

Data-Driven Decisions in Crohn's Disease:

Positioning Patients for Success

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Learning Objectives

- ▶ Incorporate individual disease characteristics into treatment decisions in Crohn's disease (CD) based on evidence-based recommendations
- ▶ Differentiate biologic therapies in CD based on efficacy and long-term safety to achieve a rapid and durable treatment response
- ▶ Develop a data-driven treatment algorithm for CD to position treatment choices based on efficacy, safety, and patient characteristics

The Patient Journey



Patient Case: Elle

- 26-year-old teacher who presents with intermittent, severe, right-sided abdominal pain and distention that often results in vomiting x 4 months
- Bowel movements up to 7x daily with urgency; no blood visualized
- Poor appetite, which increases fatigue and makes it difficult to be productive at work
- Non-smoker



Physical Exam/Labs

- *C. difficile* negative
- Stool cultures negative
- C-reactive protein (CRP): 10.3 mg/L
- Hemoglobin (Hgb): 10 g/dL
- Albumin: 3.1 g/dL



Patient Case: Elle

Endoscopic Features

- Scattered deep ulcers throughout the colon
- Longitudinal, serpiginous, deep ulcerations in the terminal ileum with edema
- Pathology: Severe chronic active ileitis and colitis; no viral inclusions present

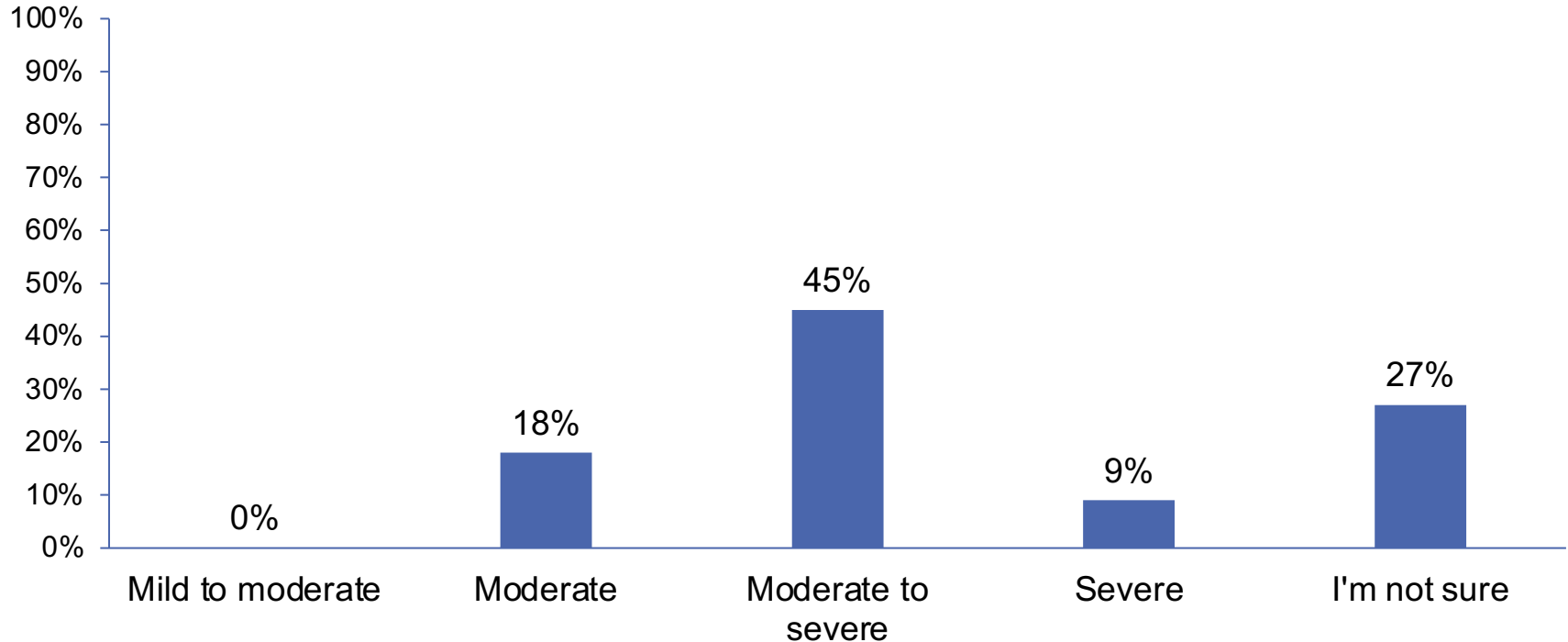


Audience Response

How would you characterize Elle's disease severity?

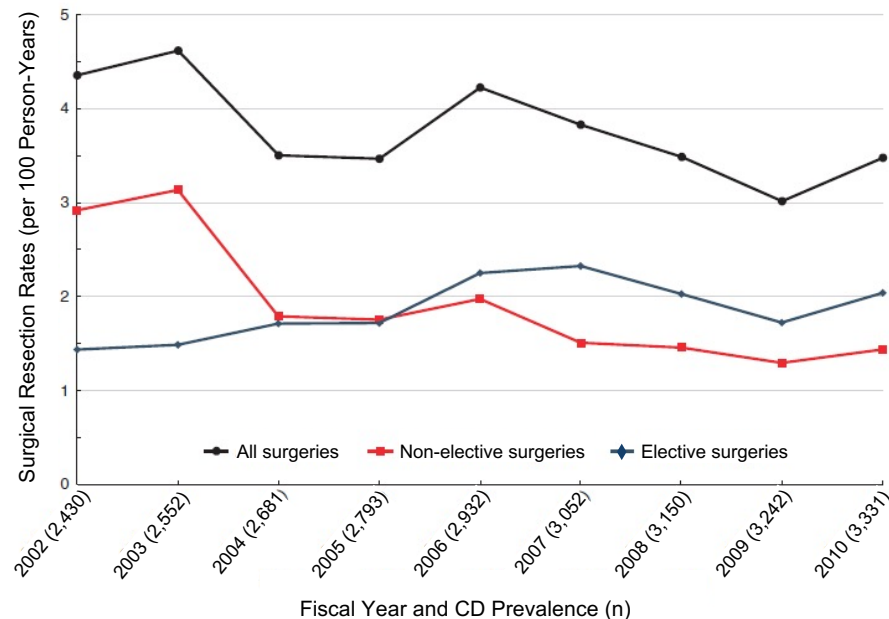
- A. Mild to moderate
- B. Moderate
- C. Moderate to severe
- D. Severe
- E. I'm not sure

How would you characterize Elle's disease severity?



Disease Progression in CD

- ▶ Only 20%-30% of patients with CD will have an indolent course
- ▶ Up to 80% of patients with CD will require hospitalization
 - ▶ 10-year risk of surgery is 40%-55%
 - ▶ Perhaps decreasing in biologic era to ~ 30%
 - ▶ Increasing rates of elective and fewer emergent surgeries



Assessment of Disease Risk in CD

► Assess current and prior disease burden

Low Risk

- Age at initial diagnosis: > 30 years
- Limited anatomic involvement
- No perianal and/or severe rectal disease
- Superficial ulcers
- No prior surgical resection
- No stricturing and/or penetrating behavior

Moderate/High Risk

- Age at initial diagnosis: < 30 years
- Extensive anatomic involvement
- Perianal and/or severe rectal disease
- Deep ulcers
- Prior surgical resection
- Stricturing and/or penetrating behavior
- Smoking cigarettes

Who Should Receive Early Intensive Therapy? Risk Stratification Is Necessary

Prognostic Factors for Disease Progression in CD

Ileal disease location, upper gastrointestinal involvement, and EIMs → complicated behavior

Younger age and perianal disease at diagnosis → disabling disease course

Smoking → therapy escalation, complicated disease, need for surgery, and postoperative recurrence

Endoscopic severity → penetrating complications

(Serologic reactivity to microbial antigens → complicated behavior)

(Mutations in some genes [e.g., *NOD2*] → complicated behavior)

EIMs = extraintestinal manifestations

American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) Crohn's Disease Clinical Care Pathway. <https://gastro.org/guidelines/ibd-and-bowel-disorders/>. Accessed October 11, 2021. Torres J, et al. *J Crohn's Colitis*. 2016;10(12):1385-1394.

Endoscopic Severity Scoring

Simple Endoscopic Score for CD (SES-CD)				
Variable	0	1	2	3
Size of ulcers (cm)	None	Aphthous ulcers (diameter 0.1-0.5)	Large ulcers (diameter 0.5-2)	Very large ulcers (diameter > 2)
Ulcerated surface	None	< 10%	10%-30%	> 30%
Affected surface	Unaffected segment	< 50%	50%-75%	> 75%
Presence of narrowings	None	Single, can be passed	Multiple, can be passed	Cannot be passed

Segments:

Rectum
 Left colon
 Transverse
 Right colon
 Ileum

Scoring:

Inactive
 Up to 6: mild
 7-15 moderate
 ≥ 16 severe

SES-CD = sum of all variable for the 5 bowel segments;
 Values are given to each variable for every examined bowel segment

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Endoscopic severity → fibrostenotic disease

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Risk of Disease Progression: CD PATH

Input variables

DISEASE LOCATION

- Upper GI Tract
- Small Bowel
- Right Colon
- Transverse Colon
- Left Colon
- Perianal

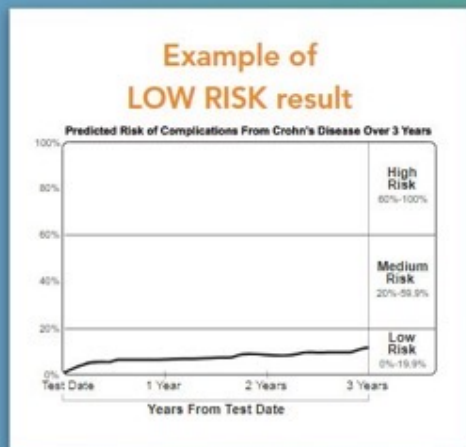
BLOOD TEST MARKERS*

ASCA IgA: 15.1 EU/mL
ASCA IgG: 13.2 EU/mL
anti-CBir1 IgG: 28.3 EU/mL
pANCA: Not Detected

GENETIC TEST*

NOD2 SNP13 (1007fs):
No Variant Detected

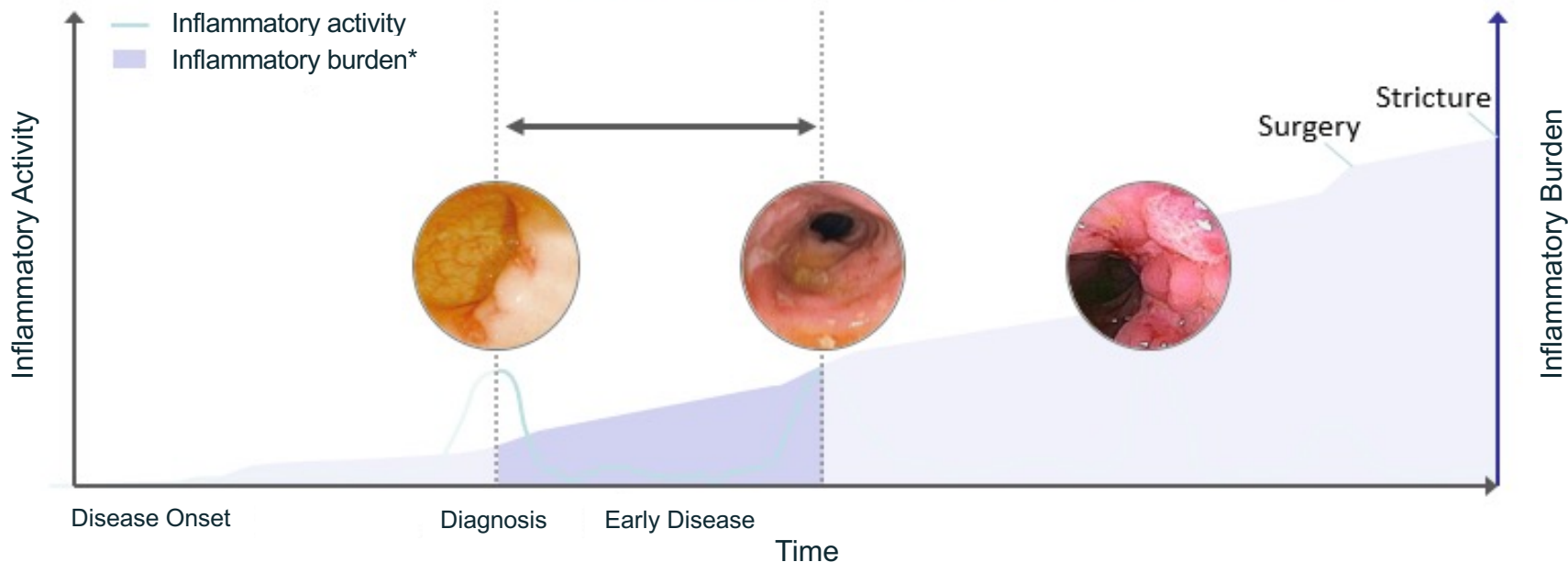
The graphs below are examples of patient reports with low-, medium-, and high-risk profiles, respectively¹:



The CDPATH model was designed using multivariate Cox proportional-hazards regression model analysis to identify statistically meaningful clinical, serologic, and genetic factors for predicting the likelihood of risk for CD complications. The ability of the CDPATH model to predict disease-related complications in the validation group was done using a statistical tool called the Harrell's Concordance statistic (C-statistic). The C-statistic for the adult validation group was 0.71, where 0.5 = random chance and 1.0 = perfect prediction. The CDPATH tool was validated in adult patients who had a CD diagnosis within 10 years and had no previous complications.

Window of Opportunity in CD?

There may be a window of opportunity to minimize risk of permanent bowel damage¹⁻⁴

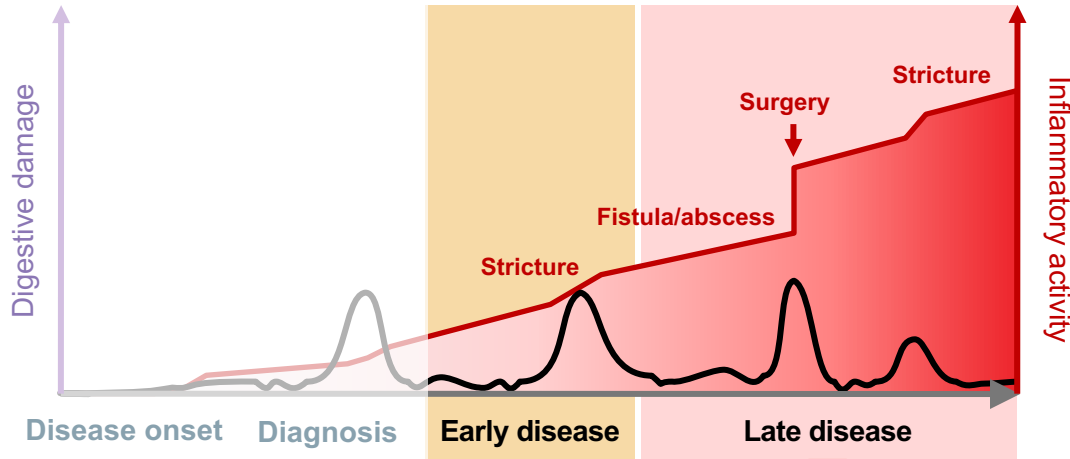


*Disease activity is a cross-sectional snapshot at one moment in time

Inflammatory burden includes longitudinal and historical factors of disease severity, providing a more complete picture of disease course.⁵

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Consider the Patient: Treatment Goals May Differ in Early vs. Late Disease



Treatment goals

No symptoms	Noninflammatory symptoms stabilized
No disease progression, complications, or disability	No progression of damage or disability
Normal quality of life (QoL)	Improved QoL

- ▶ Symptomatic remission may not be achievable in late-stage disease¹
- ▶ Mucosal healing as treatment goal may be difficult to achieve in patients^{1,2}:
 - ▶ Diagnosed late in disease course
 - ▶ Who have already experienced a disease complication
- ▶ Earliest disease is postoperative prevention

Physical Exam/Labs

- *C. difficile* negative
- Stool cultures negative
- C-reactive protein (CRP): 10.3 mg/L
- Hemoglobin (Hgb): 10 g/dL
- Albumin: 3.1 g/dL



- Stay vigilant about albumin level
- Issues with protein absorption could impact medication choice, especially if thinking about a biologic
- Inflammation downstream will affect iron absorption upstream

Choosing the Right Treatment for the Right Patient at the Right Time

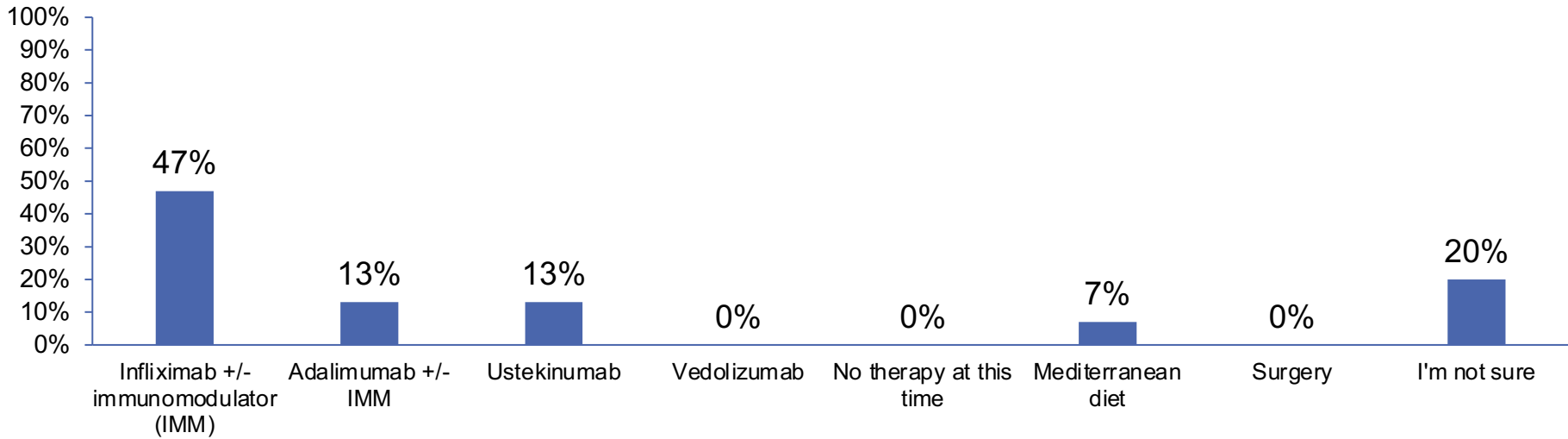


Audience Response

What would be your treatment recommendation for Elle?

- A. Infliximab +/- immunomodulator (IMM)
- B. Adalimumab +/- IMM
- C. Ustekinumab
- D. Vedolizumab
- E. No therapy at this time
- F. Mediterranean diet
- G. Surgery
- H. I'm not sure

What would be your treatment recommendation for Elle?



How Do We Put Together the Puzzle of Therapy Selection?

DRUG



Efficacy

- Indication
- Rapidity of onset
- Durability
- Pharmacokinetics/TDM
- Combination vs. monotherapy
- Positioning and sequence

Safety

- Infection
- Cancer
- Specific concerns by agent or mechanism

PATIENT



Individual Characteristics

- Ages
- Stages
- Comorbidities
- Preferences

Disease Characteristics

- Disease behavior/complication
- Disease severity
- Early vs. late
- EIMs
- Prior treatment success or failure

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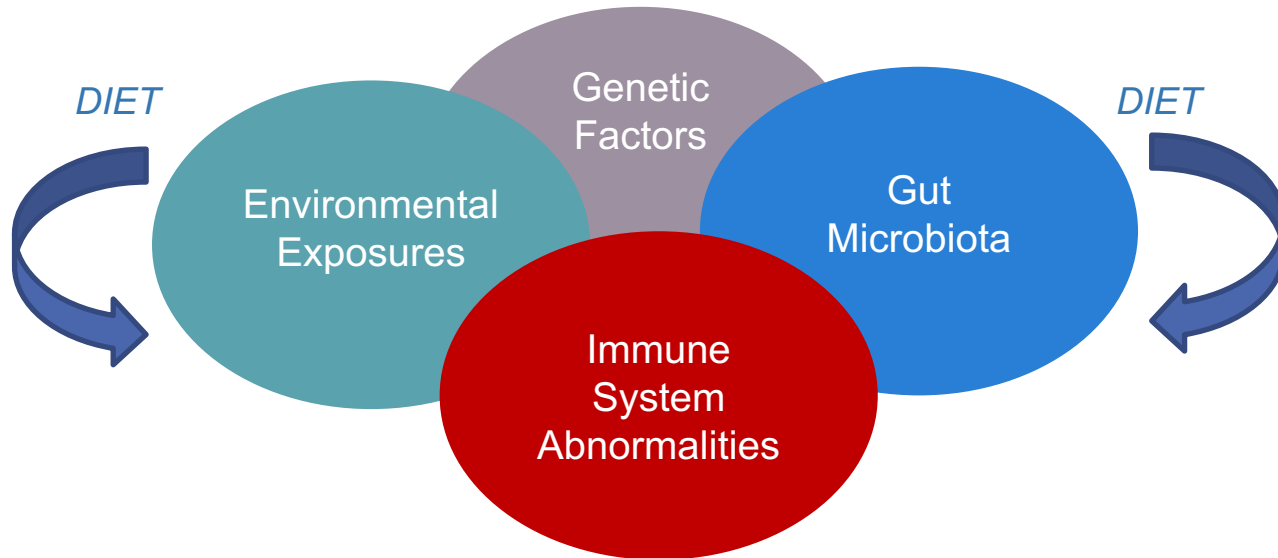


TDM = therapeutic drug monitoring

Diet for CD

- ▶ Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) is thought to arise from a combination of genetic, immune system, and environmental causes as well as alteration of the gut bacteria

Reasonable to think that food/diet may play a role



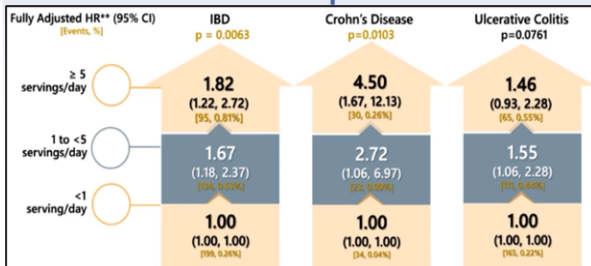
Processed and Ultra-Processed Foods Associated with Increased Risk of IBD

- ▶ **Processed food:** Food altered during preparation, including adding preservatives
- ▶ **Ultra-processed food:** From substrates extracted from food with additives such as carboxymethyl cellulose, polysorbate 80, carrageenan

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- ▶ Observational cohort study (2003-2016)
- ▶ 21 countries, N = 115,037
- ▶ Ages 35-70 yrs
- ▶ Habitual food intake assessed using country-specific validated food frequency questionnaire

Association between total processed food intake and development of IBD



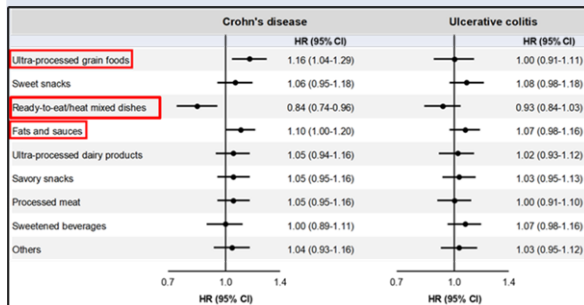
Conclusion: Higher processed food consumption associated with development of IBD

UC = ulcerative colitis; UPF = ultra-processed food

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- ▶ Nationwide prospective cohorts from Nurses Health Study, Nurses Health Study II, and Health Professionals Follow-up Study
- ▶ 5,471,215 person-years of follow-up

UPF and Risk of CD and UC



Conclusion: Higher consumption of UPF grains, fats, and sauces and emulsifiers/thickeners associated with ↑ risk of CD

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Method

- ▶ Case control, observational study
- ▶ 195 patients with CD
- ▶ Early-life processed food intake and usual food additive intake assessed

Results

- ▶ Patients with CD are more likely to have processed meat than their household ($p = .03$)
- ▶ More likely to have consumed processed fruit than their 1st-degree relatives ($p = .022$)
- ▶ More likely to have consumed fast food than health controls ($p < .001$)

Conclusion: Patients with CD were more likely to have consumed UPF in early life, indicating a likely trigger for disease initiation

Patients Recently Diagnosed with IBD Have a High Prevalence of Malnutrition and Micronutrient Deficiencies

Aim: Determine the prevalence of malnutrition and micronutrient deficiencies in patients recently diagnosed with IBD and compare the performance of existing malnutrition screening tools in this population

Micronutrient Deficiencies in Patients Recently Diagnosed with IBD

Micronutrient	Micronutrient Deficient n (%)	Median Value (Interquartile Range), [Reference Range]
Folate (n = 40)	1 (3)	12.3 ng/mL (8.6-14.5), [4.0-1,000.0 ng/mL]
Vitamin D (n = 116)	82 (71)	22.8 ng/mL (15.8-31), [30.0-100.0 ng/mL]
Vitamin B12 (n = 115)	25 (22)	431 pg/mL (312-569), [211-911 pg/mL]
Vitamin C (n = 46)	10 (22)	0.7 mg/dL (0.3-1.1), [0.2-2.0 mg/dL]
Zinc (n = 34)	5 (15)	74.5 ug/dL (61-88), [56-134 ug/dL]
Ferritin (n = 119)	50 (42)	25 ng/mL (12-63), [15-150 ng/mL]
Phosphorus (n = 46)	7 (15)	3.3 mg/dL (2.7-3.9), [2.4-4.7 mg/dL]

Performance of Malnutrition Tools for Detecting Malnutrition per ESPEN Criteria

Malnutrition Tools	Sensitivity	Specificity	PPV	NPV
MUST	86.15%	96.55%	93.3%	92.56%
SNAQ	76.5%	94.8%	89.1%	88%
MIRT	95.4%	83.3%	76.5%	96.9%
NRI	35.4%	96.5%	85.2%	72.2%
SASK IBD-NR	56.9%	94.0%	84.1%	79.6%

*BMI \leq 18.5 or weight loss (>10% over any time period or > 5% over 3 months) and BMI < 20

MIRT = Malnutrition Inflammatory Risk Tool; MUST = Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool; NPV = negative predictive value; NRI = Nutritional Risk Index; OR = odds ratio; PPV = positive predictive value; SASK IBD-NR = Saskatchewan IBD Nutrition Risk Tool; SNAQ = Short Nutritional Assessment Questionnaire

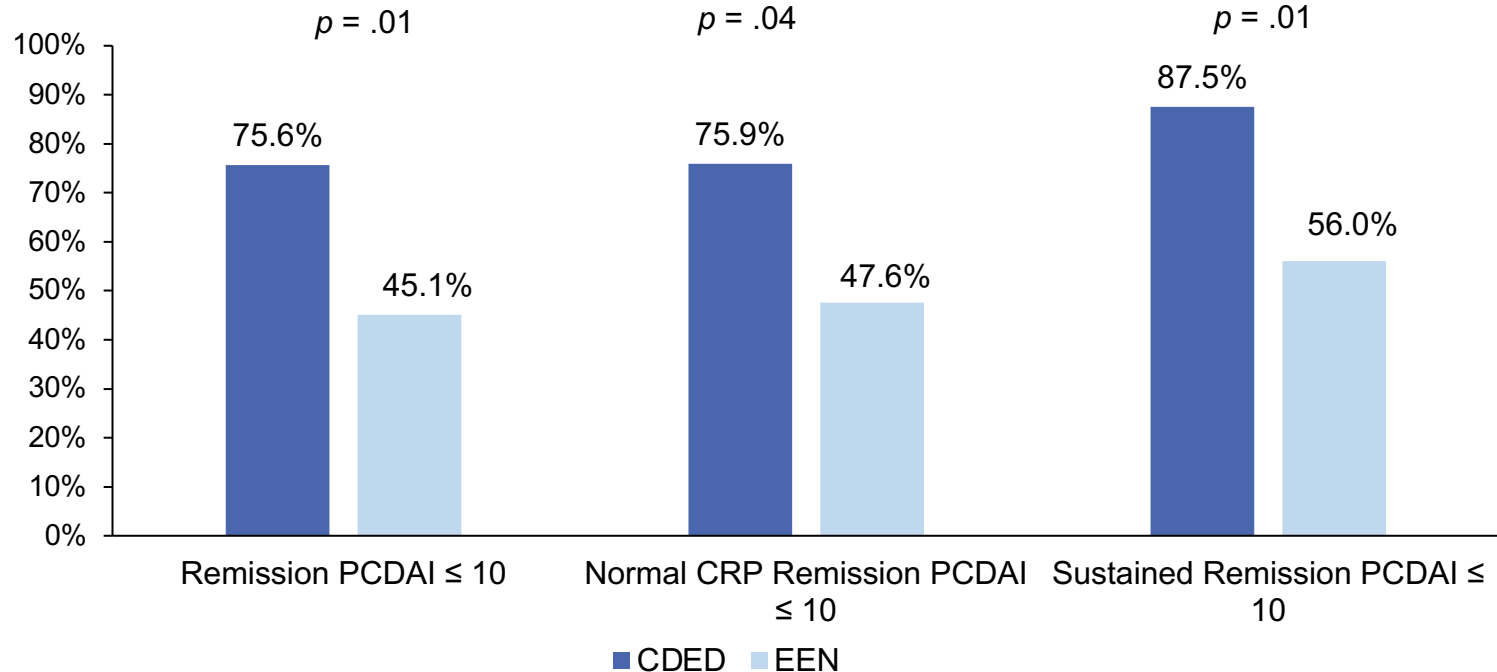
Gold AS, et al. Presented at DDW. May 2021. Abstract Sa561.

Dietary Therapies in CD Management Are Evolving Over Time

- ▶ To improve nutrition
- ▶ To alleviate symptoms
- ▶ **To reduce inflammation**
 - ▶ **As sole therapy or as adjunctive?**

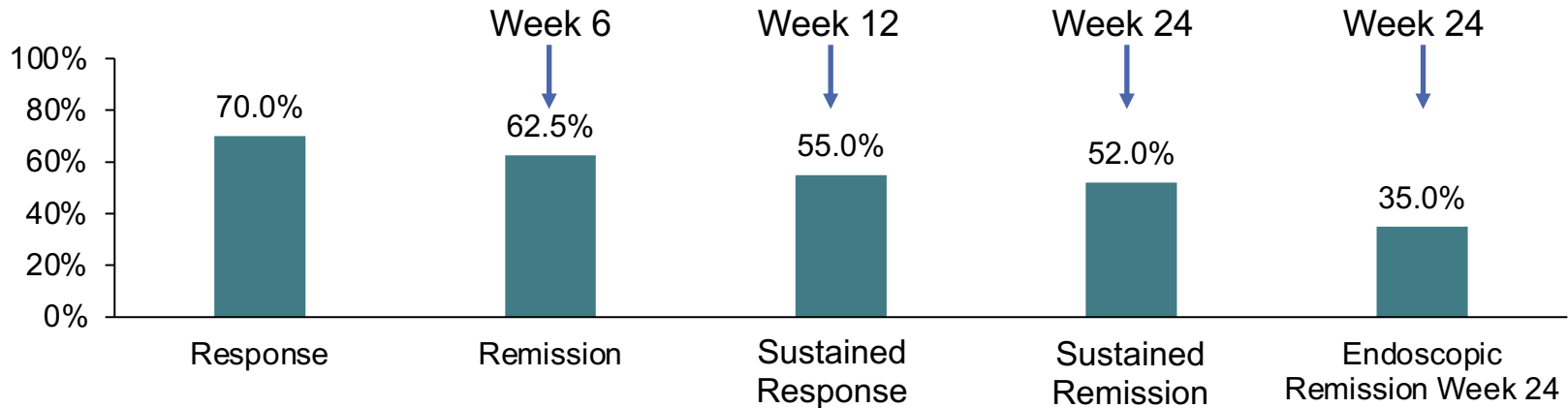
The CD Exclusion Diet (CDED) for Mild-to-Moderate CD Can Induce Biochemical Remission

Week 12



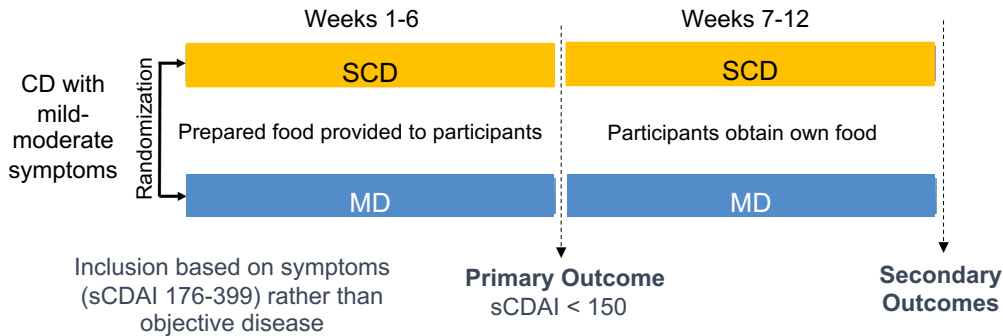
CDED Induces Sustained Clinical and Endoscopic Remission in Adults with Mild-to-Moderate Disease

Steroid Free Response and Remission Rates Intention to Treat Analysis (N = 40)



- ▶ Steroid-free clinical remission defined as HBI < 5 points
- ▶ Response defined as a drop in HBI \geq 3 points
- ▶ Endoscopic remission defined as SES-CD \leq 3

Mediterranean Diet and Specific Carbohydrate Diet Achieve Similar Clinical Remission Rates in a Randomized Trial in CD

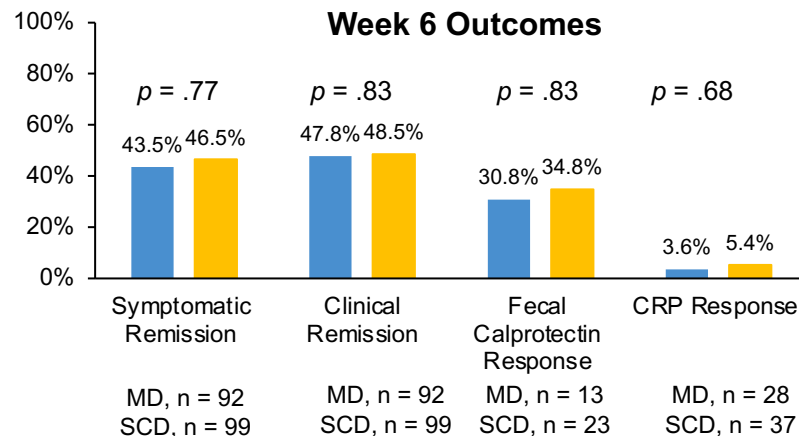


	MD	SCD
High intake	Olive oil Fruits and vegetables Nuts and cereals	Unprocessed meats, poultry, fish, eggs Most vegetables, fruits and nuts
Avoid or Limit	Red/processed meat Sweets	Grains and dairy Sweeteners other than honey

Results:

- N = 191 (92 in MD, 99 in SCD)
- No significant difference in symptomatic or clinical remission
- Neither diet associated with normalization of CRP

Baseline	MD	SCD	P Value
Objective inflammation*	38 (41.8)	50 (52.1)	.21
CDAI (Median)	206.8	210.0	.02



*Fecal calprotectin > 250 µg/g or high-sensitivity CRP > 5 mg/L at baseline or definite inflammation on colonoscopy

MD = Mediterranean diet; SCD = specific carbohydrate diet; sCDAI = simple CD activity index

Lewis JD, et al. Presented at DDW; 2021. Abstract 781. Lewis JD, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2021;161(3):837-852.

■ MD ■ SCD

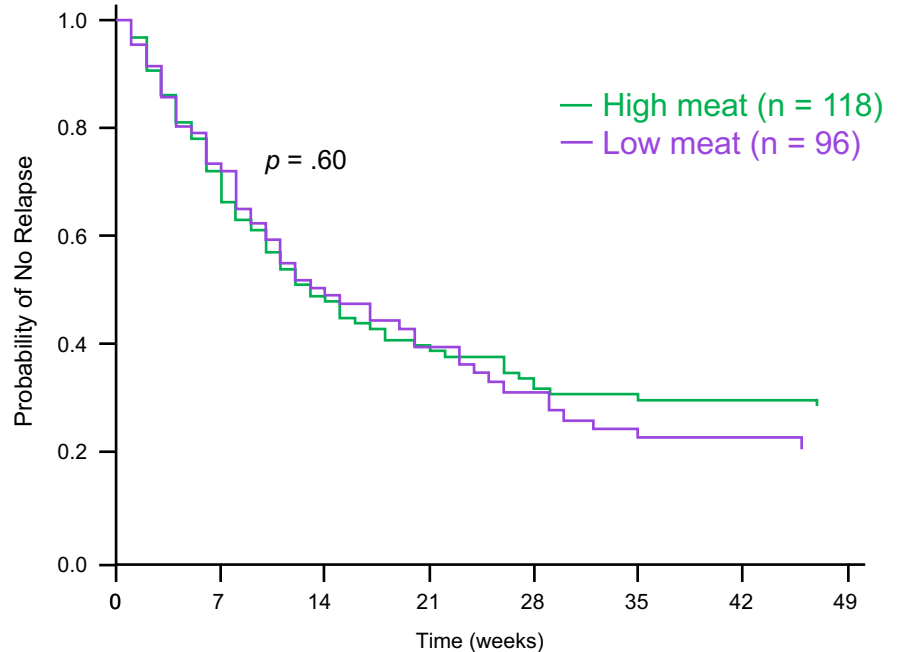
Diet and Disease Flares of IBD

- ▶ CCFA Partners survey: Food frequency questionnaires were administered to a large internet cohort of 2,329 patients with IBD
 - ▶ 1,121 patients with CD
- ▶ Foods that tended to improve symptoms: **yogurt, rice, bananas**
- ▶ Foods that tended to worsen symptoms: **non-leafy vegetables, spicy foods, fruit, nuts, leafy vegetables, fried foods, milk, red meat, soda, popcorn, dairy, alcohol, high-fiber foods, corn, fatty foods, seeds, coffee, and beans**
- ▶ **Limitations:** Self-reported; no measures of inflammation recorded

Food and Crohn's Disease Exacerbation Study (FACES)

- ▶ Randomized trial of high red/processed meat diet and low red/processed meat diet in patients with CD enrolled in IBD Partners
- ▶ Partners participants with sCDAI ≤ 150 who reported consumption of red meat at least 1x per week on baseline diet survey were randomized
- ▶ Treatment arms: to consume a minimum of 2 servings/week (high meat) or not more than 1 serving per month (low meat) of red or processed meat for 48 weeks

Primary outcome: relapse of CD (increase in sCDAI by ≥ 70 points and to > 150)



No difference in time to relapse despite low meat group significantly decreasing average weekly red meat consumption

Developing Dietary Treatment Strategies

Diet
monotherapy

Drug + diet to
improve induction
of remission

Drug + diet
for drug
de-escalation

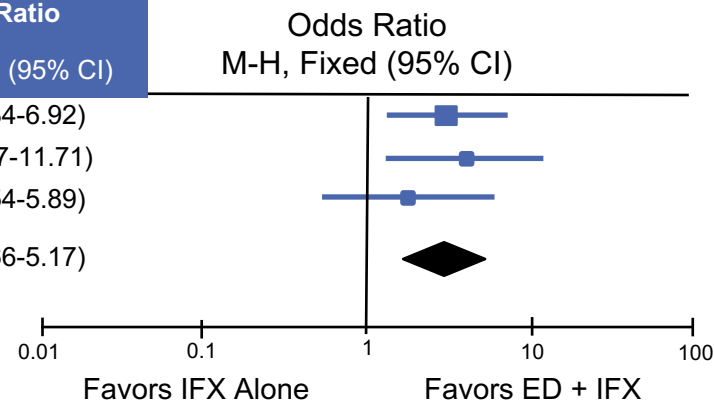
Drug + diet to
improve drug
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- ▶ Can we identify dietary-responsive patients?
- ▶ Identify patient phenotypes that will be responsive to which diet

Using Diet as Adjunctive Therapy

- ▶ The use of specialized enteral nutrition therapy in combination with infliximab (IFX) appears to be more effective at inducing and maintaining clinical remission among patients with CD than infliximab monotherapy

Study or Subgroup	ED + IFX		IFX Alone		Weight	Odds Ratio
	Events	Total	Events	Total		M-H, Fixed (95% CI)
Hirai et al 2013	31	45	24	57	46.5%	3.04 (1.34-6.92)
Szuka et al 2012	23	29	22	45	25.2%	4.01 (1.37-11.71)
Yamamoto et al 2010	25	32	16	24	28.3%	1.79 (0.54-5.89)
Total (95% CI)		106		126	100.0%	2.93 (1.66-5.17)
Total Events	79		62			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 1.00$, $\text{df} = 2$ ($p = .61$); $I^2 = 0\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.71$ ($p = .0002$)						



Forest plot of long-term clinical remission among patients on combination therapy with infliximab and enteral nutrition compared with infliximab monotherapy.

df = degrees of freedom; ED = elemental diet; M-H = Mantel-Haenszel

Nguyen D, et al. *Therapeutic Adv Gastroenterol.* 2015;8(4):168-175.

Audience Questions

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- Always ask about a patient's diet, don't wait for them to ask you about it
- Seize the opportunity to educate patients about diet and nutrition—what they eat vs what their body needs
- Address concerns or theories the patient has formed about their diet that they may have read about and are already instituting
- Help the patient understand what is, and what is not supported by data



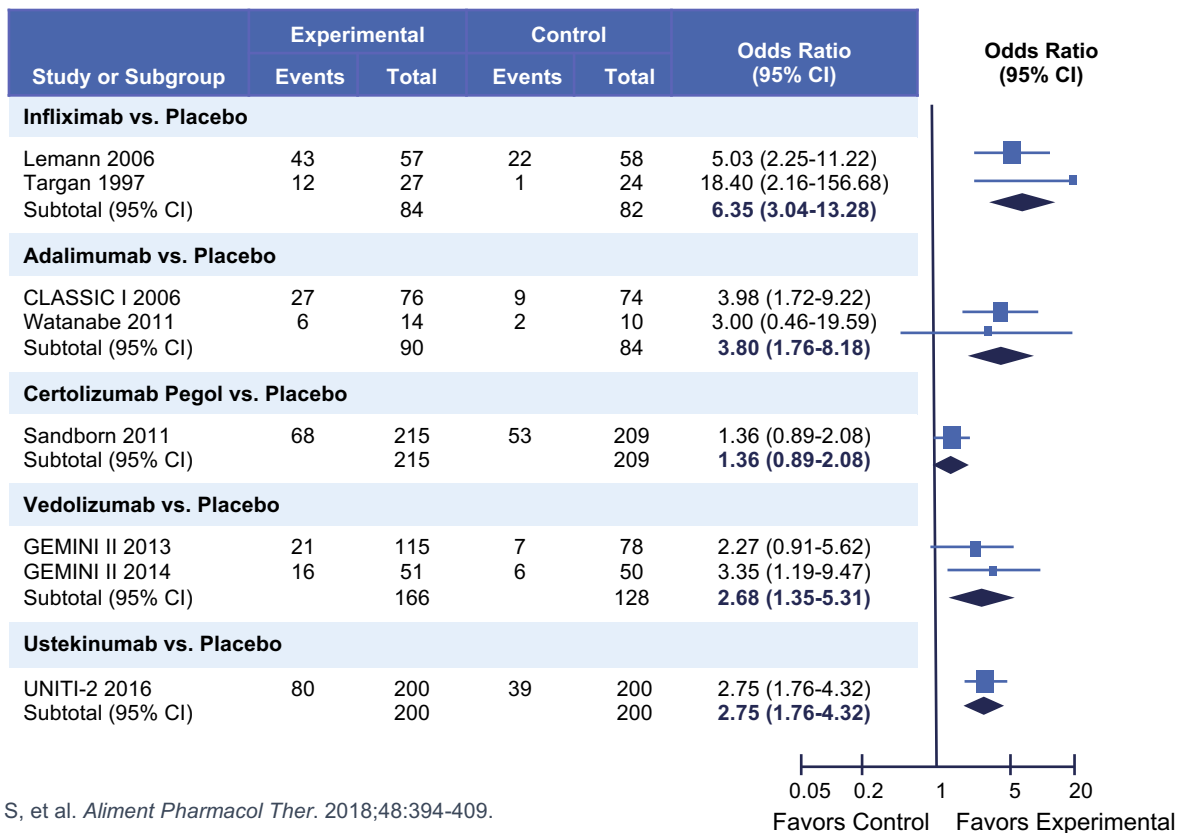
Options for Medical INDUCTION Therapy: Moderate-to-Severe Disease

- ▶ **Oral steroids** → only for short-term induction agents for inflammatory CD
- ▶ **Anti-TNF agents** → steroid-resistant or thiopurine or methotrexate-refractory disease
- ▶ **Combination therapy with infliximab** → more effective than monotherapy with thiopurines or infliximab for NAÏVE patients
- ▶ **Anti-integrin** therapy → vedolizumab with or without immunomodulator
- ▶ **Ustekinumab** → for patients who failed steroids, thiopurines, methotrexate, anti-TNFs, or anti-TNF naïve

TNF = tumor necrosis factor

Lichtenstein GR, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2018;113:481-517.

Systematic Review with Network Meta-Analysis: First-Line Induction Therapy for Moderate-to-Severe CD



Effect size was positive for all treatments except certolizumab pegol (compared to control)

What Do We Know About Sequencing or Positioning?

- ▶ SEAVUE first randomized controlled trial (RCT) to demonstrate comparative efficacy in CD
- ▶ What data do we have for positioning?
 - ▶ Reliance on subgroup analyses (SGA) in RCTs, real-world evidence (RWE), and network meta-analysis
- ▶ After failure of first TNFi, second-line biologics less effective, including second-line TNFis (SGA)
 - ▶ UST still effective after failing ≥ 1 TNFi in CD¹ (SGA)
 - ▶ UST also effective after failing VDZ² (SGA)
 - ▶ TNFi seems effective after failing VDZ³ (RWE)
 - ▶ VDZ is less effective after failing TNFi in CD⁴ (RWE) and may have longer onset of effect in CD after TNFi failure⁵ (RCT)

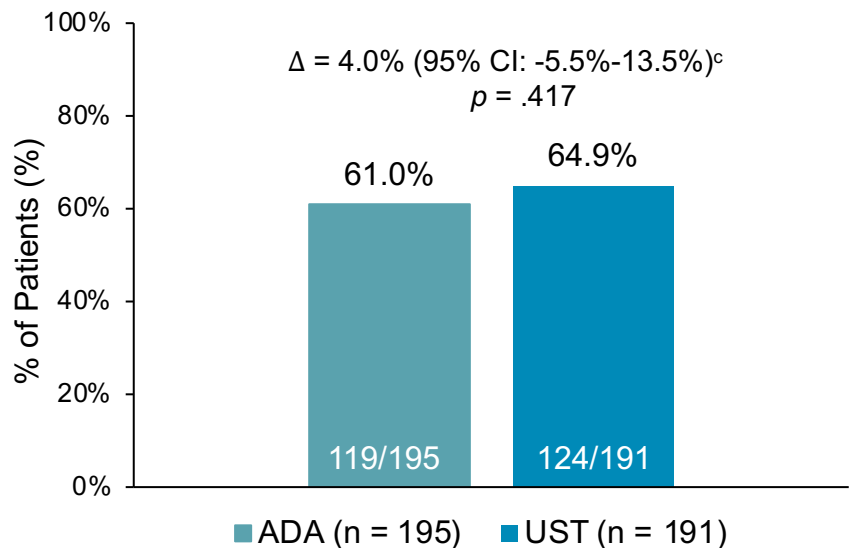
TNFi = TNF inhibitor; UST = ustekinumab; VDZ = vedolizumab

1. Feagan BG, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2016;375:1946-1960. 2. Kassouri L, et al. *Dig Live Dis.* 2020;52(10):1148-1155. 3. Bressler B, et al. Presented at: American College of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting; Oct. 25-30, 2019; San Antonio, TX. Abstract 40. 4. Dulai P, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2016;111:1147-1155. 5. Sands BE, et al. *Gastroenterology.* 2014;147:618-627.

SEAVUE Results

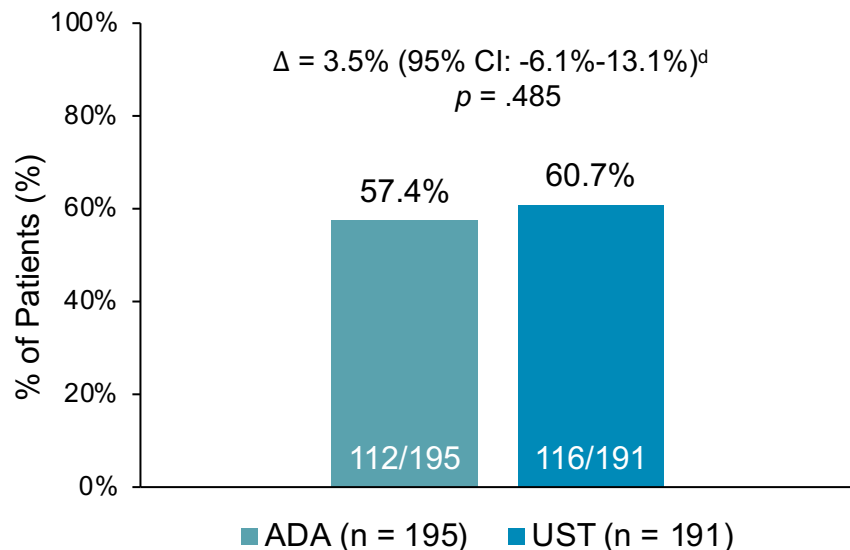
Primary Endpoint^{a,b}

Clinical Remission (CDAI < 150) at Week 52



Major Secondary Endpoint^{a,b,c}

Corticosteroid-Free Clinical Remission at Week 52



ADA = adalimumab

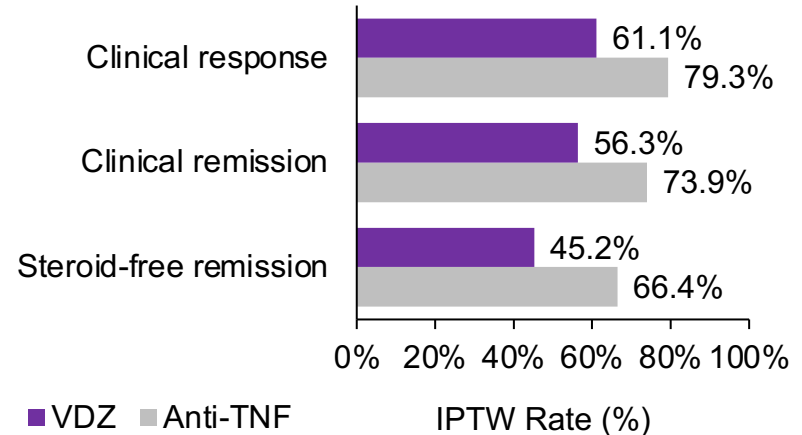
^aPatients who had a prohibited CD-related surgery had prohibited concomitant medication changes, or discontinued study agent due to lack of efficacy or due to an adverse event indicated to be of worsening CD prior to the designated analysis timepoint are considered not to be in clinical remission; ^bPatients who had insufficient data to calculate the CDAI score at the designated analysis timepoint are considered not to be in clinical remission; ^cPatients who had a missing data value in corticosteroid use at designated analysis timepoint had their last value carried forward; ^dThe CIs were based on the Wald statistic with M-H weight; NOTE: not receiving corticosteroids at Week 52 is defined as corticosteroid free for ≥ 30 days prior to Week 52.

Sands BE, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2021;161(2):E30-E31.

Real-World Effectiveness of Vedolizumab vs. Anti-TNF in Naïve CD

- ▶ Biologic-naïve patients with CD in Germany followed for 14 weeks to determine clinical response, clinical remission, and steroid-free remission
- ▶ 86 bio-naïve VDZ and 241 bio-naïve anti-TNF CD patients (ADA: 57.7%, IFX: 42.3%) were included
- ▶ VDZ was used for older patients, with a less complicated though longer disease course, with a history of comorbidities
- ▶ Propensity score analysis to account for differences
- ▶ Anti-TNF was superior to VDZ for response and remission

Characteristics	VDZ Naïve	Anti-TNF Naïve
N	86	241
Age, yrs	53.3 (34.5-61.9)	37.1 (27.8-52)
Disease duration	6.6 yrs (1.2-12.1)	4.5 yrs (.84-14.8)
Comorbidities, %	44.2%	35.3%

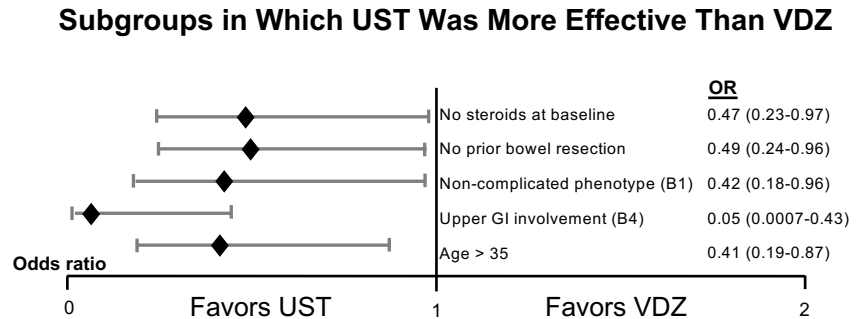
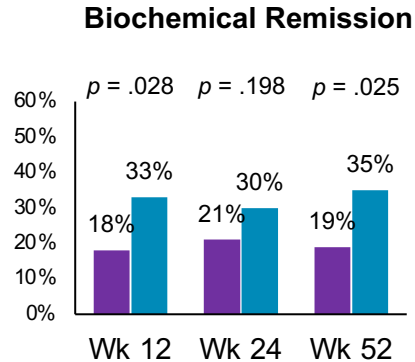
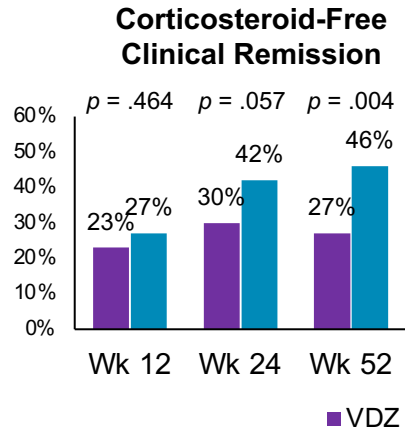


IPTW = probability of treatment weighting

Bokemeyer B, et al. Presented at United European Gastroenterology (UEG) Week; 2021.

Ustekinumab Is Superior to Vedolizumab in Patients with CD with Prior Anti-TNF Failure

- ▶ Prospective observational study of patients with CD on UST or VDZ¹
- ▶ Clinical/biochemical assessment: Weeks 0, 12, 24, 52
- ▶ Propensity score matching: N = 69 VDZ, N = 69 UST
- ▶ Retrospective study from two centers in France²
- ▶ UST was more effective to achieve early and long-term efficacy than VDZ in patients with CD who previously failed anti-TNFs



1. Biemans B, et al. Presented at DDW; 2020. Abstract 1028. 2. Buisson A, et al. Presented at DDW; 2021. Abstract 26.

Patient Case: Elle

- Elle is placed on adalimumab monotherapy 160/80 mg and 40 mg every other week and returns at 3 months feeling well
- Exam: benign, non-tender

Repeat labs:

- Hgb: 11 g/dL
- CRP: 8 mg/L
- Albumin: 3.6 g/dL

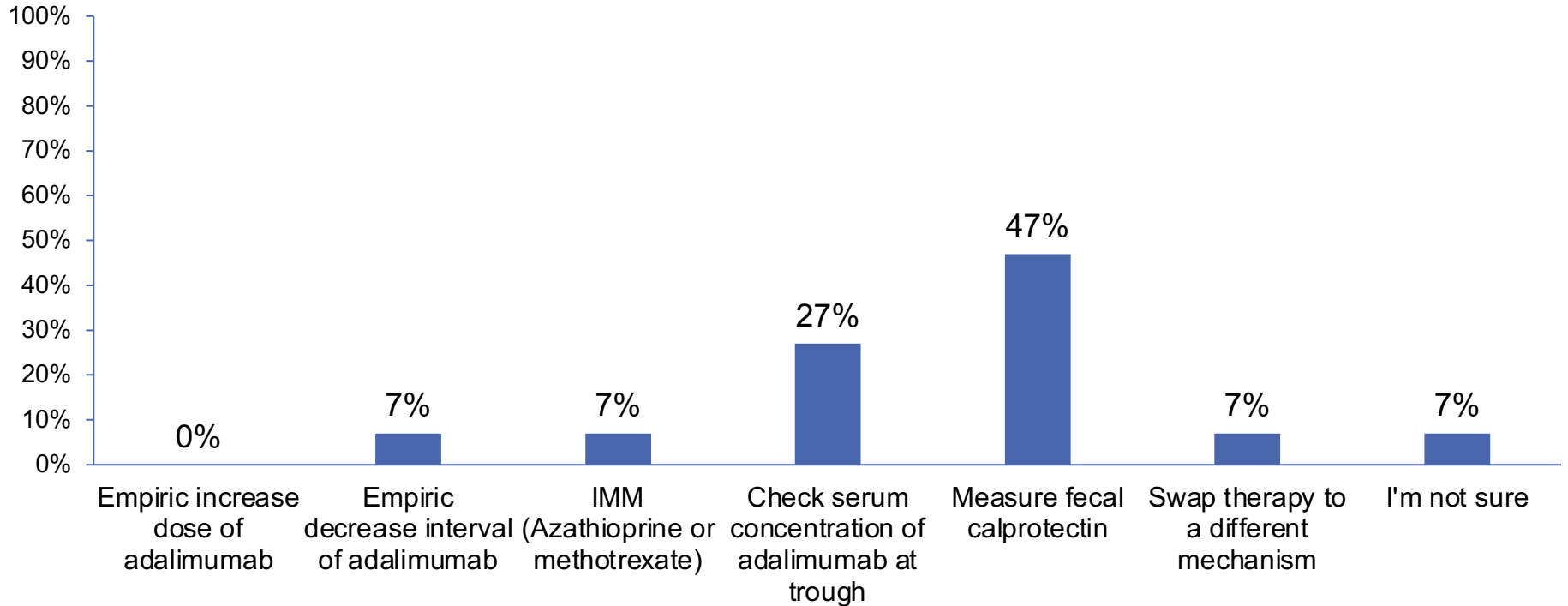


Audience Response

What would you recommend for Elle?

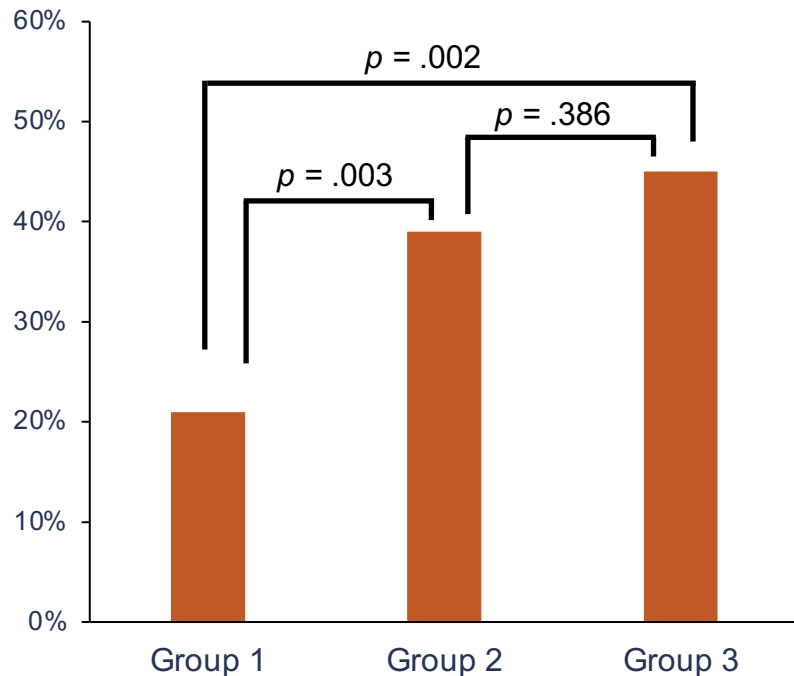
- A. Empiric increase dose of adalimumab
- B. Empiric decrease interval of adalimumab
- C. Add immunomodulator (azathioprine or methotrexate)
- D. Check serum concentration of adalimumab at trough
- E. Measure fecal calprotectin
- F. Swap therapy to a different mechanism
- G. I'm not sure

What would recommend for Elle?

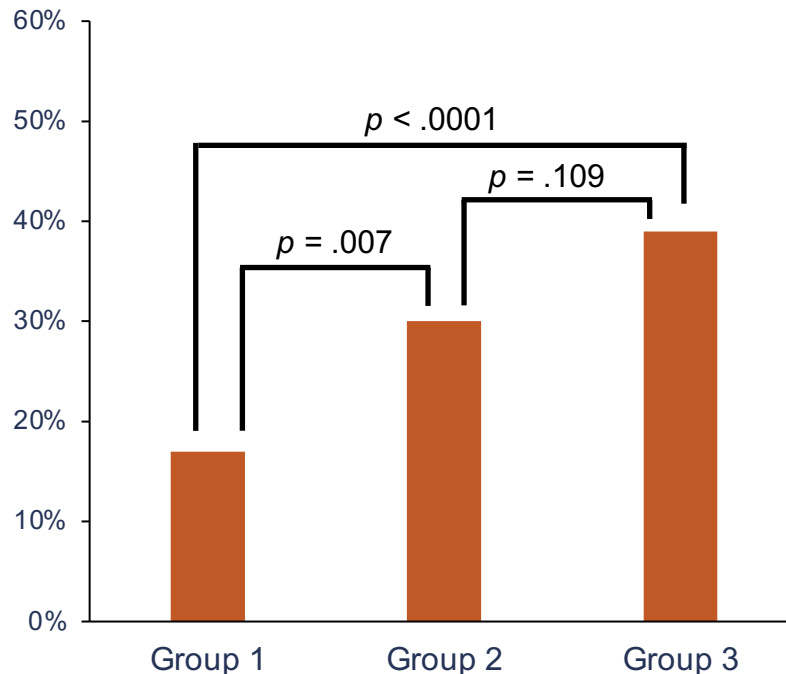


Maintenance Infliximab for CD: ACCENT 1

Clinical Remission: Week 30

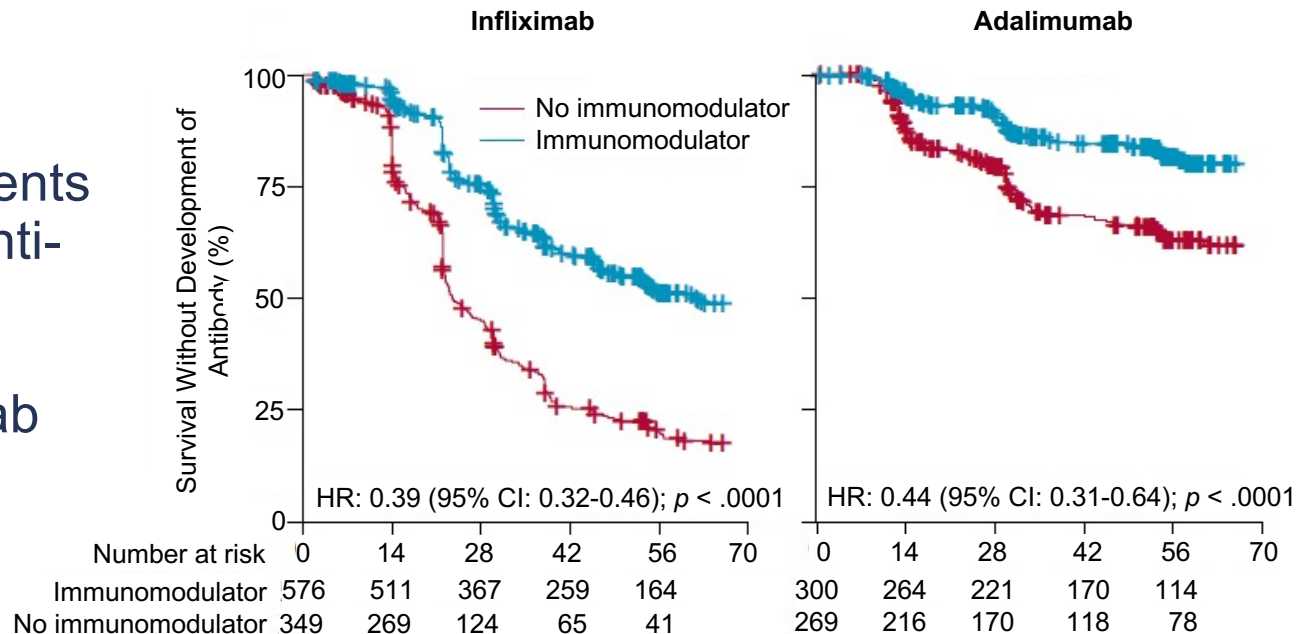


Clinical Remission: Week 54

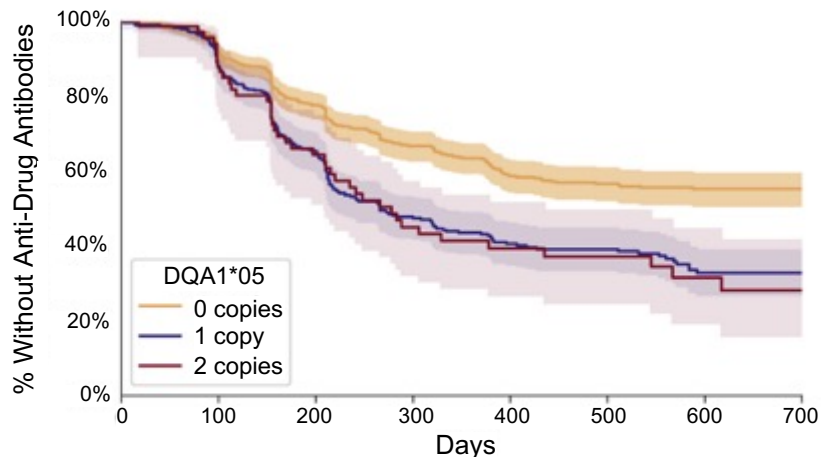


PANTS: Personalized Anti-TNF Therapy in CD

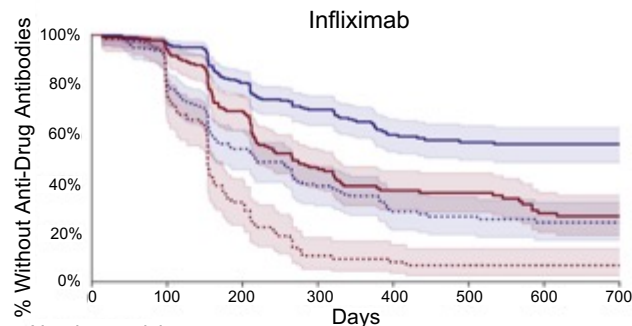
- ▶ High rates of immunogenicity:
Proportion of patients who developed anti-drug antibodies:
62.8% infliximab,
28.5% adalimumab



PANTS: HLA-DQA1*05 and Immunogenicity

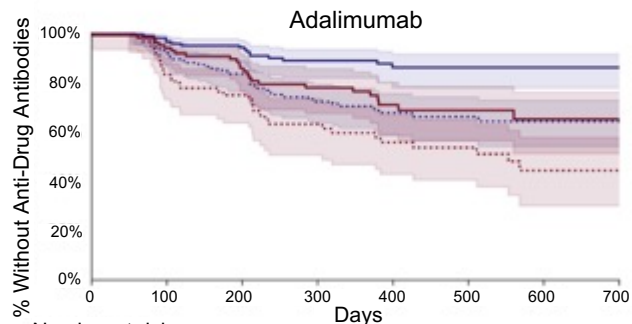


Number at risk		0	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
0 copies	752	626	478	361	216	173	133	119	
1 copy	410	320	216	137	90	72	43	39	
2 copies	75	57	38	25	18	16	9	6	



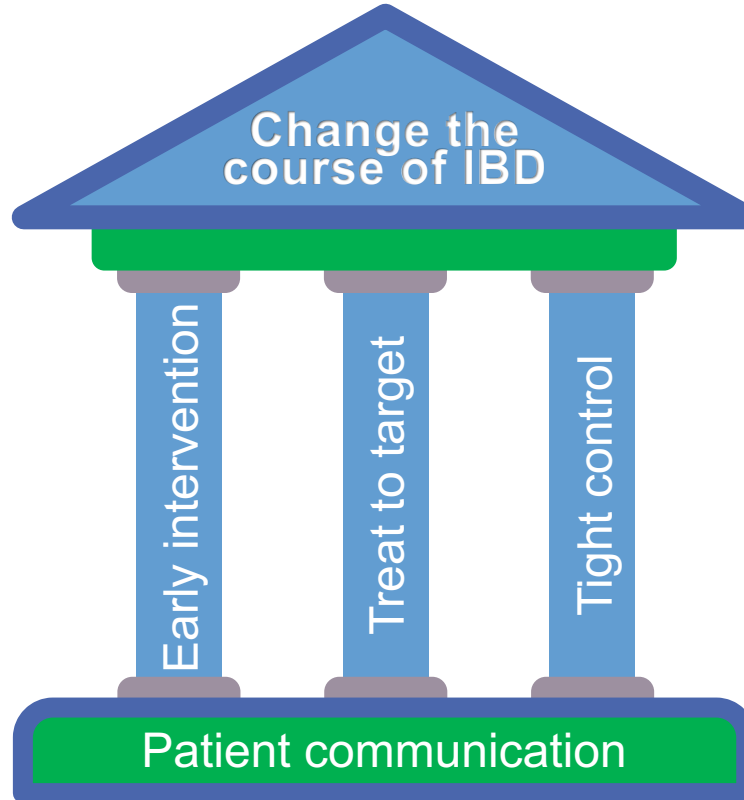
Number at risk		0	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
Blue = non-carriers	270	240	185	145	84	70	55	49	
Red = carriers	177	125	76	50	30	24	19	17	
Dotted = monotherapy	176	151	107	63	38	37	23	22	
Solid = combination therapy	118	75	29	9	6	5	3	3	

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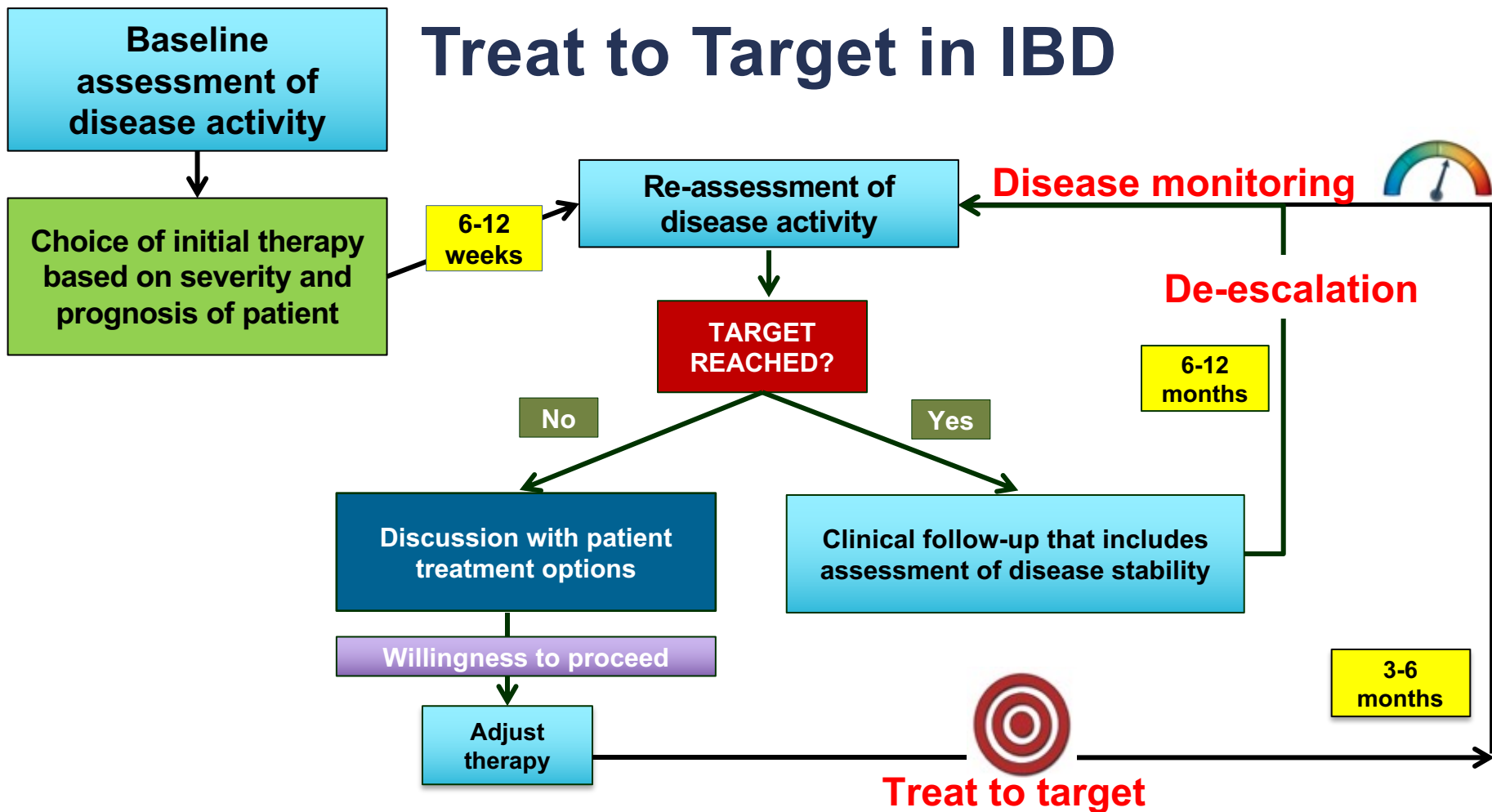


Number at risk		0	100	200	300	400	500	600	700
Blue = non-carriers	147	129	113	89	55	42	29	25	
Red = carriers	158	132	104	77	47	37	30	28	
Dotted = monotherapy	102	87	69	55	35	25	15	11	
Solid = combination therapy	89	64	49	35	29	21	11	9	

The Three Pillars of IBD Care



Treat to Target in IBD



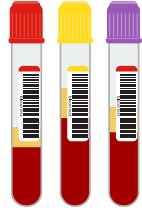
Monitoring Is Key

▶ Serum markers

▶ CRP

▶ Hemoglobin

▶ Endoscopic Healing Index (EHI)



▶ Stool markers

▶ Calprotectin

▶ Lactoferrin



▶ Endoscopy

▶ Radiology

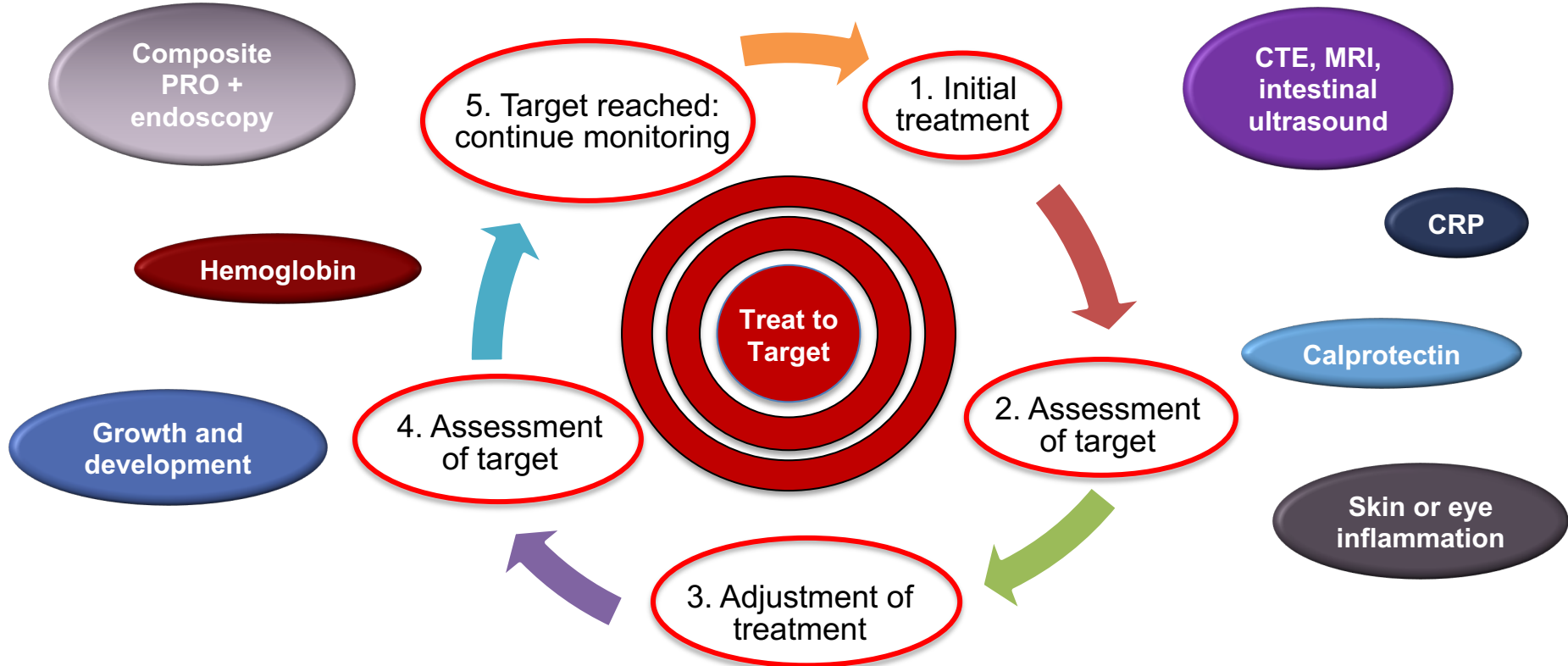
▶ CTE

▶ MRE

▶ Intestinal ultrasound



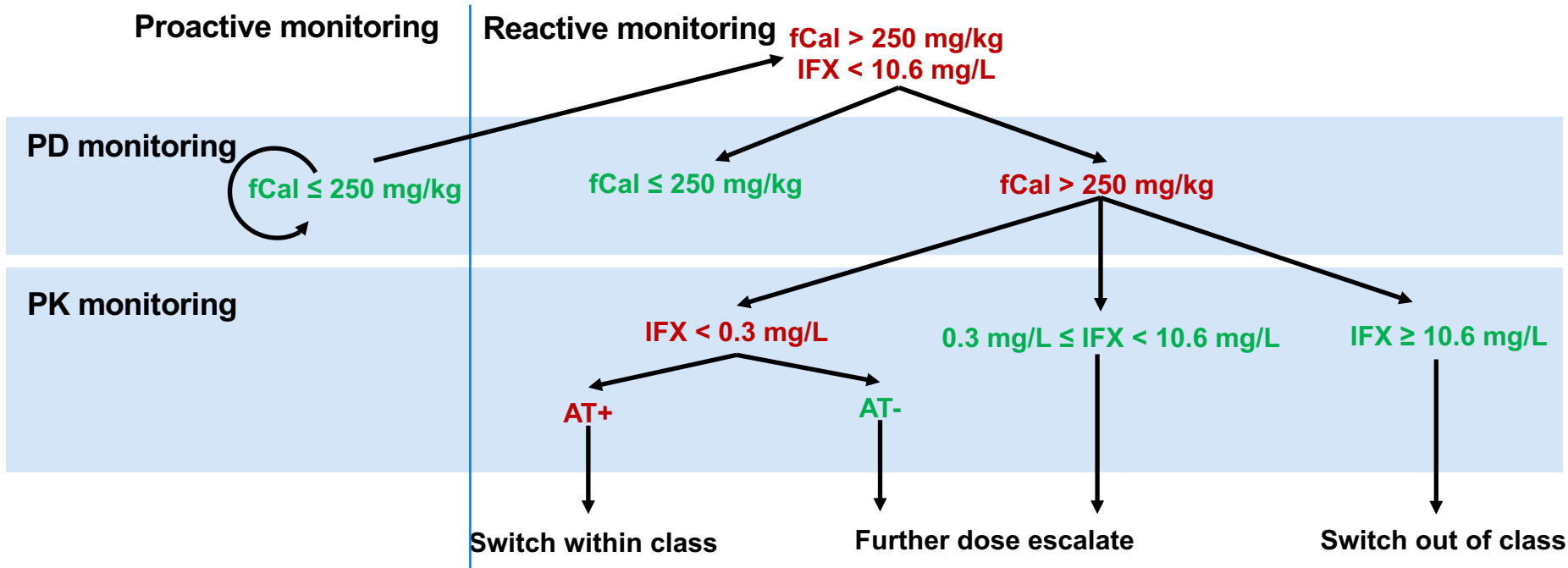
Targets Can Be Individualized



MRI = magnetic resonance imaging

Peyrin-Biroulet L, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol.* 2015;110:1324-1338. Turner D, et al. *Gastroenterology.* 2021;160(6):1570-1583.

Subclinical Disease Activity Defines Reactive TDM

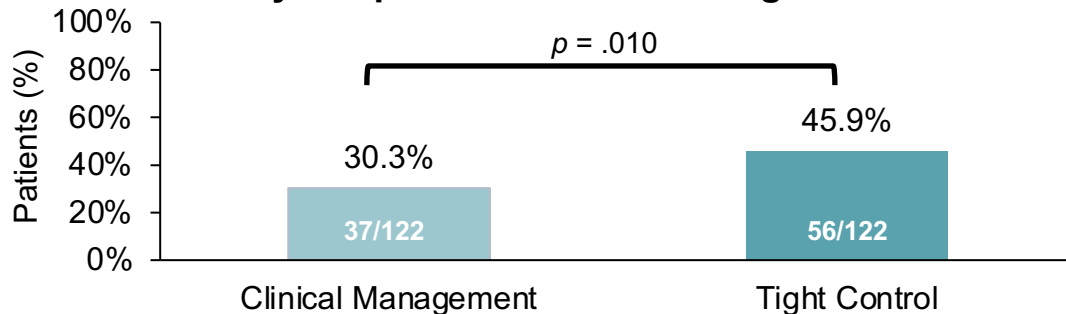


ATI = antibodies to infliximab; fCal = fecal calprotectin; PD = pharmacodynamic; PK = pharmacokinetic
Dreesen E, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol.* 2020;18(3):637-646.e11.

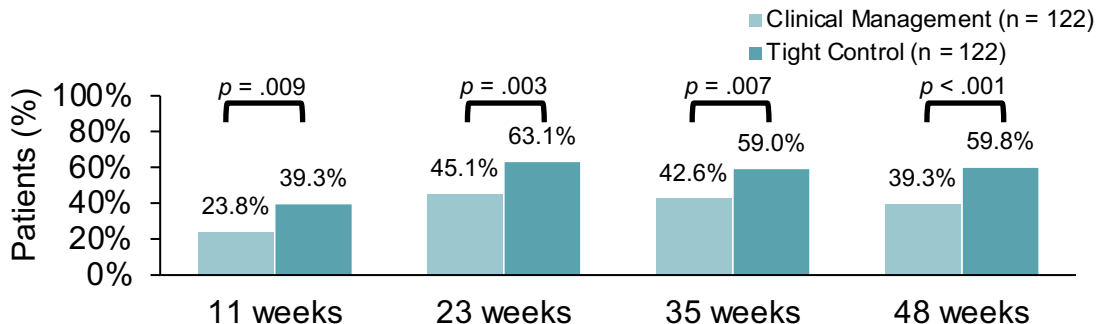
CALM Trial: More Mucosal Healing and Steroid-Free Remission at Week 48 with Tight Control Monitoring

- ▶ Tight control group
 - ▶ Fewer hospitalizations
 - ▶ Longer periods of remission
 - ▶ Higher costs due to monitoring
 - ▶ Increase quality adjusted life-years

Primary Endpoint: Mucosal Healing at Week 48



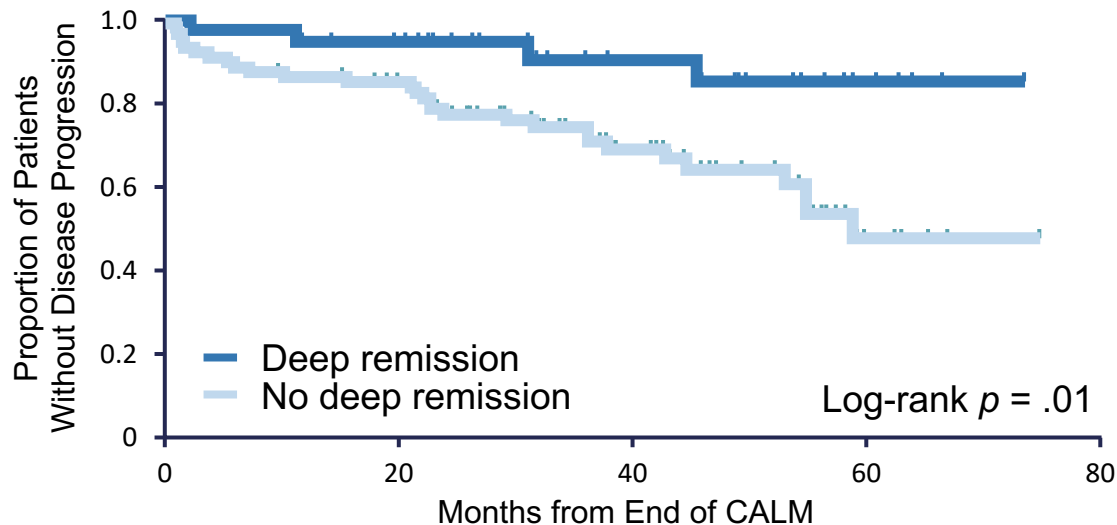
Steroid-Free Remission at Each Visit



CALM Follow-up: Impact of Induction of Deep Remission on Disease Progression in CD

CD patients achieving endoscopic or deep remission after 1Y of tight control are less likely to have disease progression* over a median of 3 years

Kaplan-Meier Estimates of CD Disease Progression Based on Deep Remission at 1 Year

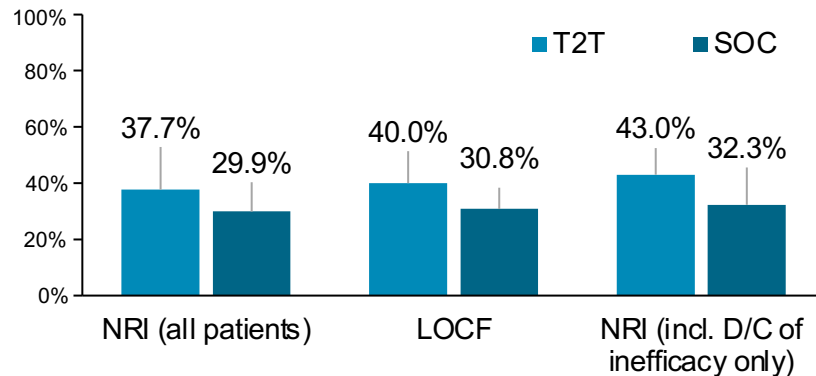


*Disease progression defined as composite of new internal fistula/abscess, stricture, perianal fistula/ abscess, CD hospitalization, or CD surgery since end of CALM
Ungaro RC, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2020;159(1):139-147.

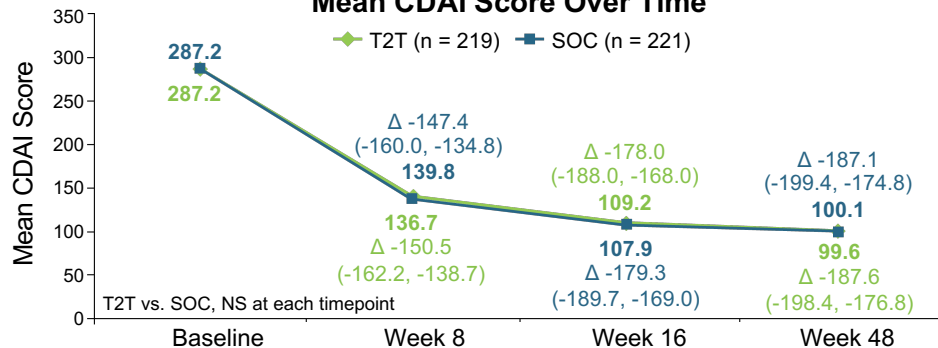
STARDUST: Treat-to-Target vs. Standard of Care with Ustekinumab in CD

- ▶ Primary endpoint:
 - ▶ Week 48 endoscopic response (defined as $\geq 50\%$ \downarrow in SES-CD from baseline)
- ▶ 441/500 patients re-randomized at week 8
 - ▶ T2T n = 220
 - ▶ SOC n = 221
- ▶ Week 48 completion: 79.1% T2T vs. 87.3% SOC
 - ▶ Similar improvements in SES-CD, mucosal healing, steroid-free endoscopic response, CDAI, and biomarkers between groups
 - ▶ No new safety signals

Endoscopic Response (SES-CD Improvement $\geq 50\%$ [95% CI] at Week 48 (RAS))



Mean CDAI Score Over Time

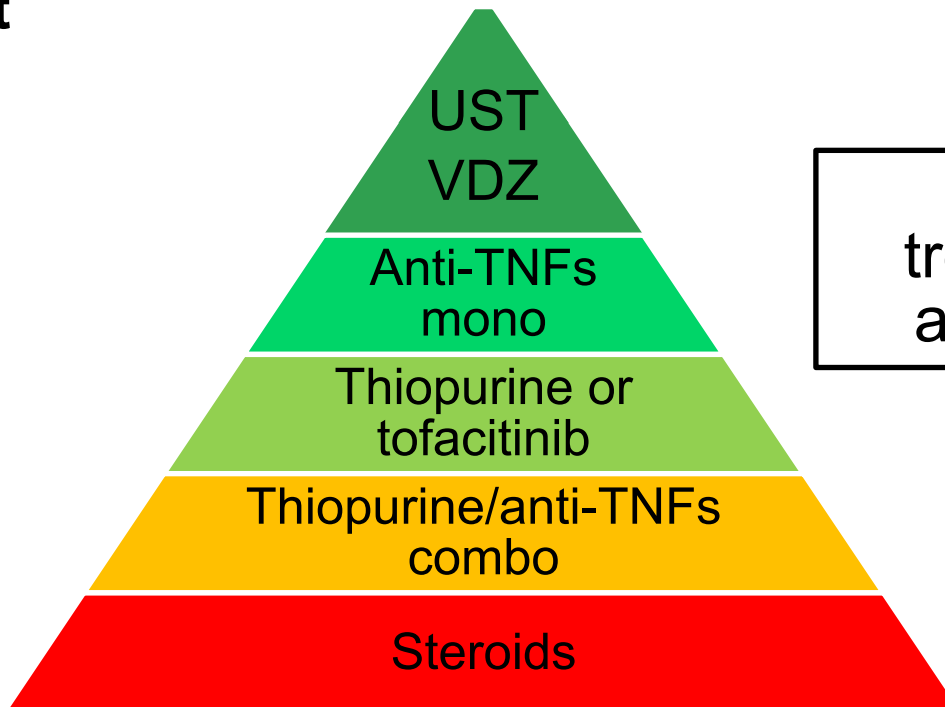


LOCF = last observation carried forward; NRI = nonresponder imputation; NS = nonsignificant; SOC = standard of care; T2T = treat-to-target

Danese S, et al. Presented at DDW; 2021. Abstract 105.

Safety Pyramid of Current IBD Medications

Safest



Inadequate
treatment is an
adverse event

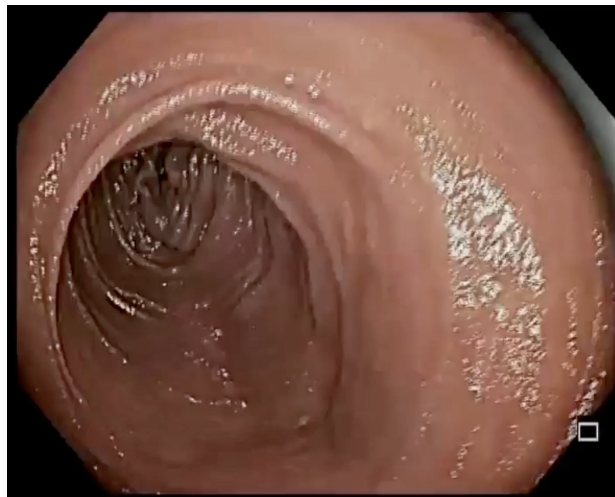
Patient Case: Elle

- Adalimumab level is 14, no anti-drug antibodies
- Dose adjustment to weekly
- After 2 months (8 doses), CRP = 12, symptomatic



Patient Case: Elle

- Change to ustekinumab loading and injection therapy
- Scheduled for colonoscopy at 4 months



Patient Case: Elle



- Adalimumab level is 14, no anti-drug antibodies
- Dose adjustment to weekly
- After 2 months (8 doses), CRP = 12, symptomatic



- Inflammatory marker provide a predictive value, even when someone is feeling well
- It may be a sign that they may lose response, and still active inflammation driving this

SMART Goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

- ▶ Personalized, targeted therapy best sets patients up for success throughout their journey
- ▶ Integrate risk stratification and disease prognosis into your treatment decision-making
- ▶ Factor efficacy, safety, tolerability, and convenience into your treatment decisions
- ▶ Optimize treatment by implementing an established monitoring plan

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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