



# Livestream: IBD, IL-23, and Inflammation, Oh My! Following the Yellow Brick Road in Using IL-23 Targeted Therapies in Managing IBD

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## Statement of Need

Significant therapeutic advancements have been made over the last decade for treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), a chronic condition that includes Crohn's disease (CD) and ulcerative colitis (UC). The inflammatory cytokine interleukin (IL)-23 has been established as an active driver of IBD pathogenesis, making the IL-23/Th-17 inflammatory signaling axis a promising therapeutic target. Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) have rapidly emerged at the forefront of anti-IL-23 targeted therapies, with structural differences between agents yielding unique clinical profiles that impact the durability of patient outcomes. In collaboration with a multidisciplinary care team, clinicians must understand how to tailor decision-making to the evolving science of cytokine-targeting therapies and the individual needs of patients with IBD.

In this CME Outfitters livestream symposium, expert faculty will instruct learners on the role of pro-inflammatory cytokines in the pathogenesis of IBD. Learners will be guided on the role of the IL-23/Th17 inflammatory axis in IBD pathogenesis and how to appraise the clinical implications of anti-IL-23 agents used in the treatment of IBD. Faculty will model the development of individualized treatment plans for patients with IBD that are eligible for treatment with an IL-23-targeted agent.

## Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to better:

- Identify the role of pro-inflammatory cytokines in driving inflammation in the pathogenesis of IBD
- Evaluate the role of the IL-23/Th17 inflammatory axis in IBD pathogenesis
- Appraise the clinical implications of anti-IL-23 agents used in the treatment of IBD to bind to CD64 receptors on IL-23-producing cells
- Develop individualized treatment plans for patients with IBD that are eligible for treatment with an IL-23-targeted agent

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## Target Audience

Gastroenterologists, gastroenterology fellows/trainees, physician associates (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs), and nurses

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Dr. Siegel's research interests include understanding risk-benefit tradeoffs in IBD, developing models to predict outcomes in Crohn's disease, creating tools to facilitate shared decision-making, expanding telemedicine services to patients with IBD living in rural locations, and improving the quality of care delivered to patients with IBD. He has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust for this work. Dr. Siegel has lectured nationally and internationally and published numerous journal articles and book chapters on this and other topics in IBD. He is the founder of the BRIDGe group, an international research collaboration of IBD investigators, and is currently the co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Quality of Care Program (IBD Qorus). Dr. Siegel was inducted into the International Organization for the Study of IBD (IOIBD) in 2013 and received the Sherman Prize in 2023. He lives in Hanover, New Hampshire with his wife and three boys.

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Dr. Mahadevan is a fellow of the AGA, for whom she was Chair for the IMIBD Section, Chair of the AGA National IBD Parenthood Initiative, and Director (2023) and Co-Director (2022, 2017) of the AGA Postgraduate Course. She is a fellow of the American College of Gastroenterology and served on the Educational Affairs Committee and as a member of the Advanced IBD Fellow Curriculum Committee. She is an inaugural councilor at the ASGE Artificial Intelligence Institute for Gastroenterology. She was Chair of the Crohn's Colitis Foundation Clinical Research Grants committee, a member of the National Scientific Advisory Committee and Taskforce on Women in IBD, and Co-Chair of the annual Crohn's Colitis Congress (2020). Dr. Mahadevan is a member of the International Organization of IBD (IOIBD) and serves on the nominating committee.

Dr. Mahadevan is a global expert on the management of pregnancy and drug safety in patients with IBD. She chairs the Helmsley Global Consensus on Management of Pregnancy in IBD (2024) and the joint AGA and Society of Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinical Care Pathway on the Management of IBD in Pregnancy (2019). She is interested in the role of diet in IBD and has an ongoing original study in this area. Her current projects include a national prospective registry of pregnancy outcomes and drug safety in women with IBD on immunosuppressive and biologic medications (PIANO) and a clinical trial on the impact of nutritional interventions in the management of IBD (SEAMUS). She has an interest in digital health and led the transition of the GI division to telemedicine at the start of the pandemic in March 2020, and developed an IBD chatbot with the Center for Digital Health and Innovation at UCSF as well as the IBD Smartnote.

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

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Identify the role of pro-inflammatory cytokines in the pathogenesis of IBD.

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

**2**

Evaluate the role of the IL-23/Th17 inflammatory axis in IBD pathogenesis.

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

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Appraise the clinical implications of anti-IL-23 agents used in the treatment of IBD to bind to CD64 receptors on IL-23-producing cells.

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**LEARNING OBJECTIVE**

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Develop individualized treatment plans for patients with IBD that are eligible for treatment with an IL-23-targeted agent.

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## Audience Response - Icebreaker

? What factors most heavily influence your selection of therapy for IBD? Pick your top 3.

- A. Treatment mechanism of action
- B. Clinical trial safety/efficacy data
- C. Severity of disease
- D. Patient preference
- E. Route/ease of administration
- F. Experience with a particular treatment



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## Illuminating Pathways: IL-23/Th17 Axis and Optimizing IL-23 Inhibition

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## Why Target IL-23 in IBD?

- Inhibition of IL-23
  - Decreases mucosal inflammation
  - Improves epithelial barrier integrity
  - Suppresses gut inflammation in T-cell mediated colitis
- Anti-IL-23 therapy preserves protective IL-17 gut functions
  - Animal models of IL-17 blockade - mixed results
  - Trials of anti-IL-17A/IL-17A receptor antagonists in IBD resulted in worse outcomes vs placebo

IBD = inflammatory bowel disease  
Haberberger M, et al. *J Dermatolog Treat*. 2016;29(1):13-18. Vuyuru SK, et al. *Drugs*. 2023;83(10):973-981. Wallace KL, et al. *World J Gastroenterol*. 2014;20(7):5-21



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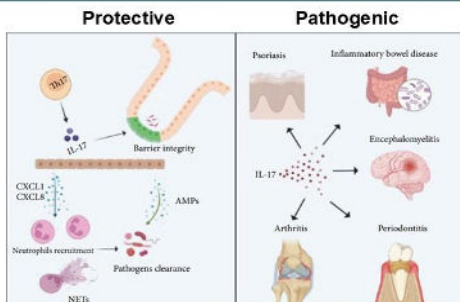
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## Role of IL-17: Pathogenic and Protective Immunity



AMPs = antimicrobial peptides; NETs = neutrophil extracellular traps; Th = T helper cell.  
Sun L, et al. *J Immunol Res*. 2023;1:339-310.



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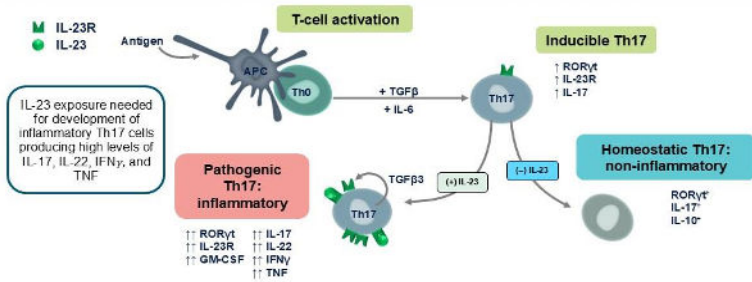
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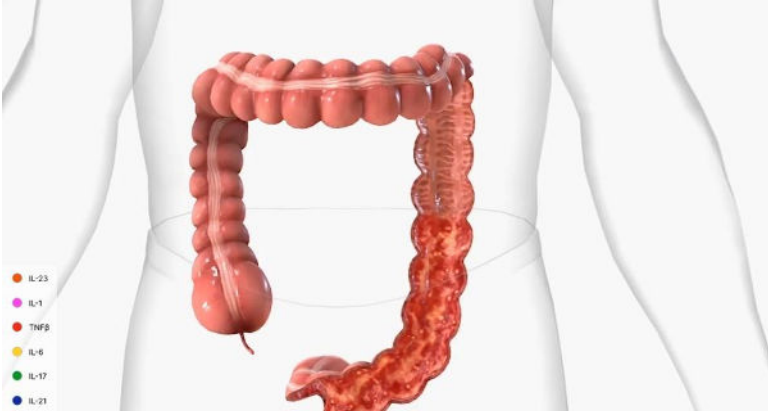
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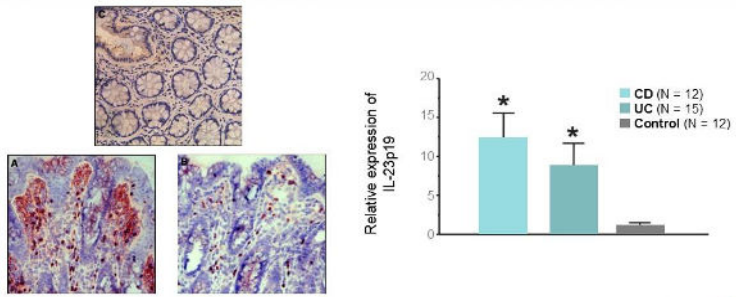
## IL-23 Drives Development of Inflammatory Pathogenic Th17 Cells



APC = antigen presenting cell; GM-CSF = granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor; IFN = interferon; ROR $\gamma$ t = retinoic acid receptor-related orphan receptor gamma t; TGF = transforming growth factor; TNF = tumor necrosis factor.  
 Adapted from Zülke LH, et al. *Immunity Rev*. 2013;25(1):76-83. Guffee SL, et al. *Nat Rev Immunol*. 2014;14(9):565-503. Schmitt H, et al. *Front Immunol*. 2014;5:2022342.



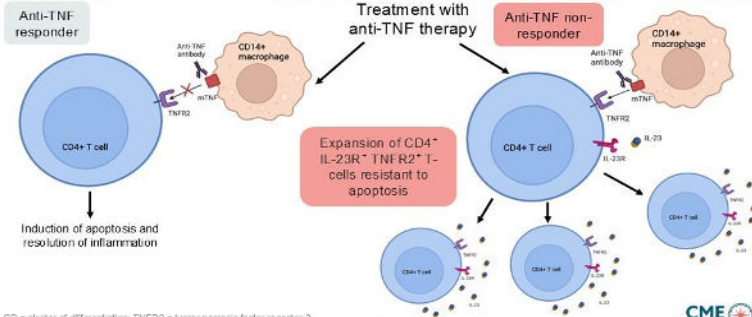
## IL-23 Expression in Patients with IBD



CD = Crohn's disease; UC = ulcerative colitis.  
 \* p < 0.05 vs. control group.



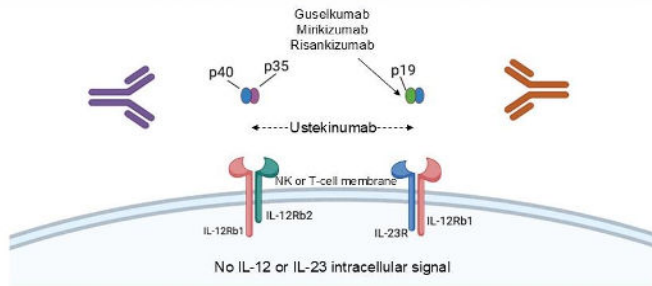
## IL-23 Mediated Resistance to Anti-TNF



CD = cluster of differentiation; TNFR2 = tumor necrosis factor receptor 2.  
 Adapted from Schmitt H, et al. *Semin Immunopathol*. 2013;41(5):737-746. Schmitt H, et al. *Gut*. 2018;68(5):814-823.



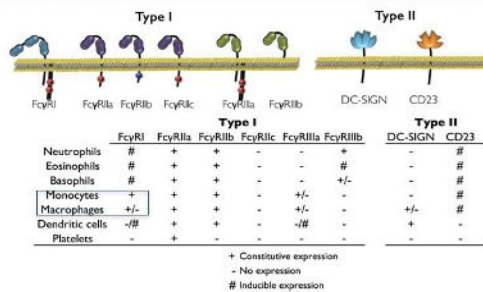
## Anti-p40 (IL-12/23) and Anti-p19 (IL-23)



NK = natural killer cell.  
Adapted from Gately MK, et al. *Annu Rev Immunol*. 1996;14(1):495-521; Wilson NJ, et al. *Nat Immunol*. 2007;8(9):950-957; Nikoloff DJ, et al. *J Clin Invest*. 2004;113(12):1864-1875; Nestle FO, et al. *J Invest Dermatol*. 2004;123(3):ix-ix. Created with Biorender. **CME** **OUTPATIENTS**

## Importance of Fcγ Receptors and CD64 Receptors

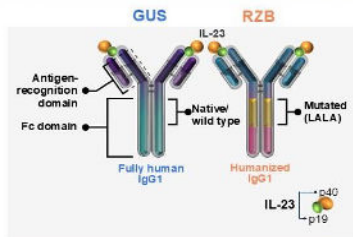
- Fcγ receptors: surface receptors on immune cells that recognize the Fc portion of IgG
- CD64 (FcγRI) is the only Fcγ receptor with high affinity for IgG1
- CD64+ cells are the primary cellular source of IL-23 in IBD



IgG = immunoglobulin G.  
Bourmazou S, et al. *Microbiol Spectr*. 2015;4(6):10. **CME** **OUTPATIENTS**

## Differences Between GUS and RZB Molecular Attributes

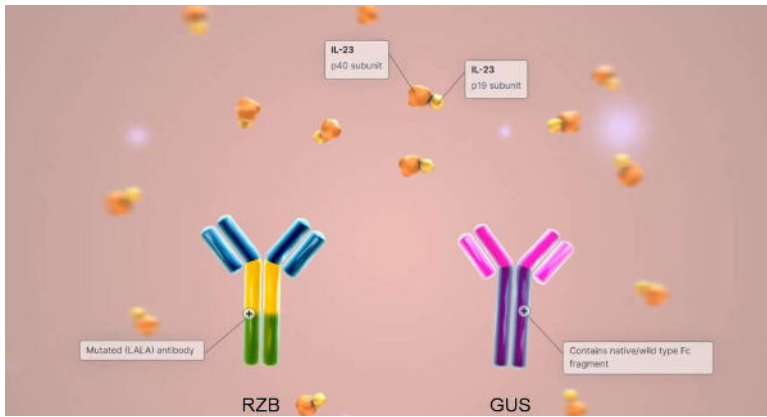
- Guselkumab (GUS) and risankizumab (RZB) are mAbs that selectively target the p19 subunit of IL-23
- GUS and RZB have shown efficacy in the treatment of inflammatory bowel diseases
- Potential differences in the therapeutic profiles may be related to their unique molecular attributes
- GUS and RZB have differences in the Fc region that affect binding to Fc-gamma receptors



**Objective:** Examine the binding and functional characteristics of the antigen-binding and Fc regions of GUS and RZB

Fc = fragment crystallizable; LALA = leucine to alanine substitutions at positions 234 and 235; mAbs = monoclonal antibodies.  
Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active IUC. Risankizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active IUC.  
D'Heens G, et al. *Lancet*. 2022;399(10340):2015-2020; Farnam M, et al. *Lancet*. 2022;399(10340):2021-2046; Sandborn WJ, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2022;160(1):1058-1064.  
D'Heens G, et al. *J Clin Invest*. 2022;132(9):4022-4030; Lohs S, et al. *Antimicrob Pharmacol Ther*. 2021;19(5):511-518; Voss AU, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2011;141(1):1221-230; Wejral KA, et al. *PLoS One*. 2012;7(5):e3361. **CME** **OUTPATIENTS**






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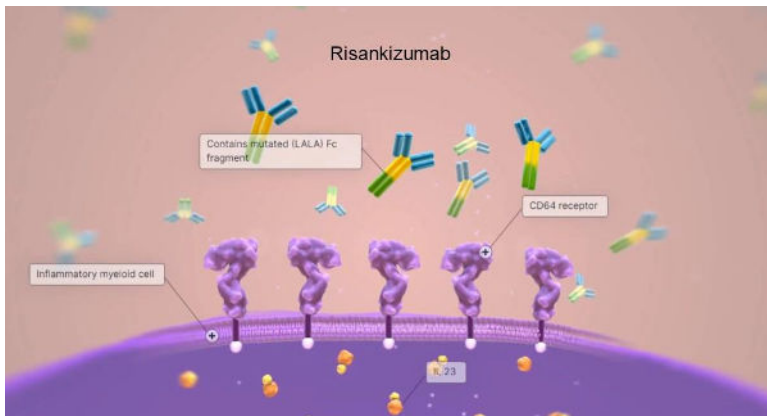
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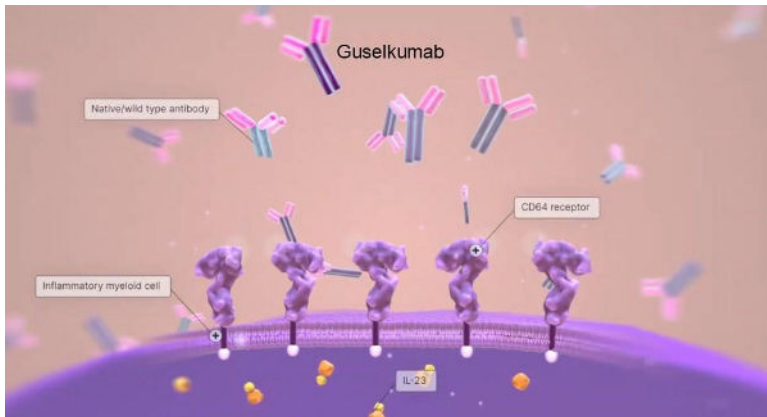
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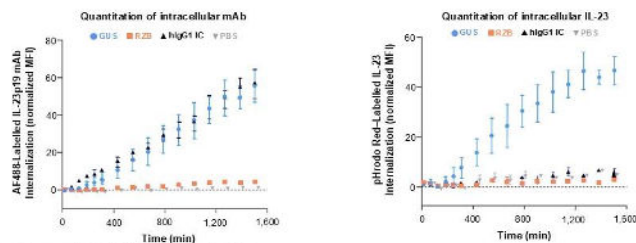
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### In Vitro Evaluations of CD64 and IL-23 Binding: Guselkumab and Risankizumab

Quantitation of mAb MFI and IL-23 MFI in intracellular compartments of CD64+ inflammatory macrophages following treatment with IL-23p19 mAbs and IL-23



MFI = mean fluorescence intensity. PBS = phosphate buffered saline. Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC. Risankizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active CD and treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC. Altraya R, et al. J Crohns Collis. 2024;19(10):p1131470.




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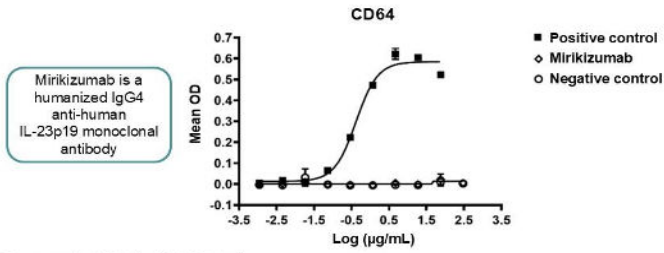
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## In Vitro Evaluations of CD64 and IL-23 Binding: Mirikizumab (MIRI)

### Assessment of Fc Receptor Activation and Complement Binding



Data are mean ± standard deviation (SD) of duplicate wells.  
Mirikizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC.  
Stearns D, et al. J Pharmacol Exp Ther. 2023;387(2):190-197.



## Audience Response

? Which of the following is true regarding binding affinity of IL-23 inhibitors to CD64 receptors?

- A. Binding of CD64 occurs with only risankizumab
- B. Binding of CD64 occurs with only guselkumab
- C. Binding of CD64 occurs with only mirikizumab
- D. Binding of CD64 occurs with risankizumab, guselkumab, and mirikizumab

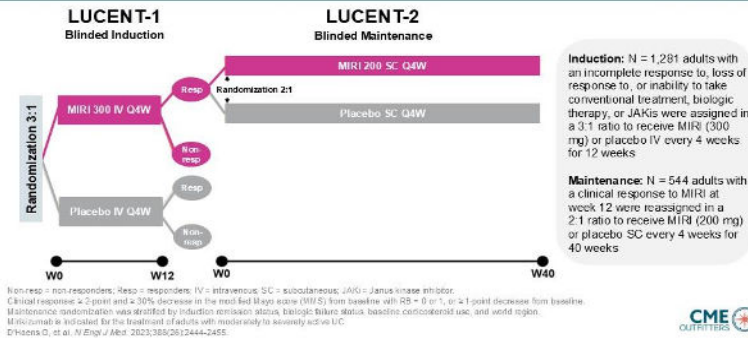


## Data With IL-23 Inhibitors

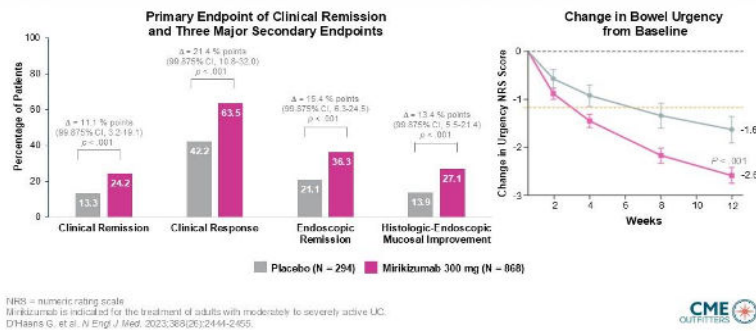
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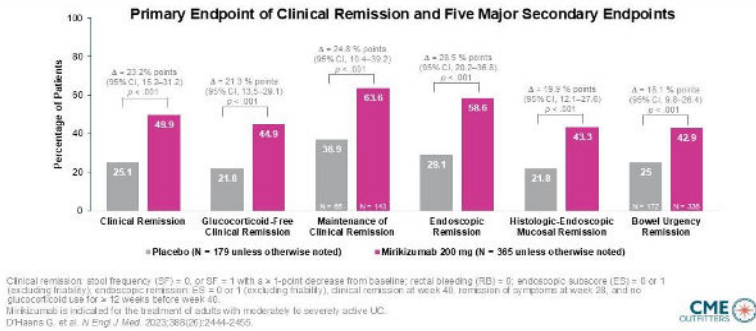
## Mirikizumab in UC: LUCENT-1 and LUCENT-2



## Mirikizumab in UC Induction: LUCENT-1

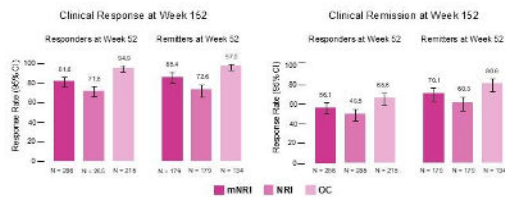


## Mirikizumab in UC Maintenance: LUCENT-2 Week 40 Endpoints



## Mirikizumab Maintenance in UC: Long-Term Follow-up from LUCENT-3

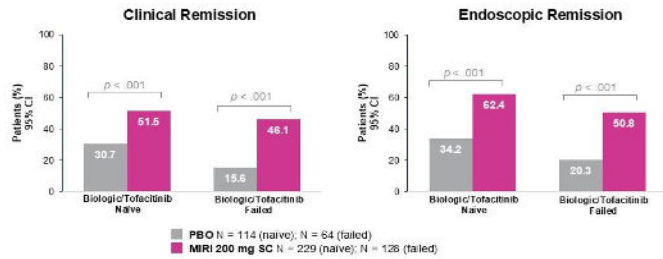
LUCENT-3 open-label extension study of patients completing 52 weeks of maintenance treatment in LUCENT-2



NRI = non-response/relapse/improvement; mNRI = modified NRI; OC = clinical relapse.  
 Clinical remission: SF = 0 or 1 with a  $\geq 1$ -point decrease in modified Mayo score (MMS) from baseline; RB = 0, and ES = 0 or 1 (excluding fibrosis).  
 Clinical response:  $\geq 2$ -point and  $\geq 30\%$  decrease in the MMS from baseline; RB = 0 or 1, or RD = 1-point decrease from baseline.  
 Mirikizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC.  
 Sands BE, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2024;30(2):253.



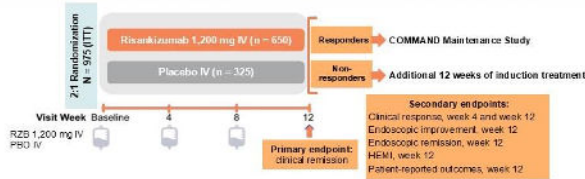
## Mirikizumab in Treatment-Naïve and Treatment-Experienced Patients with UC: LUCENT-2



PBO = placebo. Mirikizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC. D'Hans G, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2023;388(26):2444-2455.



## Risankizumab in UC: INSPIRE/COMMAND

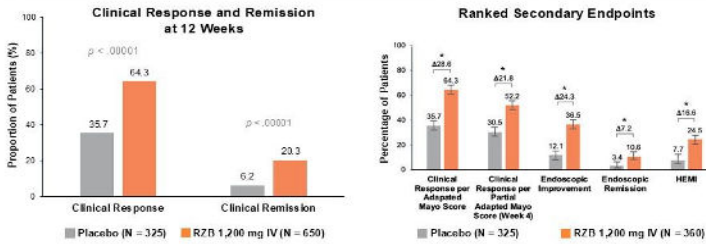


- Key Inclusion Criteria:**
- Age 18 to 60
  - Moderately to severely active UC: Adapted Mayo score of 5-9 and endoscopic subscore of 2-3 (central review) with biopsy-confirmed diagnosis at least 3 months prior to baseline
  - Intolerance or inadequate response to conventional (non-advanced) and/or advanced therapies (biologics, JAKs, and SIP receptor modulators)
  - No prior exposure to ustekinumab or IL-23 inhibitors was permitted

HEM = histologic-endoscopic mucosal improvement. Louis E, et al. *JAMA*. 2024;332(11):681-697.



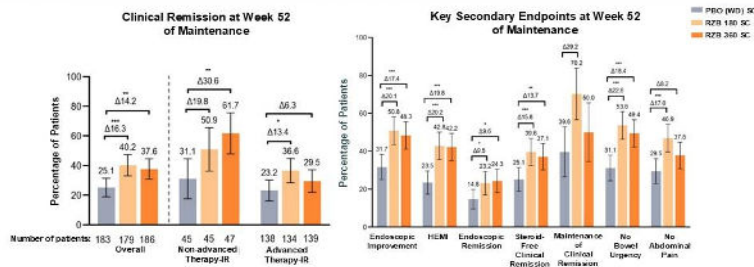
## Risankizumab Induction in UC: INSPIRE



\*p-value < .0001 vs PBO. Clinical remission per Adapted Mayo Score is defined as stool frequency subscore (SFS) ≤ 1 and not greater than baseline, rectal bleeding subscore (RES) (a)\* and endoscopic subscore ≤ 1 without febrile. Clinical response is defined as a decrease from baseline in the Adapted Mayo score ≤ 2 points and ≥ 30% from baseline, plus a decrease in RES ≥ 1 or an absolute SFS ≤ 1. Risankizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC. Louis E, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol*. 2023;118(10):1651-1664-1662.



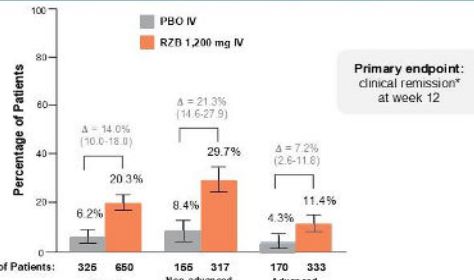
## Risankizumab Maintenance in UC: COMMAND



PBO (WD) = placebo-controlled withdrawal. \*p < .05, \*\*p < .01, \*\*\*p < .001 versus PBO (WD) SC. Risankizumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC and CD. Louis E, et al. *J Clin Gastroenterol*. 2024;18(Suppl):1119-12.



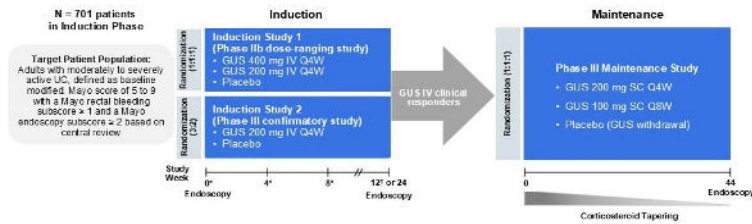
## Risankizumab in Treatment-Naïve and Treatment-Experienced Patients with UC: INSPIRE



IR = inadequate responders  
 \*Clinical remission per adapted Mayo score: stool frequency subscore ≤ 1 and not greater than baseline, rectal bleeding subscore 0, and endoscopic subscore ≤ 1 without febrility.  
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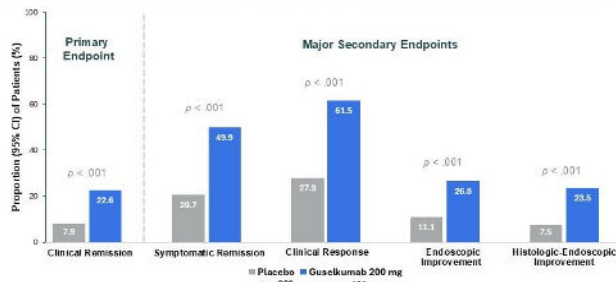
## Guselkumab in UC: QUASAR



Q4W = every 4 weeks; Q8W = every 8 weeks.  
 \*Study treatment administered. †Study treatment administered to week 12 clinical non-responders.  
 Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC.  
 Peyrin-Bizoulet L, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2023;165(5):1443-1457. Allegretti JR, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2023;164(5):5-1572.



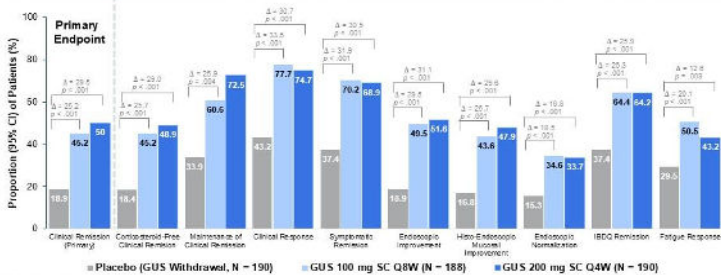
## Guselkumab in UC Induction: QUASAR Phase III Week 12 Endpoints



Clinical remission defined as a Mayo stool frequency subscore of 0 or 1 with no increase from baseline, a rectal bleeding subscore of 0, and a Mayo endoscopy subscore of 0 or 1 with no febrility.  
 Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC.  
 Allegretti J. *Digestive Disease Week (DDW)*. 2022. Abstract No. 913b. *Gastroenterology/Hepatology*. 2023;197(Suppl 3):910. <https://pubs.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10912060/>



## Guselkumab in UC Maintenance: QUASAR Phase III Week 44 Endpoints

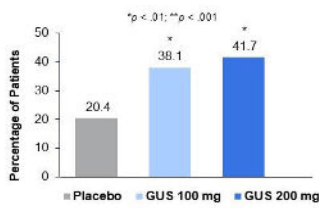


IBDO = IBD questionnaire.  
 Primary analysis population: randomized patients with a modified Mayo score of 5/9 at induction who received at least one maintenance study treatment dose.  
 Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC.  
 Rubin DT. *DDW*. 2024. Abstract No. 795. <https://pubs.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10912060/>

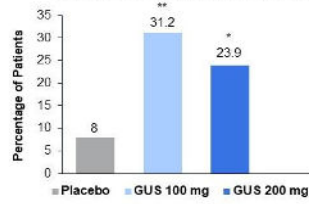


## GUS in Treatment-Naïve and Treatment-Experienced Patients with UC at Week 44: QUASAR

Endoscopic Remission in Biologic/JAKi-Naïve Patients



Endoscopic Remission in Patients with Inadequate Response or Intolerance to Biologics/JAKis



BiO = biologic; Guselkumab is indicated for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active UC. Allegretti JR, et al. United European Gastroenterology Week [UEGW]. 2024. Abstract No. OP062. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/eugjournal/abstracts-2024/index.php/pp/74>



## Mirikizumab Safety in UC

Outcome, n (%)	200 mg Mirikizumab Q4W SC (n = 289)
TEAEs	184 (63.7)
AEs of special interest:	
Infections (all)	87 (30.1)
Infections (serious)	3 (1.0)
Cerebrocardiovascular events	2 (0.7)
Malignancies	0 (0)
Immediate hypersensitivity reaction	4 (1.4)
Injection site reactions	16 (5.5)
Death	0 (0)
Discontinuation due to AE	8 (2.8)

AE = adverse event; Sands BE, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis*. 2024;30(12):2245-2258.



## Rizankizumab Safety in UC

Events/100 Patient Years	Treatment-Emergent AEs Among Safety Population Through Week 52 <sup>a</sup>		
	PBO (WD) SC n = 196; PY = 174.9	RZB 180 mg SC n = 193; PY = 185.4	RZB 360 mg SC n = 195; PY = 173.5
Any AE	399 (228.1)	399 (215.2)	406 (234.0)
AE related to COVID-19	28 (15.0)	21 (11.3)	29 (16.7)
AE with reasonable possibility of being drug-related <sup>b</sup>	75 (42.9)	85 (45.9)	61 (35.2)
Severe AE	14 (8.0)	3 (1.6)	7 (4.0)
Serious AE	20 (11.4)	11 (5.9)	11 (6.3)
AE leading to discontinuation of study drug	4 (2.3)	5 (2.7)	5 (2.9)
All deaths	0	0	1 (0.6) <sup>c</sup>
Serious infections <sup>d</sup>	4 (2.3)	2 (1.1)	1 (0.6)
Infusion/injection site reactions <sup>e</sup>	3 (1.7)	14 (7.6)	10 (5.8)

PY = patient-years. <sup>a</sup>The safety population included all patients who clinically responded to IVR20 at 12 or 24 weeks, were randomized to COMMAND at maintenance week 0 and received at least one dose of study drug during 52-week maintenance period, was assessed by the investigator. <sup>b</sup>One death was reported in the RZB 360 mg arm in a patient diagnosed with colon adenocarcinoma, which was retrospectively found in the screening biopsy tissue. <sup>c</sup>Serious infections in RZB-treated patients included COVID-19, COVID-19 pneumonia, sepsis, E coli, and pneumonia. <sup>d</sup>All infusion/injection site reaction events were nonserious and did not lead to study discontinuation. <sup>e</sup>Louis E, et al. *J Crohn's Colitis*. 2024;18(Suppl 1):S9-12.



## Guselkumab Safety in UC

Outcome	Placebo (n = 105)	Guselkumab 200 mg IV (n = 101)	Guselkumab 400 mg IV (n = 107)	Combined (n = 208)
Any AE	59 (56.2)	45 (44.6)	53 (49.5)	98 (47.1)
AE within 1 hour of infusion	2 (1.9)	2 (2.0)	0	2 (1.0)
Serious AE	6 (5.7)	1 (1.0)	3 (2.8)	4 (1.9)
Death	0	0	0	0
Discontinuation for AE	3 (2.9)	1 (1.0)	0	1 (0.5)
Malignancy	0	0	0	0
Infection	13 (12.4)	14 (13.9)	10 (9.3)	24 (11.5)
Serious Infection	2 (1.9)	0	0	0

Peyrin-Dirolet L, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2023;195(6):1443-1457.






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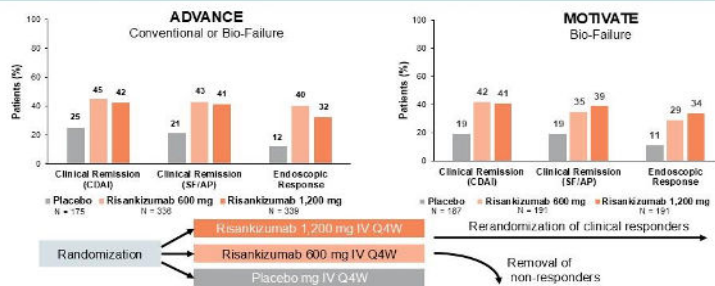
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### ADVANCE and MOTIVATE: Risankizumab Induction in CD




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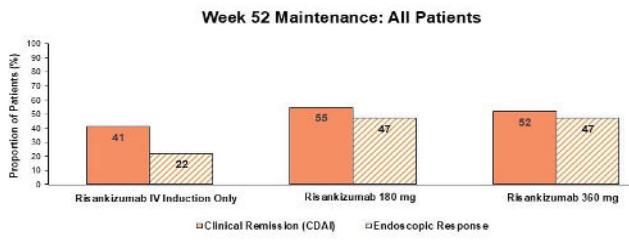
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### FORTIFY: Risankizumab Maintenance in CD




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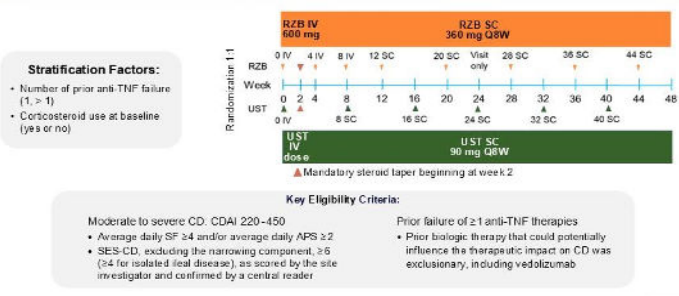
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### RZB vs UST in Patients with CD: Phase IIIb SEQUENCE Trial




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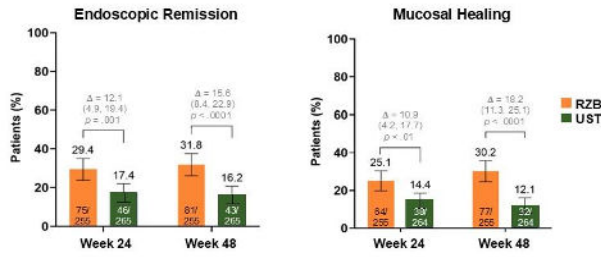
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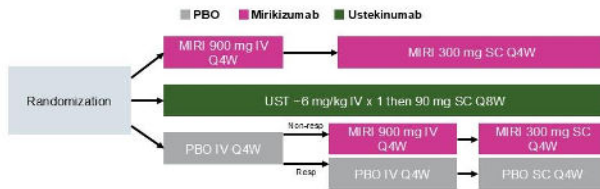
## RZB vs UST in Patients with CD: Phase IIIb SEQUENCE Trial



Reslizumab and ustekinumab are approved for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active CD. Peyrin-Bisault L, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2024;381(2):193-223.



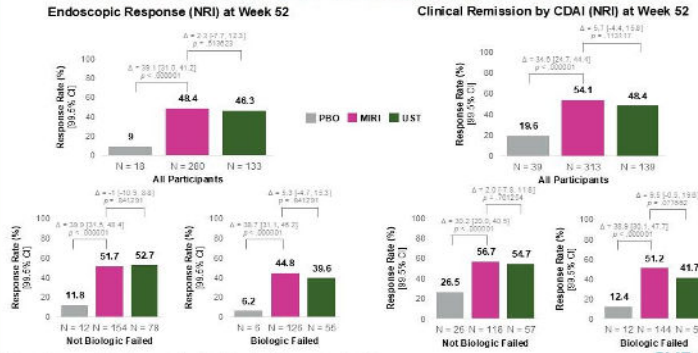
## VIVID-1: MIRI vs UST in Moderate-to-Severe CD



Mirikizumab is approved for the treatment of adults with moderately to severely active CD. Ferrante M, et al. *Lancet*. 2024;404(10470):2423-2436.



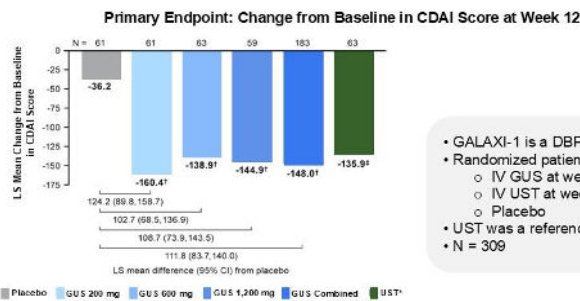
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## GUS vs UST in CD at 12 Weeks: GALAXI-1



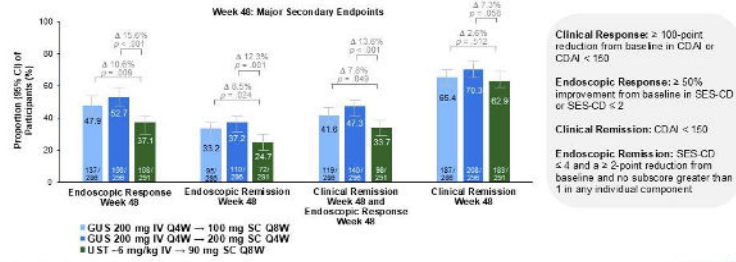
- GALAXI-1 is a DBPC trial
- Randomized patients 1:1:1:1 to
  - IV GUS at weeks 0, 4, 8
  - IV UST at week 8
  - Placebo
- UST was a reference arm
- N = 309

DBPC = double blind placebo controlled; LS = least squares; \*P < 0.05 vs placebo; †P < 0.05 vs placebo; ‡P < 0.05 vs placebo; §P < 0.05 vs placebo; ¶P < 0.05 vs placebo; ††P < 0.05 vs placebo; †††P < 0.05 vs placebo; ††††P < 0.05 vs placebo; †††††P < 0.05 vs placebo.



## GUS vs UST in CD at 48 Weeks: GALAXI 2 and 3

GALAXI 2 and 3 are identical 48-week, randomized, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo, and active-comparator (UST) treat-through trials assessing the efficacy and safety of GUS in patients with moderately to severely active CD

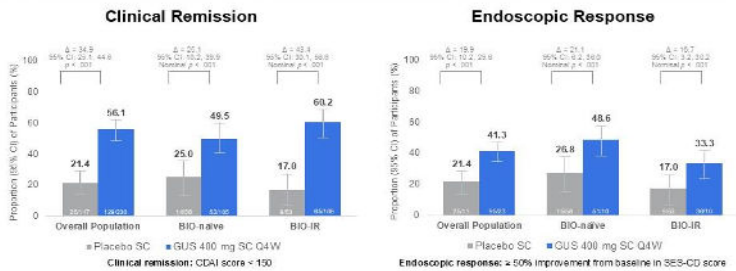


**Clinical Response:** ≥ 100-point reduction from baseline in CDAI or CDAI < 150  
**Endoscopic Response:** ≥ 50% improvement from baseline in SES-CD or SES-CD < 2  
**Clinical Remission:** CDAI < 150  
**Endoscopic Remission:** SES-CD ≤ 4 and a ≥ 2-point reduction from baseline and no subscore greater than 1 in any individual component

Guselkumab is not currently FDA-approved for CD.  
 Panaccione R, et al. DDW, 2024. Abstract No. 10079. <https://abstracts.dwi.org/abstract/efficacy-and-safety-of-guselkumab-therapy-in-patients-with-moderately-to-severely-active-crohn-disease-results-of-the-galaxi-2-3-phase-3-trials/>



## Subcutaneous GUS in CD: Phase III GRAVITI Study



Guselkumab is not FDA-approved for use in CD.  
 Panaccione R, et al. American College of Gastroenterology (ACG) Annual Scientific Meeting, 2024. Abstract No. S1852. [https://journals.lww.com/gastro/abstract/2024/10001/181652/efficacy\\_and\\_safety\\_of\\_subcutaneous\\_guselkumab\\_in\\_patients\\_with\\_moderately\\_to\\_severely\\_active\\_crohn\\_disease\\_results\\_of\\_the\\_graviti\\_phase\\_3-trial.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/gastro/abstract/2024/10001/181652/efficacy_and_safety_of_subcutaneous_guselkumab_in_patients_with_moderately_to_severely_active_crohn_disease_results_of_the_graviti_phase_3-trial.aspx)



## Safety of IL-23 Inhibitors in CD

Adverse Event	Guselkumab N = 595	Mirikizumab N = 630	Risankizumab N = 373
AEs	458 (77.0%)	495 (78.6%)	210 (56%)
Serious AEs	53 (8.9%)	65 (11.5%)	27 (7%)
Discontinuation due to AE	40 (6.7%)	32 (5.1%)	9 (2%)
Serious Infections	4 (0.6%)	14 (2.2%)	0

D'Hennin G, et al. Lancet. 2022;399(10340):2315-2030. Faruqi M, et al. Lancet. 2024;404(11470):2423-2436. Panaccione R, et al. DDW, 2024. Abstract No. 10079. <https://abstracts.dwi.org/abstract/efficacy-and-safety-of-guselkumab-therapy-in-patients-with-moderately-to-severely-active-crohn-disease-results-of-the-galaxi-2-3-phase-3-trials/>



## Dosing of IL-23 Inhibitors in IBD

Agent	UC Dose		CD Dose	
	Induction	Maintenance	Induction	Maintenance
Guselkumab	200 mg IV at week 0, 4, and 8	100 mg SC at week 16 and every 8 weeks thereafter <b>OR</b> 200 mg SC at week 12 and every 4 weeks thereafter	Not currently FDA approved for CD	
Mirikizumab	300 mg at week 0, 4, and 8	200 mg SC at week 12 and every 4 weeks thereafter	900 mg IV at week 0, 4, and 8	300 mg SC at week 12 and every 4 weeks thereafter
Risankizumab	1200 mg IV at week 0, 4, and 8	180 or 360 mg SC at week 12 and every 8 weeks thereafter	600 mg IV at week 0, 4, and 8	180 or 360 mg SC at week 12 and every 8 weeks thereafter

Guselkumab [package insert]. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2017/761061s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2017/761061s000lbl.pdf). Mirikizumab [package insert]. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2023/761279s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2023/761279s000lbl.pdf). Risankizumab [package insert]. [https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/label/2019/761105s000lbl.pdf](https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2019/761105s000lbl.pdf)



# Where the Rubber Meets the Yellow Brick Road: Making IL-23 Targeted Agents Work in Practice

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## Defining Goals for Treatment

CRP = C-reactive protein; FC = fecal calprotectin.  
 \*Transmural healing may be the ultimate therapeutic goal in CD. †Histologic healing may be the ultimate therapeutic goal in UC.  
 Le Berre C, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2022;162(5):1424-1438.

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## Advanced Treatment (AT) Uptake Is Low Within the First Two Years of IBD Diagnosis

Siegel CA, et al. *Crohn's Colitis* 2024; 6(3):028e040

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## Early Effective Advanced Therapy Predicts CD Outcomes

Median of 12 (IQR 0-191) days from time of diagnosis to enrollment and start GCC (2 weeks to randomized)  
 Median of 16 (IQR 13-20) days from time of randomization and 1<sup>st</sup> dose of infliximab

IQR = Interquartile range; GCC = glucocorticoids.  
 Noor V, et al. *Lancet Gastroenterol Hepatol*. 2024;9(5):415-427.

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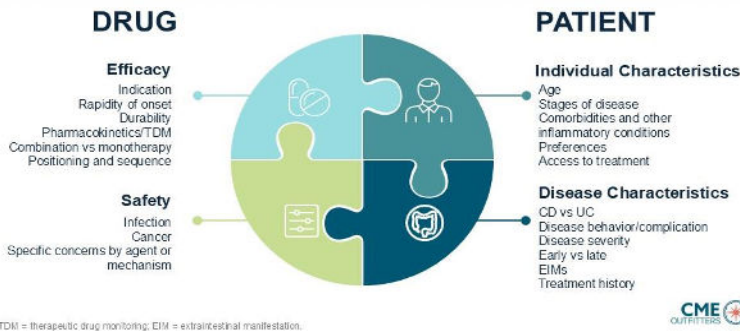
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## How Do We Put Together the Puzzle of Therapy Selection?




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### Patient Case: Jordan F.

- 19-year-old college student
- Concerned about changes in bathroom habits
- Weight: 89 kg, height: 191 cm (75 in)
- Current symptoms:
  - 3-month history of abdominal cramping
  - Approximately 3-4 loose stools/day
  - Unexplained weight loss (~10 pounds)
- Diagnosis:
  - Moderately active ileal Crohn's disease
- Medications:
  - Self-treatment with loperamide over the counter prior to diagnosis
  - No history of treatment with biologic agents or steroids




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## Audience Response

? How would you treat this patient?

- Initiate budesonide
- Start mesalamine
- Start vedolizumab
- Start anti-TNF
- Start IL-23 inhibitor
- I'm not sure




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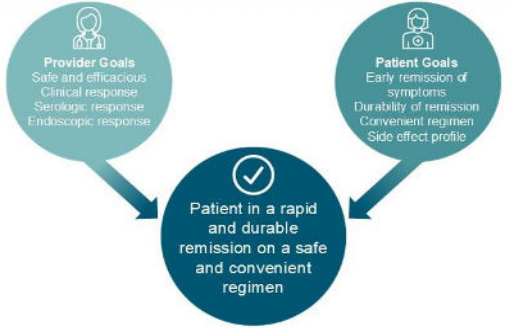
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## Aligning on Treatment Goals with Patients




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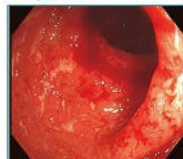
## Education to Ensure Alignment



### Patient Case: Halley J.



- 38-year-old woman with 2-year history of UC
- Currently being treated with adalimumab every 2 weeks
- Annual review of treatment plan
  - Concern for poor control of inflammation
- Current symptoms:
  - 5-8 stools per day, urgency and rectal bleeding
- Colonoscopy:
  - Active disease up to 65 cm, Mayo 2
- Labs:
  - Calprotectin 950 µg/mg
- CRP 3.9
- C. diff and infectious workup negative



## Audience Response

### ? What would you do next?

- Change adalimumab dosing to weekly
- Switch to infliximab
- Switch to vedolizumab
- Switch to ustekinumab
- Switch to IL-23 inhibitor
- Switch to S1P modulator
- Switch to JAK inhibitor
- I'm not sure



## New AGA Living Guidelines on Treatment of Moderate to Severe UC

### ADVANCED THERAPY-NAÏVE PATIENTS (FIRST-LINE THERAPY)

SUGGEST using a HIGHER efficacy or INTERMEDIATE efficacy medication, rather than a lower efficacy medication.  
*(Conditional recommendation, low certainty of evidence)*

HIGHER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Infliximab, Vedolizumab, Ozanimod, Etrasimod, Upadacitinib\*, Risankizumab, Guselkumab  
INTERMEDIATE EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Golimumab, Ustekinumab, Tofacitinib\*, Filgotinib\*, Mirikizumab  
LOWER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Adalimumab

### PRIOR EXPOSURE TO ONE OR MORE ADVANCED THERAPIES, PARTICULARLY TNF ANTAGONISTS

SUGGEST using a HIGHER efficacy or INTERMEDIATE efficacy medication, rather than a lower efficacy medication.  
*(Conditional recommendation, low certainty of evidence)*

HIGHER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Tofacitinib, Upadacitinub, Ustekinumab  
INTERMEDIATE EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Filgotinib, Mirikizumab, Risankizumab, Guselkumab  
LOWER EFFICACY MEDICATIONS: Adalimumab, Vedolizumab, Ozanimod, Etzasimod

\*The FDA label recommends the use of JAKs only in patients with prior failure or intolerance to TNF antagonists.  
Filgotinib is not available for use in the United States.





**Treatment Priorities**

Faculty Discussion

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**SMART Goals**  
Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- Appreciate the role of the IL-23/Th17 axis in driving the inflammatory pathogenesis of IBD
- Differentiate between IL-23 targeted therapies based on their unique characteristics to individualize and optimize patient treatment
- Consider early use of IL-23 therapies in appropriate patients based on the latest evidence and recommendations
- Collaborate with your patients to identify the best treatment option for their goals



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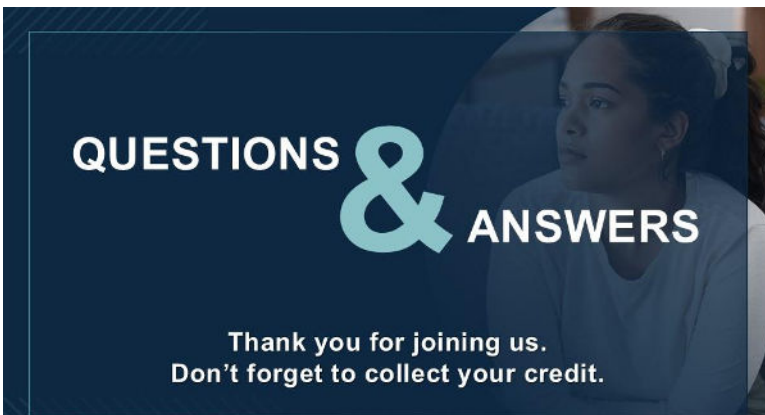
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