

P0922 - Impact of obefazimod treatment on histologic and combined histologic-endoscopic outcomes in patients with moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis: results from the ABTECT-1 and ABTECT-2 Phase 3, double-blind, placebo-controlled induction trials



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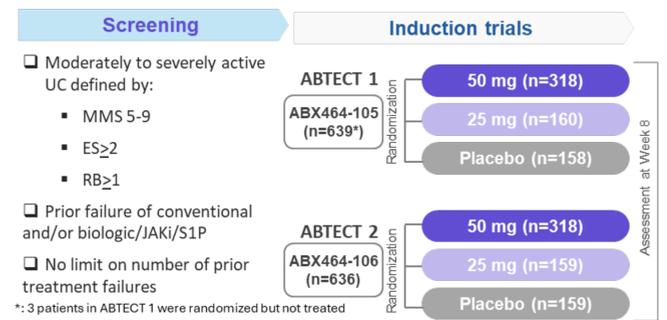
Background

- 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 clinical, endoscopic and histologic endpoints.
- UC treatment goals are shifting from symptomatic treatment (i.e. clinical remission) to achieving mucosal healing [4]. Here we report proportions of pts that met endoscopic, histologic and combined histologic-endoscopic outcomes in ABTECT trials.

Methods

- The multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled ABTECT trials enrolled pts with moderate-to-severe UC 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 (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.
- Rectal or sigmoidal biopsies from the most affected segment were collected during endoscopy at screening and Week 8 (W8) to evaluate treatment effect of Obe vs PBO on histopathology scores using the Geboes index. Endoscopic improvement/remission, histologic improvement/remission, histo-endoscopic mucosal improvement (HEMI) and remission (HEMR), and endoscopic improvement histological remission (EIHR) were evaluated using non-responder imputation (NRI).

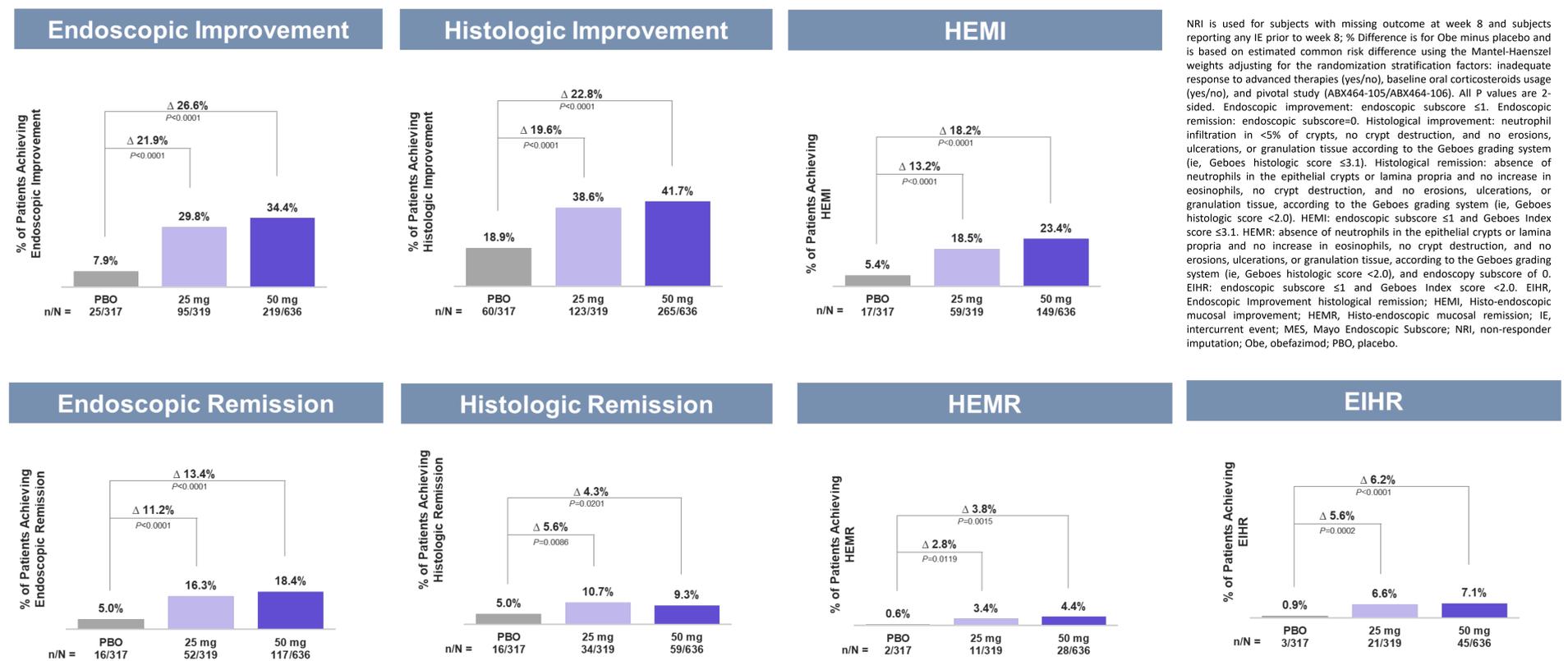
Fig. 1: Design of ABTECT induction trials



Results

- 1272 pts were randomized and treated in the two ABTECT trials.
- In a pooled analysis, higher proportions of pts receiving either Obe-25 or Obe-50 versus PBO achieved all endoscopic and histologic endpoints (endoscopic improvement: Obe-25-PBO difference=21.9%; Obe-50-PBO difference=26.6% - histologic improvement: Obe-25-PBO difference=19.6%; Obe-50-PBO difference=22.8%), and combined endoscopic-histologic with nominal significance, including the most stringent endpoint of HEMR (Fig.2).

Fig. 2: 8-week histologic and combined histologic-endoscopic outcomes - pooled ABTECT trials



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), and pivotal study (ABX464-105/ABX464-106). All P values are 2-sided. Endoscopic improvement: endoscopic subscore ≤ 1 . Endoscopic remission: endoscopic subscore=0. Histological improvement: neutrophil infiltration in $<5\%$ of crypts, no crypt destruction, and no erosions, ulcerations, or granulation tissue according to the Geboes grading system (ie, Geboes histologic score ≤ 3.1). Histological remission: absence of neutrophils in the epithelial crypts or lamina propria and no increase in eosinophils, no crypt destruction, and no erosions, ulcerations, or granulation tissue, according to the Geboes grading system (ie, Geboes histologic score ≤ 2.0). HEMI: endoscopic subscore ≤ 1 and Geboes Index score ≤ 3.1 . HEMR: absence of neutrophils in the epithelial crypts or lamina propria and no increase in eosinophils, no crypt destruction, and no erosions, ulcerations, or granulation tissue, according to the Geboes grading system (ie, Geboes histologic score ≤ 2.0), and endoscopy subscore of 0. EIHR: endoscopic subscore ≤ 1 and Geboes Index score <2.0 . EIHR, Endoscopic improvement histological remission; HEMI, Histo-endoscopic mucosal improvement; HEMR, Histo-endoscopic mucosal remission; IE, intercurrent event; MES, Mayo Endoscopic Subscore; NRI, non-responder imputation; Obe, obefazimod; PBO, placebo.

Conclusions

- In the ABTECT induction trials in pts with moderately to severely active UC, Obe treatment led to clinically meaningful improvements in endoscopic, histologic, and combined histologic-endoscopic endpoints at W8.

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