### Approach to drug selection in the IBD multi-drug era

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## How does IBD impact on a person's life?

#### **Physical aspects**

- diarrhoea, urgency, blood in stool and pain
- joint pains, eye problems, skin rashes and mouth ulcers
- night sweats and fevers
- nausea and vomiting, loss of appetite and weight loss

#### **Psychological aspects**

- fatigue and mental exhaustion
- anxiety and depression

#### Long-term complications of the disease

- hospitalisations for flares
- surgical interventions including stoma formation

#### **Everyday life**

- spending more time in the bathroom
- impact on studies and work including absence and choice of job
- relationships and sex life, family planning and pregnancy
- regular medications required to maintain remission
- food choices may be restricted to manage / avoid flares





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- CD Crohn's disease
- UC ulcerative colitis
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  - No good predictive models







Original artwork by Prof Charlie Lees In collaboration with @ErikRVA

# 28-year-old male with Crohn's disease

- Diagnosed 9 years ago (2012) at the age of 19 years
- Terminal ileal distribution (L1) confirmed on colonoscopy and TI biopsy
- >50cm of TI inflammation on small bowel MRI scanning
- Non-smoker with no relevant family history
- Studying to be an electronics engineer

# He is young and has extensive small bowel disease

- Started on combination therapy with IFX and AZA
- Excellent response
- He decides to discontinue IFX in 2013 ...
  - We would strongly discourage this in 2021
- AZA continued to 2017 ... stopped due to abnormal LFTs

# On no maintenance therapy, he develops fatigue

- "Brain fog" and profound fatigue
- Difficulties in concentrating
- He is off work
- No anaemia (Hb 150)
- Normal ferritin, vit B12, folate
- Slightly low Vitamin D



# Fatigue is an important clinical problem in IBD

- 40% of IBD patients in clinical remission often lack energy
- Psychological well-being (anxiety, depression, sleep), clinical disease activity and female sex are independently related to fatigue
- Lack of energy significantly impact on healthrelated quality of life



# On no maintenance therapy, his disease flares

### • April 2018:

- Urgent watery diarrhoea 7-8x /24h
- CRP is normal but the FCAL is 761mcg/g
- ADA monotherapy started
- October 2018:
  - Response to ADA has been excellent
  - BO x2 /24h; FCAL 26mcg/g

ADA: adalimumab; BO: bowel open; CRP: C-reactive protein; FCAL: faecal calprotectin.

# He develops immunogenicity to ADA monotherapy

August 2019: ADA levels: undetectable; anti-drug antibodies: >200 ng/mL

- BO 5-6x /24h; abdo pain;
- Mental health issues: Depressive symptoms ++
- Joint pains rheumatology
  - Painful swollen wrists and elbows; occasionally ankles and knees
  - Pauci-articular (Type I) enteropathic arthropathy
  - Joint hypermobility (Beighton's score 8/9)
- Erythema nodosum on both shins

## Disease is re-staged

- FCAL is 390mcg/g
- SBMRI 60cm of inflammation
- Options could be ustekinumab or vedolizumab
- Due to extra-intestinal manifestations of IBD ... ustekinumab started





# He makes an excellent response to ustekinumab

- After IV loading dose (Oct '19) at 6mg/kg:
  - Reduced BO'ing; no pain
  - Increased appetite and weight
  - Joint symptoms & E.N. resolve
  - Ongoing fatigue and bowel urgency
- May & Sept & Dec 2020 phone & telemedicine clinics
  - Well!
  - BO 1-2/24h with normal stool; no urgency
  - Mood is good; Energy levels are normal
  - FCAL is 20mcg/g



## March 2021

- Small bowel MRI fibro-stenotic changes but no inflammation
- Occasional mild abdominal bloating depends on diet
- Otherwise well
- FCAL <20mcg/g

# Crohn's disease is progressive



### Starting anti-TNF therapy: the importance of timing



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#### **Original Article**

#### Temporal Trends in Surgical Resection Rates and Biologic Prescribing in Crohn's Disease: A Population-based Cohort Study

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#### Abstract

**Background:** The use of biologic therapy for Crohn's disease [CD] continues to evolve, however, the effect of this on the requirement for surgery remains unclear. We assessed changes in biologic prescription and surgery over time in a population-based cohort.

**Methods:** We performed a retrospective cohort study of all 1753 patients diagnosed with CD in Lothian, Scotland, between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2017, reviewing the electronic health record of each patient to identify all CD-related surgery and biologic prescription. Cumulative probability and hazard ratios for surgery and biologic prescription from diagnosis were calculated and compared using the log-rank test and Cox regression analysis stratified by year of diagnosis into cohorts.

**Results:** The 5-year cumulative risk of surgery was 20.4% in cohort 1 [2000–2004],18.3% in cohort 2 [2005–2008], 14.7% in cohort 3 [2009–2013], and 13.0% in cohort 4 [2014–2017] p <0.001. The 5-year cumulative risk of biologic prescription was 5.7% in cohort 1, 12.2% in cohort 2, 22.0% in cohort 3, and 44.9% in cohort 4 p <0.001.

**Conclusions:** The increased and earlier use of biologic therapy in CD patients corresponded with a decreasing requirement for surgery over time within our cohort. This could mean that adopting a top-down or accelerated step-up treatment strategy may be effective at reducing the requirement for surgery in newly diagnosed CD.

Key Words: Crohn's disease; biologics; infliximab; adalimumab; vedolizumab; ustekinumab; surgery





# Normalisation of FC in first year of CD is associated with better outcomes over time



- Normalized FC
- Not Normalized FC

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- -**-** FC < 50 μg/g
- **---** FC 50-<250 μg/g
- FC ≥250 μg/g

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# Early biologic use was the strongest predictor of FC normalisation

		Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval	p-value
Older Age		0.987	0.975-1.000	0.045
L4		0.290	0.155-0.542	<0.001
Treatment at diagnosis (<3 months)	Nil	Reference		
	Steroid mono-therapy	0.821	0.362-1.863	0.637
	IMM mono-therapy	0.945	0.418-2.138	0.893
	Biologic mono/combo-therapy	4.288	1.585-11.601	0.004
Higher Baseline FC*		0.127	0.048-0.336	<0.001

Plevris N et al CGH 2020

# Total infliximab uptake in Europe has increased since biosimilars came to the market



1. IMS MIDAS Unit Sales data by month (Feb 2020).

### Infliximab and adalimumab biosimilars authorisations

	Biosimilar brand name	Molecule name	EMA authorisation <sup>1</sup>	Health Canada authorisation <sup>2</sup>	Japan authorisation <sup>3</sup>
Infliximab	REMSIMA <sup>®</sup> /INFLECTRA <sup>®</sup>	CT-P13	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2013	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> July 2014
	FLIXABI <sup>®</sup> / RENFLEXIS <sup>®</sup>	SB-2	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2017	
	ZESSLY <sup>®</sup> / IXIFI <sup>®</sup>	PF-06438179 / GP1111	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018		2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2018
	Infliximab biosimilar 2*	NI-071 / GS071			27 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2017
Adalimumab	AMGEVITA®	ABP-501	21 <sup>st</sup> Mar 2017		
	IMRALDI <sup>®</sup> / HADLIMA <sup>®</sup>	SB-5	24 <sup>th</sup> Aug 2017	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	
	HALIMATOZ <sup>®</sup> / HEFIYA <sup>®</sup> / HYRIMOZ <sup>®</sup>	GP-2017	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018		
	HULIO®	FKB327	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2018		
	IDACIO <sup>®</sup> / KROMEYA <sup>®</sup>	MSB-11022	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019		

\*Japanese Approved Name; EMA: European Medicines Agency

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# Adalimumab use over time



J Crohns Colitis, jjab100, https://doi.org/10.1093/ecco-jcc/jjab100

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### What does success look like?



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- machine learning and AI
- hyper-personalized care

#### Young age

(Beaugerie L. et al, Gastroenterology. 2006;130:650-6. Loly C, et al. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2008;43:948-54)

#### Smoking (Franchimont D, et al. Eur J Gastroenterol Hepatol. 1998;10:821-5)



#### Extensive small bowel disease (Munkholm P, et al. Gastroenterology. 1993;105:1716-33)

Risk factors

+

#### 🐏 Peri-anal disease

(Beaugerie L. et al, Gastroenterol. 2006;130:650-6. Loly C, et al .Scand J Gastroenterol. 2008;43:948-54)



#### Steroids at diagnosis

(Beaugerie L, et al. Gastroenterology. 2006;130:650-6)



(Loly C, et al. Scand J Gastroenterol. 2008;43:948-54)

### Deep ulcerations at endoscopy

(Allez M, et al. Am J Gastroenterol. 2002;89:454-9)

# Predicting disease course in CD using CD8 transcriptomics







Lee et al JCI 2011

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# Advances in IBD therapy have provided patients and healthcare providers with a wealth of treatment options



CD, Crohn's disease; IBD, inflammatory bowel disease; IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous; UC, ulcerative colitis.

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Chose the right drug for the right patient at the right time



Lots of interesting questions here:
precision medicine
head to head studies
drug sequencing
role of biosimilars
antibodies vs small molecules
combination of therapies







Genes	Drugs	ADR
TPMT	Thiopurines	Myelosuppression
NUDT15	Thiopurines	Myelosuppression
HLA-DQA1*05	IFX, ADA	Immunogenicity
HLA-DRB1*07	Thiopurines	Pancreatitis

### Anti-TNFα Therapies Are Associated with Loss of Response





TNFo=tumor necrosis factor alpha.

Graph based on data from 1. Yanai H et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2011;105:685-698. 2. Ben-Horin S et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2011;33:987-995. 3. Gisbert JP et al. Am J Gastroenterol 2009;104:760-767.

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### WHAT FACTORS DO YOU CONSIDER WHEN DETERMINING WHICH BIOLOGIC TO USE FIRST LINE?



### EFFICACY OF VEDOLIZUMAB MAINTENANCE IS ATTENUATED FOLLOWING PRIOR USE OF ANTI-TNF

**Clinical remission** 

Anti-TNF failure Anti-TNF naïve 100 Placebo Vedolizumab Q8W Vedolizumab Q4W\* 80 Δ=19.7 Δ=14.5 Δ=24.7 Δ=16.0 Patients ( %) 60 51.5 46.5 40 28.0 26.8 27.3 20 12.8 0 71 71 66 71 71 66 n= Week 52\* Adapted from Sands BE et al Inflamm Bowel Dis 2017 (GEMINI 2 post-hoc analysis) \*Q4W is approved for patients losing response to Q8W

\*Week 52 in Week 6 CDAI 70 responders

Clinical remission: Crohn's Disease Activity Index ≤150.

Crohn's disease

TNF: tumour necrosis factor therapy; Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; CDAI: Crohn's Disease Activity Index

Sands BE, et al. Inflamm Bowel Dis. 2017;1:97-106 (supplementary appendix)

### USTEKINUMAB EFFICACY AS MAINTENANCE THERAPY IN CROHN'S DISEASE



#### \*Q8W is approved for patients losing response to Q12W

Clinical remission: Crohn's Disease Activity Index (CDAI) score <150 points;

CDAI-100 response: ≥100-point decrease in CDAI score TNF: tumour necrosis factor therapy; Q8W, every 8 weeks, Q12W, every 12 weeks Sandborn W, et al. Gastroenterology. 2016;150 (4 Suppl):S157-158 (Abstract 768)



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Ustekinumab is associated with superior effectiveness outcomes compared to vedolizumab in Crohn's disease patients with prior failure to anti-TNF treatment

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FIGURE 2 Remission rates at week 48 with vedolizumab or ustekinumab in patients Crohn's disease. Values are shown in Forest plot for subgroup analysis





0,9 90% sur 0,8 80% Ustekinumab 992 0,7 70% 0,6 HR = 1.53 [1.04-2.07], p=0.029 60% 0,5 deep Vedolizumab 50% p = 0.5840% 0,4 5 p = 0.047ate 26,6% <u>0</u> 0,3 30% 17,9% 16,1% 20% 0,2 Ē 10% 5,7% 0,1 0% W14 W24 0 3 6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27 30 33 36 Follow-up (Months) Ustekinumab Vedolizumab Anthony Buisson<sup>1,4</sup> Stéphane Nancey<sup>2</sup>

100%



Ustekinumab Vedolizumab

Edinburgh IBD Unit ustekinumab audit in Crohn's disease USTE dose intensification over time (\*unpublished data)



HLA-DQA1\*05 testing might help select anti-TNF and combination immunomodulator therapies.

		Immunomodulator status		
		Appropriate and tolerated	Contraindicated <i>or</i> not tolerated	
DQA1*05	Pos	IFX combo ADAL combo	Avoid anti-TNF	
	Neg	IFX combo ADAL combo / ?mono	ADAL mono	



Sasonovs et al Gastroenterology. 2019 Oct 7. pii: S0016-5085(19)41414-5. doi: 10.1053/j.gastro.2019.09.041. [Epub ahead of print]



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### Inflammatory bowel disease head-to-head trials

Conventional vs conventional therapy	Mesalazine vs Asacol in UC1	
	Budesonide-multi-matrix System (MMX™) vs Asacol in UC <sup>2</sup>	
	MMX <sup>®</sup> Mesalamine vs Delayed-release Mesalamine in UC <sup>3</sup>	
Biologic vs conventional therapy	SONIC: Infliximab + Azathioprine vs Infliximab vs Azathioprine in CD <sup>4</sup>	
	UC-SUCCESS: Infliximab + Azathioprine vs Infliximab vs Azathioprine in UC <sup>5</sup>	
Comparison of therapeutic strategies	Top-Down vs Step-Up Strategies in CD: Infliximab + Azathioprine vs Methylprednisolone or Budesonide <sup>6</sup>	
	REACT: Treatment Algorithm vs Usual Care for Management of CD <sup>7</sup>	
	CALM: Tight Control vs Clinical Management Algorithm in CD <sup>8</sup>	
Biologic vs biosimilar	NOR-SWITCH and 3.4: Originator Infliximab vs Biosimilar CT-P13 in CD <sup>9-10</sup>	
Biologic vs biologic	VARSITY <sup>11</sup> (vedo > ada in UC); SEAVUE <sup>12</sup> (ada = uste in CD)	

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### Infliximab, Azathioprine, or Combination Therapy for Crohn's Disease

### 2010. SONIC

### RDBT/ IFX vs AZA vs IFX+AZA/ Mod-Sev CD/ Remission



Primary end point: corticosteroid-free clinical remission at w26;

Secondary end points: mucosal healing w26, rate of any remission, response-70, response-100, IBDQ score, steroid dose, CRP level from baseline to w26.

Steroid free remission w26: 56.8% combo vs 44.4% IFX alone vs 30% AZA; p=0.006/ p<0.001 Mucosal healing w26: combo 43.9% vs 30.1% IFX alone vs 16.5% AZA; p=0.02/p<0.001 Antibodies w30: 0.9% combo vs 14.6% IFX; p<0.001

No differences in serious infections.

Conclusion: Patients with moderate to severe active CD treated with IFX+ AZA or IFX monotherapy were more likely to have steroid free remission than AZA alone. Combotherapy superior to both monotherapies.



2008. SUTD

Early combined immunosuppression or conventional management in patients with newly diagnosed Crohn's disease: an open randomised trial OL/ conventional vs IFX+AZA/ New CD/ Remission

> Primary outcome: free steroid remission (CDAI<150) without surgery need w26 and 52. Secondary: time to relapse, mean CDAI and IBDQ scores; mean CRP and endoscopic severity scores.

Remission without surgery w26: 60% E-combo vs 35.9% conventional; p=0.006. Remission without surgery w54: 61.5% E-combo vs 42.2% conventional ; p=0.028. No differences in serious adverse events related to treatment.



### Figure 2: Proportions of patients in remission

<u>Conclusions</u>: Combined therapy more effective than conventional for induction and reduction of steroid use in recently diagnosed CD.

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# CALM: Evidence for the success of treating to target in IBD



**Tight control** 

VS Clinical management

- Open-label, multicentre study in patients with **early** moderate-to-severe CD
- Patients (n=244) randomised to:
  - Tight control (treat-to-target approach) Treatment optimization based on biomarkers (CRP, FCP) and clinical symptoms
  - Clinical management Treatment optimization based on clinical symptoms
- Monitored every 12 weeks
- Primary endpoint was mucosal healing (CDEIS <4) with absence of deep ulcers at week 48

# CALM: Primary endpoint at Week 48

Tight control resulted in significantly more patients achieving mucosal healing (CDEIS <4) with no deep ulcerations than clinical management



# SEAVUE: A phase 3b, multicentre, randomised, blinded, head-to-head trial<sup>1</sup> SEAVUE

AIM: To compare the efficacy and safety of *Stelara*<sup>®</sup> *to that of adalimumab* in the treatment of *biologic-naïve patients with moderately-to-severely active CD* 

### **1.** Primary outcome measure:

• Percentage of Participants with Clinical Remission (CDAI score <150) at Week 52

### **2.** Major secondary outcome measures:

- Percentage of Participants with **Corticosteroid-free Remission** at Week 52
- Percentage of Participants with **Clinical Response** at Week 52
- **PRO-2 Symptom Remission** at Week 52
- Percentage of Participants with **Clinical Remission** at Week 16
- Percentage of Participants with Endoscopic Remission at Week 52

**1.** Sands BE, et al. Oral presentation 775d. Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2021; **2.** Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT03464136. Available at: https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03464136 [accessed August 2021].

# SEAVUE enrolled biologic-naïve patients with active CD<sup>1,2</sup>



### Key inclusion criteria:

- Not previously received an approved biologic (including biosimilars) for CD
- CD or fistulising CD of ≥3 months duration, with colitis, ileitis or ileocolitis
- Moderately-to-severely active CD (baseline CDAI of ≥220 and ≤450)
- **≥1 ulcerations** (SES-CD of ≥3)
- Failed or was intolerant to conventional therapy or is corticosteroid dependent
- Participants must discontinue AZA, MP or MTX ≥3 weeks prior to baseline

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MP: mercaptopurine; AZA: azathioprine; CD: Crohn's disease; CDAI: Crohn's disease activity index; MTX: methotrexate; SES-CD: simple endoscopic score for Crohn's disease.



# PRIMARY ENDPOINT Clinical remission\* at Week 52 (CDAI < 150)

SEAVUE



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AE: adverse event; CD: Crohn's disease; CDAI: Crohn's disease activity index; CI: confidence interval; NS: not statistically significant; q2w: every 2 weeks; q8w: every 8 weeks; SC: subcutaneous

# Clinical remission\* through Week 52 (CDAI SEAVUE



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### Endoscopic remission<sup>\*</sup> and response<sup>†</sup> at Week 52

**Major Secondary Endpoint:** 

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#### Endoscopic response<sup>‡,§</sup> Endoscopic remission<sup>‡,§</sup> 100 100 Δ = -2.3% (95% CI: -11.6%, 7.0%)¶ $\Delta = 4.9\% (95\% \text{ CI: } -5.1\%, 14.8\%)^{\text{T}}$ Percent o Patients(%) 80 80 Nominal p=0.631 (NS) Percent of Patients (%) Nominal p=0.349 (NS) 60 60 41.9 36.9 40 40 30.7 28.5 20 20 66/179 75/179 55/179 51/179 0 0 Adalimumab Stelara® Adalimumab Stelara<sup>®</sup> 40 mg SC g2w 90 mg SC q8w 40 mg SC q2w 90 mg SC q8w

Adapted from Sands BE, et al. 2021

\*Endoscopic remission defined as SES-CD ≤3 or SES-CD=0 for patients who entered the study with an SES-CD=3. Evaluated in patients with SES-CD ≥3 at baseline. <sup>†</sup>Endoscopic response defined as reduction in SES-CD by 50% from baseline or SES-CD ≤3 or SES-CD =0 for patients who enter the study with an SES-CD =3. <sup>‡</sup>Patients who had a prohibited CD-related surgery, had prohibited concomitant medication changes, or discontinued study agent due to lack of efficacy or due to an AE indicated to be of worsening CD prior to the designated analysis timepoint are considered not to be in endoscopic remission/response, regardless of their SES-CD score. <sup>§</sup>Patients who had insufficient data to calculate the SES-CD score at the designated analysis timepoint are considered not to be in endoscopic remission/response. <sup>¶</sup>The confidence intervals were based on the Wald statistic with Mantel-Haenszel weight. Sands BE, et al. Oral presentation 775d. Digestive Disease Week (DDW) 2021.

AE: adverse event; BL: baseline; CD: Crohn's disease; CI: confidence interval; NS: not statistically significant; q2w: every 2 weeks; q8w: every 8 weeks; SES-CD: simple endoscopic score for Crohn's disease.

# ULCERATIVE COLITIS

# The number of biologic prescriptions for patients with UC has increased



Figure adapted with permission from Jenkinson PW, et al. 2020.

- Joinpoints identified at 2012 and 2015
- 30% annual percentage change over the entire study period

UC=ulcerative colitis. Jenkinson PW, et al. *Colorectal Dis.* 2020. doi: 10.1111/codi.15491.

# Proportion of patients with uc undergoing colectomy has fallen since 2005



Many factors have contributed to this reduction in colectomy incidence, including an increasing number of treatment options<sup>2</sup>

- Joinpoint identified at 2014; P=0.019
- Significant increase in the rate of change of colectomy after 2014

UC=ulcerative colitis.

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### TARGETED THERAPIES: CLINICAL REMISSION\* IN UC



Grey bar, placebo; other colors, active treatments. \*Clinical remission was defined as a total Mayo score of 2 points or lower, with no individual subscore exceeding 1 point, except for tofacitinib studies, in which clinical remission was defined as total Mayo score ≤2; no subscore >1; rectal bleeding subscore of 0. 1. Feagan BG et al. N Engl J Med 2013; 369: 699-710. 2. Rutgeerts P, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2005;353:2462-76. 3. Sandborn WJ, et al. *Gastroenterology*. 2012;142:257-65. 4. Sandborn WJ, et al. Gastroenterology. 2014;146:85-95. 5. Sandborn WJ. *Gastroenterology*. 2014;146:96-109. 6. Sands B, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2019;381:1201-14.. 7. Sandborn et al. N Engl J Med 2017; 376:1723-1736

### UC treatment pathway example

### Active UC

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- Assess severity and extent
  - Mild: BO 1-3 per day. No systemic symptoms
  - Moderate: BO 4–6 per day without systemic symptoms
  - Severe: BO >6 per day with systemic symptoms

Optimise 5-ASA therapy, depending on severity and extent
Treat active symptoms as per guidance

- Assess response with calprotectin (fCAL) and Mayo score
- If patient does not respond, is steroid-dependent or has received >1 course of steroids in the past 12 months consider the recommended treatment options but also consider surgery
- Ensure complete screening, counselling and vaccination per local recommendations

Diagram adapted from NHS Lothian UC Pathway, courtesy of Prof Charlie Lees.

ASUC=acute severe ulcerative colitis; BO=bowels opened; fCAL=faecal calprotectin; NICE=National Institute for Health and Care Excellence; UC=ulcerative colitis. **1.** NICE, Ulcerative colitis: management [NG130]. 2019. <u>https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng130/chapter/Recommendations#maintaining-remission-in-people-with-ulcerative-colitis</u>. Accessed 26 July 2021. **2.** NICE, Infliximab, adalimumab and golimumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis after the failure of conventional therapy [TA329]. 2015. <u>http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA329</u>. Accessed 26 July 2021. **3.** NICE, Vedolizumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis. [TA547]. 2018. <u>http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA547</u>. Accessed 26 July 2021. **5.** NICE, Ustekinumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis. [TA547]. 2018. <u>http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA547</u>. Accessed 26 July 2021. **5.** NICE, Ustekinumab for treating moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis. [TA633]. 2020. <u>http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/TA633</u>. Accessed 26 July 2021.

If acute UC, admit to hospital and follow ASUC protocol

### Options available

- Thiopurine<sup>1</sup>
- Infliximab plus thiopurine<sup>2</sup>
- Adalimumab<sup>2</sup>
- Golimumab<sup>2</sup>
- Vedolizumab<sup>3</sup>
- Tofacitinib<sup>4</sup>
- Ustekinumab<sup>5</sup>

# Case 2 (1/5): 26yrs female teacher; uC 2013

- Traumatic birth prolonged neonatal icu admission as a baby
- Grandmother with UC; aunt with Crohn's disease

**2013:** Initial induction therapy with prednisolone 40mg /day reducing over 8 weeks plus adcal

- Oral and topical 5-ASA with excellent response FCAL <20mcg/g</li>
- BO x1 /day no blood and no pain; good energy levels;
- weight reduction from 94 to 84kg by good diet and exercise

May 2017 enrolled into PREdiCCt Study

# Case 2 (2/5)

July 2018: Routine FCAL in clinic is 977mcg/g

- Symptoms flare (reduction in 5-ASA dose) and needs prednisolone
- FCAL is 232mcg/g after steroids; continues on Mezavant 4.8g as monotherapy
- October 2019: FCAL 15mcg/g

July 2020: virtual clinic; well; BO 2x/day no blood, no urgency, no pain

• Diet is good and weight down; enjoying cycling; mood is good despite the pandemic

### **October 2020: FLARE CLINIC**

- BO 20x/24h; blood; fatigue; CRP 187mg/L; albumin 34g/L; FCAL 1133mcg/g; admitted for iv steroids
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy: severe confluent colitis with deep ulcers
- IFX 10mg/kg x2

# Case 2 (3/5)

### 7 December 2020: Telemedicine clinic

- Flare precipitated "from the stress around my recent and very protracted house moved that got delayed by cladding issues and then COVID issues"
- Very happy with infliximab; prednisolone at 15mg od;
- Stop 5-ASA and start azathioprine 75mg once daily
  - AZA poorly tolerated; plans to switch to subcut IFX
- She is desperate to get back to school. She works as a secondary teacher. I am happy for her to back now and she is relieved to hear this.

**29 December 2020:** flaring 10d after steroids finish; an extra iv dose of IFX (dose 4) arranged

- BO 6x/24 and still blood; some urgency; CRP 2mg/L albumin 41g/L continue with subcut IFX
- Restart 5-ASA and check FCAL ... 1091mcg/g

# Case 2 (4/5)

### **19 February: face-to-face clinic**

- Astra Zeneca Covid vaccine 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Decreased BO; less blood

18<sup>th</sup> March 2021: Acute admission from clinic

• iv steroids plus vedo













# Case 2 (4/5)

### **19 February: face-to-face clinic**

- Astra Zeneca Covid vaccine 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Decreased BO; less blood

### 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021: Acute admission from clinic

• iv steroids plus vedo

### April 2021: further acute admission: CyA started ("it is a wonder drug")

- Mild resting tremor
- Accelerated steroid withdrawal
- Vedo loading continues 3<sup>rd</sup> iv dose (week 6) om 5<sup>th</sup> May; will start subcut on 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Well; bloods normal; FCAL 156mcg/g; **stop CyA after 10 weeks** 

Case 2 (5/5)

10 days after CyA stops ... BO'ing inreases from x2/day to x5/day with increased blood

- CRP 17mg/L and FCAL 961mcg/g
- Vedo stopped; tofacitinib started at 10mg bd

### 1 to 2 days after starting TOFA bleeding stopped

- Within 5 days bowels opening twice per day; nil nocturnal, no pain,
- Fever and sweats stopped;
- Within 14 days: energy levels near normal
- CRP dropped from 17mg/L to 1mg/L

FCAL dropped from 961mcg/g (18<sup>th</sup> June) to 26mcg/g (25<sup>th</sup> August)

### VARSITY IS THE FIRST HEAD-TO-HEAD SUPERIORITY STUDY COMPARING TWO BIOLOGICS IN UC

### Phase IIIb randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, multicentre, active-controlled study



Adapted from Sands BE et al New Engl J Med 2019

- Objective: Evaluate efficacy and safety of vedolizumab IV compared with adalimumab SC over 52 weeks
- Primary endpoint: Clinical remission at Week 52 (complete Mayo score ≤2 and no individual subscore >1)
- Secondary endpoints:
  - Mucosal healing at Week 52 (Mayo endoscopic subscore ≤1)
  - Corticosteroid-free clinical remission at Week 52 (among those with baseline corticosteroid use)

<sup>a</sup> Includes two patients randomized but not dosed. IV: intravenous; PBO: placebo; Q2W: every 2 weeks; SC: subcutaneous; UC: ulcerative colitis. Sands BE, et al. *New Engl J Med.* 2019;381:1215–26.

### VEDOLIZUMAB SUPERIOR TO ADALIMUMAB IN ACHIEVING CLINICAL REMISSION AND ENDOSCOPIC IMPROVEMENT AT WEEK 52



\*In the subgroup of patients receiving corticosteroids at baseline.

Clinical remission defined as complete Mayo score  $\leq 2$  and no individual subscore >1; Endoscopic improvement defined as Mayo endoscopic subscore  $\leq 1$ . IV: intravenous; ns: non-significant; pp: percentage points; qXw: every X weeks; SC: subcutaneous. Sands BE, et al. *New Engl J Med*. 2019;381:1215–26.
## DIFFERENCES IN CLINICAL RESPONSE BETWEEN VEDOLIZUMAB AND ADALIMUMAB WERE SUSTAINED TO WEEK 52



Adapted from Sands BE et al N Engl J Med 2019

Clinical response based on partial Mayo score: Reduction in partial Mayo score of  $\geq 2$  points and  $\geq 25\%$  from baseline, with an accompanying decrease in rectal bleeding subscore of  $\geq 1$  point or absolute rectal bleeding subscore of  $\leq 1$  point. Patients with missing clinical response status were considered nonresponders. Cl: confidence interval; IV: intravenous; qXw: every X weeks; SC: subcutaneous; UC: ulcerative colitis. Sands BE, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2019;381:1215–26.

# Tofacitinib in UC

### Post-hoc analysis<sup>†</sup> of pooled data from OCTAVE Induction 1 and OCTAVE Induction 2 (FAS, observed case)

Daily Mayo stool frequency and rectal bleeding subscores were calculated using patient diary data collected daily during the first 15 days of induction therapy. Partial Mayo Score subscore data were first collected at Day 15



Figures adapted with permission from Hanauer S et al. Clin Gastroenterol Hepatol 2019;17(Suppl):139–147.

'Consideration should be made for multiple testing and inclusion of unadjusted p-values when interpreting data. BID=twice daily; FAS-full analysis set; IS=lest-squares; SE-standard error. 1. Hanauer S et al. Clin Gostroenterol Hepotol 2019;17:139–147. 2. Hanauer S et al. Clin Gostroenterol Hepotol 2019;17(supp):139–147. **SCENARIO IBD\_NO FLARES:** induce remission, maintain remission, prevent flare, & therefore disease progression







# Crohn's Disease



#### Strong relation seen with:

- Lack of fiber
- Lack of Omega-3
- Ultra-processed foods
- Lack of Vitamin D\*

Not-enough-evidence diets in

- IBD
- Low FODMAP
- Gluten free
- Dairy free
- Prebiotic rich diets
- Paleo/Keto diet
- Vegan/vegetarian diet

## IBD

## Risk

- Omega 3 fats
  - Fiber
  - Nuts
  - Vitamin D



### Risk

- Saturated fats
- Red Meat
- Sugars
- Emulsifiers



### Improve

- Exclusive enteral nutrition (small bowel CD)

## Common Deficiencies

- Iron
- Folate
- Vitamin D, B12
- Calcium, Magnesium, Zinc

# **Ulcerative Colitis**



#### Strong relation seen with:

- Red meat
- Sweet beverages

Nutrients 2021, 13, 1387. Alim Pharmacol Ther.2014; 39:834-842 Inflamm Bowel Dis 2016:22:345-354 Inflamm Bowel Dis. 2016; 22: 1403-11 Eur J Clin Nutr. 2017; 71:566 Gastroenterology. 2020; 159: 873-883 Nutrients 2020, 12, 2296

## **IOIBD** Dietary Recommendations for Patients With IBDs

Diet	UC	CD	Clarifications
Fruits			If stricture reduce insoluble fiber
Vegetables			If stricture reduce insoluble fiber
Refined sugars/ Carbohydrates			
Wheat/gluten			Associated with ileitis in mouse model
Red/processed meat			
Poultry			
Pasteurized Dairy			Lactase deficiency & intolerance frequent in IBD
Unpasteurized Dariy			
Dietary fats (trans fat, palm oil, dairy fats)			
Alcohol			
Maltodextrins/artificial sweeteners			
Emulsifiers and thickeners			E433, polysorbate-80, E466, and carboxymethylcellylose
Carrageenans			In dairy-based deserts, frozen meals & processed meat
Titanium dioxide & other nanoparticules			

RED: prudent to avoid. G

GREEN: Prudent to increase.







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# **PREdiCCt** aims:

To determine which aspects of

- a) baseline habitual diet,
- b) the environment,
- c) genetic variation and
- d) the gut microbiota

are associated with & predict disease flare in Crohn's disease and UC.

The primary objectives are to test associations with:

- 1. Total animal protein intake
- 2. Dietary fibre
- 3. N-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids
- 4. Dietary emulsifiers
- 5. Total bacterial gene count in stool







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