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# Equillum: Investment Highlights

## Anticipated Milestones

- Phase 3 aGVHD topline data – Q1 2025

## Commercial Rights to Itolizumab

- Full commercial rights to all indications
- EQ Territories: US, Canada, Australia & New Zealand

## Itolizumab Derisked

- IDMC recommends Phase 3 EQUATOR study in aGVHD proceed as planned
- Positive topline Phase 2 UC data
- Positive topline Phase 1b aGVHD data
- Positive topline Phase 1b LN data
- Commercial-scale manufacturing in place w/ Biocon

## Attractive Market Opportunities

- **GVHD:** No drugs approved in 1L aGVHD
- **GVHD:** Approved drugs approaching \$1B in US sales
- **GVHD:** Potential to market independently with small commercial team
- **UC:** Unmet medical need for novel / complementary mechanisms

## Additional Opportunities: Multi-cytokine Inhibitors

- EQ101: IL-2/9/15 inhibitor  
*Alopecia Areata – Positive Phase 2 data reported*  
*Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma – clinical POC demonstrated*
- EQ302: Oral IL-15/21 inhibitor  
*Preclinical stage, targeting gastrointestinal indications*

# Diversified Pipeline of Differentiated Immunology Assets

	Indication	Pre-Clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Rights	Status
EQ001 itolizumab anti-CD6	acute graft-versus-host disease	FDA Fast Track & Orphan Drug Designations				equillium <sup>®</sup> US, CAN, AUS & NZ	Topline Phase 3 data anticipated Q1 2025
	systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) / lupus nephritis (LN)	FDA Fast Track Designation for LN					Positive PoC data announced April 2024
	ulcerative colitis	Co-sponsored with Biocon				Biocon EU / Japan	Positive Phase 2 data announced February 2025
EQ101 IL-2/9/15 inhibitor	alopecia areata / CTCL <i>(intravenously delivered peptide)</i>	PoC data & FDA/EMA Orphan Drug Designations for CTCL				equillium <sup>®</sup>	Activities on hold pending additional resources
EQ302 IL-15/21 inhibitor	gastrointestinal indications <i>(orally delivered peptide)</i>						Activities on hold pending additional resources

# ***Itolizumab***

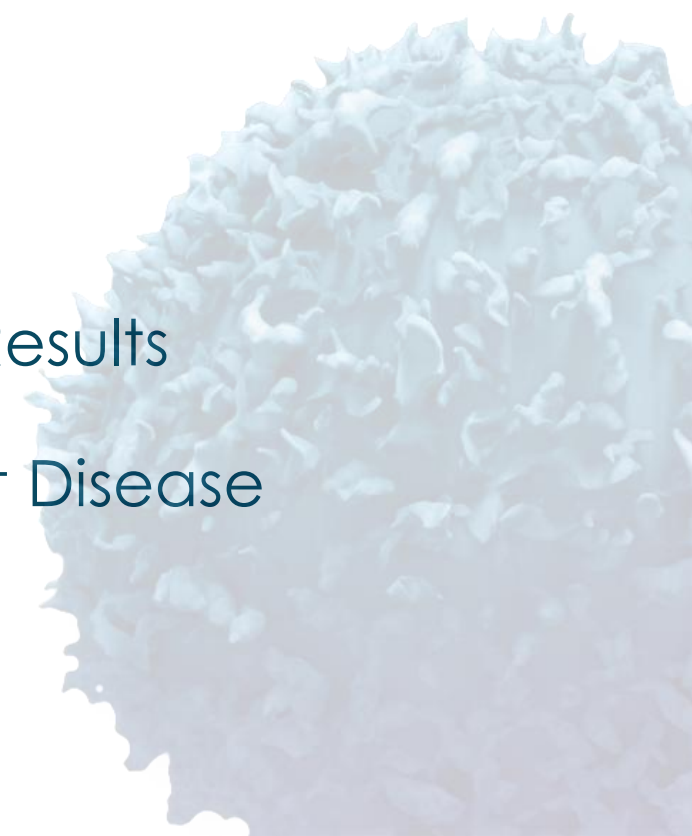
First-in-Class immune-modifying mAb targeting the CD6-ALCAM signaling pathway

Mechanism of Action

Safety Data & Clinical Results

Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease

Ulcerative Colitis



# CD6-ALCAM Pathway is Central to Immuno-Inflammation

CD6 is a **co-stimulatory receptor overexpressed on T<sub>eff</sub>** and down-regulated on T<sub>reg</sub>

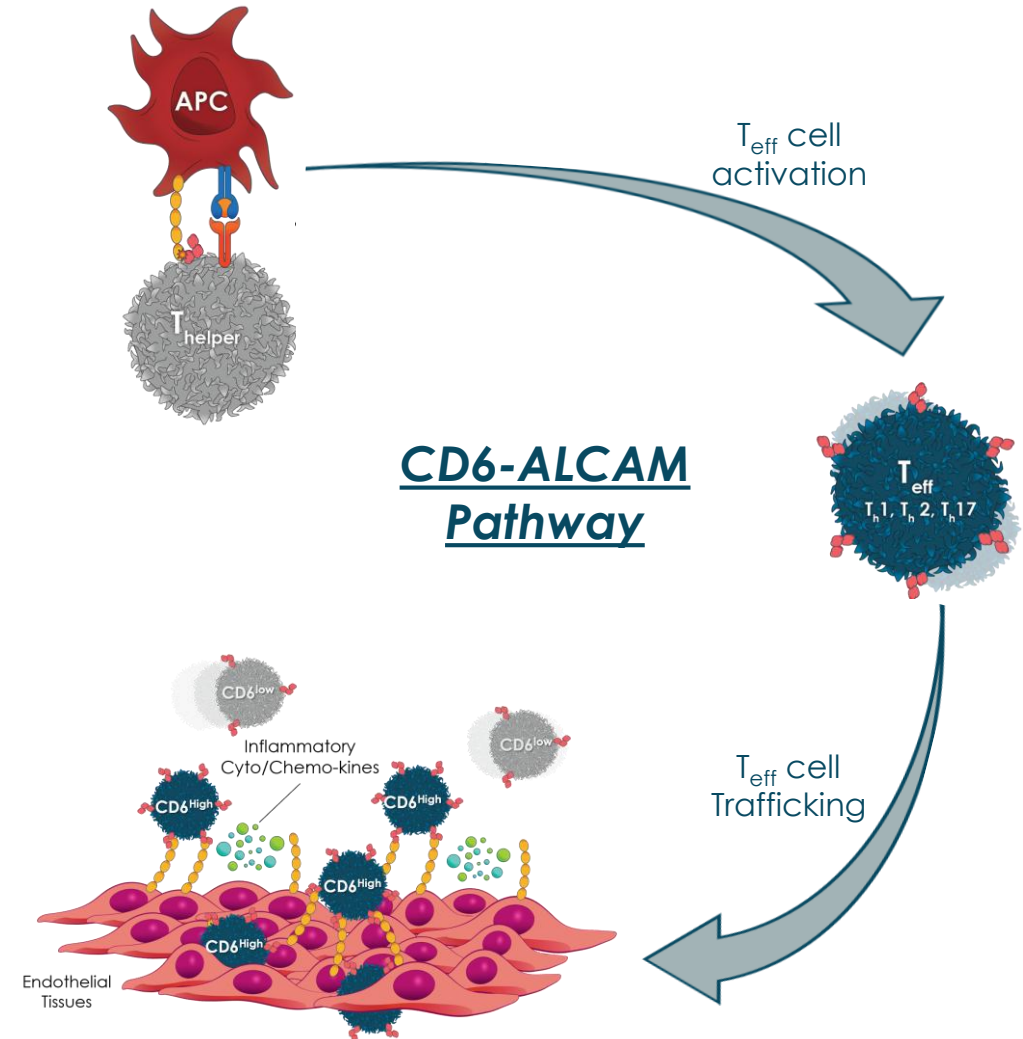
**CD6<sup>High</sup> cells exhibit greater pathogenic capacity**

**Activated leukocyte cell adhesion molecule (ALCAM)**, is expressed on both antigen-presenting cells and tissues including BBB, skin, gut, lung, liver and kidney

The binding of CD6-ALCAM is important for:

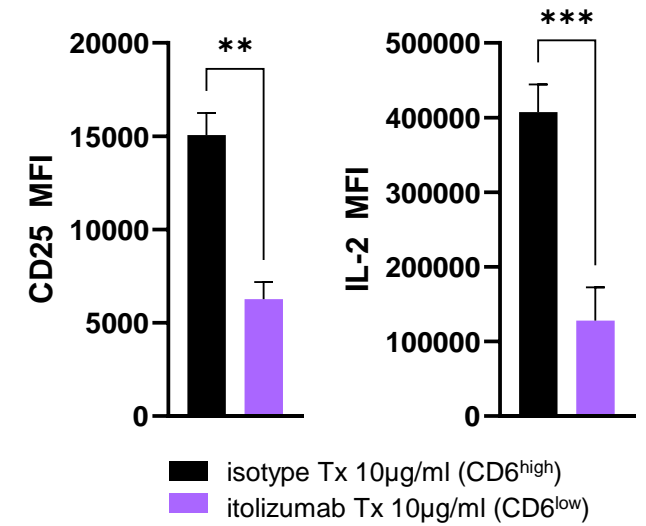
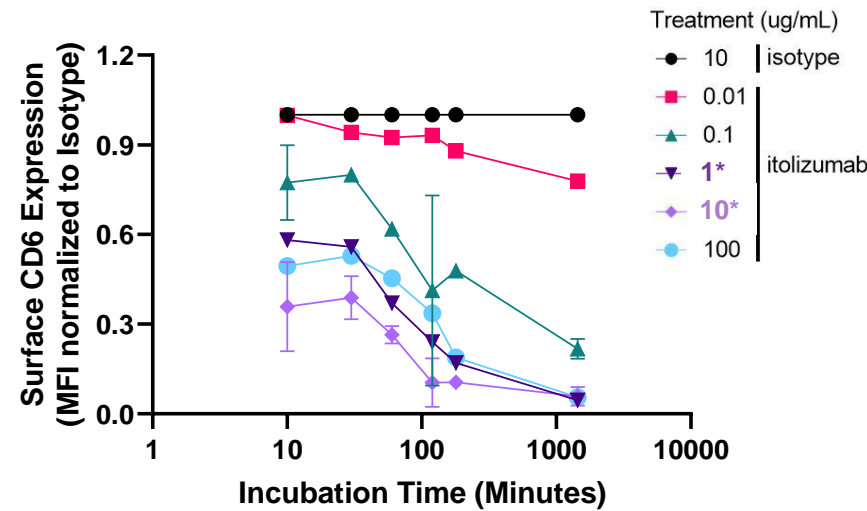
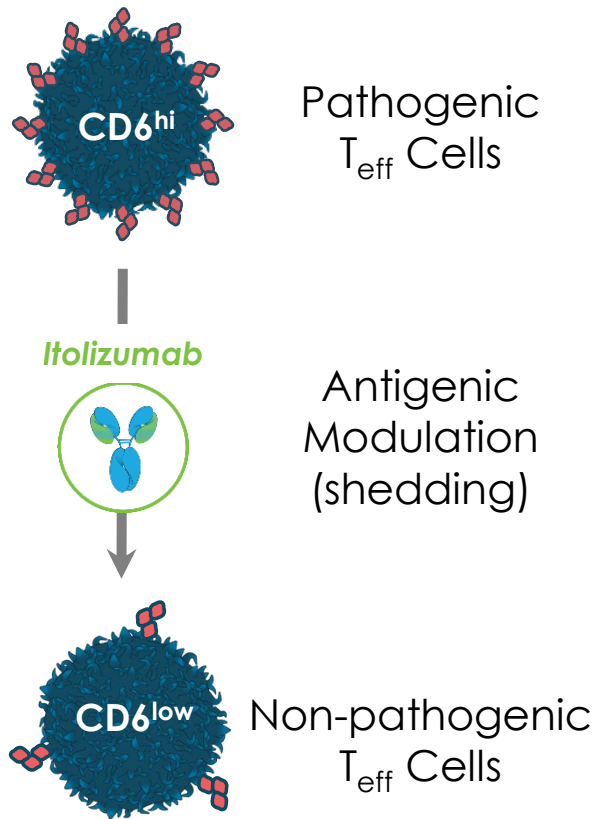
- Immune **synapse formation**
- Optimal **co-stimulation and activation of T<sub>eff</sub>**
- **Trafficking** into tissues

The **CD6-ALCAM pathway modulates T cell activity and trafficking** central to the pathogenesis of multiple immuno-inflammatory diseases



# Itolizumab-induced Loss of Cell Surface CD6 Inhibits T<sub>eff</sub> Cells

Itolizumab leads to loss of CD6 in both a dose and time-dependent manner resulting in T cells that are hyporesponsive to TCR stimulation<sup>†</sup>



- Itolizumab binds to domain-1 of CD6 causing dose-dependent loss of CD6<sup>^</sup>
- Itolizumab-induced loss of CD6 results in hyporesponsive T cells
- Loss of CD6 is a pharmacodynamic marker that can be monitored in patients<sup>^</sup>

<sup>†</sup>Chu, D., Ampudia, J., Connelly, S., & Ng, C. (2021). American Association of Immunologists 104th annual meeting. See Equillium website for details.

\*clinically relevant doses, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001

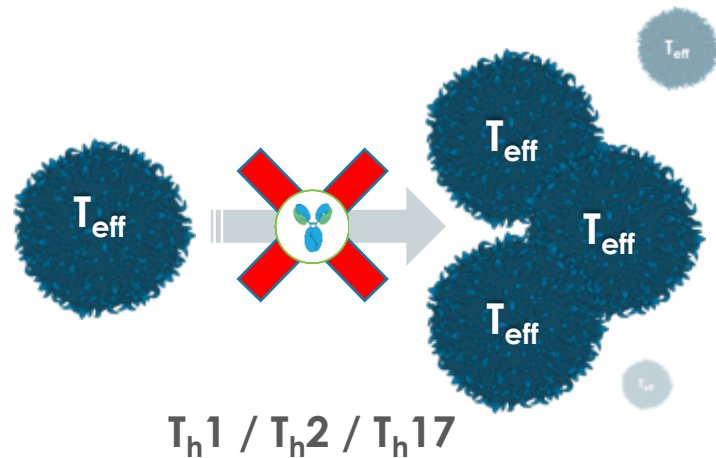
<sup>^</sup>detected with a non-competing anti-CD6 antibody

Abbreviations: TCR, T-cell receptor

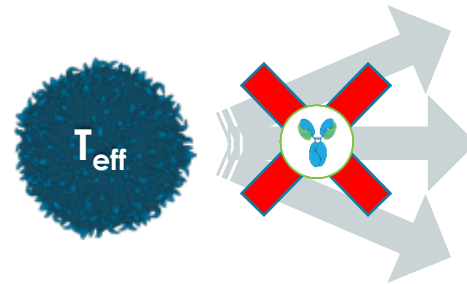
# A Differentiated Approach to Treating Immuno-Inflammatory Disease

Selectively targets auto-reactive effector T cells, while sparing regulatory T cells to promote immune tolerance and homeostasis, resulting in durable disease remission

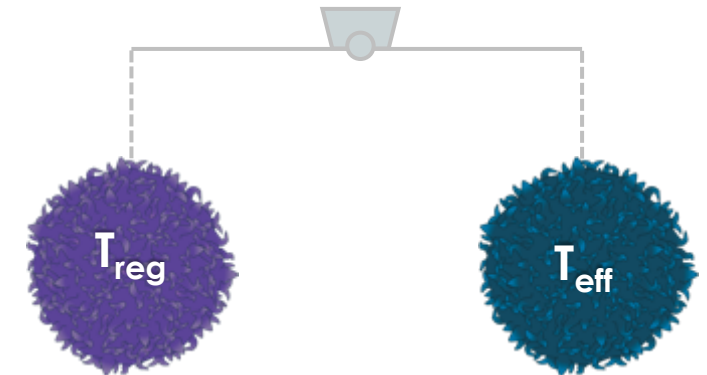
Synergistic inhibition of multiple  $T_{eff}$  cells and cytokines\*



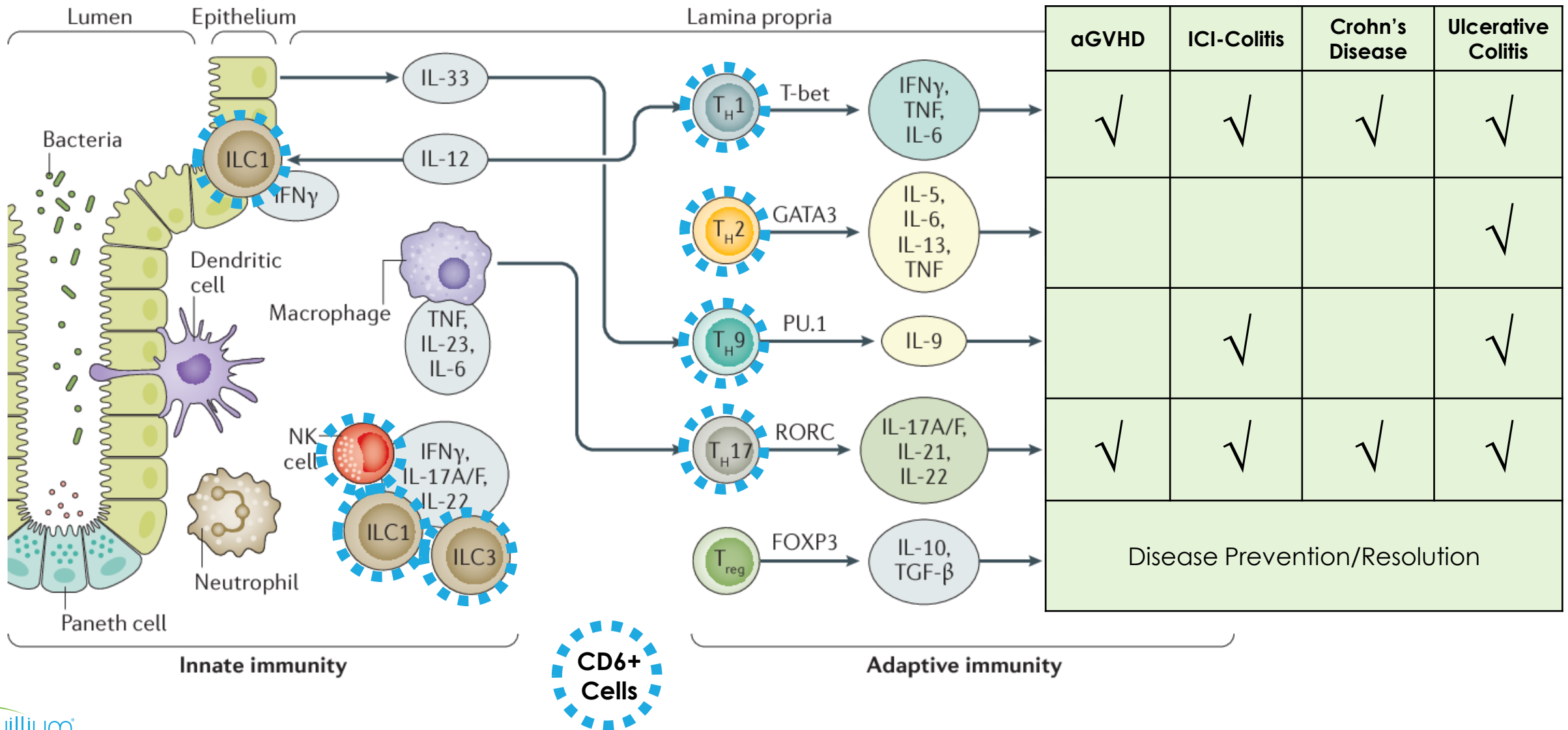
Inhibition of  $T_{eff}$  trafficking into key target organs



Restoration of immune regulation without broad immunosuppression



# CD6 Expressed on Multiple Effector Cells in GI Inflammation



# CD6-ALCAM Pathway Elevated in GI Inflammation

*Journal of Crohn's and Colitis*, 2019, 510–524

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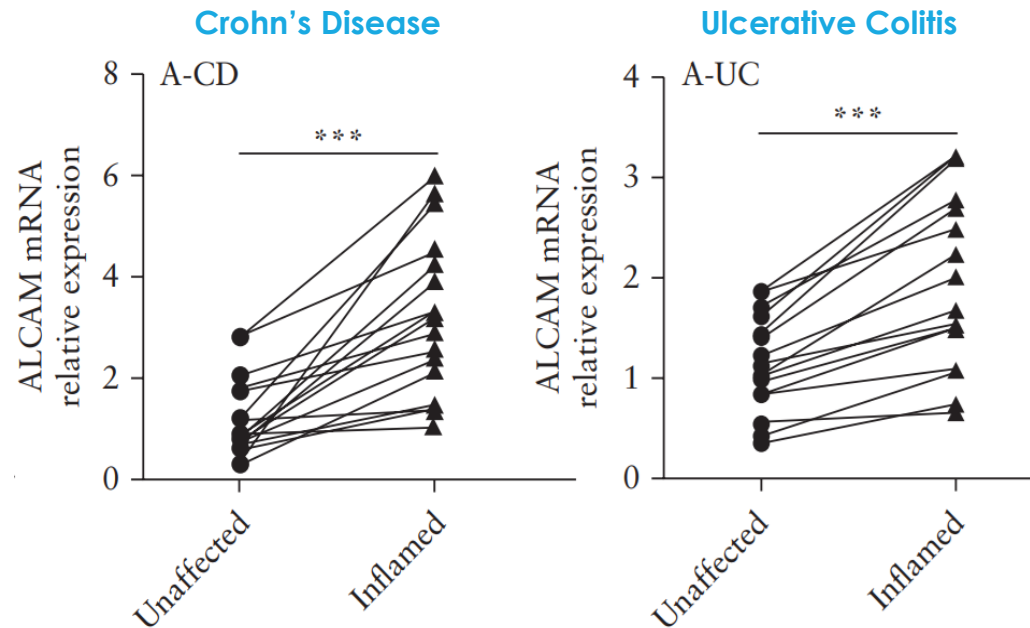
## **Critical Role of CD6<sup>high</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup> T Cells in Driving Th1/Th17 Cell Immune Responses and Mucosal Inflammation in IBD**



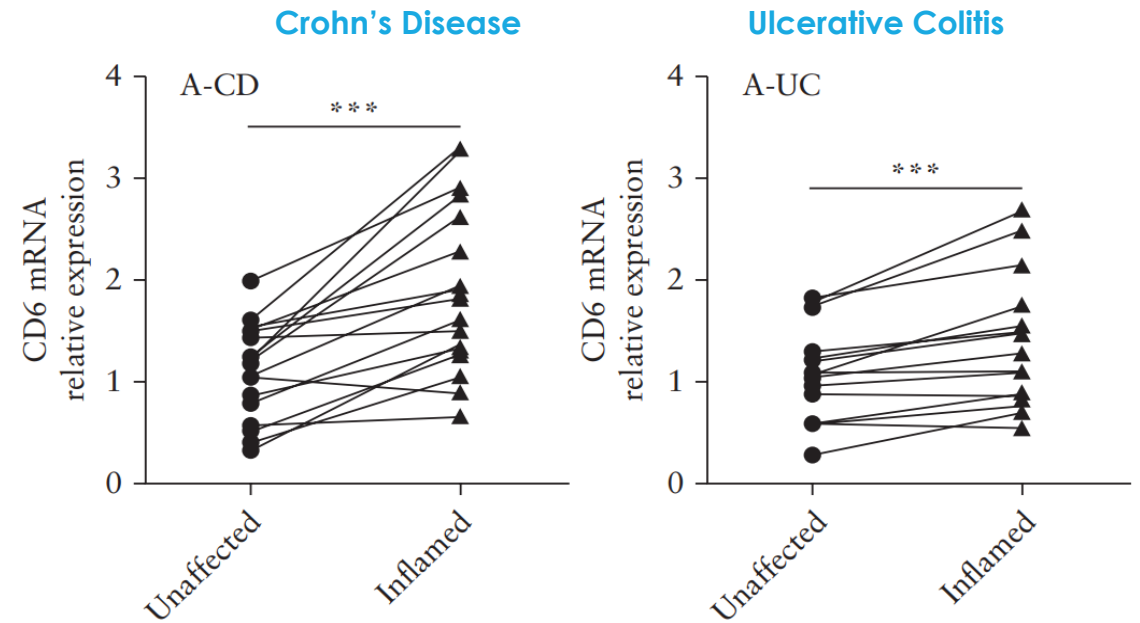
# CD6<sup>high</sup> Cells are Enriched in Inflamed GI Tissues

Increased ALCAM expression localized to inflamed tissue of IBD patients leading to increased infiltration and enrichment of CD6<sup>high</sup> Teff cells

## ALCAM

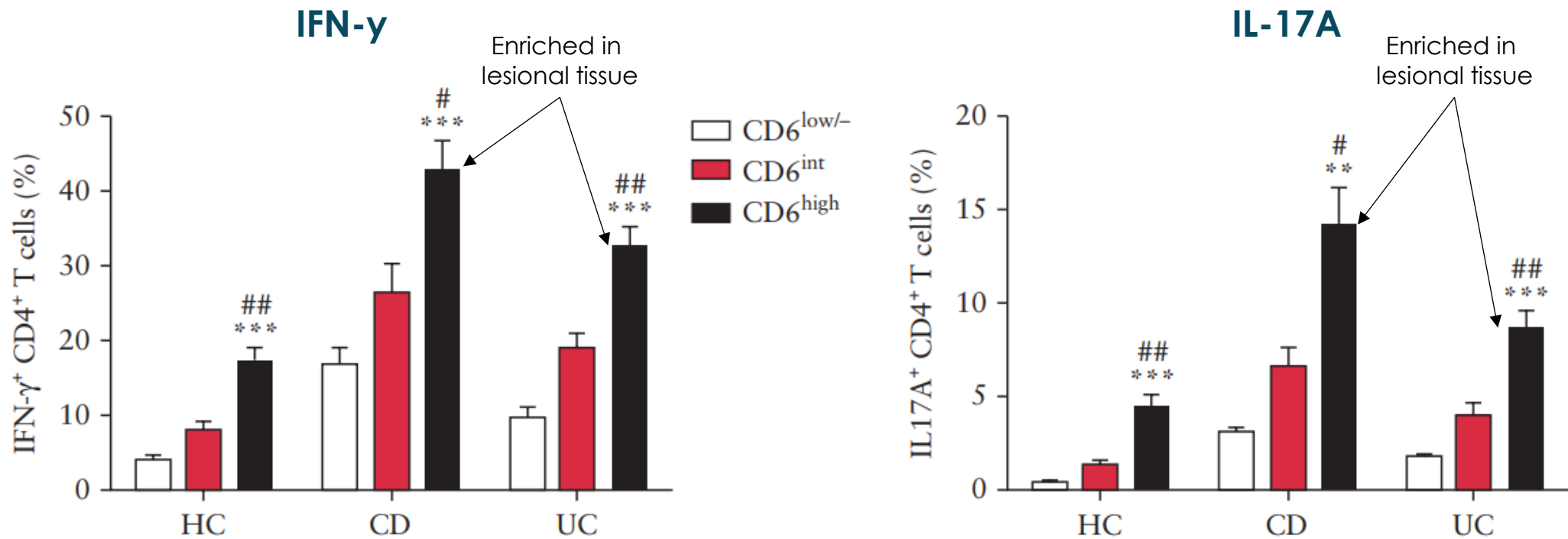


## CD6



# Increased IFN- $\gamma$ /IL-17 Secretion Associated with CD6<sup>high</sup> Cells

Pathogenic dual IFN- $\gamma$  / IL-17 expressing Th17 cells implicated in multiple autoimmune and inflammatory diseases are associated with levels of CD6 in IBD patients



# Itolizumab: Critical Mass of Safety Data and Positive Clinical Results

Over 1,000 subjects dosed with itolizumab across numerous clinical studies



**Acute GVHD** - Pivotal Phase 3 (ongoing)

IDMC Interim Review @ 100 patients in July 2024; recommended study should proceed



**Acute GVHD** - Phase 1b (completed)

Study demonstrated high rates of rapid and durable complete response



**Lupus nephritis** - Phase 1b (completed)

Study demonstrated clinically meaningful responses in highly proteinuric subjects



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**Ulcerative colitis** - Phase 2 (Completed)

Study demonstrated clinical efficacy after 12 weeks of treatment

## Additional Biocon Studies

- Healthy volunteers
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Psoriasis (approved in India)
- COVID-19 CRS (approved EUA in India)



# Itolizumab in GVHD: Executive Summary

- Positive topline data from Phase 1b EQUATE study in acute graft-versus-host disease
  - Achieved CR and ORR at Day 29 of 48% and 65%, respectively\*
  - Response at Day 29 was associated with improved progression-free survival through 1 year
  - Responders were able to taper steroids by 70% at Day 29 and 99% at Day 169
  - Itolizumab continued to demonstrate favorable safety, tolerability and efficacy profile
- **A positive data result from Phase 3 EQUATOR study is expected to support registration**
- **Currently no drugs approved for first-line aGVHD**
- **Commercial scale manufacturing in place (Biocon)**
- Significant market: 2021 *JAMA Oncology* study estimated ~10,000 patients receive allo-HSCT annually
  - ~ 20-40% of HSCT patients develop acute GVHD\*\*
  - ~ 40-50% develop chronic GVHD\*\*
  - Approved therapies in 2L aGVHD & 2L cGVHD approaching \$1 billion in revenue
- Attractive commercial opportunity: ability to launch independently with small commercial team
- Opportunities for rapid indication expansion through single Phase 3 studies

\* All subjects dosed within 72 hours of corticosteroid administration

\*\* 2022 Dana-Farber Report

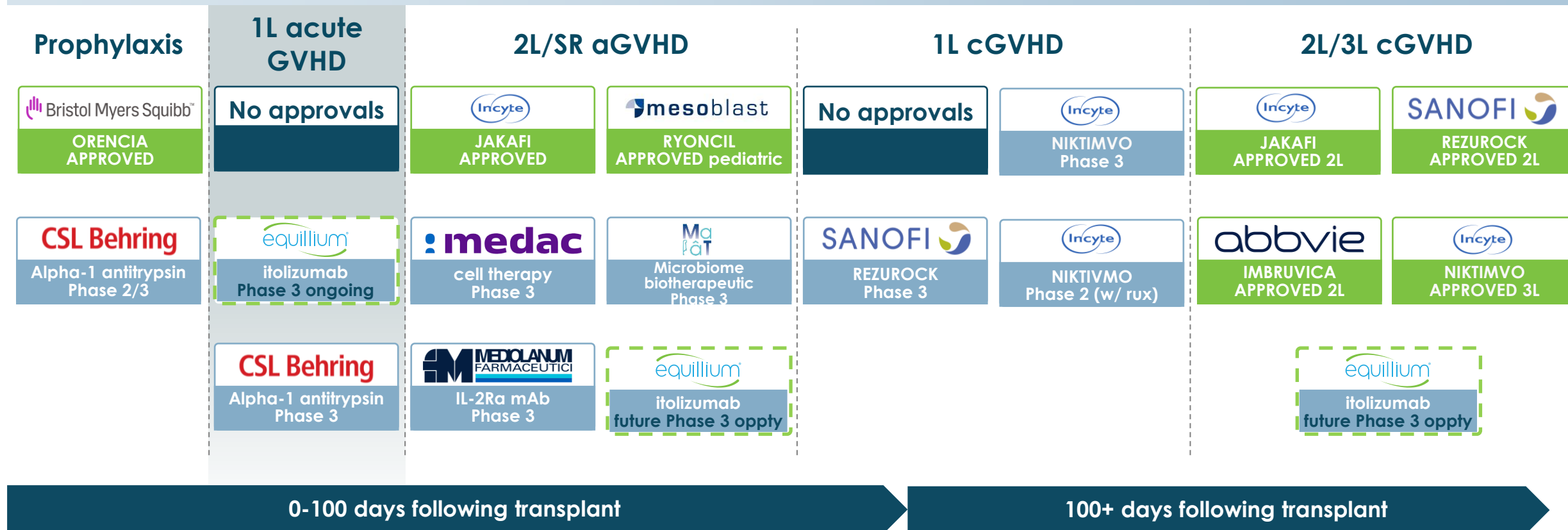
Abbreviations: CR, complete response rate; ORR, overall response rate; GVHD, graft-versus-host disease; HSCT, hematopoietic stem cell transplant

# GVHD Competitive Landscape

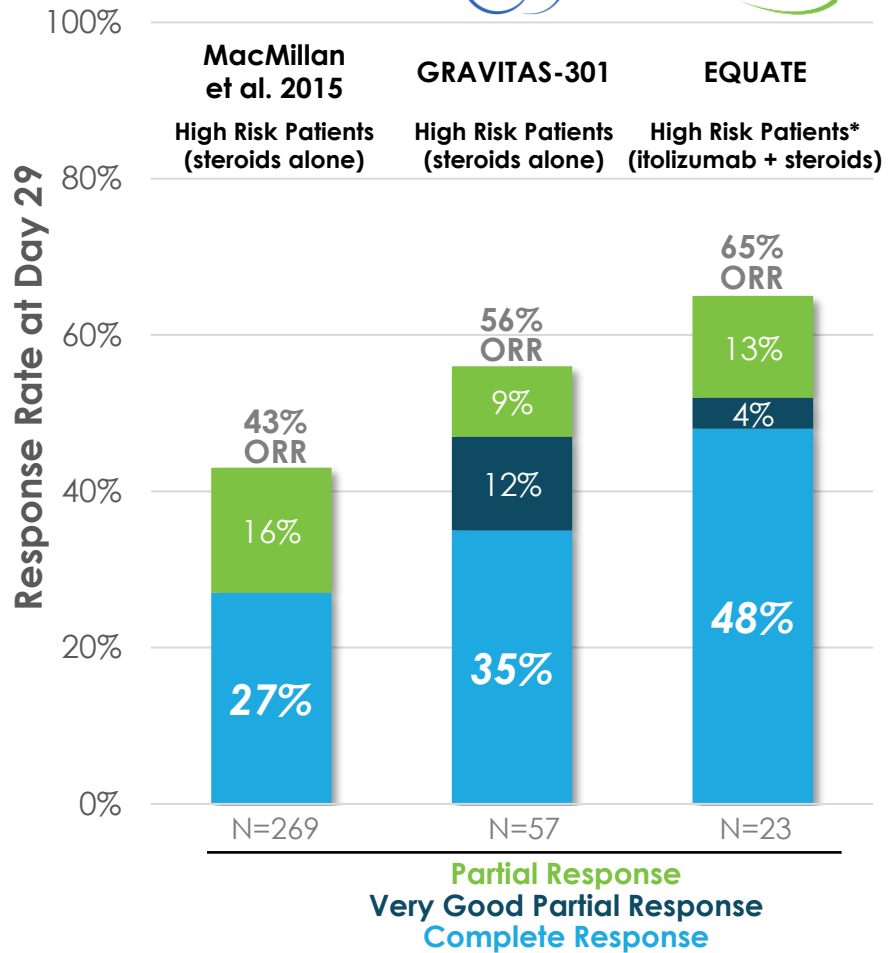
**Growing strategic interest in GVHD with recently demonstrated market potential:**

JAKAFI: US sales in SR-aGVHD and 2L cGVHD estimated at **\$500M**

REZUROCK: US sales in 2L cGVHD estimated at **\$425M**, ~3 years into launch (acquired by Sanofi \$1.9B in 2021)



# Standard of Care: High-Dose Steroids Achieve Poor CR Outcomes



Steroids alone yield poor Complete Response rates in high-risk aGVHD  
Complete Responses are associated with improved long-term clinical outcomes

**Clinicians indicate a 10% improvement in Complete Response rate is clinically meaningful**



EQUATE

**Phase 1b open label, dose escalation study of itolizumab in patients with high risk aGVHD**

- **48% of patients on itolizumab (all dose levels) achieved Complete Response** at Day 29 when dosed within 72 hours of steroids
- Early responses allowed for **rapid steroid tapering – 70% at Day 29**
- Adverse events, including SAEs, are consistent with high-risk aGVHD population
- **74% of Day 29 Responders survived one year** across treatment groups<sup>‡</sup>

\* EQUATE high-risk is defined as Grade III-IV by MAGIC criteria and Grade II with Ann Arbor Score of 2 or 3; 70% of subjects also met Minnesota high-risk criteria used by MacMillan and GRAVITAS-301; EQUATE data shown for subjects dosed with 72 hours of steroid administration.

‡ Subjects with a PR, VGPR, or CR at Day 29 were considered Day 29 Responders; final data (database lock with cut-off date of 15 Dec 2022).

Abbreviations: ORR=CR+VGPR+PR, ORR = overall response rate; PR = partial response; CR = complete response; VGPR = very good partial response defined as achieving all the criteria for skin, liver, and gut involvement per Martin 2009 Consensus criteria without meeting the criteria for CR. MacMillan et al. BBMT 2015; Zeiser et al. Lancet Hematology 2022.

# EQUATOR Study: First-line Treatment of High-Risk aGVHD



## EQUATOR

Over 35 US clinical sites active,  
including 9 of top 10 U.S. allogeneic HSCT centers

High exposure of itolizumab to key hospital systems and KOLs

Phase 3 randomized, double-blind, global pivotal study of itolizumab in ~ 200 patients

John Koreth, MD, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Principal Investigator

Eligible Patients:  
Grade III-IV &  
Grade II with  
lower GI

Dosing:  
concomitant  
within 72 hours  
of high-dose  
corticosteroid  
treatment  
(2 mg/kg)

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**Itolizumab:**

IV 1.6 mg/kg loading dose followed by 0.8 mg/kg Q2W x 6 doses (n=100)

Steroid tapering recommendation

**Placebo:**

(n=100)

Day  
1

Day  
15

Day  
29

Day  
43

Day  
57

Day  
71

Day  
85

Dosing Schedule: patients followed out to Day 365

Primary Outcome

- Complete Response at Day 29

Key Secondary Outcomes

- Durability of Complete Response from Day 29 through Day 99
- ORR at Day 29

Interim IDMC review @ 100 patients

- Futility and efficacy
- Completed 31 July 2024
- Result: study should proceed

Planned acceleration to complete study

- ~ 155 patients enrolled

# Itolizumab in Ulcerative Colitis: Demonstrated Clinical Efficacy

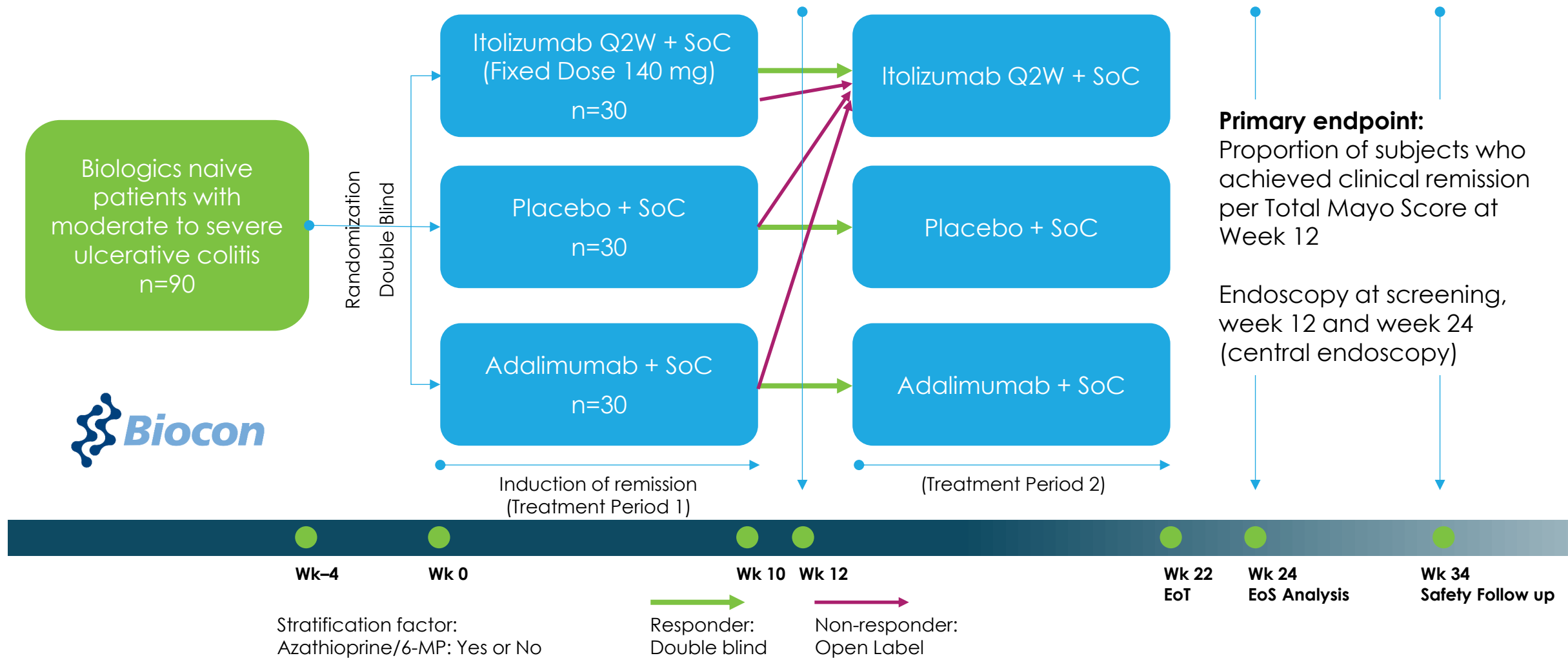
## Strong mechanistic rationale in GI disease

- CD6<sup>high</sup> T<sub>eff</sub> cells have greater pathogenic potential and are associated with GI inflammation
- The CD6-ALCAM pathway is upregulated in inflammatory lesions of patients with GI inflammation and correlates with disease severity
- Itolizumab shown to be effective in treating GI inflammation in multiple models of GI disease

## Phase 2 clinical data (n=90)

- Itolizumab vs. placebo vs. adalimumab
- **Primary Endpoint:** clinical remission rate at 12 weeks was 23% on itolizumab vs. 20% on adalimumab\* vs. 10% on placebo
- **Key Secondary Endpoint:** endoscopic remission at 12 weeks was 16.7% on itolizumab vs. 16.7% on adalimumab s. 6.7% on placebo
- Itolizumab was generally well tolerated, consistent with prior clinical experience

# UC Phase 2 Study – Conducted by Biocon in India



Abbreviations: Q2W, once every two weeks; EoS, end of study; EoT, end of therapy; SOC, standard of care

Standard of care: oral medications prednisone, azathioprine or 6-mercaptopurine and 5-aminosalicylates; patients to be on stable dose 2-4 weeks prior to randomization and maintain stable dose during first treatment period

Total Mayo Score: rectal bleeding, stool frequency, physician assessment, and endoscopy appearance. Each rated 0 to 3, total score of 0 to 12

Clinical remission defined as Total Mayo Score ≤ 2 and no sub-score >1

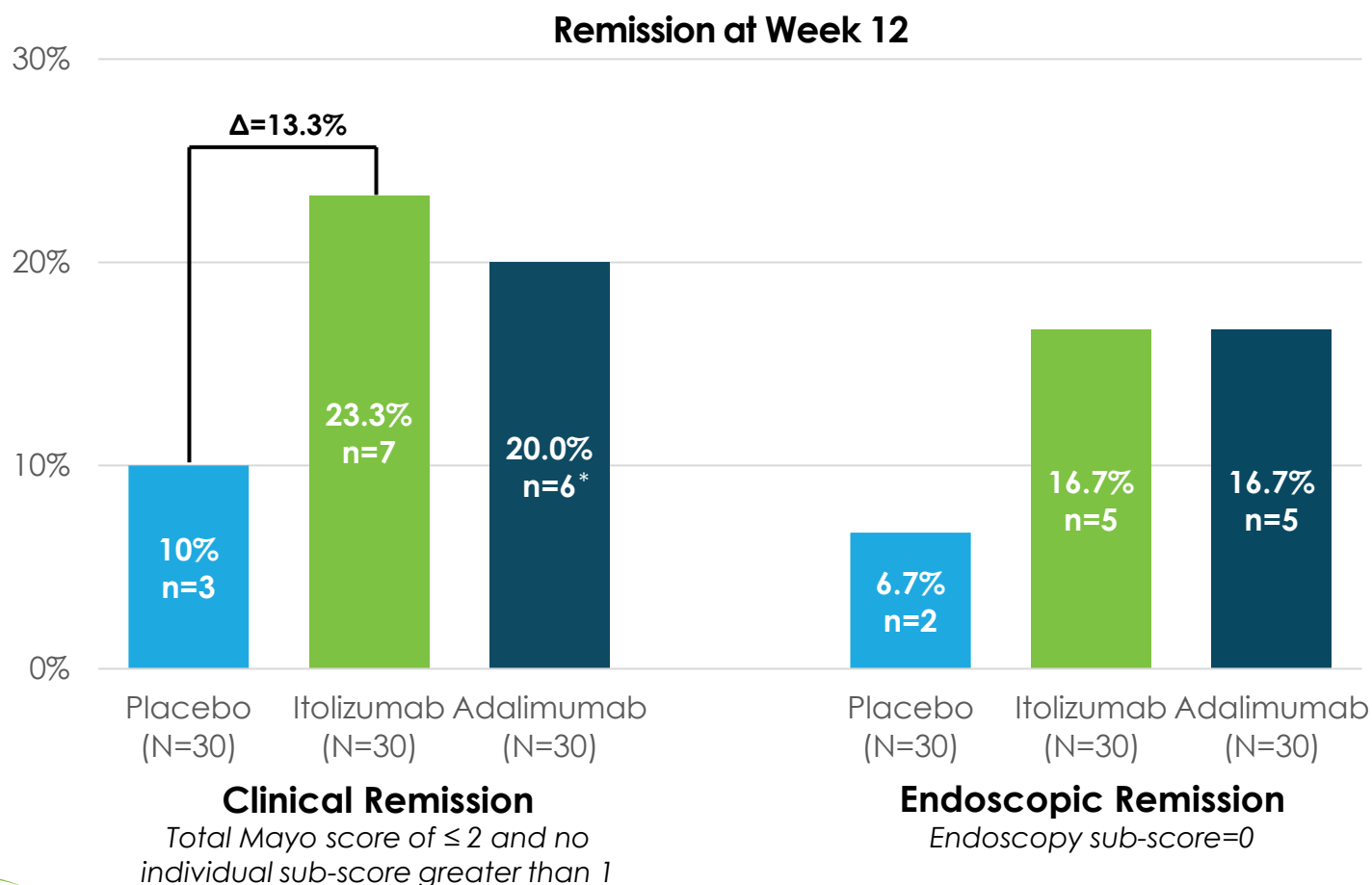
# Baseline Demographics & Characteristics

DEMOGRAPHICS	Placebo (N=30)	Itolizumab (N=30)	Adalimumab (N=30)	Total (N=90)
<b>Age (years), median (range)</b>	38.5 (20-63)	38.0 (22-64)	43.5 (19-71)	39 (19-71)
<b>Sex, n (%)</b>				
Male	13 (43.3)	15 (50.0)	16 (53.3)	44 (48.9)
Female	17 (56.7)	15 (50.0)	14 (46.7)	46 (51.1)
<b>Race - Asian, n (%)</b>	30 (100)	30 (100)	30 (100)	90 (100)
<b>Weight (kg), mean (SD)</b>	60.2 (11.92)	55.9 (11.52)	58.0 (9.56)	58.0 (11.06)

CHACTERISTICS	Placebo (N=30)	Itolizumab (N=30)	Adalimumab (N=30)	Total (N=90)
<b>Ulcerative Colitis Type, n (%)</b>				
Proctosigmoiditis	8 (26.7)	5 (16.7)	8 (26.7)	21 (23.3)
Left sided colitis	15 (30.0)	20 (66.7)	13 (43.3)	48 (53.3)
Pancolitis	7 (23.3)	5 (16.7)	9 (30.0)	21 (23.3)
<b>Ulcerative Colitis Disease Severity, n (%)</b>				
Moderate (Total Mayo Score 6-10)	<b>30 (100)</b>	<b>23 (76.7)</b>	<b>30 (100)</b>	83 (92.2)
Severe (Total Mayo Score 11-12)	<b>0</b>	<b>7 (23.3)</b>	<b>0</b>	7 (7.8)
<b>Total Mayo Score, median (range)</b>	8.5 (6-10)	9 (6-11)	8 (6-10)	9 (6-11)
<b>Central Endoscopy Score, n (%)</b>				
2	<b>23 (76.7)</b>	<b>15 (50.0)</b>	<b>18 (60.0)</b>	56 (62.2)
3	<b>7 (23.3)</b>	<b>15 (50.0)</b>	<b>12 (40.0)</b>	34 (37.8)
<b>Corticosteroid Use as SoC, n (%)</b>	20 (66.7)	17 (56.7)	19 (63.3)	56 (62.2)
<b>Azathioprine Use as SoC, n (%)</b>	8 (26.7)	8 (26.7)	9 (30.0)	25 (27.8)

# UC Phase 2 Study – Clinical & Endoscopic Remission Rates

**Itolizumab achieved meaningful clinical remission rate despite an imbalance of more severe patients compared to placebo and adalimumab study arms**



**Adalimumab and placebo response rates consistent with prior studies**

**Itolizumab was generally well tolerated consistent with prior clinical experience**

**Potential read-through where lower gastrointestinal pathogenesis is a key driver of disease, e.g. GVHD**

\* One patient from the adalimumab arm had endoscopic remission, but was recorded as not in clinical remission at week 12 due to missing sub-score data

# Safety Overview – Treatment Period 1 (Week 0 -12)

	Placebo (N=30) n (%)	Itolizumab (N=30) n (%)	Adalimumab (N=30) n (%)	Total (N=90) n (%)
<b>Patient with any TEAE</b>	6 (20.0)	15 (50.0)	7 (23.3)	28 (31.1)
<b>Patient with any ≥ Grade 3 TEAE</b>	0	4 (13.3)	1 (3.3)	5 (5.6)
<b>Patient with any related TEAE</b>	0	10 (33.3)	2 (6.7)	12 (13.3)
<b>Patient with any related ≥ Grade 3 TEAE</b>	0	2 (6.7)	0	2 (2.2)
<b>Patient with any serious TEAE</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Patient with any TEAE leading to study drug discontinuation</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Patient with any TEAE leading to death</b>	0	0	0	0

- Both itolizumab related Grade 3 TEAEs are reductions in lymphocyte count – a known pharmacodynamic effect of itolizumab that has not been associated with increased risk of infection.
- Additional itolizumab Grade 3 TEAEs of anemia (also reported in adalimumab arm) and pyrexia (attributed to underlying disease) were considered not related to study drug.

# *Corporate*

Leadership

Intellectual Property

Financials & Milestones



# Accomplished Executive Leadership



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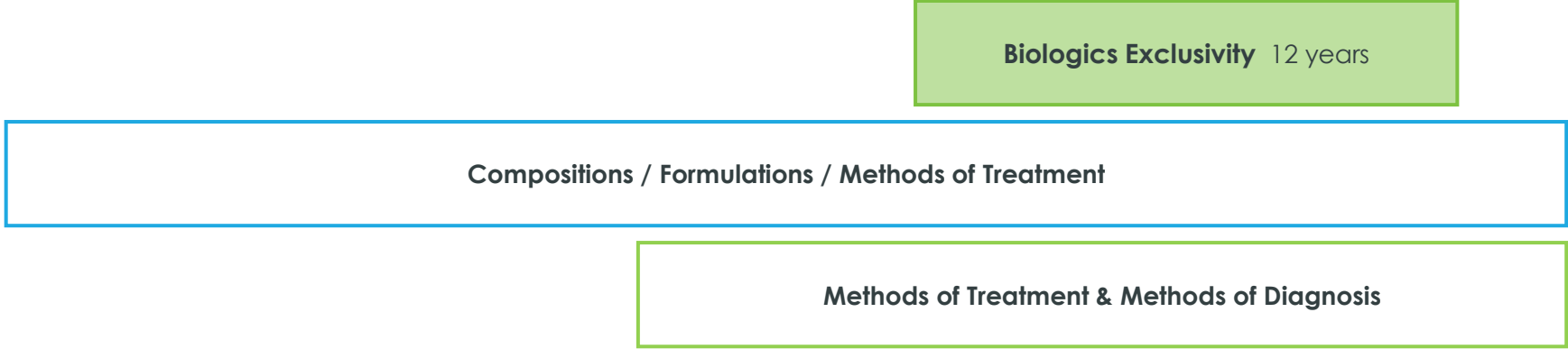
## Extensive Industry Experience



# Equillum Intellectual Property & Regulatory Exclusivity

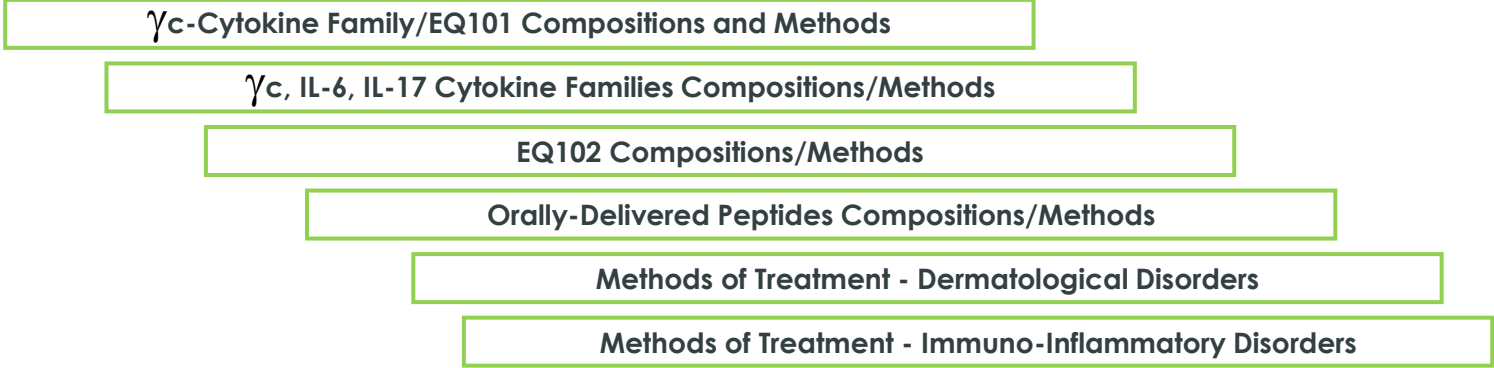
## Itoлизumab

12 patent families  
26 issued patents  
34 applications pending



## Multi-Cytokine Technologies

6 patent families  
98 issued patents  
43 applications pending



**Biocon Filings**

**EQ Filings**



- Assumptions:
- Listed applications will issue
  - Biologics Exclusivity will be granted and will begin at NDA approval
  - Potential patent term extensions not shown

Itoлизumab filings under exclusive license to Equillum for US, CA, AU, NZ  
Cytokine Technologies are wholly owned and under prosecution in all major global markets  
Patent and application counts as of August 2024

# Equillum Financial Overview & Milestones

## Key Financial Metrics

Total Cash and Investments (as of September 30, 2024) **\$25.9 M**

Q3 YTD 2024 Operating Burn **\$15.7 M**

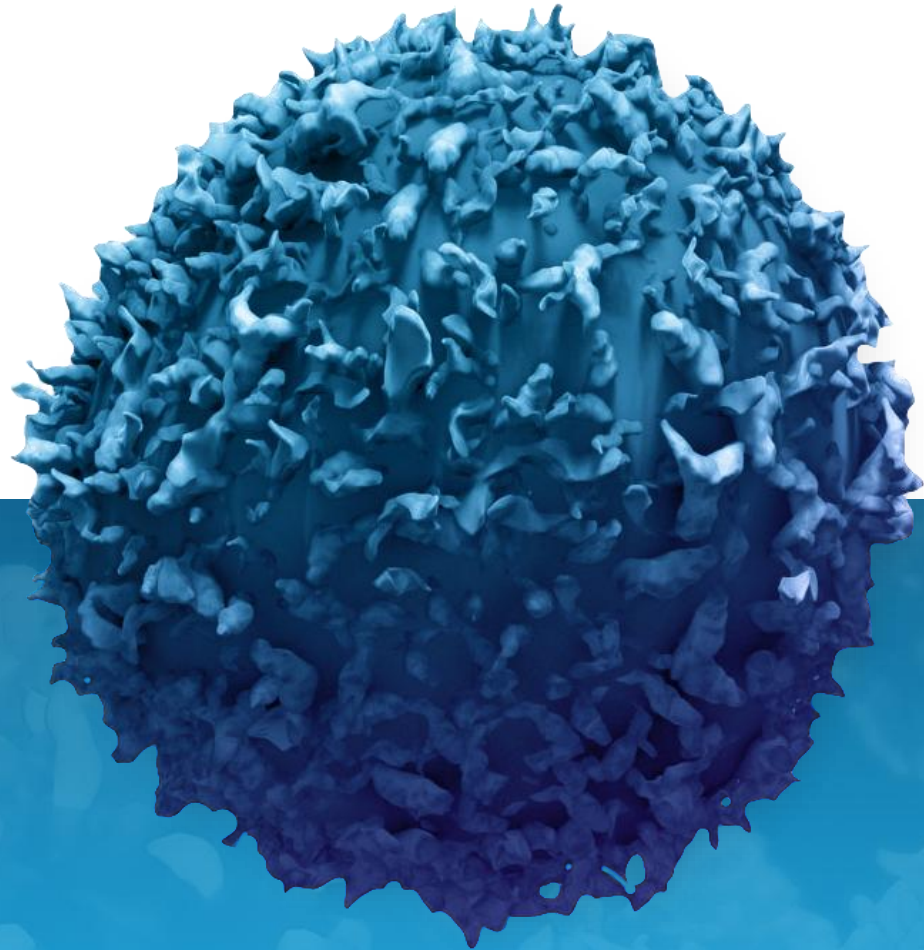
Shares Outstanding (as of November 8, 2024) **35.4 M**

Market Cap (as of close February 5, 2025) **\$25.2 M**

Please refer to the Form 10-Q filed on November 13, 2024 for complete financials of the company as of September 30, 2024

**Equillum funded into Q4 2025\***

**Next milestone:**  
Phase 3 EQUATOR study  
topline data Q1 2025



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**Appendix:**  
*Multi-Cytokine  
Platform &  
Therapeutic  
Candidates*

Cytokine Challenge

Platform

MCi Advantage

EQ101 / EQ302



# Cytokines are Validated Drug Targets

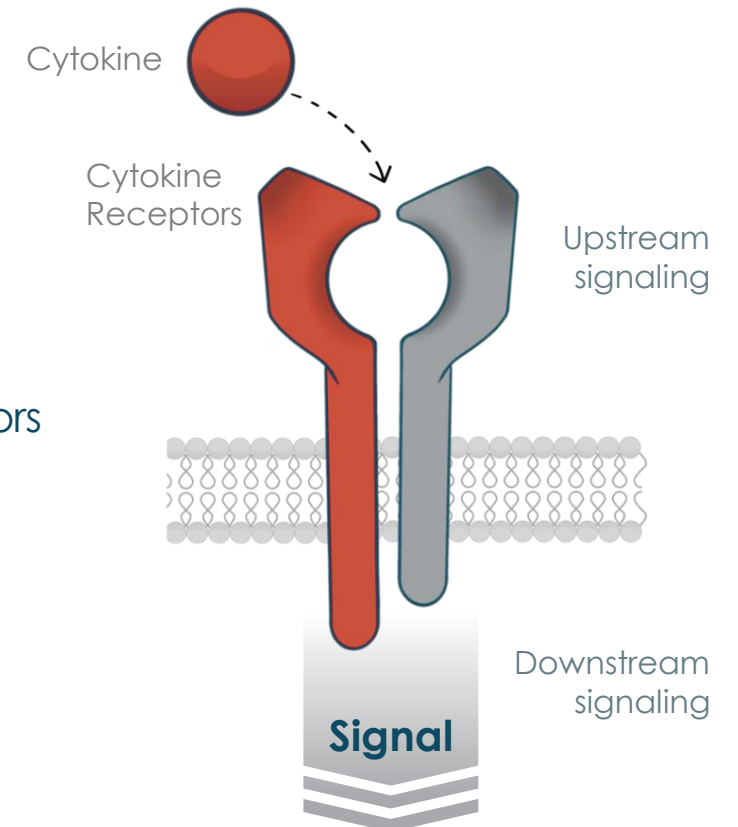
Cytokines are small signaling proteins with **essential roles in immune responses**, but when not properly regulated they are **key disease drivers**

**Cytokines can exhibit overlapping or synergistic biological activities**

**Most drugs used to treat autoimmune and/or inflammatory diseases modulate cytokines by either:**

1. *Directly neutralizing* cytokine binding to upstream receptors, such as anti-TNF
2. *Indirectly inhibiting* downstream cytokine signaling pathways, such as JAK inhibitors

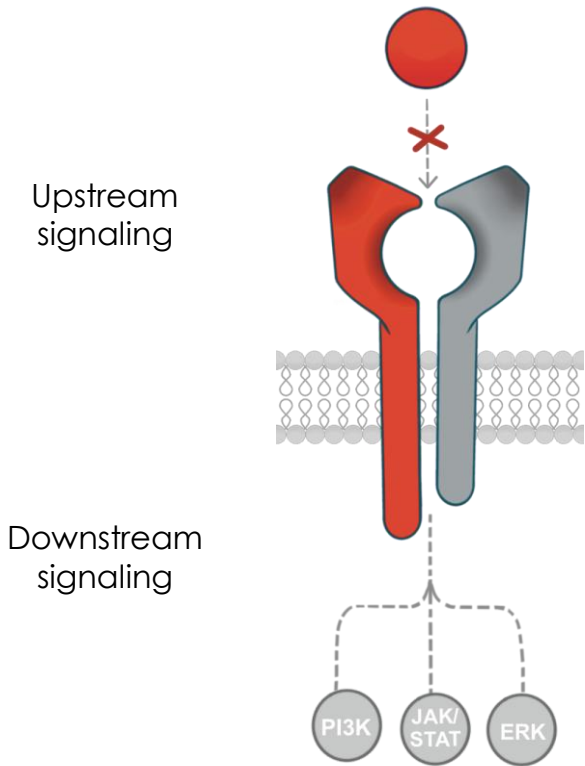
**Interleukins (IL) are a type of cytokine that play essential roles in the activation, proliferation and function of immune cells**



# Challenges in Targeting Cytokine Signaling

## mAb

Inhibits Only One Cytokine

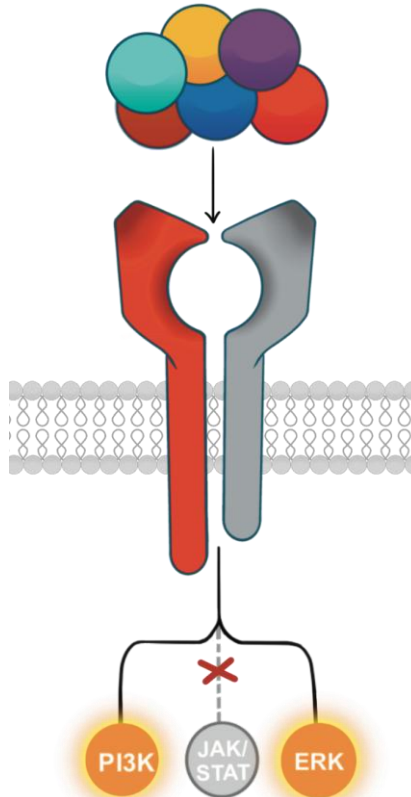


### Inhibition too Narrow

*Other Cytokines Involved,  
leads to insufficient activity*

## JAK inhibitor

Inhibits 50+ Cytokines



### Inhibition too Broad

*Non-selective cytokine targeting leads  
to broad immunosuppression and safety risks*

## Ideal Therapeutic Approach

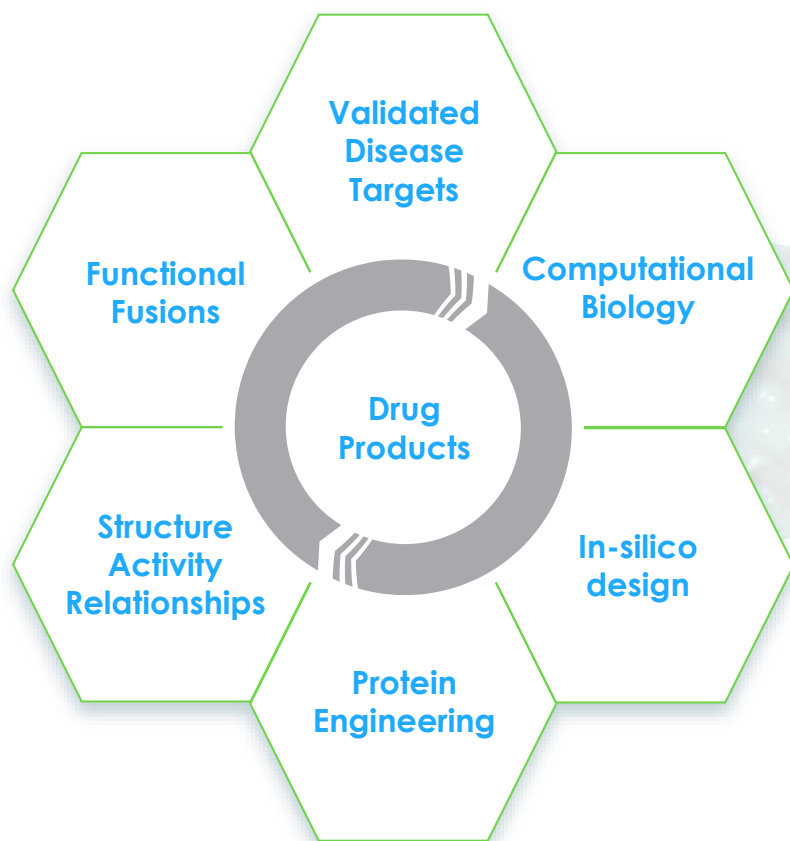
Selective inhibition of disease driving cytokines

*Inhibiting the right  
combination of  
cytokines is key for  
optimal therapeutic  
effect, balancing both  
potent activity and  
potential toxicities*

### Optimal Therapeutic Effect

# Multi-Cytokine Inhibitor Platform

Modular platform generates products that **modulate the natural biological redundancy or synergy of cytokines** affording greater therapeutic benefit

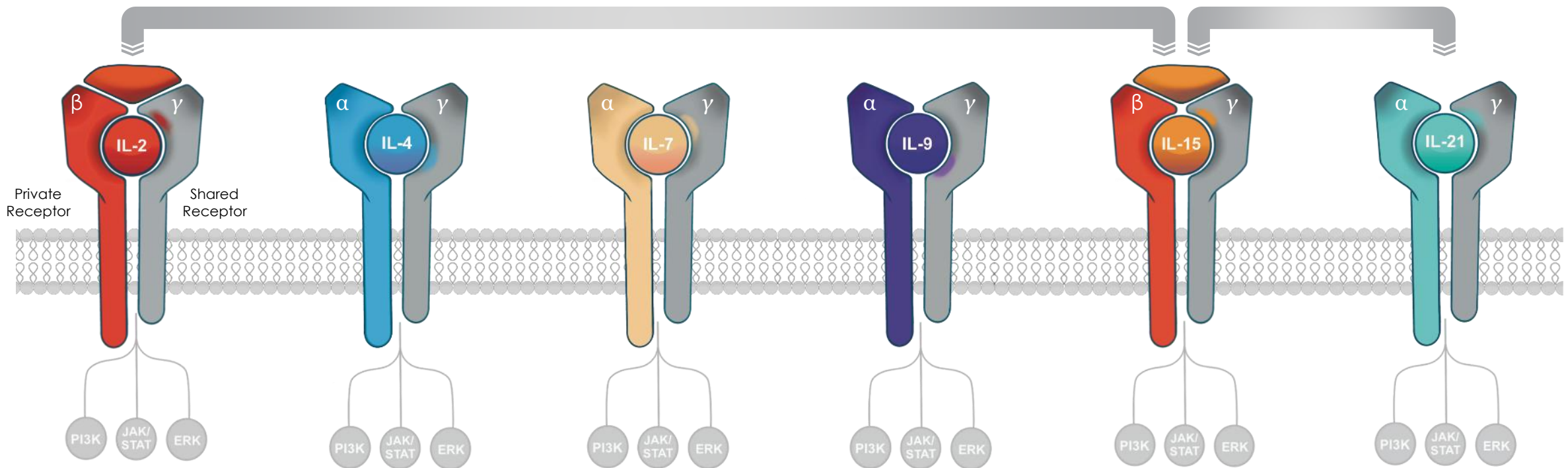


- Technology originating from the National Institutes of Health
- Uniquely targets upstream shared receptors to selectively modulate multiple cytokine pathways in a single novel product
- Intravenous, subcutaneous and oral delivery
- Products can be flexibly modified to optimize therapeutic profile and tissue targeting properties
- Broad IP portfolio covering the platform, methods of treatment and composition of matter

# $\gamma$ C Receptor: A Key Shared Cytokine Signaling Hub

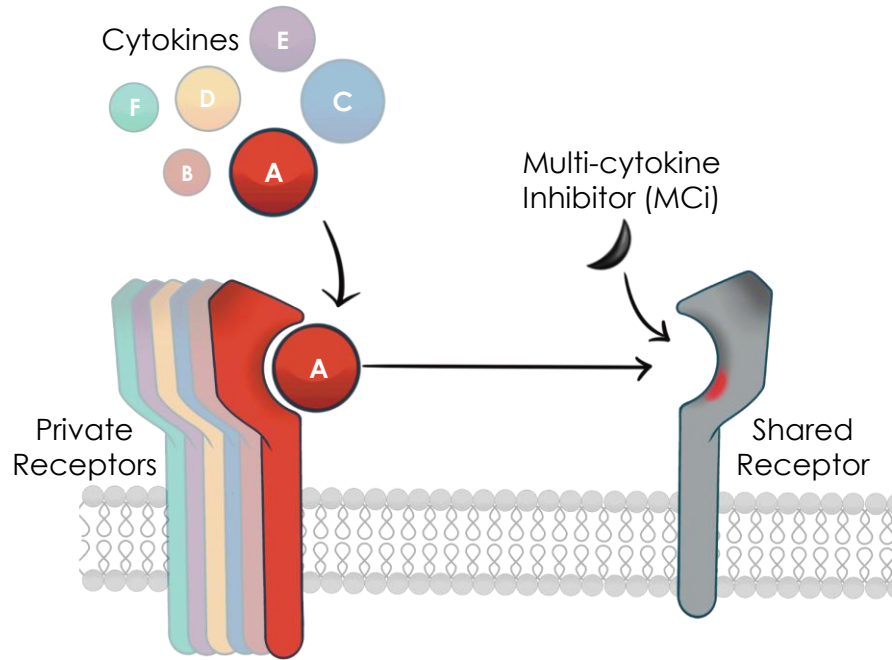
Cytokines of the  $\gamma$ C receptor are critical regulators of immune responses thus, making it an **attractive drug target** for modulating T, NK and B cells

*Overlapping and synergistic signaling on CD4, CD8 & NK cytotoxic T cells*

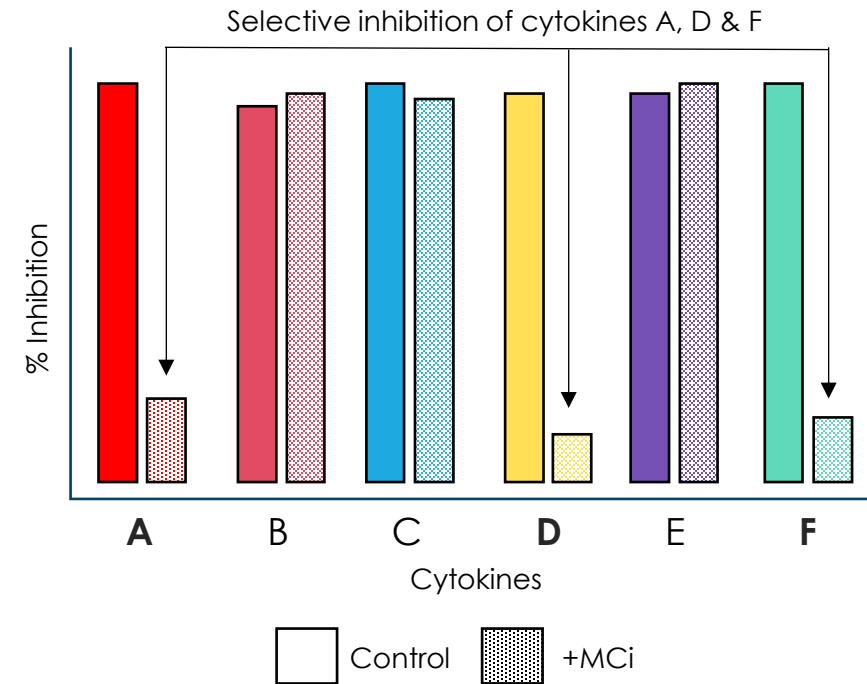
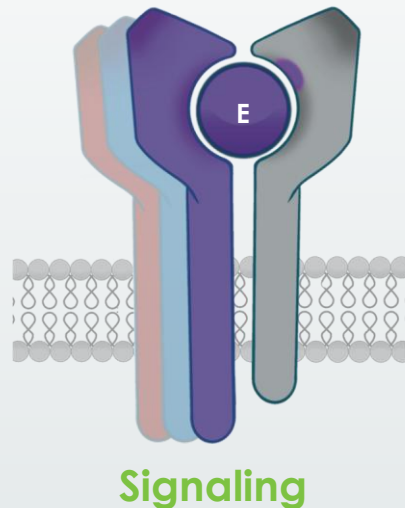
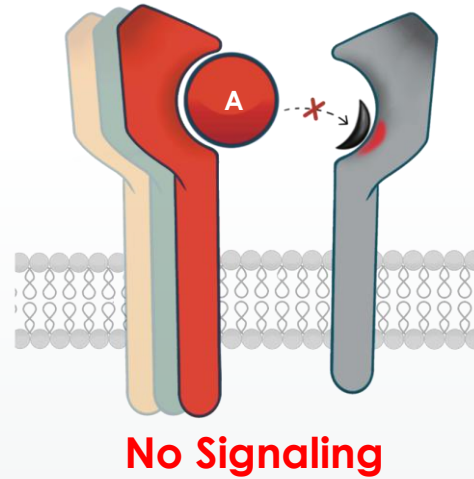




# MCI MoA: Disrupting Assembly of the Receptor Complex



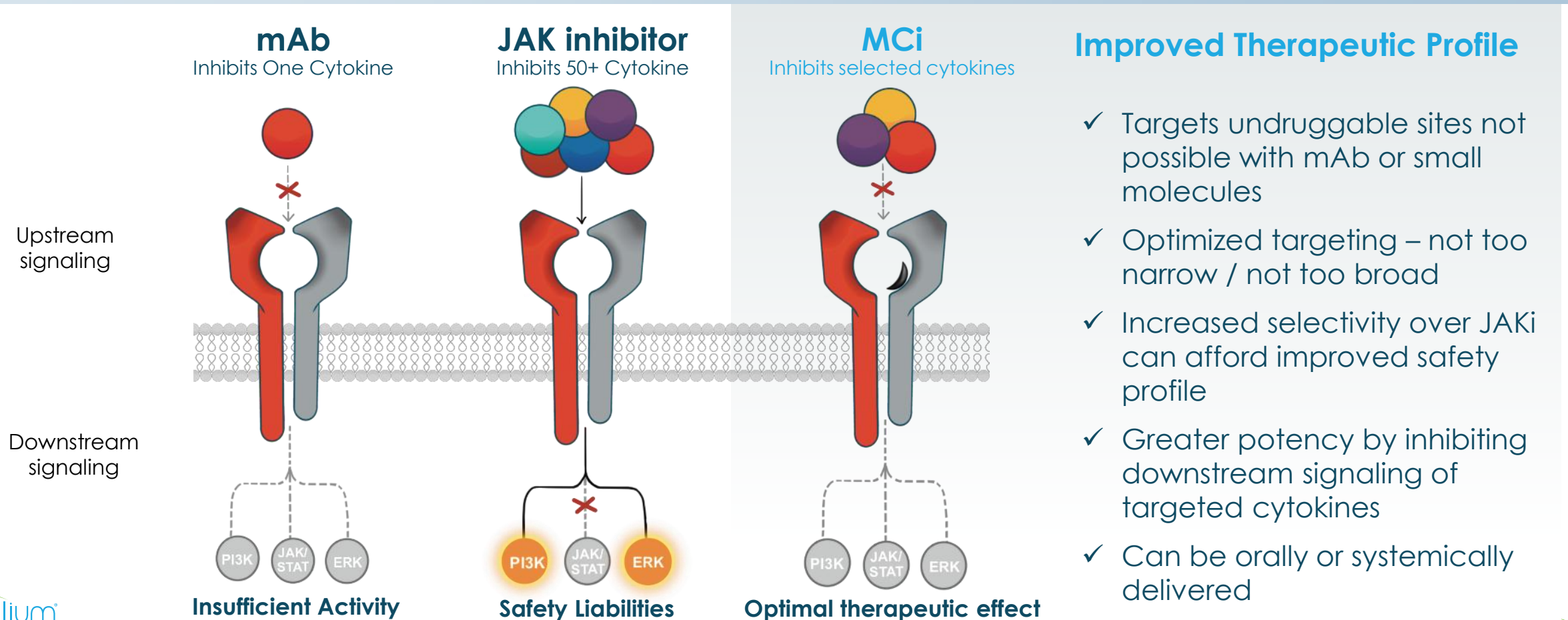
Cytokines first bind to private receptor with high affinity, then transiently dimerize with the  $\gamma$ c shared receptor at lower affinity that leads to signaling



Multi-cytokine inhibitor binds to  $\gamma$ c receptor and selectively blocks signaling of only selected cytokines e.g., A, D & F

# The Multi-Cytokine Inhibitor Advantage

Addressing limitations of single-target biologics and broadly immunosuppressive kinase inhibitors by selectively inhibiting only those cytokines driving disease



# **EQ101**

First-in-Class Tri-specific  
inhibitor of IL-2/IL-9/IL-15

Dashboard & Derm Franchise

Alopecia Areata (AA) Study

Phase 2 AA Data



# EQ101: First-in-Class Tri-Specific Cytokine Inhibitor

Inhibition of the key cytokines IL-2, IL-9 and IL-15 by EQ101 has shown an **ability to translate from preclinical models into humans**

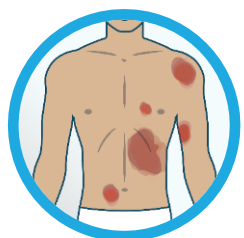


- IL-2 & IL-15 are important to CD8 and NK cell biology, IL-9 **contributes to inflammation in the skin**<sup>1,2</sup>
- Important to inhibit both IL-2 and IL-15 due to **redundancy in signaling on cytotoxic CD8 T cells**
- PEGylated peptide (based on the D-helix) selectively inhibiting IL-2, IL-9 & IL-15 signaling<sup>3</sup>
- Administered as a low volume intravenous push, with a sub-cutaneous formulation in development
- As active as ruxolitinib in inhibiting multiple lymphoproliferative or leukemic T-cell lines<sup>4,5</sup>
- **More effective than ruxolitinib in mouse model** of immune-mediated hair loss / alopecia areata<sup>6</sup>
- Significant clinical **experience in >135 subjects**, demonstrated favorable safety profile and tolerability<sup>7,8,9</sup>
- **Positive proof-of-concept achieved** in cutaneous T cell lymphoma patients<sup>6</sup>

1) Leonard et al., *Immunity Review*, 2019 2) Clark et al., *Seminars in Immunopathology*, 2017 3) Nata et al., *J. Biol. Chem.*, 2015 4) Massoud et al., *PNAS*, 2015 5) Wang et al., *Leukemia*, 2018 6) Azimi et al., *AHRS*, Orlando, Florida, 2018 7) Frohna et al., *J. Clin. Pharm.*, 2019 8) Querfeld et al., *Blood*, 2019 9) Equillum Inc., Phase 2 alopecia areata study

# EQ101: Valuable Medical Dermatology Franchise

**Multi-Billion dollar** market opportunity for EQ101 in medical dermatology  
Large need exists for safe and effective therapies



24,000 adult  
US Patients<sup>1</sup>

## Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma

### PoC Achieved & Phase 2/3 Ready - Open IND

- Well tolerated with high ORR in refractory disease
- 2 mg/kg cohort expanded based on early PK/PD & safety, tolerability and efficacy profile



250,000 US  
moderate-severe  
Patients<sup>2</sup>

## Alopecia Areata

### Phase 2 Study complete

- Only two FDA approvals: JAKi
- Late-stage Industry pipeline is predominantly JAKi
- 2 mg/kg dose used in proof-of-concept based on CTCL study
- Next study expected to include dose optimization



1.5M+ US  
Patients<sup>3</sup>

## Vitiligo

### Future Opportunity

- Only one FDA approval: JAKi
- Late-stage Industry pipeline is predominantly JAKi



6.6M US  
moderate-severe  
Patients<sup>4</sup>

## Atopic Dermatitis

### Future Opportunity

- 3 FDA approvals: JAKi
- Large refractory population in need of safer treatment alternatives

Abbreviation: JAKi, Janus kinase inhibitor

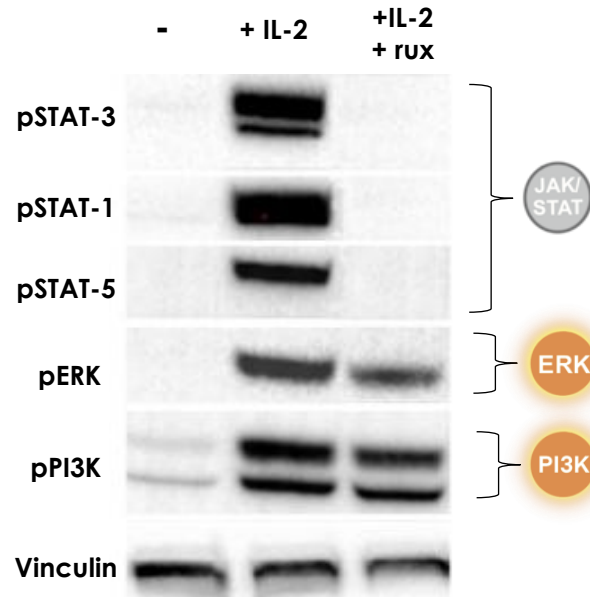
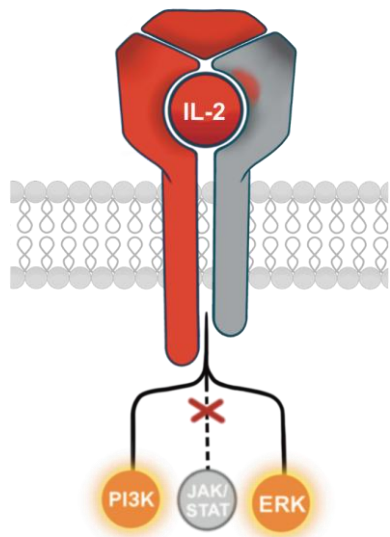
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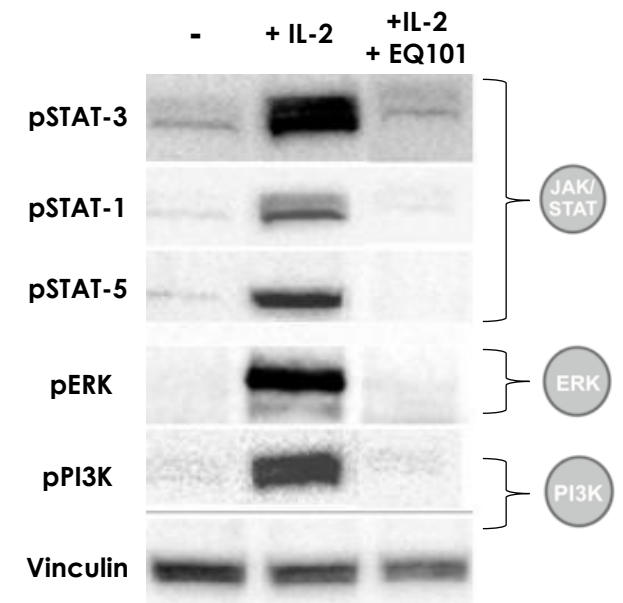
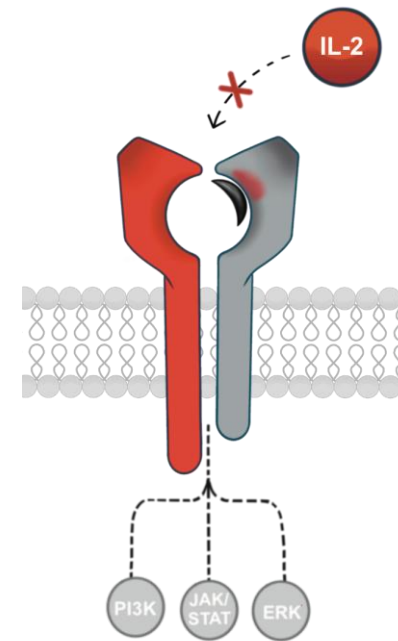
# EQ101: More Complete Downstream Signal Inhibition Versus JAKi

JAKi suppression of cytokine signaling is incomplete, while **EQ101 inhibits the multiple downstream pathways for complete suppression of cytokine signaling**

**Ruxolitinib blocks JAK/STAT pathway only**



**EQ101 blocks all major pathways**



# EQ101: Clinically Validated in Severe Dermatological Disease

**Favorable safety and tolerability** demonstrated in 93 subjects across populations with **compelling clinical activity observed in CTCL patients**

## Phase 1/2 MAD study in Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma (n=30)

- Heavily pre-treated, refractory patient population (median of 5 prior systemic treatments)
- Dose escalation (0.5, 1, 2, 4mg/kg) with 4-week treatment/assessment period (n=30) followed by 12+ week extension (n=19)
- No drug related SAEs, no DLTs and no clinically significant laboratory abnormalities
- Dose-dependent PK/PD correlated with improved skin scores (mSWAT)
- 2mg/kg was selected dose for study expansion and extension

## Response Rate in Stage IB/II Patients

MAVORIC Phase 3 Trial<sup>1</sup>

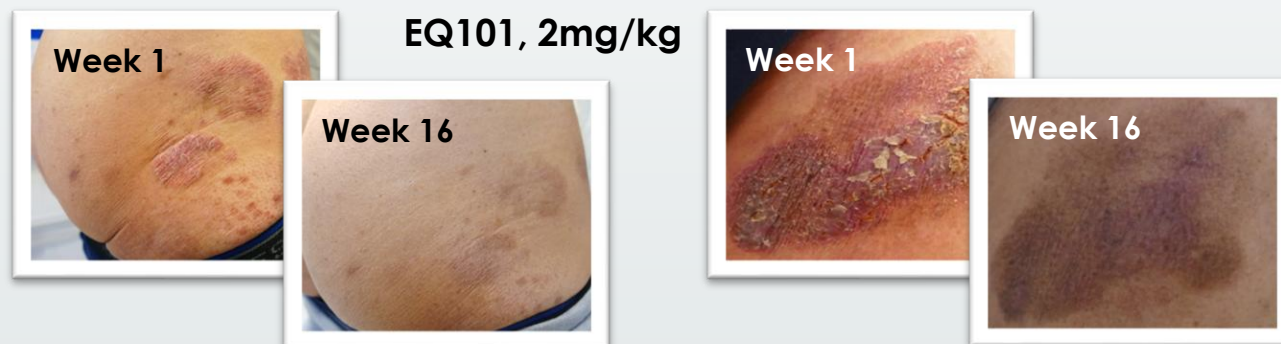
**EQ101 Phase 1/2<sup>2</sup>**

Mogamulizumab (n=68)

**EQ101 (n=19)**

27.9%

**42.1%<sup>2</sup>**



1) Kim et al., Lancet Oncol., 2018.

2) Querfeld et al., Blood, 2019.

mSWAT = modified severity-weighted assessment

CTCL = Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma

# EQ101: Positive Proof-of-Concept Opens Up Indication Expansion



>100 subjects dosed,  
demonstrated **favorable  
safety and tolerability**



**Compelling clinical activity**  
observed in cutaneous T cell  
lymphoma (CTCL) patients



**Attractive target product  
profile** for the treatment of  
CTCL patients



IND open and  
**Phase 3 ready**  
in CTCL



Use of JAKi in medical dermatology  
opens up **opportunity for  
indication expansion**



Now in ongoing  
**proof-of-concept study in  
alopecia areata**

# Large Unmet Need in Alopecia Areata

**EQ101 is positioned as a well-tolerated and effective alternative to JAK inhibitors**

Currently approved and late-stage pipeline drugs are all JAK inhibitors

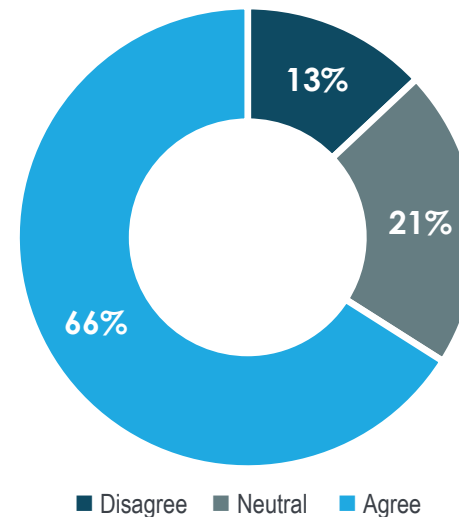
**There remains a chronic need, without a safe chronic treatment**

Dermatologists indicate safety concerns are the primary barriers to JAKi use in AA patients

**79%** of physicians surveyed, believe there is an extremely high unmet medical need\*

**“I am concerned about the safety of oral JAK inhibitors for my AA patients”\***

% of respondents, n = 101



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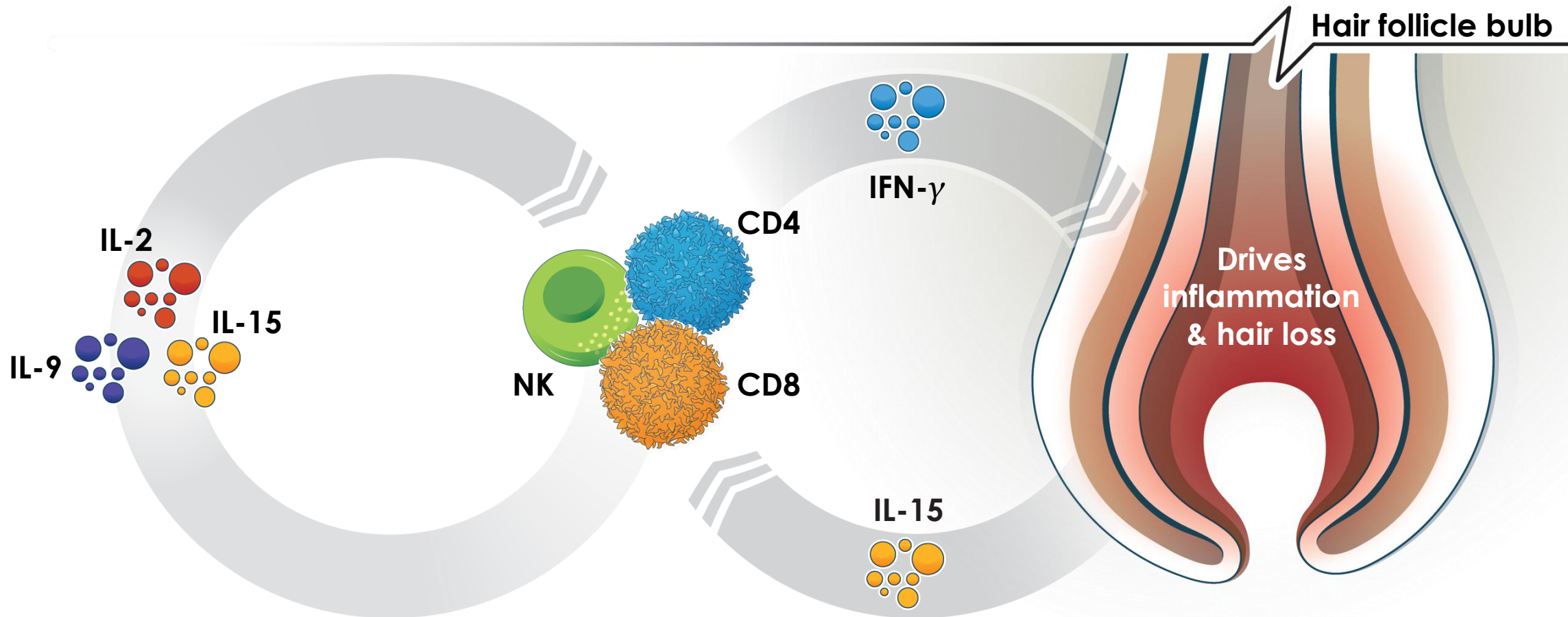
**WARNING: SERIOUS INFECTIONS, MORTALITY, MALIGNANCY, MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS (MACE), and THROMBOSIS**

See full prescribing information for complete boxed warning.

- Increased risk of serious bacterial, fungal, viral and opportunistic infections leading to hospitalization or death, including tuberculosis (TB). Interrupt treatment with OLUMIANT if serious infection occurs until the infection is controlled. OLUMIANT should not be given to patients with active tuberculosis. Test for latent TB before and during therapy, except for COVID-19; treat latent TB prior to use. Monitor all patients for active TB during treatment, even patients with initial negative, latent TB test. (5.1)
- Higher rate of all-cause mortality, including sudden cardiovascular death with another Janus kinase inhibitor (JAK) vs. TNF blockers in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients. (5.2)
- Malignancies have occurred in patients treated with OLUMIANT. Higher rate of lymphomas and lung cancers with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers in RA patients. (5.3)
- Higher rate of MACE (defined as cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, and stroke) with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers in RA patients. (5.4)
- Thrombosis has occurred in patients treated with OLUMIANT. Increased incidence of pulmonary embolism, venous and arterial thrombosis with another JAK inhibitor vs. TNF blockers. (5.5)

# EQ101: Targeted Treatment Approach for Alopecia Areata

IL-2, IL-9 and IL-15 are key drivers of disease in alopecia areata, promoting a cycle of increased IFN- $\gamma$  production and immune cell attack of the hair follicle



# EQ101 Reverses Immune-Mediated Hair Loss in a Mouse Model

EQ101 is more effective than ruxolitinib at hair regrowth and suppression of cytotoxic CD8+ T cells in humanized alopecia model

## EQ101 Improves Hair Regrowth

EQ101  
2 mg/kg  
IV 2x/week



Day 0



Day 14



Day 21

Ruxolitinib  
30 mg/kg  
2x/day



Day 0

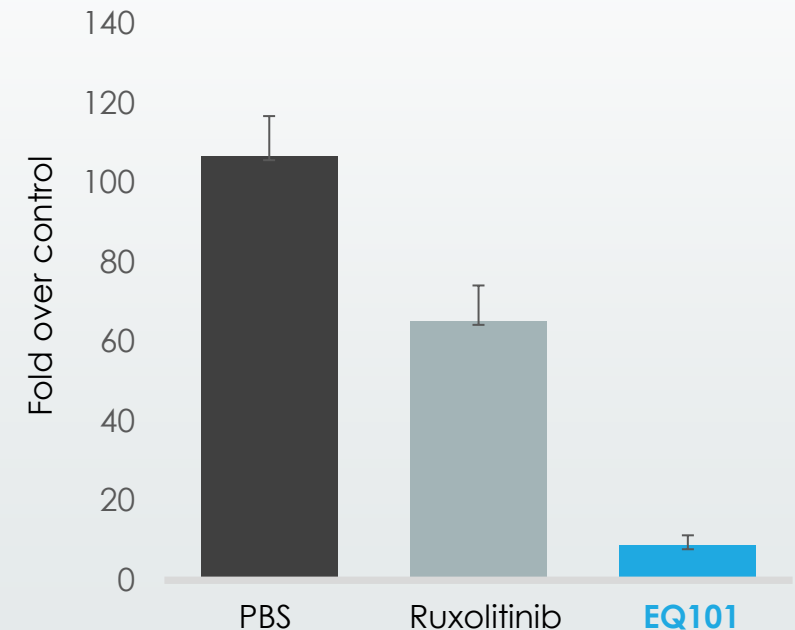


Day 14



Day 21

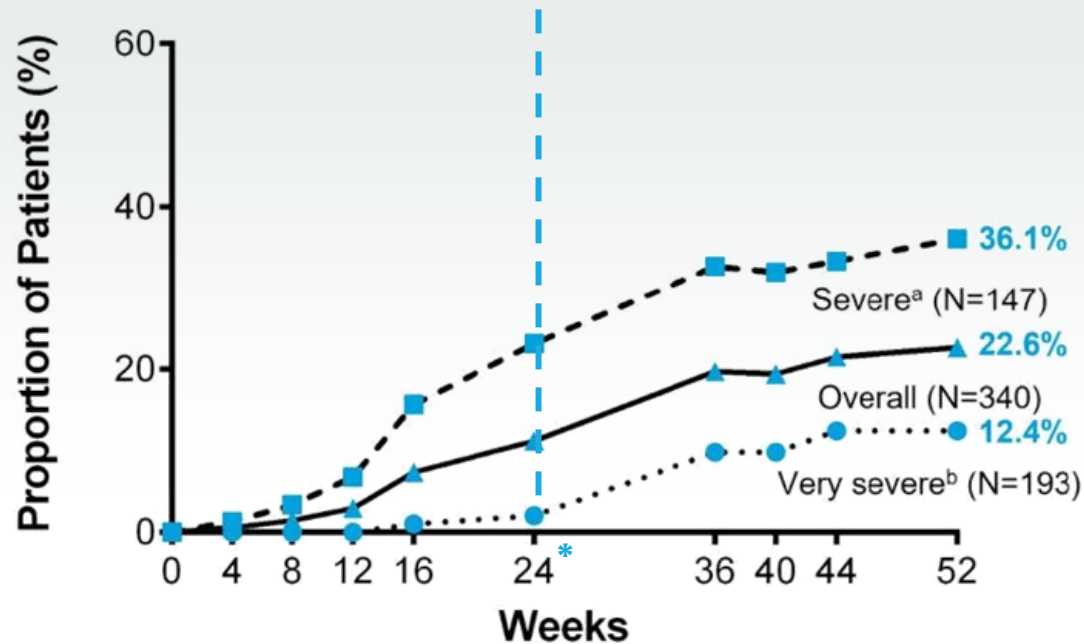
## EQ101 Reduces CD8+ Cytotoxic T-cell Activation Marker NKG2D



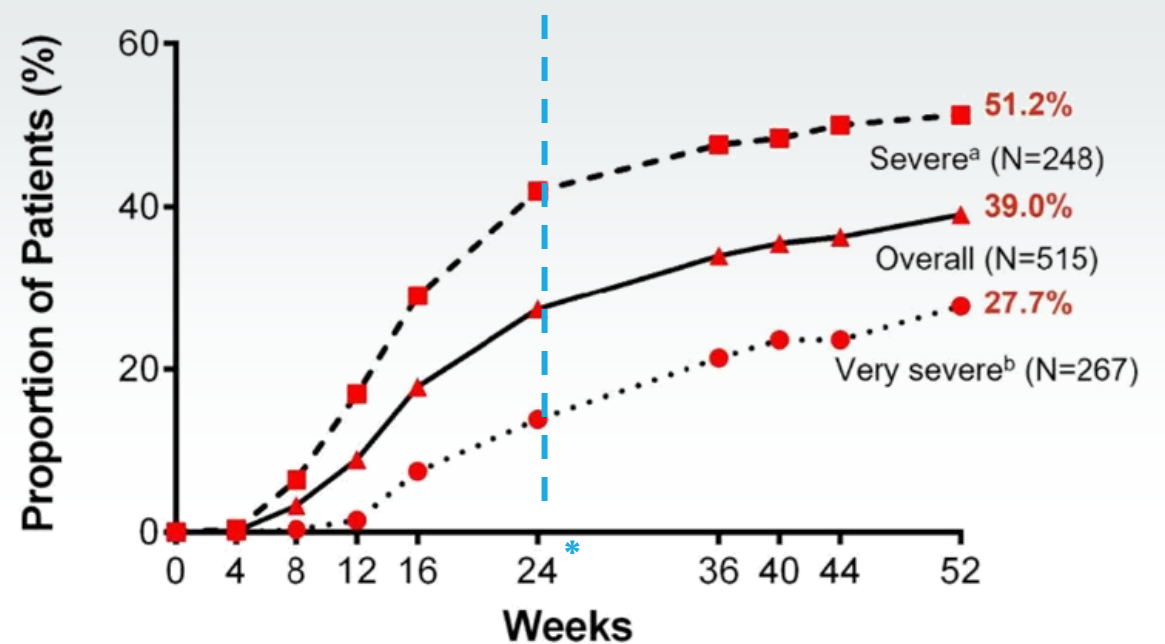
# SALT Response Varies by Baseline Severity & Dose

Patients with very severe disease have been shown to be slower to respond and need increased dosing and longer treatment

**Baricitinib 2-mg**  
SALT Score  $\leq 20$  Response Rate



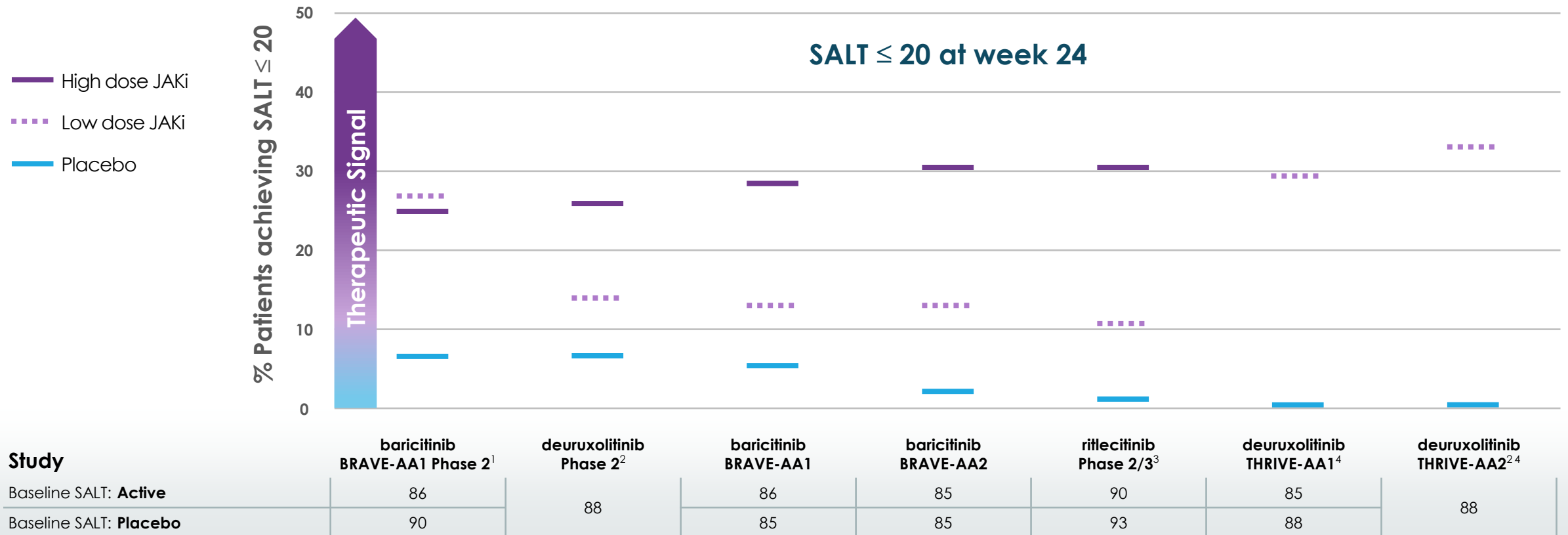
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Severe<sup>a</sup>: baseline SALT score of 50-94;  
Very severe<sup>b</sup>: baseline SALT Score  $\geq 95$

# Comparative Data: SALT $\leq$ 20 at 24 Weeks

**Consistently low placebo rates observed:** average of 3.6%  
**Dose-dependent drug activity observed:** range of 11% - 33% in Phase 2 & 3 studies

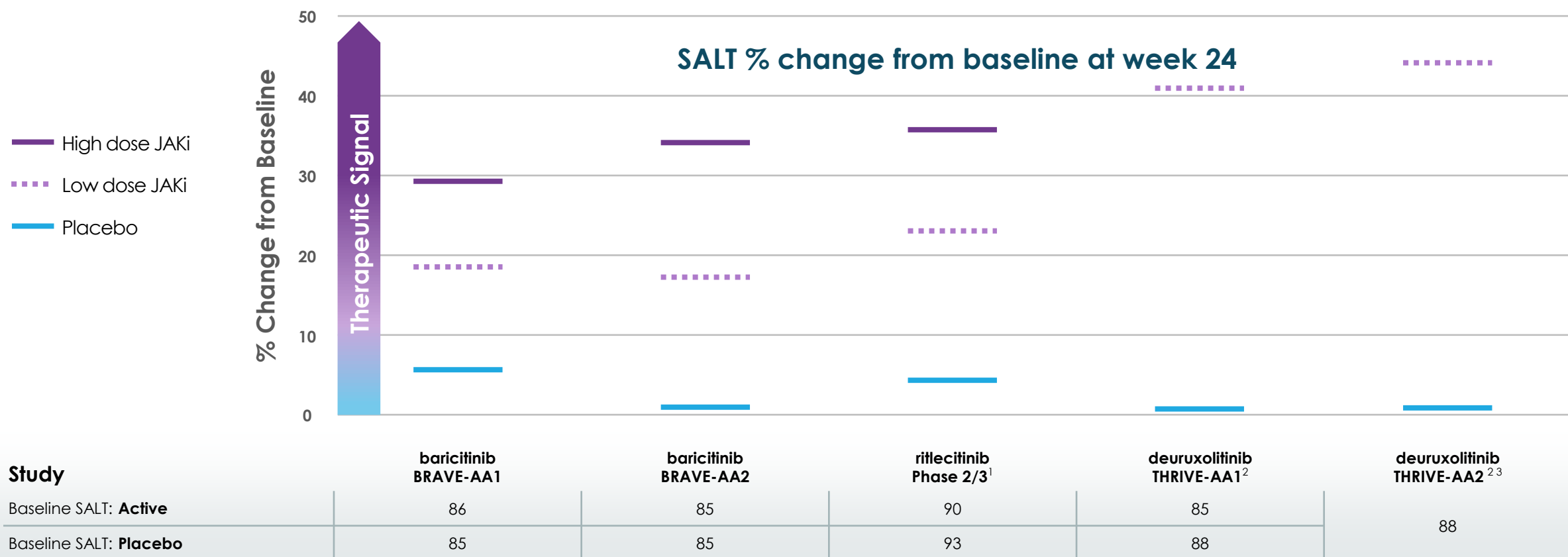


1) Extrapolated 24 wk data, 2) Baseline SALT score data only available as a study average, 3) Low dose 30mg / high dose 200mg loading and 50mg maintenance, 4) Only 8mg dose data used

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# Comparative Data: SALT Change from Baseline at 24 Weeks

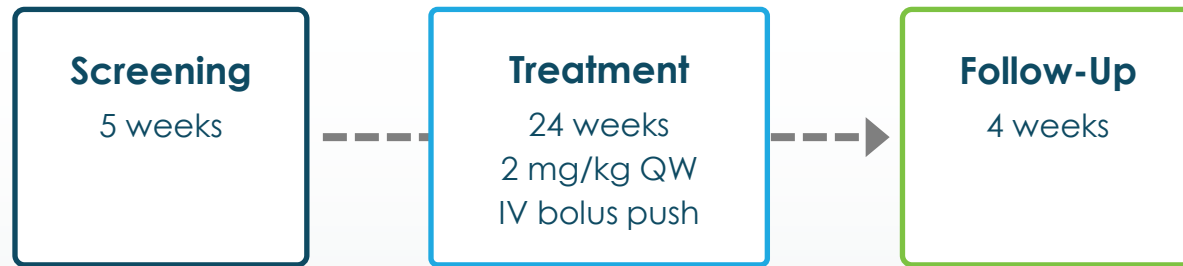
**Consistently low placebo rates observed:** average of 3.2%  
**Dose-dependent drug activity observed:** range of 17% - 45% in Phase 3 studies



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# Phase 2 Study of EQ101 in Adults With Moderate to Very Severe AA

## Phase 2 Open Label Study Design



### Population N=36

At least 35% scalp hair loss, as defined by a SALT score  $\geq 35$

Current episode of hair loss lasting >6 months to <7 years

### Study Objectives

Efficacy, Safety & tolerability, PK/PD and biomarkers

## Potential Target Product Profile

→ Safer alternative to JAKi with comparable efficacy

→ Patient-administered weekly/bi-weekly subcutaneous injection (similar to DUPIXENT™)

# Safety Summary: TEAEs

**EQ101 exhibited a favorable safety and tolerability profile with no SAEs**, similar to the safety profile observed in prior Phase 1 & 2 studies (SAD/MAD NHVs, LGLL and CTCL populations)

## SAFETY OVERVIEW

- >70% of subjects had a medical history that included evidence of atopy such as eczema, asthma, or allergies to drugs
- 75% of subjects reported at least 1 TEAE
- There were no Serious TEAEs or Grade 4 or 5 TEAEs
- No notable changes in safety laboratory: coagulation, hematology, chemistry, liver function, urinalysis, cholesterol
- No notable ECG, vital signs, or physical exam findings

## Most TEAEs were CTCAE Grade 1 and 2

**73.6%** of events were Grade 1

**25.3%** of events were Grade 2

Most common TEAEs (>5 subjects):

- Upper respiratory tract infection
- Headache
- Fatigue

## Only 2 CTCAE Grade 3 TEAEs

**1.1%** of events were Grade 3

The 2 Grade 3 events in 2 subjects:

- Lymphopenia\*
- Fatigue\*

\* Subjects discontinued treatment early

Abbreviations: NHVs, normal healthy volunteers; CTCAE, common terminology criteria for adverse events; CTCL, cutaneous T cell lymphoma; ECG, electrocardiogram; LGLL, large granulocytic lymphocytic leukemia; TEAE, treatment emergent adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event; SAD/MAD, single ascending dose/multiple ascending dose

# Key SALT Response Data by Subgroup: Completed Subjects

**SALT responses exceed historical placebo rates:** greater improvements in moderate and severe subjects (SALT 35 to <95) compared with those with very severe disease (SALT 95+)

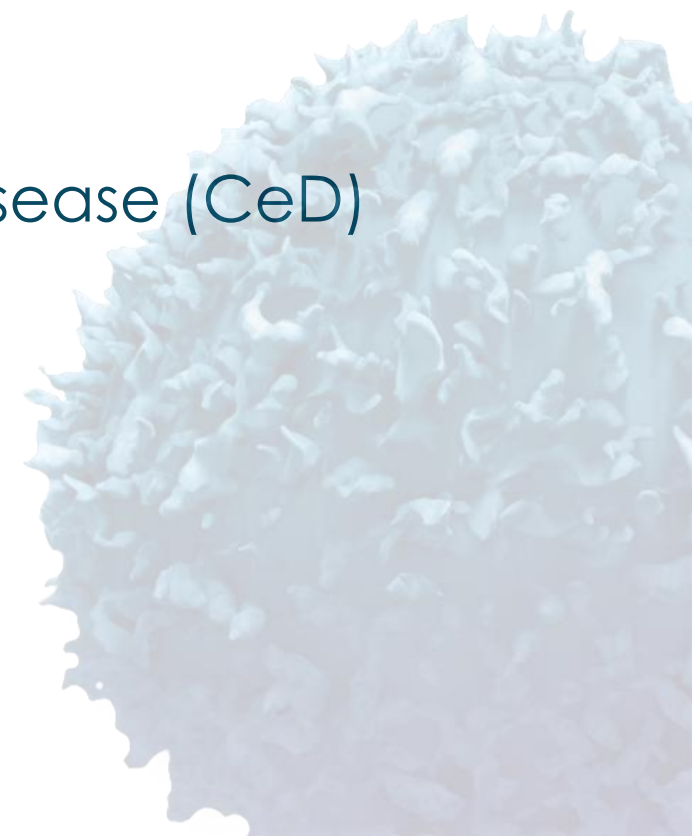
SALT Baseline by Subgroups	n (%)	Mean SALT @ Baseline	SALT ≤ 20 @ W24 n (%)	Mean SALT Improvement from Baseline @ W24
<b>35 to &lt;95 (moderate to severe)</b>	<b>17 (68%)</b>	<b>66.1</b>	<b>5 (29.4%)</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
35 to <50 (moderate)	3 (12%)	39.9	2 (66.7%)	23.8%
50 to <95 (severe)	14 (56%)	71.8	3 (21.4%)	17.2%
<b>95 to 100 (very severe, AU/AT)</b>	<b>8 (32%)</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
<b>Completed Subjects 35 to 100</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>5 (20%)</b>	<b>13.5%</b>

# **EQ302**

First-in-Class, Orally Delivered  
Bi-specific inhibitor of  
IL-15 & IL-21

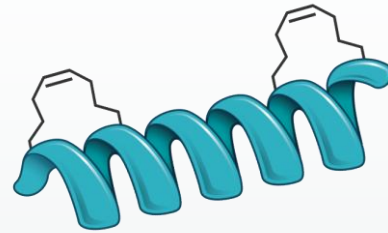
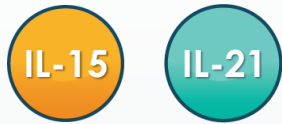
Dashboard & Celiac Disease (CeD)

CeD Opportunity



# EQ302: First-in-class Bi-Specific Cytokine Inhibitor

IL-15 & IL-21 are **key cytokines driving GI inflammation** in celiac disease and IBD



- IL-15 and IL-21 important to T and B cell biology and **implicated in multiple diseases**
- **Biological synergy of IL-15 and IL-21**
- **IL-15 a validated target** in the treatment of multiple diseases

- **Based on the D-helix of  $\gamma c$  cytokines** selectively inhibiting IL-15 & IL-21 signaling
- EQ302 engineered to afford **increased potency, GI stability and permeability**
- Potential for **oral and sub-cutaneous injection**

- **Inhibits the IL-15 & IL-21 induced signaling pathways** in Celiac patient-derived T cells organoid cultures that are key for tissue destruction
- **Prevents intestinal tissue damage** in a humanized mouse model of GI inflammation

- **EQ302 Lead candidate identified**
- **Bioavailable** and therapeutically active target tissue concentrations
- Entering formulation development and **IND-enabling studies**

# EQ302: Valuable Gastrointestinal Franchise

**Multi-Billion dollar** market opportunity for EQ302 as an **orally delivered bi-specific cytokine inhibitor** for multiple GI indications



2,700,000 adult  
US Patients<sup>1</sup>

**IBD: Crohn's & Colitis**



>750,000 US  
GFD non-responders<sup>2</sup>

**Celiac Disease**



>350,000 US  
Patients<sup>3</sup>

**Eosinophilic Esophagitis**

## EQ302 upstream of current cytokine-targeted approaches to treating GI indications

### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Zhanju Liu, MD, PhD,\* Li Yang, MD, PhD,\* Yi Cui, MD,\* Xingpeng Wang, MD, PhD,\*

### GUIDELINES FOR BASIC SCIENCE

**Interleukin-21 triggers effector cell responses in the gut**



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**The role of IL-15 in gastrointestinal diseases: A bridge between innate and adaptive immune response**

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**IL-15 Is Highly Expressed in Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Regulates Local T Cell-Dependent Cytokine Production<sup>1</sup> FREE**

Zhanju Liu; ... et. al



# No Approved Therapies For Celiac Disease

## Celiac Disease:

- Autoimmune disease triggered by consuming gluten resulting in damage to GI tract
- Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, anemia and fatigue
- Many patients non-responsive to strict gluten free diet, experiencing ongoing GI inflammation
- Unresolved inflammation leads to malnutrition, other autoimmune conditions & GI cancers

>750,000

Non-responsive celiac disease patients in the United States

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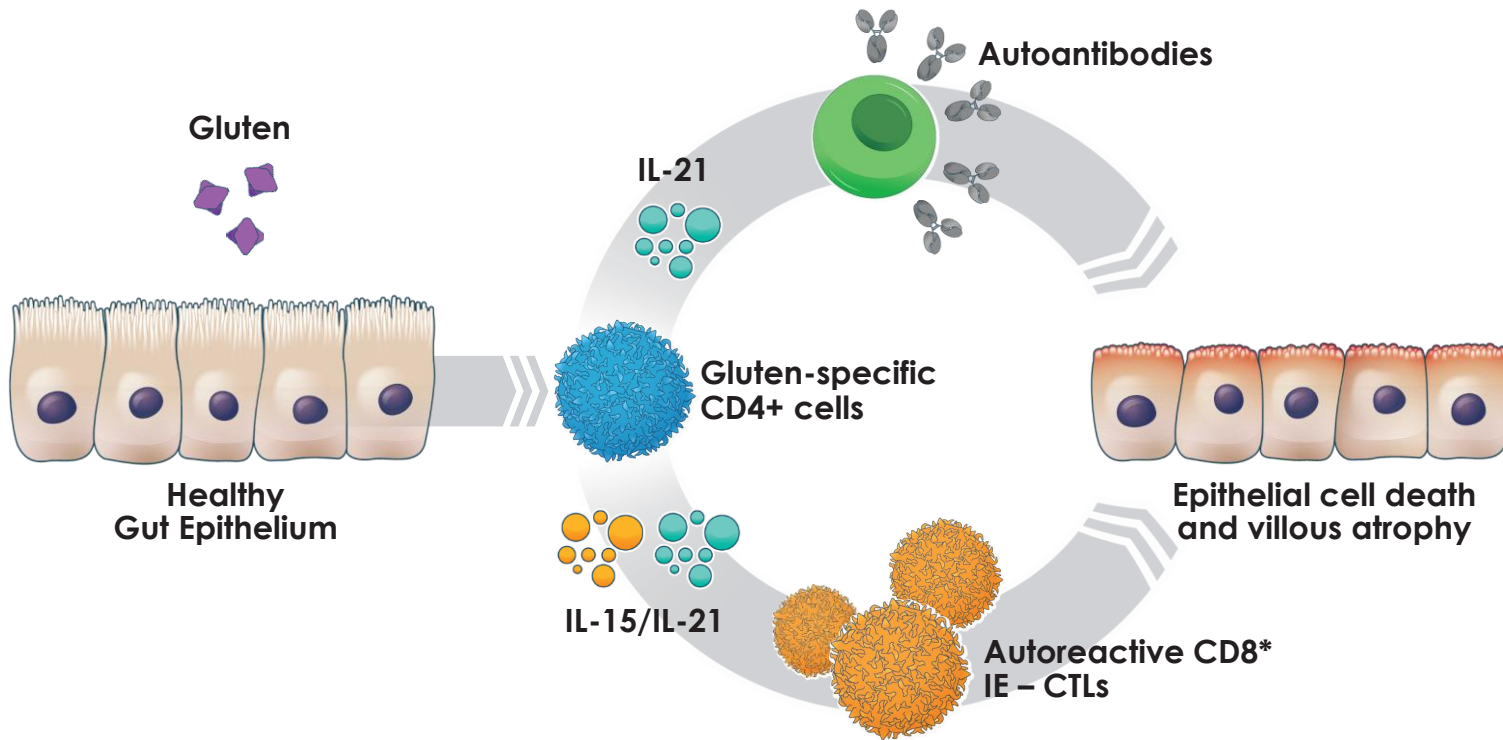
Approved Drugs



Multi-Billion Dollar  
Annual market opportunity

# Celiac Disease: Destructive Immune-mediated GI Disease

**IL-15 & IL-21 synergistically drive inflammatory T & B cell responses** resulting in tissue damage in celiac patients



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EDITORIAL

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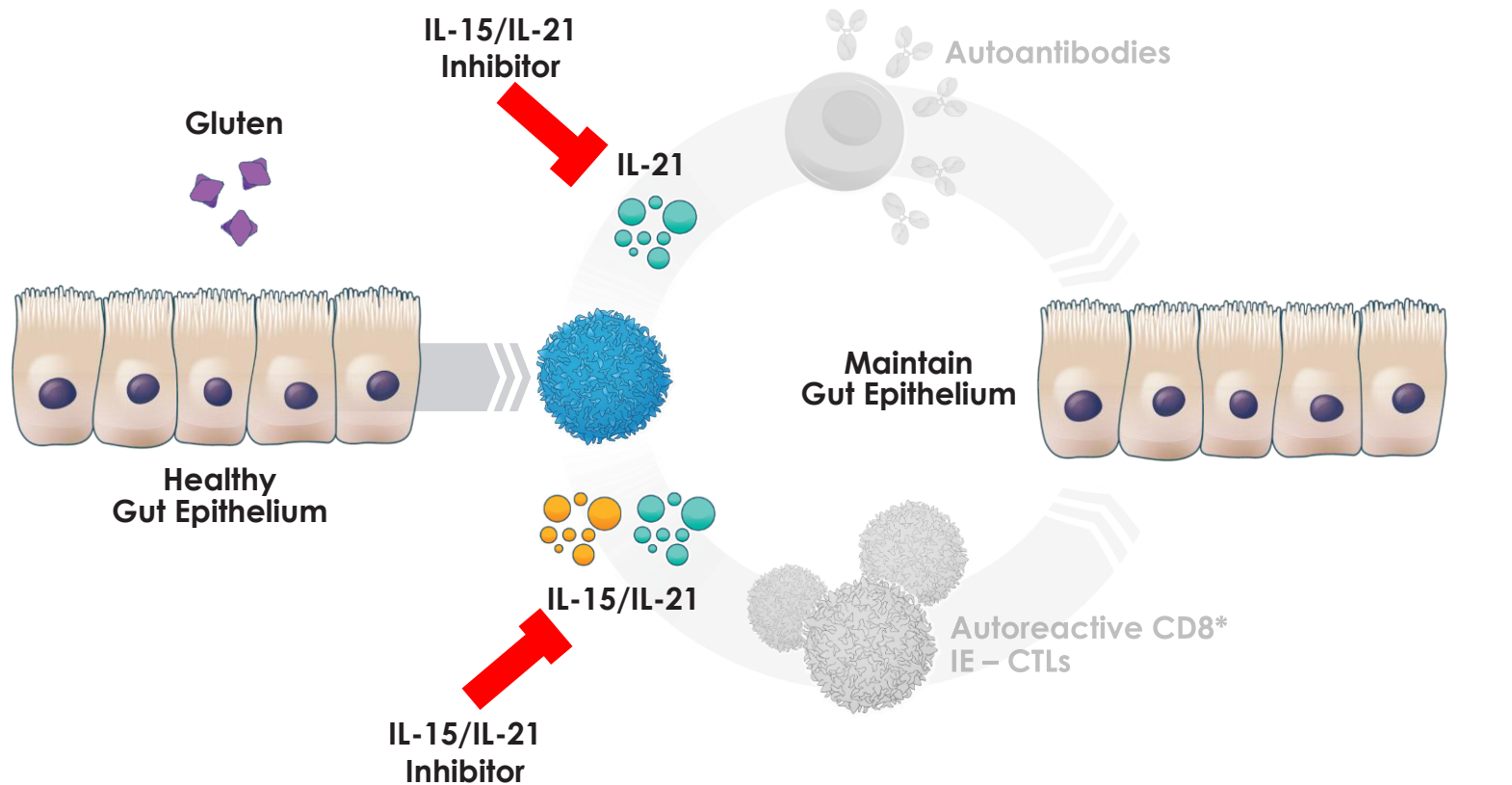
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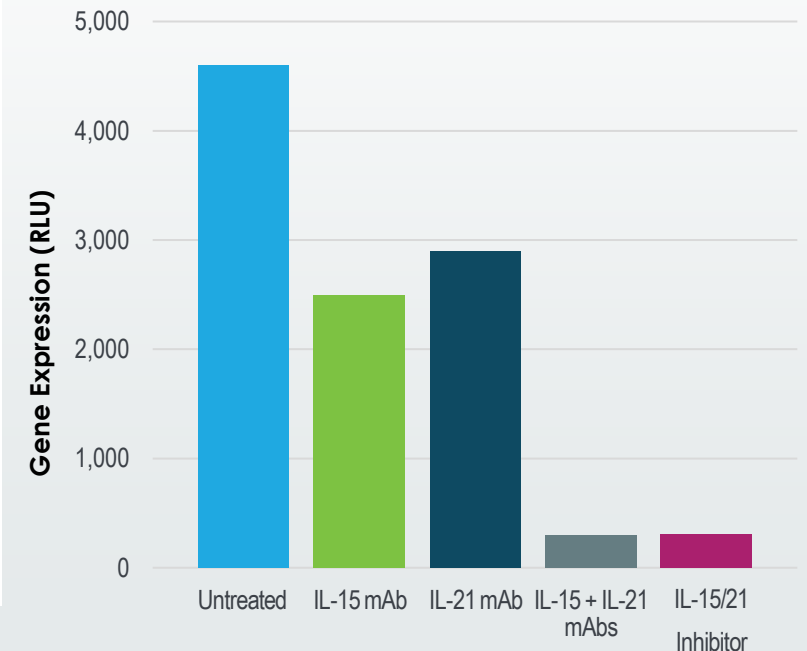
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# A Targeted Treatment Approach for Celiac Disease

**Dual inhibition of pathogenic IL-15 & IL-21 pathways** that cause inflammation and tissue damage can maintain healthy gut epithelium



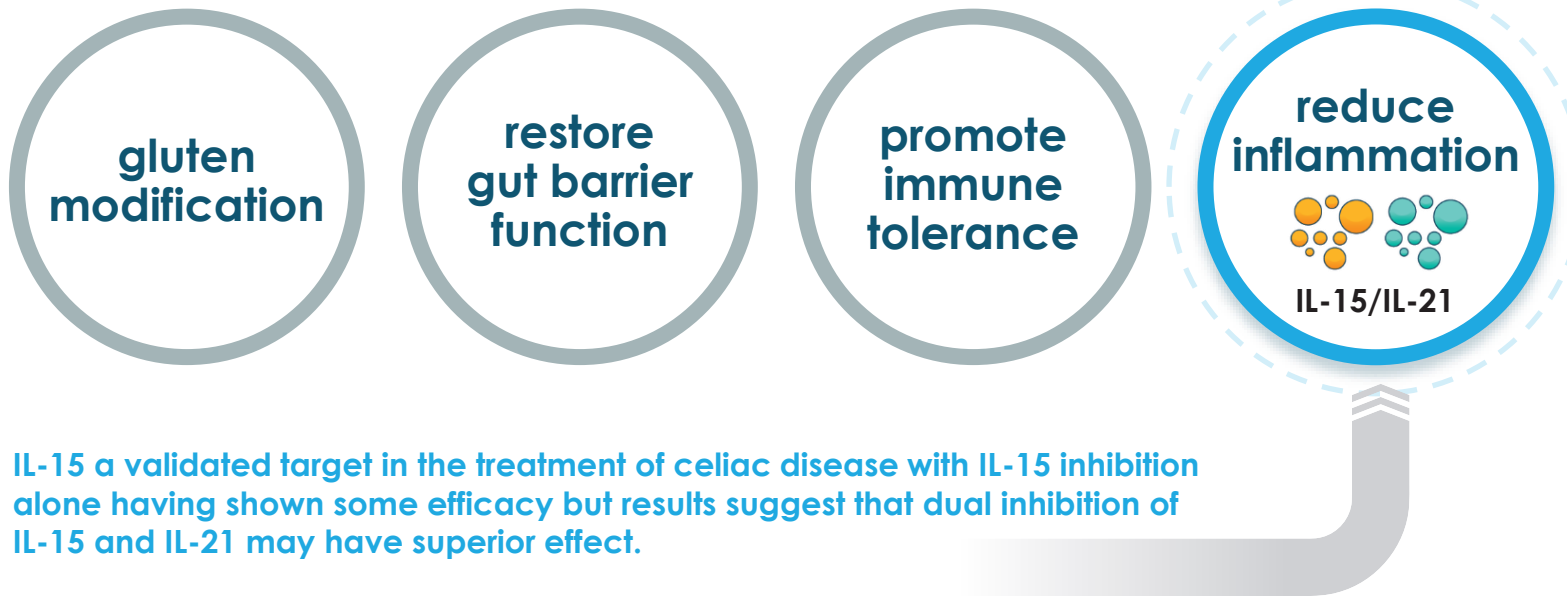
**Inhibition of Granzyme B expression in CeD IE-CTLs stimulated with IL-15 & IL-21**



# Opportunity in Celiac Disease

**EQ302 selectively targets the underlying immune pathophysiology, and the targeted approach aligns with FDA guidance to treat inflammation**

## Approaches to Treating Celiac Disease



## Increasing Regulatory Clarity and Strategic Interest in Celiac Disease

**AMGEN**

**Pfizer**

**NOVARTIS**

**Takeda**

FDA guidance\* was recently updated and provides clear guidelines for path to approval. Emphasis has been placed on development of effective anti-inflammatory strategies.