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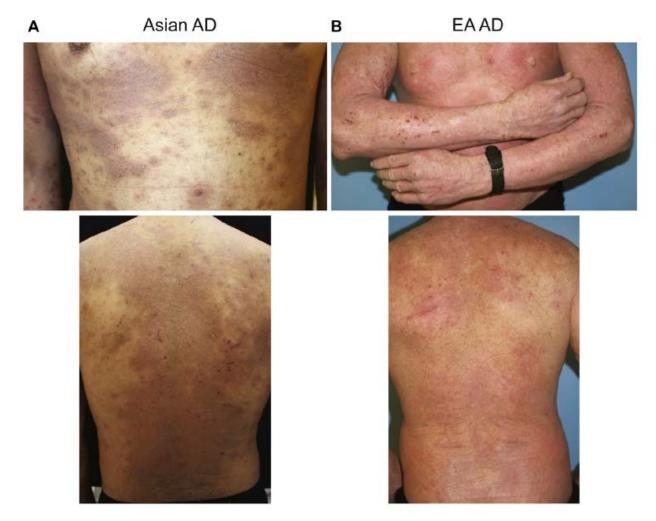


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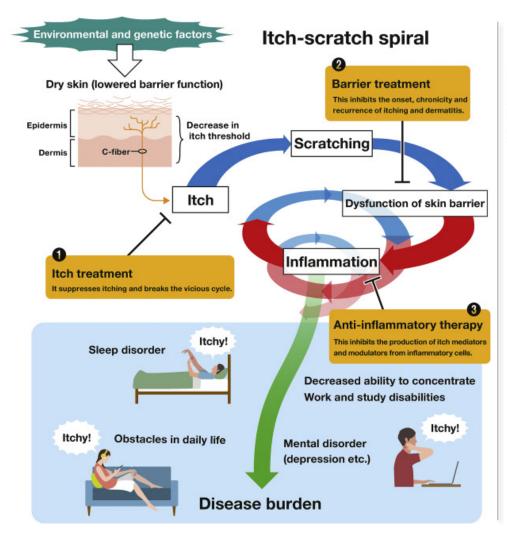
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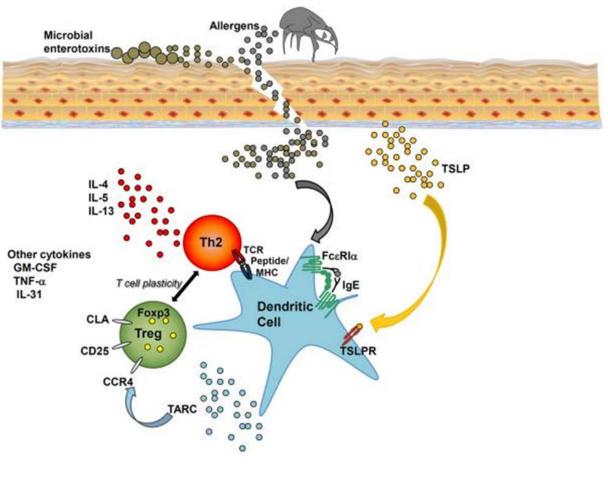


# Atopic Dermatitis – Clinical Characteristics



# **Atopic Dermatitis Pathogenesis**





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# US Prevalence: adults

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- National Health Interview Survey: US population-based household survey
  - AD defined by self-report of eczema or skin allergy
  - Prevalence of AD in adults was 7.2%
- Atopic Dermatitis in America survey: US population-based web panel
  - AD defined by the United Kingdom Working Party (UKWP) criteria
  - Prevalence of AD in adults was 7.3%
- Estimated 16.5 million US adults with AD

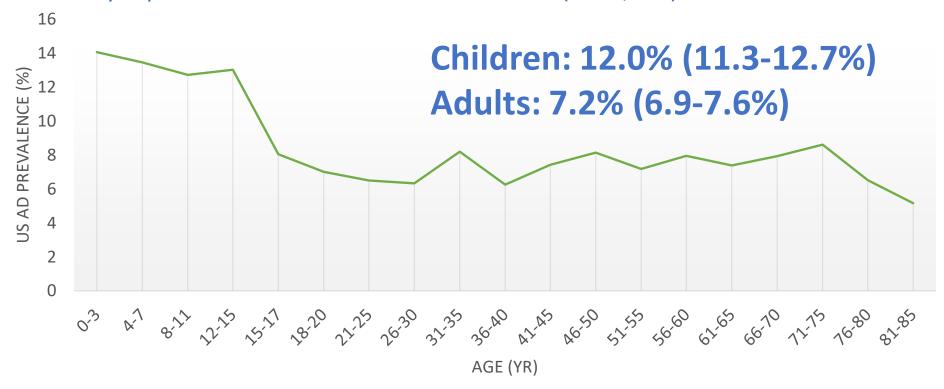
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- 2012 National Health Interview Survey data of US adults aged 18–85<sup>2</sup>
  - Nationally representative cohort from all 50 states (n=34,613)



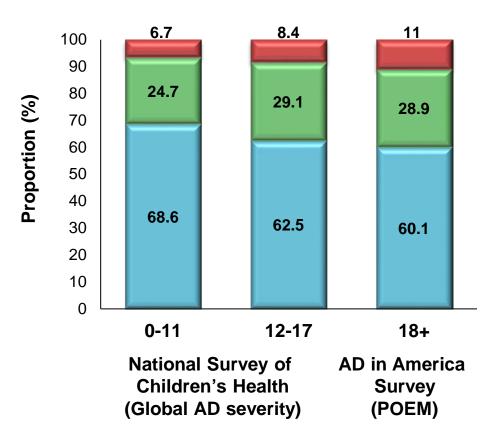


# US Prevalence: adults

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- Atopic Dermatitis in America survey
  - N=602 adults with data on AD severity
  - AD severity defined by the Patient-Oriented Eczema Measure (POEM)

Estimated 5.9 million adults with moderate-severe AD





# Management of AD

Step-up therapy Choose management approaches based on shared-decision making Basic Prescription topical therapy management All AD severities All AD severities **Emollients** Corticosteroids Liberal and frequent use Range of potencies Calcineurin inhibitors **Bathing** Tacrolimus Warm daily baths or Pimecrolimus showers using non-soap cleansers Phosphodiesterase E4 inhibitors Trigger avoidance Crisaborole Patient-centered approach Janus kinase inhibitors to avoidance of common Ruxolitinib\* and/or proven allergens and Reactive: 1-2x/day during irritants flare and for up to 1 week beyond clearance of flare Maintain basic management as Proactive: 1-3x/week needed between flares **Step-down** therapy Maintain prescription topical

therapy

Reduce/discontinue lower-step

therapies

Some of the presented molecules are investigation assets or/and not approved for AD in Israel

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#### Step-up therapy

# Systemic or phototherapy

Moderate-severe AD

#### **Phototherapy**

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#### Biologics

Dupilumab
Tralokinumab\*

### Oral systemic immunomodulators

Abrocitinib\*
Baricitinib\*
Upadactinib\*

Azathioprine#
Corticosteroids#
Cyclosporine#
Methotrexate#
Mycophenolate mofetil#
Tacrolimus#

Hospitalization for wet wrap therapy

#### Step-down therapy

Maintain systemic or phototherapy Reduce/discontinue lower-step therapies © Jonathan I Silverberg, MD, PHD, MPH

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# General remaining unmet needs in AD

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- Undertreatment
- Overuse of steroids
- Low and delayed use of advanced systemics
- Long-term disease control (AD is chronic, thus control overtime matters)



# Unmet needs for systemic and biologic therapy

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Compared to dupilumab as the benchmark, the following are needed:

- More reliable and robust efficacy without safety tradeoffs
- Less frequent dosing, i.e. fewer injections
- Flexible dosing options to allow tailoring of therapy for patients
- Treatments that are at least as safe and effective for long-term use
- Less/no conjunctivitis or red face
- Safe and effective options to use in patients who previously had inadequate response or adverse-events from dupilumab
- Safe and effective options to use in patients who had secondary loss of response to dupilumab

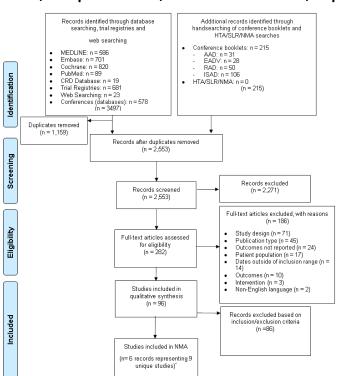


# Comparative treatment effectiveness at W12-16

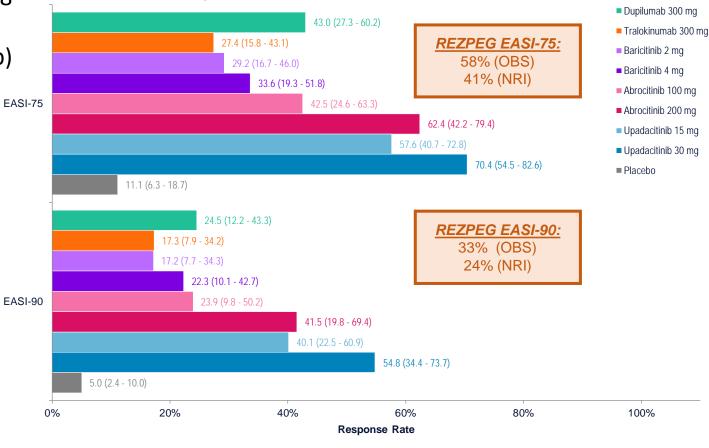
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#### Systematic review and meta-analysis

The NMA analyzed 11 unique phase 3 placebocontrolled trials encompassing 6,254 patients in 28 arms across five targeted therapies (abrocitinib, baricitinib, dupilumab, tralokinumab, upadacitinib)



EASI-75 and EASI-90 response rate estimates and 95% credible intervals at primary endpoint timepoint (Bayesian NMA fixed-effects results)



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# Thank you

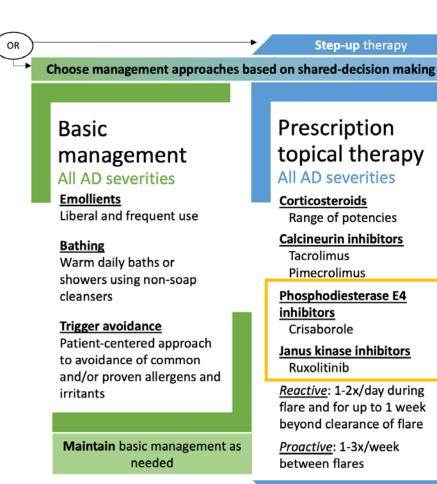
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# Treatment Approach Has Changed Considerably in Recent Years

- Mild-moderate (but practically, all severities)
  - Crisaborole (PDE4)
  - Ruxolitinib (JAK 1/2)
- Moderate-severe
  - Dupilumab (IL-4Ra)
  - Tralokinumab (IL-13)
  - Abrocitinib (JAK 1)
  - Upadacitinib (JAK 2)



Maintain basic management as

#### Prescription topical therapy

Step-up therapy

All AD severities

#### **Corticosteroids**

Range of potencies

#### **Calcineurin inhibitors**

**Tacrolimus Pimecrolimus** 

#### **Phosphodiesterase E4**

inhibitors

Crisaborole

#### Janus kinase inhibitors

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#### **Step-down** therapy

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#### Biologics

Dupilumab Tralokinumab

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Abrocitinib Upadactinib

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**Hospitalization** for wet wrap therapy

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# Biologic Therapies

#### **Advantages**

- First line systemic therapy after topicals
- No lab monitoring
- Safe and effective for long-term management
- Approvals for other atopic diseases (dupilumab)
- Multiple years of real-world data
- Approval at young ages and recommended in older age

### **Disadvantages**

- Moderate-severe disease only
- Injections
- Refrigeration
- Slower onset
- Only one dose (can't "step up")
- Potential side effects
- Long-term control / immunogenicity
- Cost/Access

# Oral JAK Inhibitors

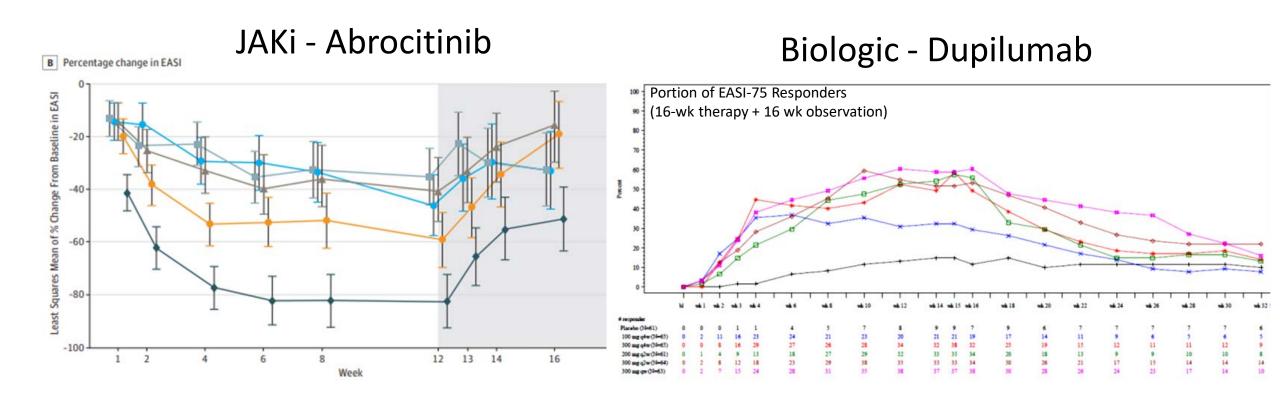
#### **Advantages**

- Very rapid improvement of signs, symptoms, and other measures – days to weeks
- Higher levels of efficacy than previously measured at topline dosing
- Flexible dosing
- Minimal concerns about immunogenicity / intermittent use
- Safe and effective for long-term management based on RCT/LTE evidence so far
  - Majority of AEs across trials were mild-moderate
- Treatment of other inflammatory conditions (IBD, RA, AA, vitiligo...)

#### **Disadvantages**

- Effectively second line option (after prior systemic therapy, which is often biologics)
- Boxed warning
- Limited use with age, comorbidities, other medications
- Lab monitoring
- More broadly acting on immune system
- Herpesvirus infection (VZV, HSV)
- Pregnancy / lactation

# Loss of Disease Control after Cessation of Therapy



# Despite current the current therapeutic revolution, remittance is still an elusive concept

Many HCPs ask for medications with <u>remittive effect</u> – what might that mean for AD?

- Complete clearance and medication discontinuation
- Complete clearance with infrequent medication use
- Near clearance and medication discontinuation
- Near clearance with infrequent medication use
- "Control" (however you choose to define it) and medication discontinuation
- "Control" (however you choose to define it) with infrequent medication use

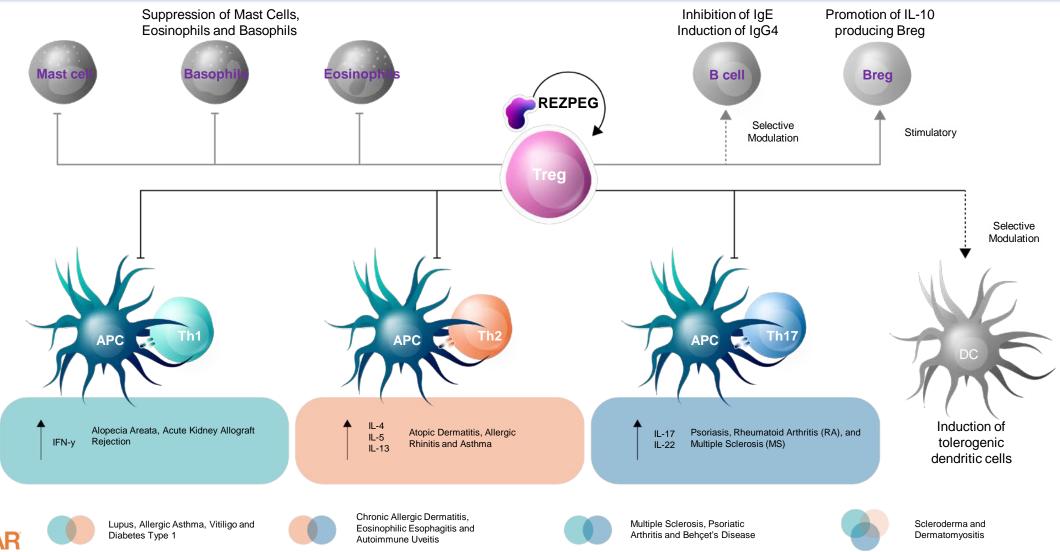
For a chronic disease like AD, what might be possible?

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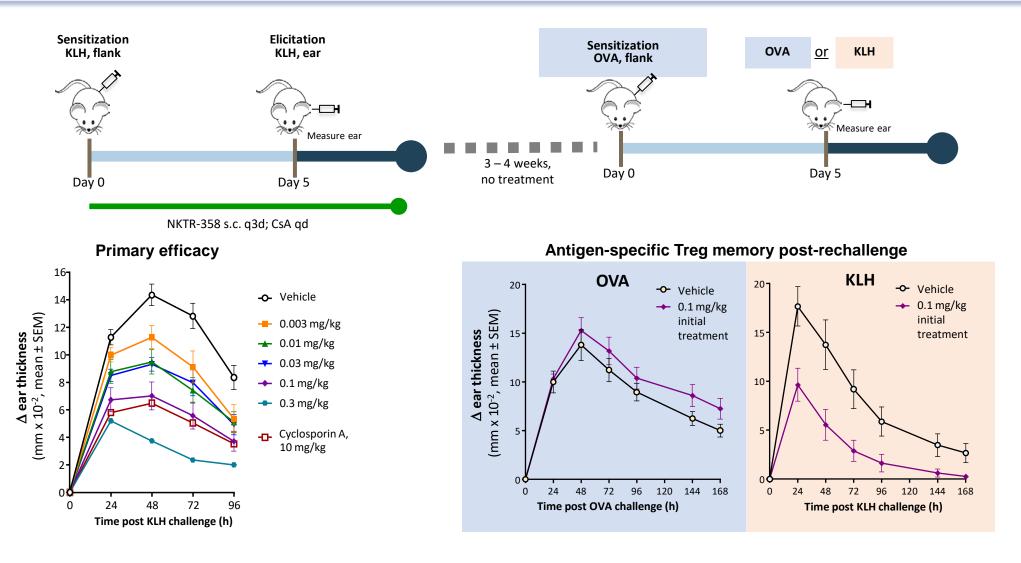
# Role of Regulatory T Cells in Autoimmune Disease







# REZPEG Reduces Inflammation in Dermal Pathologies while Increasing Treg Populations

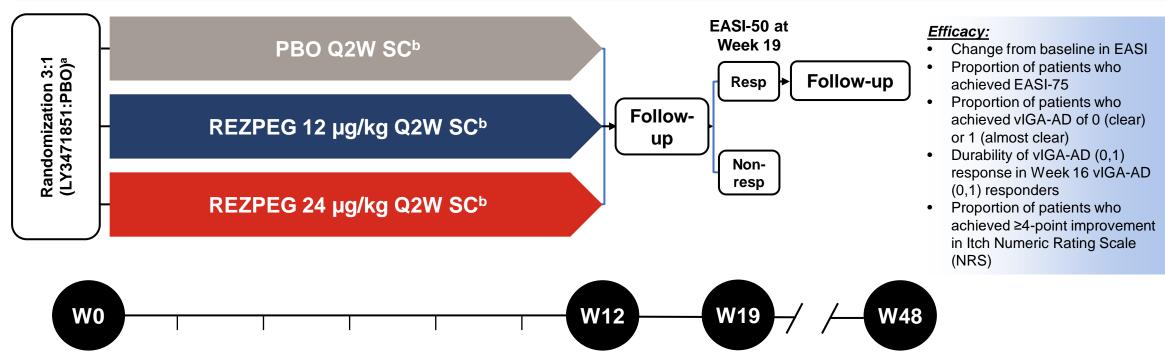


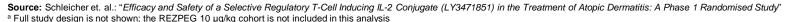


# REZPEG Phase 1b, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of Patients With Atopic Dermatitis (NCT04081350)

#### Key Eligibility Criteria

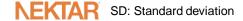
- Aged 18-70 years
- Moderate-to-severe AD involving ≥10% body surface area in the affected skin
- History of inadequate response or intolerance to topical medications
- vIGA-AD™ ≥3
- Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) ≥16





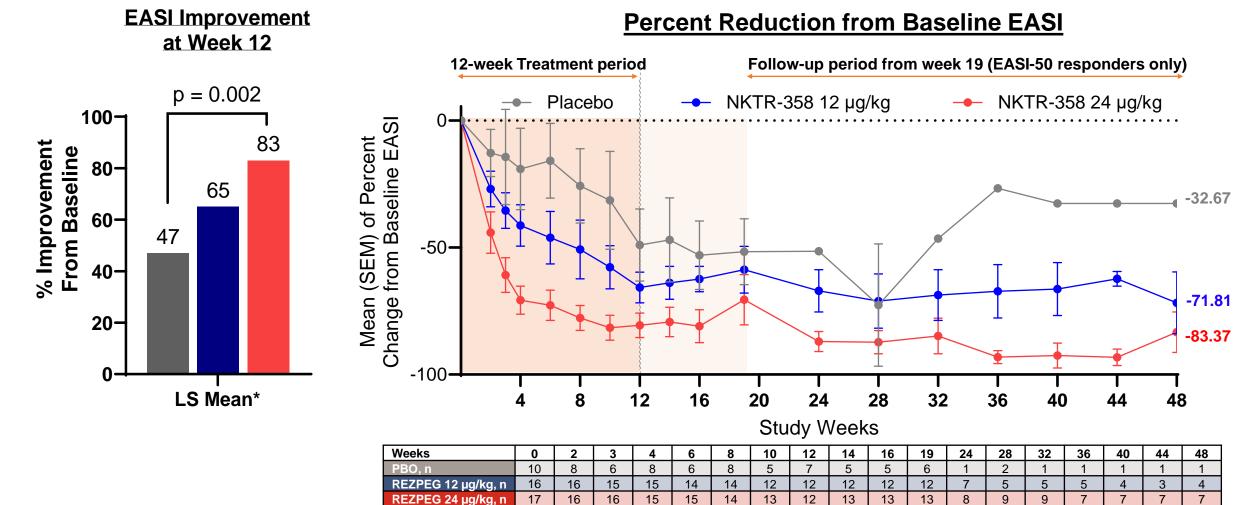
# Study Demographics of Patients in Phase 1b Trial in Atopic Dermatitis

Characteristic	PBO (n=10)	REZPEG 12 μg/kg (n=16)	REZPEG 24 μg/kg (n=17)	
Mean age, years (SD)	42.5 (19.8)	47.9 (17.5)	37.5 (16.4)	
Sex, n (%)				
Female	6 (60.0%)	11 (68.8%)	7 (41.2%)	
Male	4 (40.0%)	5 (31.3%)	10 (58.8%)	
Race, n (%)				
White	6 (60.0%)	11 (68.8%)	14 (82.4%)	
Black or African American	3 (30.0%)	3 (18.8%)	3 (17.6%)	
Asian	1 (10.0%)	2 (12.5%)	0	
Ethnicity, n (%)				
Hispanic or Latino	0	3 (18.8%)	7 (41.2%)	
Not Hispanic or Latino	10 (100.0%)	13 (81.3%)	10 (58.8%)	
Mean EASI score (SD)	23.7 (7.1)	23.5 (11.2)	21.9 (5.1)	
Mean BSA score (SD)	39.0 (21.6)	33.8 (20.1)	33.5 (15.8)	
vIGA score, n (%)				
3 (moderate)	5 (50.0%)	9 (56.3%)	11 (64.7%)	
4 (severe)	5 (50.0%)	7 (43.8%)	6 (35.3%)	
Mean Itch NRS score (SD)	8.5 (1.3)	7.8 (2.1)	7.4 (2.5)	
Mean DLQI score (SD)	13.0 (5.9)	12.4 (6.7)	11.3 (7.2)	
Mean POEM score (SD)	21.2 (5.7)	20.0 (5.2)	19.6 (7.0)	



# Phase 1b Study of REZPEG in Atopic Dermatitis

Percent Change From Baseline for EASI Score

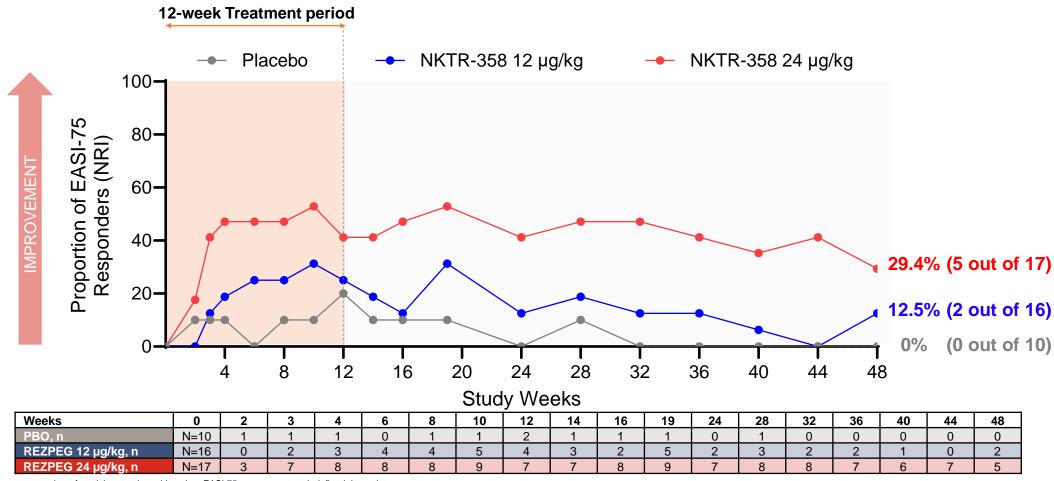






# EASI-75 (EASI Score Decreased by at Least 75%)

### Proportion of EASI-75 Responders

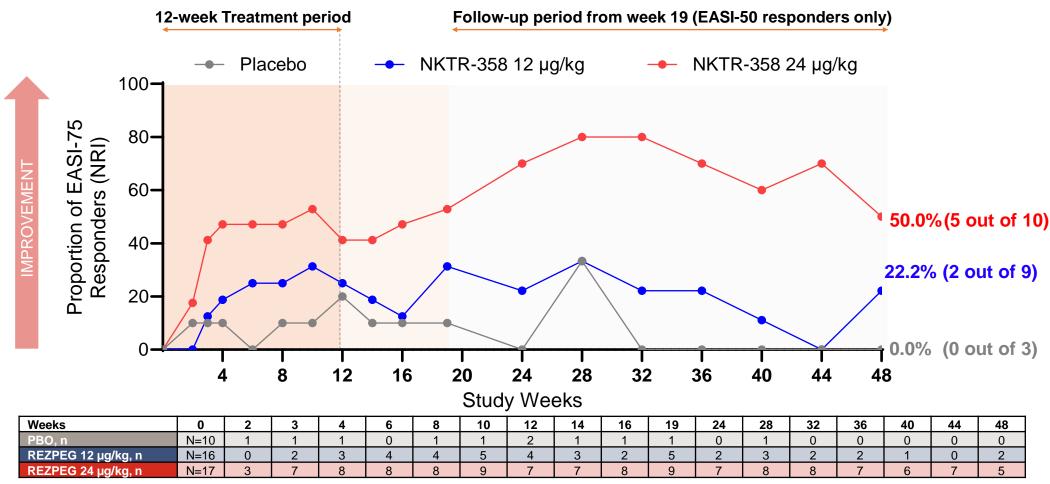


n = number of participants who achieved an EASI-75 response at each defined timepoint



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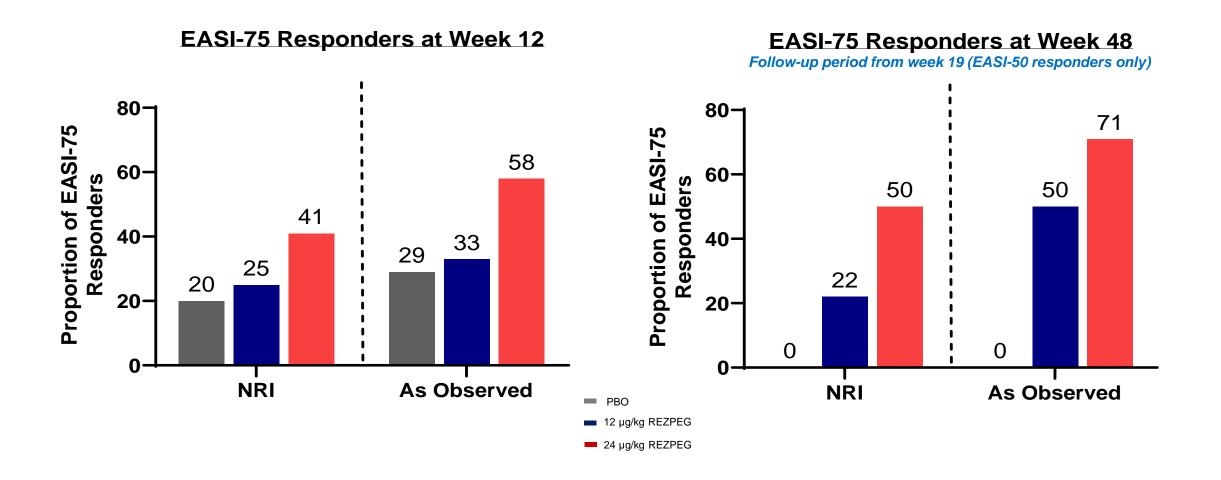


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# Phase 1b Study of REZPEG in Atopic Dermatitis

Proportion of EASI-75 Responders at Week 12 and at Week 48



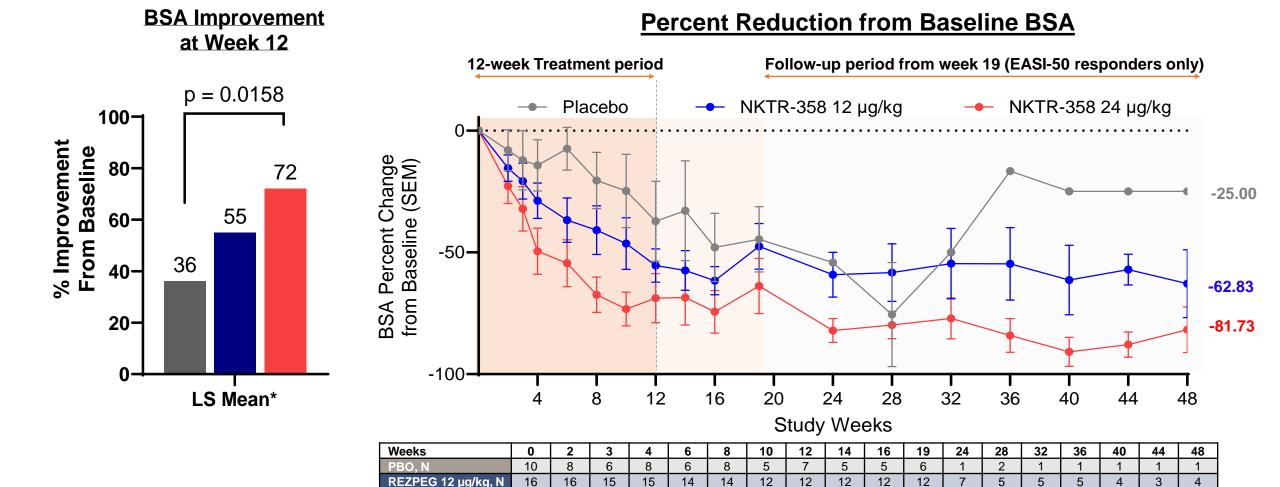


# Other Key Measurements of Disease in Atopic Dermatitis

- <u>BSA:</u> Affected body surface area (BSA) is a widely known and used measure of skin disease severity in clinical practice and many dermatologists prefer this tool for evaluating patient outcomes
  - Patients with 10% or more of the BSA affected by disease are classified as moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis
    patients
- <u>DLQI</u>: The Dermatology Life Quality (DLQI) Index measures health-related quality of life for adult patients suffering from skin disease and is the most frequently used patient reported outcome measure in randomized controlled trials in dermatology
  - Simple, self-administered and user-friendly validated 10-question questionnaire
  - Used in many different skin conditions in over 80 countries and is available in over 110 translations
  - Its use has been described in over 3,000 publications, including many multinational studies
- <u>POEM:</u> The Patient Oriented Eczema Measure (POEM) is a tool used for monitoring atopic dermatitis severity that focuses on the illness as experienced by the patient
  - POEM has been recommended for use by clinical guidelines including those issued by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)
  - POEM is <u>recommended</u> by the <u>HOME</u> (Harmonising Outcome Measures for Eczema) initiative as the core outcome instrument for measuring patient-reported symptoms in eczema trials

# **BSA (Body Surface Area)**

### Percent Change From Baseline for BSA

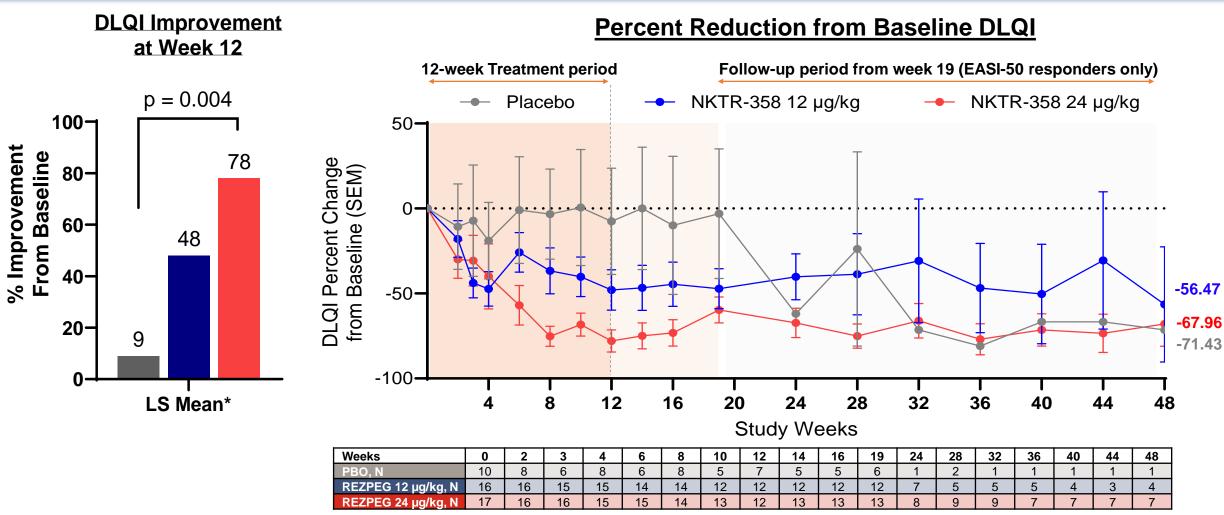


I = number of participants who were evaluated at each defined timepoint



# **DLQI** (Dermatology Life Quality Index)

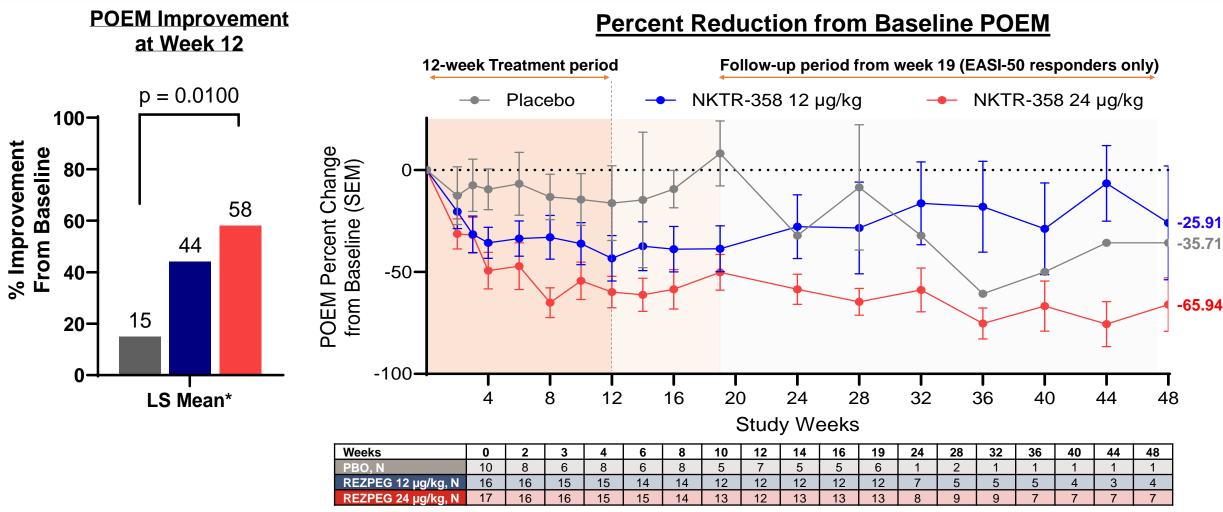
## Percent Change From Baseline for DLQI



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# **POEM (Patient-Oriented Eczema Measure)**

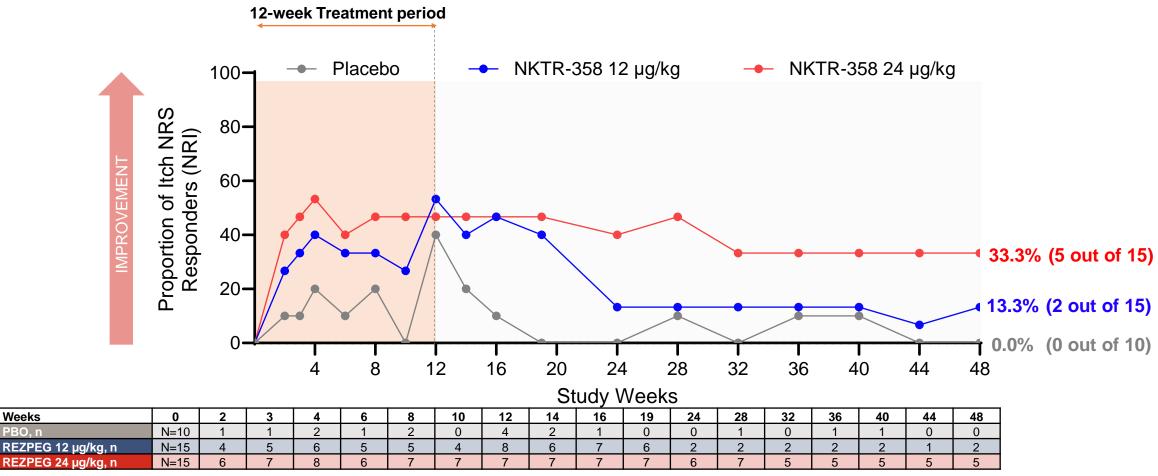
## Percent Change From Baseline POEM





## Itch NRS (Numeric Rating Scale)

Proportion of Itch NRS Responders; Responder defined as greater than or equal to a 4point reduction from baseline - Only patients with a baseline score of 4 points or greater included



n = number of participants who achieved an ltch NRS response at each defined timepoint

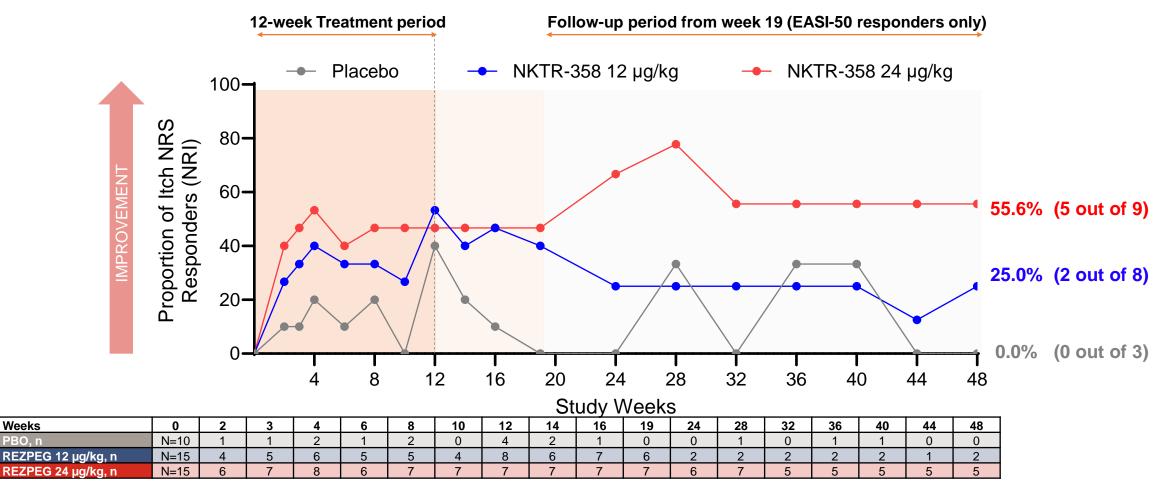


Weeks

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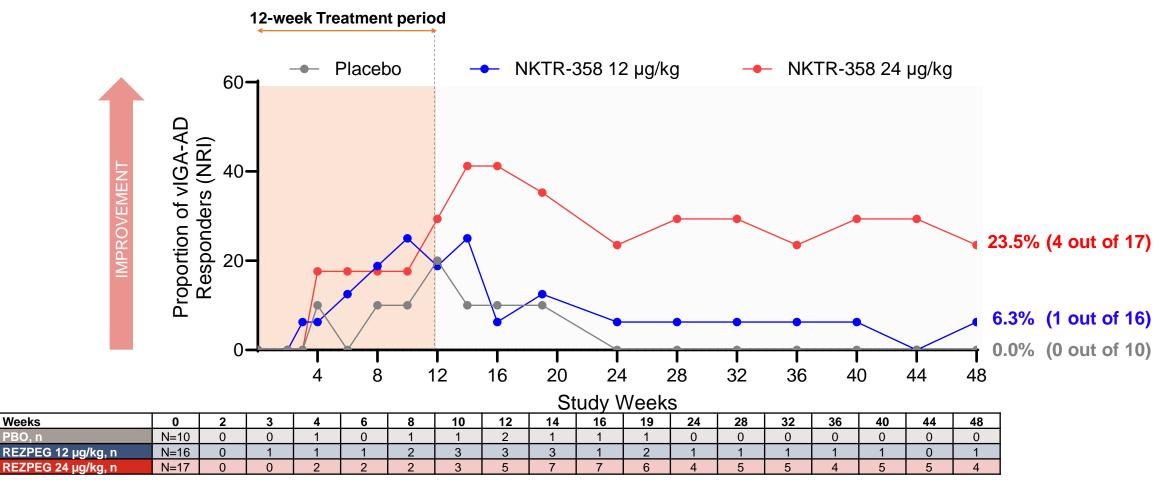


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# vIGA (Validated Investigator Global Assessment)

Proportion of vIGA Responders; Responder defined as a score of 0 or 1 and at least a 2point reduction from baseline



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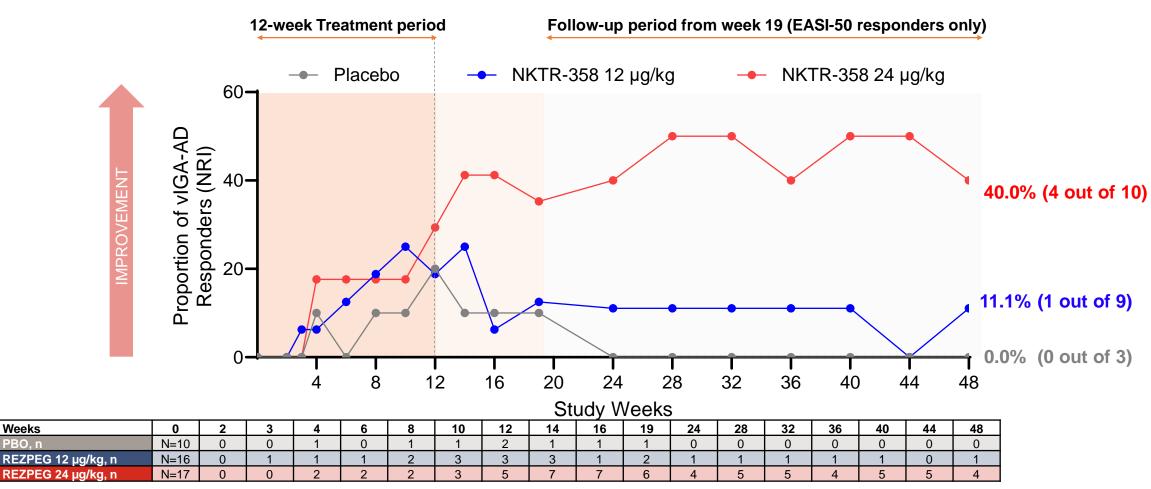
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PBO, n

Patients were followed until Week 19 (17, 16, and 10 pts in the 24 μg/kg, 12 μg/kg, and PBO groups), and those with ≥EASI-50 response at Week 19 (10, 9, and 3 pts in the 24 μg/kg, 12 μg/kg, and PBO groups) were followed until Week 48 or until EASI-25 response criteria were no longer met; patients who were not EASI-50 responders at week 19 were imputed as non-responders for visits after week 19; NRI: non-responder imputation

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# Summary of Adverse Events Reported thru Week 48

Adverse Event	PBO (n=10)	REZPEG 12 μg/kg (n=16)	REZPEG 24 μg/kg (n=17)
Any Treatment Emergent Adverse Event (TEAE)	8 (80.0%)	10 (62.5%)	13 (76.5%)
TEAE in at least 5% of patients in the overall REZPEG group			
Infections and infestations	2 (20.0%)	7 (43.8%)	7 (41.2%)
Corona virus infection	0	2 (12.5%)	2 (11.8%)
Folliculitis	0	2 (12.5%)	0
Sinusitis	0	2 (12.5%)	0
Urinary tract infection	0	0	2 (11.8%)
Gastrointestinal disorders	3 (30.0%)	1 (6.3%)	3 (17.6%)
Nausea	0	1 (6%)	1 (6%)
General disorders and administration site conditions	1 (10.0%)	2 (12.5%)	2 (11.8%)
Pain	0	1 (6.3%)	1 (5.9%)
Investigations	0	0	4 (23.5%)
Nervous system disorders	0	2 (12.5%)	2 (11.8%)
Headache	0	2 (12.5%)	0
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	0	1 (6.3%)	1 (5.9%)
Eye disorders	0	2 (12.5%)	0
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	0	1 (6.3%)	1 (5.9%)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	1 (10.0%)	1 (6.3%)	1 (5.9%)
Any Adverse Events Related to Study Drug	3 (30.0%)	2 (12.5%)	5 (29.4%)
Any Severe Adverse Events	3 (30.0%)	0	0
Any Serious Adverse Events	2 (20.0%)	0	0
Deaths	0	0	0
Any Adverse Events Leading to Discontinuation of Study	0	1 (6.3%)	3 (17.6%)
Injection site reactions, # solicited patient reports	1	43	33

- All TEAEs in study drug arms were mild to moderate in nature
- There were no severe or serious
   AEs in either of the drug arms
- No reports of conjunctivitis
- Most common AEs were mild to moderate injection site reactions



# Efficacy Comparison of Biologics in Patients with Atopic Dermatitis – Phase 2 Clinical Trials Vs. Nektar Phase 1b

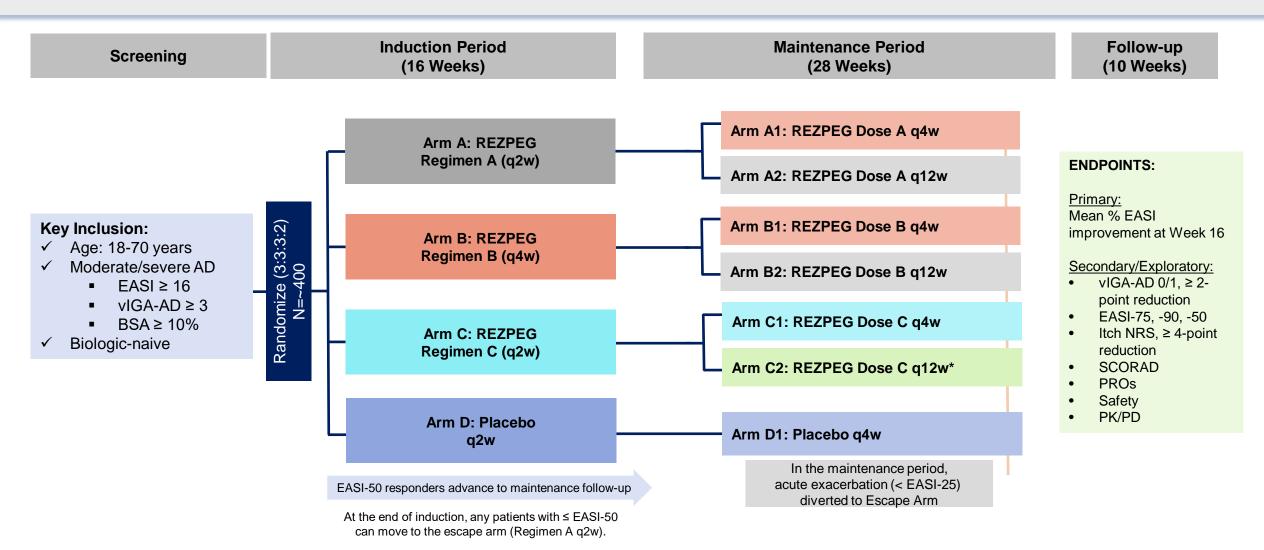
Endpoint	DUPIXENT (dupilumab) 300 mg Q2W <sup>1</sup> (approved)	ADBRY (Tralokinumab) 300mg Q2W <sup>2</sup> (approved)	Lebrikizumab 250mg Q2W <sup>3</sup>	Nemolizumab 30mg Q4W <sup>4</sup>	Rocatinlimab 300mg Q2W <sup>5</sup>	Rezpegaldesleukin (Phase 1b) 24 µg/kg Q2W
	Regeneron	Leo Pharma	Lilly	Galderma	Amgen	Nektar
Mechanism of Action	IL-4 & IL-13 antagonist	IL-13 antagonist	IL-13 antagonist	IL-31 antagonist	OX40 antagonist	IL-2Rα agonist
Drug: EASI LS Mean % reduction from baseline	68%	58%	72%	69%	61%	83%
Placebo: EASI LS Mean % reduction from baseline	18%	41%	41%	52%	15%	47%
EASI-75	~53%#	43% <sup>&amp;</sup>	51%-61%+	46%	54%	58% (OBS) 41% (NRI)
EASI-90	~30%#	Not available	44%	30%	37%	33% (OBS) 24% (NRI)
IGA/vIGA-AD ≥ 2 pt (0, 1) Responders	30%	27%	45%	37%	31%	42% (OBS) 29% (NRI)
Itch NRS ≥ 4 pt Responders	36-41%**	20-25%**	70%	~50%^^	56%	64%* (OBS) 47%* (NRI)

<sup>\*</sup>Analysis on patients with baseline score>=4; \*\*Based on Phase 3 studies. # estimated from Figure 3 in manuscript 1. &excluded data after rescue medication and uses last observation carry forward (LOCF). +patients without baseline were excluded and missing data were imputed using Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MI-MCMC). ^estimated from Figure 4 in manuscript 4

Acronyms: EASI = Eczema Area and Severity Index; LS = least squares; IGA = investigator global assessment; vIGA = validated investigator global assessment; pt = point; NRS = numerical rating scale; Q2W = every two weeks; Q4W = every four weeks; OBS = as observed; NRI = non-responder imputation. UNK=unknown. References: ¹Thaçi et al. Lancet (2016) 387(10013): 40-52; ²W ollenberg et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol (2019) 143(1): 135-141; ³Guttman-Yassky et al. JAMA Dermatol. (2020) 156(4): 411-420; ⁴Silverberg et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. (2020) 145(1): 173-182; ⁵Guttman-Yassky et al. Lancet (2023) 401(10372): 204-214; ⁶ Weidinger et al. Br J Derm (2023), epub ahead (July 18, 2023); ¹https://classic.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/results/NCT03568162?view=results.



# Phase 2b Study for Patients with Atopic Dermatitis



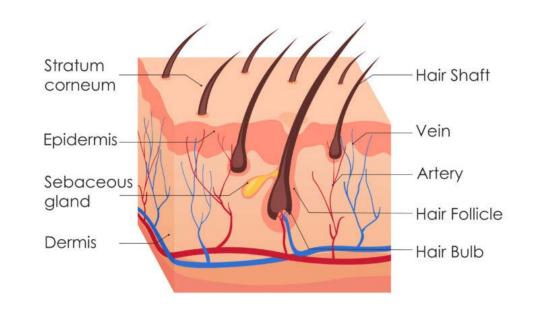


# Alopecia Areata – Disease Landscape

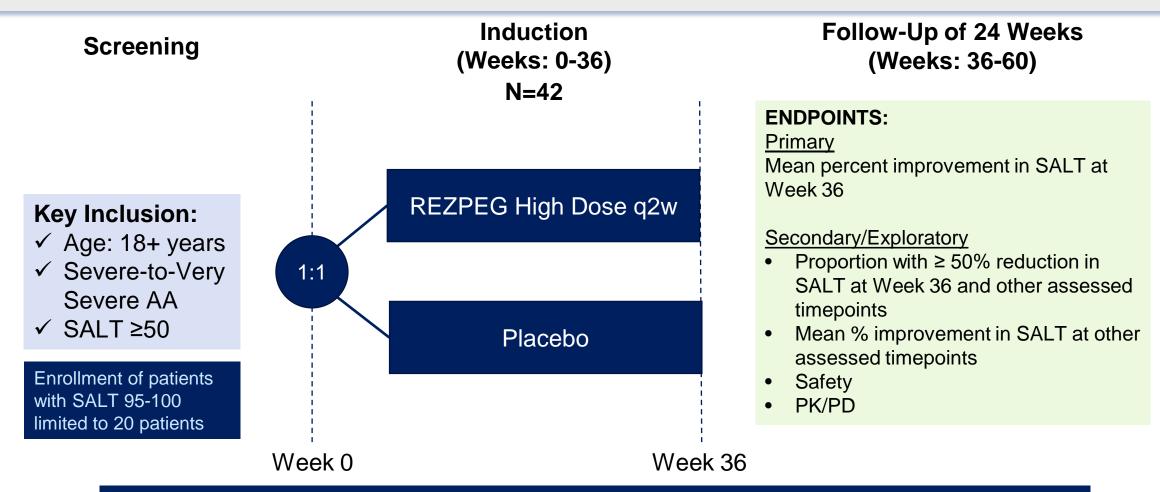
- About 700,000 people in the U.S. currently have some form of alopecia areata<sup>1</sup>
- Most individuals develop alopecia early in life. More than 80% show signs of the disease before age 40¹
- Many patients, especially those with a longer duration of AA or greater BSA involvement, are refractory to available therapies and long-term use is associated with troublesome side effects and safety risks<sup>2</sup>
- High relapse rates upon discontinuation of current therapies make continuous treatment necessary for sustained hair growth, the primary goal of treatment<sup>2</sup>

Alopecia areata is a disease that happens when the immune system attacks hair follicles and causes hair loss<sup>3</sup>

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## Phase 2a Study for Patients with Alopecia Areata



<u>SALT:</u> The Severity of Alopecia Tool is widely used to assess the extent of scalp-hair loss in patients with alopecia areata. Guidelines define treatment success as a 50% improvement in scalp hair.



# **Q&A Session with Invited Speakers**



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