



**Meeting del 45° parallelo**

IBD and liver hemisphere

**30 Maggio 2024**

**Salone del Grano**

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Rovigo

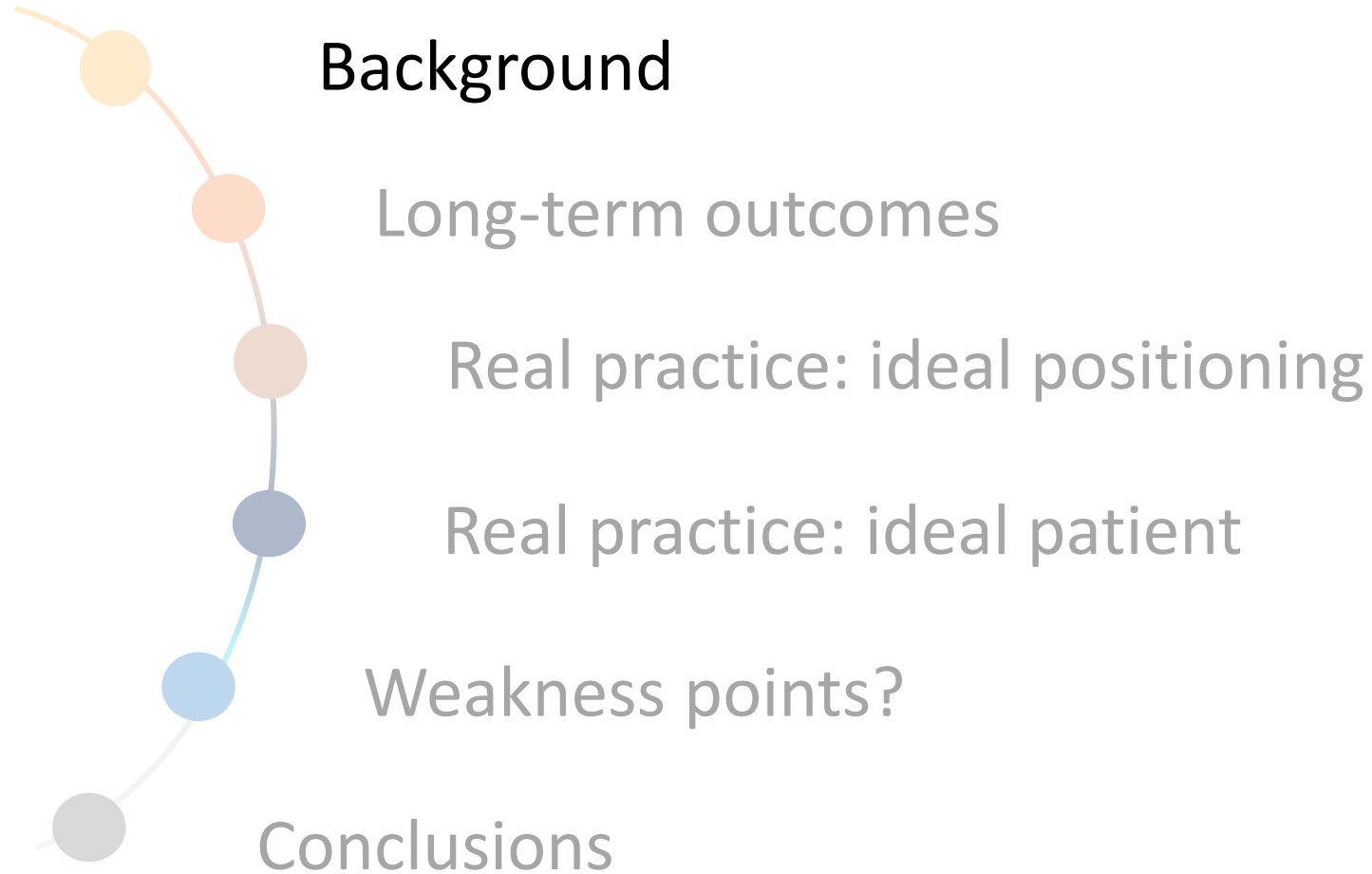
# Long-term outcomes and real practice with anti IL12-23

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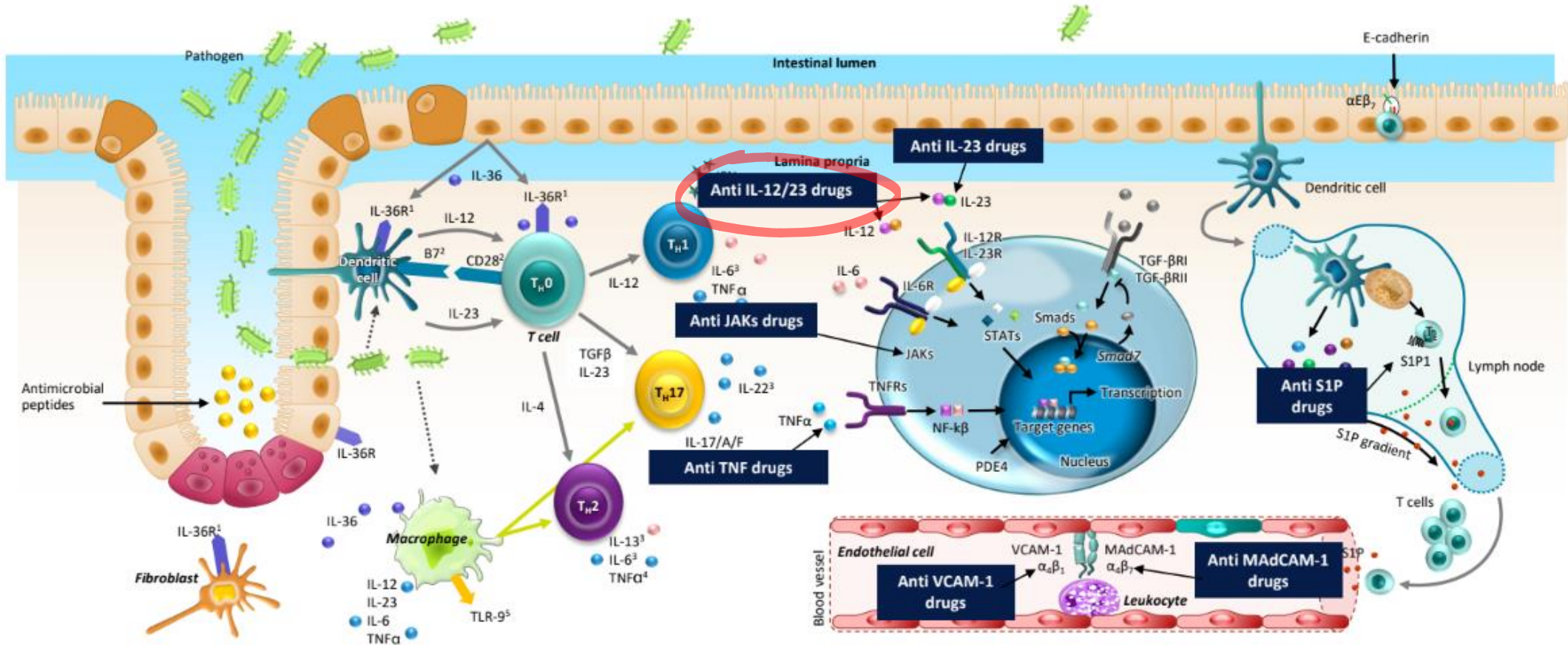
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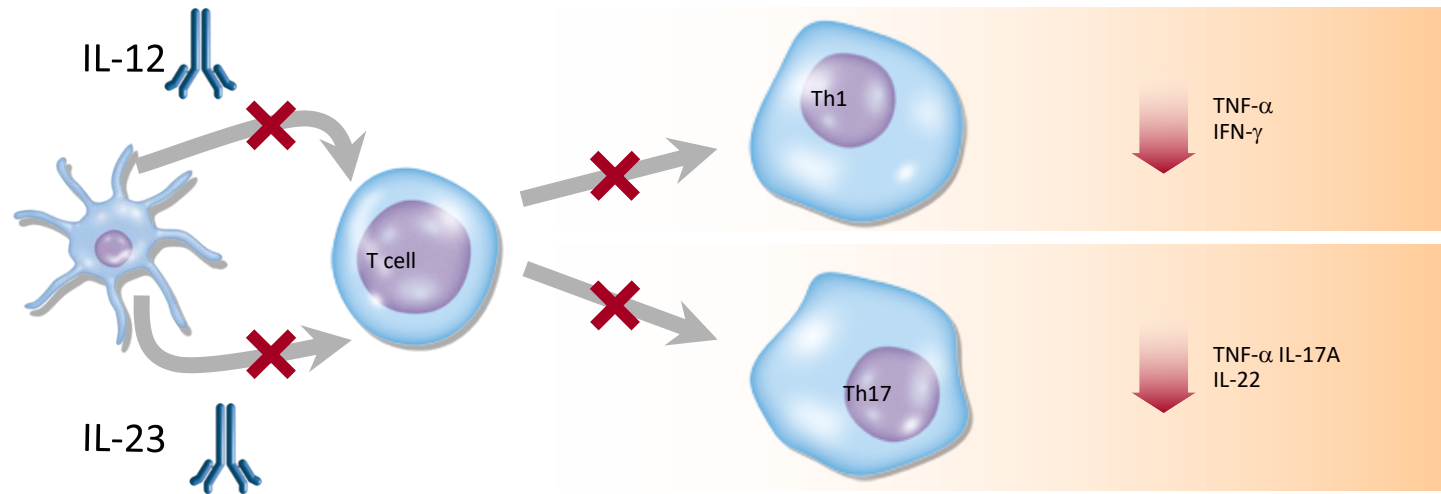
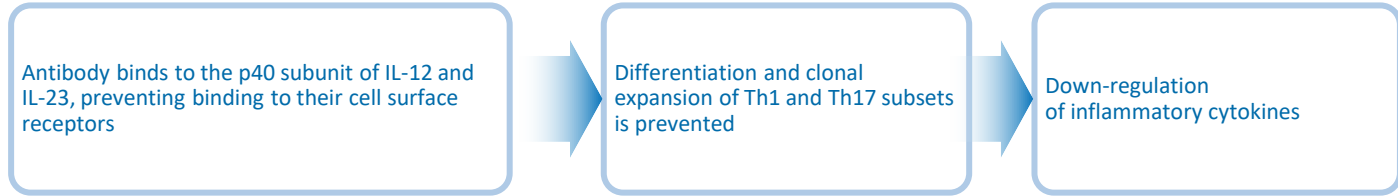
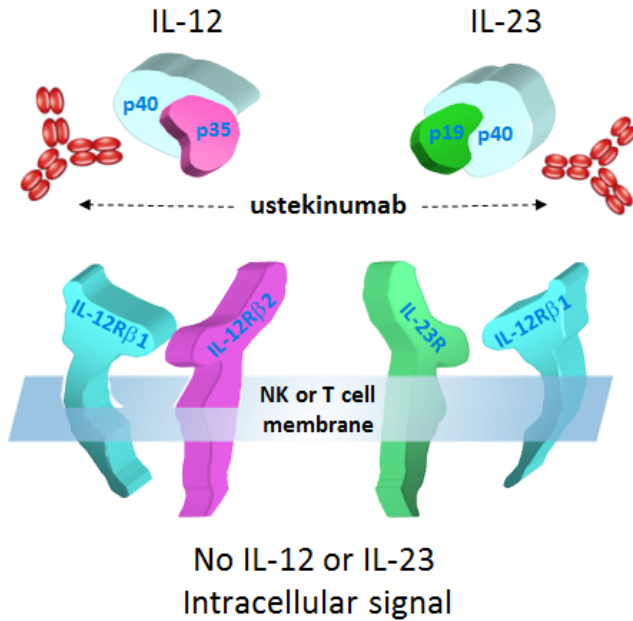
- ✓ Therapeutic armamentarium is expanding both in UC and CD
- ✓ Therapeutic ceiling is still too low
- ✓ Steroid use is still too high, surgery rate is still too high, disability is still too high
- ✓ Need for a better choice and better positioning is mandatory
- ✓ For a better interaction with payer we need knowledge

# Background



Adapted from Coskún M, et al. Trends Pharm Sci 2017;38:127–42 and Nielsen OH, et al. Expert Opin Investig Drugs 2016;25:709–18.

# Ustekinumab: MoA



Wilson NJ, Nat Immunol 2007; Schmitt H, Immunology 2021

# Ustekinumab: labels

UNITI1-2  
IM-UNITI

UNIFI



2009

Adults With Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis Who Are Candidates for Phototherapy or Systemic Therapy



2013

Adults With Active Psoriatic Arthritis



2016

Adults With Moderately to Severely Active Crohn's Disease



2017

Adolescents 12 Years or Older With Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis, Who Are Candidates for Phototherapy or Systemic Therapy



2019

Adults With Moderately to Severely Active Ulcerative Colitis



2020

Pediatric Patients 6 Years and Older With Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis, Who Are Candidates for Phototherapy or Systemic Therapy



2022

Pediatric Patients 6 Years and Older With Active Psoriatic Arthritis

*Feagan NEJM 2016; BE Sands NEJM 2019*

# Ustekinumab: what we know from RCT?

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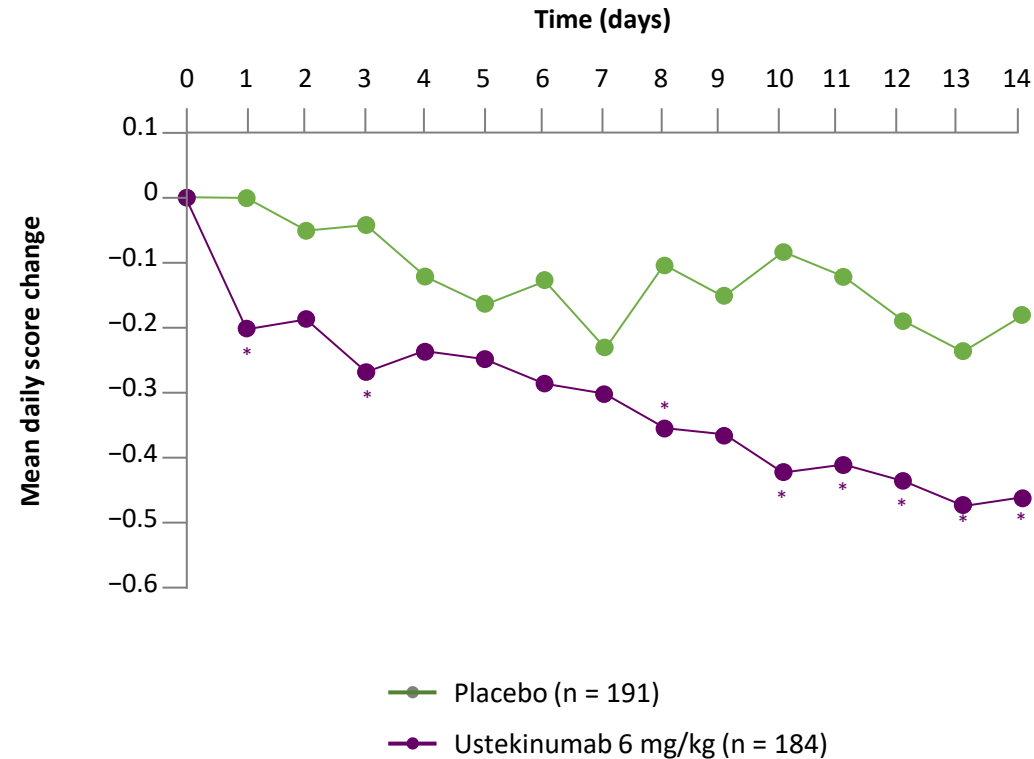
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**Rapid onset** of action on symptoms?

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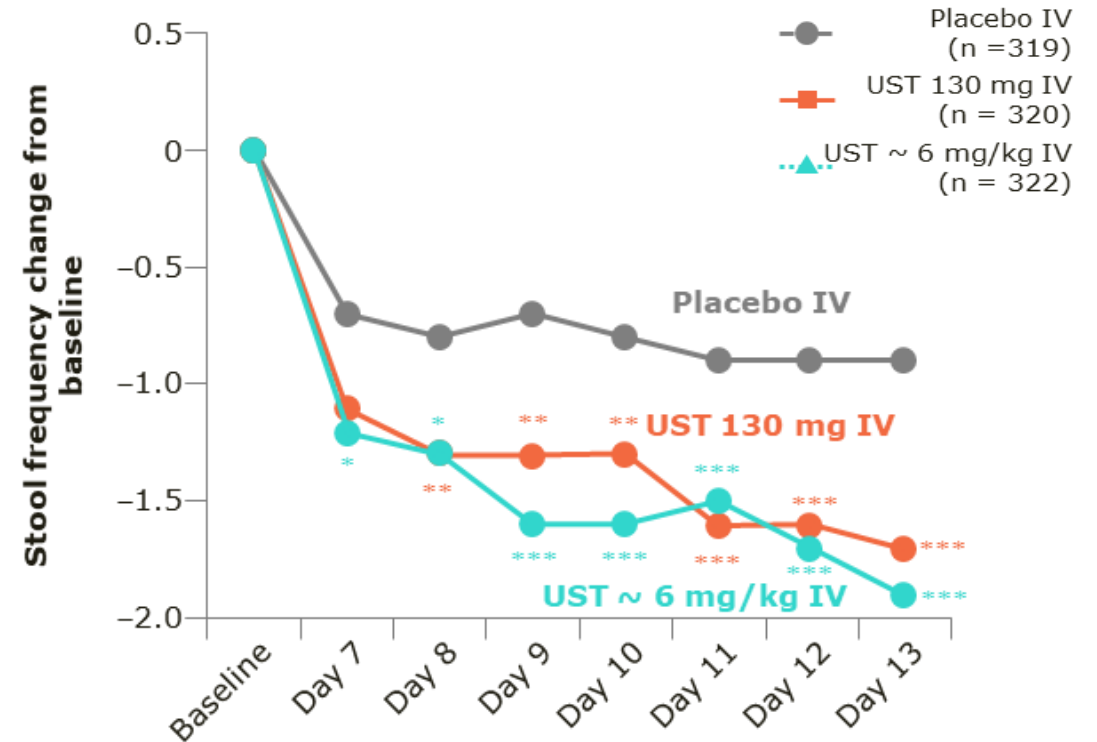
## CD-UNITI

symptom relief by Day 1



## UC-UNIFI

improved symptoms at Day 7 vs placebo



Colombel JF, et al, Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2023; Danese S, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol.

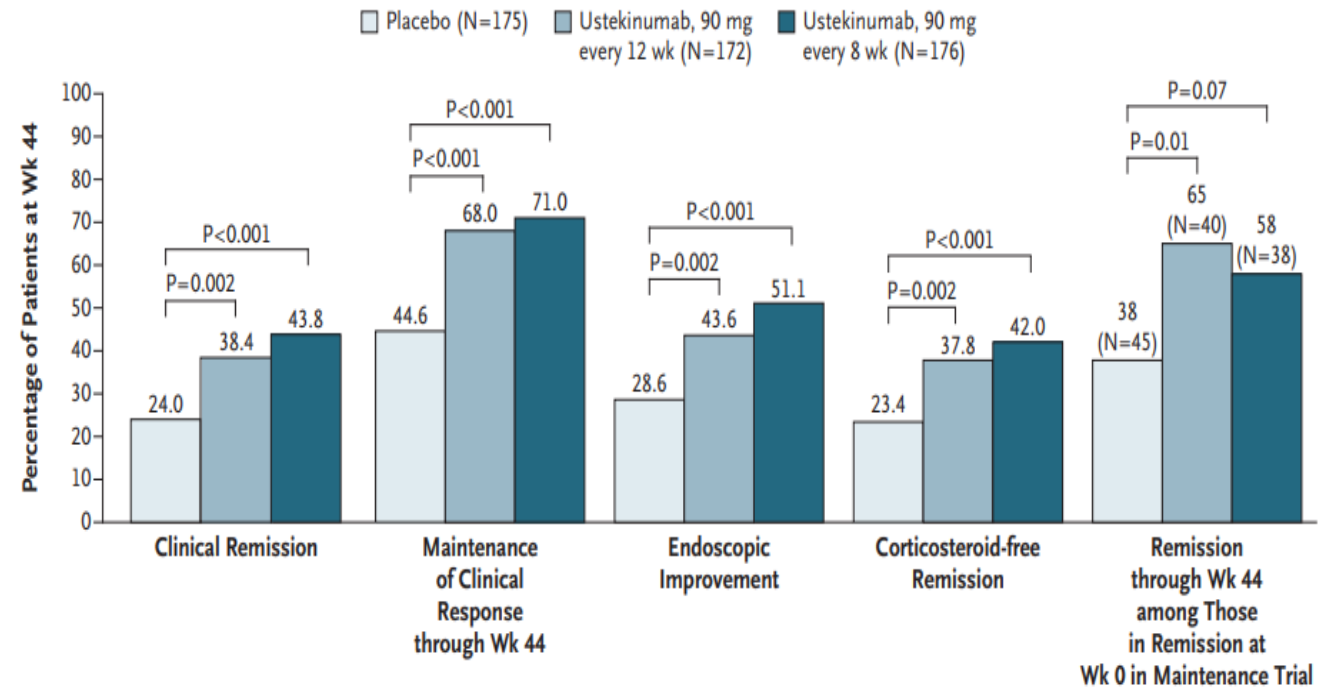
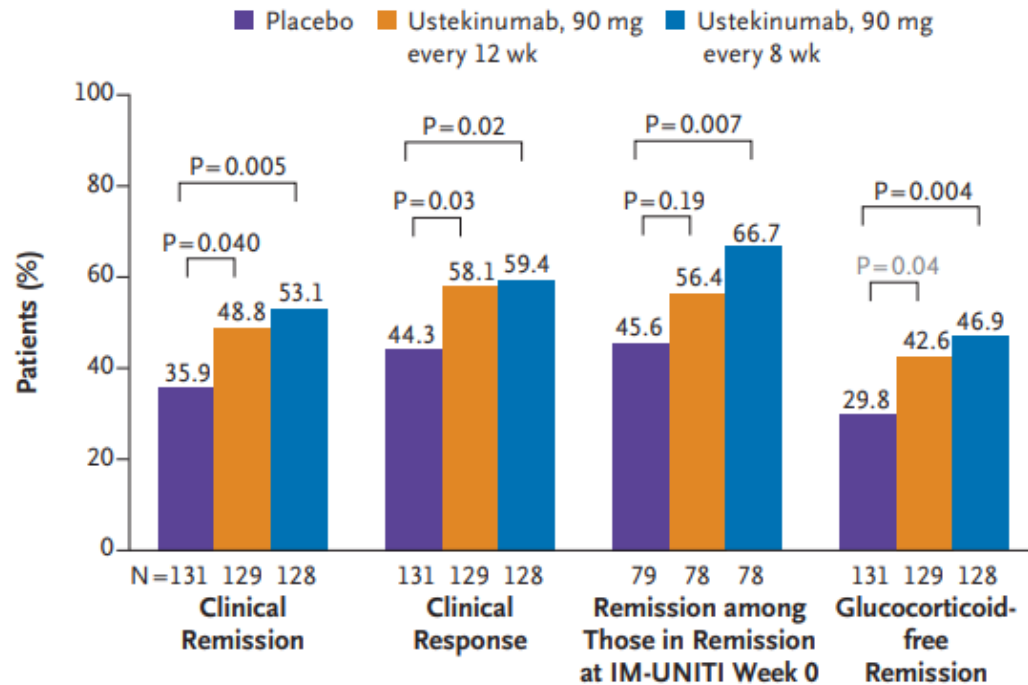


# Ustekinumab: what we know from RCT?

## Primary and major secondary endpoints

### CD-UNITI

### UC-UNIFI



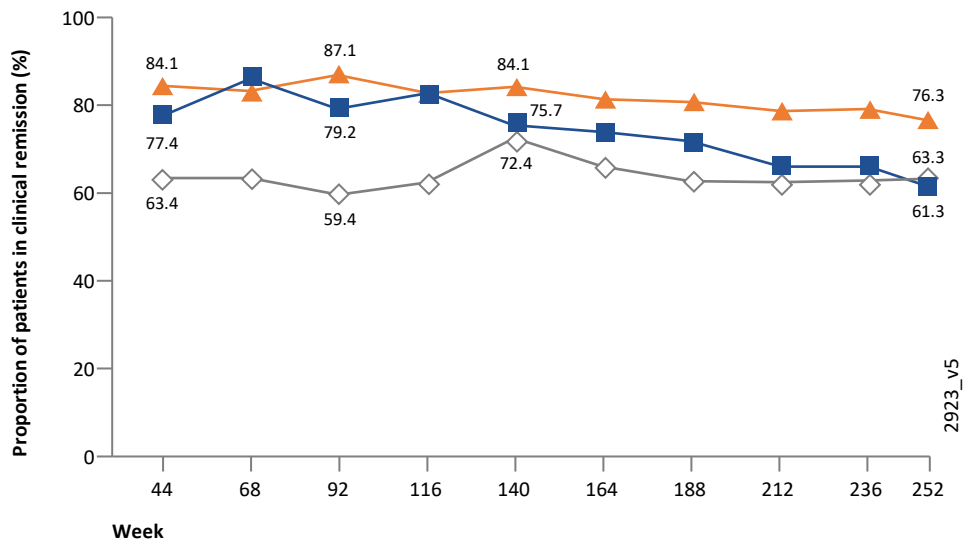
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# Ustekinumab: what we know from RCT?

LONG TERM EXTENSION

## CD-UNITI

Clinical remission up to 5 years of treatment with ustekinumab

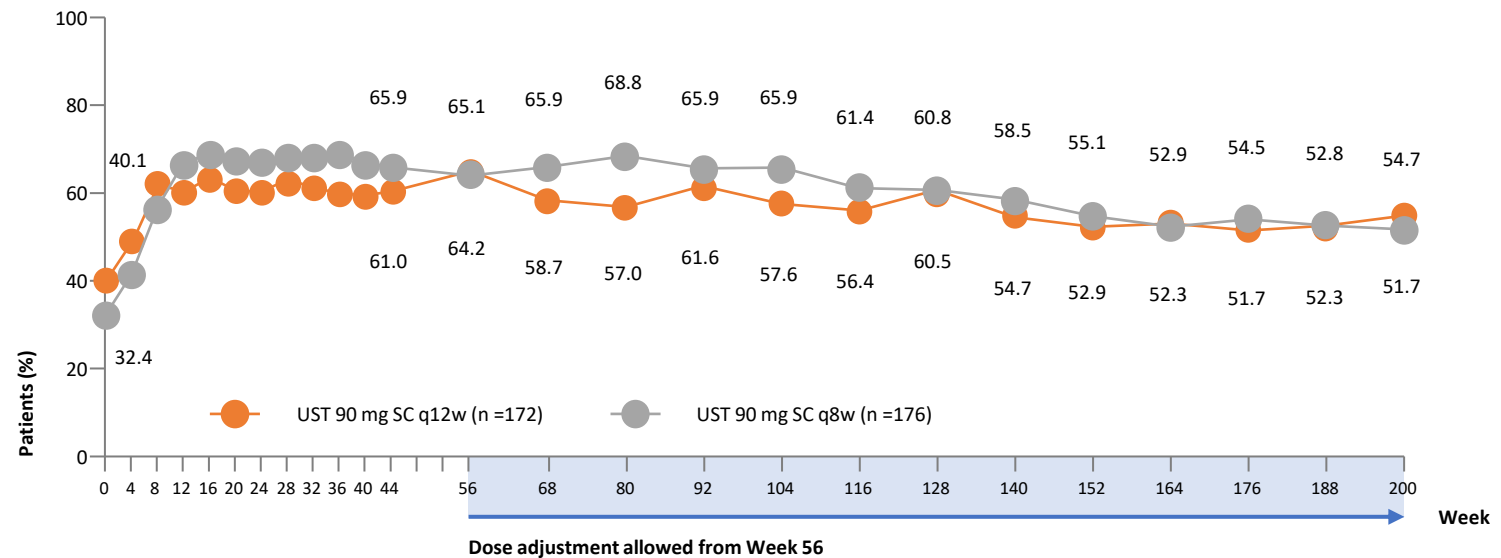


90 mg q12w n =	84	79	77	74	74	72	67	65	62	62
90 mg q8w n =	82	78	70	69	69	69	67	65	62	59
Prior dose n =	71	66	64	61	58	58	56	53	51	49

■ Ustekinumab 90 mg q12w    ▲ Ustekinumab 90 mg q8w    ◇ Prior dose adjustment

## UC-UNIFI

Steroid-free symptomatic remission up to 4 years with ustekinumab



Sandborn WJ, et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol. 2022, Afif W, et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2023

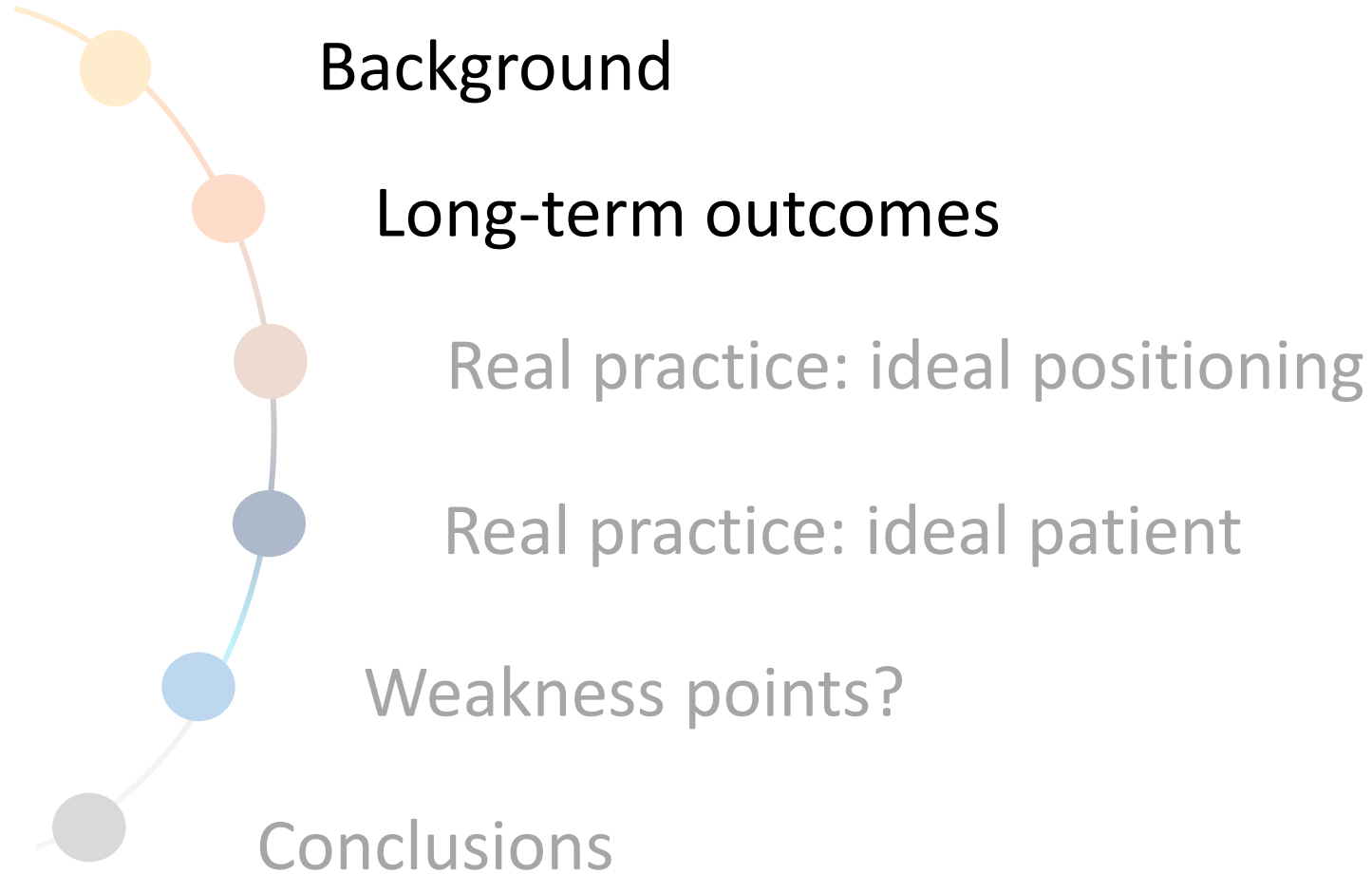


# Ustekinumab: what we know from RCT?

SAFETY

	Placebo SC <sup>a</sup> [N = 188]	Ustekinumab			
		90 mg SC q12w <sup>b</sup> [N = 141]	90 mg SC q8w <sup>c</sup> [N = 376]	Combined <sup>d</sup> [N = 457]	All ustekinumab <sup>e</sup> [N = 516]
Mean duration of follow-up [weeks]	84.1	124.0	124.5	140.7	126.4
Patient-years of follow-up	304.0	336.1	900.3	1236.4	1254.3
Number of events per 100 patient-years of follow-up [95% CI] <sup>f</sup>					
Any AE	285.81[267.12, 305.46]	224.34 [208.61, 240.94]	251.90[241.64, 262.49]	244.41 [235.77, 253.28]	246.36[237.75, 255.20]
Infections <sup>g</sup>	85.51 [75.43, 96.56]	74.98 [66.01, 84.83]	76.53 [70.92, 82.46]	76.11 [71.32, 81.13]	76.62 [71.85, 81.62]
AEs leading to d/c of study agent	5.26 [3.01, 8.55]	2.08 [0.84, 4.29]	2.89 [1.89, 4.23]	2.67 [1.84, 3.75]	2.63 [1.81, 3.69]
Serious adverse events	10.52 [7.20, 14.86]	6.84 [4.34, 10.27]	8.44 [6.65, 10.57]	8.01 [6.51, 9.75]	7.89 [6.42, 9.61]
Serious infections <sup>g</sup>	3.29 [1.58, 6.05]	2.98 [1.43, 5.47]	2.22 [1.36, 3.43]	2.43 [1.64, 3.46]	2.39 [1.61, 3.41]
All malignancies	0.66 [0.08, 2.38]	0.89 [0.18, 2.61]	0.67 [0.24, 1.45]	0.73 [0.33, 1.38]	0.72 [0.33, 1.36]
Excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer	0.33 [0.01, 1.83]	0.00 [0.00, 0.89]	0.00 [0.00, 0.33]	0.00 [0.00, 0.24]	0.00 [0.00, 0.24]
Nonmelanoma skin cancer	0.33 [0.01, 1.83]	0.89 [0.18, 2.61]	0.67 [0.24, 1.45]	0.73 [0.33, 1.38]	0.72 [0.33, 1.36]
Death	0.00 [0.00, 0.99]	0.00 [0.00, 0.89]	0.11 [0.00, 0.62]	0.08 [0.00, 0.45]	0.08 [0.00, 0.44]

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## Ustekinumab for Crohn's Disease: Two-Year Results of the Initiative on Crohn and Colitis (ICC) Registry, a Nationwide Prospective Observational Cohort Study

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## Long-Term Real-World Effectiveness and Safety of Ustekinumab in Crohn's Disease Patients: The SUSTAIN Study

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## An Objective Comparison of Vedolizumab and Ustekinumab Effectiveness in Crohn's Disease Patients' Failure to TNF-Alpha Inhibitors

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

# Real-World Persistence of Ustekinumab in the Treatment of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

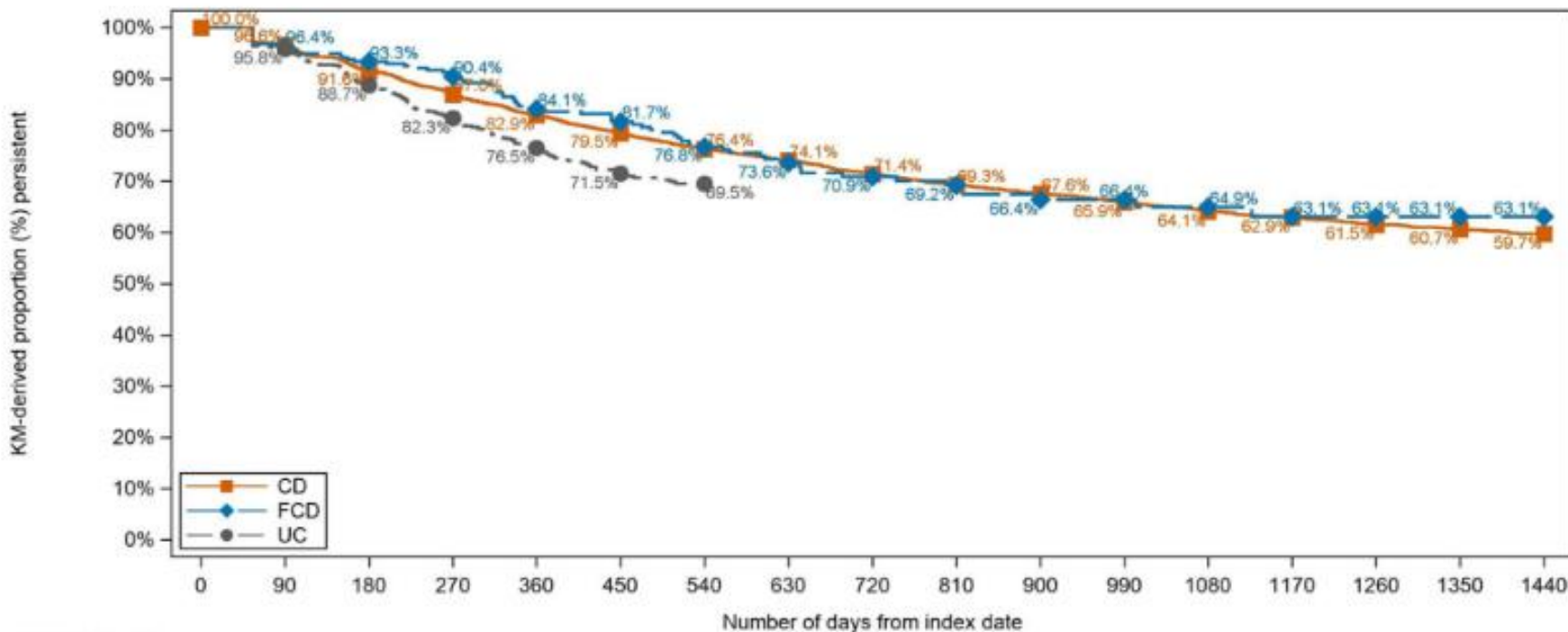
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Persistence rates for 8724 patients with **CD** were 82.9%, 71.4%, 64.1%, and 59.7% at 1 2, 3, and 4 years, respectively. Similarly, persistence rates for 276 patients with **FCD** were 84.1%, 70.9%, 64.9%, and 63.1% at 1, 2, 3, and 4 years, respectively.

Persistence rates for 1291 patients with **UC** were 76.5% at 1 year and 69.5% at 1.5 years.

When stratified by prior IBD-indicated biologic experience, persistence was numerically higher in biologic-naive

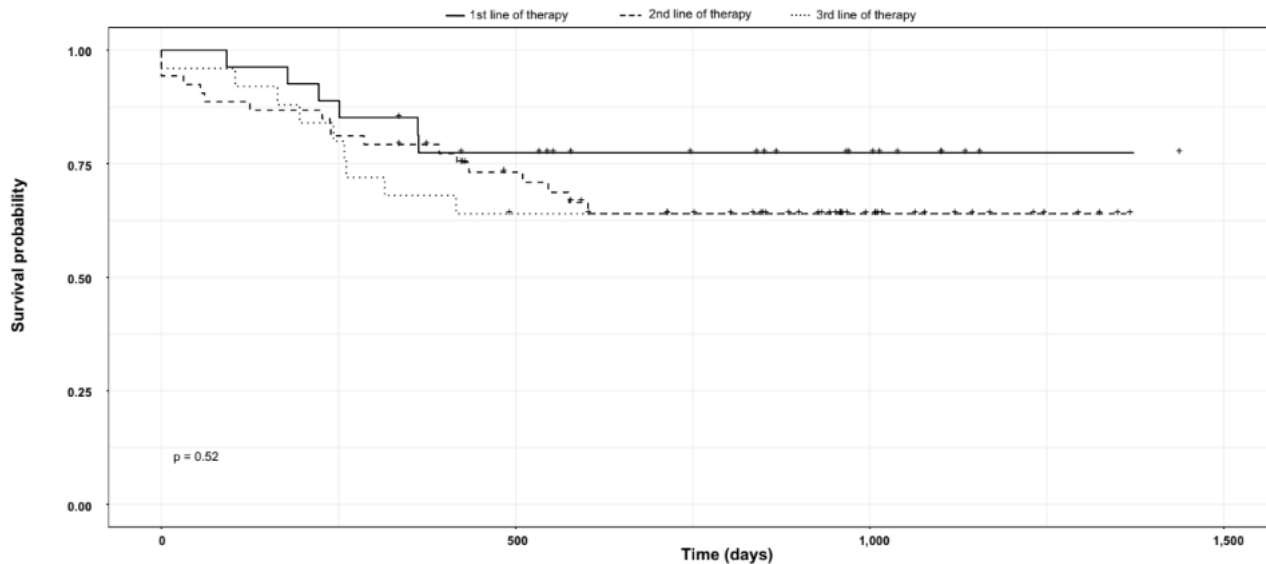


At risk table (n)	0	90	180	270	360	450	540	630	720	810	900	990	1080	1170	1260	1350	1440
CD	8,724	8,249	7,192	6,316	5,476	4,774	4,190	3,548	2,971	2,469	1,938	1,480	1,248	1,083	879	690	504
FCD	276	262	235	212	178	162	133	111	95	79	60	46	39	33	23	18	14
UC	1,291	1,164	877	651	452	269	125										

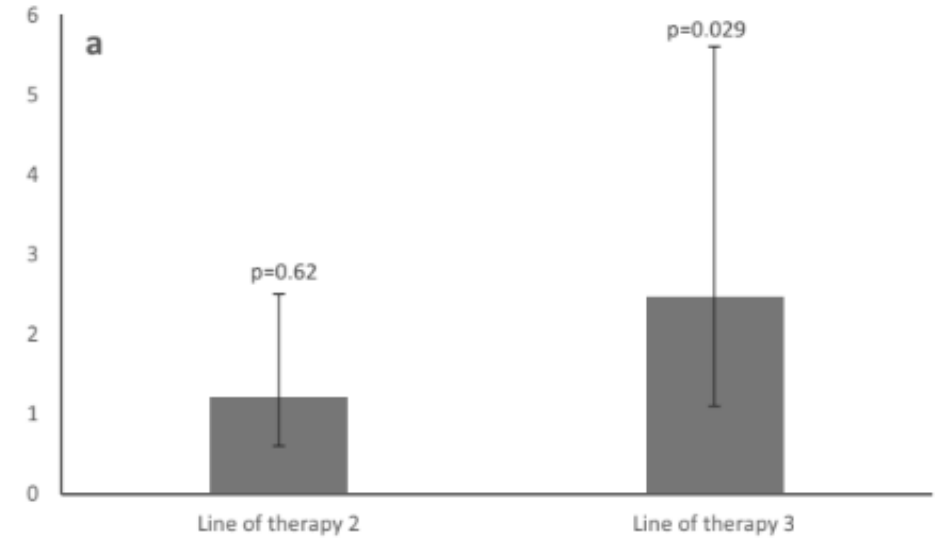


## Use of real-world data to assess the effectiveness of ustekinumab in treating IBD patients: a retrospective linked database study in northwest London

Nik Kamperidis, Moulesh Shah, Sophie Young, Evgeniy Galimov, Shruti Sweeney & Naila Arebi



Strata	1st line of therapy	2nd line of therapy	3rd line of therapy
1st line of therapy	27	19	8
2nd line of therapy	53	33	11
3rd line of therapy	25	15	6

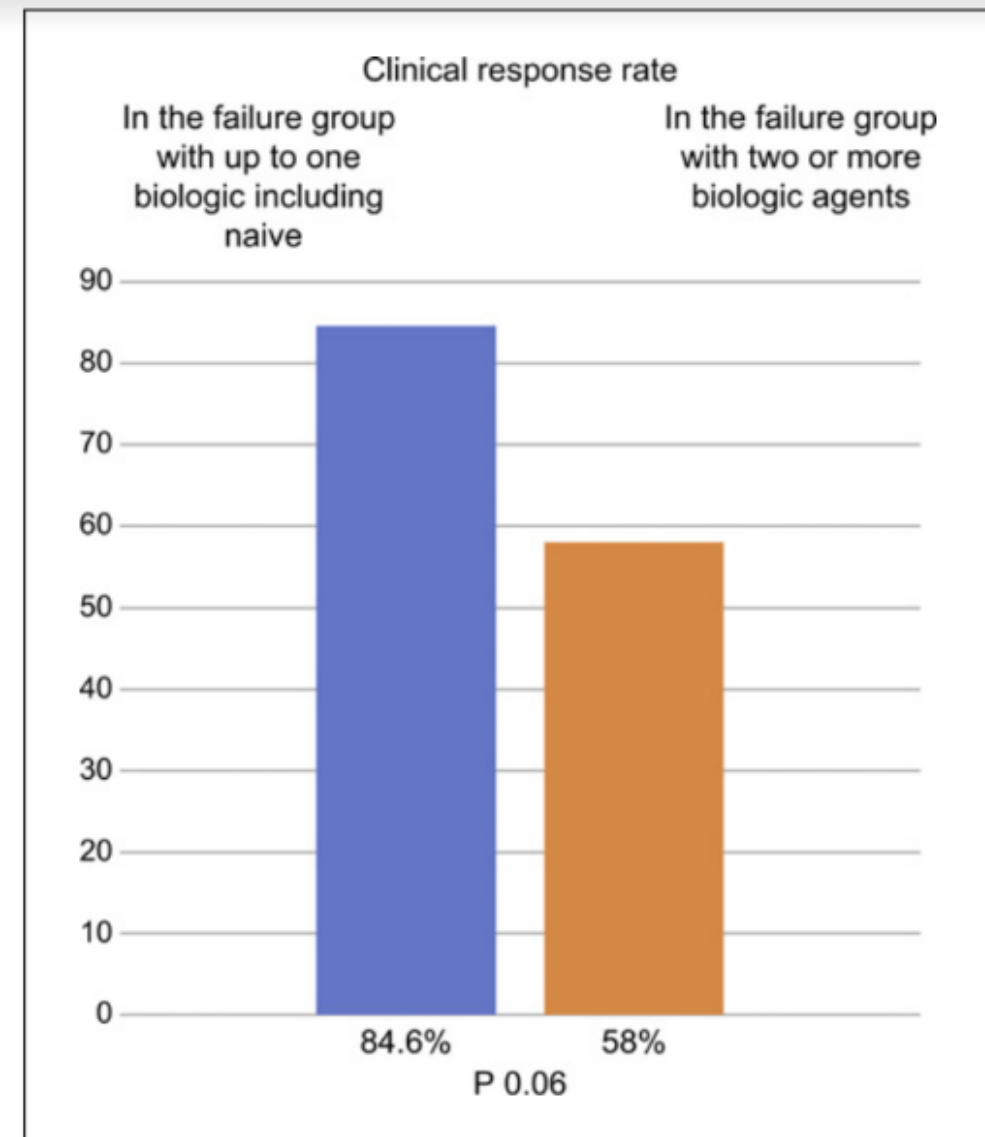
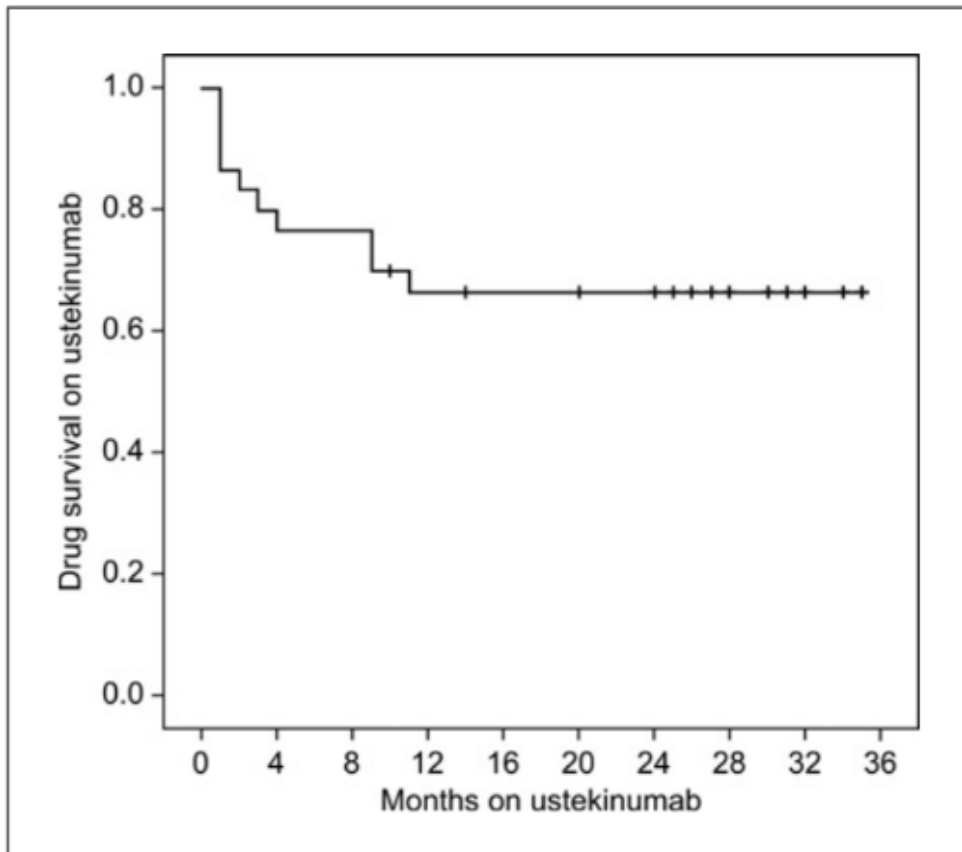


Effects of line of therapy on IBD-associated hospitalization



# Real-World Data on Short-Term and Long-Term Treatment Results of Ustekinumab in Patients with Steroid-Resistant/Dependent Ulcerative Colitis

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- Retrospective multicentric study, 1113 pts, median follow up 386 days (204-562)
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<b>Endoscopic remission (naive)</b>		<b>55</b>



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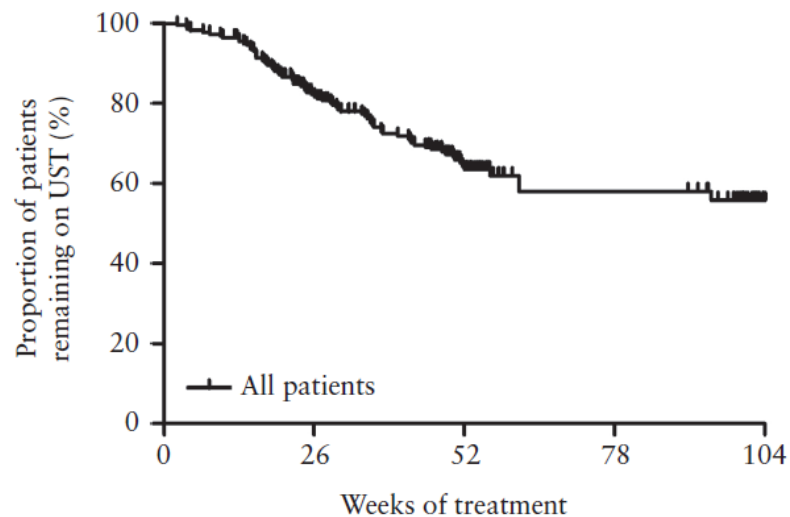
- Baseline albumin
- Absence of prior intestinal surgery
- No prior anti-TNF
- Lack of draining fistula
- No prior smoking history

*Dulai P, American College of Gastroenterology 2019*

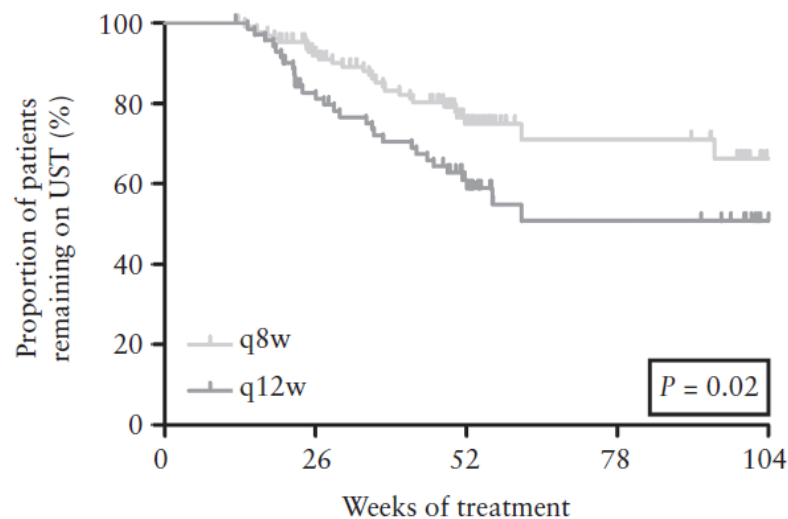


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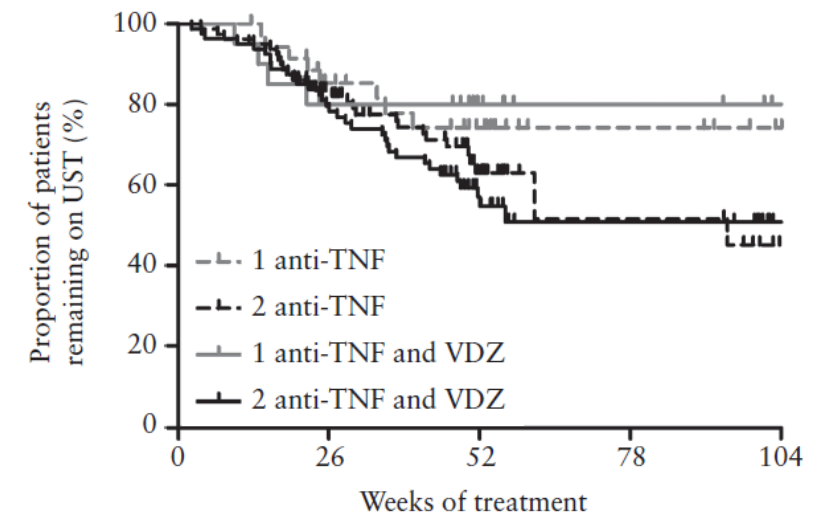
Among All Patients



Among Patients on q12w or q8w Maintenance Interval



Among Patients With Prior One Or Two Anti-TNF With Or Without VDZ Therapy



A prospective, observational registry study evaluated the long-term effectiveness and safety of UST in a real-world setting with a follow-up of 2 years (**N=252 CD patients**).

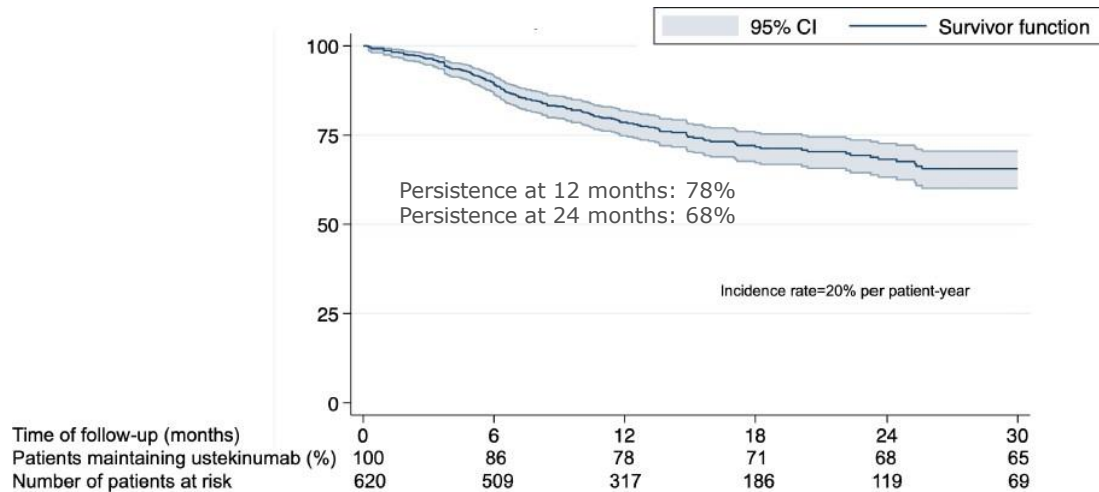
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## EXTRAINTESTINAL MANIFESTATIONS:

- At baseline 67 EIMs were reported in 59 patients.
- During follow-up, 32.8% of patients (22/67) with arthralgia achieved EIM remission.
  - All patients with uveitis, aphthous stomatitis, and pyoderma gangrenosum achieved EIM remission and one of the two patients with erythema nodosum achieved EIM remission during follow-up.
- Thirty-nine patients developed new arthralgias during follow-up, of whom 66.7% (26/39) achieved EIM remission before Week 104.
- Three patients developed transient aphthous stomatitis during follow-up, two patient's uveitis, two patients' erythema nodosum and one patient pyoderma gangrenosum.

# ULISES study in UC



## Multivariate analysis of associating factors of drug discontinuation

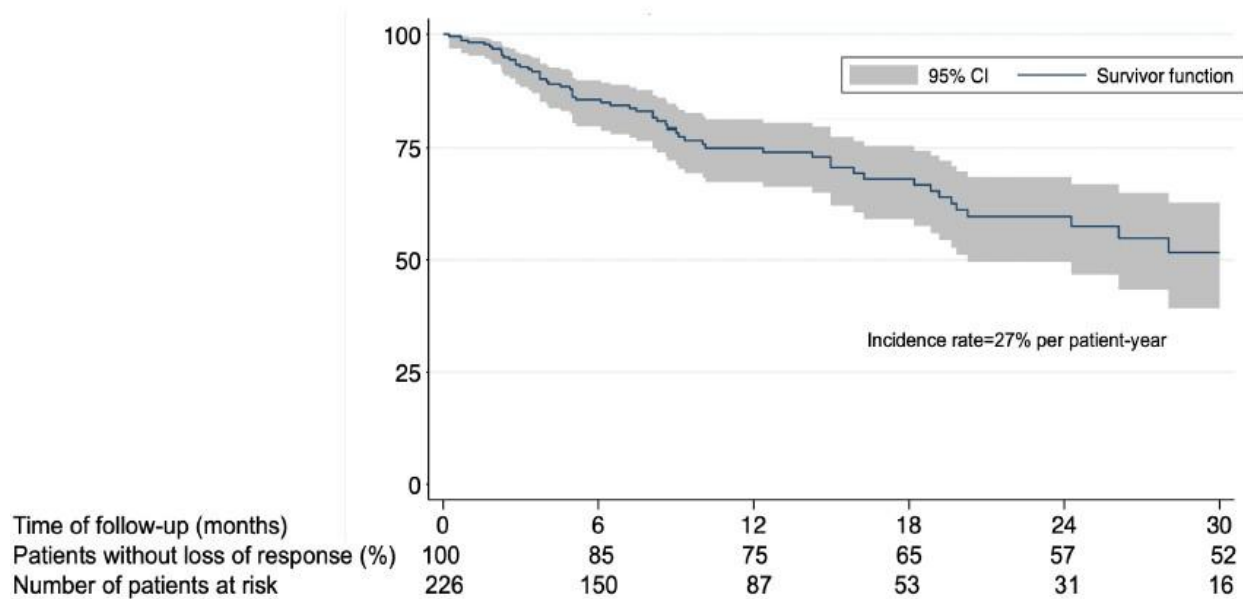
Variables	Hazard ratio	95% confidence interval
Anaemia	1.5	1.1 - 2.1
Severe activity	1.5	1.09 - 2.06
Systemic steroids	1.48	1.06 - 2.08

Reasons for discontinuation	%
Primary non-response	39
Loss of response	35
Medical decision	13
Partial response	5.8
Adverse event	7

Treatment after discontinuation	%
Tofacitinib	25
Anti-TNF	19
Vedolizumab	12
Upadacitinib	10
Filgotinib	4.5
Other options	22
Surgery	18

# ULISES study in UC

Survival curve of the response of patients who had steroid-free clinical remission at Week 16



57/226 patients (25%) lost response, median follow-up was 12 months

**Dose escalation (72%)**

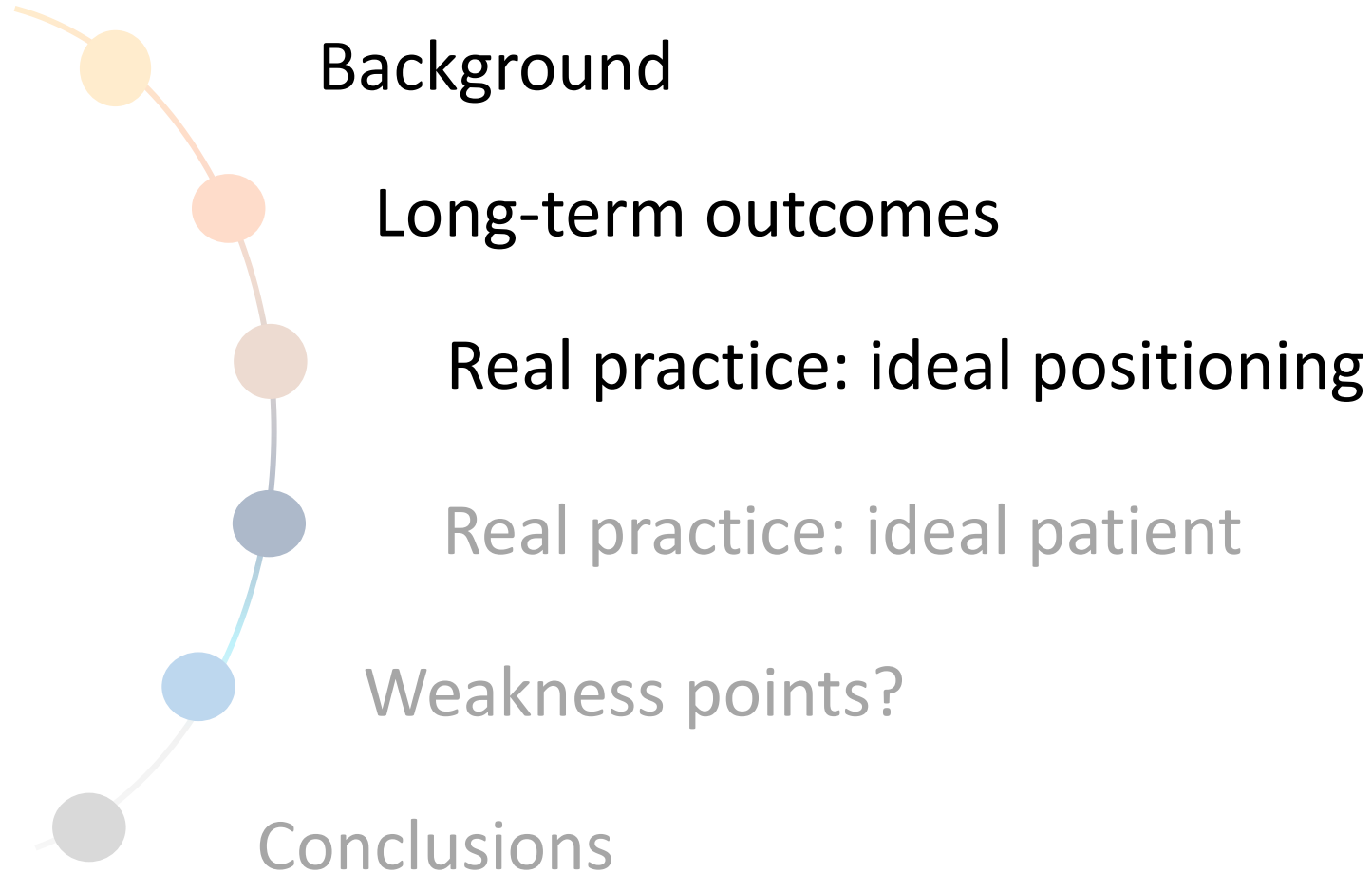
66% remission  
15% response

**Re-induction (5%)**

No patient responded



# Outline



# CD guidelines and AIFA



## 1A: Biologics vs. no treatment in biologic-naïve patients

**Statement 1:** For adults with moderate-to-severe CD refractory to conventional therapy who are naïve to biologics, IG-IBD recommends using infliximab, adalimumab, vedolizumab or ustekinumab to induce remission. (*Strong recommendation. Moderate-quality evidence for infliximab, adalimumab and vedolizumab; very low-quality evidence for ustekinumab. Agreement rate: 100%*)

TNFi first

**Statement 4:** For adults with moderate-to-severe CD refractory to at least one biologic, IG-IBD recommends using adalimumab, vedolizumab or ustekinumab to induce remission. (*Strong recommendation. Moderate-quality evidence for adalimumab and vedolizumab, very low-quality evidence for ustekinumab. Agreement rate: 80%*)

# UC guidelines and AIFA



## Guidelines

Use of biologics and small molecule drugs for the management of moderate to severe ulcerative colitis: IG-IBD clinical guidelines based on the GRADE methodology<sup>1</sup>

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The logo for IG-IBD, with 'IG' in green and 'IBD' in red.



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Free choice for first line therapy  
except for JAK-inhibitors  
(refundability)

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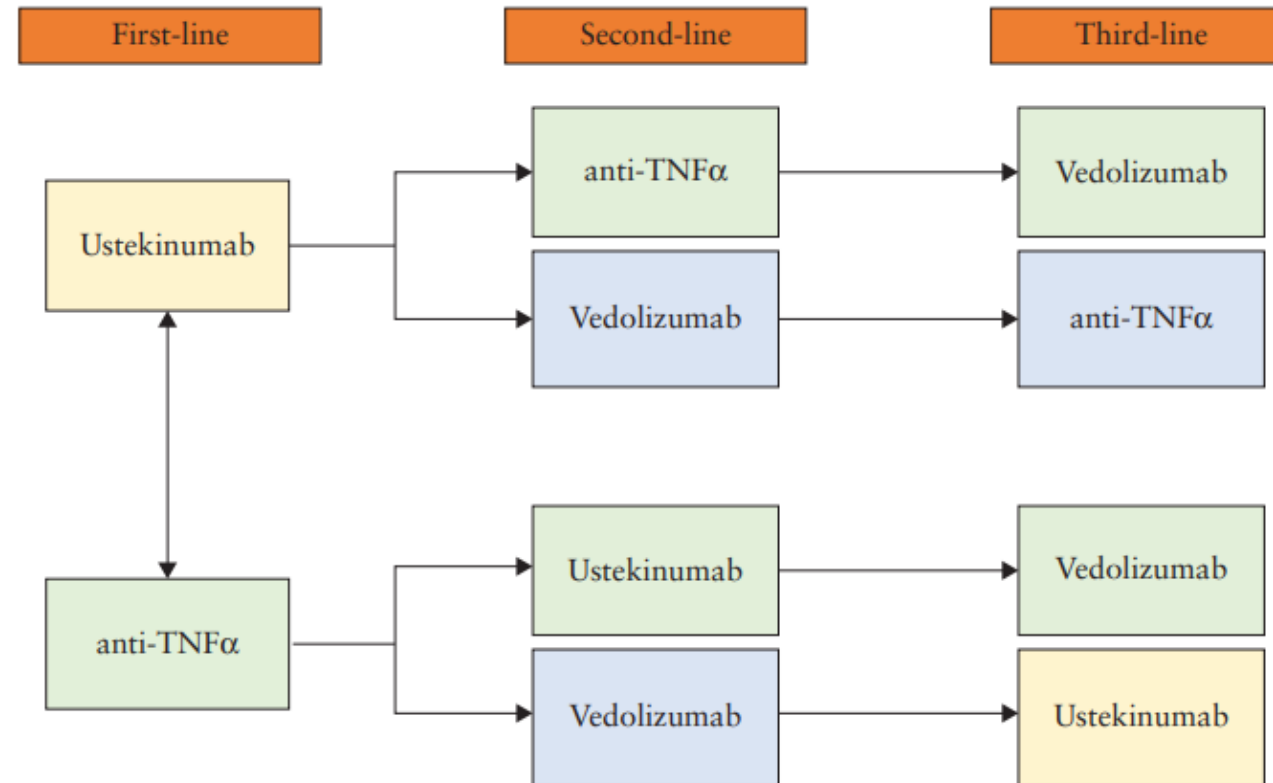
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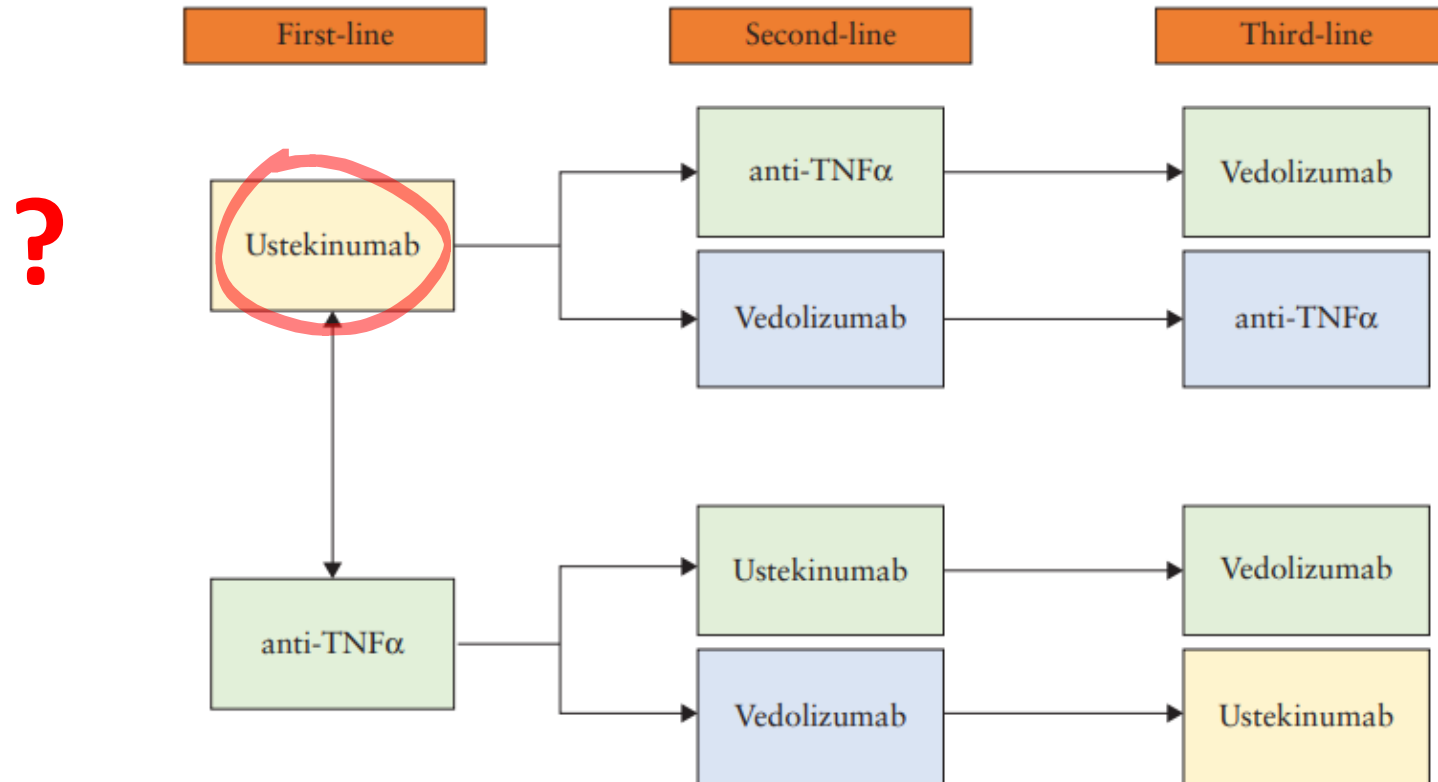
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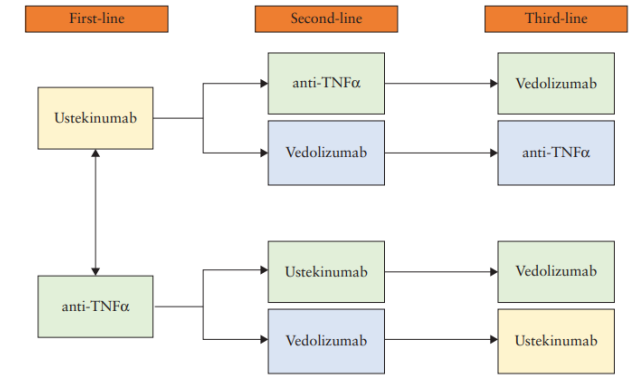
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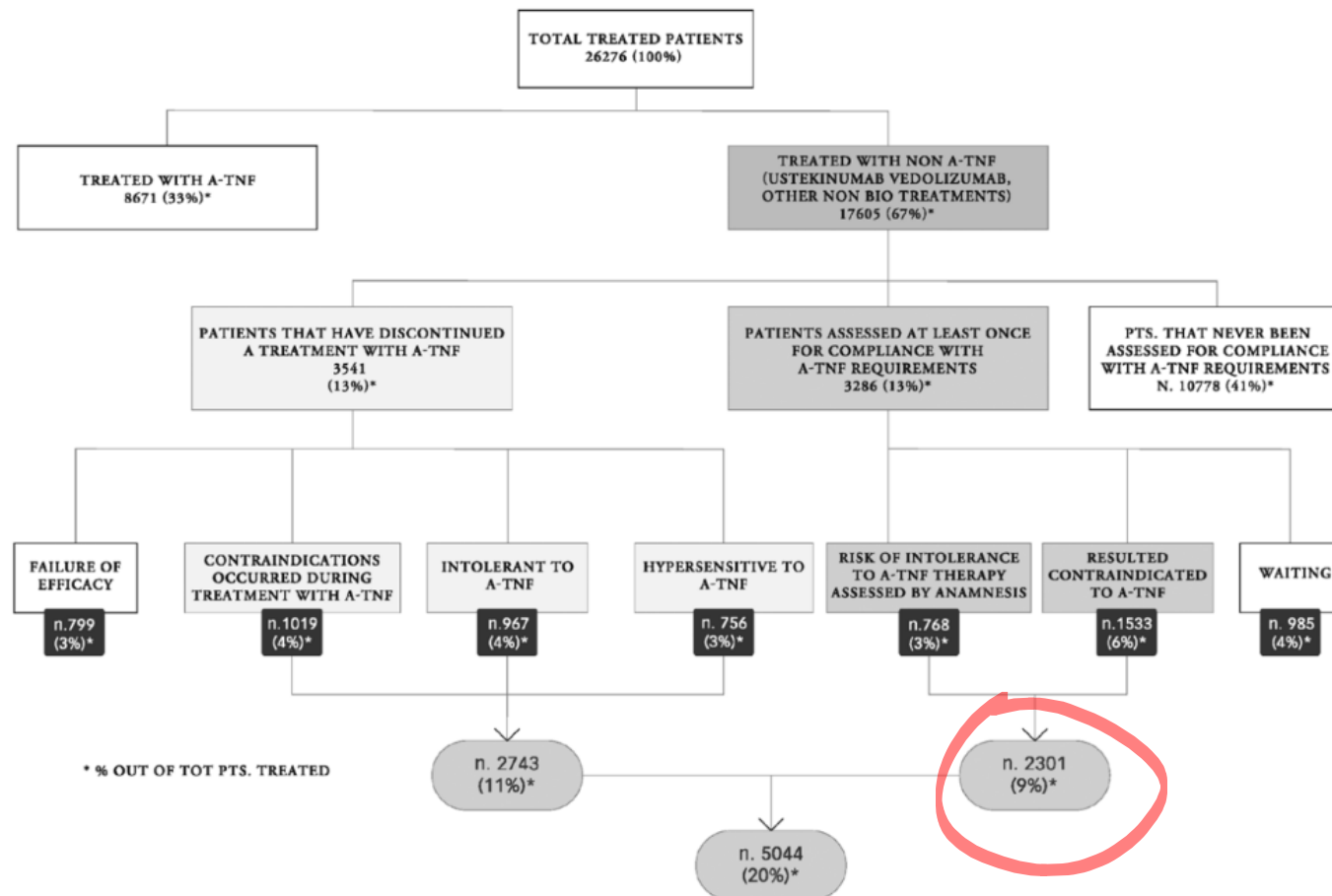
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Who are the patients with Crohn's disease unsuitable to receive an anti-TNF $\alpha$  therapy? Results from a survey of Italian physicians and literature review

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Look at the patient contraindicated to anti-TNF!

# Sequencing

Is there an optimal sequence of biologic therapies for inflammatory bowel disease?

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**Table 1.** Clinical remission in UC with and without prior use of anti-TNF therapy.\*

	Overall			TNF naive			TNF exposed		
	Drug	Placebo	Difference	Drug	Placebo	Difference	Drug	Placebo	Difference
Drugs that show lower clinical remission rates after anti-TNF therapy									
Adalimumab (ULTRA 2)	16.5%	9.3%	7.2	21.3%	11.0%	10.3	9.2%	6.9%	2.3
Vedolizumab (GEMINI 1)	16.9%	5.4%	11.5	23.1%	6.6%	16.5	9.8%	3.2%	6.5
Ozanimod (True North)	18.4%	6.0%	12.0	22.1%	6.6%	15.5	10%	4.6%	5.4
Drugs that show similar clinical remission rates before and after anti-TNF therapy									
Ustekinumab (UNIFI)	15.5%	5.3%	10.2	18.4%	9.9%	8.5	12.7%	1.2%	11.5
Tofacitinib (OCTAVE 1, OCTAVE 2)	18.5%, 16.6%	8.2%, 3.6%	10.3, 13.0	23.7%, 22.1%	12.5%, 8.5%	11.2, 13.5	12.3%, 12.0%	0.8%, 0.0%	11.5, 12.0
Upadacitinib (U-ACHIEVE, U-ACCOMPLISH)	16.0%, 33.0%	5.0%, 4.0%	21.0, 29.0	35.2%, 37.5%	9.2%, 5.9%	26.0, 31.6	29.6%, 17.9%	2.4%, 0.4%	27.2, 17.5

\*Data shown are from independent trials with different trial designs. It is not possible to compare across trials. Difference represents absolute change in percentage points between drug and placebo. TNF, tumor necrosis factor; UC, ulcerative colitis.

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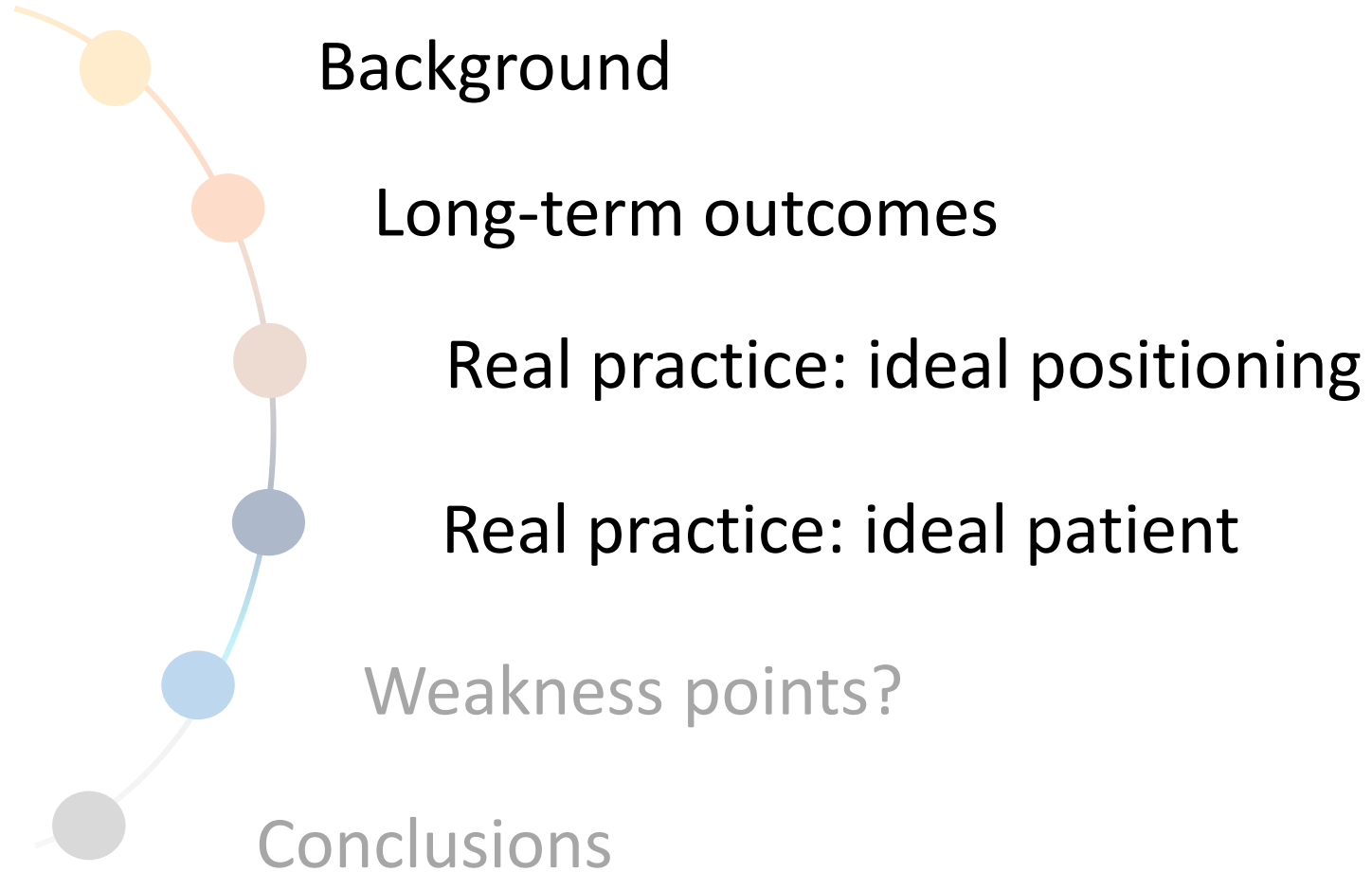
**Table 4.** Potential sequence of biologic agents.

	UC (considering magnitude of benefit for clinical remission)		CD (considering magnitude of benefit for endoscopic remission/mucosal healing)	
	Anti-TNF naïve	Anti-TNF exposed	Anti-TNF naïve	Anti-TNF exposed
First line*	Vedolizumab, <u>ozanimod, or ustekinumab</u>	<u>Ustekinumab, tofacitinib, or upadacitinib</u>	<u>Risankizumab, ustekinumab, vedolizumab</u>	<u>Risankizumab or ustekinumab</u>
Second line*	Tofacitinib or upadacitinib			
Third line	Anti-TNF			

\*No sequence is recommended within each category.  
CD, Crohn's disease; TNF, tumor necrosis factor; UC, ulcerative colitis.



# Outline



# Ustekinumab: main features

	Anti-TNF	Anti-integrin	Ustekinumab	Risankizumab
Luminal CD	✓	✓	✓	
Patient profile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EIM</li> <li>▪ ≥ 2 IMIDs</li> <li>▪ Children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Serious infection</li> <li>▪ Elderly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EIM</li> <li>▪ ≥ 2 IMIDs</li> <li>▪ Anti-TNF-induced psoriaform lesions</li> <li>▪ Children †</li> </ul>	
Perianal fistulizing CD	Infliximab			
Postoperative prophylaxis ‡	✓			

Paediatric CD patients; only case series of ustekinumab use are available

*Danese, JCC 2019*

# Ustekinumab: EIMs

	Anti-TNF				Anti-integrins		JAK	IL-12/23
	IFX	ADA	CZP	Goli	VDZ	Natalizumab	Tofa	Ustekinumab
Arthritis	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Red	Green	Green
SpA	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Red
EN	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow
PG	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow
Uveitis	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow

# Ustekinumab: EIMs



Review

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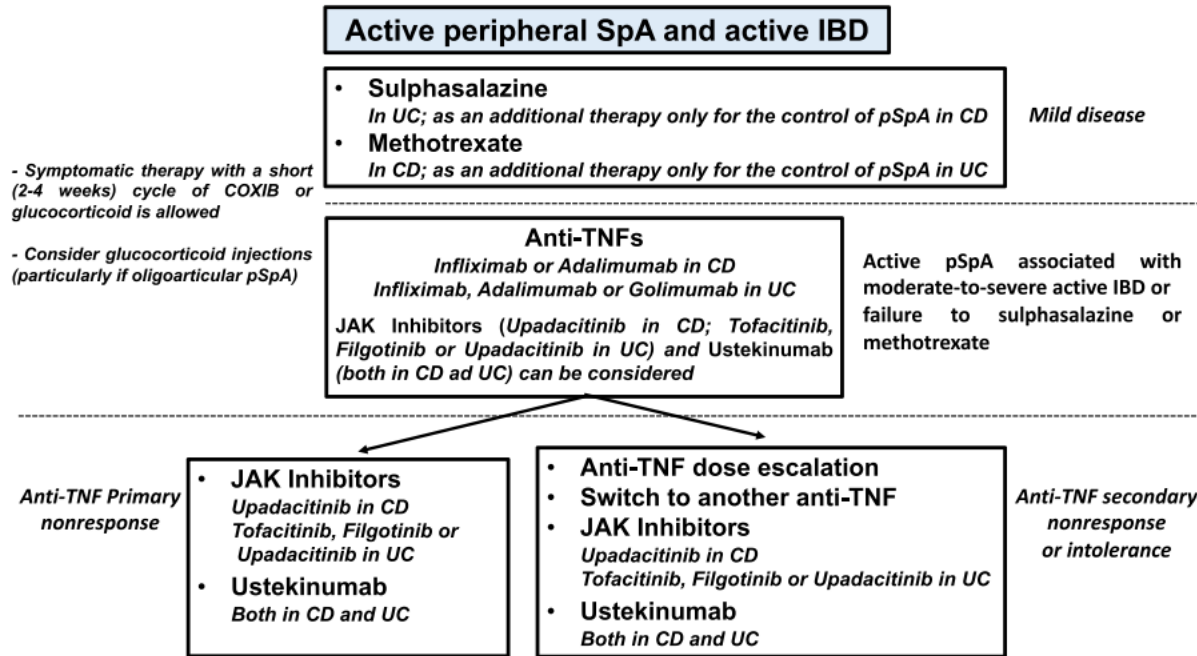


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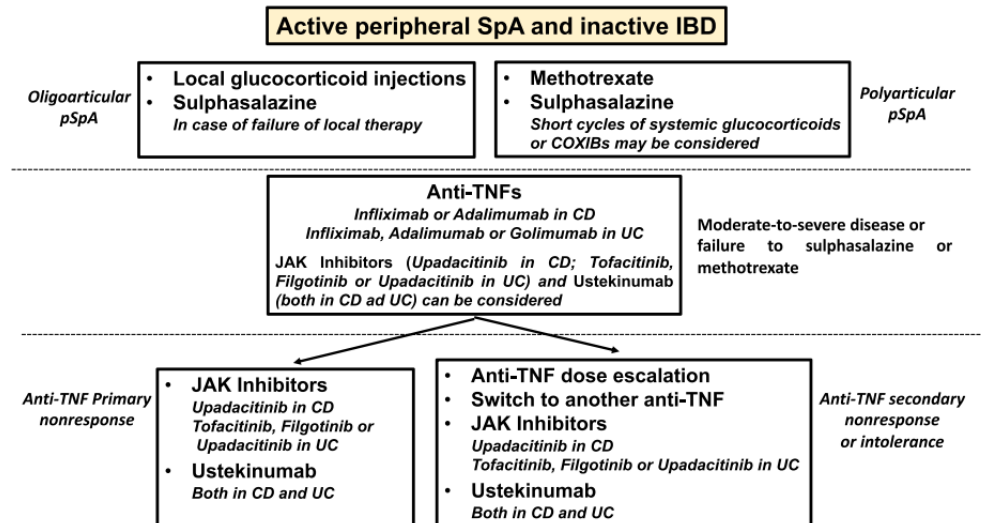


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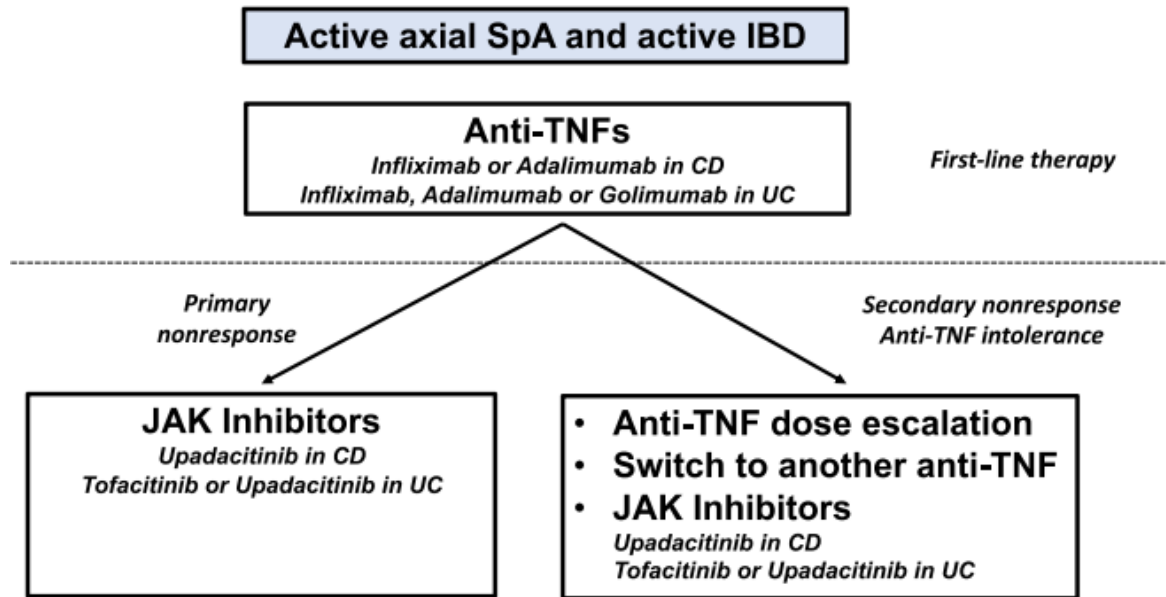


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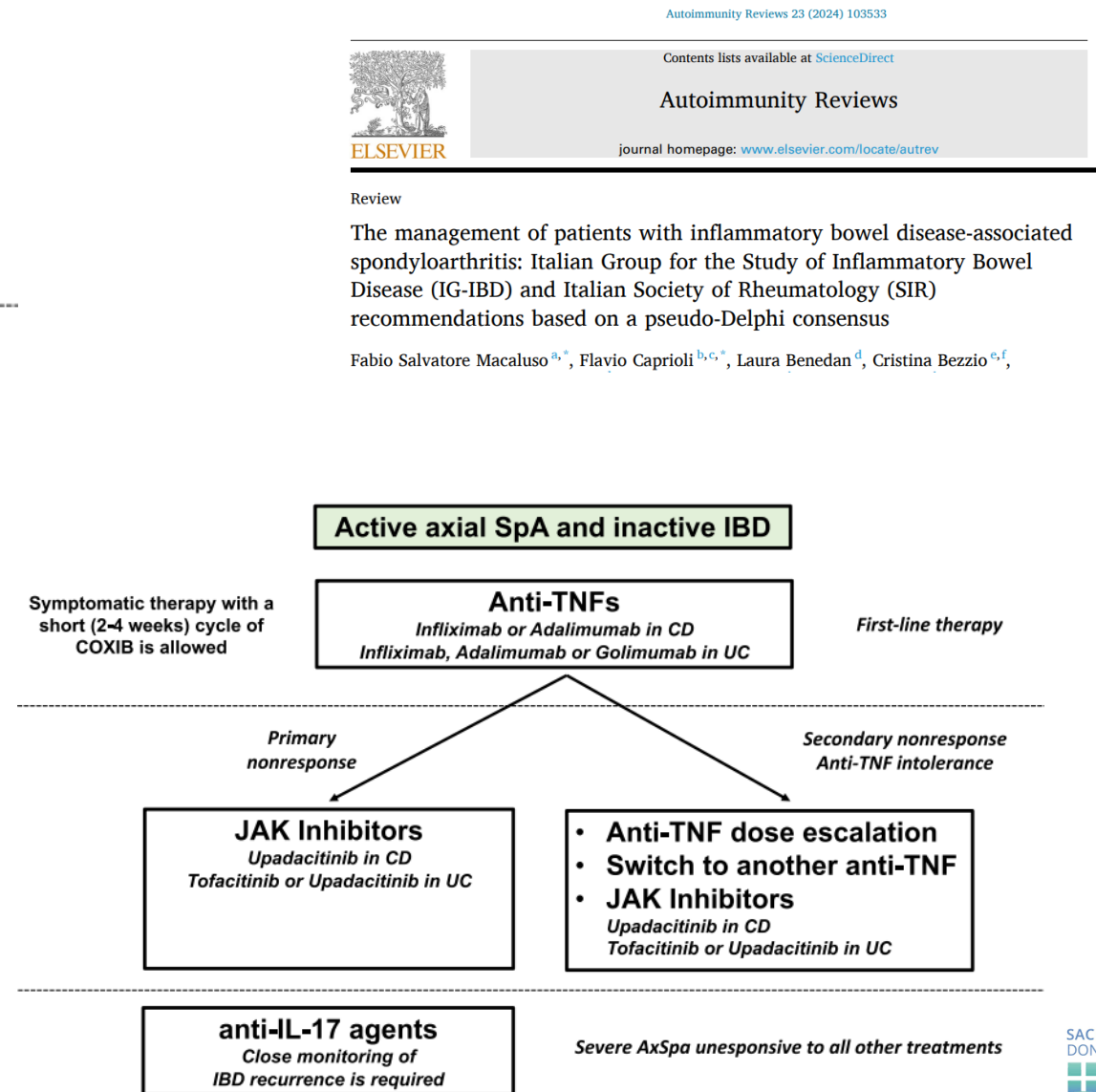


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# CA-IBD cohort study



## Multi-center California-IBD cohort study

### Ustekinumab vs. TNF $\alpha$ antagonists (1,030 patients)

- **64% lower risk of serious infections**
- No difference in risk of hospitalization or surgery



### Ustekinumab vs. Vedolizumab (442 patients)

- **80% lower risk of serious infections**
- No difference in risk of hospitalization or surgery



### Vedolizumab vs. TNF $\alpha$ antagonists (663 patients)

- No difference in risk of serious infections, hospitalization or surgery



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Effectiveness: rate of hospitalization or surgery  
Safety: risk of serious infections

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# Ustekinumab: safety

## SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS AND META-ANALYSES

Siddharth Singh, Section Editor

### Comparative Risk of Serious Infections With Biologic Agents and Oral Small Molecules in Inflammatory Bowel Diseases: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



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### Risk of serious infections with advanced therapies for IBD

Meta-analysis of 20 head-to-head studies

**Ustekinumab vs. TNF $\alpha$  antagonists**  
(5 cohorts; 23,232 patients)

- **CD: 51% lower risk** of serious infections with ustekinumab
- **UC: Knowledge gap**

**Vedolizumab vs. TNF $\alpha$  antagonists**  
(17 cohorts; 51,596 patients)

- **CD: No difference** in risk of serious infections (OR, 1.03)
- **UC: 32% lower risk** of serious infections with vedolizumab

**Ustekinumab vs. vedolizumab**  
(5 cohorts; 1,420 patients)

- **CD: 60% lower risk** of serious infections with ustekinumab
- **UC: Knowledge gap**

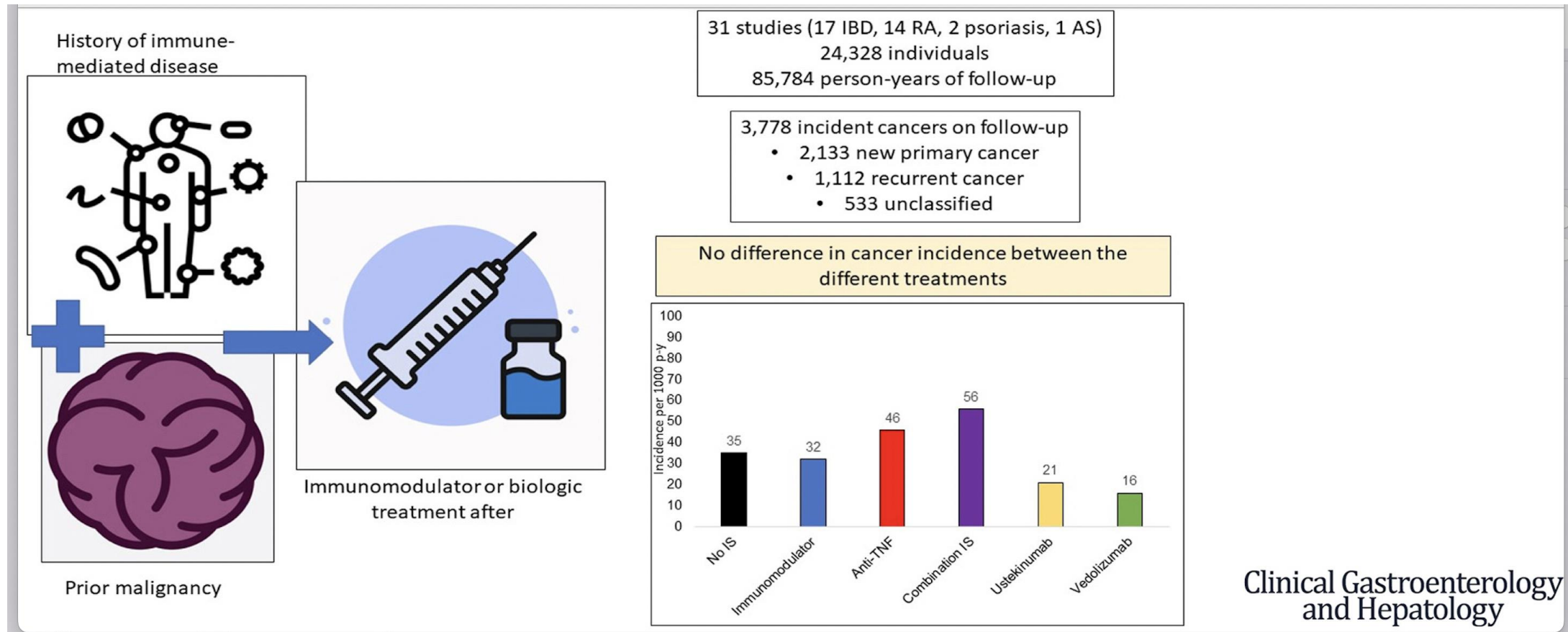
Safety profile of advanced therapies for IBD varies, and is influenced by treatment effectiveness and intrinsic immune suppression

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# Ustekinumab: safety

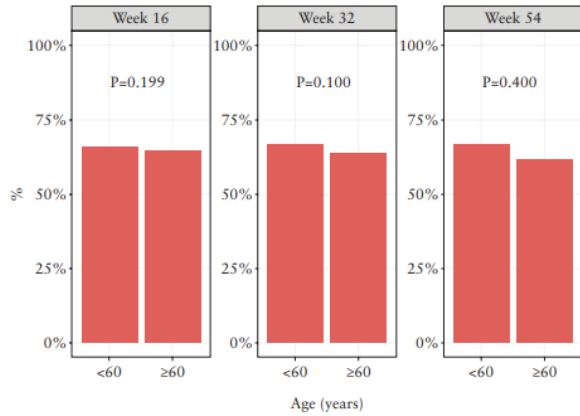
## RISK OF CANCER RECURRENCE IN PATIENTS WITH IMMUNE-MEDIATED DISEASES WITH USE OF IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPIES: AN UPDATED SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS



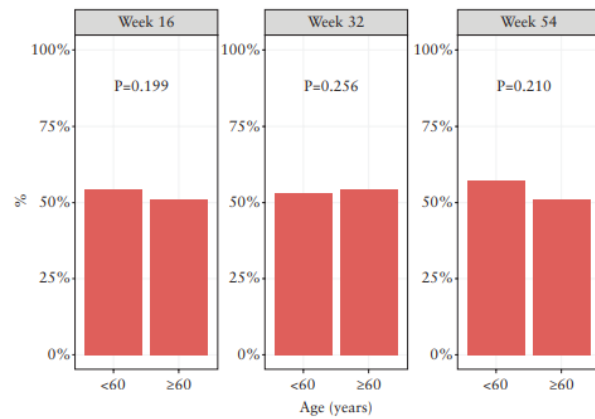


# Ustekinumab: elderly

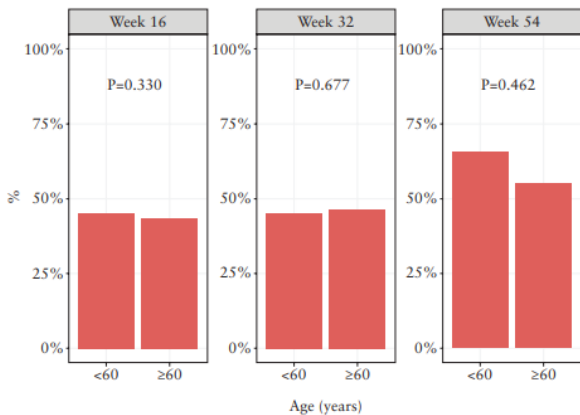
A Clinical response



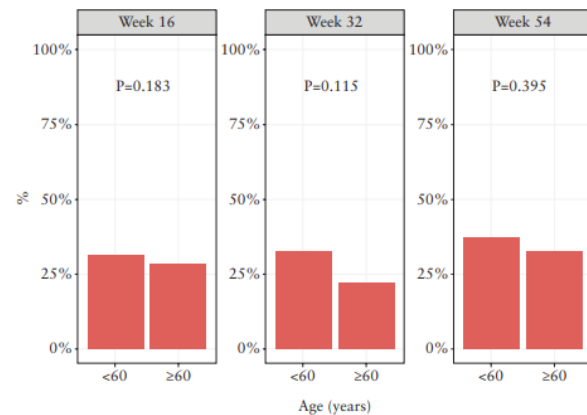
B Steroid-free remission



C Normalization of faecal calprotectin



D Normalization of CRP



Variable	Non-elderly patients	Elderly patients	<i>p</i> value
Adverse events	49 [11.2%]	30 [14.2%]	0.35
Worsening extraintestinal manifestations	23 [5.28%]	10 [4.74%]	0.92
Worsening perianal disease	15 [3.44%]	2 [0.94%]	0.11
Severe infection	32 [7.34%]	15 [7.08%]	1.00
Development of neoplasms	3 [0.69%]	9 [4.25%]	0.003

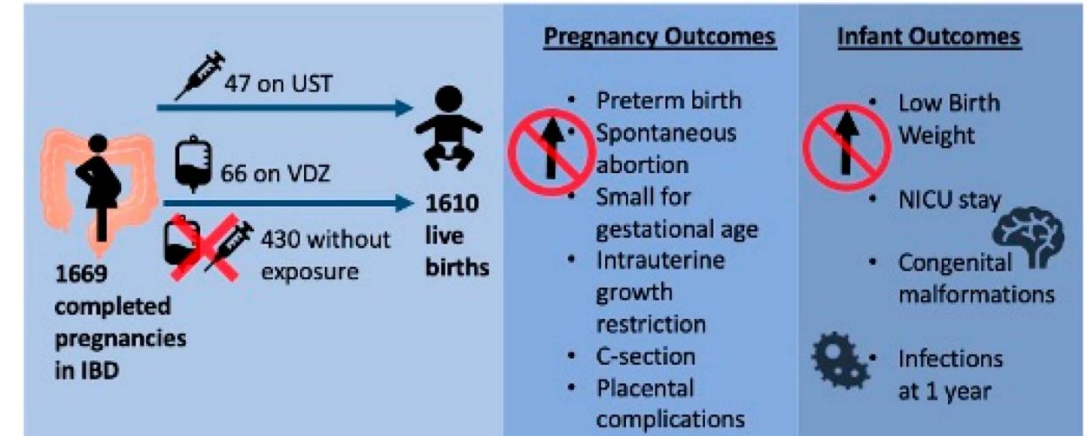
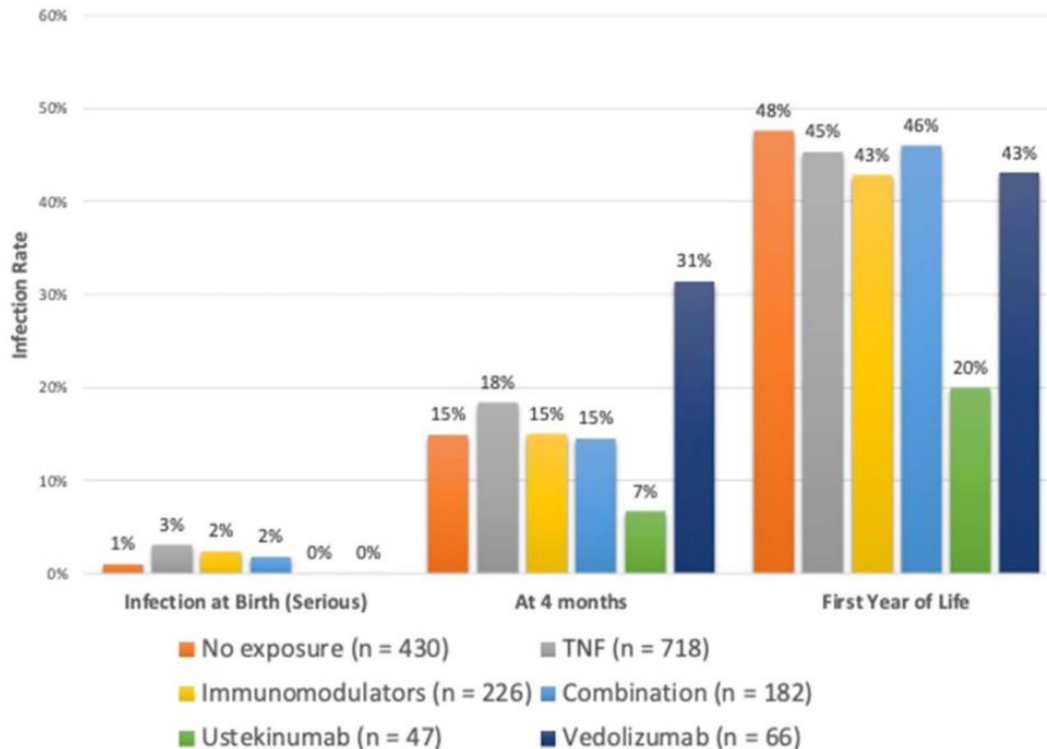
648 patients were included

# Ustekinumab: pregnancy

## PIANO Study

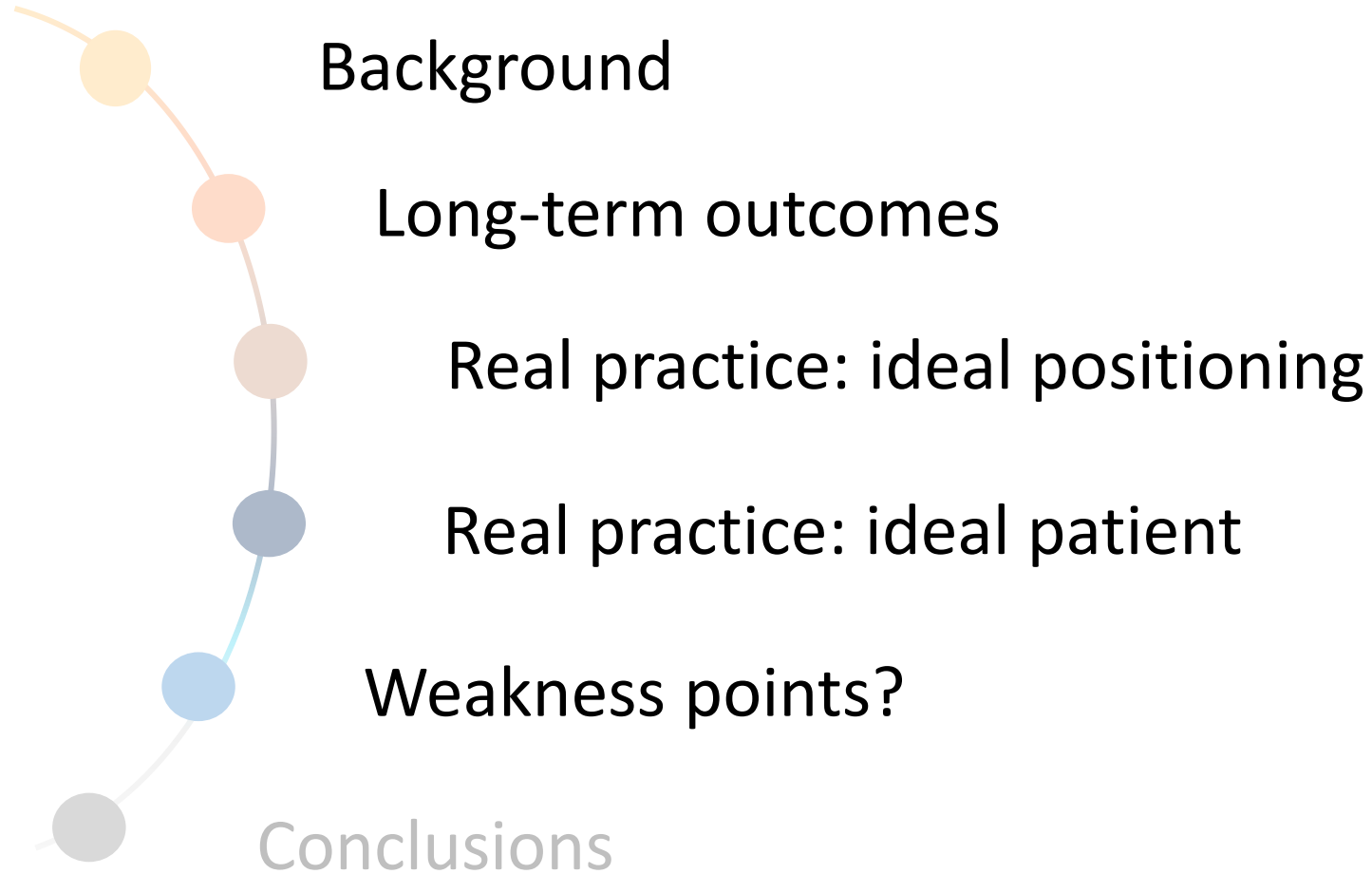
Pregnancy in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Neonatal Outcomes

Prospective, observational, multicenter USA study



*“Continuation of UST and VDZ throughout pregnancy is recommended”*

# Outline



# Ustekinumab: any weakness points?



## Challenges

- Pediatric patients
- Pregnancy and breastfeeding
- Strictures
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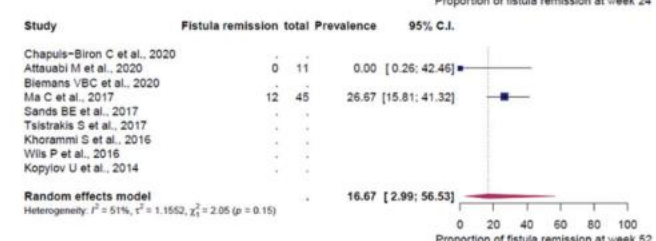
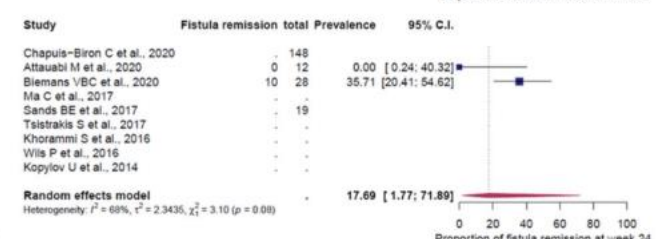
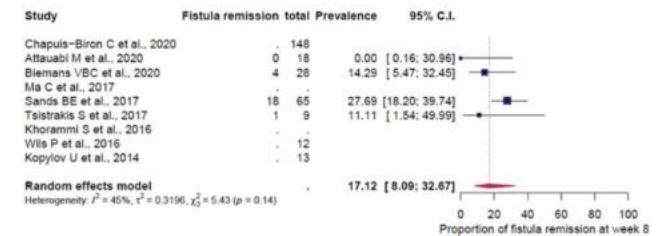
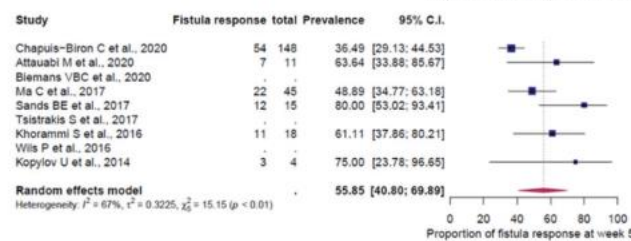
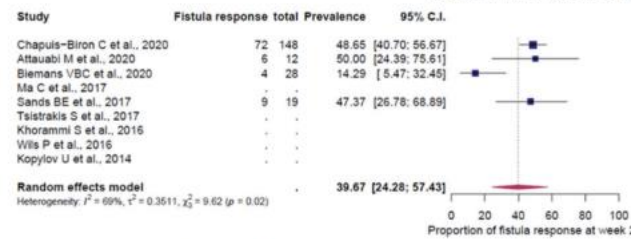
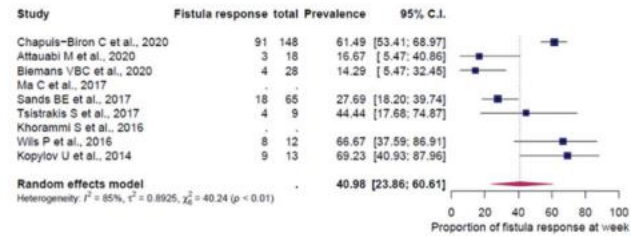
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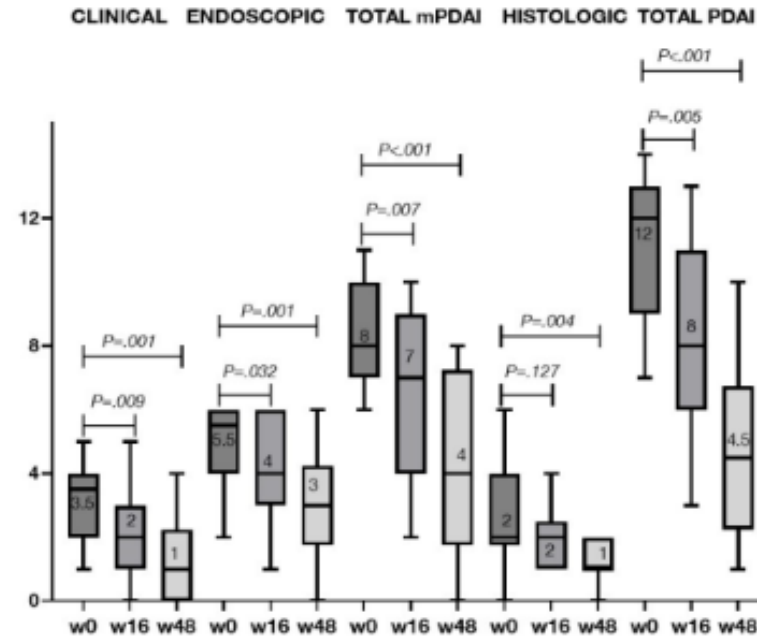


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pouchitis

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Ustekinumab showed a clinical and endoscopic effect in slightly more than half of the patients, remission in one third

**Table 1.** Baseline disease characteristics (n=22)

Male, n (%)	13 (59)
Age at treatment initiation, years, median (IQR)	42.2 (32.2-52.3)
Time since colectomy, years, median (IQR)	8.2 (3.1-16.4)
Previous therapies prior to colectomy, n (%)	
Anti-TNF	15 (68.2)
Vedolizumab	5 (22.7)
Tofacitinib	3 (13.6)
Previous therapies for pouchitis, n (%)	
5-ASA (topical/systemic)	6 (27.3)
Steroids (topical/systemic)	17 (77.3)
Immunomodulators	8 (36.3)
Anti-TNF	9 (40.9)
Vedolizumab	7 (31.8)
Tofacitinib	1 (4.5)
Concomitant therapy during induction, n (%)	
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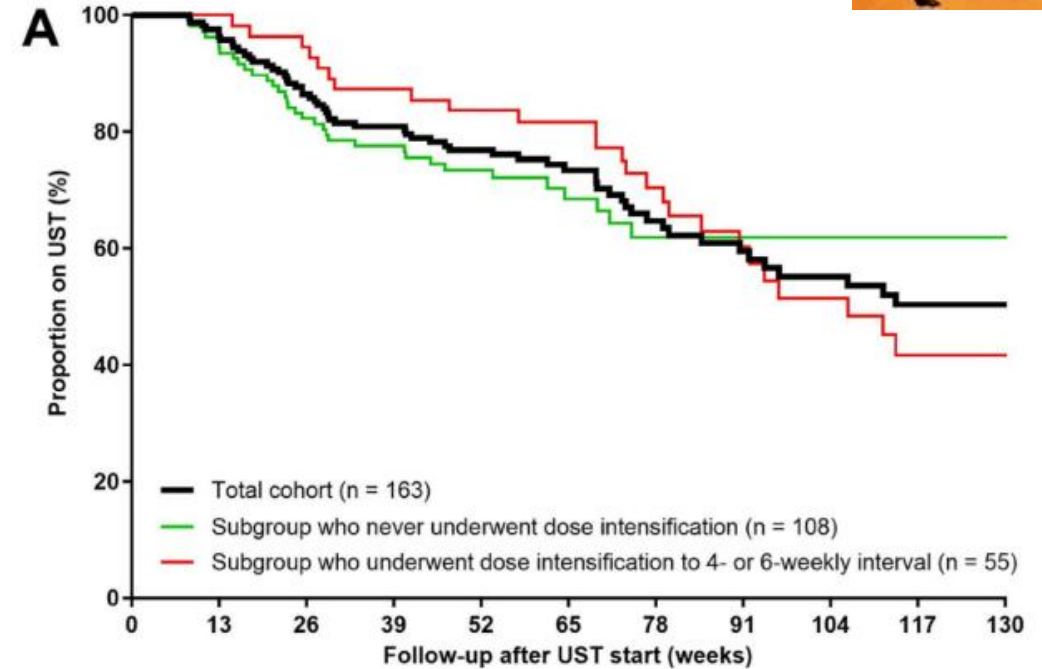
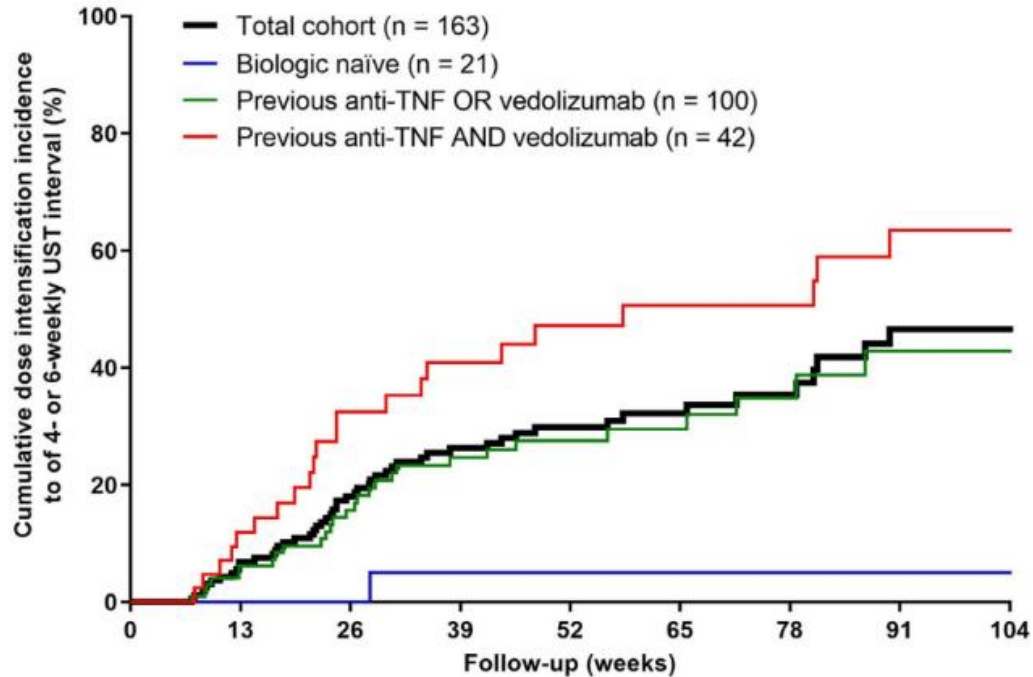
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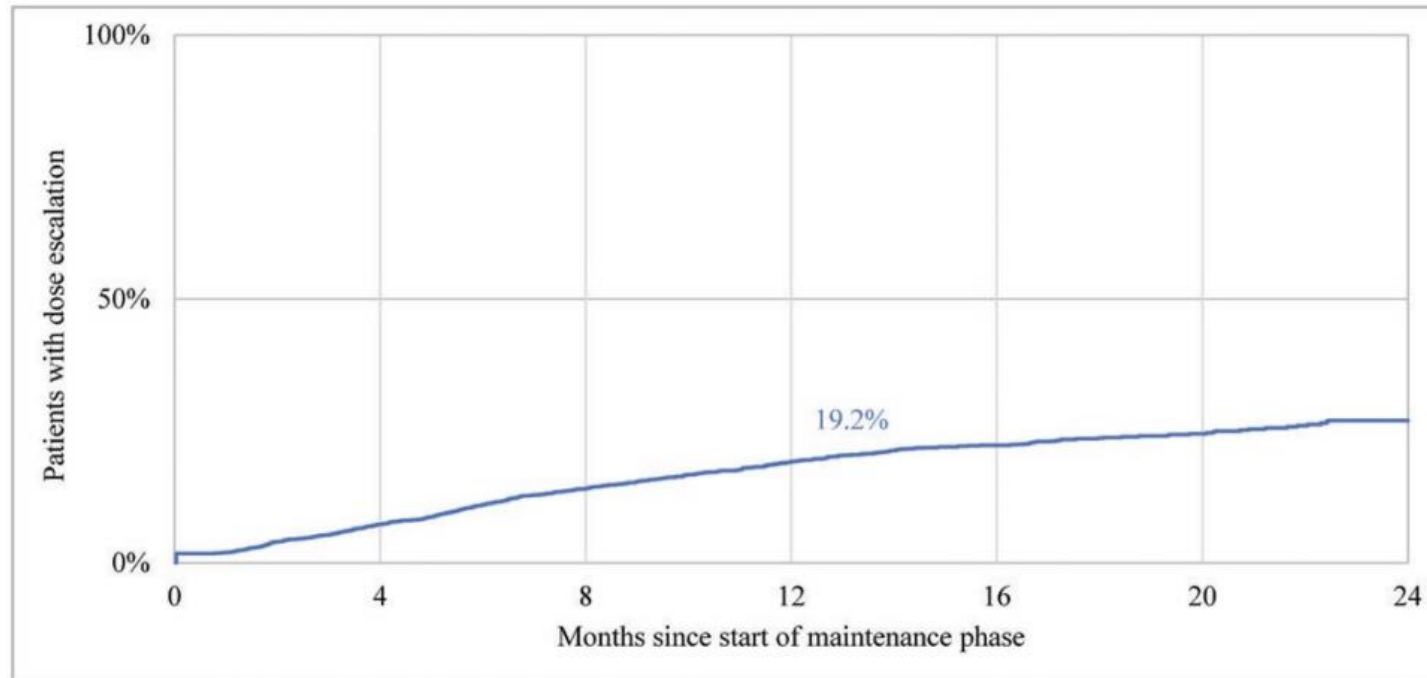
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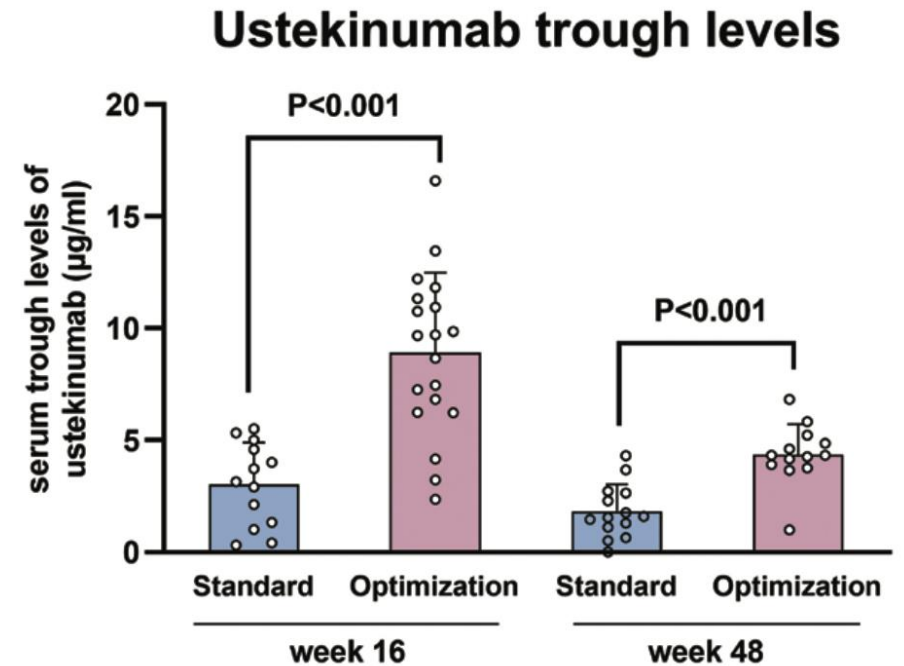
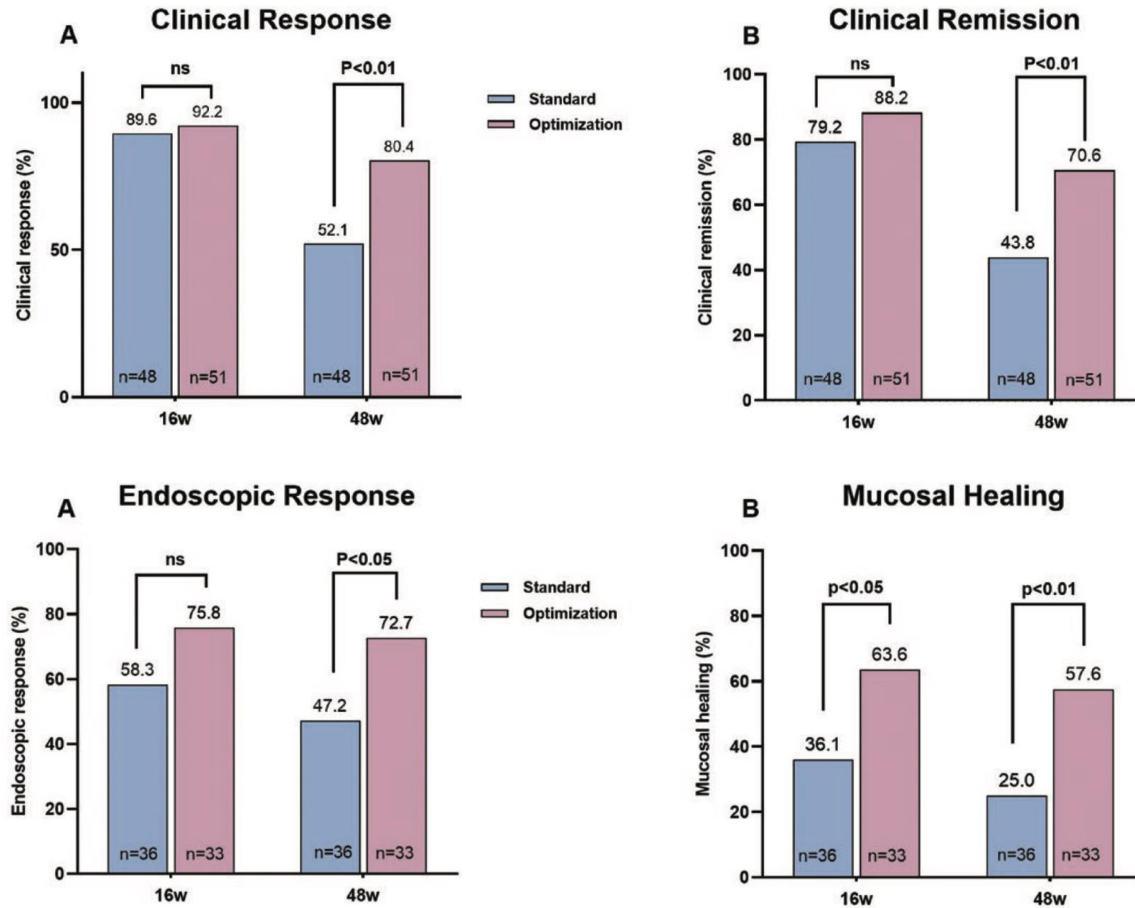


# Optimization rate



Dose-escalation in one-fifth of patients (OFF label)

# Optimization: strategy #1 (optimized induction)

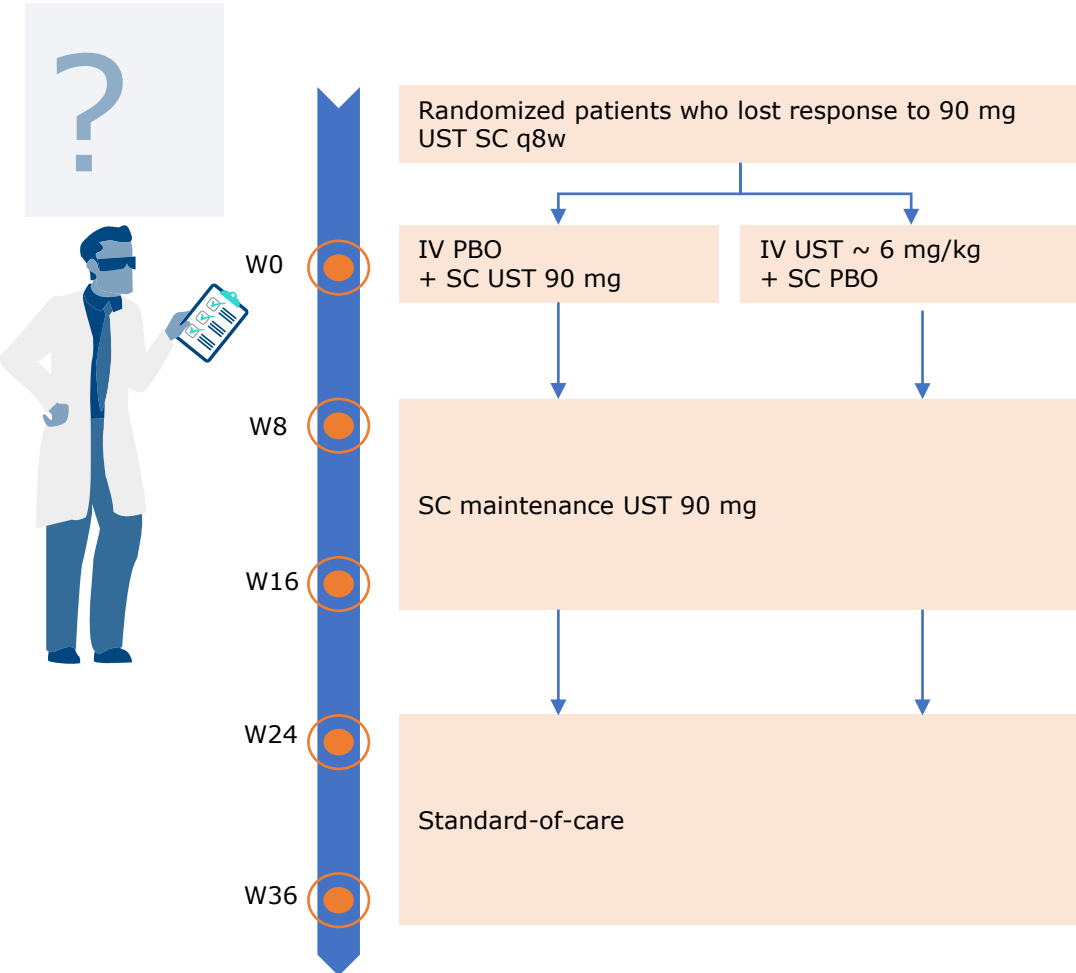


## A retrospective observational study

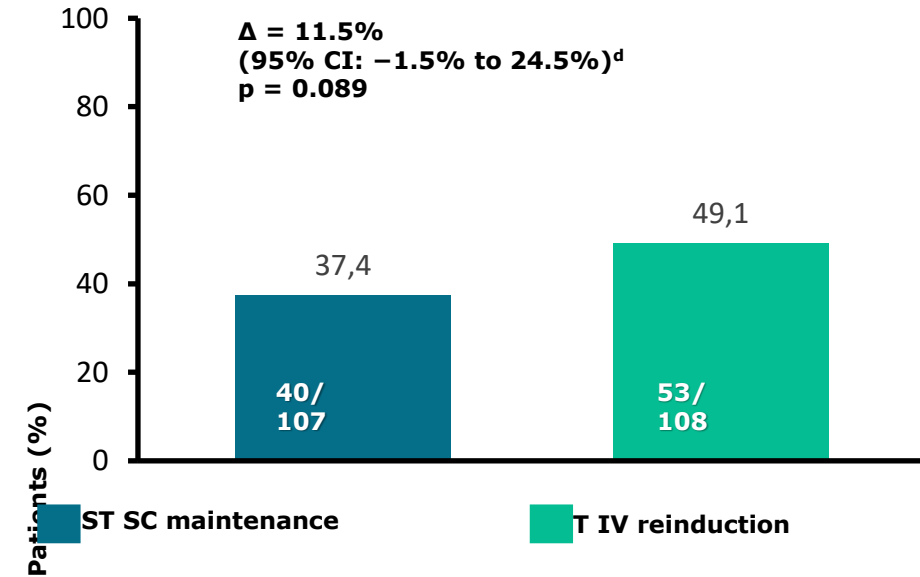
99 adult patients with severe CD

48 patients with standard and 51 with optimized induction treatment.

# Optimization: strategy #2 (POWER STUDY)

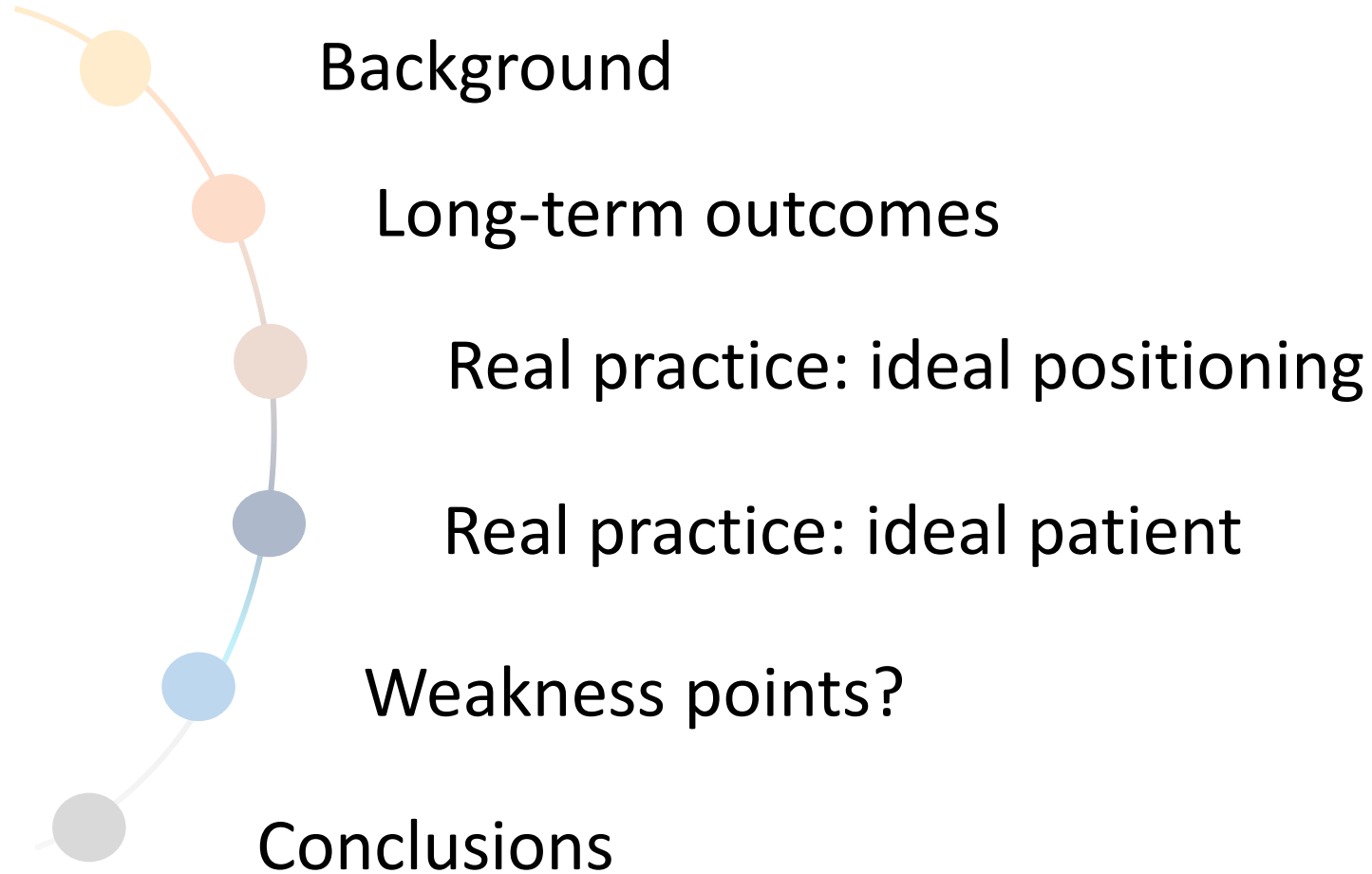


## Primary endpoint: clinical response



Schreiber S, et al. Poster presented at ECCO 2023; P436.

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# Conclusions

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