

# Synovitis and the therapeutic management of psoriatic arthritis

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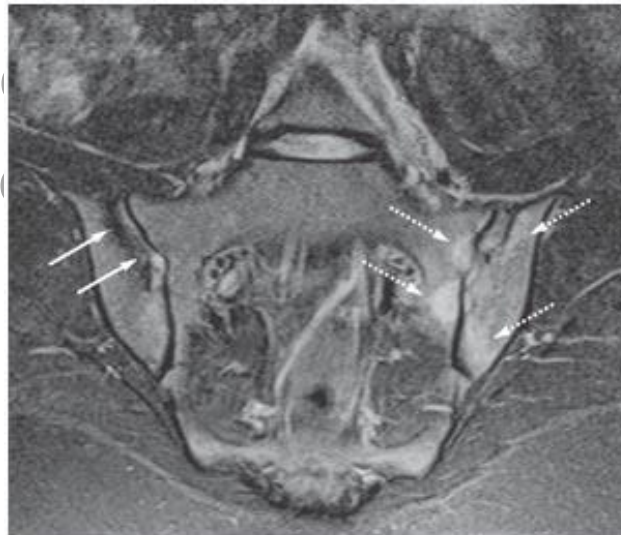
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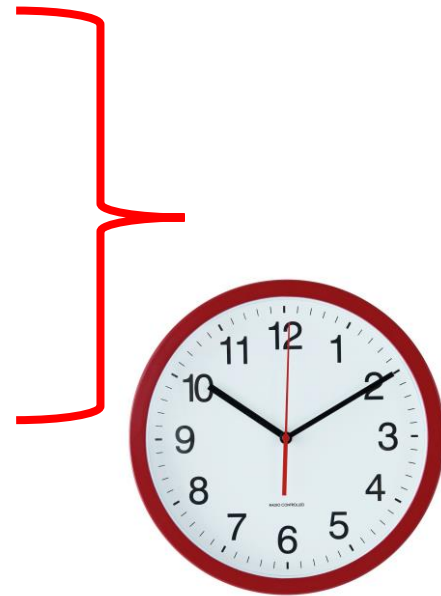
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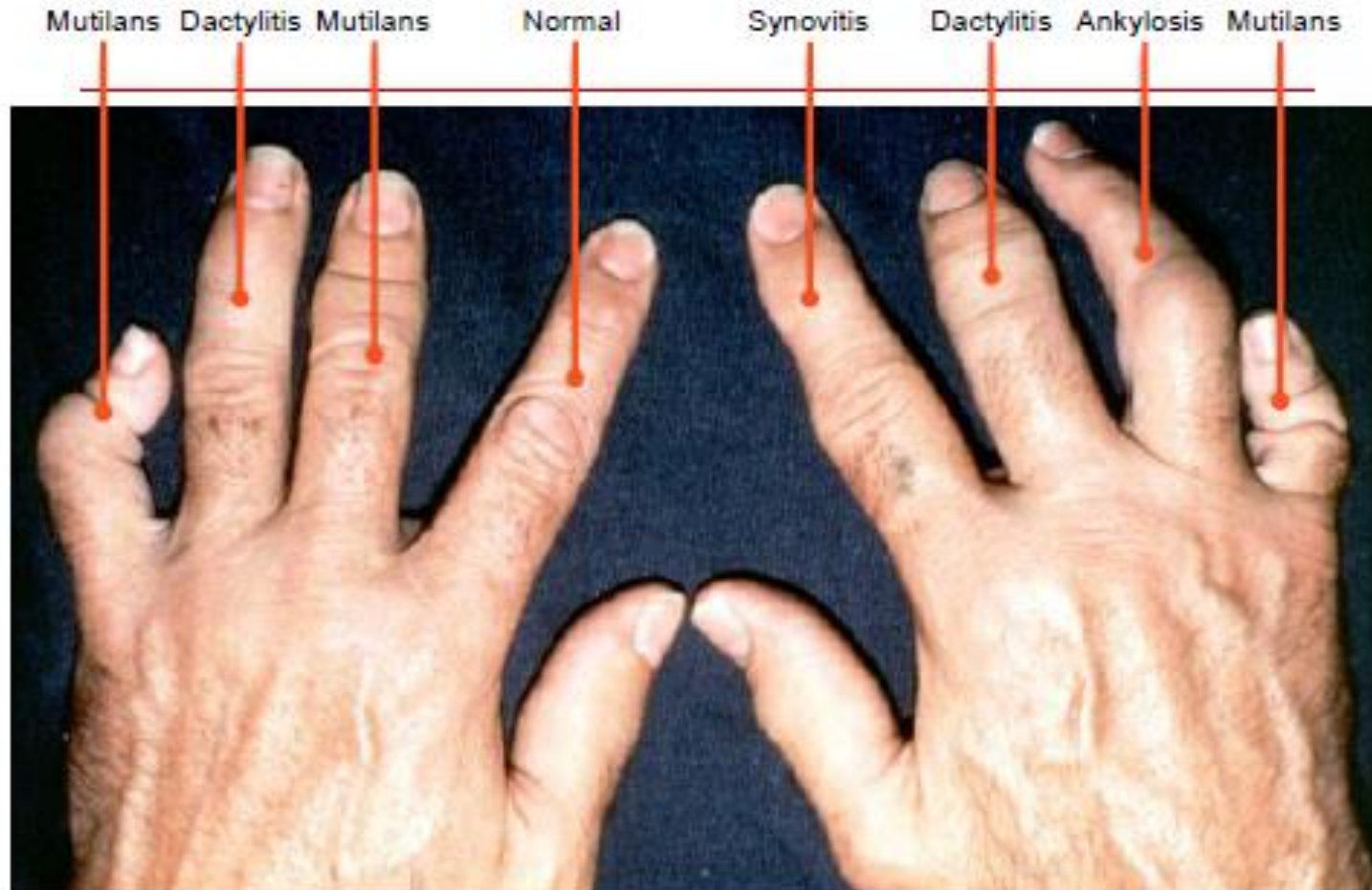
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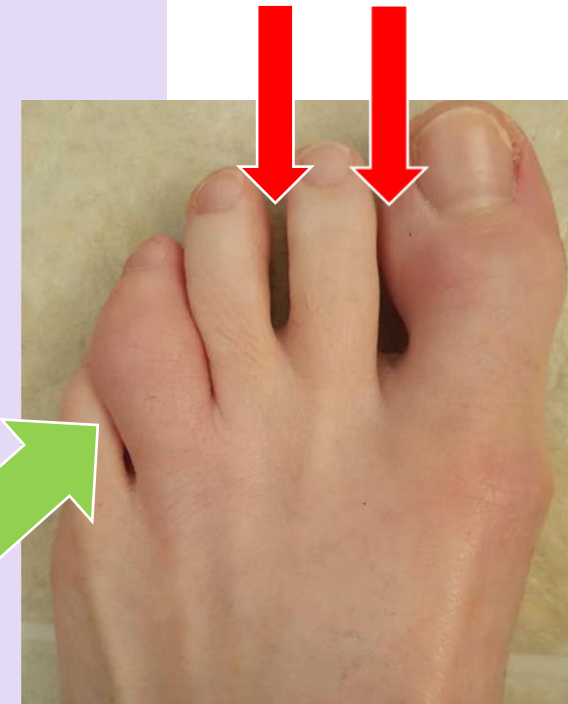
# Disease heterogeneity in PsA

## Ray Diversity in PsA

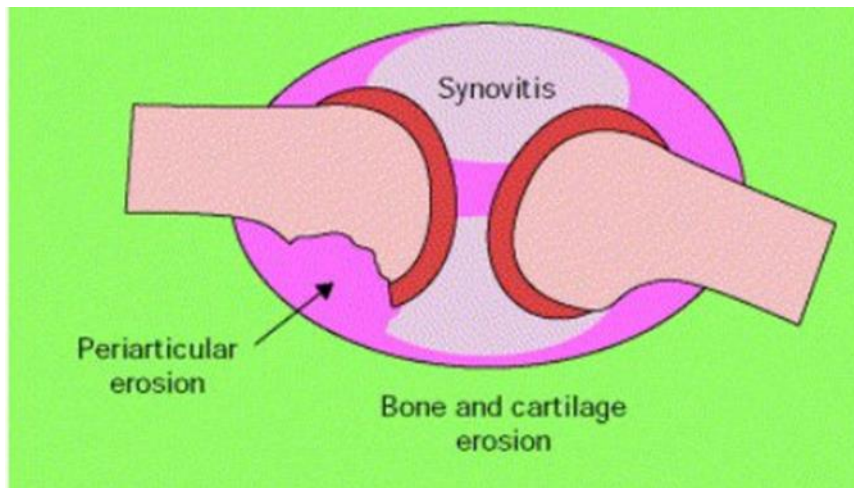
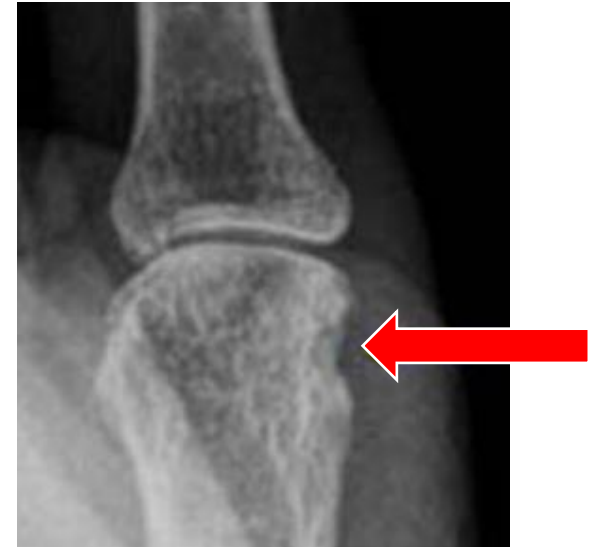


# Synovitis

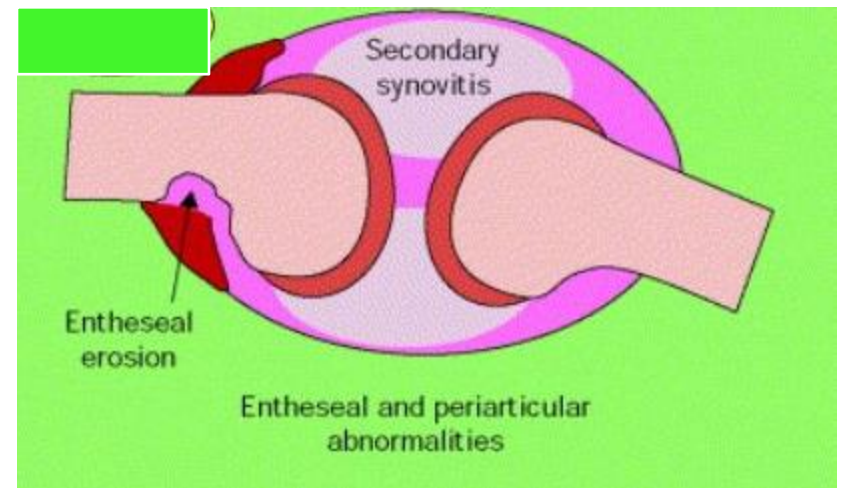
- Joint swelling / tenderness / (warmth)
  - Ankle
  - Subtalar
  - Mid-tarsal
  - MTP / IP
- Warmth (probably ankle only)
- Is it soft / spongy / squishy to palpation?
  - ‘Fullness’ at the MTPs
  - Toes may be separated by synovitis
  - Damage (NOT synovitis)
    - Bony hypertrophy/enlargement
    - MTP subluxation



# Joint erosions

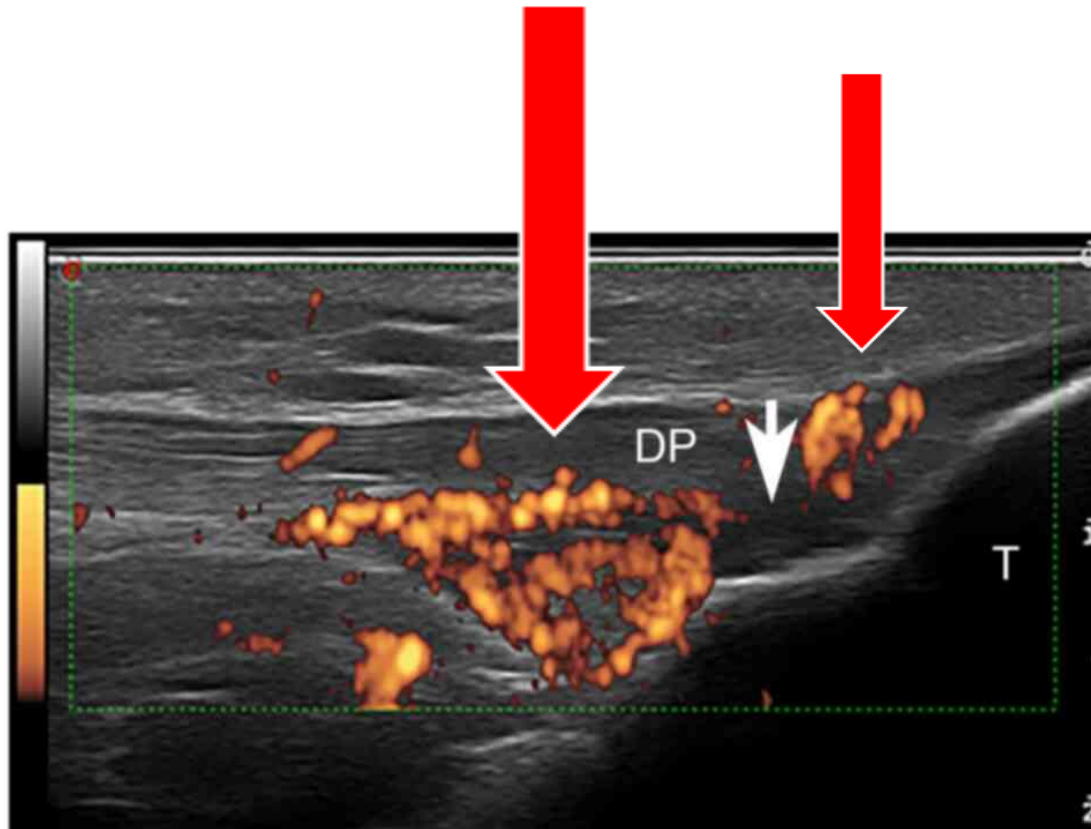


Rheumatoid arthritis



Psoriatic arthritis

# Doppler Ultrasound



# DMARDs used in PsA management:

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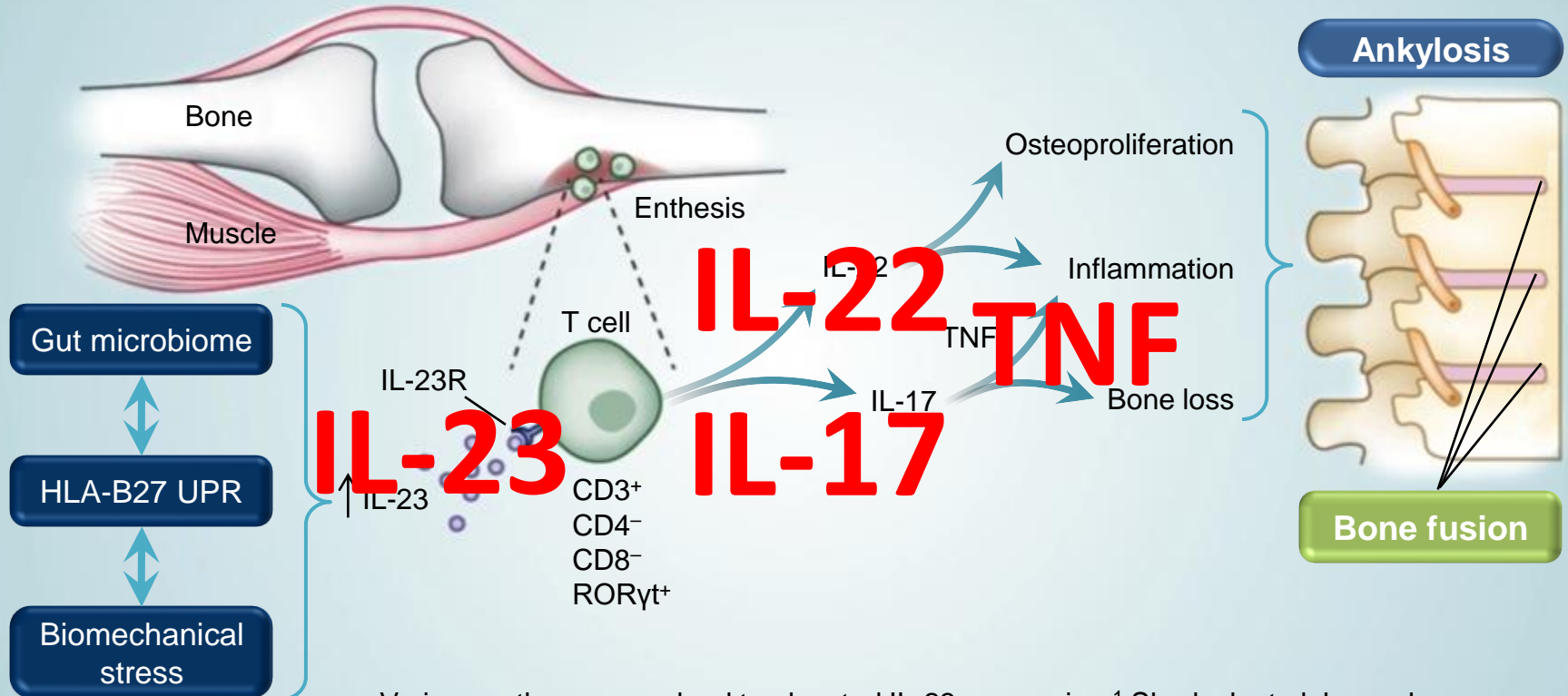
## DMARDs

- Methotrexate – limited evidence; MIPA study<sup>1</sup>
- Leflunomide - 1 RCT<sup>2</sup>
- Sulfasalazine
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Cyclosporin

DMARDs are not considered effective for axial disease

1. Kingsley et al *Rheumatology* 2012;51:1368-77  
2. Kaltwasser et al *Arthritis Rheum* 2004;50:1939-50

# Proposed model linking inflammation, enthesitis, new bone formation and erosions



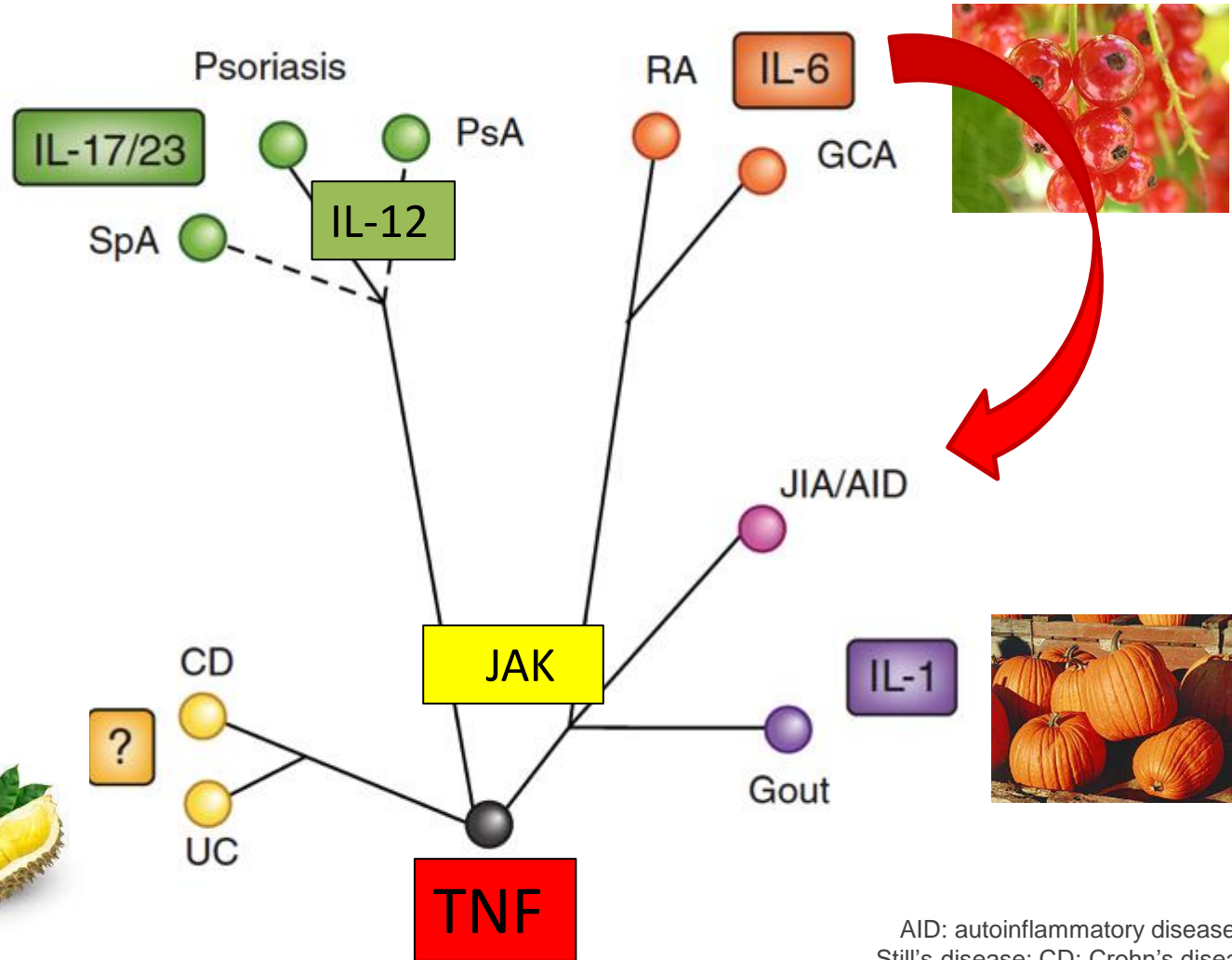
Various pathways may lead to elevated IL-23 expression.<sup>1</sup> Sherlock et al. have shown that IL-23 can activate resident T cells within the enthesitis.<sup>2</sup>

HLA, human leukocyte antigen; UPR, unfolded protein response.

1. Lories RJ, McInnes IB. *Nat Med.* 2012;18:1018-1019.

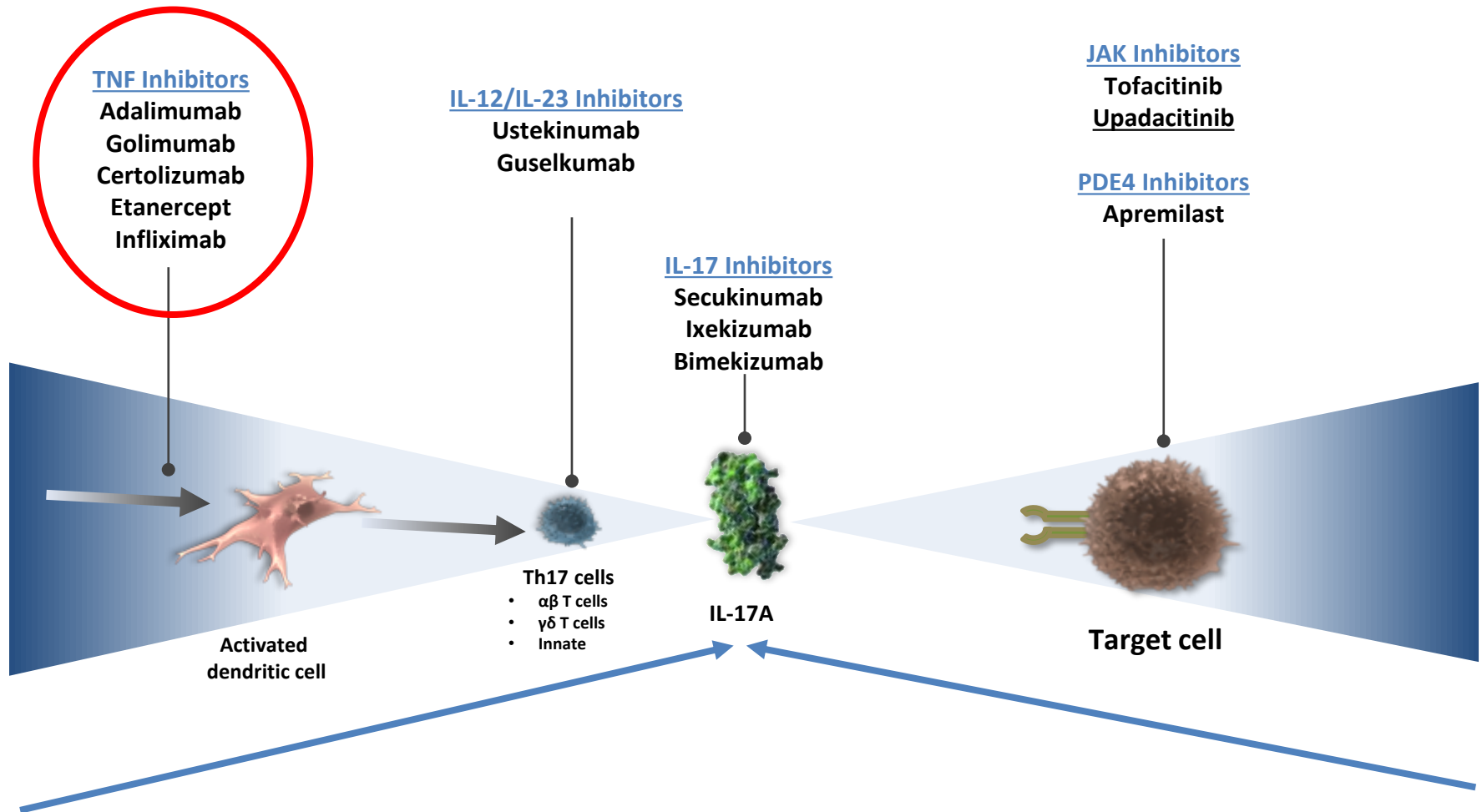
2. Sherlock JP et al. *Nat Med.* 2012;18:1069-1076.

# Towards molecular taxonomy in inflammation medicine



AID: autoinflammatory disease including Still's disease; CD: Crohn's disease; GCA: giant cell arteritis; IL: interleukin; JIA: juvenile idiopathic arthritis; RA: rheumatoid arthritis; SpA: spondyloarthritis; TNF: tumour necrosis factor; UC: ulcerative colitis

# “Novel” approaches to PsA management

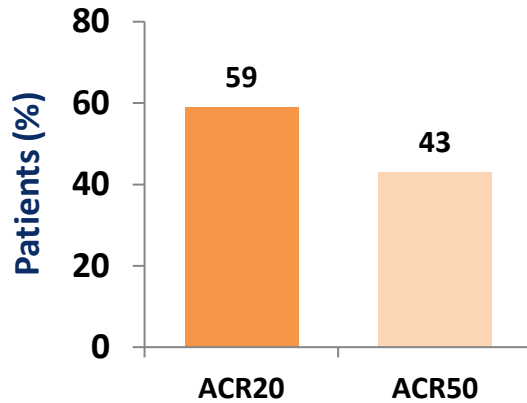


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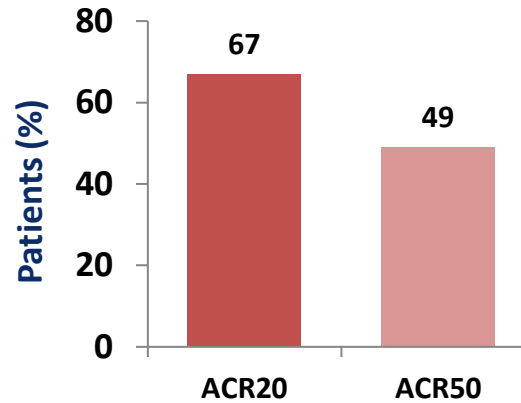
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# Biologics prior to 2015: anti-TNF

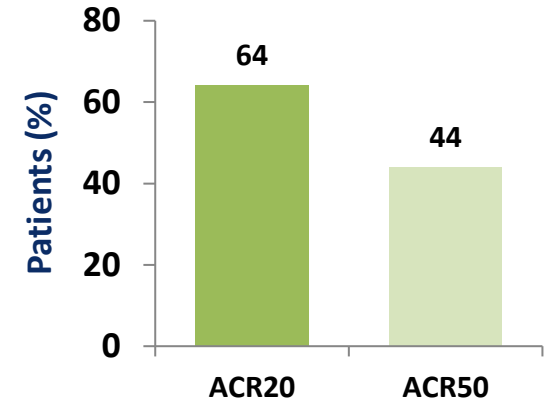
ADA – Week 48<sup>1</sup>



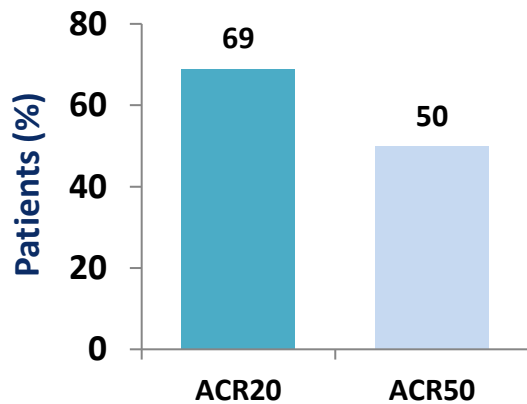
CZP (200 mg Q2W) – Week 48<sup>2</sup>



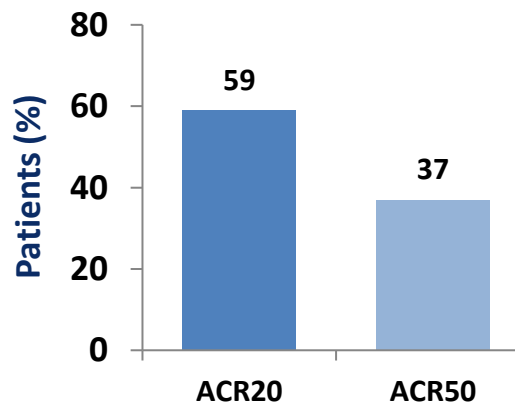
ETA – Week 48<sup>3</sup>



GOL – Week 52<sup>4,a</sup>



IFX – Week 54<sup>5</sup>



**\*Different studies:  
Not head-to-head comparisons**

ADA; adalimumab,  
CZP; certolizumab pegol,  
ETA; etanercept,  
GOL; golimumab,  
IFX; infliximab

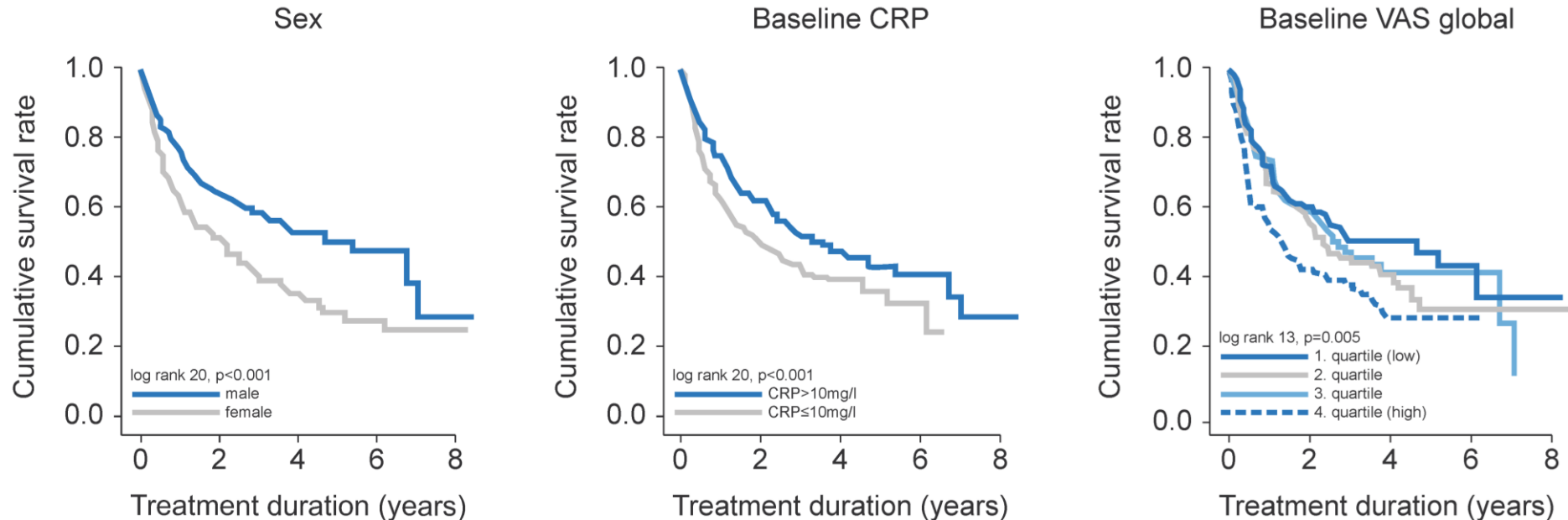
<sup>a</sup>Combined data from 50 and 100 mg dose groups

<sup>1</sup>Mease PJ, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2009;68:702–9; <sup>2</sup>Mease PJ, et al. ACR 2013:Poster 312; <sup>3</sup>Mease PJ, et al. J Rheumatol 2006;33:712–21;  
<sup>4</sup>Kavanaugh A, et al. Arthritis Rheum 2012;64:2504–17; <sup>5</sup>Kavanaugh A, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2007;66:498–505; <sup>6</sup>Kavanaugh A, et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2013;72:1777–85

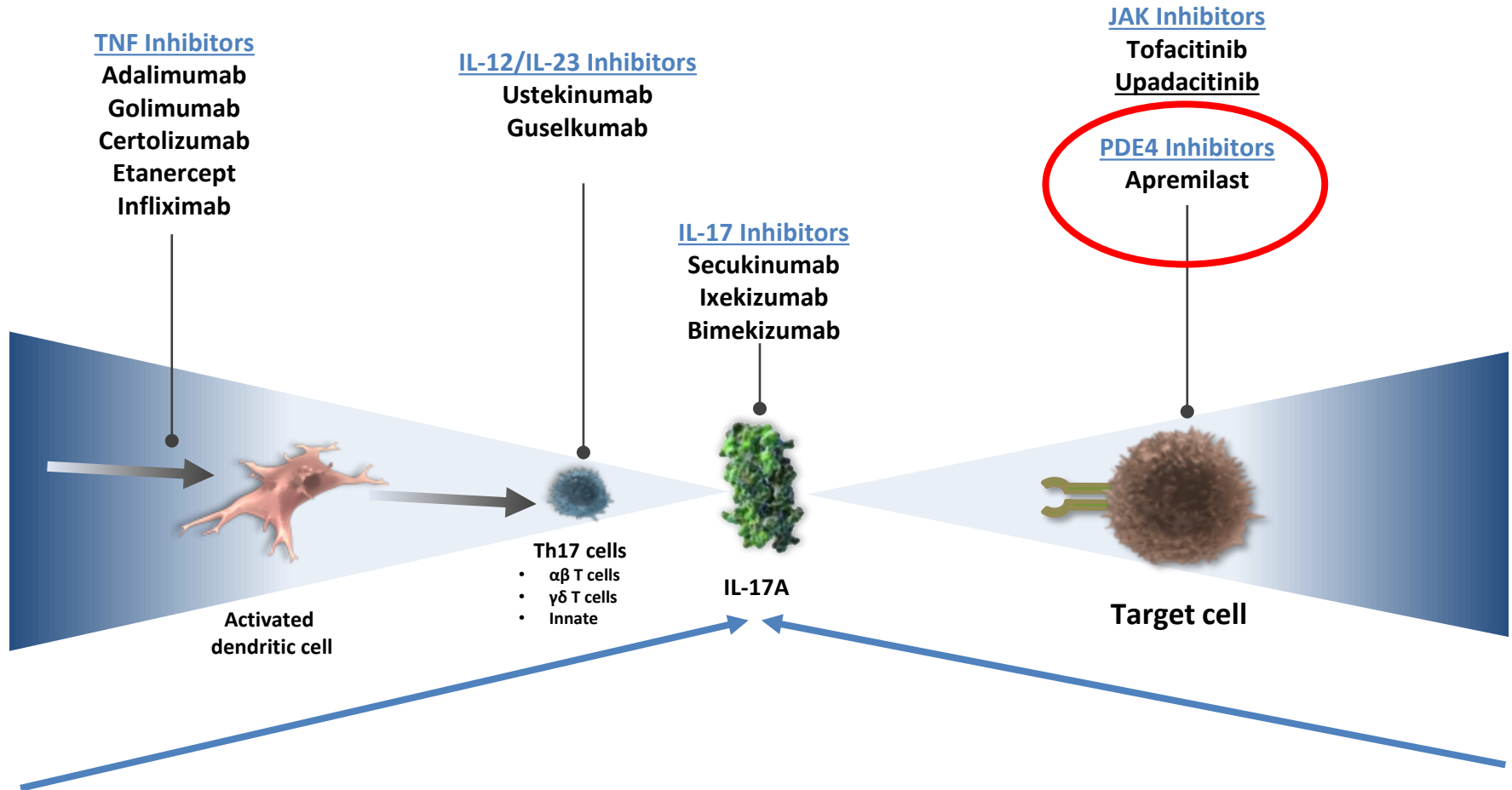
# Real-world drug survival of anti-TNF therapy in PsA

## DANBIO Registry:

Drug Survival in 764 Patients with PsA treated with anti-TNF therapy



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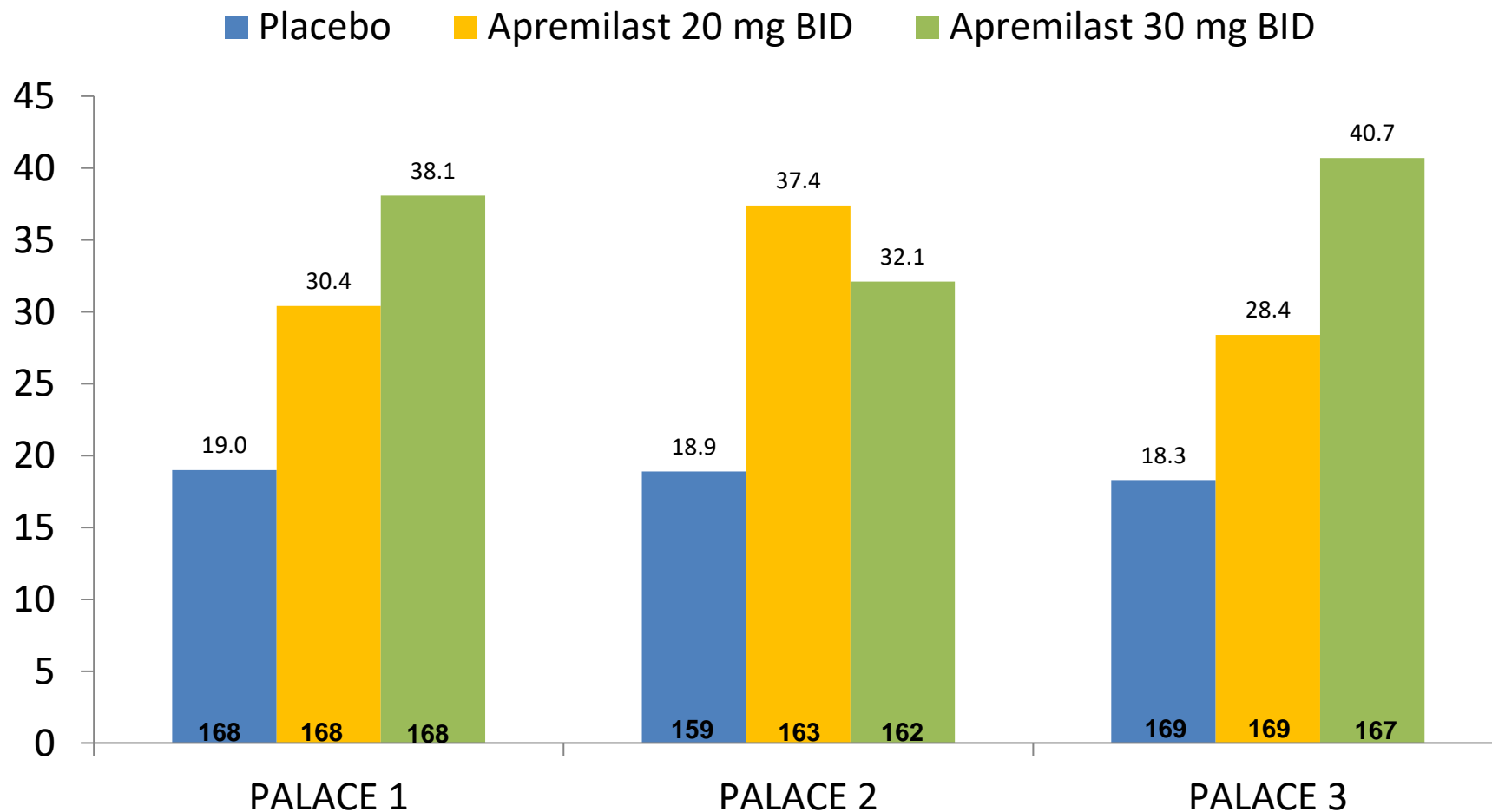


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# Apremilast (PDE4i) in PsA: ACR20 primary end point

## ITT Population (NRI)



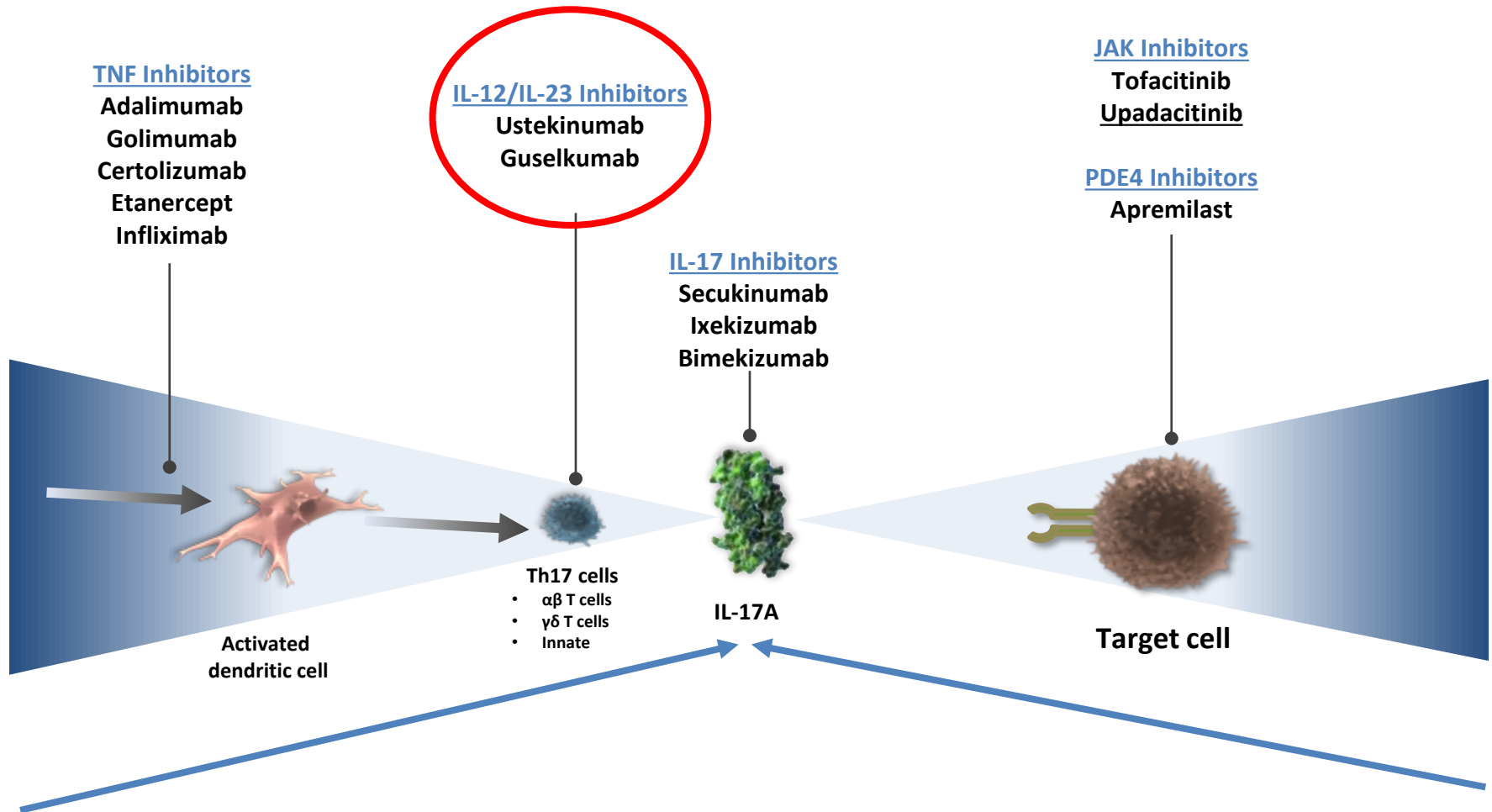
\* $P < 0.05$ ; § $P < 0.005$ ; † $P \leq 0.0001$  vs. placebo.

ACR20=American College of Rheumatology 20; ITT=intent to treat; NRI=non-responder imputation.

Kavanaugh A, et al. EULAR 2014 [oral presentation]

Apremilast 20 mg is not licensed

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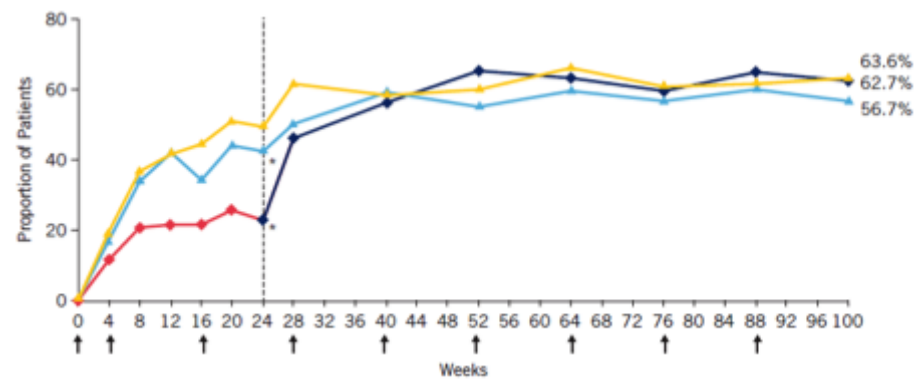


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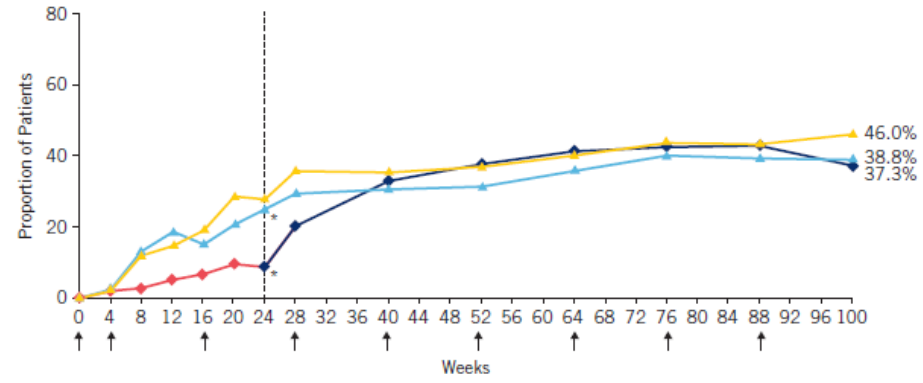
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# Ustekinumab Phase III – to week 100

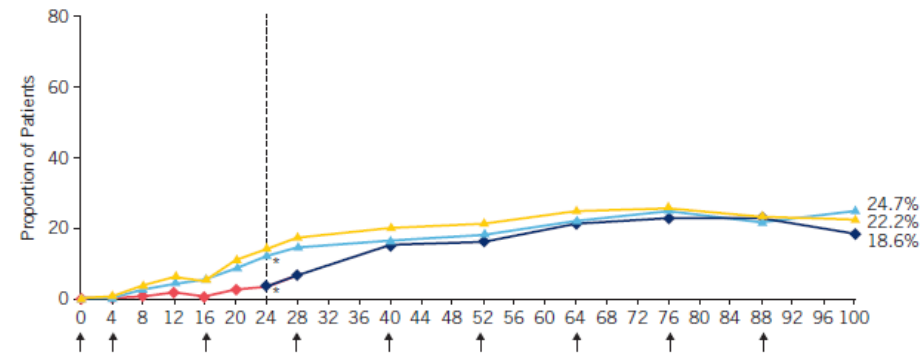
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ACR 70

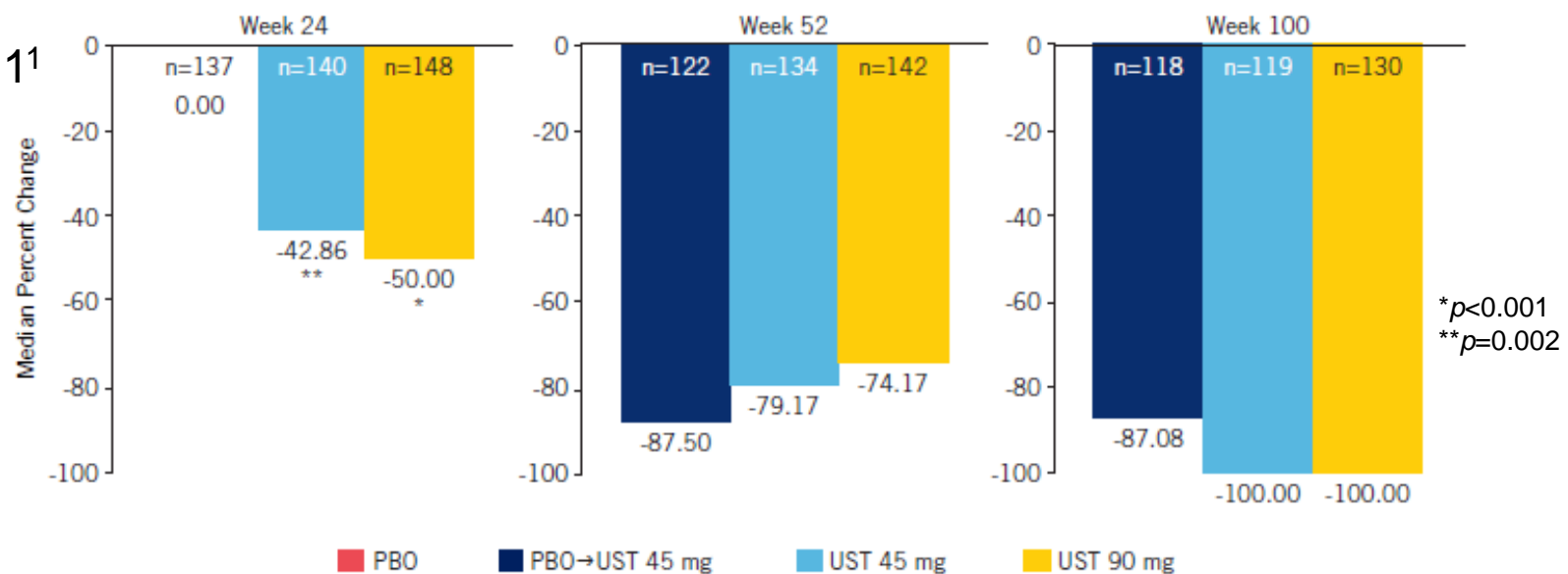


◆ PBO    ◆ PBO → UST 45 mg  
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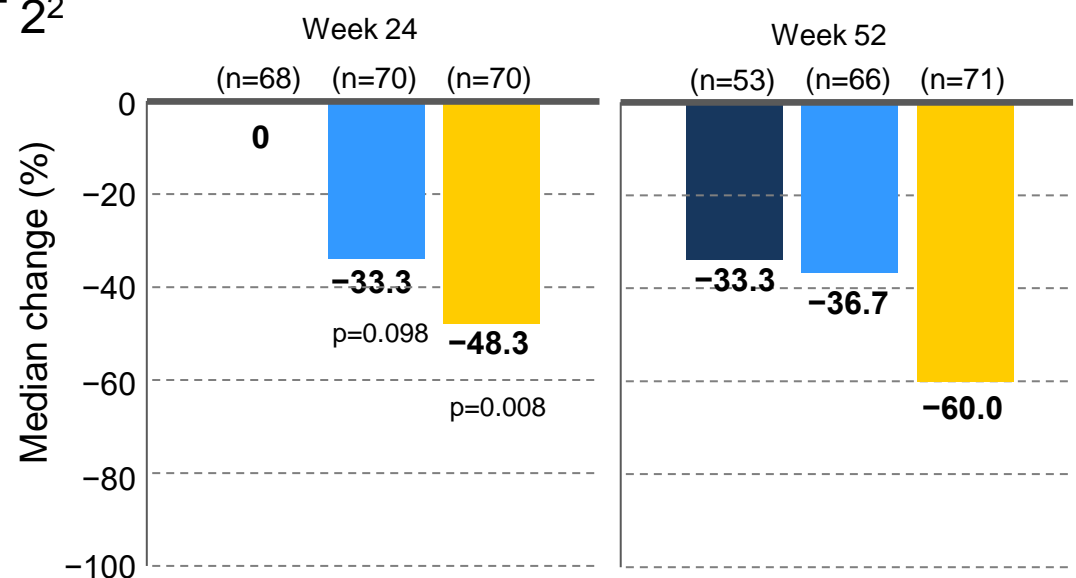
PBO n=	206	206	185	177
45 mg n=	205	205	195	178
90 mg n=	204	204	189	176

# Ustekinumab Phase III – Enthesitis

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PSUMMIT 2<sup>2</sup>

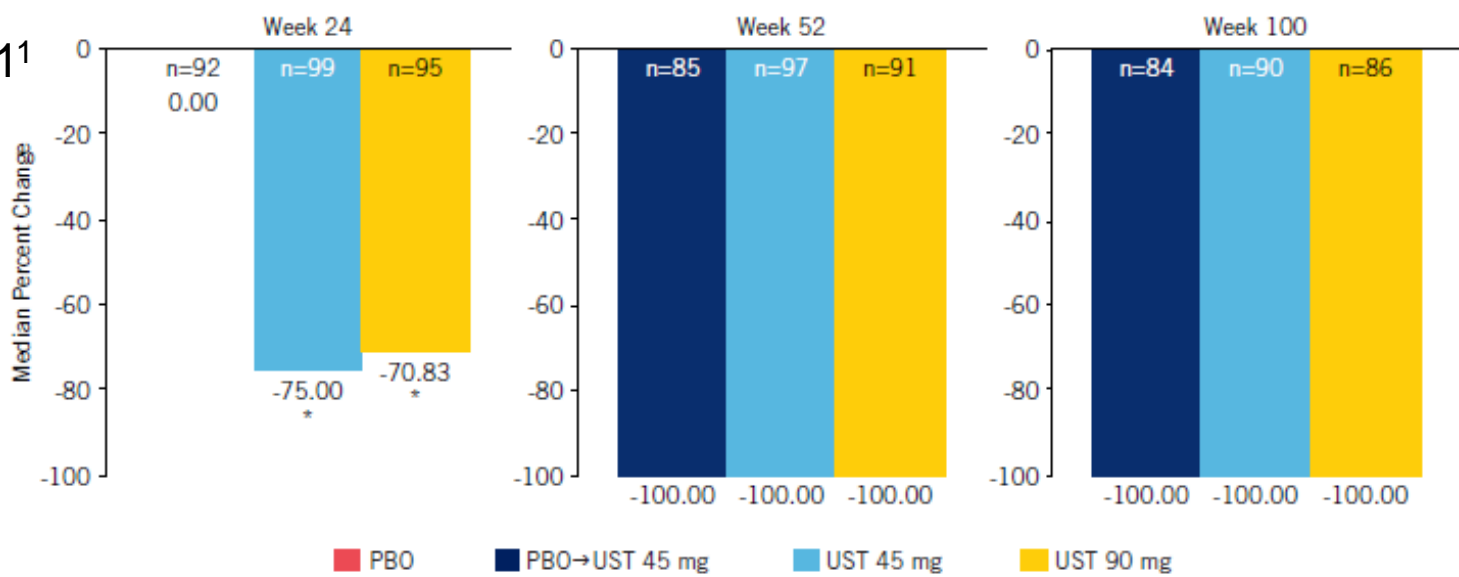


Enthesitis scoring based on Modified MASES Index. Includes only randomised patients with enthesitis at baseline.

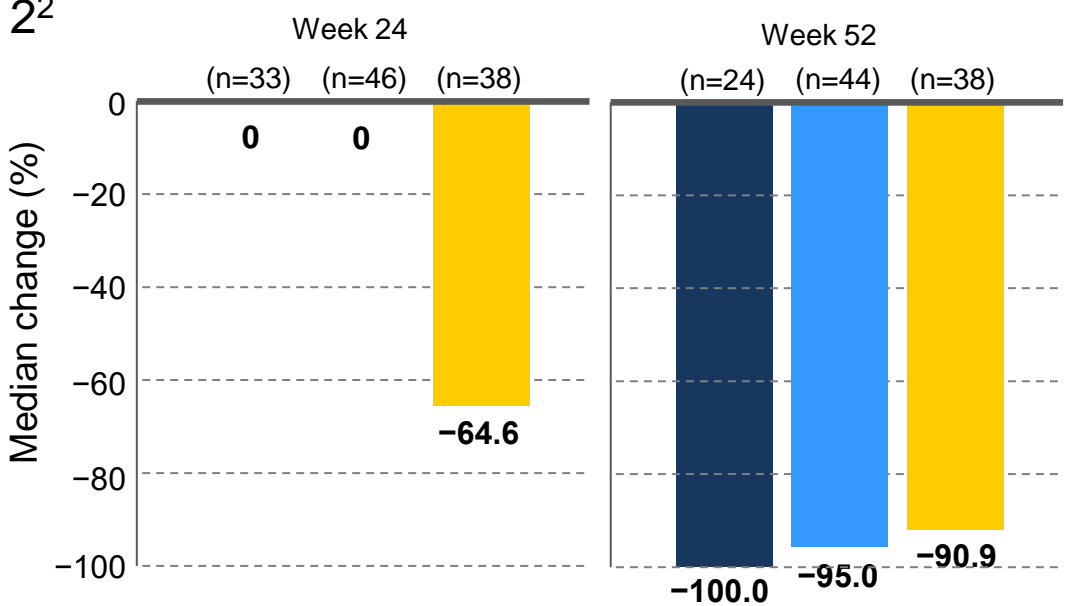
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# Ustekinumab Phase III – Dactylitis

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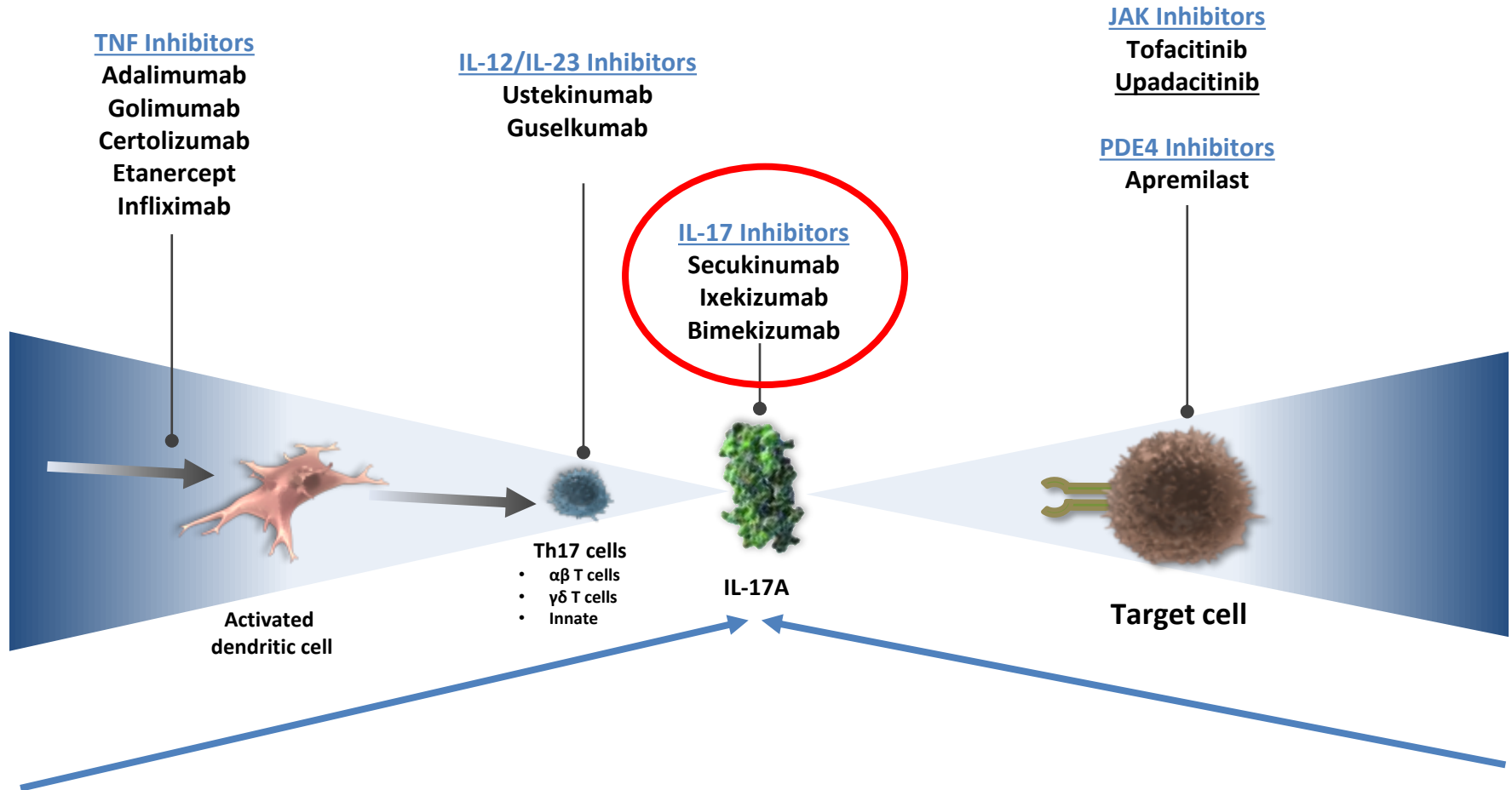


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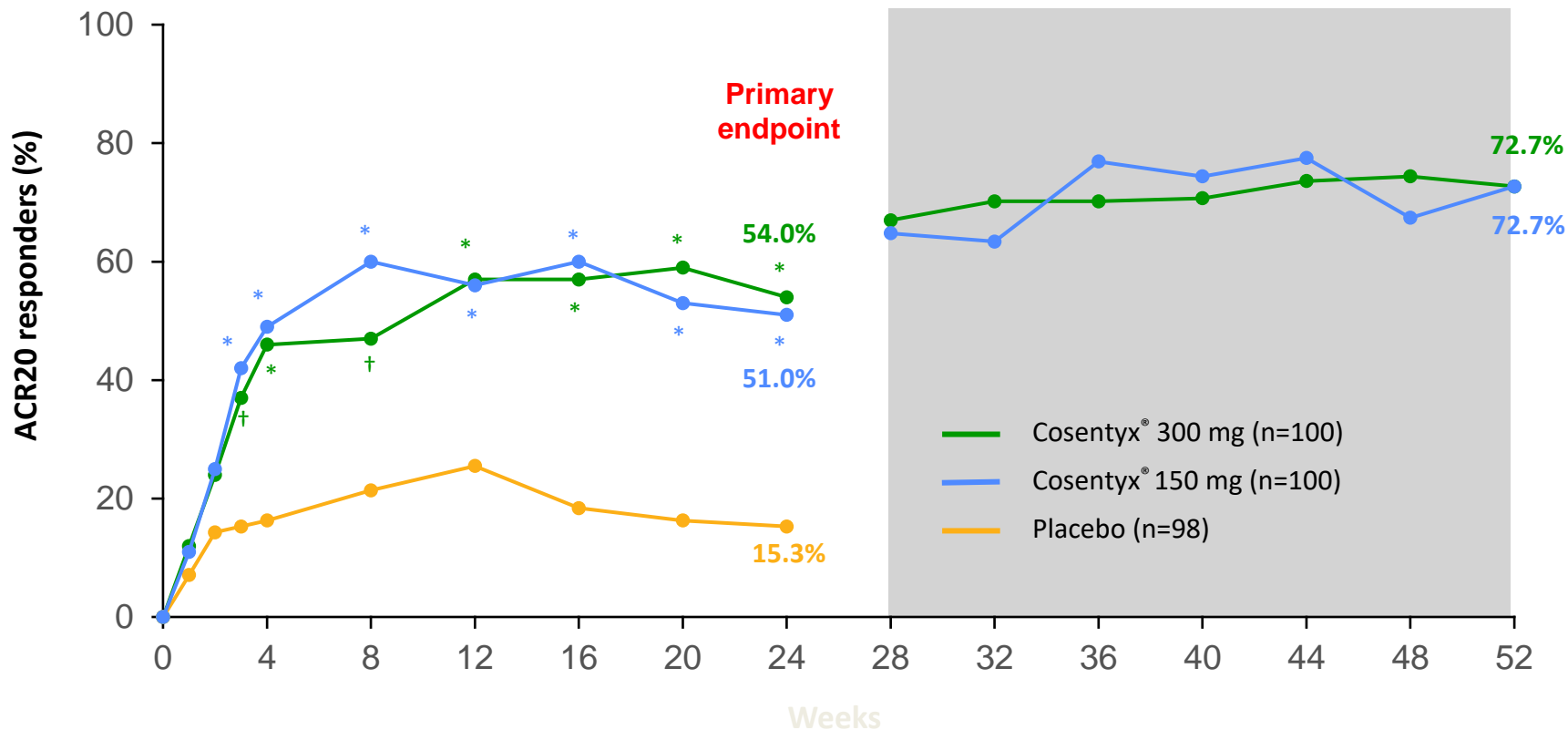
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# Secukinumab: FUTURE 2 study

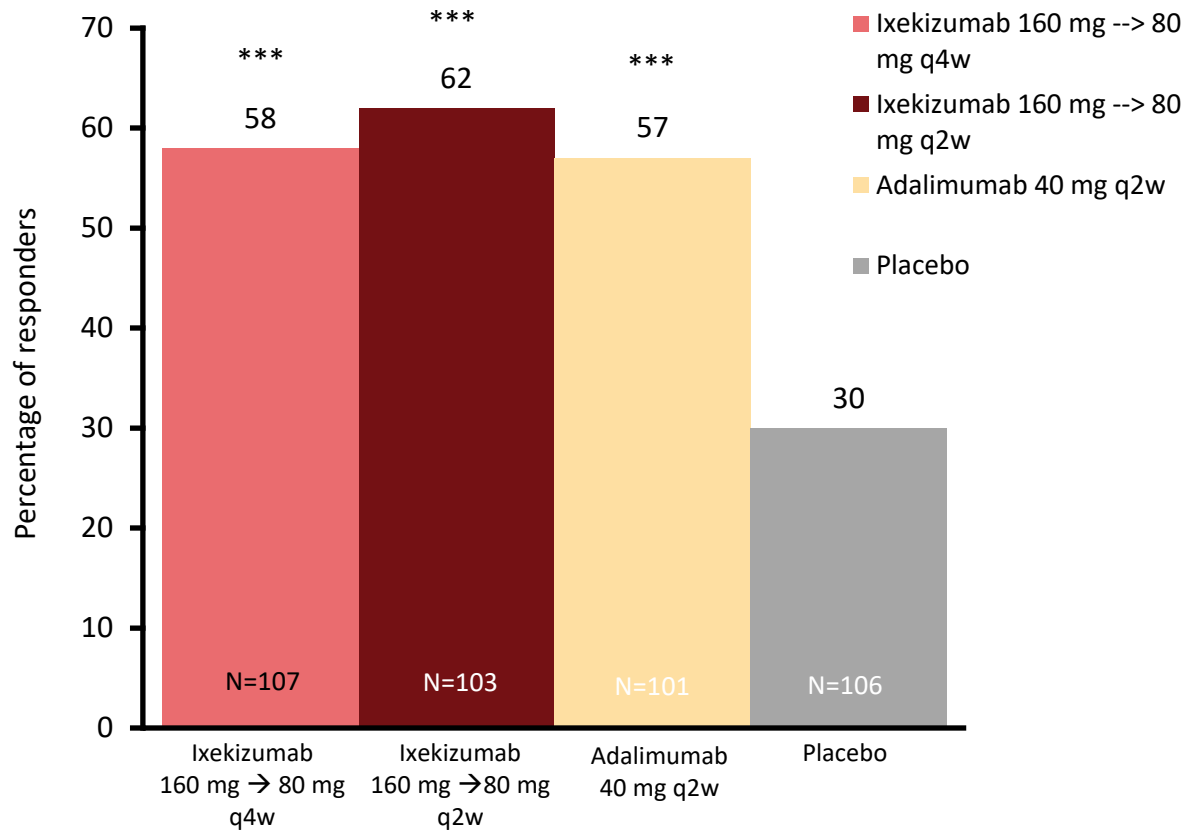


\* $P < 0.0001$  vs. placebo ( $P$ -values at Week 24 adjusted for multiplicity of testing).

Missing values were imputed as nonresponse (non-responder imputation) up to Week 24. Observed data from Week 28–52.

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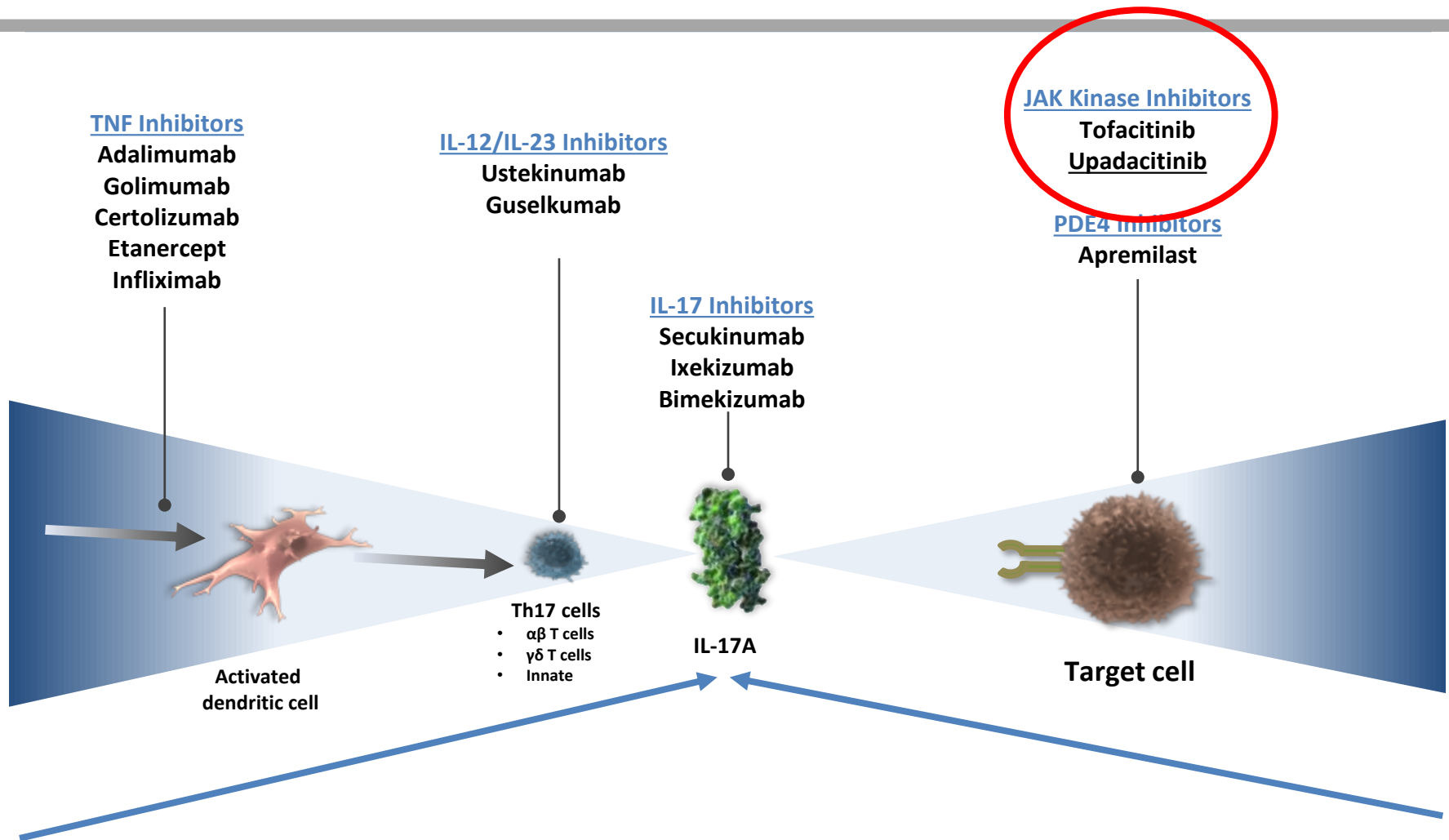
# Ixekizumab: ACR20 Responses at Week 24 (SPIRIT-P1; Primary Endpoint)



\*\*\*P<0.001 vs. placebo

All patients were naïve to anti-TNF treatment;  
non-responder imputation at Week 24  
q2w, every two weeks; q4w, every 4 weeks

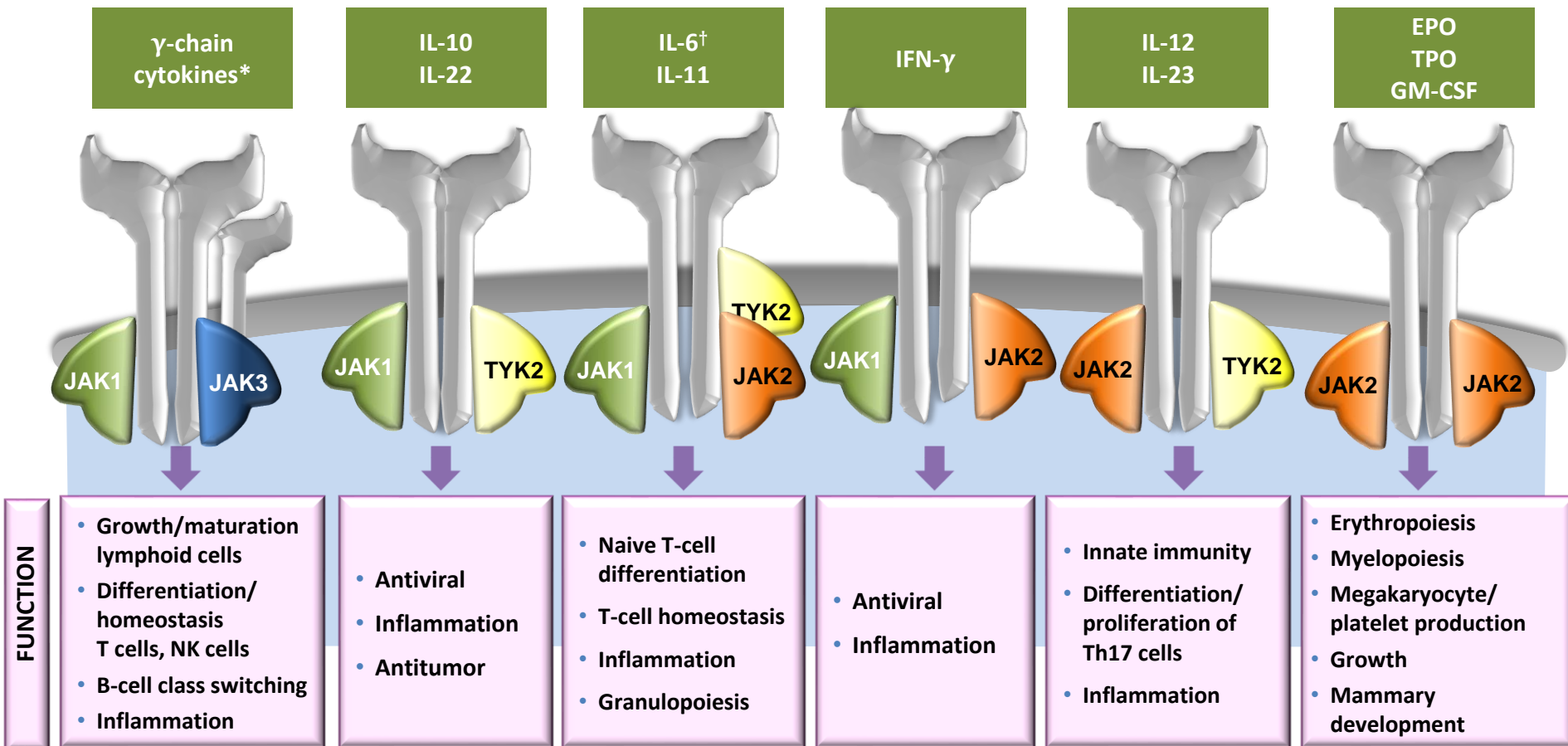
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# The biological significance of signaling through different JAK combinations



\*Type II cytokine receptors such as those for IL-10, IL-19, IL-20, and IL-22 as well as gp130 subunit sharing receptors for IL-6 and IL-11 mainly signal through JAK1, but also associate with JAK2 and TYK2.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>†</sup>IL-10/IL-22 may have pro- or anti-inflammatory activities depending on the cellular environment and/or disease state.<sup>4</sup>

JAK=Janus kinase; NK=natural killer; Th=T helper; TYK=tyrosine kinase.

1. O'Sullivan LA, et al. *Mol Immunol.* 2007;44(10):2497-506; 2. Ghoreschi K, et al. *Immunol Rev.* 2009;228:273-287; 3. Vijayakrishnan L, et al. *Trends Pharmacol Sci.* 2011;32:25-34; 4. Sanjabi S, et al. *Curr Opin Pharmacol.* 2009;9(4):447-453.

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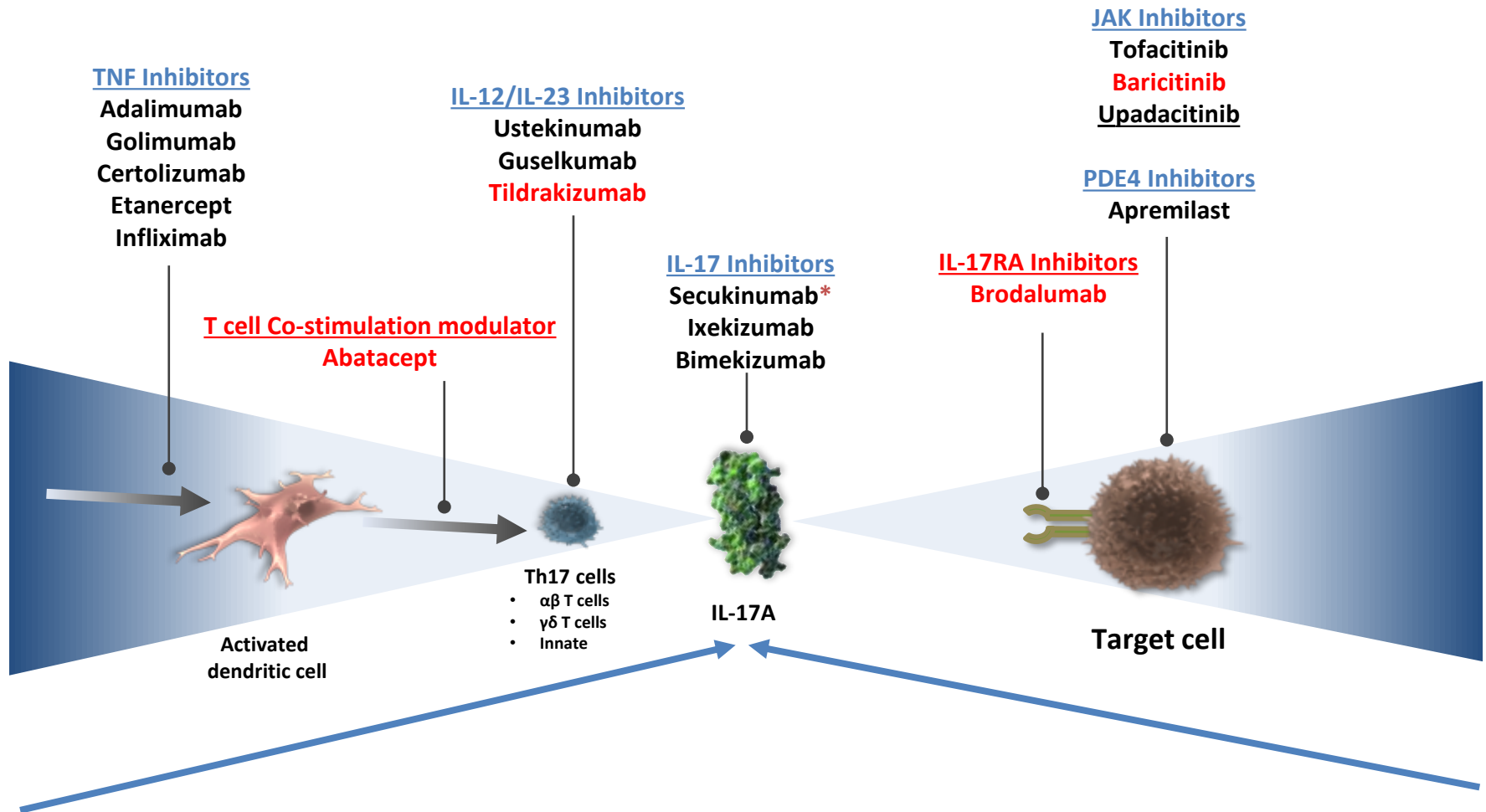
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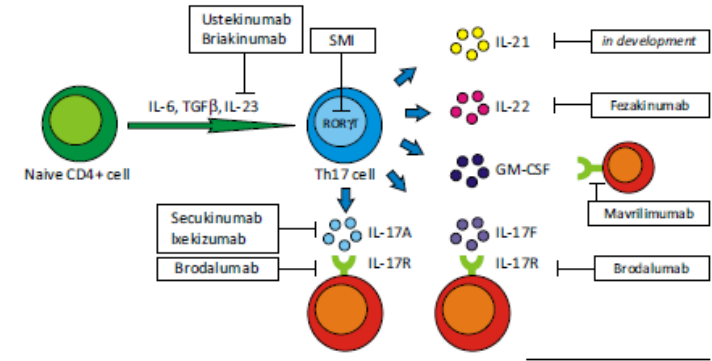
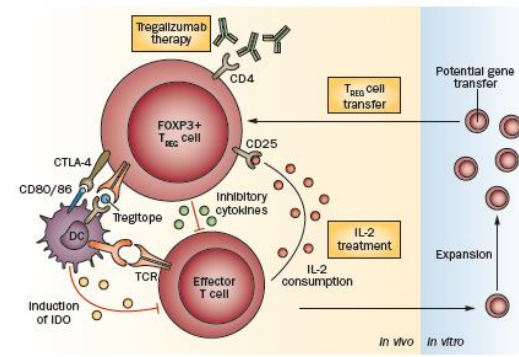
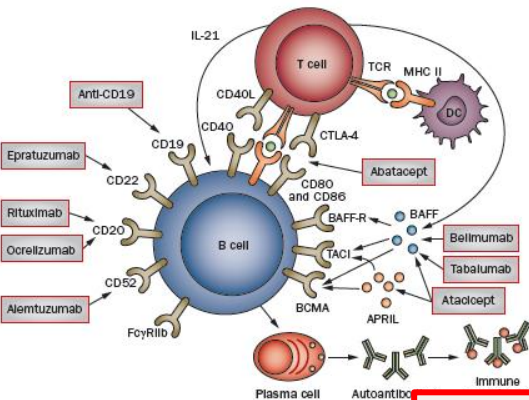
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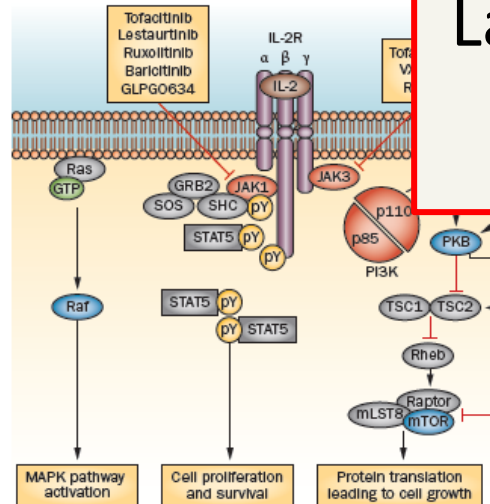
# NICE and PsA treatment

- TA199 – Aug 2010 Etanercept/Infliximab/Adalumimab
- TA220 – Feb 2011 Golumimab
- TA340 – June 2015 Ustekinumab
- TA433 – Feb 2017 Aprelimast
- TA445 – May 2017 Certolizumab  
Secukinumab
- TA537 - August 2018 Ixekizumab
- TA543 - October 2018 Tofacitinib
- TA803 - July 2022 Risankizumab
- TA815 - August 2022 Guselkumab
- TA768 - February 2022 Upadacitinib
- TA916 - October 2023 Bimekizumab
  
- ~~Abatacept TA568~~ - March 2019 not resubmitted
- Tildrakizumab / Brodalumab - psoriasis only (to date)
- Baricitinib - rheumatoid arthritis only (to date)

# Novel targets and therapies++++++

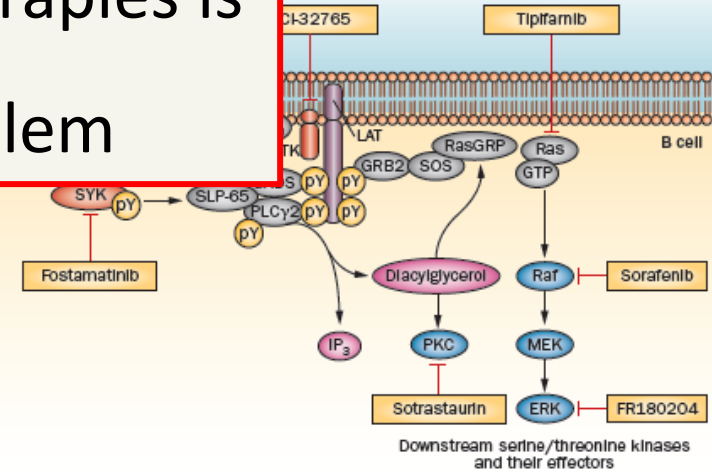


Lack of targets and therapies is no longer the problem

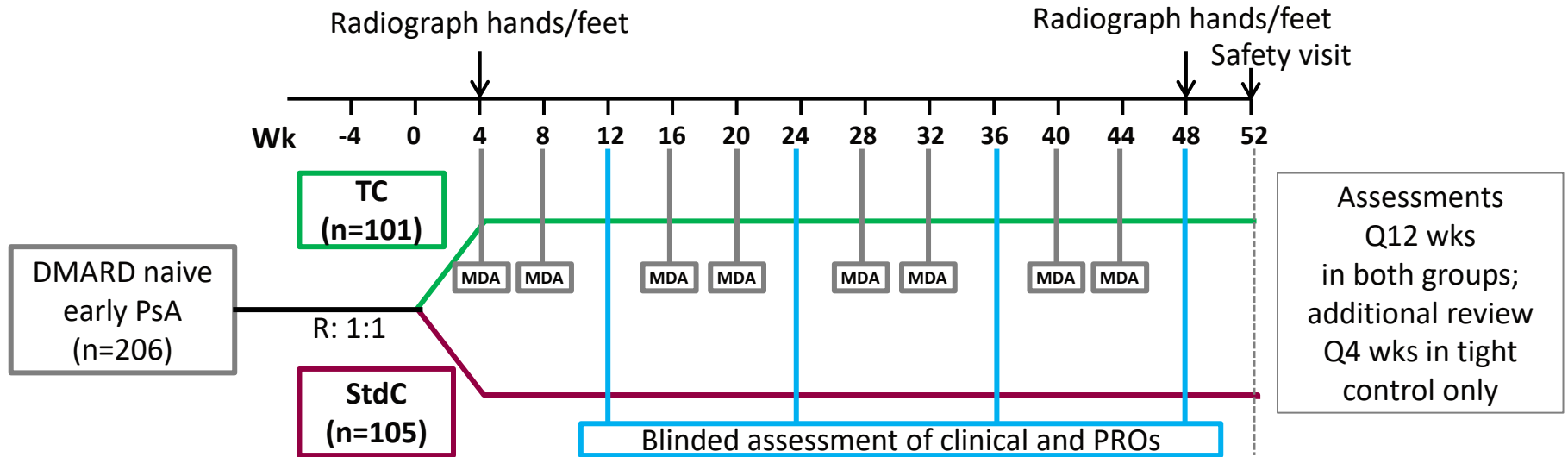


Drug	Target	Indication	Phase
INC818424 (topical formulation)	JAK1, JAK2	Essential thrombocythaemia	Phase II
Baricitinib (LY3009104 or INC828050)	JAK1, JAK2	Acute leukaemia, lymphoma	Phase II
CYT387	JAK1, JAK2	Multiple myeloma	Phase I-II
GLPG0634	JAK1, JAK2, TYK2	Psoriasis, Diabetic nephropathy	Phase II
SAR302503 (TG101348)	JAK1, JAK2	Prostate cancer	Phase I-II
Pacritinib (SB1518)	JAK2	Breast cancer	Phase II terminated
		Myelofibrosis	Phase II
		Myelofibrosis	Phase I-II
		Myelofibrosis	Phase II

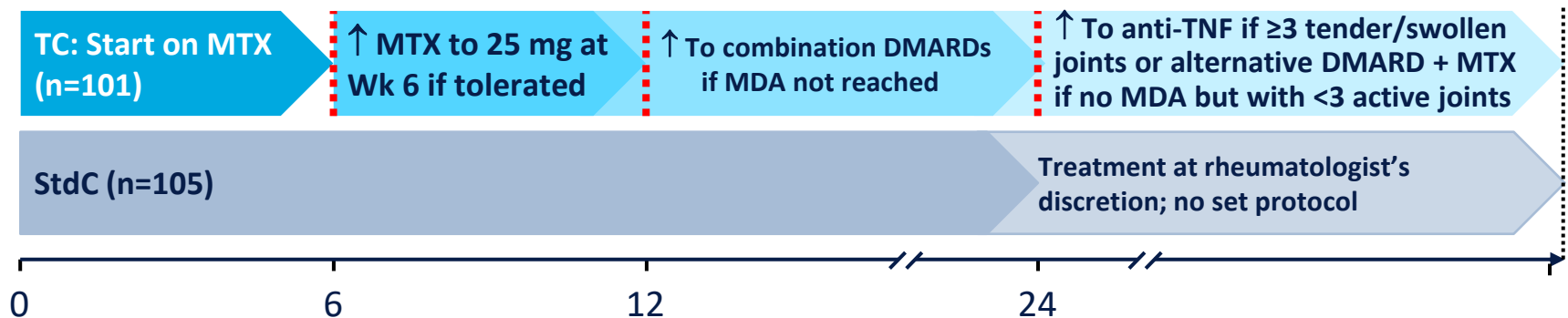
Abbreviations: JAK, Janus kinase; JAKinbis, JAK inhibitors; JIA, juvenile idiopathic arthritis; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; TYK2, tyrosine kinase 2.



# TICOPA: Tight control in PsA – study design



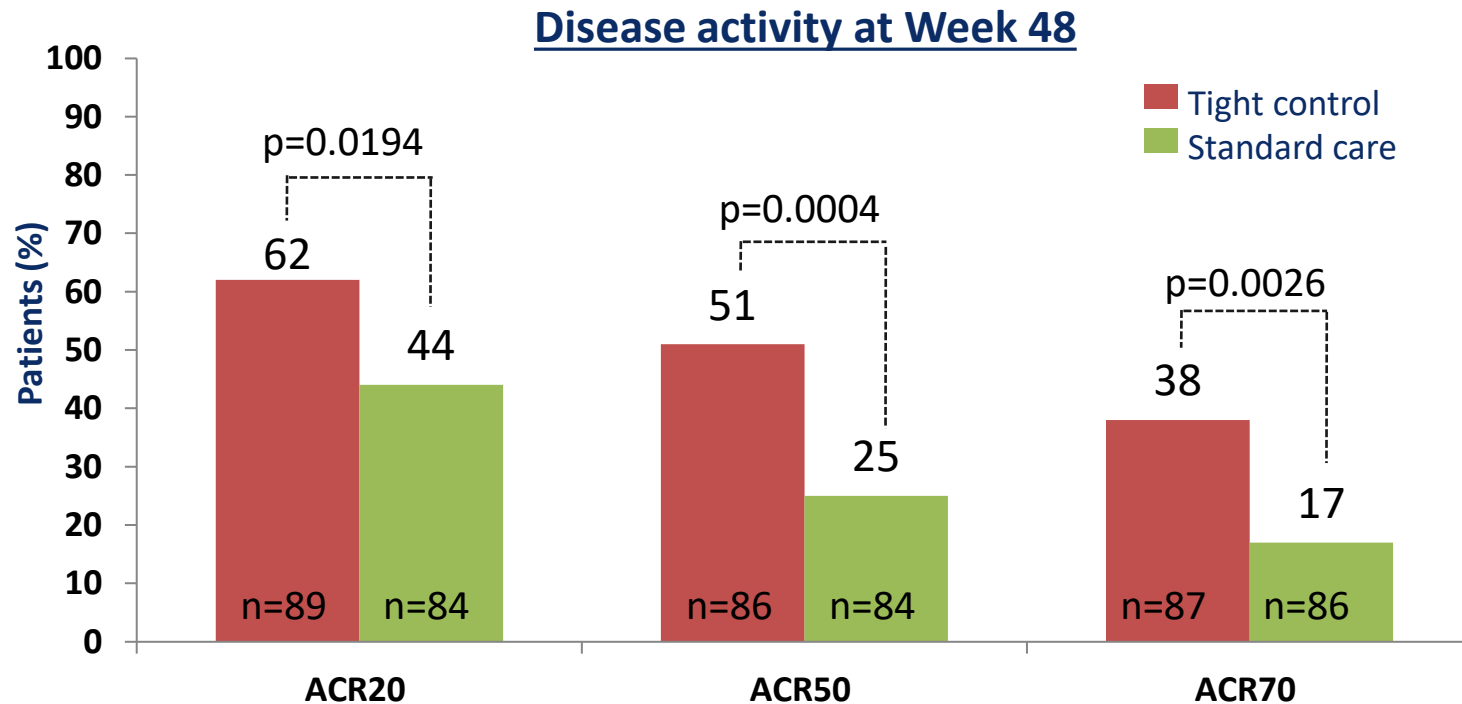
## T2T: Treatment escalation if MDA not reached



MDA, minimum disease activity; MTX, methotrexate; R, randomisation; StdC, standard care; TC, tight control; T2T, treat to target

# T2T in PsA - TICOPA study

- **Recruitment:** N=206; early PsA
- **Primary outcome:** ACR20 at Week 48
  - Tight control using T2T improved outcomes



# Unmet need in PsA treatment

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- RCTs based on polyarticular PsA (except methotrexate studies)
- Mono/oligoarthritis
  - Limited data; not included in phase III RCTs
  - Therefore, effectively excluded by most biologic guidelines
- Enthesitis and dactylitis
  - Limited data, usually secondary outcomes
- Juvenile PsA = limited data
  - Classification issues
  - Often part of Juvenile SpA
- What order to use drugs  
(TNF→IL-17 may not be same as IL-17→TNF)
- Cost of therapies. Correct dose?