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Novel Strategies to Advance IBD Care

A Focus on the Role of IL-23 Inhibitors
for the Management of Crohn's Disease
and Ulcerative Colitis



Learning Objectives

- Address current challenges in the management of IBD, including non-response and loss of response with traditional agents
- Assess the role of IL-23 in IBD pathogenesis and the utility of targeting IL-23 for the treatment of IBD
- Evaluate the most recent safety and efficacy data associated with current and emerging IL-23 inhibitors for the treatment of IBD, including their MOA and considerations for treatment sequencing
- Implement multidisciplinary care plans that incorporate individualized and evidence-based treatment strategies for patients with IBD

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IL-23 in IBD: Introduction

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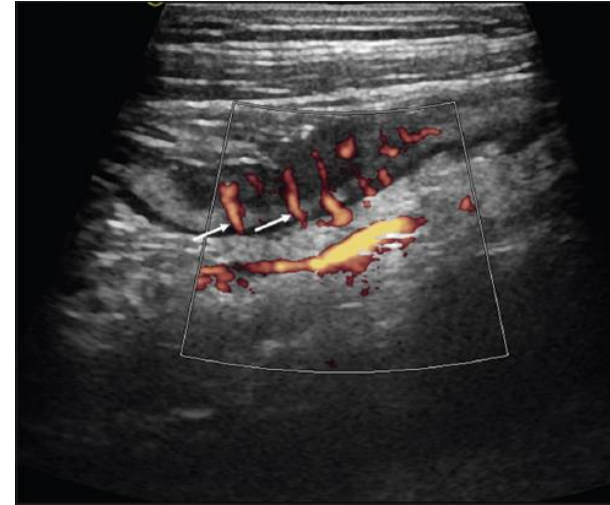
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42-Year-Old Man with Weight Loss and Diarrhea

- Began 3 months ago, after returning from trip to Mexico
- Watery, non-bloody diarrhea, 5-7/day
- No abdominal pain
- Weight loss of 15 lbs
- No past medical history of note
- No medications
- No family history of IBD
- Exam – RLQ tenderness
- Labs – Hgb 10.9 g/dL, MCV 79 fl, Plt 564/ μ L, CRP 14.2 mg/dL, ESR 43 mm/hr, calprotectin 263 μ g/mg



RLQ = right lower quadrant; Hgb = hemoglobin; MCV = mean corpuscular volume; CRP = c-reactive protein; ESR = erythrocyte sedimentation rate.

Kucharzik T, et al. *Ann Gastroenterol.* 2017;30(2):135-144.

Severe Ileitis on CTE and Colonoscopy

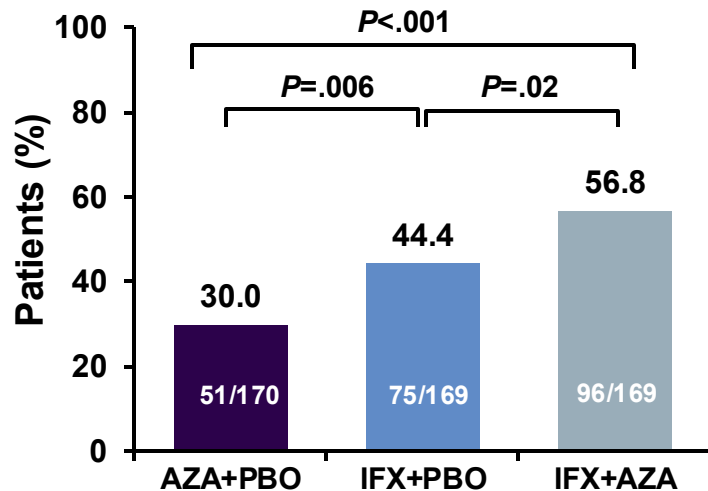


CTE = computed tomography enterography.
Photos courtesy of Gil Melmed, Cindy Kallman.

Until Recently, This Is What We Were Saying: Combo Therapy Better than Monotherapy, but Significant Gaps Remain

SONIC Trial

Corticosteroid-free Clinical Remission at Week 26*

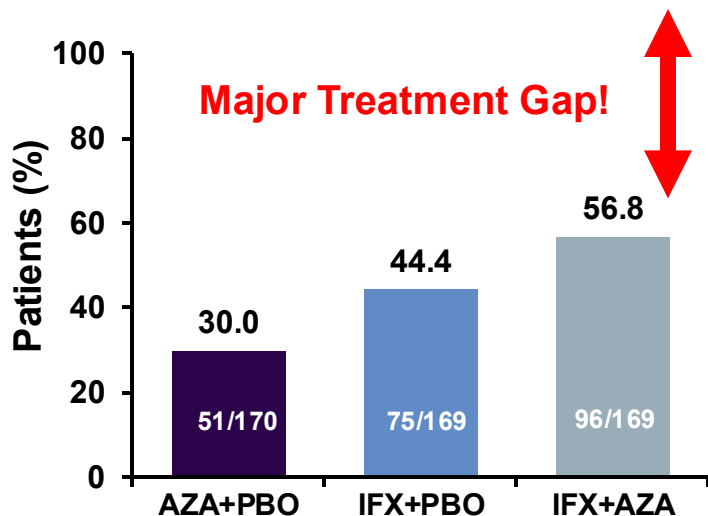


AZA = azathioprine; IFX = infliximab; PBO = placebo.
Colombel JF, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2010;362(15):1383-1395.

Combo Therapy Better than Monotherapy, but Significant Gaps Remain

SONIC Trial

Corticosteroid-free
Clinical Remission at Week 26*



Is this the right outcome?

Is clinical remission
enough?

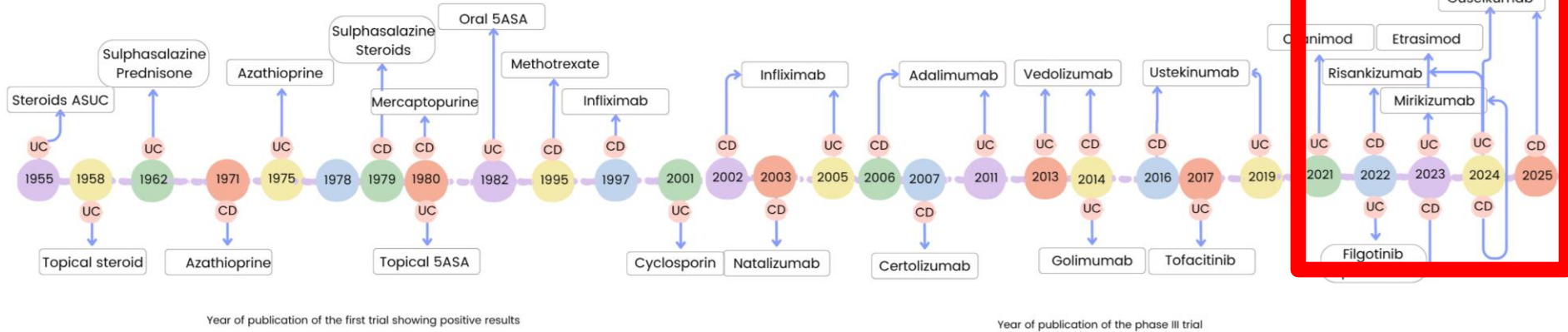
What is the right long-term
outcome?

What is important to
patients?

Evolution of IBD Therapies: The Interleukin(IL)-23 Era

PRE BIOLOGIC ERA

BIOLOGIC ERA



UC = ulcerative colitis; CD = Crohn's disease; ASUC = acute severe ulcerative colitis; ASA = aminosalicylic acid.
 Adapted from Gros B. Accessed Nov 6, 2025. <https://ibd-eii.com/timeline/>.

Key Learning Points

- There is an unmet need for treatment of inflammatory bowel disease
- The landscape of new therapies for IBD include the novel IL-23 class

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The IL-23 Pathway and Its Role in UC and CD Pathogenesis

Marla Dubinsky, MD

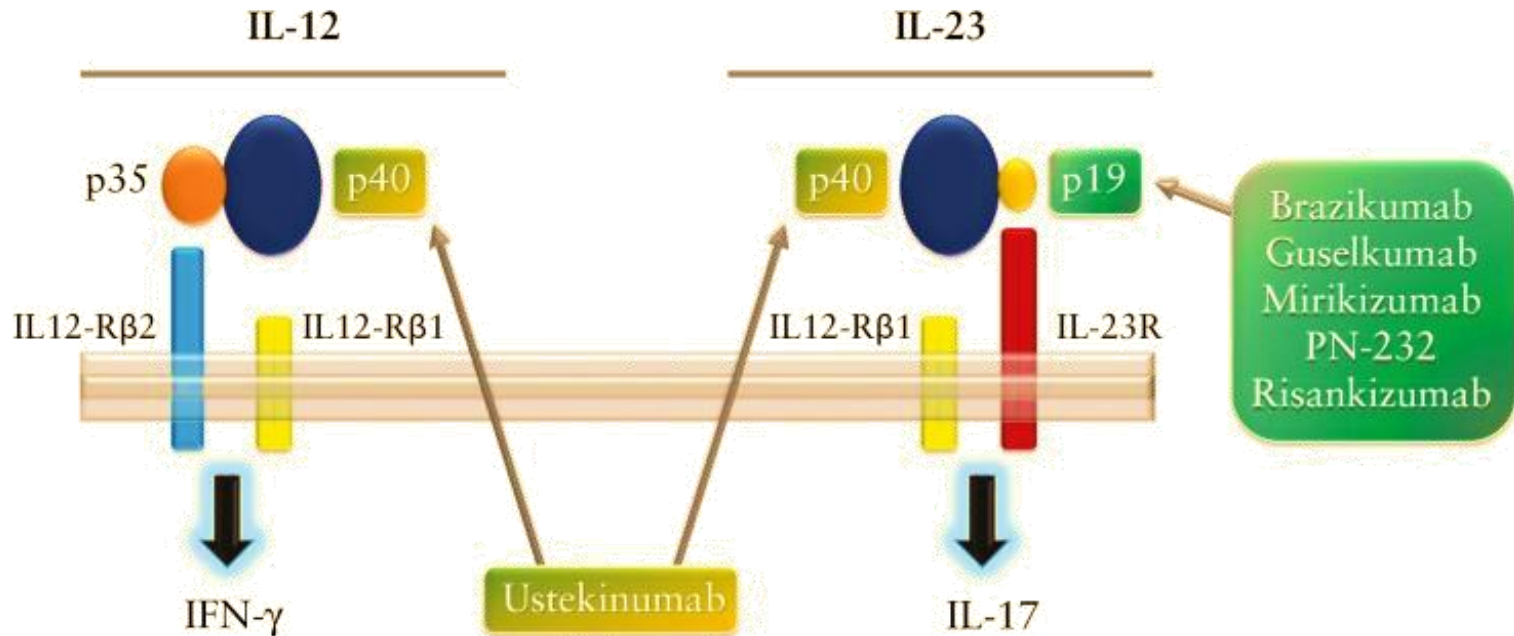
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Evolution of IL-23 Treatments for IBD

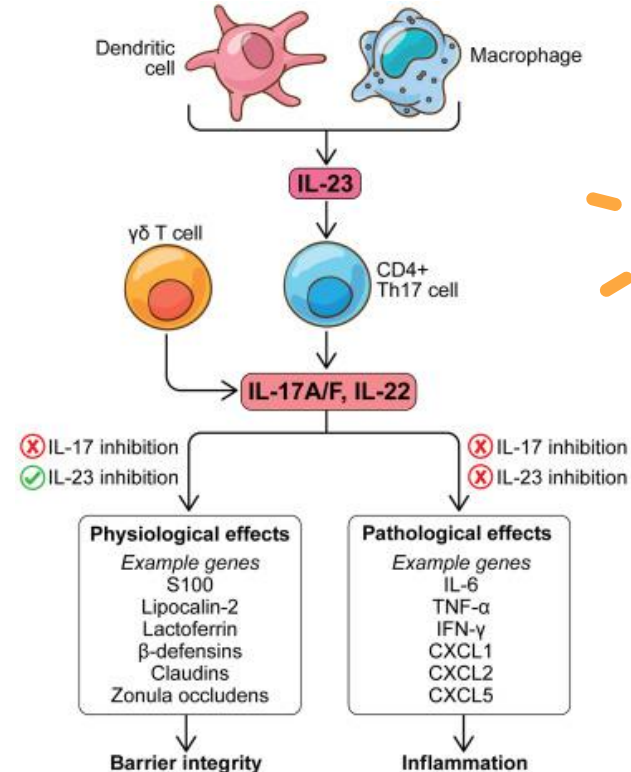
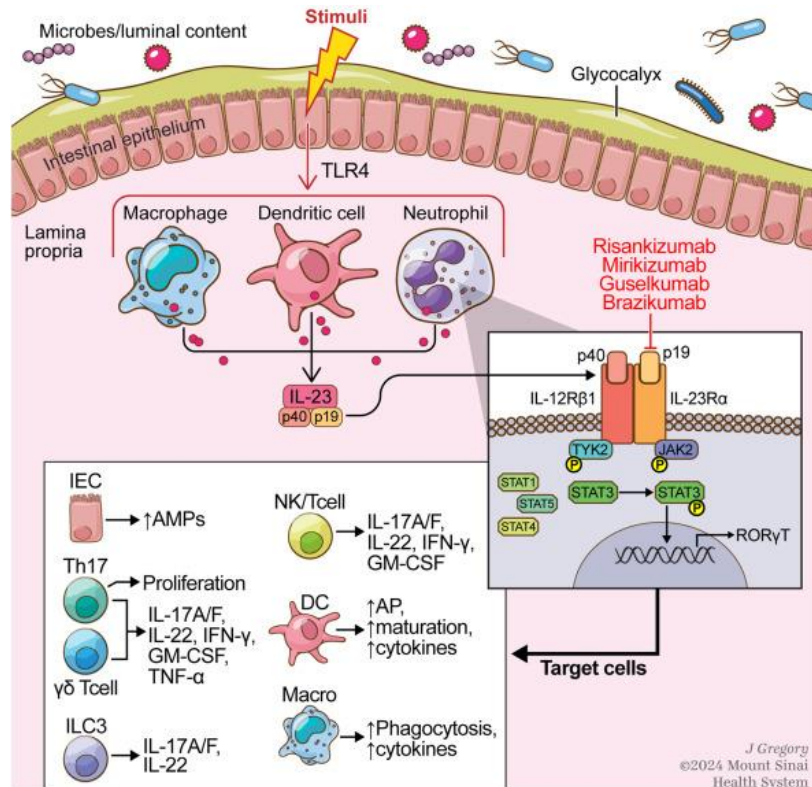
Evolution of IL-23 blockade in IBD



IFN = interferon.

Danese S, et al. *J Crohns Colitis*. 2022;16(Suppl 2):ii1-ii2.

IL-23 Signaling in the Intestinal Mucosa and the Immune Impact of IL-23



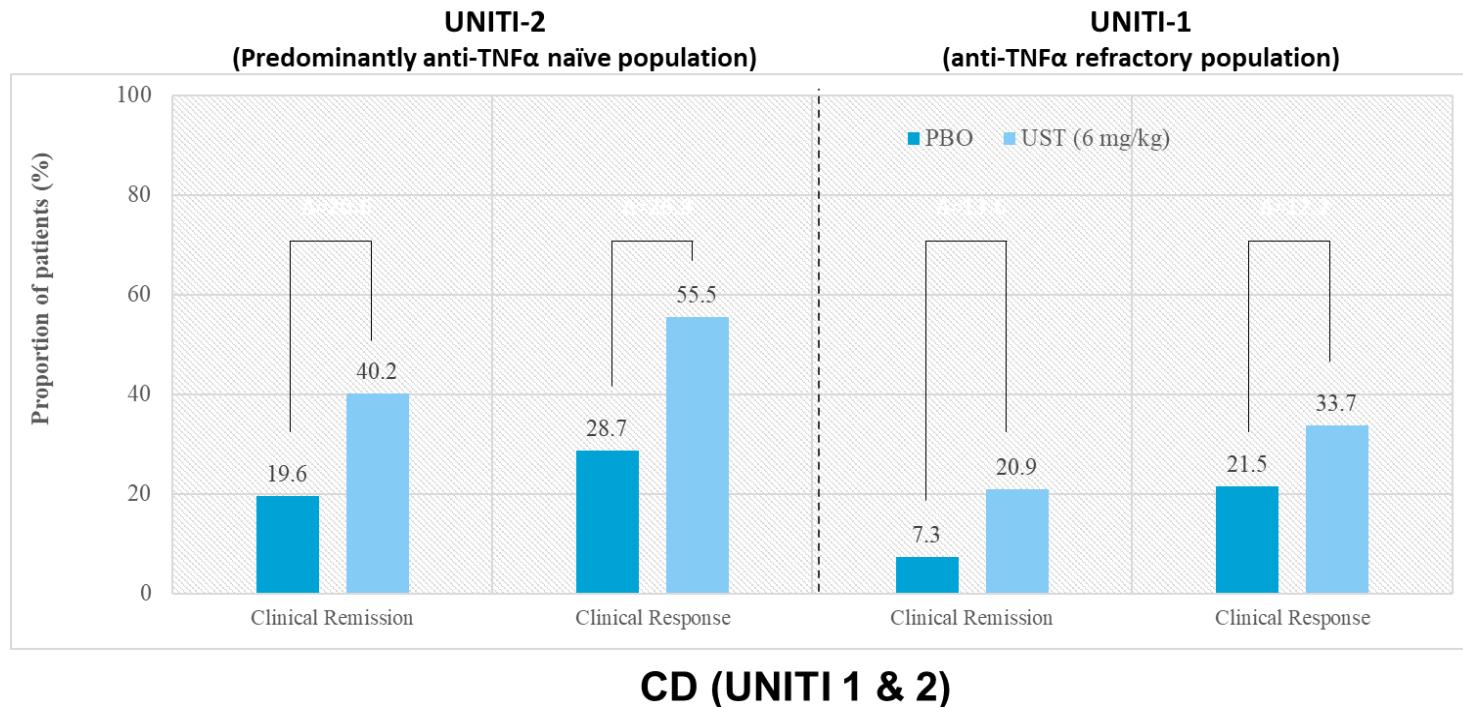
Key Learning Points



- Inhibition of IL-23 decreases mucosal inflammation and improves epithelial barrier integrity
- Inhibiting IL-23 suppresses gut inflammation in T-cell-mediated colitis
- Anti-IL-23 therapy preserves protective IL-17 gut functions
 - Animal models of IL-17 blockade in colitis had mixed results
 - Trials of anti-IL-17A/IL-17A receptor antagonists in IBD resulted in worse outcomes vs placebo

IL-12/23

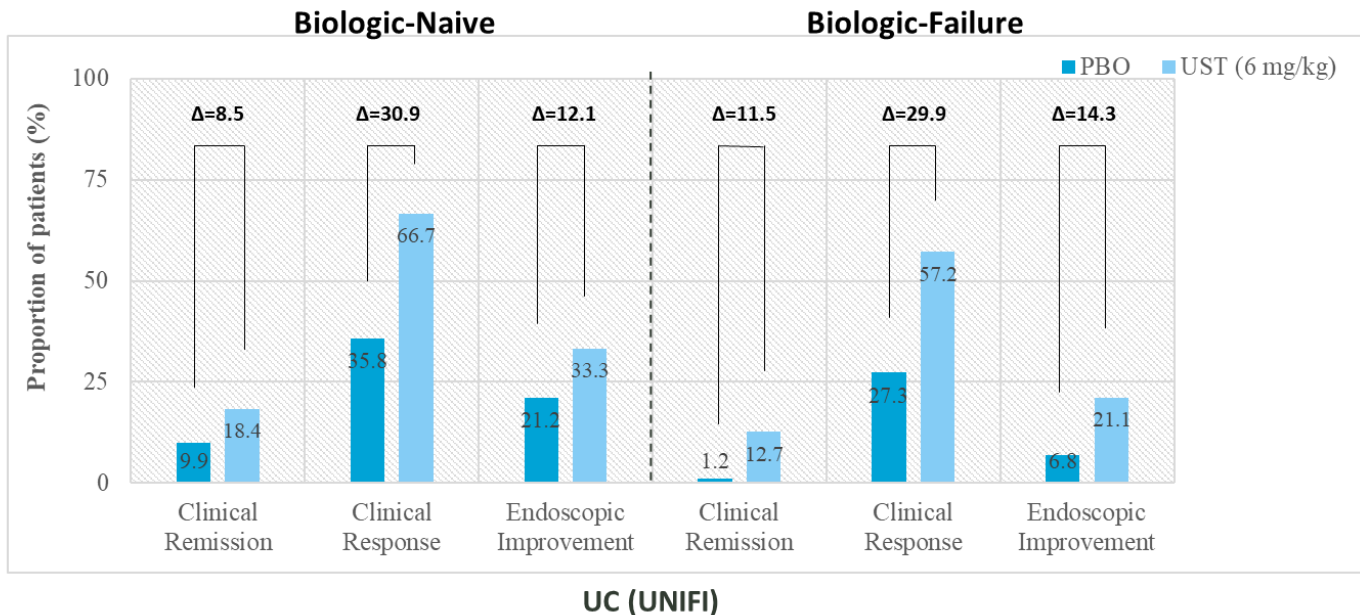
Ustekinumab Clinical Efficacy Is Decreased in Anti-TNF α Exposed Patients with CD



Clinical remission: CDAI score of ≤ 150 . CDAI-100 response: ≥ 100 -point decrease from baseline in the CDAI score.
TNF = tumor necrosis factor; CDAI = Crohn's Disease Activity Index; UST = ustekinumab.
Feagan BG et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375(20):1946-1960.

Ustekinumab Efficacy Is Not Decreased in Biologic-Failure Patients with UC

Efficacy outcomes for UST induction therapy (week 8)



Clinical remission: Mayo score ≤ 2 points with no individual subscore > 1 ; Clinical response: Decrease from baseline in the Mayo score by $\geq 30\%$ and 23 points with either a decrease from baseline rectal bleeding subscore ≥ 1 or a rectal bleeding subscore of 0 or 1; Endoscopic improvement: Mayo endoscopic subscore of 0 or 1 (by central review).

Sands BE, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019;381(13):1201-1214.

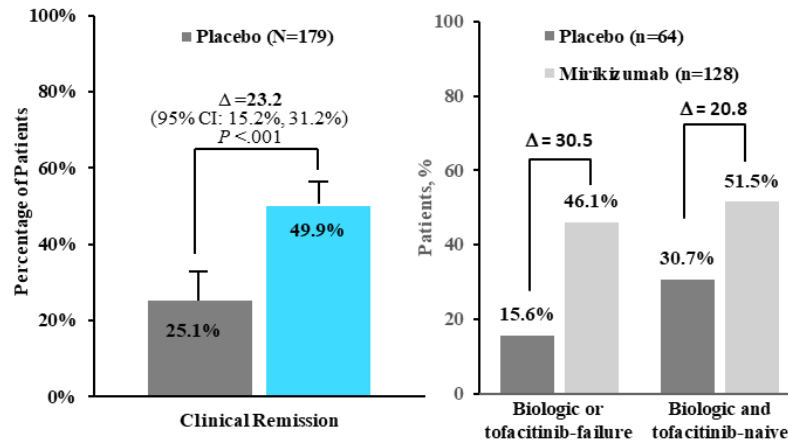
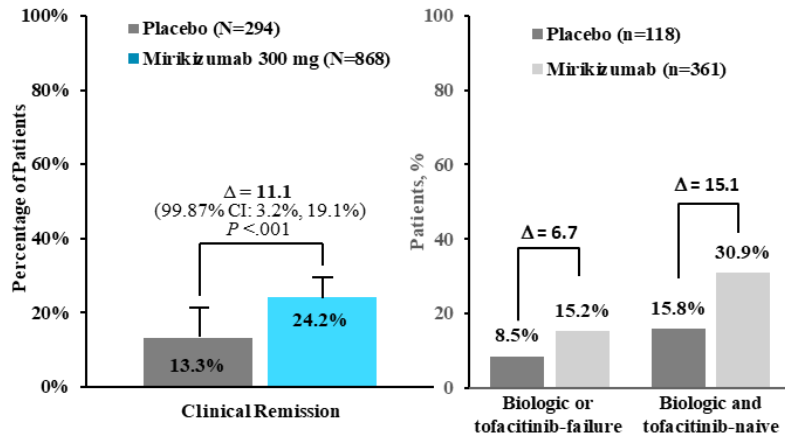
IL-23 in UC

Mirikizumab Efficacy by Prior Biologic/JAK Inhibitor Exposure in LUCENT-1 and LUCENT-2 Trials

Clinical Remission (Primary Endpoint)

Week 12

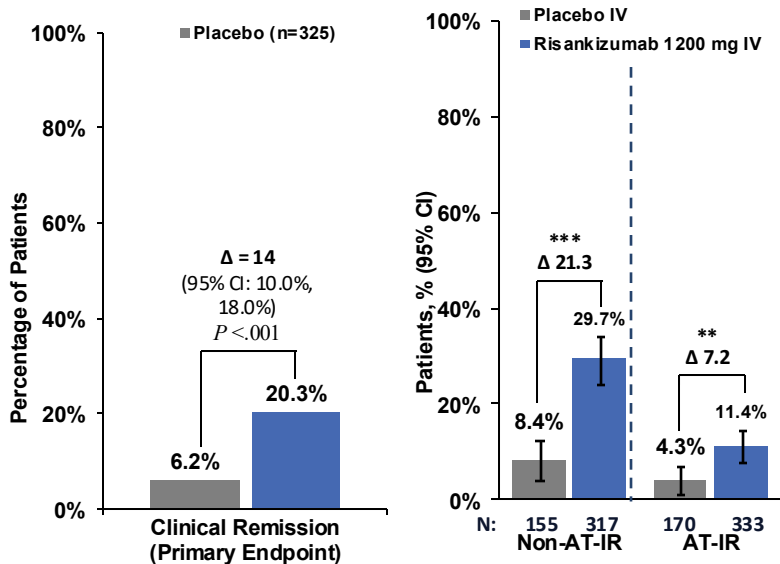
Week 40



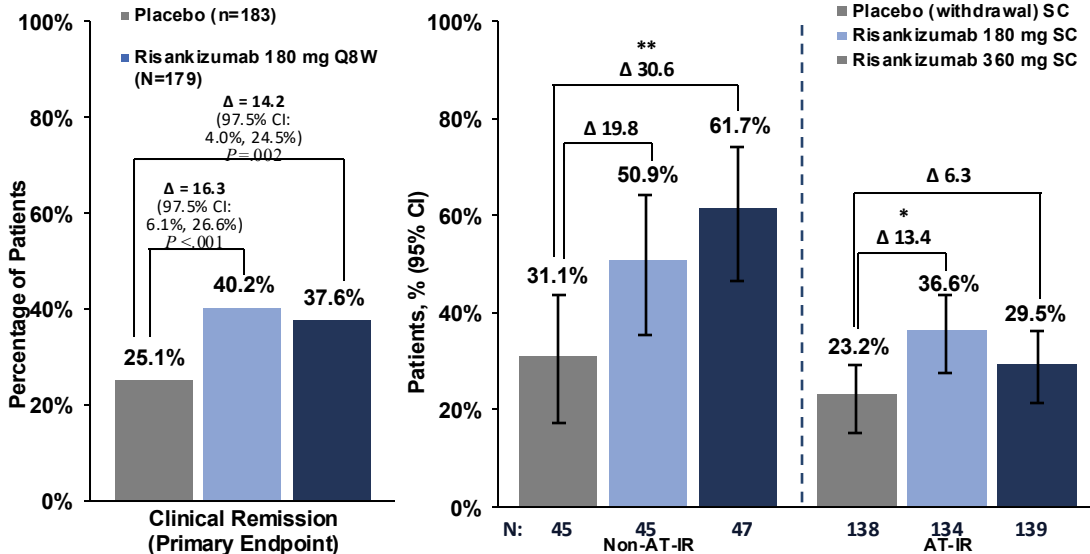
Clinical remission: Modified Mayo SFS=0 or SFS=1 with a decrease of ≥ 1 point from baseline, RBS=0, and ES of 0 or 1 (excluding friability)

Risankizumab Efficacy by Prior Biologic/JAK Inhibitor Exposure in INSPIRE and COMMAND Trials

INSPIRE Induction Study, Week 12



COMMAND Maintenance Study, Week 52



Clinical remission: SFS ≤ 1 and not greater than baseline, RBS=0, and ES ≤ 1 (without friability)

* $P \leq .05$; ** $P \leq .01$; *** $P \leq .001$.

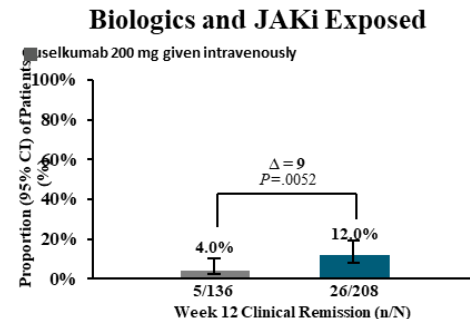
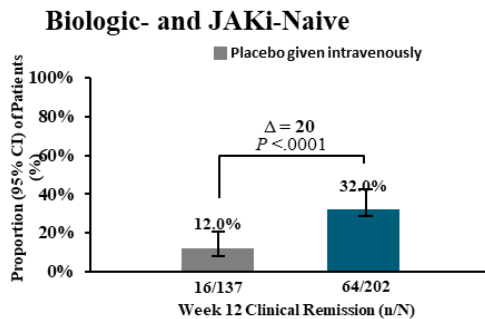
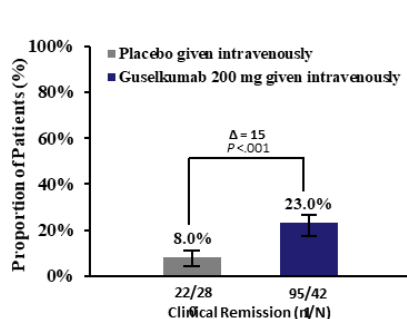
AT-IR = inadequate response or intolerance to advanced therapy; SFS = stool frequency subscore; RBS = rectal bleeding subscore; ES = endoscopic subscore.

Louis E, et al. *JAMA*. 2024;332(11):881-897. Panaccione R, et al. *J Crohns Colitis*. 2025;19(1):jjaf005.

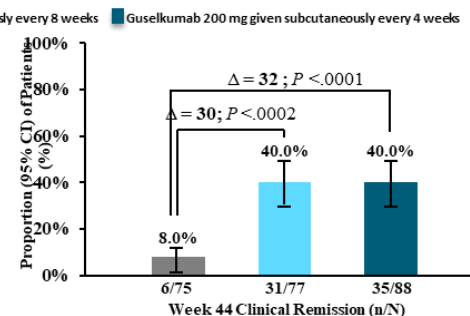
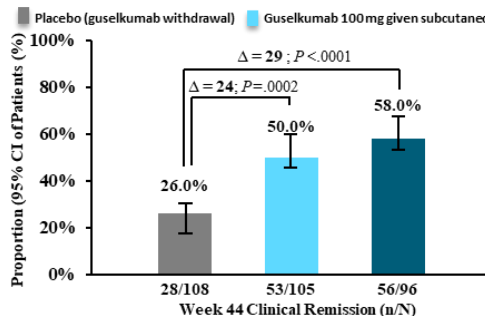
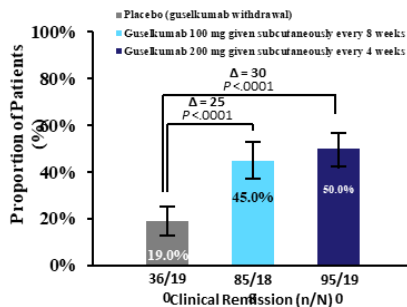


QUASAR: Guselkumab as Induction and Maintenance Therapy for Moderate-to-Severe UC

Week 12



Week 44



Clinical remission: SFS ≤ 1 and not greater than baseline, RBS=0, and ES of ≤ 1 (no friability)

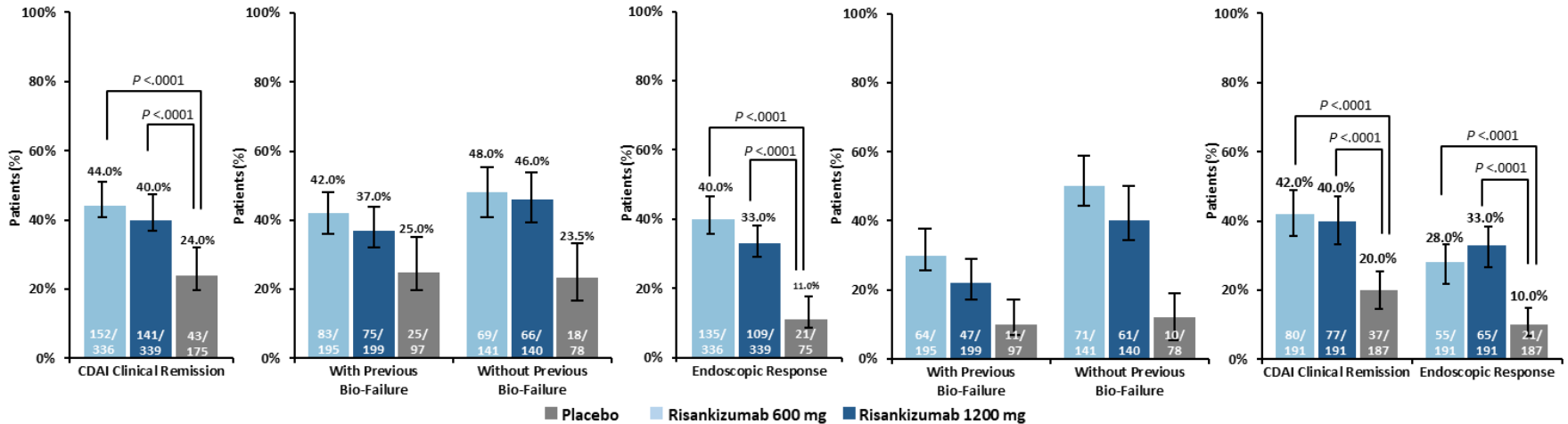
IL-23 in CD

Risankizumab Efficacy for Moderately to Severely Active CD: ADVANCE and MOTIVATE Induction Trials

Clinical Remission and Endoscopic Response at Week 12 (Coprimary Endpoints)

ADVANCE, Week 12

MOTIVATE, Week 12

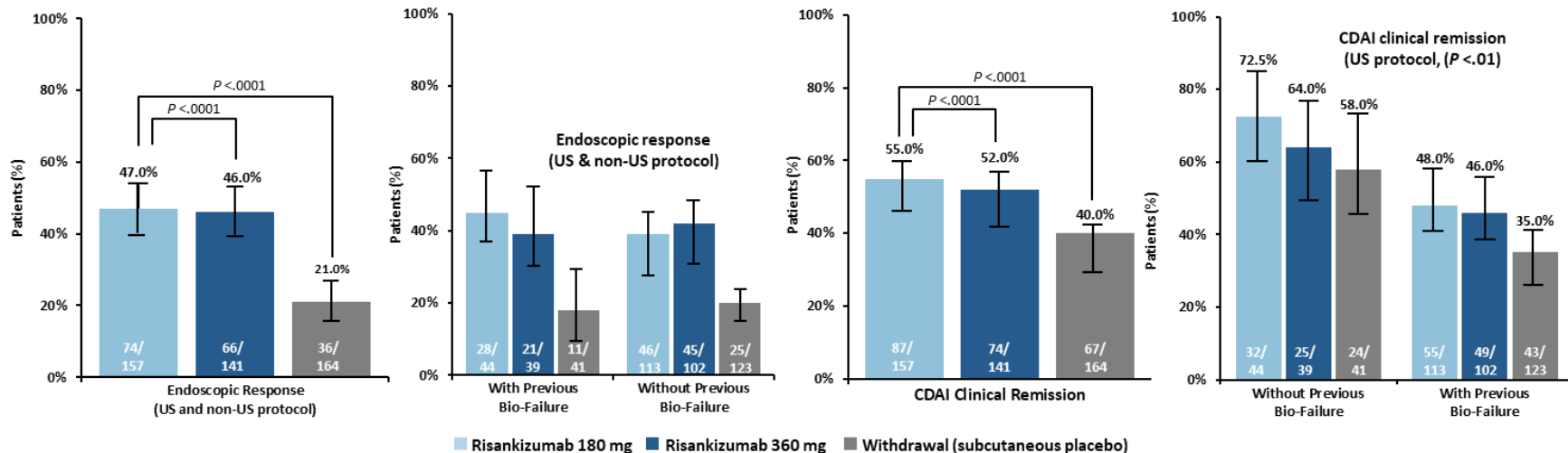


Clinical remission (US protocol): CDAI <150; Clinical remission (non-US protocol): SF/APS (average daily very soft/liquid SF ≤2.8 and average daily APS ≤1.0 and both not worse than baseline) or CDAI 50% from baseline (or for SES-CD of 4 at baseline, ≥2-point reduction); Endoscopic response: >50% decrease in SES-CD (or for isolated ileal disease and a baseline SES-CD of 4, ≥2-point reduction)

FORTIFY: Risankizumab as Maintenance Therapy for Moderately to Severely Active CD

Endoscopic Response (Primary Endpoint) and Clinical Remission

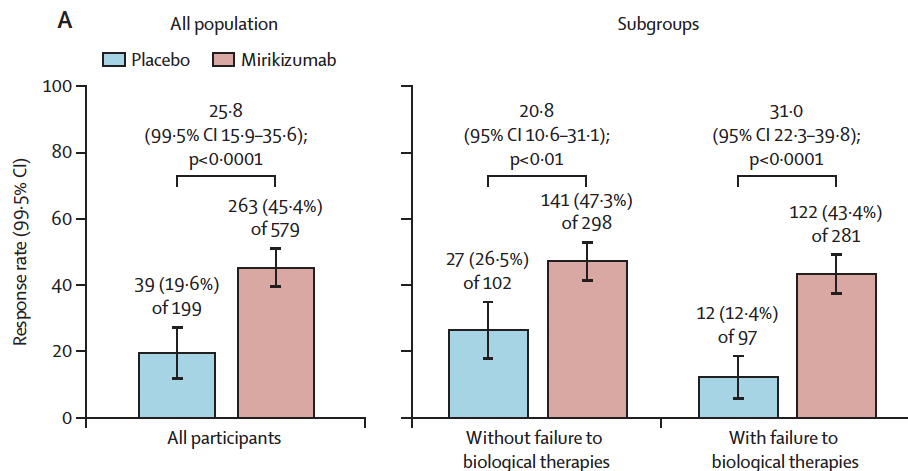
FORTIFY, Week 52



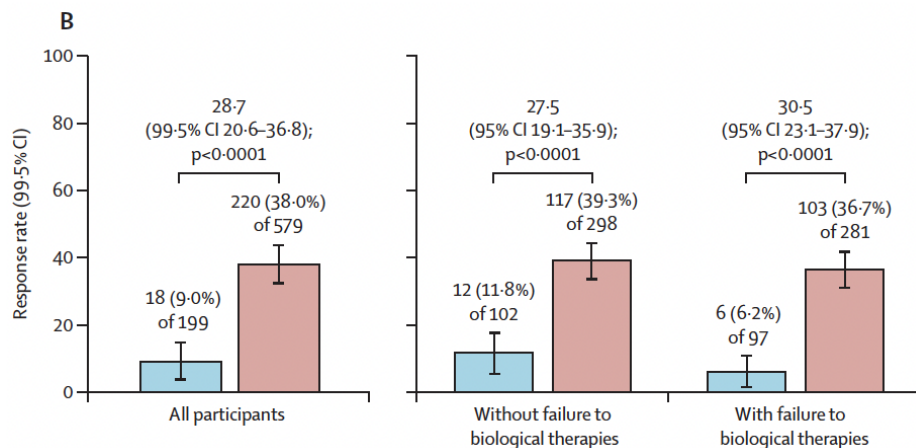
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VIVID-1 Coprimary Endpoints: Miri vs PBO for All Participants, and Pts with or without Previous Failure to Biological Therapies

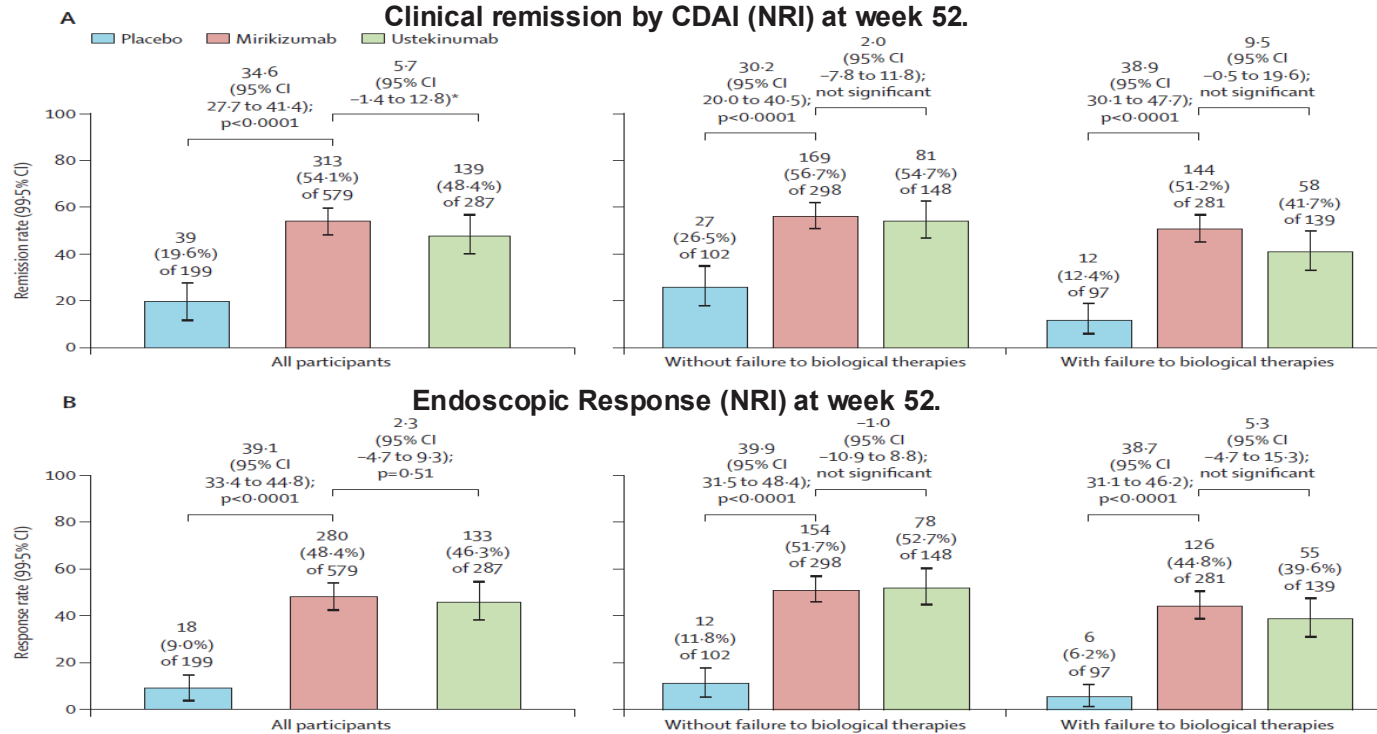
Co-primary endpoints: Clinical response by PRO at week 12 and clinical remission by CDAI at week 52 (NRI)



Co-primary endpoints: Clinical response by PRO at week 12 and endoscopic response at week 52 (NRI)



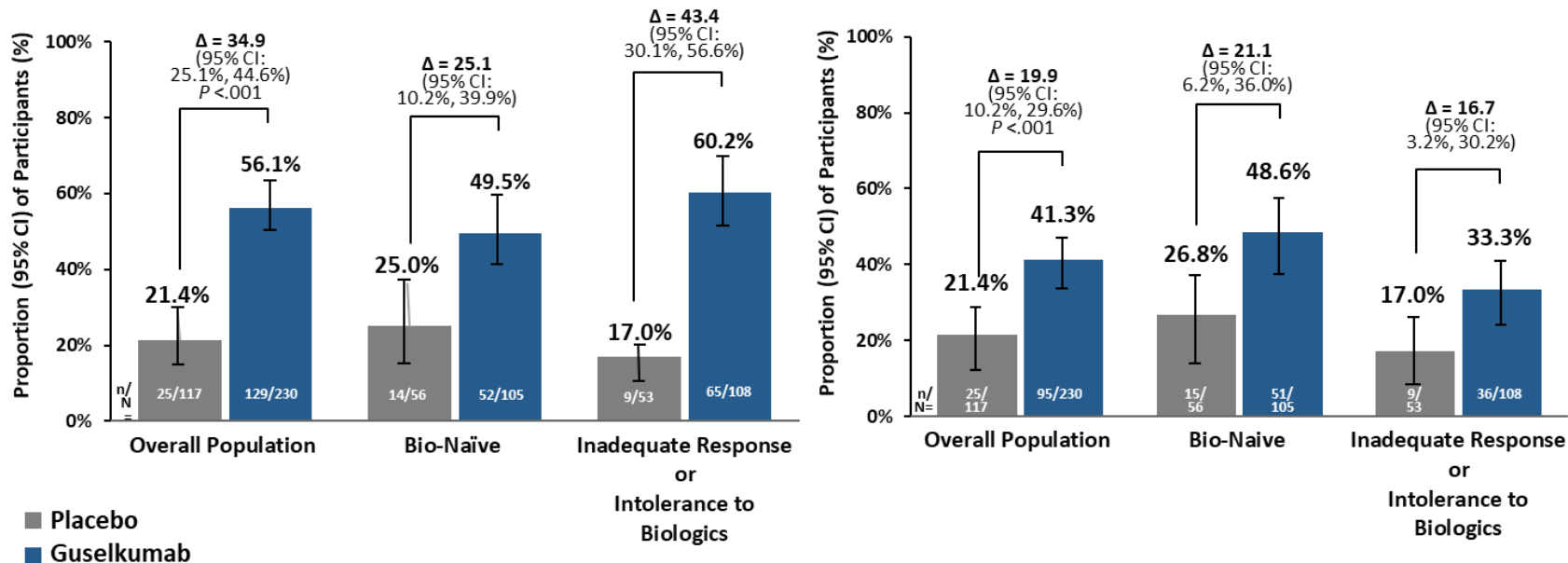
Treat-Through Results in All Participants, and Subgroups with or without Previous Failure to Biological Therapies, for Miri vs UST



NRI = non-responder imputation.

Ferrante M, et al. *Lancet*. 2024;404(10470):2423-2436.

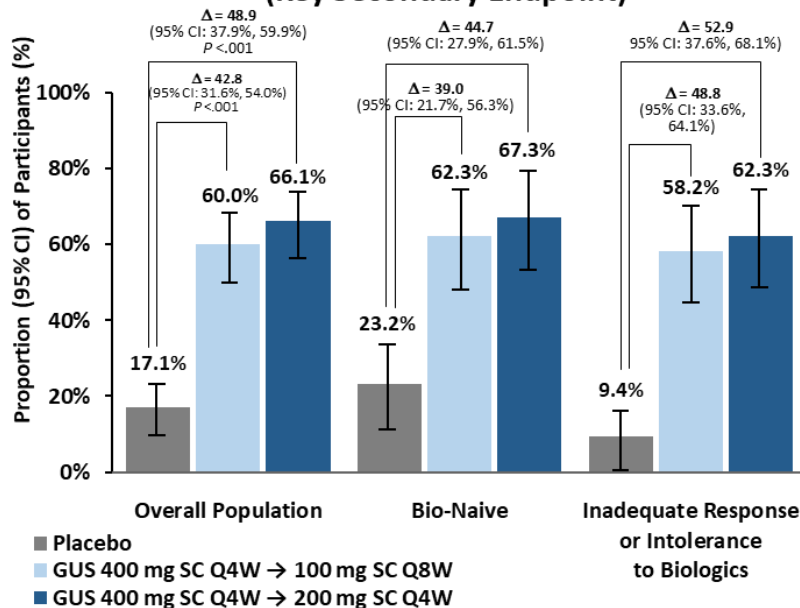
GRAVITI: Subcutaneous Guselkumab as Induction Therapy for Moderate-to-Severe CD



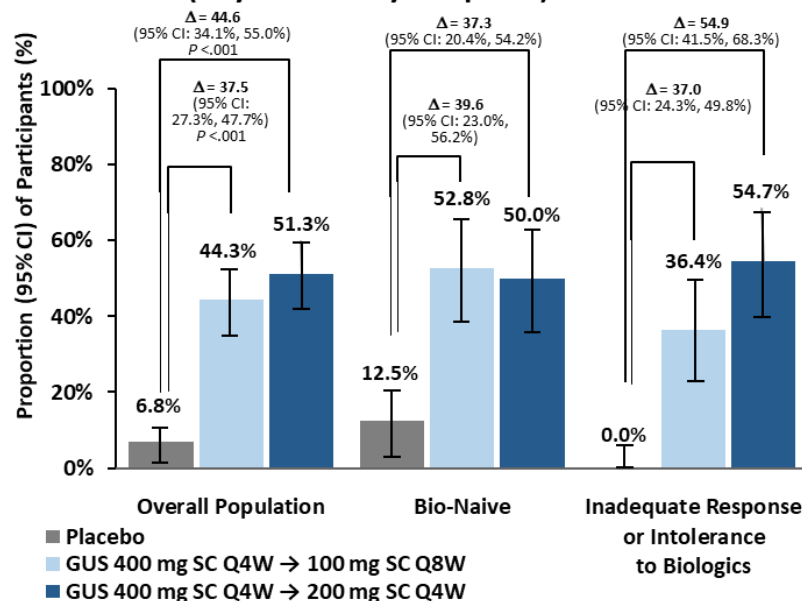
Clinical remission: CDAI score <150
 Endoscopic response: 50% improvement in SES-CD

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**Clinical Remission at Week 48
(Key Secondary Endpoint)**

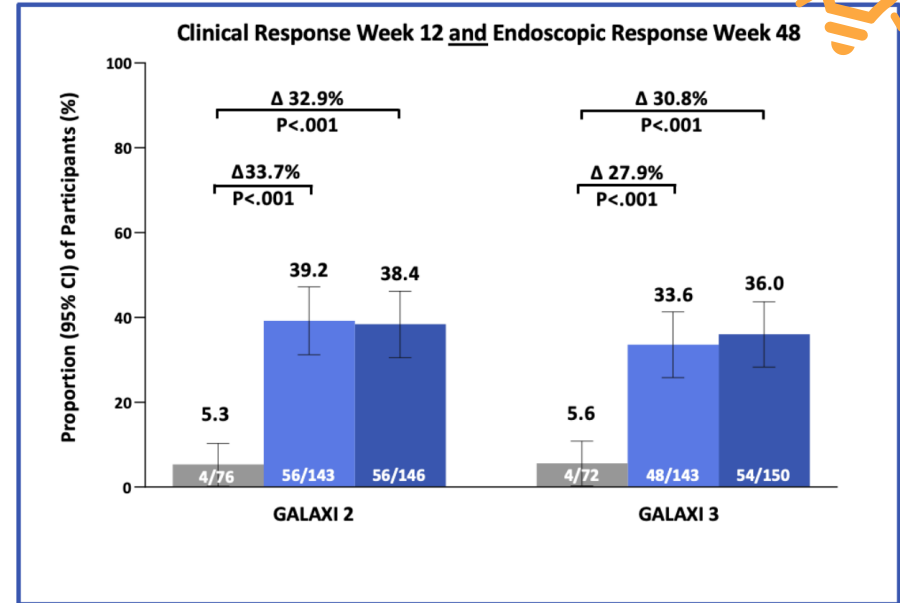
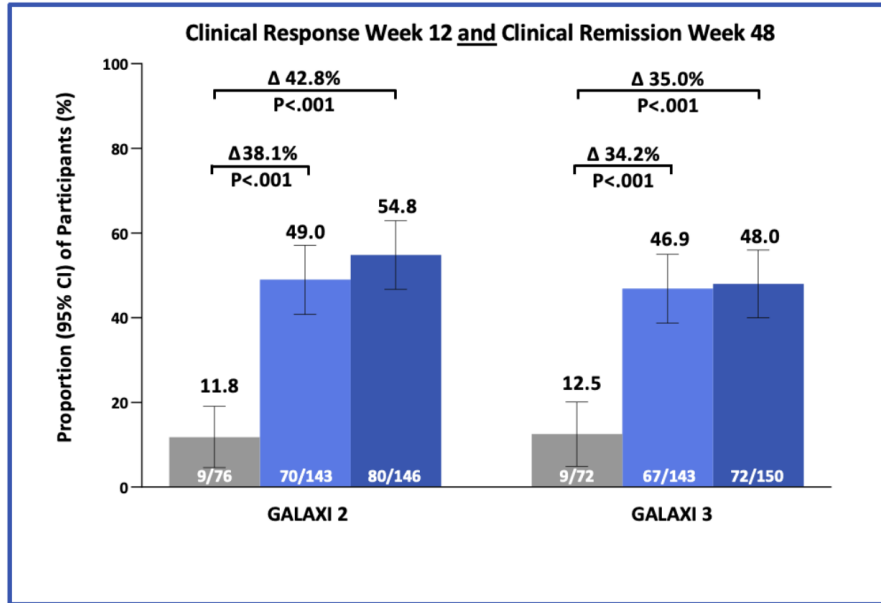


**Endoscopic Response at Week 48
(Key Secondary Endpoint)**



Clinical remission: CDAI <150; Endoscopic response: 50% improvement in SES-CD

GALAXI 2 & 3: Composite Co-Primary Endpoints



■ Placebo

■ GUS 200 mg IV q4w → 100 mg SC q8w

■ GUS 200 mg IV q4w → 200 mg SC q4w

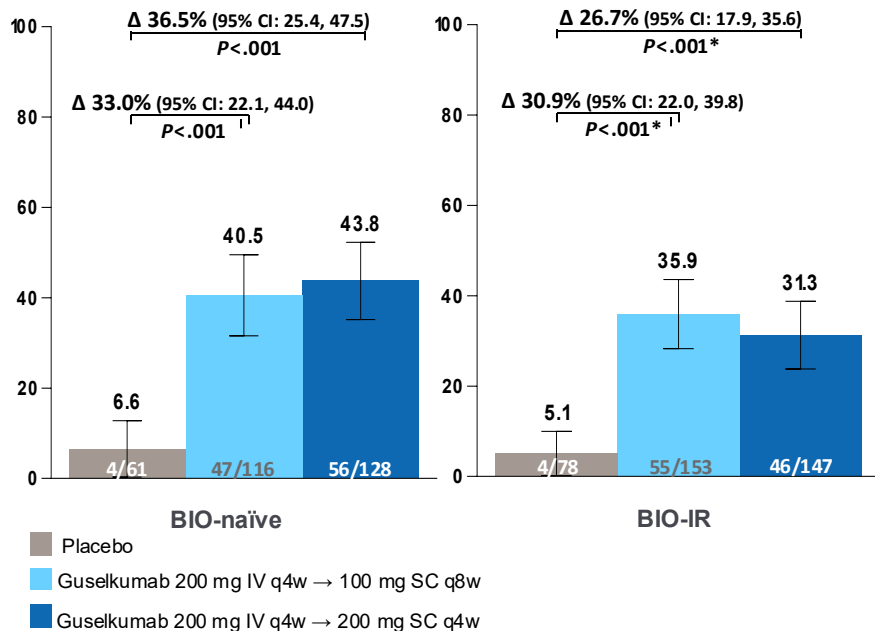
Clinical response: ≥ 100 -point reduction from baseline in CDAI or CDAI < 150; clinical remission: CDAI < 150; endoscopic response: $\geq 50\%$ improvement from baseline in SES-CD or SES-CD ≤ 2 .

Panaccione R, et al. Presented at: Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2024; May 18-21, 2024; Washington, DC. 1057b.

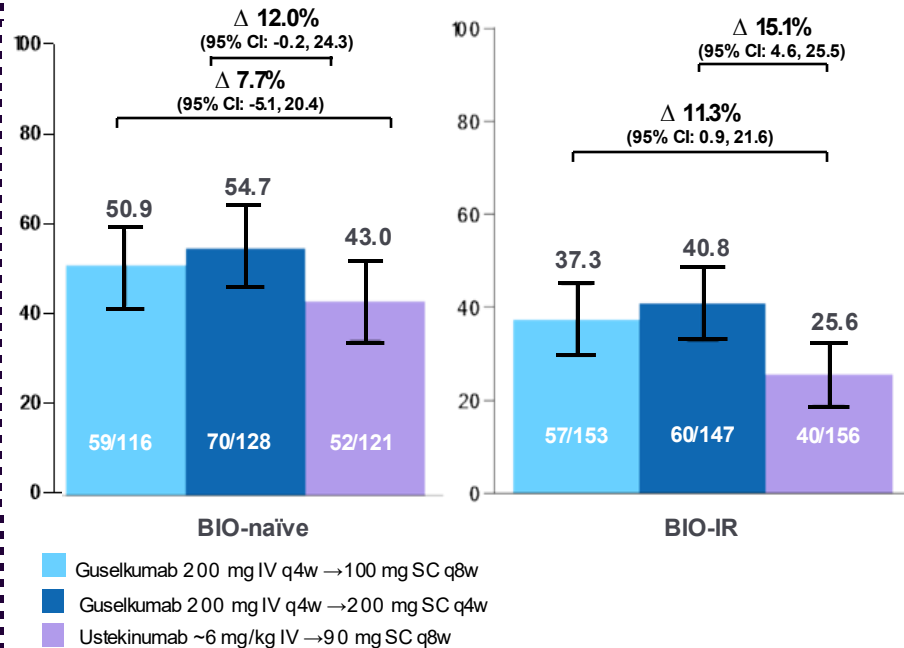


Guselkumab Efficacy by Prior Biologic Exposure in GALAXI-2 & -3 Trials, Weeks 12 and 48

Week 12 Clinical Response and Week 48 Endoscopic Response



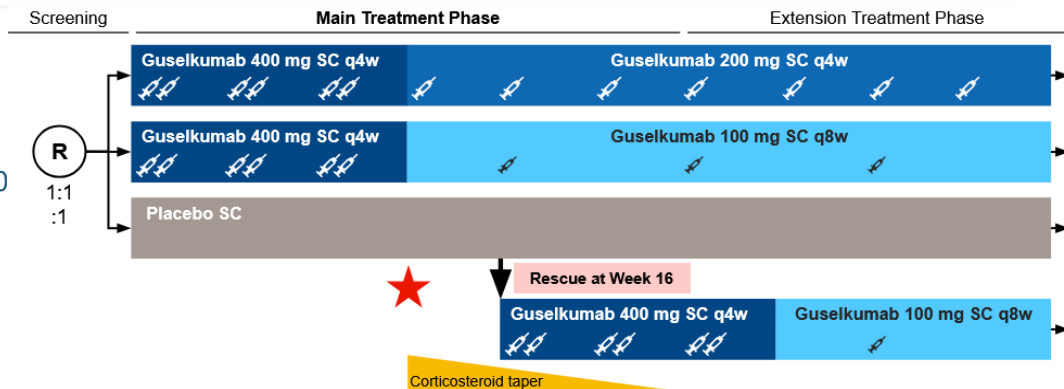
Week 48 Clinical Remission and Week 48 Endoscopic Response



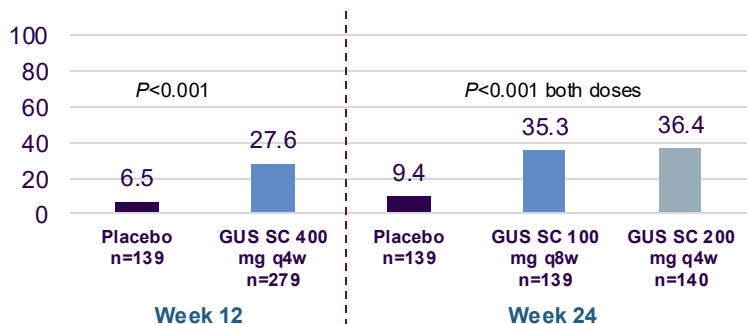
Subcutaneous GUS Effectively Induces Clinical, Endoscopic, and Histologic Remission in Mod-to-Sev Active UC: Phase 3 ASTRO

Methods

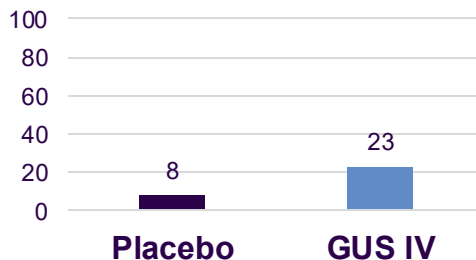
- Patients with moderate-to-severe UC, naive or previously exposed to advanced therapy
- Primary endpoint:** Clinical remission at Wk12 (Defined as: Stool frequency ≤ 1 , rectal bleeding=0 and a Mayo endoscopic subscore ≤ 1)
- N=418
 - 40.2% advanced therapy (ie. biologic/JAK/S1P) exposed



Clinical Remission at Weeks 12 and 24 with SC Induction



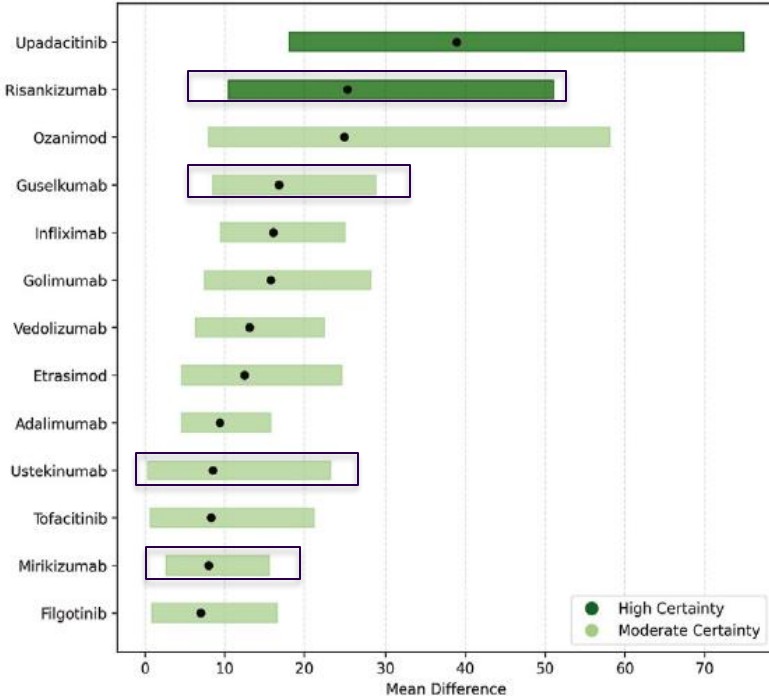
Clinical Remission with IV Induction: QUASAR



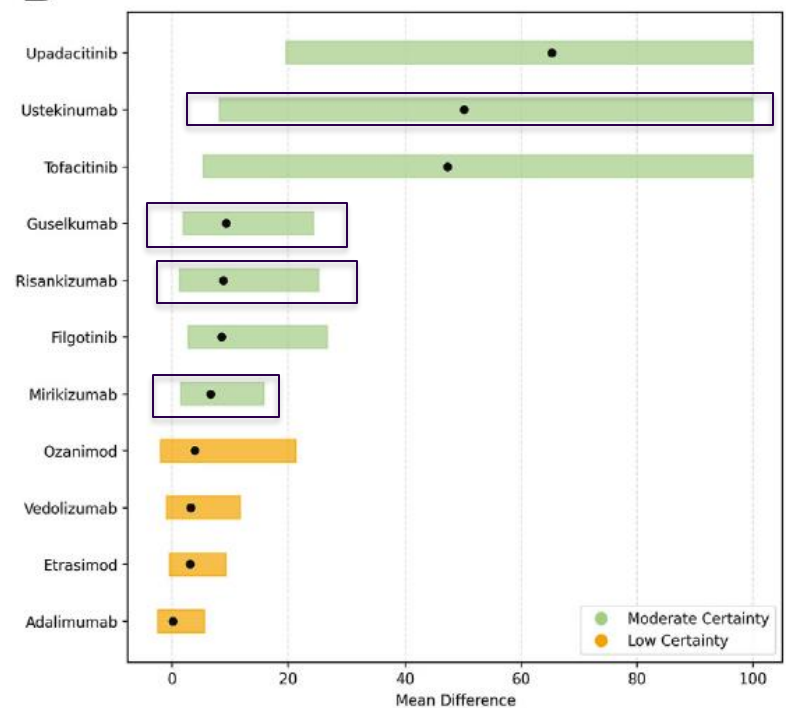
Key Takeaway

- Induction with SC guselkumab induces clinical and endoscopic remission in patients with moderate-to-severely active UC
- No new safety concerns

Network Meta-Analysis for Bio-Exposed vs Bio-Naive



Bio-Naïve UC



Bio-Exposed UC

Key Learning Points: The IL-23 Revolution

- Risankizumab IV induction and SC maintenance approved for CD and UC and superior to placebo
- Mirikizumab IV induction and SV maintenance approved for UC and CD and superior to placebo
 - Mirikizumab not superior to ustekinumab as it relates to endoscopic outcomes in CD
- Guselkumab: SC and IV induction and SC maintenance approved for CD and UC and superior to placebo
 - Guselkumab: CD IV induction and SC maintenance superior to UST



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Safety of Anti-IL-23

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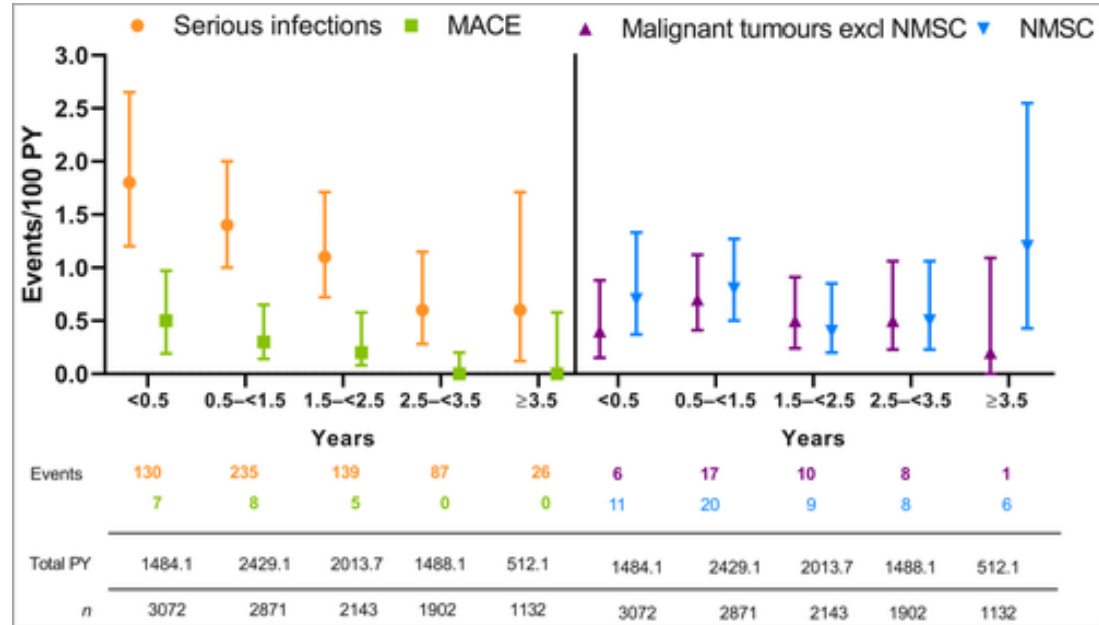
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Safety in Anti-IL-23

- Similar and low rates of AE/SAE compared to placebo across trials in phase 3 trials for risankizumab, mirikizumab, and guselkumab
- Increasing data for long-term safety (2-5 years) also shows continued low rates of AE/SAE overall
- No increased rates of serious infections, malignancy
- Risankizumab: Small increase rates of liver test abnormalities; one case of possible drug induced liver injury in phased trial
- **Recommended:** Liver tests at baseline and within first 8 weeks of initiation

Safety in Anti-IL-23

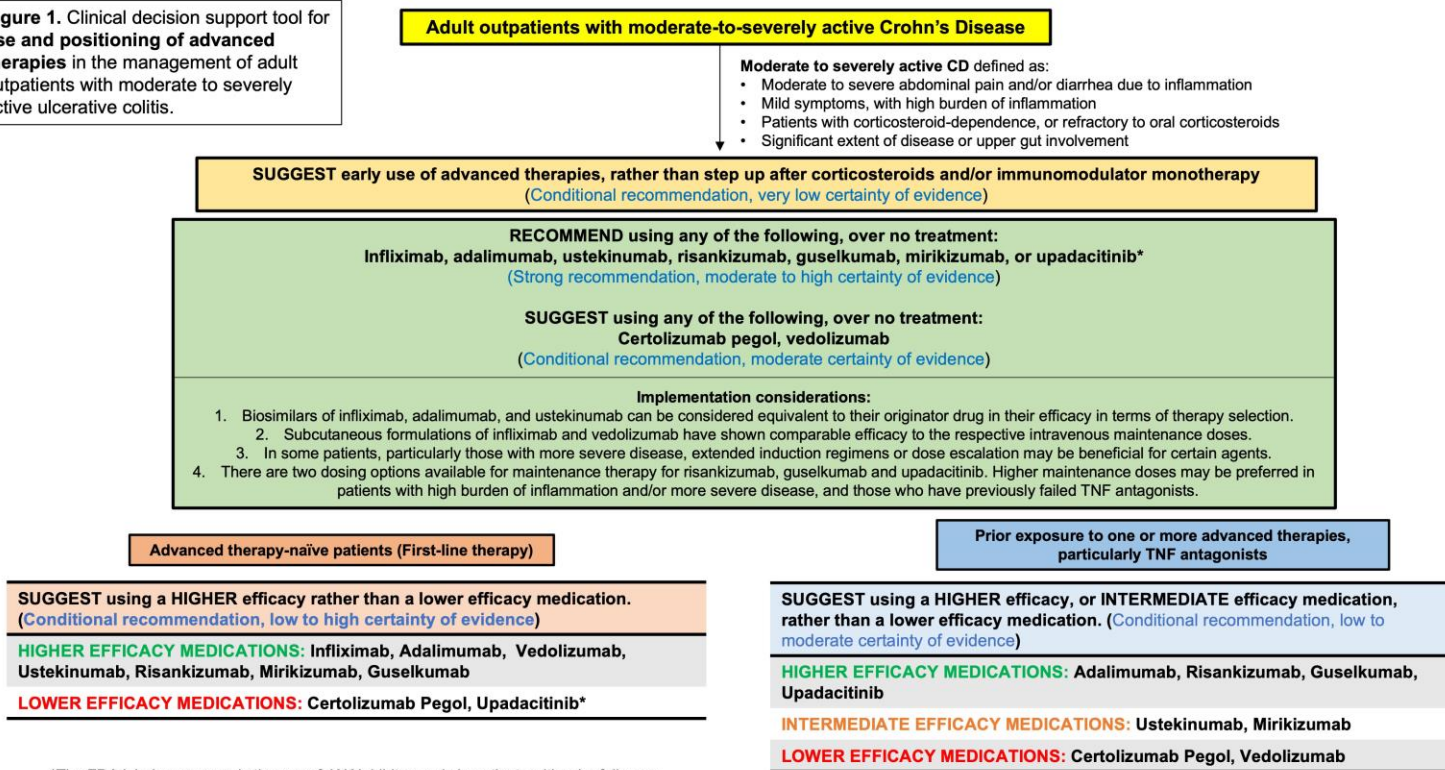
- Extensive experience in psoriasis (17 trials)
- Extensive experience in psoriatic arthritis
- Infection, MACE, malignancy rates extremely uncommon
- No boxed warnings



How to Use RCT to Drive Positioning

Proposed AGA CD Guidelines

Figure 1. Clinical decision support tool for use and positioning of advanced therapies in the management of adult outpatients with moderate to severely active ulcerative colitis.



*The FDA label recommends the use of JAK inhibitors only in patients with prior failure or intolerance to TNF antagonists.

AGA UC Guidelines

Adult outpatients with moderate to severely active ulcerative colitis

Moderate to severely active UC defined as:

- Moderate to severe symptoms with Mayo endoscopy sub-score 2 or 3
- Mild symptoms, with high burden of inflammation or poor prognostic features
- Patients with corticosteroid-dependence, or refractory to oral corticosteroids

ADVANCED THERAPY-NAÏVE PATIENTS (FIRST-LINE THERAPY)

SUGGEST using a HIGHER efficacy, or INTERMEDIATE efficacy medication, rather than a lower efficacy medication.

(Conditional recommendation, low certainty of evidence)

HIGHER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Infliximab, Vedolizumab, Ozanimod, Etrasimod, Upadacitinib*, Risankizumab, Guselkumab

INTERMEDIATE EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Golimumab, Ustekinumab, Tofacitinib*, Filgotinib*, Mirikizumab

LOWER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Adalimumab

PRIOR EXPOSURE TO ONE OR MORE ADVANCED THERAPIES, PARTICULARLY TNF ANTAGONISTS

SUGGEST using a HIGHER efficacy, or INTERMEDIATE efficacy medication, rather than a lower efficacy medication.

(Conditional recommendation, low certainty of evidence)

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INTERMEDIATE EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Filgotinib, Mirikizumab, Risankizumab, Guselkumab

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Comparative Efficacy Studies

Understanding Strength for Comparisons and Decision-Making

- **Efficacy**

- Pivotal randomized Phase 3 controlled trials
 - May have a comparator arm
- **Prospective randomized head-to-head trials**
 - Inferiority (“not worse than,” smaller sample size)
 - Superiority (no room for ambiguity or inconclusive results)
- Post-marketing data (Phase 4)
- Clinical decision tools
- Network meta-analyses
- **Real-world evidence (retrospective or prospective)**
- Case reports
- Expert opinion

STRENGTH OF DATA

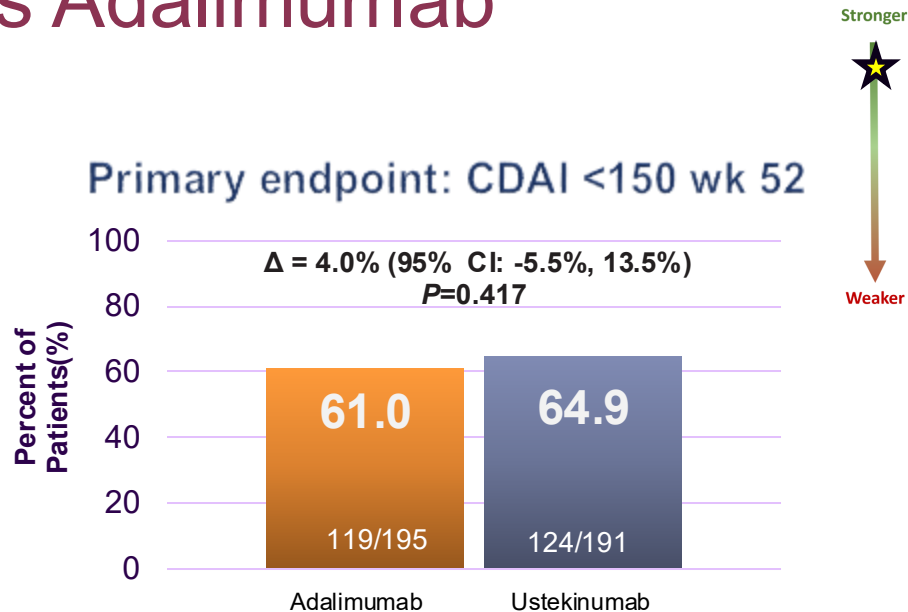
Stronger



Weaker

Head-to-Head Clinical Trial: Bio-Naïve Pts with CD: Ustekinumab vs Adalimumab

- Blinded, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy monotherapy for bio-naïve pts
- 386 pts: Active Crohn's disease with at least 1 ulcer on endoscopy
- Safety metrics similar
- Higher adalimumab cessation (11% vs 6%, $P = \text{NS}$)
- Endoscopic response rates: ADA 36.9% and UST 41.9%



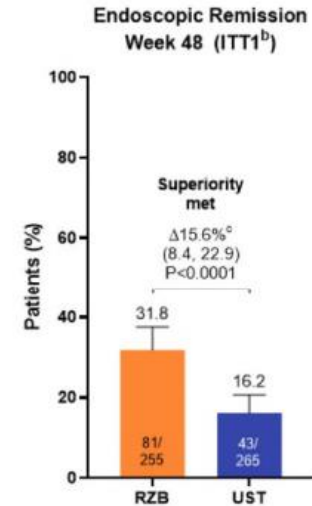
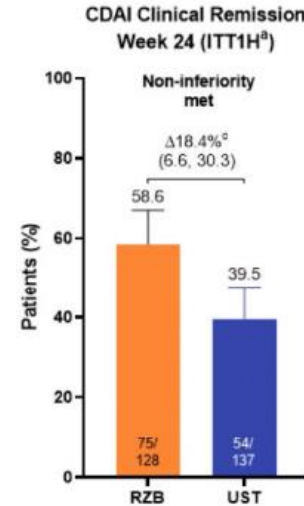
Head-to-Head Clinical Trial: Anti-TNF Experienced Pts with CD: Risankizumab vs Ustekinumab

- **SEQUENCE:** Head-to-head, phase 3b open-label, non-inferiority clinical trial for patients with Crohn's disease (active clinical and endoscopic disease) and anti-TNF failure/intolerance
 - Primary endpoints for RZB met
 - Non-inferiority to UST at wk 24: Clinical remission
 - Superiority to UST at wk 48: Endoscopic remission
 - Safety events: No difference in TEAEs or SAEs



Baseline Demographics and Disease Characteristics

Variable (ITT1) ^a	Risankizumab N=255	Ustekinumab N=265
Age, years, mean (SD)	38.0 (13.1)	38.3 (13.8)
Female, n (%)	119 (46.7)	134 (50.6)
BMI, mean (SD)	23.8 (5.5)	24.8 (6.0)
Disease duration, years, mean (SD)	9.4 (7.8)	9.4 (8.7)
SES-CD, mean (SD)	13.5 (7.1)	14.1 (7.4)
Daily abdominal pain, n, mean (SD)	251, 1.9 (0.5)	263, 1.9 (0.6)
Daily stool frequency, n, mean (SD)	251, 5.5 (2.7)	263, 5.6 (2.5)
Immunomodulator use, n (%)	34 (13.3)	47 (17.7)
Corticosteroid use ^b , n (%)	58 (22.7)	71 (26.8)
Baseline fecal calprotectin (mg/kg), n, median (min, max)	207, 1030 (30, 26823)	215, 1515 (30, 26361)
Baseline hs-CRP (mg/L), n, median (min, max)	246, 8.20 (0.2, 287.1)	257, 9.40 (0.2, 196.6)
CDAI, n, mean (SD)	251, 309.4 (61.7)	263, 310.1 (62.6)
Failed > 1 anti-TNFs ^b , n (%)	59 (23.1)	61 (23.0)
Disease location, n (%)		
Ileal only	42 (16.5)	45 (17.0)
Colonic only	102 (40.0)	106 (40.0)
Ileal-colonic	111 (43.5)	114 (43.0)



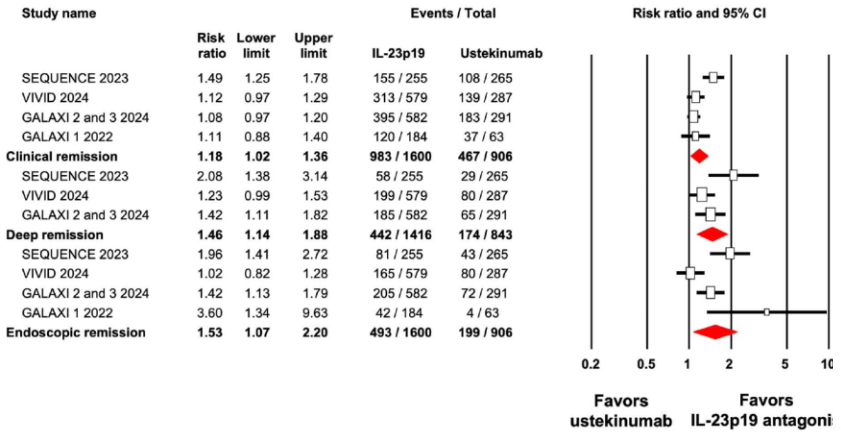
TEAE = treatment-emergent AE; ITT = intention to treat; RZB = risankizumab; BMI = body-mass index.
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Meta-Analysis: Anti-IL12/23 vs Anti-IL-23 in Pts with CD

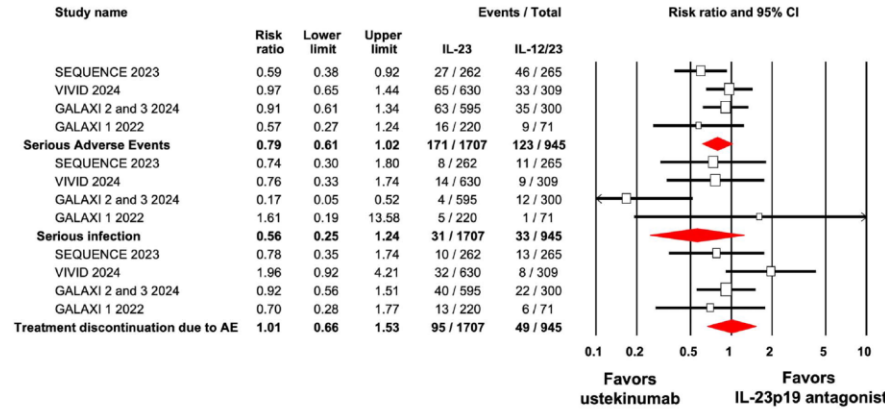
- Overall, anti-IL-23 was favored in efficacy endpoints
- In subset analysis, anti-IL-23 was favored in bio-experienced but not in bio-naïve pts



IL-23p19 Antagonists vs. Ustekinumab – All patients



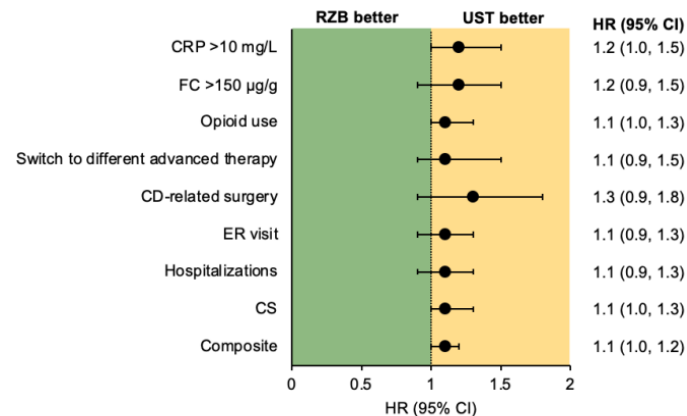
IL-23p19 Antagonists vs. Ustekinumab – Adverse Events



Real World: Real-World efficacy of Risankizumab vs Ustekinumab in Bio-Naïve Pts with CD

- Retrospective multicenter database evaluation of TriNetX US Collaborative Network
 - Pts who started RZB or UST June 2022 to Oct 2024
 - Cox proportional hazards model with 1:1 propensity-score matching
 - Demographics, BL comorbidities, CD severity (location, phenotype, EIM, CS at baseline, Hb, body weight)
 - 1 yr composite endpoint: Need for CS, IBD-related hospitalizations; ER visits; surgeries
 - RZB: 1633 pts; UST: 3106 pts (21% were dose escalated)
 - After matching: 1562 pts included

Composite and individual outcomes for RZB vs UST



Stronger



Weaker

BL = baseline; EIM = extraintestinal manifestations; CS = corticosteroids.

Deepak P, et al. Presented at: 20th Congress of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO); Feb 19-22, 2025, Berlin, DE. DOP102.



Real World: Real-World Efficacy of Risankizumab in Pts with CD in Multicenter Study

- Multicenter consortium (309 pts); 85.8% advanced therapy exposed including 169 UST exposed
- Primary outcome: Wk 12 clinical remission (HBI); 6 mon endoscopic remission with multiple secondary outcomes
- High rates of clinical remission at wk 12 and 6 mon
- Higher rates of 6 and 12 mon endoscopic remission in AT naïve
- Only 5.5% (17/309) experienced AE; 1.4% with SAE and stopped therapy

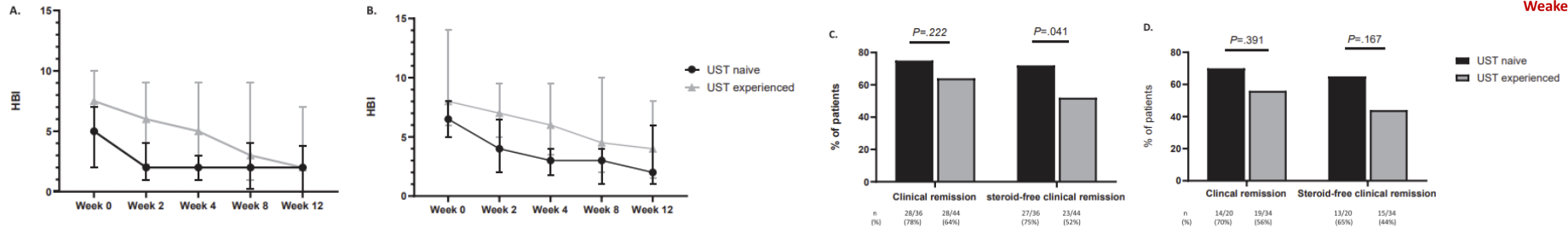


Table 2. Clinical and endoscopic outcomes following induction at 12 weeks, and cumulative maintenance outcomes after 6 and 12 months.

	Entire cohort	Advanced therapy naïve	Advanced therapy exposed	P-value	UST-naïve	UST-exposed	P-value
12-week outcomes							
Clinical response ^a	62.4% (123/197)	72.7% (24/33)	60.4% (99/164)	.181	66.7% (56/84)	59.3% (67/113)	.291
Clinical remission ^b	49.7% (98/197)	63.6% (21/33)	47.0% (77/164)	.080	57.1% (48/84)	44.2% (50/113)	.073
Steroid-free clinical ^c remission	66.6% (14/21)	75.0% (1/4)	64.7% (11/17)	.694	75.0% (6/8)	61.5% (8/13)	.525
6-month cumulative outcomes							
Clinical remission ^d	37.9% (97/256)	36.8% (14/38)	38.1% (83/218)	.885	36.7% (40/109)	38.8% (57/147)	.735
Endoscopic remission	54.2% (45/83)	88.9% (16/18)	44.6% (29/65)	<.001	75.6% (31/41)	33.3% (14/42)	<.001
Radiographic response ^e	30.6% (22/72)	30% (3/10)	30.6% (19/62)	.432	25.8% (8/31)	34.1% (14/41)	.298
12-month cumulative outcomes							
Clinical remission ^f	65.0% (165/254)	81.6% (31/38)	62.0% (134/216)	.020	70.6% (77/109)	60.7% (88/145)	.100
Endoscopic remission ^g	49.5% (51/103)	89.5% (17/19)	40.5% (34/84)	<.001	68.1% (32/47)	33.9% (19/56)	<.001
Radiographic response	36.2% (34/94)	42.9% (6/14)	35.0% (28/80)	.334	32.5% (13/40)	38.9% (21/54)	.332

Real World: Real-World efficacy of Risankizumab in Pts with CD in Single Center Study

- Retrospective single center analysis of patients on RZB from a single tertiary care center (n=80), all had active luminal disease at the time of initiation
- 74 (92%) were biologic experienced; 44 (55%) had UST experience



Covariate for steroid free remission	Odds Ratio	95% CI	P-value
History of bowel resection	0.082	0.015–0.466	0.005
Number of prior advanced therapies	0.86	0.490–1.509	0.598
UST exposure: primary non-responder	1.504	0.028–82.020	0.842
UST exposure: other experienced	2.383	0.93–61.121	0.6
HBI at baseline	0.765	0.636–0.921	0.005
Steroid use at baseline	0.276	0.055–1.384	0.118

Key Learning Points

- Safety: Anti-IL-23 agents show low AE/SAE rates, no increased risk of serious infections or malignancy; monitor liver tests early
- Head-to-head clinical trial: Risankizumab outperforms ustekinumab for endoscopic remission at 48 weeks
- Meta-analysis: Favors anti-IL-23 agents in biologic-experienced patients with CD
- Real world data: High clinical and endoscopic remission rates with risankizumab; consistent safety profile across studies
- AGA Guidelines: Moderate to Severe CD and UC
 - Treat early with advanced therapies
 - IL-23 positioning as both first line and bio-experienced

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PROs in IBD

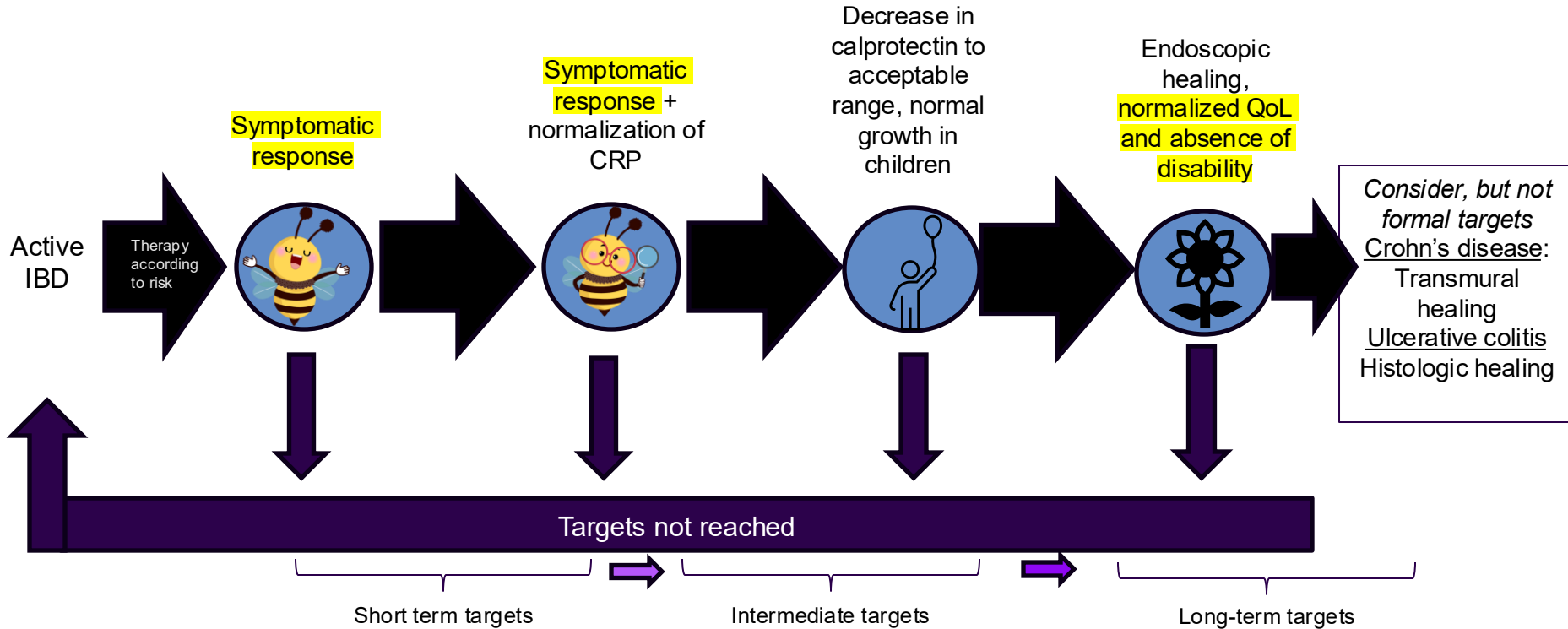
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STRIDE II



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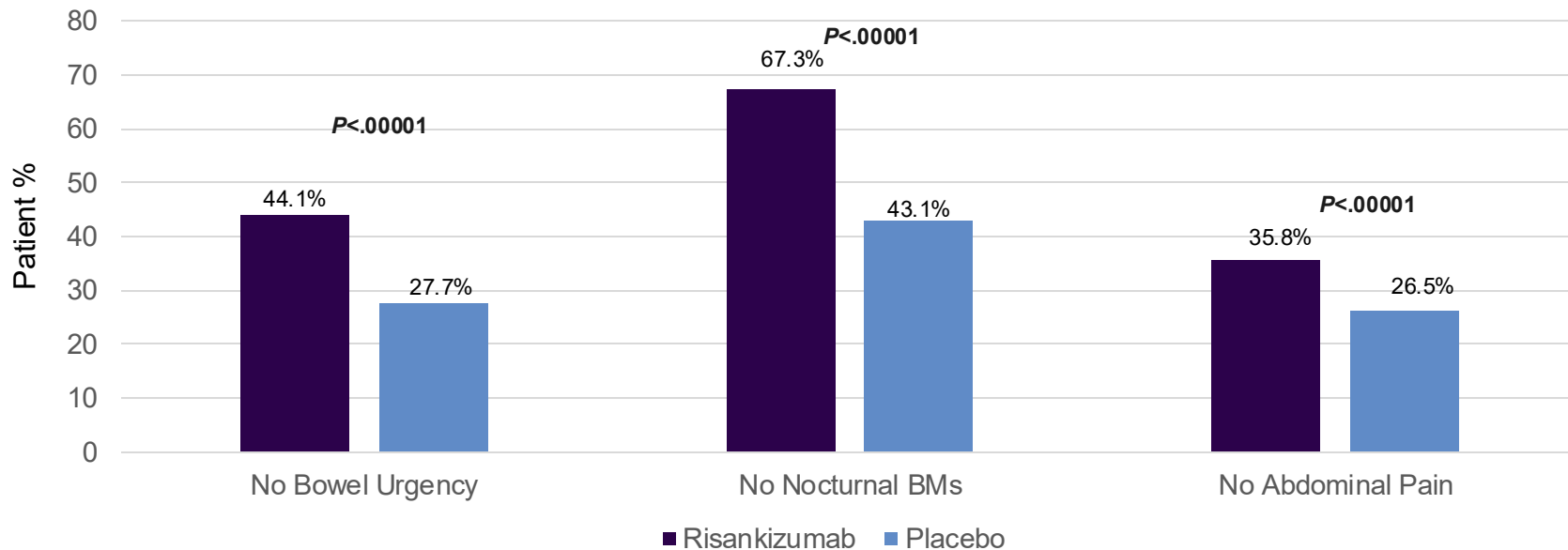
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Patient Reported Outcomes in IBD

- Capture how patients feel, function, and live
- Rectal bleeding, abdominal pain, stool frequency
 - Bowel urgency, fatigue, quality of life?
 - Standard questionnaires or capturing in practice

Risankizumab: PROs in UC

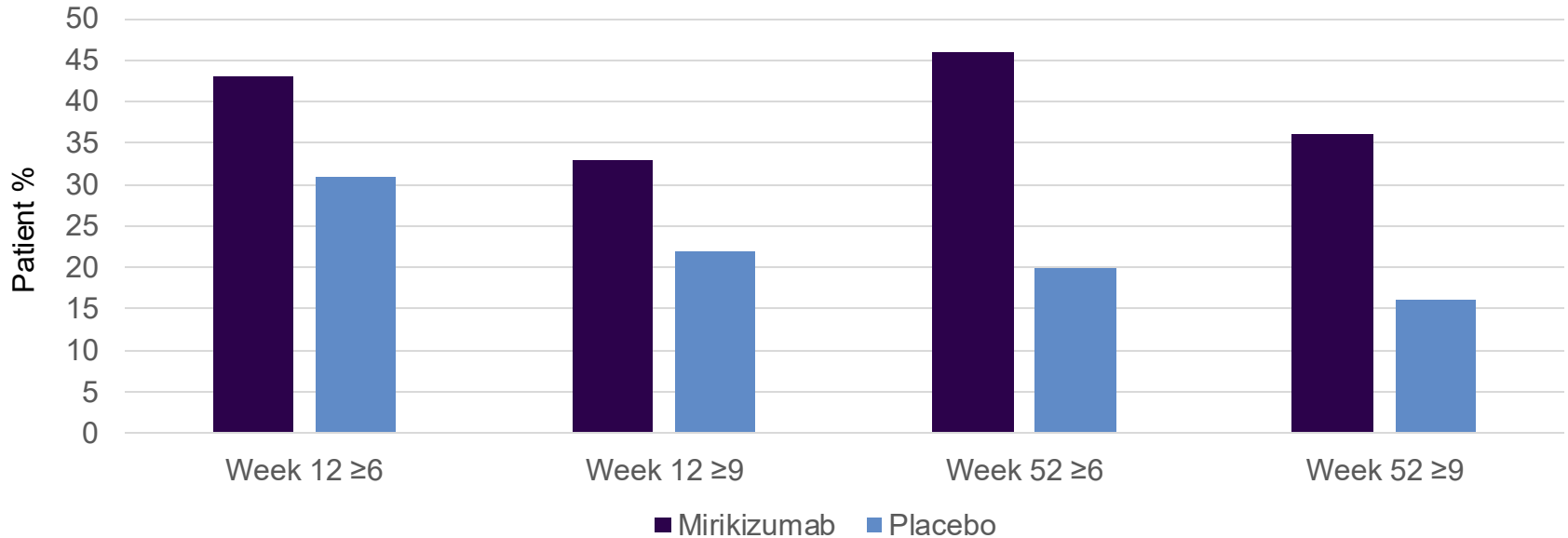
PRO at Week 12 – Inspire Study



BM = bowel movement; PRO = patient-reported outcomes.
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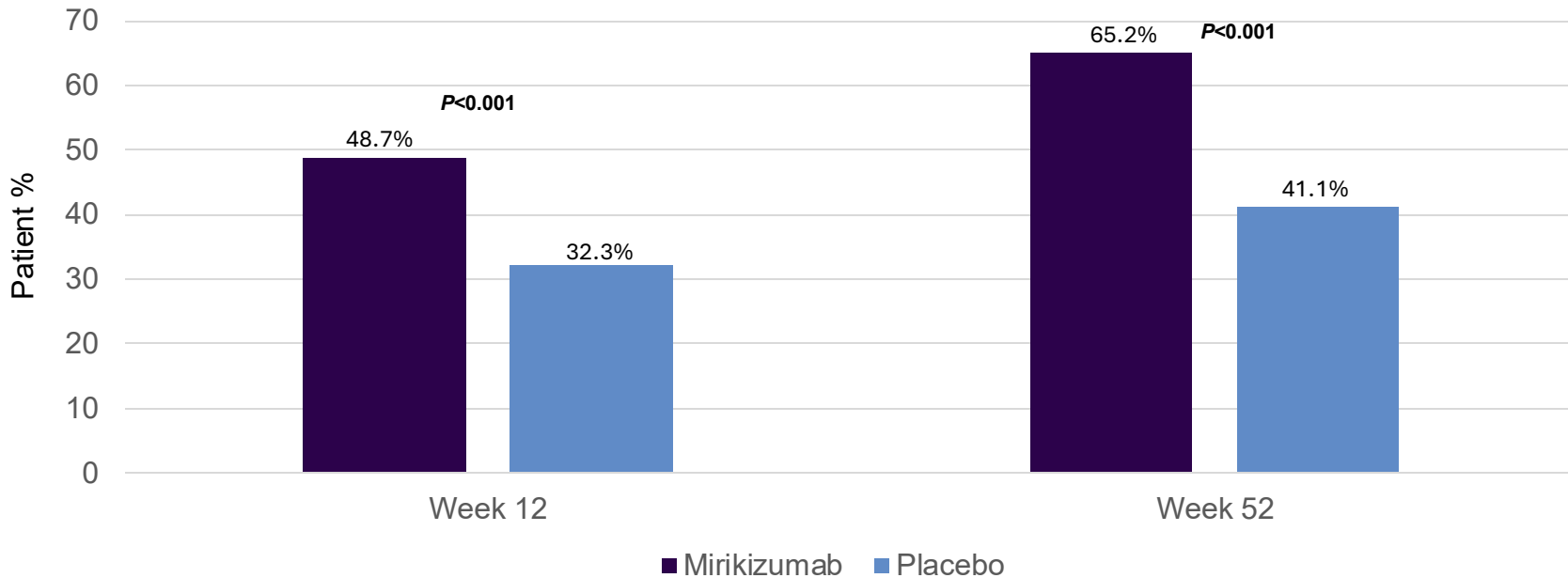
Mirikizumab: PROs in CD

Fatigue Score: Improvement from Baseline Score



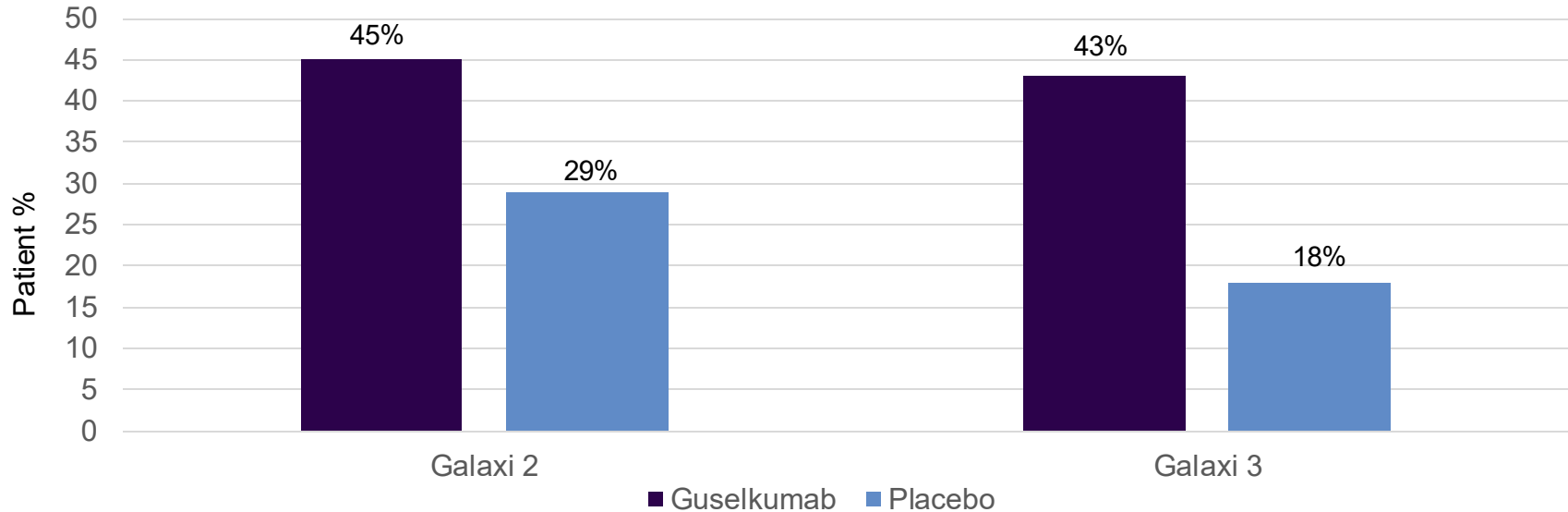
Mirikizumab: PROs in UC

Bowel Urgency Improvement by ≥ 3 with Baseline UNRS ≥ 3



Guselkumab: PROs in CD

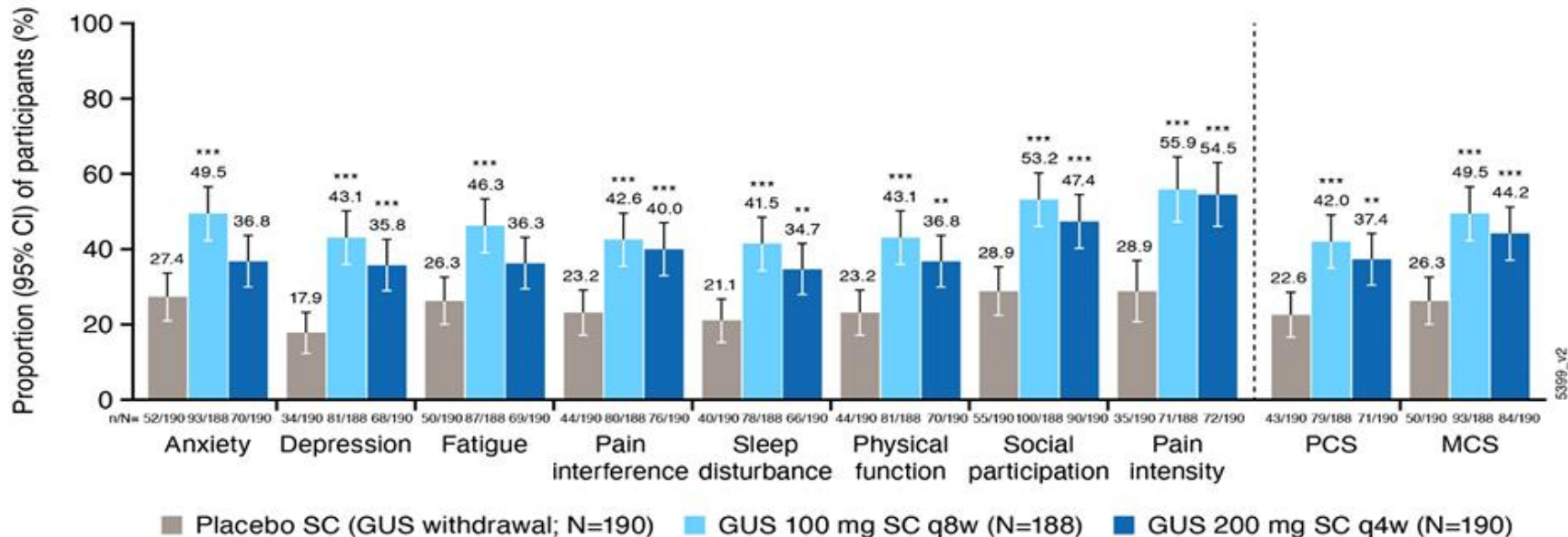
Fatigue Response at Week 12 (Galaxi 2 and Galaxi 3)



Defined by improvement from baseline of ≥ 7 points in PROMIS–Fatigue Short Form 7a score

Guselkumab: PROs in UC

Figure. Clinically meaningful improvement from induction baseline at Week 44 in each PROMIS-29 domain T-score, pain intensity score, and PCS/MCS scores



PCS = physical component score; MCS = mental component score.
 Bressler B et al. *J Crohn's Colitis*. 2025;19(Suppl 1):i2129-i2131

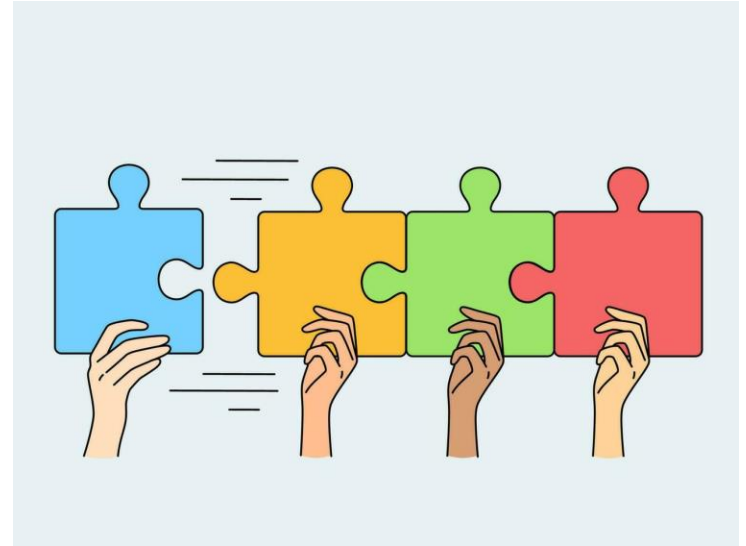
Shared Decision Making & Patient Values



- “What would successful treatment look like for you?”
 - Able to have a meeting before 10am
 - Able to run 5+ miles without a bathroom break
 - Having energy to complete weekly household chores
 - Abdominal pain not affecting work
 - Being able to drink coffee

How Can We Get There Together?

- Do you prefer injection or infusions?
- Have you self injected in the past?
- What is your work/travel schedule (thinking about infusions, frequency of injections)
- Co-morbidities, individual disease characteristics including EIMs, disease severity, safety profile

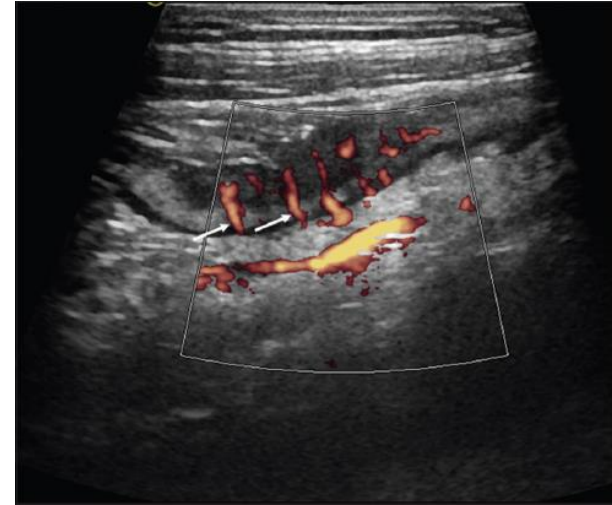


Multidisciplinary/Coordinated Care

- Involve your team of specialists
 - PCP, rheumatology, dermatology, ophthalmology if applicable
- Consider nutrition screening
 - Findings RDs when you don't have one in house
 - Eatright.org, iffgd.org, AGA, Crohn's & Colitis Foundation have searchable databases
- Consider mental health screening
 - Resources for referrals
 - <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us>

42-Year-Old Man with Weight Loss and Diarrhea

- Began 3 months ago, after returning from trip to Mexico
- Watery, non-bloody diarrhea, 5-7/day
- No abdominal pain
- Weight loss of 15 lbs
- No past medical history of note
- No medications
- No family history of IBD
- Exam – RLQ tenderness
- Labs – Hgb 10.9 g/dL, MCV 79 fl, Plt 564/ μ L, CRP 14.2 mg/dL, ESR 43 mm/hr, calprotectin 263 μ g/mg



Patient Reported Outcomes

- What would successful treatment look like to you?
- Are you missing work or social events due to your symptoms?
- What are you not doing that you'd like to be able to do?
- Consider formal screening for fatigue, anxiety, depression, bowel urgency to track outcomes over time

Key Learning Points

- True shared decision making happens when we understand our patients' values and preferences
 - In order to understand, we need to ask!
- STRIDE II guidelines include patient reported outcomes
 - But we can't stop there! Need objective data to confirm response
 - Absence of disability and normal quality of life is a long-term treatment target

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