



IBD Training Academy

# Module 2 Patient case study workshop

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# Introducing the panel

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# Agenda

5  
mins

## Welcome and introduction

Professor Ailsa Hart and Professor Charlie Lees

40  
mins

## Case study 1

Professor Ailsa Hart

40  
mins

## Case study 2

Professor Charlie Lees

5  
mins

## Summary and close

Professor Ailsa Hart and Professor Charlie Lees



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# Objectives



Use patient case studies based on real-life scenarios to aid clinical decision-making

Consider the impact of IBD on all aspects of a patient's life, and how to approach these different elements

Understand what is meant by holistic/comprehensive disease control and how this fits into the management of IBD

Discuss how the multidisciplinary team can best work together and with the patient to achieve optimum care



# Case 1



*25 years old, male*



*Finished university*



*Just started work*



*In a relationship*

## Key points

- Recent diagnosis of total UC
- Treated with mesalazine (good compliance and optimised)
- No bowel symptoms, but 'feels exhausted' and 'everything aches'
- Recent blood tests, faecal calprotectin and colonoscopy are normal



**January 2022**

- Diagnosed with total UC
- Starts treatment with mesalazine

**March 2022**

- Reports feelings of exhaustion and muscle aches

**May 2022**

- Laboratory analysis of blood, faecal calprotectin and colonoscopy are within normal range





# Discussion questions

**Are goals of therapy  
being met?**



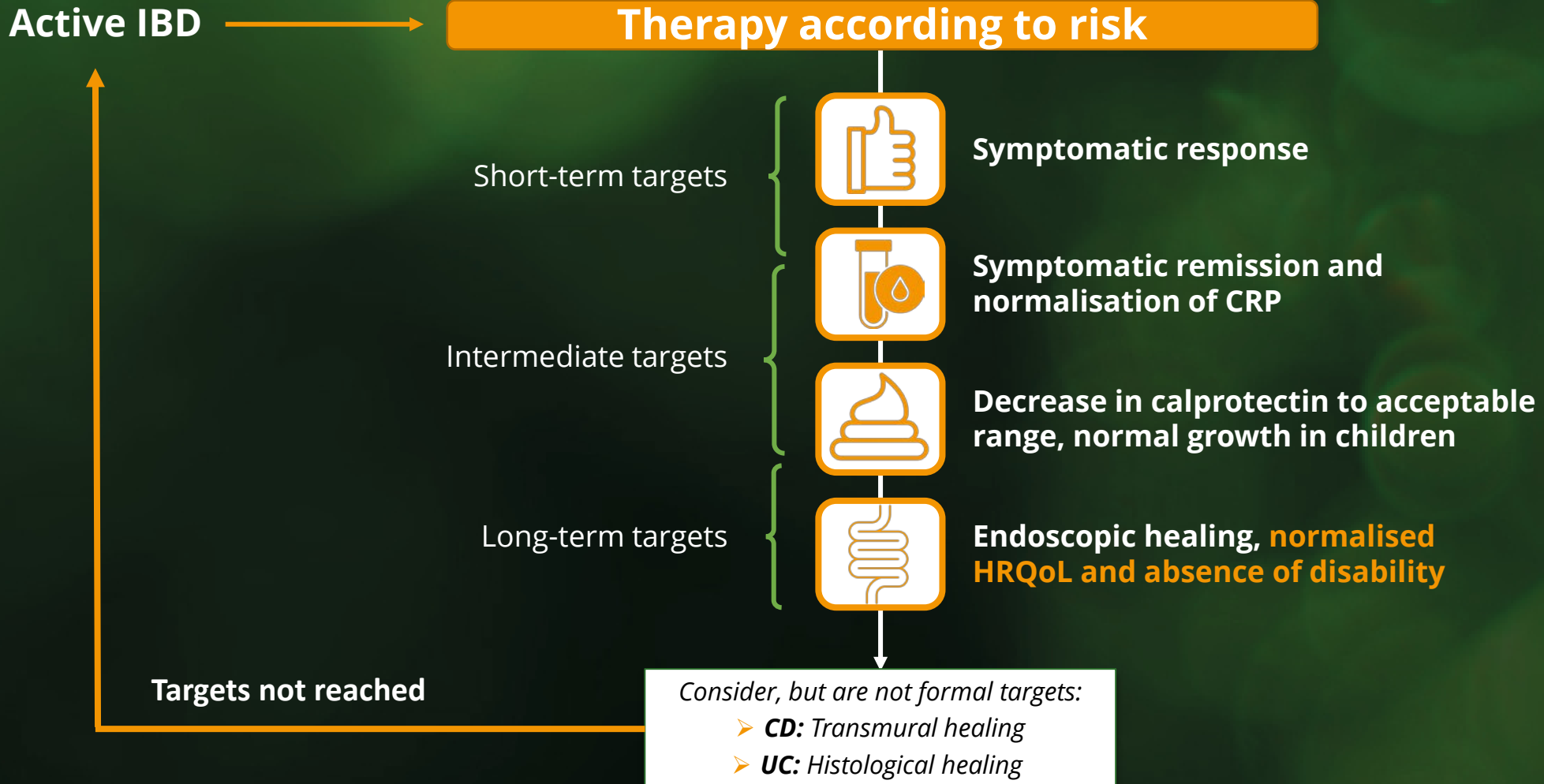
**Should we involve other  
expertise, e.g. GP, other  
specialists?**

**How would you approach  
these symptoms?**

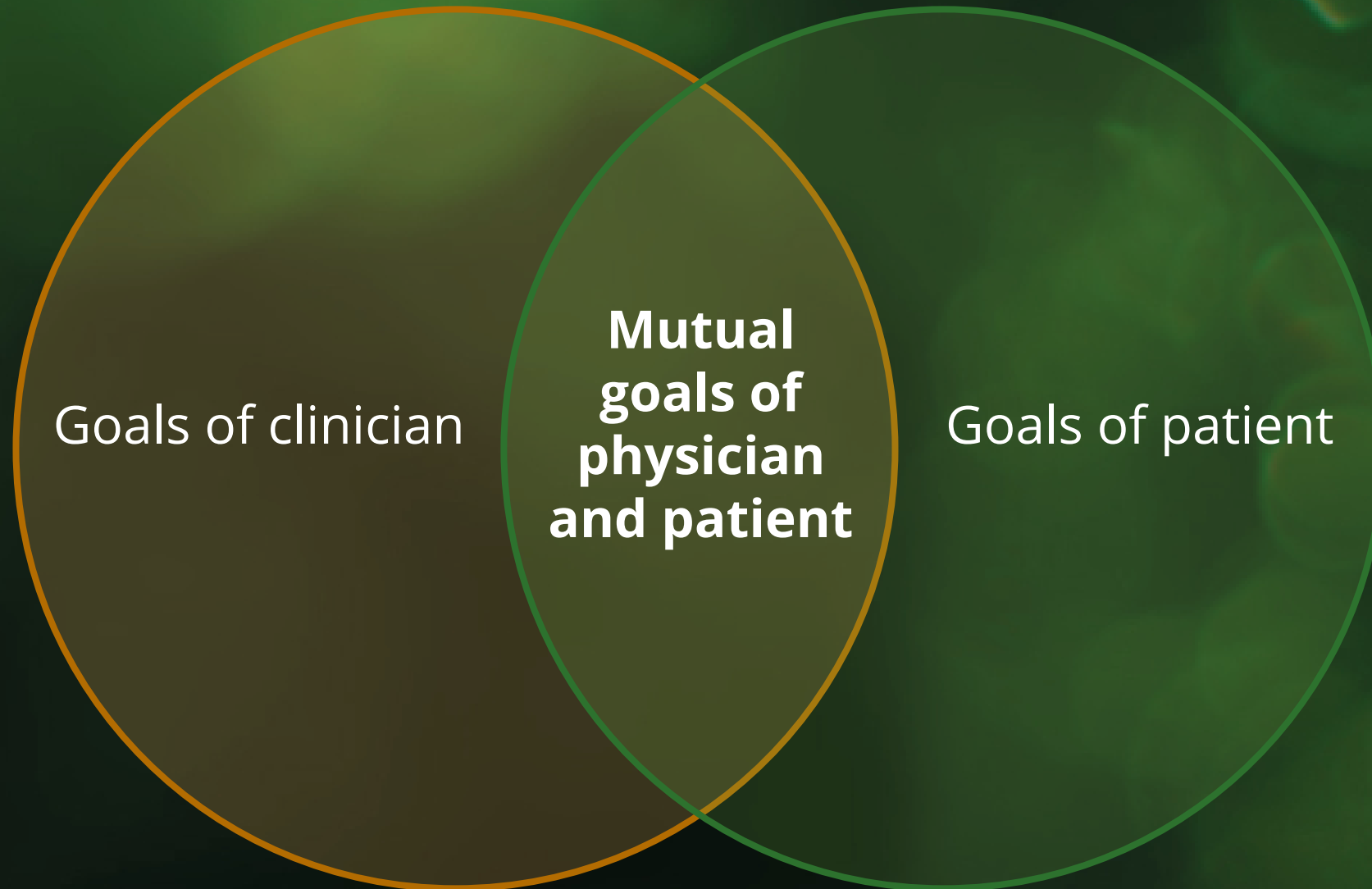
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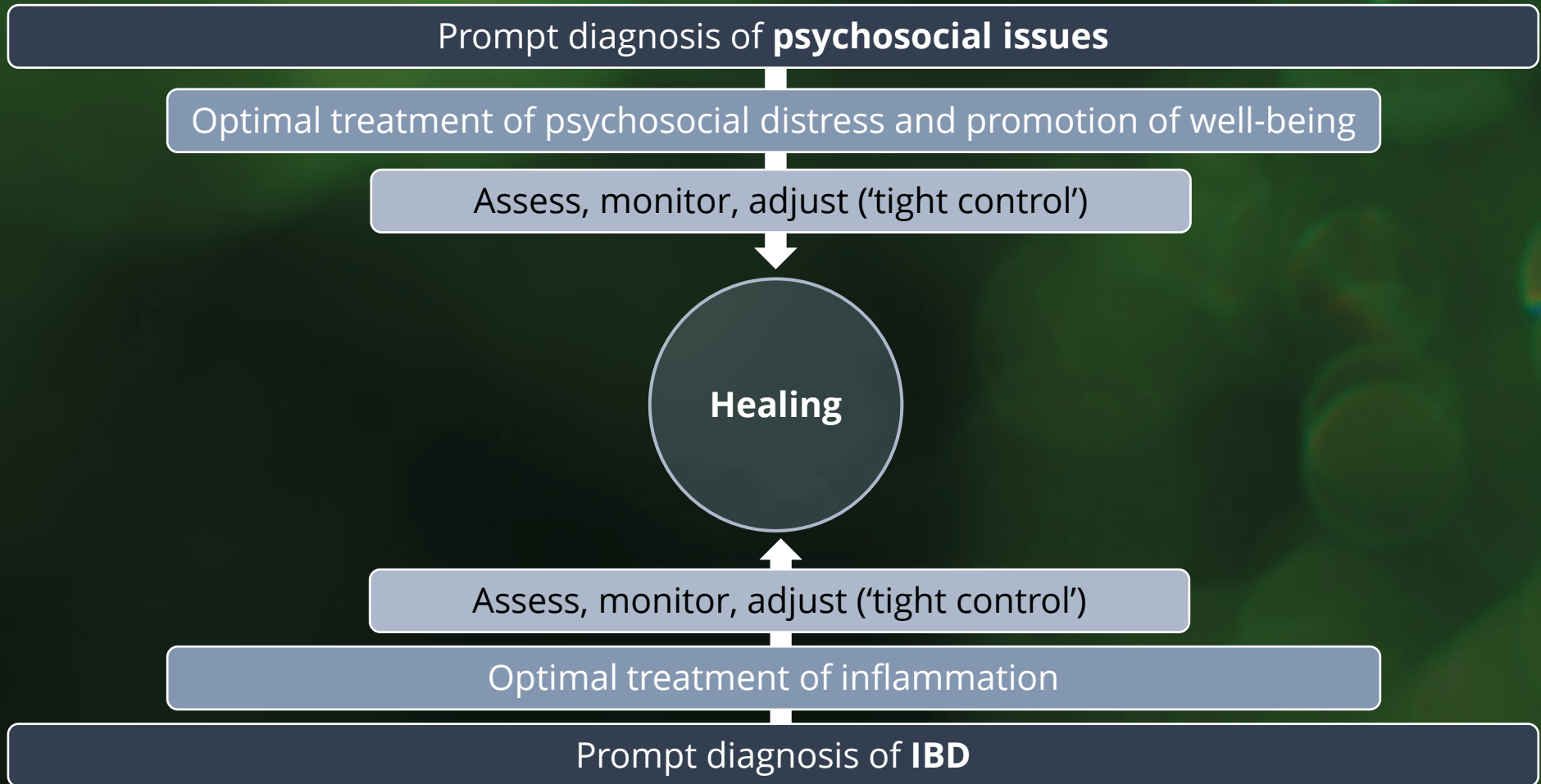
# Goals of therapy: STRIDE-II



# Mutual goals of clinician and patient

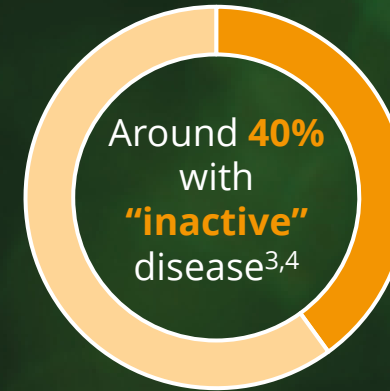
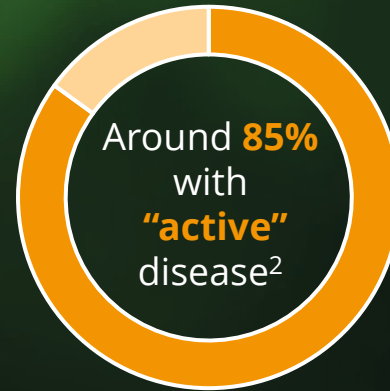
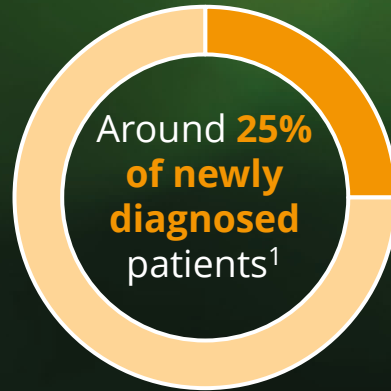


# Treat to ALL targets in IBD



# Fatigue in IBD

Fatigue is a frequently experienced symptom in patients with IBD<sup>1-5</sup>



➤ Patients report fatigue as one of the **most debilitating** symptoms<sup>4</sup>



➤ Patients find it **difficult to talk about** fatigue<sup>6</sup>



➤ Patients report that fatigue is **not addressed** in clinics<sup>6</sup>

IBD, inflammatory bowel disease.

1. Cohen BL, et al. *Aliment Pharmacol Ther* 2014;39:811–822; 2. Crohn's and Colitis UK. Tackling Challenges in IBD Fatigue Report 2014. Available at: <http://www.fatigueinibd.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Tackling-Challenges-in-IBD-Fatigue-2014-report.pdf> (Last accessed: May 2022); 3. Minderhoud IM, et al. *Am J Gastroenterol* 2003;98:1088–1093; 4. Romberg-Camps MJ, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis* 2010;16:2137–2147; 5. Keefer L, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2022;162:1439–1451; 6. Czuber-Dochan W, et al. *J Crohns Colitis* 2014;8:835–844.



# Pain in IBD



Chronic pain is reported by up to **60%** of patients with IBD

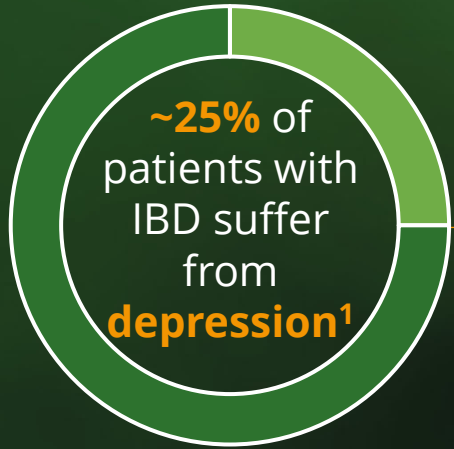


There is often a **dissociation** between pain and indices of inflammation, and the issue of fear of symptoms (visceral anxiety) and pain

*"...unless I'm in a flare up, no one asks me about pain...healthcare professionals dismiss my symptoms as they don't know what to say, as they don't understand pain in IBD and feel as powerless as I do."*



# Depression and anxiety in IBD



Common within the **first year** of diagnosis



Assessed using **PHQ-9**



Familiarise with dosing and side effects of **tricyclic anti-depressants** and **SSRIs/SNRIs**



**Symptom-specific** anxiety, **generalised** anxiety and **post-traumatic stress** (surgery and in-patient admissions are a risk factor)



Assessed using **GAD-7**



Treatment options include **brain-gut psychotherapies**, such as CBT and gut hypnotherapy



A recent study in patients with CD (n=33) receiving **bupropion**\* in addition to BBT exhibited significant improvements in sleep, fatigue, daytime sleepiness, anxiety and depressive severity vs. previous BBT alone<sup>2</sup>

\*Bupropion is not approved for the management of fatigue in patients with IBD. Galapagos does not have an approved product for use in CD. BBT, brief behavioural therapy; CBT, cognitive behavioural therapy; CD, Crohn's disease; GAD-7, generalised anxiety disorder-7; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; PHQ-9, patient health questionnaire-9; SNRI, serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor; SSRI, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor.  
1. Keefer L, et al. *Gastroenterology* 2022;162:1439-1451; 2. Hashash JG, et al. *Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2022;20:96-104.



# Case 2



37 years old, female



Non-smoker



Nurse



Single

2017

- Diagnosed with left-sided UC
- Partial response to treatment with top and tail 5-ASA
  - BO: 3–4x /day
  - Blood: <50%
  - Urgency: +
  - No nocturnal disturbance
  - CRP: 8 mg/l
  - fCAL: 466 mcg/g

**How do you approach this patient at diagnosis?**

## Key points

- Diagnosed with left-sided UC with partial response to 5-ASA
- Good response to prednisolone but becomes steroid dependent with side effects and increased stool frequency, blood and urgency when dose is lowered
- Non-response to a TNF inhibitor and poor response to an anti-integrin treatment
- Is frustrated and feels she has been unwell for several years





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The patient has become steroid dependent

**What do you do?**  
**How do you discuss next steps with the patient?**



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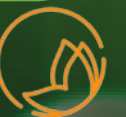
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  - BO: 4-5x /day with blood
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**How do you approach a conversation about reducing steroid use due to unfavourable side effects?**



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The patient responds poorly to biologic dose escalation

**What do you do?**

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  - Symptoms unchanged
  - CRP: 9 mg/l
  - fCAL: 984 mcg/g
- Patient restarts steroids but has gained weight from long-term use and feels depressed



# Case 2



## Key points to consider:

- **How do you approach the high QoL burden?**
- **Do you involve any colleagues?**
- **How do you discuss a new treatment strategy with the patient that balances QoL with treatment efficacy?**

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# Need for steroid-free remission

Prolonged use of corticosteroids is associated with risks that outweigh the benefits<sup>1,2</sup>



Osteopenia  
Osteoporosis  
Avascular necrosis



Adrenal insufficiency



Infections  
Delayed wound  
healing



Weight gain



Insomnia  
Mood changes  
Delirium  
Skin changes



Cataracts  
Glaucoma

An increasing body of data shows that steroid-free remission is an achievable treatment target with advanced therapies<sup>3-7</sup>

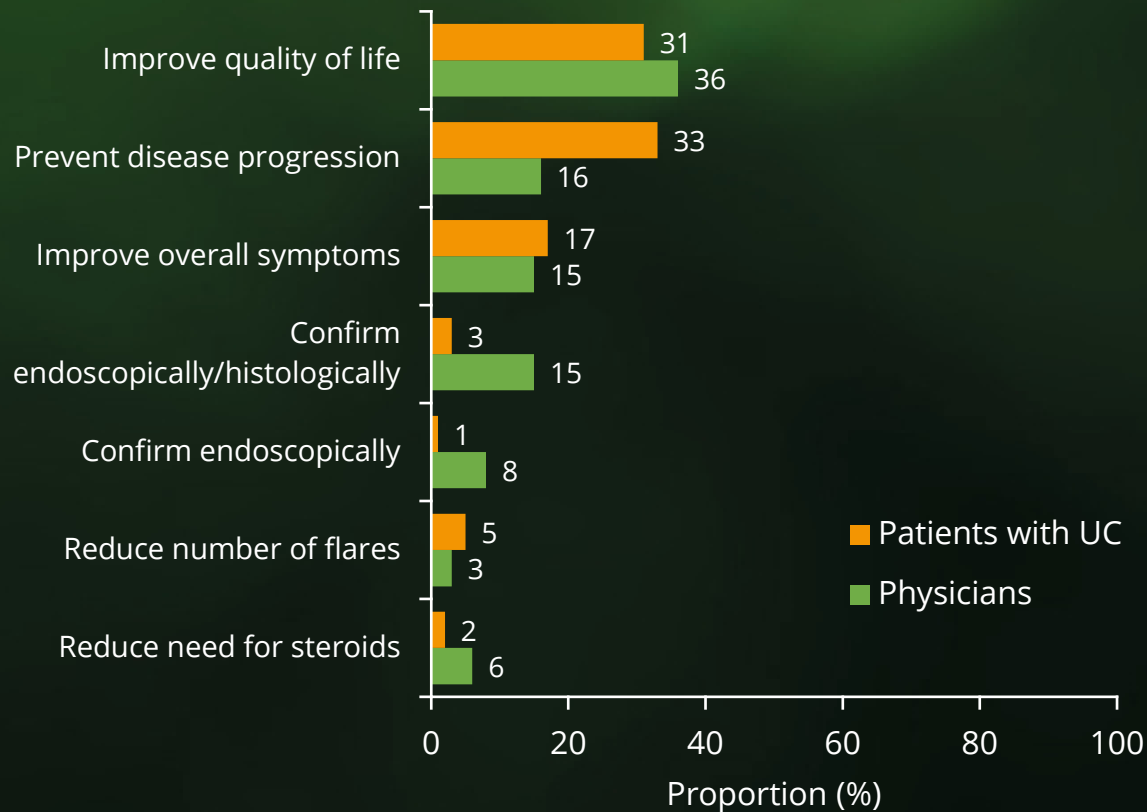
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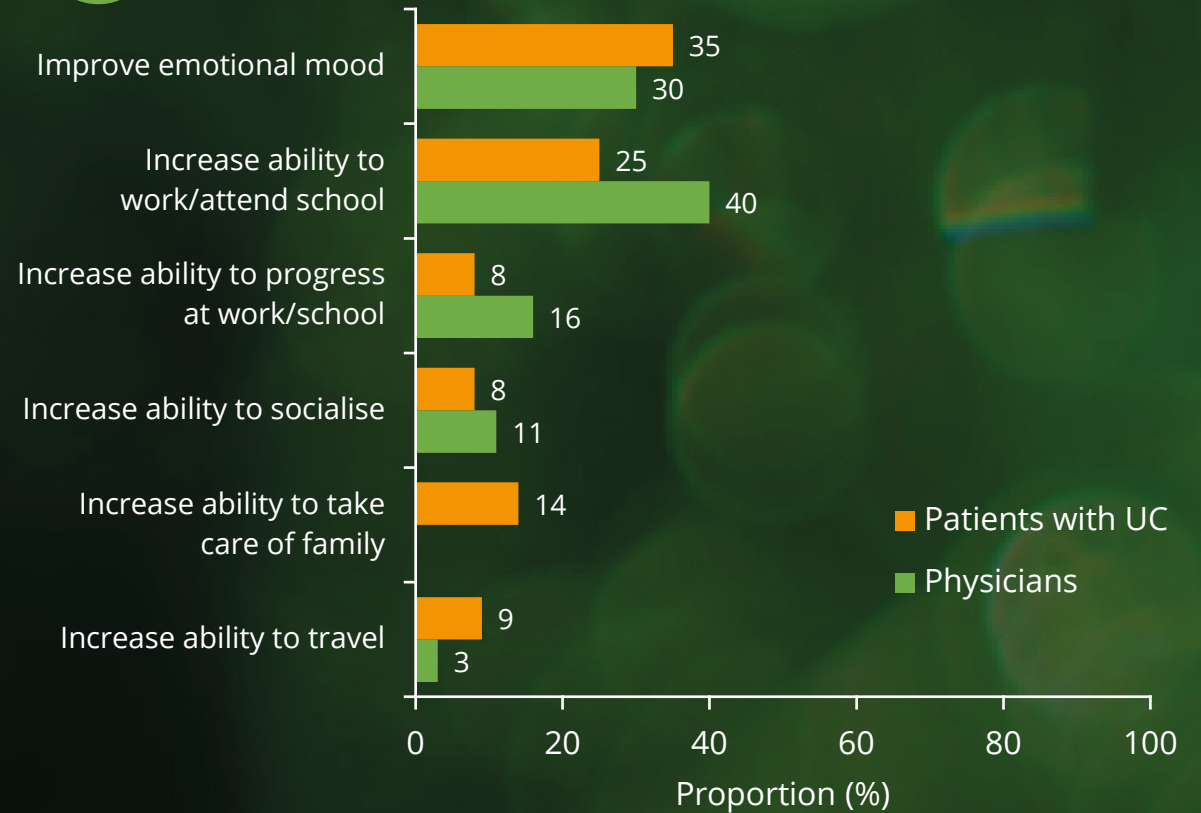
# Do patients and physicians share the same UC treatment goals?



## Disease-related goals of UC treatment



## Quality of life-related goals of UC treatment



Figures adapted from Rubin DT, et al. 2021.  
UC, ulcerative colitis.  
Rubin DT, et al. *Inflamm Bowel Dis* 2021;27:1942-1953.



# Top 10 treatment attributes most relevant to patients when making IBD treatment choices






Domain	Attribute: defined through literature search, focus group and structured voting*
 <b>Efficacy</b>	Abdominal pain
	Other disease-related pain (anal pain, joint pain/stiffness or eye pain, etc.)
	Bowel urgency
	Fatigue
 <b>Complications/risk</b>	Risk of cancer and serious infections within 10 years (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer)
	Risk of mild-to-moderate complications <sup>†</sup>
	Aesthetic complications related to treatment
 <b>HRQoL</b>	Emotional status
	Sexual life
	Social life and relationships (interpersonal interactions)

Table adapted from Louis E, et al. 2020.

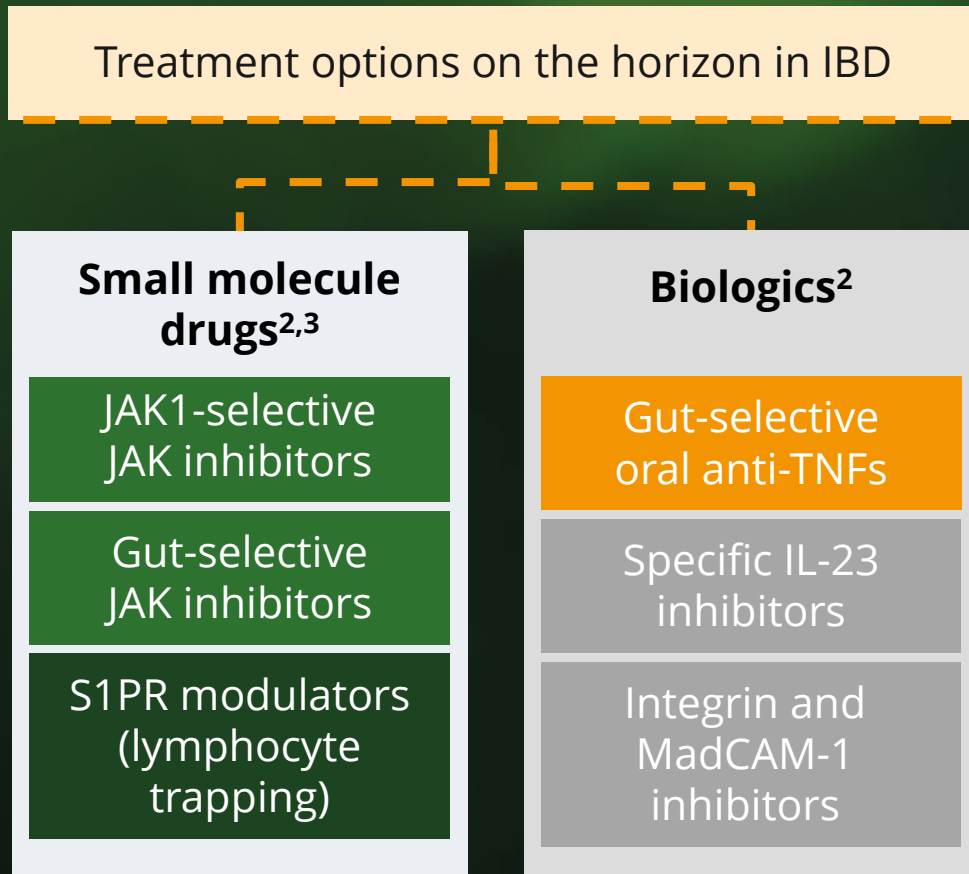
\*A literature review followed by a patient and physician focus group led to the identification of attributes. List of attributes were grouped in redefined domains agreed on in a focus group meeting and by patient ranking; <sup>†</sup>Nausea, vomiting, headache, non-serious infections, lab abnormalities, skin reactions and infusion reactions. HRQoL, health-related quality of life; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease.

Louis E, et al. *Patient* 2020;13:317–325.





# Novel treatment options will further increase the opportunity to meet patient needs<sup>1</sup>



Several differences between small molecule therapeutics and biologics<sup>4-6</sup>



Novel treatment mechanisms of action aim to improve efficacy and safety outcomes<sup>1</sup>

- Elimination half-life



Patient-friendly monitoring and administration<sup>4,5</sup>

IL, interleukin; JAK, Janus kinase; MadCAM-1, mucosal addressin cell adhesion molecule-1; S1PR, sphingosine-1-phosphate receptor; TDM, therapeutic drug monitoring; TNF, tumour necrosis factor.

1. Troncone E, et al. *Clin Exp Gastroenterol* 2020;13:131-139; 2. Misselwitz B, et al. *Digestion* 2020;101(Suppl 1):69-82; 3. D'Amico F, et al. *J Crohns Colitis* 2020;14:1185-1187; 4. Gilardi D, et al. *Expert Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2020;14:797-806; 5. Lee S, et al. *J Clin Gastroenterol* 2021;55:195-206; 6. Lucaci LA, et al. *Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol* 2020;32:669-677.



# Need for rapid and sustained symptom relief



Speed of onset is the 3<sup>rd</sup> most important driver of treatment choice after efficacy and tolerability<sup>1\*</sup>

## Corticosteroids<sup>2,3</sup>

- Achieve responses in **days**
- Significant side effects prevent long-term use

## Conventional therapies<sup>4</sup>

- **Several months** to achieve maximal effect

## Biologics<sup>4-6</sup>

- Can show clinical responses within **2 weeks**
- Immunogenicity

## Small molecules<sup>4,7</sup>

- Can achieve responses within **1 week**

**Patients require sustained symptom relief in addition to rapid responses<sup>8</sup>**

\*Based on the results of the IBD Global Assessment of Patient and Physician Unmet Need Surveys of 2398 patients with IBD and 654 physicians. IBD, inflammatory bowel disease.

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# Role of early advanced therapy in reducing cumulative disease burden



## Compared with later use of advanced therapy early implementation could:



Reduce residual symptoms

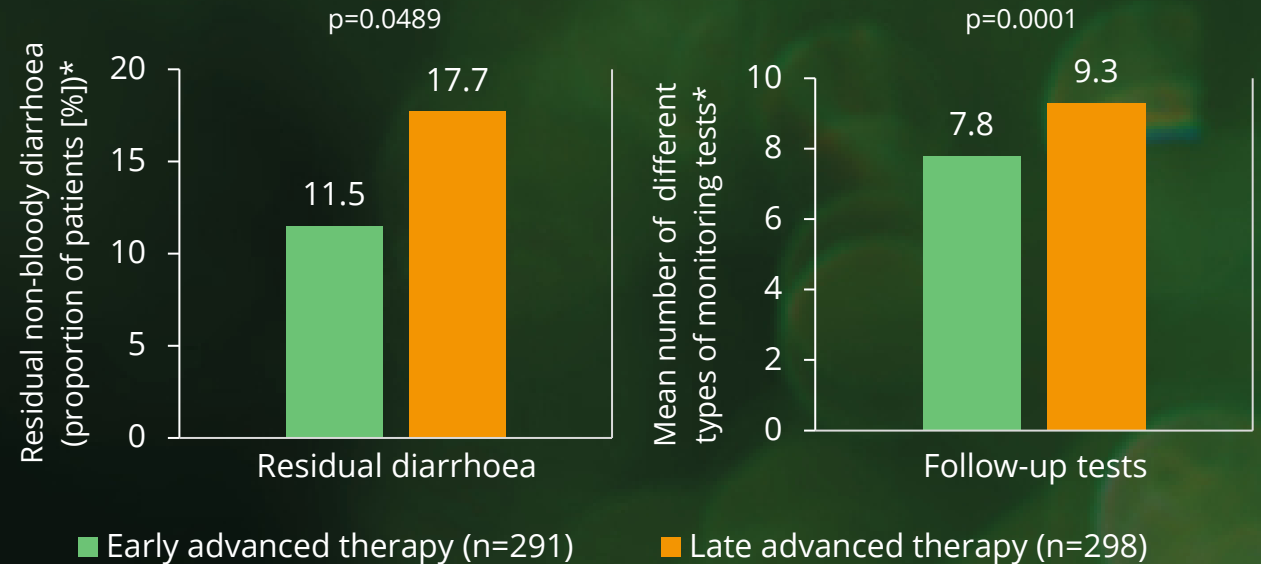


Reduce the need for follow-up monitoring



Improve HRQoL

Fewer patients with residual diarrhoea and lower need for follow-up tests with early ( $\leq 1.5$  years after diagnosis) vs. late advanced therapy ( $> 1.5$  years after diagnosis)



**Early advanced therapy provides greater improvement in disease vs. late advanced therapy**

\*Adjusted for patient demographic and clinical characteristics.  
HRQoL, health-related quality of life.  
Armuzzi A, et al. UEGW 2021. P0412.



Thank you for your  
participation!



## ABBREVIATED SUMMARY OF PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions. See section 4.8 of the SmPC for how to report adverse reactions.

**Jyseleca 100 / 200 mg film coated tablets. Composition:** Each film coated tablet contains filgotinib maleate equivalent to 100 or 200 mg of filgotinib. Each 100 mg film coated tablet contains 76 mg of lactose (as monohydrate). Each 200 mg film coated tablet contains 152 mg of lactose (as monohydrate). For the full list of excipients, see section 6.1 of the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC). **Pharmaceutical form:** Film coated tablet. *Jyseleca 100 mg film coated tablets:* Beige 12 x 7 mm, capsule shaped, film coated tablet debossed with “GSI” on one side and “100” on the other side. *Jyseleca 200 mg film coated tablets:* Beige 17 x 8 mm, capsule shaped, film coated tablet debossed with “GSI” on one side and “200” on the other side. **Therapeutic indications:** Rheumatoid arthritis *Jyseleca* is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis in adult patients who have responded inadequately to, or who are intolerant to one or more disease modifying anti rheumatic drugs (DMARDs). *Jyseleca* may be used as monotherapy or in combination with methotrexate (MTX). Ulcerative colitis *Jyseleca* is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis who have had an inadequate response with, lost response to, or were intolerant to either conventional therapy or a biologic agent. **Posology and method of administration:** Treatment with filgotinib should be initiated by a physician experienced in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis or ulcerative colitis. Posology Rheumatoid arthritis The recommended dose of filgotinib for adult patients is 200 mg once daily. Ulcerative colitis The recommended dose for induction and maintenance treatment is 200 mg once daily. For patients with ulcerative colitis who do not show an adequate therapeutic benefit during the initial 10 weeks of treatment, 12 additional weeks of induction treatment with filgotinib 200 mg once daily may provide

additional relief of symptoms (see section 5.1 of the SmPC). Patients who have not shown any therapeutic benefit after 22 weeks of treatment should discontinue filgotinib. *Laboratory monitoring, and dose initiation or interruption* Guidance for laboratory monitoring, and dose initiation or interruption is provided in Table 1. Treatment should be interrupted if a patient develops a serious infection until the infection is controlled (see section 4.4 of the SmPC).

**Table 1: Laboratory measures and monitoring guidance**

Laboratory measure	Action	Monitoring guidance
Absolute neutrophil count (ANC)	Treatment should not be initiated, or should be interrupted, if ANC is $< 1 \times 10^9$ cells/L. Treatment may be restarted once ANC returns above this value	Before treatment initiation and thereafter according to routine patient management
Absolute lymphocyte count (ALC)	Treatment should not be initiated, or should be interrupted, if ALC is $< 0.5 \times 10^9$ cells/L. Treatment may be restarted once ALC returns above this value	
Haemoglobin (Hb)	Treatment should not be initiated, or should be interrupted, if Hb is $< 8$ g/dL. Treatment may be restarted once Hb returns above this value	
Lipid parameters	Patients should be managed according to international clinical guidelines for hyperlipidaemia	12 weeks after initiation of treatment and thereafter according to international clinical guidelines for hyperlipidaemia

**Special populations** Elderly Rheumatoid arthritis A starting dose of 100 mg once daily is recommended for patients with rheumatoid

arthritis aged 75 years and older as clinical experience is limited. Ulcerative colitis No dose adjustment is recommended for patients with ulcerative colitis up to 75 years of age. Filgotinib is not recommended in patients aged 75 years and older as there is no data in this population. Renal impairment No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild renal impairment (creatinine clearance [CrCl]  $\geq 60$  mL/min). A dose of 100 mg of filgotinib once daily is recommended for patients with moderate or severe renal impairment (CrCl 15 to  $< 60$  mL/min). Filgotinib has not been studied in patients with end stage renal disease (CrCl  $< 15$  mL/min) and is therefore not recommended for use in these patients (see section 5.2 of the SmPC). Hepatic impairment No dose adjustment is required in patients with mild or moderate hepatic impairment (Child Pugh A or B). Filgotinib has not been studied in patients with severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C) and is therefore not recommended for use in these patients (see section 5.2 of the SmPC). Paediatric population The safety and efficacy of filgotinib in children under the age of 18 years have not yet been established. No data are available. **Method of administration** Oral use. *Jyseleca* can be taken with or without food (see section 5.2 of the SmPC). It has not been studied if tablets can be split, crushed, or chewed, and it is recommended that tablets are swallowed whole. **Contraindications:** Hypersensitivity to the active substance or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1 of the SmPC. Active tuberculosis (TB) or active serious infections (see section 4.4 of the SmPC). Pregnancy (see section 4.6 of the SmPC). **Undesirable effects:** *Summary of the safety profile Rheumatoid arthritis* The most frequently reported adverse reactions are nausea (3.5%), upper respiratory tract infection (URTI, 3.3%), urinary tract infection (UTI, 1.7%) and dizziness (1.2%). Ulcerative colitis In general, the overall safety profile observed in filgotinib-treated patients with ulcerative colitis was generally consistent with the safety profile observed in patients with rheumatoid arthritis. *Tabulated list of adverse reactions* The following adverse reactions are based on clinical studies (Table 2). The adverse reactions are listed below by system organ class and frequency. Frequencies are defined as follows: common ( $\geq 1/100$  to  $< 1/10$ ) and uncommon ( $\geq 1/1,000$  to  $< 1/100$ ).

**Table 2: Adverse reactions**

Frequency <sup>a</sup>	Adverse reaction
<i>Infections and infestations</i>	
Common	Urinary tract infection (UTI) Upper respiratory tract infection (URTI)
Uncommon	Herpes zoster Pneumonia
<i>Blood and lymphatic system disorders</i>	
Uncommon	Neutropenia
<i>Metabolism and nutrition disorders</i>	
Uncommon	Hypercholesterolaemia
<i>Nervous system disorders</i>	
Common	Dizziness
<i>Gastrointestinal disorders</i>	
Common	Nausea
<i>Investigations</i>	
Uncommon	Blood creatine phosphokinase increased

a Frequency based on placebo controlled pre rescue period (week 12) pooled across FINCH 1 and 2, and DARWIN 1 and 2, for patients with rheumatoid arthritis who received filgotinib 200 mg. Frequencies reported in the SELECTION study in patients with ulcerative colitis who received filgotinib 200 mg were generally consistent with those reported in the rheumatoid arthritis studies.

**Laboratory changes**  
**Creatinine** An increase in serum creatinine occurred with filgotinib treatment. At week 24 in the Phase 3 studies (FINCH 1, 2, and 3), the mean (SD) increase from baseline in serum creatinine was 0.07 (0.12) and 0.04 (0.11) mg/dL for filgotinib 200 mg and 100 mg, respectively. Mean creatinine values remained within the normal range.  
**Lipids** Treatment with filgotinib was associated with dose dependent increases in total cholesterol and HDL levels, while LDL levels were slightly increased. LDL/HDL ratios were generally unchanged. Lipid changes were observed within the first 12 weeks of filgotinib treatment and remained stable thereafter. Description of selected adverse reactions  
**Infections**  
**Rheumatoid arthritis** In placebo controlled studies with background DMARDs (FINCH 1, FINCH 2, DARWIN 1, and DARWIN 2), the frequency of infection over 12 weeks in the filgotinib 200 mg group was 18.1% compared to 13.3% in the placebo group. In the MTX controlled study FINCH 3, the frequency of infection over 24 weeks

in the filgotinib 200 mg monotherapy and filgotinib 200 mg plus MTX groups was 25.2% and 23.1%, respectively, compared to 24.5% in the MTX group. The overall exposure adjusted incidence rate (EAIR) of infections for the filgotinib 200 mg group across all seven Phase 2 and 3 clinical studies (2,267 patients) was 26.5 per 100 patient years of exposure (PYE). In placebo controlled studies with background DMARDs, the frequency of serious infection over 12 weeks in the filgotinib 200 mg group was 1.0% compared to 0.6% in the placebo group. In the MTX controlled study FINCH 3, the frequency of serious infection over 24 weeks in the filgotinib 200 mg monotherapy and filgotinib 200 mg plus MTX groups was 1.4% and 1.0%, respectively, compared to 1.0% in the MTX group. The overall EAIR of serious infections for the filgotinib 200 mg group across all seven Phase 2 and 3 clinical studies (2,267 patients) was 1.7 per 100 PYE. The most common serious infection was pneumonia. The EAIR of serious infections remained stable with long term exposure. In rheumatoid arthritis clinical studies, there was a higher incidence of serious infections in patients aged 75 years and older, although data are limited. In placebo controlled studies with background DMARDs, the frequencies of infectious ADRs over 12 weeks for filgotinib 200 mg compared to placebo were: URTI (3.3% versus 1.8%), UTI (1.7% versus 0.9%), pneumonia (0.6% versus 0.4%), and herpes zoster (0.1% versus 0.3%). Most of the herpes zoster events involved a single dermatome and were non serious.  
**Ulcerative colitis** The types of serious infections in the ulcerative colitis clinical studies were generally similar to those reported in the rheumatoid arthritis clinical studies with filgotinib monotherapy treatment groups. Across the two placebo-controlled induction studies, the frequency of serious infections was 0.6% in the filgotinib 200 mg group, 1.1% in the filgotinib 100 mg group, and 1.1% in the placebo group. In the placebo-controlled maintenance study, the frequency of serious infections in the filgotinib 200 mg group was 1%, compared to 0% in the respective placebo group. In the maintenance study filgotinib 100 mg group, the frequency of serious infections was 1.7%, compared with 2.2% in the respective placebo group.  
**Opportunistic infections (excluding TB)** In rheumatoid arthritis placebo controlled studies with background DMARDs, there were no opportunistic infections over 12 weeks in the filgotinib 200 mg group or the placebo group. In the MTX controlled study FINCH 3, the frequency of opportunistic infections over 24 weeks was 0, 0.2%, and 0 in the filgotinib 200 mg monotherapy, filgotinib 200 mg plus MTX, and MTX groups, respectively. The overall EAIR

of opportunistic infections for the filgotinib 200 mg group across all seven Phase 2 and 3 rheumatoid arthritis clinical studies (2,267 patients) was 0.1 per 100 PYE. Nausea was generally transient and reported during the first 24 weeks of filgotinib treatment.  
**Creatine phosphokinase** Dose dependent increases in creatine phosphokinase (CPK) occurred within the first 12 weeks of filgotinib treatment and remained stable thereafter. At week 24 in the Phase 3 studies (FINCH 1, 2, and 3), the mean (SD) increase from baseline in CPK was 16 (449), 61 (260), and 33 (80) U/L for placebo, filgotinib 200 mg and 100 mg, respectively. In placebo controlled Phase 3 studies with background DMARDs (FINCH 1 and FINCH 2) through 12 weeks, CPK elevations > 5 × upper limit of normal (ULN) were reported in 0.5%, 0.3%, and 0.3% of patients in the placebo, filgotinib 200 mg, and filgotinib 100 mg groups, respectively. Most elevations > 5 × ULN did not require treatment discontinuation.  
**Experience from long term extension studies**  
**Rheumatoid arthritis** In the long term extension study DARWIN 3, among patients enrolled from DARWIN 1 (N = 497), 238 patients received filgotinib 200 mg once a day for a median duration of 4.4 years; among patients enrolled from DARWIN 2 (N = 242), 234 patients received filgotinib 200 mg once a day for a median duration of 4.4 years. The safety profile of filgotinib was similar to that in the Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies.  
**Ulcerative colitis** In the long-term extension study (SELECTION LTE) in patients who participated in the SELECTION study, patients received filgotinib 200 mg (N = 871), filgotinib 100 mg (N = 157), or placebo (N = 133) for median durations of 55, 36, and 32 weeks, respectively. The safety profile of filgotinib was similar to that in the SELECTION induction and maintenance studies.  
**Reporting of suspected adverse reactions** Reporting suspected adverse reactions after authorisation of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit/risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions via the national reporting systems.  
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