

# How to use biologics in Psoriasis

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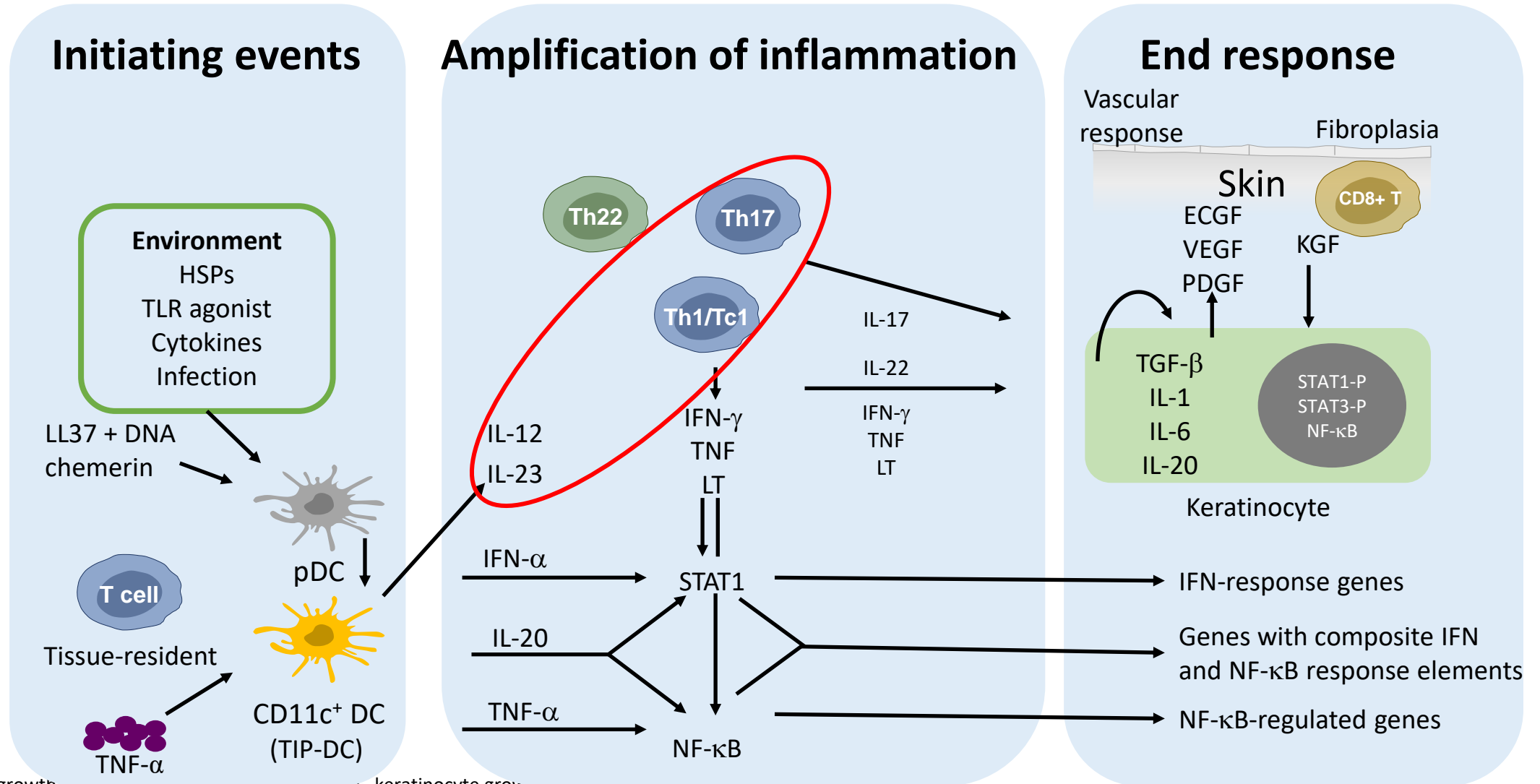
# Psoriasis essentials

- **Most cases present before age 40**
- **55% HLA Cw6 + (Early-Onset)**
- **> 81 susceptibility loci**
- **30% psoriatic arthritis**
- **30% depression /anxiety**
- **Obesity**
- **Cardiovascular disease**
- **Inflammatory bowel disease**



PSORIASIS

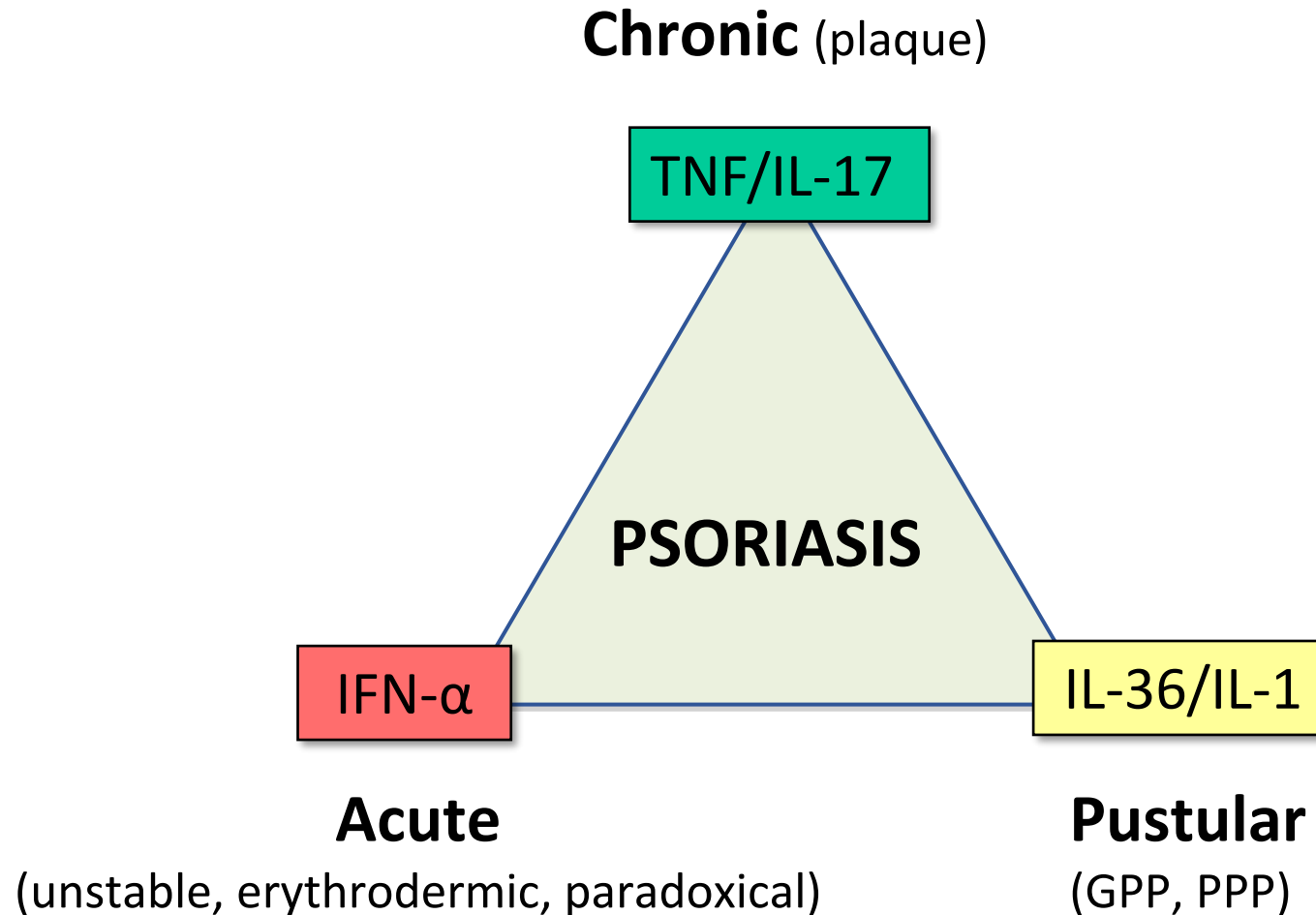
# Psoriasis plaque development



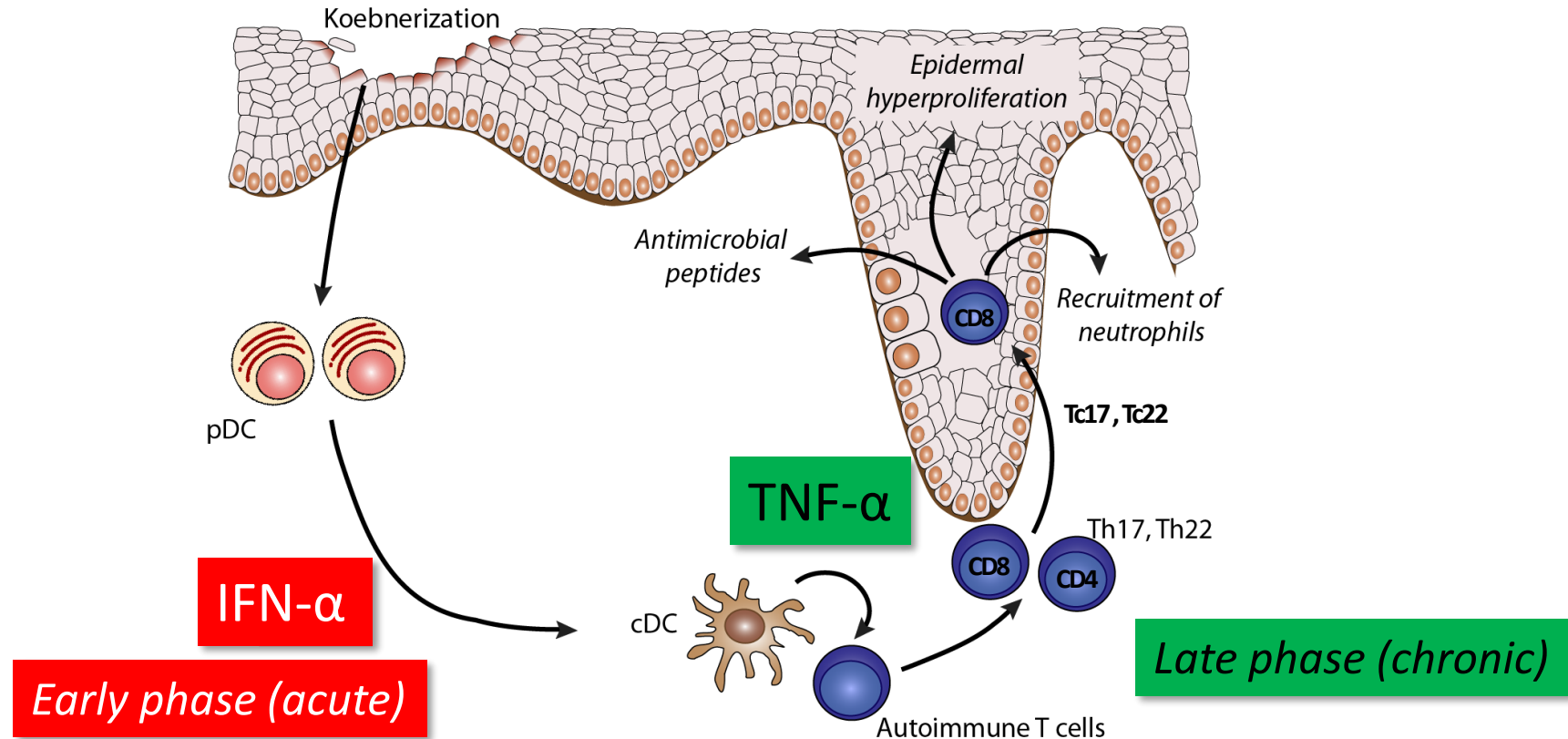
ECGF, endothelial cell growth factor; HSP, heat shock protein; KGF, keratinocyte growth factor; LT, lymphotoxin; PDGF, platelet-derived growth factor; STAT, signal transducers and activators of transcription; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

# Inflammatory pathways in psoriasis

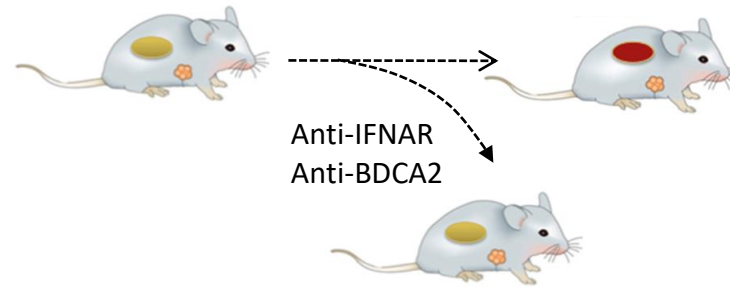
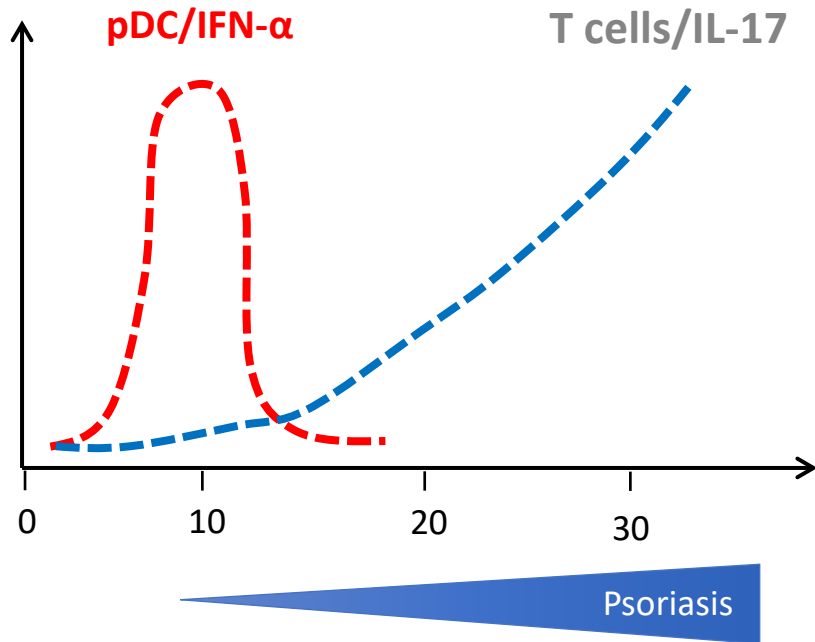
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# Psoriasis – Pathogenesis

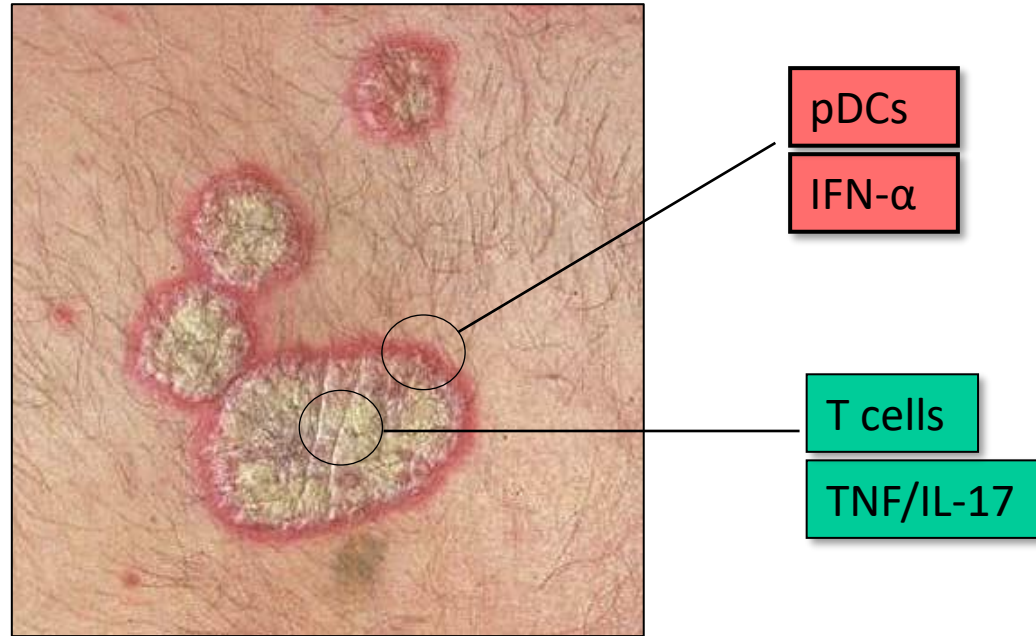


# pDCs in the Development of Psoriasis



Nestle et al. *J Exp Med.* 2005; Conrad et al. *Nat Med.* 2007

# Instable/advancing psoriasis plaques



Conrad and Gilliet, *unpublished data*

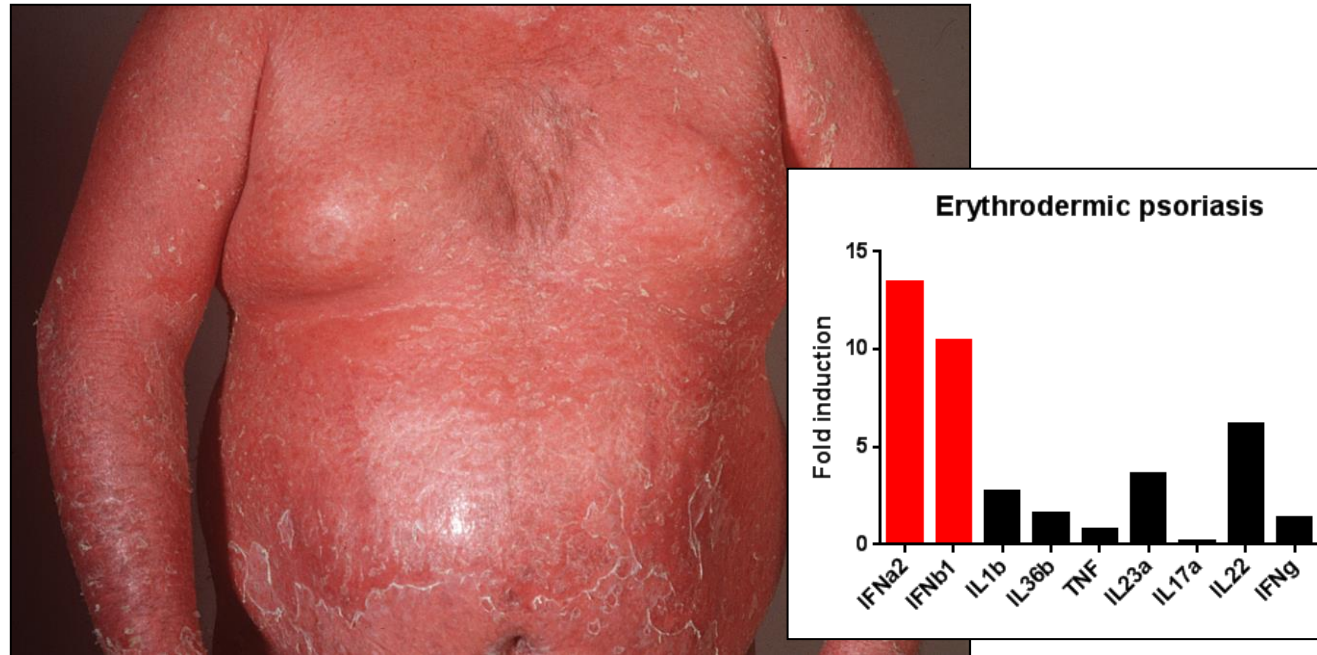
# Unstable Psoriasis



**PASI: 21**

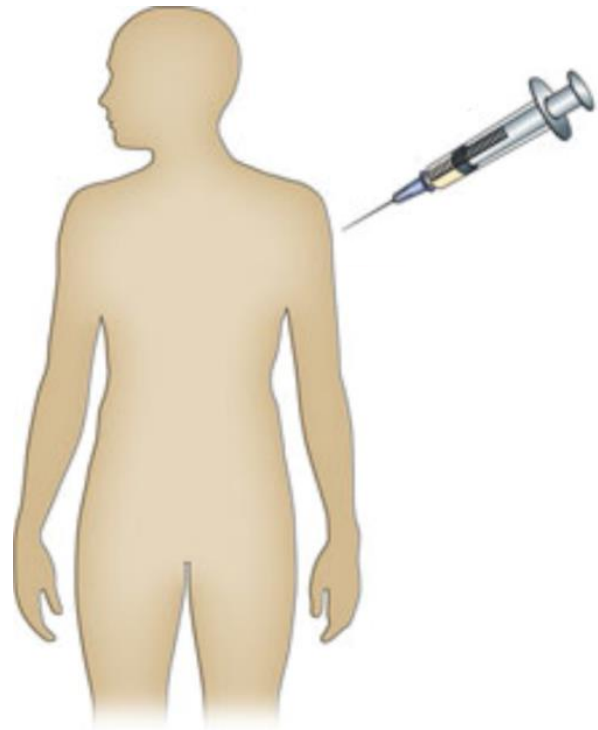


# Erythrodermic psoriasis



Conrad and Gilliet, *unpublished data*

# Targeting the IFN- $\alpha$ Pathway



Anti-BDCA2  
Anti-ILT-7

*Phase I studies  
(Biogen, Medimmune)*

TLR7/9 inhibitors

*Phase II studies  
(Idera)*

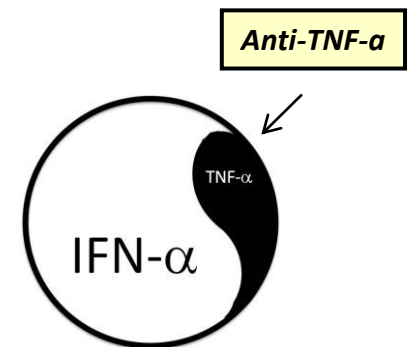
Anti-IFN- $\alpha$   
Anti-IFNAR  
TYK2 inhibitor  
**(Deucravacitinib)**

*Phase II/III studies  
(Medimmune, BMS)*

## *Indications:*

- **Acute forms of psoriasis (erythrodermic, instable)**
- **Paradoxical psoriasis**
- **Prevention of relapses**

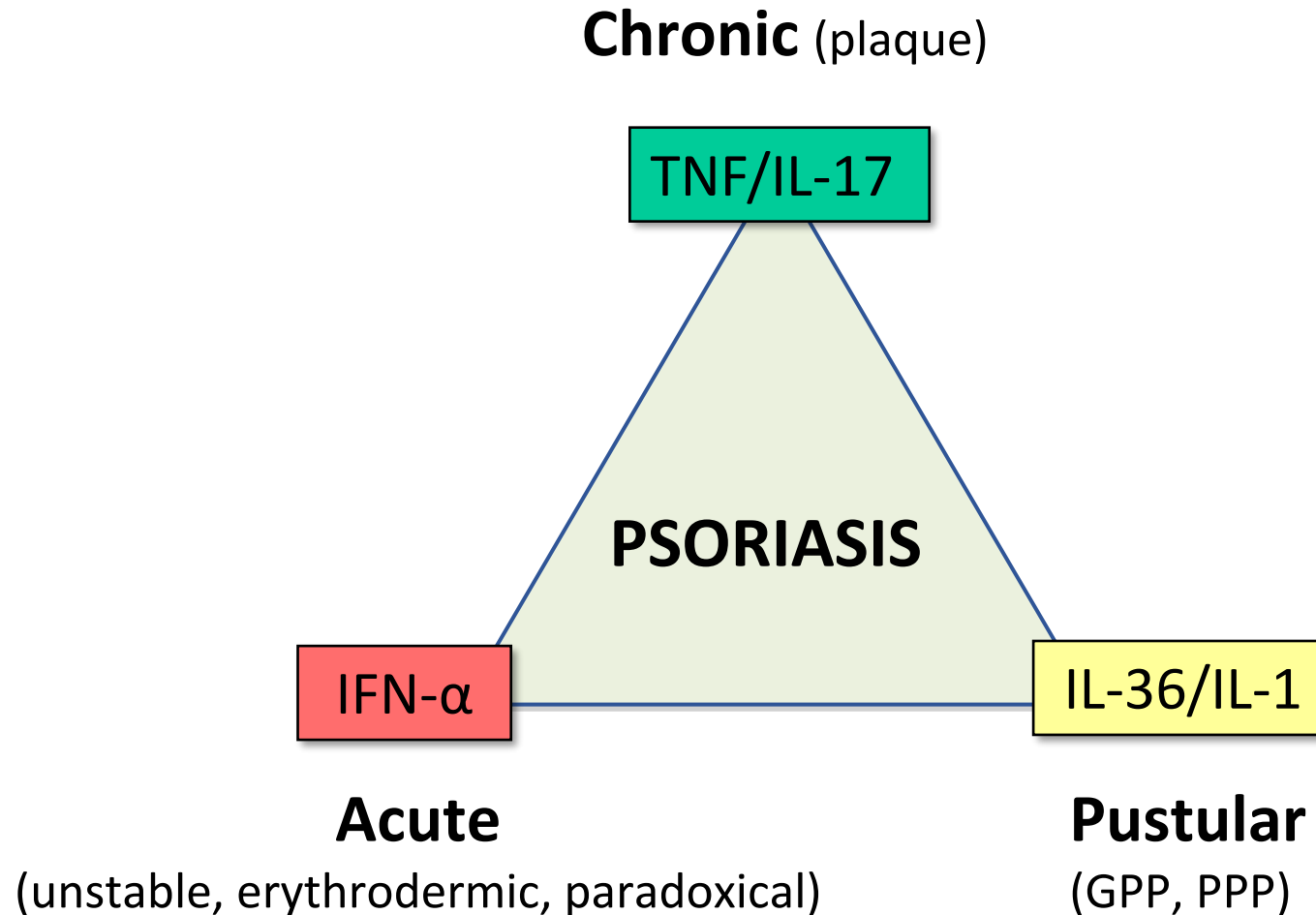
## Paradoxical psoriasis



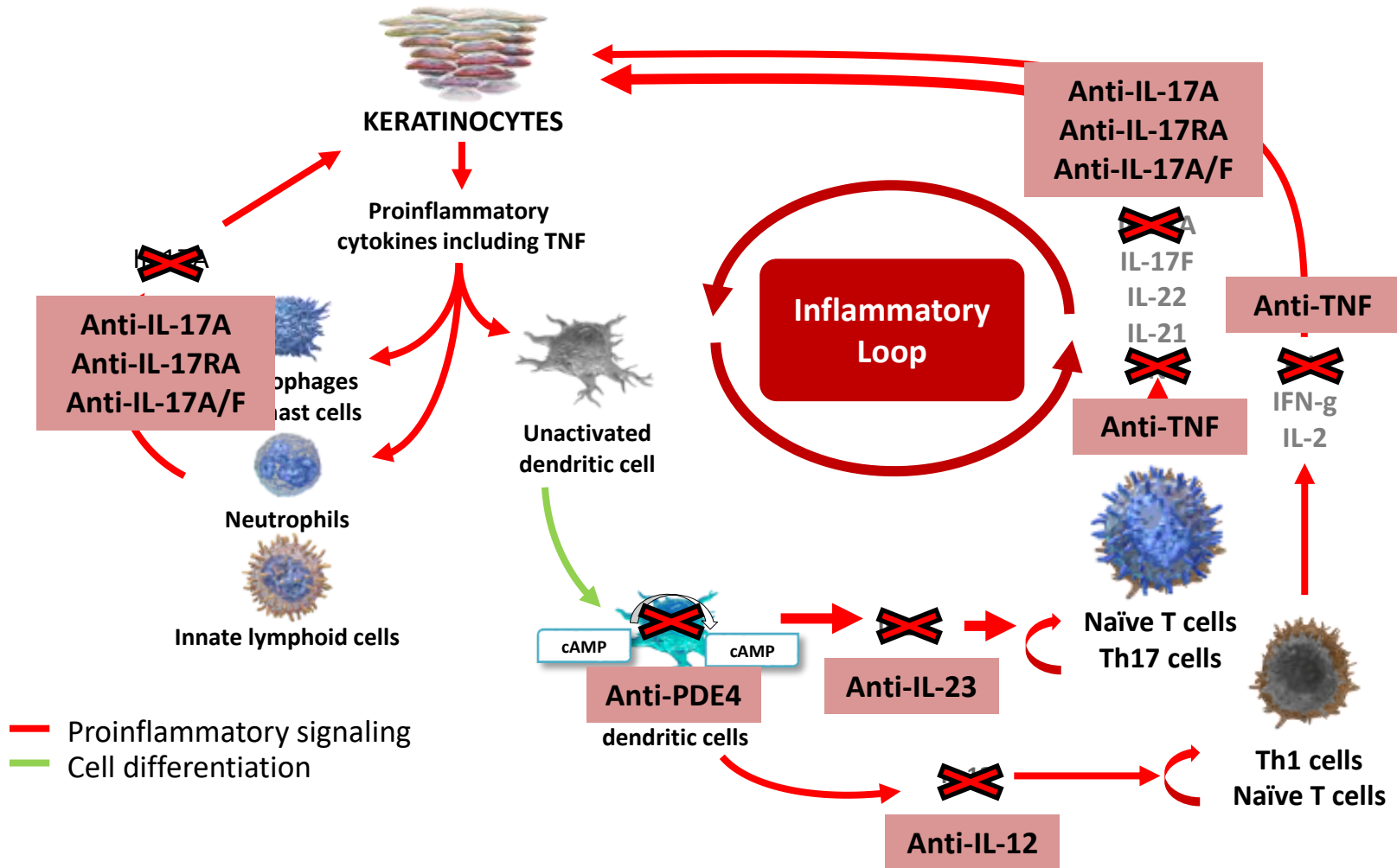
Conrad et al. *Nat Commun.* 2018

# Inflammatory pathways in psoriasis

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# Pathogenesis-based Approach to Treatment of Psoriasis in 2022



Adapted from Nestle FO, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2009;361:496–509; Lowes MA, et al. *JID.* 2008;128:1207–1211;

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Onishi RM, et al. *Immunol.* 2010;129:311–321; Lin AM, et al. *J Immunol.* 2011;187:490–500. Bruin G, et al. Poster presented at: EADV Conference; Istanbul, Turkey; 2–6 October 2013. E-Poster #P1498.

# When to Prescribe Biologic Therapy?

Inadequate control with topical therapy **and**

Significant impact on:

Physical, psychological, social wellbeing **and**

one or more of: > 10% BSA, or PASI >10

Phototherapy ineffective/rapid relapse

Localized disease: significant functional impact/distress  
e.g genital, nail, palmoplantar, face localizations

# Considerations when Prescribing

Patient age

Disease phenotype

Disease severity and impact

Psoriatic arthritis

Conception plans

Patient's views (social habits)

# Ideal therapeutic Target

- **PASI 90** Clinical improvement
- - 90% reduction in PASI from Pre-Treatment
- PASI 75 Clinical improvement
- - 75% reduction in PASI from Pre-Treatment
- **Absolute PASI<2** is equivalent to PASI 90

# Biologics Available for the Treatment of Psoriasis and their Molecular Structure

Approved	Class	Target	Molecular Structure	IG Type
Etanercept <sup>1</sup>	TNF $\alpha$ inhibitor	TNF $\alpha$	Receptor fusion protein	-
Infliximab <sup>2</sup>	TNF $\alpha$ inhibitor	TNF $\alpha$	Chimeric monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Adalimumab <sup>3</sup>	TNF $\alpha$ inhibitor	TNF $\alpha$	Fully human monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Ustekinumab <sup>4</sup>	IL-12/23 inhibitor	p40 subunit	Fully human monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Secukinumab <sup>5</sup>	IL-17A inhibitor	IL-17A	Fully human monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Ixekizumab <sup>6</sup>	IL-17A inhibitor	IL-17A	Humanized monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>4</sub>
Brodalumab	IL-17RA inhibitor	IL-17RA	Fully human monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>2</sub>
Guselkumab	IL-23 inhibitor	P19 subunit	Fully human monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Tildrakizumab	IL-23 inhibitor	P19 subunit	Humanized monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Risankizumab	IL-23 inhibitor	P19 subunit	Humanized monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>
Bimekizumab	IL-17A/F inhibitor	IL17A/F	Humanized monoclonal antibody	IgG <sub>1</sub>

<sup>1</sup> Papp KA, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2005;152:1304–1312; 2. Reich K, et al. *Lancet* 2005;366:1367–1374;  
<sup>3</sup> Menter A, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2008;58:106–115; 4. Papp KA, et al. *Lancet* 2012;380:738–746;  
<sup>5</sup> Langley RG, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014; 371:326–328; 6. Leonardi C, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;366:13:1190–1199.

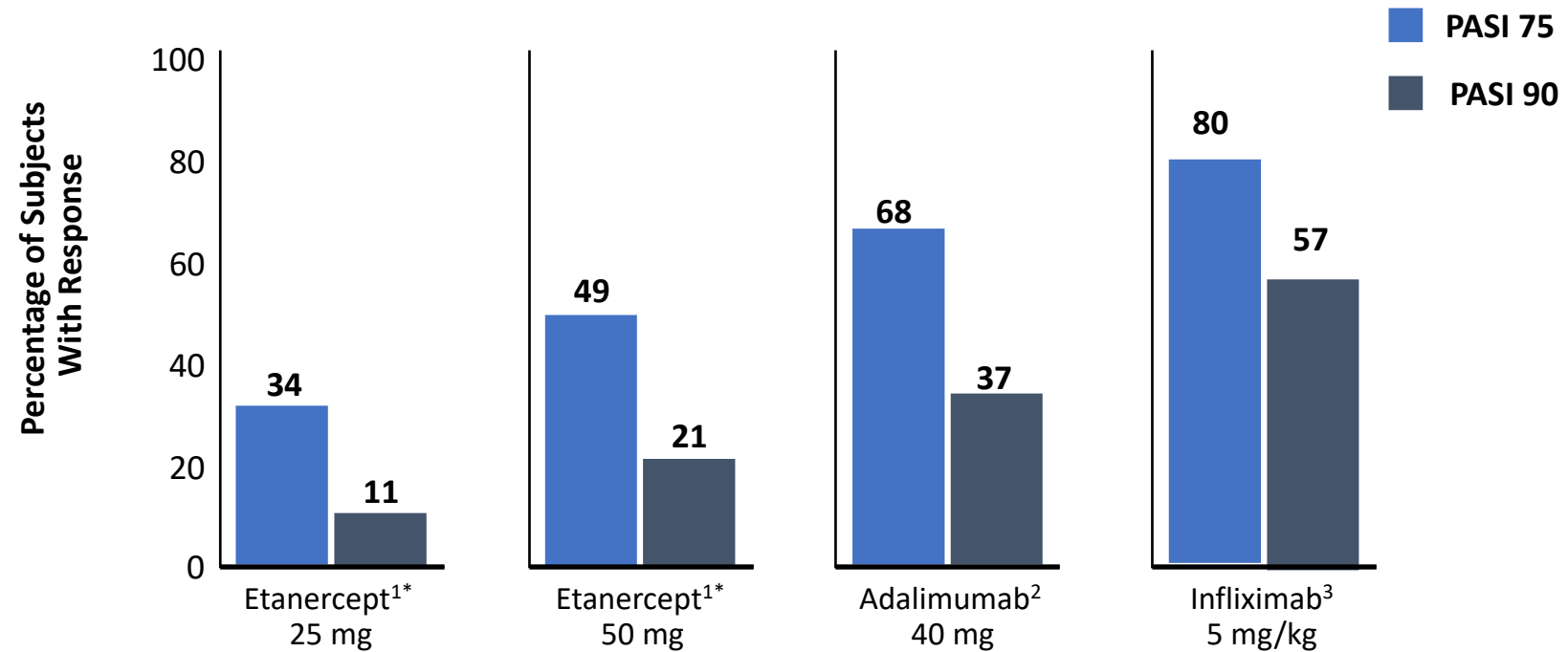
# Anti-TNF Biologics

- Greatest experience with this class
- Key considerations
  - TB
  - Demyelination - peripheral and central
  - Cardiac failure
  - Infection - serious more likely with infliximab; also unusual
  - Anti-drug antibodies (ADAs)
  - Weight gain
  - Biosmilars
  - **Approved for Psoriatic Arthritis**

# Anti-TNF Biologics

- **Infliximab**
  - Weight-based dosing and IV (5mg/Kg, 8 weekly)
  - ADAs high; consider starting with methotrexate
- **Etanercept**
  - Soluble receptor
  - 50mg SC weekly; least efficacious; many biosimilars
- **Adalimumab**
  - 40mgs SC 2 weekly;
  - Can increase to weekly
  - Most frequently prescribed biologic in UK; biosimilars now
- **Certolizumab**
  - 200mg SC 2 weekly pegylated;
  - Good data from pregnancy- use throughout

# PASI Responses Achieved With TNF $\alpha$ Inhibition



**PASI Responses at Week 12<sup>†</sup>**  
Comparisons not from head-to-head trials

PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index

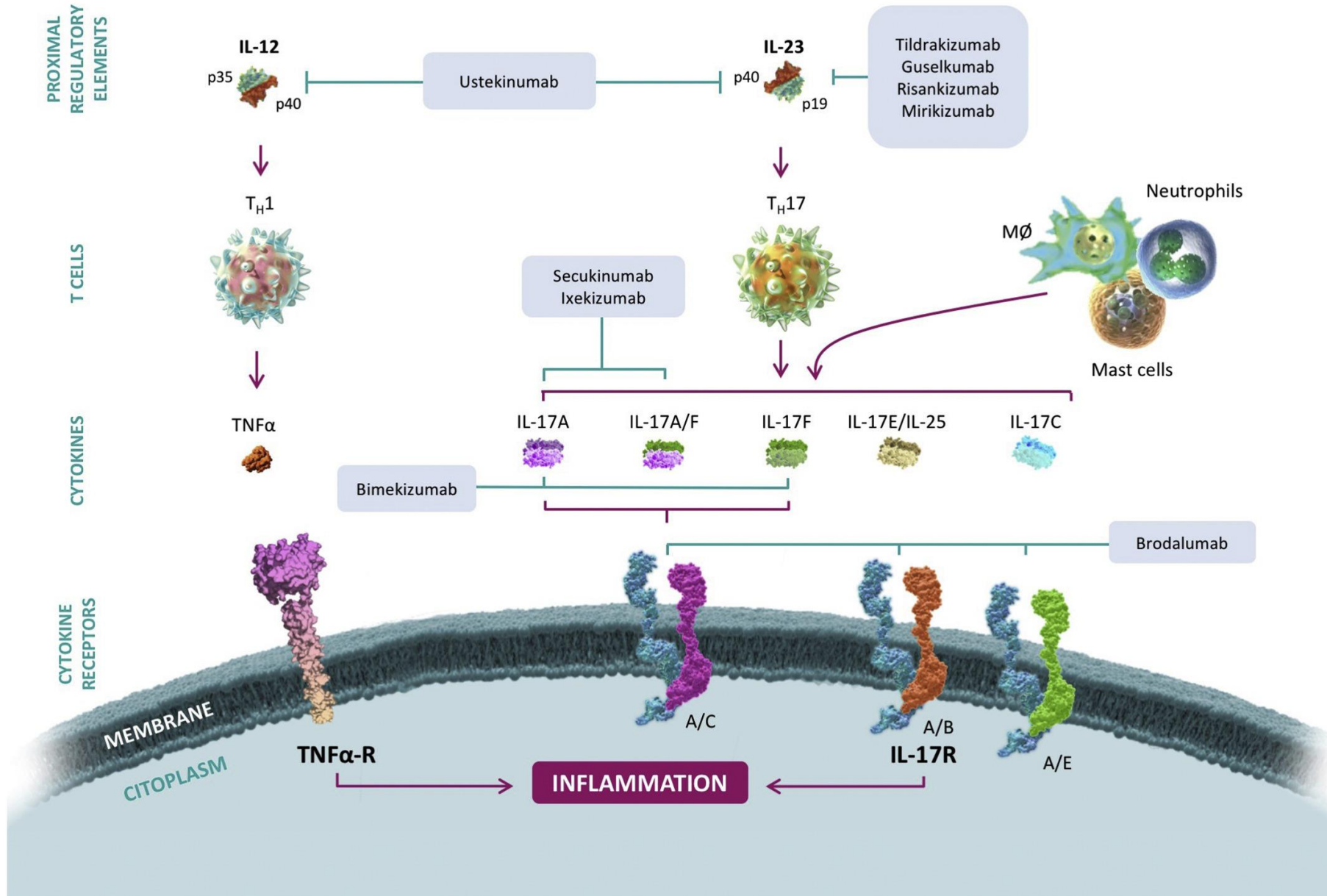
<sup>†</sup>Week 10 results shown for infliximab (primary endpoint).  
<sup>\*</sup>The recommended dose of etanercept is 50 mg administered twice weekly or 50 mg administered once weekly.

<sup>1</sup> Papp KA, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2005;152:1048-1054.

<sup>2</sup> Mehta A, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2008;58:1027-1035.

<sup>3</sup> Reich K, et al. *Lancet*. 2005;366:1367-1374.

# Anti-IL17, Anti-IL12/23 and Anti-IL23 MOA



# Anti-IL-17

- **Secukinumab**
  - 300mg SC weekly for 4 weeks; stepping down to monthly, PsA approved
- **Ixekizumab**
  - 80 mg SC 2 weekly for 12 weeks; stepping down to monthly, PsA approved
- **Brodalumab**
  - 210 mgs SC 2 weekly throughout following loading

**Bimekizumab** (anti-IL17A/F ) 320 mg every 4 weeks for 16 weeks then 320 mg evriery 8/weeks

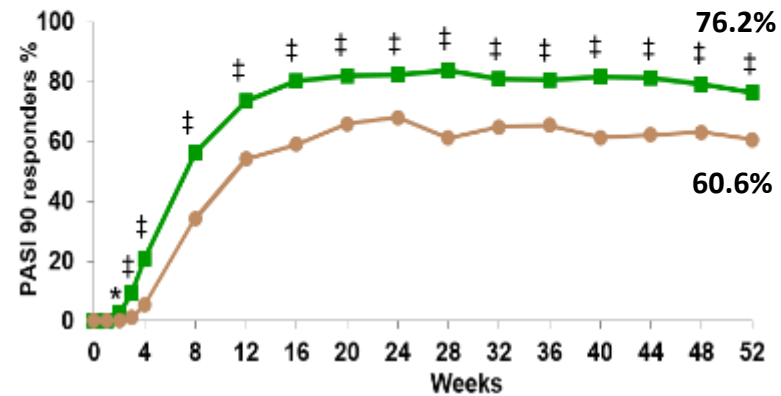
- PASI 90 c.70%;PASI 100 c.40%
- All work in Anti-TNF failure
- Effective for Psoriatic Arthritis...
- Risk of TB very low.

# Superiority of Secukinumab vs. Ustekinumab

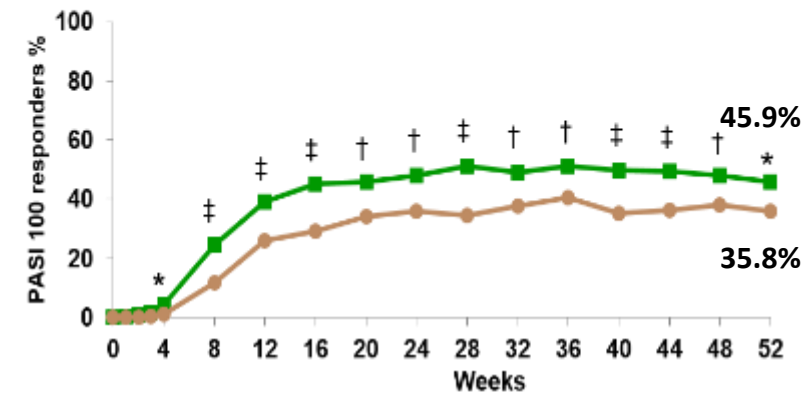
## Superiority of Secukinumab Maintained Over 52 Weeks

■ Secukinumab 300 mg (n = 334)    ● Ustekinumab (n = 335)

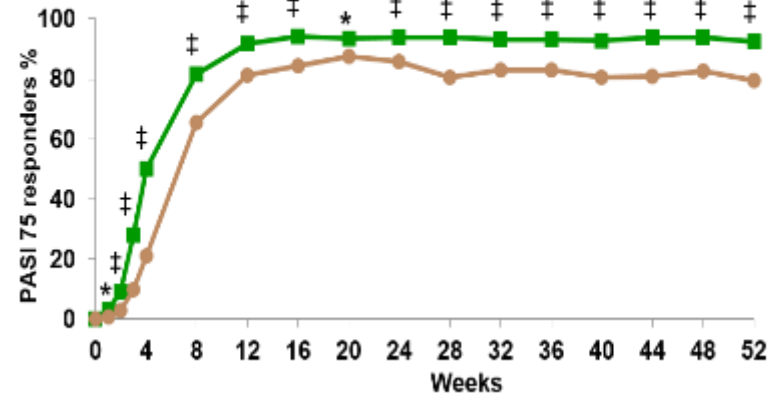
A. PASI 90 response



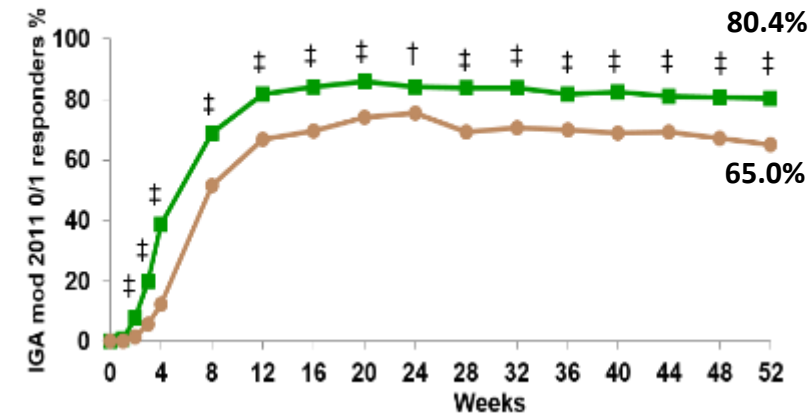
B. PASI 100 response



C. PASI 75 response



D. IGA mod 2011 0/1 response



Missing data were handled using multiple imputation.

\* $P < 0.05$ ; † $P < 0.01$ ; ‡ $P < 0.001$  vs. ustekinumab by logistic regression. IGA mod 2011 0/1, Investigator's Global Assessment, 2011 modified version, score 0/1; PASI 75/90/100,  $\geq 75\%$ / $\geq 90\%$ / $\geq 100\%$  improvement from Baseline Psoriasis Area and Severity Index score.

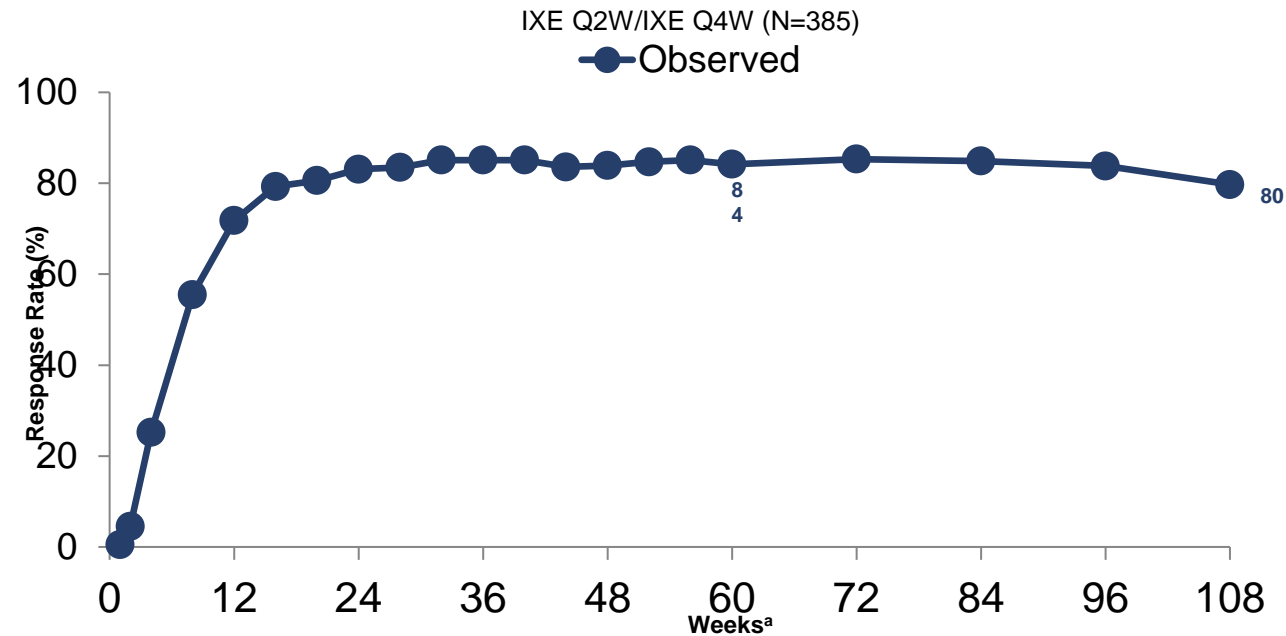
Blauvelt A, et al. Oral presentation at: AAD Annual Meeting; San Francisco, California; 20–24 March 2016. Oral Presentation #3848.

# IXEKIZUMAB PASI 90 Response by Treatment Week, Observed

Induction Period and Long Term Extension, ITT Population

(UNCOVER-3)

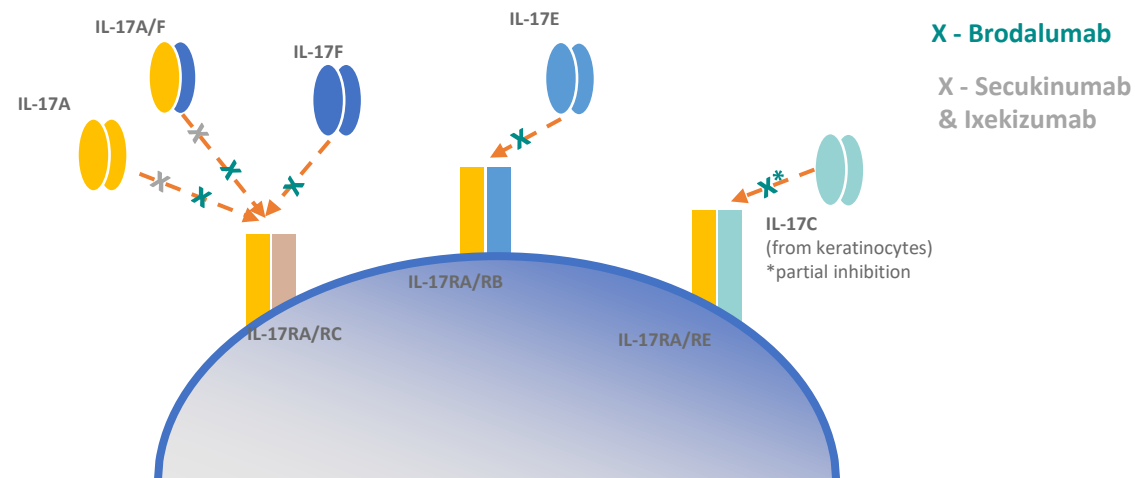
Over 2 years, ixekizumab showed maintenance of efficacy across all endpoints with high skin clearance rates



<sup>a</sup>Per protocol amendment c, patients are allowed to increase dose to IXE Q2W after Week 60 during the long-term extension period.  
IXE Q2W=80 mg of ixekizumab Every 2 Weeks; IXE Q4W=80 mg of ixekizumab Every 4 Weeks; NRI=Nonresponder Imputation; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index.

# Binding to the IL-17 receptor with brodalumab inhibits multiple pro-inflammatory cytokines

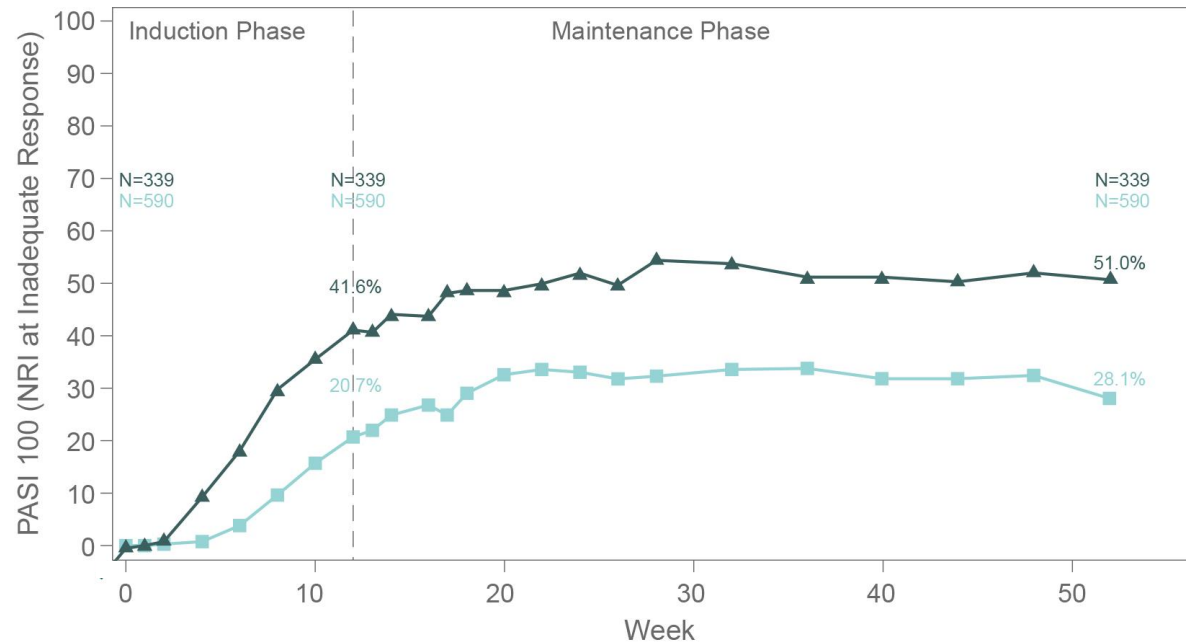
Brodalumab prevents binding of multiple IL-17 isoforms to IL-17 receptor complexes,<sup>1</sup> which inhibits downstream effects of keratinocyte activation such as inflammatory gene expression, skin thickening, and immune cell infiltration<sup>2</sup>



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# BRODALUMAB AMAGINE-2 & 3: PASI 100 response rates over time through Week 52 (NRI at inadequate response)

PASI 100 rates during induction and maintenance (pooled AMAGINE-2 and AMAGINE-3)<sup>1,2</sup>



PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; NRI, non-responder imputation

European Medicines Agency. Summary of product characteristics: Kyntheum (no date, forthcoming). EMA London, UK

Ustekinumab Brodalumab 210 mg Q2W

# BKZ was designed to selectively inhibit IL-17A and IL-17F



**Bimekizumab is  
a humanized monoclonal  
IgG1 antibody<sup>1</sup>**



**Innovative design**

Dual specificity for IL-17A and IL-17F<sup>2</sup>



**High affinity**

pM affinity for both IL-17A and IL-17F<sup>3</sup>



**Targets 3 dimers**

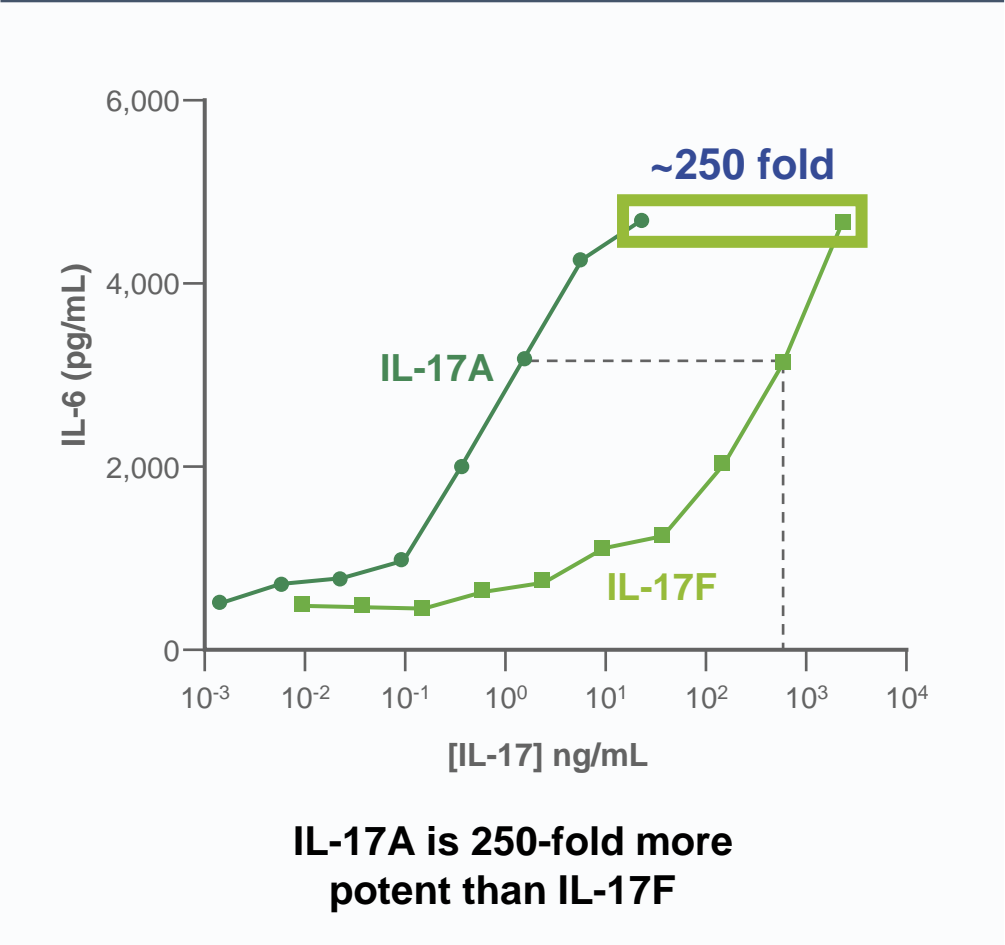
Binds to IL-17A/A, IL-17A/F & IL-17F/F<sup>3</sup>

Estimated half-life: 22 days.<sup>1</sup> IgG, Immunoglobulin G.

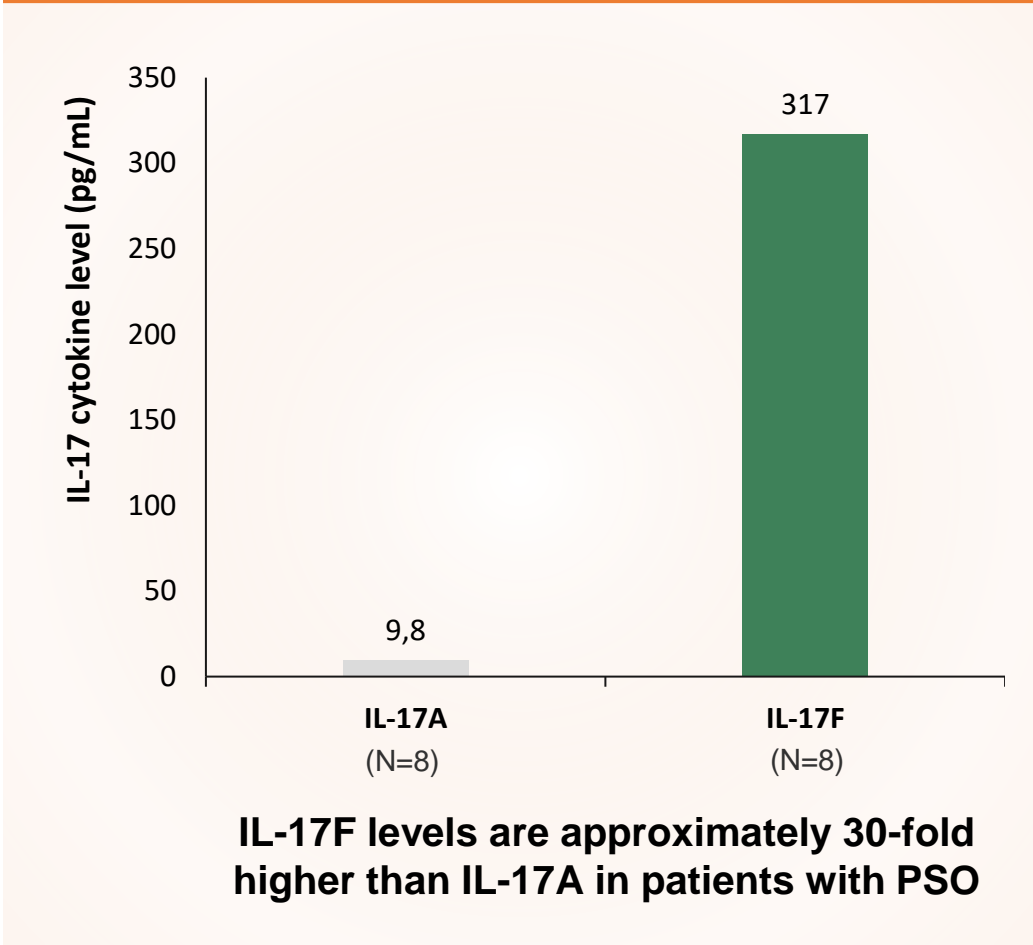
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# IL-17F is less potent, but more abundant, than IL-17A in psoriasis

**Potency in skin<sup>1</sup>**  
Dermal fibroblasts



**Abundance in skin<sup>2</sup>**  
Transdermal reperfusion (PSO lesions)

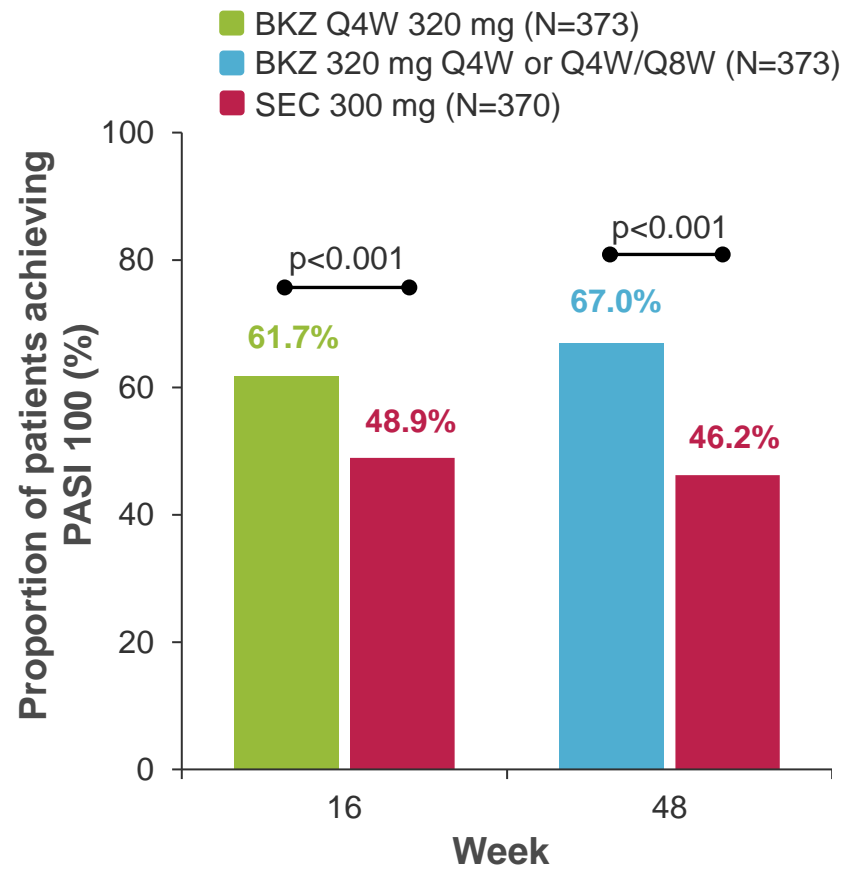


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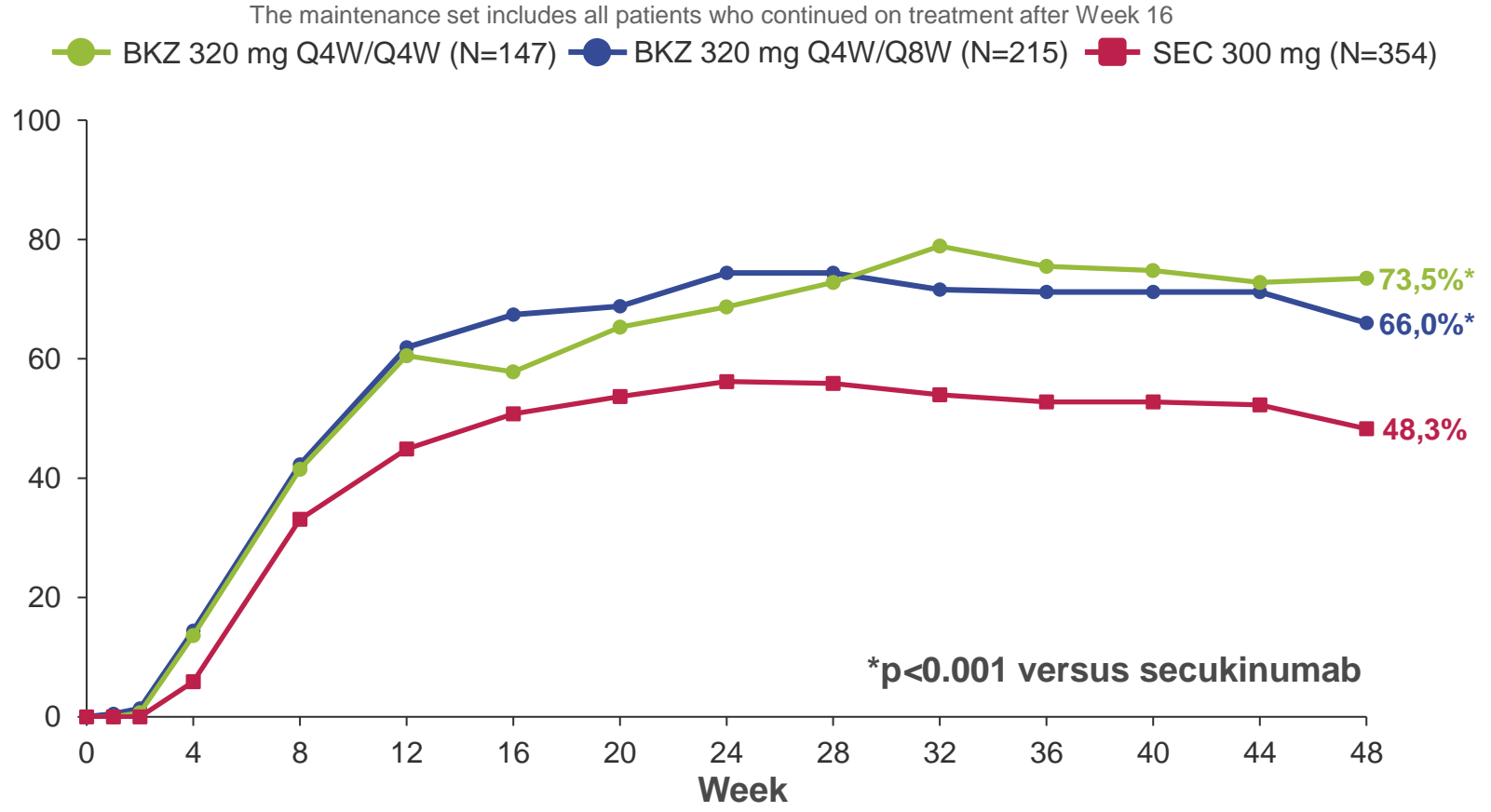
# BIMEKIZUMAB BE RADIANT - PASI 100 over 48 Weeks (NRI)

- Primary endpoint PASI 100 response with bimekizumab versus secukinumab at Week 16
- Secondary endpoint PASI 100 response with bimekizumab versus secukinumab at Week 48

## PASI 100 at Weeks 16 and 48 (ITT, NRI)



## PASI 100 to Week 48 (Maintenance Set, NRI)



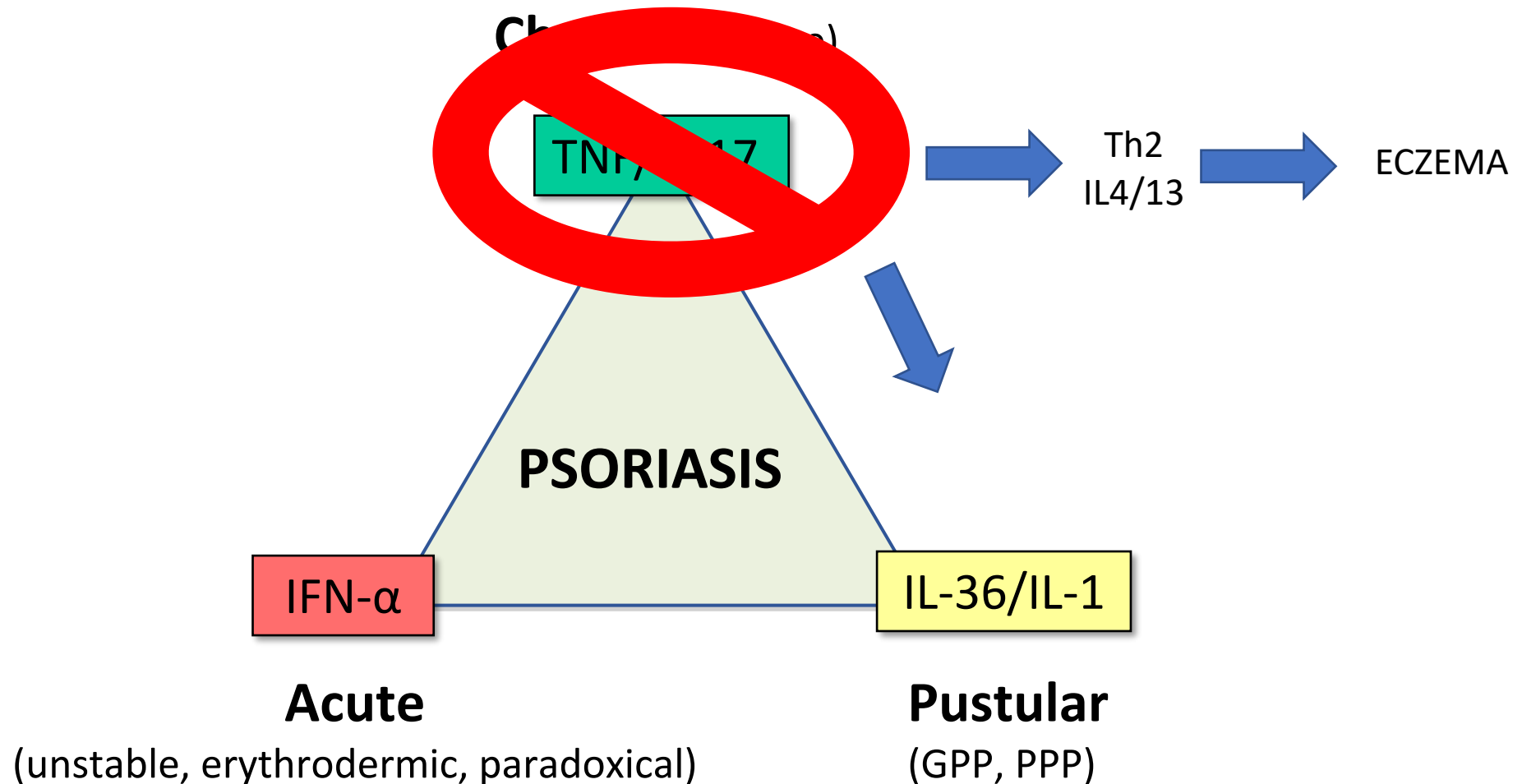
• p values are based on the stratified Cochran Mantel Haenszel test for the general association, with prior biologic exposure and geographic region as stratification factors. BKZ: bimekizumab; ITT: intent-to-treat; NRI: non-responder imputation; PASI 100: 100% improvement from baseline in Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; Q4W: every 4 weeks; Q8W: every 8 weeks; SEC: secukinumab.

• Adapted from: 1. Reich et al. N Engl J Med 2021;doi:10.1056/NEJMoa2102383.

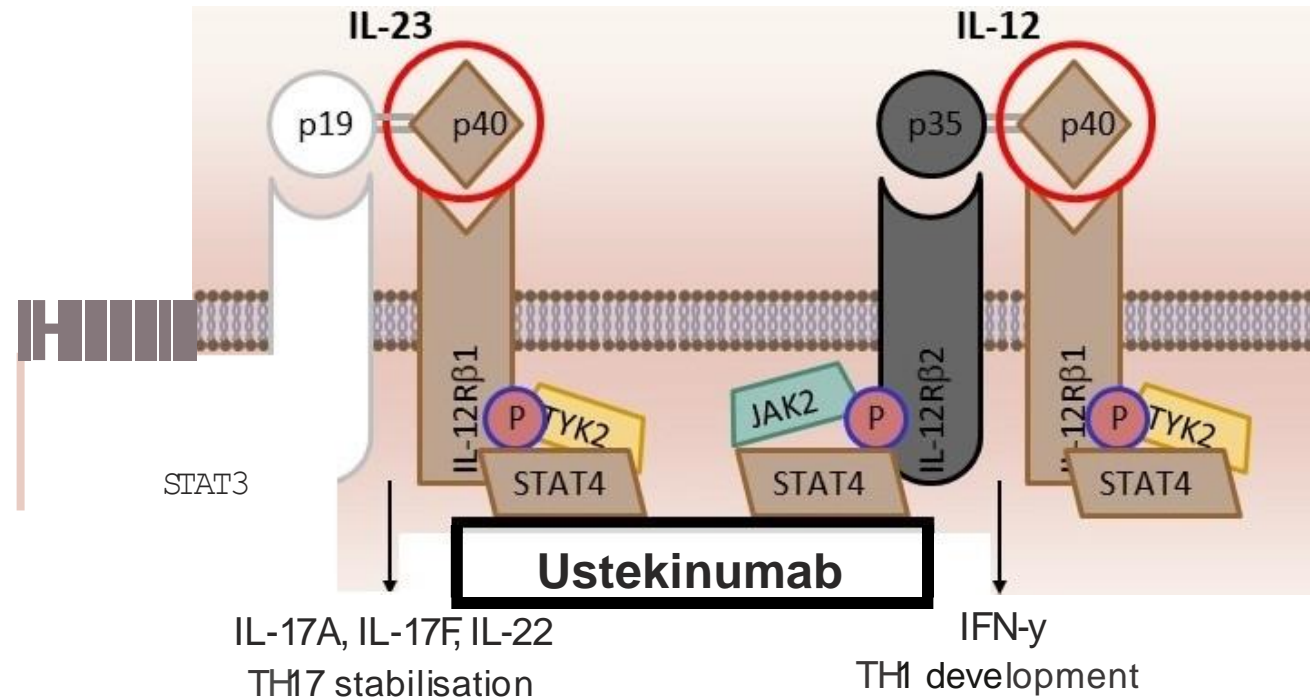
# Anti-IL-17: Adverse Events of Special Interest

- Candida (10-25% of patients, usually mild)
- Neutropenia (less than 1% of patients)
- Exacerbation of Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- New onset eczema (brodalumab and bimekizumab)
- Pustular reactions

# Inflammatory pathways in psoriasis



# Targeting IL-23p40

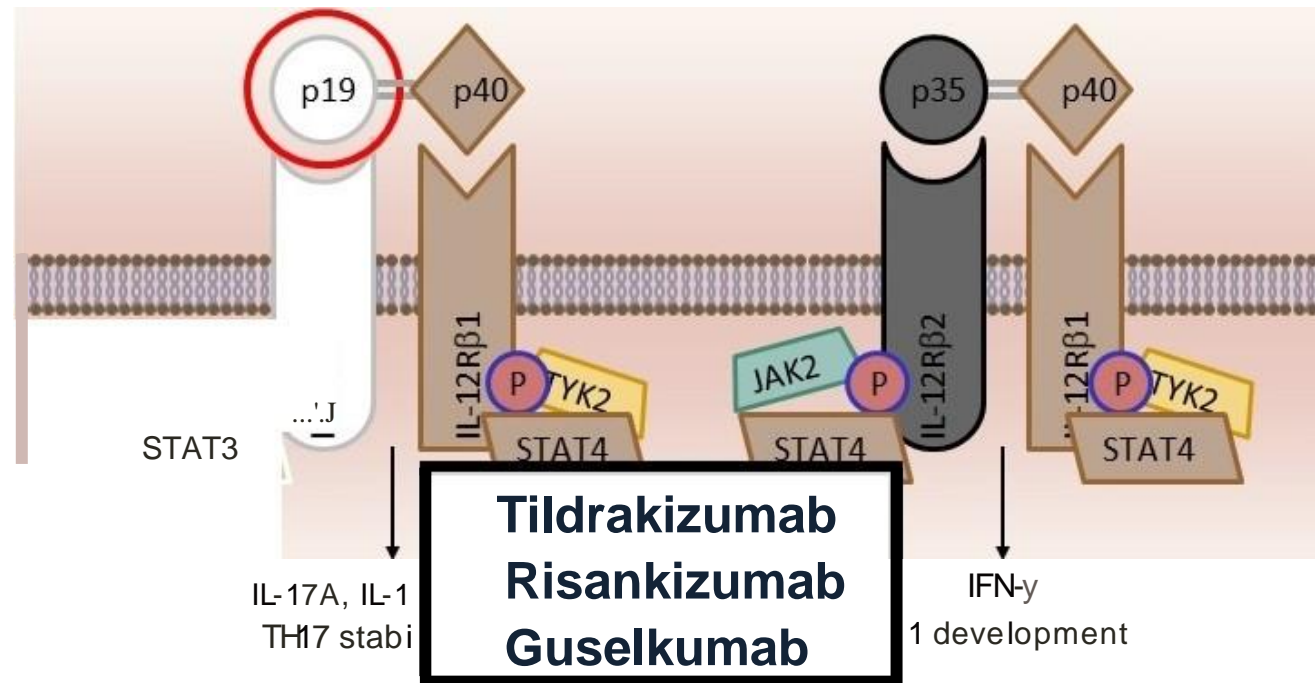


IFN, interferon; IL, interleukin; STAT, signal transducer and activator of transcription; TYK, tyrosine kinase  
Teng MW et al. Nat Med 2015; 21: 717-729.

# Ustekinumab

- Two doses available
- 45mgs SC 12 weekly (after O and 4 week) for <100Kgs
- 90mgs SC for >100Kgs
- Poorest response in 90-99Kg group
- Risk of TB very low
- Very good drug survival

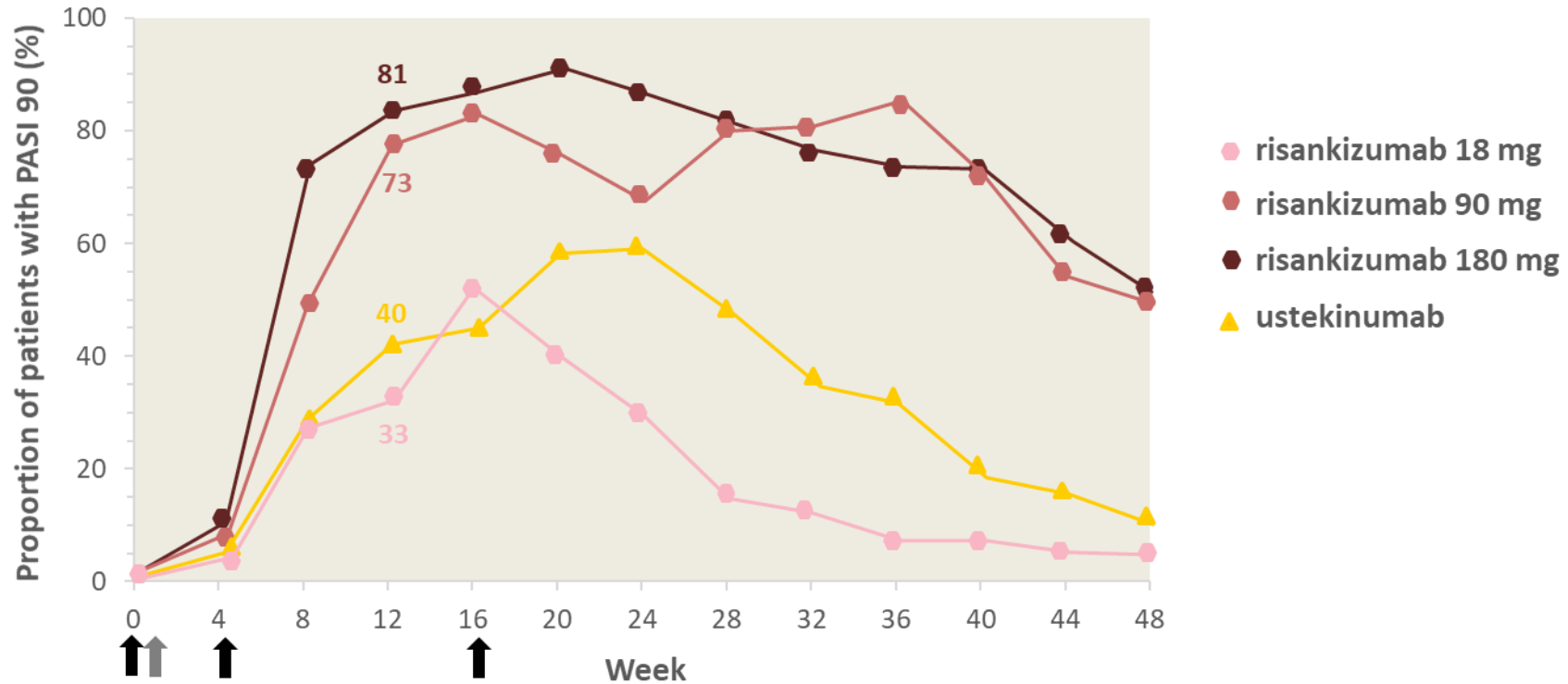
# Targeting IL-23p19



# Anti-IL-23p19

- High efficacy PASI 90, 70-80%; PASI 100, 40-50%
- Disease modifying e.g. one injection leading to remission
- Little real world data
- Efficacy in Psoriatic Arthritis ? (Guselkumab approved for PsA)
- Risk of TB very low

### PASI 90 Over Time



Gray arrow=single infusion of risankizumab 18 mg at week 0  
Black arrows=infusion of risakizumab (90 mg or 180) or ustekinumab at weeks 0, 4 and 16

50% of patients manitain PASI 90 at week 48 after 3 drug doses

# Comparison of efficacy for biologics targeting IL-23p19

Characteristic	Tildrakizumab† 100 mg <sup>125</sup>	Tildrakizumab† 200 mg <sup>125</sup>	Guselkumab‡ 100 mg <sup>126,127</sup>	Risankizumab 180 mg <sup>130</sup>
Phase	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 3	Phase 2
Dosing schedule				
Initial	Weeks 0, 4	Weeks 0, 4	Weeks 0, 4	Week 0
Maintenance	q12w	q12w	q8w	q12w
Efficacy, %	Week 12	Week 12	Week 16	Week 12
PASI 75	61–64	62–66	86–91	88
PASI 90	35–39	35–37	70–73	79
PASI 100	12–14	12–14	34–37	48
PGA 0 or 1	55–58	59	84–85§	NR
Long-term efficacy, %	Week 28¶	Week 28¶	Week 24	Week 36
PASI 75	73–80	73–82	89–91	88
PGA 0 or 1	65–66	69	84§	NR

\*Data are not from head-to-head comparisons.

†Data from reSURFACE1 and reSURFACE2 trials.

‡Data from VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2 trials.

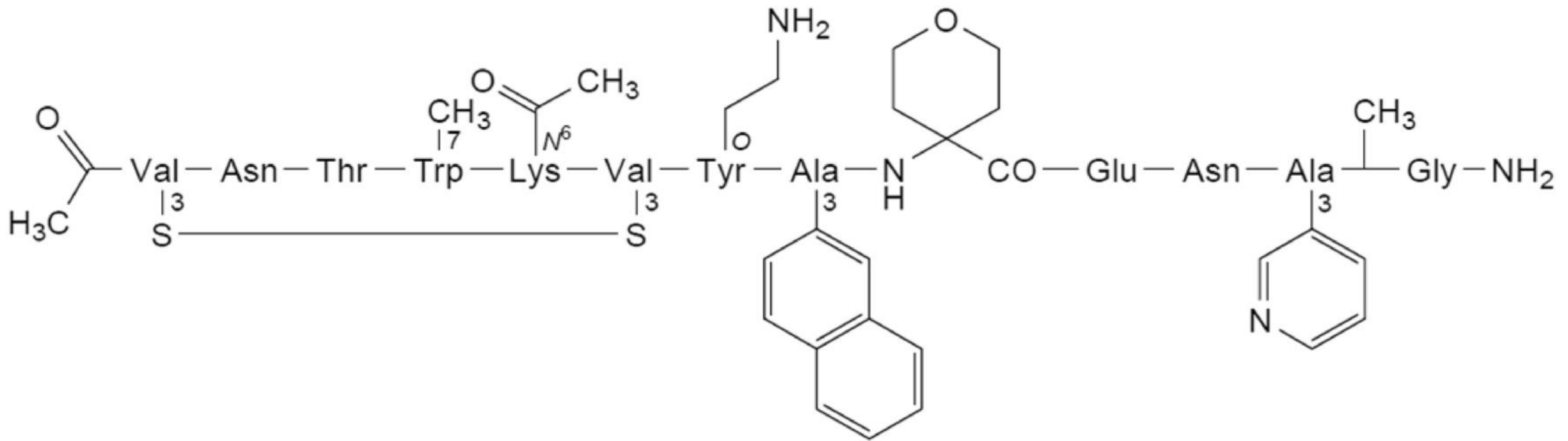
§IGA 0 or 1 reported.

¶Responder analysis includes only PASI 75 responders at Week 16.

IGA, investigator global assessment; IL, interleukin; NR, not reported; PASI, Psoriasis Area Severity Index; PGA, Physician's Global Assessment; q8w, every 8 weeks; q12w, every 12 weeks.

# Icotrokinra

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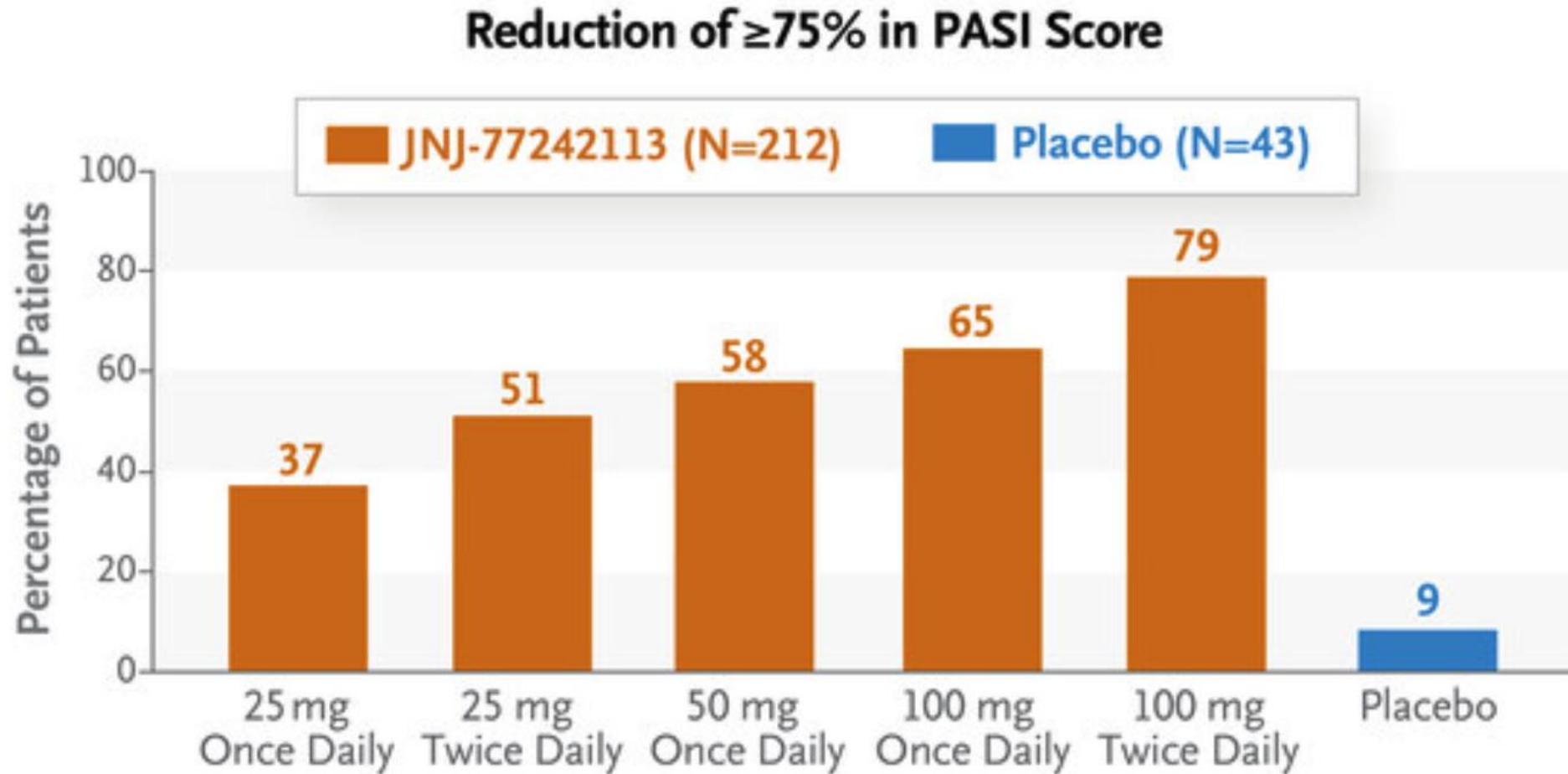
Inhibits IL-23 activity by an orally administered peptide

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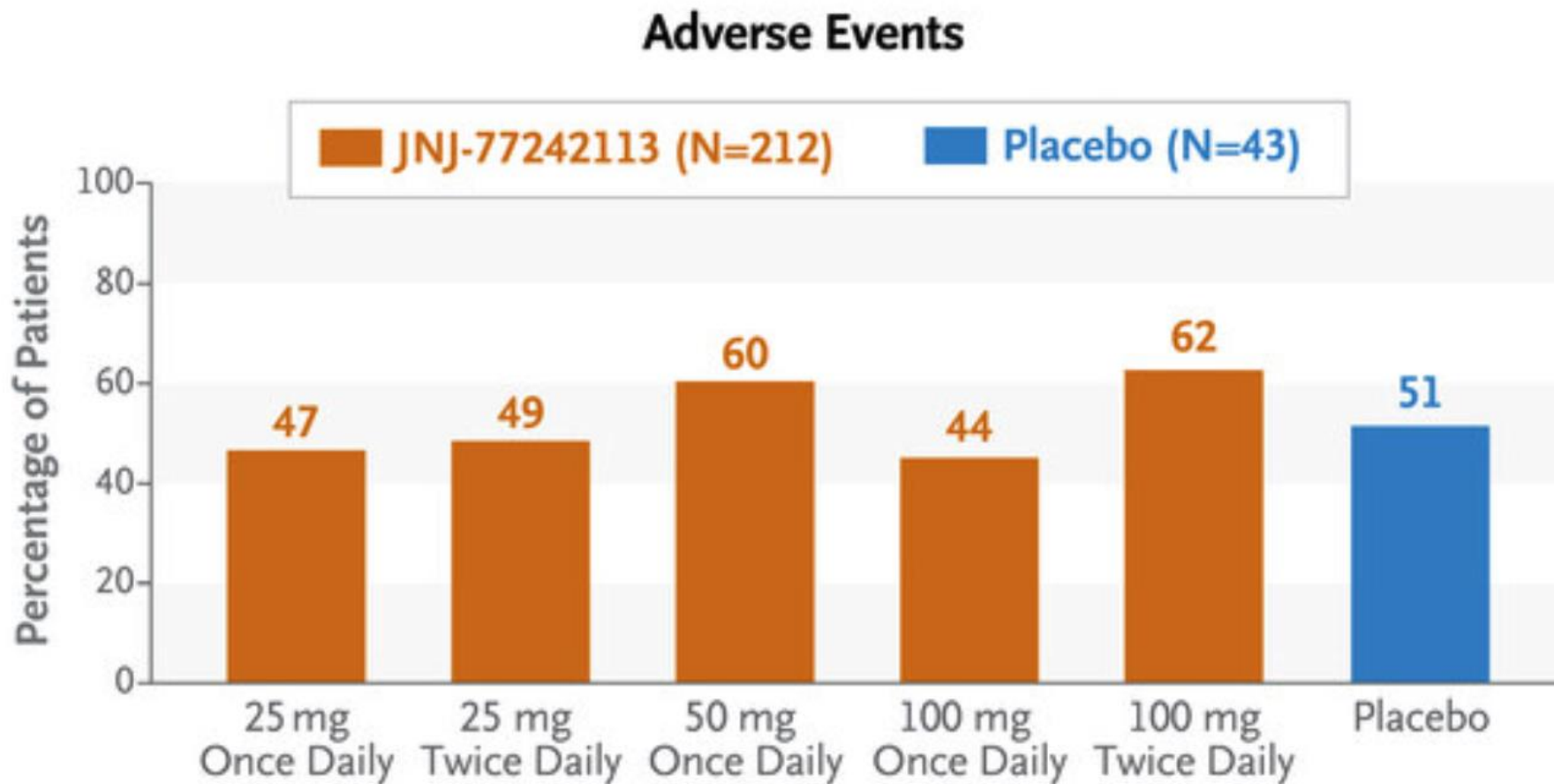


Icotrokinra antagonizes IL-23 binding to its receptor

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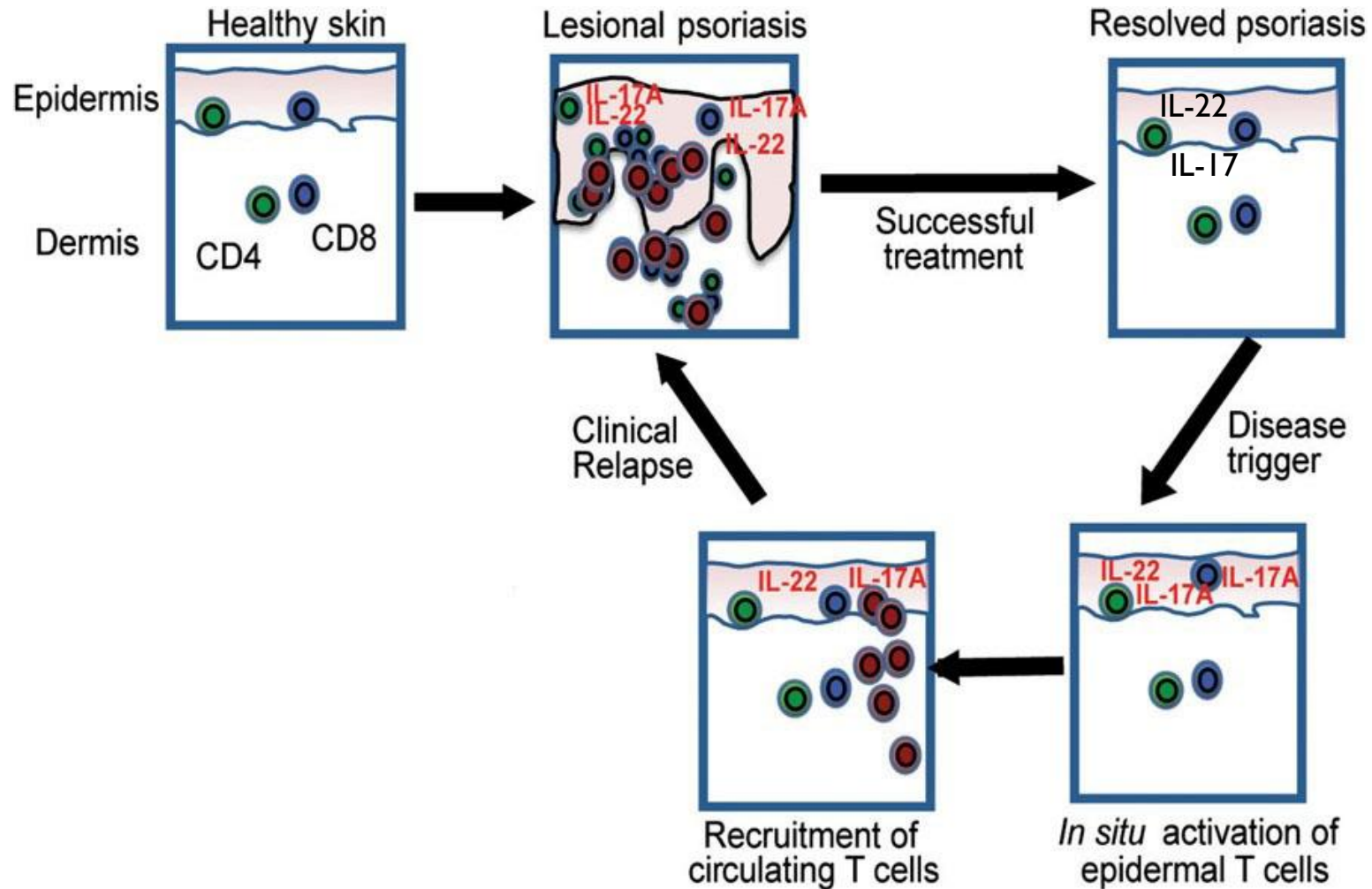


# Icotrokinra vs other drugs

		12-16 weeks		52 weeks	
		PASI90	PASI100	PASI90	PASI100
<b>Biologic agents</b>	<b>Bimekizumab</b>	84.4%	58.7%	77.8%	53.8%
	<b>Ixekizumab</b>	70.8%	38.3%	72.7%	51.9%
	<b>Risankizumab</b>	72.7%	42.7%	82.6%	59.9%
	<b>Guselkumab</b>	69.1%	35.9%	76.2%	47.7%
<b>Oral agents</b>	<b>JNJ-77242113 FRONTIER 1 100 mg BID (2b); FRONTIER 2 (52-week extension)</b>	59.5%	40.5%	64.3%	40.5%
	<b>Deucravacitinib 6 mg</b>	29.4%	10.5%	45.2%	20.5%
	<b>Apremilast 30 mg</b>	12.8%	2.6%	31.8%	13.0%

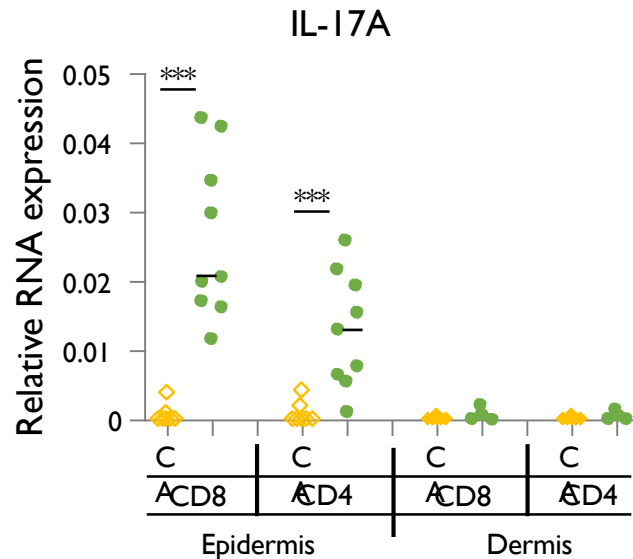
Two Phase III clinical trials are currently active to determine Icotrokinra efficacy and safety on a large number of patients

# DISEASE MEMORY IN CLINICALLY HEALED SKIN



# TRM T CELLS AND DEFECTS IN TREG MAY CONTRIBUTE TO PSORIASIS

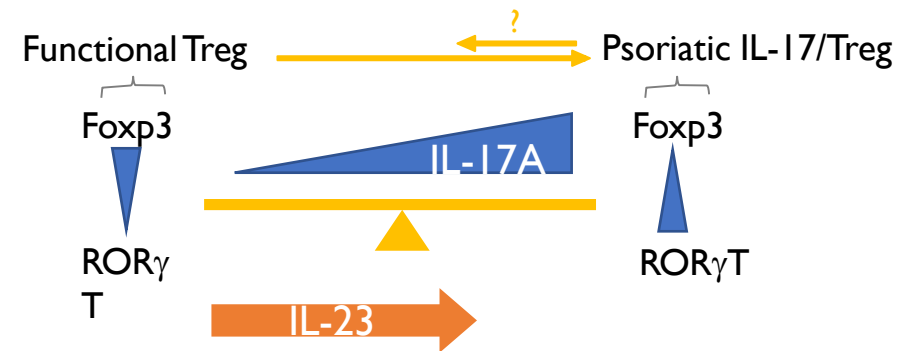
Epidermal TRMs are pathogenic (IL-17A, IL-22 producers)<sup>1</sup>



Are TRMs dependent on IL-23?  
Does IL-23 block restore Treg function?

Treg may be defective in psoriasis

- Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Treg in psoriasis skin is increased, but some can produce IL-17A<sup>2</sup>
- Compared with healthy controls, Foxp3<sup>+</sup> Treg in psoriasis blood is more easily driven to make IL-17A ex vivo<sup>3</sup>
- Treg defects in psoriasis may be driven by IL-23<sup>4</sup>

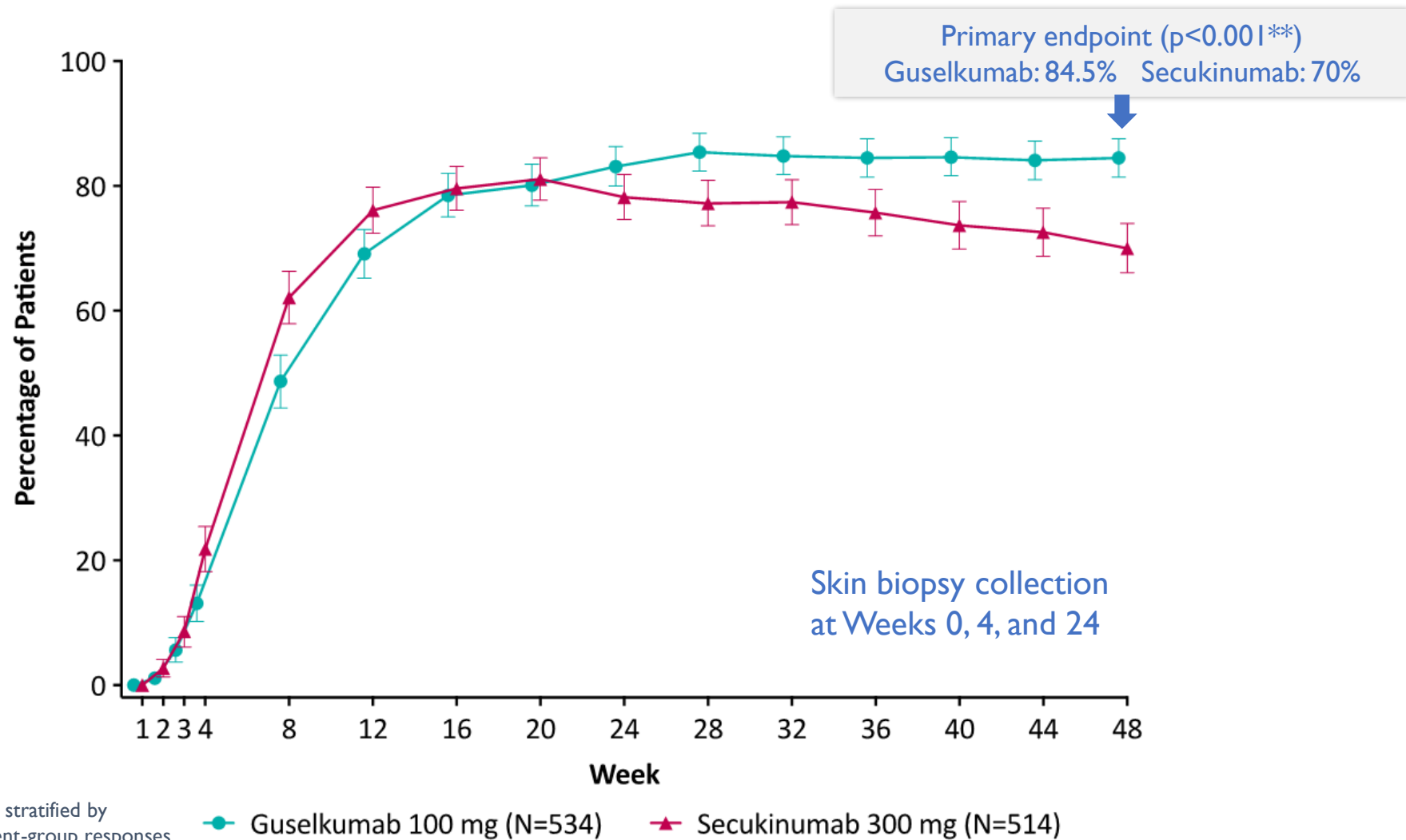


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- \*\*\*p < 0.001.

A, active psoriasis lesion; C, healthy skin; TRM, tissue-resident memory T-cell.

# Proportion of Patients Achieving PASI 90 Response (With 95% CI) through Week 48 by Visit\*<sup>†</sup>



\*NRI was used for missing data

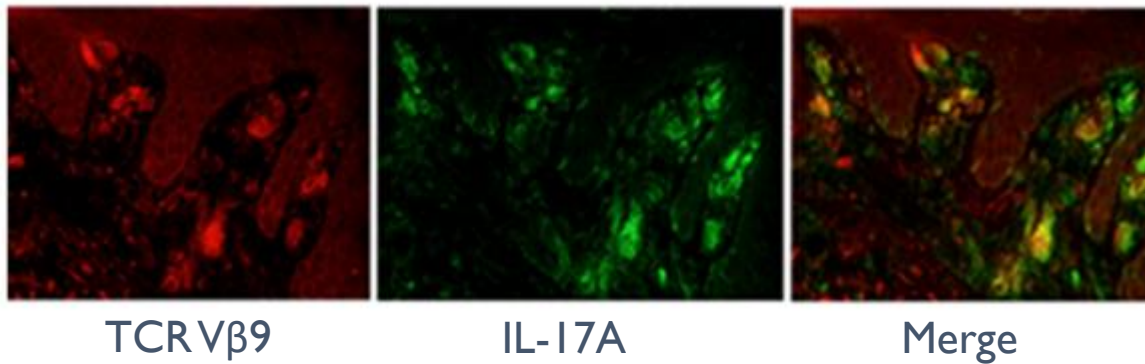
\*\*Cochran-Mantel Haenszel chi-square testing stratified by investigator site was used to compare treatment-group responses

# Tissue Resident Memory T cells Contribute to the Pathogenesis of Psoriasis

ECLIPSE Cellular MOA: Analysis of T cells at baseline:

- Over 10 billion TRMs in healthy skin<sup>1</sup>
- TRMs are found in increased numbers in PSO skin<sup>2,3</sup>
- TRMs are CD103<sup>+</sup> (E-cadherin) and/or CD49a<sup>+</sup> (collagen IV)

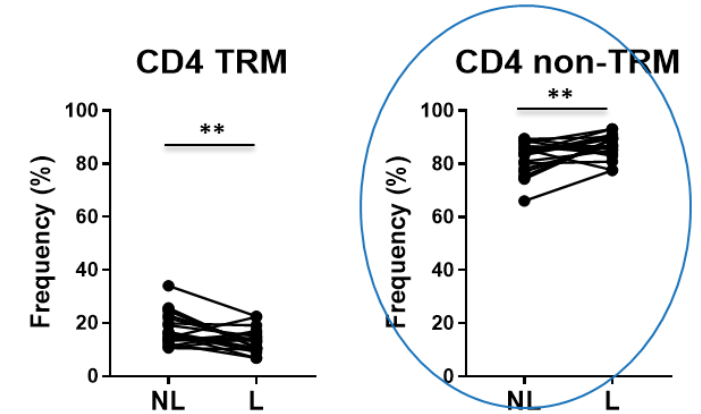
TRMs remain in 'cleared plaques' after anti-TNF $\alpha$  treatment<sup>3</sup>



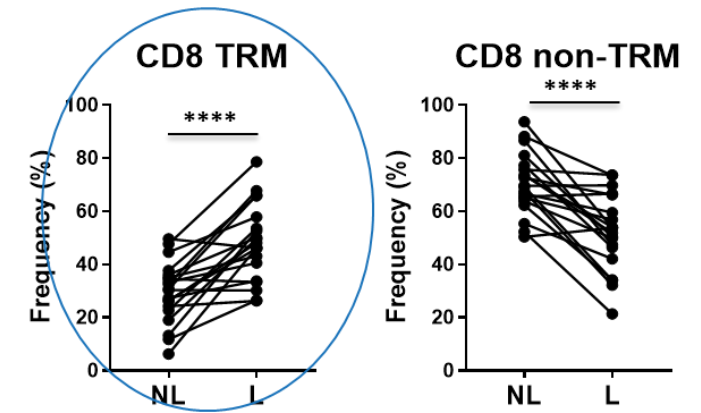
L=Lesional  
 NL=Non-lesional  
 TRM=Tissue Resident Memory T cells  
 PSO=Psoriasis  
 MOA=Mechanism of Action

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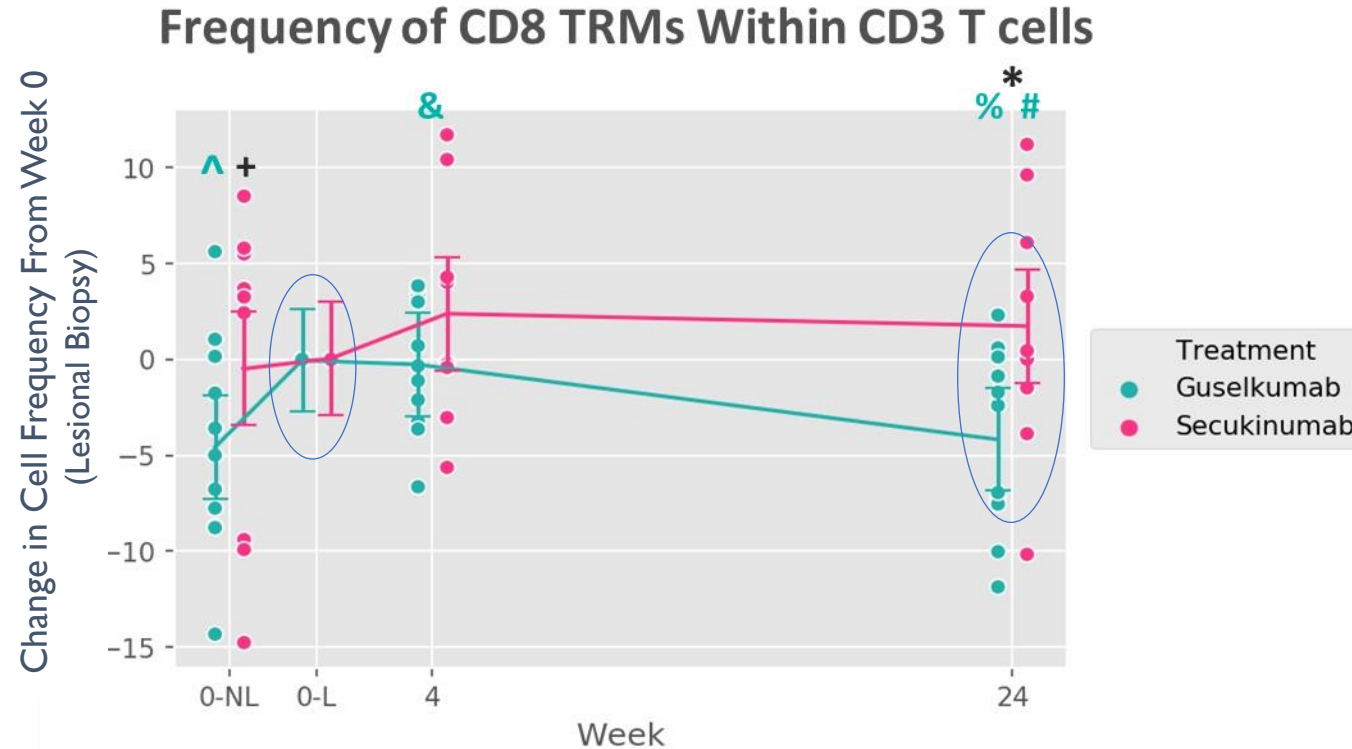
Relative increase in non-TRMs in CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells



Relative increase in TRMs in CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells



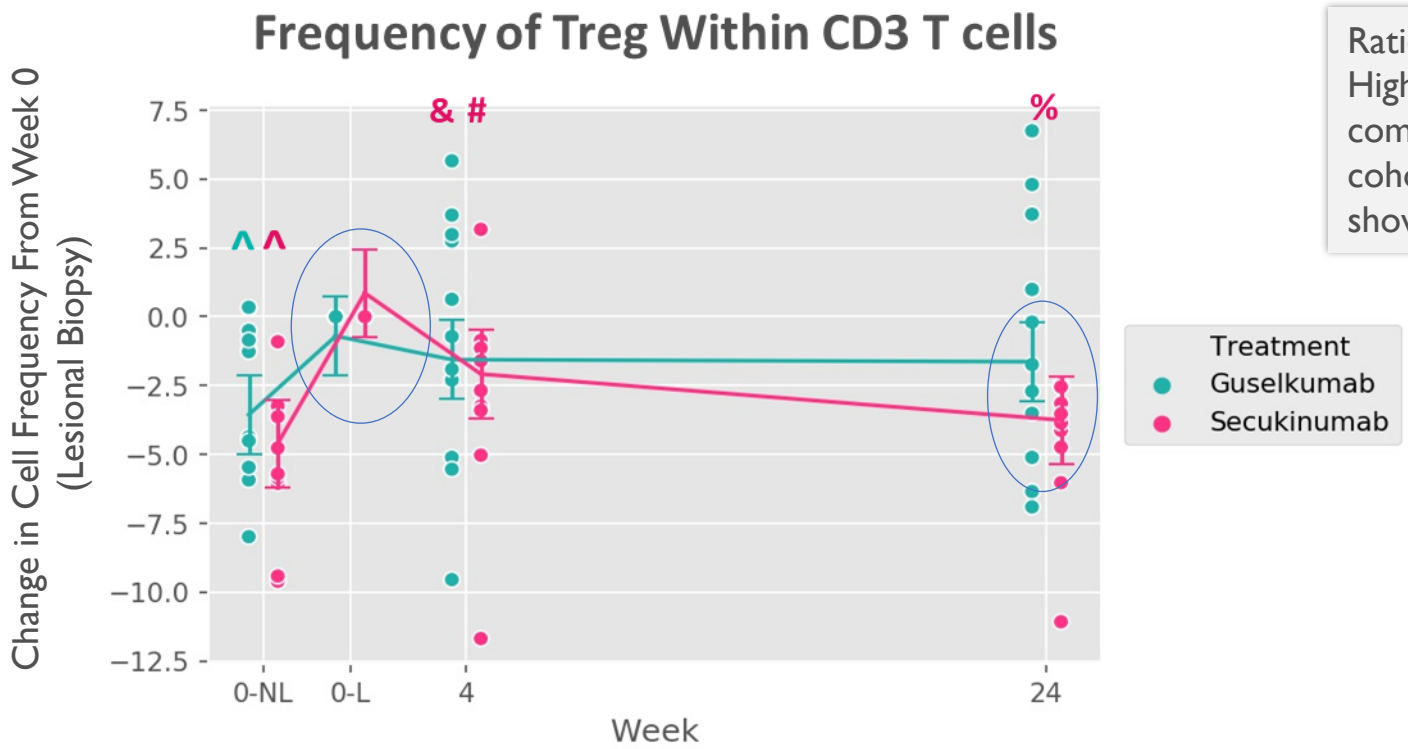
# Frequency of CD8<sup>+</sup> TRM in Lesional Skin was Reduced More Significantly by Guselkumab Compared to Secukinumab



L=Lesional  
 NL=Non-lesional  
 PSO=Psoriasis  
 TRM=Tissue Resident Memory T cells  
 Statistical analysis was done with SAS 9.4 software using longitudinal regression model

\*guselkumab vs secukinumab, Week 24  
 +guselkumab vs secukinumab, Week 0  
 ^guselkumab, NL vs L  
 &guselkumab, NL vs Week 4  
 #guselkumab, L vs Week 24  
 %guselkumab, Week 4 vs Week 24  
 p<0.05, all comparisons

# Frequency of Regulatory T cells in Psoriatic Skin was Maintained by Guselkumab and Reduced by Secukinumab



Ratio of Treg to CD8<sup>+</sup> TRMs: Higher in guselkumab cohort compared to secukinumab cohort at Week 24 (not shown)

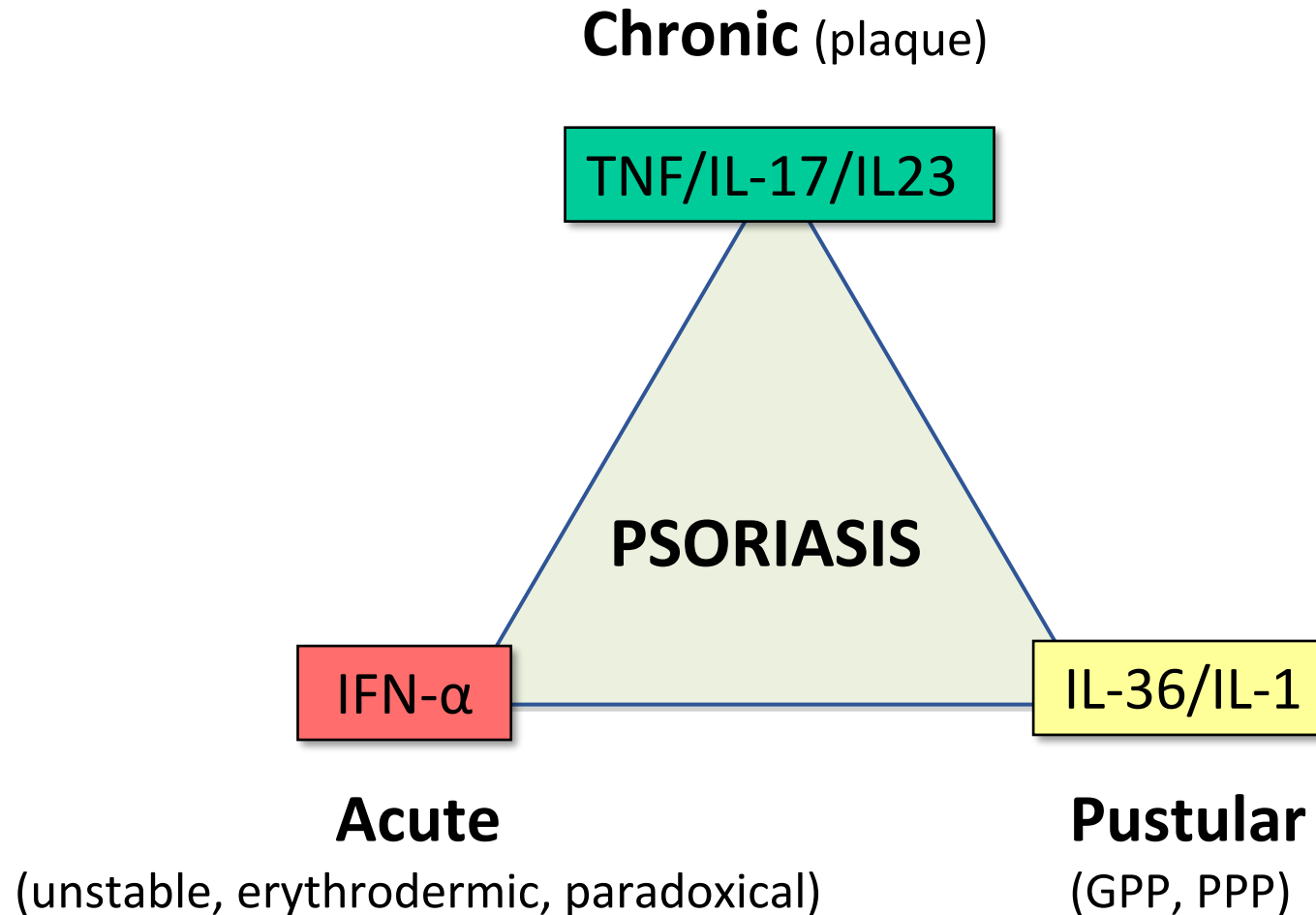
^guselkumab, NL vs L  
^secukinumab, NL vs L  
&secukinumab, NL vs Week 4  
#secukinumab, L vs Week 4  
%secukinumab, L vs Week 24  
p<0.05, all comparisons

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Frequency of Treg (CD25<sup>+</sup> /FoxP3<sup>+</sup> /IL-17A<sup>-</sup>) was maintained in the guselkumab cohort between Weeks 0 and 24.  
Frequency of Treg is reduced between Week 0 and Week 24 in the secukinumab cohort.

# Inflammatory pathways in psoriasis

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# Palmoplantar Pustular Psoriasis

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## Case:

- Patient, 55 years of age, ♂
- Plaque psoriasis (PASI-12) and palmoplantar pustular psoriasis (PPP)
- Anti-TNF therapy with good clinical response of plaque psoriasis (PASI-3)
- **PPP remains anti-TNF resistant**



# Pustular Psoriasis

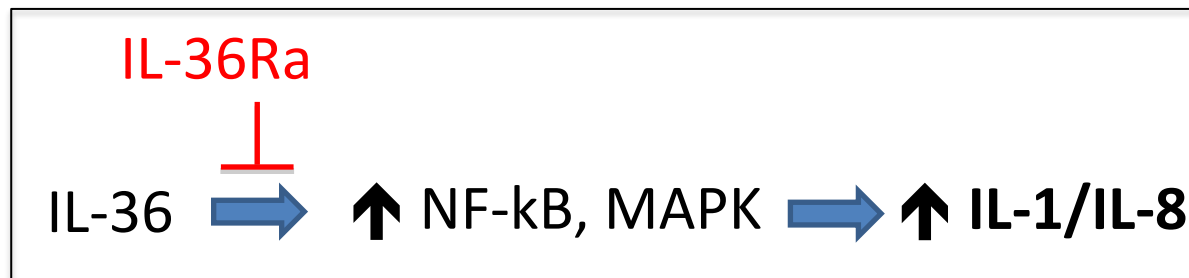
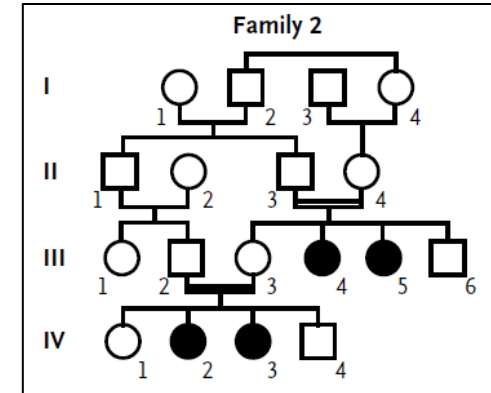
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Does pustular psoriasis represent a different form of psoriasis?



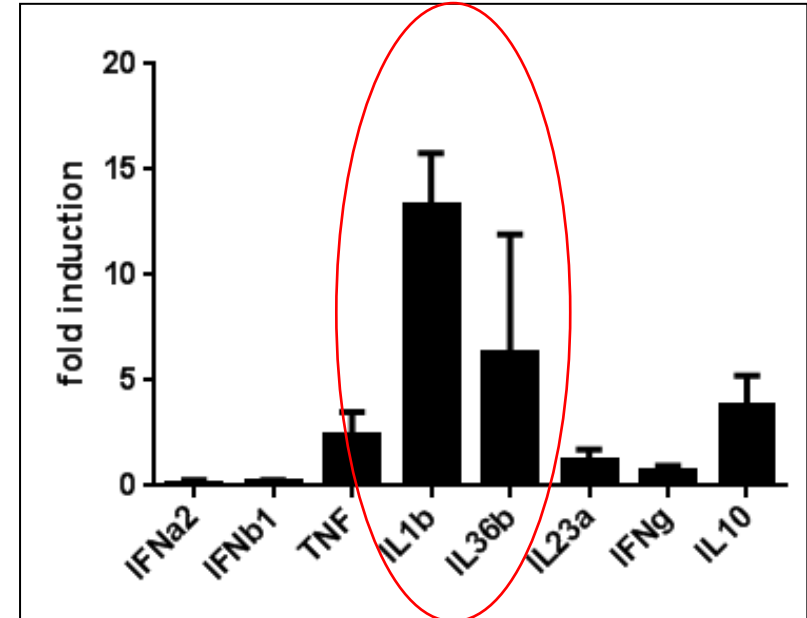
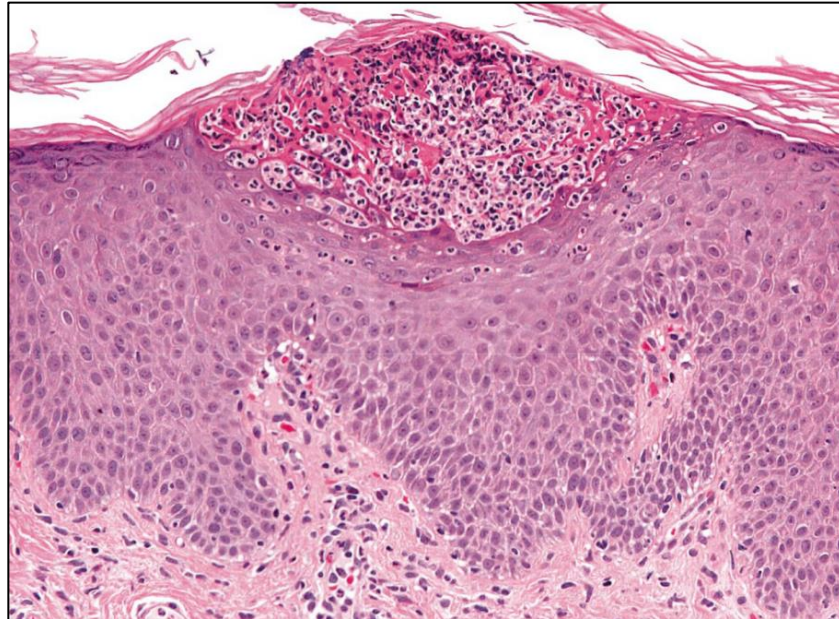
# Generalized pustular psoriasis: *IL36RN* mutations

- 9 Tunisian families with GPP
- Mutation of *IL36RN*<sup>1</sup>
- *IL36RN* mutations in sporadic GPP cases<sup>2</sup>



# Pustular psoriasis: IL-36/IL-1 pathway

## Anti-TNF resistant PPP



# Pustular psoriasis: IL-36/IL-1 pathway

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## Palmoplantar pustular psoriasis:

- increased expression of IL-36
- decreased expression of IL-17 and IL-22

⇒ IL-1/IL-36 inflammatory axes are the main drivers in (palmoplantar) pustular psoriasis

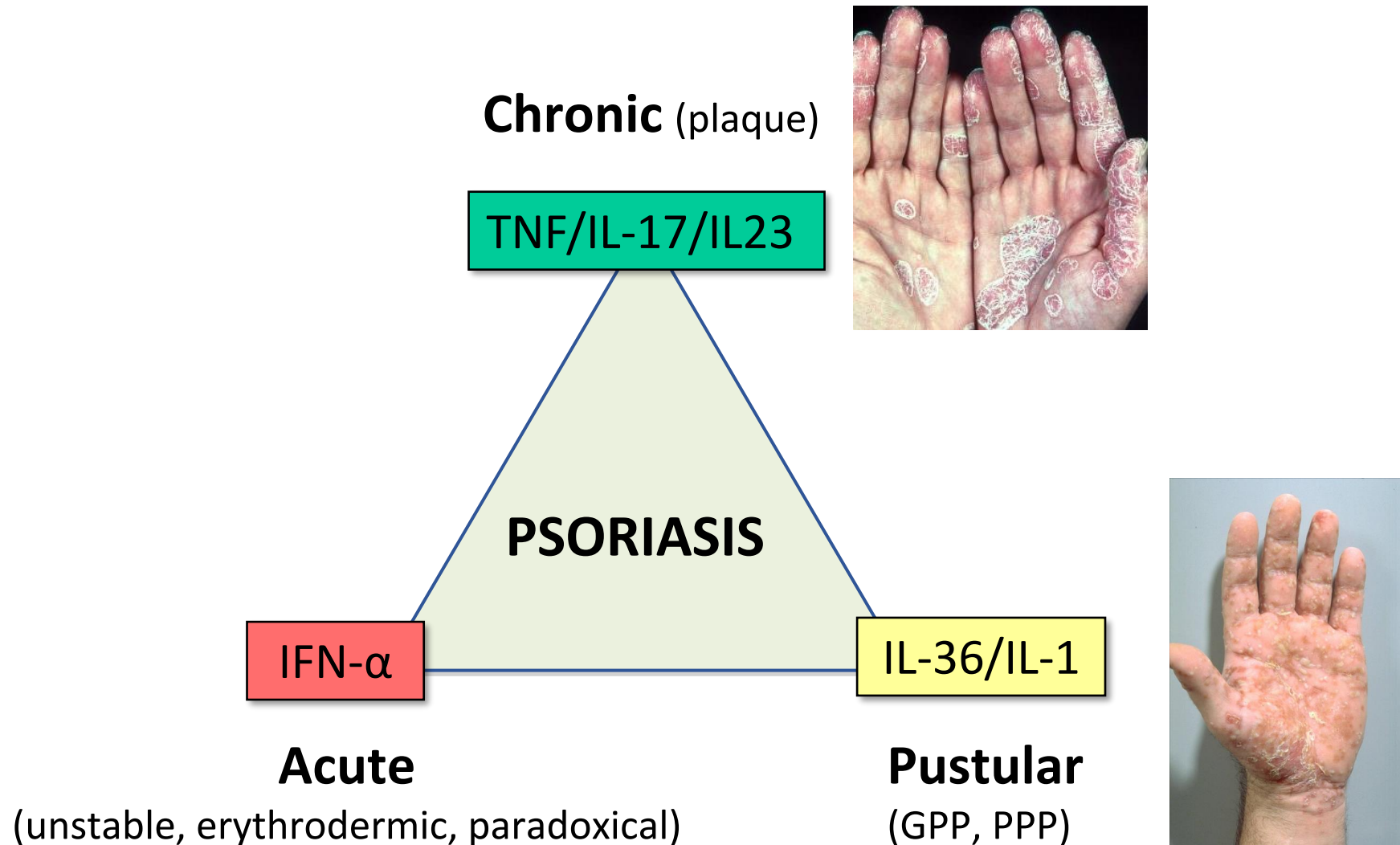


# Anti-IL36R – Generalized Pustular Psoriasis



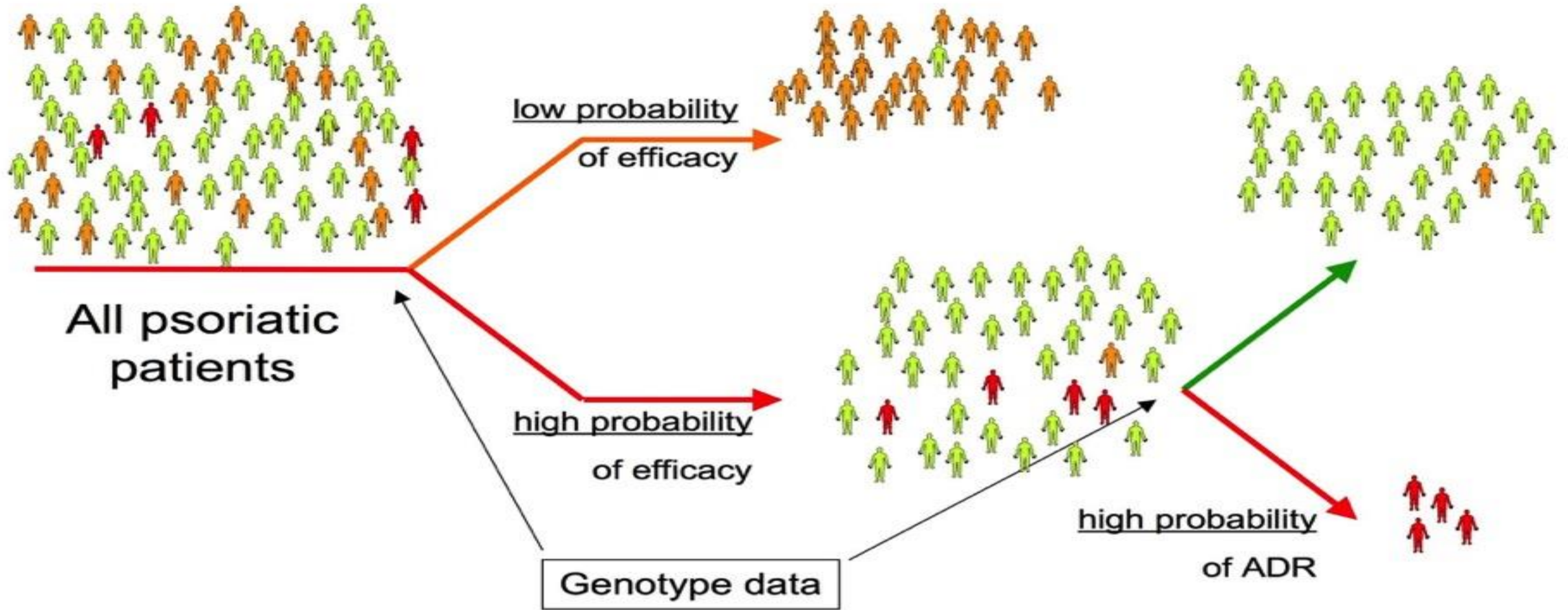
Single intravenous dose of BI 655130 (10mg/kg), a monoclonal antibody against the IL-36 receptor

# Inflammatory pathways in psoriasis



# How to choose the right treatment?

# STRATIFIED MEDICINE



*Right medicine, right dose to right patient*

# Pharmacogenetics of psoriasis: HLA-Cw6 but not LCE3B/3C deletion nor TNFAIP3 polymorphism predisposes to clinical response to interleukin 12/23 blocker ustekinumab

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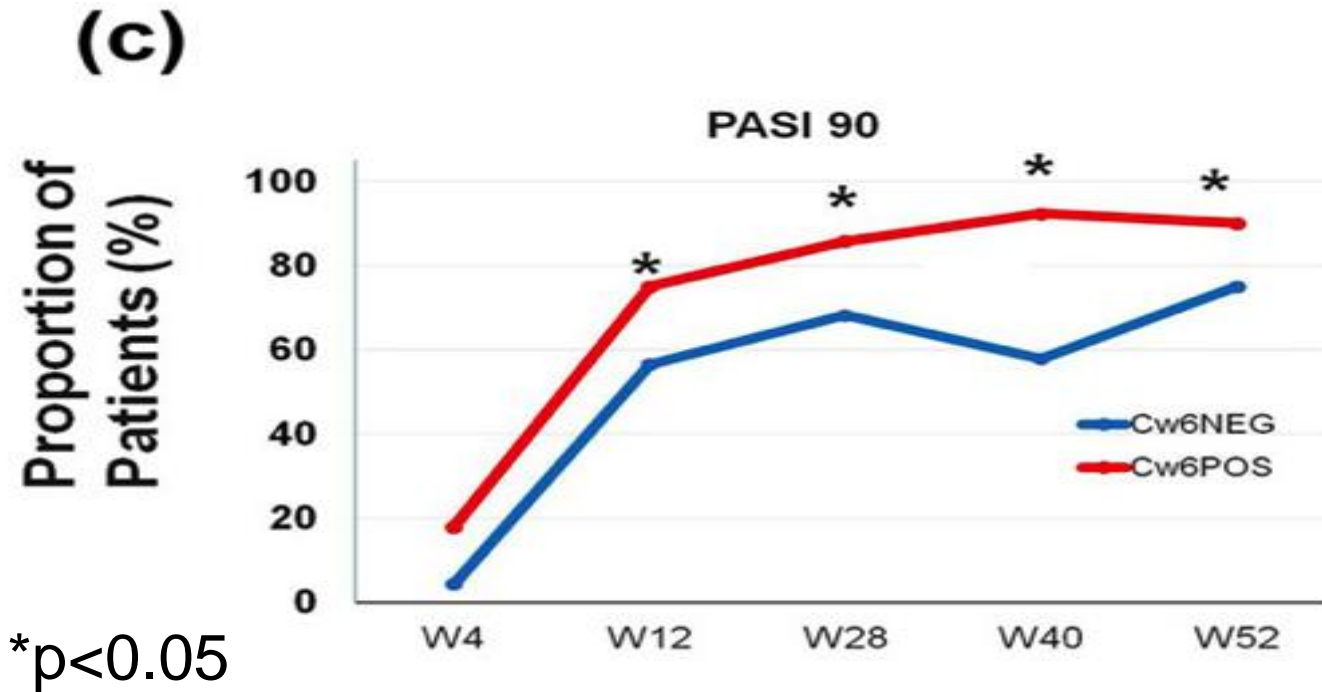
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**Patients harboring the HLA-Cw6 allele respond faster and better to Ustekinumab**

# HLA-Cw6



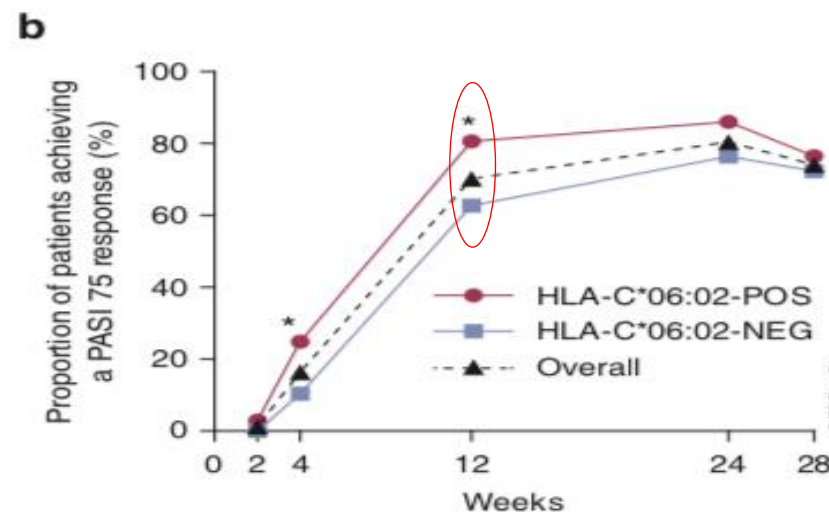
Patients carrying HLA-Cw6 respond earlier and better to Ustekinumab



# HLA-C\*06:02 Allele and Response to IL-12/23 Inhibition: Results from the Ustekinumab Phase 3 Psoriasis Program

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A subset of patients from PHOENIX Registrative trials were genotyped for the presence of the HLA-Cw6 allele and their response to ustekinumab was stratified.



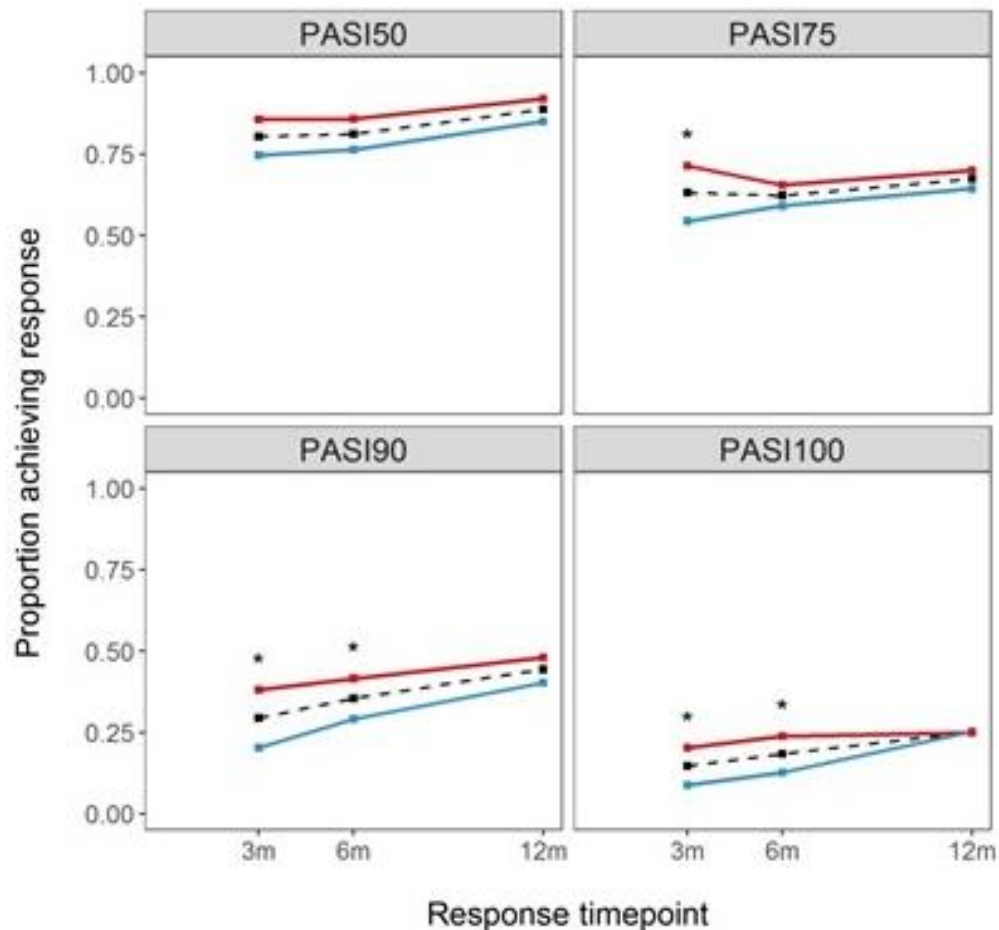
Week	2	4	12	24	28
N	331	330	332	255	254
HLA-C*06:02-POS	2.90	24.82	80.58	85.98	76.42
HLA-C*06:02-NEG	0.00	10.36	62.69	76.35	72.30
Overall	1.21	16.36	70.18	80.39	74.02
Δ POS vs. NEG	2.90	14.46	17.89	9.63	4.12
Δ POS vs. Overall	1.69	8.46	10.40	5.59	2.40

# HLA-Cw6+ve patients have significantly faster and greater PASI 90 response compared to Cw6-ve



— overall — POS — NEG

Permutation testing to preserve **Correlation Structure** between tests:



		Ustekinumab			
		3m	6m	12m	
PASI50	n	163	223	187	
	OR	2.10	1.92	2.12	
	95% CI	0.98-4.47	0.99-3.73	0.87-5.19	
PASI75	$P_{perm}$	0.2520	0.2817	0.3526	
	OR	2.16	1.32	1.44	
	95% CI	1.18-3.97	0.79-2.20	0.82-2.53	
PASI90	$P_{perm}$	0.1036	0.5046	0.4702	
	OR	<b>2.48</b>	1.68	1.51	
	95% CI	<b>1.33-4.64</b>	1.00-2.83	0.90-2.56	
PASI100	$P_{perm}$	<b>0.0377</b>	0.2846	0.3573	
	OR	2.38	1.96	1.12	
	95% CI	1.10-5.12	1.03-3.72	0.62-2.04	
		$P_{perm}$	0.1995	0.2510	0.7016

$P_{perm}(\# \text{ same direction effects}) = 0.0403$

Dand et al J Allergy Clin Immunol 2019

# HLA-Cw6 influences Guselkumab efficacy

VOYAGE 1 and 2, 1443 subjects were randomized to either guselkumab (100 mg at weeks 0 and 4 and every 8 weeks thereafter); placebo; or adalimumab (80 mg at week 0 and 40 mg at week 1, followed by 40 mg every other week thereafter). Responses to guselkumab were evaluated at weeks 2, 4, 12, 16, 20, 24, and 28 in 519 Caucasian patients stratified by HLA-Cw6 status.

## HLA-Cw6 positive patients respond better to Guselkumab

**PASI 90** HLA-Cw6+ better at week 8, 12, 16 and 20 (max diff 18% week 8)

**PASI 100** HLA-Cw6+ better at week 8, 12, 16, 22 and (max diff 15.2% week 20)

*Association between HLA-Cw6 status and response to guselkumab in patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis.*

*X.LiuS.DePrimoY.ChenS.LiE.Munoz-Elias JID Supplement IID 2018 Meeting abstracts <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jid.2018.03.458>*

### 1. Which category?

	<b>PASI &lt; 10, no sensitive areas, DLQI &lt; 10</b>	<b>PASI &gt; 10, chronic stable</b>	<b>PASI &gt; 10 (or &gt; 20?), inflammatory instable</b>
<b>1st therapeutic decision</b>	Topical therapy, UV light	Conventional systemics	Biologics 1st line
<b>2nd therapeutic decision</b>	Conventional systemics (if wanted and in label)	Biologics 1st line or 2nd line	Biologics 1st line or 2nd line

### 2. Which conventional?

<b>PsA, no liver damage</b>	<b>No PsA, no lymphopenia, oral preferred, flexibility</b>	<b>2nd line conventional, nails/enthesitis, safety profile</b>	<b>Pustular (palmoplantar) with PUVA</b>	<b>Short term, no renal dysfunction</b>
<b>MTX</b>	<b>DMF</b>	<b>Apremilast</b>	<b>Retinoids</b>	<b>Ciclosporine</b>

### 3. Which biologic?

<b>Comorbidity level</b>		<b>Convenience level</b>	
Candida or IBD	<b>TNF/IL-12/23</b>	Less frequent injections	<b>IL-12/23</b>
TBC or NYHA > 2	<b>IL-17/17R/12/23</b>	Super-quick response	<b>IL-17/17R</b>
Dominant PsA	<b>TNF/IL-17/17R</b>	Overall skin efficacy	<b>IL-17/17R/23</b>
Pregnancy	<b>TNF/(IL-12)</b>	Flexibility	<b>IL-23</b>

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