting, impetigo, oropharyngeal pain, hypertension, influenza, gastroenteritis, dermatitis contact, abdominal pain upper, abdominal discomfort, herpes zoster, thrombocytopenia
Upadacitinib	UTRI, acne, herpes simplex, headache, increased blood creatinine phosphokinase, cough, hypersensitivity, folliculitis, nausea, abdominal pain, pyrexia, increased weight, herpes zoster, influenza, fatigue, neutropenia, myalgia, influenza like illness
Cyclosporin	Serum creatinine increase, hypertension, GI upset, infections, headache, fatigue, paraneesthesia, lower limb oedema, hypertrichosis, gingival hyperplasia, anemia, leukopenia, pancytopenia, thrombocytopenia, ESR increase, liver enzyme increase, magnesium decrease, fever, malaise, AD exacerbation, dyslipidemia, tremor, flushing, metallic taste
Methotrexate	GI upset, infections, liver enzyme increase, skin infections, AD exacerbation, anaemia, leukopenia, pancytopenia, fatigue, headache, renal impairment, fever, malaise

AD, atopic dermatitis; AE, adverse event; CK, creatine kinase, ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate; GI, gastrointestinal; HSV, herpes simplex virus; HZV, herpes zoster virus; LRTI, lower respiratory tract infection; URTI, upper respiratory tract infection

BIOLOGICS

- Dupilumab has been a revolutionary therapy in treatment of AD
- Opened the space for biologics in AD
- Stopping dupilumab can have a remittive effect: different to TCS

PATIENTS DISCONTINUING BIOLOGICS

- Primary failure /loss of response
- Adverse events
- Access issues

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THERAPEUTIC HOTLINE: LETTER

WILEY DERMATOLOGIC
THERAPY

Remittive effect of Dupilumab in atopic dermatitis

DUPIUMAB ASSOCIATED CONJUNCTIVITIS

- Dupilumab Associated Conjunctivitis (DAC) has been characterised as a specific adverse event related to treatment
- A review of 2629 patients treated with dupilumab showed a higher incidence of conjunctivitis in dupilumab-treated patients (8.6-22.1%) vs placebo (2.1-11.1%)¹
- Patients with severe AD at baseline were more likely to report higher incidence of DAC
- Pathogenesis of conjunctivitis in dupilumab-treated patients is not well understood although several theories have been postulated

Drugs in R&D

A Clinician's Guide to the Recognition and Management of Dupilumab-Associated Conjunctivitis

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FACE AND NECK ERYTHEMA

Facial and neck erythema associated with dupilumab treatment: A systematic review

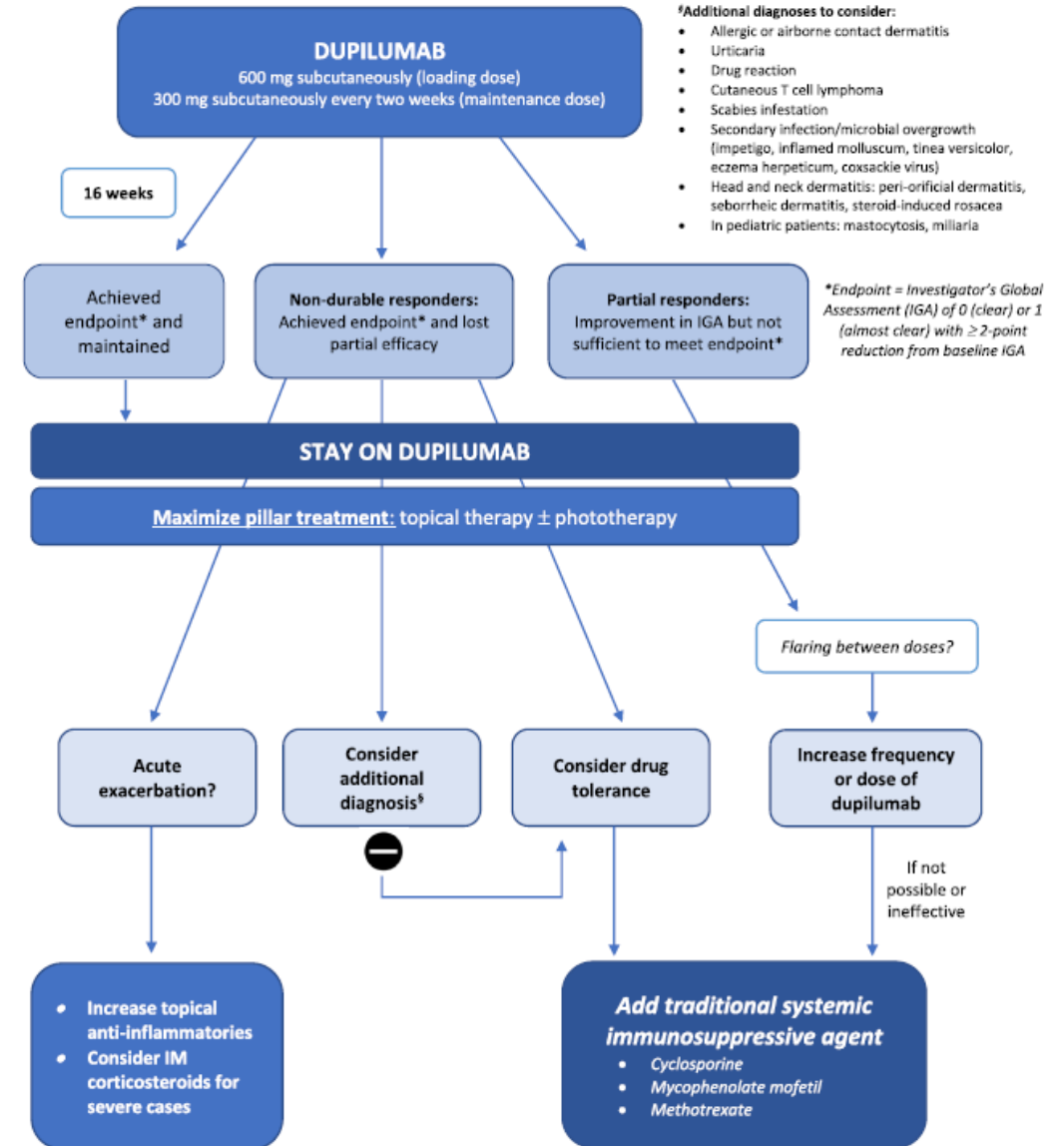
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- Broad, complex differential diagnosis
- Increasing awareness of DFAND in scientific literature and clinical experience
- At-risk patients should be identified and counseled accordingly

DEFINING THE DUPILUMAB NON-RESPONDER POPULATION



Hendricks, A. J., Lio, P. A., & Shi, V. Y. (2019). Management Recommendations for Dupilumab Partial and Non-durable Responders in Atopic Dermatitis. *American journal of clinical dermatology*, 20(4), 565–569.



Management algorithm for dupilumab partial and non-durable responders. *IM* intramuscular

JAK INHIBITOR AND SAFETY CONCERNS

- Received recent approval in AD
- Effective therapies for flares and disease uncontrolled by biologics
- Black Box warnings
- Potential implications of long-term use for chronic condition such as AD


WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS, MORTALITY, MALIGNANCY, MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS (MACE), and THROMBOSIS


See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Increased risk of serious bacterial, fungal, viral and opportunistic infections leading to hospitalization or death, including tuberculosis (TB). Discontinue treatment with CIBINQO if serious or opportunistic infection occurs. Test for latent TB before and during therapy; treat latent TB prior to use. Monitor all patients for active TB during treatment, even patients with initial negative latent TB test. (5.1)
- Higher rate of all-cause mortality, including sudden cardiovascular death, with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients. CIBINQO is not approved for use in RA patients. (5.2)
- Malignancies have occurred with CIBINQO. Higher rate of lymphomas and lung cancers with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers in RA patients. (5.3)
- MACE has occurred with CIBINQO. Higher rate of MACE (defined as cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, and stroke) with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers in RA patients. (5.4)
- Thrombosis has occurred with CIBINQO. Increased incidence of pulmonary embolism, venous and arterial thrombosis with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers. (5.5)

EFFICACY FROM PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOMES

- Patient-Oriented Eczema Measure (POEM), focuses on the illness severity as experienced by the patient (sleep loss, itch, and skin assessments)


Patient-Oriented Eczema Measure


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POEM for self-completion

How is the scoring done?
Each of the seven questions carries equal weight and is scored from 0 to 4 as follows:

What does a poem score mean?
To help patients and clinicians to understand their POEM scores, the following bandings have been established (see references below):

No days	= 0	• 0 to 2	= Clear or almost clear
1-2 days	= 1	• 3 to 7	= Mild eczema
3-4 days	= 2	• 8 to 16	= Moderate eczema
5-6 days	= 3	• 17 to 24	= Severe eczema
Every day	= 4	• 25 to 28	= Very severe eczema

Note:

1. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been itchy because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

2. Over the last week, on how many nights has your sleep been disturbed because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

3. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been bleeding because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

4. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been weeping or oozing clear fluid because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

5. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been cracked because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

6. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin been flaking off because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

7. Over the last week, on how many days has your skin felt dry or rough because of your eczema?

No days1-2 days3-4 days5-6 daysEvery day

Total POEM Score (Maximum 28):

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CONCLUSIONS

- The past 50 years have been relatively quiet for AD... but that does not seem to be predictive of the next 5-10!
- We are on the verge of a giant leap in both understanding and treating AD
- Current treatment options have varying efficacy and safety profiles and not all treatments are suitable for all populations
- Additional treatment options are needed for AD patients and emerging treatments have the potential to address the unmet needs that remain



Stephen Doyle
Chief Business Officer

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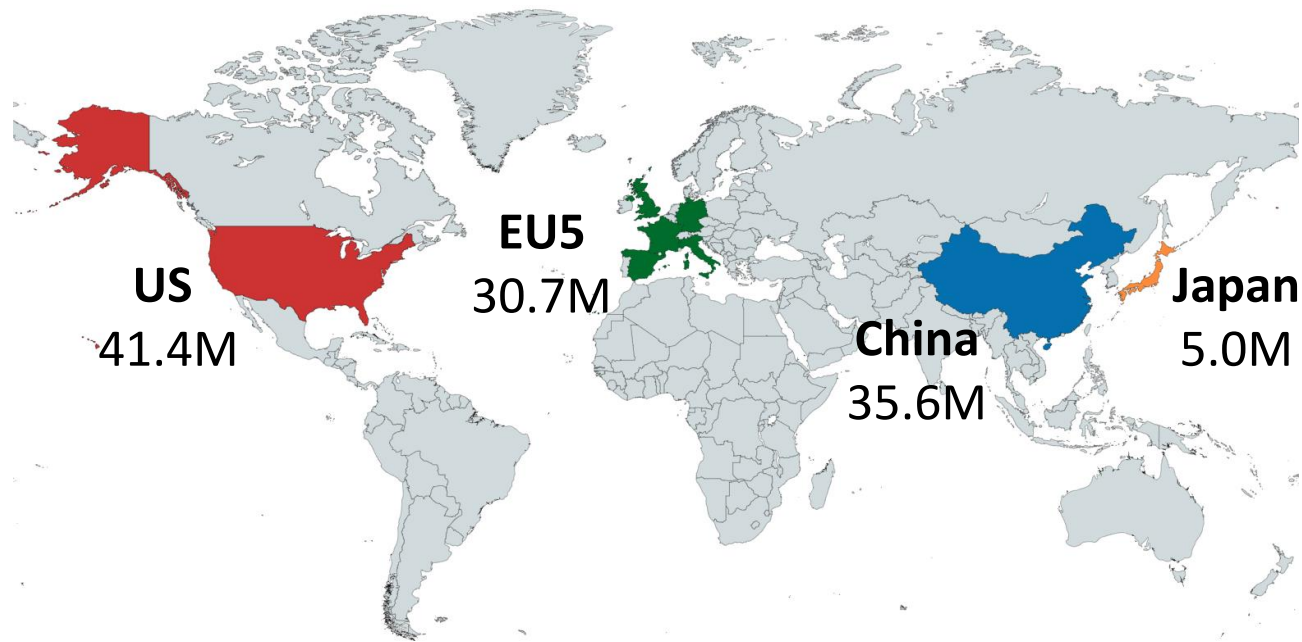
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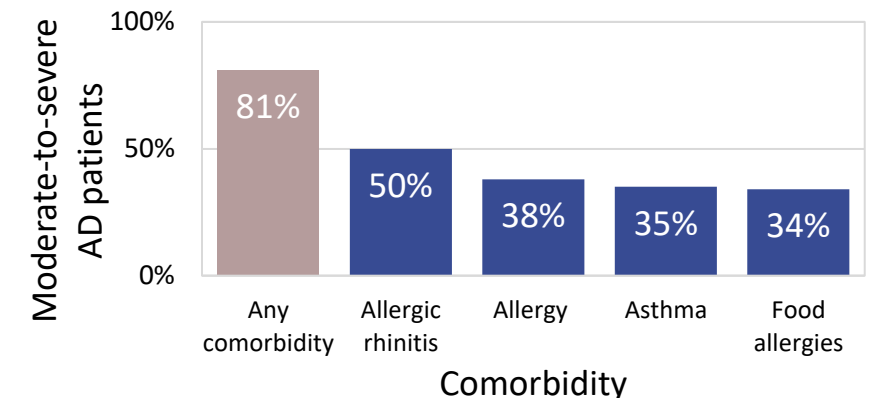
AD is a chronic disease that can severely impact quality of life

Total AD prevalent cases, 2019



Over 200 million AD patients worldwide

- Prevalence estimated at 1-3% of adults worldwide
- Over 30% of patients have moderate-to-severe disease
- Around 80% of these have other allergic comorbidities:



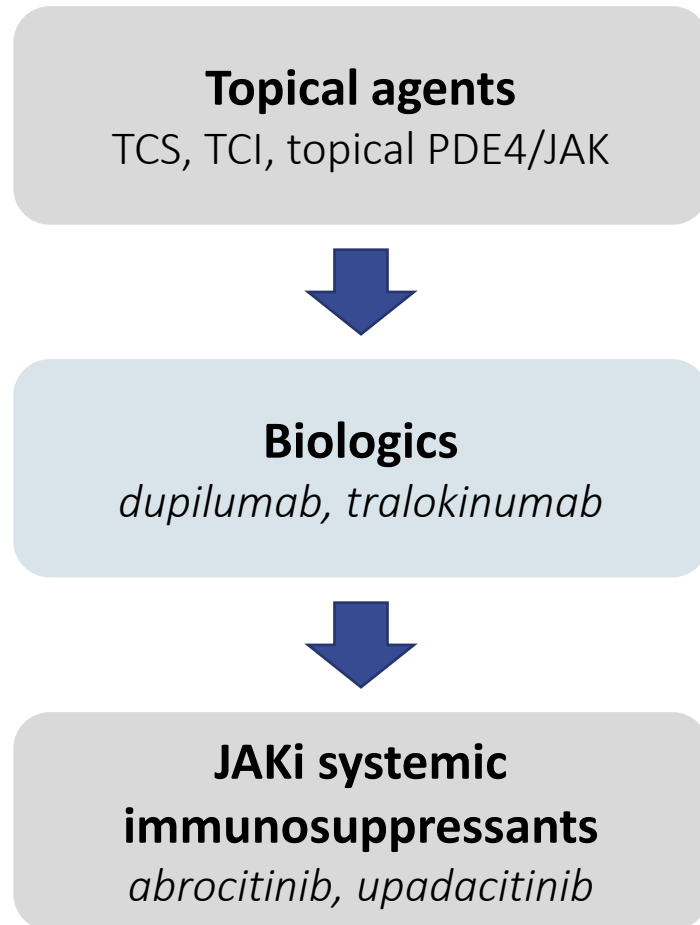
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Divekar et al (2021) Atopic Dermatitis/Atopic Eczema: Disease Landscape & Forecast. Decision Resources Group (DRG)

Calzavara-Pinton et al (2022) AAD Annual Meeting poster presentation, Baseline patient demographics and comorbidities in patients with atopic dermatitis from the GLOBOSTAD registry (237 patients)



Dupilumab has advanced the standard of care for atopic dermatitis but a significant unmet need remains



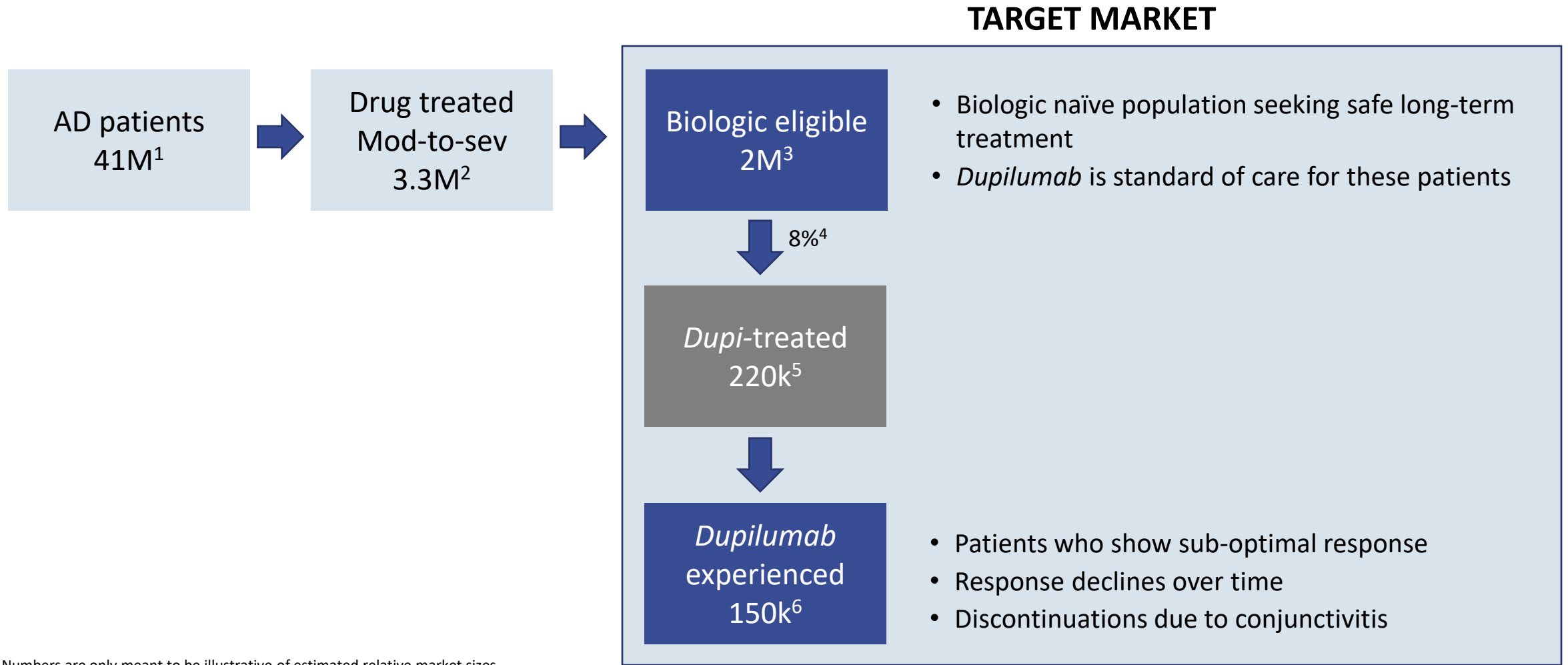
- There are few safe and effective treatments for moderate-to-severe AD
- Treatment is traditionally focused on topical corticosteroids but steroid use can be associated with safety risks
- *Dupilumab* has established dual blockade of IL-4/IL-13 biologic therapy as the new standard of care¹
 - Launch of *dupilumab* in 2017 helped drive a large market for systemic AD therapy with 2021 sales of \$5.2B
 - Sanofi expects to grow sales to over \$14B
- However, only 8% of eligible patients receive *dupilumab* today¹ and there remains a significant unmet need:
 - Only 35% of patients treated with *dupilumab* achieved an optimal response²
 - Conjunctivitis is common and can lead to treatment discontinuations
 - Opportunity to improve upon biweekly dosing regimen

1 Sanofi's quarterly financials and annual reports

2 Spherix (2018) Atopic dermatitis ATU study



High unmet need in biologic eligible and experienced population



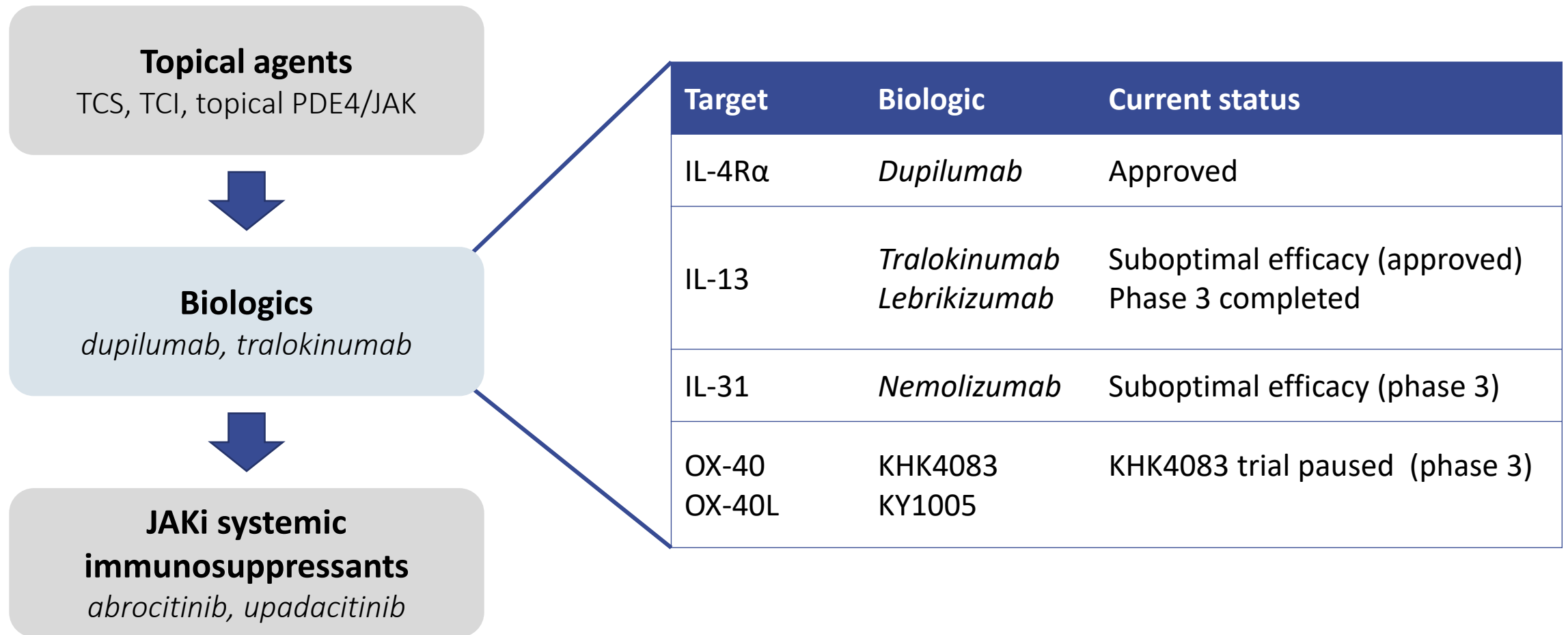
Numbers are only meant to be illustrative of estimated relative market sizes

1 Divekar et al (2021) Atopic Dermatitis/Atopic Eczema: Disease Landscape & Forecast, DRG
2 Drug treated diagnosed prevalence, assuming one-third moderate and all severe patients, Divekar et al (2021) DRG
3 Calculated assuming 220K patients represent 8% of the biologic eligible market

4 Sanofi's investor presentations
5 Estimated based on Dupixent annual US sales from Sanofi Annual Report 2021
6 Spherix (2018) Atopic dermatitis ATU study



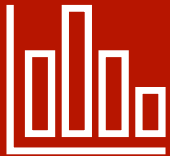
The number of biologics in development is limited due to several notable failures in recent years



Eblasakimab has the potential to be a differentiated therapy in AD

Ideal target product profile

Efficacy



Better efficacy over current standard-of-care with rapid control of itch

Dosing



Less frequent and more convenient dose regimen

Safety



Addresses physician concerns on safety with lower rate of discontinuation

Treats comorbidities



Able to address allergic comorbidities such as asthma and rhinitis



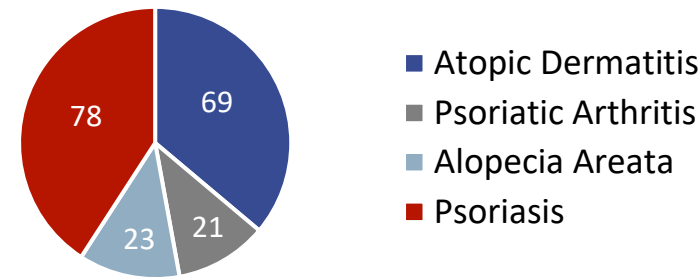
Preference for *eblasakimab* profile tested through market survey of US dermatologists

Methodology

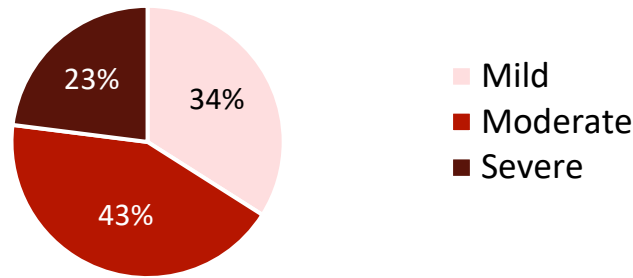
20 mins online survey, n=150

20-30 mins phone interviews, n =15

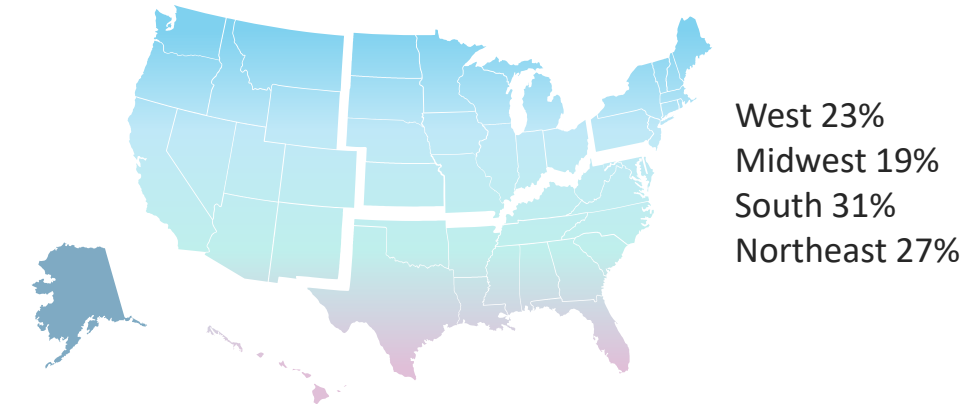
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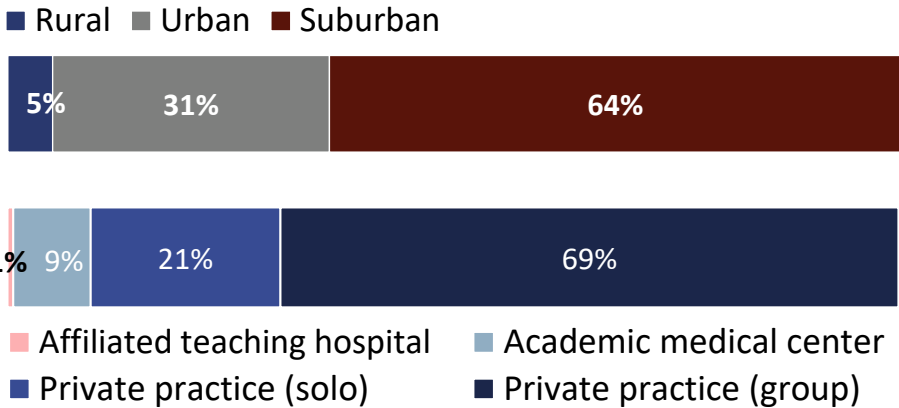
Atopic Dermatitis patients



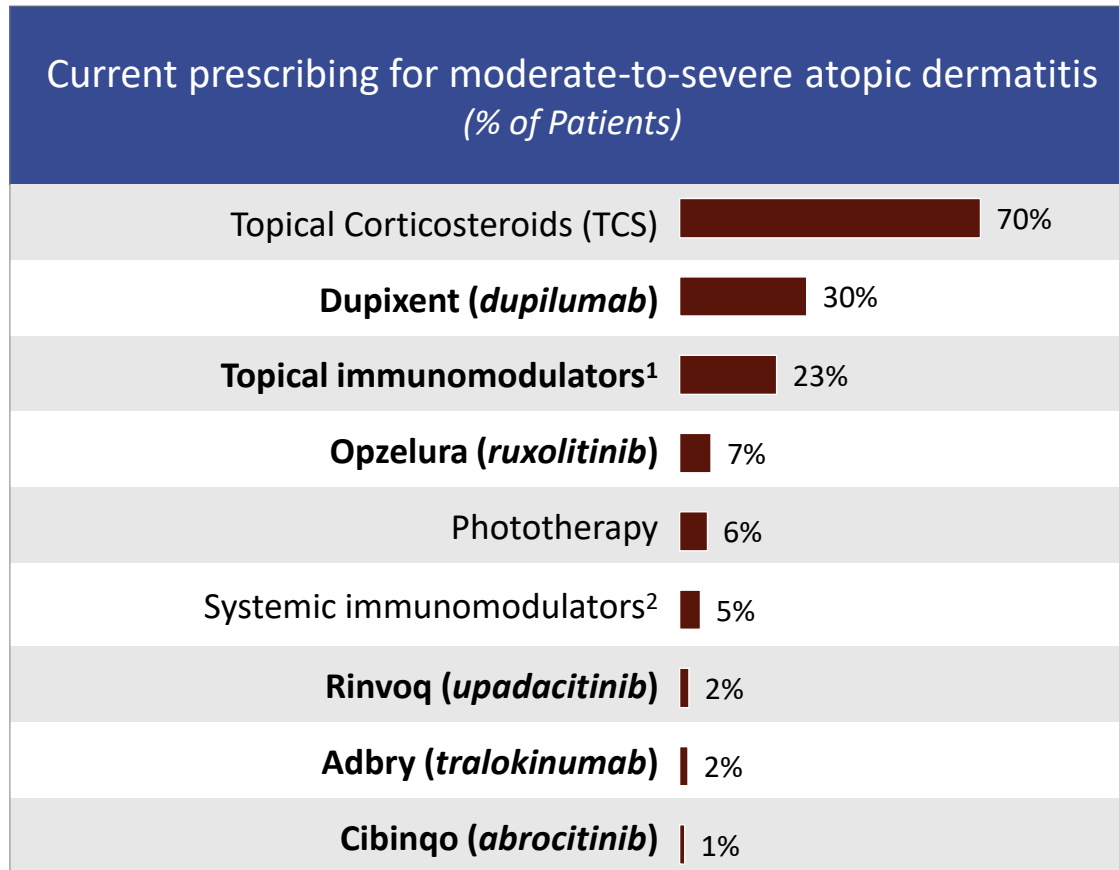
Board-certified US dermatologists



Representation of dermatologists in US



Topical steroids and *dupilumab* are the mainstays of AD treatment



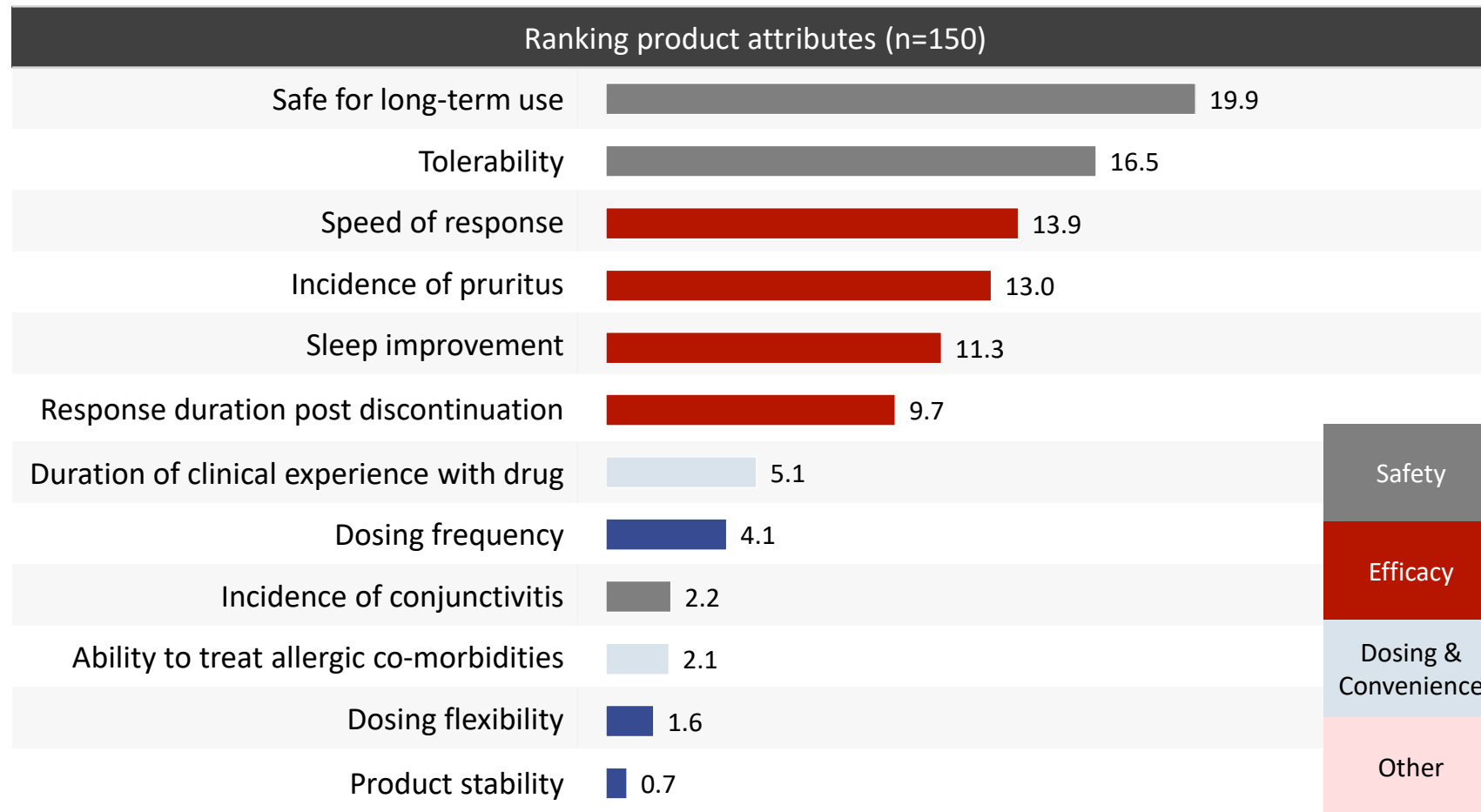
Product	% overall satisfaction
Dupixent (<i>dupilumab</i>)	83%
Adbry (<i>tralokinumab</i>)	45%
Opzelura (<i>ruxolitinib</i>)	39%
Rinvoq (<i>upadacitinib</i>)	32%
Cibinqo (<i>abrocitinib</i>)	29%
Eucrisa (<i>crisaborole</i>)	11%

1 Topical immunomodulators: Eidel, protopic

2 Systemic immunomodulators include methotrexate, CellCept, Immuran



Safety, speed of response, itch relief and sleep improvement prioritised attributes for treatment decisions



Eblasakimab profiles created to test the product attributes

Ideal target
product profile

Efficacy



Dosing



Safety



Treats comorbidities



Profile A

+++

8% increase to SOC

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Q4W dosing

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Profile B

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8% increase to SOC

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Q2W dosing

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Profile C

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Comparable to SOC

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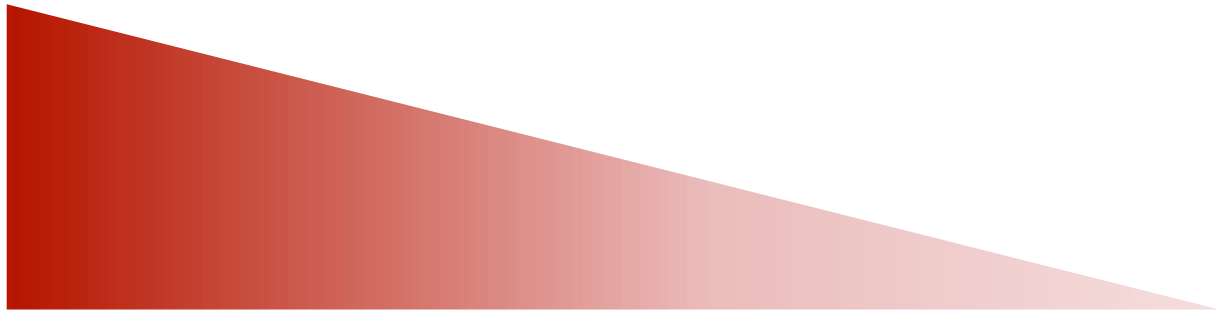
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Eblasakimab could be the favoured biologic, despite dermatologists' long experience with *dupilumab*



+ Efficacy
+ Monthly

+ Efficacy
+ Biweekly

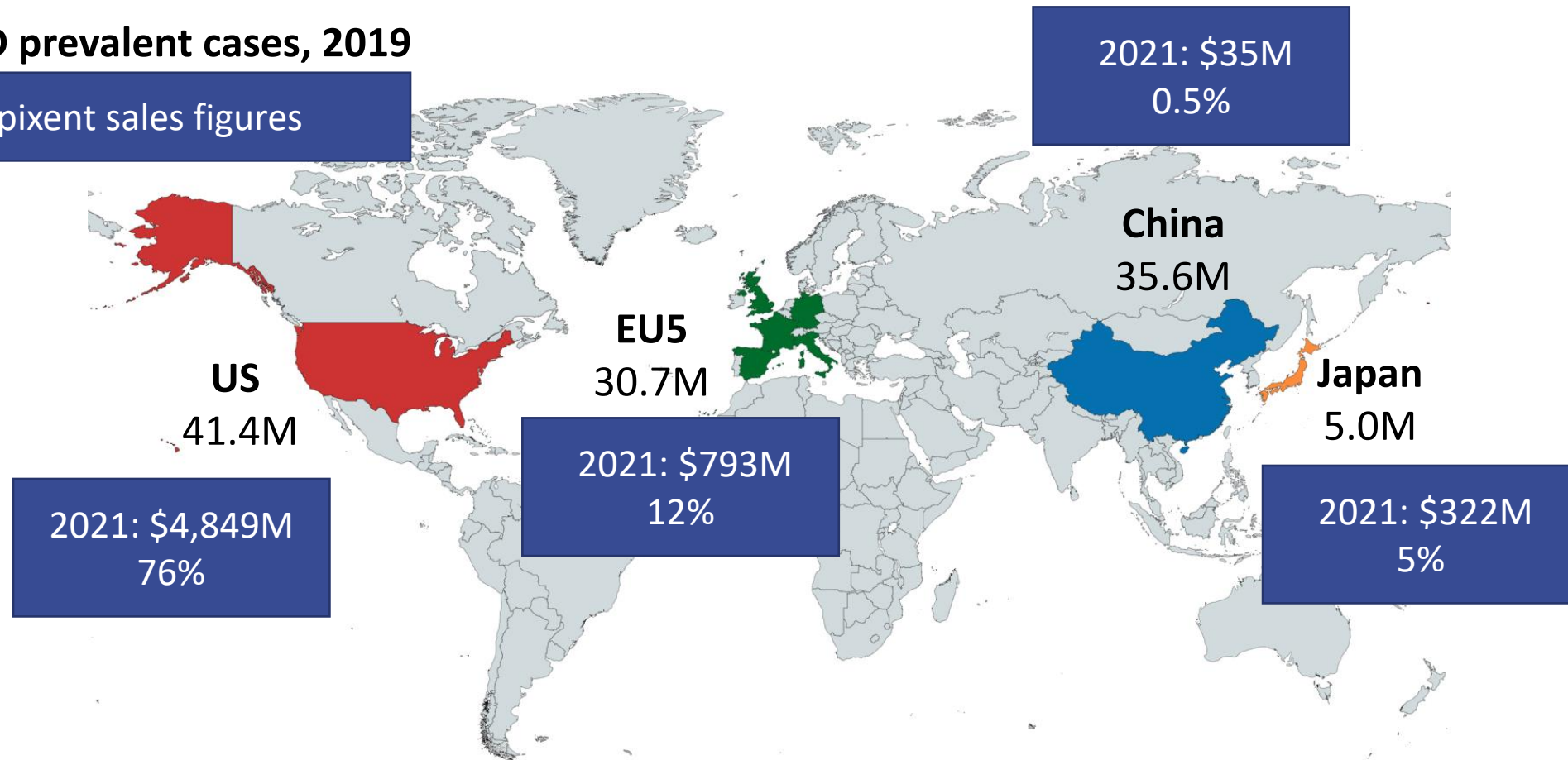
Patient populations	Profile A	Profile B	Profile C
Biologic-naïve (selected against <i>dupilumab</i>)	51%	44%	20%
<i>Dupilumab</i> -experienced (selected against <i>upadacitinib</i>)	55%	54%	47%



Commercialization of *eblasakimab* has potential in different regional markets

Total AD prevalent cases, 2019

Dupixent sales figures



Wen-lan Dong, et al (2021) *WAOjournal*: 14(11):100604.

Divekar et al (2021) Atopic Dermatitis/Atopic Eczema: Disease Landscape & Forecast. Decision Resources Group

Sanofi's quarterly financials and annual reports and IMS data





Dr Ferda Cevikbas
Head Translational Sciences

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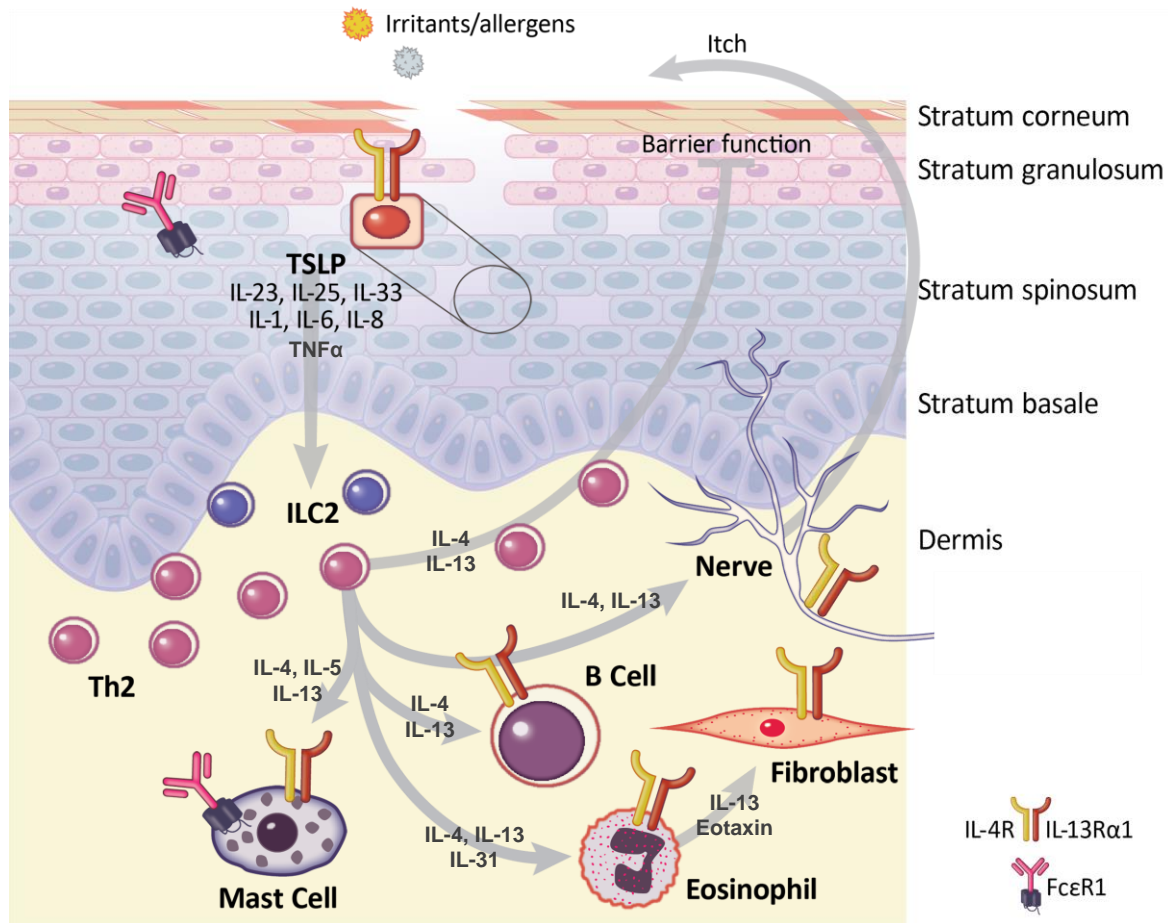
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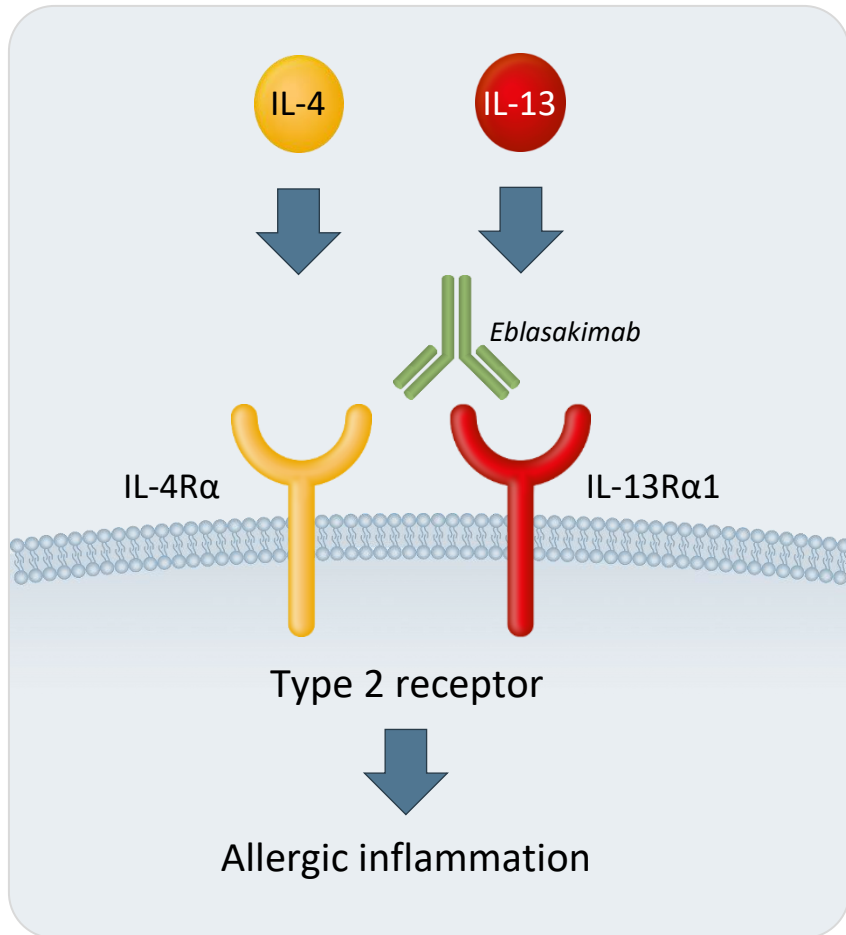
Atopic dermatitis is a chronic inflammatory skin disease with Th2 cell polarization



- Skin barrier disruption allows for the entry of irritants and allergens which leads to immune cell activation
- Th2 cells produce IL-4 and IL-13. IL-13 is the key effector cytokine in AD
- Signaling of both cytokines occurs through the Type 2 receptor (Y) which is expressed on a range of immune and non-immune cells including mast cells, B cells, eosinophils, fibroblasts and neurons
- On itch specific sensory neurons, the Type 2 receptor can amplify itch signals



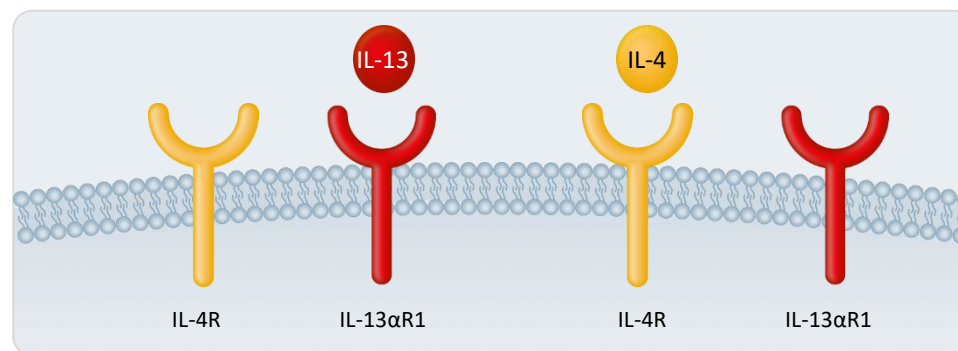
Eblasakimab is the only monoclonal antibody in the clinic targeting the IL-13 receptor



- The Type 2 receptor complex comprises the IL-4 receptor and IL-13 receptor
- When either cytokine binds its respective receptor, the receptors form an active heterodimer
- By targeting the IL-13 receptor, *eblasakimab* blocks the Type 2 receptor complex, preventing signaling through **both** IL-4 and IL-13



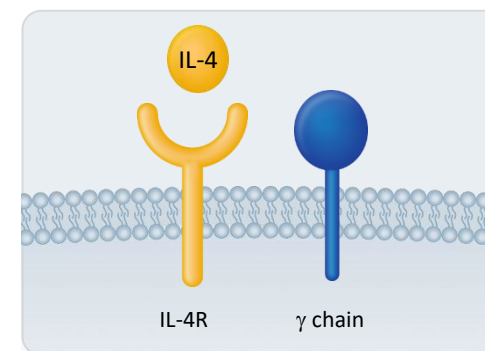
Eblasakimab selectively blocks the Type 2 receptor



Type 2 receptor

Blocks IL-13 signaling

Blocks IL-4 signaling



Type 1 receptor

Blocks IL-4 signaling

Eblasakimab

Specific and complete blockade of Type 2 receptor

Lebrikizumab

Partial blockade of Type 2 receptor signaling

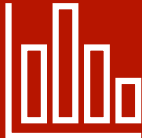



Dupilumab

Broad blockade of Type 1 and Type 2 receptors



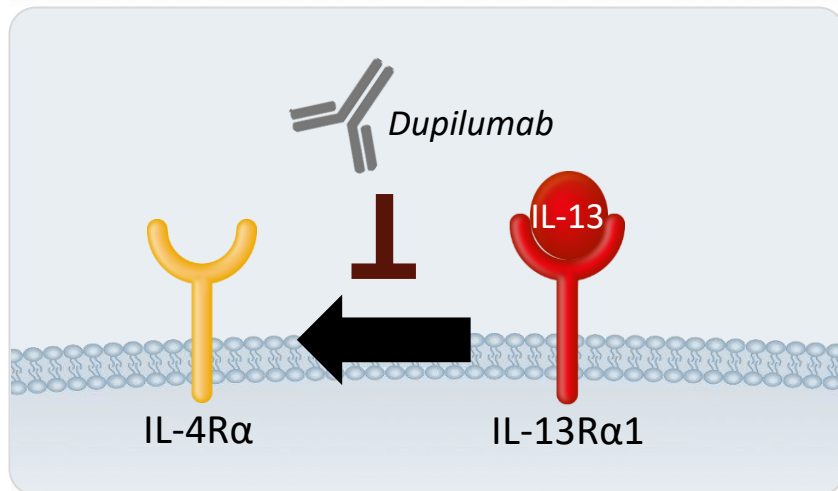
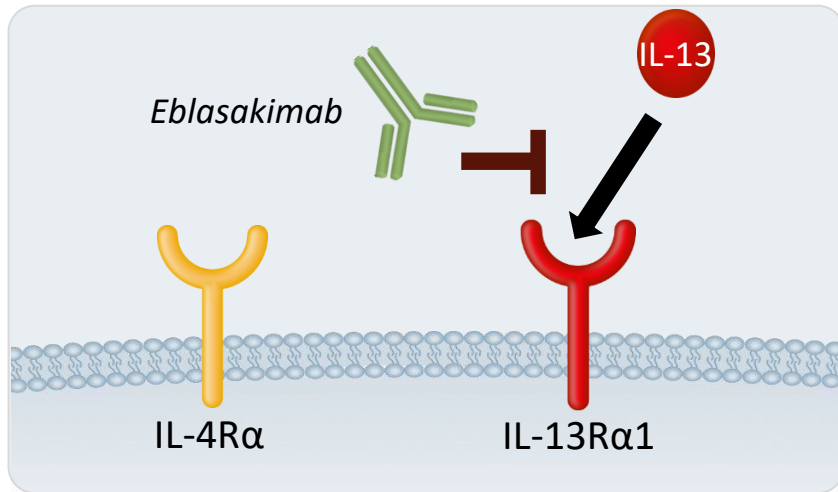
Eblasakimab has the potential to be a differentiated therapy in AD

Ideal target product profile

Efficacy	Dosing	Safety	Treats comorbidities
			
Better efficacy over current standard-of-care with rapid control of itch	Less frequent and more convenient dose regimen	Addresses physician concerns on safety with lower rate of discontinuation	Able to address allergic comorbidities such as asthma and rhinitis



Eblasakimab directly binds the IL-13R α 1, which has the potential for more efficient blockade of the Type 2 receptor



- Formation of the Type 2 receptor complex occurs in 2 steps:
 1. Ligand binding to its receptor (IL-13 to IL-13R α 1)
 2. Bound receptor binding to the partner receptor (IL-4R α)
- Step 1 is a weaker, lower affinity interaction and a rate limiting step while Step 2 is a high affinity interaction
- By directly blocking the rate limiting step, *eblasakimab* has the potential to provide more efficient blockade of IL-13 signaling versus *dupilumab* which interferes with Step 2, a high affinity interaction
- This may translate to lower required concentration *in vivo* and may provide improved dosing frequency and efficacy

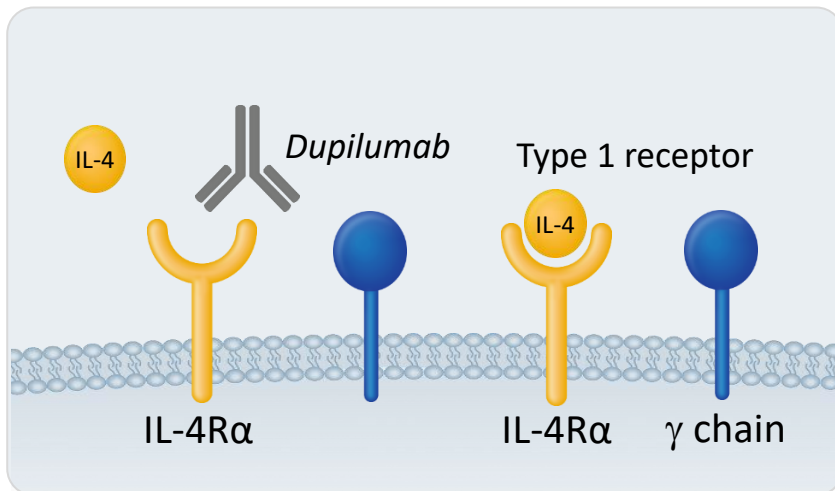
1 Ito et al (2009) JBC 284(36): 24289-24296
2 Andrews et al (2002) JBC 277(48):46073-46078.



Certain side effects, such as conjunctivitis, may be driven by inhibition of Type 1 receptor, which *eblasakimab* does not bind

<i>Dupilumab</i> study	Rate of conjunctivitis
Phase 3 mono ¹	8% (placebo-adjusted)
Open label extension ¹	20%
Real world experience ²	26%

- Rates of conjunctivitis are higher in *dupilumab* treated patients¹
- *Lebrikizumab*, which targets IL-13 and does not block the Type 1 receptor, may have a lower rate of conjunctivitis (5% placebo-adjusted)³



- Blockade of the Type 1 receptor may drive T-cells to a pro-inflammatory T_H1 phenotype
- This may lead to unwanted side effects, such as conjunctivitis

¹ Dupixent full prescribing information

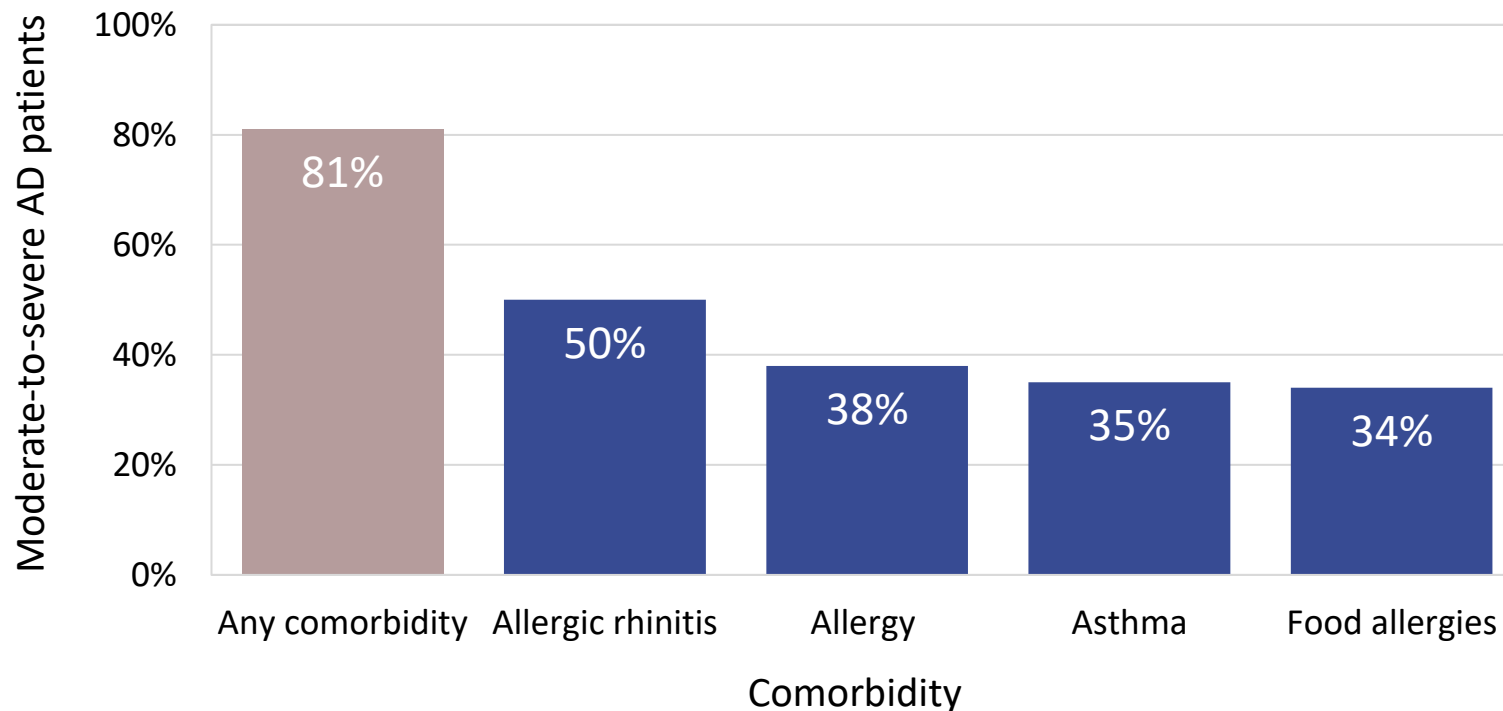
² Halling et al (2021) JAAD 84:139-147

³ Simpson et al (2022) AAD Annual Meeting, 25-29 March 2022.



Eblasakimab may be efficacious against a wide range of AD comorbidities, such as asthma and allergy

81% of moderate-to-severe AD patients have Type 2 inflammatory comorbidities:

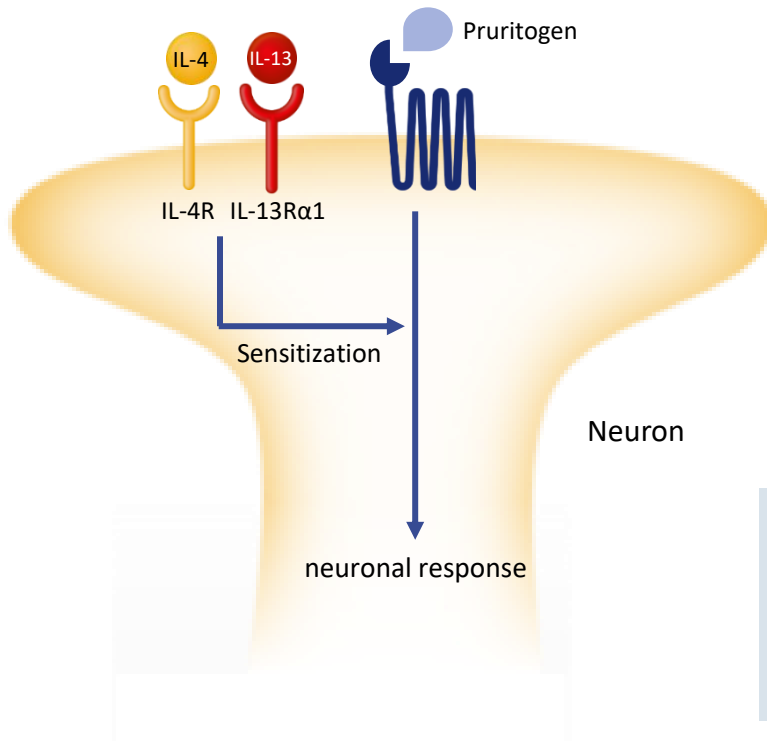


Blockade of IL-4 and IL-13 signaling through the Type 2 receptor will be important to address both IL-4 and IL-13 driven comorbidities in AD patients.

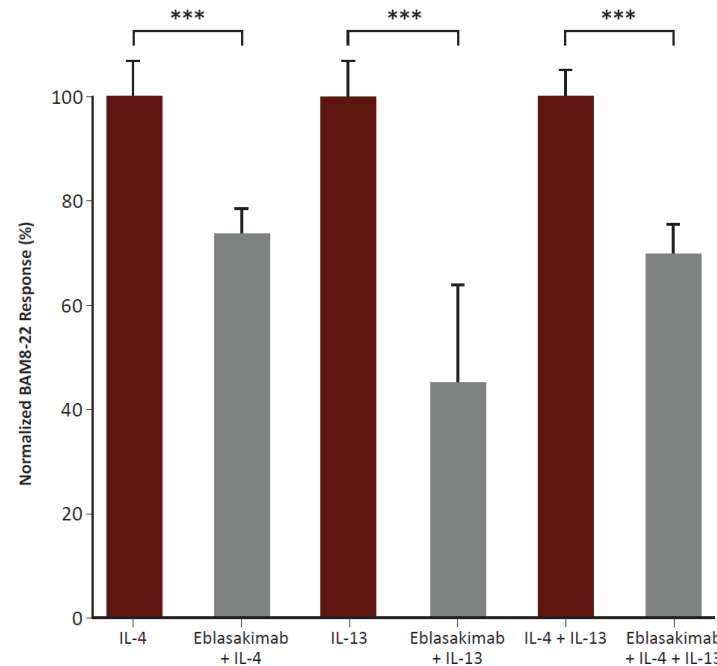
Physicians would prefer treatment options that can address these other conditions.

Eblasakimab blocks the Type 2 receptor on itch neurons supporting the potential for rapid itch relief

The Type 2 receptor is expressed on certain itch-specific neurons. IL-13 and IL-4 believed to amplify itch responses



Total N=11 across four tested conditions, at 24hr timepoint.



- *Ex vivo* studies performed on human sensory neurons
- IL-4 and IL-13 enhanced the neuronal itch response via the Type 2 receptor
- *Eblasakimab* significantly reduced neuronal responses to IL-4, IL-13, and their combination by an average of up to 50% ($p < 0.0001$)

These results suggest a molecular basis for the significant reduction of pruritus scores observed in *eblasakimab*-treated moderate-to-severe AD patients in the Phase 1b clinical trial



New data on neuronal itch at ESDR

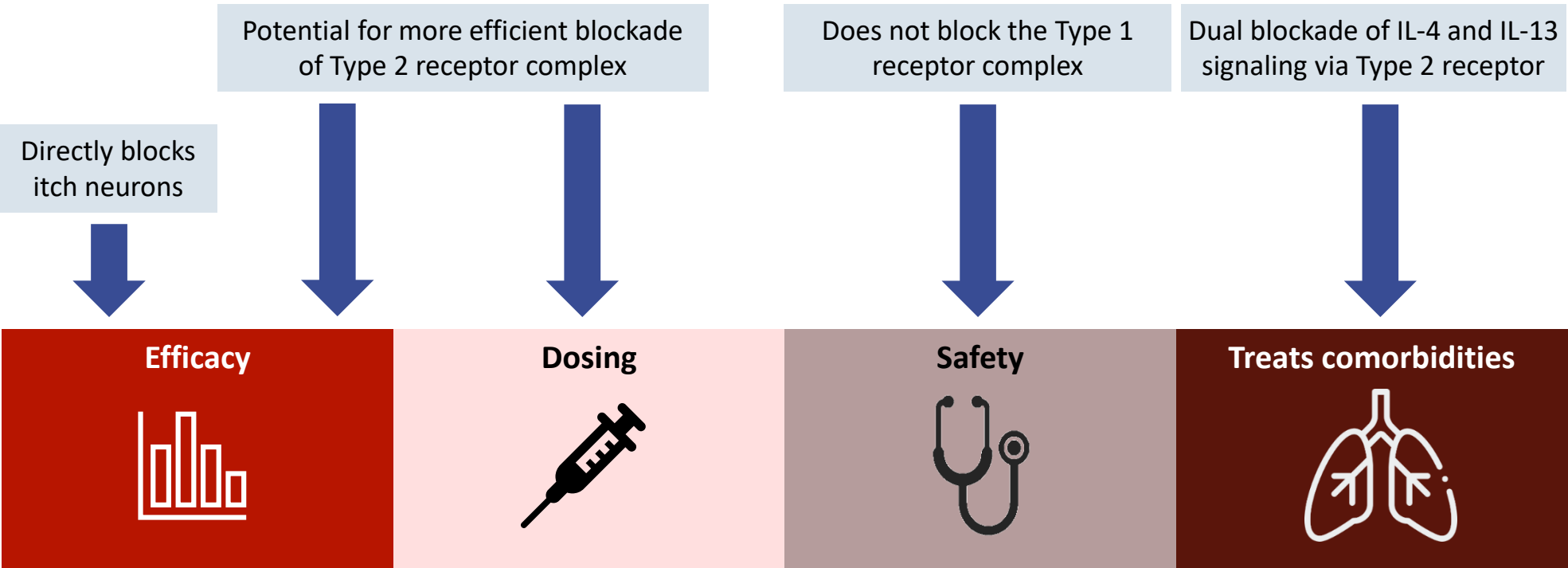


New data on neuronal itch and differentiated neuromodulation will be shared at ESDR, Amsterdam, Netherlands, late breaker session



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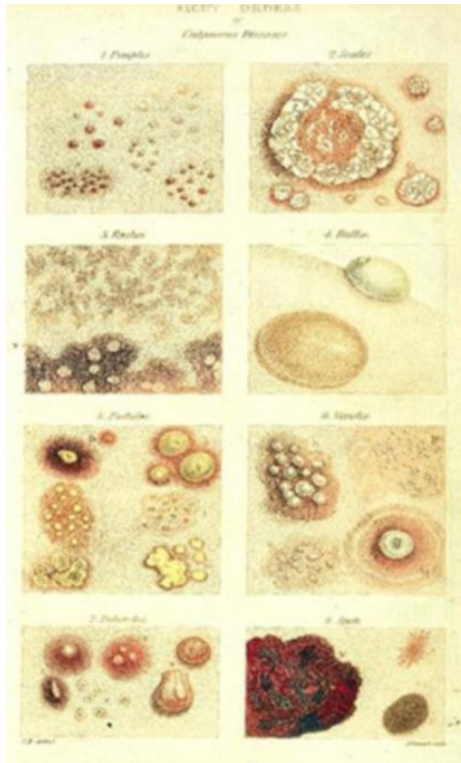
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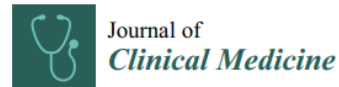
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A brief molecular history of dermatology



Centuries of non-specific therapies until the last few decades

Psoriasis heralded a new era in targeted therapeutics



Review

Translational Relevance of Mouse Models of Atopic Dermatitis

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The revolution in atopic dermatitis, inflammatory skin diseases & itch is driven by translational human research

Lessons from psoriasis treatment



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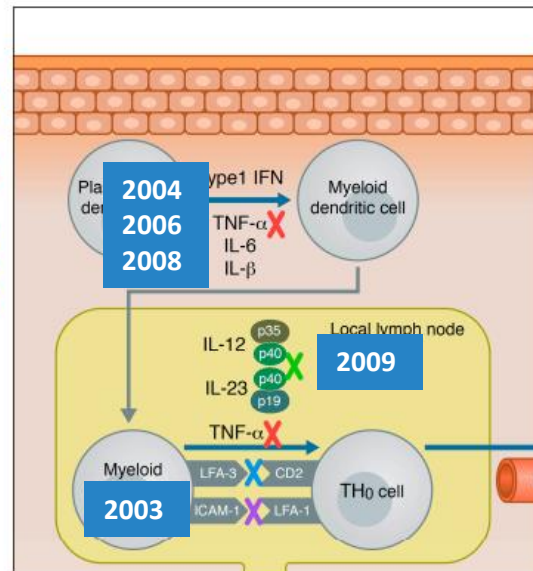
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Old and New Biological Therapies for Psoriasis

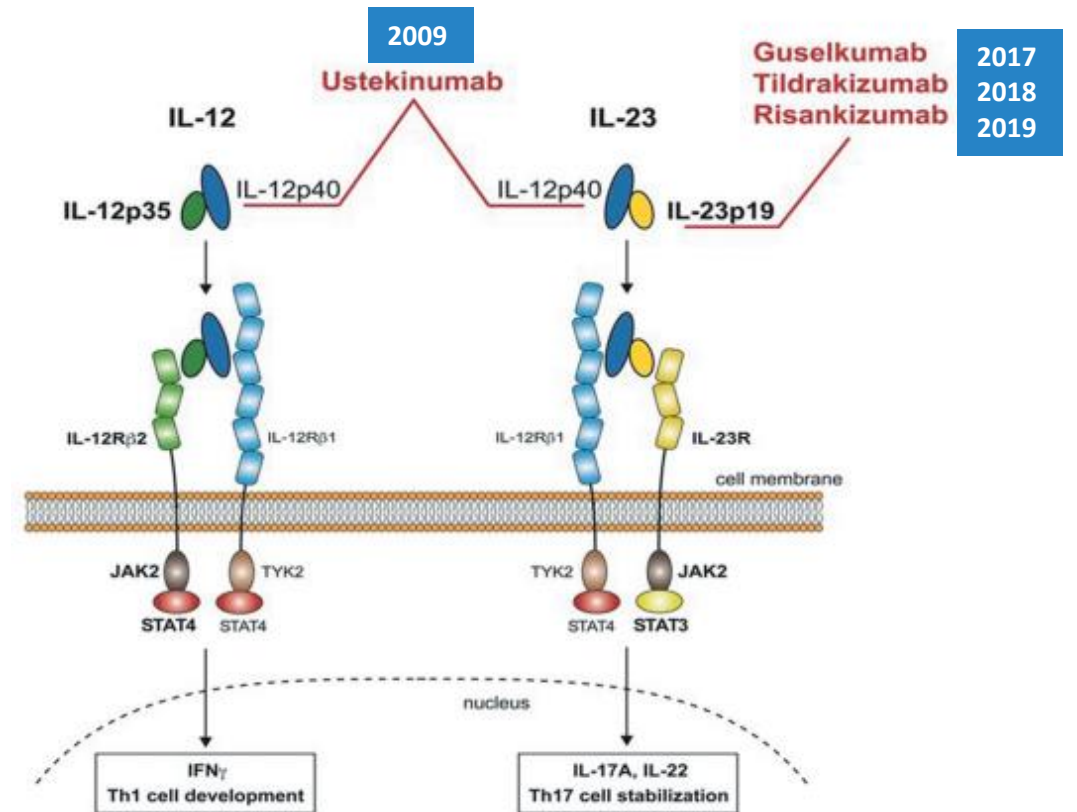
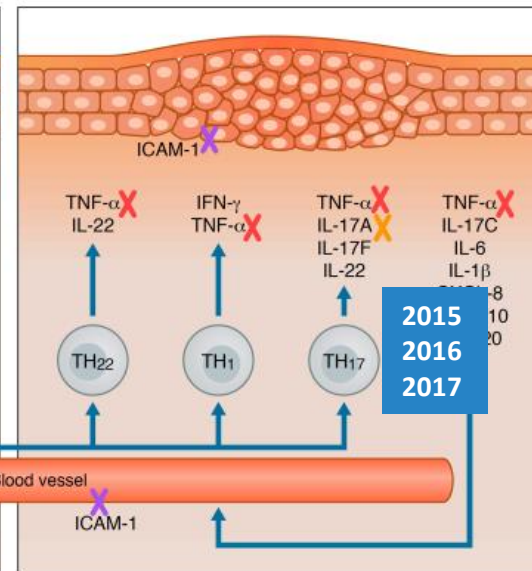
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Initiation phase



Maintenance phase



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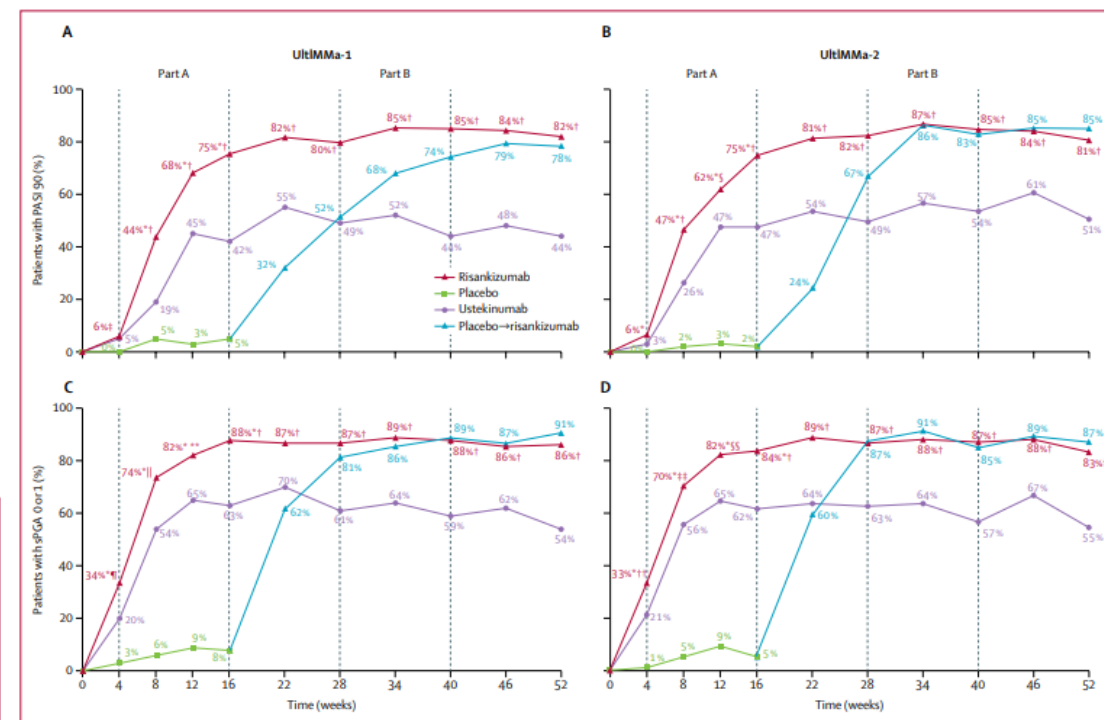
Efficacy and safety of risankizumab in moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis (UltIMMa-1 and UltIMMa-2): results from two double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled and ustekinumab-controlled phase 3 trials

Kenneth B Gordon, Bruce Strober, Mark Lebwohl, Matthias Augustin, Andrew Blauvelt, Yves Poulin, Kim A Papp, Howard Sofen, Lluís Puig, Peter Foley, Mamitaro Ohtsuki, Mary Flack, Ziqian Geng, Yihua Gu, Joaquin M Valdes, Elizabeth H Z Thompson, Hervé Bachelez

	UltIMMa-1			UltIMMa-2		
	Risankizumab (n=304)	Ustekinumab (n=100)	Placebo (n=102)	Risankizumab (n=294)	Ustekinumab (n=99)	Placebo (n=98)
Any adverse event	151 (49.7%)	50 (50.0%)	52 (51.0%)	134 (45.6%)	53 (53.5%)	45 (45.9%)
Serious adverse events	7 (2.3%)	8 (8.0%)	3 (2.9%)	6 (2.0%)	3 (3.0%)	1 (1.0%)
Severe adverse events	6 (2.0%)	3 (3.0%)	5 (4.9%)	7 (2.4%)	6 (6.1%)	1 (1.0%)
Adverse event leading to drug discontinuation	2 (0.7%)	2 (2.0%)	4 (3.9%)	1 (0.3%)	0	1 (1.0%)
Infections	75 (24.7%)	20 (20.0%)	17 (16.7%)	56 (19.0%)	20 (20.2%)	9 (9.2%)
Serious infections	1 (0.3%)	3 (3.0%)	0	3 (1.0%)	1 (1.0%)	0
Active tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latent tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjudicated major adverse cardiovascular event	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malignancies	1 (0.3%)	0	1 (1.0%)	1 (0.3%)	0	0
Malignancies excluding non-melanoma skin cancer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious hypersensitivity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths (including non-treatment emergent)	0	0	0	1 (0.3%)*	0	0

Any adverse event with grade 3 or grade 4 on Rheumatology Common Toxicity Criteria severity grading was considered severe. *One non-treatment emergent death of unknown cause on study day 189 occurred 161 days after last dose of study drug and fell outside of the treatment-emergent window.

Table 3: Treatment-emergent adverse events during part A in UltIMMa-1 and UltIMMa-2



Risankizumab: clinical considerations in moderate to severe plaque psoriasis

Humanized IgG1 monoclonal antibody that binds to and blocks the proinflammatory effects of IL-23

More effective than placebo, ustekinumab, adalimumab, secukinumab and fumaric acid esters in reducing the severity and extent of plaque psoriasis

Improves health-related quality of life

Generally well tolerated

Lessons from psoriasis

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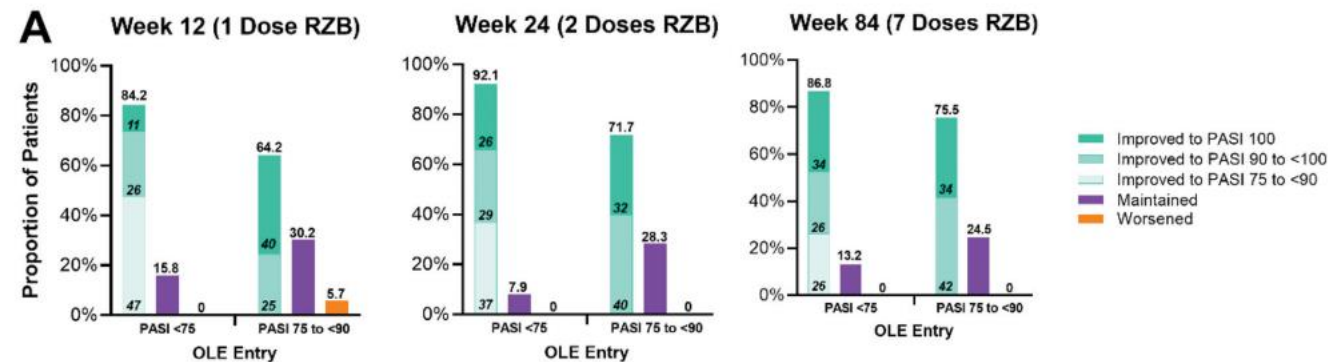


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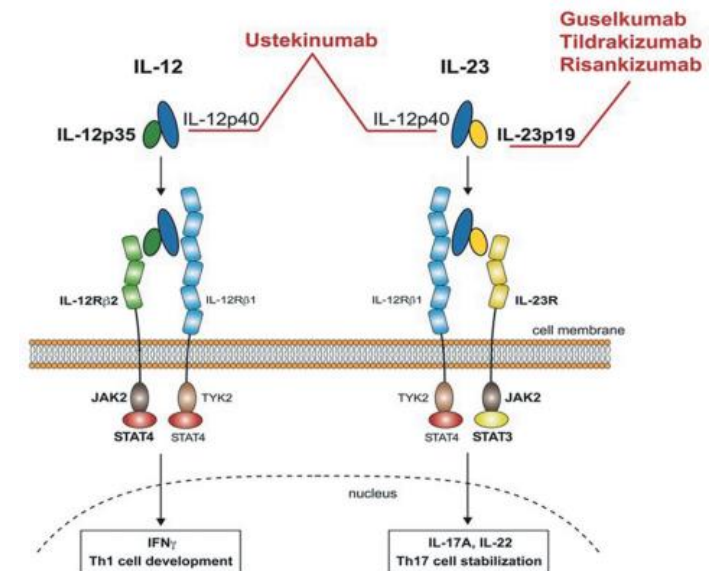
Switching to risankizumab from ustekinumab or adalimumab in plaque psoriasis patients improves PASI and DLQI outcomes for sub-optimal responders

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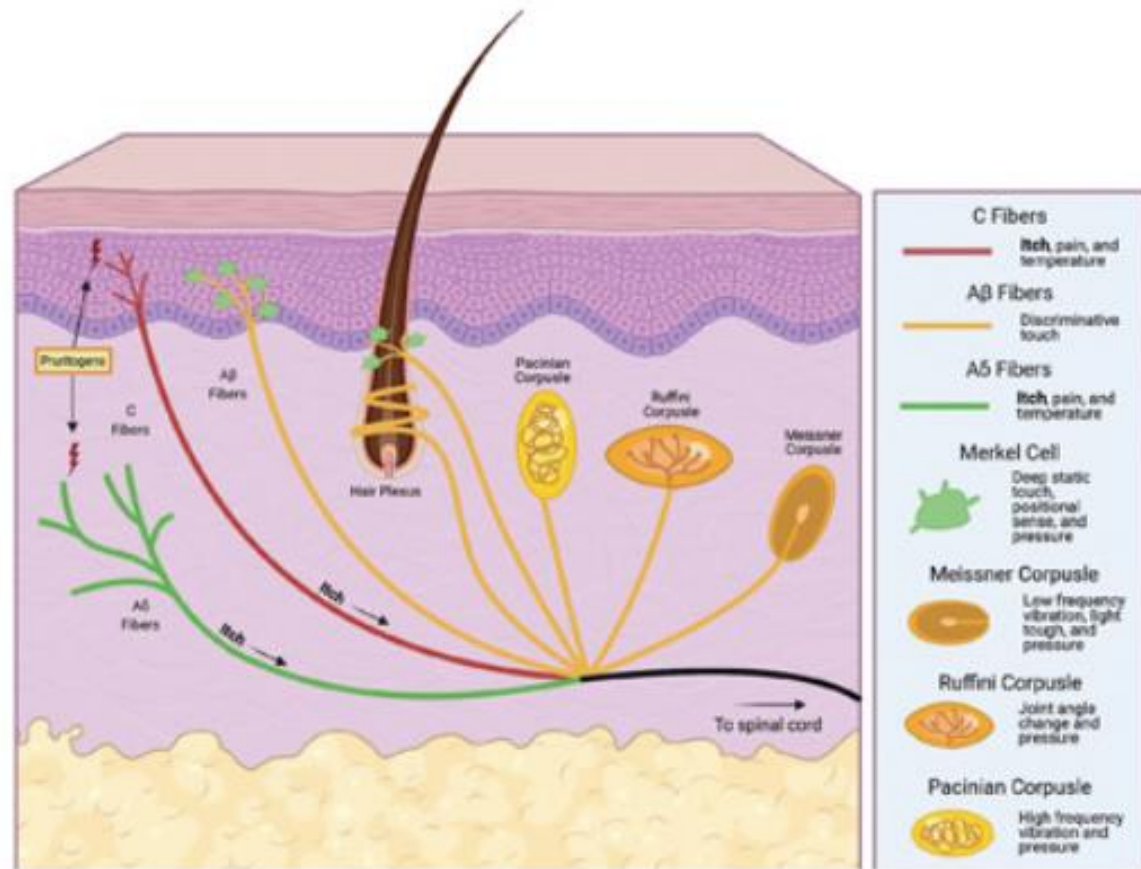


Patients with inadequate response to ustekinumab had improved response with risankizumab

Targeting different subunits of the same molecular pathway can lead to different clinical outcomes



Atopic Dermatitis and Itch



Helping dermatologists improve patient outcomes
Pruritus

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REVIEW

Molecular and cellular mechanisms of itch and pain in atopic dermatitis and implications for novel therapeutics

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Itch: Pathogenesis and treatment

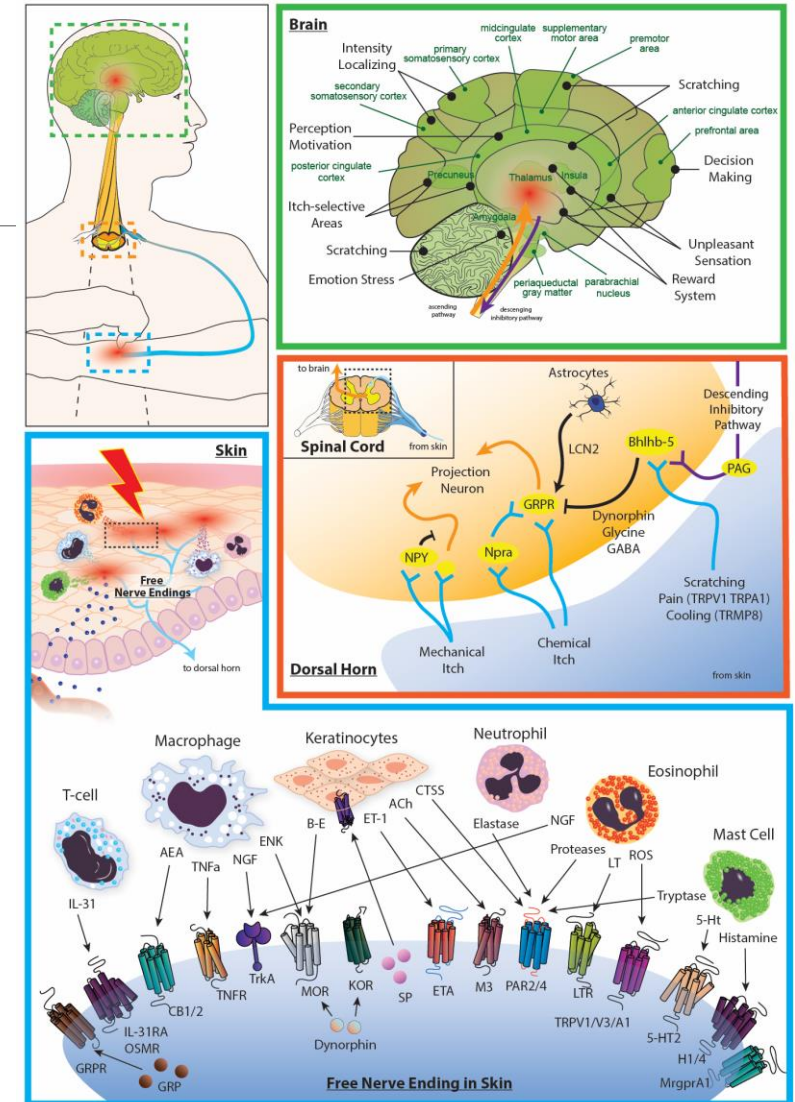
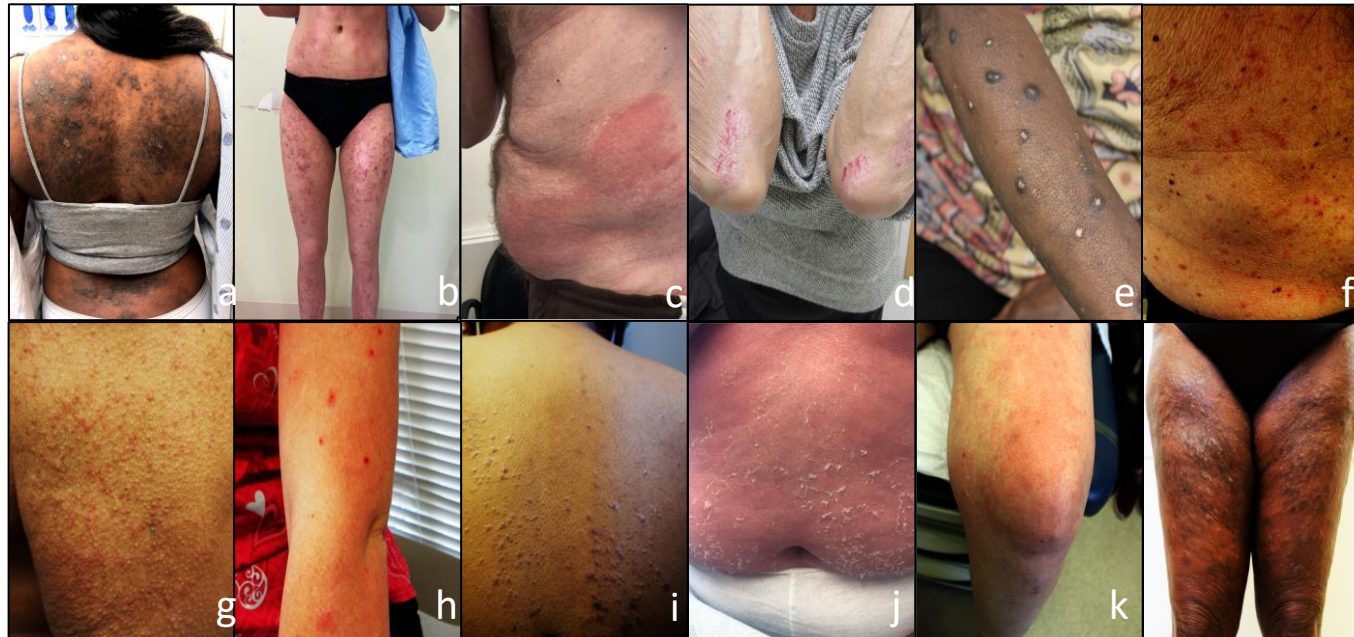
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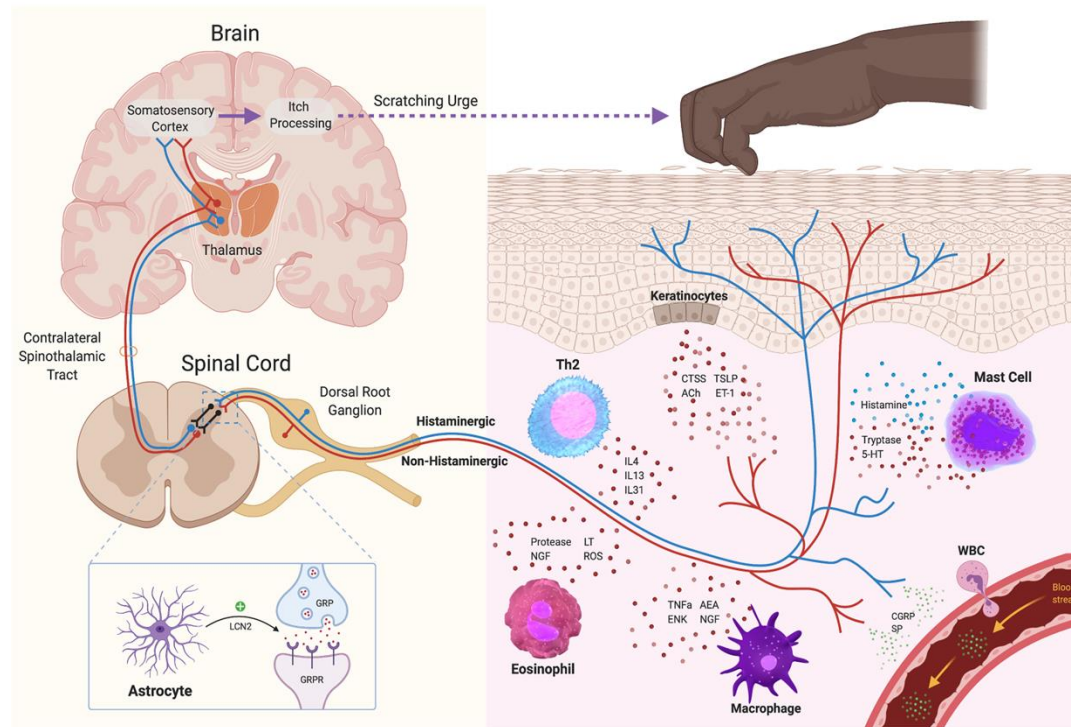
Itch: Epidemiology, clinical presentation, and diagnostic workup

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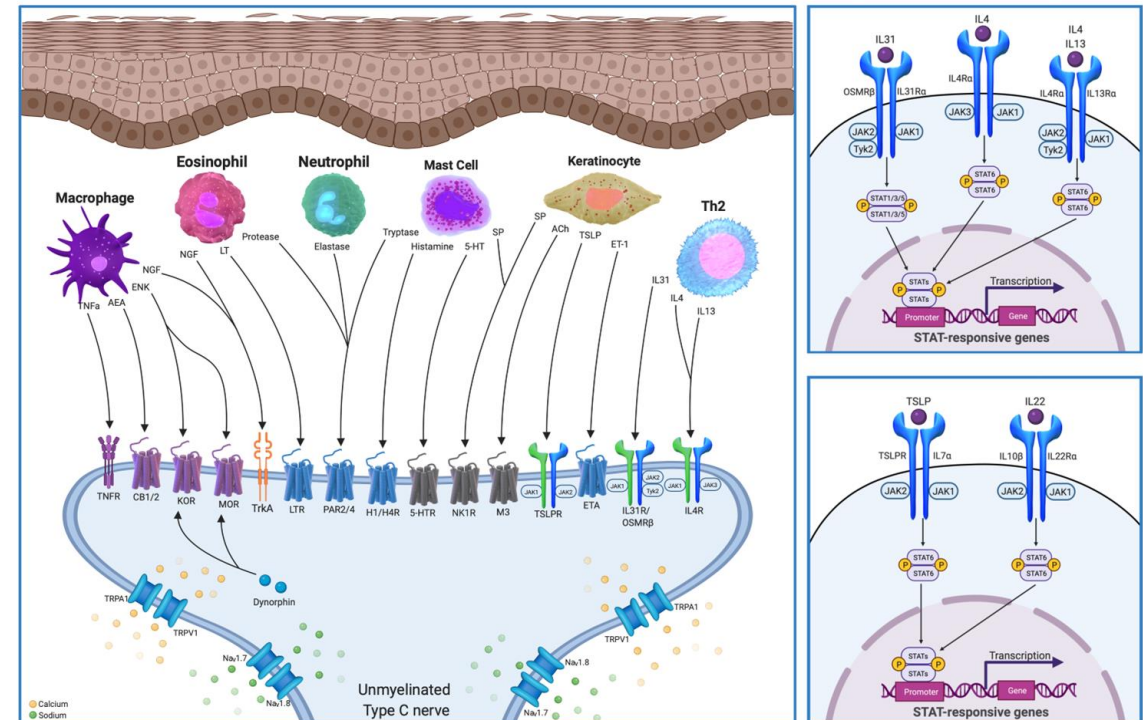
Itch Translational Perspectives



Itch pathway and Type 2 inflammation

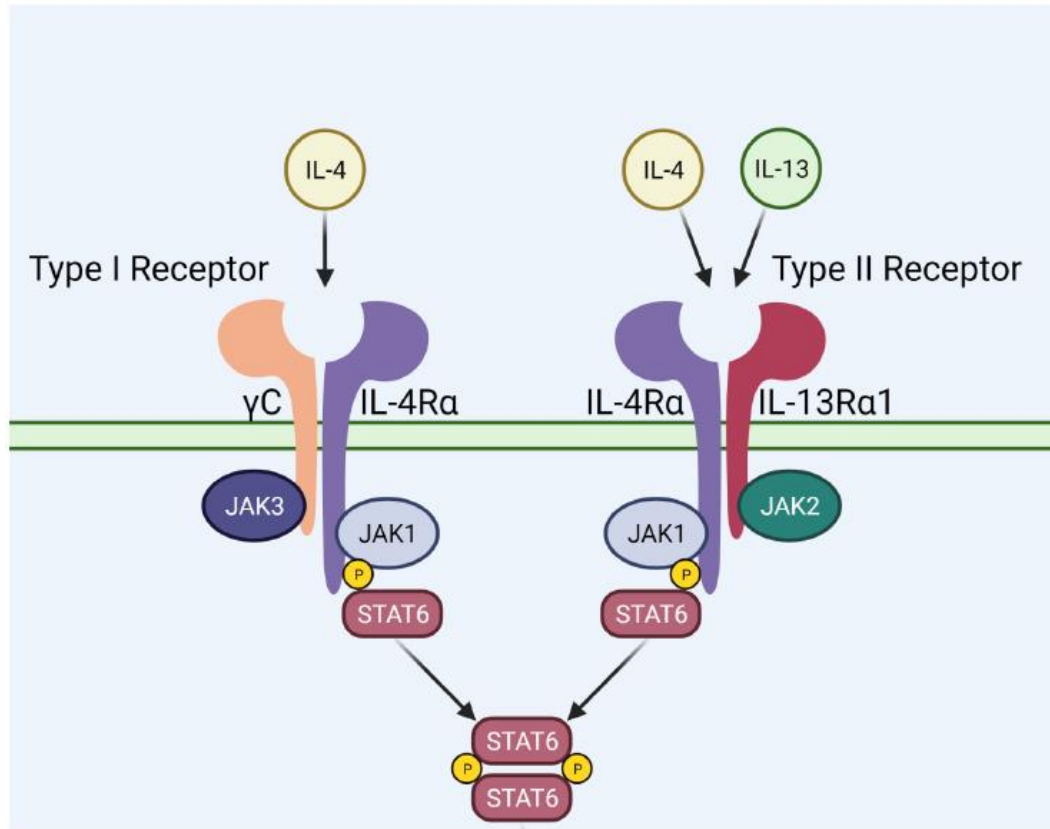


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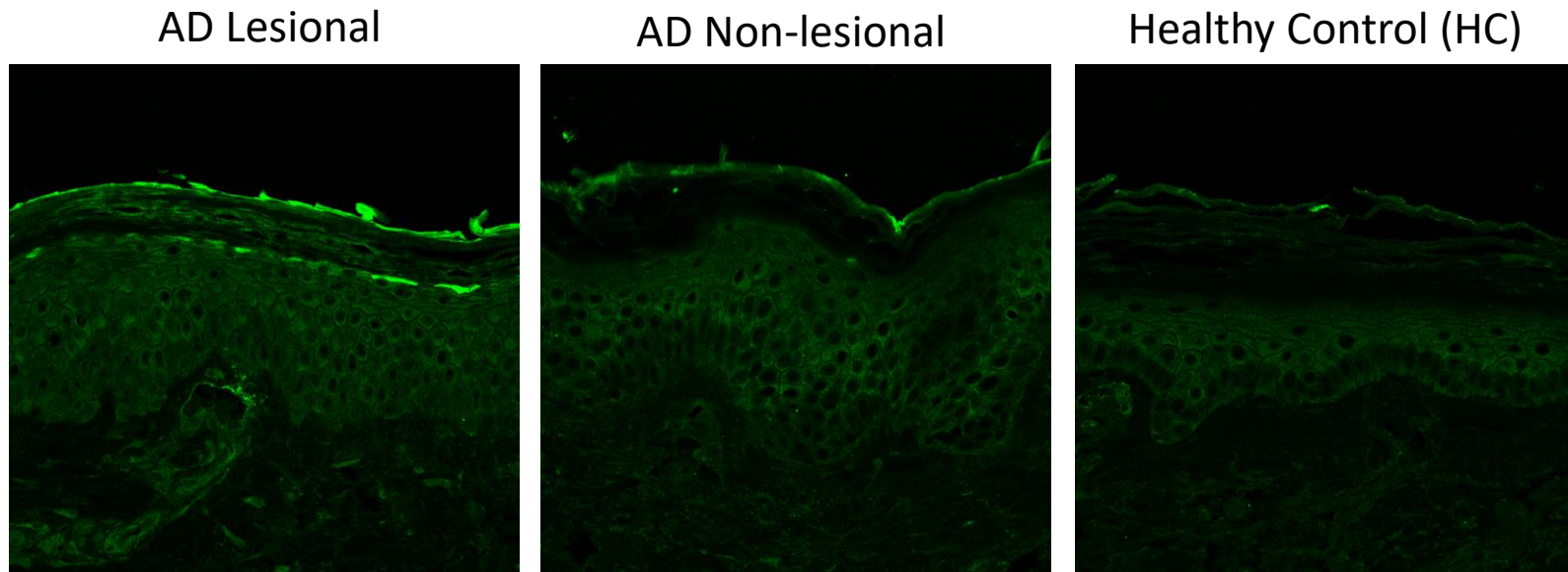
Understanding downstream molecular effects of eblasakimab



Research collaboration to investigate the differentiated functional roles of Type 1 and Type 2 signaling by selective targeting different receptor subunits

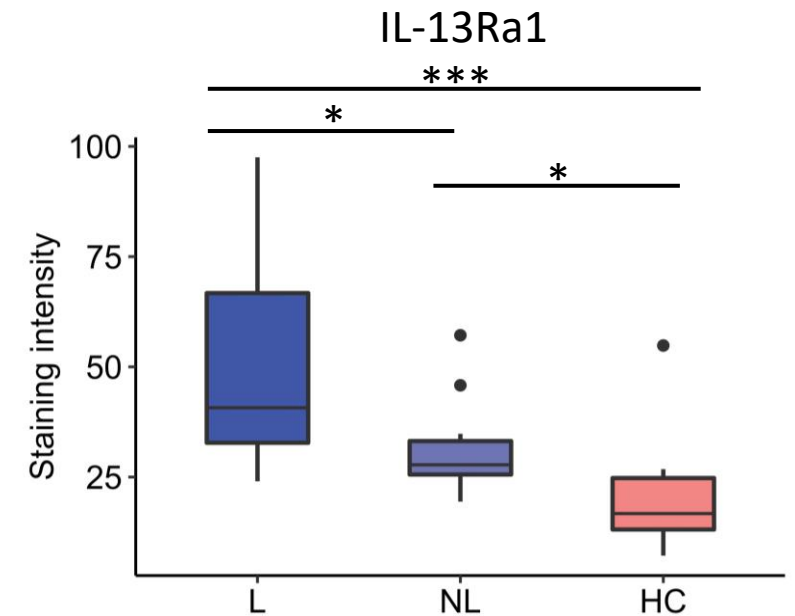
Studies will be conducted with AD patient-derived PBMCs and samples will be analysed by transcriptomic and proteomic approaches

Determining the distribution and intensity of IL-13R α 1 expression in lesional and nonlesional AD skin



Immunofluorescent staining of IL-13R α 1 in lesional AD, non-lesional AD and healthy control skin. Images are shown at 40X magnification.

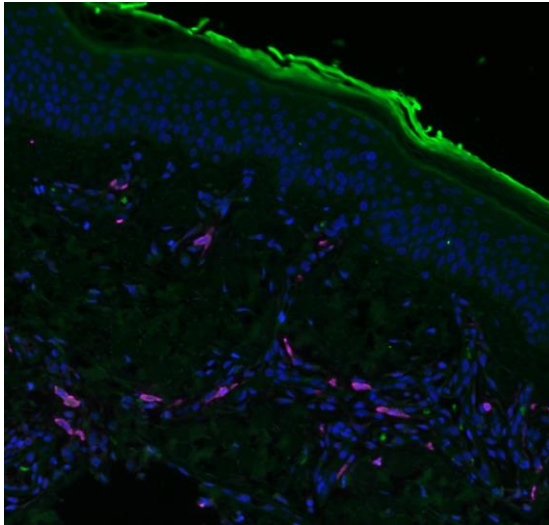
IL-13R α 1 expression is increased in atopic dermatitis



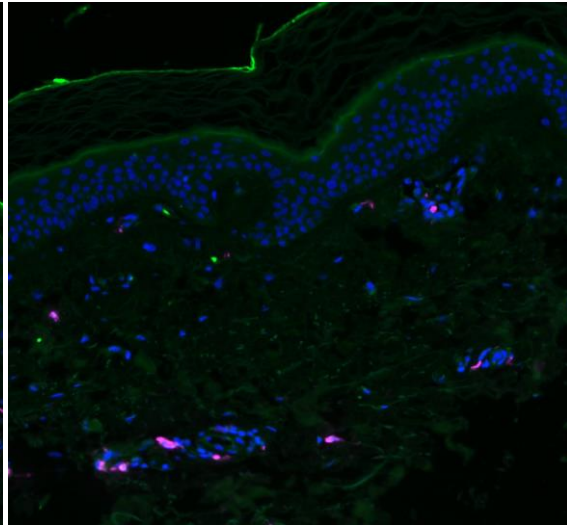
Quantification of IL-13R α 1 shows increased expression in lesional AD skin compared to non-lesional AD and control skin. IL-13R α 1 expression is also increased in non-lesional AD compared to control skin. * p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001

Mast cells

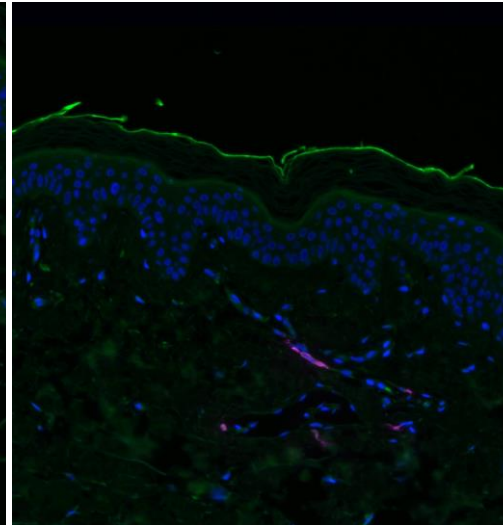
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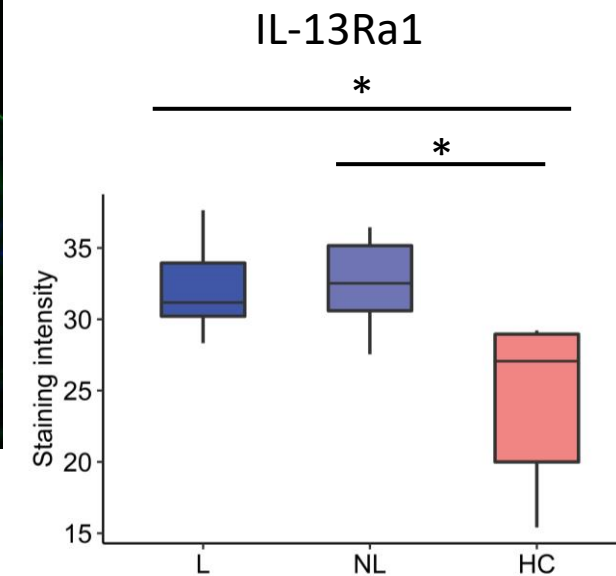
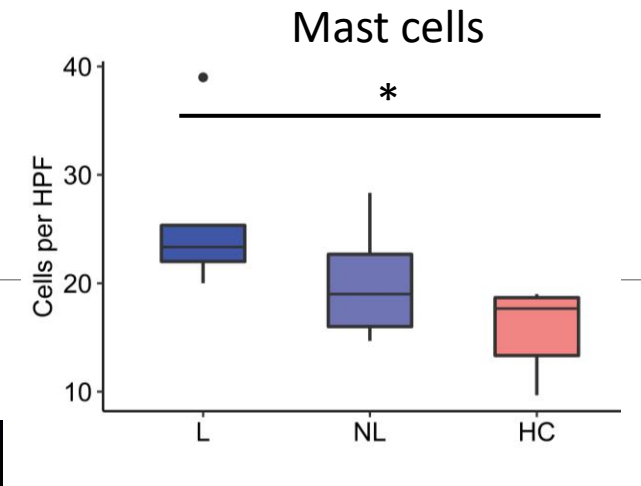
Non-Lesional



Healthy control

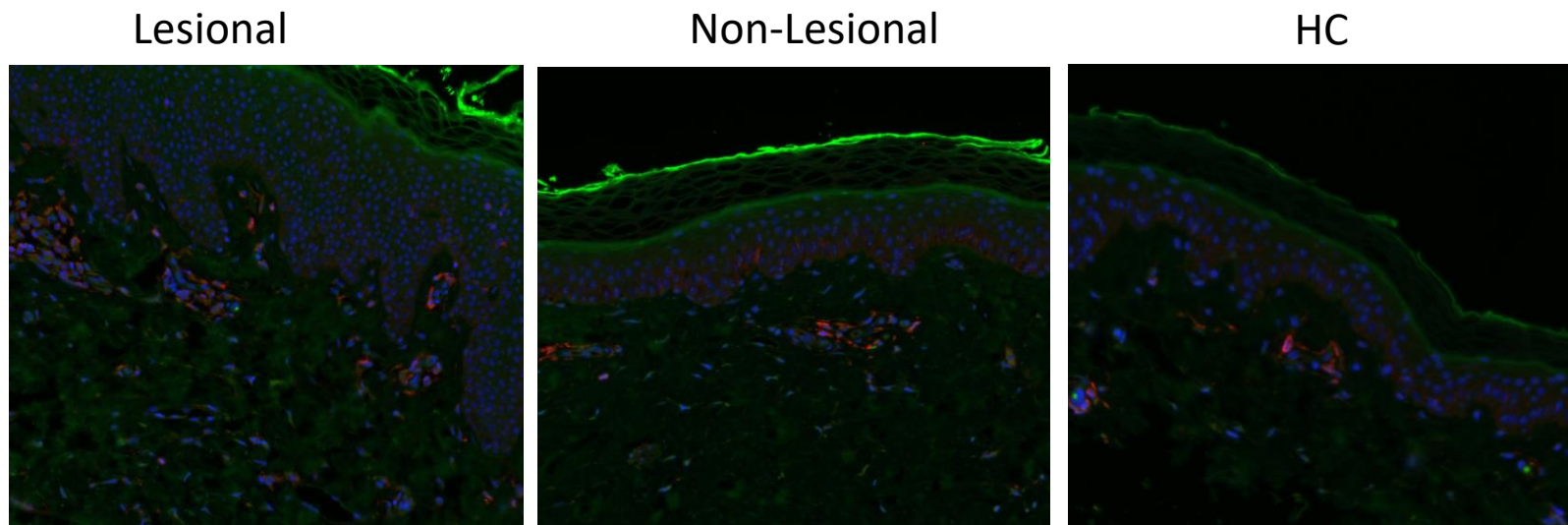


Immunofluorescent staining of IL-13R α 1 and tryptase in lesional AD, non-lesional AD and healthy control skin. Images are shown at 20X magnification.

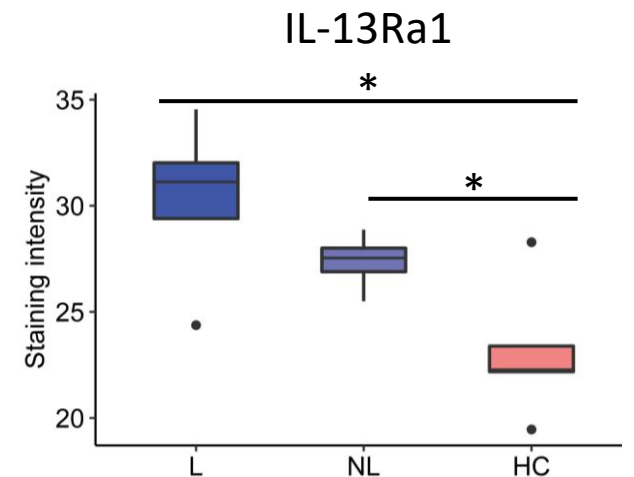
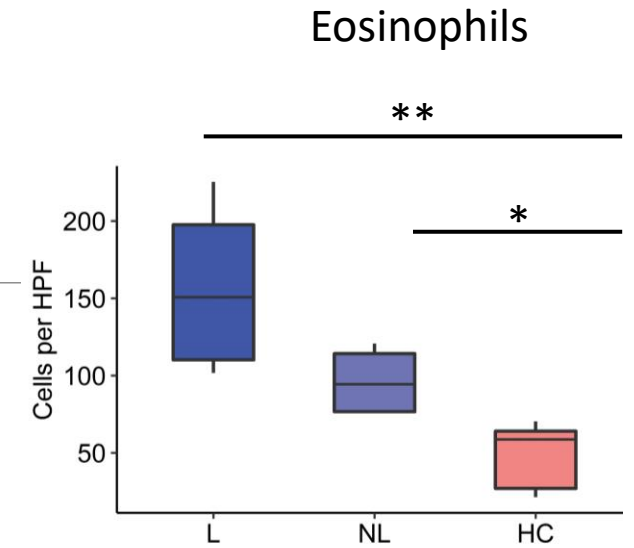


Mast cell number is increased in L AD compared to HC. Compared to HC, L and NL AD mast cells show increased average IL-13R α 1 staining. * p <.05

Eosinophil numbers



Immunofluorescent staining of IL-13R α 1 and major basic protein in lesional AD, non-lesional AD and healthy control skin. Images are shown at 20X magnification.

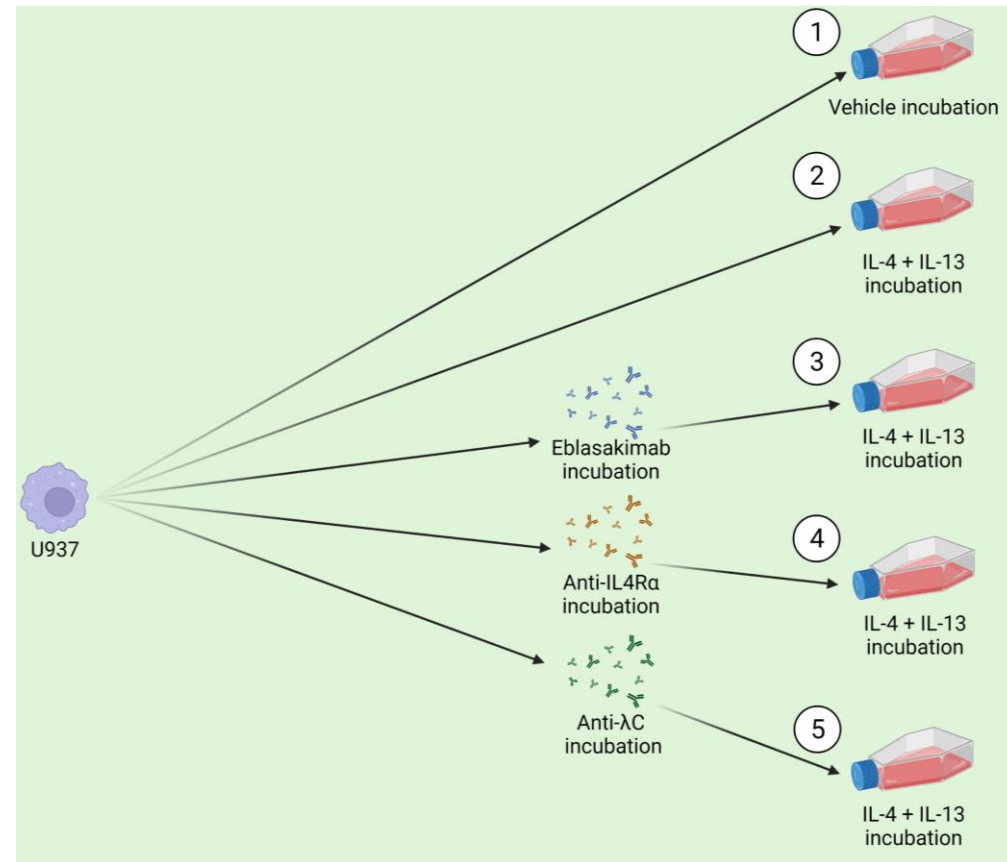
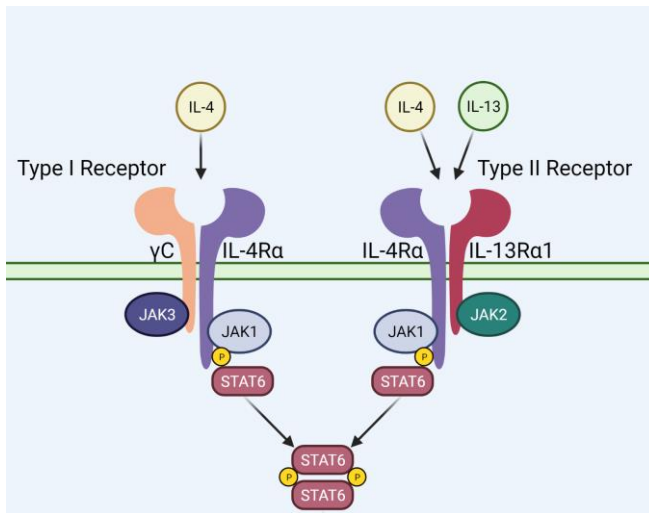


Eosinophil number is increased in L and NL AD compared to HCs. Average eosinophil IL-13R α 1 staining is increased in L and NL AD compared to HCs. * p <.05; ** p <.01

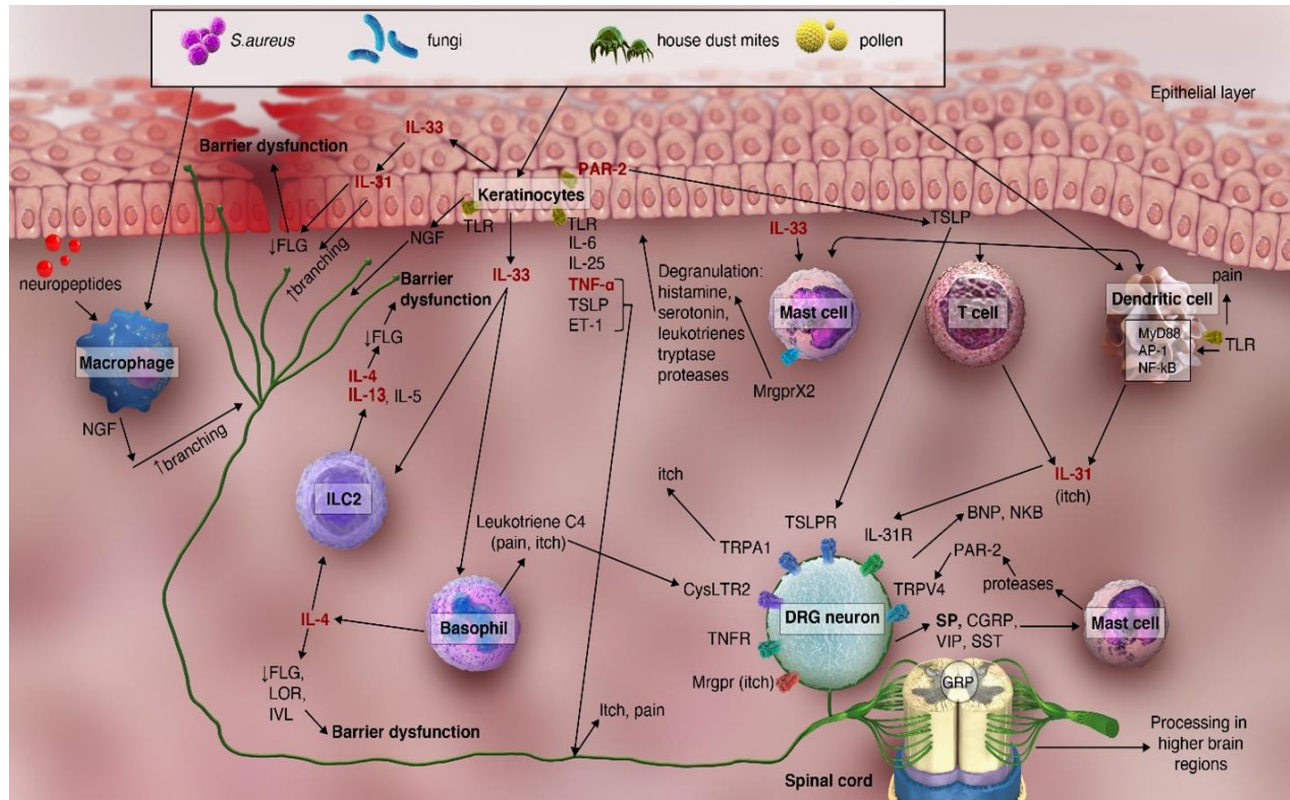
Determining signaling differences between type I and type II receptors in cell culture models

Approach

We used U937 Cells, a monocyte cell line, that expresses both type I and type II receptors



Shared mechanisms of Type 2 inflammation and itch across different indications



- ✓ You scratch off the intraepidermal nerve fibers
- ✓ The nerve fibers need to regrow
- ✓ This “activates” the itch nerves
- ✓ It takes time to regrow the intraepidermal nerve fibers- NEURAL Healing
- ✓ Treating the itch to stop the scratching is critical to breaking the “ITCH-SCRATCH CYCLE”
- ✓ Similar for chronic itch in AD, PN, CU, BP, CPUO
- ✓ Key itch mediators are shared across these diseases
- ✓ Targeting IL-4 and IL-13 as sensitizers might provide relief across type-2 underlining diseases

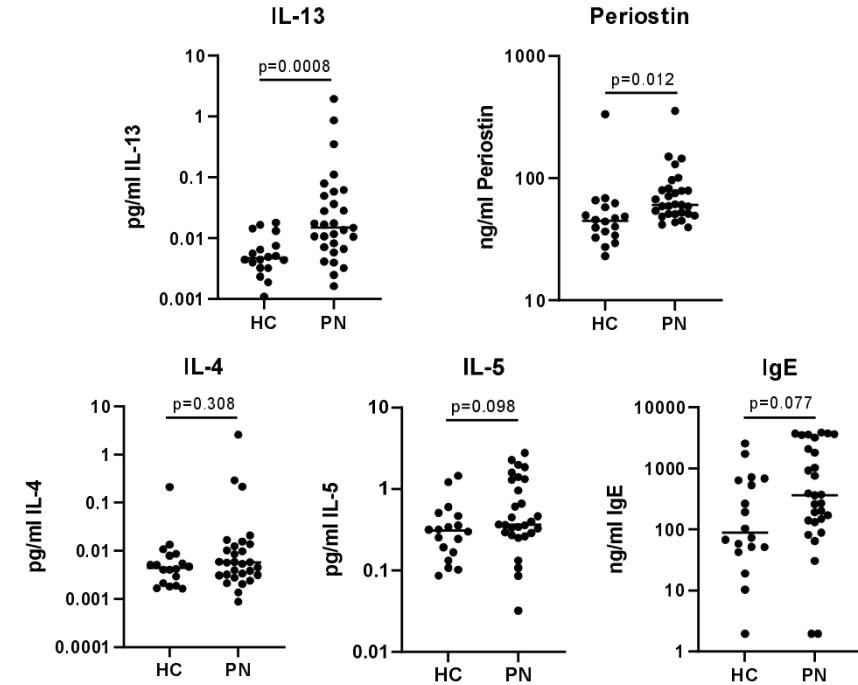
Type 2 Inflammatory Diseases

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Unmet needs in prurigo nodularis and chronic pruritus of unknown origin



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Chronic pruritus of unknown origin

Clinical Communications

Circulating blood eosinophils as a biomarker for variable clinical presentation and therapeutic response in patients with chronic pruritus of unknown origin

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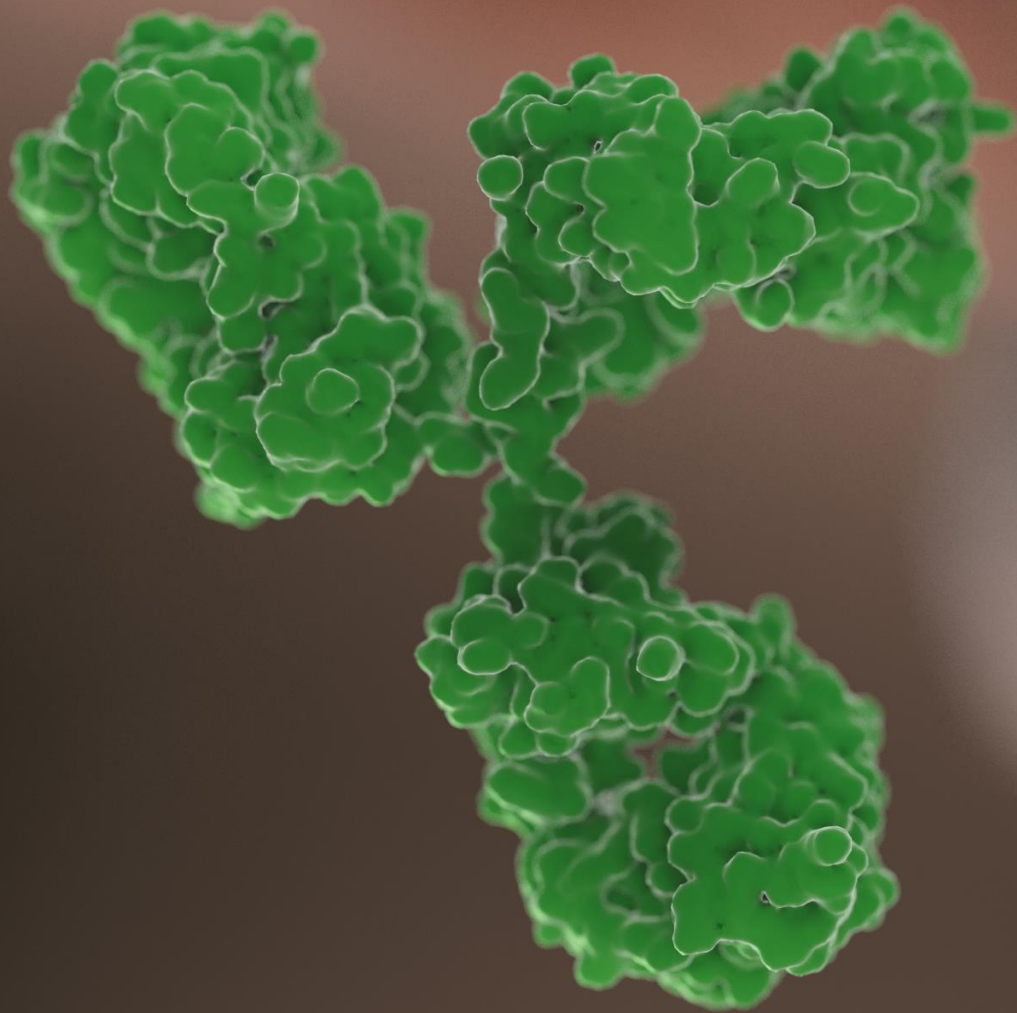
Several conditions affected by inflammation and itch including prurigo nodularis (PN), Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU), Bullous Pemphigoid (BP), etc

These conditions have high unmet needs, no targeted therapies, further discovery of molecular pathways holds future promise

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Conclusion

- Characterisation of molecular pathways in disease has been revolutionary for patients with dermatological conditions
- Targeting different molecular pathways can make an impact on clinical outcomes
- Type 2 receptor plays an important role in driving inflammation and itch pathways
- IL-13R is expressed on AD skin and upcoming research to highlight its distinct role in AD versus the other subunits of the Type 2 receptor
- Discoveries in itch mechanisms can extend to a number of conditions with high unmet needs



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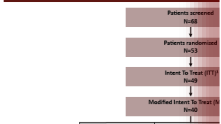
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- ## Methods

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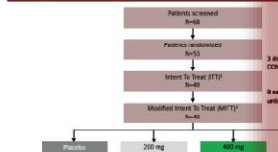
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RESULTS

- Key inflammatory mediators of allergic dermatitis (AD) include interleukin-4 (IL-4) and IL-13, which both signal through a shared type 2 receptor complex comprising IL-4Rα and IL-13Rα1. IL-13Rα1 is a *fringe*-like, fully transmembrane antibody-like IL-13Rα1 with high affinity and broadened the signaling of IL-4 and IL-13 through the type 2 receptor¹ (Figure 1).
- Elevated serum levels of specific biomarkers are associated with increased severity of allergic diseases in AD^{2,3}
 - These biomarkers include humoral and activated regulation molecules (TARC/CRP, total immunoglobulin E (IgE), lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)).
 - Reference range levels for these biomarkers in individuals without AD have been reported in the range of:
 - TARC/CRP: 102–200 U/mL^{4,5}
 - Total IgE: 150 to 1,000 U/mL⁶, usually accepted upper limit is between 150 and 500 U/mL^{6,7}
 - LDH: 135 to 333 U/L⁸
 - TARC/CRP is a chemokine involved in developing acute and chronic lesions in AD and serves as a biomarker for disease severity⁹
 - IgE binds several immune cells and plays a role in the release of inflammatory mediators and antigen presentation to allergic

- In the mITT

- A total of 40 patients were included in the metTT population analysis and received either ebasubstatin at 200 mg (n=4) and/or (n=7), or ebasubstatin plus placebo (n=29) (Table 1).
- Patient demographics and baseline characteristics for the metTT population were generally similar across dose cohorts, with the exception of a higher mean age in the 200 mg and 400 mg groups, and a higher proportion of females in the 200 mg group.
- Baseline biomarker levels for TARC, CCCL17 and total IgG (Table 1).
- The Excluded site¹ was marked differently from the rest of the baseline with substantially lower serum TARC, CCCL17 (Table 1), serum IgG (Table 1), and EAS1 scores (Table #0343).
- Patients with lower extent and severity of disease at baseline had lower baseline levels of TARC, CCCL17 and lower IgA and BSA. Participants at this site had no atopic disease history but reported more adverse events including diabetes and hypertension (Table #0342).
- Baseline biomarker levels from the Excluded site were, on average, within the reference range for the other sites. However, serum IgG levels were slightly elevated (Table 1).

- In the mITT population, etabiximab/kg reduced levels of pharmacodynamic markers [i.e., TARPC/CLCL17 and LDH] in the 400 mg and 600 mg dose groups after 8 weeks of once-weekly treatment, with the 600 mg dose group showing a 5.0 mg/kg vs placebo for TARPC/CLCL17 [least squares (LS) mean of -62.23 vs -17.83, $P=0.002$] (Figure 2A-C).
- Reductions from baseline were observed as early as the first post-baseline assessment for TARPC/CLCL17 (day 4), i.e., (day 15) and LDH (day 15).
- In general, serum biomarkers remained suppressed in the etabiximab/kg groups for 4-6 weeks following the last dose.
- End-of-study values for total IgE and TARPC/CLCL17 were no different than placebo, a trend also observed for LDH (data not shown).

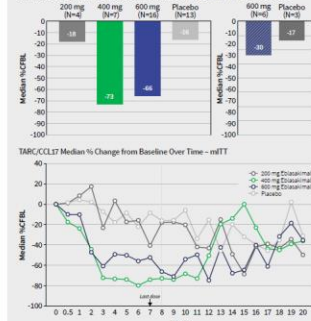
At the Excluded site, median % changes from baseline for total IgE, LDH, and LDH level with 600 mg etabiximab/kg were substantially less than those of the corresponding mITT 600 mg dose group and similar to placebo at week 8 (Figure 2B-C; placebo for TARPC/CLCL17; Figure 2A and data not shown).

Table 1. Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

	nET				excluded nET	
	ETabsorbance group n (%)	ETabsorbance group n (%)	ETabsorbance group n (%)	Placebo n (%)	ETabsorbance group n (%)	Placebo n (%)
Age, mean (SD)	33.5 (5.30)	33.4 (4.88)	34.9 (5.13)	34.2 (5.27)	36.7 (5.70)	38.0 (5.21)
Male, n (%)	3 (75.0%)	5 (75.4%)	12 (75.0%)	10 (76.9%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Race, n (%)						
Asian	4 (100%)	7 (100%)	7 (43.8%)	8 (63.9%)	0	0
Black	0	0	1 (6.2%)	0	1 (25.0%)	0
White	0	0	8 (50.0%)	3 (23.1%)	1 (25.0%)	1 (25.0%)
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity, n (%)						
Not Hispanic or Latino	4 (100%)	7 (100%)	13 (81.3%)	10 (78.4%)	0	2 (50.0%)
Hispanic or Latino	0	0	2 (12.5%)	2 (15.6%)	0	0
Sex Ratio (M:F), mean	25.3 (1.70)	25.3 (1.70)	25.3 (1.64)	25.3 (1.64)	20.8 (1.07)	25.1 (1.07)
Total weight (kg), ^a mean (SD)	15.80 (4.49)	22.28 (20.58)	8.60 (7.17)	8.76 (8.17)	67.7 (21.24)	20.3 (10.70)
	Mean (SD)	12.37	16.60	6.48	7.73	20
TAR/COC/DTI (mg/kg), ^b mean (SD)	6.08 (2.46)	5.65	2.22	4.22 (1.86)	5.56 (2.46)	4.46 (2.07)
	Mean (SD)	5.97	4.40	3.18	2.78	5.6
DLV (LVL)	57.8 (1.07)	67.3 (2.54)	40.9 (2.30)	42.4 (2.67)	186.3 (2.68)	173

- In this small Phase IIb multiple randomized dose study, elbasitumab, a monoclonal 1C-13RA1 directed against AD-associated circulating levels of AD-associated pharmacodynamic biomarkers TARCC/CCL17, total IgG and IL-6
- In this study, biomarker responses were greatest in the 400 mg and 600 mg dose groups and were not further reduced at the higher dose group.
- Among the biomarkers analyzed, TARCC/CCL17 and LDH showed the greatest decrease from baseline levels with elbasitumab treatment.
- This general suppression of biomarker levels supports the clinical responses and improvements in patient-reported outcomes observed in this trial, as evidenced by reductions in measures of AD severity³ (see also Poster #P0343, itch and sleep loss (see Poster #P0342).
- Limitations of the analysis include differences in baseline levels of biomarkers between groups, small n-values, the presence of outliers, and a non-homogeneous patient population.

Figure 2. Changes from Baseline to Week 8 in Atopic Dermatitis Biomarkers



B. Total IgE Median % Change from Baseline at Week 8* - mITT

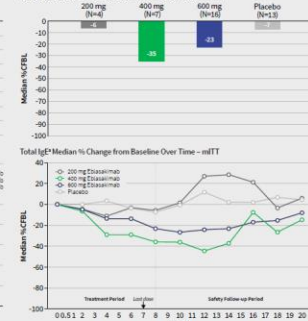
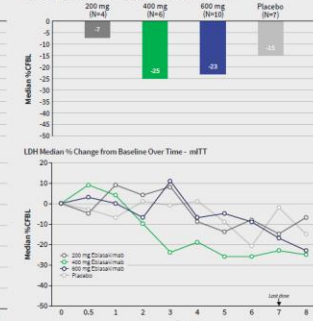


Figure 2C. LDH Median % Change from Baseline at Week 8 - mITT



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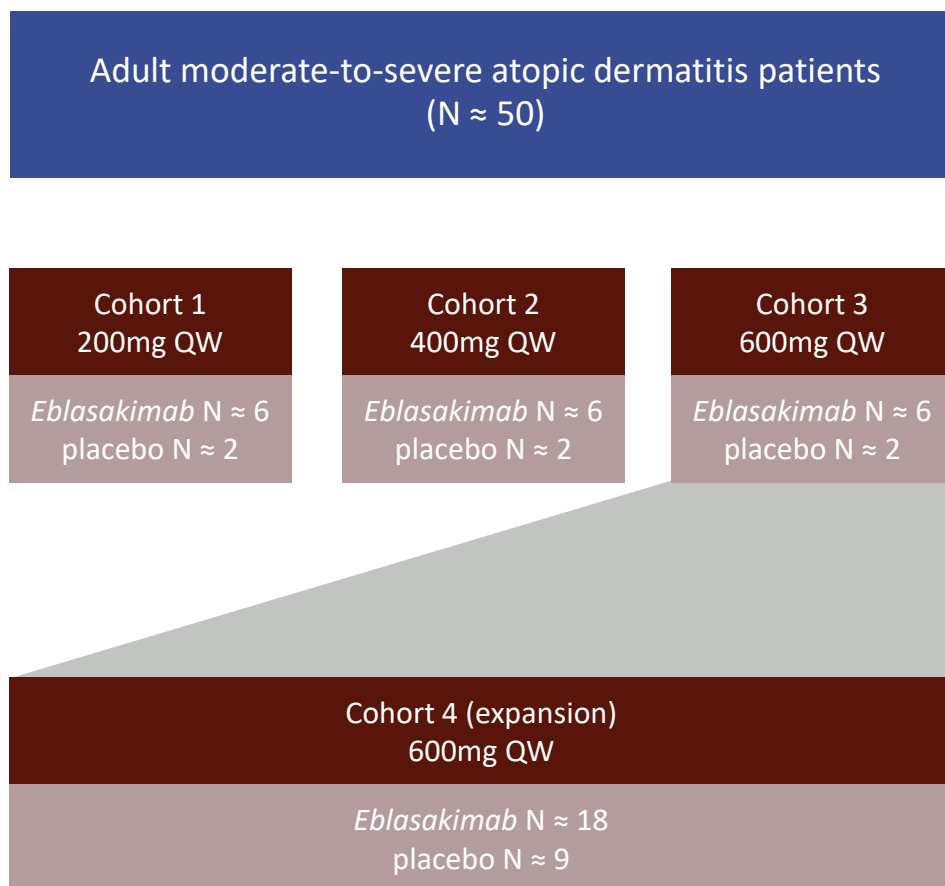
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Completed Proof of Concept study in moderate-to-severe AD



- Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled Phase 1 MAD study
- Patients dosed weekly via subcutaneous injection for 8 weeks with a 12-week recovery period
- Positive interim data from dose escalation (cohorts 1 to 3) announced in March 2021
- Positive data from full study (cohorts 1 to 4) presented at AAD (2022)

Primary endpoints are safety and tolerability

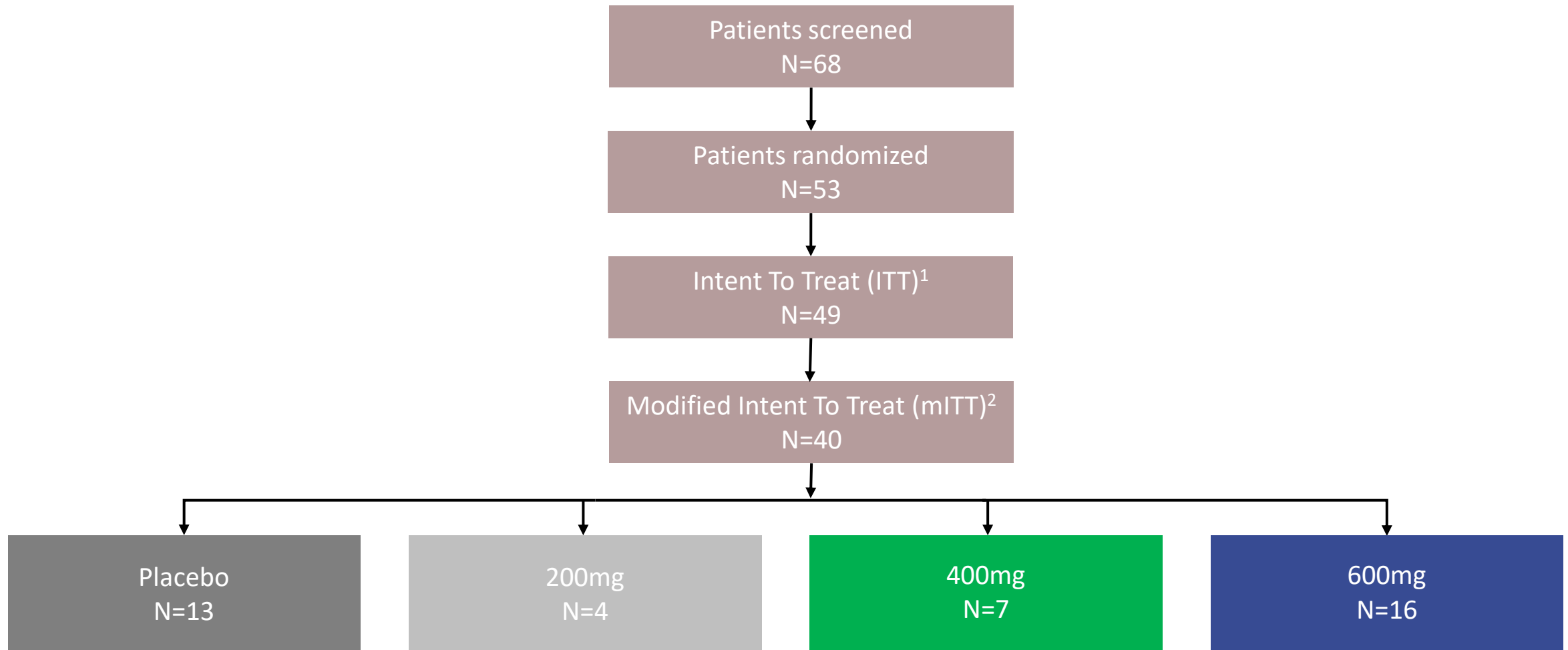
Secondary endpoints include percentage change from baseline in EASI (Eczema Area and Severity Index) score, pruritus score (numeric rating scale, NRS) and IGA (Investigator Global Assessment), and biomarkers TARC and IgE

Key inclusion criteria:

- Chronic AD present for ≥3 years before screening visit
- EASI score ≥16 at screening and baseline
- IGA score ≥3 (scale of 0 to 4) at screening and baseline
- ≥10% BSA (Body Surface Area) of AD involvement at screening and baseline



Patients recruited from 10 sites in US, Australia and Singapore



- ¹ All patients excluding 3 who discontinued from the study prematurely due to COVID-19 restrictions (1 from placebo, 1 from 200mg, 1 from 400mg cohorts) and 1 patient who was randomized but not dosed (600mg cohort).
- ² 9 patients at one clinical site (Excluded Site) appeared atypical of moderate-to-severe AD patient population and were excluded in a pre-specified sensitivity analysis that was defined prior to unblinding



Selected baseline patient characteristics

	mITT (n=40)				Excluded site (N=9)
	Placebo (N=13)	200mg (N=4)	400mg (N=7)	600mg (N=16)	
Age (years)	37.8	30.4	29.4	40.2	57.4
Mean EASI score	28.3	29.6	30.5	27.6	19.3
Patients with IGA 3 / IGA 4	65% / 35%	60% / 40%	75% / 25%	68% / 32%	100% / 0%
Mean BSA	44.8%	47.8%	59.9%	41.0%	28.4%
Mean peak pruritus NRS score	7.7	7.4	7.7	7.9	7.2
Median TARC/CCL17 (pg/mL)	2,398	5,556	2,262	2,128	366
Median Total IgE (kU/l)	419	429	687	306	95

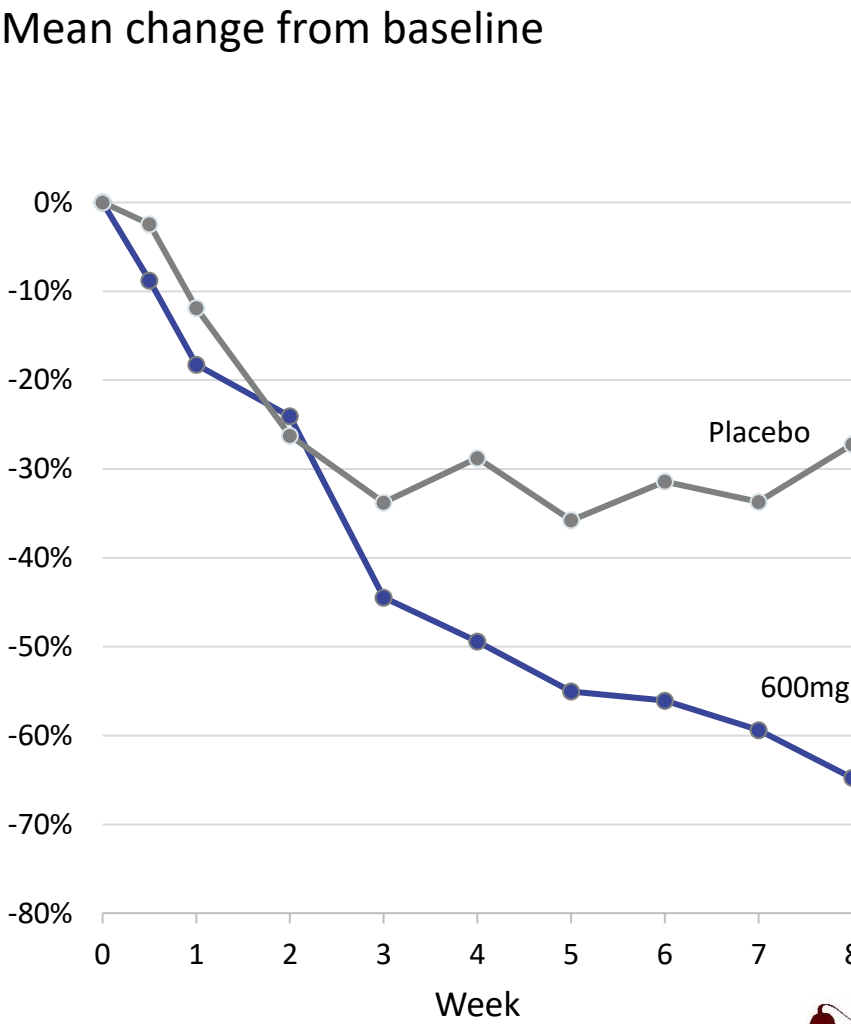
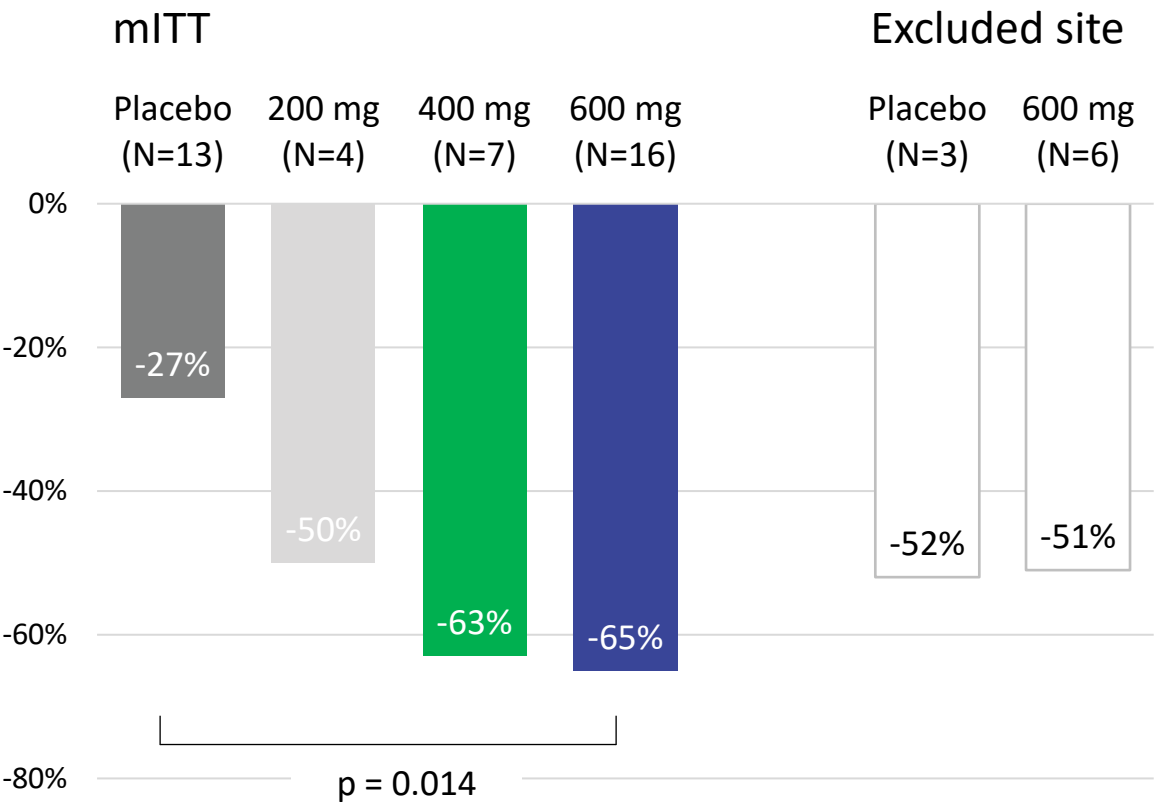


Selected baseline disease history

Disease history		mITT (N=40) N (%)	Excluded site (N=9) N (%)
Average age of diagnosis		9 years	44 years
Any comorbidities		33 (82.5%)	8 (88.9%)
Atopy-associated	Asthma	18 (45.0%)	1 (11.1%)
	Allergy (dust, pet, seasonal, etc.)	12 (30.0%)	0
	Allergic rhinitis	9 (22.5%)	0
	Allergic conjunctivitis/dry eye	2 (5.0%)	0
	Drug hypersensitivity	8 (20.0%)	0
	Psoriasiform dermatitis	2 (5.0%)	0
	Eczema herpeticum	1 (2.5%)	0
General	Diabetes	0	4 (44.4%)
	Anxiety/depression	4 (10%)	3 (33.3%)
	Hypertension	3 (7.5%)	4 (44.4%)
Other		22 (55.0%)	5 (55.6%)
None documented		6 (15.0%)	1 (11.1%)



Primary efficacy endpoint: change in EASI from baseline (week 8)

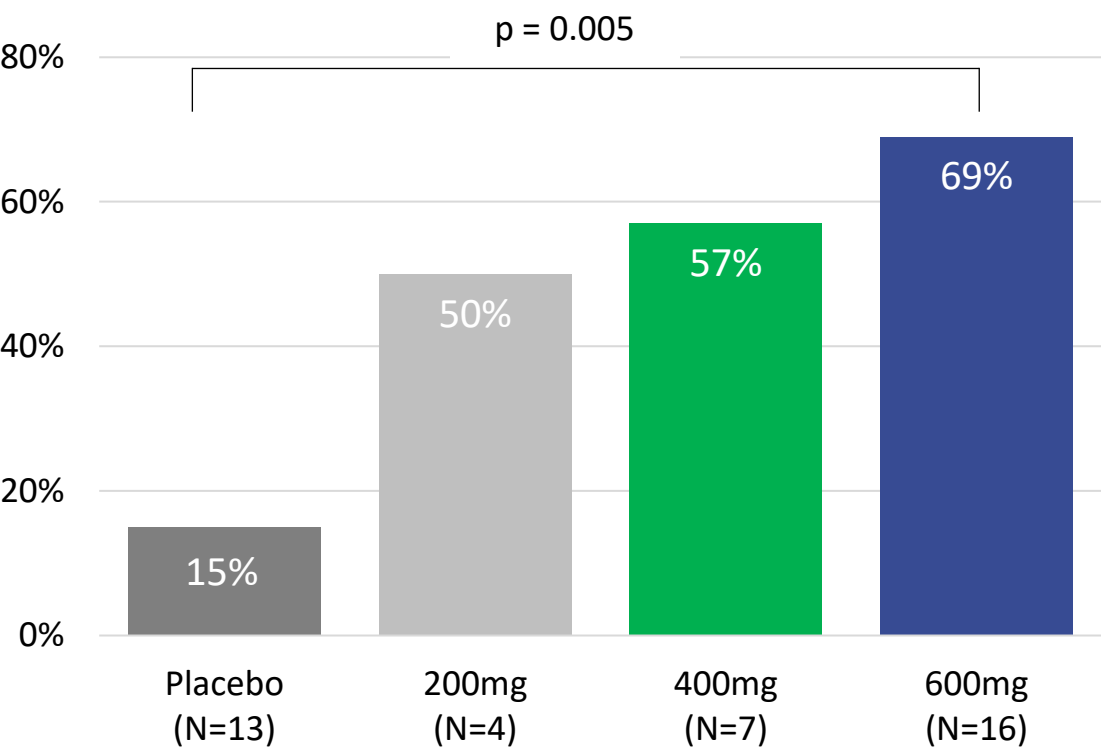


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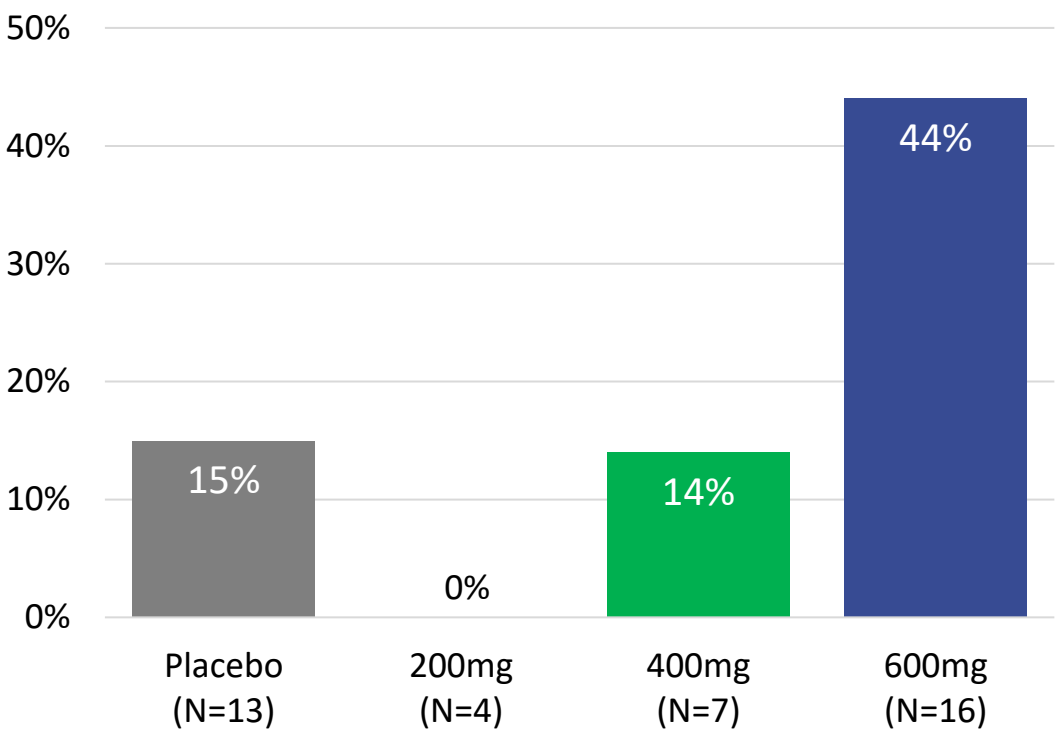


Other efficacy endpoints (week 8)

EASI-75



Patients achieving IGA 0/1

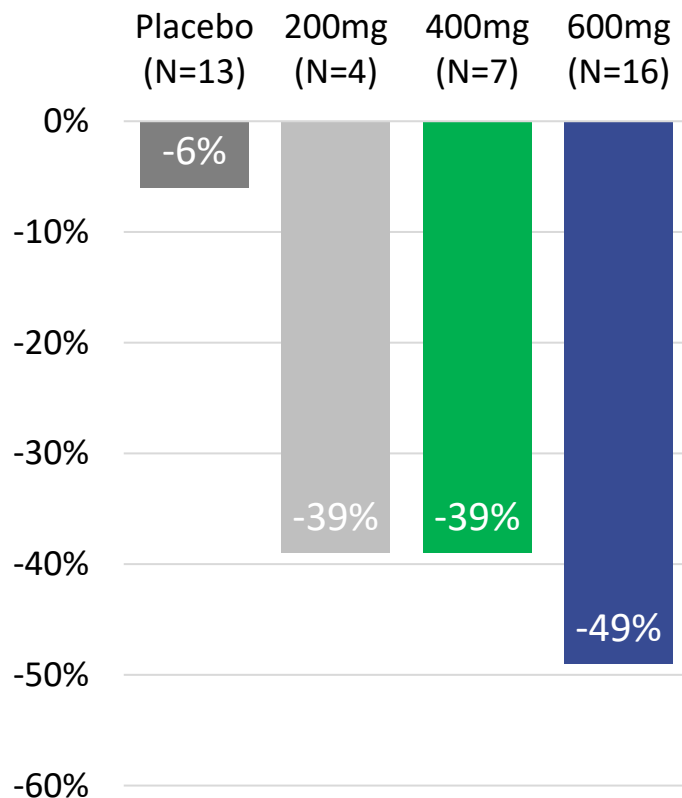


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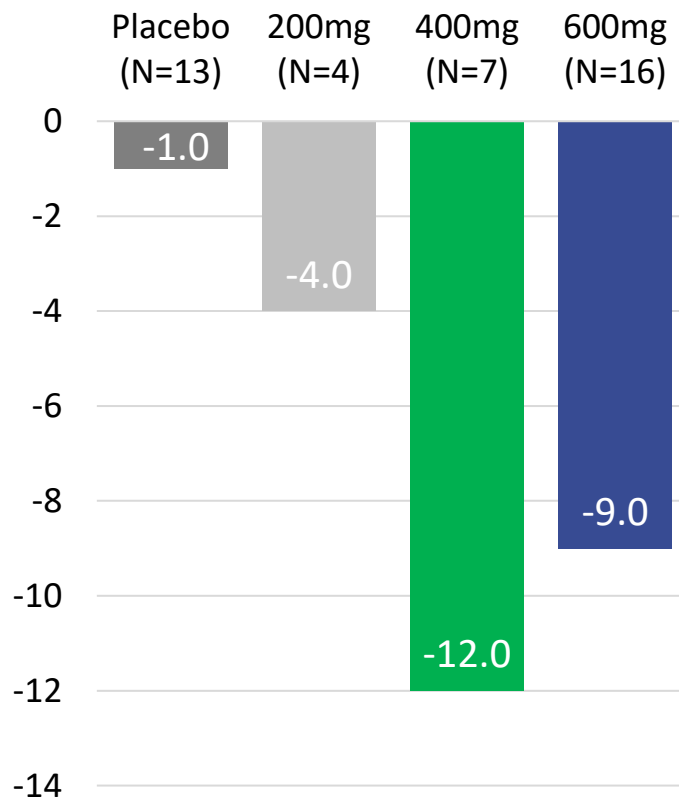


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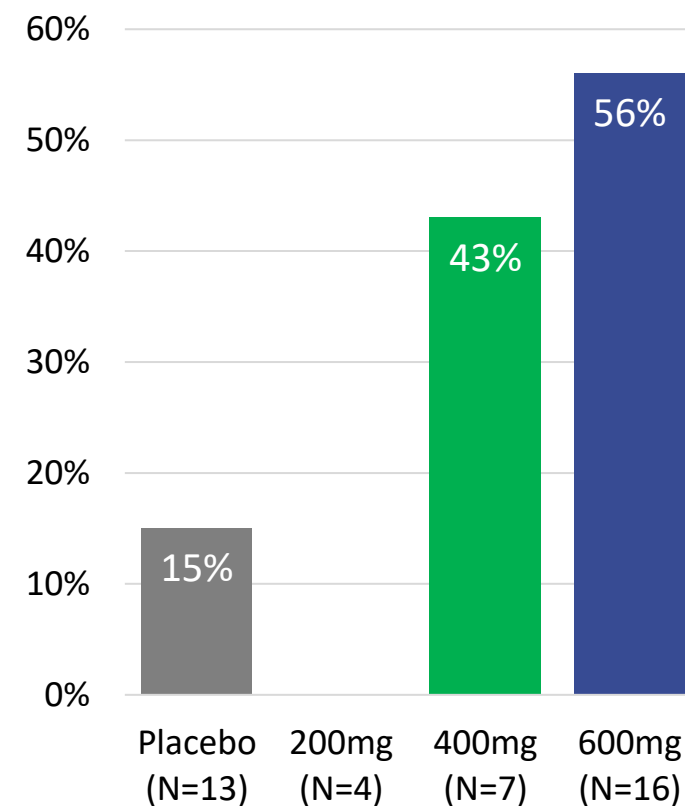
Peak P-NRS¹



POEM¹



Patients with 2-point improvement in sleep loss

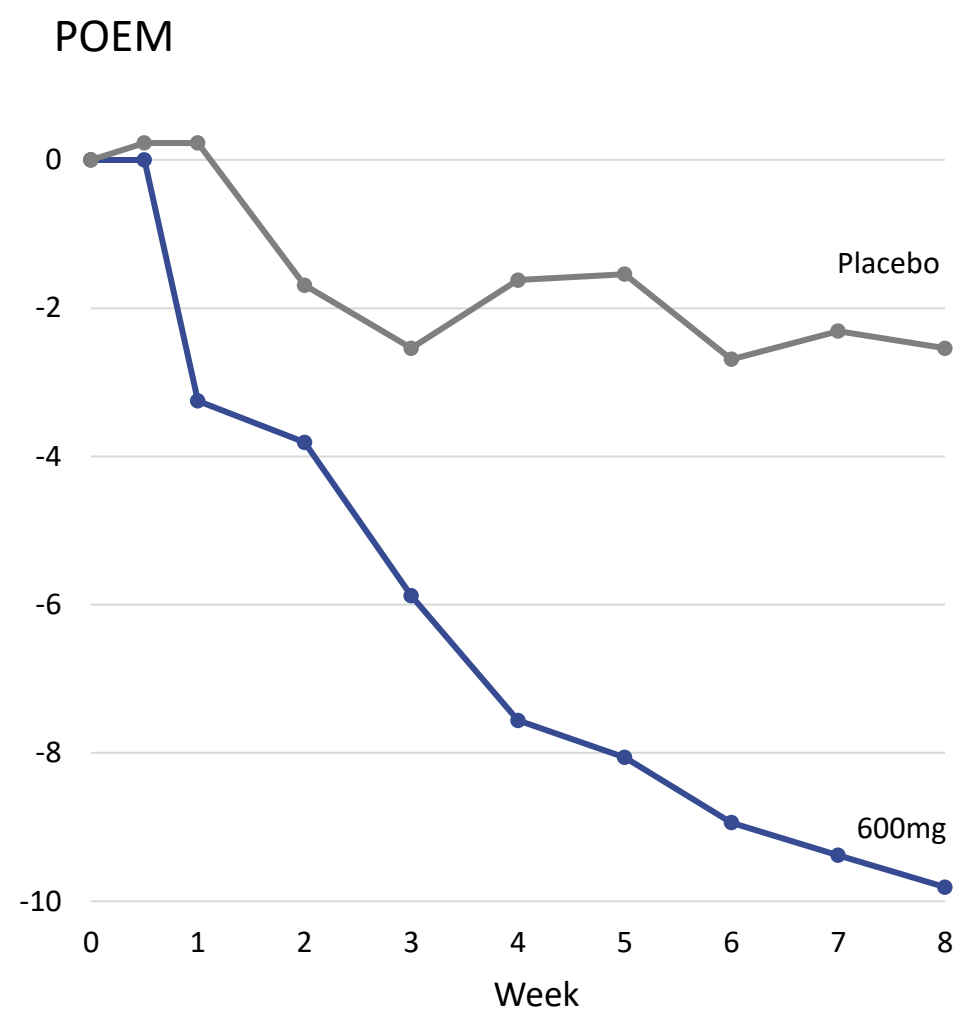
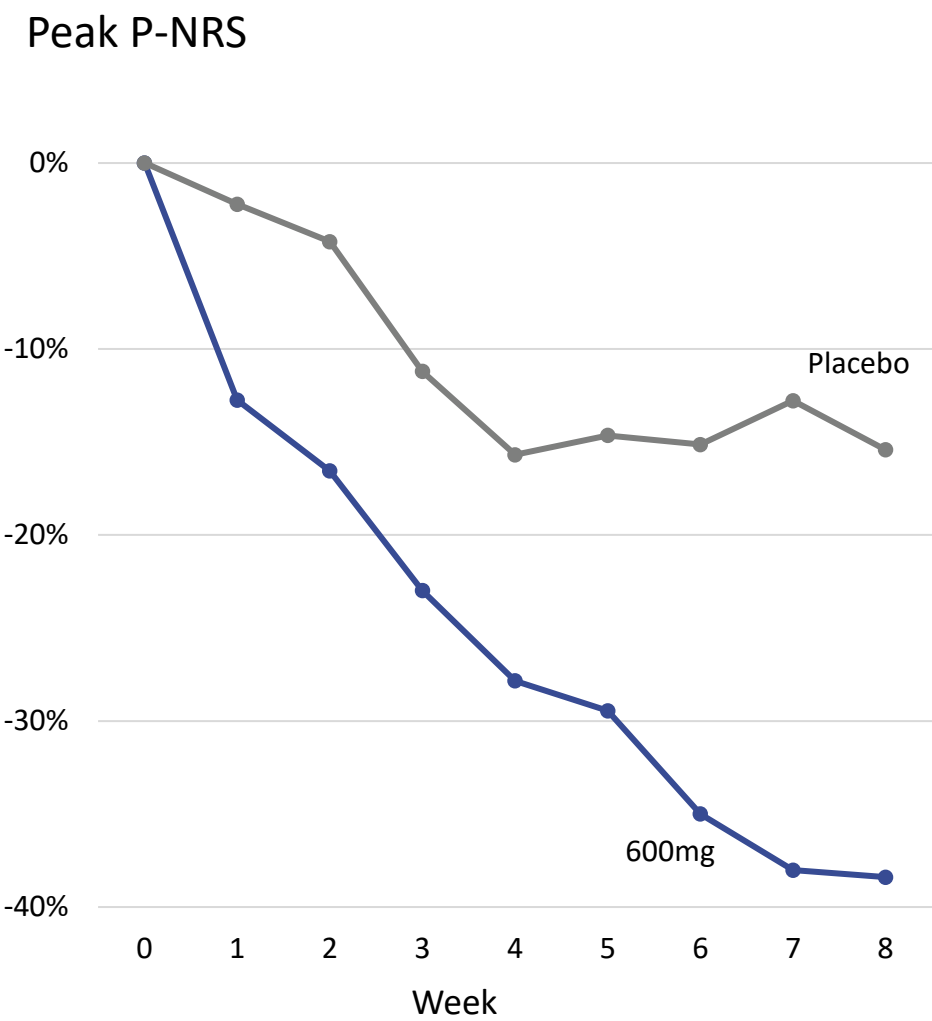


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¹ median change from baseline



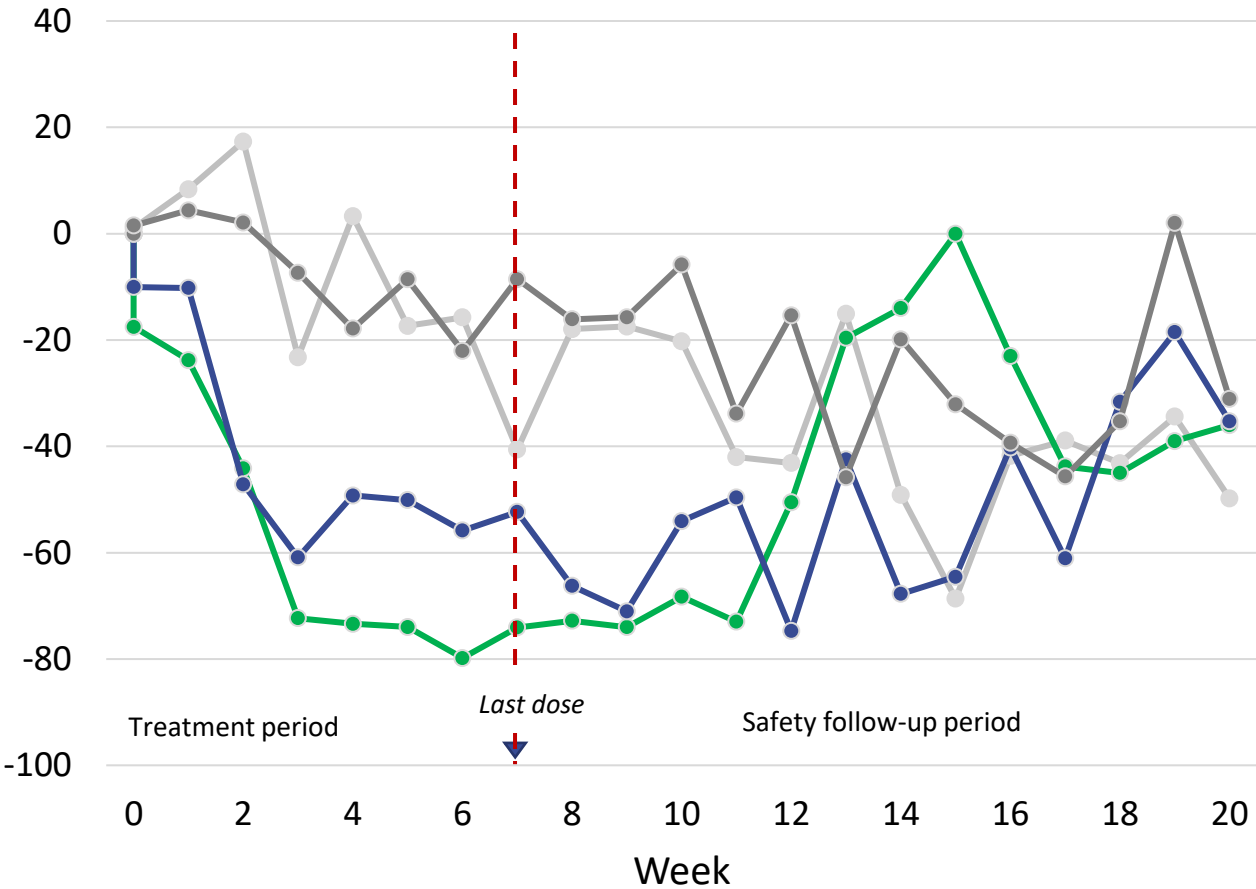
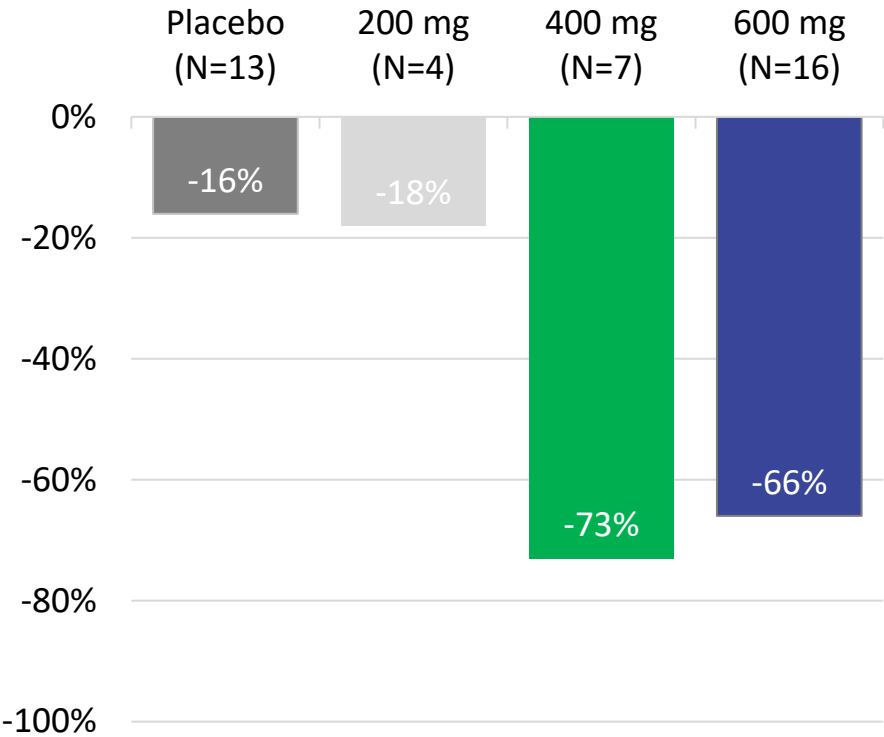
Time course (mean change from baseline)



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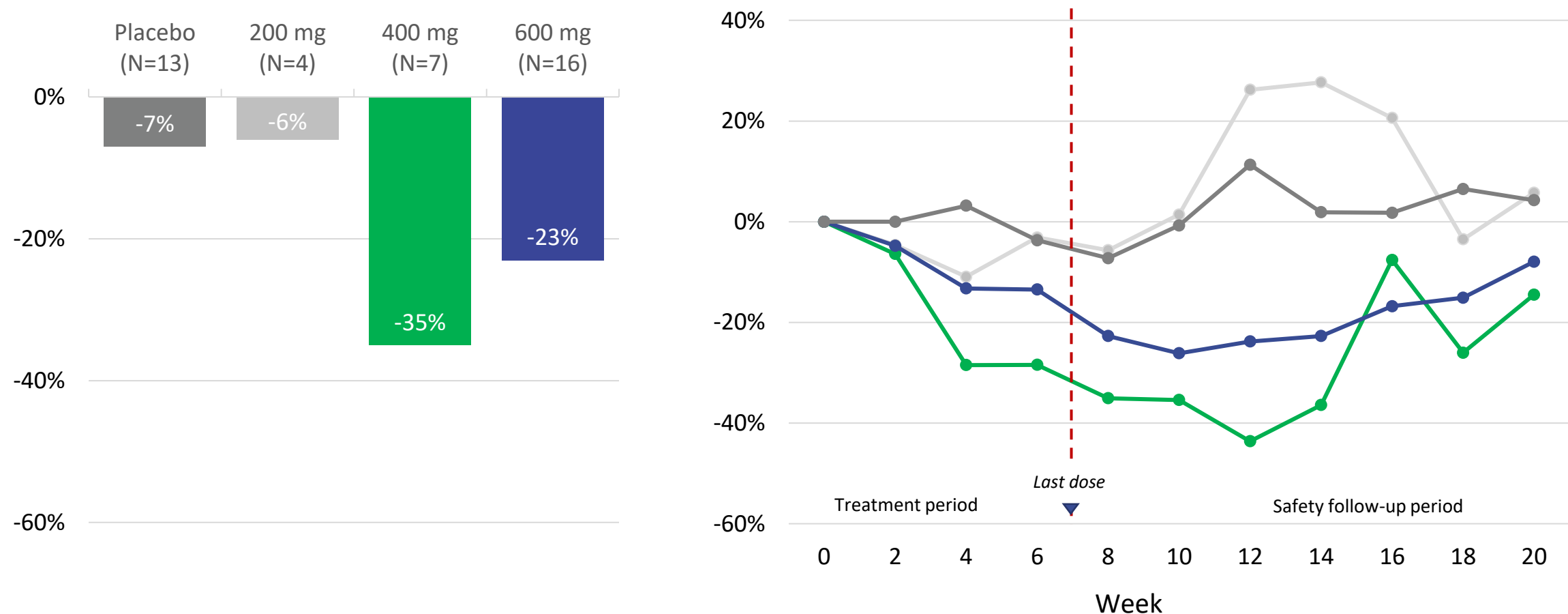
TARC median change from baseline at 8 weeks and over time



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Total IgE median change from baseline at week 8 and over time



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Eblasakimab well-tolerated with low incidence of conjunctivitis

Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE) by category ¹	All patients dosed (N=52)		
	600mg (N=22)	200-600mg (N=35)	Placebo (N=17)
Any	12 (55%)	25 (71%)	8 (47%)
Related	8 (36%)	19 (54%)	7 (41%)
Moderate/severe	6 (27%)	11 (31%)	5 (29%)
Serious adverse event (SAE)	0 (0%)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)
Drug-related AEs of interest ² :			
• Injection site reaction	5 (23%)	9 (26%)	2 (12%)
• Conjunctivitis	1 (5%)	2 (6%)	0 (0%)

- Conjunctivitis was classified as mild. Patients had prior history of allergy or allergic conjunctivitis
- Rescue medication use: 3 patients on placebo arm, 1 patient on 600mg arm

¹ Presented at AAD Annual Meeting, 25-29 March 2022

² Drug-related AEs defined by the investigators as definitely related, probably related or possibly related



Newly published PRO and biomarker data supports previously published clinical data and potential for differentiated profile

Clinical data

Eblasakimab was **well-tolerated with statistically significant improvements** for compared to placebo for EASI %CFBL, EASI-50, EASI-75 at week 8. Potential for a greater magnitude of effect with treatment beyond 8 weeks.

Patient reported outcomes

New data presented at EADV 2022 demonstrate **further benefits in itch reduction and improvements in sleep loss for patients** with significant sleep disturbance at baseline

Biomarkers

Circulating levels of TARC, IgE and LDH were reduced with *eblasakimab* treatment and remained suppressed for 4-6 weeks after the last dose





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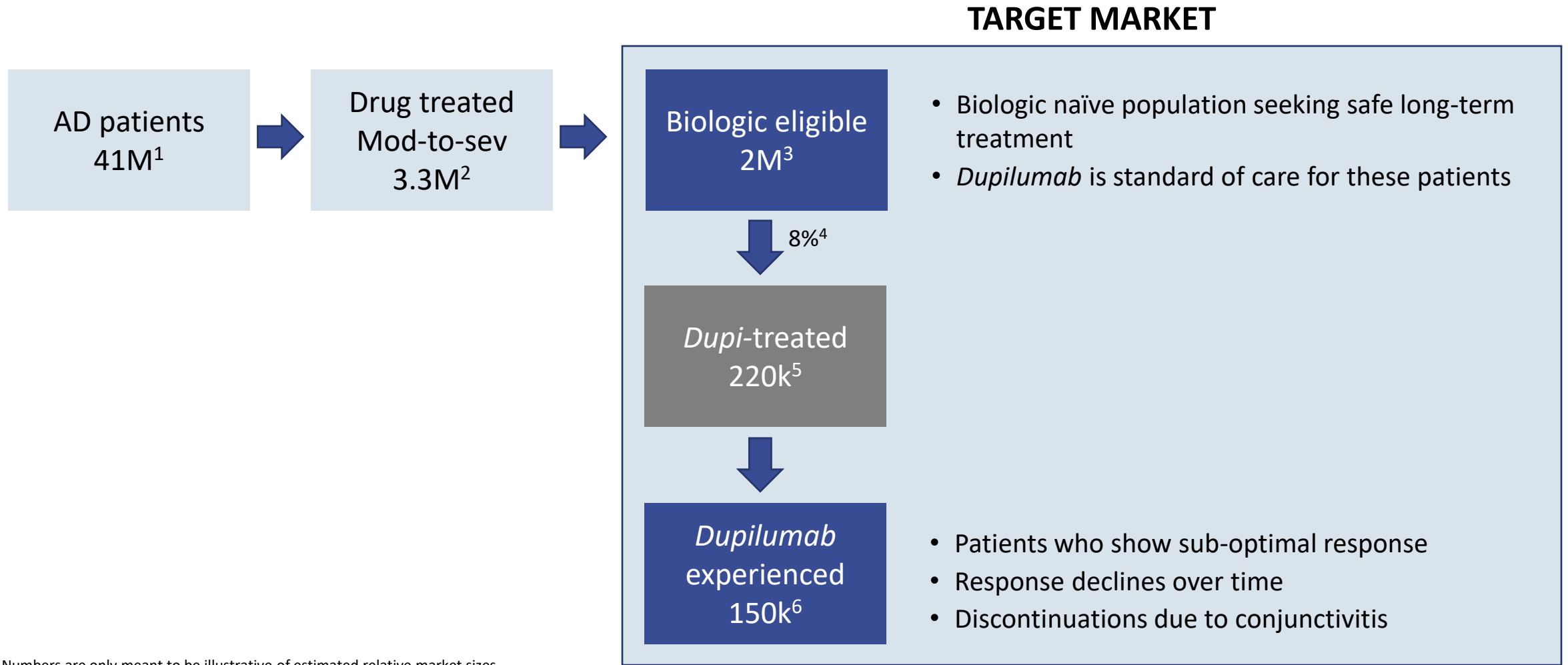
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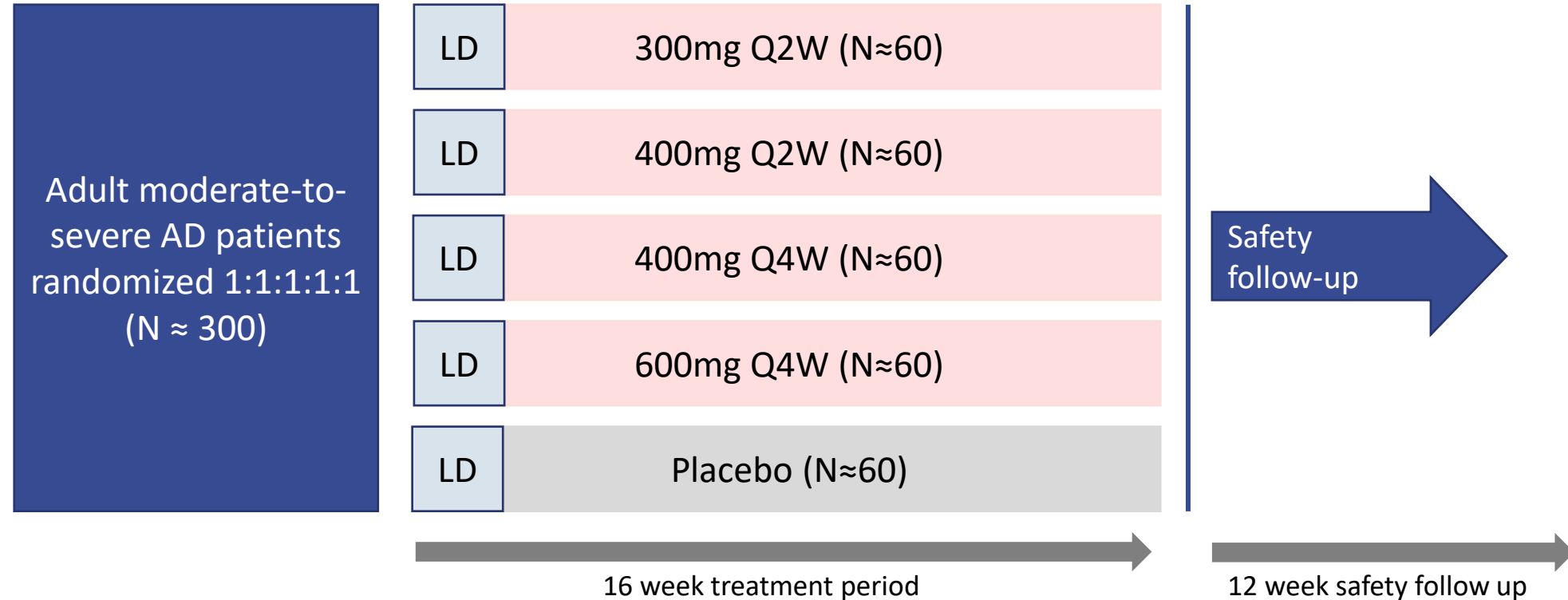
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Phase 2b (TREK-AD): initiated early 2022, topline expected 1H 2023



- Loading dose of 600mg for the Q2W dose groups at week 1 and week 2
- Loading dose of 600mg for the Q4W dose groups at week 1, week 2 and week 3



Key parameters of phase 2b design

Select inclusion criteria:

- vIGA ≥ 3
- $\geq 10\%$ BSA
- EASI ≥ 16
- Inadequate response or contraindication to TCS/TCI
- Twice daily application of topical emollient for at least 7 days prior to randomization

Select exclusion criteria:

- Other agents targeting IL-4 or IL-13 (eg *lebrikizumab*, *tralokinumab* or *eblasakimab*) except for *dupilumab* provided it was not discontinued due to lack of efficacy or AE
- Other AD treatments unless appropriate washout
- Washout periods: immunosuppressants/phototherapy 4 weeks, TCS/TCI 1 week



Study Endpoints

Primary

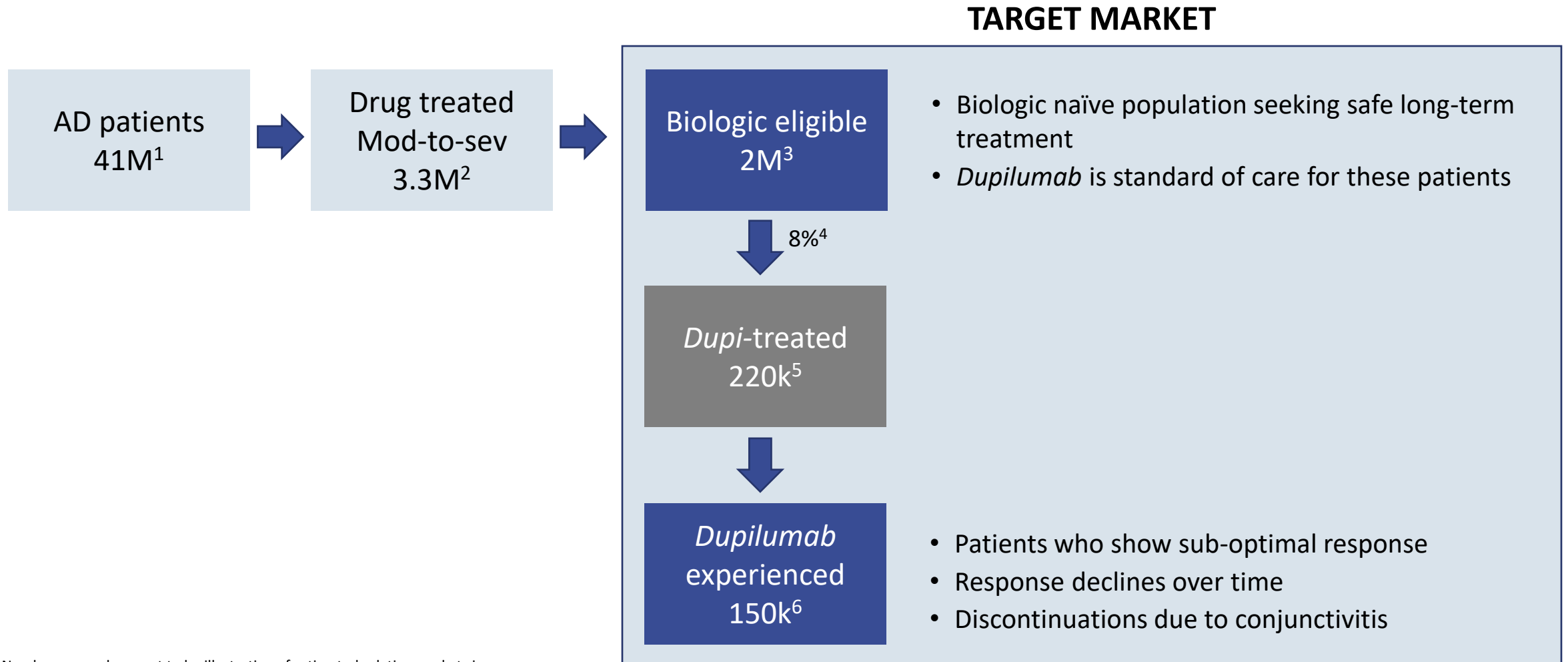
- Percentage change in EASI score from Baseline to Week 16

Secondary

- vIGA 0/1, EASI 50/75/90, EASI<7 at Week 16
- Change in EASI score from Baseline over time
- Absolute and percent change in peak P-NRS from Baseline to Week 16
- % of patients achieving ≥ 4 -point reduction in peak P-NRS, SD-NRS at Week 16
- Change in BSA affected with AD from Baseline to Week 16
- Change in SCORAD, DLQI, POEM, EQ-5D-5L and HADS from Baseline to Week 16
- Proportion of patients achieving a 4-point reduction in SD-NRS from Baseline to Week 16
- TEAEs and TESAEs, including incidence of clinically significant changes in vital signs, clinical laboratory tests, and ECGs



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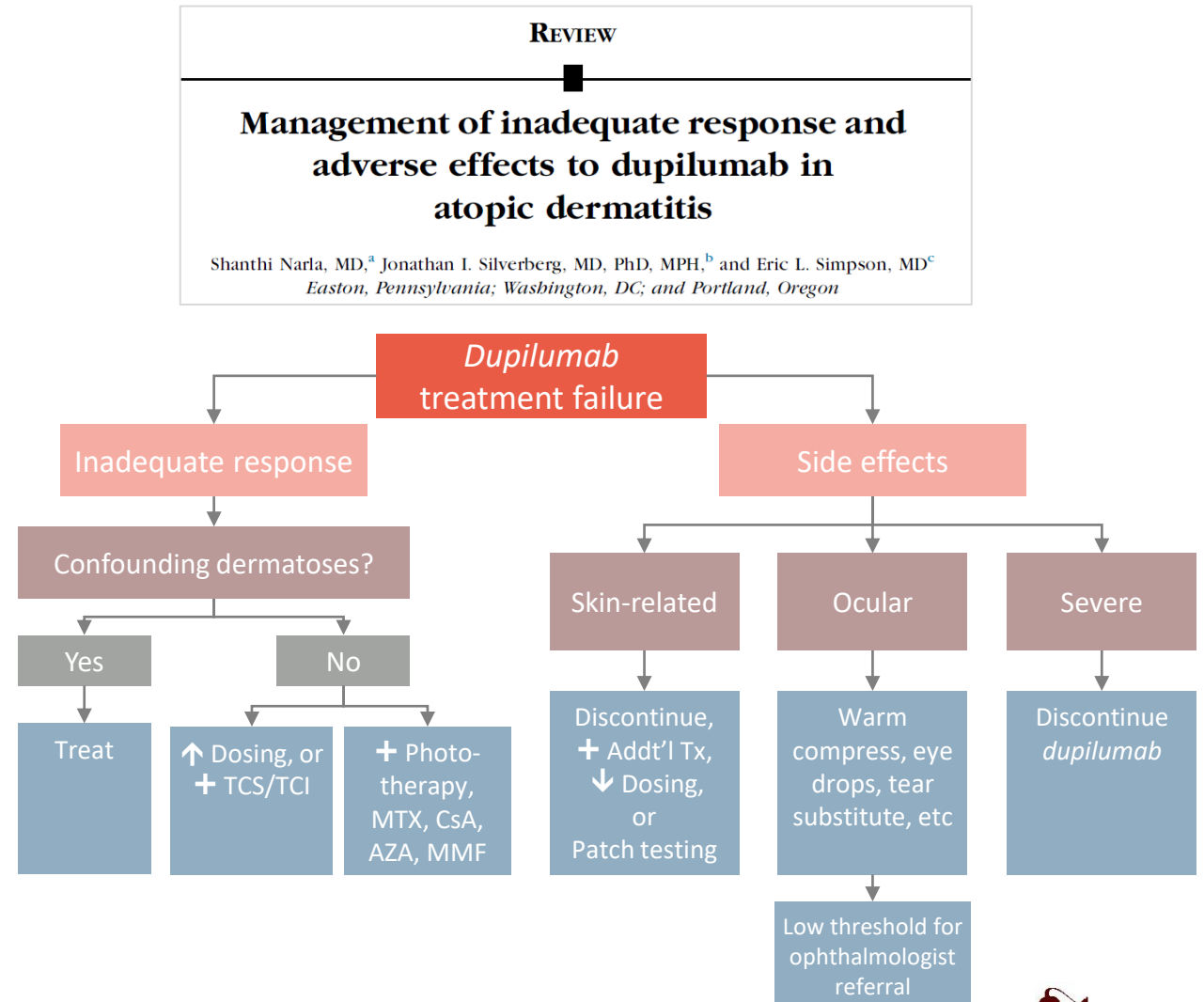
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Dupilumab experienced patients lack safe long-term treatments

- *Dupilumab* has established standard-of-care for AD patients with high efficacy and good safety profile
- Various reasons for discontinuation of treatment and unique management for these patients is required^{1,2}
 - Efficacy (heterogenous pool of non-response, partial response and non-durable response)
 - Adverse events
 - Access issues
- 37% of *dupilumab*-treated patients achieved IGA 0/1 with 54% maintained the response at wk 52
- *Dupilumab* experienced population seeking additional treatment options



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2. Hendricks et al (2019) Am J Clin Derm 20(4):565–569.

3. ASLAN market research data 2022, quantitative survey of 150 US dermatologists.

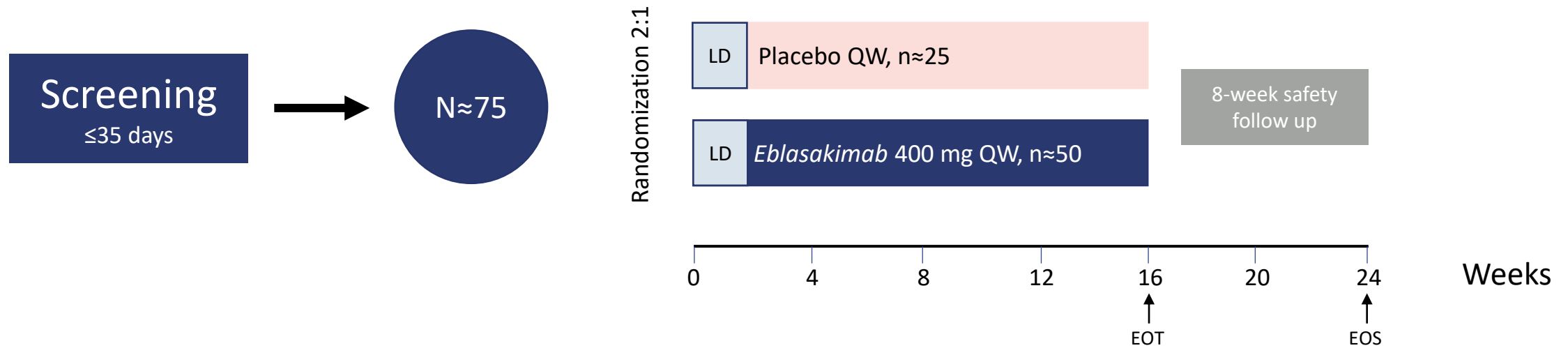


TREK-DX: Phase 2 study in *dupilumab*-experienced patients

- TREK-DX: TRials in *Eblasakimab* in *Dupilumab*-eXperienced patients
- A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of *eblasakimab* in patients with moderate to severe AD previously treated with *dupilumab*
- This study will allow to evaluate the efficacy of *eblasakimab* in participants with moderate-to-severe AD previously treated with *dupilumab*:
 - Assess the impact of prior failure to respond to *dupilumab* on *eblasakimab* efficacy
 - Assess the risk of conjunctivitis in patients reporting conjunctivitis associated with prior *dupilumab* use



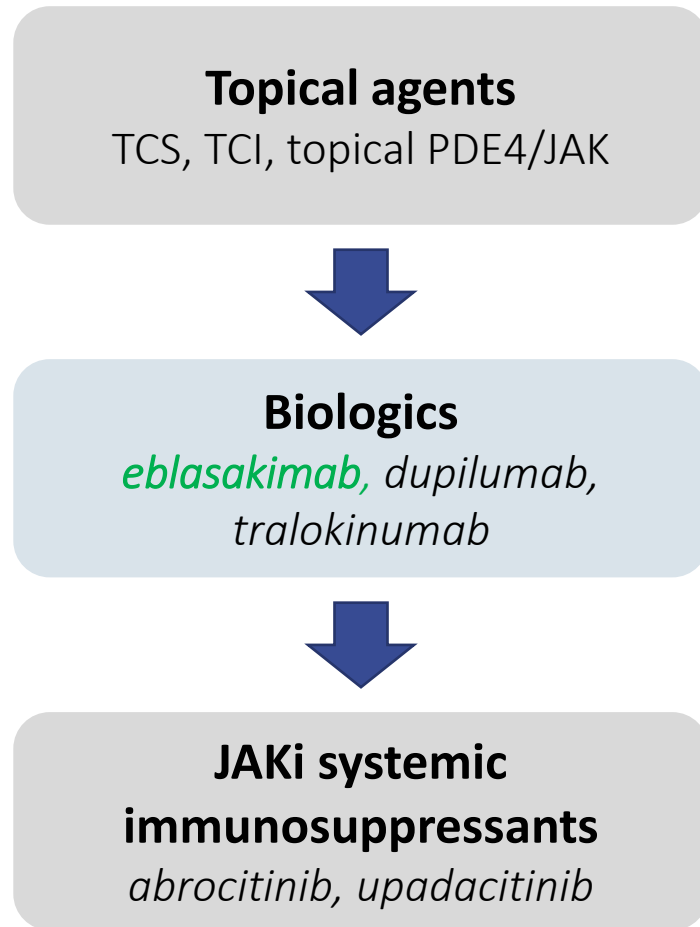
TREK-DX: study design



- Randomization will be stratified by the baseline vIGA score (3 or 4), and *dupilumab* discontinuation reason (failure or “all other”)
- Loading dose of 400mg at week 1 and week 2, matching loading dose for placebo
- With exception of requirement of prior *dupilumab* exposure, inclusion/exclusion criteria and endpoints are virtually identical to TREK-AD study

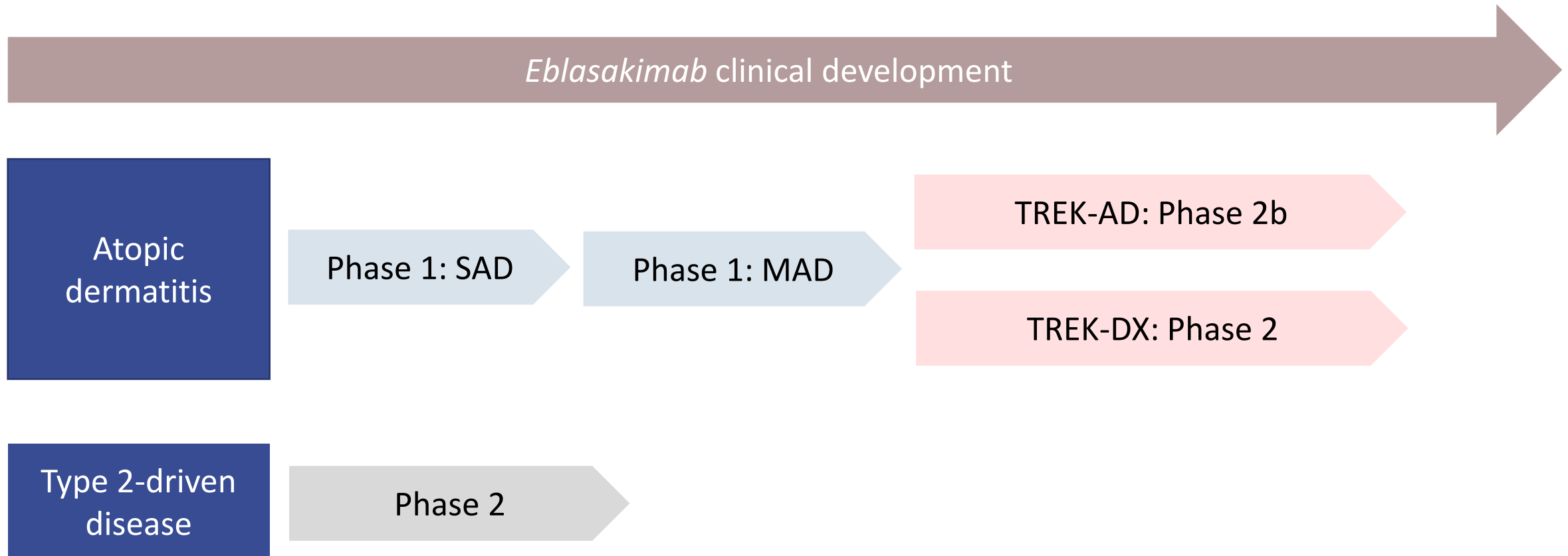


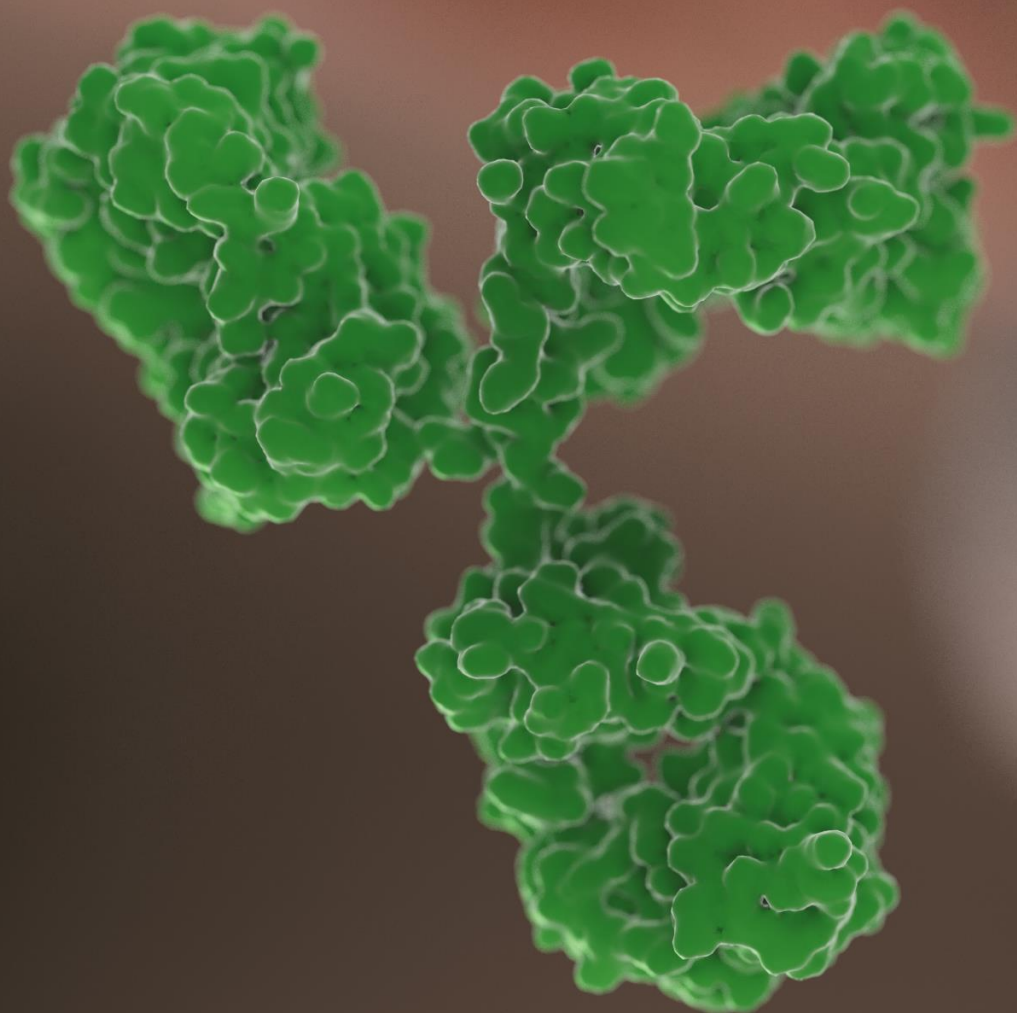
Outcomes of the TREK-DX study could help position *eblasakimab* at the forefront of biologic treatment options



- The TREK-DX study is crucial for testing biologics in a patient population with few safe treatment options
- A positive outcome of the study will increase preference for *eblasakimab* as the first choice of biologic for AD treatment

Eblasakimab clinical program is initially focused on AD





Company Q&A



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Panel Discussion:

Eblasakimab's potential and positioning in treating AD



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Dr Karen Veverka



Dr Carl Firth
(moderator)





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Welcome

Emerging unmet needs in Atopic Dermatitis (AD)

Eblasakimab: addressing the market needs and opportunities

Promise of targeting the IL-13 receptor

Type-2 inflammation and beyond

Q&A

New findings from the proof-of-concept study

Eblasakimab development program

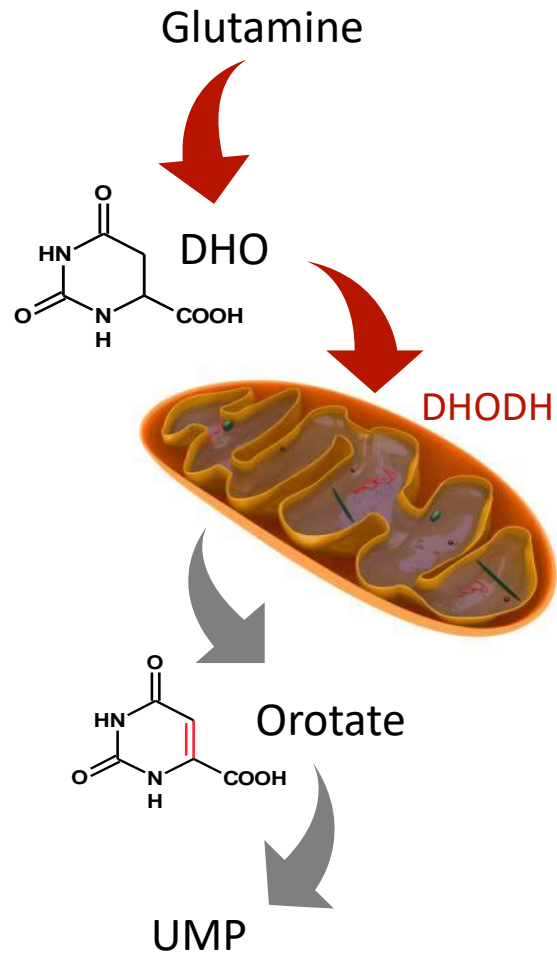
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Panel discussion

Closing remarks



DHODH is a validated target for autoimmune disease

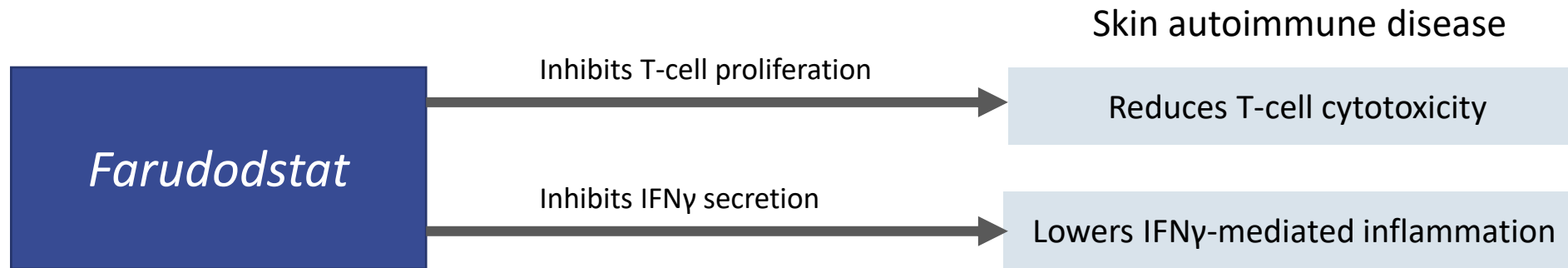


- Cells synthesise pyrimidines via
 - *De novo* pathway (DHODH dependent)
 - Salvage pathway (DHODH independent)
- DHODH inhibition will block *de novo* synthesis, impacting rapidly dividing cells eg lymphocytes.
- Other cells can continue to use the salvage pathway and are unaffected
- First generation inhibitors are approved in MS (Aubagio) and RA (Arava), however they have limited potency and significant safety liabilities
- *Farudodstat* was designed to be more potent and to address the toxicities associated with first generation inhibitors



DHODH is an attractive target for the treatment of autoimmune skin disease

- AA and vitiligo estimated to affect around 3% of the US population combined^{1,2}
- JAK inhibitors carry 3 black box warnings presenting an opportunity for a safe, once-daily oral therapy
- *Farudodstat* targets the key mechanisms associated with autoimmune skin disease^{3,4}



1 National Alopecia Areata Foundation
2 Vitiligo Research Foundation
3 Xing et al 2014 Nat Med 20(9):1043-1049
4 Van der Boorn 2009 J Inv Derm 129(9):2220-2232

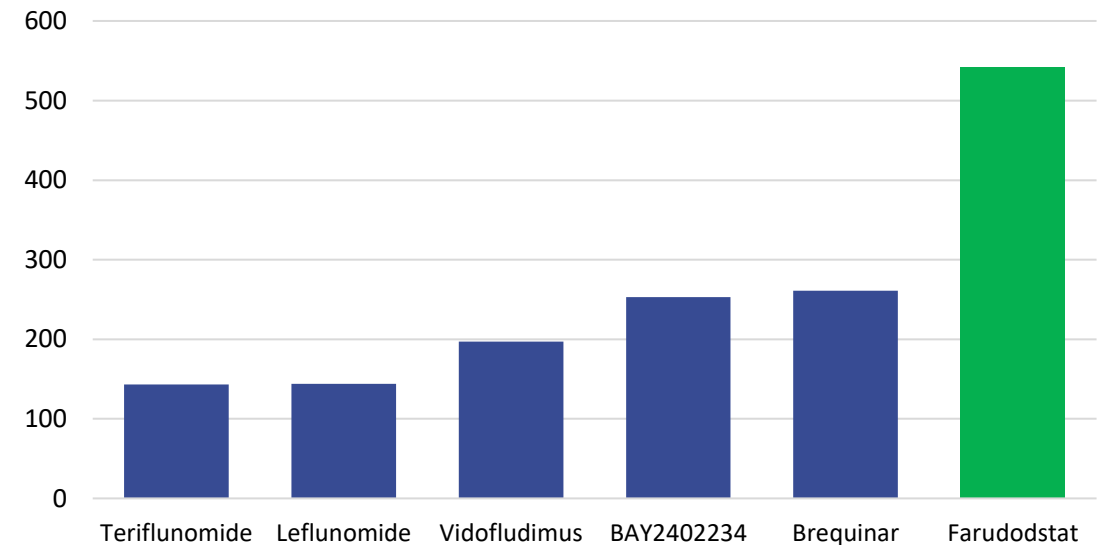
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- Stronger *in vitro* potency as compared with other DHODH inhibitors
- Selective against a panel of 195 enzymes, ion channels and receptor binding assays

Assay used to measure IC ₅₀	<i>Farudodstat</i> (μM)	<i>Teriflunomide</i> (μM)
Enzymatic DHODH inhibition	0.035	1.1
Human PBMC proliferation inhibition	1.4	46
IFN _γ inhibition in human whole blood	2.5	259

- *In vitro* studies demonstrated *farudodstat* has lowest potential for hepatotoxicity out of 6 approved and clinical stage DHODH inhibitors

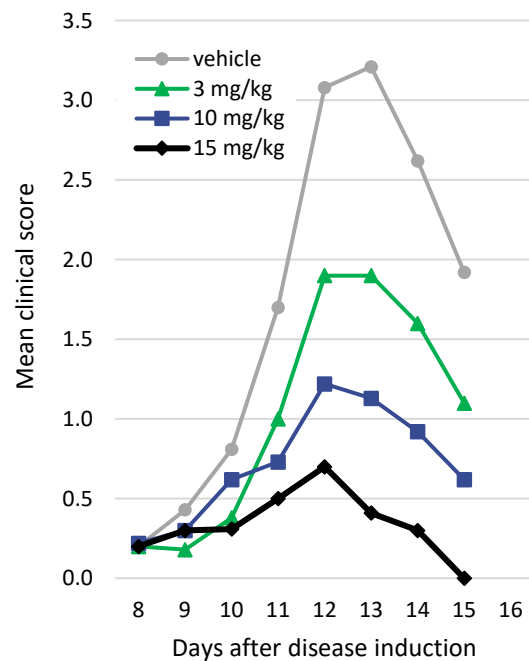
Concentration (μM IC₅₀) required to induce mitochondrial toxicity in HepaRG cells at 24 hours



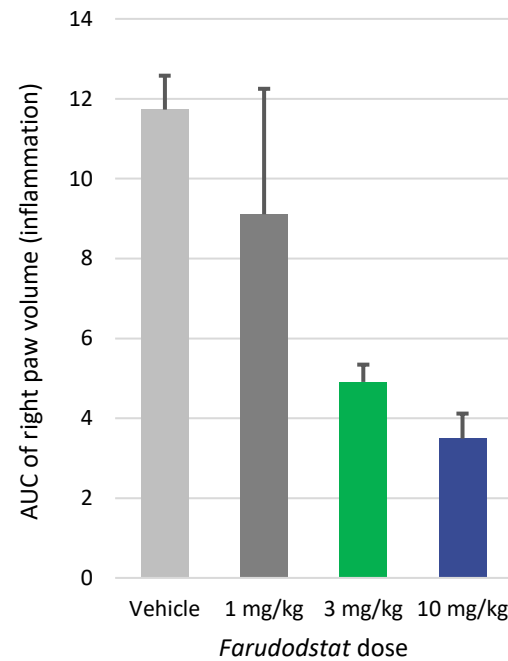
Jones et al (2021) Toxicology in Vitro 72:105096

Farudostat has the potential to be best-in-class for autoimmune disease

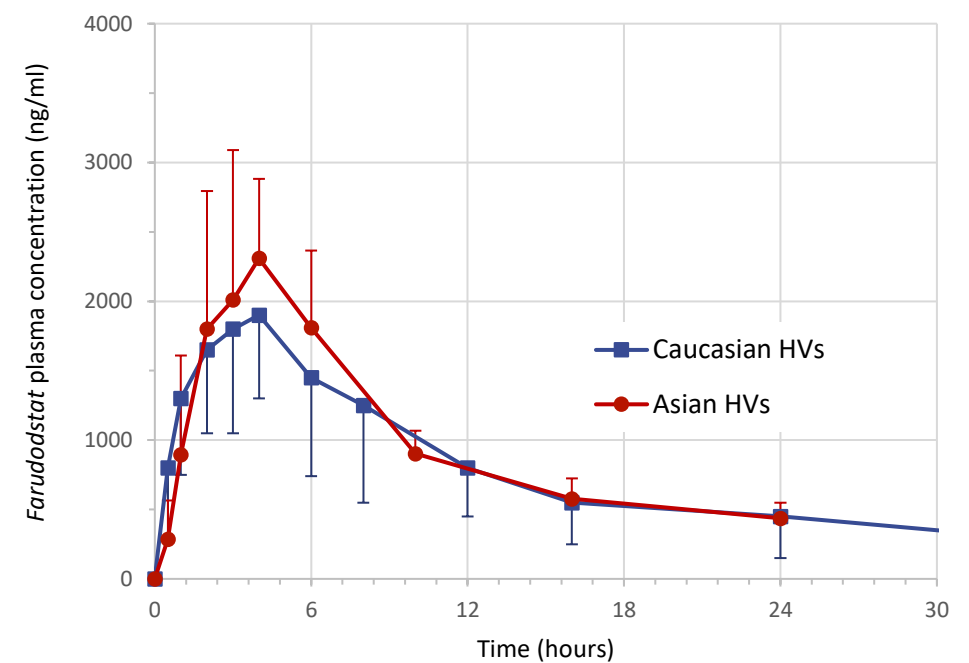
- Active in the multiple sclerosis EAE model and rheumatoid arthritis AIA model
- Well-tolerated in 119 subjects in Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical trials
- PK profile suitable for once-daily dosing



MS model in rat (EAE)



RA model in rat (AIA)



Single dose pharmacokinetics



Summary of *farudodstat*

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Next steps

- Exploring applications in skin autoimmune diseases such as alopecia areata



An exciting year ahead for *eblasakimab*

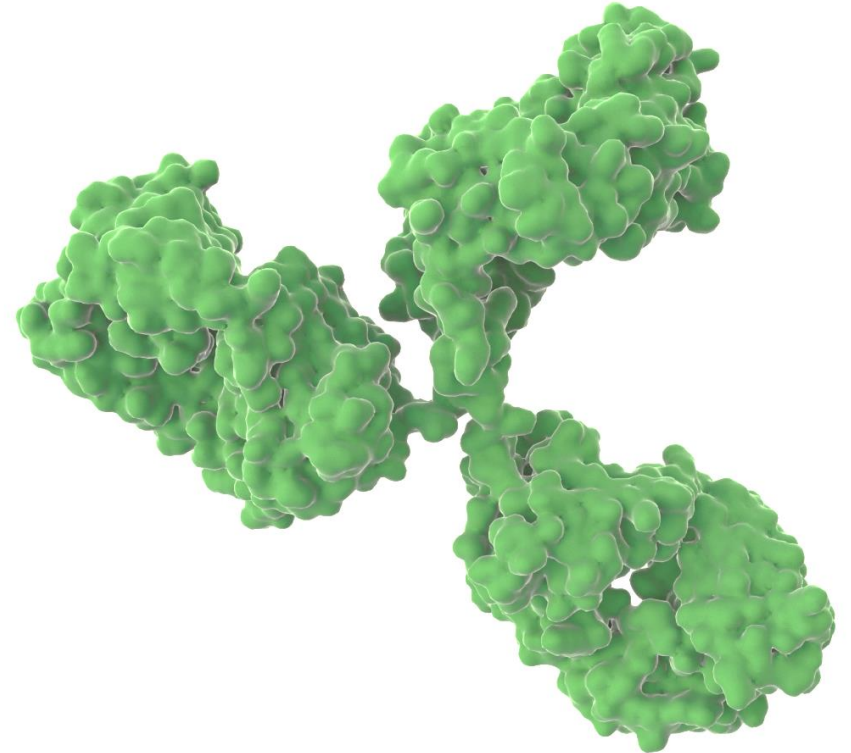


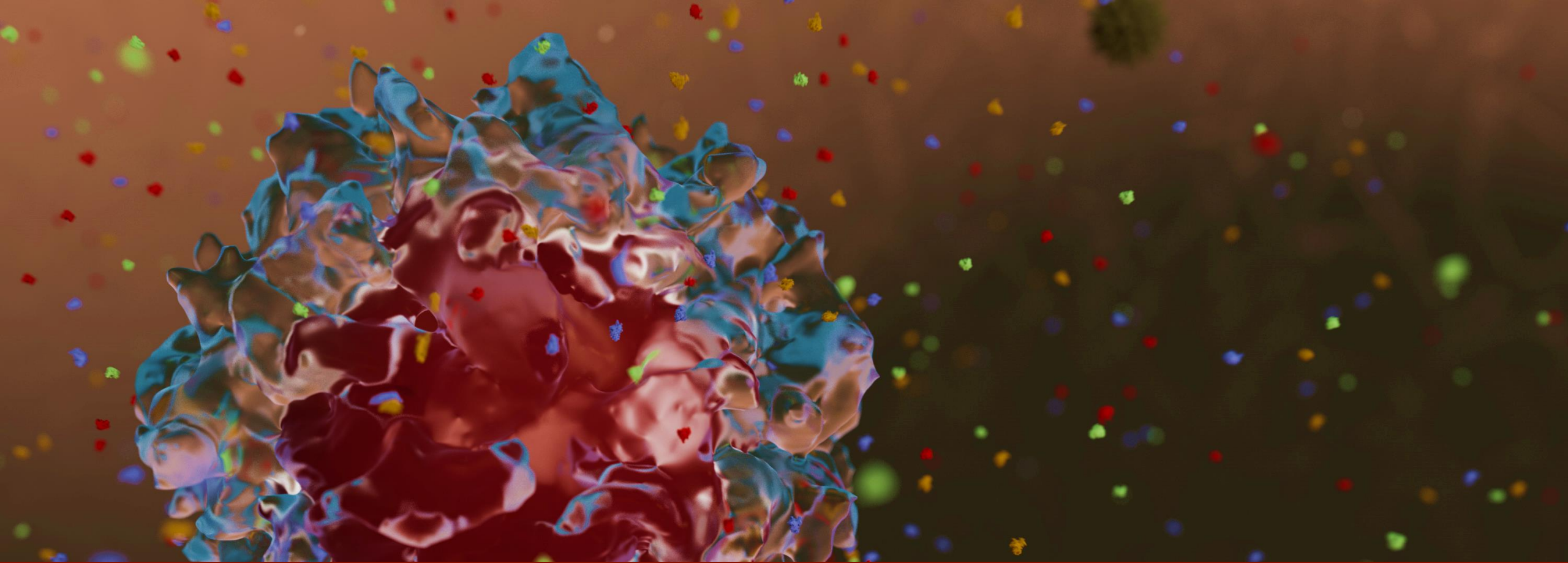
- **TREK-AD topline data** readout from Phase 2b study in 1H 2023
- **TREK-DX first patient** in 4Q 2022
- Characterization of the **unique molecular profile of IL-13R α 1** signaling in AD, with Dr Shawn Kwatra and Dr Madan Kwatra (late-breaker at ESDR 2022)
- Advancing insights into **IL-13R α 1 specific neuronal itch pathways** (late-breaker at ESDR 2022)
- **Exploration of biomarker signatures** from TREK-AD patients in collaboration with Dr Emma Guttman-Yassky (Mount Sinai)



Takeaways from the R&D Day

- The **unmet needs and opportunities** in AD
- Mechanistic rationale supporting **differentiated profile** of *eblasakimab*
- Role of the IL-13 receptor in disease pathology and **advantages of directly blocking IL-13R α 1**
- How *eblasakimab* can directly reducing **neuronal itch responses**
- Clinical data supporting potential for **differentiated profile**





Thank you