

P0804 - Impact of prior inadequate response to advanced therapies on early symptomatic improvement with obefazimod induction in moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis: results from the two Phase 3 placebo-controlled ABTECT induction trials



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Background

- Obefazimod (Obe) is an oral, once-daily (QD), small molecule that enhances expression of microRNA-124, which restores mucosal immune balance through regulation of Th17 cells and macrophages. Obe has shown efficacy in patients (pts) with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis (UC) [1-3].
- In Phase 3 ABTECT-1 [NCT05507203] and ABTECT-2 [NCT05507216] 8-week induction trials, Obe achieved clinically meaningful improvements in all clinical, endoscopic and histologic endpoints regardless of prior inadequate response to advanced therapy (ATIR). Here, we report the impact of prior ATIR on early symptomatic improvement with Obe in the ABTECT trials.

Methods

- The multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled ABTECT trials enrolled pts with moderate-to-severe UC (modified Mayo score (MMS) \geq 5, rectal bleeding sub-score (RBS) \geq 1 and centrally read endoscopic score (ES) \geq 2) who had inadequate response, loss of response, or intolerance to at least one prior therapy (no upper limit), including corticosteroids, immunosuppressants, biologics, S1P receptor modulators and/or JAK inhibitors (JAKi) with no limit on the number of prior ATIR. (Fig. 1).
- Pts were randomized 2:1:1 to Obe 50 mg QD (Obe-50), Obe 25 mg QD (Obe-25) or placebo (PBO) for 8 weeks.
- This analysis focuses on proportions of pts achieving symptomatic remission or symptomatic response from week 1 (W1) through week 8 (W8). Pts were categorized as ATIR-No and ATIR-Yes, with the latter further categorized by JAKi IR status (ATIR-Yes/JAKi-No vs. ATIR-Yes/JAKi-Yes). All p-values are nominal.

Results

- Among pts enrolled in the ABTECT trials, 670 were ATIR-No and 602 were ATIR-Yes (478 ATIR/JAKi-No, 124 ATIR/JAKi-Yes).
- In ATIR-No and ATIR-Yes pts, both Obe-50 and Obe-25 led to clinically meaningful improvements in symptoms vs PBO. A higher proportion of ATIR-No pts receiving Obe achieved symptomatic response and remission from W2 to W8 (Fig. 2).
- In ATIR-Yes pts, symptomatic response was observed as early as W1 with both Obe-25 and Obe-50 (Fig. 2A), and symptomatic remission from W3 with Obe-50 (Fig. 2B). Similar trends were observed in ATIR-Yes/JAKi-No pts with Obe-50.
- Among ATIR-Yes/JAKi-Yes pts, clinically meaningful improvements relative to PBO were observed in symptomatic response from as early as W1. In all ATIR-Yes subgroups, the proportion of pts achieving symptomatic endpoints continued to increase through W8, without evidence of plateauing.

Fig. 1: Design of ABTECT induction trials

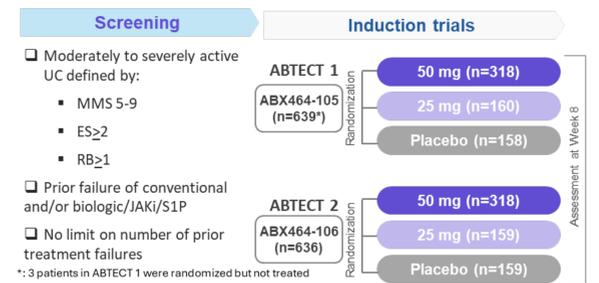
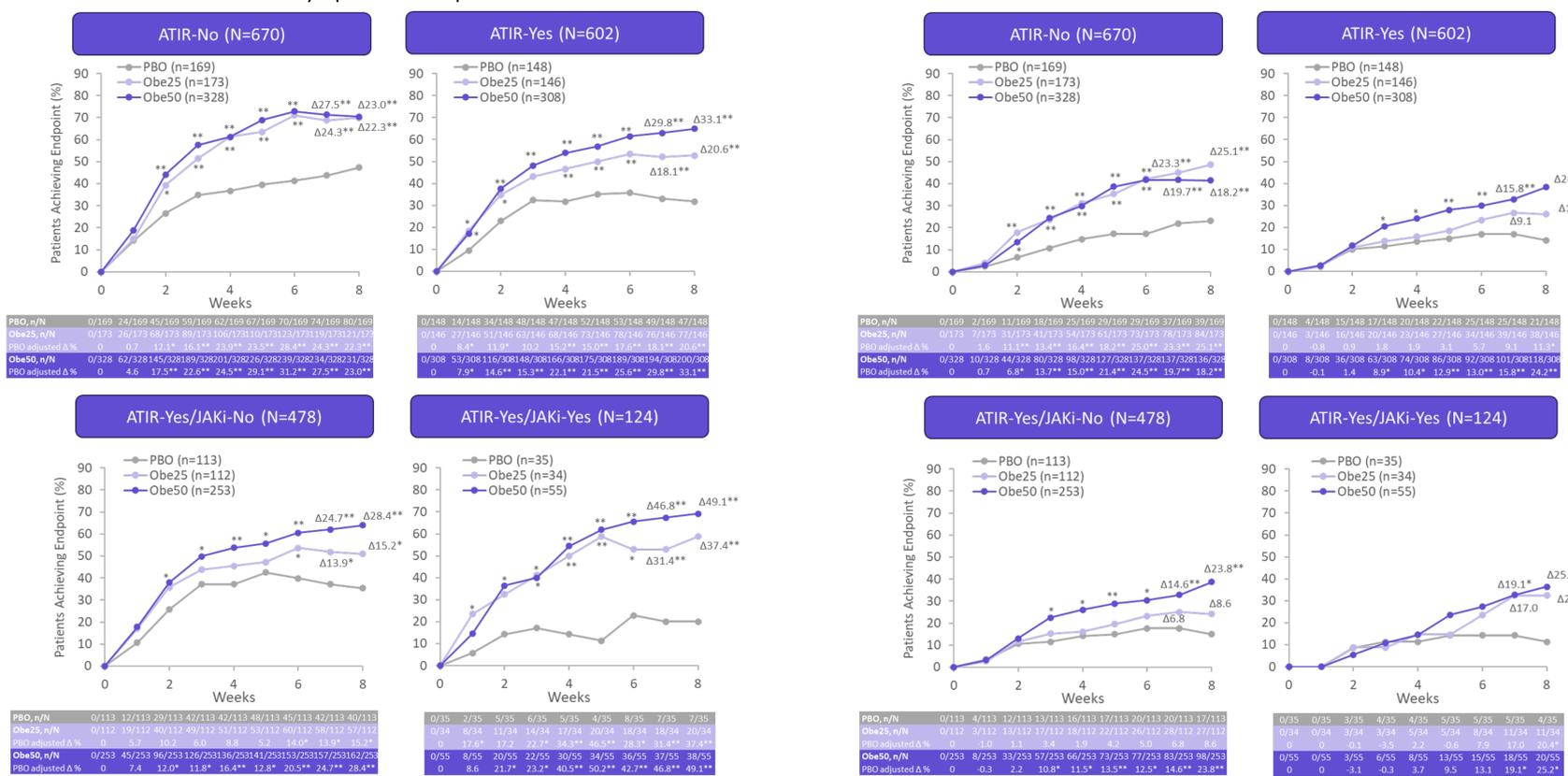


Fig. 2: Rates of symptomatic response (A) and symptomatic remission (B) across subgroups of ATIR pts – pooled ABTECT-1 and ABTECT2



Analyses not powered for statistical significance in subgroups; statistical inferences are exploratory, and all P values are nominal and 2-sided. NRI is used for subjects with missing outcome at week 8 and subjects reporting any IE prior to week 8; % Difference is for Obe minus placebo and is based on estimated common risk difference using the Mantel-Haenszel weights adjusting for the randomization stratification factors: inadequate response to advanced therapies (yes/no), baseline oral corticosteroids usage (yes/no). Symptomatic response: a reduction from baseline in pMMS of \geq 1 point and a relative reduction from baseline in pMMS of \geq 30%, and a reduction from baseline in RBS of \geq 1 point and/or RBS \leq 1. Symptomatic remission: RBS=0, SFS \leq 1. IE, investigator event; NRI, non-responder imputation; Obe, obefazimod; PBO, placebo; pMMS, partial Modified Mayo Score; RBS, rectal bleeding sub-score; SFS, stool frequency score. * P<0.05; **P<0.01.

Conclusions

- In the ABTECT induction trials, pts with moderately to severely active UC treated with Obe rapidly achieved symptomatic relief (either response or remission) regardless of prior ATIR, including a large number of pts previously treated with JAKi.
- No evidence of a plateau was observed through end of induction at W8 in all ATIR-Yes subgroups.

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