

TEAEs of interest were infections (40.8%), liver enzyme elevations (5.4%), and hypersensitivity (4.3%).

Overall, 18.2% (85/466) of subjects developed binding antidrug antibodies (ADAs) and 6.9% (32/466) developed neutralizing ADAs in the OLE study. The rates of ADA formation were similar between subjects who transitioned from adalimumab and those who continued on ABP 501.

The ACR20 response rate (using the parent study baseline) was 73.3% (340/464) at the OLE study baseline, 77.6% (361/465) at week 4, 74.2% (336/453) at week 24, 77.6% (337/434) at week 48, and 78.8% (327/415) at week 70. The overall mean DAS28-CRP change from parent study baseline was  $-2.25$  ( $n=440$ ) at the OLE study baseline,  $-2.36$  ( $n=463$ ) at week 4,  $-2.41$  ( $n=450$ ) at week 24,  $-2.55$  at week 48 ( $n=433$ ), and  $-2.60$  at week 70 ( $n=412$ ).

**Conclusions:** In this OLE study of ABP 501, efficacy documented in the parent study was maintained with no new safety findings. Long-term safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy results were similar between subjects who transitioned from adalimumab and those who continued on ABP 501 from the parent study.

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### SAT0172 ECONOMIC OUTCOMES, TREATMENT PATTERNS, AND ADVERSE EVENTS AND REACTIONS FOR PATIENTS PRESCRIBED INFLIXIMAB OR CT-P13 IN THE TURKISH POPULATION

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**Background:** CT-P13, a biosimilar drug product to infliximab, was approved and marketed in July 2014 in Turkey. There is little information on the costs, treatment discontinuation and adverse events and reactions between patients who switched from infliximab to CT-P13 and patients who continued infliximab.

**Objectives:** The study objective was to evaluate health care costs, treatment discontinuation, and adverse events and reactions between patients who switched from infliximab to CT-P13 and patients who continued infliximab in the Turkish population.

**Methods:** Adult patients with  $\geq 1$  claim for infliximab or CT-P13 were identified in a Turkish healthcare administrative database representing 80% of the Turkish population during the identification period (16 July 2014–31 Aug 2015). Patients were required to continuously use infliximab for  $\geq 6$  months with no hospitalizations. Eligible patients either continued on infliximab (index date: date of first infliximab prescription), or switched from infliximab to CT-P13 (index date: switch date). Patients were excluded if they had  $\geq 1$  condition with an indication for infliximab during the baseline period. Patients who switched to CT-P13 were 1:10 matched to patients who continued infliximab based on the length of infliximab use prior to the index date. Demographics and clinical characteristics were measured 12 months pre-index date. Generalized linear models were used to compare adjusted health care costs, Cox regression was used to evaluate the adjusted risk of discontinuation, and Poisson regression was used to evaluate the adjusted risk of adverse events and reactions.

**Results:** The study included 1,524 patients, of whom 1,388 were continuous infliximab users and 136 switched to CT-P13. Ankylosing spondylitis and rheumatoid arthritis were the most common conditions indicated for infliximab and CT-P13; however, patients were much less likely to be switched to CT-P13 for other conditions. After adjusting for demographics and clinical characteristics, patients who switched to CT-P13 had higher outpatient ([Turkish lira] TL 269 vs TL 181;  $p=0.005$ ), inpatient (TL 64 vs TL 29;  $p=0.313$ ), and pharmacy costs (TL 1,473 vs TL 1,329;  $p=0.371$ ), which resulted in significantly higher total health care costs (TL 2,009 vs TL 1,640;  $p=0.046$ ) compared to patients who continued infliximab. Additionally, patients who switched to CT-P13 were more likely to discontinue treatment (13.2 vs 1.52 per 1000 person-years) compared to those who continued infliximab. Of patients who discontinued CT-P13, 79% switched back to infliximab. After adjusting for baseline characteristics, patients who switched to CT-P13 were significantly more likely to discontinue treatment compared to those who continued infliximab (HR=5.53; 95% CI: 4.01–7.63). There was no difference in the adjusted incidence rate ratio (IRR) between the cohorts for adverse events (IRR=0.67; 95% CI: 0.19–2.30) and reactions (IRR=0.84; 95% CI: 0.55–1.27).

**Conclusions:** Patients who switched to CT-P13 had significantly higher health care costs and were also more likely to discontinue treatment compared to those who continued infliximab. However, there was no difference in the rate of adverse events and reactions.

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### SAT0173 SWITCHING FROM REFERENCE PRODUCT ETANERCEPT TO THE BIOSIMILAR SB4 IN A REAL-LIFE SETTING: FOLLOW-UP OF 147 PATIENTS

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**Background:** The etanercept biosimilar SB4 was introduced in Sweden in early 2016. SB4 has been shown in a randomized controlled trial to be equivalent to its etanercept reference product (ERP) in terms of efficacy and safety in subjects with active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) (1). In light of this, and the fact that biosimilars offer considerable cost savings, all patients being treated with ERP at our clinic were switched to treatment with SB4 in april 2016.

**Objectives:** To describe the clinical experiences of switching patients on treatment with ERP to SB4 at our clinic.

**Methods:** All patients using ERP 50 mg at our clinic were identified using the Swedish Rheumatology Quality Register (SRQ). The patients were issued prescriptions for SB4 50 mg and were sent a letter encouraging them to switch to SB4 when they ran out of ERP. The process of switching was started 21st. However, the actual date of starting treatment with SB4 might have been 0–90 days from April 20th for individual patients, as prescriptions are written in 3 month increments.

Patients were followed up clinically and in the SRQ as planned at the last visit before switching.

For RA and psoriatic arthritis (PsA) patients DAS28 values from the last visit preceding the switch and the last visit after the switch registered up to January 2017 were collected from the SRQ. The paired T-test was used to compare mean DAS28 before and after switching.

**Results:** Before the switch, 147 patients were on treatment with ERP. Indications for treatment were RA (N=76), PsA (N=28), other spondyloarthritis (N=13), ankylosing spondylitis (N=12), unspecified arthritis (N=10) and juvenile arthritis (N=8).

At the end of January 2017, 126 patients (86%) were still on SB4.

Since the switch, 9 patients have requested to be switched back to ERP, 2 made the request before initiating therapy with SB4. No objective evidence for lack of efficacy was seen in these 9 patients. Seven patients have stopped treatment with SB4 because of inactive disease. Five patients have been switched to a non-etanercept biologic because of lack of efficacy, these patients also had lack of efficacy when on ERP.

The 76 RA patients had a mean disease duration of 17 years and had been on ERP for a mean duration of 4.7 years. As of January 2017, 60 of the RA patients have been on a follow-up visit and 54 of these had available DAS28 data from both the last visit before and after switching. For the RA patients DAS28 was 2.80 before and 2.79 after switching,  $p=0.960$ . Complete DAS28 data was available for 23 of the 28 PsA patients, mean DAS28 was 2.54 before switching and 2.06 after,  $p=0.161$ . The mean duration since switching at follow-up was 22 weeks for the RA and PsA patients.

**Conclusions:** Switching from the etanercept reference product to the biosimilar SB4 was acceptable to most of our patients. Low mean disease activity has been maintained in the RA and PsA group after the switch.

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### SAT0174 USE OF A 8-WEEK OBSERVATIONAL PERIOD FOR PREDICTING REMISSION AND LOW DISEASE ACTIVITY AT 52 WEEKS IN RA PATIENTS TREATED WITH CERTOLIZUMAB PEGOL – A MULTICENTER STUDY

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**Background:** Certolizumab pegol (CZP) is a polyethylene glycol (PEG)ylated Fc-free new anti-TNF  $\alpha$  agent. However few data still reported clinical efficacy of CZP treatment in the routine practice.

**Objectives:** This study aimed to provide clinical evidence of an adequate observational period for predicting remission and low disease activity (LDA) achievement at 52 weeks in RA patients treated with Certolizumab pegol (CZP).

**Methods:** Patients with a diagnosis of RA according to the 2010 ACR/EULAR criteria who had been prescribed CZP from Tsurumi Biologics Communication Registry (TBCR) between May 2013 and October 2015 were enrolled. The final study cohort of 98 Japanese RA patients. We reviewed the methods about the improvement of DAS28-ESR and SDAI which was an index of disease activity of RA using Wilcoxon signed-rank test and the rate of remission and LDA patients at