

# GP2015 Biosimilar (Etanercept)

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United States Food and Drug Administration  
Arthritis Advisory Committee

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# GP2015 Etanercept

## Introduction and Concept

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# Totality of Evidence Shows GP2015 Is Highly Similar to US-Licensed Enbrel® (etanercept)

FDA and Sandoz reviews both concluded:

- Extensive analytical and PK data
  - Demonstrated high similarity
  - Confirmed relevance of clinical and non-clinical data with EU-approved Enbrel (scientific bridge)
- Clinical development program
  - Demonstrated no clinically meaningful differences in the indication studied
  - Transition did not result in a different safety or immunogenicity profile
- Extensive data package to address scientific considerations for extrapolation

# Totality of Evidence Supports Extrapolation Across Indications

- We will demonstrate today that
  - Extensive analytical and PK data show that the active ingredient of GP2015 is essentially the same as Enbrel<sup>®</sup>
  - Confirmatory clinical study in a sensitive indication further contributes to the totality of evidence
- GP2015 may be used in all approved indications for US-licensed Enbrel

# Sandoz Is a Pioneer in the Development and Marketing of Biosimilars

- Sandoz has extensive in-house biologic drug development and manufacturing experience
  - Started recombinant biologics efforts 30 years ago
  - Started biosimilar development activities 20 years ago
- Multiple firsts
  - First biosimilar product (somatropin) in the EU in 2006 followed by epoetin alfa in 2007 and filgrastim in 2009
  - First biosimilar in Australia, Canada, Japan, and the US (Zarxio<sup>®</sup> in 2015)
- Sandoz biosimilars are sold in more than 60 countries and have generated >250 million patient-days exposure

# Unmet Medical Need: Our Passion Is Directed at Improving Access to Biologics

- Etanercept is a biologic therapy that has changed the practice of medicine and has improved patients' lives
  - Many patients in the US remain unable to access this valuable therapy or must negotiate multiple hurdles
- GP2015 is a proposed biosimilar to Enbrel®
  - Potential to expand patient access and reduce burden on US healthcare system

# The Proposed Indications of GP2015 Are Identical to Those of the US Label for Enbrel®

- Justified by demonstrating biosimilarity according to FDA's guidance with the totality of evidence supporting extrapolation
  - Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
  - Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)
  - Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)
  - Ankylosing spondylitis (AS)
  - Plaque psoriasis (PsO)

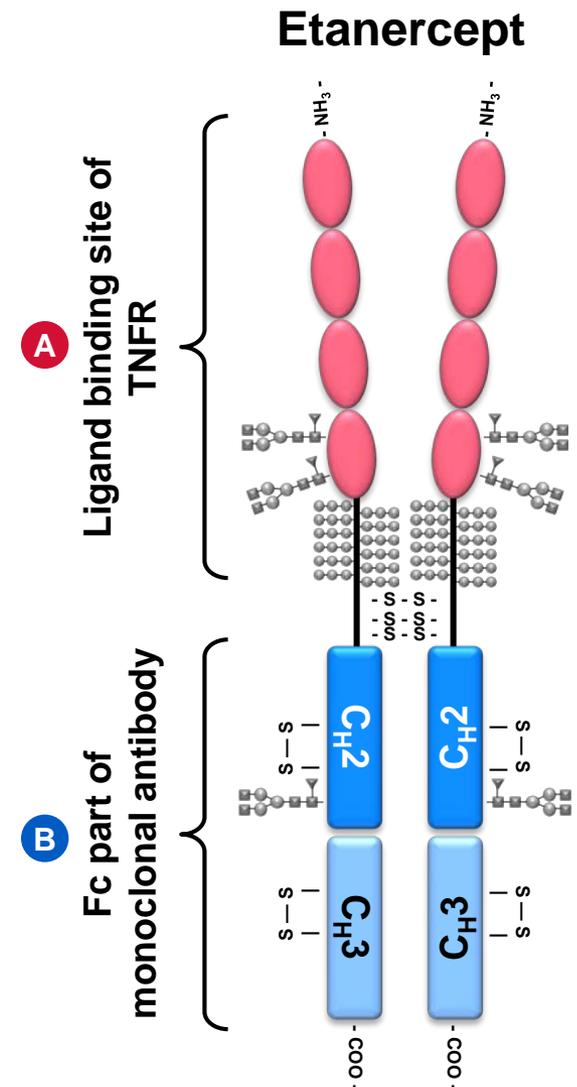
# Etanercept Molecule and Mechanism of Action

## Etanercept (a dimeric fusion protein)

- Extracellular ligand-binding portion of the human (p75) tumor necrosis factor receptor (TNFR)
- Linked to the Fc portion of a human IgG1 antibody

## The Mechanism of Action (MoA)

- Competitive inhibitor of soluble TNF- $\alpha$  binding to its receptor

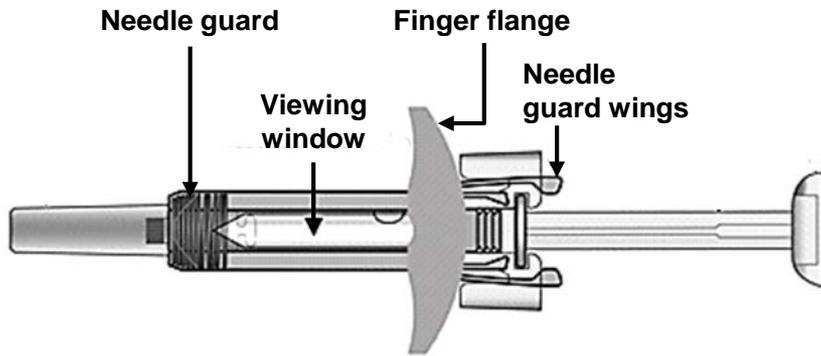


# GP2015 Will Have Comparable Dosage Forms

	Enbrel®	GP2015
Dosage forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 mg/0.5 mL pre-filled syringe (50 mg/mL)</li><li>• 50 mg/1.0 mL pre-filled syringe (50 mg/mL)</li><li>• 50 mg/1.0 mL pre-filled autoinjector (50 mg/mL)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 25 mg/0.5 mL pre-filled syringe (50 mg/mL)</li><li>• 50 mg/1.0 mL pre-filled syringe (50 mg/mL)</li><li>• 50 mg/1.0 mL pre-filled autoinjector (50 mg/mL)</li></ul>
Administration	SC application once or twice a week depending on indication	SC application once or twice a week depending on indication

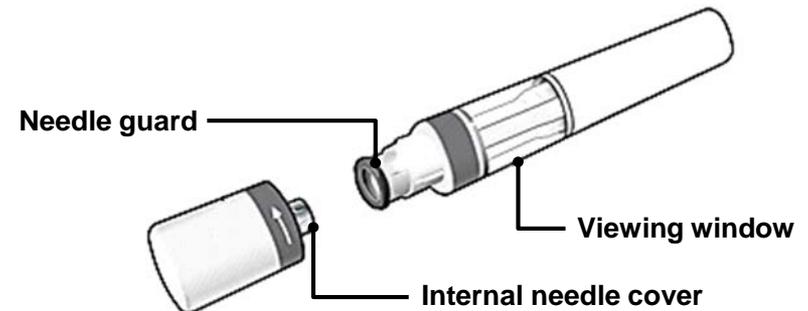
# GP2015 Available as Pre-filled Syringe and as Pre-filled Autoinjector

## GP2015 pre-filled syringe (PFS)

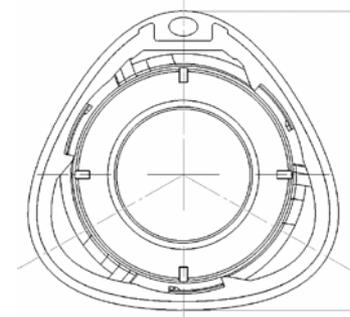


**Enlarged finger flange**  
**Needle safety guard**

## GP2015 pre-filled autoinjector (AI)

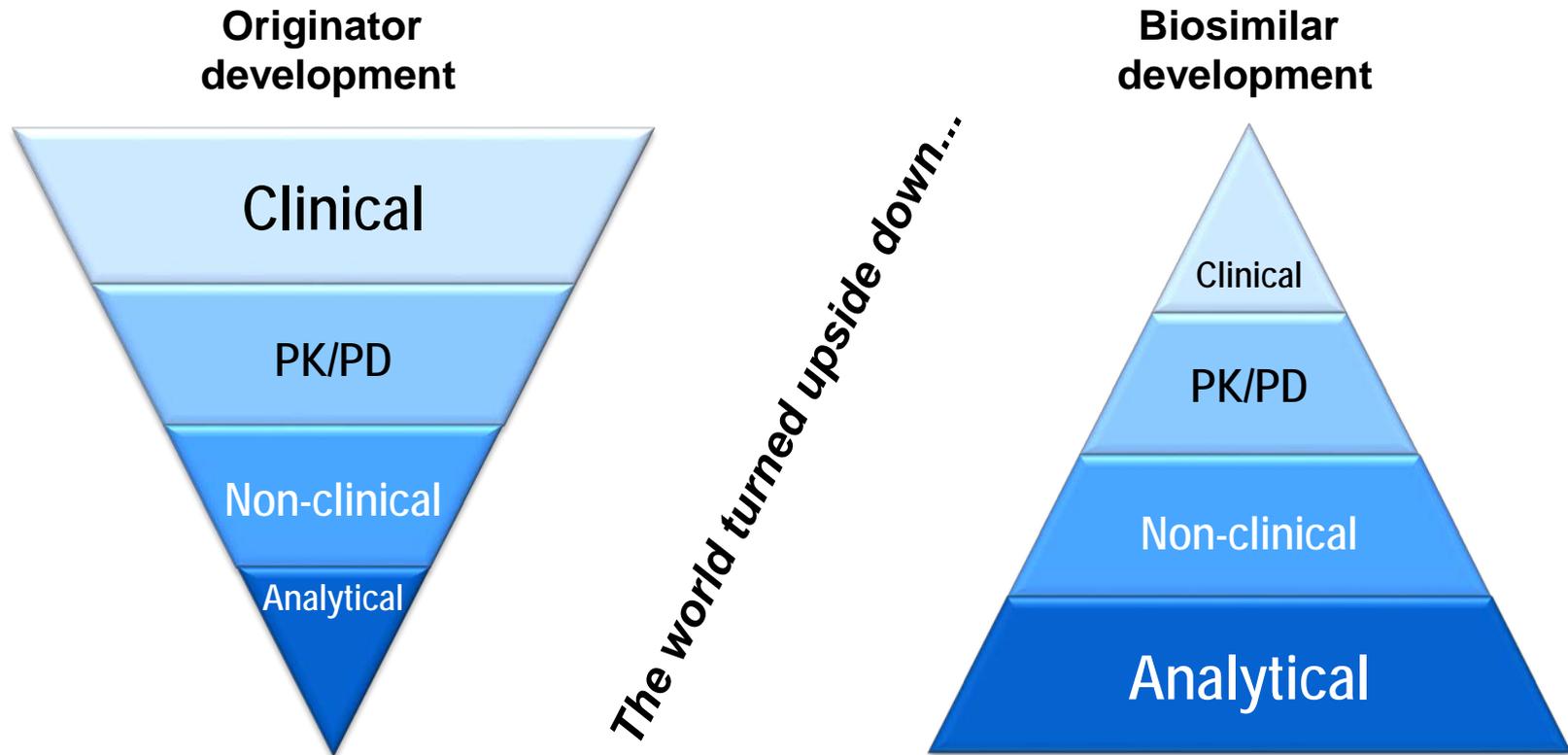


**Triangular shape for better grip**  
**2-step injection**

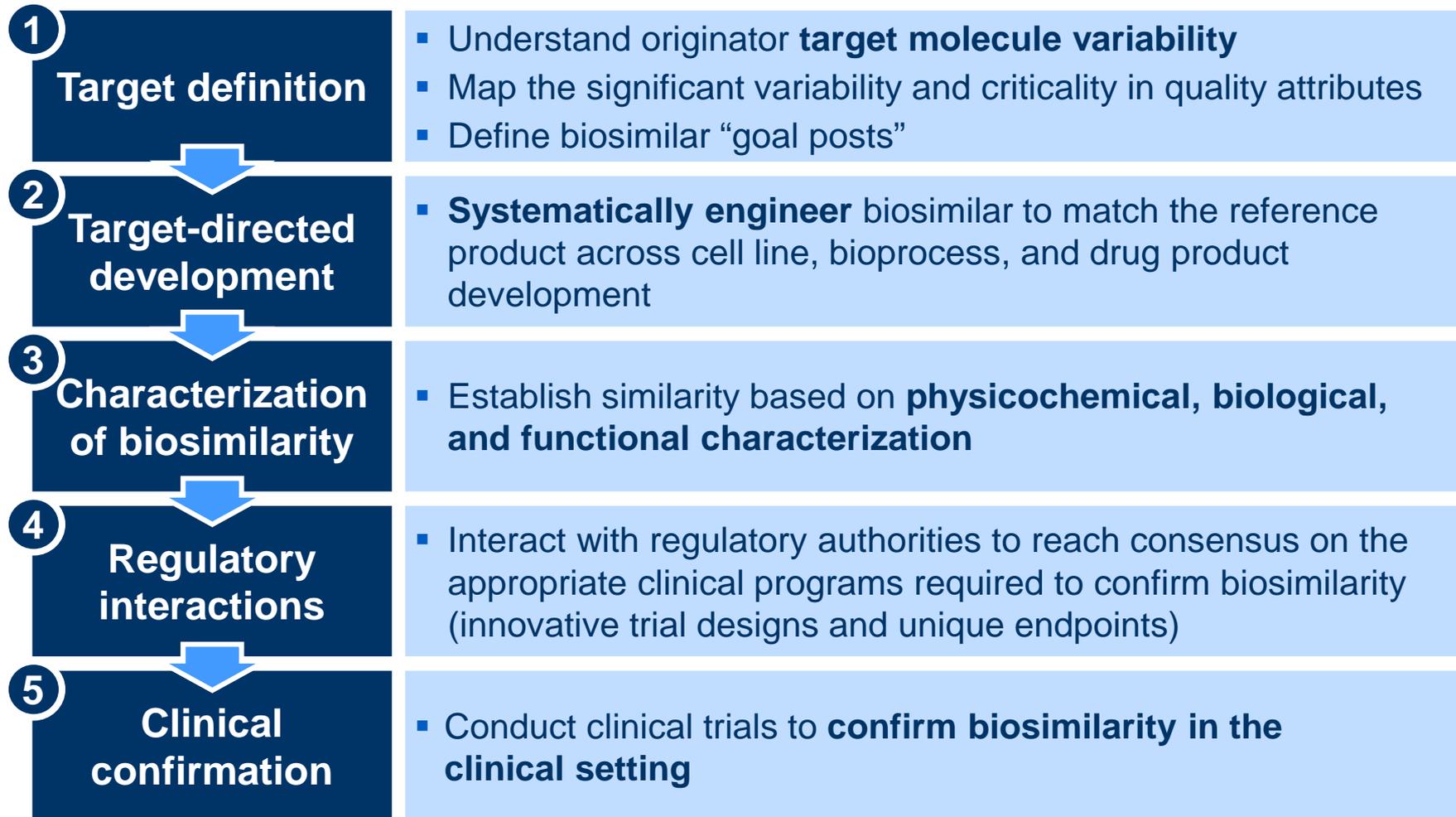


# Development of a Biosimilar Requires a Paradigm Shift

## Comparison with the reference product



# Biosimilar Development Approach Pioneered by Sandoz Encompasses 5 Steps



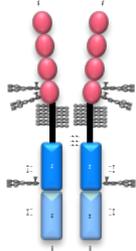
# Extrapolation Concept Is Based on Extrapolation From Molecule to Molecule

Extrapolation is....

...from  
Reference Product to Biosimilar...



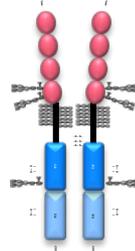
Enbrel®



Reference Product

“Sameness”

GP2015



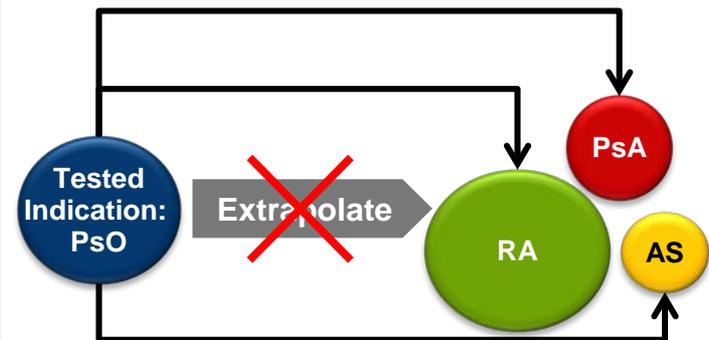
Biosimilar

- Demonstration of “**sameness**” of biosimilar to reference product: **extrapolation scientifically justified**
- **Extrapolating from one molecule to the other:** safe use of the biosimilar in all indications approved for the reference product that share the same MoA

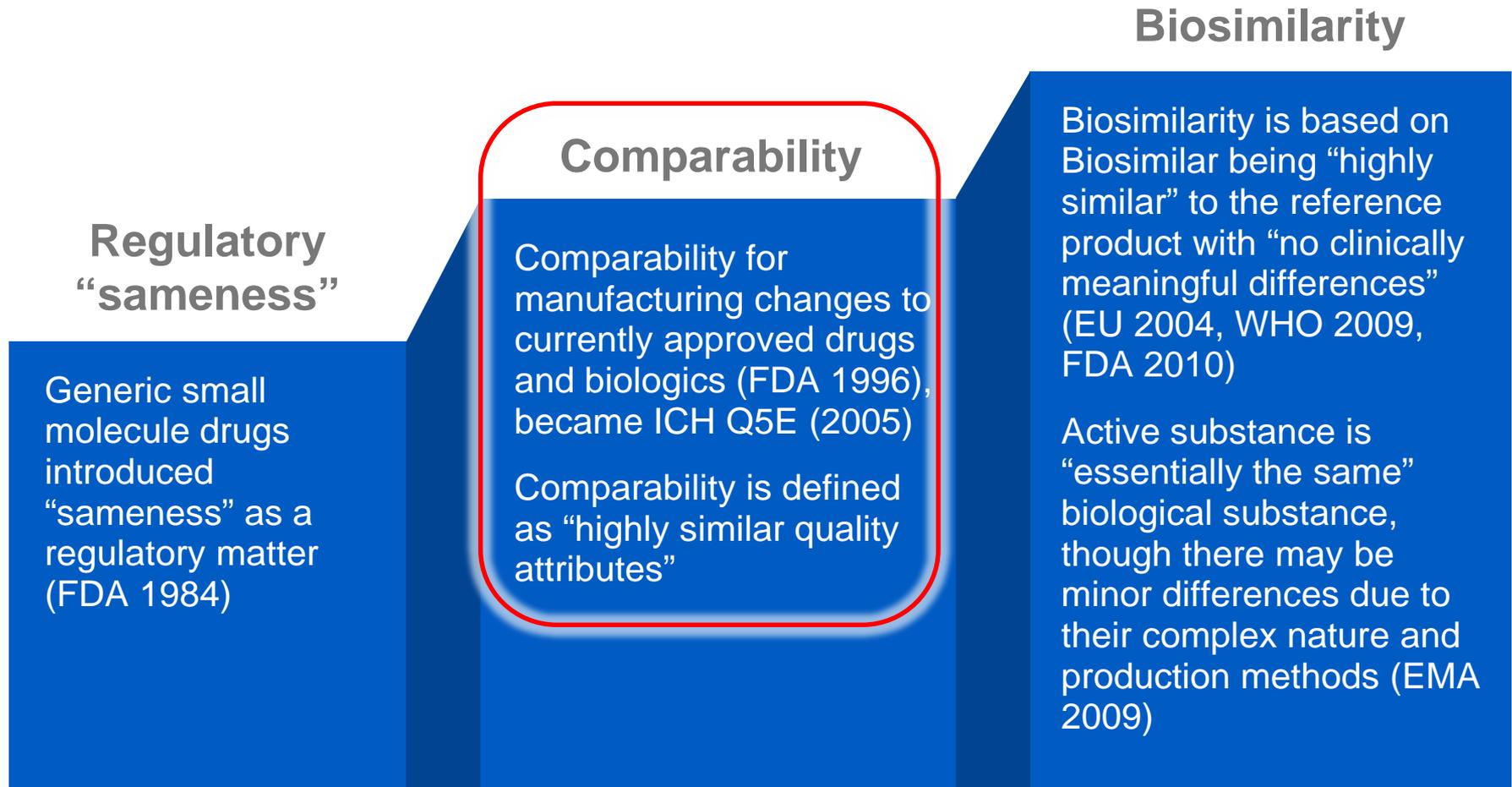
...not from  
Indication to Indication...



- Extrapolation is not from one clinical experience to another...

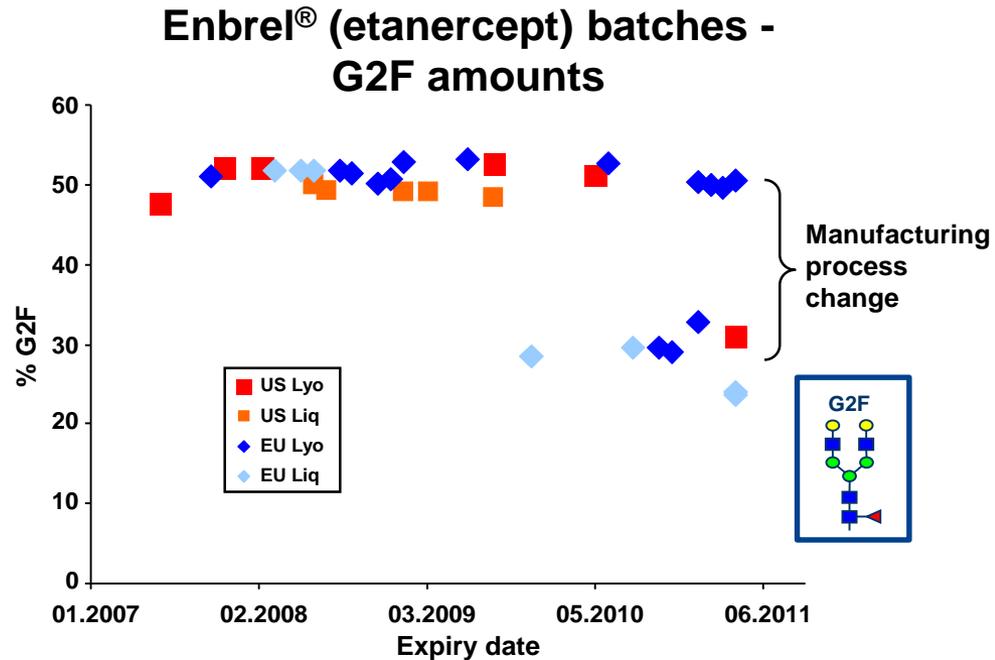


# Regulatory Concept of “Sameness” Is Key to Establishing Biosimilarity Allowing Extrapolation

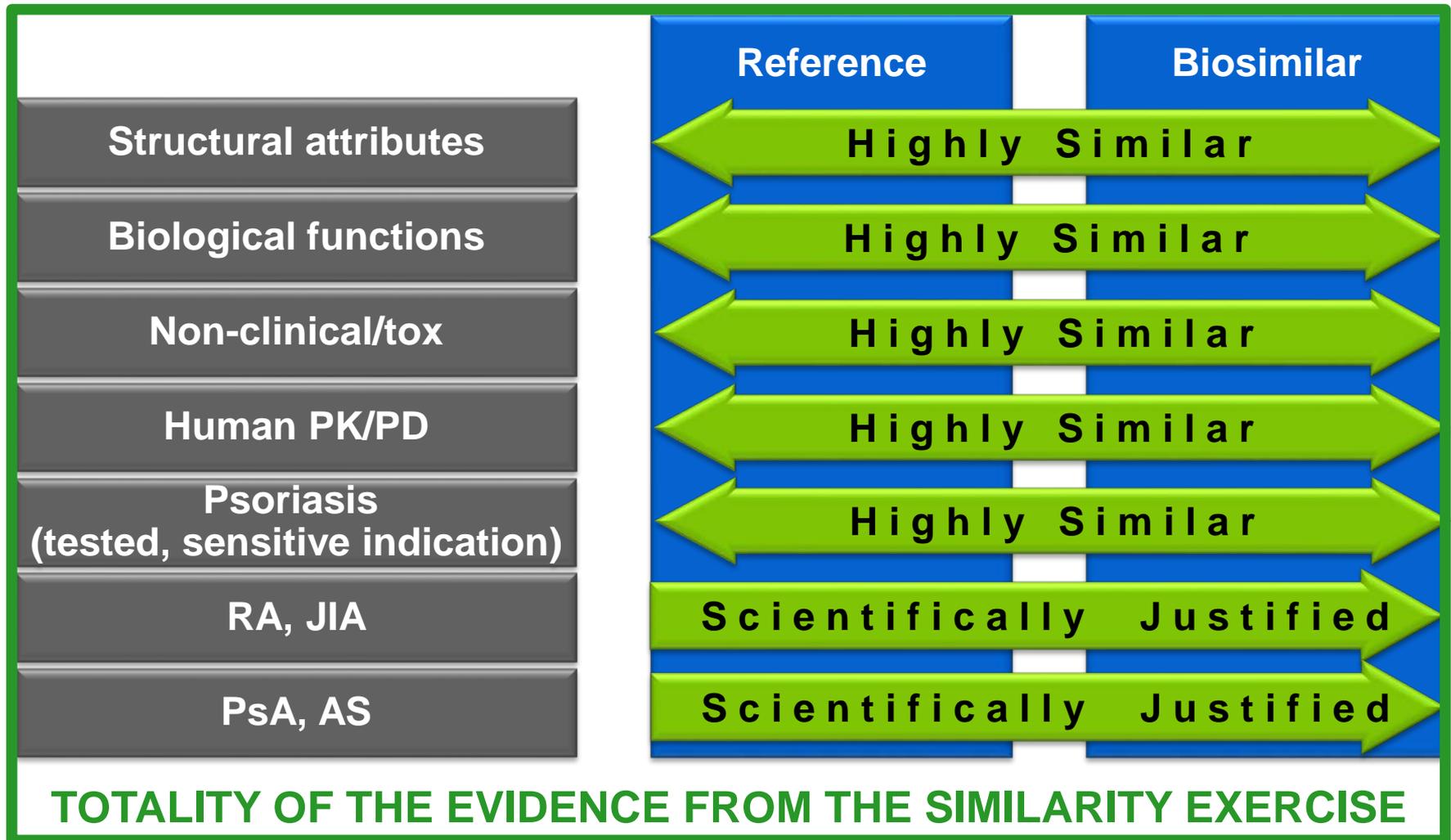


# Manufacturing Changes of Enbrel® Approved and Extrapolated to All Indications

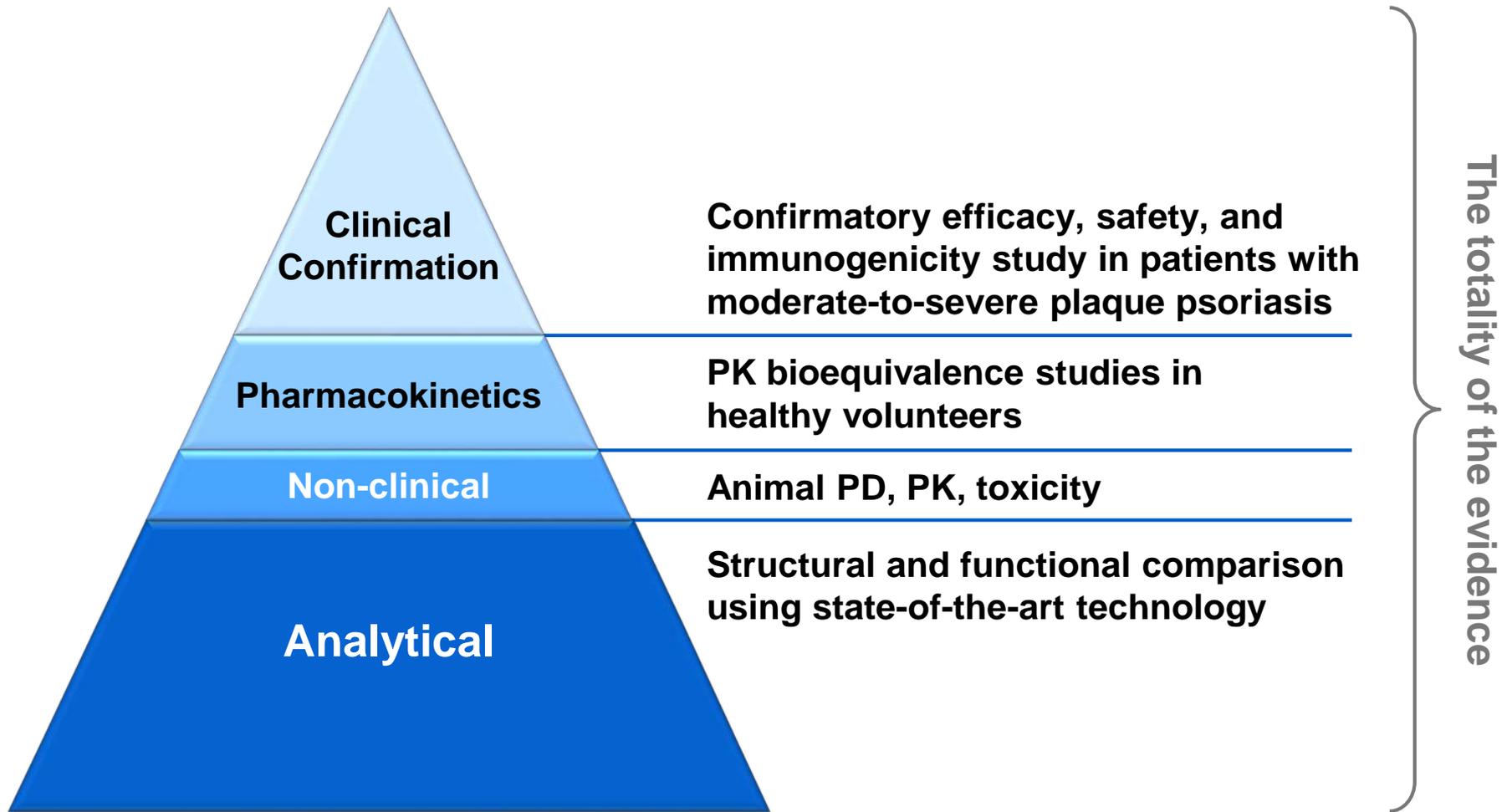
- Schiestl documented manufacturing changes not previously reported
- These changes were evaluated and deemed to be highly similar or comparable
- The modified process was approved as producing a highly similar product under the same label
- Its use was extrapolated to all approved indications



# Totality of Data Showing That GP2015 Is “Essentially The Same” as Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Justifies Extrapolation



# Comparative Evaluation of GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Justifies Extrapolation



- The **totality of data** supports that GP2015 is **essentially the same** as Enbrel
- This supports **Biosimilarity** and justifies **Extrapolation** to all indications for which Enbrel is approved

# Agenda

## Analytical Characterization

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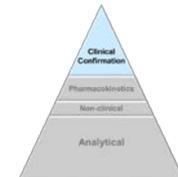
## Non-clinical and PK Characterization

Oliver von Richter, PhD, FCP



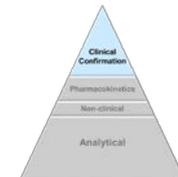
## Clinical Confirmation

Malte Peters, MD



## Use in Clinical Practice

Jonathan Kay, MD



## Conclusions

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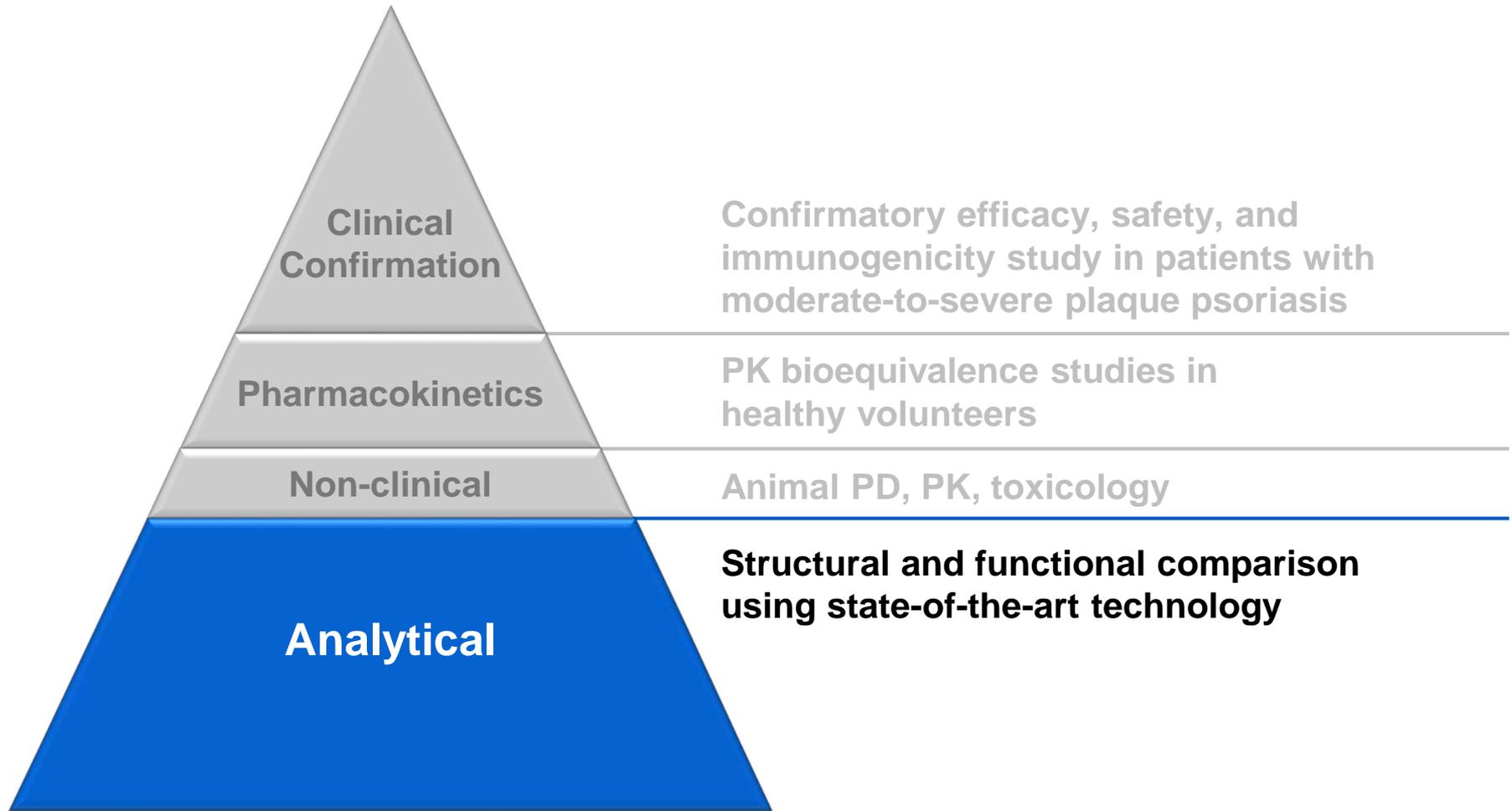
# Analytical Demonstration of Similarity

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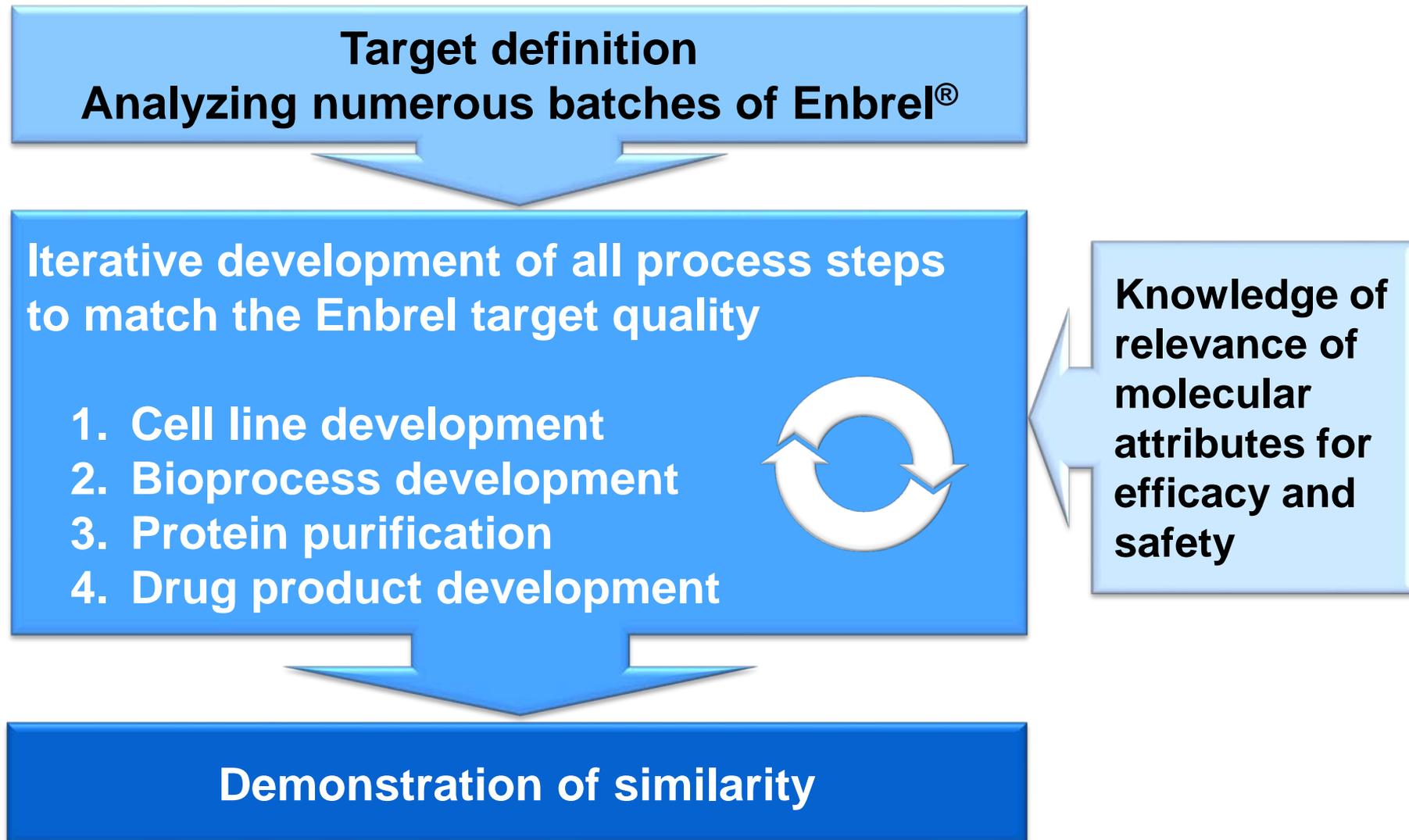
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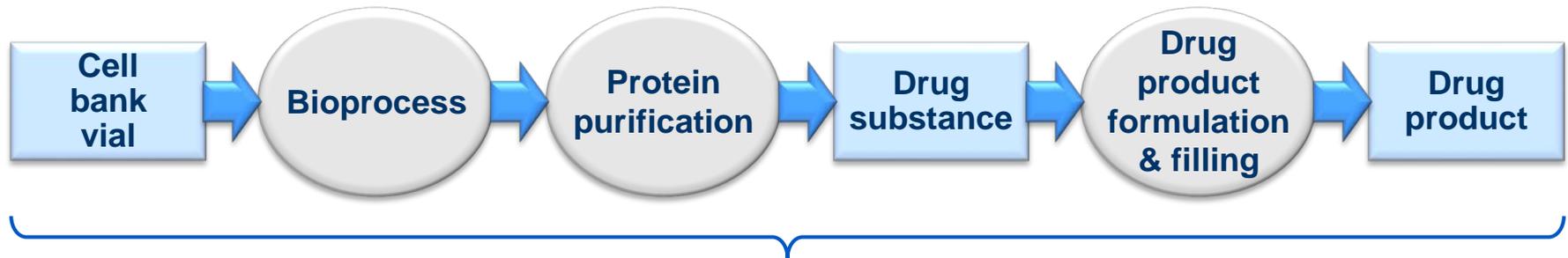
# Comprehensive Comparative Evaluation of GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>



# Targeted Development of GP2015



# Manufacturing Process Designed to Deliver a Consistent Biosimilar Product

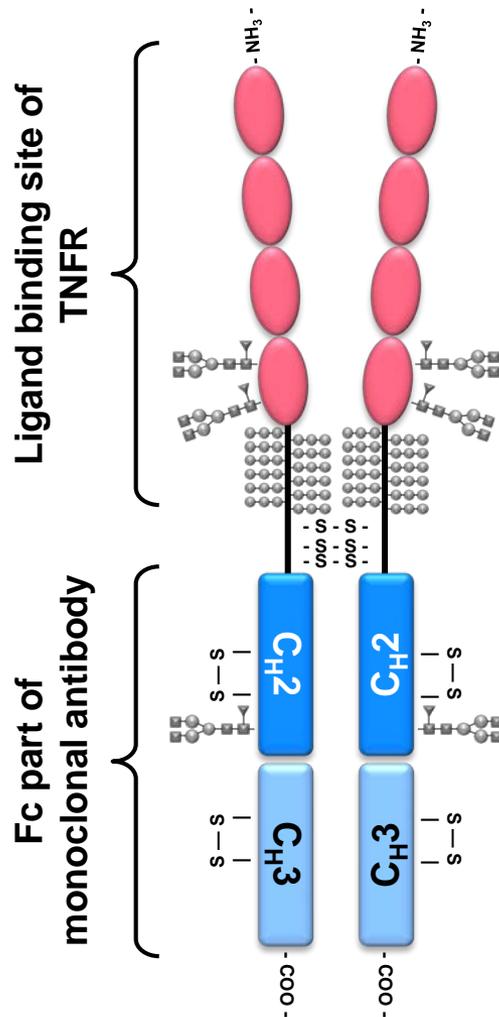


## Manufacturing process controlled by

- Raw material controls
- Process design
- In-process testing and control of process parameters
- Release testing of harvest, drug substance, and final dosage form

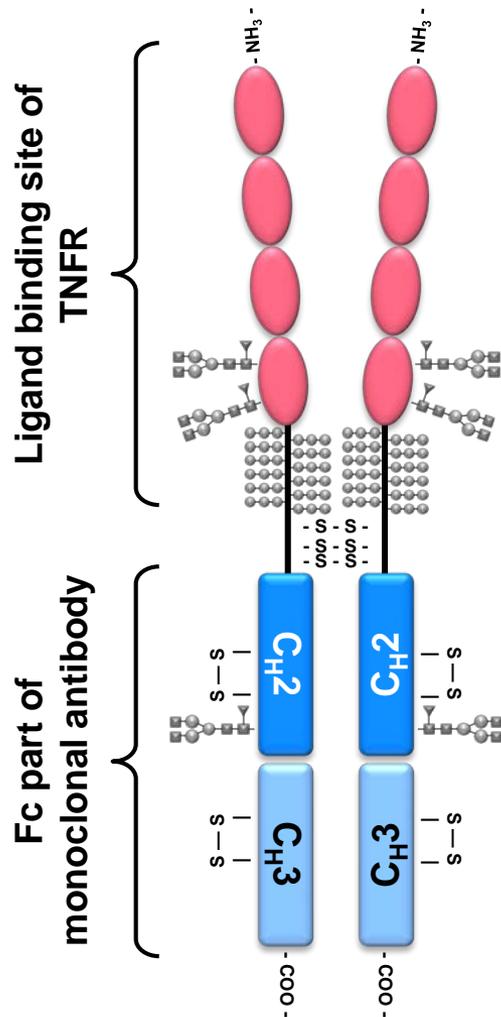
Quality System governed by Quality Assurance functions  
Compliance with Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP)

# Etanercept—A Well-Characterized Molecule



- Manufactured by a bioprocess using a well-established recombinant Chinese hamster ovary (CHO) cell line
- Etanercept is a dimeric, secreted, soluble protein
- It has multiple glycosylation sites and disulfide bonds

# Multiple Quality Attributes Assessed as Part of Molecule Characterization



## Primary structure (amino acid sequence)

## Higher order structure (protein folding)

- Secondary structure
- Tertiary structure

## Protein modifications

- N-Glycosylation
- O-Glycosylation
- Sialic acids
- Oxidation
- Deamidation
- Charge variants
- Glycation
- N- and C-terminal heterogeneity

## Impurities

- Aggregates, fragments
- DNA
- Protein A
- HCP

## Biological activity

- TNF- $\alpha$  neutralization
- TNF- $\beta$  neutralization
- TNF binding
- ADCC activity
- CDC activity

# Which Quality Attributes Matter Clinically?

## Criticality Assessment

Quality attributes related to

- Etanercept molecule
- Process materials
- Excipients

Assessment on clinical relevance



Immunogenicity

Safety/Toxicity

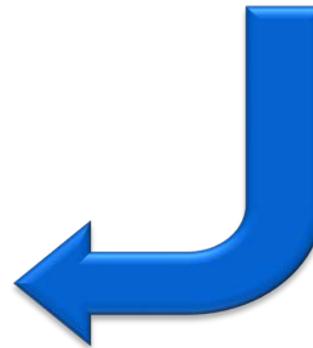
Pharmacokinetics

Efficacy

Criticality	Criticality score
Very high	121 - 140
High	86 - 120
Moderate	56 - 85
Low	31 - 55
Very low	2 - 30

Existing product knowledge

- Literature
- In-house studies
- Related molecules

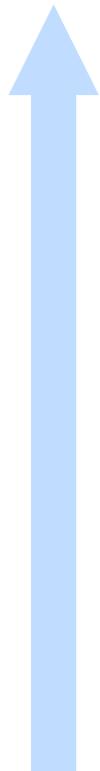


# Clinical Importance of Quality Attributes

## Excerpt Overview Table

Criticality	Number of attributes	Examples of Critical Quality Attributes (clinical parameter impacted)
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High	14	Higher order structure (efficacy), alpha-galactosylation (immunogenicity), incorrect disulfide bond variants (efficacy), terminal GlcNAc – variants (PK/PD), FcRn binding (PK), aggregation (efficacy), degradation products (efficacy), purity
Moderate	25	Acidic variants, oxidation, deamidation, non-fucosylated glycans, sialylation, ADCC activity, CDC activity, binding to Fc gamma receptors
Low	10	Basic variants, succinimide, proline amide, N-terminal variant -leucine/-leucine/proline, free thiols
Very low	13	Lysine variants, quality of sodium hydroxide, quality of nitrogen, quality of sodium chloride

Increasing  
clinical  
relevance



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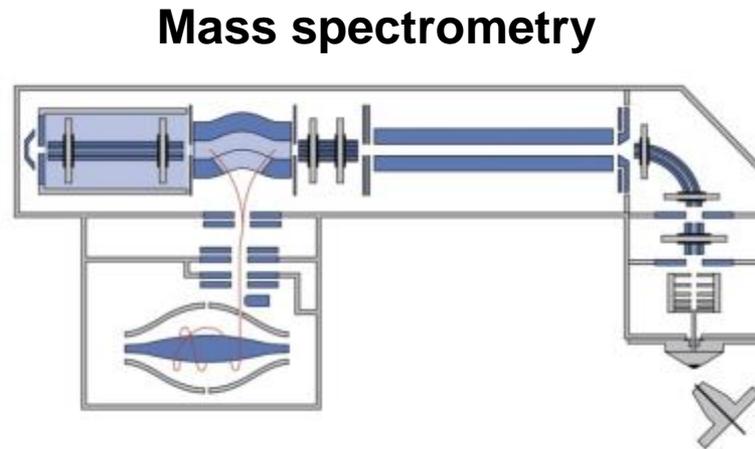
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*Results for attributes with very high/ high criticality shown on following slides*

# Powerful Tools Have Evolved to Allow Comprehensive Characterization

Year	MS- Detection limit for peptides (pmol)	Analogue
1990	100	 ~ 0.3 L
1993	10	
1997	1	 ~ 3,000,000 L
2000	0.1	
2003	0.01	
2005	0.001	
2008	0.0001	
2011	0.00001	



**10 million-fold increase**



~ 3,000,000 L

# Analytical Similarity Assessment GP2015 vs Enbrel®

- Demonstrated similarity between GP2015 and Enbrel on physicochemical and in vitro functional biological level based on
  - More than 80 batches of Enbrel
- Extended characterization of GP2015, Enbrel/EU, and Enbrel/US using state-of-the-art analytical methods

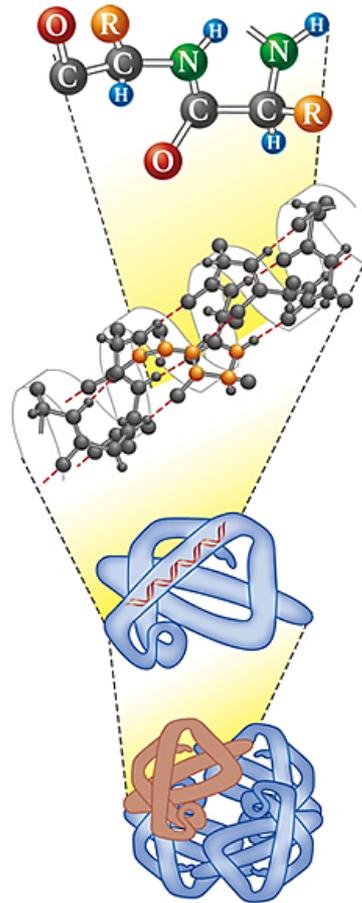
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## Critical Quality Attributes

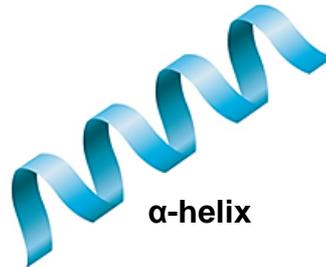
- Primary structure
  - Higher order structure
  - TNF- $\alpha$  neutralization
  - Content
  - FcRn binding
  - Product related impurities<sup>a</sup>
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- Stability behavior

<sup>a</sup> Includes alpha-galactosylation, incorrect disulfide bond variants, aggregation and degradation products.

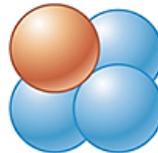
# Primary Structure/Higher Order Structure



Amino acid sequence



Total shape



Complex

Primary  
structure

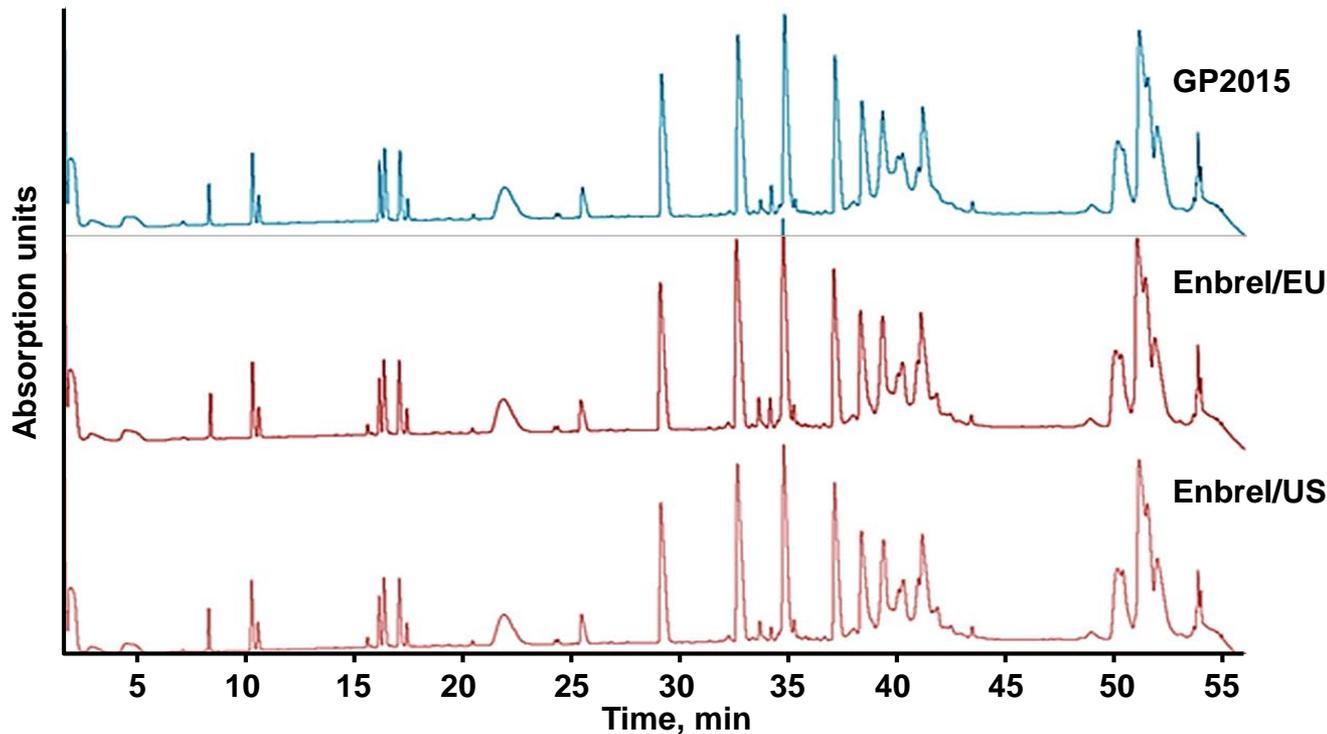
Higher order  
structure

## Critical Quality Attributes

- Primary structure
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# Amino Acid Sequence of GP2015 and Enbrel®

Assessment of primary structure by peptide mapping and mass spectrometry



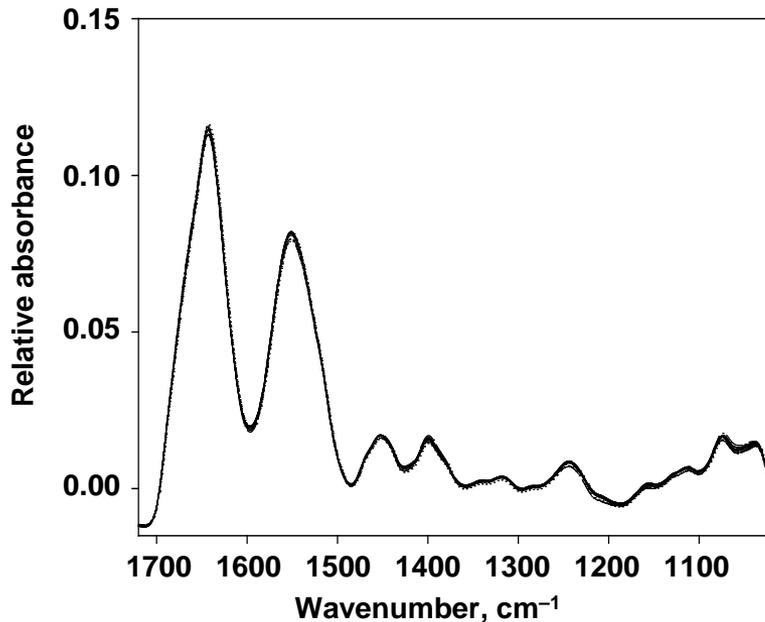
## Data confirm

- 100% identical primary structure of GP2015 and Enbrel
- Identity of Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Stability behavior

# Indistinguishable Higher Order Structure Demonstrated by FTIR...

## Assessment of higher order structure by Fourier-transform infrared spectroscopy (FTIR)



—	OM H76640	<b>Enbrel® EU/US</b>
---	OM H50892	
.....	OM G75422	
.....	OM 1042402	
.....	OM 1040542	
.....	OM 1035224	
.....	DP VB50B3	<b>GP2015</b>
.....	DP VB50B2	
.....	DP VB50B1	
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.....	DP BV25B1	

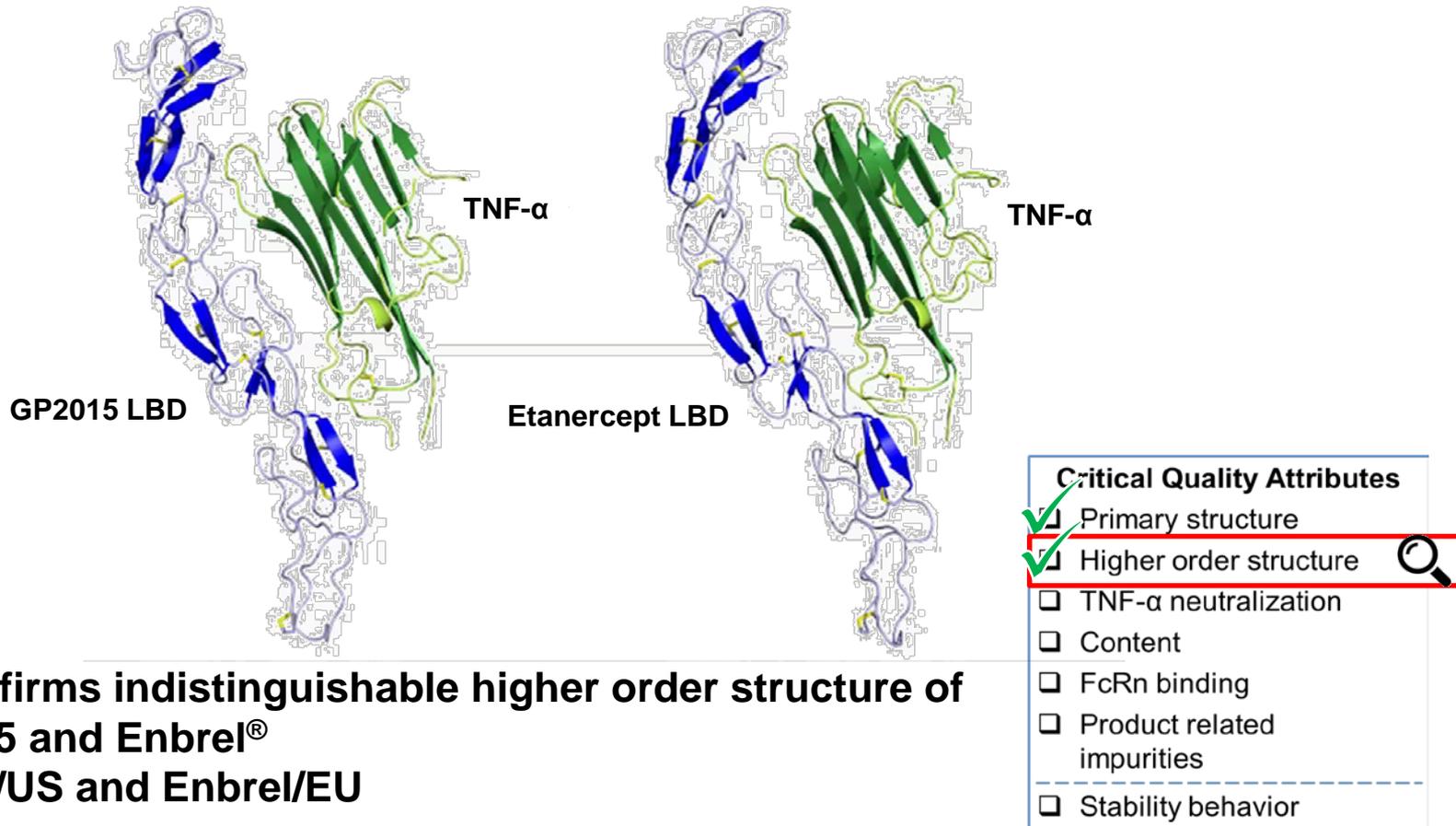
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FTIR confirms indistinguishable higher order structure of

- GP2015 and Enbrel
- Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU

# Indistinguishable Higher Order Structure Demonstrated by X-ray Crystallography

## Assessment of higher order structure by X-ray crystallography

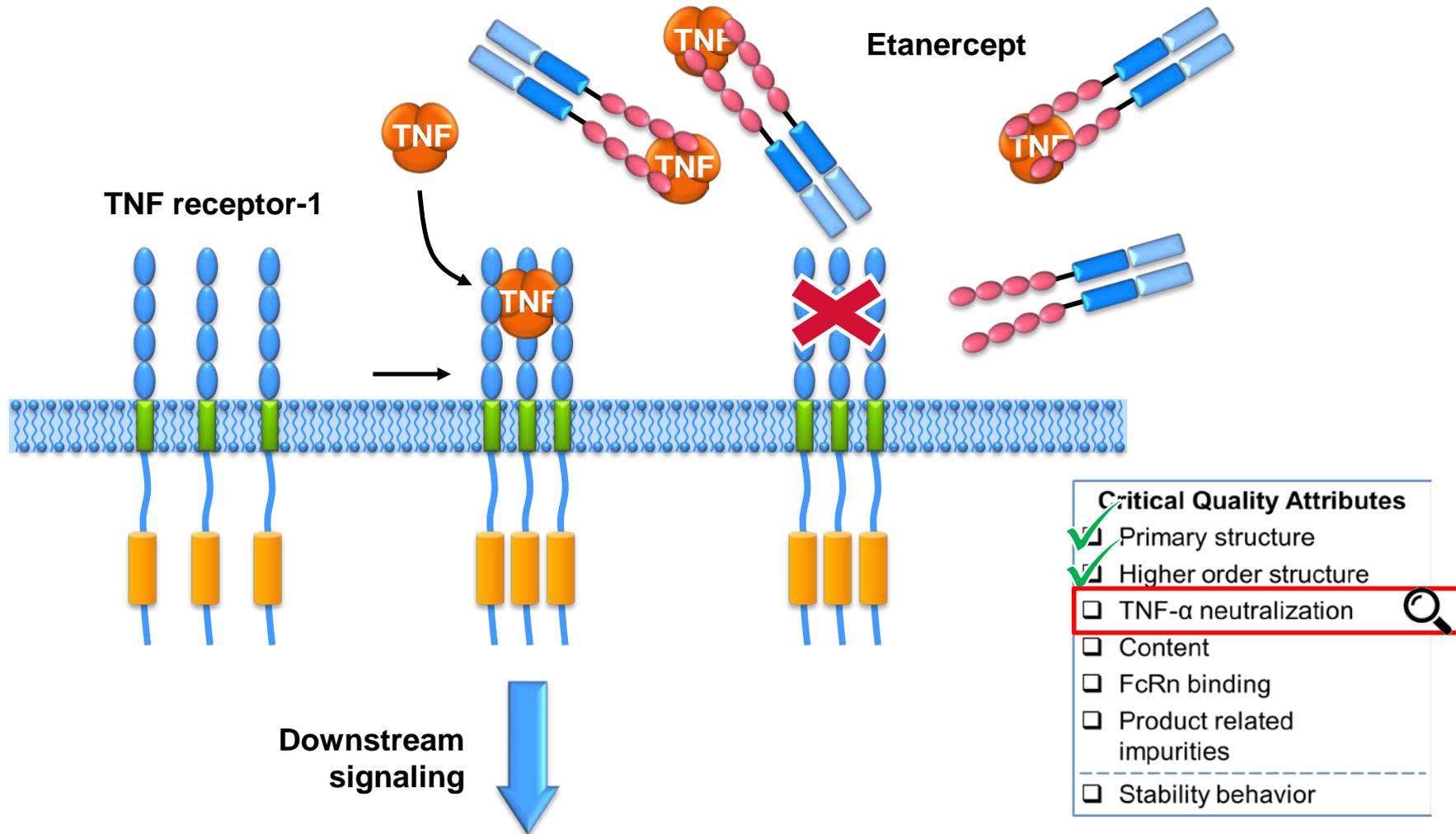


X-ray confirms indistinguishable higher order structure of

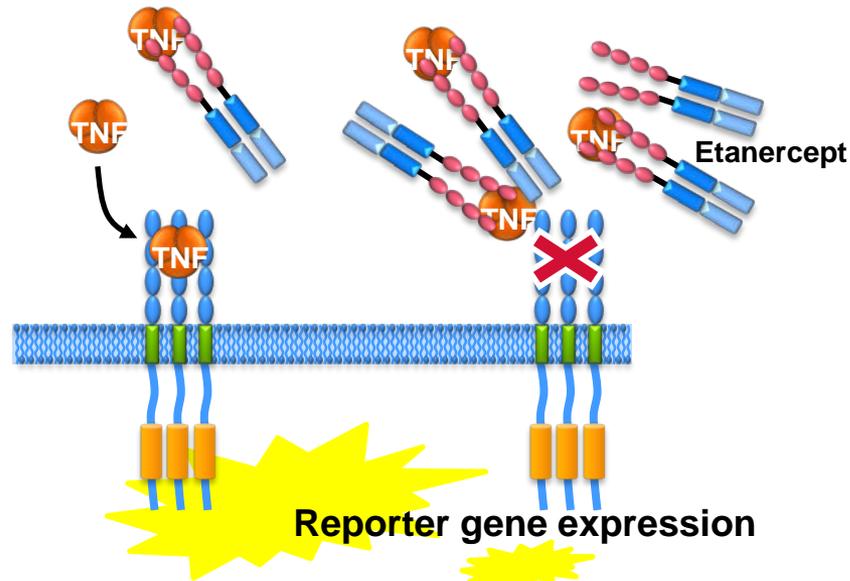
- GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>
- Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU

Same higher order structure of GP2015 and Enbrel/US confirmed also by HDX, CD, NMR, DSC.  
Enbrel/US and Enbrel EU also similar by FT-IR, CD, DSC, X-ray.

# Mechanism of Action of Etanercept TNF- $\alpha$ Neutralization



# Assessment of Biological Activity: Neutralization of TNF- $\alpha$

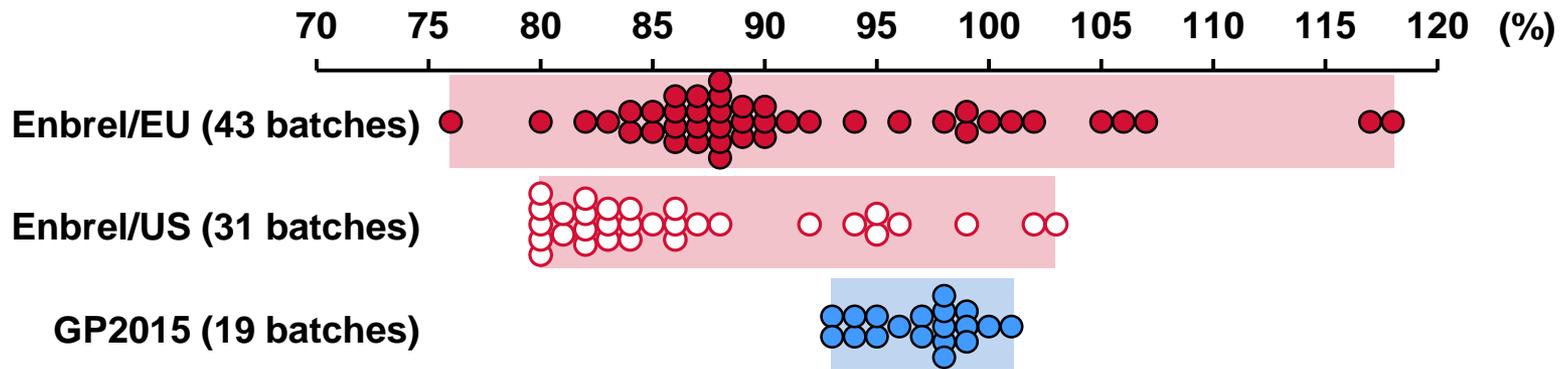


- Cell-based potency assay quantifies the neutralization of soluble TNF- $\alpha$
- Recombinant luciferase reporter cell line responds to stimulation with TNF- $\alpha$
- GP2015 or Enbrel<sup>®</sup> leads to dose-dependent suppression of TNF- $\alpha$  activity

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# Data Show Similar Activity for GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> in TNF- $\alpha$ Neutralization

## Biological activity by TNF- $\alpha$ reporter gene assay (RGA)



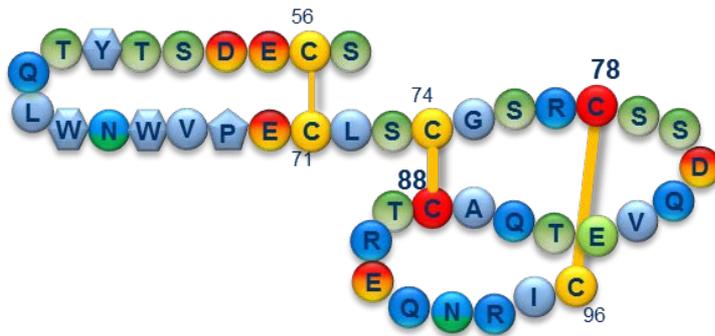
**Biological activity of Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU measured by TNF- $\alpha$  reporter gene assay is similar**

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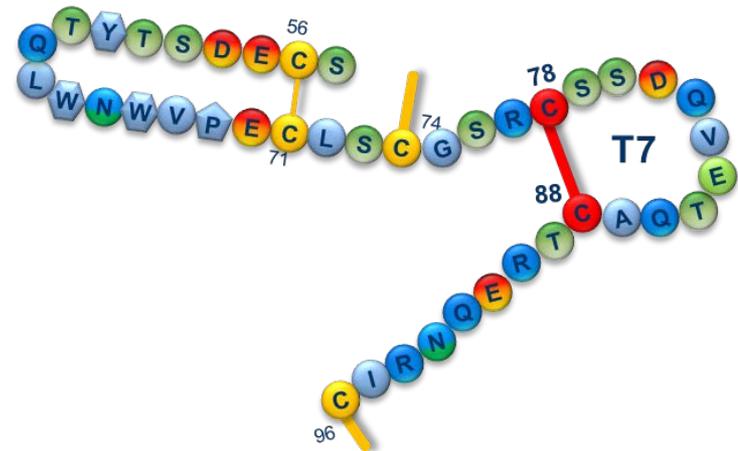
# Incorrect Disulfide Bond Variants Present in Etanercept

Correct disulfide bonds



Active

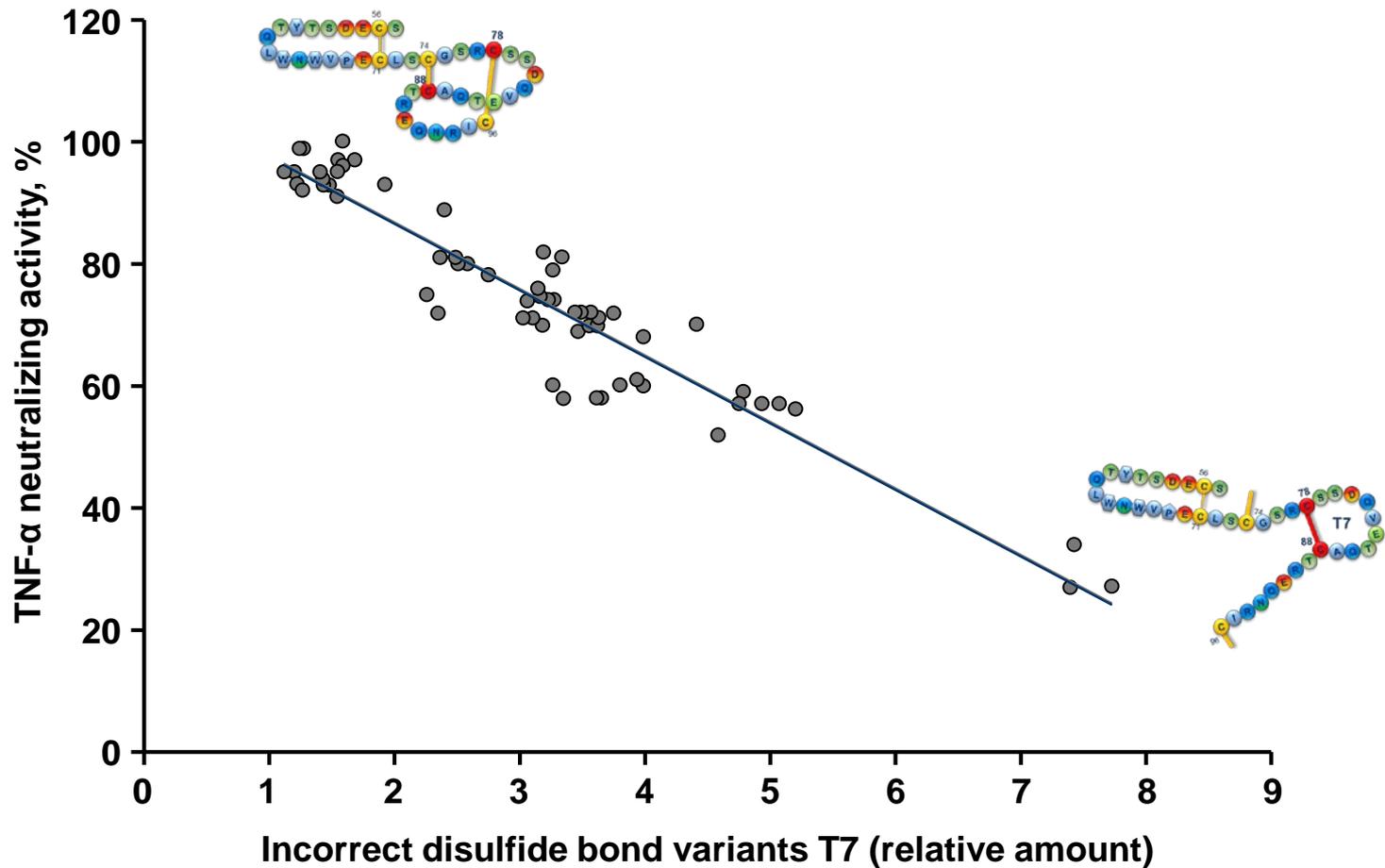
Incorrect disulfide bond variant  
(T7 example)



Inactive

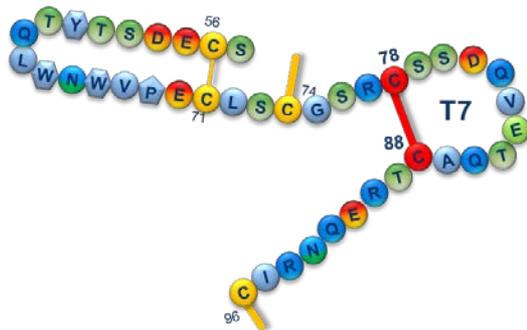
# Incorrect Disulfide Bond Variants Are Inactive

## Structure-Function Relationship



# Incorrect Disulfide Bond Variants Are Corrected Under Physiological Conditions

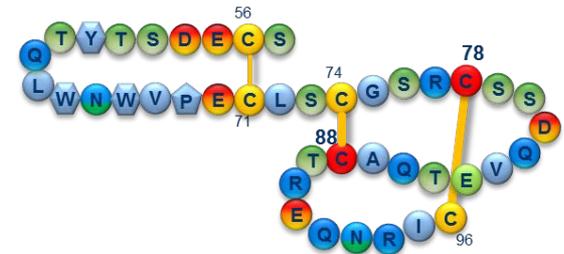
Incorrect disulfide bond variant (T7)



Incubation  
redox  
system

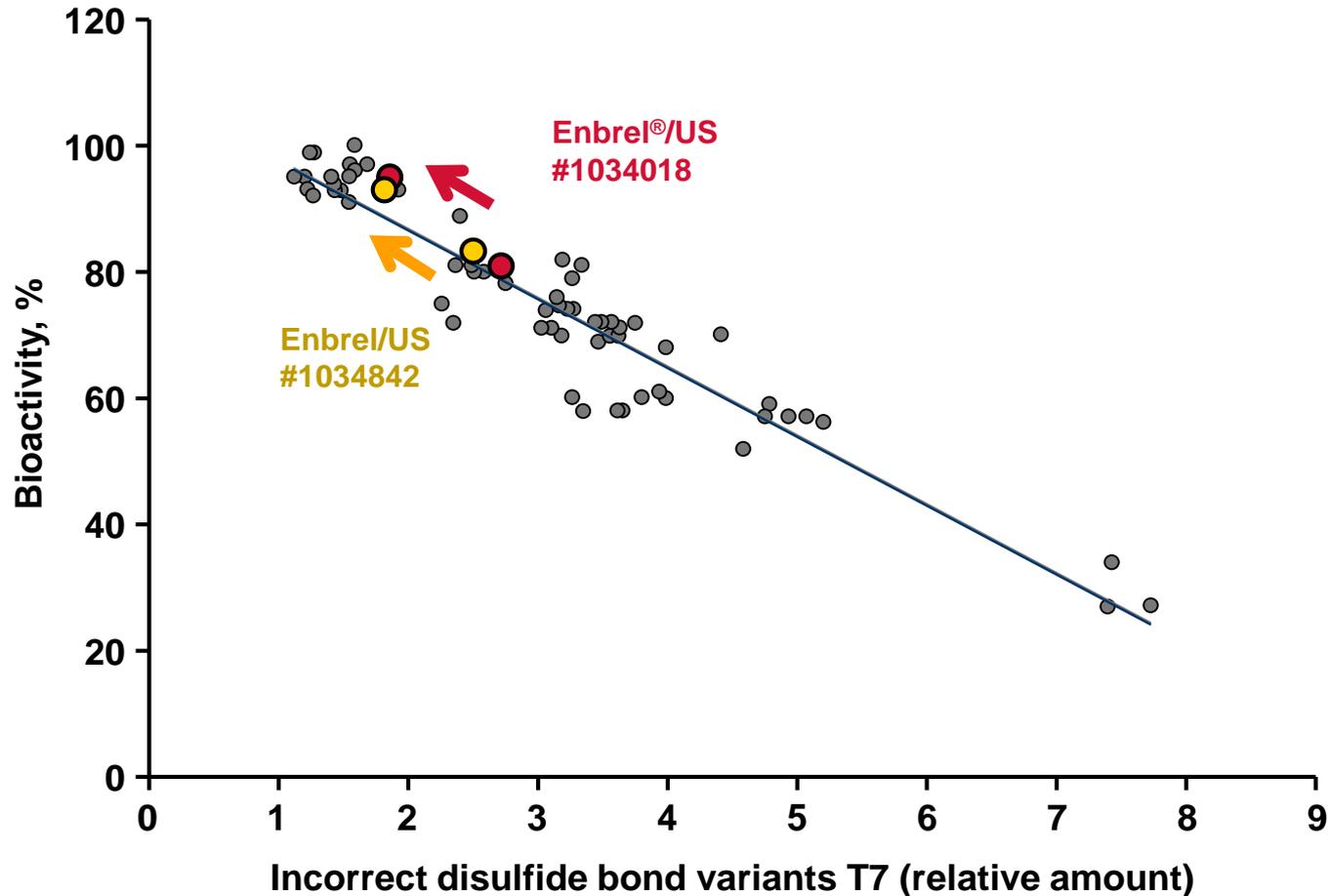


Correct disulfide bond variant

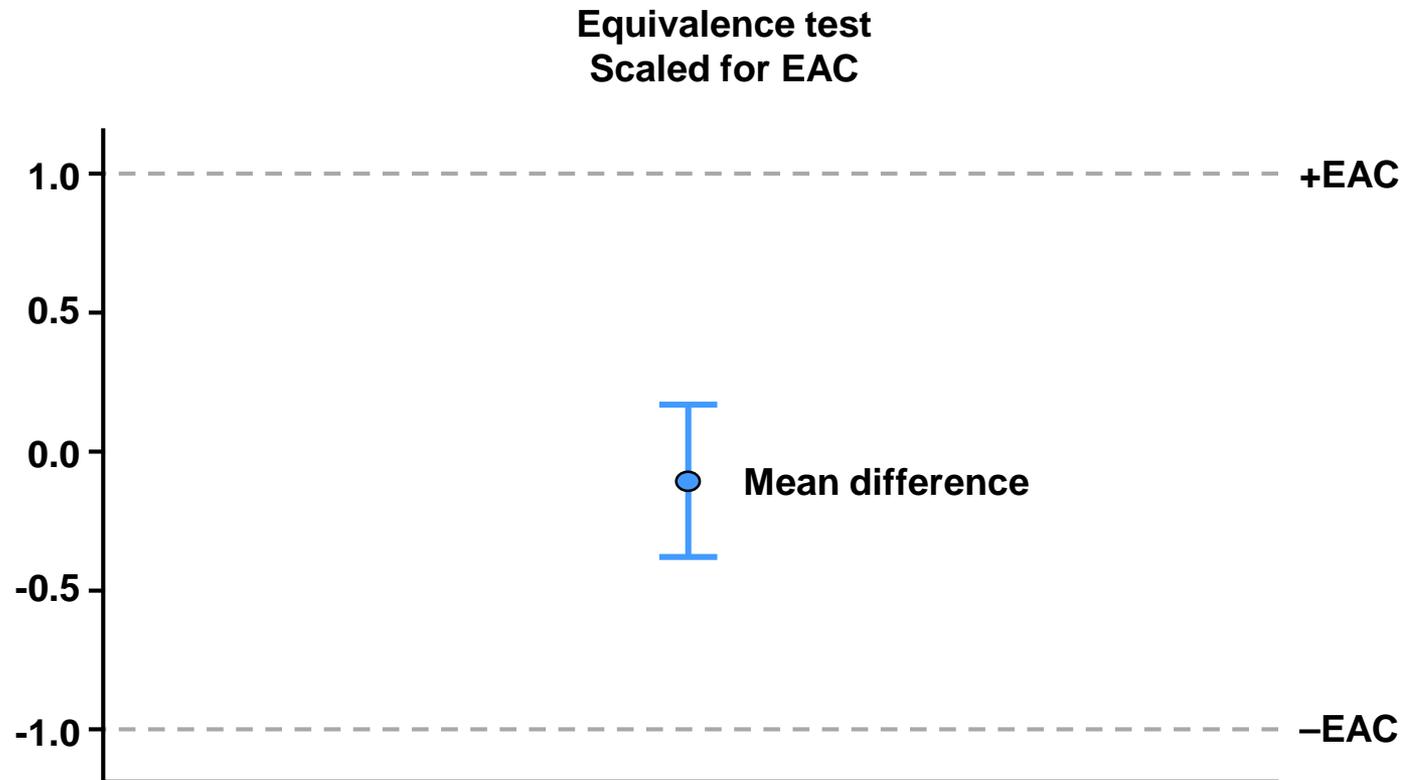


Redox system mimicking *in vivo* physiological redox conditions:  
Cysteine/Cystamine, Tris/HCl pH 8.0

# TNF- $\alpha$ Neutralization Activity Increases Following Exposure to Redox Conditions



# TNF- $\alpha$ Neutralization: GP2015 and Enbrel Bioactivity Is Equivalent



Note: Equivalence acceptance criteria (EAC) are calculated to have at least 80% power if the acceptable difference between the products is 1 sigma, given the current sample size.

$$EAC = c_{80\% \text{ power}} \times \sigma_{\text{ref}}$$

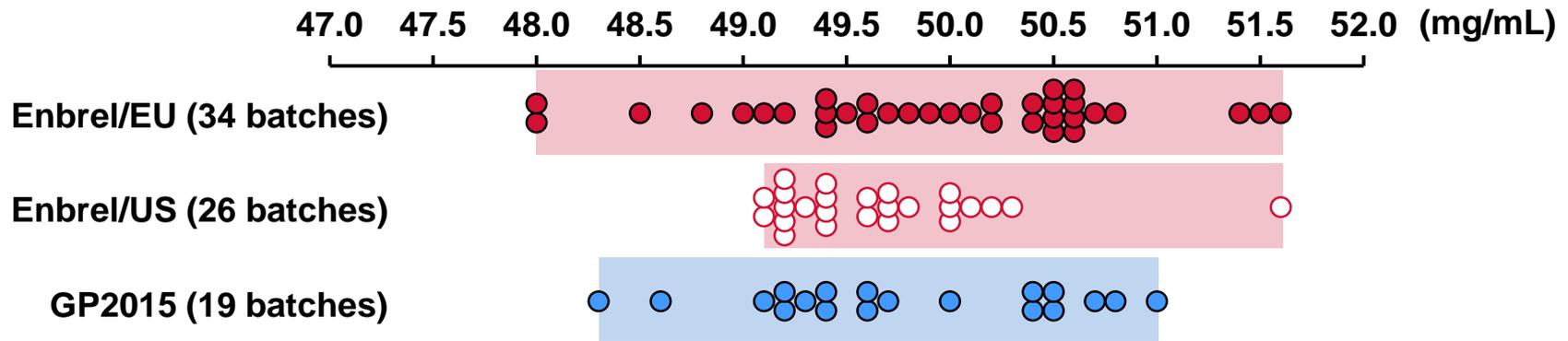
# Confirmation of Similar Biological Activity

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- ✓ TNF- $\alpha$  neutralization
- ✓ TNF- $\alpha$  binding
- ✓ TNF- $\beta$  neutralization
- ✓ Inhibition of TNF- $\alpha$  mediated apoptosis

# UV/Vis Spectrophotometry Demonstrates That Content Is Similar for GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>

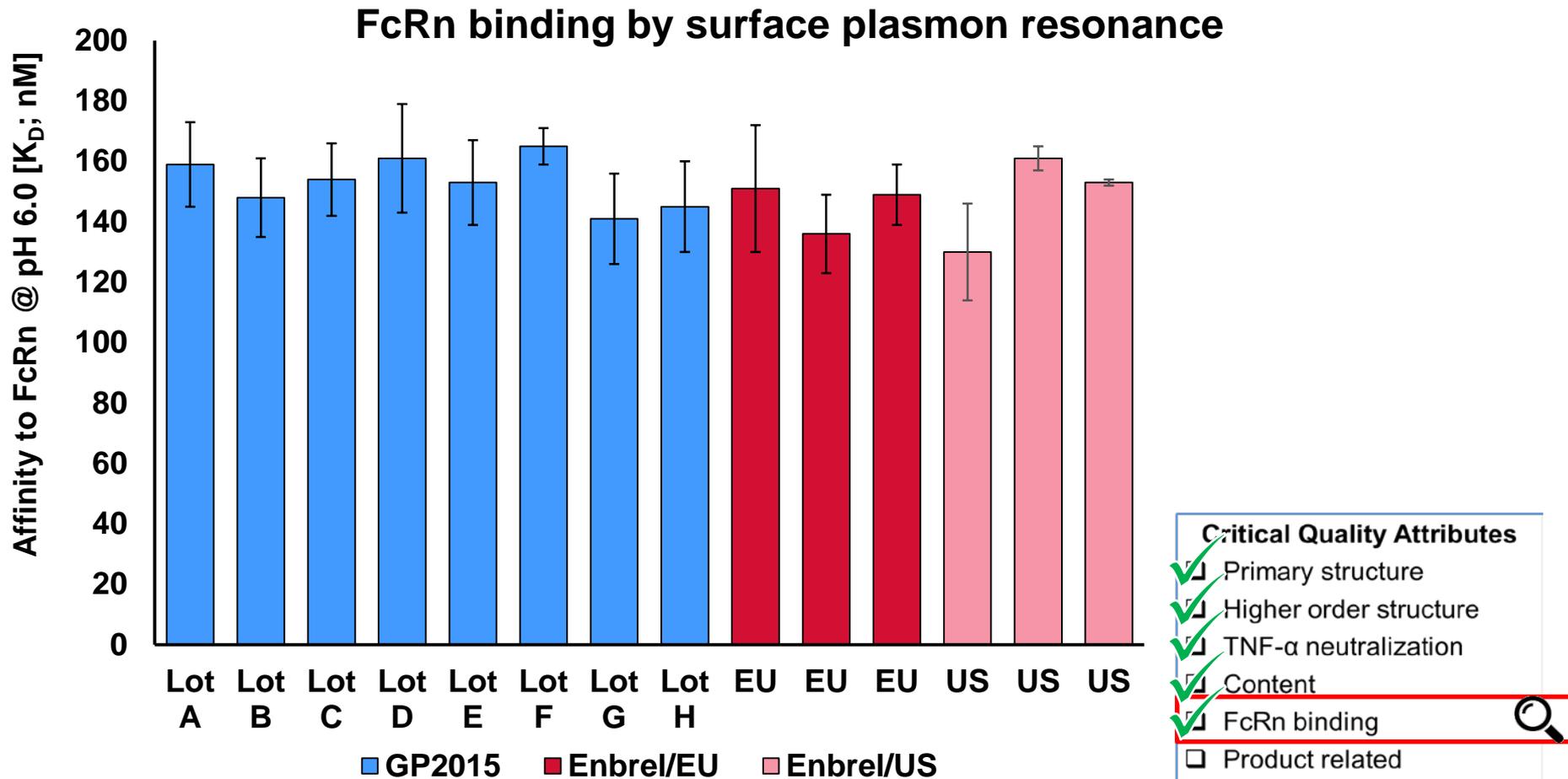
## Content by UV/Vis spectrophotometry



**Content of GP2015 is within the combined ranges of Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU**

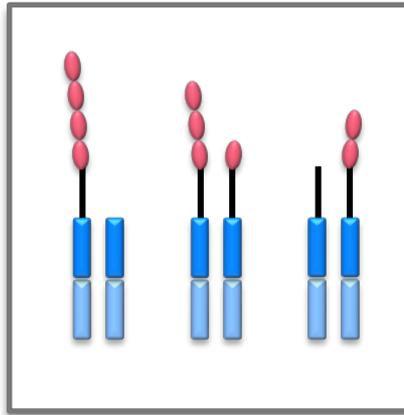
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# FcRn Binding Is Similar for GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>

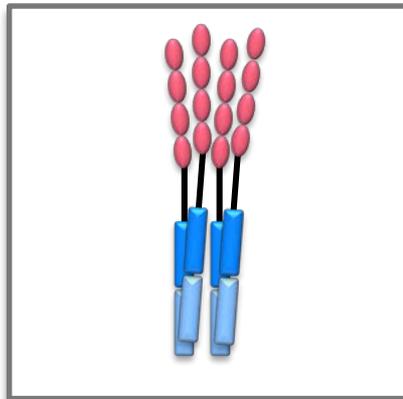


**Binding affinity to FcRn as measured by surface plasmon resonance is similar**

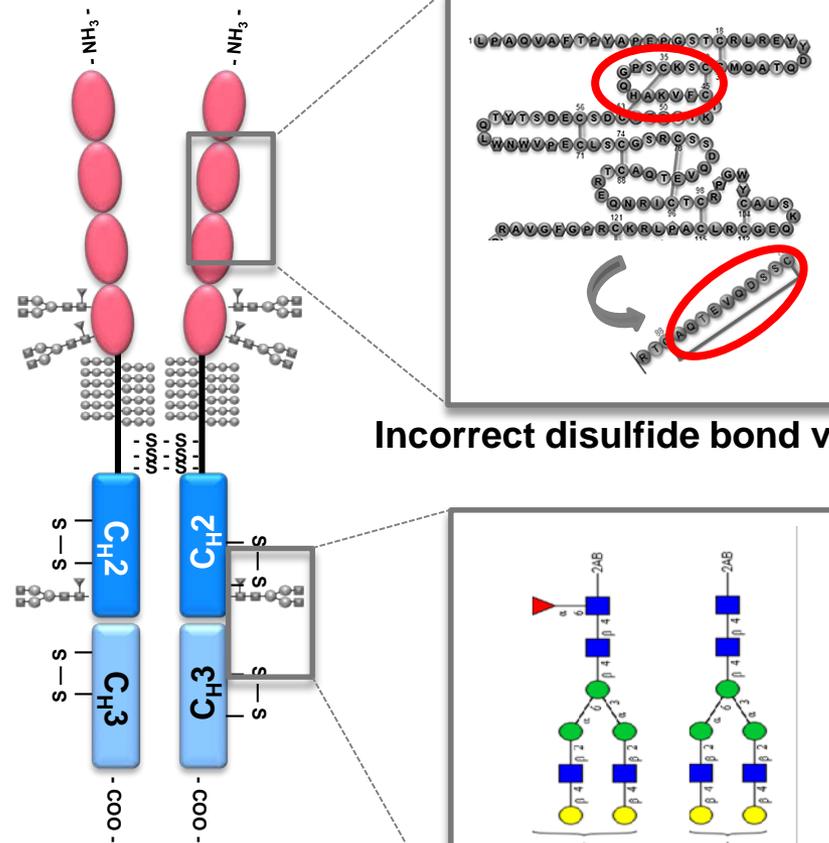
# Product Related Impurities



Degradation



Aggregation



Intact molecule

Incorrect disulfide bond variants

Alpha-galactosylation variants

## Critical Quality Attributes

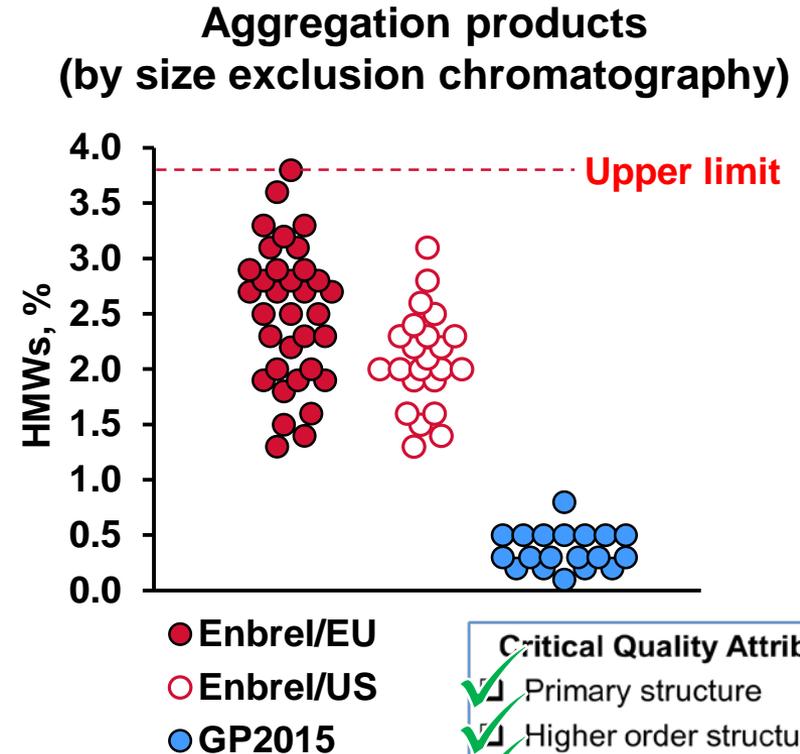
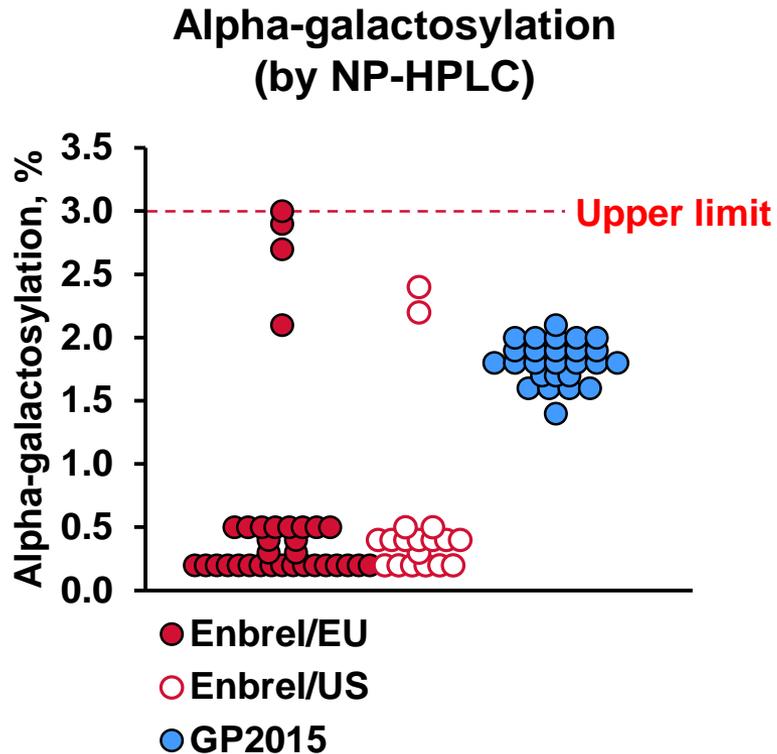
- Primary structure
- Higher order structure
- TNF- $\alpha$  neutralization
- Content
- FcRn binding

Product related impurities

Stability behavior



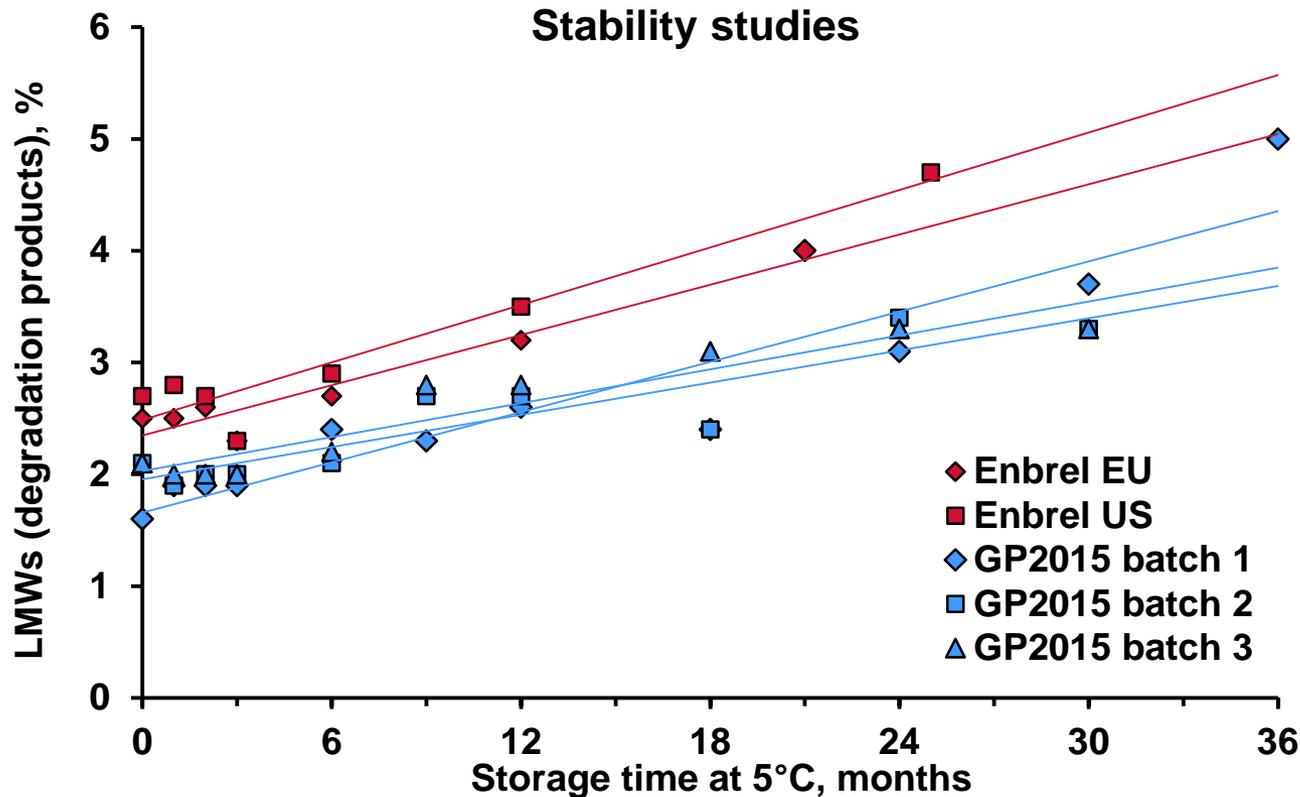
# GP2015 Impurities Are Below the Limit of Enbrel®



**Product related impurity profiles confirm sameness of Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU**

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# Degradation Rates of GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Are Similar at Intended Storage (2° to 8°C)



Product related impurity profile similar between

- GP2015 and Enbrel
- Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU

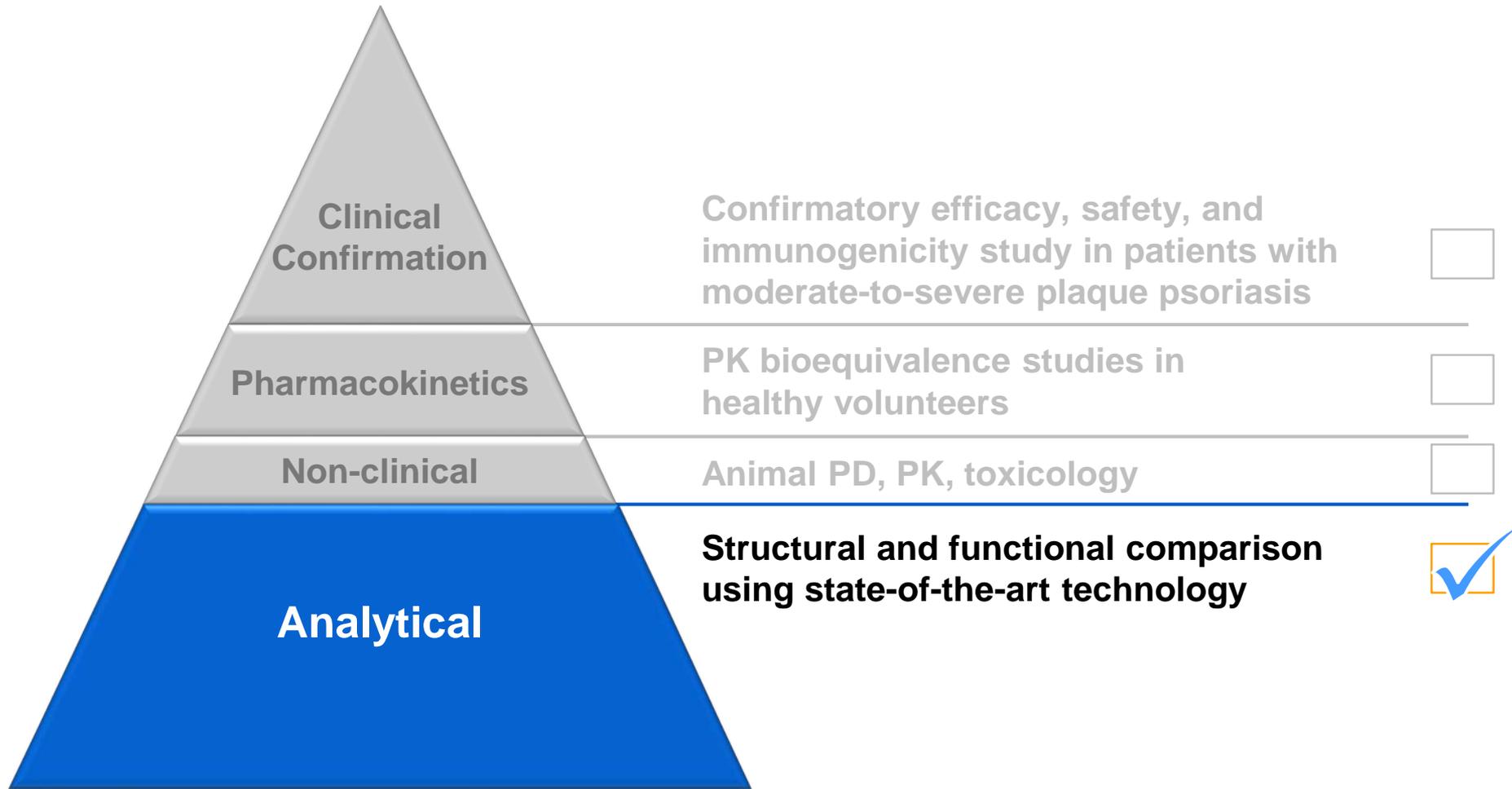
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✓	Higher order structure
✓	TNF- $\alpha$ neutralization
✓	Content
✓	FcRn binding
✓	Product related impurities
✓	Stability behavior

# GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Are Highly Similar

- GP2015 was engineered to match Enbrel
- Sandoz has confirmed the high degree of similarity of GP2015 and Enbrel
  - Primary structure—100% identical
  - Higher order structure
  - Bioactivity
  - Product related impurities
  - Stability behavior
- Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU are analytically indistinguishable

Critical Quality Attributes	
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# Analytical Similarity Was Established



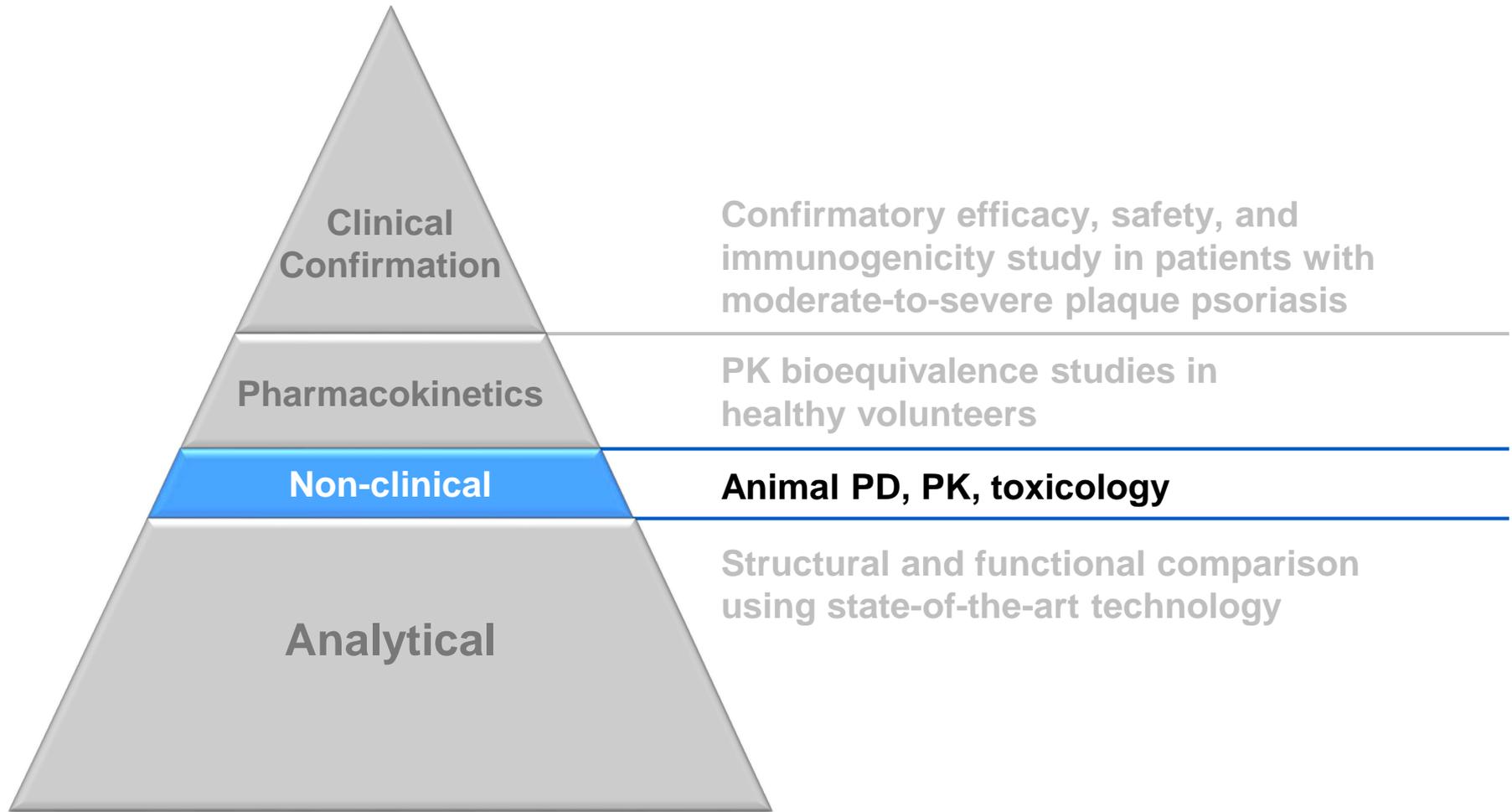
# Non-clinical and Pharmacokinetic Characterization of GP2015

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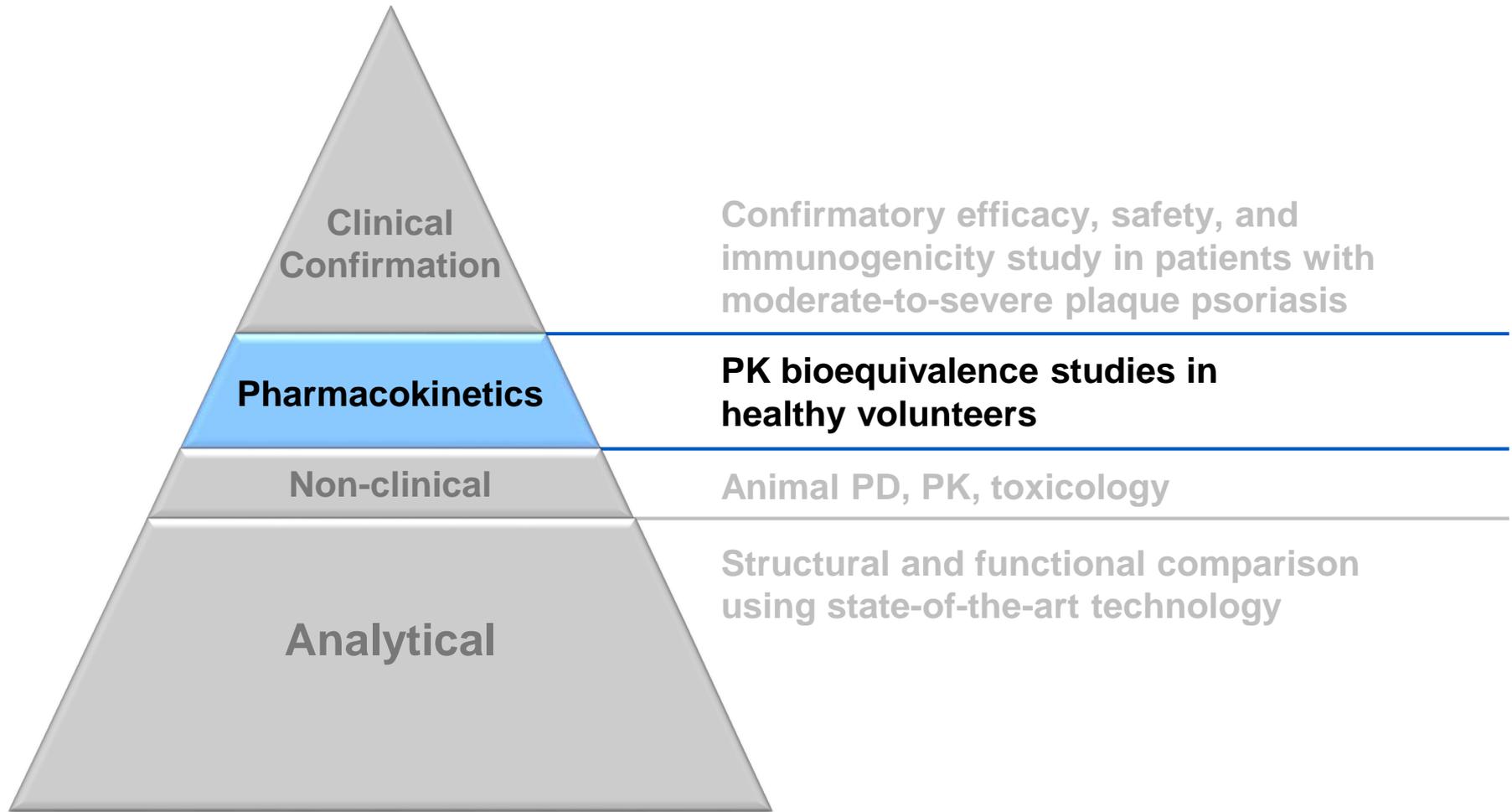
# Evaluation of Similarity Between GP2015 and Enbrel®



# Summary of Non-clinical Studies: GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Were Highly Similar

Study	Study type	Study summary
<b>Pharmacodynamics: Transgenic human TNF-<math>\alpha</math> arthritic mouse model</b>		
GP15-004	Pilot dose-finding PD study	Disease activity score for Enbrel at different dose levels: 10 mg/kg given ip defined as most sensitive
<b>GP15-007</b>	<b>Pivotal, comparative efficacy of GP2015 and Enbrel at 10 mg/kg</b>	<b>Similar profile observed for GP2015 and Enbrel/EU</b>
<b>Pharmacokinetics: Rabbits</b>		
GP15-001	Pilot single-dose PK study	GP2015 formulation with lysine/citrate defined to be similar to Enbrel reference formulation
<b>GP15-006</b>	<b>Pivotal, comparative single-dose PK study</b>	<b>Similar PK profile for GP2015 and Enbrel/EU</b>
<b>Toxicology: Monkeys</b>		
<b>GP15-003</b>	<b>Pivotal, comparative repeat-dose 4-week toxicology study</b>	<b>Similar safety profile and toxicokinetics for GP2015 and Enbrel/EU</b>

# Evaluation of Similarity Between GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>



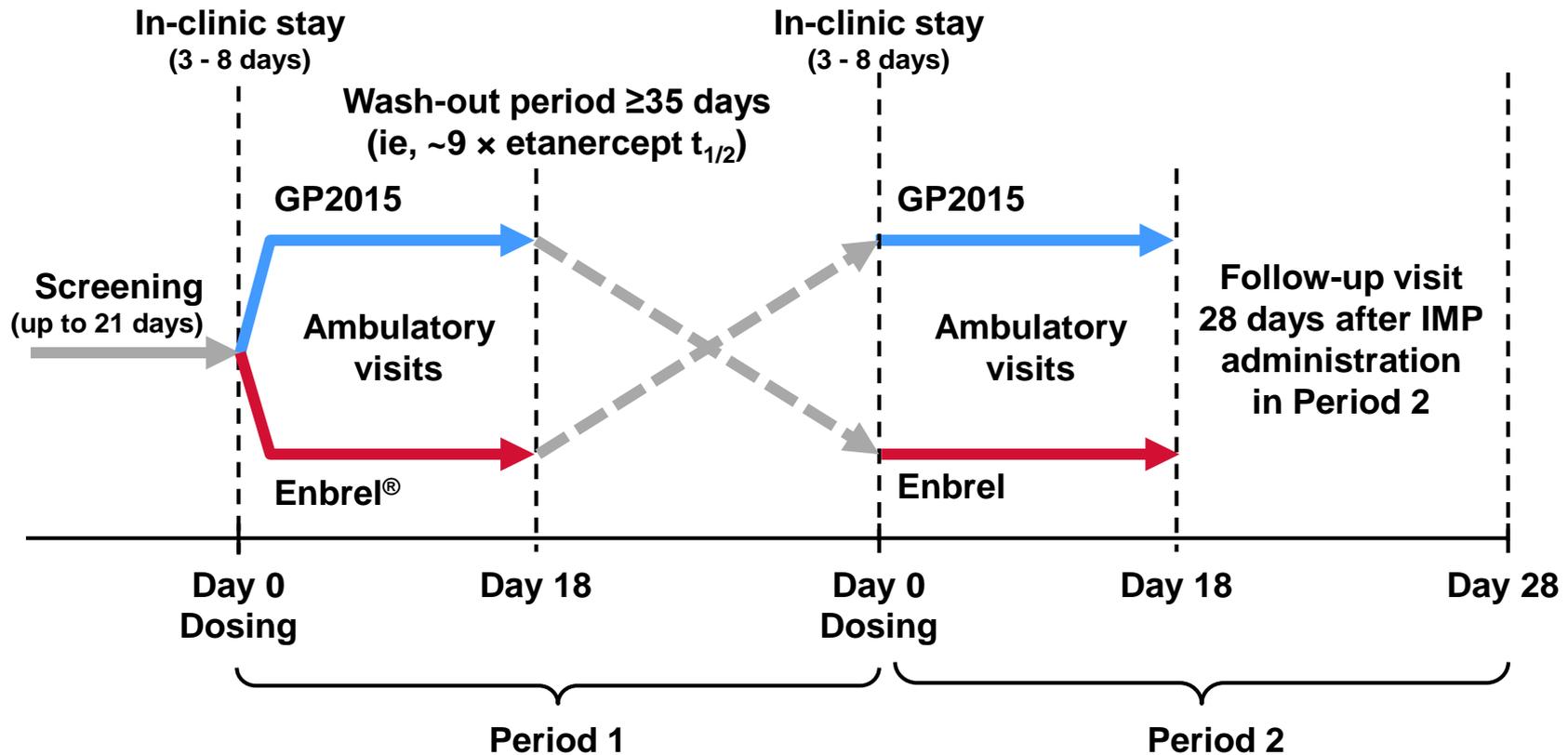
# Overview of PK Studies

Study	Study description	Study population	Study duration
<b>Pivotal PK study</b>		<b>Healthy volunteers</b>	
GP15-102 <sup>a</sup>	Randomized, double-blind, two-way crossover, Enbrel <sup>®</sup> /US	N=57	Up to 3 months
<b>Supportive PK studies</b>			
GP15-101 <sup>a</sup>	Randomized, double-blind, two-way crossover, Enbrel/EU	N=54	Up to 3 months
GP15-104	Randomized, double-blind, two-way crossover, Enbrel/EU	N=54	Up to 3 months
GP15-103	Randomized, open-label, two-way crossover, GP2015 PFS vs AI	N=51	Up to 3 months
<b>PK substudy in the confirmatory efficacy and safety study in psoriasis patients</b>			
GP15-302	Randomized, double-blind, multicenter; PK substudy evaluating trough concentrations over 12 weeks	Patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque-type psoriasis PK set, n=147	12 weeks (C <sub>trough</sub> PK substudy)

AI=autoinjector; PFS=pre-filled syringe.

<sup>a</sup> GP15-102 and GP15-101 have identical study designs. Additionally, prospectively planned cross-study comparison of the studies GP15-102 and GP15-101 was performed (denoted as report GP15-105).

# Crossover Study Design for PK Evaluation in Healthy Volunteers—General Concept



In-clinic stays differed between studies:

- GP15-101 and -102: D -1 to at least 24 hours post-dose
- GP15-103: D -1 to at least 120 hours post-dose
- GP15-104: D -1 to at least 48 hours post-dose

# Subject Disposition in GP2015 Healthy Volunteer PK Studies

Study	Comparison	Patients, n (%)		
		Dosed	Completed	Withdrawn
GP15-102	GP2015/ Enbrel®/US	57 (100)	54 (94.7)	3 (5.3)
GP15-103	GP2015 PFS/ GP2015 AI	51 (100)	49 <sup>a</sup> (96.1)	2 (3.9)
GP15-101	GP2015/ Enbrel/EU	54 (100)	51 (94.4)	3 (5.6)
GP15-104	GP2015/ Enbrel/EU	54 (100)	54 (100)	0
<b>Overall</b>		<b>216 (100)</b>	<b>208 (96.3)</b>	<b>8 (3.7)</b>

AI=autoinjector; PFS=pre-filled syringe.

<sup>a</sup> 1 patient was excluded from the PK population due to high pre-dose values in Treatment Period 2.

# Bioequivalence Assessment Between GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>/US—Study Objectives

## Study GP15-102

### Primary objective

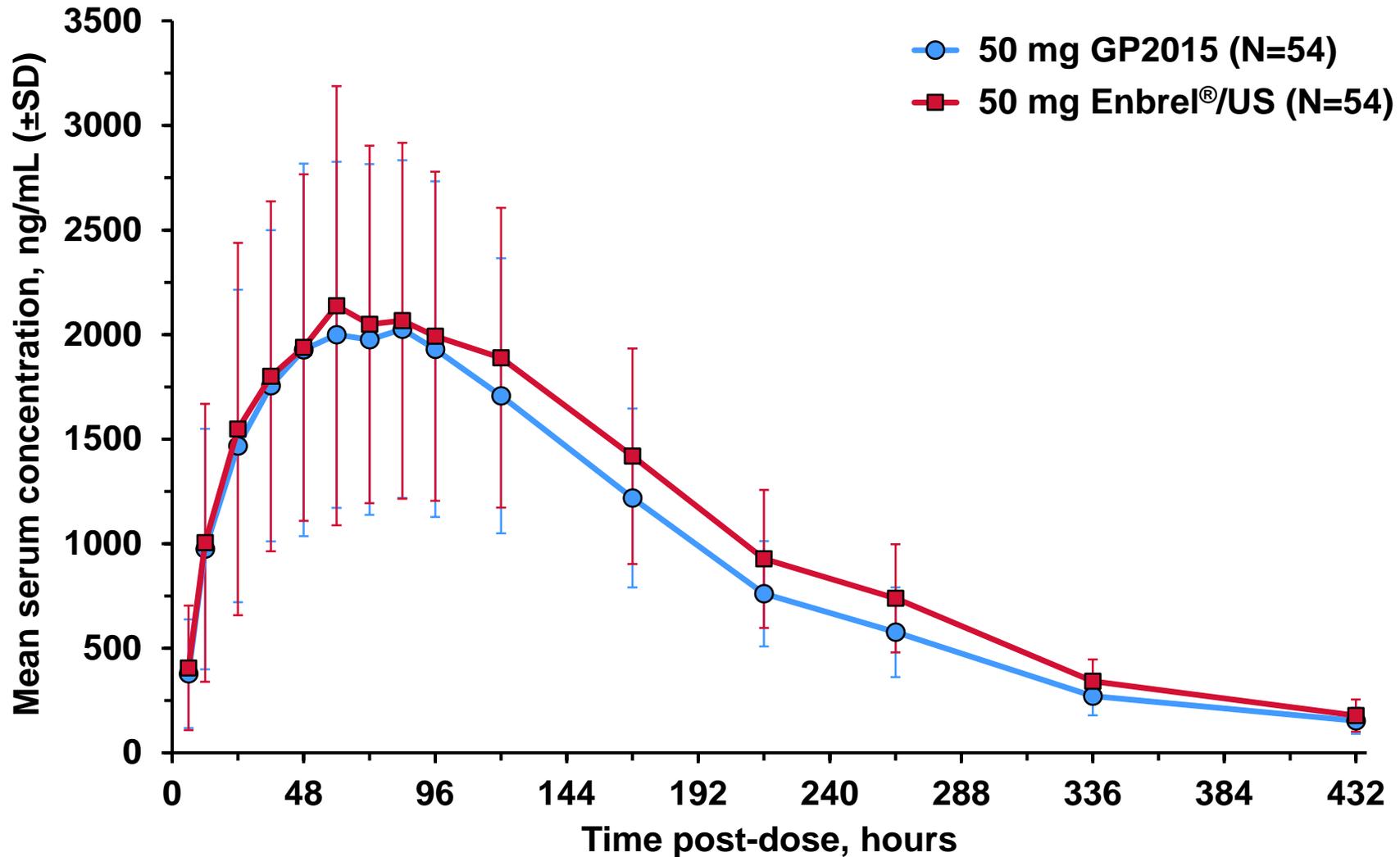
- To determine bioequivalence of GP2015 and Enbrel/US in terms of the PK parameters  $AUC_{0-t_{last}}$  and  $C_{max}$  following a single subcutaneous injection of 50 mg

### Secondary objectives

- Remaining PK parameters ( $AUC_{0-\infty}$ ,  $t_{max}$ ,  $k_{el}$ ,  $t_{1/2}$ )
- Immunogenicity, safety, local tolerance

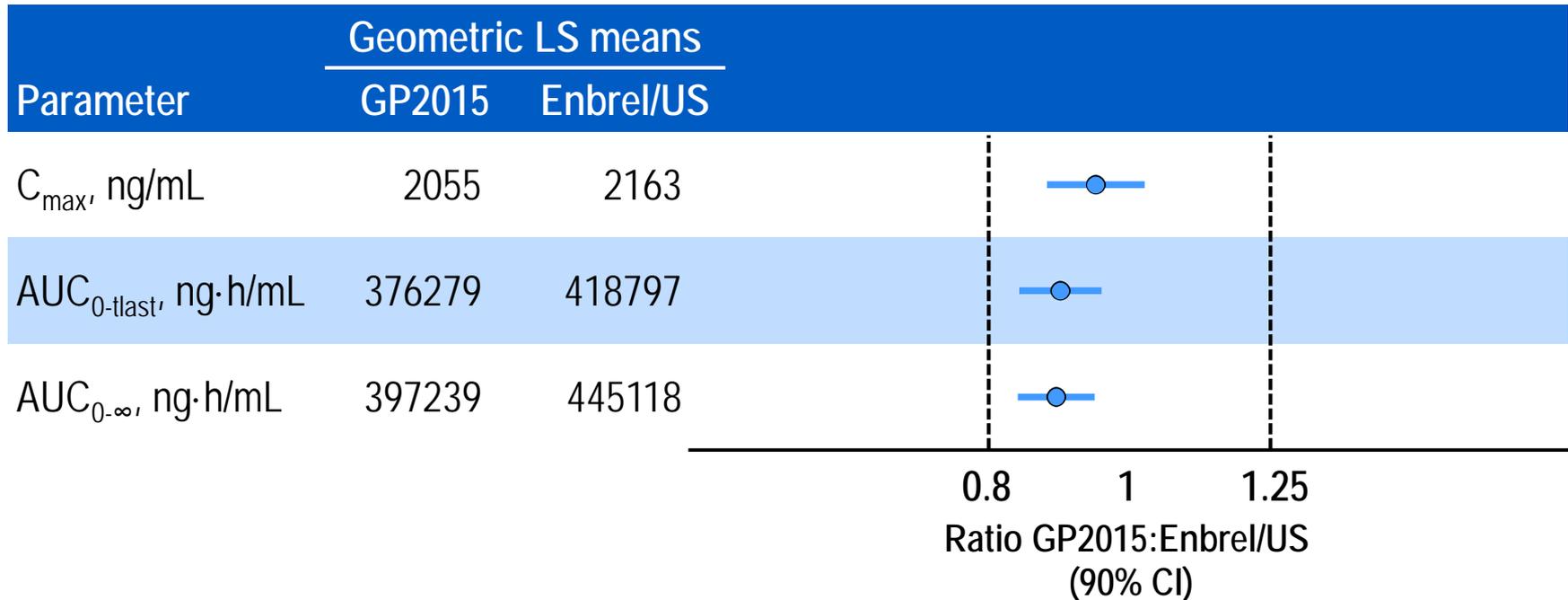
# Time Course of Mean Serum Concentrations

## Study GP15-102—Per-Protocol Set



# GP2015 and Enbrel®/US Are Bioequivalent

## Study GP15-102—Per-Protocol Set



### Statistical assessment of bioequivalence

90% confidence intervals for geometric mean ratios for  $AUC_{0-tlast}$  and  $C_{max}$  to be within conventional bioequivalence limits of 0.8 - 1.25 pre-specified by FDA

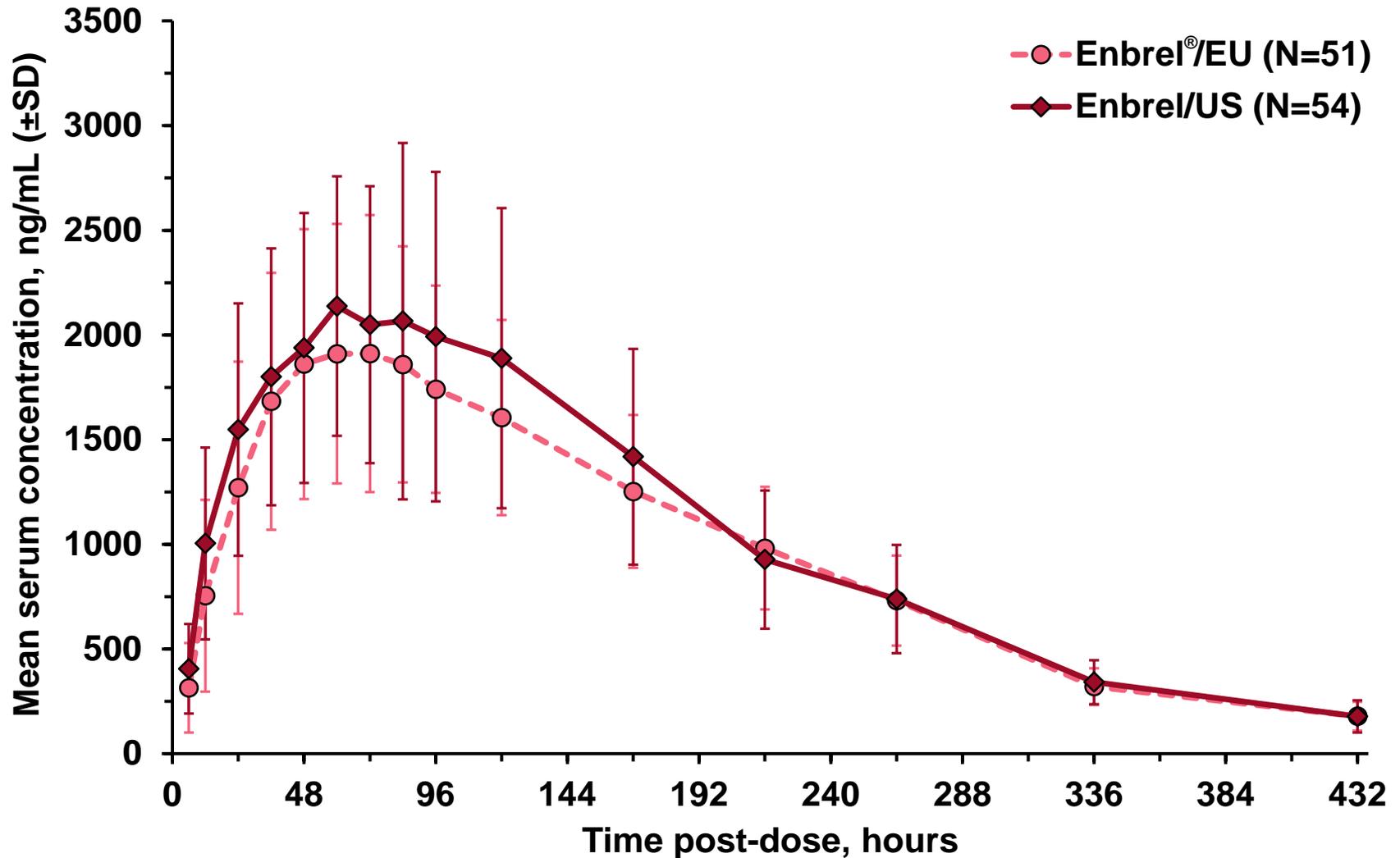
**AUC**=area under the serum concentration-time curve between the specified time points;  
 **$C_{max}$** =maximum observed serum concentration.

# Scientific Bridge Between Enbrel<sup>®</sup>/US and Enbrel/EU

- Required because Enbrel/EU was used in all non-clinical studies and in Study GP15-302
- Builds on the analytical similarity between Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU
- Is supported by Studies GP15-101 and GP15-102 (identical in design)
  - Pre-specified comparison of PK parameters of Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU (presented in report GP15-105)
  - Cross-study comparison between Enbrel/EU (data from GP15-101) and Enbrel/US (data from GP15-102)

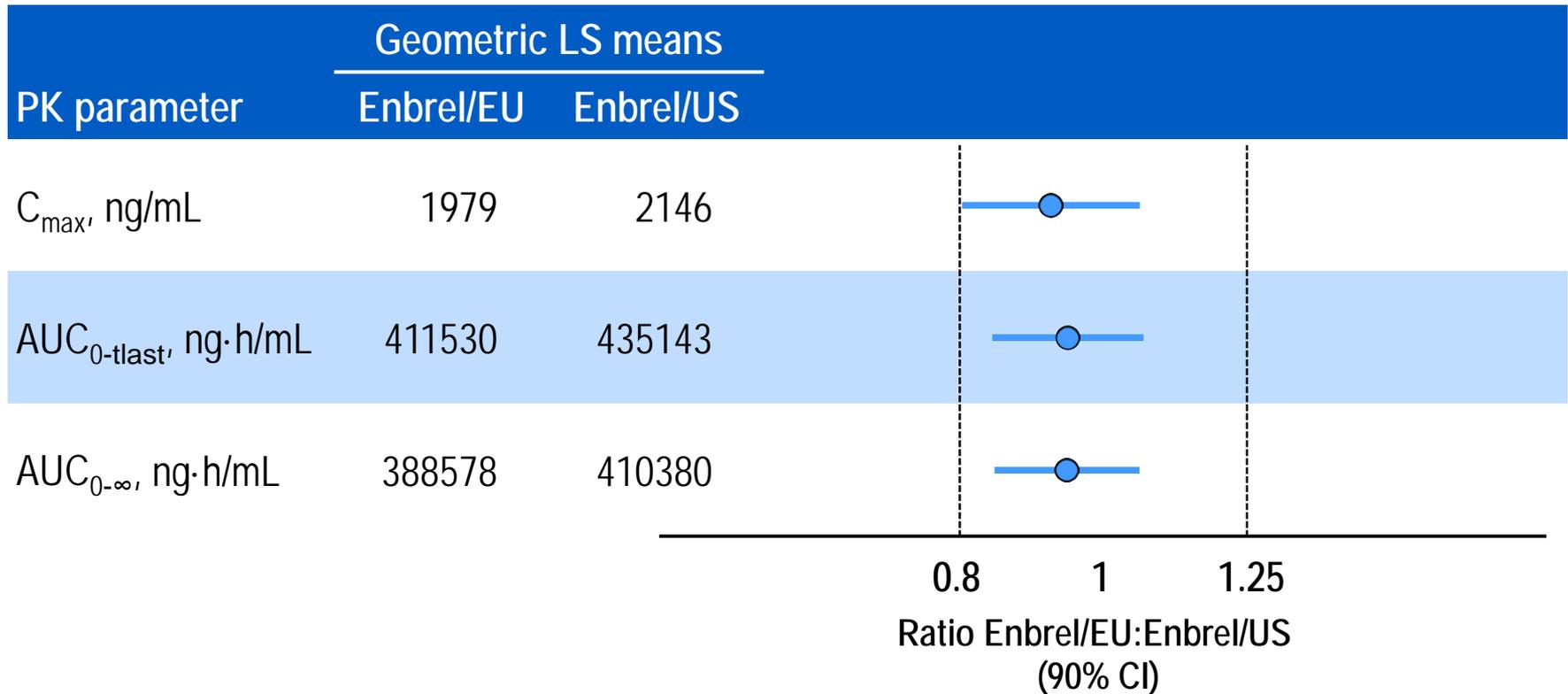
# Time Course of Mean Serum Concentrations

Report GP15-105—Per-Protocol Set



# Use of Enbrel®/EU as a Comparator Is Justified

## Report GP15-105—Per-Protocol Set



### Statistical assessment of bioequivalence

90% confidence intervals for geometric mean ratios for  $AUC_{0-tlast}$  and  $C_{max}$  to be within conventional bioequivalence limits of 0.8 - 1.25 pre-specified by FDA

**AUC**=area under the serum concentration-time curve between the specified time points;  
 **$C_{max}$** =maximum observed serum concentration.

# Comparison of Pre-filled Syringe vs Autoinjector—Study Objectives

Study GP15-103

## Primary objective

- To demonstrate bioequivalence of GP2015 applied by an autoinjector (AI) and a pre-filled syringe (PFS) in terms of the PK parameters  $AUC_{0-t_{last}}$ ,  $AUC_{0-\infty}$ , and  $C_{max}$

## Secondary objectives

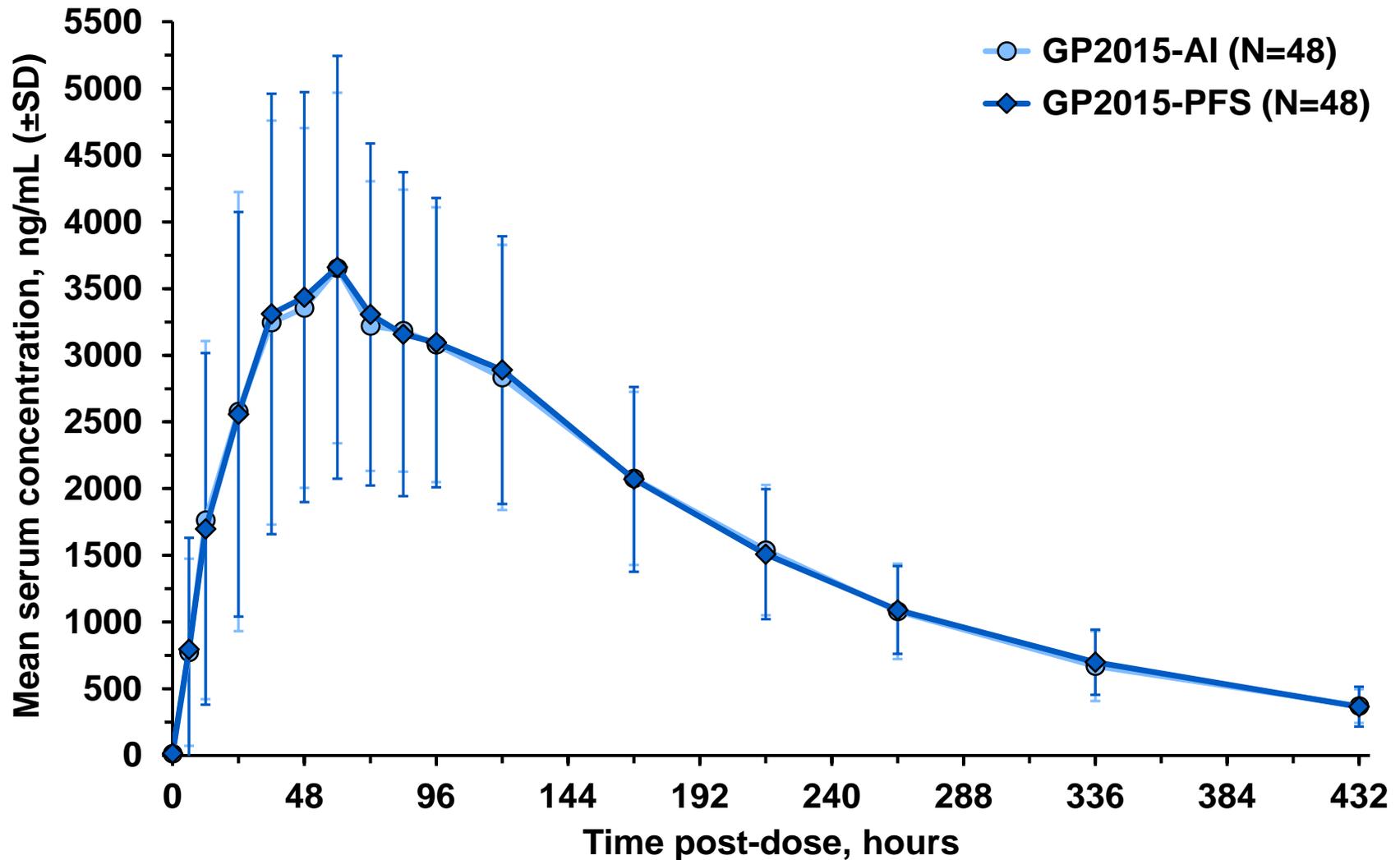
- To compare PK parameters  $AUC_{0-t_{last}}$ ,  $AUC_{0-\infty}$ , and  $C_{max}$ , by weight category (low: 50.0-79.9, medium: 80.0-99.9, and high: 100.0-140.0 kg)
- To compare remaining PK parameters  $t_{max}$ ,  $k_{el}$ ,  $t_{1/2}$
- Safety, tolerability, and local tolerance

AUC=area under the serum concentration-time curve between the specified time points;

$C_{max}$ =maximum observed serum concentration.

# Time Course of Mean Serum Concentrations

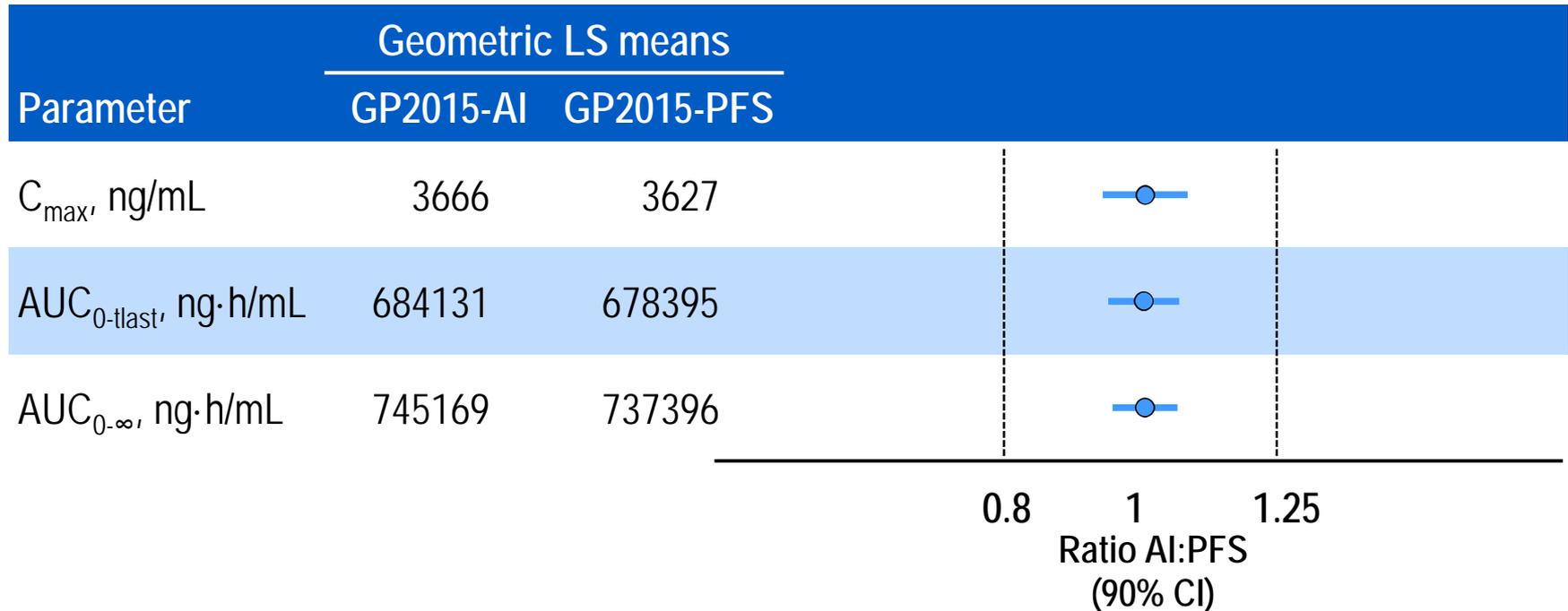
## Study GP15-103—Per-Protocol Set



AI=autoinjector; PFS=pre-filled syringe.

# Autoinjector and Pre-filled Syringe Provide Equivalent Etanercept Exposure CP-16

## Study GP15-103—Per-Protocol Set



### Statistical assessment of bioequivalence

90% confidence intervals for geometric mean ratios for  $AUC_{0-tlast}$  and  $C_{max}$  to be within conventional bioequivalence limits of 0.8 - 1.25 pre-specified by the FDA

AI=autoinjector; AUC=area under the serum concentration-time curve between the specified time points;  
 $C_{max}$ =maximum observed serum concentration; PFS=pre-filled syringe.

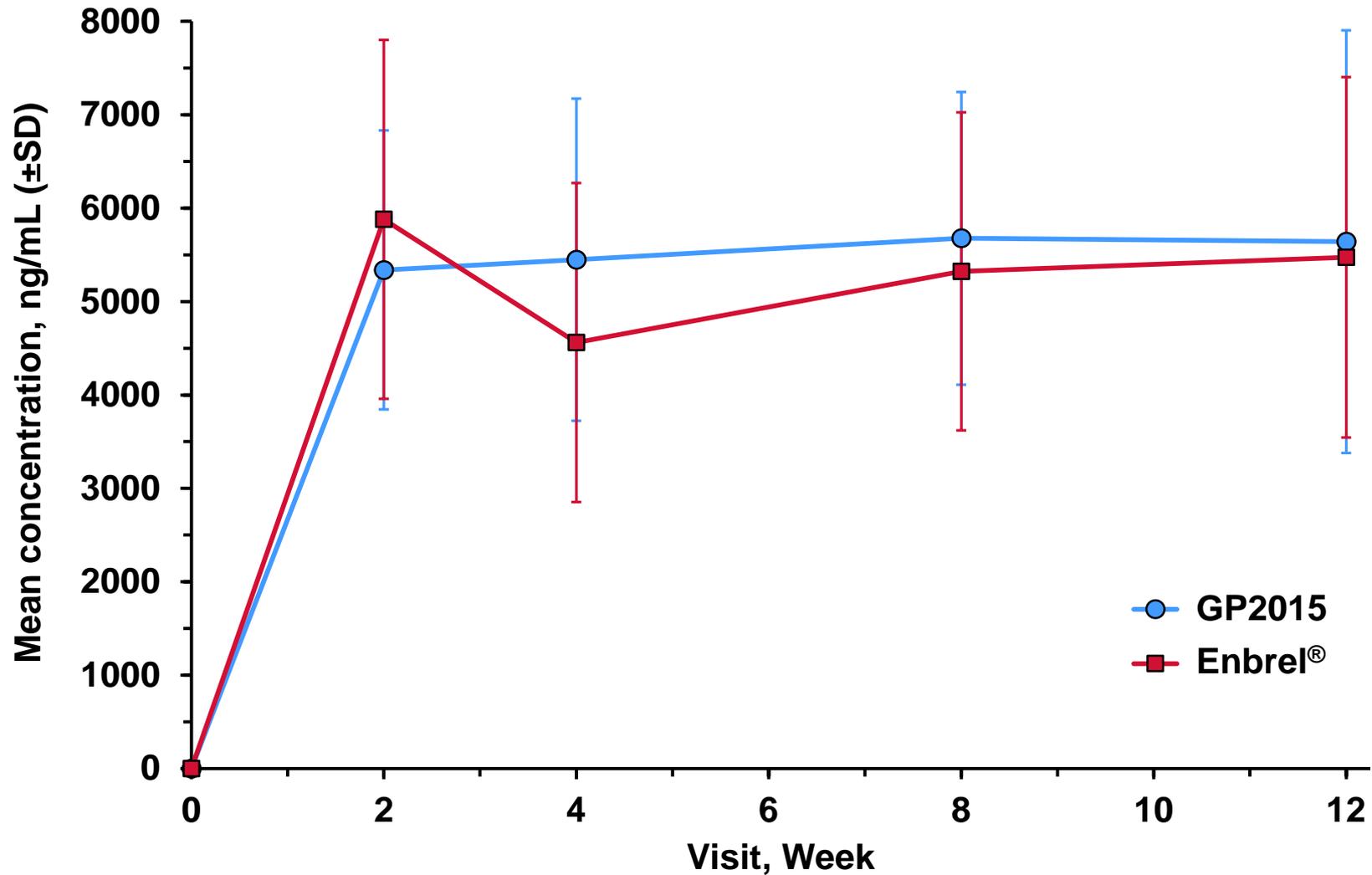
# Trough PK Levels in Psoriasis Patients

## PK Substudy of Study GP15-302

- Study GP15-302 is the confirmatory comparative efficacy and safety study of GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> in psoriasis patients
- Objective of the PK substudy was to evaluate trough serum concentrations of etanercept in a subset of patients (N=147)
- Samples were collected at baseline (Day 1) and Weeks 2, 4, 8, and 12

# Time Course of Mean Trough Concentrations

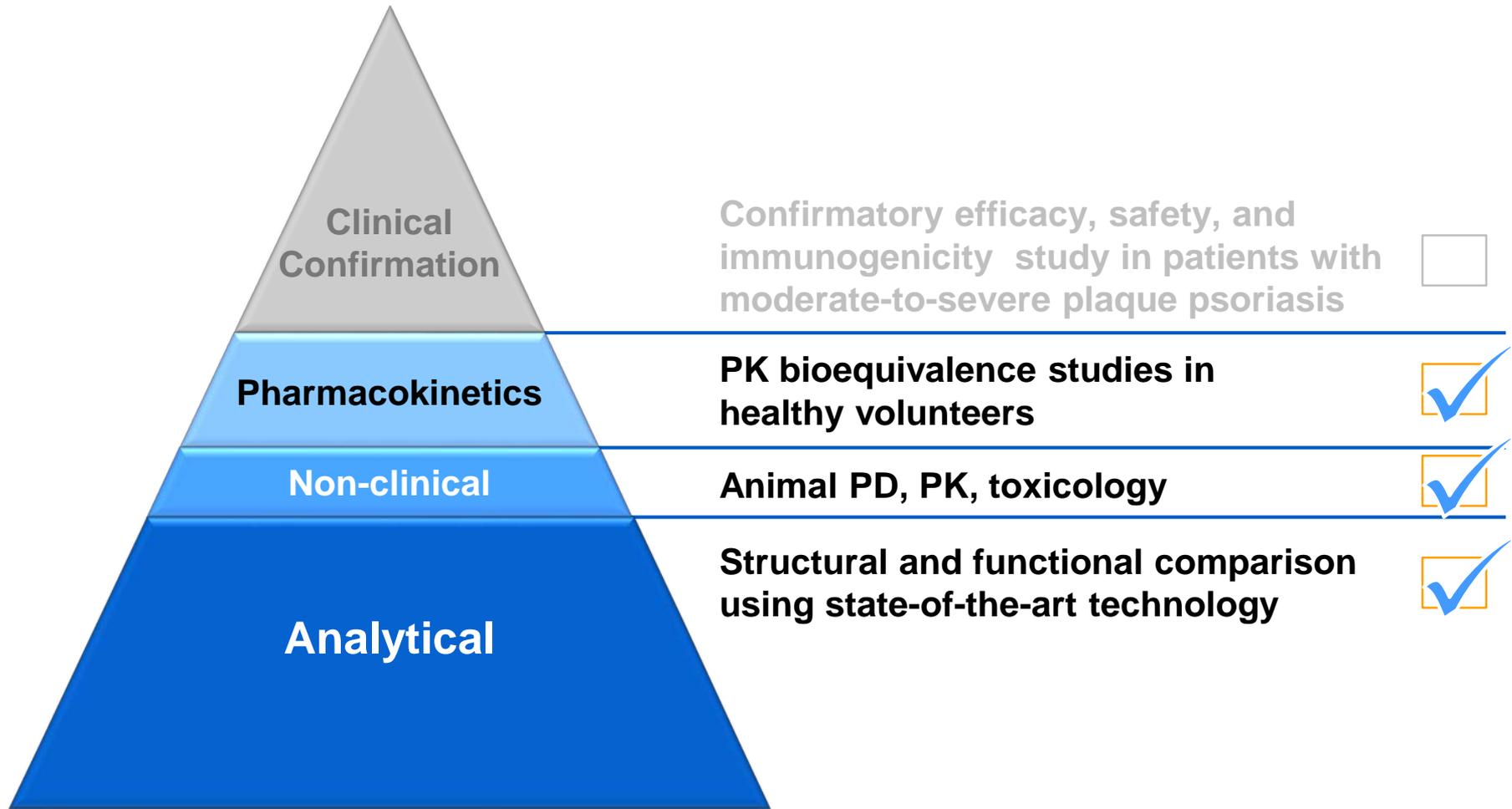
## Study GP15-302—PK Analysis Set



# Overall PK Conclusions

- GP2015 is bioequivalent to Enbrel<sup>®</sup> in healthy volunteers
- The pre-filled syringe and the autoinjector are equally suitable for administering GP2015
- Enbrel/US and Enbrel/EU are one Enbrel from an analytical and PK perspective
- The PK substudy in psoriasis patients showed similar PK trough levels
- The PK assessments contribute to the totality of evidence for biosimilarity

# Similarity Was Established



# Clinical Confirmation of GP2015 Equivalence to Enbrel<sup>®</sup>

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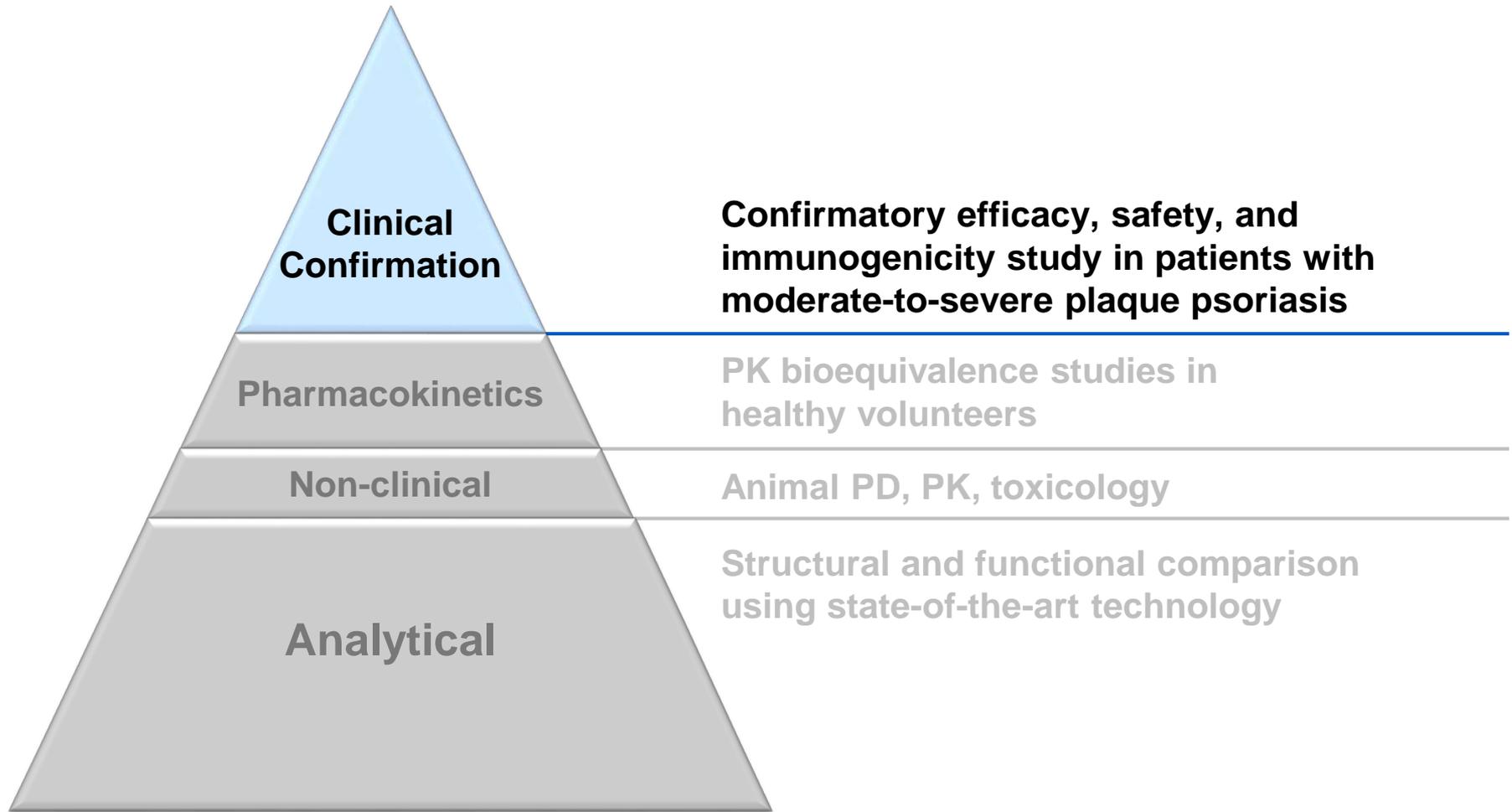
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# Presentation Overview

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- Overview of GP2015 program
- Design of confirmatory safety and efficacy Study GP15-302
- Efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity results
- Summary and conclusions

# Comprehensive Comparative Evaluation of GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>

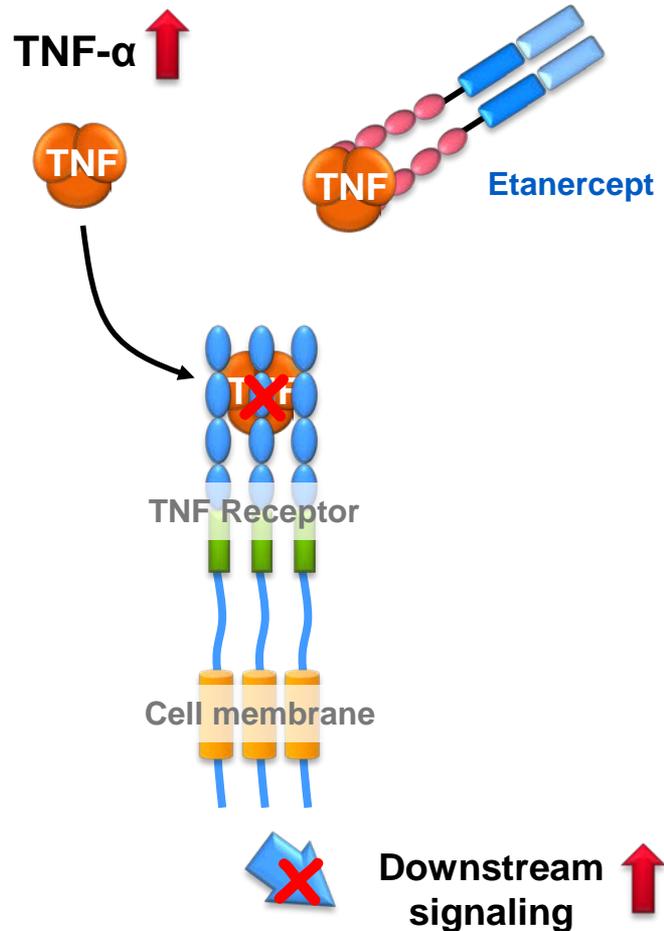


# Overview of Clinical Evaluation Program

Study	Randomized, n	Duration	Treatment
<b>PK studies</b>			
<b>Healthy volunteers</b>			
<b>GP15-102 (pivotal)</b> GP2015 vs Enbrel®/US	57	Up to 3 mo	2 single doses, 50 mg SC
<b>GP15-101 (supportive)</b> GP2015 vs Enbrel/EU	54	Up to 3 mo	2 single doses, 50 mg SC
<b>GP15-104<sup>a</sup> (supportive)</b> GP2015 vs Enbrel/EU	54	Up to 3 mo	2 single doses, 50 mg SC
<b>GP15-103 (supportive)</b> GP2015 administration AI vs PFS	51	Up to 3 mo	2 single doses, 50 mg SC
<b>Confirmatory efficacy and safety study</b>			
<b>Patients</b>			
<b>GP15-302 (pivotal)</b> GP2015 vs Enbrel/EU (patients with plaque-type psoriasis)	531	52 wk	50 mg SC 2x/wk followed by 50 mg SC 1x/wk

<sup>a</sup> Study GP15-104 study is a repetition of Study GP15-101.

# Pathophysiology of Etanercept Indications



- An increase of TNF- $\alpha$  is the common pathophysiology of all Enbrel<sup>®</sup> indications
  - Rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
  - Polyarticular juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA)
  - Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)
  - Ankylosing spondylitis (AS)
  - Plaque psoriasis (PsO)
- Blocking the binding of soluble TNF- $\alpha$  to its receptor is the common mechanism of action (MoA) for all indications

# Study Rationale

## Study GP15-302

- Psoriasis represents the most sensitive indication to detect potential differences in efficacy and safety between GP2015 and Enbrel®
  - There is an adequately large effect size
  - Enbrel is used as monotherapy in psoriasis, which reduces
    - Confounding factors
    - Risk of immunosuppression resulting from concomitant medication (eg, methotrexate treatment)
  - 50 mg PsO dose in linear phase of the dose-response curve: increases the likelihood to detect differences between proposed biosimilar and originator, should they exist
- FDA approved Enbrel for adult patients with moderate-to-severe PsO in 2004

# Study Objectives

## Study GP15-302

- To demonstrate equivalence in efficacy and similarity in the safety profiles of GP2015 and Enbrel® in patients with moderate-to-severe chronic plaque-type psoriasis
- To compare long term efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity data on continued treatment of GP2015 and Enbrel
- To evaluate the effects of repeated switching on efficacy, overall safety, and immunogenicity
- To evaluate trough serum concentrations of GP2015 and Enbrel in a subset of patients

# Key Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

## Inclusion Criteria

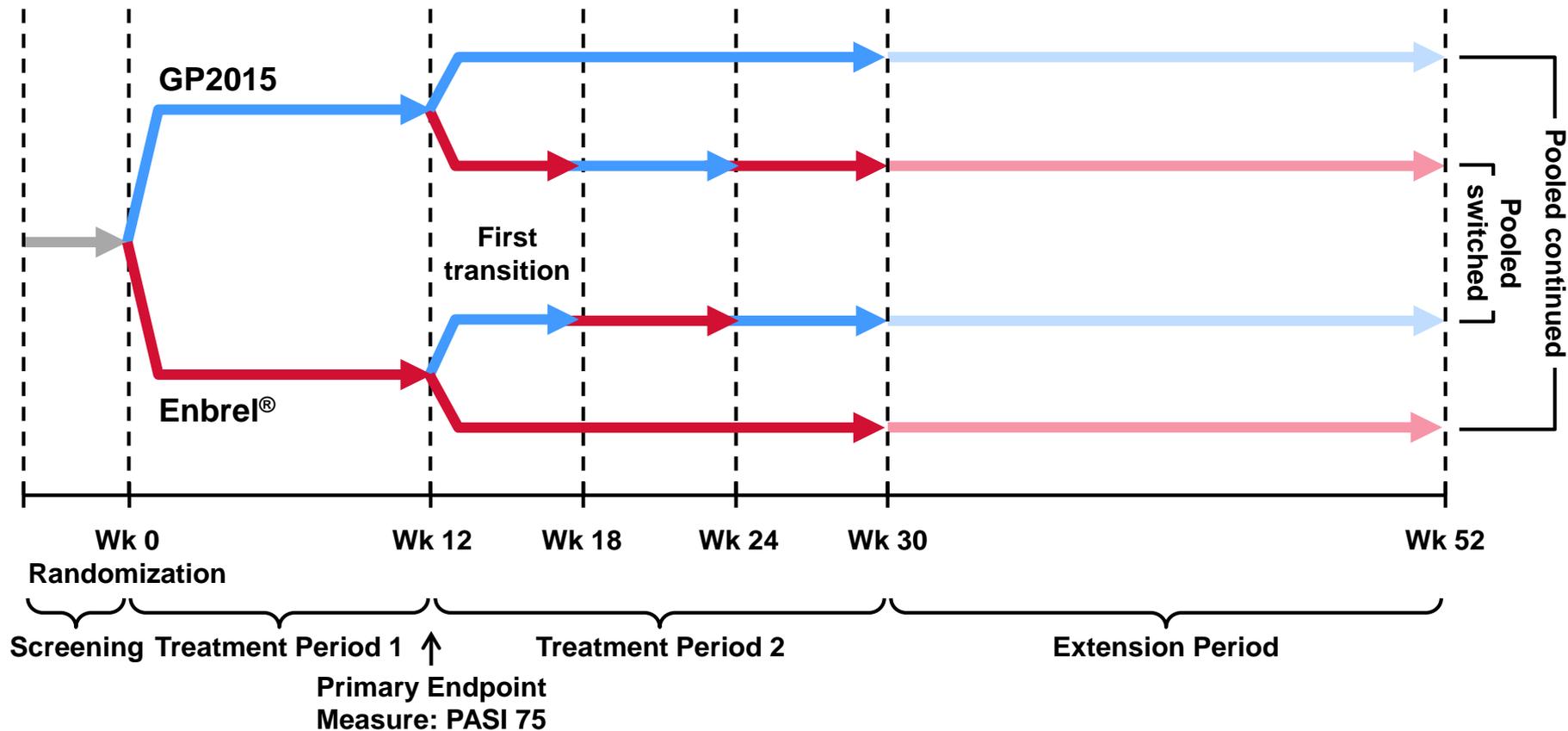
- Adult male and female patients  $\geq 18$  years at screening
- Active, but clinically stable chronic plaque-type psoriasis diagnosed  $\geq 6$  months prior to baseline with
  - PASI score  $\geq 10$  and,
  - IGA score  $\geq 3$  and,
  - BSA affected by plaque-type psoriasis  $\geq 10\%$
- Patients with previous phototherapy or systemic therapy for psoriasis or who are candidates for such therapy in investigator opinion

## Exclusion Criteria

- All forms of psoriasis other than chronic plaque-type
- Ongoing use of prohibited psoriasis or non-psoriasis treatment
- Previous exposure to etanercept
- Active ongoing inflammatory diseases other than psoriasis
- History of an ongoing, chronic or recurrent infectious disease, including TB

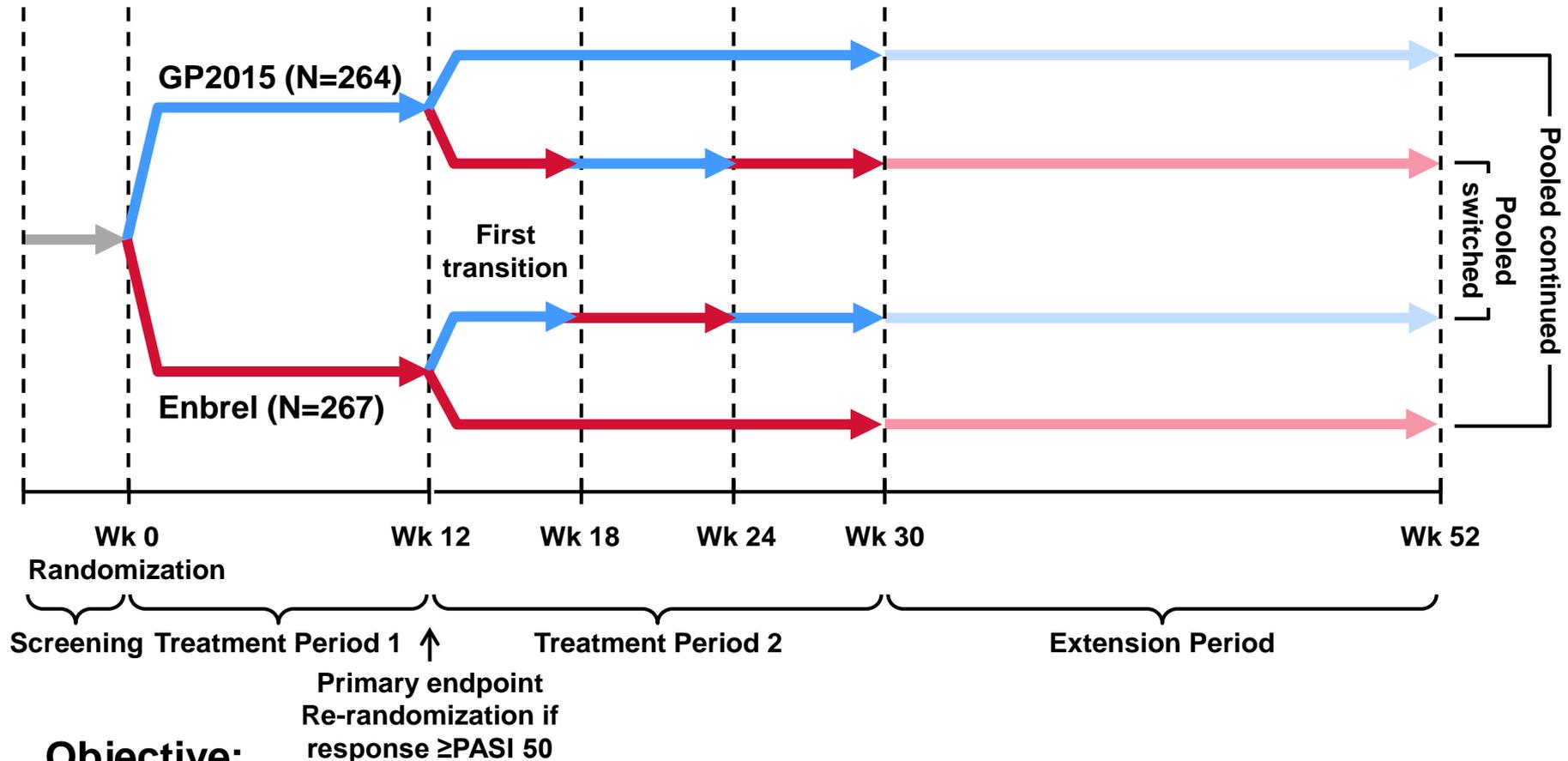
# Novel Study Design With Multiple Treatment Periods

## Study GP15-302



# Treatment Period 1: GP2015 or Enbrel® for 12 Weeks

Study GP15-302

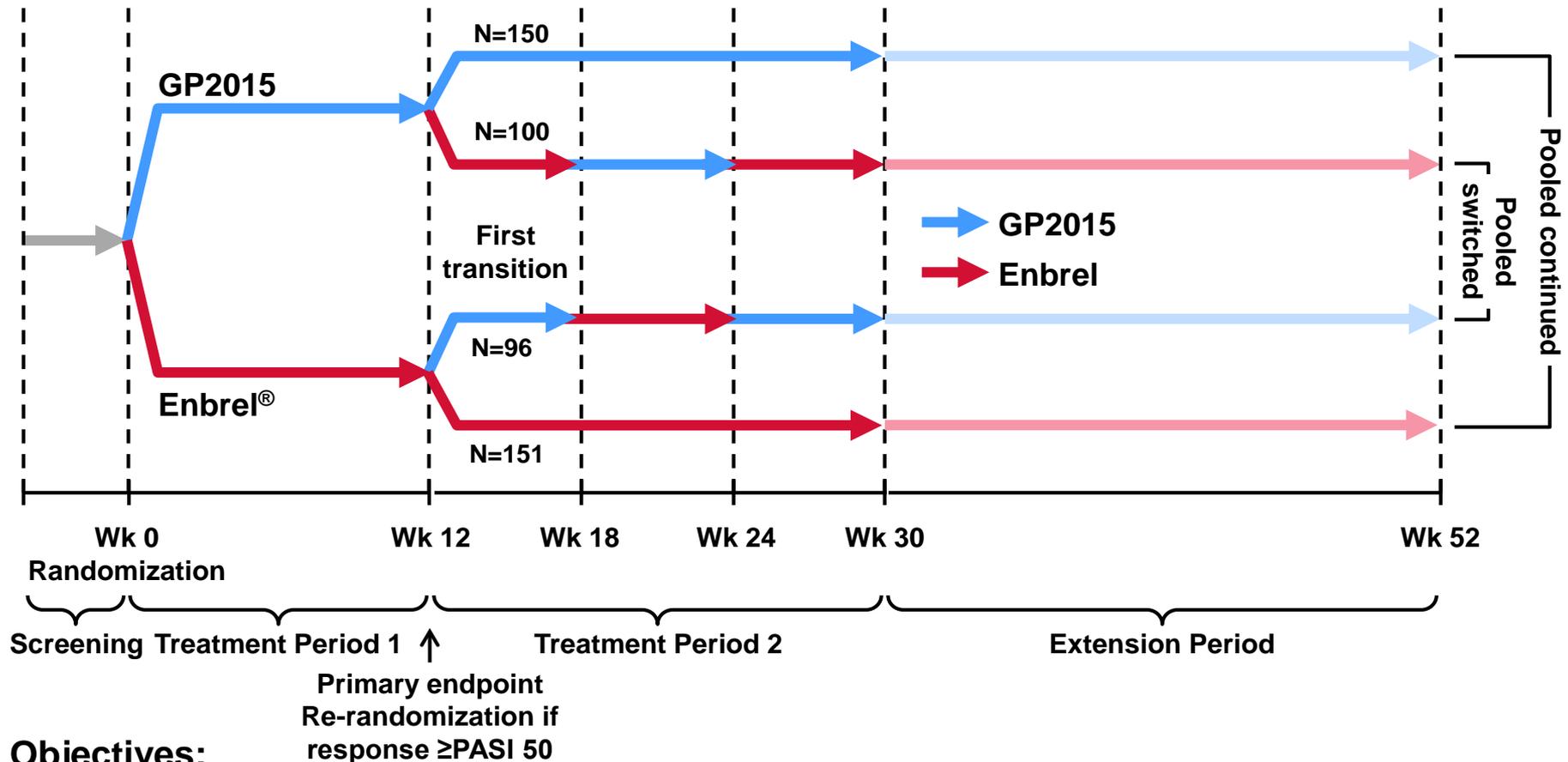


## Objective:

- To demonstrate equivalence in efficacy and similarity in the safety and immunogenicity profiles of GP2015 and Enbrel in patients with moderate-to-severe chronic plaque-type psoriasis

# Treatment Period 2: Compare Multiple Switches With Continued Treatment

## Study GP15-302



### Objectives:

- To compare efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity between
  - **Continued** treatment arms
  - **Pooled** (GP2015 and Enbrel) continued treatment arms and **pooled** treatment arms undergoing repeated switches (GP2015 and Enbrel)

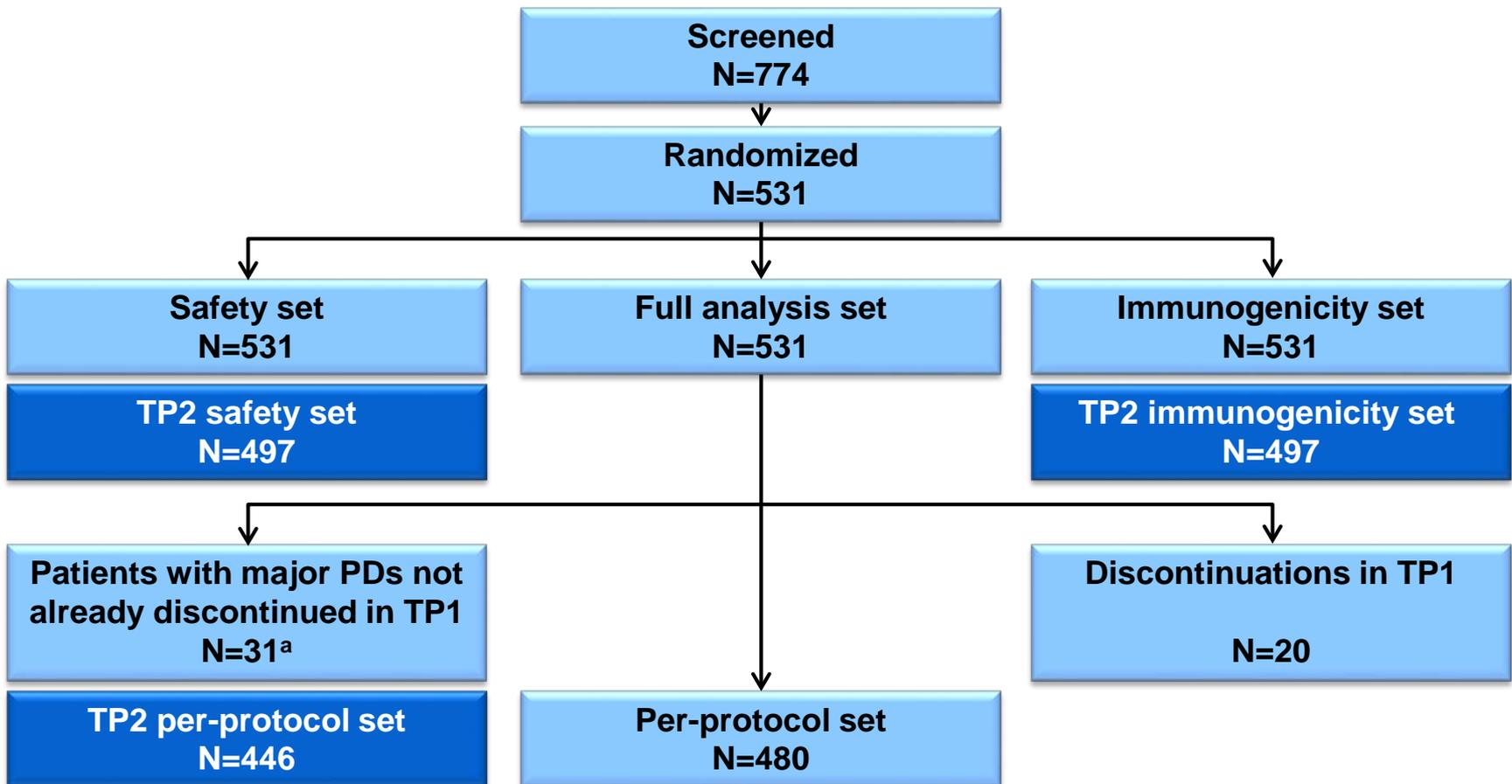
# Statistical Requirements

- Primary endpoint
  - 95% confidence interval for **difference between treatment groups in PASI 75 at Week 12**
  - Pre-specified equivalence margin of 18%
  - 90% power used for sample size calculation
- Key (power > 90%) secondary endpoints
  - Longitudinal analyses of **% change of PASI score from baseline to Week 12** using 2 different statistical approaches
  - Pre-specified equivalence margin of 15%

The primary analysis set was the per-protocol set (PPS). Supportive analyses using the full analysis set (FAS) were performed.

# Patient Disposition

## Study GP15-302



**79 sites were initiated in 12 European countries + South Africa,  
of which 74 sites screened patients and 71 sites randomized patients**

N=number of patients; PD=protocol deviation; TP=treatment period.

<sup>a</sup> Of total 34 patients with major PDs, 3 were already discontinued from study during TP1.

# Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Full Analysis Set

Variable		GP2015 N=264	Enbrel N=267
Age, years	Mean (SD)	42.1 (12.3)	42.7 (12.9)
	Median (range)	41 (18-78)	42 (19-75)
Sex, n (%)	Male	157 (59.5)	172 (64.4)
	Female	107 (40.5)	95 (35.6)
Race, n (%)	Caucasian	263 (99.6)	264 (98.9)
	Black	1 (0.4)	0
	Asian	0	1 (0.4)
	Unknown	0	1 (0.4)
Weight, kg	Mean (SD)	86.3 (21.1)	85.9 (18.7)
	Median (range)	84 (47-148.5)	85 (46.5-158)
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Mean (SD)	28.6 (6.1)	28.5 (5.5)
	Median (range)	27.7 (16.7-48.4)	28.2 (17.4-46.1)

BMI=body mass index.

Percentages based on number of patients within treatment groups in the FAS (N).

# Patient Disease History

## Study GP15-302—Full Analysis Set

Parameter		GP2015 N=264	Enbrel N=267
Time since initial diagnosis, years	Mean (SD)	17.6 (11.3)	17.8 (11.9)
	Median (range)	16.0 (0.6-55.0)	15.9 (0.7-51.7)
Psoriatic arthritis, n (%)	Present	54 (20.5)	53 (19.9)
Prior systemic therapy, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	None	182 (68.9)	184 (68.9)
	Any (except TNF antagonist)	79 (29.9)	81 (30.3)
	TNF antagonist	3 (1.1)	2 (0.7)
IGA of psoriasis, n (%)	2=Mild	0	1 (0.4)
	3=Moderate	191 (72.3)	186 (69.7)
	4=Severe	73 (27.7)	80 (30.0)
PASI score	Mean (SD)	22.5 (8.9)	22.5 (9.5)
	Median (range)	20.6 (9.4-55.2)	20.0 (10.1-55.2)
BSA affected, %	Mean (SD)	30.5 (13.8)	30.9 (14.8)
	Median (range)	28 (9.5-77.0)	28.8 (8.7-76.0)

**BSA=body surface area; IGA=investigator's global assessment; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; SD=standard deviation; TNF=tumor necrosis factor. Percentages based on number of patients within treatment groups.**

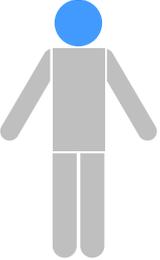
# **Efficacy Results—TP1**

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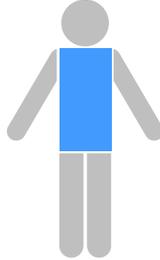
Study GP15-302

# PASI Scoring System Is a Well-Established Assessment for Psoriasis

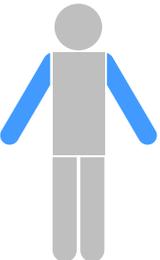
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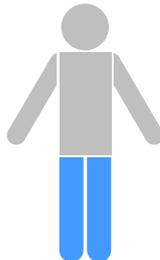
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# Example of PASI Scores in a Patient Treated with Enbrel<sup>®</sup>

Week 0

Week 12

Week 24



PASI

22.7

6.3 (72%)<sup>a</sup>

3.8 (83%)<sup>a</sup>

**PASI 50/75/90 describe a 50%/75%/90% improvement in PASI score**

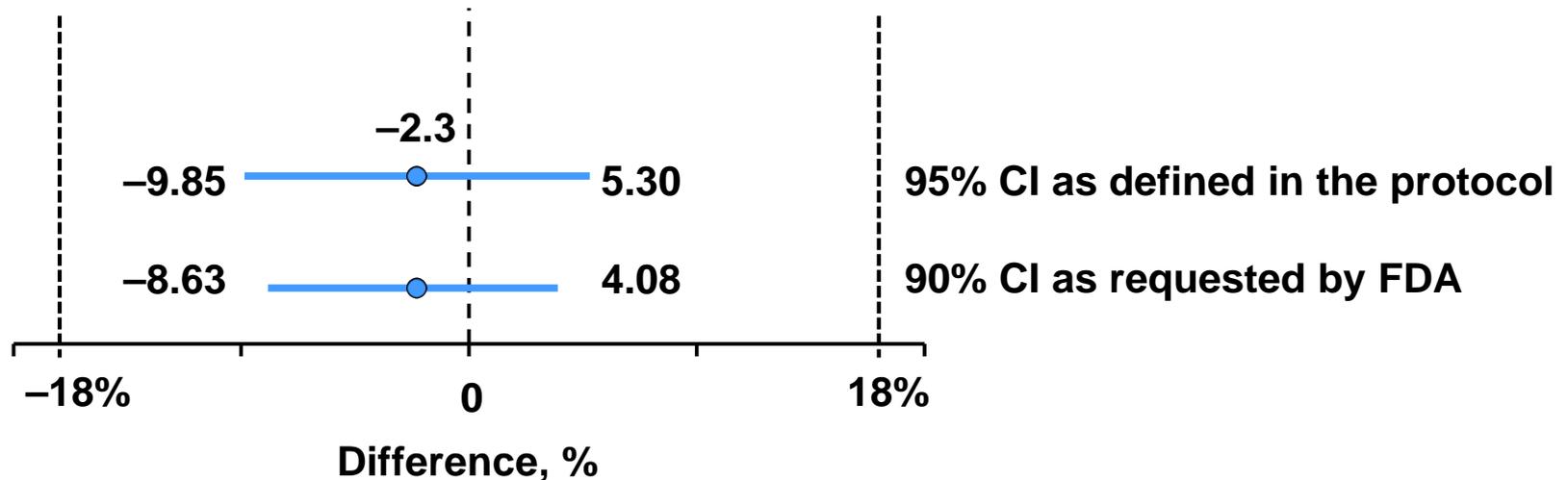
<sup>a</sup> Percent improvement (decrease) in PASI score vs baseline.

Photo courtesy of Leonardi C, et al. IID 2003. Poster 409.

# Primary Endpoint Met—GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup> Are Equivalent

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Per-Protocol Set

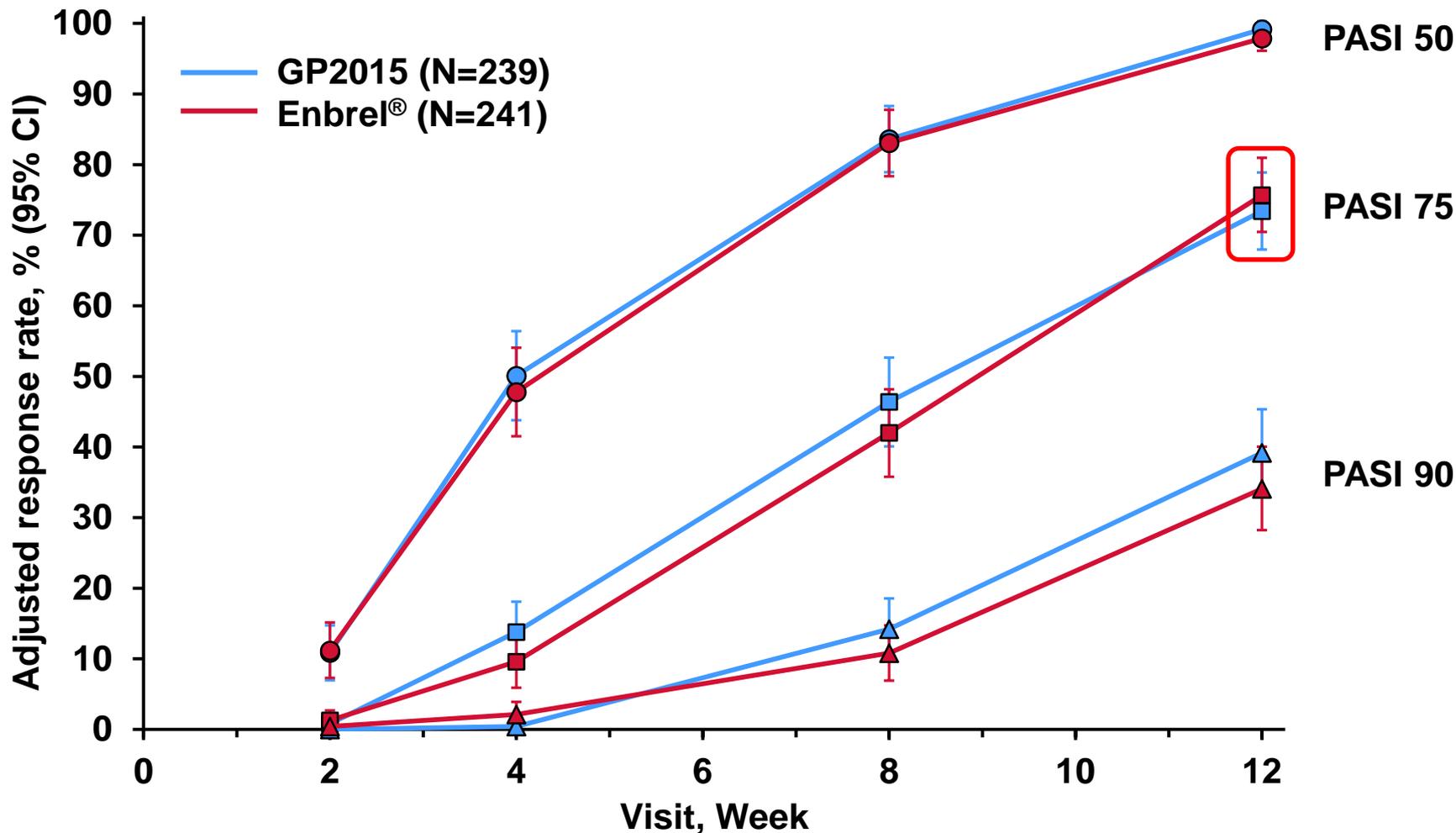
Adjusted <sup>a</sup> PASI 75 response rates at Week 12		
GP2015 N=239	Enbrel N=241	Difference, %
73.4%	75.7%	-2.3



<sup>a</sup> Logistic regression adjusted for stratification factors.

# Response Rates for PASI 50, 75, and 90 Were Similar

Study GP15-302—TP1 Per-Protocol Set



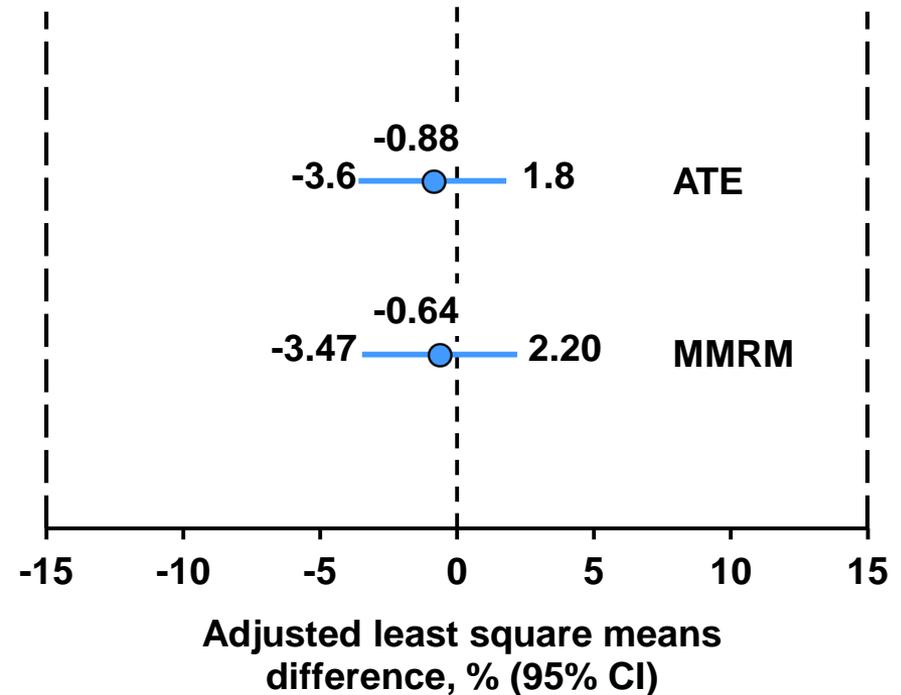
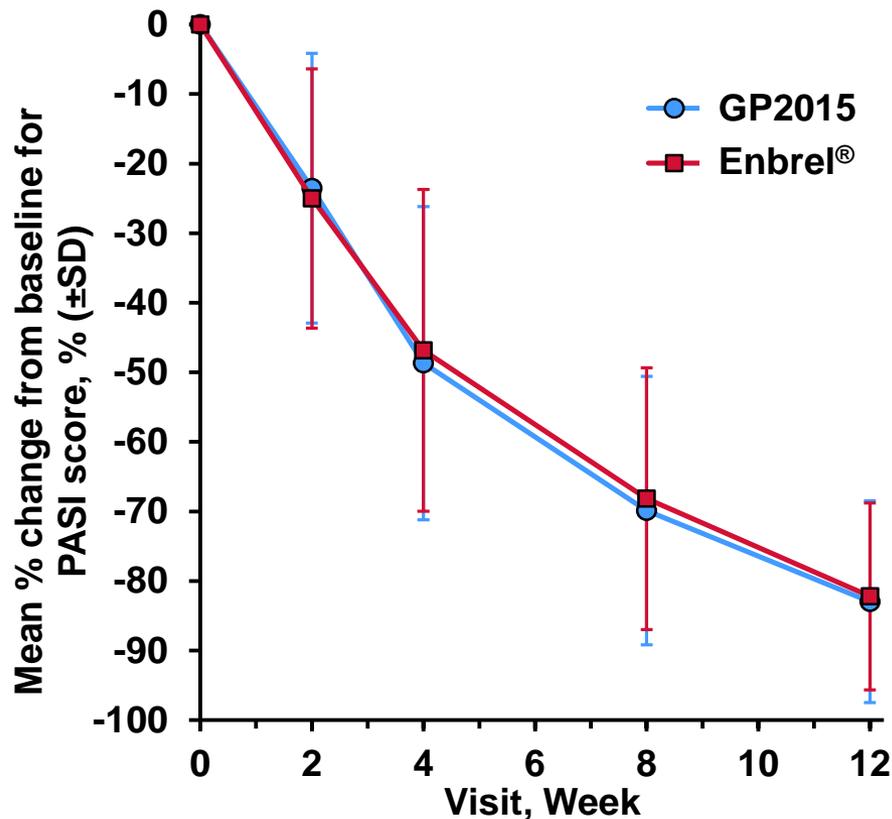
PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index.

Note: adjusted response rates resulted from the statistical model.

# Key Secondary Endpoints Were Met

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Per-Protocol Set

Difference in percent change from baseline in PASI score up to Week 12



ATE=averaged treatment effect; MMRM=mixed-model repeated measures; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; SD=standard deviation.

# Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA) Rating Scale

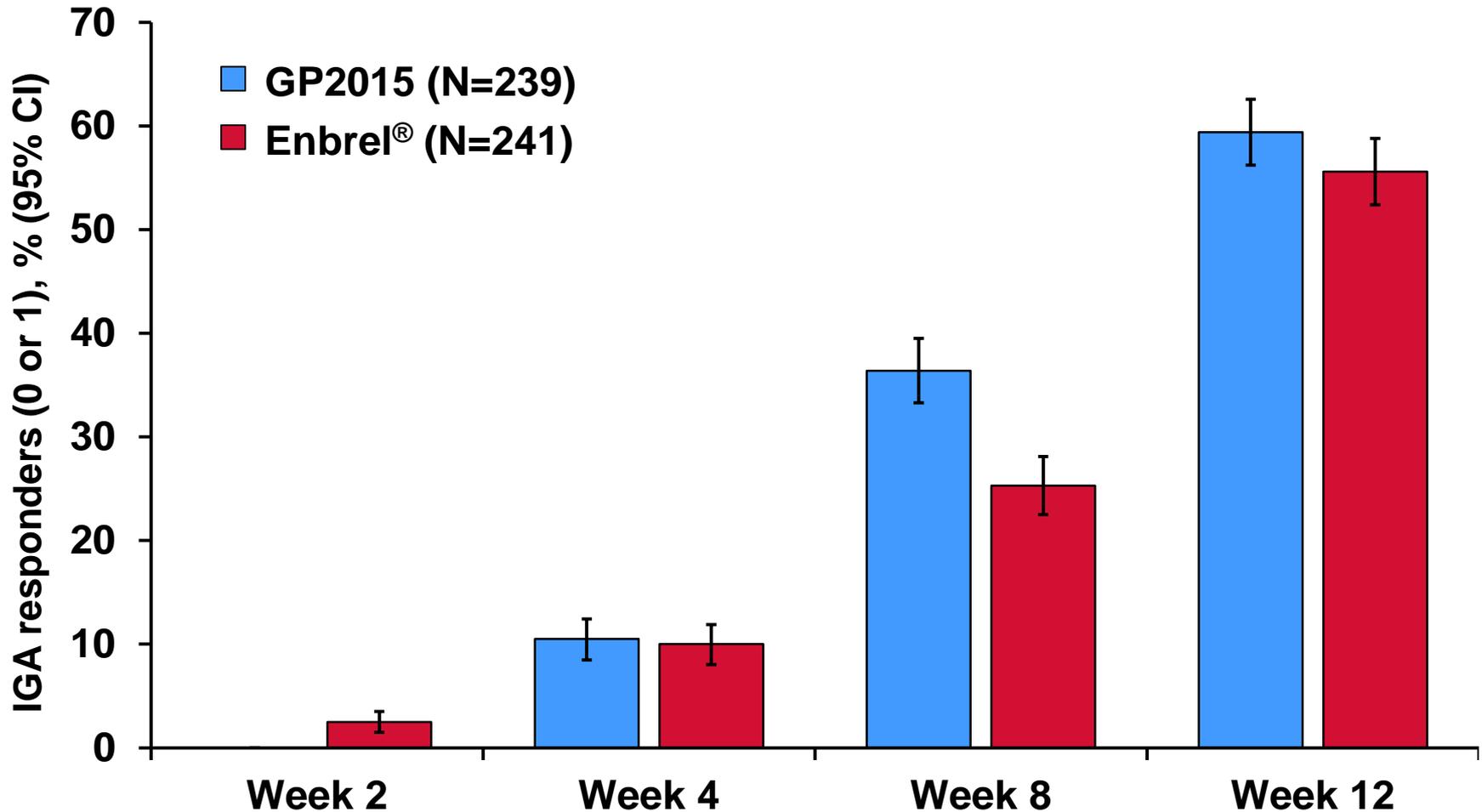
Study GP15-302

Score	Brief description	Detailed description
0	Clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No signs of psoriasis</li><li>• Post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation could be present</li></ul>
1	Almost clear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normal to pink coloration of lesions</li><li>• No thickening</li><li>• No to minimal (focal) scaling</li></ul>
2	Mild	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pink to light red coloration</li><li>• Just detectable to mild thickening</li><li>• Predominantly fine scaling</li></ul>
3	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dull bright red, clearly distinguishable erythema</li><li>• Clearly distinguishable to moderate thickening</li><li>• Moderate scaling</li></ul>
4	Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bright to deep dark red coloration</li><li>• Severe thickening with hard edges</li><li>• Severe/coarse scaling covering almost all or all lesions</li></ul>

**Patients were required to have IGA score of 3 or 4 to be eligible for enrollment**

# Marked and Similar Improvements of IGA Scores Achieved in Both Treatment Arms

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Per-Protocol Set



IGA=investigator's global assessment; N=number of patients showing IGA decrease to 0 or 1. Percentages are based on the total number of patients with evaluable data in each treatment group in that visit.

# Safety Results—TP1

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Study GP15-302

# Exposure to Study Drug

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Safety Set

Drug administration details	GP2015 N=264	Enbrel® N=267
Duration of exposure, days		
Mean (SD)	80.6 (9.7)	79.2 (11.6)
Median (range)	81.0 (4.0-149.0)	81.0 (1.0-89.0)
Patient exposure, yr	58.3	57.9
Missed doses, n (%)		
0	229 (86.7)	231 (86.5)
1	17 (6.4)	14 (5.2)
2	4 (1.5)	8 (3.0)
3	4 (1.5)	1 (0.4)
4	3 (1.1)	1 (0.4)
>4 <sup>a</sup>	7 (2.7)	12 (4.5)

<sup>a</sup> Patients considered incompliant to study drug during Blinded Data Review Meeting.

# TEAEs

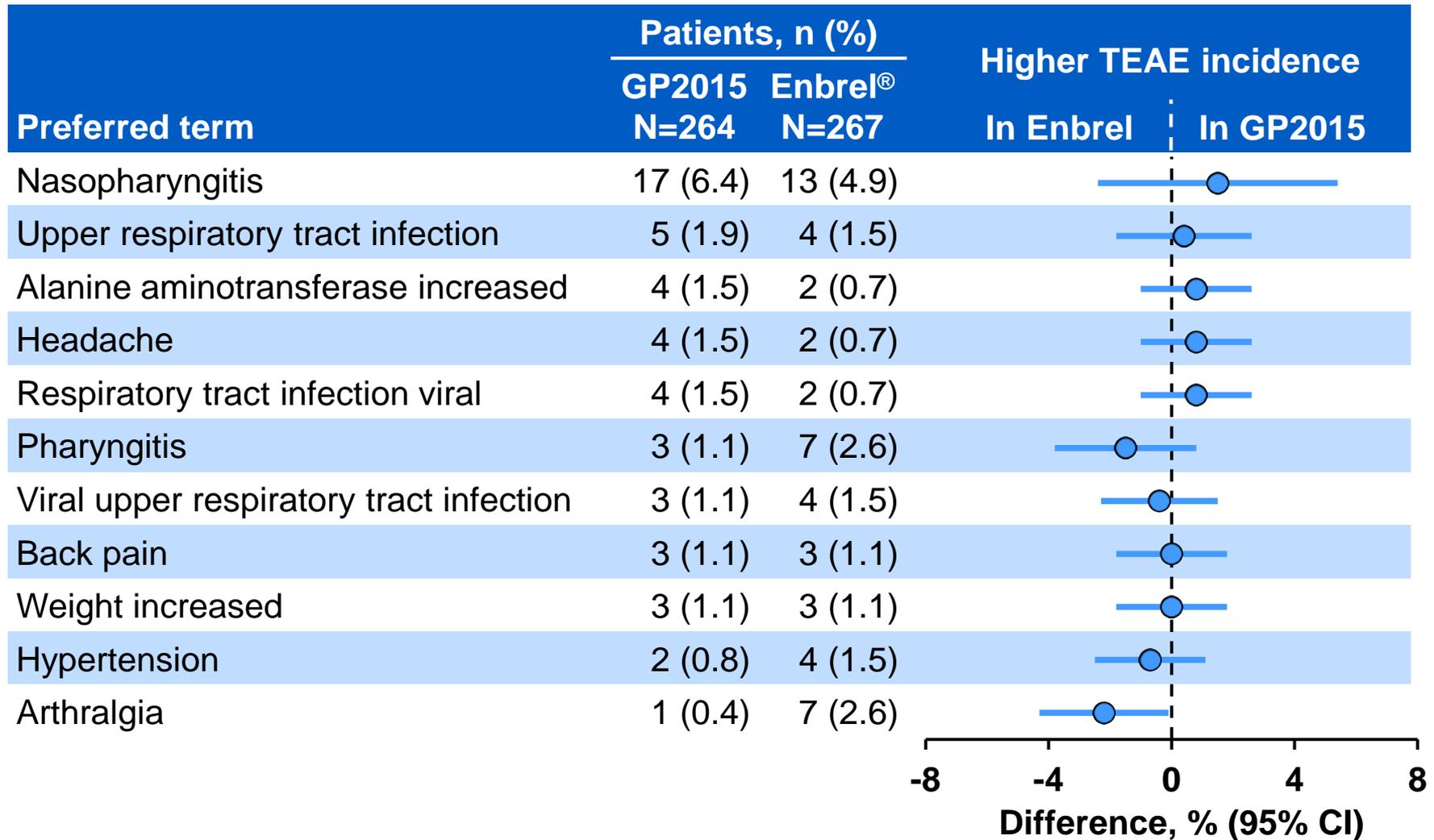
## Study GP15-302—TP1 Safety Set

	Patients, n (%)	
	GP2015 N=264	Enbrel® N=267
≥1 TEAE	99 (37.5)	96 (36.0)
≥1 SAE	4 (1.5)	3 (1.1)
≥1 treatment-related TEAE	35 (13.3)	37 (13.9)
≥1 severe TEAE	4 (1.5)	4 (1.5)
≥1 treatment-related SAE	0	1 (0.4)
Discontinuation due to TEAE	5 (1.9)	4 (1.5)
Study drug interrupted due to TEAE	3 (1.1)	6 (2.2)
≥1 AE of special interest	9 (3.4)	5 (1.9)
Deaths	0	1 (0.4)

AE=adverse event; N=Number of total patients; n=number of patients in sub-category;  
SAE=serious adverse event; TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event.

# TEAEs (Incidence >1%) Regardless of Study Drug Relationship Are Balanced

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Safety Set



N=Number of total patients; n=number of patients.

# TEAEs of Special Interest by System Organ Class and Preferred Term CL-28

## Study GP15-302—TP1 Safety Set

531 total patients in Treatment Period 1

System organ class Preferred term	Patients, n (%)	
	GP2015 N=264	Enbrel® N=267
<b>≥1 TEAE</b>	<b>9 (3.4)</b>	<b>5 (1.9)</b>
Infections and infestations	3 (1.1)	3 (1.1)
Oral herpes	1 (0.4)	2 (0.7)
Herpes simplex	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Tinea infection	1 (0.4)	0
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	5 (1.9)	1 (0.4)
Skin papilloma	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)
Colon neoplasm	1 (0.4)	0
Lipoma	1 (0.4)	0
Malignant melanoma in situ	1 (0.4)	0
Melanocytic nevus	1 (0.4)	0
Immune system disorders	1 (0.4)	0
Hypersensitivity	1 (0.4)	0
Investigations	1 (0.4)	0
White blood cell count decreased	1 (0.4)	0
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	0	1 (0.4)
Swelling face	0	1 (0.4)

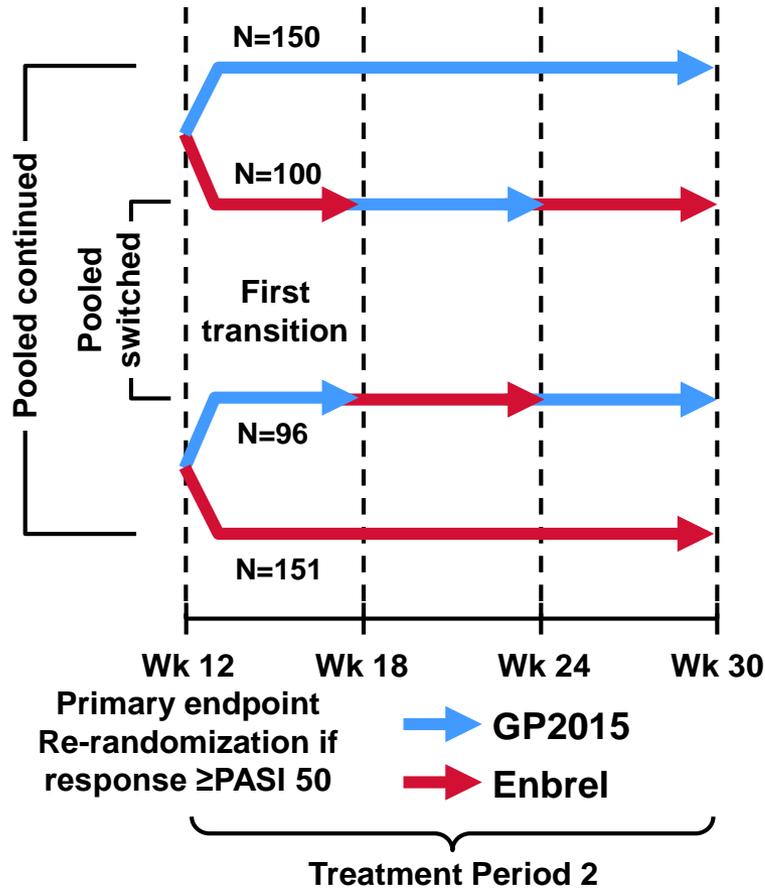
# Efficacy Results—TP2

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Study GP15-302

# Treatment Period 2: Compare Multiple Switches With Continued Treatment

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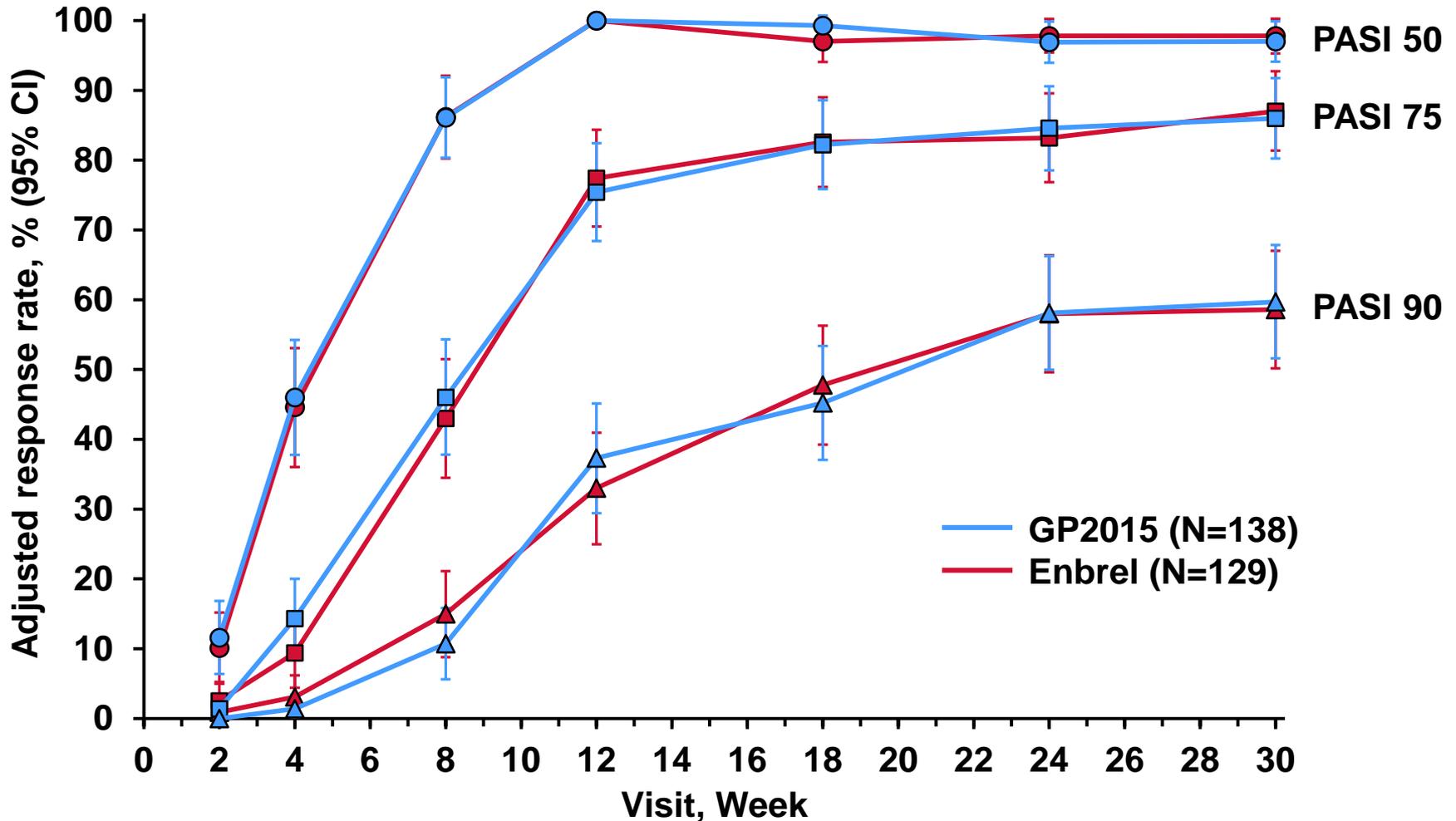


### Objectives:

- To compare efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity between
  - The **continued** treatment arms
  - The **pooled** (GP2015 and Enbrel<sup>®</sup>) continued treatment arms and the **pooled** treatment arms undergoing repeated switches (GP2015 and Enbrel)

# Comparable PASI Response Between Continued GP2015 and Enbrel®

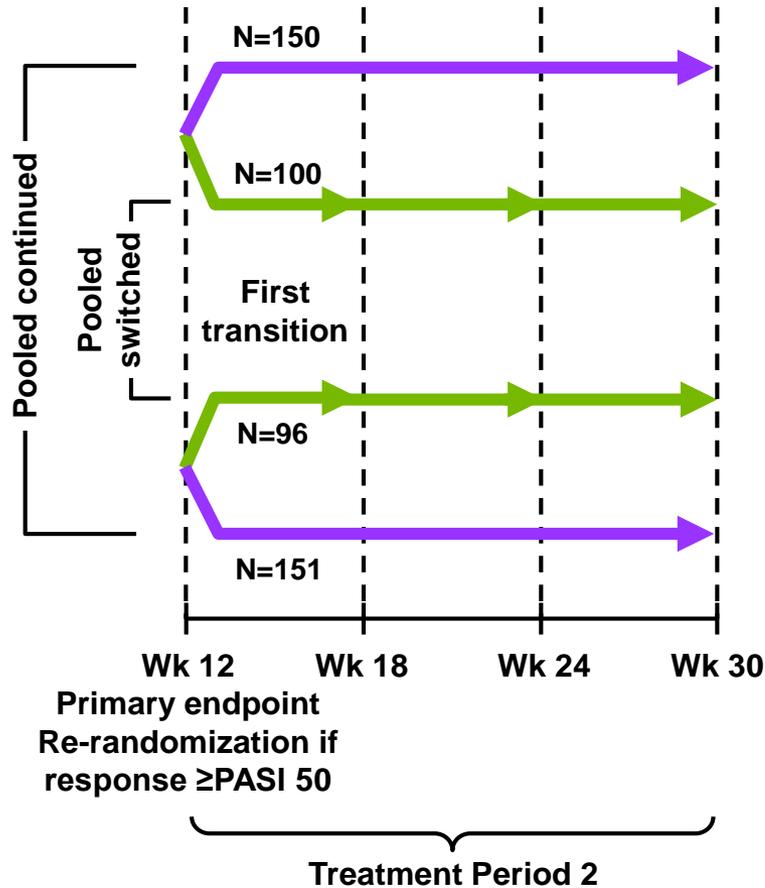
Study GP15-302—TP2 Per-Protocol Set



PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; TP=treatment period.

# Treatment Period 2: Compare Multiple Switches With Continued Treatment

## Study GP15-302



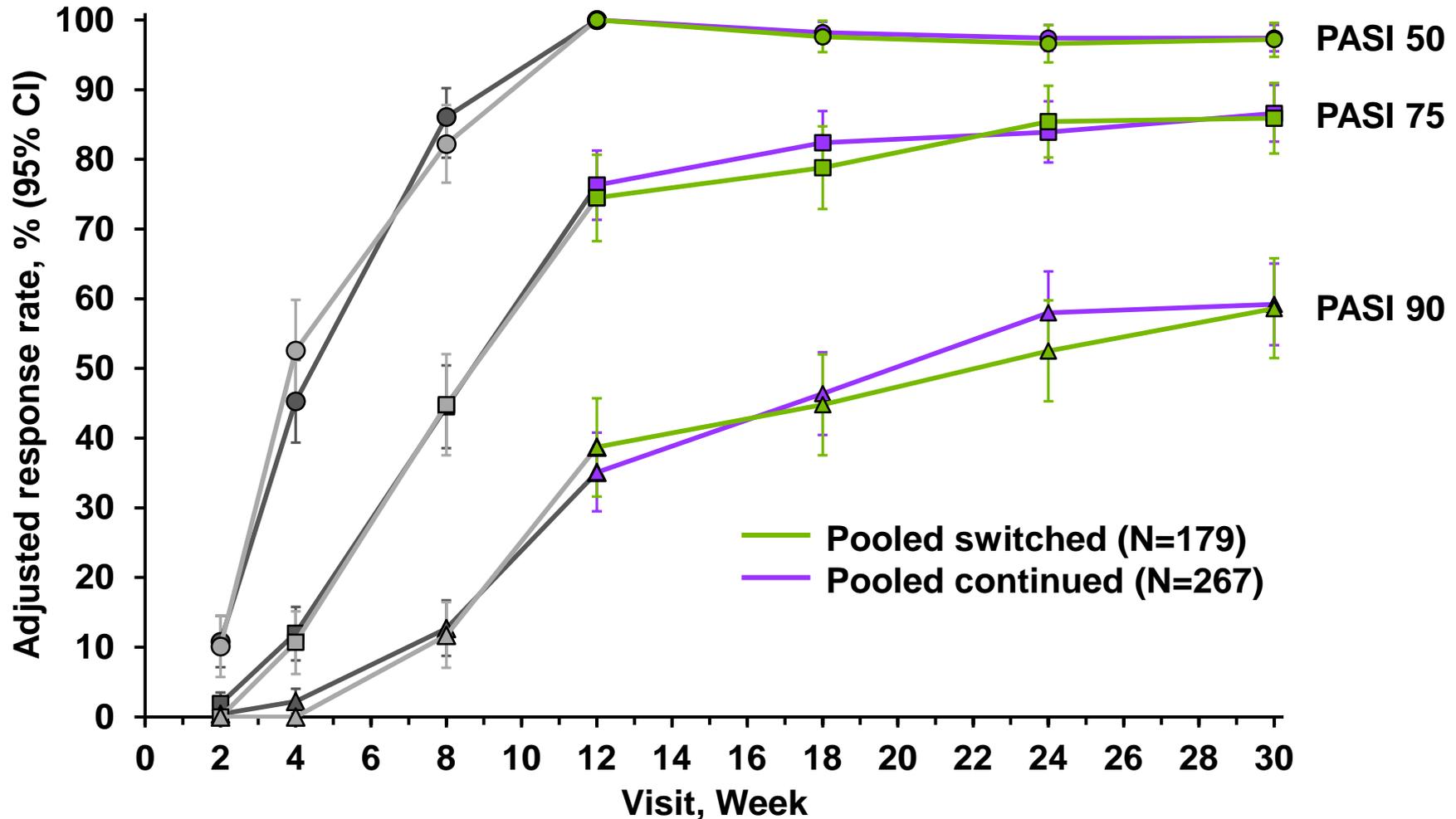
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  - The **pooled** (GP2015 and Enbrel®) continued treatment arms and the **pooled** treatment arms undergoing repeated switches (GP2015 and Enbrel)

- ➔ Pooled switched
- ➔ Pooled continued

# No Impact of Switching on PASI Response

## Study GP15-302—TP2 Per-Protocol Set



# TEAEs

## Study GP15-302—TP2 Safety Set

	Patients, n (%)	
	Continued GP2015 N=150	Continued Enbrel® N=151
≥1 TEAE	47 (31.3)	52 (34.4)
≥1 SAE	1 (0.7)	2 (1.3)
≥1 treatment-related TEAE	13 (8.7)	16 (10.6)
≥1 severe TEAE	1 (0.7)	4 (2.6)
≥1 treatment-related SAE	0	0
Discontinued due to TEAE	1 (0.7)	2 (1.3)
Study drug interrupted due to TEAE	6 (4.0)	6 (4.0)
AEs of special interest	7 (4.7)	3 (2.0)
Deaths	0	0

AE=adverse event; N=Number of total patients; n=number of patients in sub-category;  
SAE=serious adverse event; TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event; TP=treatment period.

# Overall TEAEs by Pooled Treatment Groups

## Study GP15-302—TP2 Safety Set

	Patients, n (%)	
	Pooled continued N=301	Pooled switched N=196
≥1 TEAE	99 (32.9)	67 (34.2)
≥1 SAE	3 (1.0)	6 (3.1)
≥1 treatment-related TEAE	29 (9.6)	18 (9.2)
≥1 severe TEAE	5 (1.7)	5 (2.6)
≥1 treatment-related SAE	0	0
Discontinued due to TEAE	3 (1.0)	6 (3.1)
Study drug interrupted due to TEAE	12 (4.0)	4 (2.0)
AEs of special interest	10 (3.3)	5 (2.6)
Deaths	0	0

AE=adverse event; N=Number of total patients; n=number of patients in sub-category;  
SAE=serious adverse event; TEAE=treatment-emergent adverse event; TP=treatment period.

# Immunogenicity Assessment: Bioanalytical Strategy and Methodology

## Bioanalytical strategy for immunogenicity assessment

- 3-step procedure; validated screening, confirmatory and neutralization antibody assay
- Conservative 1-assay approach for the detection of ADA using GP2015 as capture and detection reagent

## Immunogenicity testing

- Electrochemiluminescence (ECL) bridging immunogenicity assay for screening and confirmatory step
  - High assay sensitivity (<500 ng/mL<sup>a</sup>): 116.5 ng/mL (psoriasis indication)
  - High drug tolerance level: ≥20,000 ng/mL (trough levels in study GP15-302 were all <15,000 ng/mL)
  - Suitability of method to detect ADA against innovator and biosimilar drug was demonstrated in method validation
- Determination of neutralizing capacity of confirmed ADA-positive samples

ADA=anti-drug antibodies.

<sup>a</sup> Recommended by FDA Guidance for Industry, Assay Development for Immunogenicity Testing of Therapeutic Proteins, 2009.

# Immunogenicity

## Study GP15-302—TP1

	Patients, n (%)	
	GP2015 N=264	Enbrel N=267
ADA-positive	0	5 (1.9)

- Only 5 patients, all in the Enbrel<sup>®</sup> group, showed confirmed ADA-positive samples up to Week 12
- This corresponds to a rate of 1.9% of ADAs for Enbrel, in line with published data
- All ADAs were non-neutralizing, transient (in initial 4 weeks of treatment), and low in titer
- No additional ADA-positive results observed up to Week 30

# Conclusions

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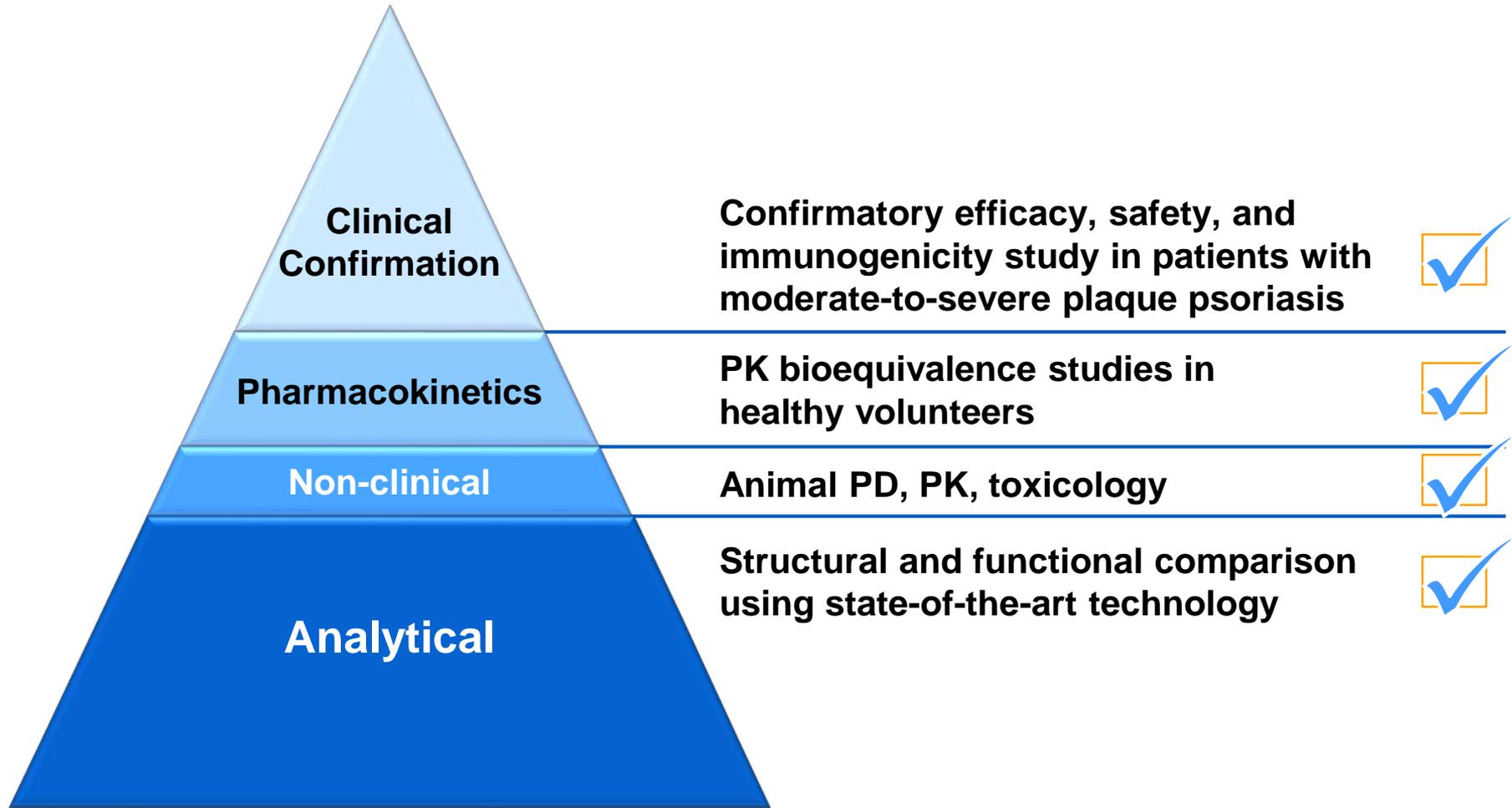
Study GP15-302

# Conclusions

## Study GP15-302

- The efficacy of GP2015 is equivalent to the efficacy of Enbrel<sup>®</sup>
- GP2015 is comparable to Enbrel in PK and safety
- No immunogenicity concerns for GP2015 vs Enbrel
- Switching has no effect on efficacy, safety, and immunogenicity

# Similarity Was Established at All Levels



# Use In Clinical Practice

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# TNF Inhibition in Clinical Practice

- Introduction of TNF inhibitors has dramatically improved treatment of RA, JIA, AS, PsA, PsO, and other inflammatory diseases
- Over ~20 years, TNF inhibitors have proven to be safe and effective
- High cost limits access for some patients

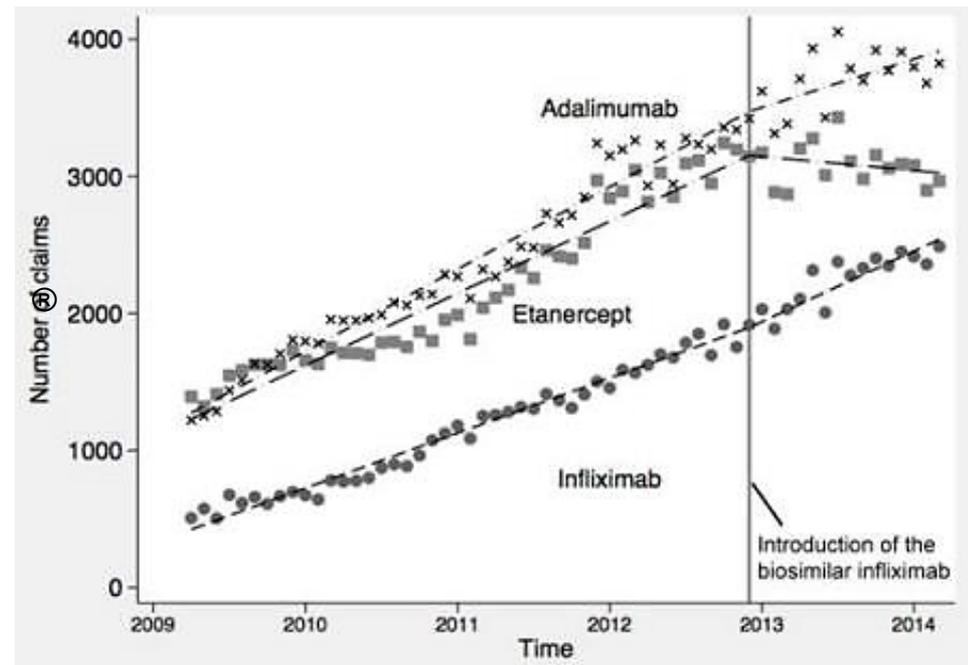
# Potential Benefits of Biosimilars

- Availability of lower-priced biosimilars should decrease cost of treating patients
- Biosimilars should be more readily available to patients for whom the bio-originator has been inaccessible
- Greater global access to effective biosimilars should reduce disability, morbidity, and mortality associated with inflammatory diseases

# Effect of CT-P13 Introduction on TNF Inhibitor Use in South Korea

**By March 2014 (15 months after CT-P13 introduction)**

- 19% of insurance claims for infliximab were for CT-P13
- Additional increase in use of both branded and biosimilar infliximab (9 claims/month, 95% CI: 2, 17)
- Decrease in use of etanercept (−52 claims/month, 95% CI: −66, −38)
- Decrease in use of adalimumab (−21 claims/month, 95% CI: −35, −6)



# GP2015 in Rheumatology

- RA, PsO, PsA, AS, and JIA all respond to TNF inhibition
- PsO is a prototypic inflammatory disease (no concomitant MTX)
- PASI is a direct assessment of disease activity
  - Measures extent of target organ involvement
  - Does not include subjective patient assessment
  - Sensitive to detecting change over time
  - Should detect subtle differences in response
- Extrapolation to other indications is justified based on totality of the evidence demonstrating sameness of GP2015 to Enbrel<sup>®</sup>
  - Analytical data demonstrating high similarity of GP2015 to Enbrel<sup>®</sup>
  - Equivalent efficacy and comparable safety of GP2015 to Enbrel<sup>®</sup> in psoriasis
  - Accumulated clinical experience with Enbrel<sup>®</sup> in multiple indications

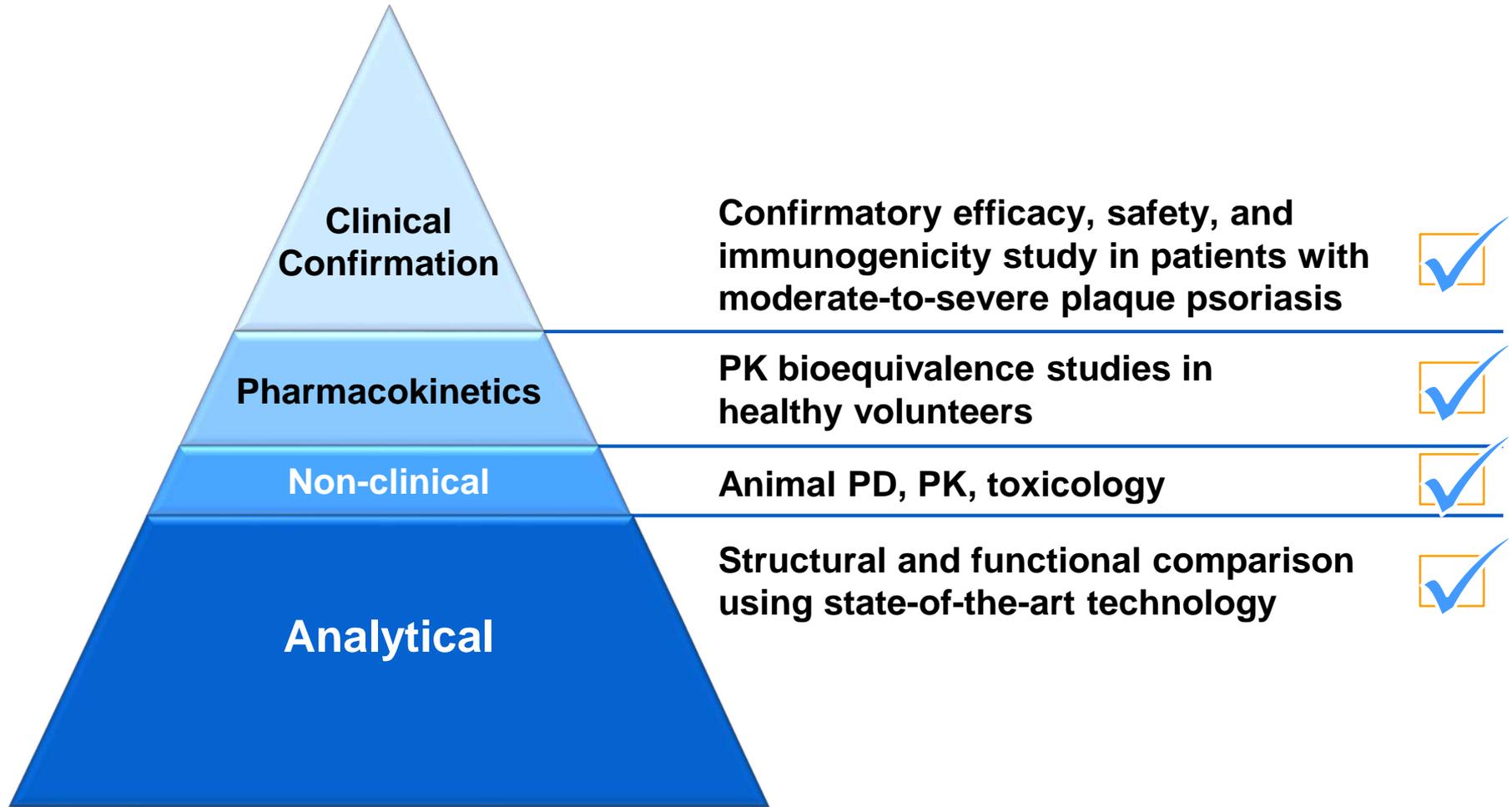
# How I Would Use GP2015 in Clinical Practice

- Initiate patients naïve to TNF inhibition on a lower-cost biosimilar
- Strongly consider transitioning patients on the bio-originator to a lower-cost biosimilar to conserve resources
- Use the biosimilar to treat patients with any of the indications for which the bio-originator is approved

# GP2015 Is a Biosimilar to Enbrel®

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# GP2015 Is “Essentially the Same” as Enbrel®



# Conclusions

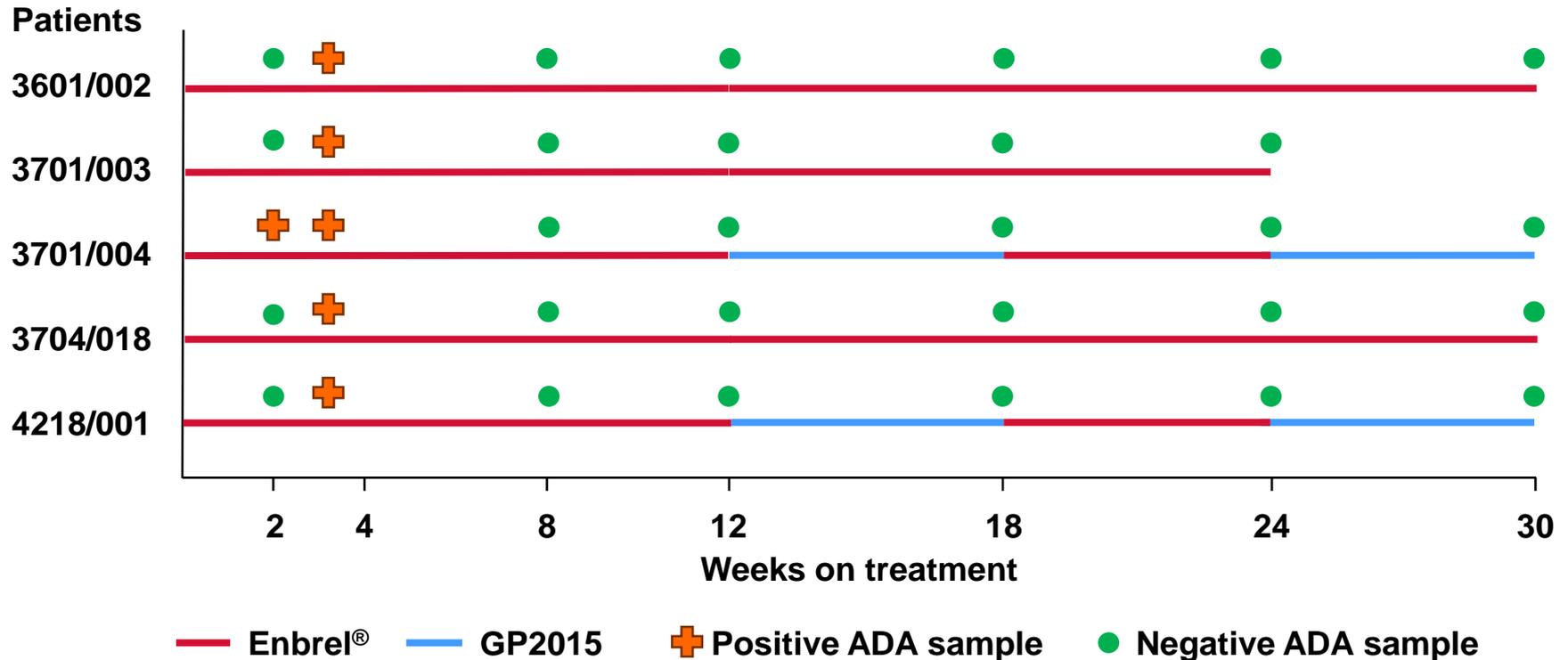
- Modern technology and analytics allow for creation and full characterization of biosimilars
- GP2015 has been demonstrated both analytically and clinically to be highly similar to the reference product, Enbrel®
- This high similarity supports extrapolation to all indications for the reference product
- Biologic drugs are important therapeutic agents, and a biosimilar will provide competition and increased access
- Approval of GP2015 will expand options available to healthcare providers and patients

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# Immunogenicity

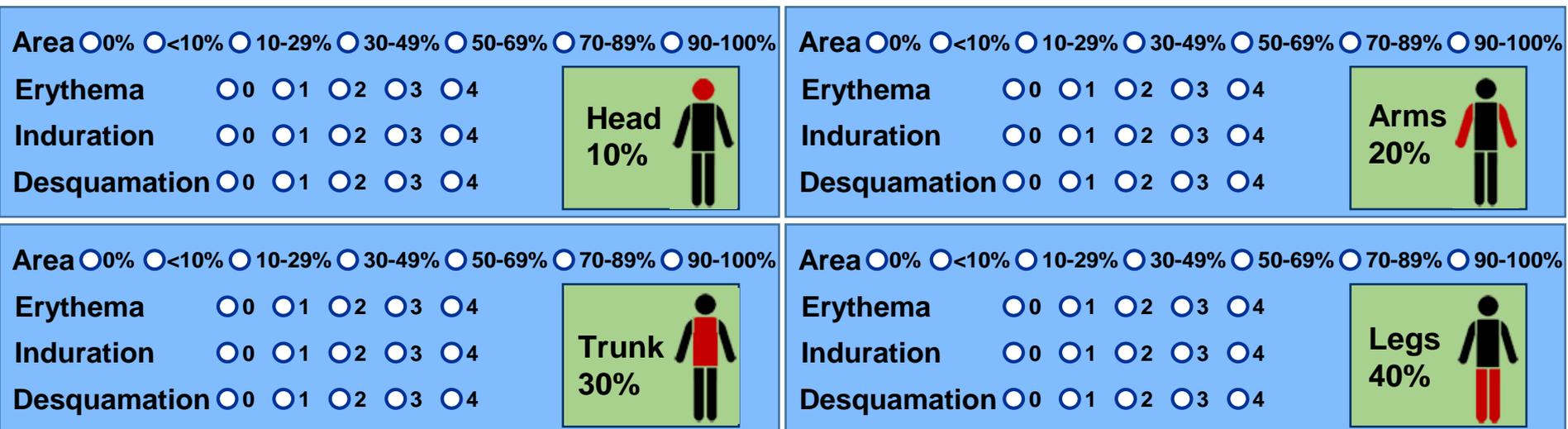
## Study GP15-302 Up to Week 30



- **5 patients, all in the Enbrel group, showed confirmed ADA positive samples,**
  - All were non-neutralizing, transient, and low titer (*corresponds to a rate of 1.9% for Enbrel → in line with published data*)
  - **No additional ADA-positive results up to Week 30**
- **No increased risks of development of ADAs for GP2015 compared to Enbrel**

# PASI 75 Is a Sensitive Endpoint in Psoriasis

- Psoriasis lesions are visible and relatively easy to quantify
- PASI is a measure of the average redness, thickness and scaliness of the lesions, weighted by area of involvement
  - Final scores range from 0–72; higher scores indicate more severe disease
  - A 75% reduction from the PASI baseline score (PASI 75) is considered a clinically meaningful improvement and is used as a benchmark in most clinical trials, making comparisons possible

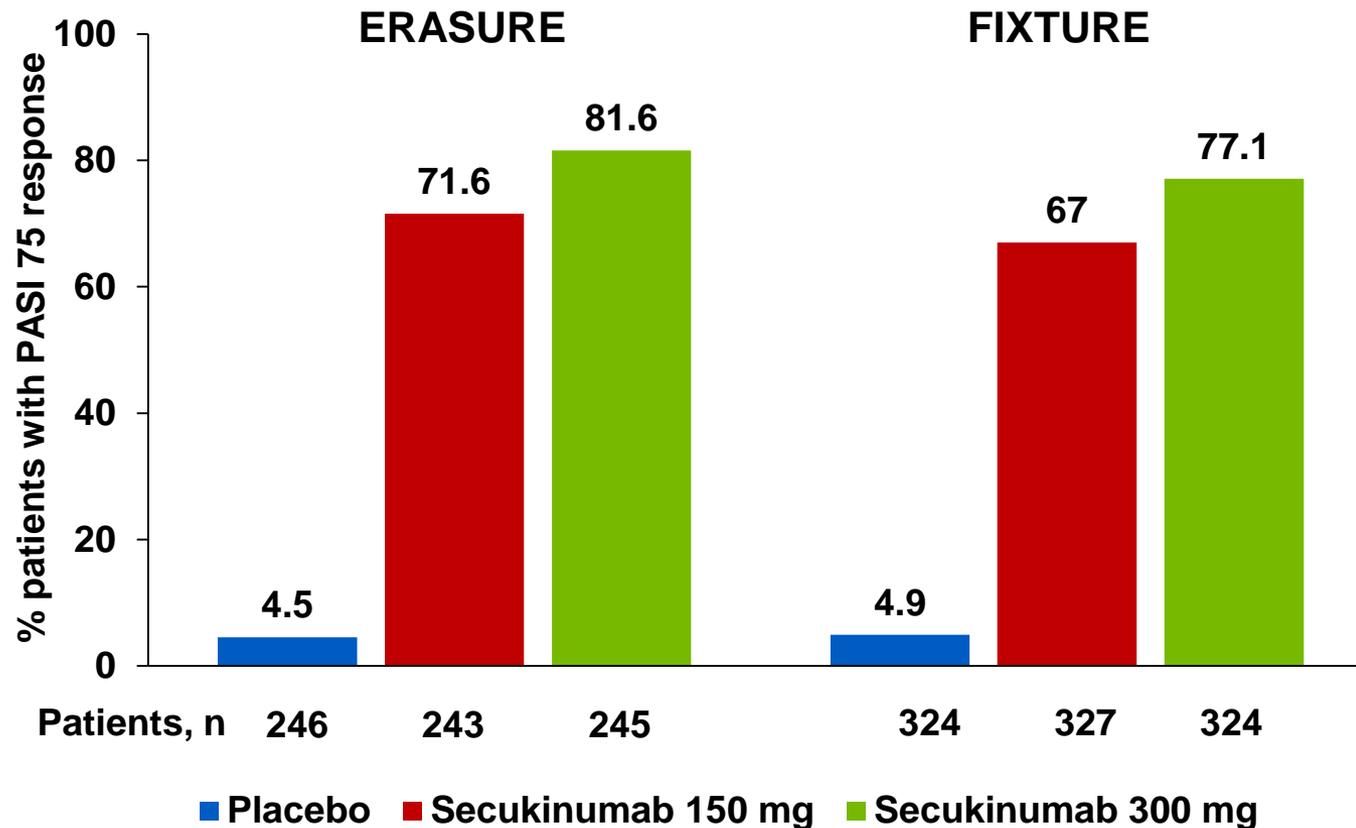


PASI=Psoriasis Area Severity Index

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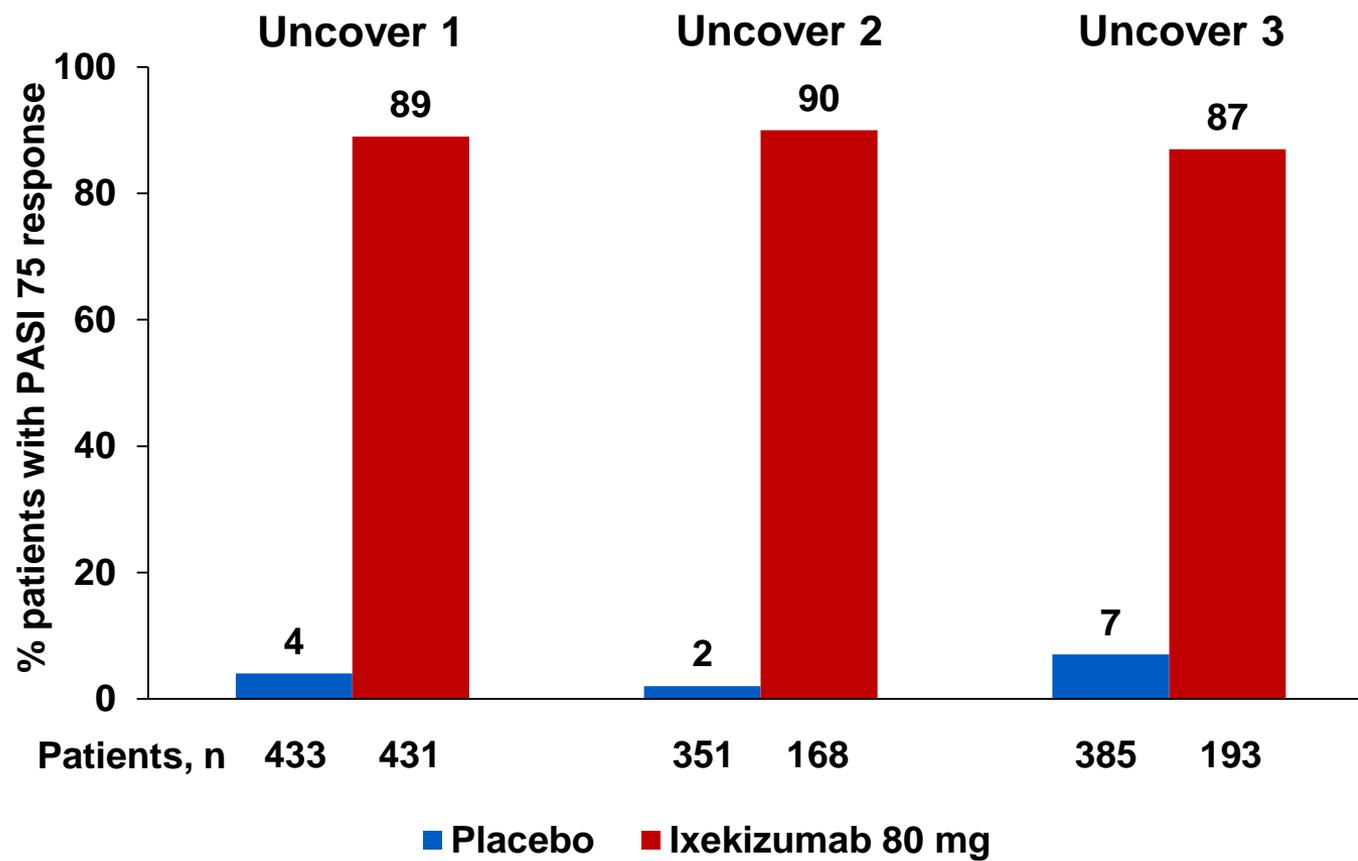
# Well Conducted Psoriasis Trials Have Consistent PASI Responses

% patients in trials of secukinumab with PASI 75 response at Week 12

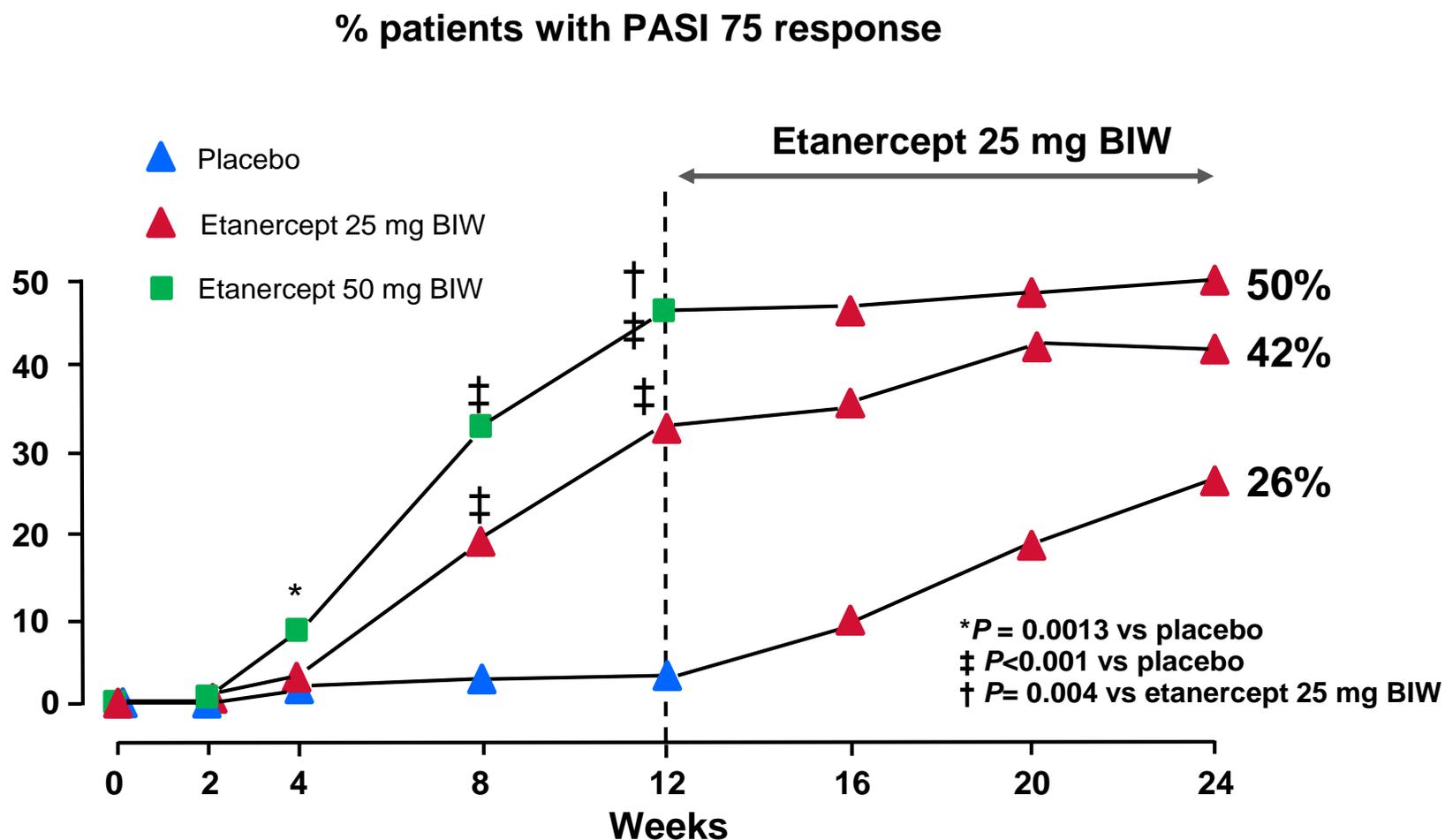


# Well Conducted Psoriasis Trials Have Consistent PASI Responses

## PASI 75 Response to Ixekizumab at 12 Weeks in 3 Large Phase 3 Trials



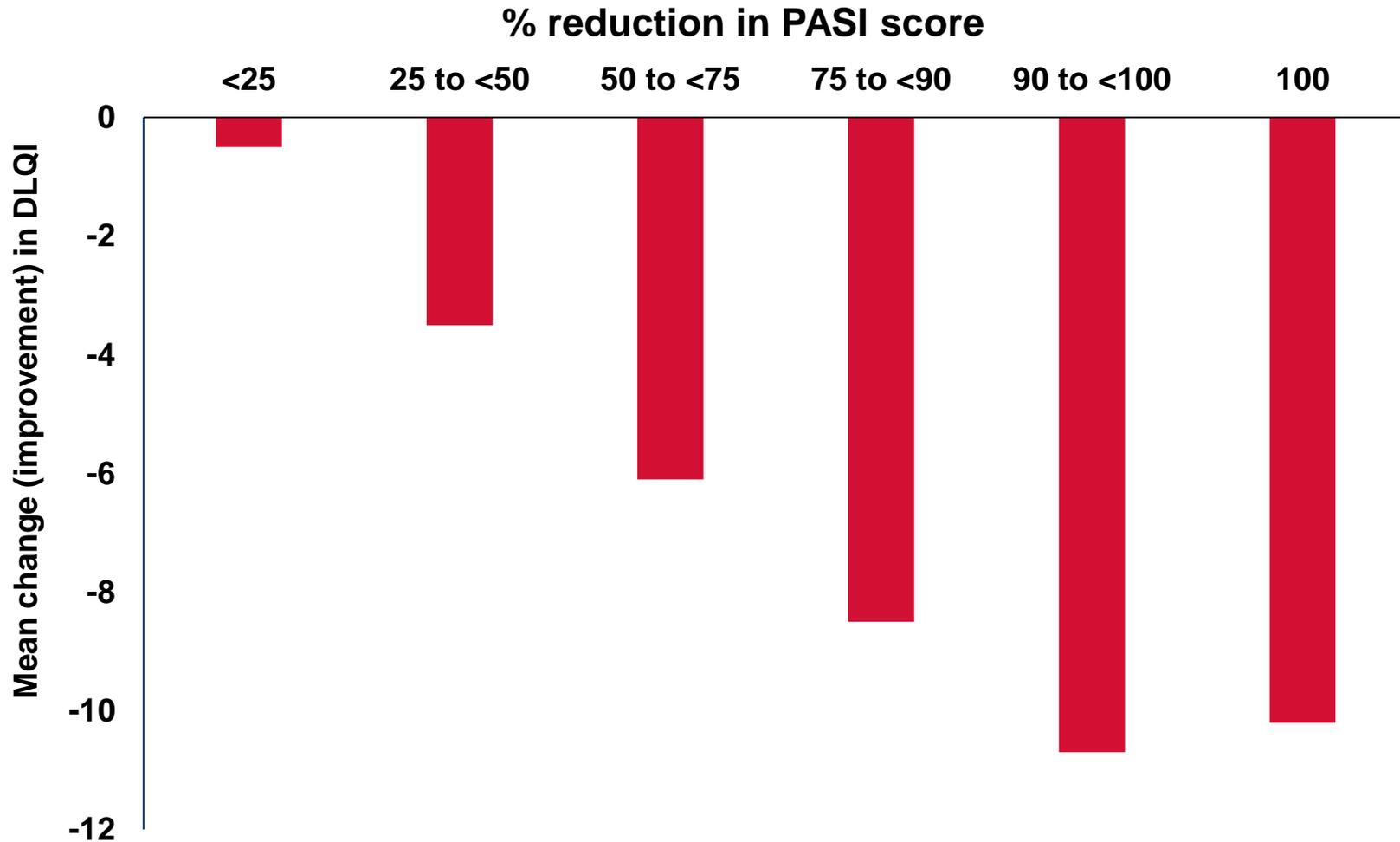
# PASI 75 Is Sensitive to Dose-response Changes



BIW=twice weekly

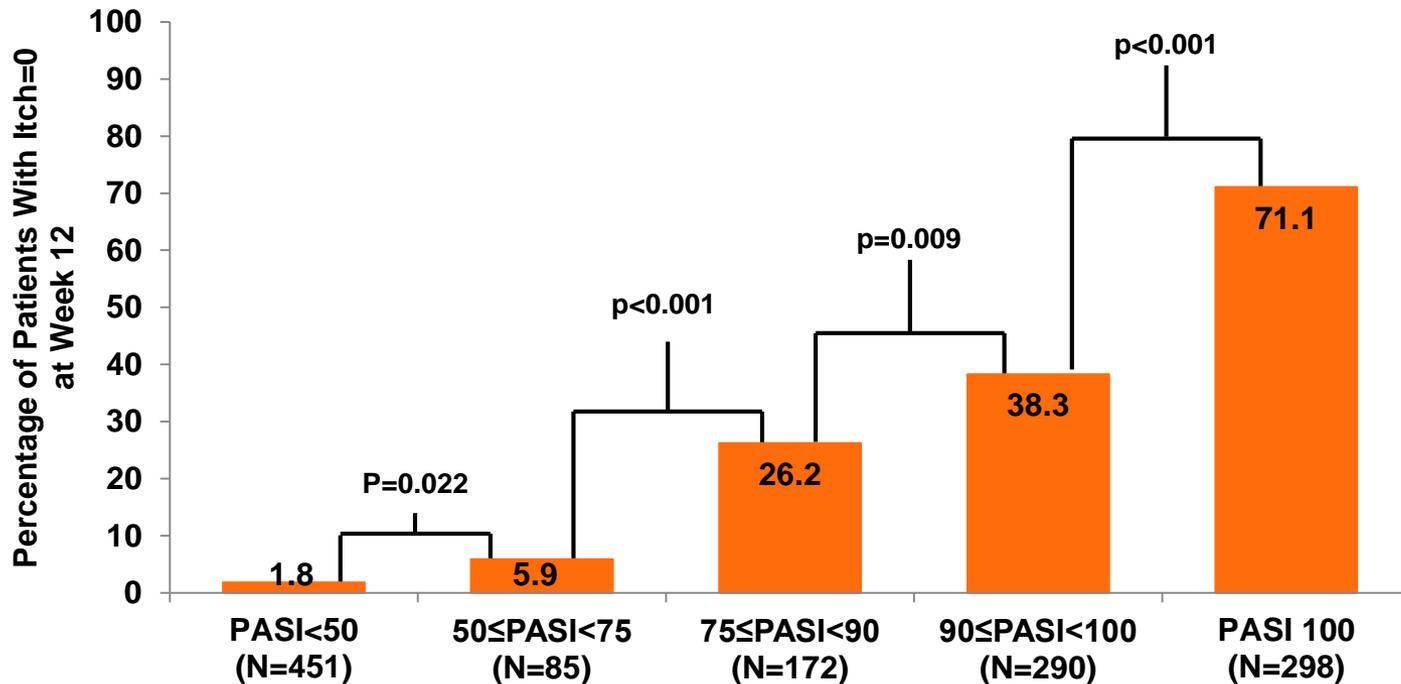
Papp KA, et al. *Br J Derm.* 2005;152:1304-1312.

# Secukinumab: Changes in the PASI Correspond With Improvement in Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) in Psoriasis Patients



PASI=Psoriasis Area Severity Index.  
Revicki DA, et al. *Dermatology*. 2008;216(3):260-270.

# Ixekizumab: Itch NRS=0 Correlates With Level of Treatment Response at Week 12



# What Makes Psoriasis a Preferred Indication for the Assessment of Biosimilarity?

- Well understood and shared MOA with RA, AS, JIA, and PsA
- Psoriasis patients are typically younger and healthier
- Fewer comorbid diseases and concomitant medications
- Disease is on display and easy to assess; no invasive testing
- In dermatology, biologics are accepted as monotherapy
  - MTX and other DMARDs might interfere with PK/PD effects, immunogenicity and safety issues
- Well established primary endpoints (PASI, PGA)
- Large treatment effect size
  - Allows for detection of small differences in efficacy
- Skin responses are rapid (12 – 16 weeks)

MTX=methotrexate; PASI=Psoriasis Area Severity Index; PGA=Physician's Global Assessment  
El-Gabalawy H, et al. *J Rheumatol. Suppl* 2010;85:2-10;  
Feldman SR, Krueger GG. *Ann Rheum Dis.* 2005;64 Suppl 2:ii65-8; Lee H. *AAPS J.* 2014;16:22-6;  
Nast A, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2015;29(12):2277-2294.

# HRQoL Instruments

Study GP15-302

## **DLQI**

- 10-item general dermatology disability index questionnaire

## **EQ-5D™**

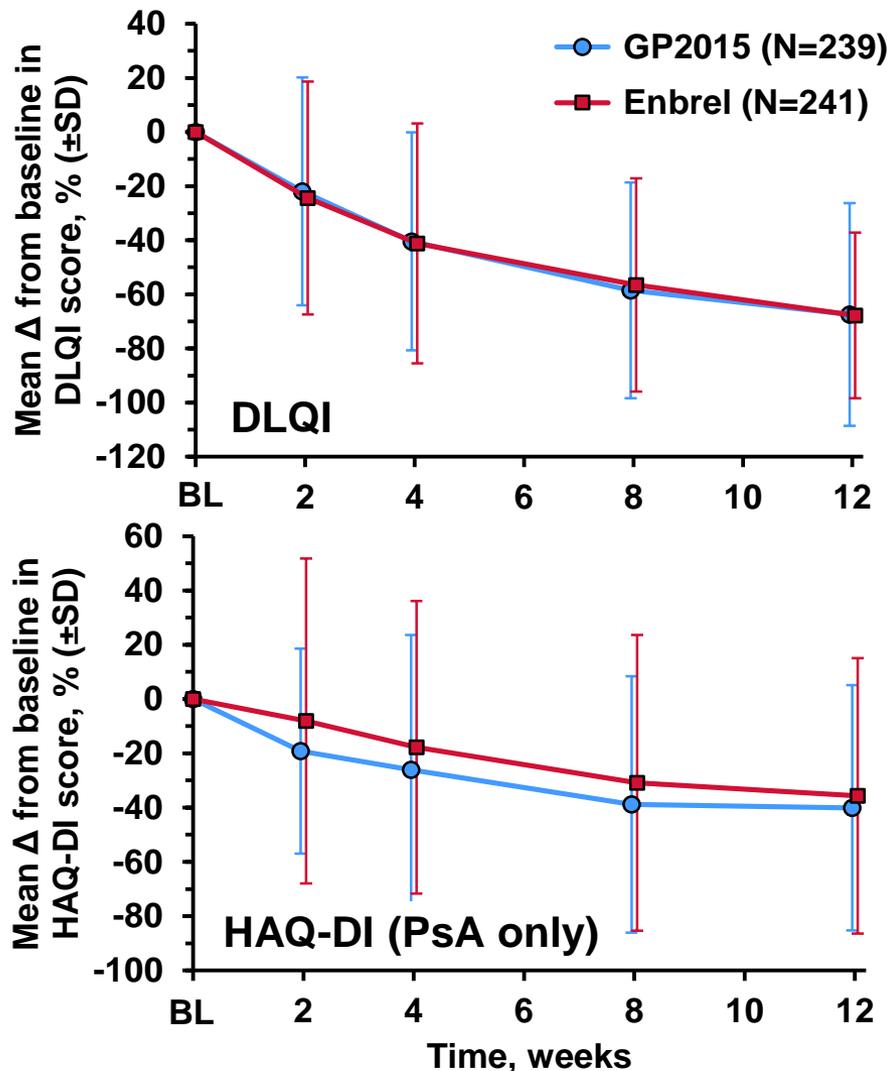
- Generic instrument to assess a patient's health status

## **HAQ-DI®**

- Administered only to study patients with a medical history of psoriatic arthritis
- Assesses physical function and activity limitation

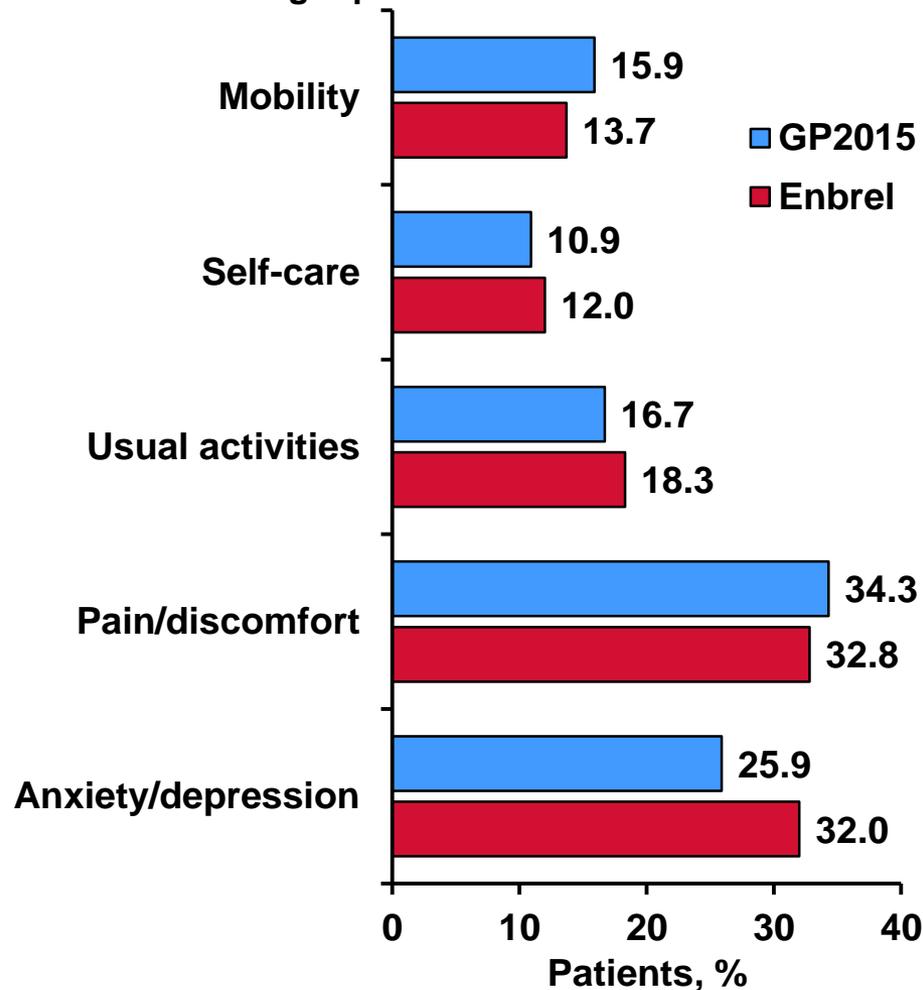
# GP2015 and Enbrel® Were Similar in All HRQoL Measurements

Study GP15-302—TP1 PPS



## EQ-5D at Week 12

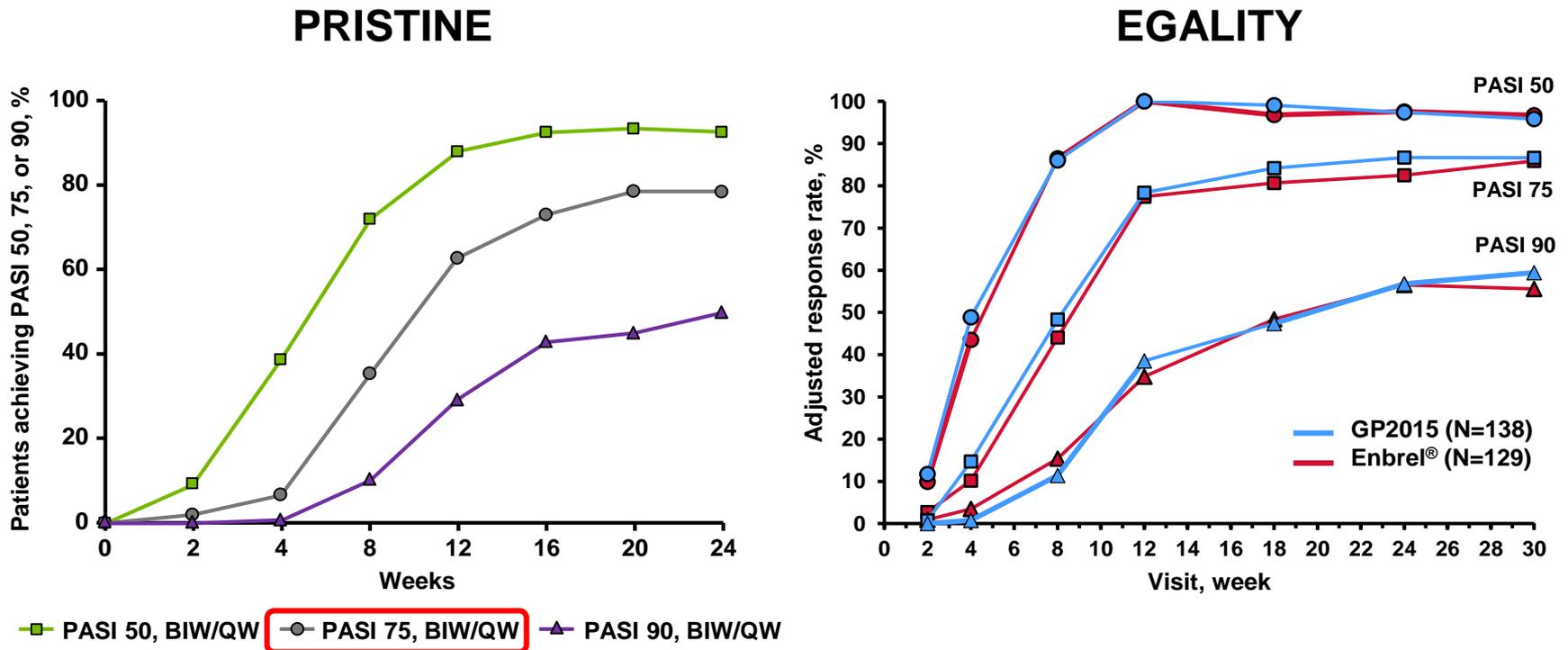
Patients with slight problems



DLQI=Dermatology Life Quality Index; HAQ-DI=Health Assessment Questionnaire-Disability Index; EQ-5D=EuroQol 5-Dimension Health Status Questionnaire.

# Plateau of PASI 75 Response Rate Comparable to Other Published Data Beyond Week 12

Evolution of PASI response in a comparable psoriasis study (Strohal 2013) vs EGALITY



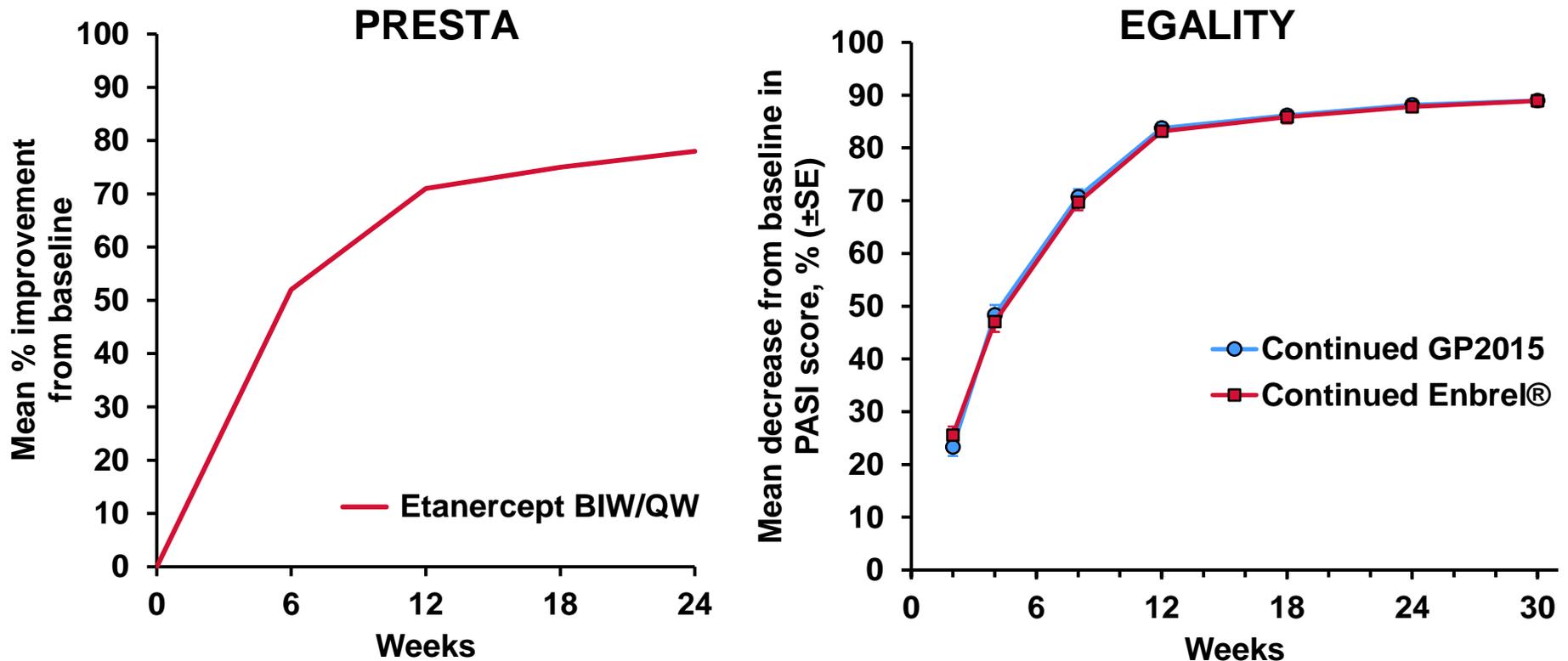
→ Longer term response rates (Week 20 to Week 24) are comparable between both studies: approx. 80% PASI 75 response rate for both

BIW=twice weekly; QW=once weekly.

Strohal R, et al. *J Dermatolog Treat.* 2013;24(3):169-178.

# Plateau of % PASI Change From Baseline Comparable to Published Data Beyond Week 12

Evolution of % PASI change from baseline in a comparable study  
(Sterry et al 2010 in a psoriatic arthritis population) vs EGALITY



→ long-term response rates (24-30 weeks) are comparable between EGALITY (just over 80%) and the literature (just under 80%)

BIW=twice weekly; QW=once weekly.

Sterry W, et al. *BMJ*. 2010;340:c147.

# Observations Regarding High PASI 75 Response Rates at Week 12

## Study GP15-302

1. Only active substance, no placebo control
2. Lower body weight in GP15-302 vs published Enbrel<sup>®</sup> studies
3. PPS instead of FAS (following the intent-to-treat principle)
4. Response beyond 12-16 weeks of treatment comparable to published studies
5. Higher response rates in more recent Enbrel psoriasis studies

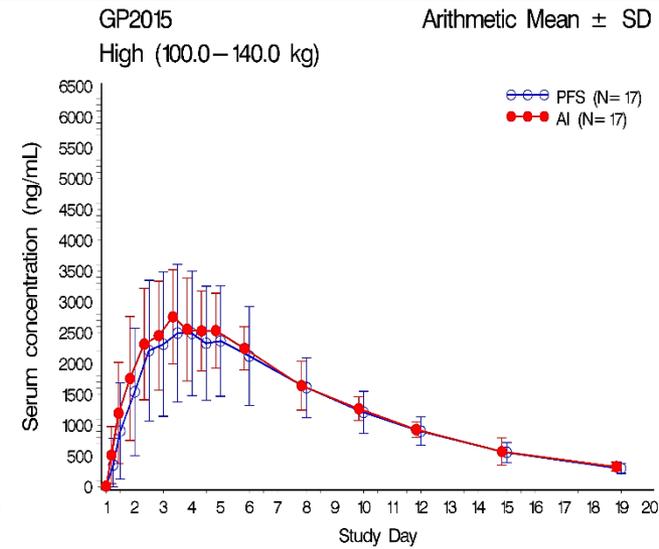
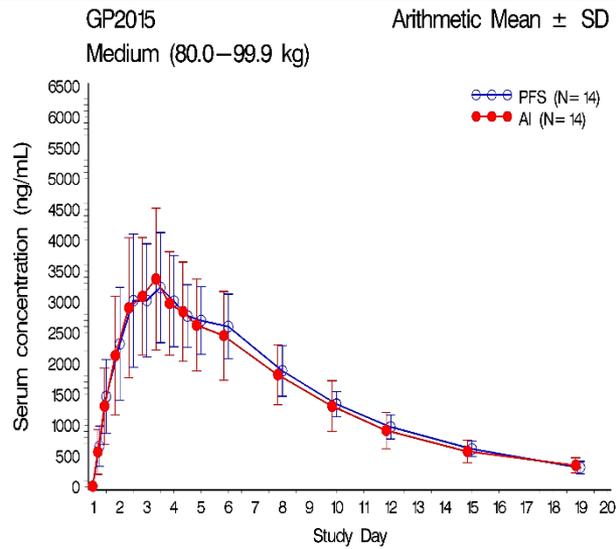
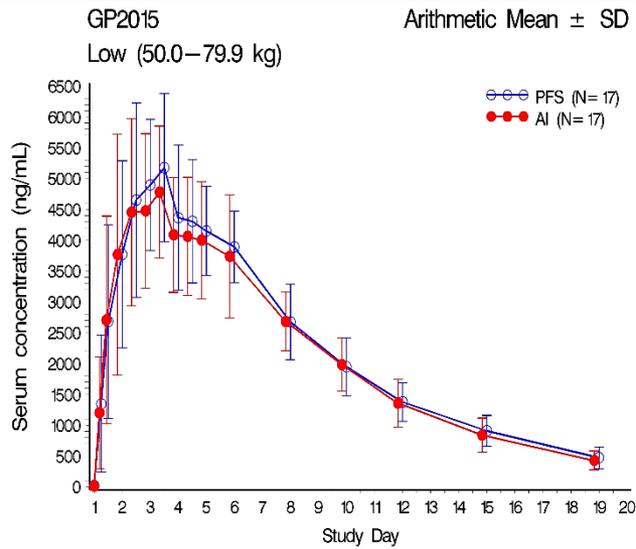
# Mean Serum Concentration Curves By Weight Category

## Study GP15-103

### Low

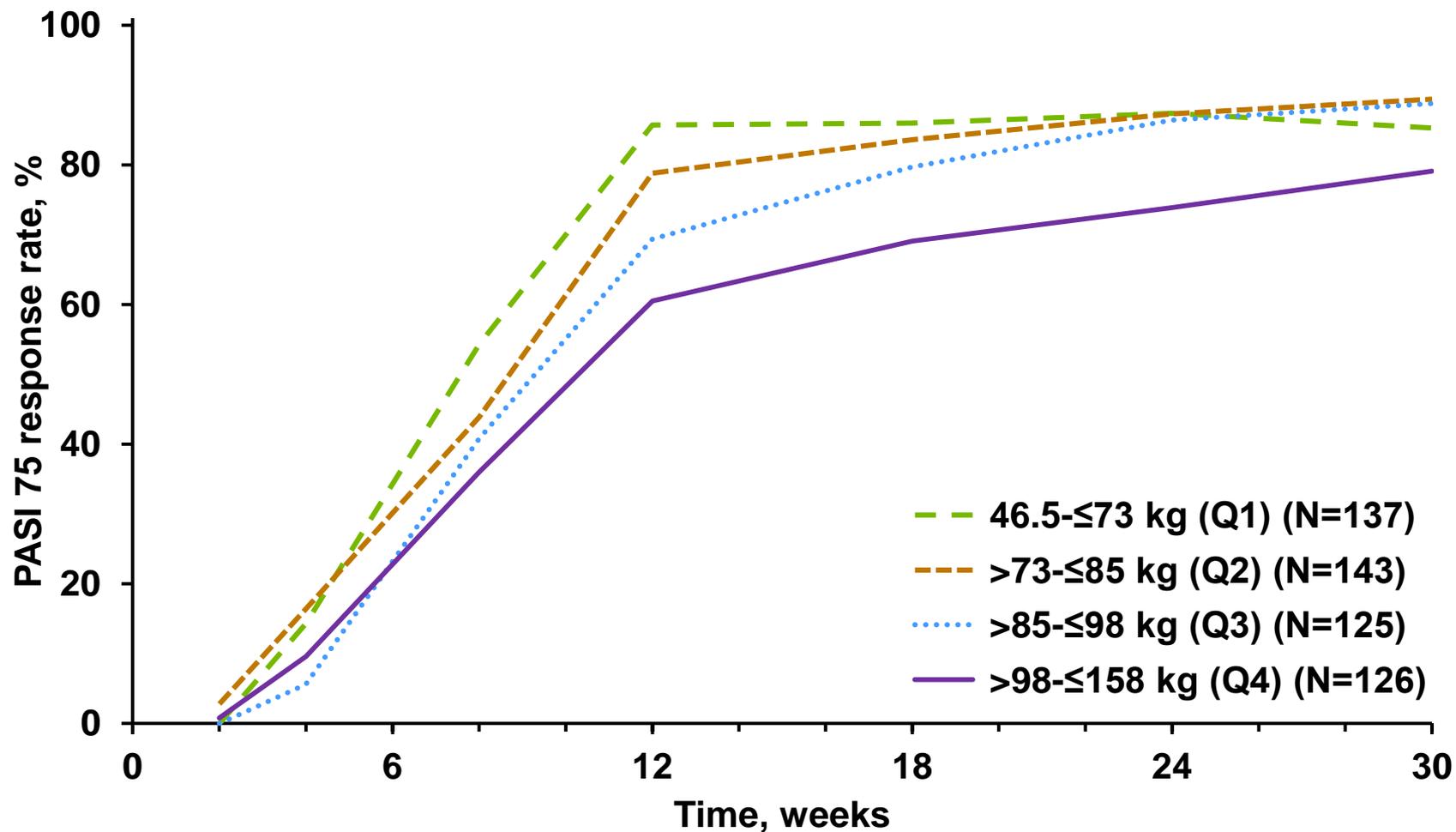
### Medium

### High



# PASI 75 Response Rate Correlates With Body Weight

Study GP15-302—TP2 FAS (Pooled Data)



# All Main Efficacy Endpoints Demonstrated Equivalence

## Study GP15-302—TP1, PPS and FAS

Endpoint	Main analysis in PPS: difference % (95%CI)	Supportive analysis in FAS: difference % (95%CI)	Pre-specified equivalence limits, %	Outcome
<b>Primary<sup>a</sup>:</b> PASI 75 response at Week 12	-2.3 (-9.85, 5.30)	-1.2 (-8.77, 6.45)	(-18, 18)	GP2015 is equivalent to Enbrel <sup>®</sup>
<b>Secondary:</b> Percentage change from baseline in PASI score up to 12 weeks (MMRM)	-0.64 (-3.47, 2.20)	-1.59 (-4.37, 1.18)	(-15, 15)	GP2015 is equivalent to Enbrel
<b>Secondary:</b> Analysis of averaged treatment effect (ATE) of percent PASI change (ANCOVA)	-0.88 (-3.61, 1.85)	-2.14 (-4.97, 0.69)	(-15, 15)	GP2015 is equivalent to Enbrel

<sup>a</sup> logistic regression model used for primary endpoint analysis  
 ANCOVA=analysis of covariance; CI=confidence intervals; FAS=full analysis set  
 (missing data imputed as non-responders);  
 MMRM=mixed-model repeated measures; PASI=psoriasis area and severity index;  
 PPS=per-protocol set.

# SAEs Regardless of Study Drug Relationship by SOC and Preferred Term

## Study GP15-302—TP2 Safety Set (N=497)

System organ class Preferred term	Patients, n (%)	
	Pooled continued N=301	Pooled switched N=196
<b>≥1 SAE</b>	3 (1.0)	6 (3.1)
<b>Infections and infestations</b>		
Diverticulitis	0	1 (0.5)
Pneumonia	1 (0.3)	0
Tonsillitis	0	1 (0.5)
<b>Injury, poisoning and procedural complications</b>		
Meniscus injury	1 (0.3)	0
Upper limb fracture	1 (0.3)	0
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Umbilical hernia	0	1 (0.5)
<b>Hepatobiliary disorders</b>		
Cholelithiasis	0	1 (0.5)
<b>Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders</b>		
Psoriatic arthropathy	0	1 (0.5)
<b>Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders</b>		
Pulmonary sarcoidosis	0	1 (0.5)
<b>Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders</b>		
Psoriasis	0	1 (0.5)