

So many choices: Positioning advanced therapies in Crohn's disease

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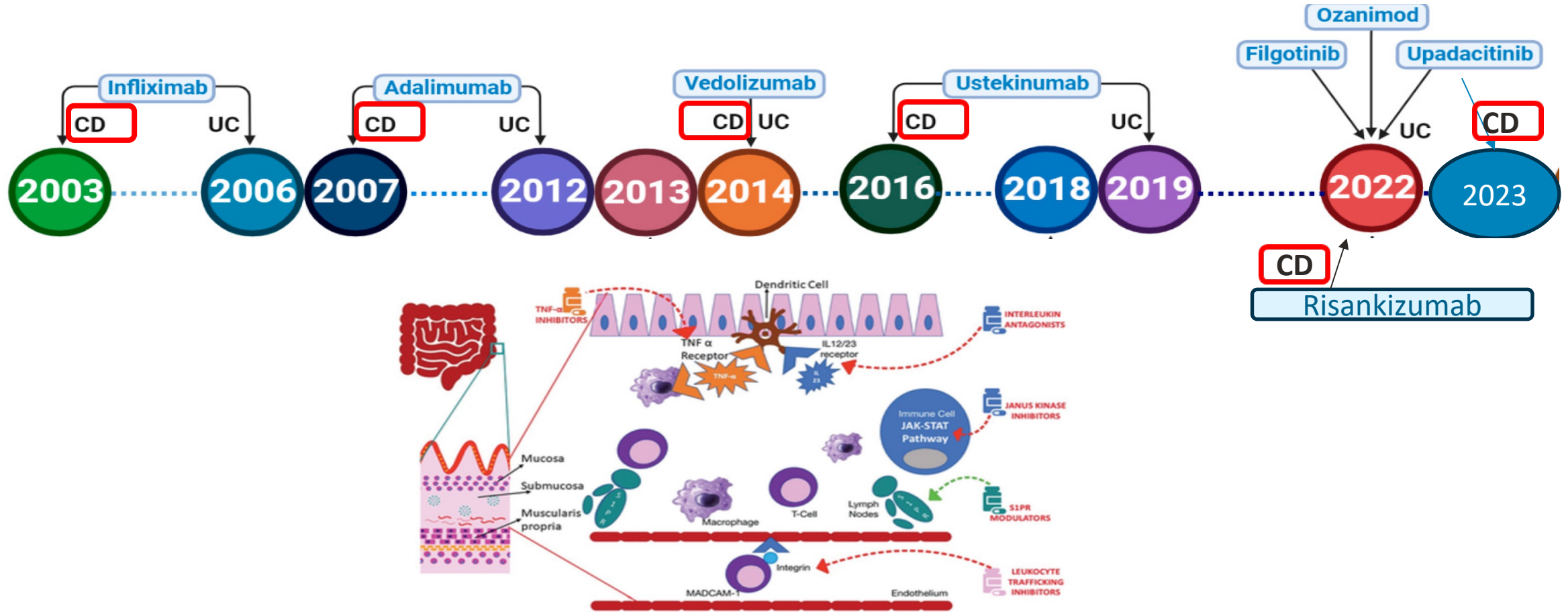
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Positioning “advanced therapies” in Crohn’s disease: choices not so long ago

TIMEPOINT	UNTIL RECENTLY
Choosing FIRST advanced therapy	When to start? Which anti-TNF?
Choosing SUBSEQUENT advanced therapy	When first anti-TNF has “failed”? When is a change needed?
<div>Types of “FAILURE”</div> <div>Primary non-response/incomplete, unsatisfactory response? (lack of clinical remission or failure to achieve other target?) (Pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic?) Intolerance?</div> <div>Secondary loss of response related to anti-drug antibodies? Secondary loss of response NOT related to anti-drug antibodies?</div>	

Increasing choices of “advanced therapies” (biologics and targeted oral small molecules) in Crohn’s disease



Positioning “advanced therapies” in Crohn’s disease: choices to make now

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Choosing SUBSEQUENT advanced therapy	Which biologic or targeted oral small molecule when first has failed?
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Considerations in choosing therapies: as patients and families ask...

Will it work?

Is it safe?

How fast will I/my child or family member feel better?

Will it keep working?

What is involved with taking it?

Clinician's considerations are similar

Reliable induction of **steroid-free clinical remission + efficacy in achieving healing**

Favorable safety profile.....learning curve

Knowledge of how optimize efficacy (dosing, therapeutic drug monitoring)

Durability of remission (including Immunogenicity; need for/advisability of concomitant IM)

Rapidity of onset

Patient preference for mode of administration

Access

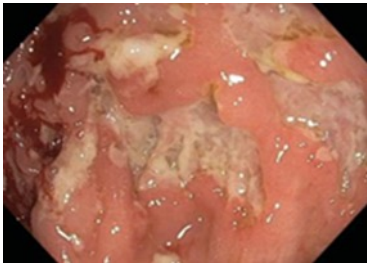
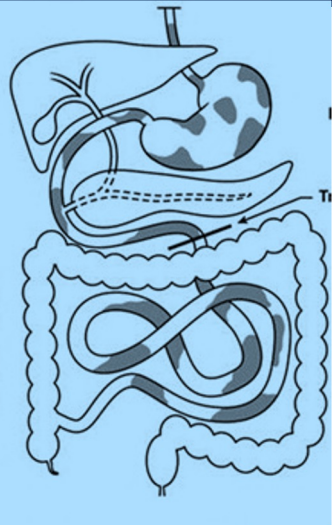
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Efficacy in special situations (e.g. perianal fistulizing disease; associated arthritis)

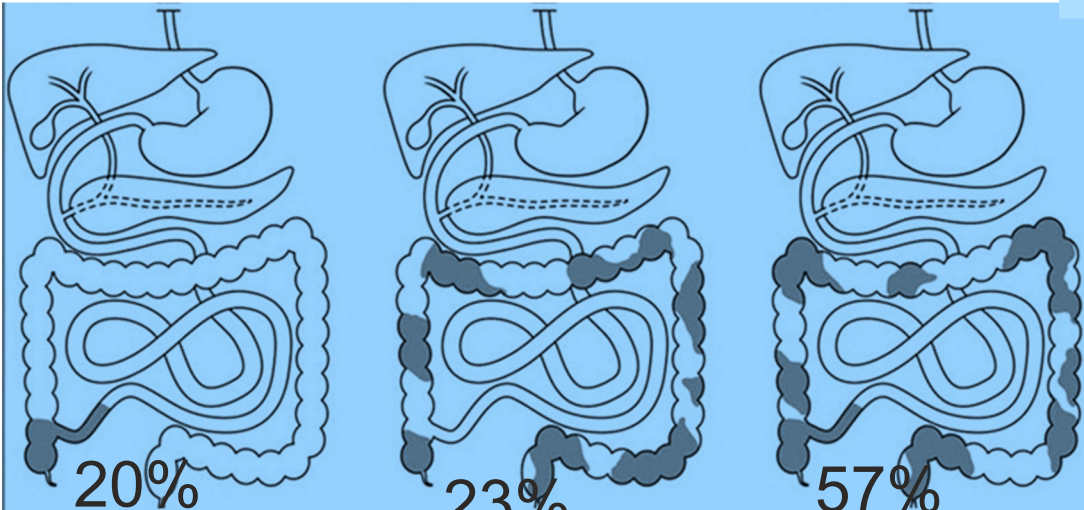
Consider phenotypic heterogeneity of Crohn's disease

N= 698 (age 2 - <17yrs)	
Median age (IQR)	12.9 years (10.9, 14.8)
Gender	59% male
Perianal fistulizing	16%

Additional
 “proximal”
 small bowel
 involvement
 27% L4b



Lower intestinal
 Tract
 (L1/L2/L3)



20%
 ileocecal

23%
 Crohn's colitis

57%
 ileocolonic

Advanced therapies in Crohn's disease: Questions faced in clinical practice

POSITIONING

- Early vs later initiation?:
.....before versus after a trial of conventional immunomodulators?
- “Advanced therapy” for all?
Who should not get?

SEQUENCING

- Is there a “better” “advanced therapy” to utilize first rather than anti-TNF?
- Advanced therapy if anti-TNF “fails”?.....what to switch to

Advanced therapy positioning in CD: Early vs later?

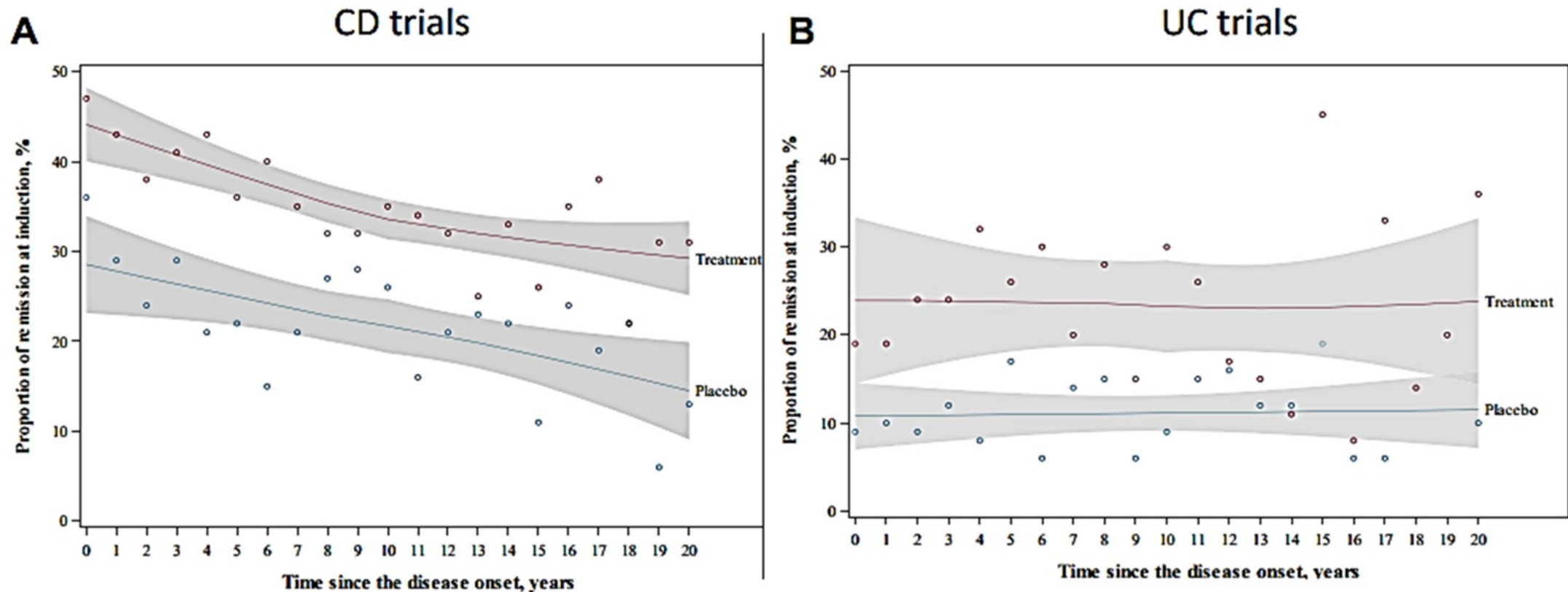


Figure 3. Rate of remission induction by duration of disease at initiation of treatment for (A) CD and (B) UC trials. The *dots* denote proportion of an outcome averaged per the respective year.

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What can help us compare efficacy?

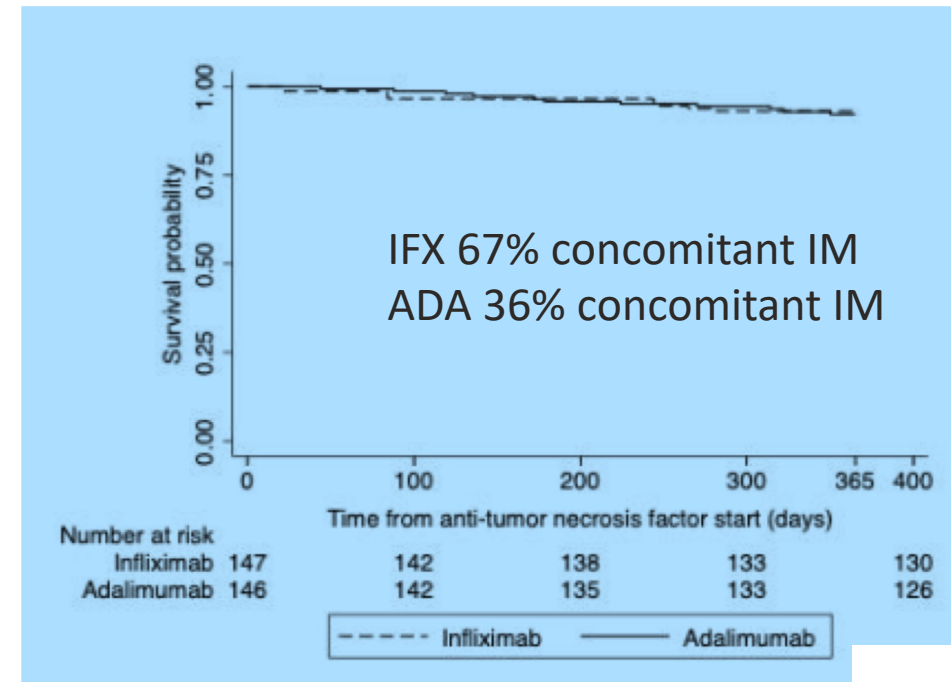
- Head-to-head randomized clinical trials
 - *ustekinumab vs adalimumab (SEAVUE)* **bionaive**
 - *ustekinumab vs risankizumab (SEQUENCE)* **prior anti-TNF failure**
- Indirect evidence of comparative efficacy and safety
 - network meta-analyses of randomized controlled trial data
 - propensity-score matched analyses of individual patient data
 - from randomized placebo-controlled trials of different agents
 - from observational data (real-world effectiveness)

Choice of first anti-TNF in luminal Crohn's disease?

	IFX n=435 (60% males)	IFX matched N=147	ADA n=176 (63% males)
AGE (yrs)	13.0 (11.0-14.8)	14.0 (12.9-15.8)	14.0 (12.1-15.6)
Duration (mos)	2 (1-6)	4 (1-12)	5 (2-11)
Location	13% L1 28% L2 56% L3	29% L1 14% L2 55% L3	27% L1 15% L2 56% L3
Perianal disease	21%	7%	8%
wPCDAI	45.0 (22.5-70.0)	30.0 (15.0-50.0)	30.0 (10.0-52.5)
SES-CD	16 (9-22)	12 (6-18)	12 (7-17)

Within PS-matched cohort

	IFX	ADA
One year steroid-free clinical + CRP remission	59%	54%



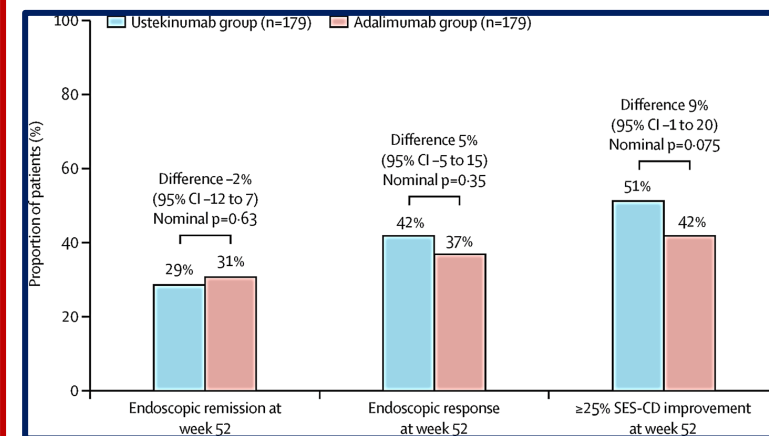
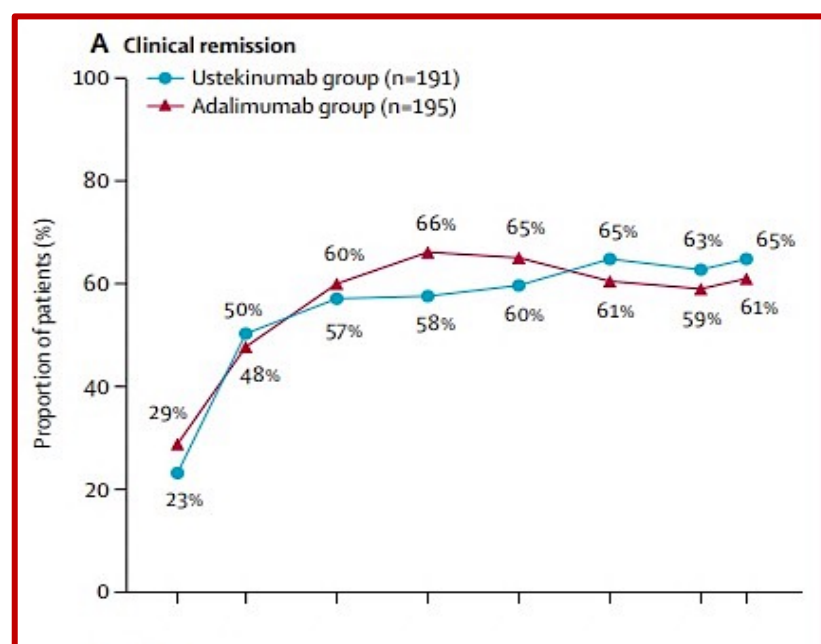
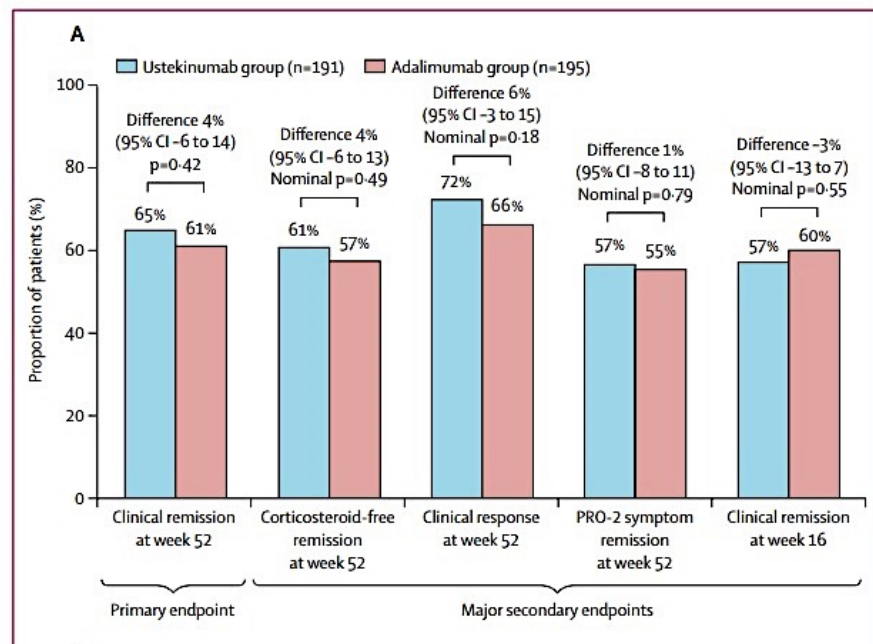
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Sequencing advanced therapy in Crohn's disease: is there a “better” first therapy than anti-TNF?



Ustekinumab versus adalimumab for induction and maintenance therapy in biologic-naïve patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease: a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, parallel-group, phase 3b trial

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Sequencing “advanced therapy” in Crohn’s disease: is there a “better” first therapy than anti-TNF?

Comparative Efficacy and Rapidity of Action for Infliximab vs Ustekinumab in Biologic Naïve Crohn’s Disease

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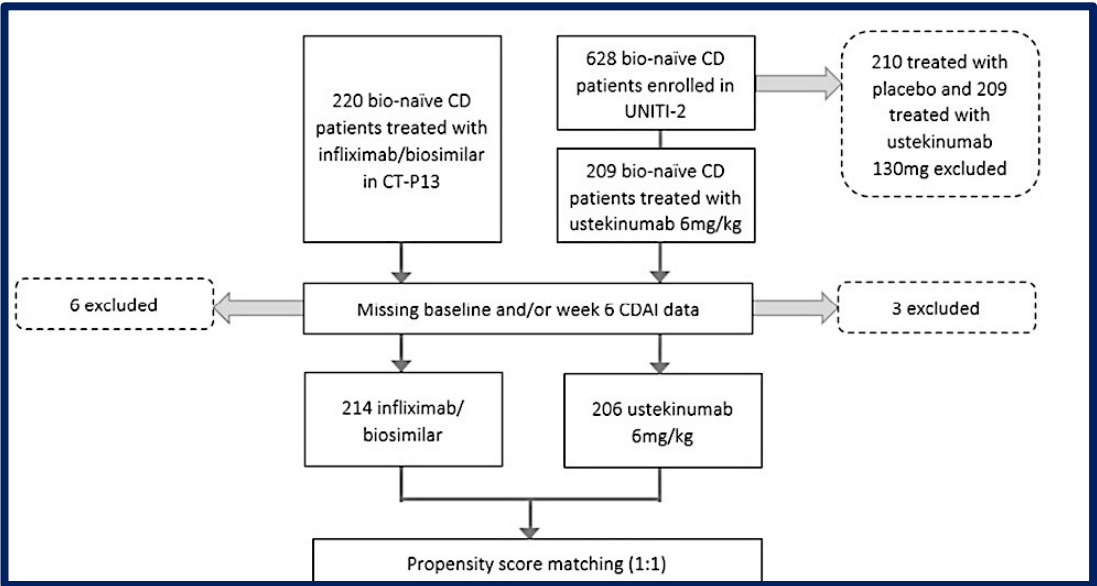
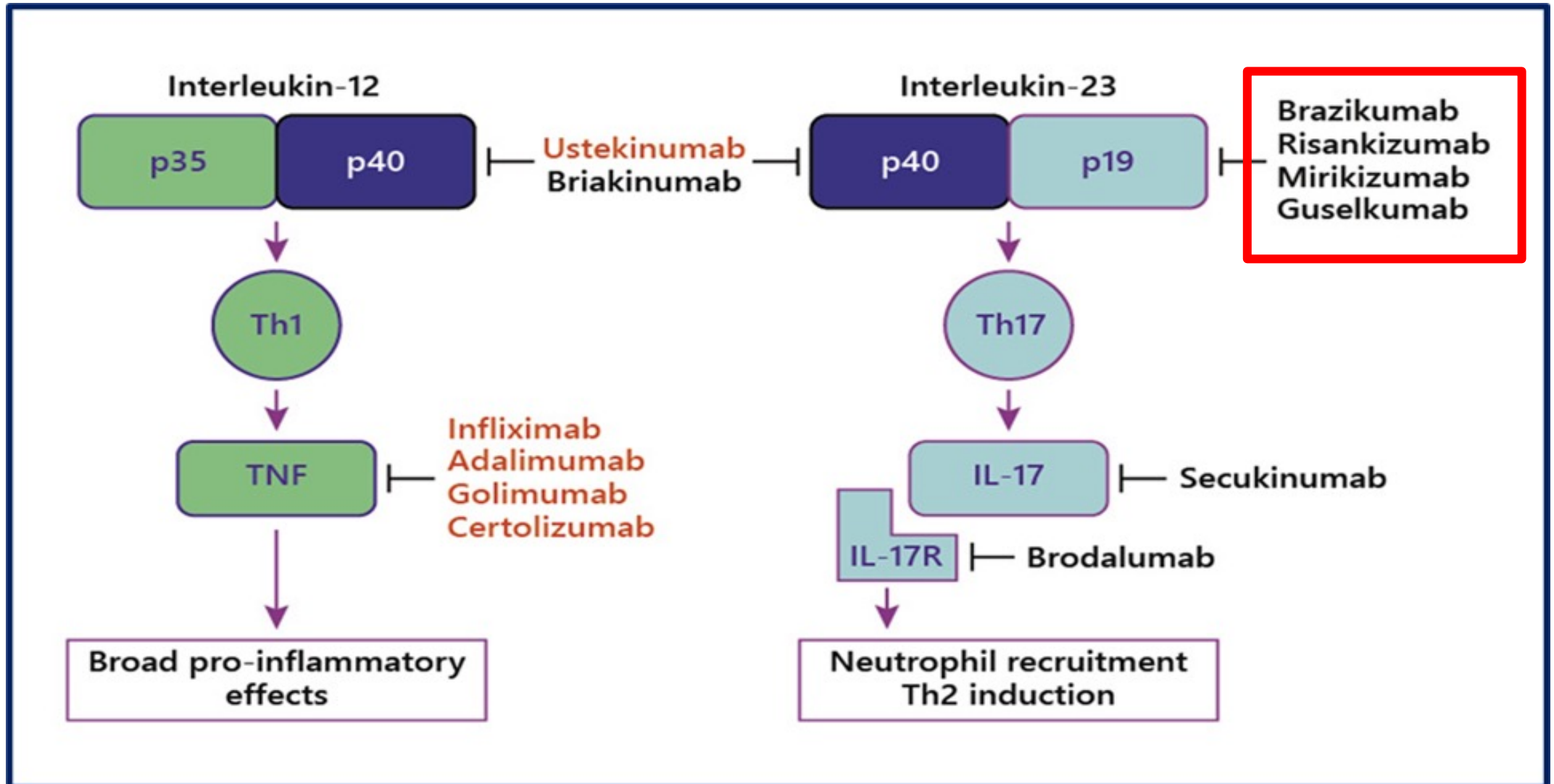


Table 3. Clinical Outcomes Achieved by Patients Treated With Ustekinumab and Infliximab

	Infliximab (n = 214)	Ustekinumab (n = 206)	P
Overall cohort			
Week 6 clinical response, n (%)	125 (58.4)	113 (54.9)	
Week 6 clinical remission, n (%)	96 (44.9)	78 (37.9)	
Baseline fecal calprotectin level >250 mcg/L and week 6 fecal calprotectin level <250 mcg/L, n (%)	55/130 (42.3)	43/124 (34.7)	
Baseline fecal calprotectin level >250 mcg/L and week 6 fecal calprotectin level <50 mcg/L, n (%)	19/130 (14.6)	9/124 (7.3)	
	Infliximab (n = 168)	Ustekinumab (n = 168)	
Propensity score matched cohort			
Week 6 clinical response, n (%)	101 (60.1)	94 (56.0)	
Week 6 clinical remission, n (%)	73 (43.5)	65 (38.7)	
Baseline fecal calprotectin level >250 mcg/L and week 6 fecal calprotectin level <250 mcg/L, n (%)	47/106 (44.3)	38/113 (33.6)	
Baseline fecal calprotectin level >250 mcg/L and week 6 fecal calprotectin level <50 mcg/L, n (%)	14/106 (13.2)	7/113 (6.2)	

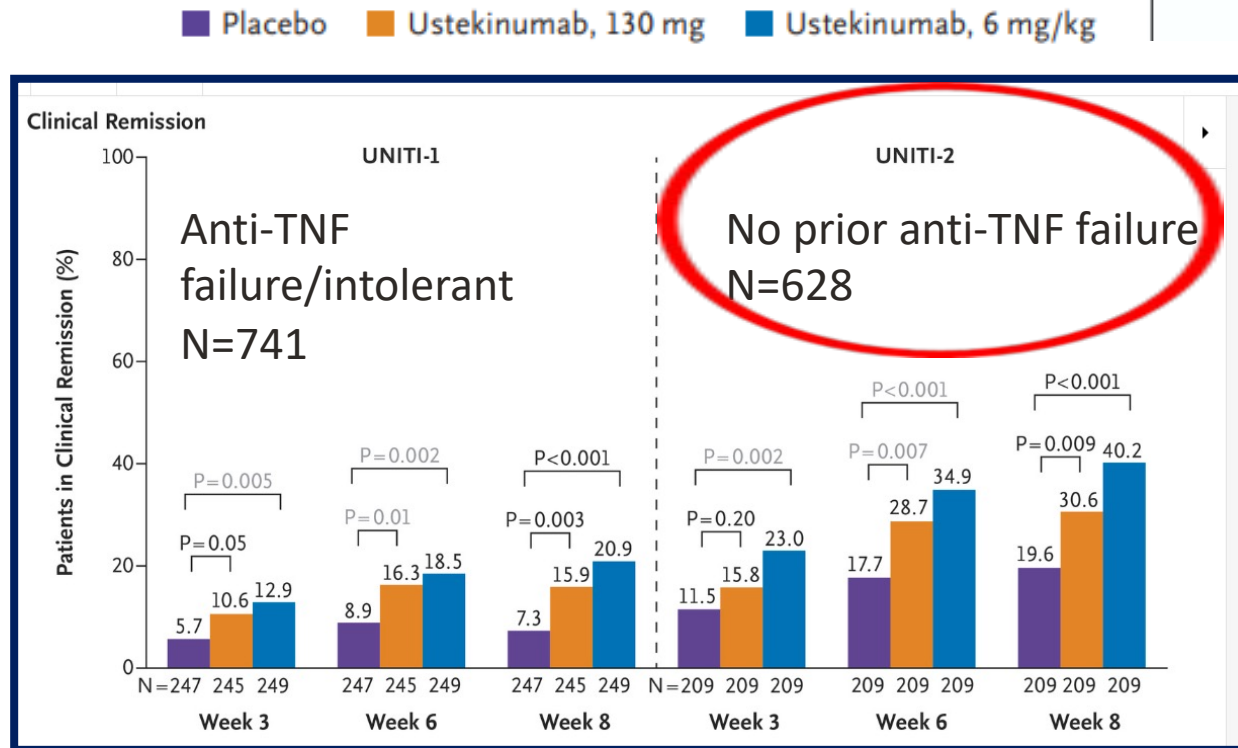
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One year outcomes among responders to induction

Interleukin-12/23 pathway biologics



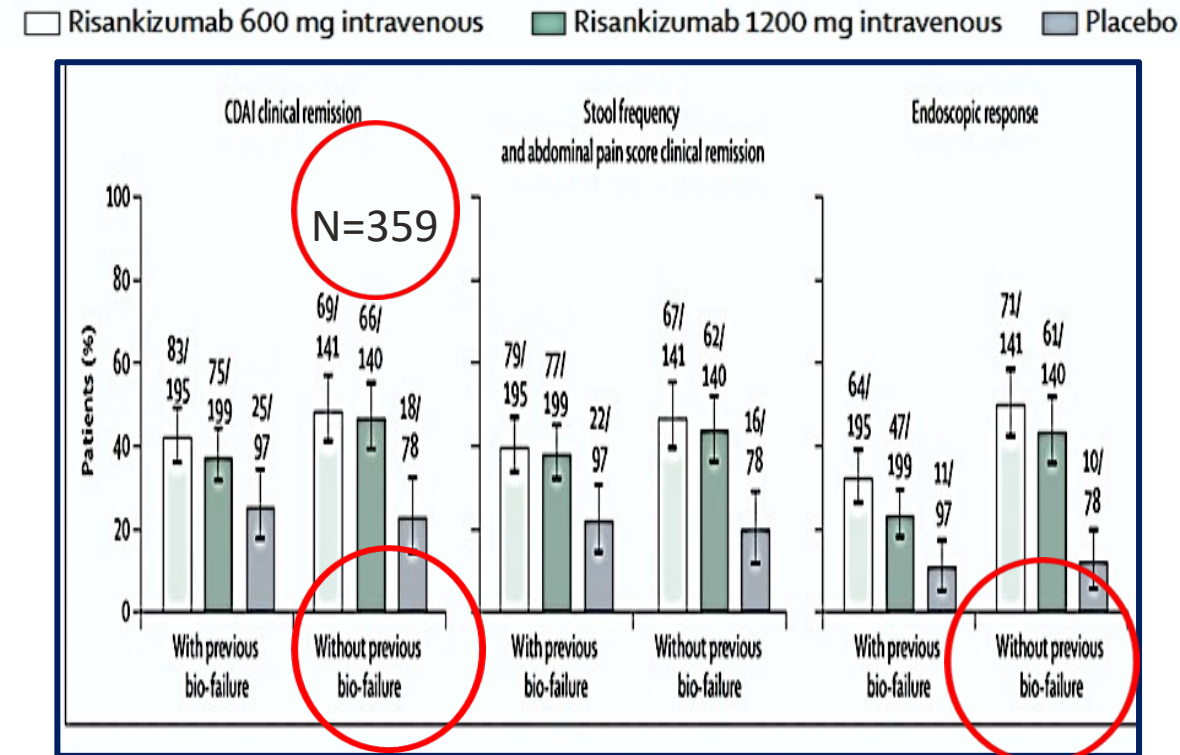
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Ustekinumab week 8 outcomes



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Risankizumab (ADVANCE) week 12 outcomes

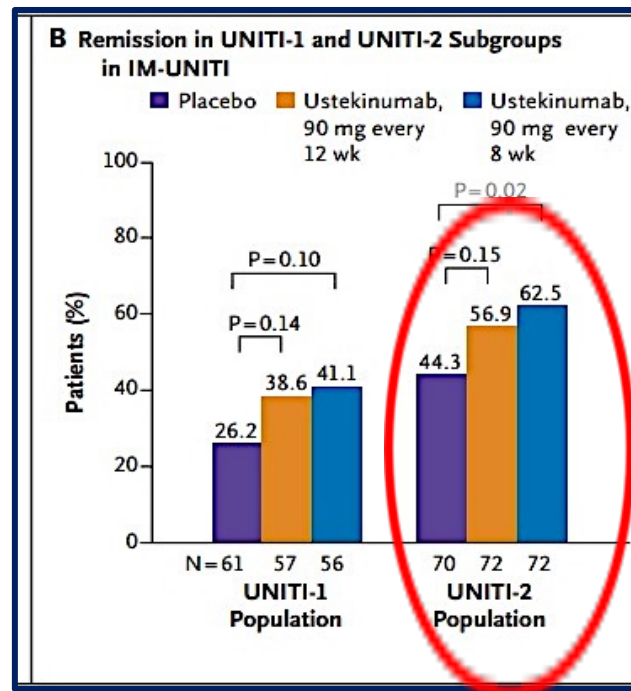


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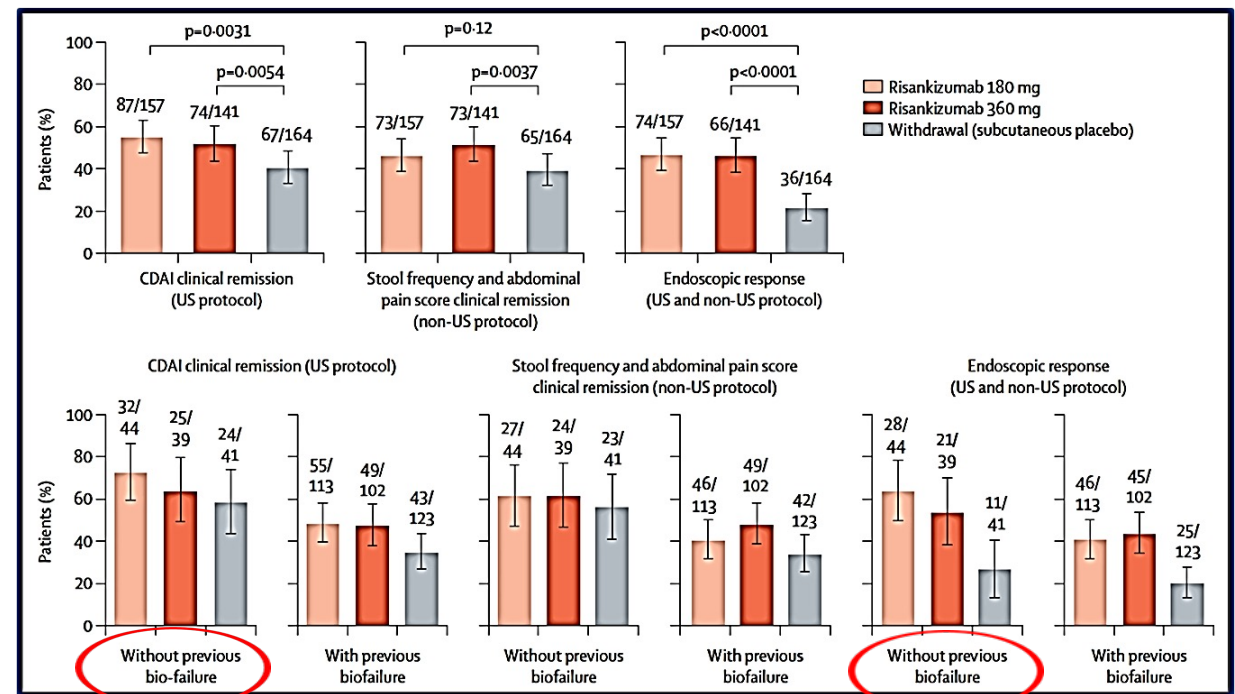
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Ustekinumab week 52 outcomes (IM-UNITI)
(responders to induction re-randomized)

Risankizumab week 52 outcomes (FORTIFY)
(responders to induction re-randomized)



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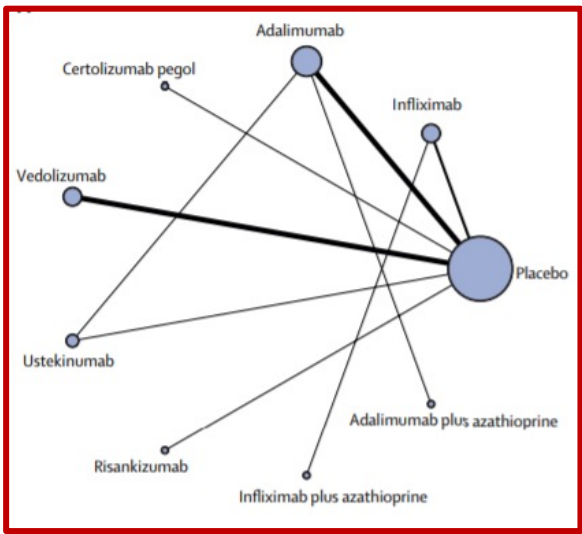
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31 trials (total 8020 participants)



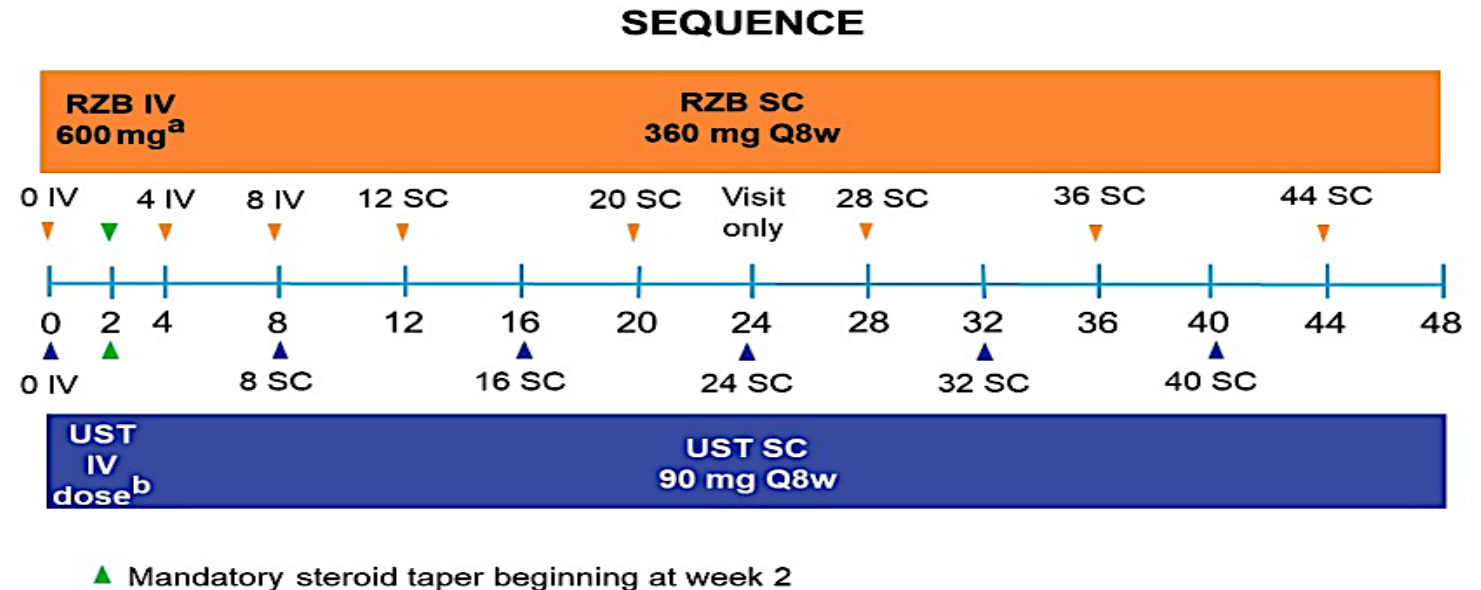
INDUCTION: Bio-Naïve

Induction of clinical remission									
Induction of clinical response	Infliximab	0.61 (0.31-1.19)	1.50 (0.54-4.22)	2.65 (0.70-10.02)	1.72 (0.61-4.87)	2.07 (0.63-6.87)	2.28 (0.73-7.06)	4.53 (1.49-13.79)	6.17 (2.54-15.01)
	0.56 (0.36-0.87)	Infliximab plus thiopurines	2.49 (0.73-8.52)	4.38 (0.99-19.45)	2.85 (0.83-9.82)	3.43 (0.87-13.54)	3.76 (1.01-14.03)	7.49 (2.04-27.49)	10.20 (3.34-31.10)
	8.84 (1.95-40.03)	15.88 (3.29-76.64)	Adalimumab	1.76 (0.76-4.08)	1.15 (0.66-1.99)	1.38 (0.51-3.69)	1.51 (0.61-3.74)	3.01 (1.25-7.27)	4.10 (2.31-7.27)
	"	"	"	Adalimumab plus thiopurines	0.65 (0.24-1.77)	0.78 (0.21-2.85)	0.86 (0.25-2.95)	1.71 (0.51-5.77)	2.33 (0.84-6.43)
	7.90 (1.78-35.10)	14.18 (2.99-67.26)	0.89 (0.61-1.31)	"	Ustekinumab	0.83 (0.31-2.21)	1.32 (0.54-3.23)	2.63 (1.10-6.28)	3.58 (2.05-6.25)
	"	"	"	"	"	Risankizumab	1.10 (0.38-3.19)	2.19 (0.77-6.21)	2.98 (1.33-6.64)
	12.76 (2.76-59.08)	22.91 (4.64-113.02)	1.44 (0.75-2.80)	"	1.62 (0.87-3.00)	"	Vedolizumab	1.99 (0.75-5.26)	2.71 (1.34-5.48)
	15.08 (3.46-65.83)	27.08 (5.81-126.25)	1.71 (1.02-2.84)	"	1.91 (1.21-3.00)	"	1.18 (0.67-2.10)	Certolizumab pegol	1.36 (0.70-2.66)
	22.00 (5.17-93.56)	39.49 (8.68-179.61)	2.49 (1.62-3.82)	"	2.79 (1.94-3.99)	"	1.72 (1.04-2.85)	1.46 (1.11-1.92)	Placebo

Risankizumab Versus Ustekinumab for Patients With Moderate to Severe Crohn's Disease: Results From the Phase 3b SEQUENCE Study

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- Moderate-severe CD
- Prior failure of ≥ 1 anti-TNF
- SES-CD ≥ 6 (central read) (≥ 4 for isolated ileal)



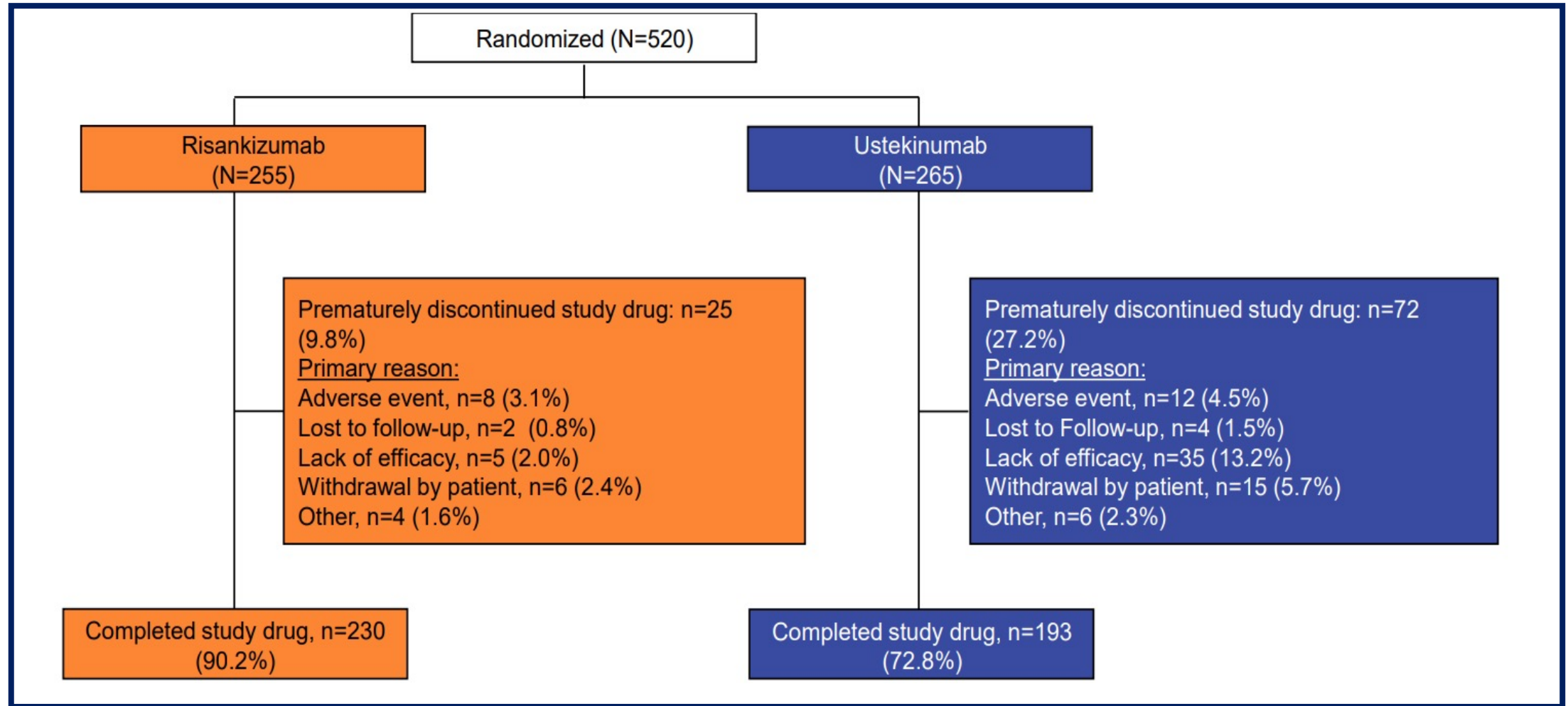
PRIMARY ENDPOINTS: 1) CDAI remission at week 24
2) endoscopic remission at week 48 (SES-CD < 4 and ≥ 2 point drop and no subscore > 1)

SEQUENCE: Patient Characteristics

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), median (min, max)	1030 (30, 26823)	1515 (30, 26361)
Baseline hs-CRP (mg/L), median (min, max)	8.20 (0.2, 287.1)	9.40 (0.2, 196.6)
CDAI, mean (SD)	309.4 (61.7)	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)

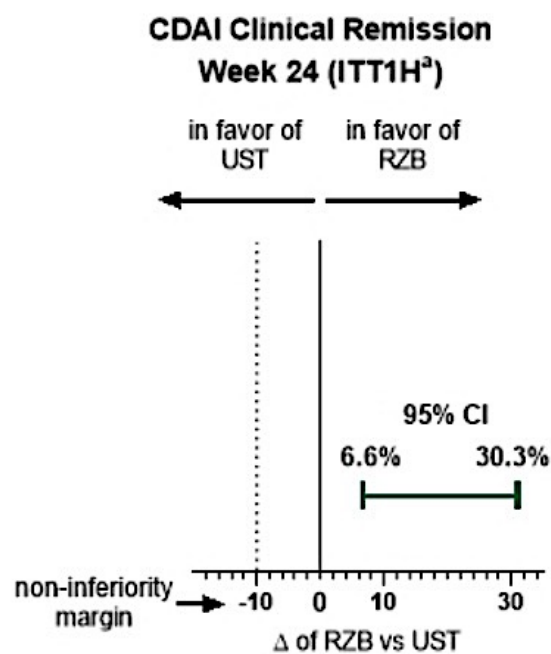
ly mass index; CD, Crohn's disease; CDAI, CD activity index; hs-CRP, high-sensitivity C-reactive protein; SES-CD, simple endoscopic score for CD; SF, stool frequency; TNF, tumour necrosis factor; UST, ustekinumab
 population: includes patients who were randomized to UST or RZB (600 mg IV, 360 mg SC) and received at least one dose of study drug

SEQUENCE: Patient disposition



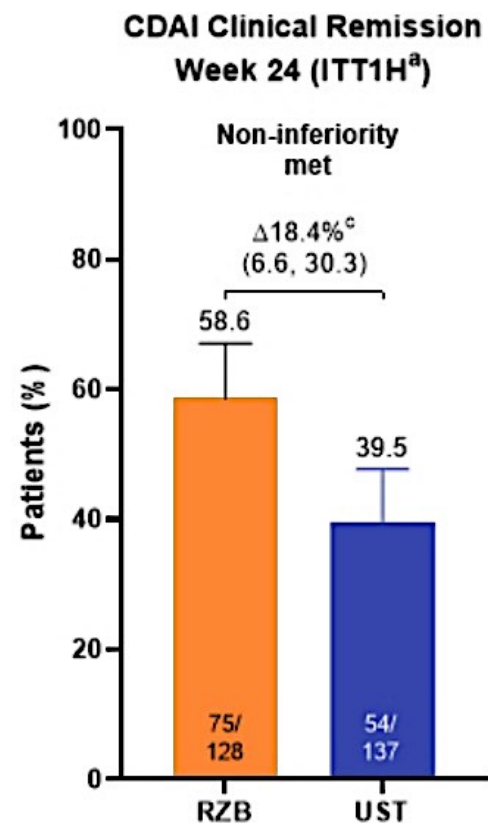
Mean time (days) study drug discontinuation: for risankizumab 182.6 ; for ustekinumab 156.3

SEQUENCE: Primary Outcomes (intent-to-treat analyses)

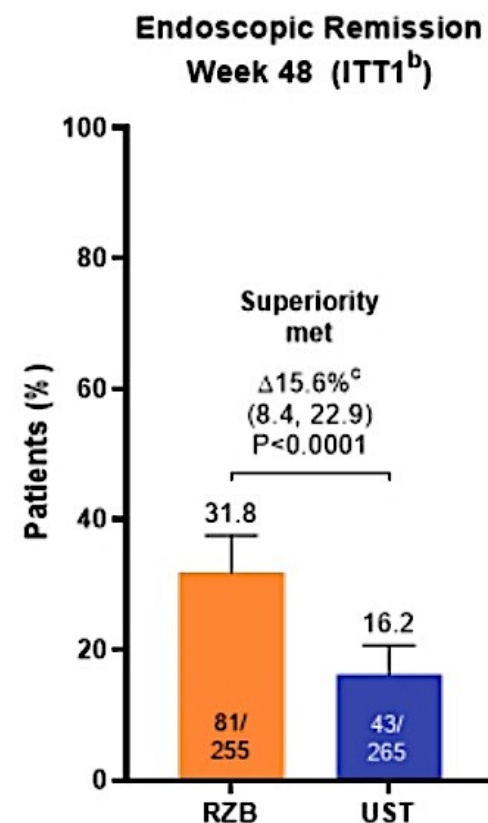


CDAI clinical remission: CDAI < 150

Endoscopic remission: SES-CD ≤ 4 and at least a 2-point reduction versus BL and no subscore > 1 in any individual variable, as scored by a central reviewer



Nominal $P < 0.01$ from a post hoc analysis testing for superiority

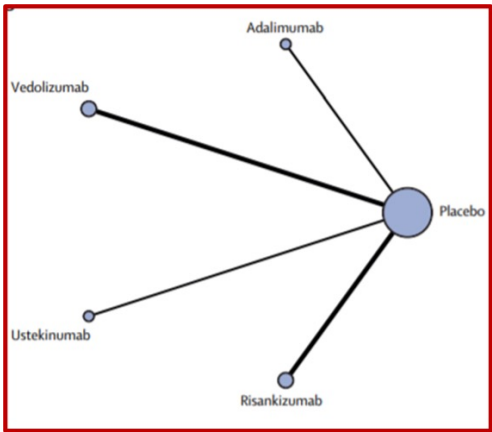


CD: Advanced therapy following anti-TNF “failure”?



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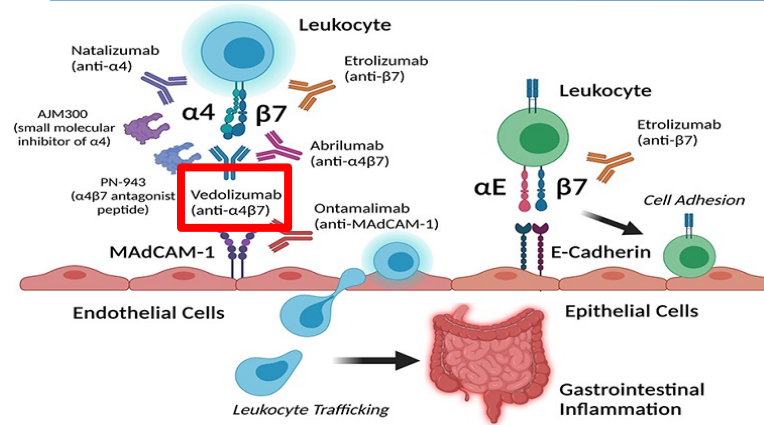
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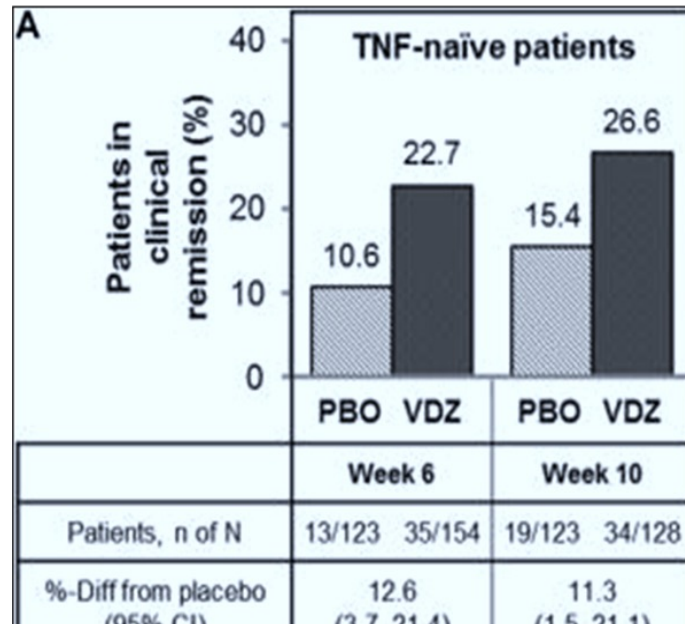
Induction of clinical response	Induction of clinical remission				
	Risankizumab	1.34 (0.79-2.27)	0.74 (0.35-1.57)	2.10 (1.12-3.92)	2.64 (1.89-3.68)
	1.34 (0.62-2.90)	Ustekinumab	0.56 (0.25-1.22)	1.57 (0.80-3.06)	1.97 (1.31-2.97)
	1.51 (0.64-3.56)	1.13 (0.51-2.51)	Adalimumab	2.82 (1.20-6.62)	3.55 (1.82-6.93)
	1.87 (0.87-4.02)	1.40 (0.68-2.87)	1.24 (0.55-2.77)	Vedolizumab	1.26 (0.74-2.14)
	3.31 (1.86-5.90)	2.47 (1.49-4.09)	2.19 (1.17-4.09)	1.77 (1.07-2.92)	Placebo

INDUCTION: prior biologic exposure

Sequencing advanced therapy in Crohn's disease: what about vedolizumab?



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Analysis 1.1. Comparison 1: Induction studies – vedolizumab versus placebo, Outcome 1: Induction of clinical remission

Study or Subgroup	Vedolizumab		Placebo		Weight	Risk Ratio	Risk Ratio
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Random, 95% CI	M-H, Random, 95% CI
1.1.1 Prior TNF inhibitor failure							
Sandborn 2013 – Induction Phase	11	105	3	70	5.7%	2.44 [0.71, 8.45]	
Sands 2014	24	158	19	157	28.0%	1.26 [0.72, 2.20]	
Watanabe 2020 – Induction Phase	4	61	7	62	6.3%	0.58 [0.18, 1.88]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		324		289	40.0%	1.21 [0.65, 2.25]	
Total events:	39		29				
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.09$; $\chi^2 = 2.75$, $df = 2$ ($P = 0.25$); $I^2 = 27\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.61$ ($P = 0.54$)							
1.1.2 No prior TNF inhibitor							
Feagan 2008	43	127	12	58	28.0%	1.64 [0.94, 2.86]	
Sandborn 2013 – Induction Phase	21	115	7	78	13.5%	2.03 [0.91, 4.55]	
Sands 2014	16	51	6	50	12.0%	2.61 [1.11, 6.14]	
Watanabe 2020 – Induction Phase	7	18	3	16	6.4%	2.07 [0.64, 6.70]	
Subtotal (95% CI)		311		202	60.0%	1.94 [1.32, 2.84]	
Total events:	87		28				
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 0.85$, $df = 3$ ($P = 0.84$); $I^2 = 0\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.39$ ($P = 0.0007$)							
Total (95% CI)		635		491	100.0%	1.61 [1.20, 2.17]	
Total events:	126		57				
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.00$; $\chi^2 = 5.83$, $df = 6$ ($P = 0.44$); $I^2 = 0\%$							
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.15$ ($P = 0.002$)							
Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 1.59$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.21$), $I^2 = 37.2\%$							

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Comparative effectiveness in achieving endoscopic healing in bio-naive patients with CD

Data from:
UNITI (USTE)

Extend (ADA)

Versify (VEDO)

CT-P13 (IFX)

Endoscopic healing at 1 yr among participants (n = 240)				
Treatment	N	Endoscopic healing at 1 yr, n (%)	P (pairwise) ^a	P
Adalimumab	36	12/36 (33.3)	0.011	0.072
Infliximab	141	39/141 (27.7)	0.018	
Ustekinumab	22	5/22 (22.7)	0.161	
Vedolizumab	41	4/41 (9.8)	N/A	
Absence of ulcers at 1 yr among participants with very large ulcers at baseline (n = 60)				
Treatment	Very large ulcer at baseline, n	Absence of ulcers at 1 yr, n (%)	P (pairwise) ^a	P
Adalimumab	10	2/10 (20.0)	0.476	0.848
Infliximab	29	5/29 (17.2)	0.519	
Ustekinumab	10	1/10 (10.0)	0.943	
Vedolizumab	11	1/11 (9.1)	N/A	
Absence of ulcers at 1 yr among participants with large ulcers at baseline (n = 187)				
Treatment	Large ulcer at baseline, n	Absence of ulcers at 1 yr, n (%)	P (pairwise) ^a	P
Adalimumab	28	7/28 (25.0)	0.042	0.142
Infliximab	110	27/110 (24.6)	0.024	
Ustekinumab	17	3/17 (17.7)	0.210	
Vedolizumab	32	2/32 (6.3)	N/A	
N/A, not available.				
^a Vedolizumab as the comparator.				

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Real-world effectiveness

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The Real-World Effectiveness and Safety of Vedolizumab for Moderate–Severe Crohn's Disease: Results From the US VICTORY Consortium

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Real-World Evidence Comparing Vedolizumab and Ustekinumab in Antitumor Necrosis Factor-Experienced Patients With Crohn's Disease

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Non-selective

JAK1 > 2,3

Tofacitinib

Upadacitinib

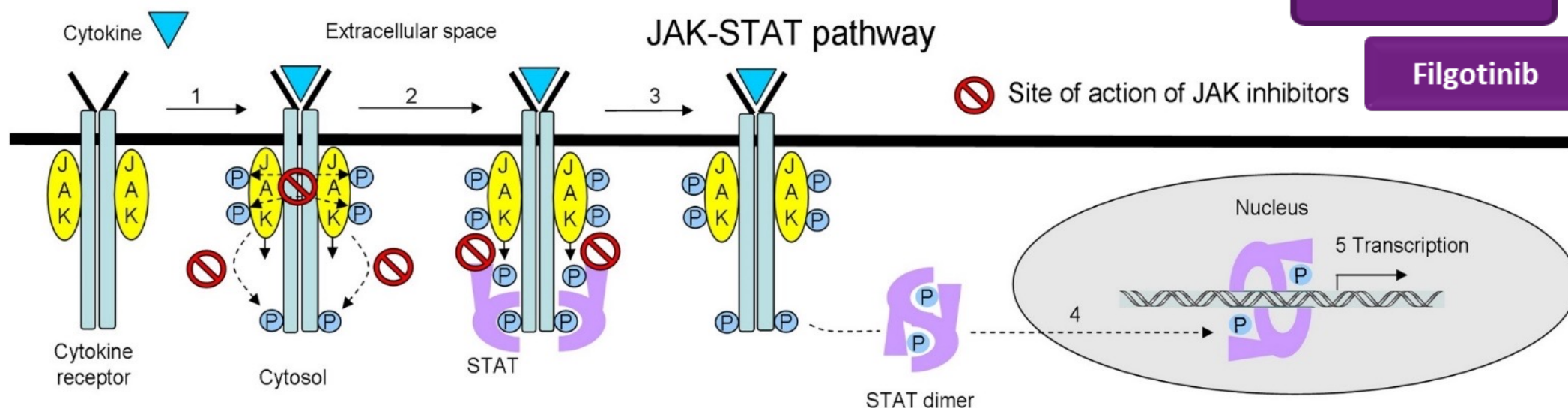
Filgotinib

Site of action of JAK inhibitors

Targeted oral small molecules: Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitors

-JAKS comprise a family of 4 intracellular tyrosine kinases (JAK1, JAK2, JAK3, TYK2)

-Associated with intracellular domains of cytokine receptors



- Interact with STATs: “signaling transducers and activators of transcription”: genes involved in innate and adaptive immunity

Upadacitinib Induction and Maintenance Therapy for Crohn's Disease

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KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

- 18-75 years of age
- Average daily SF ≥ 4 and/or average daily APS ≥ 2
- ;SES-CD ≥ 6 (≥ 4 for patients with isolated ileal disease)

Induction

U-EXCEL ^{CD}
M14-433

UPA 45 mg QD

Placebo

U-EXCEED ^{CD}
M14-431

UPA 45 mg QD

Placebo

Steroid dose/taper

Responders*
to 12-week
UPA 45 mg QD

(stratified
bionaive vs
failure)

RR

75% prior biologics

Maintenance (Cohort 1)

U-ENDURE ^{CD}
M14-430

Placebo

UPA 15 mg QD

UPA 30 mg QD

Week Baseline 4

12 or 24 / 0
(Induction) (Maintenance)[§]

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Induction Co-Primary Endpoints:

Clinical Remission
Endoscopic Response

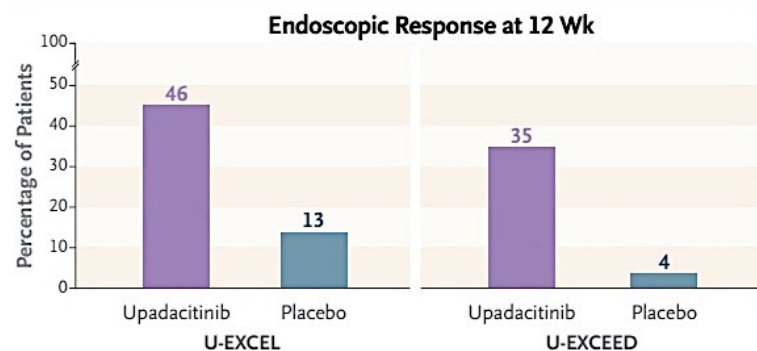
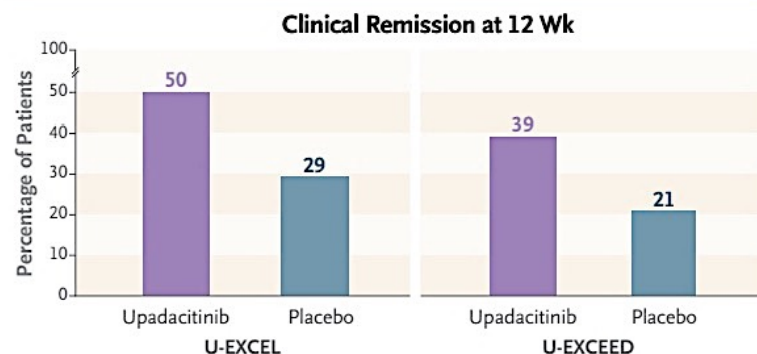
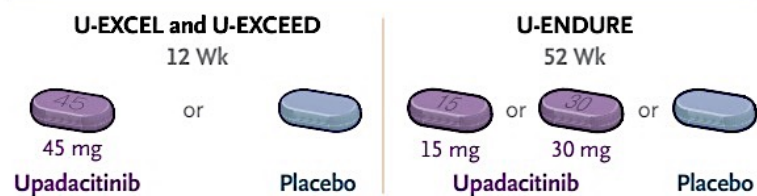
Maintenance Co-Primary Endpoints:

Clinical Remission
Endoscopic Response

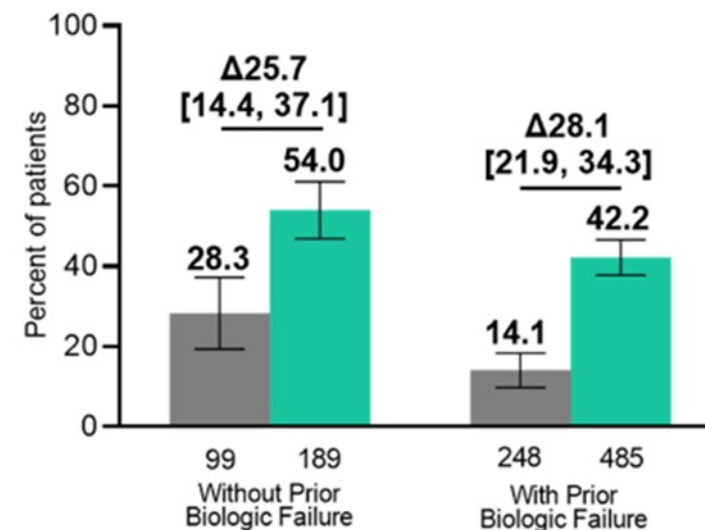
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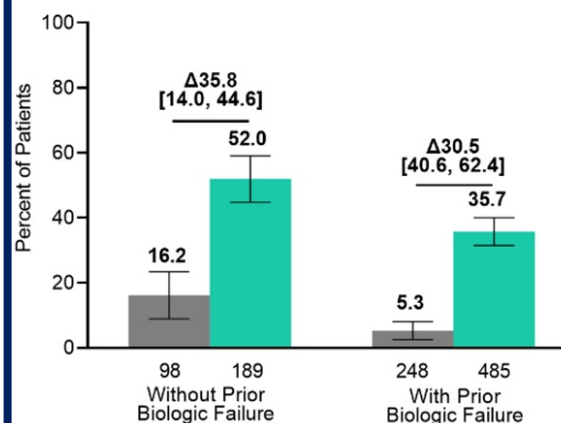
Week 12 - Pooled Induction Data from U-EXCEL and U-EXCEED



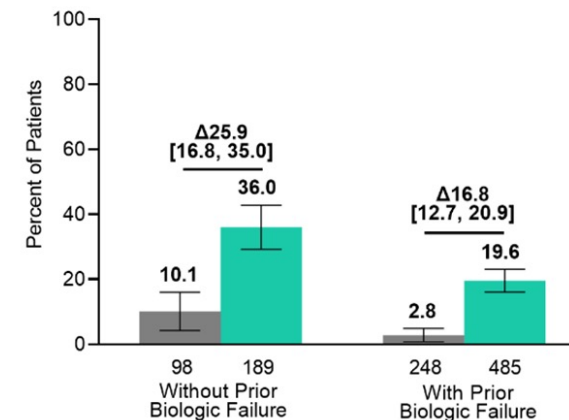
SF/APS Clinical remission



Endoscopic response



Endoscopic remission

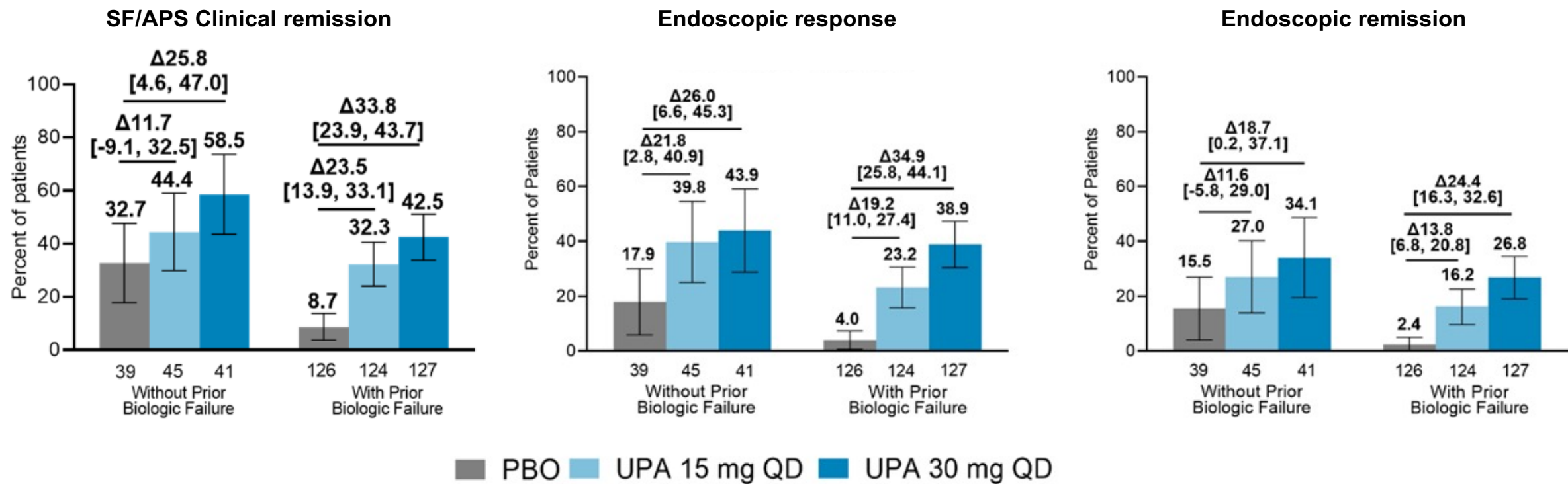


■ PBO ■ UPA 45 mg QD

Upadacitinib Clinical & Endoscopic Outcomes in CD Patients by Prior Biologic Failure Status



Week 52 – Maintenance Data from U-ENDURE



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Efficacy and Safety of Upadacitinib Maintenance Therapy in Patients With Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease: Final Results From the Phase 3 U-ENDURE Study

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Induction Study (12 weeks)

Maintenance Study (52 weeks)

Randomization 1:1:1

U-ENDURE

Patients with or
without biologic
failure

Clinical
responders^a to
UPA 45 mg from
U-EXCEL and
U-EXCEED

Steroid dose/taper

Full Safety Analysis Set^a

AESIs, events (events/100 PY) ^b	PBO n = 223 (PYs = 111.5)	UPA 15 mg n = 221 (PYs = 153.7)	UPA 30 mg n = 229 (PYs = 177.2)
Serious infection	10 (9.0)	9 (5.9)	13 (7.3)
Opportunistic infections, excluding tuberculosis and herpes zoster^c	0	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)
Herpes zoster	5 (4.5)	6 (3.9)	13 (7.3)
Adjudicated gastrointestinal perforation	1 (0.9)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.6)
Anemia	13 (11.7)	15 (9.8)	11 (6.2)
Neutropenia	1 (0.9)	3 (2.0)	6 (3.4)
Lymphopenia	10 (9.0)	6 (3.9)	11 (6.2)
Creatine phosphokinase elevations	3 (2.7)	5 (3.3)	10 (5.6)
Hepatic disorders	3 (2.7)	12 (7.8)	17 (9.6)
Renal dysfunction	2 (1.8)	0	0
Malignancies excluding NMSC^d	0	1 (0.7)	2 (1.1)
Adjudicated venous thromboembolic event^e	0	0	1 (0.6)

Sequencing “advanced therapies” in Crohn’s disease

TIMEPOINT		NOW
FIRST		Infliximab or adalimumab risankizumab or ustekinumab vedolizumab
SUBSEQUENT (after anti-TNF)		risankizumab (ustekinumab) upadacitinib

Primary non-response: Risankizumab or upadacitinib

Intolerance: risankizumab/ustekinumab

Primary incomplete (unsatisfactory?) response: case by case

Secondary LOR related to anti-drug antibodies: 2nd anti-TNF or switch

Secondary LOR unrelated to anti-drug antibodies: risankizumab/ upadacitinib

Positioning and sequencing advanced therapies in Crohn's disease: Questions will keep increasing

POSITIONING

- Early vs later initiation?:
.....before versus after a trial of conventional immunomodulators?
- “Advanced therapy” for all?
Who should not get?.....

SEQUENCING

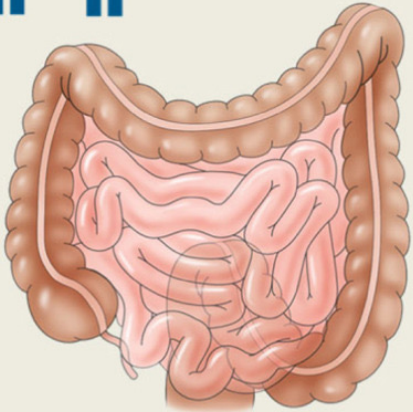
- Is there a “better” “advanced therapy” to utilize first rather than anti-TNF?....**or should we combine?**
- Advanced therapy if anti-TNF “fails”?.....what to switch to.....**or should we combine?**

Combination biologics (EXPLORER)

Phase 4, open-label study of vedolizumab, adalimumab, and methotrexate combination therapy in Crohn's disease

Patients

 N = 55



Biologic naïve patients with newly diagnosed, moderate to high risk CD

Treatment

Triple combination therapy



IV vedolizumab 300 mg at weeks 0, 2, and 6 and every 8 weeks until week 102



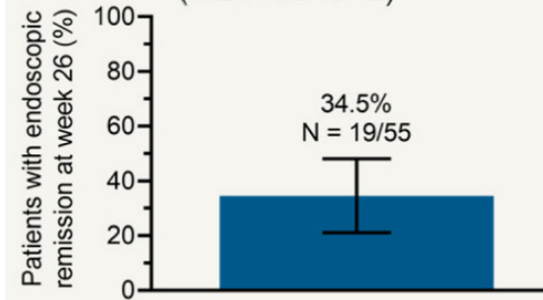
SC adalimumab 160 mg at week 0, 80 mg at week 2, and 40 mg every 2 weeks until week 26



Oral methotrexate 15 mg weekly until week 34

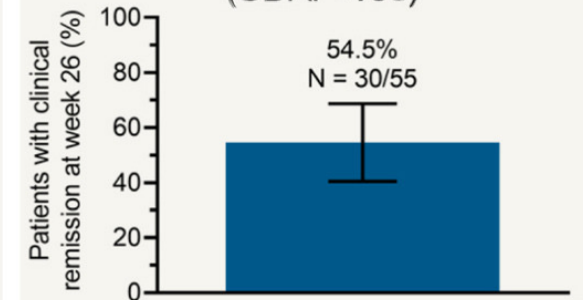
Primary end point

Endoscopic remission at week 26 (SES-CD 0–2)



Secondary end point

Clinical remission at week 26 (CDAI <150)



Post hoc Bayesian analysis^a

Probability that triple combination therapy produces higher endoscopic remission than benchmark rates for...

...placebo ≥99.9%

...vedolizumab monotherapy = 86.3%

...adalimumab monotherapy = 71.4%

^aBeta(1.667, 5) prior. Posterior mean endoscopic remission rate = 33.5% (95% credible interval: 22.4, 45.7).

CD, Crohn's disease; CDAI, Crohn's Disease Activity Index; IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous; SES-CD, Simple Endoscopic Score for Crohn's Disease

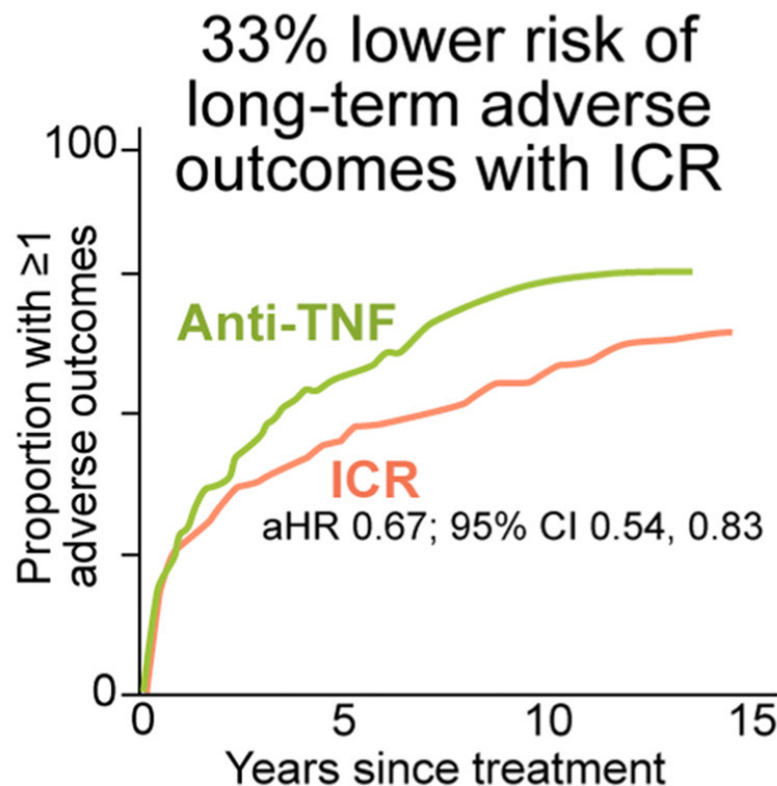
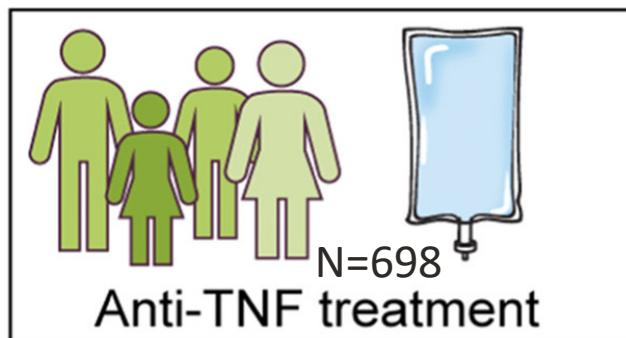
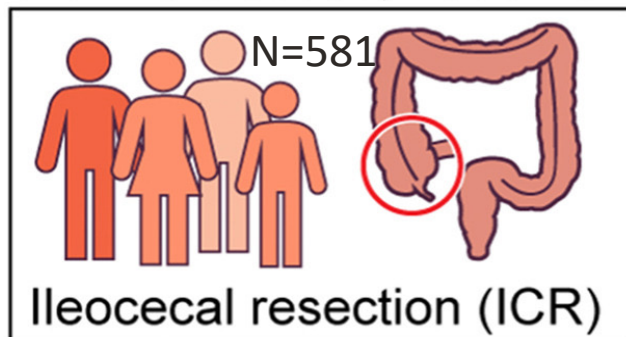
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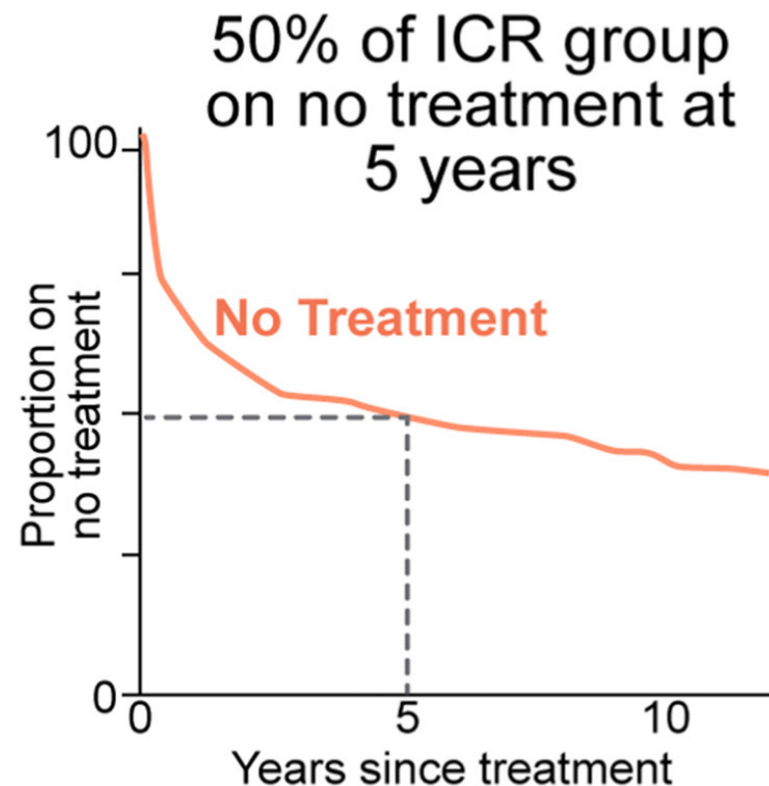
Early Ileocecal Resection for Crohn's Disease Is Associated With Improved Long-term Outcomes Compared With Anti-Tumor Necrosis Factor Therapy: A Population-Based Cohort Study

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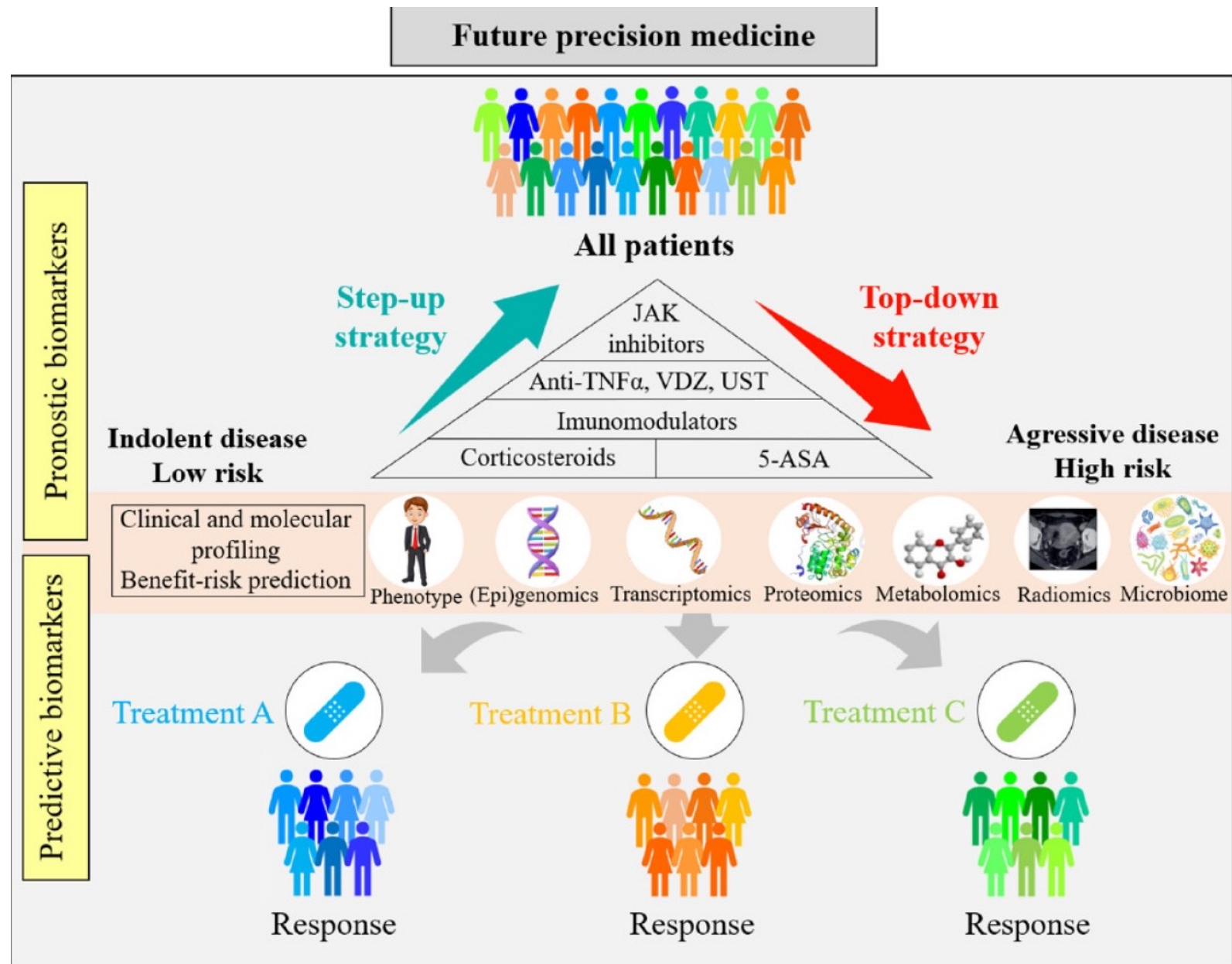
Analysis of Danish nation-wide cohort of recently diagnosed ileal/ileocecal Crohn's disease, 2003-2018



 **PREDICT**



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Time to ask some expert adult IBD-ologists!



Thank you!