

JAKI: ELEVATING STANDARDS OF CARE IN AD

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- **Speaker**

- Abbvie
- Arcutis
- Boehringer-Ingelheim
- Bristol Myers Squibb
- Castle
- Dermavant
- DermTech
- Galderma
- Journey
- LEO
- Sanofi
- Regeneron
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- Novartis
- Pulse Biosciences
- PROSE
- Sanofi
- Thermo Fisher Scientific
- Regeneron

OBJECTIVES

- Define optimal treatment targets for Atopic Dermatitis – AHEAD Recommendations
- Discuss the positioning of Jak inhibitors amidst the current treatment landscape
- Analyze efficacy and safety profiles of Jak inhibitors for atopic dermatitis
- Introduce recent molecular tools to help aid in treatment selection



The greatest danger for most of us
is not that **our aim** is too high
and we miss it, but that it is
too low and we reach it.

– *Michelangelo*

AZ QUOTES

AHEAD RECOMMENDATION:

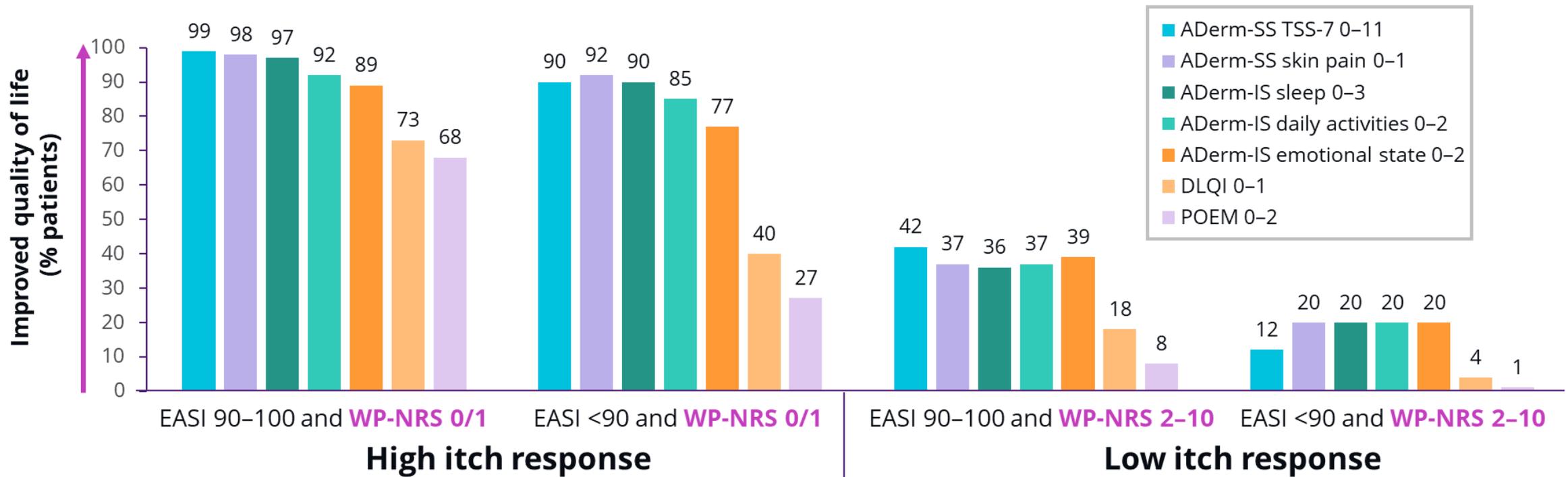
ACHIEVE OPTIMAL TREATMENT TARGETS WITHIN 3-6 MONTHS FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS

Practical Approach to Achieve MDA		
Measure	Optimal Outcome	Meaning
SKIN	✓ EASI-90, or IGA 0/1 & BSA ≤2%	Clear or almost clear skin
ITCH	✓ NRS 0/1	Little or no itch
Clinician-reported Measure		Moderate Target
EASI	EASI-75 or EASI ≤7	Optimal Target EASI-90 or EASI ≤3
SCORAD	SCORAD 50 or SCORAD ≤24	SCORAD 75 or SCORAD ≤10
IGA and BSA	IGA≤2 and 50% BSA Improvement	IGA 0/1 and BSA ≤2%
Patient-reported Measure		Moderate Target
Itch NRS	≥4-point improvement	Optimal Target 0/1
DLQI (impact on daily life)	≥4-point improvement	0/1
Sleep NRS (for sleep disturbance)	≥3-point improvement	0/1
POEM	≥4-point improvement	≤2
HADS (for mental health)	<11	<8
Pain NRS (for skin pain)	≥3-point improvement	0/1

AHEAD, Aiming High in Eczema/Atopic Dermatitis; AD, atopic dermatitis; BSA, body surface area; DLQI, Dermatology Life Quality Index; EASI, Eczema Area and Severity Index; IGA, Investigator Global Assessment; MDA, minimal disease activity; NRS, Numeric Rating Scale; POEM, Patient-Oriented Eczema Measure; SCORAD, SCORing Atopic Dermatitis.

WHY BOTH MATTER

PRO scores in patients with AD by EASI and WP-NRS response



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Adults with atopic dermatitis

Baseline Management

SEVERITY ASSESSMENT:
Assessment of signs of disease, severity of symptoms, and comorbidities.
Extent of the negative impact on QOL.

EXACERBATING FACTOR AVOIDANCE
Identify relevant trigger factors (allergens, irritants, etc.) & counsel patients on how to avoid triggers.

BASELINE THERAPY

- Moisturizers/Emollients
- Bathing Practices

Key

- Strong recommendation in favor of the intervention
- Conditional recommendation in favor of the intervention
- Strong recommendation against the intervention
- Conditional recommendation against the intervention
- FDA FDA indicated for atopic dermatitis

Moderate to severe

PHOTOTHERAPY & SYSTEMIC THERAPY

Topical agents can be used concurrently with phototherapy or systemic agents for maintenance of response, rescue, or treatment of flares.

PHOTOTHERAPY ●

SYSTEMIC THERAPIES

Biologics	FDA Dupilumab ●
	FDA Tralokinumab ●
	FDA Lebrikizumab ●
	FDA Nemolizumab + TCS ●
JAK Inhibitors	FDA Upadacitinib ●
	FDA Abrocitinib ●
	Baricitinib ●
Immunosuppressants	Methotrexate ●
	Azathioprine ●
	Cyclosporine ●
	Mycophenolate mofetil ●
	FDA Systemic corticosteroids ●



Strong Recommendation in favor of biologics and JAK inhibitors approved for atopic dermatitis

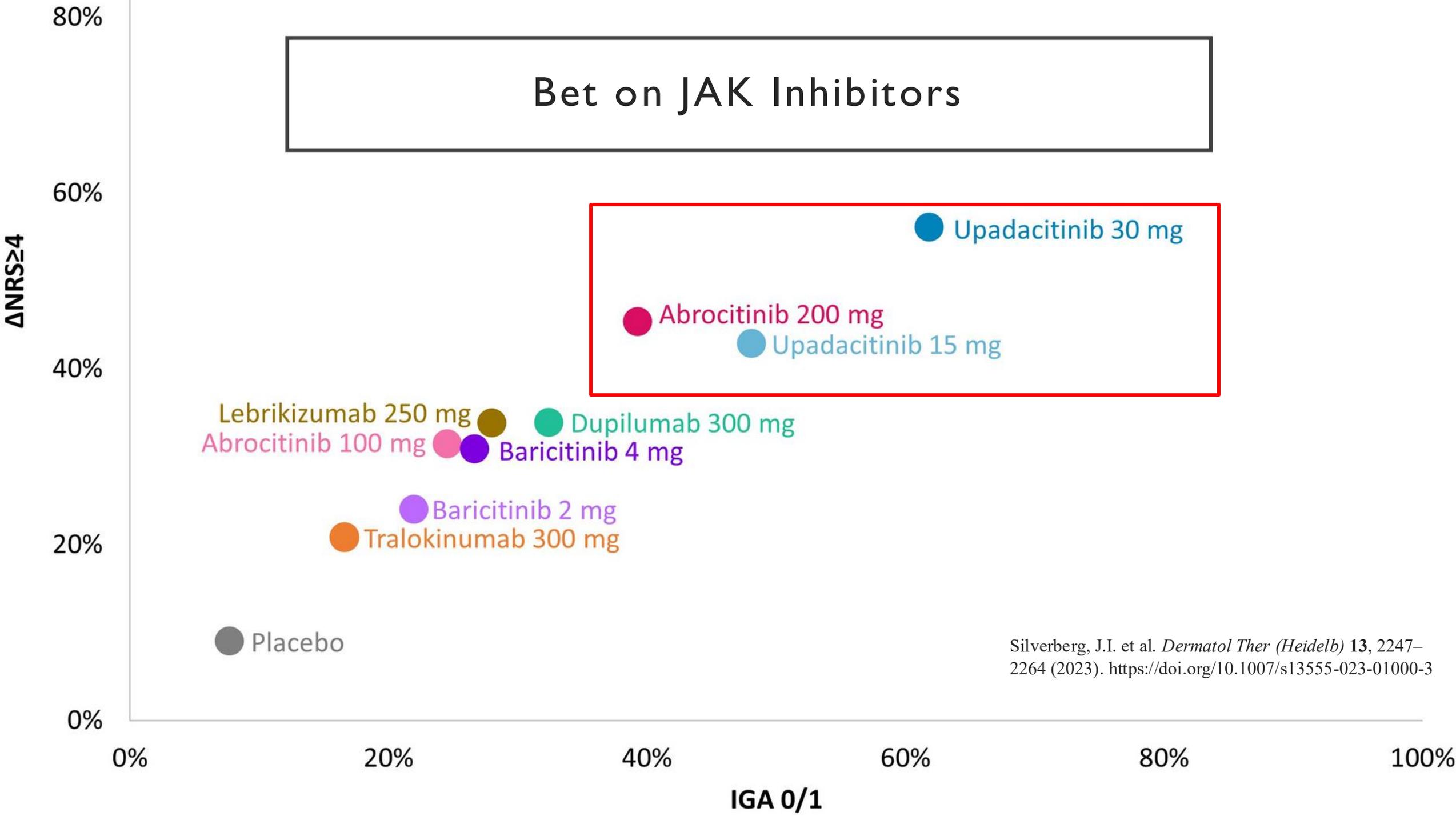


HOW DO I CHOOSE?



PLAY THE ODDS





Silverberg, J.I. et al. *Dermatol Ther (Heidelb)* **13**, 2247–2264 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13555-023-01000-3>

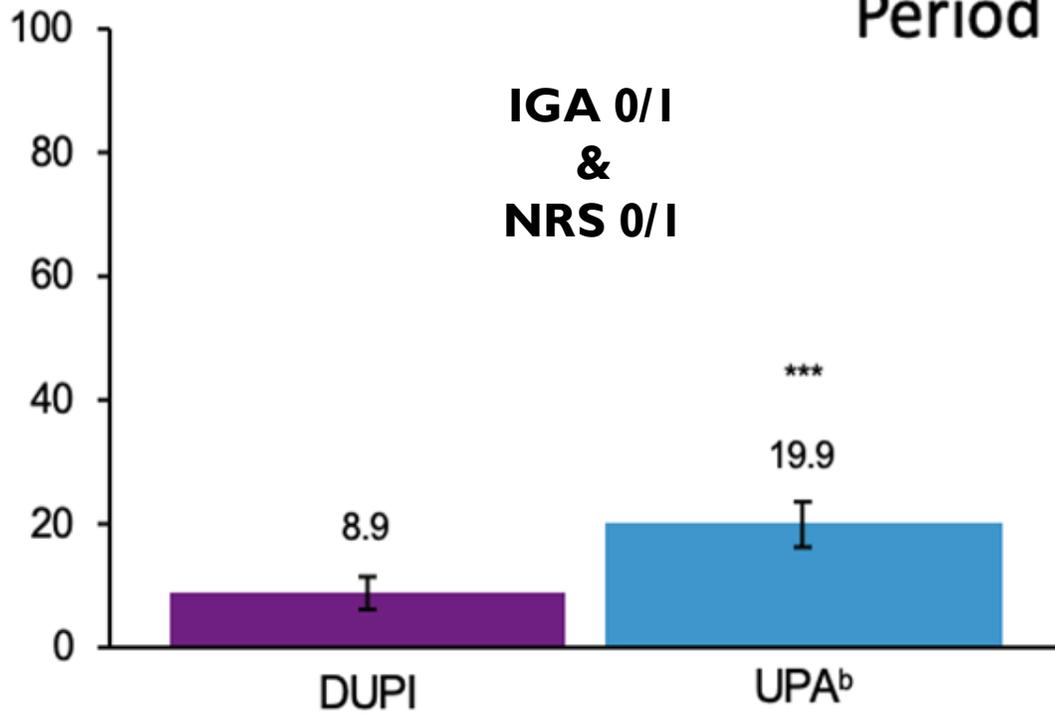
LEVEL UP: Upadacitinib Versus Dupilumab

Level Up³

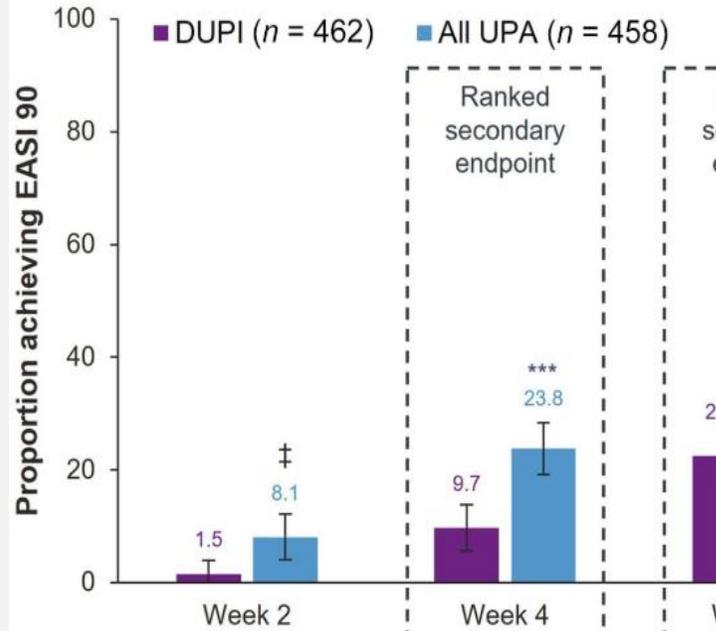
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Period 1

IGA 0/I
&
NRS 0/I



EASI 90



point

Ranked secondary endpoint

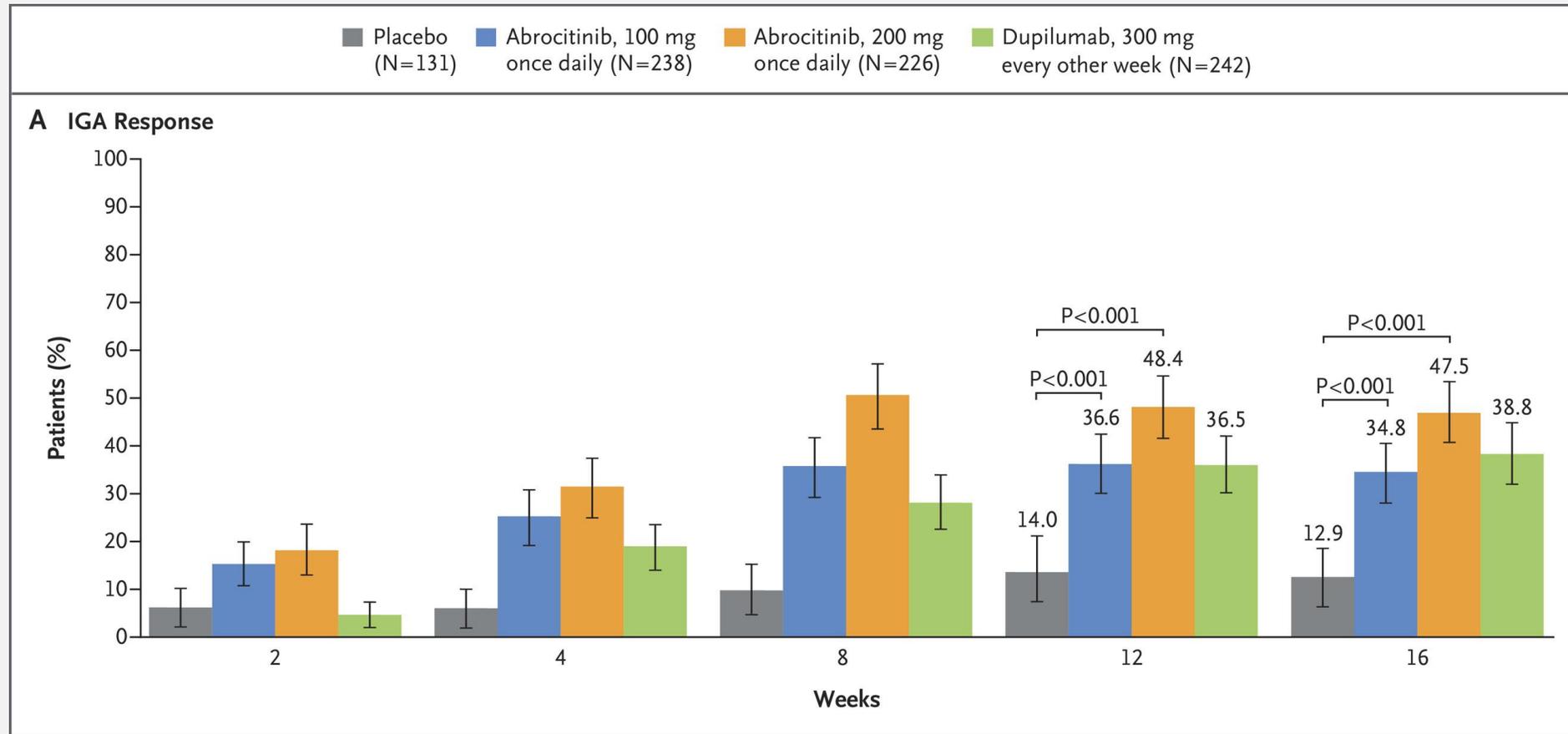
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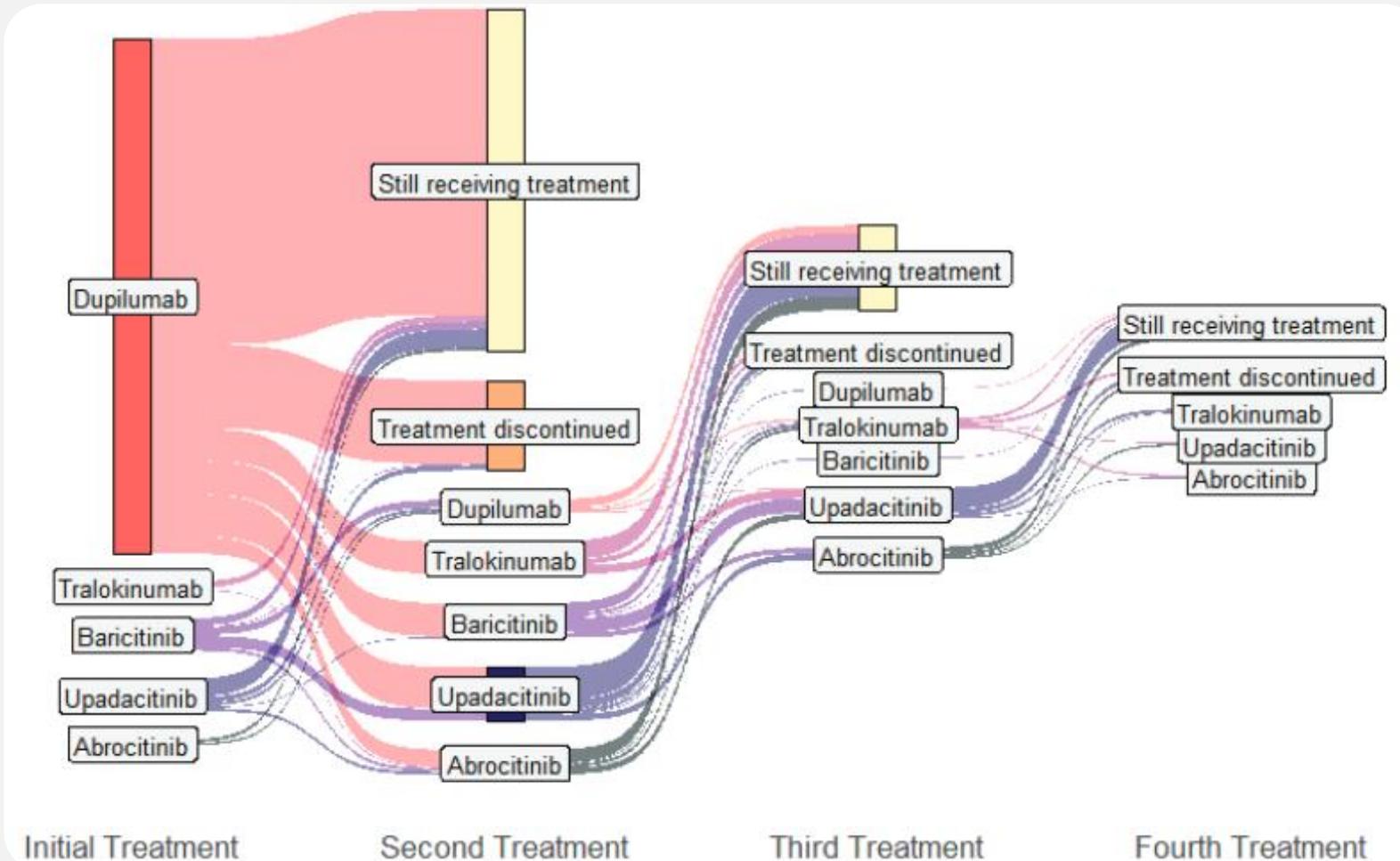
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Week 16

JADE COMPARE: Abrocitinib Versus Dupilumab



REAL WORLD AD TREATMENT PATTERNS



~ 90% of patients were initially treated with Th2-targeted therapy

41% of Th2 targeted treatment courses were discontinued, mainly due to ineffectiveness

<30% of patients received a JAK inhibitor at any treatment sequence

WHY?

- Two Birds, One Stone?
- Perceived Safety Advantage?
- No Lab Monitoring?
- Difficulty Discussing Jaki's?

Uncontrolled Moderate-to-Severe

Atopic Dermatitis

For Patients Ages 6+ Months

Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria

For Patients Ages 12+ Years Who Remain Symptomatic Despite H1 Antihistamine Treatment

Limitations of Use: [redacted] is not indicated for other forms of urticaria.

Prurigo Nodularis

For Patients Ages 18+ Years

Bullous Pemphigoid

For Patients Ages 18+ Years

Add-on Maintenance for Moderate-to-Severe

Asthma

For Patients Ages 6+ Years With an Eosinophilic Phenotype or OCS Dependent

Limitations of Use: [redacted] is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.

Add-on Maintenance for Inadequately Controlled

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

For Patients Ages 18+ Years With an Eosinophilic Phenotype

Limitations of Use: [redacted] is not indicated for the relief of acute bronchospasm.

Add-on Maintenance for Inadequately Controlled

Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps

For Patients Ages 12+ Years

Eosinophilic Esophagitis

For Patients Ages 1+ Years,
Weighing at Least 15 kg



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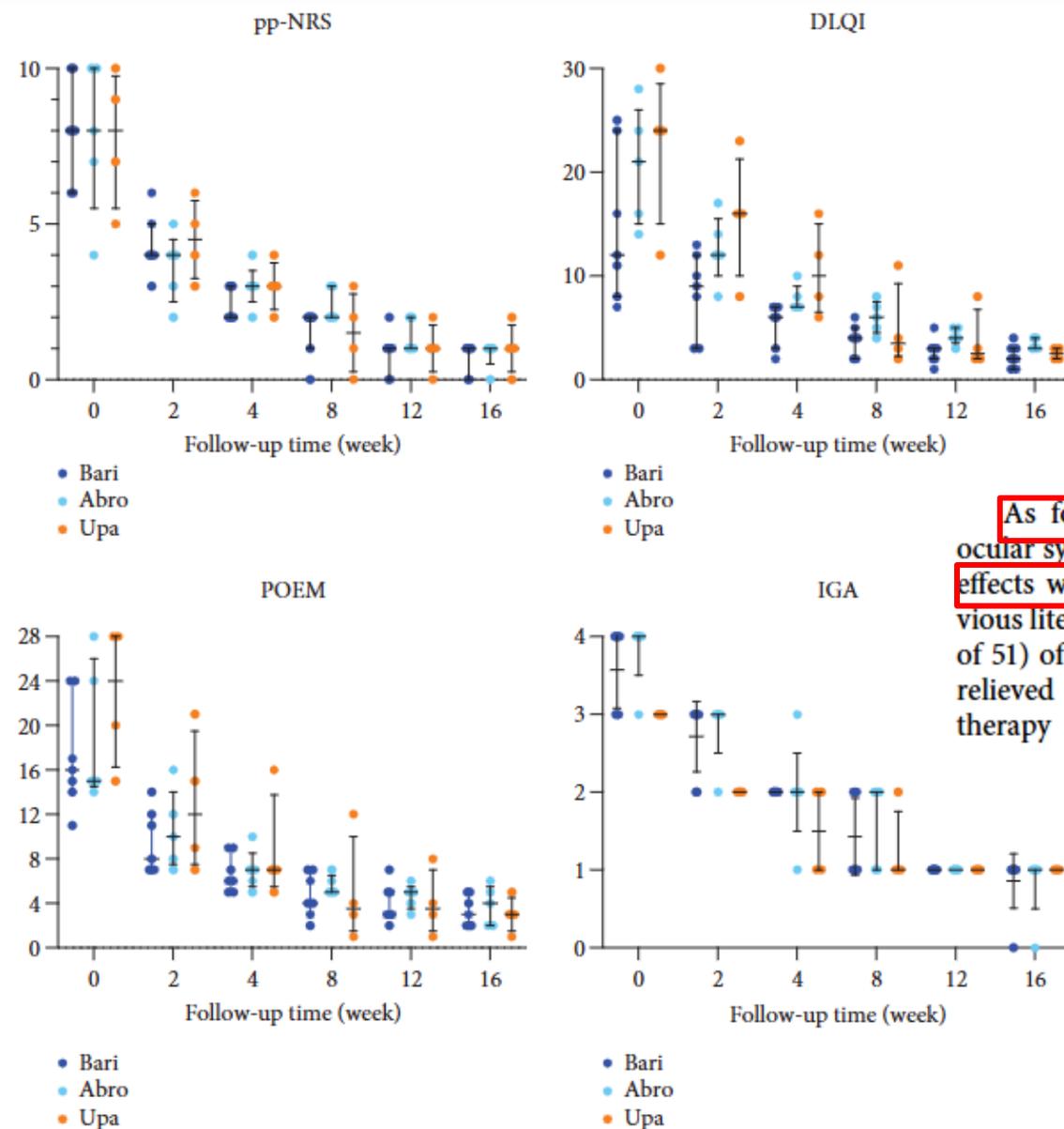
Dupilumab in Combination With JAK Inhibitor for Refractory Moderate-to-Severe Atopic Dermatitis

[Xiaoting Song](#), [Bo Liu](#), [Chengyue Peng](#), [Yen Tan](#), [Zuotao Zhao](#) 

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 **VIEW METRICS**

OK TO ADD A JAKI



As for safety profile, only one patient reported mild ocular symptom in our patient. No significant systemic side effects were observed, which was consistent with the previous literature [7, 9, 10]. Yang et al. [7] observed only 8% (4 of 51) of patients developed mild conjunctivitis, which was relieved spontaneously. All the reported combination therapy was short term (2–6 months), which showed an

FIGURE 2: The scores of pp-NRS, DLQI, POEM, and IGA through 16 weeks Bari, dupilumab in combination with baricitinib 2 mg daily ($n=7$); Abro, dupilumab in combination with abrocitinib 100 mg daily ($n=5$); Upa, dupilumab in combination with upadacitinib 15 mg daily ($n=4$); pp-NRS, peak pruritus numeric rating scale; DLQI, dermatology life quality index; POEM, patient-oriented eczema measure; IGA, investigator global assessment. The pp-NRS, DLQI, POEM, and IGA scores at each time point were shown as medians and interquartile range. Compared with the scores at baseline, the scores at week 2, 4, 8, 12, and 16 were significantly improved ($p < 0.05$, Wilcoxon matched-pair signed-rank test).

JAK-inhibitors as rescue therapy in dupilumab-refractory severe atopic dermatitis: A case series of 6 patients

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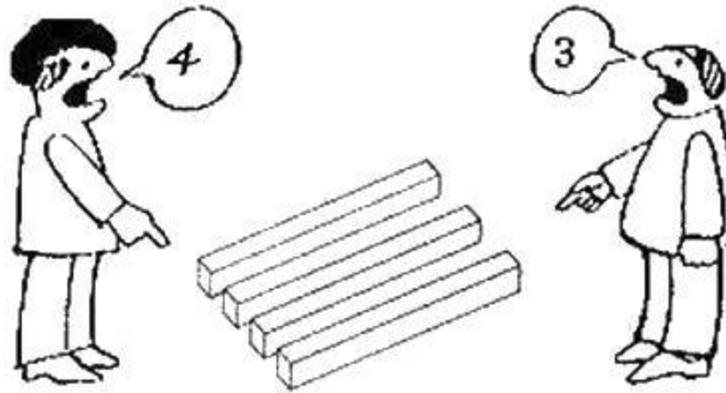
Table I. Patient with atopic dermatitis characteristics and clinical response to combination treatment with dupilumab and a JAK-I

Pt	Age, sex, ethnicity	Comorbidities	Baseline BSA involvement (%)	Baseline IGA	Duration of treatment on dupilumab (300 mg QOW) until flare	IGA preflare	BSA during flare (%)	IGA during flare	Post-JAK-I BSA (%), after 4 wks	Post-JAK-I IGA, after 4 wks	Duration of JAK-I treatment until discontinuation	JAK-I used
1	62, Male, White	HTN CVD with stent placement, no history of clotting	30%	4	6 mo	1	10%	3	2	1	6 mo	Tofacitinib 5 mg daily
2	19, Male, Indian	None	10%	3	8 mo	0	3%	2	0	0	4 mo	Upadacitinib 15 mg daily
3	22, Male, White	None	40%	4	6 mo	1	15%	4	4	1	3 mo	Tofacitinib 5 mg twice daily
4	48, Female, White	CVA	20%	3	7 mo	1	6%	3	1	1	2 mo	Upadacitinib 15 mg daily
5	83, Female, White	HTN, CKD, HLD	40%	4	1.5 y	1	20%	4	1	1	2 mo	Upadacitinib 15 mg daily
6	56, Female, White	None	15%	3	6 mo	0	10%	3	0	0	6 mo	Upadacitinib 15 mg daily

BSA, Body surface area; CKD, chronic kidney disease; CVA, cerebrovascular accident; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HLD, hyperlipidemia; HTN, hypertension; IGA, investigator's global assessment; Pt, patient.

PERCEIVED SAFETY ADVANTAGE

"We Don't See Things As They Are,



We See Them As We Are." - AN

5-Year Safety of Oral JAK Inhibitors in Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis

	AD: Phase 3 Long-term Measure Up 1/Measure Up 2/AD UP (Up to 5 yrs)		AD Phase 3 Long-term JADE MONO-1,2; JADE TEEN, JADE DARE, JAKE COMPARE, JADE EXTENDE, JAGE REGIMEN (Up to 4 years)	
	UPA 15 mg QD ¹ (N=1337)	UPA 30 mg QD ¹ (N=1346)	Abro 100 mg QD ² (N=1023)	Abro 200 mg QD ² (N=1981)
	Events Per 100 Patient Years (E/100 PY)			
Serious infections	2.2	2.6	2.2	2.7
Eczema herpeticum	1.5	2.0	1.6	0.9
Active tuberculosis	<0.1	<0.1	0	0.04
Herpes zoster	3.1	5.5	2.1	4.7
NMSC^a	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1
Adverse events leading to death	<0.1	<0.1	0.1	0.2

^aRates shown are n/100 PY=number of subjects with at least one event per 100 PY

AD, atopic dermatitis; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; NMSC, non-melanoma skin cancer; PY, patient year; TB, tuberculosis; UPA, Upadacitinib; VTE, venous thromboembolic event.

Bunick C et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2024;190(Suppl 2):ii35-6.; Simpson EL, et al. *Am J Clin Dermatol*. 2024;25(4):639-654.

Incidence Rates of Malignancy, MACE, and VTE Reflect Background Rates in AD Population

Incidence rate per 100 PY (95% CI)	Upadacitinib 15 mg QD n=1,337 (PY=3,823) ¹	Upadacitinib 30 mg QD n=1,346 (PY=4,077) ¹	Abrocitinib 100 mg QD n=1,023 (PY=1,507) ²	Abrocitinib 200 mg QD n=1,981 (PY=2,173) ²	AD general population
Malignancy^a, excluding NMSC	0.3 (0.1, 0.5)	0.4 (0.2, 0.7)	0.2 (0.0, 0.4)	0.3 (0.2, 0.6)	0.33 (0.30, 0.36)^{c 3} [N=66,258]
Adjudicated MACE^b	0.2 (0.1, 0.3)	<0.1 (0.0, 0.2)	0.3 (0.1, 0.7)	0.3 (0.1, 0.5)	0.63 (0.51, 0.78)^{d 4} [N=2,527]
Adjudicated VTE^b	0.1 (0.0, 0.3)	0.1 (0.1, 0.3)	0.1 (0.0, 0.3)	0.3 (0.1, 0.5)	0.31 (0.29, 0.34)^{e 5} [N=113,927]

^aExcluding NMSC; ^bAdjudicated; ^cN=66,258, UK patients of all ages with mild-to-severe AD, patients with AD were identified by the presence of at least 2 correlative codes of AD, or by the presence of AD codes entered by a specialist; ^dN=2,527, all Danish citizens 15 years of age or older with moderate-to-severe AD, moderate/severe AD was identified using systemic therapy for AD as a proxy measure including azathioprine, methotrexate, cyclosporine, and/or mycophenolate mofetil; ^eN=113,927, US adults (≥18 years of age) with moderate-to-severe AD, moderate-to-severe AD was identified using prescription dispensing as a proxy measure, including high- or ultra-high-potency topical corticosteroids, systemic corticosteroids, systemic immunosuppressants, phototherapies, or biologics used at any time after AD diagnosis (including index date).

AD, atopic dermatitis; CI, confidence interval; PY, patient years; NMSC, non-melanoma skin cancer; QD, once daily

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Cross-Trial Long-Term Safety Data

Oral JAK-1 Selective Inhibitor		
AESI	UPA 15 mg (≤5 yrs) N=1337; PY=3823.0 (IR per 100 PY)	UPA 30 mg (≤5 yrs) N=1346; PY=4076.9 (IR per 100 PY)
MACE	0.2 (0.1–0.3)	<0.1 (0.0–0.2)
VTE (combined)	0.1 (0.0–0.3)	0.1 (0.1–0.3)
Pulmonary embolism (PE)	(included in VTE)	(included in VTE)
Deep-vein thrombosis (DVT)	(included in VTE)	(included in VTE)
Malignancy (excluding NMSC)	0.3 (0.1–0.5)	0.4 (0.2–0.7)
Non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)	0.4 (0.3–0.7)	0.3 (0.2–0.6)

Do these events happen in patients treated with biologics?

IRs are exposure-adjusted incidence rates per 100 patient-years. 95% CIs shown when available from the source datasets. † Tralokinumab VTE is derived as PE + DVT over total PYE; CI by exact Poisson.

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MACE	0.2 (0.1–0.3)	<0.1 (0.0–0.2)	0.25 (0.15–0.43)
VTE (combined)	0.1 (0.0–0.3)	0.1 (0.1–0.3)	0.06 (0.01–0.16)†
Pulmonary embolism (PE)	(included in VTE)	(included in VTE)	0.04 (0.01–0.15)
Deep-vein thrombosis (DVT)	(included in VTE)	(included in VTE)	0.02 (0.00–0.14)
Malignancy (excluding NMSC)	0.3 (0.1–0.5)	0.4 (0.2–0.7)	0.35 (0.22–0.54)
Non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC)	0.4 (0.3–0.7)	0.3 (0.2–0.6)	0.42 (0.27–0.64)

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LAB MONITORING

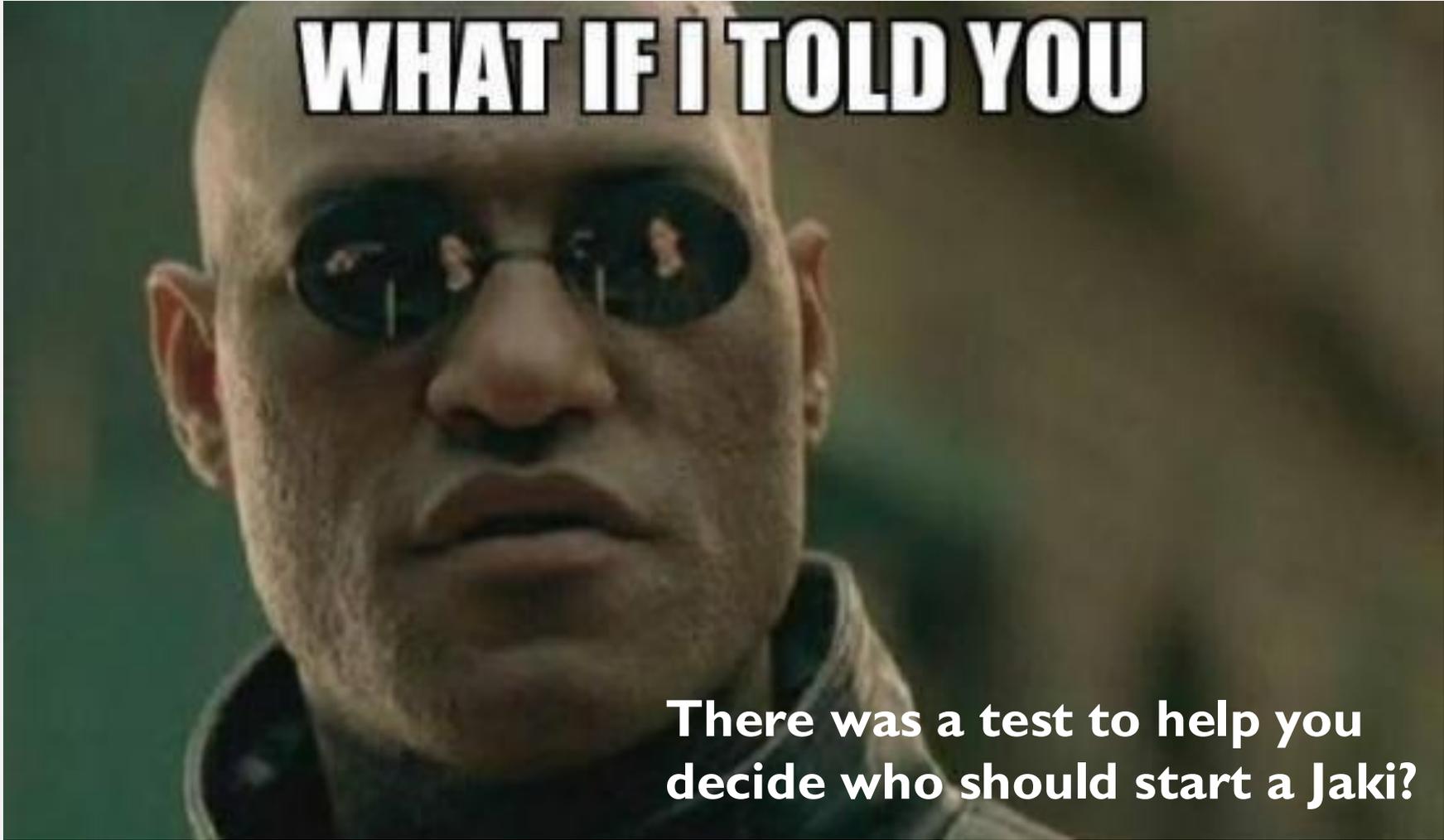
Table 1 Laboratory and vaccine monitoring recommendations for Janus kinase inhibitor treatment of atopic dermatitis

	Pretreatment	4–12 weeks after initiation ^a	Every 3–6 months
TB screening ^b	×		
Pregnancy ^c	×	×	×
HBV ^d /HCV	×		
HIV ^e	×		
CBC with differential	×	×	×
CMP	×	×	×
HDL cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, TG	×	×	Annually
Vaccination	Comments		
Inactivated pneumococcal vaccine	Recommended for patients aged > 18 years		
Influenza	Recommended annually		
Shingrix – recombinant zoster vaccine	Recommended for patients aged > 18 years; two doses separated by 2–6 months		

A practical guide to using oral Janus kinase inhibitors for atopic dermatitis from the International Eczema Council. Br J Dermatol. 2024 Dec 23;192(1):135-143. doi: 10.1093/bjd/ljae342. PMID: 39250758.

PERFECT YOUR PITCH

- So you have tough eczema...
- Would you like something to help level the playing field?
- The most effective medicines are pills that you take once daily – they are called Jak inhibitors
- They work fast and provide a lot of relief
- When we use Jak inhibitors to treat eczema, they are safe, but we have to check a few things before we start
- If you google them...
- But when we use them to treat eczema, we don't see those scary events.

A close-up shot of Morpheus from the movie The Matrix. He is bald, wearing dark sunglasses, and has a serious expression. The background is blurred. The text "WHAT IF I TOLD YOU" is overlaid at the top in white, bold, sans-serif font with a black outline.

WHAT IF I TOLD YOU

**There was a test to help you
decide who should start a Jaki?**

487-GEP MEASURES KEY PATHWAYS DRIVING ATOPIC DERMATITIS



Input: 487 genes expressed in AD lesions that map to 12 pathways

PATHWAY 1

Initial T-cell activation

PATHWAY 2

Chemokine

PATHWAY 3

Cytokines and inflammatory milieu

PATHWAY 4

Selective expression of chemokine receptors during T cell polarizations

PATHWAY 5

T cell receptor signaling

PATHWAY 6

Th17 cell differentiation

PATHWAY 7

IL-17R signaling

PATHWAY 8

Overview of proinflammatory and profibrotic mediators

PATHWAY 9

Keratinization

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PATHWAY 11

IL-17 mediated inflammatory response

PATHWAY 12

Cytokine signaling

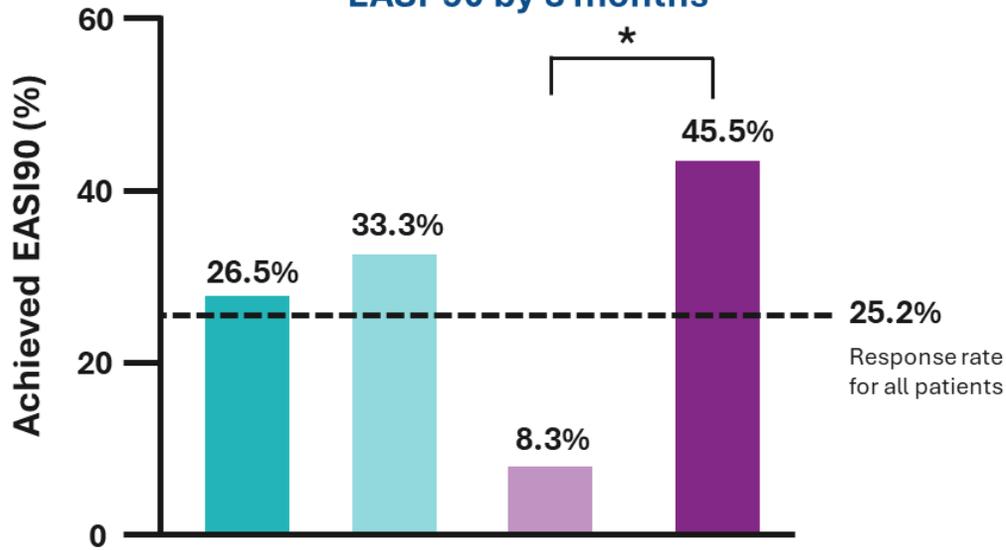
Output of 12 independent neural networks are combined to produce a specific molecular score

Th2 Molecular Profile

JAK Inhibitor Responder Profile

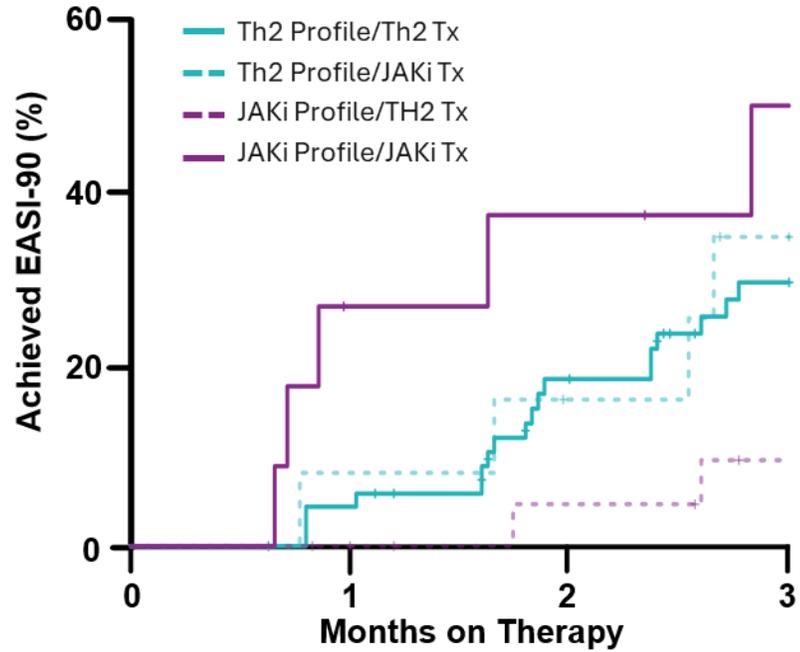
WHY IT MATTERS

EASI-90 by 3 months



Treatment	Th2	JAKi
N	68	12
GEP Result	Th2 Molecular Profile	JAKi Responder Profile

*p=0.021



JAKi Profile/JAKi Tx

3.8x faster

p=0.049

JAKi Profile/Th2 Tx

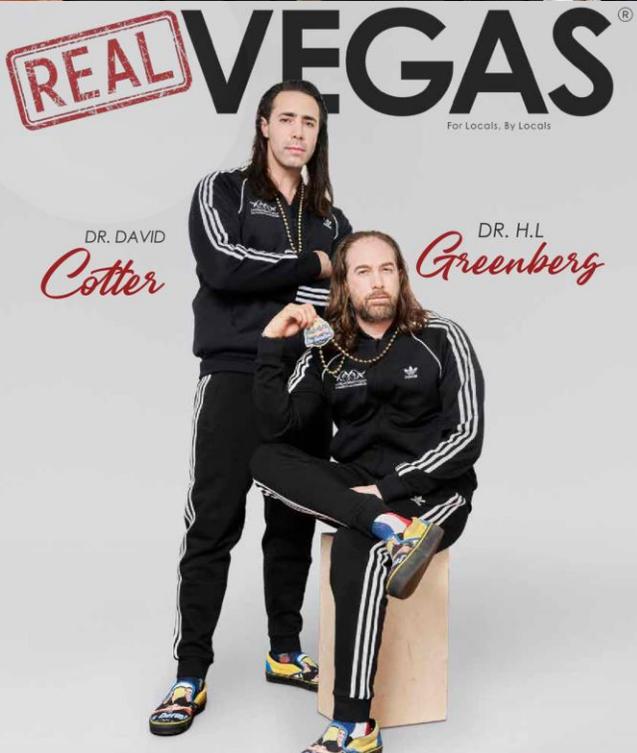
SUMMARY

- Aim High
- Overcome therapeutic inertia
- Embrace advanced therapeutics and molecular tools

Shoot for the moon.
Even if you miss,
you'll land among
the stars.

Norman Vincent Peale





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