Psoriasis: Which Drug for Which Patient?

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Etanercept in the treatment of psoriatic arthritis and psoriasis: a randomised trial.

Mease PJ, et al.

Etanercept
ACR Response at 3 Months

Sharp score or van der Heijde score measures joint damage on x-ray: narrowing and erosions.
Etanercept Inhibited Bone Erosion

Mean Change in Erosion Score at 12 Months

- Placebo (n=104)
- Etanercept (n=101)

Change from Baseline

- Placebo:
  - Mean change: 0.66
  - Significance: p < 0.0001*

- Etanercept:
  - Mean change: -0.09

*stratified rank test

Etanercept Inhibited Joint Space Narrowing

Mean Change in JSN Score at 12 Months

- Placebo (n=104): 0.34
- Etanercept (n=101): 0.05

p = 0.044*

*stratified rank test

Etanercept Inhibited Structural Damage

Mean Change in Total Sharp Score at 12 Months

Primary Radiographic Endpoint

*stratified rank test

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\[ p = 0.0001^* \]

Adalimumab Effectiveness in Psoriatic Arthritis Trial Study Group. Adalimumab for the treatment of patients with moderately to severely active psoriatic arthritis: results of a double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial.

Mease PJ, et al.

Adalimumab
Percent ACR Response at Weeks 12 and 24

All results $p<0.001$ placebo vs adalimumab

Mease P, et al. Presented at the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American College of Rheumatology, October 19, 2004; San Antonio, Texas.
Mean Change in mTSS at Week 24

Placebo vs Adalimumab

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***p≤0.001 vs placebo for ranked ANCOVA

The Infliximab Multinational Psoriatic Arthritis Controlled Trial (IMPACT): results of radiographic analyses after 1 year.

Kavanaugh A, et al.

Infliximab
ACR 20 at Week 14 and Week 24

Proportion of Subjects Achieving ACR 20

Primary Endpoint

Week 14

Placebo: 11%
Infliximab: 58%
p < 0.001*

Week 24

Placebo: 16%
Infliximab: 54%
p < 0.001

Major Secondary Endpoint

*Remains significant after multiple sensitivity analyses
European League Against Rheumatism 2004; Oral Presentation: OP0182.
Total vdH-S Score – Mean Change from Baseline at Week 24*

*Median Change in both groups was 0.0

Effect of certolizumab pegol on signs and symptoms in patients with psoriatic arthritis: 24-week results of a Phase 3 double-blind randomised placebo-controlled study (RAPID-PsA)

Ustekinumab, an anti-IL-12/23 p40 monoclonal antibody, inhibits radiographic progression in patients with active psoriatic arthritis: results of an integrated analysis of radiographic data from the phase 3, multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled PSUMMIT-1 and PSUMMIT-2 trials.

ACR20/50/70 Responders at Week 24

**Primary Endpoint**

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*p<0.001

Change From Baseline in Modified Total vdhS Score Over Time (ITT)

*Patients who did not receive UST are excluded
ACR20=American College of Rheumatology 20% improvement; SC=subcutaneous; TNFi=tumor necrosis factor inhibitor.

*P<0.0001; †P<0.001; ‡P<0.01; §P<0.05 vs placebo.

Missing values were imputed as nonresponse (nonresponder imputation) through Week 52.


ACR20=American College of Rheumatology 20% improvement; SC=subcutaneous; TNFi=tumor necrosis factor inhibitor.
FUTURE 2
ACR50 and ACR70 Response Through Week 52

ACR50/70=American College of Rheumatology 50%/70% improvement; SC=subcutaneous; TNFi=tumor necrosis factor inhibitor.

*P<0.0001; †P<0.001; §P<0.01; ‡P<0.05 vs placebo. Missing values were imputed as nonresponse (nonresponder imputation) at Weeks 24 and 52.

FUTURE 1: Radiographic progression in PsA patients stratified by MTX use

Baseline to Week 24 (full analysis set)  Week 24 to Week 52 (X-ray completers)

![Graph showing mean change in vdH-mTSS](image)

*P<0.05 vs PBO
Change in mTSS >0.5 considered progression of radiographic disease

Gottlieb AB, et al. EADV 2015, P0348 Sponsored by Novartis Pharma AG

### Effect on structural disease progression

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Brodalumab Phase 2 PsA study: Clinical response and improvement in psoriasis in subjects with PsA

Mease P, et al. AAD 2014, P7605
Therapeutic response of PsA to TNFi and brodalumab

- No head-to-head trials
- BRO trial is Phase 2, not placebo controlled
- Others are Phase 3 and placebo controlled

Figure 2. ACR 20/50/70 Responses at Week 24

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p<0.001

p=0.002

p=0.023 (post hoc)
RESULTS

Figure 3. ACR20 Responses Over Time through Week 24

% of Patients

Primary Endpoint

p<0.001

p<0.001

p<0.001

p<0.001

p<0.001

p=0.019

ACR50 response rates at Week 12 (NRI)

- There was a significant dose-response at Week 12 for ACR50 response rates (primary outcome; p=0.031‡)

*nominal p<0.05 vs placebo; **nominal p<0.01 vs placebo; ***nominal p<0.001 vs placebo. †Dose-response does not include 160 mg (320 mg LD) group. ‡The p value was calculated using a Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel test based on modified ridit scores and including geographic region and prior TNF inhibitor exposure as stratification factors. SE, standard error. NRI, non-responder imputation. FAS; patients with missing efficacy data were imputed as non-responders (NRI)
ACR50 response rates increased up to Week 24 and were maintained to Week 48 (NRI)
**ACR20 and ACR70 response rates at Weeks 12 and 48 (NRI)**

*nominal p<0.05 vs placebo; **nominal p<0.01 vs placebo; ***nominal p<0.001 vs placebo. The p values were derived at Week 12 from a logistic regression model including fixed effects for treatment, geographic region and prior TNF inhibitor exposure. The following data are not presented: placebo → BKZ 160 mg, placebo → BKZ 320 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 160 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 320 mg (Week 48) FAS: Week 12; dose-blind set: Week 48 (NRI)
PASI90 response rates increased up to Week 24 and were maintained through the study (NRI)

*Subgroup of patients with ≥3% BSA at baseline. The following data are not presented: placebo → BKZ 160 mg, placebo → BKZ 320 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 160 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 320 mg (Weeks 16–48).

Full data provided on slide 18. PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index

FAS up to Week 12, dose-blind set Weeks 16–48 (NRI)
Resolution of enthesitis (post hoc) was evaluated in patients with enthesitis at baseline using the Maastricht Ankylosing Spondylitis Entheses Score (FAS: Week 12; dose-blind set: Week 48). The following data are not presented: BKZ 16 mg (Week 12), placebo → BKZ 16 mg, placebo → BKZ 320 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 160 mg, BKZ 16 mg → BKZ 320 mg (Week 48).

Resolution of enthesitis responders (%, SE):
- Placebo (FAS, n=21): 28.6%
- BKZ 160 mg (FAS, n=22; DBS, n=22): 59.1% ± 68.2%
- BKZ 160 mg (320 mg LD) (FAS, n=22; DBS, n=20): 59.1% ± 70.0%
- BKZ 320 mg (FAS, n=23; DBS, n=23): 34.8% ± 56.5%
**Adverse events for special monitoring up to Week 48**

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- There were **no cases of inflammatory bowel disease, major cardiovascular events or hypersensitivity and anaphylactic reactions** during the study.
- All candida infections were of mild or moderate intensity and did not lead to treatment discontinuation.

*Five patients receiving bimekizumab withdrew prior to the dose-blind period, data from these patients are included in the overall treatment period columns; †Two patients receiving placebo withdrew without receiving a dose of bimekizumab; ‡Both cases were moderate; one resolved with oral anti-fungal treatment and the other was ongoing at the time of data cut-off. §Malignant melanoma in situ. †One patient receiving bimekizumab 160 mg with 320 mg LD experienced suicidal ideation, accessed using eC-SSRS, and was withdrawn from the study and referred to a mental health professional. ‡The majority of hepatic events were liver enzyme elevations. TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event. Safety set
Apremilast, an oral phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitor, in patients with psoriatic arthritis and current skin involvement: a phase III, randomised, controlled trial (PALACE 3).


Longterm methotrexate therapy in psoriatic arthritis: clinical and radiological outcome.

• Abu-Shakra M, et al.
  • *J Rheumatol* 1995 Feb;
    • 22(2):241-5.

• Mtx does not prevent joint damage on x-ray.
CHAMPION: Effect of BMI on the efficacy of adalimumab

- Weight response analysis of Comparative study of Humira vs Methotrexate vs Placebo in Psoriasis Patients (CHAMPION) trial
- Broken down into 3 groups:
  - Normal: BMI <25 kg/m²
  - Overweight: BMI 25–30 kg/m²
  - Obese: BMI >30 kg/m²
- Body weight correlated to lower levels of response in CHAMPION, including in placebo group

Prussick RB, et al. AAD 2015, P1350 Sponsored by AbbVie
Etanercept: PASI-75 at 12 weeks by weight quartiles

* P < 0.0001 compared with placebo
** P < 0.001 compared with placebo

Pooled analysis of studies 200221632, 20021639, and 20021642
Etanercept: PASI-75 at 12 weeks by 10 kg increments

Pooled analysis of studies 200221632, 20021639, and 20021642

P-values are not available for subgroup analyses of weight in 10 kg increments
Across all baseline body weight categories, IXE-treated patients achieved significantly greater PASI 75 response rates vs. PBO at Week 12.

- **<80 kg**
  - PBO (n=50)
  - ETN (n=111)
  - IXE Q4W (n=97)
  - IXE Q2W (n=123)

- **≥80 to <100 kg**
  - PBO (n=61)
  - ETN (n=121)
  - IXE Q4W (n=130)
  - IXE Q2W (n=133)

- **≥100 kg**
  - PBO (n=55)
  - ETN (n=125)
  - IXE Q4W (n=119)
  - IXE Q2W (n=133)

* *p<.05 vs. PBO; †p<.001 vs. PBO; ‡p<.001 vs. ETN.

ETN=Etanercept; ITT=Intent-to-Treat; IXE=Ixekizumab; 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; PBO=Placebo.

Across all baseline body weight categories, IXE-treated patients achieved significantly greater PASI 90 response rates vs. PBO at Week 12.

*P<.05 vs. PBO; †P<.001 vs. PBO; ‡P<.05 vs. ETN; ¶P<.001 vs. ETN.

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Across all baseline body weight categories, IXE-treated patients achieved significantly greater PASI 100 response rates vs. PBO at Week 12.
Etanercept vs Secukinumab

Nonresponder imputation at Week 12 from studies A2302 & A2303
Skin Clearance Response Rates improve over time on treatment with Brodalumab 210 mg Q2W in Non-obese and Obese Patients

- Rates of achieving sPGA 0/1, PASI 75, PASI 90, and PASI 100 were higher among nonobese patients than obese patients at weeks 12 and 52.
- The percentage of patients achieving PASI 100 increased from week 12 to week 52 in both nonobese and obese patients.
- The safety associated with brodalumab 210 mg Q2W was comparable between nonobese and obese patients (data not shown).

Nonresponder imputation was used to impute missing data.

PASI 75, 90, and 100, psoriasis area and severity index 75%, 90%, and 100% improvement; Q2W, every 2 weeks; sPGA, static physicians global assessment; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

Data on File, Valeant Pharmaceuticals North America LLC.
Figure 2. Proportions of Patients Achieving PASI 90 Response
Weeks 16 and 24

GUSELKUMAB

Week 16

- p<0.001 for guselkumab or adalimumab vs placebo
- Proportion of Patients

Week 24

- p<0.001 vs. adalimumab
- Proportion of Patients

*p-value based on the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel chi-square test stratified by study.
*95% confidence interval.
Impact of body weight on efficacy of tildrakizumab at 12 weeks in moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis

- Pooled analysis from 3 RCTs: reSURFACE 1 and 2 and P05495
- 1\(^{st}\) endpoints:
  - reSURFACE 1/2, PASI 75 and PGA 0/1 at Week 16
  - Study P05495, PASI 75 at Week 16
- Randomized patients stratified by body weight (≤90 kg, >90 mg; ≤100 kg, >100 mg)
- Authors concluded that PASI and PGA responses were numerically greater in patients with lower vs higher body weight

Scott E, et al. EADV 2017, P1722 Sponsored by Merck & Co., Inc.
## ESTEEM 1 & 2/PALACE 1–3: Long-term pooled safety of apremilast (≥156 weeks): Body weight assessments

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- APR-exposure periods include all patients who received APR regardless of when APR exposure started.
- Cumulative APR exposure is based on each patient’s total exposure to APR through February 2015.
- n/m, number of patients with ≥1 occurrence at any time point/number of patients with ≥1 post-baseline value.

- With longer-term exposure to APR, safety profile remains stable and favourable.
- GI side-effects seem relatively persistent.
- Unclear significance of decrease in lymphocyte counts.
- Weight loss seems to be common in this population.

Crowley J, et al. EADV 2016, P2052; Sponsored by Celgene Corporation
169 liver bx’s in 71 psoriasis pts on MTX

• Hepatic fibrosis: 71%
• In pts with risk fx: 96%
  - obesity 14/15
  - diabetes 7/7
  - ETOH 9/9
• ↑LFT’s not associated with fibrosis

Rosenberg P, et al

• TNF blocker x 24w; diet vs control
• PASI 75 was achieved by 85.9% in the diet group, and 59.3% in the control group (p < 0.001)
• w 24: mean ↓ wt = 12.9 ± 1.2 kg w diet
  -1.5 ± 0.5 kg control
Early increase of abdominal adiposity in patients with spondyloarthritis receiving anti-tumor necrosis factor-α treatment.
CONCLUSIONS

• In obese patients higher doses or stronger medications are more effective

• Weight loss helps
Risk of myocardial infarction in patients with psoriasis.
Gelfand JM, Neimann AL, Shin DB, Wang X, Margolis DJ, Troxel AB. JAMA 2006;296:1735-41

age 30, severe psoriasis

HR: 3.10
Association Between Tumor Necrosis Factor Inhibitor Therapy and Myocardial Infarction Risk in Patients With Psoriasis.


- MI incidence TNF inhibitor/ oral or photoRx /topical: 3.05, 3.85, and 6.73 per 1000 patient-years

- adjusted HR 0.50 vs topical Rx 95% CI, 0.32-0.7
Results: Unadjusted Cumulative Rates of MACE per 100 Patient-Years (PY)
Based on any Exposure to Therapy or Within 91 Days of Therapy Administration

Unadjusted Rates of MACE per 100 PY (95% CI)

**Any Exposure**
- **Ustekinumab**: 0.34 (0.28, 0.40)
- **Infliximab/Golimumab**: 0.38 (0.22, 0.62)
- **ADA/ETN**: 0.33 (0.24, 0.44)
- **No Biologic**: 0.45 (0.29, 0.66)
- **All**: 0.36 (0.30, 0.43)

**Exposure Within 91 Days**
- **Ustekinumab**: 0.29 (0.17, 0.47)
- **Infliximab/Golimumab**: 0.31 (0.14, 0.62)
- **Other Biologics**: 0.28 (0.19, 0.40)
- **No Biologic**: 0.45 (0.35, 0.58)
- **All**: 0.36 (0.30, 0.43)

*Sponsor biologics, other than ustekinumab, approved for PsO &/or PsA; includes almost exclusively infliximab patients (n=1400); few patients were exposed to golimumab (n=35). **95% (n=4374) are adalimumab &/or etanercept patients, with the remainder exposed to efalizumab, alefacept, or other non-sponsor biologic.
Psoriasis Patients Treated With Biologics and Methotrexate Have a Reduced Rate of Myocardial Infarction: A Collaborative Analysis Using International Cohorts.

Gulliver WP, Young HM, Bachelez H, Randell S, Gulliver S, Al-Mutairi N.

In patients on biologics, for which malignancies is there evidence of an increase?

- NMSC
- MM
- Lung ca in COPD
- Lymphoma
- NOT in most solid tumors
What do package inserts say? TNF blockers

WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS AND MALIGNANCY

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

SERIOUS INFECTIONS (5.1, 6.1):
- Increased risk of serious infections leading to hospitalization or death, including tuberculosis (TB), bacterial sepsis, invasive fungal infections (such as histoplasmosis), and infections due to other opportunistic pathogens.
- Discontinue HUMIRA if a patient develops a serious infection or sepsis during treatment.
- Perform test for latent TB; if positive, start treatment for TB prior to starting HUMIRA.
- Monitor all patients for active TB during treatment, even if initial latent TB test is negative.

MALIGNANCY (5.2):
- Lymphoma and other malignancies, some fatal, have been reported in children and adolescent patients treated with TNF blockers including HUMIRA.
- Post-marketing cases of hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma (HSTCL), a rare type of T-cell lymphoma, have occurred in adolescent and young adults with inflammatory bowel disease treated with TNF blockers including HUMIRA.

Lymphoma, new primary malignancy
Lymphoma and other new primary malignancy have been reported in adults and pediatric patients; fatal cases have been reported in children and adolescents. Use of etanercept by patients with a history of malignancy or current malignancy may be unadvisable. The effect of TNF inhibition on the development and course of malignancies is not fully understood.
Results: Age and Gender Adjusted Cumulative Rates of Malignancies (excluding NMSC) per 100 Patient-Years (PY) Based on Any Exposure to Therapy (Figure 1)

*This group Includes (n=36) patients exposed to golimumab only. **95.7% (n=4067) are adalimumab &/or etanercept patients, with the remainder exposed to other biologics. ***Adjustment used All population as reference.
IL-17 Mediated Inflammation Promotes Tumor Growth and Progression in the Skin

D. He, et al

IL-23→↑IL-17→↑tumor growth

Could blocking IL-17 be protective against cancer?
Secukinumab

PUBMED search
1/1/19

NO report of

↑ MALIGNANCIES
Ixekizumab

PUBMED search
1/1/19

NO report of ↑ MALIGNANCIES
Brodalumab

PUBMED search
1/2/19 NO report of ↑ MALIGNANCIES

   Kaushik SB, Lebwohl MG.
   PMID: 30017705
   Similar articles

   PMID: 29271481
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Exposure-Adjusted Malignancy Event Rates Through 52 Weeks Were Lower in the All-Brodalumab Group Than Those in the Ustekinumab Group

The all-brodalumab group includes all patients who received ≥1 dose of brodalumab. AE, adverse event; n, number of AEs; NMSC, nonmelanoma skin cancer; PY, total patient-years of exposure through week 52; Q2W, every 2 weeks; SEER, Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results.
Secukinumab, Ixekizumab & Brodalumab Package Inserts

No mention of Malignancy as Contraindication
Systemic pharmacological treatments for chronic plaque psoriasis: a network meta-analysis.
PMID: 29271481

Tildrakizumab
PUBMED search
1/2/19
NO report of ↑ MALIGNANCIES
IL-23 is increased in colon adenocarcinoma
a, Quantitative mRNA expression of IL-23p19 in human colon tumour (red) compared to normal adjacent tissue of the same individual (green, connected by a line), or tissue from cancer-free individuals (black, yellow). b, Significant upregulation of IL-23p19 expression in...
↑IL-23 in many cancers

IL-23 promotes tumour incidence and growth

Mouse carcinogenesis model

Recurrence of Melanoma after Starting Apremilast for Psoriasis.

Salopek TG.

h/o 2 melanomas:
2009 - 1.53mm Clark IV
2012 - 0.9mm Clark IV
2015 started apremilast
>4mos. later→recurrence near first MM
Apremilast Package Insert

No mention of malignancy

- RA pts started on MTX pre 1986
- State cancer registry (not NMSC)
- 4,145 person-years (avg. 9.3 yrs)
MTX associated with:
• 50% ↑ risk of malignancy
• 3-fold ↑ in melanoma
• 5-fold ↑ in nonHodgkins lymphoma
• 3-fold ↑ in lung ca.

Buchbinder R et al.  
Incidence and prediction of nonmelanoma skin cancer post-renal transplantation: a prospective study in Queensland, Australia.


- 18.8%, <5 years
- 24.8%, 5-10 years
- 33.3%, 10-20 years
- 47.1%, >20 years
Skin Cancer in Organ Transplant Patients

Berg and Otley, JAAD 47:1-17, 2002
Risk of malignancies in psoriasis patients treated with cyclosporine: a 5 y cohort study.

• 1252 patients for up to 5 years (average 1.9)
• 6-fold ↑ skin cancer
• No ↑ nonskin cancer
Metastatic melanoma after solid organ transplantation: An interdisciplinary, institution-based review of management with systemic and targeted therapies.

Tripathi SV, Morris CR, Alhamad T, Fields RC, Linette GP, Cornelius LA.


Invasive Melanomas ↑2 fold
M:F ratio 14:1


- Acitretin 30 mg/d
- 2/19 ➞ 2 SCCs vs 9/19 ➞ 18 SCCs
Chemoprevention of skin cancer in xeroderma pigmentosum.


• 121 BCCs or SCCs in 5 patients 2 years prior to Rx
• Isotretinoin 2 mg/kg/d \(\rightarrow\) 25 tumors over 2 years of Rx
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