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## **AUSTRALIAN PRODUCT INFORMATION - DUPIXENT® (DUPILUMAB) SOLUTION FOR INJECTION**

### **1 NAME OF THE MEDICINE**

Dupilumab (rch)

### **2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION**

#### **300 mg Pre-Filled Syringe**

Each pre-filled syringe is designed to deliver 300 mg dupilumab in 2 mL (150 mg/mL solution). It is supplied as a single-use pre-filled syringe with or without a needle shield.

#### **200 mg Pre-Filled Syringe**

Each single-use pre-filled syringe contains 200 mg dupilumab in 1.14 mL (175mg/mL) solution. It is supplied as a single-use pre-filled syringe with a needle shield.

Dupilumab is a fully human monoclonal antibody produced by recombinant DNA technology in Chinese Hamster Ovary cell suspension culture.

For the full list of excipients, see Section 6.1 - List of excipients.

### **3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM**

Solution for injection.

Dupixent is a sterile, preservative-free, clear to slightly opalescent, colourless to pale yellow solution for subcutaneous injection which is free from visible particulates, pH 5.9.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

### 4.1 THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

#### **Atopic Dermatitis**

Dupixent is indicated for the treatment of moderate to severe atopic dermatitis in patients aged 12 years and older who are candidates for chronic systemic therapy. Dupixent is not intended for episodic use.

#### **Asthma**

Dupixent is indicated as add on maintenance treatment in patients aged 12 years and older with moderate to severe asthma with type 2 inflammation (elevated eosinophils or elevated FeNO).

Dupixent is indicated as maintenance therapy for oral corticosteroid dependent asthma.

### 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

#### **Atopic dermatitis**

Dupixent treatment should be initiated and supervised by a dermatologist or immunologist.

#### **Adults**

The recommended dose of Dupixent for adult patients is as follows:

- Initial dose of 600 mg by subcutaneous injection (two 300 mg injections consecutively in different injection sites), followed by 300 mg given every other week.

#### **Adolescents**

The recommended dose of Dupixent for adolescent patients 12 to 17 years of age is specified in [Table 1](#)

**Table 1 - Dose of Dupixent for subcutaneous administration in adolescent patients 12 years to 17 years of age with atopic dermatitis**

<b>Body Weight of Patient</b>	<b>Initial Dose</b>	<b>Subsequent Doses (every other week)</b>
< 60 Kg	400 mg (two 200 mg injections)	200mg
≥ 60 kg	600 mg (two 300 mg injections)	300mg

Dupixent can be used with or without topical therapy.

## **Asthma**

Dupixent treatment should be prescribed by a specialist experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of asthma.

The recommended dose of Dupixent for adults and adolescents (12 years of age and older) is:

- Initial dose of 400 mg by subcutaneous injection (two 200 mg injections consecutively in different injection sites) followed by 200 mg given every other week.

Patients with oral corticosteroids-dependent asthma or with co-morbid moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis for which Dupixent is indicated;

- Initial dose of 600 mg by subcutaneous injection (two 300 mg injections consecutively in different injection sites) followed by 300 mg given every other week

## **Missed dose**

If a dose is missed, instruct the patient to administer the injection within 7 days from the missed dose and then resume the patient's original schedule. If the missed dose is not administered within 7 days, instruct the patient to wait until the next dose on the original schedule.

Product is for single use in one patient only. Discard any residue.

## **Special Populations**

### ***Paediatric patients***

#### *Atopic dermatitis*

Safety and efficacy in children below the age of 12 years with atopic dermatitis has not been established (see Section 5.2- Pharmacokinetic Properties).

#### *Asthma*

Safety and efficacy in patients younger than 12 years with asthma have not been established (see Section 5.2- Pharmacokinetic Properties).

### ***Elderly patients***

No dose adjustment is recommended for elderly patients (see Section 5.2- Pharmacokinetic Properties)

### ***Hepatic impairment***

No data are available in patients with hepatic impairment (see Section 5.2- Pharmacokinetic Properties).

### **Renal impairment**

No dosage adjustment is needed in patients with mild or moderate renal impairment. No data are available in patients with severe renal impairment (see Section 5.2- Pharmacokinetic Properties).

### **Body weight**

For patients 12 to 17 years of age with atopic dermatitis, the recommended every other week dose is 200 mg (<60 kg) or 300 mg (≥60 kg).

### **Preparation and Handling**

Before injection, remove Dupixent pre-filled syringe from the refrigerator to allow to reach to room temperature.

- 300 mg syringe; should be allowed to reach room temperature. Wait for **45** min without removing the needle cap.
- 200 mg syringe; wait for **30** min without removing the needle cap.

Inspect Dupixent visually for particulate matter and discoloration prior to administration. Dupixent is a clear to slightly opalescent, colorless to pale yellow solution. Do not use if the liquid contains visible particulate matter, is discolored or cloudy (other than clear to slightly opalescent, colorless to pale yellow).

Dupixent does not contain preservatives; therefore discard any unused product remaining in the pre-filled syringe.

Comprehensive instructions for administration are given in the package leaflet.

If necessary, pre-filled syringes may be kept at room temperature up to 25°C for a maximum of 14 days. Do not store above 25°C. After removal from the refrigerator, Dupixent must be used within 14 days or discarded.

The pre-filled syringe should not be exposed to heat or direct sunlight.

Any unused medicinal product or waste material should be disposed. A puncture-resistant container for disposal of syringes should be used and should be kept out of the reach of children.

### **Administration**

Dupixent is intended for use under the guidance of a healthcare provider. The patient's caregiver may administer Dupixent or the patient may self-inject it after guidance has been provided by a healthcare professional on proper subcutaneous injection technique. Provide proper training to patients and/or caregivers on the preparation and administration of Dupixent prior to use according to the instruction leaflet inside the pack.

Administer subcutaneous injection into the thigh or abdomen, except for the 5 cm (2 inches) around the navel, using a single-dose pre-filled syringe. If somebody else administers the injection, the upper arm can also be used. Rotate the injection site with each injection.

DO NOT inject Dupixent into skin that is tender, damaged or has bruises or scars.

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

### **4.3 CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Dupixent is contraindicated in patients who have known hypersensitivity to dupilumab or any of its excipients (see Section 4.4 – Special Warnings and Precautions for Use).

### **4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE**

In order to improve the traceability of biological medicines, the tradename and the batch number of the administered product should be clearly recorded in the patient's medical record and/or dispensing record.

#### **Hypersensitivity**

If a systemic hypersensitivity reaction occurs, administration of Dupixent should be discontinued immediately and appropriate therapy initiated. One case of serum sickness-like reaction and one case of serum sickness reaction, both considered serious, have been reported in the atopic dermatitis development program following the administration of Dupixent. Both cases were associated with high titres of ADA to dupilumab. One case of anaphylaxis has been reported in the asthma development program following the administration of Dupixent (see Section 4.8 – Adverse Effects (Undesirable Effects)).

#### **Helminth Infection**

Patients with known helminth infections were excluded from participation in clinical studies. It is unknown if Dupixent will influence the immune response against helminth infections. Treat patients with pre-existing helminth infections before initiating Dupixent. If patients become infected while receiving treatment with Dupixent and do not respond to anti-helminth treatment, discontinue treatment with Dupixent until infection resolves.

#### **Conjunctivitis and Keratitis**

Conjunctivitis and keratitis occurred more frequently in atopic dermatitis patients who received Dupixent. Conjunctivitis was the most frequently reported eye disorder. Most subjects with conjunctivitis recovered or were recovering during the treatment period (see Section 4.8 – Adverse Effects (Undesirable Effects)). Among asthma patients the frequency of conjunctivitis was low and similar between Dupixent and placebo. Advise patients to report new onset or worsening eye symptoms to their healthcare provider.

In the atopic dermatitis clinical program, keratitis was reported in <1% of the Dupixent group (1 per 100 subject-years) and in 0% of the placebo group (0 per 100 subject-years) in the 16-week monotherapy trials. In the 52-week Dupixent+ topical corticosteroids (TCS) trial in patients with atopic dermatitis, keratitis was reported in 4% of the Dupixent+TCS group (12 per 100 subject-years) and in 0% of the placebo + TCS group (0 per 100 subject-years). Most subjects with keratitis recovered or were recovering during the treatment period (see Section

4.8 – Adverse Effects (Undesirable Effects)) Advise patients to report new onset or worsening eye symptoms to their healthcare provider.

### **Concomitant Atopic Conditions**

Patients with atopic dermatitis and comorbid atopic conditions (such as asthma) should be advised not to adjust their treatment without consultation with their physicians. When discontinuing Dupixent consider the potential effects on other atopic conditions.

### **Eosinophilic Conditions**

Patients being treated for asthma may present with serious systemic eosinophilia sometimes presenting with clinical features of eosinophilic pneumonia or vasculitis consistent with eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis, conditions which are often treated with systemic corticosteroid therapy. These events usually, but not always, may be associated with the reduction of oral corticosteroid therapy. Physicians should be alert to vasculitic rash, worsening pulmonary symptoms, cardiac complications, and/or neuropathy presenting in their patients with eosinophilia. Cases of eosinophilic pneumonia and of vasculitis consistent with eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis have been reported with Dupixent in adult patients who participated in the asthma development program. A causal association between Dupilumab and these conditions has not been established.

### **Acute Asthma Symptoms or Deteriorating Disease**

Dupixent should not be used to treat acute asthma symptoms or acute exacerbations. Do not use Dupixent to treat acute bronchospasm or status asthmaticus.

### **Reduction of Corticosteroid Dosage**

Do not discontinue systemic, topical, or inhaled corticosteroids abruptly upon initiation of therapy with Dupixent. Reductions in corticosteroid dose, if appropriate, should be gradual and performed under the direct supervision of a physician. Reduction in corticosteroid dose may be associated with systemic withdrawal symptoms and/or unmask conditions previously suppressed by systemic corticosteroid therapy.

### **Use in the elderly**

Of the 1472 patients with atopic dermatitis exposed to Dupixent in a phase 2 dose-ranging study or phase 3 placebo-controlled studies, a total of 67 were 65 years or older. Although no differences in safety or efficacy were observed between older and younger adult atopic dermatitis patients, the number of patients aged 65 and over is not sufficient to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients.

Of the 1977 patients with asthma exposed to Dupixent, a total of 240 patients were 65 years or older and 39 patients were 75 years or older. Efficacy and safety in this age group was similar to the overall study population.

## **Paediatric use**

### ***Atopic Dermatitis***

Safety and efficacy in children below the age of 12 years with atopic dermatitis have not been established.

### ***Asthma***

Safety and efficacy in children below the age of 12 years with asthma have not been established (see Section 5.2 – Pharmacokinetic Properties).

## **Effects on laboratory tests**

There is no known interference between Dupixent and routine laboratory tests.

## **4.5 INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND OTHER FORMS OF INTERACTIONS**

### **Live Vaccines**

The safety and efficacy of concurrent use of Dupixent with live vaccines has not been studied.

### **Non-Live Vaccines**

Immune responses to vaccination were assessed in a study in which patients with atopic dermatitis were treated once weekly for 16 weeks with 300 mg of dupilumab. After 12 weeks of dupilumab administration, patients were vaccinated with a Tdap vaccine (T cell-dependent) and a meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine (T cell-independent) and immune responses were assessed 4 weeks later. Antibody responses to both tetanus vaccine and meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine were similar in dupilumab-treated and placebo-treated patients. No adverse interactions between either of the non-live vaccines and dupilumab were noted in the study.

Therefore, patients receiving Dupixent may receive concurrent inactivated or non-live vaccinations.

### **Interactions with CYP450 Substrates**

In a clinical study of AD patients, the effects of dupilumab on the PK of CYP substrates were evaluated. The data gathered from this study did not indicate clinically relevant effect of dupilumab on CYP1A2, CYP3A, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, or CYP2C9 activity.

### **Other**

There are no data on the safety of Dupixent when co-administered with other immunomodulators.

## **Use with Other Drugs for Treatment of Asthma**

An effect of dupilumab on the PK of co-administered medications is not expected.

Based on the population analysis, commonly co-administered medications had no effect on dupilumab pharmacokinetics on patients with moderate to severe asthma.

## **4.6 FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION**

### **Effects on fertility**

Fertility studies conducted in male and female mice using a surrogate antibody against IL-4R $\alpha$  showed no impairment of fertility. The no-observed-effect-level (NOEL) was the maximum dose studied, 200 mg/kg/week administered subcutaneously which yielded a high multiple of the exposure (serum AUC) in patients at the recommended dose.

### **Use in pregnancy (Category B1)**

There are limited amount of data from the use of dupilumab in pregnant women. Animal studies do not indicate direct or indirect harmful effects with respect to reproductive toxicity.

Dupixent should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the foetus. Like other IgG antibodies, dupilumab is expected to cross the placental barrier.

In an enhanced pre-and postnatal development study, pregnant cynomolgus monkeys were administered a surrogate antibody against IL-4R $\alpha$  by subcutaneous injection once weekly at doses up to 100 mg/kg/week, from the beginning of organogenesis to parturition. The surrogate antibody used displayed considerably lower affinity for monkey IL-4R $\alpha$  compared to dupilumab for human IL-4R $\alpha$ , but the doses used in the study were sufficient to saturate maternal IL-4R $\alpha$  receptors throughout the treatment period. No treatment-related effects on embryofetal survival, malformations, or on growth, functional development or immunology were observed in the offspring, monitored from birth through to 6 months of age.

### **Use in lactation**

There are no specific data on the presence of dupilumab in human milk. But human IgG is known to be excreted in human milk. A decision must be made whether to discontinue breastfeeding or to discontinue Dupixent therapy taking into account the benefit of breast feeding for the child and the benefit of therapy for the woman.

## **4.7 EFFECTS ON ABILITY TO DRIVE AND USE MACHINES**

Dupixent has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive or operate machinery.



## 4.8 ADVERSE EFFECTS (UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS)

### Atopic Dermatitis

In the overall exposure pool, a total of 2526 patients with atopic dermatitis were treated with Dupixent in controlled and uncontrolled clinical trials. 739 patients were exposed for at least 1 year. In controlled trials, 1564 patients received Dupixent alone (monotherapy) and 740 received Dupixent with concomitant topical corticosteroid therapy. The monotherapy study was of 16 weeks duration. The concomitant topical corticosteroid therapy study was of 52 weeks duration and, 739 patients were exposed for at least 1 year.

In the monotherapy study, the reported co-morbid atopic conditions were asthma (39.6%), allergic rhinitis (49%), food allergy (37%), and allergic conjunctivitis (23.1%). In the concomitant topical corticosteroid therapy study, the reported co-morbid atopic conditions were asthma (39.3%), allergic rhinitis (42.8%), food allergy (33.4%), and allergic conjunctivitis (23.2%)”.

The adverse reactions in the following table are listed by system organ class and frequency using the following convention: Very common > 10%; Common > 1 and < 10%; Uncommon > 0.1 and < 1%, Rare > 0.01 and < 0.1%; Very rare < 0.01%; Not known \*(cannot be estimated from available data).

**Table 2 - List of adverse reactions in clinical studies<sup>a</sup>**

System Organ Class	Frequency	Adverse Reaction
Infections and infestations	Common	Conjunctivitis (4.0 %) Oral herpes (3.8%) Conjunctivitis bacterial (1.9%) Herpes simplex <sup>b</sup> (1.7 %)
Blood and lymphatic system disorders	Common	Eosinophilia (1.7%)
Eye disorders	Common	Conjunctivitis allergic (7.0%) Eye pruritus (2.9 %) Blepharitis (4.5%) Dry eye (1.8 %)
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site reactions (15.9 %)

<sup>a</sup> Pooled data from placebo-controlled monotherapy clinical studies (SOLO 1, SOLO 2, and a phase 2, dose-ranging study data) and placebo-controlled concomitant therapy with TCS study (CHRONOS) in AD, patients exposed to 300 mg every other week or 300 mg once weekly with or without topical corticosteroids, up to 16 weeks

<sup>b</sup> In clinical trials, herpes simplex cases were mucocutaneous, generally mild to moderate in severity, and did not include eczema herpeticum. Eczema herpeticum cases were reported separately and incidence was numerically lower in patients treated with Dupixent compared to placebo.

**Table 3** summarizes the adverse reactions that occurred in  $\geq 1\%$  of patients treated with Dupixent during the first 16-weeks of treatment in placebo-controlled trials.

**Table 3 - Adverse Reactions Occurring in ≥1% of Patients with Atopic Dermatitis Treated with Dupixent through Week 16 in Placebo-controlled Trials**

Adverse Reaction	Dupixent <sup>a</sup> Monotherapy			Dupixent <sup>b</sup> + TCS		
	Placebo N=517 n (%)	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W N=529 n (%)	Dupixent 300 mg QW N=518 n (%)	Placebo +TCS N=315 n (%)	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS N=110 n (%)	Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS N=315 n (%)
Injection site reactions	28 (5.4%)	51 (9.6%)	72 (13.9%)	18 (5.7%)	11 (10.0%)	50 (15.9%)
Conjunctivitis allergic	5 (1.0%)	16 (3.0%)	12 (2.3%)	10 (3.2%)	7 (6.4%)	22 (7.0%)
Blepharitis	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.4%)	6 (1.2%)	2 (0.6%)	5 (4.5%)	8 (2.5%)
Conjunctivitis	3 (0.6%)	21 (4.0%)	20 (3.9%)	1 (0.3%)	0	1 (0.3%)
Oral herpes	8 (1.5%)	20 (3.8%)	13 (2.5%)	5 (1.6%)	3 (2.7%)	8 (2.5%)
Eye pruritus	1 (0.2%)	3 (0.6%)	2 (0.4%)	2 (0.6%)	2 (1.8%)	9 (2.9%)
Conjunctivitis bacterial	2 (0.4%)	7 (1.3%)	8 (1.5%)	2 (0.6%)	1 (0.9%)	6 (1.9%)
Dry eye	0	1 (0.2%)	6 (1.2%)	1 (0.3%)	2 (1.8%)	3 (1.0%)
Herpes simplex <sup>c</sup>	4 (0.8%)	9 (1.7%)	4 (0.8%)	1 (0.3%)	1 (0.9%)	4 (1.3%)
Eosinophilia	2 (0.4%)	9 (1.7%)	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (0.9%)	1 (0.3%)

a Safety Data from SOLO 1, SOLO 2, and a phase 2, dose-ranging study

b Safety Data from CHRONOS. Patients were on background TCS therapy.

c In clinical trials, herpes simplex cases were mucocutaneous, generally mild to moderate in severity, and did not include eczema herpeticum. Eczema herpeticum cases were reported separately and incidence was numerically lower in patients treated with Dupixent compared to placebo.

The safety profile of Dupixent + TCS through week 52 is consistent with the safety profile observed at week 16.

### Adolescents with atopic dermatitis

The safety of Dupixent was assessed in a study of 250 patients 12 to 17 years of age with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD-1526). The safety profile of Dupixent in these patients followed through Week 16 was similar to the safety profile from studies in adults with atopic dermatitis.

The long-term safety of Dupixent was assessed in an open-label extension study in patients 12 to 17 years of age with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD-1434). The safety profile of Dupixent in patients followed through Week 52 was similar to the safety profile observed at Week 16 in AD-1526 study. The long-term safety profile of Dupixent observed in adolescents was consistent with that seen in adults with atopic dermatitis.

### Asthma

A total of 2888 adult and adolescent patients with moderate-to-severe asthma were evaluated in 3 randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter trials of 24 to 52 weeks duration (DRI12544, Quest, and Venture).

Of these, 2678 had a history of 1 or more severe exacerbations in the year prior to enrollment despite regular use of medium to high-dose inhaled corticosteroids plus an additional controller(s) (DRI12544 and Quest).

A total of 210 patients with oral corticosteroid-dependent asthma receiving high-dose inhaled corticosteroids plus up to two additional controllers were enrolled (Venture).

**Table 4** summarizes the adverse reactions that occurred at a rate of at least 3% of patients treated with Dupixent and at higher rate than in their respective comparator groups in DRI12544 and Quest studies.

**Table 4 - Adverse Reactions Occurring in  $\geq 1\%$  of the DUPIXENT Groups in Asthma Trials 1 and 2 and Greater than Placebo (6 Month Safety Pool)**

Adverse Reaction	AS Trials 1 and 2		
	DUPIXENT 200 mg Q2W	DUPIXENT 300 mg Q2W	Placebo
	N=779	N=788	N=792
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Injection site reactions <sup>a</sup>	111 (14%)	144 (18%)	50 (6%)
Oropharyngeal pain	13 (2%)	19 (2%)	7 (1%)
Eosinophilia <sup>b</sup>	17 (2%)	16 (2%)	2 (<1%)

<sup>a</sup> Injection site reactions cluster includes erythema, edema, pruritus, pain, and inflammation

<sup>b</sup> Eosinophilia = blood eosinophils  $\geq 3,000$  cells/mcL, or deemed by the investigator to be an adverse event. None met the criteria for serious eosinophilic conditions

**Table 5 - List of adverse reactions in asthma clinical studies**

System Organ Class	Frequency	Adverse Reaction
General disorders and administration site conditions	Very common	Injection site erythema (14.6%)
	Common	Injection site oedema (4.8%)
	Common	Injection site pruritus (4.7%)

### Description of selected adverse reactions:

#### ***Hypersensitivity***

One case of serum sickness reaction and one case reported as of serum sickness-like reaction, each considered serious, have been reported in atopic dermatitis development program following administration of Dupixent.

One serious case of anaphylaxis has been reported in asthma development program following administration of Dupixent (see Section 4.3 - Contraindications and Section 4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions for Use).

## ***Eosinophils***

Dupixent-treated patients had a greater mean initial increase from baseline in eosinophil count compared to patients treated with placebo. Eosinophil counts declined to near baseline levels during study treatment.

The incidence of treatment-emergent eosinophilia ( $\geq 500$  cells/mcL) was similar in Dupixent and placebo groups. Treatment-emergent eosinophilia ( $\geq 5,000$  cells/mcL) was reported in  $<2\%$  of Dupixent-treated patients and  $<0.5\%$  in placebo-treated patients.

## ***Cardiovascular***

In the 1-year placebo controlled trial in subjects with asthma (Quest), cardiovascular thromboembolic events (cardiovascular deaths, non-fatal myocardial infarctions, and non-fatal strokes) were reported in 1 (0.2%) of the Dupixent 200 mg Q2W group, 4 (0.6%) of the Dupixent 300 mg Q2W group, and 2 (0.3%) of the placebo group.

In the 1-year placebo controlled trial in subjects with atopic dermatitis (CHRONOS), cardiovascular thromboembolic events (cardiovascular deaths, non-fatal myocardial infarctions, and non-fatal strokes) were reported in 1 (0.9%) of the Dupixent + TCS 300 mg Q2W group, 0 (0.0%) of the Dupixent + TCS 300 mg QW group, and 1 (0.3%) of the placebo + TCS group.

## ***Overall Infections***

No increase was observed in the overall incidence of infections or serious infections with Dupixent compared to placebo in atopic dermatitis clinical studies. In the 16-week monotherapy clinical studies, serious infections were reported in 1.0% of patients treated with placebo and 0.5% of patients treated with Dupixent. In the 52-week CHRONOS study serious infections were reported in 0.6% of patients treated with placebo and 0.2% of patients treated with Dupixent.

No increase was observed in the overall incidence of infections with Dupixent compared to placebo in the safety pool for asthma clinical studies. In the 24-week safety pool, serious infections were reported in 1.0% of patients treated with Dupixent and 1.1% of patients treated with placebo. In the 52-week QUEST study, serious infections were reported in 1.3% of patients treated with Dupixent and 1.4% of patients treated with placebo.

## ***Immunogenicity***

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is a potential for immunogenicity with dupilumab.

Approximately 6% of patients with atopic dermatitis or asthma who received Dupixent 300 mg Q2W for 52 weeks developed anti-drug antibodies (ADA) to dupilumab; approximately 2% exhibited persistent ADA responses and approximately 2% had neutralizing antibodies.

Approximately 9% of patients with asthma who received Dupixent 200 mg Q2W for 52 weeks developed antibodies to dupilumab; approximately 4% exhibited persistent ADA responses and approximately 4% had neutralizing antibodies.

Approximately 5% of patients with atopic dermatitis or asthma in the placebo groups in the 52 week studies were positive for antibodies to Dupixent; approximately 2% exhibited persistent ADA responses and approximately 1% had neutralizing antibodies.

ADA responses were not generally associated with impact on Dupixent exposure, safety, or efficacy. Less than 0.4% of patients who received Dupixent 300 mg Q2W and less than 1% of patients who received Dupixent 200 mg Q2W exhibited high titer ADA responses associated with reduced exposure and efficacy. In addition, there was one patient with serum sickness and one with serum sickness-like reaction (<0.1%) associated with high ADA titers (see Section 4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions for Use).

The observed incidence of persistent ADA responses and neutralizing activity in the assay are highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay used. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors, including assay methodology, sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease status of the individual patient. For these reasons, comparison of the incidence of antibodies to Dupixent with the incidence of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

### **Reporting Suspected Adverse Effects**

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after registration of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit-risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions at [www.tga.gov.au/reportingproblems](http://www.tga.gov.au/reportingproblems)

## **4.9 OVERDOSE**

In clinical studies, no safety issues were identified with single intravenous doses up to 12 mg/kg.

In the event of overdosage, monitor the patient for any signs or symptoms of adverse reactions and institute appropriate symptomatic treatment immediately.

For information on the management of overdose, contact the Australian Poison Information Centre on 131126.

# **5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES**

## **5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES**

### **Mechanism of action**

Dupixent is a recombinant human IgG4 monoclonal antibody that inhibits interleukin-4 and interleukin-13 signalling by specifically binding to the IL-4R $\alpha$  subunit shared by the IL-4 and IL-13 receptor complexes. Dupixent inhibits IL-4 signalling via the Type I receptor (IL-4R $\alpha$ / $\gamma$ c), and both IL-4 and IL-13 signalling through the Type II receptor (IL-4R $\alpha$ /IL-13R $\alpha$ ).

IL-4 and IL-13 are key type 2 (including Th2) cytokines involved in atopic disease.

Type 2 inflammation plays an important role in the pathogenesis of multiple atopic conditions including asthma, where it contributes to airflow limitation and increases risk of exacerbations. IL-4 and IL-13 act as major drivers of type 2 inflammation by activating multiple cell types (e.g., mast cells, lymphocytes, eosinophils, neutrophils, macrophages) and inducing multiple mediators (e.g., IgE, histamine, eicosanoids, leukotrienes, chemokines and cytokines, including eotaxin/CCL11, TARC/CCL17, and IL-5) involved in Type 2 inflammation. Blocking the IL-4/IL-13 pathway with dupilumab in patients decreases many of these markers of Type 2 inflammation, including IgE, periostin, and multiple proinflammatory cytokines and chemokines (e.g. eotaxin, TARC), as well as fractional exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO), a marker of lung inflammation. Blocking the IL-4/IL-13 pathway with dupilumab in humanized animal models has been shown to prevent the downstream actions of these cytokines and chemokines, including goblet cell hyperplasia, airway smooth muscle hyperreactivity, eosinophilic lung inflammation, as well as other lung inflammatory processes, while also preventing lung function impairment; the decrease in eosinophilic lung inflammation occurs despite the presence of normal or increased blood eosinophil levels.

## **Pharmacodynamic Effects**

### ***Atopic dermatitis***

In clinical trials involving patients with atopic dermatitis, treatment with Dupixent was associated with decreases from baseline in concentrations of type 2-associated biomarkers, such as thymus and activation regulated chemokine (TARC/CCL17), total serum IgE and allergen-specific IgE in serum. A reduction of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH), a biomarker associated with AD disease activity and severity, was observed with Dupixent treatment.

Dupilumab suppressed TARC relative to placebo as early as week 2, with a trend of continued decline to a maximal and sustained suppression by Week 12. The majority of patients treated with Dupixent in CHRONOS (87.0% and 84.9% of patients in the Dupixent 300 mg every two week dosing (Q2W) and 300 mg weekly dosing (QW), respectively) achieved normalized TARC levels compared to 20.0% in the placebo group at week 52.

Total IgE was reduced -74.8% and -73.9% by Week 52 (median change from baseline) with Dupixent 300 mg Q2W and 300 mg QW, respectively compared to -0% in the placebo group. Similar trends were observed for allergen specific IgEs. After 52 weeks of treatment, total IgE was normalized in 11.7% and 15.9% of patients receiving Dupixent 300 mg Q2W and 300 mg QW, respectively, compared to 4.4% in receiving placebo. Similar trends were observed with antigen-specific IgEs such as those against *S. aureus* specific enterotoxin A, grass and tree allergens.

### ***Asthma***

Consistent with inhibition of IL-4 and IL-13 signaling, dupilumab treatment markedly decreased FeNO and circulating concentrations of eotaxin-3, total IgE, allergen specific IgE, TARC, and periostin in asthma subjects relative to placebo. These reductions in biomarkers of inflammation were comparable for the 200 mg Q2W and 300 mg Q2W regimens. These

markers were near maximal suppression after 2 weeks of treatment, except for IgE which declined more slowly. These effects were sustained throughout treatment.

## **Clinical trials**

### ***Atopic dermatitis - Adults***

The efficacy and safety of Dupixent as monotherapy and with concomitant topical corticosteroids (TCS) were evaluated in three pivotal randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies, Study 1334, (SOLO 1), Study 1416 (SOLO 2), and Study 1224 (CHRONOS) 2119 patients 18 years of age and older with moderate to severe atopic dermatitis (AD) defined by Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA) score  $\geq 3$ , an Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score  $\geq 16$ , and a minimum body surface area (BSA) involvement of  $\geq 10\%$ . Eligible patients enrolled into the three studies had previous inadequate response to topical medication.

In all three studies, patients received

1. an initial dose of 600 mg Dupixent (two 300 mg injections) on day 1, followed by 300 mg once every other week (Q2W);
2. an initial dose of 600 mg Dupixent on day 1, followed by 300 mg once weekly (QW);  
or
3. matching placebo.

Dupixent was administered by subcutaneous (SC) injection in all studies. If needed to control intolerable symptoms, patients were permitted to receive rescue treatment at the discretion of the investigator. Patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders.

- Study 1334 enrolled 671 patients (224 to placebo, 224 to Dupixent 300 mg Q2W, and 223 to Dupixent 300 mg QW) and had a treatment period of 16 weeks.
- Study 1416 enrolled 708 patients (236 to placebo, 233 to Dupixent 300 mg Q2W, and 239 to Dupixent 300 mg QW) and had a treatment period of 16 weeks.
- Study 1224 enrolled 740 patients (315 to placebo + TCS, 106 to Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS, and 319 to Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS) and had a treatment period of 52 weeks. Patients received Dupixent or placebo with concomitant use of TCS starting at baseline using a standardized regimen. Patients were also permitted to use topical calcineurin inhibitors (TCI).

### ***Endpoints***

In all three pivotal studies, the endpoints were the proportion of patients with IGA 0 or 1 ("clear" or "almost clear") and a reduction of  $\geq 2$  points on a 0-4 IGA scale and the proportion of patients with improvement of at least 75% in EASI (EASI-75) from baseline to Week 16. Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of patients with improvement of at least 50% or 90% in EASI (EASI-50 or EASI-90, respectively), reduction in itch as measured by the peak pruritus Numerical Rating Scale (NRS) and percent change in the SCORing Atopic Dermatitis (SCORAD) scale from baseline to Week 16. Additional

secondary endpoints included mean change from baseline to week 16 in the Patient Oriented Eczema Measure (POEM), Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI), and Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) scores. In Study 1224, efficacy was also evaluated at Week 52.

IGA reflects physician's overall assessment (whole body average) of AD skin lesions. EASI is a composite score (ranging from 0-72) based on the extent and severity of the AD lesions assessed systematically for erythema, induration/papulation/edema, excoriation, and lichenification for each anatomical region. The pruritus NRS is a patient-reported measure which assesses maximum itch intensity in the previous 24-hours using a 0-10-point scale (0 = no itch; 10 = worst itch imaginable.) The SCORAD is used to assess extent and severity of AD signs and includes two visual analogue scales for symptoms (itch and sleep). The POEM evaluates frequency of AD symptoms (including itch) and the impact of AD on sleep (score ranging from 0-28). The DLQI evaluates the health-related quality of life in dermatological patients (score ranging from 0-30). The HADS measures anxiety and depression symptoms (total score ranging from 0-42).

### *Baseline Characteristics*

In the monotherapy studies (Study 1334 and Study 1416), across all treatment groups, 51.6% of patients had a baseline IGA score of 3 (moderate AD), 48.3% of patients had a baseline IGA of 4 (severe AD) and 32.4 % of patients had received prior systemic immunosuppressants. The baseline mean EASI score was 33.0, the baseline weekly averaged pruritus NRS was 7.4

In the concomitant TCS study (Study 1224), across all treatment groups, 53.1% of patients had a baseline IGA score of 3 and 46.9% of patients had a baseline IGA of 4 and 33.6 % of patients received prior systemic immunosuppressants. The baseline mean EASI score was 32.5, the baseline weekly pruritus NRS was 7.3.

### *Clinical Response*

#### 16-Week Monotherapy Studies (Study 1334 and Study 1416)

In Study 1334 and Study 1416, from baseline to week 16, a significantly greater proportion of patients randomized to Dupixent achieved an IGA 0 or 1 response, EASI-75, and/or an improvement of  $\geq 4$  points on the pruritus NRS compared to placebo (see [Table 6](#)).

A significantly greater proportion of patients randomized to Dupixent achieved a rapid improvement in the pruritus NRS compared to placebo (defined as  $\geq 4$ -point improvement as early as week 2;  $p < 0.01$ ) and the proportion of patients responding on the pruritus NRS continued to increase through the treatment period. The improvement in pruritus NRS occurred in conjunction with the improvement of objective signs of atopic dermatitis.

[Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#) show the proportion of patients who achieved an IGA 0 or 1 response and EASI-75, respectively, up to Week 16.

EASI-90 response at Week 16 was achieved in 7.6% of patients in the placebo group, 35.7% in the Dupixent 300 mg Q2W group, and 33.2% in the Dupixent 300 mg QW group,



respectively in Study 1334 and 7.2%, 30%, and 30.5% of patients, respectively in Study 1416.

EASI-50 response at Week 16 was achieved 24.6% of patients in the placebo group, 68.8% in the Dupixent 300 mg Q2W group, and 61.0% in the Dupixent 300 mg QW group, respectively in Study 1334 and 22%, 65.2%, and 61.1% of patients, respectively in Study 1416.

**Table 6 - Efficacy Results of Dupixent Monotherapy at Week 16 (FAS)**

	Study 1334 (FAS) <sup>a</sup>			Study 1416 (FAS) <sup>a</sup>		
	Placebo	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	Dupixent 300 mg QW	Placebo	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	Dupixent 300 mg QW
Patients randomized	224	224	223	236	233	239
IGA 0 or 1 <sup>b</sup> , % responders <sup>c</sup>	10.3 %	37.9 %*	37.2 %*	8.5%	36.1 %*	36.4 %*
EASI-75, % responders <sup>c</sup>	14.7 %	51.3 %*	52.5 %*	11.9 %	44.2 %*	48.1 %*
EASI, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-37.6% (3.28)	-72.3 %* (2.63)	-72.0 %* (2.56)	-30.9 % (2.97)	-67.1 %* (2.52)	-69.1 %* (2.49)
Pruritus NRS, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-26.1% (3.02)	-51.0%* (2.50)	-48.9* (2.60)	-15.4% (2.98)	-44.3%* (2.28)	-48.3* (2.35)
Number of patients with baseline pruritus NRS score ≥ 4	212	213	201	221	225	228
Pruritus NRS (≥4-point improvement), % responders <sup>c, d</sup>	12.3 %	40.8 %*	40.3 %*	9.5%	36.0 %*	39.0 %*

a Full analysis set (FAS) includes all patients randomized.

b Responder was defined as a patient with IGA 0 or 1 ("clear" or "almost clear") with a reduction of ≥ 2 points on a 0-4 IGA scale.

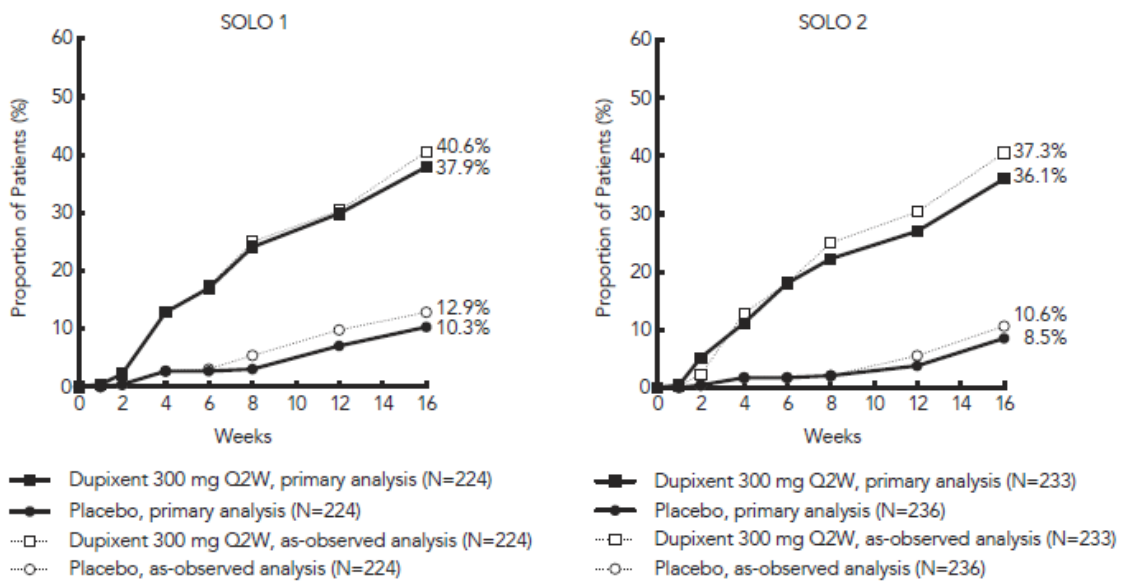
c Patients who received rescue treatment or with missing data were considered as non-responders.

d a significantly greater proportion of patients on Dupixent had improvement in pruritus NRS of ≥4 points compared to placebo at week 2 (p<0.01).

\*p-value <0.0001

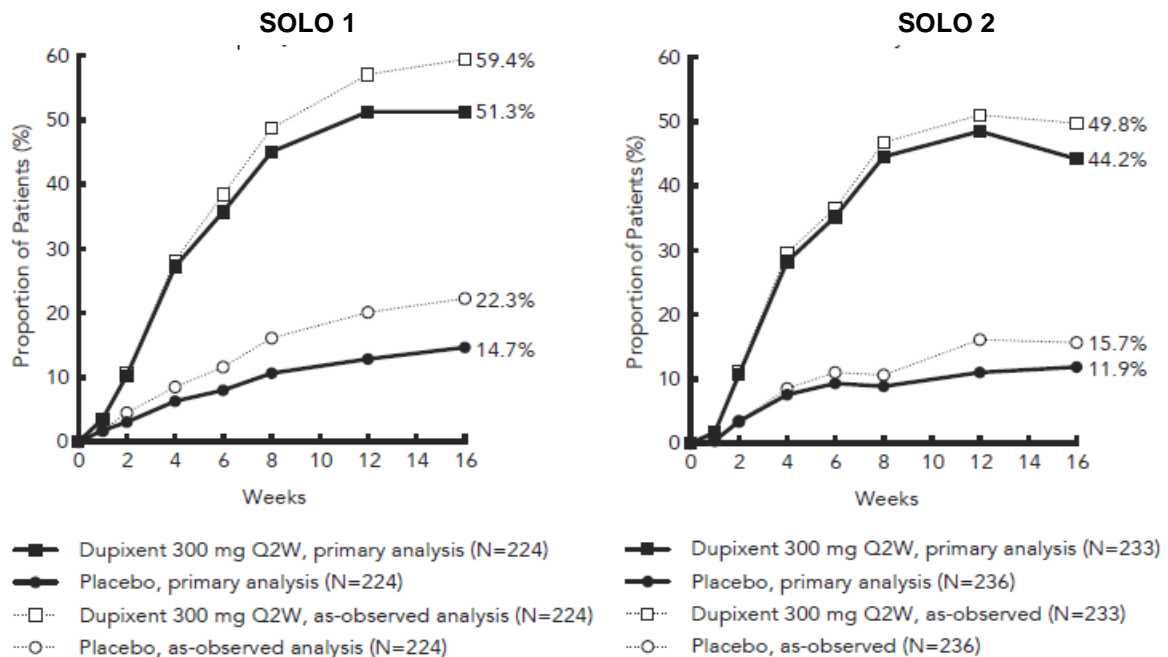
LS = least squares SE= standard error

**Figure 1 - Proportion of Patients with IGA 0 or 1a in Study 1334 and Study 1416 (FAS)**



a Responder was defined as a patient with IGA 0 or 1 (“clear” or “almost clear”) with a reduction of  $\geq 2$  points on a 0-4 IGA scale.  
 b In the primary analyses of the efficacy endpoints (solid line above), patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders for the purpose of this statistical analysis. The as-observed analyses (dotted line above) included all data regardless of rescue treatment. In both cases, patients with missing data were considered as non-responders.  
 c Full analysis set (FAS) includes all patients randomized.

**Figure 2 - Proportion of Patients with EASI-75 in Study 1334 and Study 1416 (FAS<sup>b</sup>)**



<sup>a</sup> In the primary analyses of the efficacy endpoints (solid line above), patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders for the purpose of this statistical analysis. The as-observed analyses (dotted line above) included all data regardless of rescue treatment. In both cases, patients with missing data were considered as non-responders.  
<sup>b</sup> Full analysis set (FAS) includes all patients randomized.

Treatment effects in subgroups (weight, age, gender, race, and background treatment, including immunosuppressants) in Study 1334 and Study 1416 were in general consistent with the results in the overall study population.

#### 52-Week Concomitant TCS Study (Study 1224)

In Study 1224, a significantly greater proportion of patients randomized to Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS achieved an IGA 0 or 1 response, EASI-75, and/or an improvement of  $\geq 4$  points on the pruritus NRS from baseline to week 16 and week 52 compared to placebo + TCS (see [Table 7](#)).

A significantly greater proportion of patients randomized to Dupixent + TCS achieved a rapid improvement in the pruritus NRS compared to placebo + TCS (defined as  $\geq 4$ -point improvement as early as week 2;  $p < 0.05$ ) and the proportion of patients responding on the pruritus NRS continued to increase through the treatment period (see [Figure 3](#)). The improvement in pruritus NRS occurred in conjunction with the improvement of objective signs of atopic dermatitis.

[Figure 3](#) and [Figure 4](#) show the proportion of patients who achieved an IGA 0 or 1 response and EASI 75, respectively, up to Week 52 in Study 1224.

EASI-90 response was achieved in 15.5% of patients in the placebo group, 50.6% in the Dupixent 300 mg Q2W group, and 50.7% in the Dupixent 300 mg QW group, respectively in the Study 1224 study at Week 52.

EASI-50 response was achieved 29.9% of patients in the placebo group, 70.7% in the Dupixent 300 mg Q2W group, and 70.0% in the Dupixent 300 mg QW group, respectively in Study 1224 at Week 52.

**Table 7 - Efficacy Results of Dupixent with Concomitant TCS<sup>a</sup> at Week 16 and Week 52 in Study 1224**

	Week 16 (FAS) <sup>b</sup>			Week 52 (FAS Week 52) <sup>b</sup>		
	Placebo + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS	Placebo + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS
Patients randomized	315	106	319	264	89	270
IGA 0 or 1 <sup>c</sup> , % responders <sup>d</sup>	12.4 %	38.7 %*	39.2 %*	12.5 %	36.0%*	40.0 %*
EASI-75, % responders <sup>d</sup>	23.2 %	68.9 %*	63.9 %*	21.6 %	65.2 %*	64.1 %*
EASI, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-48.4 % (3.82)	-80.5 %* (6.34)	-81.5 %* (5.78)	-60.9 % (4.29)	-84.9 %# (6.73)	-87.8 %‡ (6.19)
Pruritus NRS, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-30.3 (2.36)	-56.6* (3.95)	-57.1 (2.11)	-31.7 (3.95)	-57.0§ (6.17)	-56.5 (3.26)
Number of patients with baseline pruritus NRS score $\geq 4$	299	102	295	249	86	249

	Week 16 (FAS) <sup>b</sup>			Week 52 (FAS Week 52) <sup>b</sup>		
	Placebo + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS	Placebo + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W + TCS	Dupixent 300 mg QW + TCS
Pruritus NRS (≥4-point improvement), % responders <sup>d,e</sup>	19.7 %	58.8 %*	50.8 %*	12.9 %	51.2 %*	39.0 %*

\* p-value <0.0001,

‡ p-value = 0.0003,

§ p-value = 0.0005,

# p-value = 0.0015

a All patients were on background TCS therapy and patients were permitted to use topical calcineurin inhibitors.

b Full analysis set (FAS) includes all patients randomized. FAS Week 52 includes all patients randomized at least one year before the cut-off date of the primary analysis.

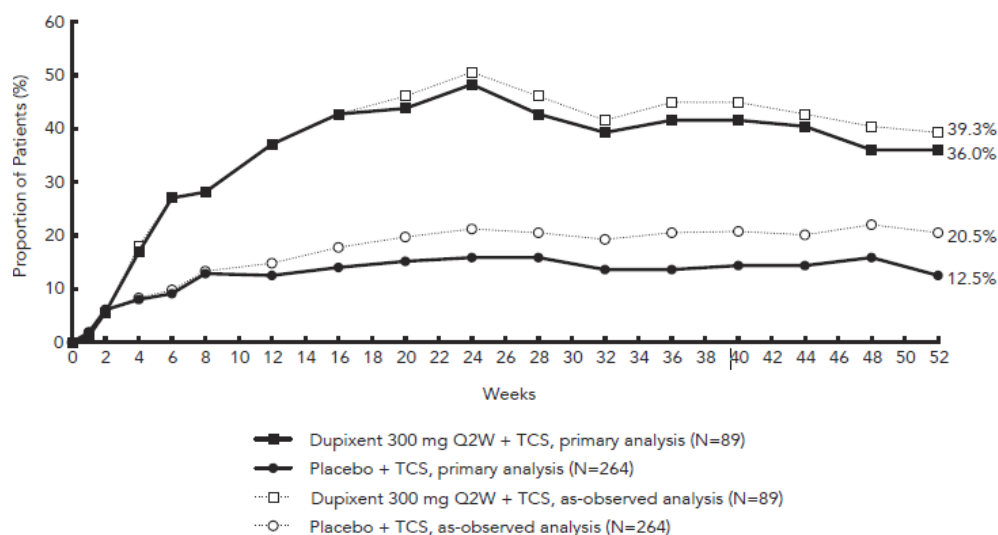
c Responder was defined as a patient with IGA 0 or 1 (“clear” or “almost clear”) with a reduction of ≥ 2 points on a 0-4 IGA scale.

d Patients who received rescue treatment or with missing data were considered as non-responders.

e a significantly greater proportion of patients on Dupixent had improvement in pruritus NRS of ≥4 points compared to placebo at week 2 (p<0.05).

LS = least square SE = standard error

**Figure 3 - Proportion of Patients with IGA 0 or 1<sup>a</sup> in Study 1224 (FAS Week 52<sup>c</sup>)**

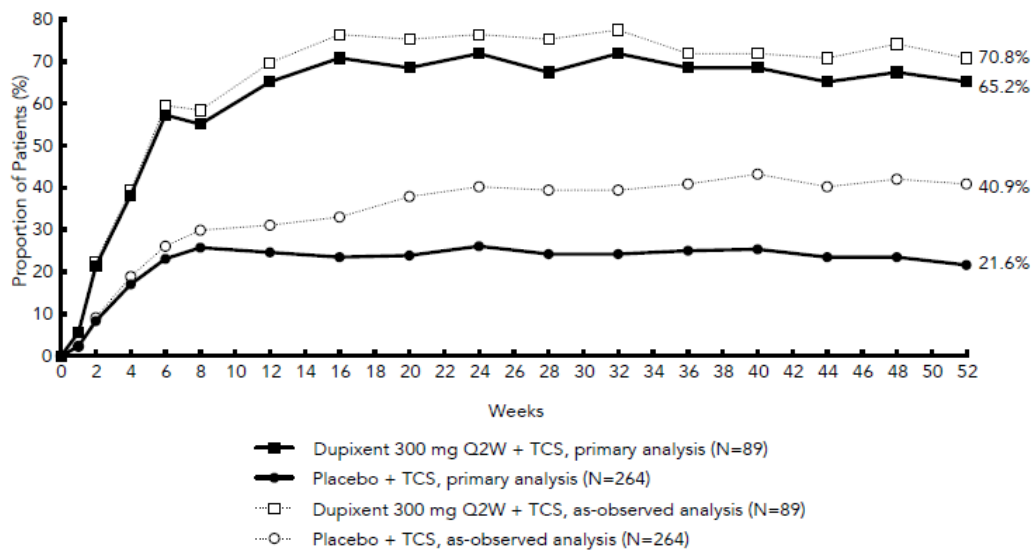


a Responder was defined as a patient with IGA 0 or 1 (“clear” or “almost clear”) with a reduction of ≥ 2 points on a 0-4 IGA scale.

b In the primary analyses of the efficacy endpoints (solid line above), patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders for the purpose of this statistical analysis. The as-observed analyses (dotted line) included all data regardless of rescue treatment. In both cases, patients with missing data were considered as non-responders.

c FAS Week 52 includes all patients randomized at least one year before the cut-off date of the primary analysis.

**Figure 4 - Proportion of Patients with EASI-75 in Study 1224 (FAS Week 52<sup>b</sup>)**



a In the primary analyses of the efficacy endpoints (solid line above), patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders for the purpose of this statistical analysis. The as-observed analyses (dotted line) included all data regardless of rescue treatment. In both cases, patients with missing data were considered as non-responders.

b FAS Week 52 includes all patients randomized at least one year before the cut-off date of the primary analysis.

Treatment effects in evaluable subgroups (weight, age, gender, race, and background treatment, including immunosuppressants) in Study 1224 were in general consistent with the results in the overall study population.

#### Clinical Response in Patients for whom Cyclosporin Treatment was Inadvisable

In the monotherapy studies, across both Dupixent treatment groups, patients for whom cyclosporin treatment was inadvisable (uncontrolled with or ineligible to receive cyclosporin) had generally more severe AD at baseline based on mean EASI (36.3 vs 31.4), IGA (3.6 vs 3.4), mean BSA involvement (58.9 % vs 52.5 %), peak pruritus NRS (7.5 vs 7.3) and DLQI (16.2 vs 14.5) scores relative to the remainder of patients in these studies. Similar findings were observed for patients for whom cyclosporin treatment was inadvisable in the concomitant TCS study.

In patients for whom cyclosporin treatment was inadvisable, treatment with Dupixent monotherapy, across both Dupixent treatment groups, resulted in significant improvements in signs and symptoms of AD, compared to placebo-treated patients. A greater percentage of Dupixent-treated patients than placebo-treated patients achieved IGA 0 or 1 and a reduction from baseline of  $\geq 2$  points at week 16 (29.5% vs 6.8%), EASI-75 at week 16 (38% vs 11.4%), and a  $\geq 4$  points reduction in pruritus NRS from baseline to week 16 (34.9% vs 8%) ( $p < 0.001$  for all 3 endpoints).

Similar results were observed in patients who received Dupixent concomitantly with TCS. The efficacy of Dupixent + TCS was sustained at week 52. In the combination therapy of Dupixent + TCS the proportion of patients achieving EASI-75 at week 16 was significantly higher in the dupilumab 300 mg Q2W + TCS (62.6%) and dupilumab 300 mg QW + TCS (59.1%) groups than the placebo + TCS group (29.6%). Both comparisons were statistically significant ( $p < 0.0001$  for each). The efficacy of Dupixent + TCS was sustained at week 52.

## Maintenance and Durability of Response (SOLO CONTINUE study)

To evaluate maintenance and durability of response, subjects treated with Dupixent for 16 weeks in SOLO 1 and SOLO 2 studies who achieved IGA 0 or 1 or EASI-75 were re-randomized in the SOLO CONTINUE study to an additional 36-week treatment of Dupixent or placebo, for a cumulative 52-week study treatment. Endpoints were assessed at weeks 51 or 52.

The co-primary endpoints were the difference between baseline (week 0) and week 36 in percent change in EASI from SOLO 1 and SOLO 2 studies baseline and percentage of patients with EASI-75 at week 36 in patients with EASI-75 at baseline.

Patients who continued on the same dose regimen received in the SOLO 1 and SOLO 2 studies (300 mg Q2W or 300 mg QW) showed the optimal effect in maintaining clinical response while efficacy for other dose regimens diminished in a dose-dependent manner.

Primary and secondary endpoints for the 52 week SOLO CONTINUE study are summarized in [Table 8](#)

**Table 8 - Results of the primary and secondary endpoints in the SOLO CONTINUE study**

	Placebo	Dupilumab 300 mg		
		N=83	Q8W N=84	Q4W N=86
<b>Co-Primary Endpoints</b>				
LS mean change (SE) between baseline and week 36 in percent change in EASI Score from Parent Study baseline	21.7 (3.13)	6.8*** (2.43)	3.8*** (2.28)	0.1*** (1.74)
Percent of patients with EASI-75 at week 36 for patients with EASI-75 at baseline, n (%)	24/79 (30.4%)	45/82* (54.9%)	49/84** (58.3%)	116/162*** (71.6%)
<b>Key Secondary Endpoints</b>				
Percent of patients whose IGA response at week 36 was maintained within 1 point of baseline in the subset of patients with IGA (0,1) at baseline, n (%)	18/63 (28.6)	32/64† (50.0)	41/66** (62.1)	89/126*** (70.6)
Percent of patients with IGA (0,1) at week 36 in the subset of patients with IGA (0,1) at baseline, n (%)	9/63 (14.3)	21/64† (32.8)	29/66** (43.9)	68/126*** (54.0)
Percent of patients whose peak pruritus NRS increased by ≥3 points from baseline to week 35 in the subset of patients with peak pruritus NRS ≤7 at baseline, n (%)	56/80 (70.0)	45/81 (55.6)	41/83† (49.4)	57/168*** (33.9)

†P<0.05, \*P<0.01, \*\*P<0.001, \*\*\*P≤0.0001

In SOLO CONTINUE, a trend for increased treatment-emergent ADA positivity with increased dosing intervals was observed. Treatment-emergent ADA: QW: 1.2%; Q2W: 4.3%; Q4W: 6.0%; Q8W: 11.7%. ADA responses lasting more than 12 weeks: QW: 0.0%; Q2W: 1.4%; Q4W: 0.0%; Q8W: 2.6%.

## ***Adolescent atopic dermatitis***

The efficacy and safety of Dupixent monotherapy in adolescent patients was evaluated in a multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study (AD-1526) in 251 adolescent patients 12 to 17 years of age with moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD) defined by Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA) score  $\geq 3$  in the overall assessment of AD lesions on a severity scale of 0 to 4, an Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score  $\geq 16$  on a scale of 0 to 72, and a minimum body surface area (BSA) involvement of  $\geq 10\%$ . Eligible patients enrolled into this study had previous inadequate response to topical medication.

Patients received one of the following regimens:

1. an initial dose of 400 mg Dupixent (two 200 mg injections) on day 1, followed by 200 mg once every other week (Q2W) for patients with baseline weight of  $< 60$  kg or an initial dose of 600 mg Dupixent (two 300 mg injections) on day 1, followed by 300 mg Q2W for patients with baseline weight of  $\geq 60$  kg;
2. an initial dose of 600 mg Dupixent (two 300 mg injections) on day 1, followed by 300 mg every 4 weeks (Q4W) regardless of baseline body weight;
3. matching placebo.

Dupixent was administered by subcutaneous (SC) injection. If needed to control intolerable symptoms, patients were permitted to receive rescue treatment at the discretion of the investigator. Patients who received rescue treatment were considered non-responders.

At baseline 46.2% of patients had a baseline IGA score of 3 (moderate AD), 53.8% of patients had a baseline IGA of 4 (severe AD), the mean BSA involvement was 56.5%, and 42.4 % of patients had received prior systemic immunosuppressants. Also at baseline the mean Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score was 35.5, the baseline weekly averaged pruritus Numerical Rating Scale (NRS) was 7.6, the baseline mean Scoring Atopic Dermatitis (SCORAD) score was 70.3. Overall, 92.0% of patients had at least one co-morbid allergic condition; 65.6% had allergic rhinitis, 53.6% had asthma, and 60.8% had food allergies.

The co-primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with IGA 0 or 1 ("clear" or "almost clear") and at least a 2-point improvement. The other co-primary endpoint was the proportion of patients with EASI-75 (improvement of at least 75% in EASI). Both co-primary endpoints were measured from baseline to Week 16. Other evaluated outcomes included the proportion of subjects with EASI-50 or EASI-90 (improvement of at least 50% or 90% in EASI from baseline respectively), reduction in itch as measured by the peak pruritus NRS, and percent change in the SCORAD scale from baseline to Week 16. Additional secondary endpoints included mean change from baseline to week 16 in the POEM and CDLQI scores.

### *Clinical Response*

The efficacy results at Week 16 for adolescent atopic dermatitis study are presented in [Table 9](#).

**Table 9 - Efficacy results of Dupixent in the adolescent atopic dermatitis study at Week 16 (FAS)<sup>a</sup>**

	AD-1526(FAS) <sup>a</sup>	
	Placebo	Dupixent 200 mg (<60 kg) and 300 mg (≥60 kg) Q2W*
<b>Patients randomized (n)</b>	85 <sup>a</sup>	82 <sup>a</sup>
IGA 0 or 1 <sup>b</sup> , % responders <sup>c</sup>	2.4%	24.4%
EASI-50, % responders <sup>c</sup>	12.9%	61.0%
EASI-75, % responders <sup>c</sup>	8.2%	41.5%
EASI-90, % responders <sup>c</sup>	2.4%	23.2%
EASI, LS mean % change from baseline (+/-SE)	-23.6% (5.49)	-65.9% (3.99)
SCORAD, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-17.6% (3.76)	-51.6% (3.23)
Pruritus NRS, LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-19.0% (4.09)	-47.9% (3.43)
Pruritus NRS (>4-point improvement), % responders <sup>c</sup>	4.8%	36.6%
BSA LS mean % change from baseline (+/- SE)	-11.7% (2.72)	-30.1% (2.34)

<sup>a</sup> Full Analysis Set (FAS) includes all patients randomized.

<sup>b</sup> Responder was defined as a subject with IGA 0 or 1 ("clear" or "almost clear") with a reduction of ≥2 points on a 0-4 IGA scale.

<sup>c</sup> Patients who received rescue treatment or with missing data were considered as non-responders (58.8% and 20.7% in the placebo and dupixent arms, respectively).

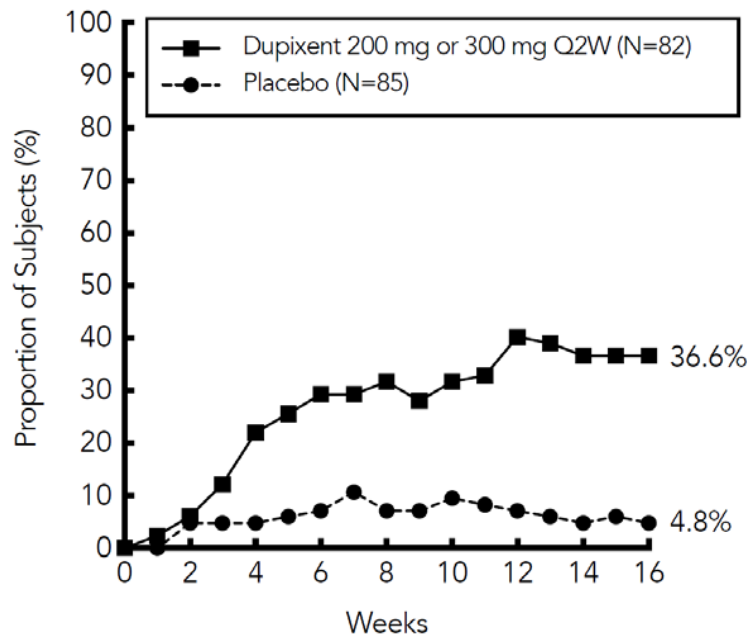
\* All p-values <0.0001

A larger percentage of patients randomised to placebo needed rescue treatment (topical corticosteroids, systemic corticosteroids, or systemic non-steroidal immunosuppressants) as compared to the Dupixent group (58.8% and 20.7%, respectively).

A significantly greater proportion of patients randomised to Dupixent achieved a rapid improvement in the pruritus NRS compared to placebo (defined as >4-point improvement as early as week 4; nominal p<0.001) and the proportion of patients responding on the pruritus NRS continued to increase through the treatment period (see [Figure 5](#)). The improvement in pruritus NRS occurred in conjunction with the improvement of objective signs of atopic dermatitis.



**Figure 5 - Proportion of adolescent patients with  $\geq 4$ -point improvement on the pruritus NRS in AD-1526 study<sup>a</sup> (FAS)<sup>b</sup>**



<sup>a</sup> In the primary analyses of the efficacy endpoints, subjects who received rescue treatment or with missing data were considered non-responders.

<sup>b</sup> Full Analysis Set (FAS) includes all subjects randomised.

The long-term efficacy of Dupixent in adolescent patients with moderate-to-severe AD who had participated in previous clinical trials of Dupixent was assessed in open-label extension study (AD-1434). Efficacy data from this study suggests that clinical benefit provided at week 16 was sustained through week 52.

### **Asthma**

The asthma development program included three randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multi-center studies (DRI12544, Quest, and Venture) of 24 to 52 weeks in treatment duration which enrolled a total of 2888 patients (12 years of age and older).

Patients enrolled in DRI12544 and Quest studies were required to have a history of 1 or more asthma exacerbations that required treatment with systemic corticosteroids or emergency department visit or hospitalization for the treatment of asthma in the year prior to study entry. Patients enrolled in Venture study required dependence on daily oral corticosteroids in addition to regular use of high-dose inhaled corticosteroids plus an additional controller(s).

The effects of Dupixent treatment discontinuation on severe exacerbations and FEV1 were assessed in the DRI12544 study during the 16-week follow-up period. Patients in both the overall and the baseline blood eosinophil count of  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL populations experienced a gradual return to baseline asthma status, with no evidence of rebound effect.

In all 3 studies, patients were enrolled without requiring a minimum baseline blood eosinophil or other Type 2 biomarker (e.g. FeNO or IgE) level.

In the Quest and Venture studies, patients with baseline blood eosinophil level of >1500 cells/mcL (<1.3%) were excluded.

Dupixent was administered as add-on to background asthma treatment.

Patients continued background asthma therapy throughout the duration of the studies except in Venture study in which OCS dose was tapered as described below.

#### *DRI12544 study*

DRI12544 was a 24-week dose-ranging study which included 776 patients (18 years of age and older). Dupixent compared with placebo was evaluated in adult patients with moderate to severe asthma on a medium- or-high dose inhaled corticosteroid and a long acting beta agonist.

Patients were randomized to receive either 200 mg (N= 150) or 300 mg (N= 157) Dupixent every other week or 200 mg (N= 154) or 300 mg (N= 157) Dupixent every 4 weeks following an initial dose of 400 mg, 600 mg or placebo (N= 158), respectively.

The primary endpoint was change from baseline to Week 12 in FEV1 (L). Other endpoints included percent change from baseline in FEV1 and annualized rate of severe asthma exacerbation events during the 24-week placebo controlled treatment period.

Results were evaluated in the overall population and subgroups based on baseline blood eosinophil count ( $\geq 300$  cells/mcL and  $< 300$  cells/mcL).

Additional secondary endpoints included mean change from baseline and responder rates in the patient reported Asthma Control Questionnaire (ACQ-5) and Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire, Standardized Version (AQLQ(S)) scores.

#### *EFC13579 (Quest) study*

Quest was a 52-week study which included 1902 patients (12 years of age and older). Dupixent compared with placebo was evaluated in 107 adolescent and 1795 adult patients with moderate-to-severe asthma on a medium- or high- dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS) and a minimum of one and up to two controller medications.

Patients requiring a third controller were allowed to participate in this study. Patients were randomized to receive either 200 mg (N=631) or 300 mg (N=633) Dupixent every other week (or matching placebo for either 200 mg [N = 317] or 300 mg [N= 321] every other week) following an initial dose of 400 mg, 600 mg or placebo respectively.

The primary endpoints were the annualized rate of severe exacerbation events during the 52-week placebo controlled period and change from baseline in pre-bronchodilator FEV1 at Week 12 in overall population (unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers).

Additional secondary endpoints included exacerbation rates and FEV1 in patients with different baseline levels of eosinophils as well as mean change from baseline and responder rates in the ACQ-5 and AQLQ(S) scores.

### *EFC13691 (Venture) study*

Venture was a 24-week oral corticosteroid-reduction study in 210 patients with asthma who required daily oral corticosteroids in addition to regular use of high dose inhaled corticosteroids plus an additional controller.

After optimizing the OCS dose during the screening period, patients received 300 mg Dupixent (N=103) or placebo (N=107) once every other week for 24 weeks following an initial dose of 600 mg or placebo.

Patients continued to receive their existing asthma medicine during the study; however their OCS dose which was reduced every 4 weeks during the OCS reduction phase (Week 4-20), as long as asthma control was maintained. The OCS reduction was performed according to algorithm specified in the protocol.

The primary endpoint was the percent reduction of oral corticosteroid dose at Week 24 compared with the baseline dose, while maintaining asthma control in the overall population (unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers). The key secondary endpoints were the proportion of patients achieving a reduction of 50% or greater in their OCS dose compared with baseline and proportion of patients achieving a reduction of OCS dose to <5 mg/day at Week 24 while maintaining asthma control.

Additional secondary endpoints included the annualized rate of severe exacerbation events during treatment period and mean change from baseline and responder rate in the ACQ-5 and AQLQ(S) scores.

The demographics and baseline characteristics of these 3 studies are provided in [Table 10](#) below.

**Table 10 - Demographics and Baseline Characteristics of Asthma Trials**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>DRI12544 (n = 776)</b>	<b>Quest (n = 1902)</b>	<b>Venture (n=210)</b>
Mean age (years) (SD)	48.6 (13.0)	47.9 (15.3)	51.3 (12.6)
% Female	63.1	62.9	60.5
% White	78.2	82.9	93.8
Body Mass Index $\geq$ 30 kg/ m2 (%)	40.2	39.5	41.4
Duration of Asthma (years), mean ( $\pm$ SD)	22.03 (15.42)	20.94 (15.36)	19.95 (13.90)
Never smoked, (%)	77.4	80.7	80.5
Mean exacerbations in previous year ( $\pm$ SD)	2.17 (2.14)	2.09 (2.15)	2.09 (2.16)
High dose ICS use* (%)	49.5	51.5	88.6
Pre-dose FEV1 (L) at baseline ( $\pm$ SD)	1.84 (0.54)	1.78 (0.60)	1.58 (0.57)
Mean percent predicted FEV1 at baseline (%) ( $\pm$ SD)	60.77 (10.72)	58.43 (13.52)	52.18 (15.18)
% Reversibility ( $\pm$ SD)	26.85 (15.43)	26.29 (21.73)	19.47 (23.25)
Mean ACQ-5 score ( $\pm$ SD)	2.74 (0.81)	2.76 (0.77)	2.50 (1.16)
Mean AQLQ score ( $\pm$ SD)	4.02 (1.09)	4.29 (1.05)	4.35 (1.17)

Parameter	DRI12544 (n = 776)	Quest (n = 1902)	Venture (n=210)
Atopic Medical History % Overall (AD %, NP %, AR %)	72.9 (8.0, 10.6, 61.7)	77.7 (10.3, 12.7, 68.6)	72.4 (7.6, 21.0, 55.7)
Mean FeNO ppb (± SD)	39.10 (35.09)	34.97 (32.85)	37.61 (31.38)
% patients with FeNO ppb			
≥25	49.9	49.6	54.3
≥50	21.6	20.5	25.2
Mean total IgE IU/mL (± SD)	435.05 (753.88)	432.40 (746.66)	430.58 (775.96)
Mean baseline Eosinophil count (± SD) cells/mcL	350 (430)	360 (370)	350 (310)
% patients with EOS			
≥ 150 cells/mcL	77.8	71.4	71.4
≥ 300 cells/mcL	41.9	43.7	42.4

ICS = inhaled corticosteroid; LABA = Long-acting beta2-agonist; FEV1 = Forced expiratory volume in 1 second; ACQ-5 = Asthma Control Questionnaire-5; AQLQs = Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire, Standardized Version; AD = atopic dermatitis; NP = nasal polyposis; AR = allergic rhinitis; FeNO = fraction of exhaled nitric oxide; EOS = blood eosinophil

\* High dose ICS was defined as > 500 mcg fluticasone equivalent per day.

### Exacerbations

DRI12544, Quest, and Venture studies evaluated the frequency of severe asthma exacerbations.

Exacerbations were defined as deterioration of asthma requiring the use of systemic corticosteroids for at least 3 days or hospitalization or emergency room visit due to asthma that required systemic corticosteroids.

For patients on maintenance corticosteroids, an asthma exacerbation was defined as a temporary increase in oral corticosteroid dose for at least 3 days.

In the overall population, patients receiving either Dupixent 200 mg or 300 mg every other week had significant reductions in the rate of severe asthma exacerbations compared to placebo (see [Table 11](#)).

In the pooled analysis of the DRI12544 and Quest studies, the rate of severe exacerbations leading to hospitalizations and/or emergency room visits was reduced by 25.5% and 46.9% with Dupixent 200 mg or 300 mg every other week, respectively.

**Table 11 - Rate of Severe Exacerbations in DRI12544, Quest, and Venture (Overall Population<sup>a</sup>)**

Study	Treatment (N)	Exacerbations per Year		Percent Reduction
		Rate (95% CI)	Rate Ratio (95%CI)	
All Severe Exacerbations				
<b>DRI12544</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W (n= 150)	0.27 (0.16, 0.46)	0.30 (0.16, 0.57)	70%
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W (n = 157)	0.27 (0.16, 0.45)	0.30 (0.16, 0.55)	70%
	Placebo (n = 158)	0.90 (0.62, 1.30)		
<b>Quest</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W (n= 631)	0.46 (0.39, 0.53)	0.52 (0.41, 0.66)	48%
	Placebo (n = 317)	0.87 (0.72, 1.05)		
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W Placebo (n = 321)	0.52 (0.45, 0.61)	0.54 (0.43, 0.68)	46%
<b>Venture<sup>b</sup></b>	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W (n = 103)	0.65 (0.44, 0.96)	0.41 (0.26, 0.63)	59%
	Placebo (n = 107)	1.60 (1.25, 2.04)		

a Overall population is unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers

b OCS withdrawal study

Prespecified subgroup analyses of DRI12544, Quest, and Venture studies demonstrated that there were greater reductions in severe exacerbations in patients with higher baseline levels of markers for Type 2 inflammation such as eosinophil level and FeNO.

Prespecified subgroup analyses of AS Trials 1 and 2 demonstrated that there were greater reductions in severe exacerbations in subjects with higher baseline blood eosinophil levels. In AS Trial 2, reductions in exacerbations were significant in the subgroup of subjects with baseline blood eosinophils  $\geq 150$  cells/mcL. In subjects with baseline blood eosinophil count  $< 150$  cells/mcL, similar severe exacerbation rates were observed between DUPIXENT and placebo.

In all studies, when compared to placebo greater reductions in severe exacerbations were also seen in patients with baseline FeNO  $\geq 25$  ppb.

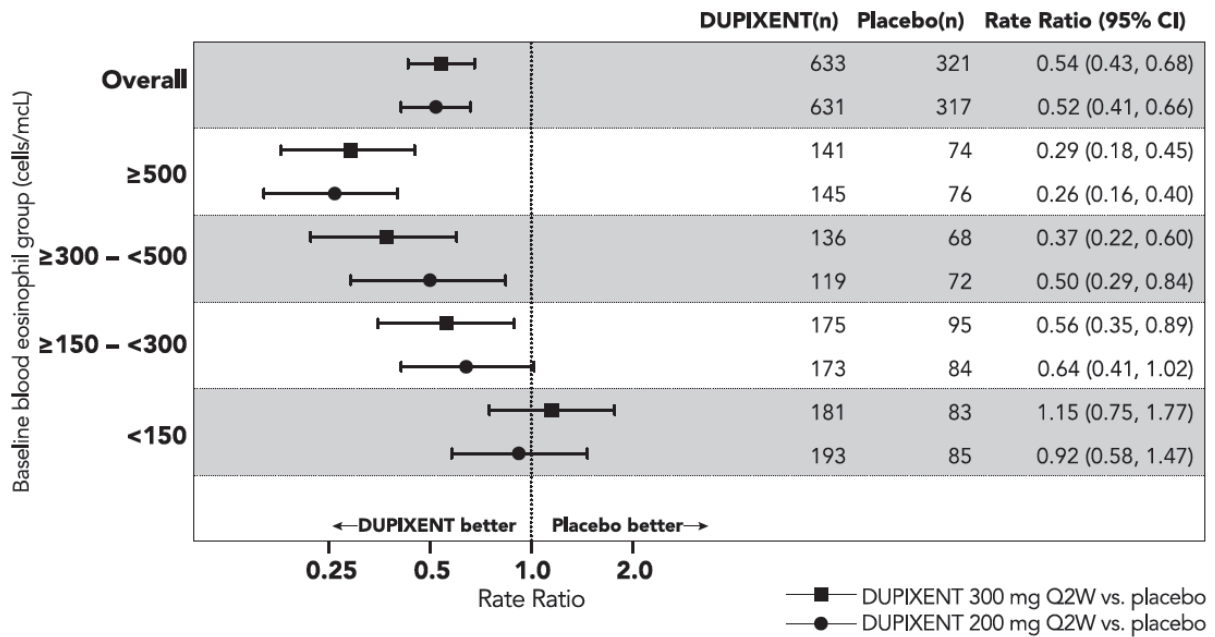
In the Quest study, patients receiving medium dose ICS showed a similar reduction in rate of severe asthma exacerbations compared to patients receiving high dose ICS.

**Table 12 - Rate of Severe Exacerbations in DRI12544, Quest, and Venture by Subgroups**

Study	Treatment	Baseline Blood EOS							
		≥150 cells/mcL				≥300 cells/mcL			
		N	Exacerbations per Year Rate (95% CI)	Rate Ratio (95%CI)	Percent Reduction	N	Exacerbations per Year Rate (95% CI)	Rate Ratio (95%CI)	Percent Reduction
All Severe Exacerbations									
<b>DRI12544</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W	120	0.29 (0.16, 0.53)	0.28 (0.14, 0.55)	72%	65	0.30 (0.13, 0.68)	0.29 (0.11, 0.76)	71%
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	129	0.28 (0.158, 0.496)	0.27 (0.14, 0.52)	73%	64	0.20 (0.08, 0.52)	0.19 (0.07, 0.56)	81%
	Placebo	127	1.05 (0.69, 1.60)			68	1.04 (0.57, 1.90)		
<b>Quest</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W	437	0.45 (0.37, 0.54)	0.44 (0.34,0.58)	56%	264	0.37 (0.29, 0.48)	0.34 (0.24,0.48)	66%
	Placebo	232	1.01 (0.81, 1.25)			148	1.081 (0.846, 1.382)		
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	452	0.43 (0.36, 0.53)	0.40 (0.31,0.53)	60%	277	0.40 (0.32, 0.51)	0.33 (0.23,0.45)	67%
	Placebo	237	1.08 (0.88, 1.33)			142	1.24 (0.97, 1.57)		
<b>Venture<sup>a</sup></b>	Duixent 300 mg Q2W	69	0.64 (0.43, 0.97)	0.42 (0.25, 0.69)	58%	48	0.50 (0.26, 0.98)	0.29 (0.14,0.60)	71%
	Placebo	81	1.54 (1.14, 2.07)			41	1.74 (1.20, 2.53)		

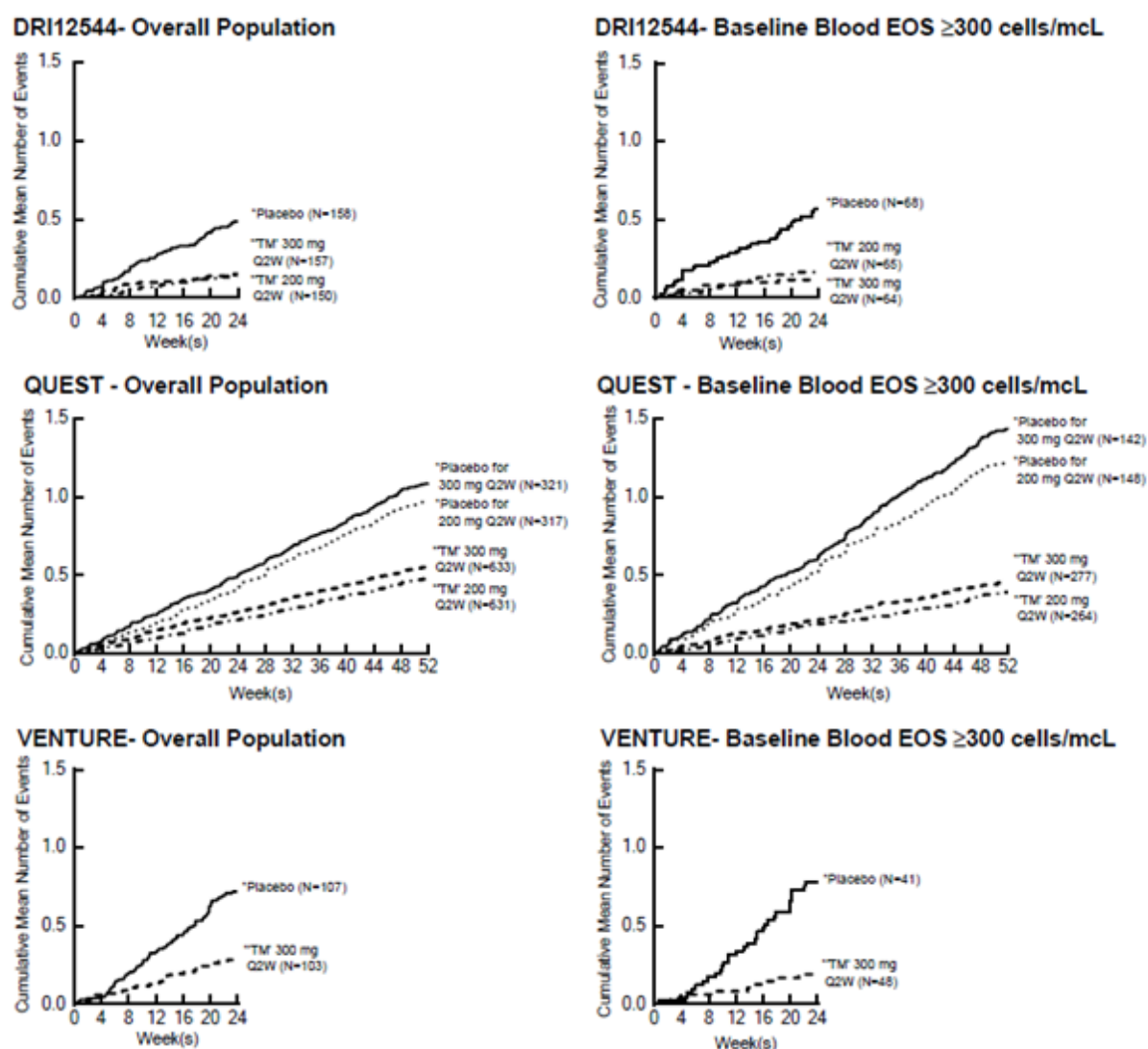
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**Figure 6 - Relative Risk in Annualized Event Rate of Severe Exacerbations across Baseline Blood Eosinophil Count (cells/mcL) in Quest**



The cumulative mean number of severe exacerbation events in DRI12544, Quest, and Venture studies (Overall Population and Baseline Eosinophils  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL) during the 24- or 52-week treatment period is shown in [Figure 7](#).

**Figure 7 - Cumulative Mean Function for the Number of Severe Exacerbation Events During 24- or 52-week Treatment Period (Overall Population<sup>a</sup> and Baseline Eosinophils  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL)**



<sup>a</sup>Overall population is unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers

Over the course of the studies, patients in both Dupixent dose groups had lower cumulative number of events compared with patients in their respective placebo groups.

### Lung Function

Significant increases in pre-bronchodilator FEV1 were observed at week 12 for DRI12544 and Quest trials in the primary analysis populations (subjects with baseline blood eosinophil count of  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL in DRI12544 and the overall population in the Quest trial).

Subgroup analysis of DRI12544, Quest, and Venture studies demonstrated that patients with baseline blood eosinophil count of  $\geq 150$  and  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL showed greater improvement in FEV1 compared with the overall population (Table 13).

Clinically meaningful improvements in FEV1 were observed in patients with baseline eosinophils  $< 300$  cell/mcL, although less than in the population with baseline blood



eosinophil count  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL. Magnitude of effect was directly correlated with baseline eosinophil counts at all baseline eosinophil levels studied.

In the Quest study, compared to placebo, greater improvements in FEV1 were also seen in patients with FeNO  $\geq 25$  and  $\geq 50$  ppb.

Improvement in FEV1 was similar whether patients were receiving medium dose ICS, high dose ICS, or OCS.

**Table 13 - Mean Change from Baseline in Pre-Bronchodilator FEV1 at Week 12 in DRI12544 and Quest and Week 24 in Venture (Overall Population<sup>a</sup> and Baseline Blood Eosinophil Levels  $\geq 150$  and  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL)**

Study	Treatment	Overall Population <sup>a</sup>			Baseline Blood EOS					
		N	LS mean $\Delta$ From baseline L (%)	LS Mean Difference vs. placebo (95% CI)	$\geq 150$ cells/mcL			$\geq 300$ cells/mcL		
					N	LS Mean $\Delta$ From baseline L (%)	LS Mean Difference vs. placebo (95% CI)	N	LS mean $\Delta$ From baseline L (%)	LS Mean Difference vs. placebo (95% CI)
<b>DRI12544</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W	150	0.31 (18.0)	0.20 (0.11, 0.28)	10 8	0.32 (18.25)	0.23 (0.13, 0.33)	65	0.43 (25.9)	0.26 (0.11, 0.40)
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	157	0.28 (17.8)	0.16 (0.08, 0.25)	12 0	0.26 (17.1)	0.18 (0.08, 0.27)	64	0.39 (25.8)	0.21 (0.06, 0.36)
	Placebo	158	0.12 (6.1)		10 2	0.09 (4.36)		68	0.18 (10.2)	
<b>Quest</b>	Dupixent 200 mg Q2W	631	0.32 (21.3)	0.14 (0.08, 0.19)	42 5	0.36 (23.6)	0.17 (0.11, 0.23)	264	0.43 (29.0)	0.21 (0.13, 0.29)
	Placebo	317	0.18 (12.1)		22 4	0.18 (12.4)		148	0.21 (15.6)	
	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	633	0.34 (23.1)	0.13 (0.08, 0.18)	43 4	0.37 (25.3)	0.15 (0.09, 0.21)	277	0.47 (32.5)	0.24 (0.16, 0.32)
	Placebo	321	0.21 (13.7)		22 9	0.22 (14.2)		142	0.22 (14.4)	
<b>Venture<sup>b</sup></b>	Dupixent 300 mg Q2W	103	0.22 (19.9)	0.22 (0.09, 0.34)	76	0.32 (26.0)	0.22 (0.06, 0.38)	48	0.44 (35.1)	0.32 (0.10, 0.54)
	Placebo	107	0.01 (4.8)		66	0.06 (9.1)		41	0.12 (10.5)	

<sup>a</sup> Overall population is unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers

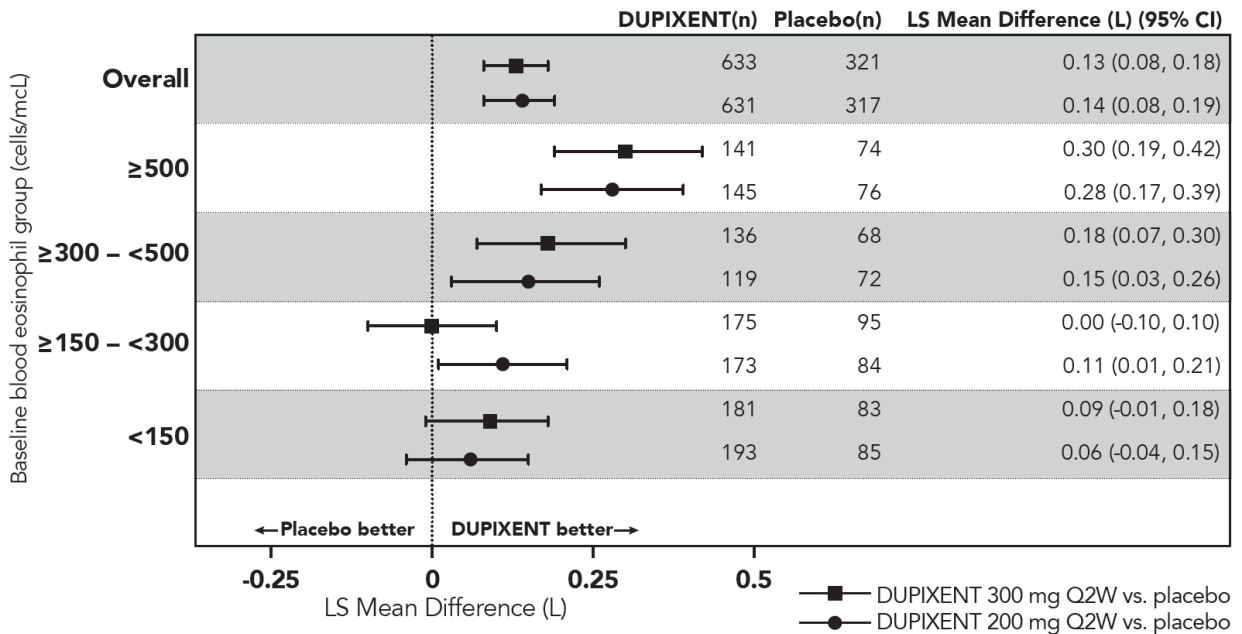
<sup>b</sup> For Venture, the OCS withdrawal study, change from baseline in pre-bronchodilator FEV1 at week 24 was reported to allow time for OCS reduction to reach optimization

**Table 14 - Mean Change from Baseline in Pre-Bronchodilator FEV1 at Week 12 and Week 52 in QUEST by Baseline FeNO Subgroups**

Treatment	At Week 12			At Week 52	
	N	LS Mean Δ From baseline L (%)	LS Mean Difference vs. placebo (95% CI)	LS Mean Δ From baseline L (%)	LS Mean Difference vs. placebo (95% CI)
FeNO ≥ 25 ppb					
Dupilumab 200 mg Q2W	288	0.44 (29.0%)	0.23 (0.15, 0.31) <sup>a</sup>	0.49 (31.6%)	0.30 (0.22, 0.39) <sup>a</sup>
Placebo	157	0.21 (14.1%)		0.18 (13.2%)	
Dupilumab 300 mg Q2W	295	0.45 (29.8%)	0.24 (0.16, 0.31) <sup>a</sup>	0.45 (30.5%)	0.23 (0.15, 0.31) <sup>a</sup>
Placebo	167	0.21 (13.7%)		0.22 (13.6%)	
FeNO ≥ 50 ppb					
Dupilumab 200 mg Q2W	114	0.53 (33.5%)	0.30 (0.17, 0.44) <sup>a</sup>	0.59 (36.4%)	0.38 (0.24, 0.53) <sup>a</sup>
Placebo	69	0.23 (14.9%)		0.21 (14.6%)	
Dupilumab 300 mg Q2W	113	0.59 (37.6%)	0.39 (0.26, 0.52) <sup>a</sup>	0.55 (35.8%)	0.30 (0.16, 0.44) <sup>a</sup>
Placebo	73	0.19 (13.0%)		0.25 (13.6%)	

<sup>a</sup> p-value < 0.0001

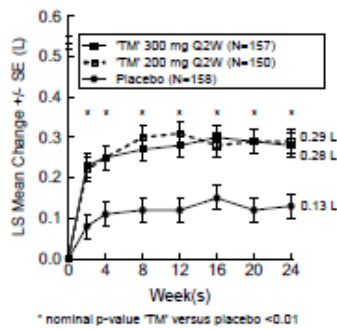
**Figure 8 - LS Mean Difference in Change from Baseline vs Placebo to Week 12 in Pre-Bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub> across Baseline Blood Eosinophil Counts (cells/mcL) in Quest**



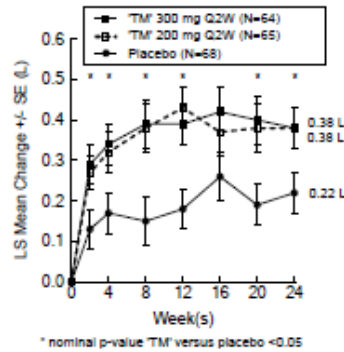
Significant improvements in FEV1 were observed as early as Week 2 (DRI12544, Quest, and Venture) following the first dose of Dupixent for both the 200 mg and 300 mg dose strengths and were maintained through Week 24 (DRI12544 and Venture) and Week 52 (Quest) (Figure 9).

**Figure 9 - Mean Change from Baseline in Pre-Bronchodilator FEV1 (L) Over Time (Overall Population<sup>a</sup> and Baseline Eosinophils  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL**

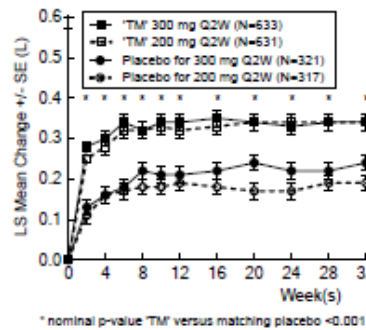
**DRI12544 - Overall Population**



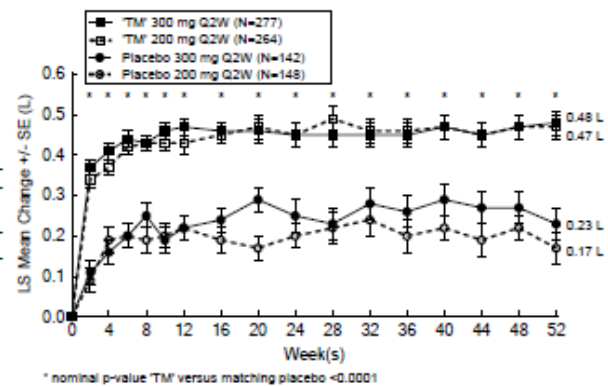
**DRI12544 - Baseline Blood EOS  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL**



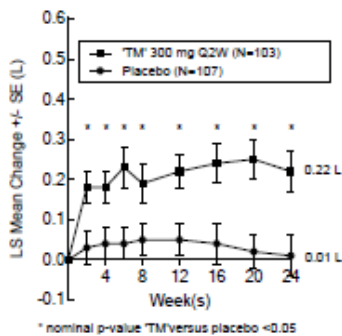
**QUEST - Overall Population**



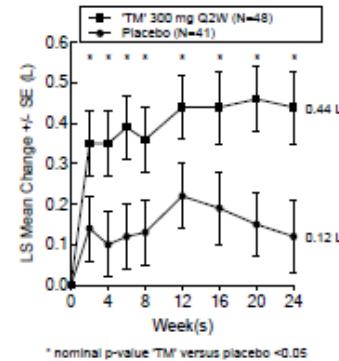
**QUEST - Baseline Blood EOS  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL**



**VENTURE - Overall Population**



**VENTURE - Baseline Blood EOS  $\geq 300$  cells/mcL**



<sup>a</sup> Overall population is unrestricted by minimum baseline eosinophils or other Type 2 biomarkers.

### Additional Secondary Endpoints

ACQ-5 and AQLQ(S) were analysed at both a cohort level (mean change from baseline) and an individual-level (responder analyses) at 24 weeks (DRI12544) and at 52 weeks (Quest).

The responder rate was defined as an improvement in score of 0.5 or more (scale range 0-6 for ACQ-5 and 1-7 for AQLQ(S)). Improvements in ACQ-5 and AQLQ(S) were observed as early as Week 2 and maintained for 24 weeks in DRI12544 study and 52 weeks in Quest study.

Similar results were observed in the Venture study. In asthma patients with comorbid upper airway disease Dupixent treatment also reduced upper airway symptoms.

Patients with asthma and comorbid chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS) with or without nasal polyposis, and/or comorbid allergic rhinitis (AR), reported their health-related quality of life on disease-specific questionnaires; the 22-Item Sino Nasal Outcome Test (SNOT-22) for CRS patients and Standardized Rhinoconjunctivitis Quality of Life Questionnaire (RQLQ (S)+ 12) for AR patients. Mean change from baseline in total scores on SNOT-22 and RQLQ(S)+12 were pre-specified endpoints in these subpopulations. Improvements in SNOT-22 and RQLQ(S)+12 total score were observed with Dupixent compared to placebo as early as week 12 and sustained over 52 weeks.

#### *Oral Corticosteroid Reduction (Venture)*

The Venture study evaluated the effect of Dupixent on reducing the use of maintenance oral corticosteroids. The baseline mean oral corticosteroid use was 11.75 mg in the placebo group and 10.75 mg in the group receiving Dupixent.

Compared with placebo, patients receiving Dupixent achieved greater reductions in daily maintenance oral corticosteroid dose, while maintaining asthma control.

The results for primary and secondary endpoints of the Venture study are presented in the [Table 15](#).

**Table 15 - Results of the Primary and Secondary Endpoints in Venture (Overall Population)**

	Overall population	
	Dupixent 300 mg N=103	Placebo N=107
Primary endpoint (week 24)		
Percent reduction in OCS from baseline		
Mean overall percent reduction from baseline (%)	70.1	41.9
Difference (% [95 % CI])(Dupixent vs. placebo)	28.2 (15.81, 40.67)	
Secondary endpoint (week 24)		
Proportion of patients achieving a reduction $\geq$ 50% OCS dose from base line	79.6	53.3
Proportion of patients achieving a reduction of OCS dose to <5 mg/day	69	33
Odds ratio (95% CI)	4.48 (2.39, 8.39)	

## 5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES

The pharmacokinetics of dupilumab is similar in patients with atopic dermatitis and asthma.

## **Absorption**

After a single subcutaneous (SC) dose of 75-600 mg dupilumab, median times to maximum concentration in serum ( $t_{max}$ ) were 3-7 days. The absolute bioavailability of dupilumab following a SC dose is similar between AD and asthma patients, ranging from 61% to 64%, as determined by a population pharmacokinetics (PK) analysis.

Administration of a single loading dose of 600 mg on Day 1 leads to rapid attainment of clinically effective concentrations within 2 weeks.

For every other week dosing (Q2W) with either 200 mg or 300 mg, starting with a respective loading dose of 400 mg or 600 mg, population PK analysis determined steady state concentrations to be achieved by 16 weeks in a typical patient. Mean steady state trough concentrations were 39 mg/L at 200 mg Q2W and 70-74 mg/ at 300 mg Q2W.

For weekly dosing (QW) with 300 mg, starting with a loading dose of 600 mg, population PK analysis determined steady state concentrations to be achieved after 13 weeks in a typical patient. Mean steady state trough concentration was 189 mg/L.

## **Distribution**

A volume of distribution for dupilumab of approximately 4.6L was estimated by population PK analysis, indicating that dupilumab is distributed primarily in the vascular system.

## **Metabolism**

Specific metabolism studies were not conducted, because dupilumab is a protein. Dupilumab is expected to degrade to small peptides and individual amino acids.

## **Excretion**

Dupilumab elimination is mediated by parallel linear and nonlinear pathways. At higher concentrations, dupilumab elimination is primarily through a non-saturable proteolytic pathway, while at lower concentrations, the non-linear saturable IL-4R  $\alpha$  target-mediated elimination predominates.

After the last steady state dose, the median time for dupilumab concentrations to decrease below the lower limit of detection, determined by population PK analysis, was 9 weeks for the 200 mg Q2W, 10-11 weeks for the 300 mg Q2W regimen and 13 weeks for the 300 mg QW regimen.

## **Dose Linearity**

Due to nonlinear clearance, dupilumab exposure, as measured by area under the concentration-time curve, increases with dose in a greater than proportional manner following single SC doses from 75-600 mg.

## **Special Populations**

### ***Gender***

Gender was not found to be associated with any clinically meaningful impact on the systemic exposure of dupilumab determined by population PK analysis.

### ***Elderly***

Age was not found to be associated with any clinically meaningful impact on the systemic exposure of Dupixent determined by population PK analysis.

### ***Race***

Race was not found to be associated with any clinically meaningful impact on the systemic exposure of dupilumab by population PK analysis.

### ***Paediatric Patients***

For adolescents 12 to 17 years of age with atopic dermatitis receiving every other week dosing (Q2W) with either 200 mg (<60 kg) or 300 mg ( $\geq$ 60 kg), mean  $\pm$ SD steady state trough concentration of dupilumab was  $54.5 \pm 27.0$  mcg/mL.

The pharmacokinetics of dupilumab in paediatric patients below 12 years of age with atopic dermatitis have not been fully established.

A total of 107 adolescents (range: 30 kg to 122 kg) aged 12 to 17 years with moderate to severe asthma were enrolled in Quest study and received either 200 mg (N=21) or 300 mg (N=18) Dupixent (or matching placebo either 200 mg [N=34] or 300 mg [N=34]) every other week.

Efficacy with respect to asthma exacerbations and lung function was observed in both adolescents and adults.

The mean  $\pm$ SD steady-state trough concentrations of dupilumab were  $46.7 \pm 26.9$  mcg/mL and  $107 \pm 51.6$  mcg/mL, respectively, for 200 mg or 300 mg administered every other week.

For both the 200 mg and 300 mg every other week doses, significant improvements in FEV1 (LS mean change from baseline at Week 12) were observed (0.36 L and 0.27 L, respectively). For the 200 mg every other week dose, patients had a reduction in the rate of severe exacerbations that was consistent with adults.

Safety and efficacy in paediatric patients (<12 years of age) with asthma have not been studied.

The adverse event profile in adolescents was generally similar to the adults (See Section 4.8 – Adverse Effects (Undesirable Effects)).

### **Hepatic Impairment**

Dupilumab, as a monoclonal antibody, is not expected to undergo significant hepatic elimination. No clinical studies have been conducted to evaluate the effect of hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of dupilumab.

### **Renal Impairment**

Dupilumab, as a monoclonal antibody, is not expected to undergo significant renal elimination. No clinical studies have been conducted to evaluate the effect of renal impairment on the pharmacokinetics of dupilumab. Population PK analysis did not identify mild or moderate renal impairment as having a clinically meaningful influence on the systemic exposure of dupilumab. No data are available in patients with severe renal impairment.

## **5.3 PRECLINICAL SAFETY DATA**

### **Genotoxicity**

No genotoxicity studies were conducted. As a monoclonal antibody, dupilumab is not expected to interact with DNA or other chromosomal material.

### **Carcinogenicity**

Carcinogenicity studies have not been conducted with dupilumab. An evaluation of the available evidence related to IL-4R $\alpha$  inhibition and animal toxicology data with surrogate antibodies does not suggest an increased risk of cancer for dupilumab.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

### **6.1 LIST OF EXCIPIENTS**

#### **300 mg Pre-Filled Syringe**

Arginine hydrochloride (25 mM), histidine (20 mM), polysorbate 80 (0.2% (w/v)), sodium acetate trihydrate (12.5 mM), sucrose (5% (w/v)), water for injections, and glacial acetic acid.

#### **200 mg Pre-Filled Syringe**

Arginine hydrochloride (50 mM), L-histidine (20 mM), polysorbate 80 (0.2% (w/v)), sodium acetate trihydrate (12.5 mM), sucrose (5% (w/v)) water for injections and glacial acetic acid.

### **6.2 INCOMPATIBILITIES**

Incompatibilities were either not assessed or not identified as part of the registration of this medicine.

### **6.3 SHELF LIFE**

The expiry date can be found on the packaging.

### **6.4 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR STORAGE**

Store in the refrigerator at 2°C to 8°C in the original carton to protect from light. Do not freeze. Do not expose to heat. Do not shake.

If necessary, pre-filled syringes may be kept at room temperature up to 25°C for a maximum of 14 days. Do not store above 25°C. After removal from the refrigerator, Dupixent must be used within 14 days or discarded.

Do not use after the expiry date stamped on the carton and container label.

### **6.5 NATURE AND CONTENTS OF CONTAINER**

#### **300 mg Pre-Filled Syringe:**

Dupixent 300mg is available in pack sizes of 1\* or 2, 3\* and 6\* per carton in the following presentations.

- Pre-filled Syringe
- Pre-Filled Syringe with needle shield - the pre-filled syringe has a needle shield to reduce the risk of accidental needle stick injuries.

#### **200 mg Pre-Filled Syringe:**

Dupixent 200mg is available in pack sizes of 1\* or 2, 3\* and 6\* per carton

- Pre-Filled Syringe with needle shield - the pre-filled syringe has a needle shield to reduce the risk of accidental needle stick injuries.

\* Presentations currently not marketed

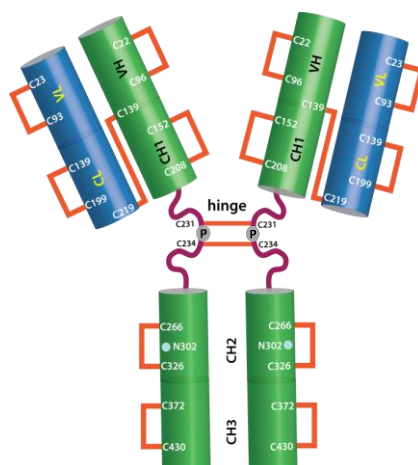
### **6.6 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL**

Any unused medicine should be disposed of by taking to your local pharmacy. The syringe and the needle cap should be disposed of in a sharps container.



## 6.7 PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES

### Chemical structure



Dupilumab is a covalent heterotetramer consisting of two disulfide-linked human heavy chains, each covalently linked through a disulfide bond to a human kappa light chain. There is a single N-linked glycosylation site in each heavy chain, located within the CH2 domain of the Fc constant region of the molecule. The Dupilumab heavy chain has an immunoglobulin (Ig) G4P isotype constant region. IgG4P is an IgG4 constant region with a single amino acid substitution in the hinge region that recreates the IgG1 hinge sequence in order to stabilize IgG4 dimer formation. The variable domains of the heavy and light chains combine to form the IL-4R $\alpha$  binding site within the antibody. Dupilumab has a molecular weight of approximately 147 kDa.

### CAS number

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### SUMMARY TABLE OF CHANGES

Section Changed	Summary of new information
4.1	Change to minimum age for atopic dermatitis (AD) indication
4.2	Addition of dose recommendations for AD patients aged 12 to 17 years
4.4	Change to statement regarding safety and efficacy in paediatric patients (change to age)
4.8	addition of text for AD patients aged 12 to 17 years
5.1	Addition of clinical trials text for AD patients aged 12 to 17 years
5.2	Addition of PK text for AD patients aged 12 to 17 years