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FL – Biosimilar Rituximab

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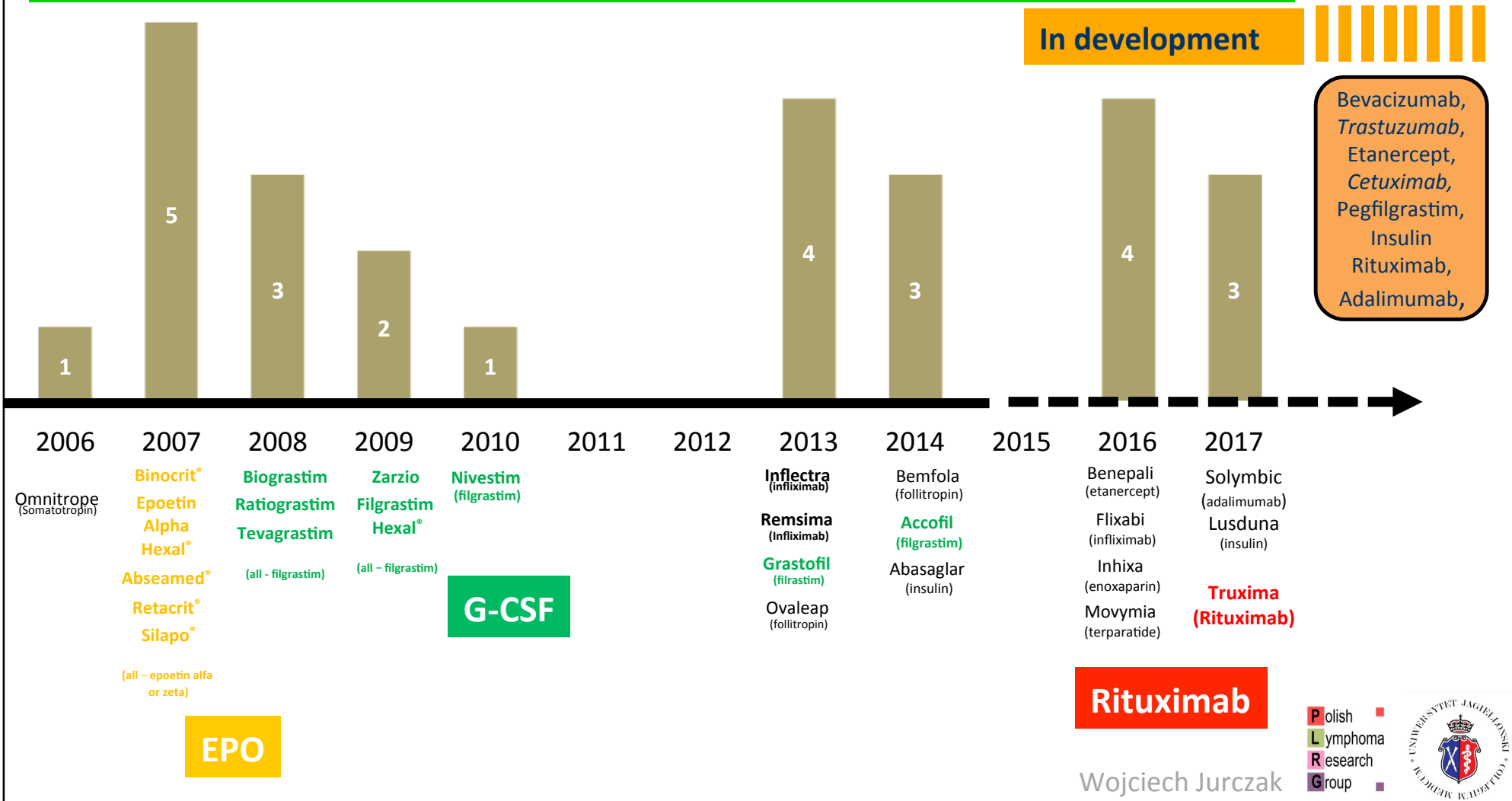
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Biosimilars approved by EMA

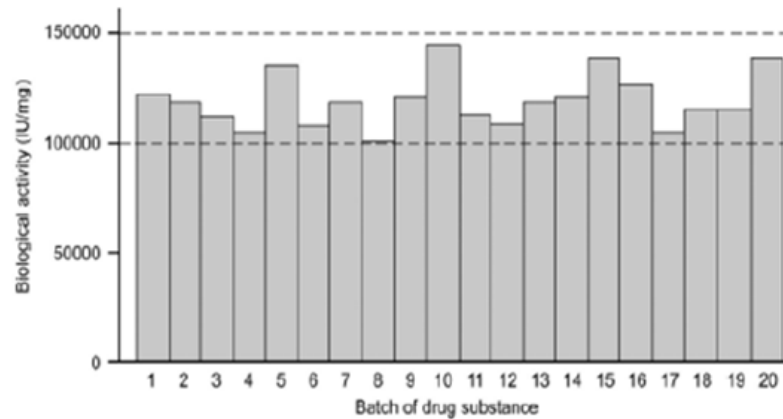
In clinical use

In development



Every Biologic varies from batch to batch

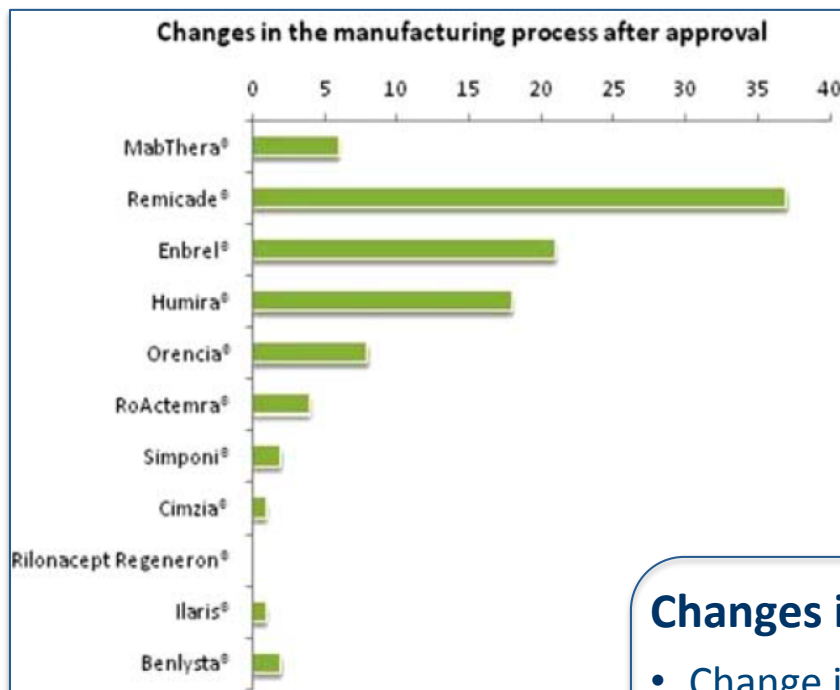
- „Non-identity“ is a normal principle in biotechnology.
- No batch of any biological is „identical“ to the others



- The „art“ is to demonstrate that the biosimilar is as close as possible to its reference product in all relevant functional and structural aspects, within current technical and scientific limitations (inherent variability)



Changes in the manufacturing process after approval

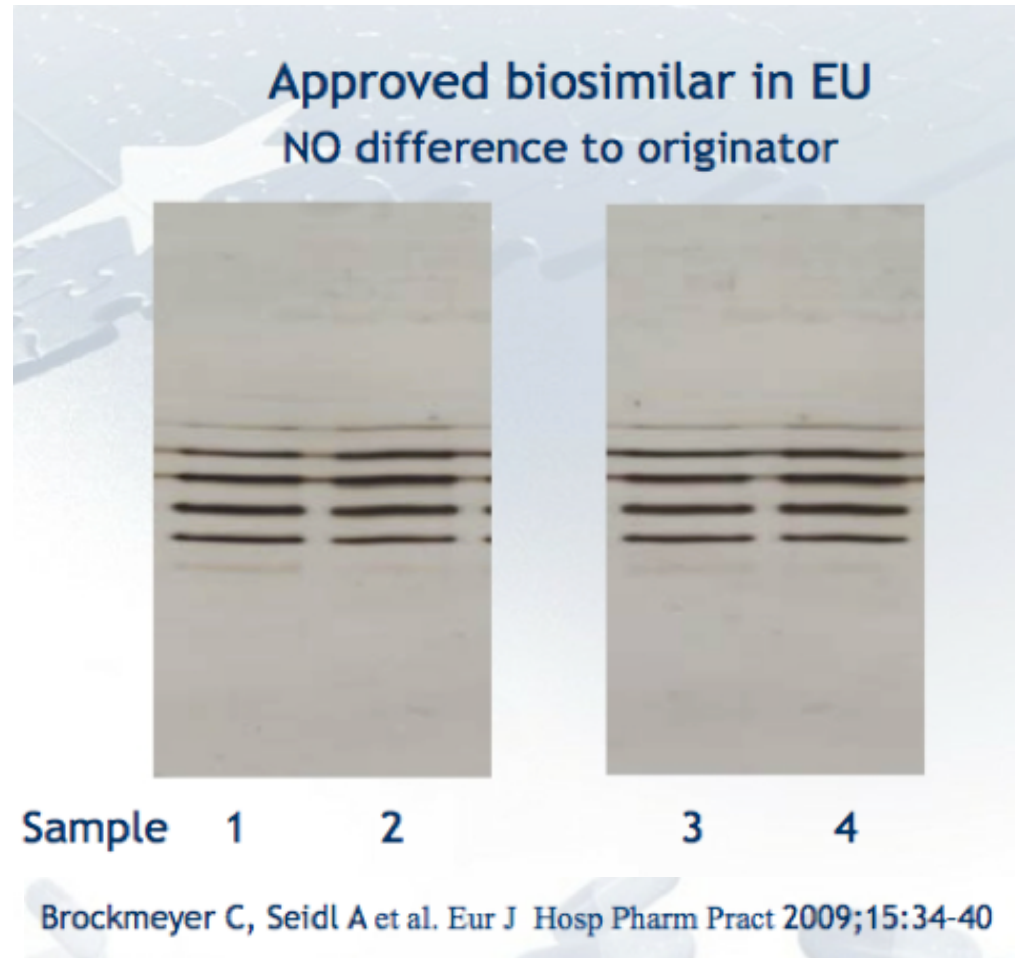


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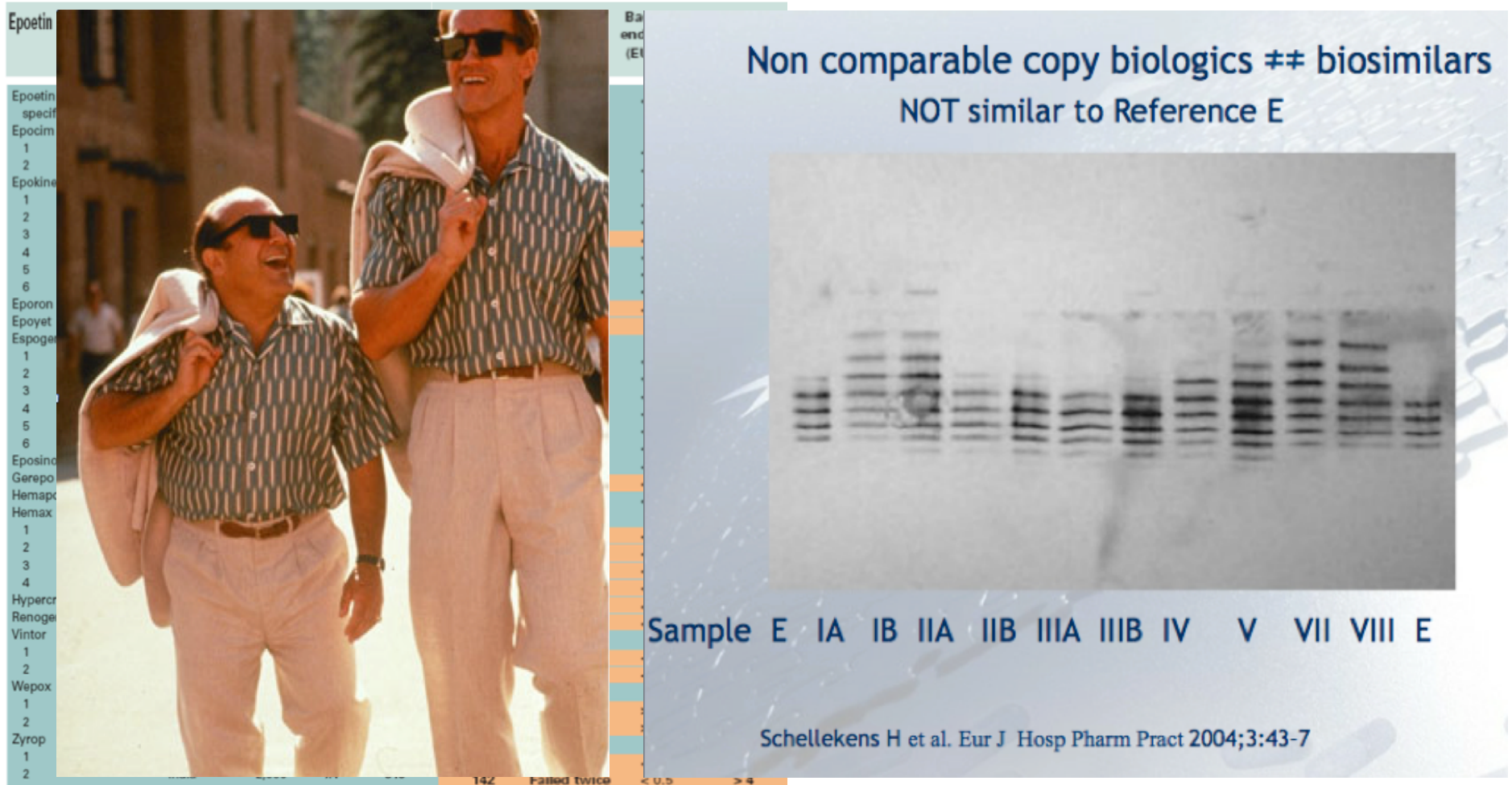
- Change in the supplier of a cell culture media
- New purification methods
- New manufacturing sites



Biosimilars – approved by EMA / FDA

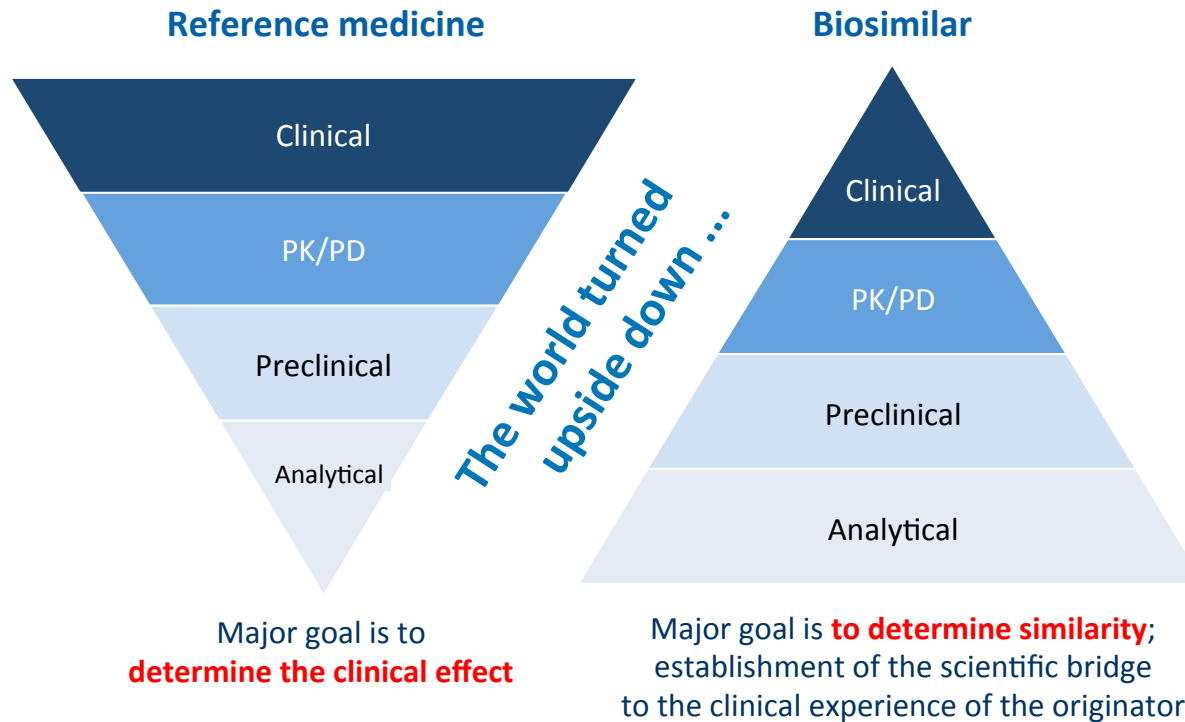


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Different focus between originator and biosimilar development



In the end, both approaches provide the same level of confidence with regard to safety and efficacy of the medicine

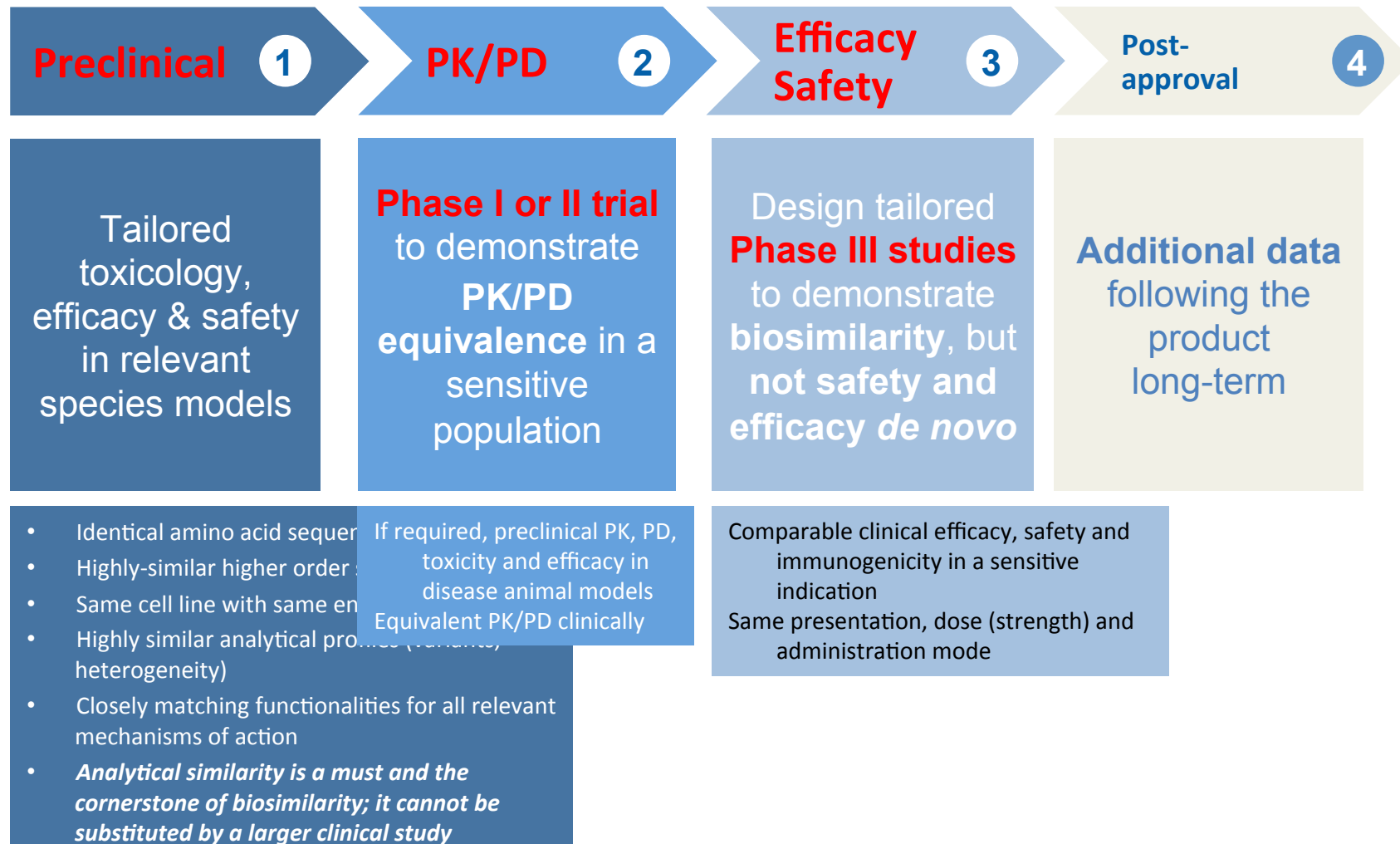
PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics

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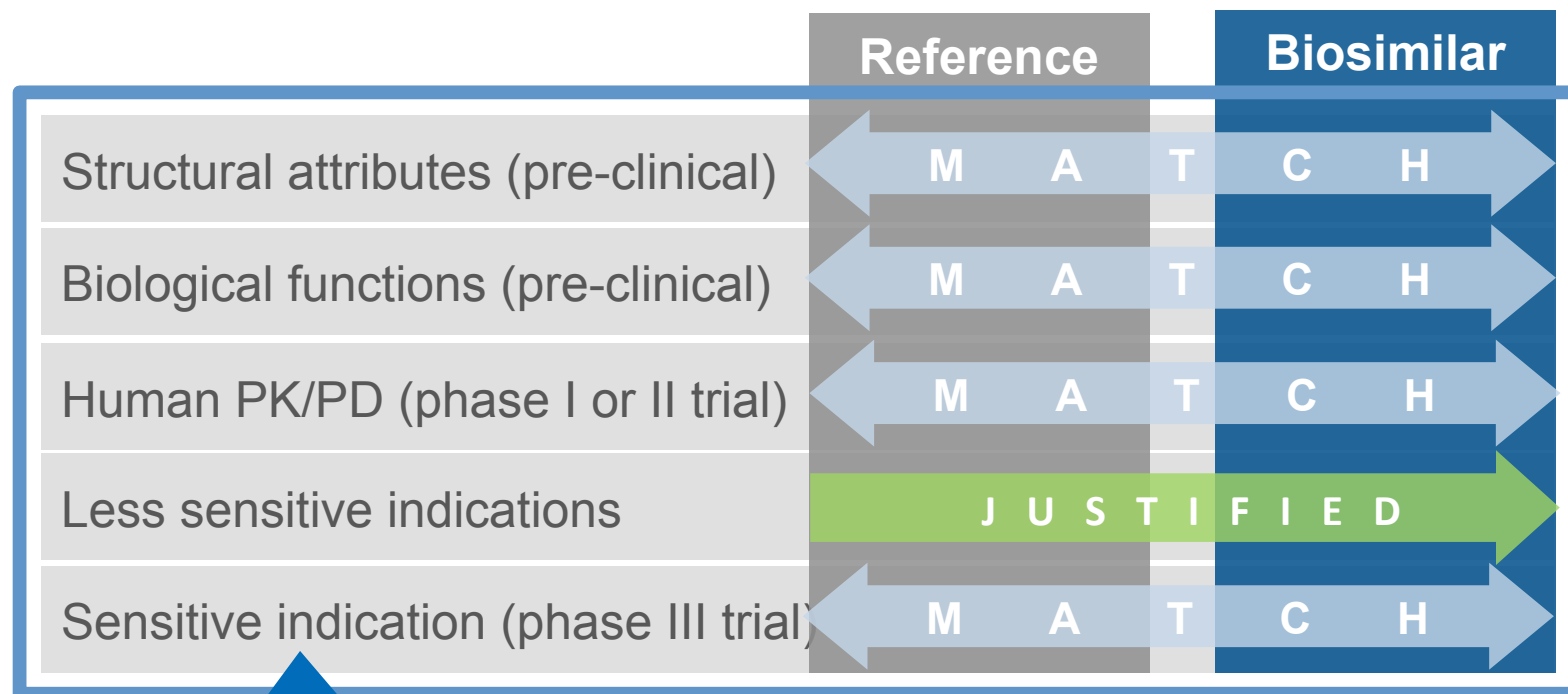
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Clinical development confirms biosimilarity



European Medicines Agency (EMA). Guideline on similar biological medicinal products. CHMP/437/04 Rev 1/2014 [online]. Available from URL: http://www.ema.europa.eu/docs/en_GB/document_library/Scientific_guideline/2014/10/WC500176768.pdf [Accessed 2016 March 18];
 US Food and Drug Administration. Guidance for Industry: Scientific Considerations in Demonstrating Biosimilarity to a Reference Product 2015 [online] Available from URL: www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM291128.pdf [Accessed 2016 March 18].

Extrapolation is based on the entire similarity exercise



1. Immunocompetence
2. Large effect size

‘SIMILARITY SPACE’

PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics

Kurki P, et al. J Crohns Colitis 2014;8:258; Weise M, et al. Blood 2014;124:3191–6; Weise M, et al. Blood 2012;120:5111–17;

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Rituximab Biosimilars

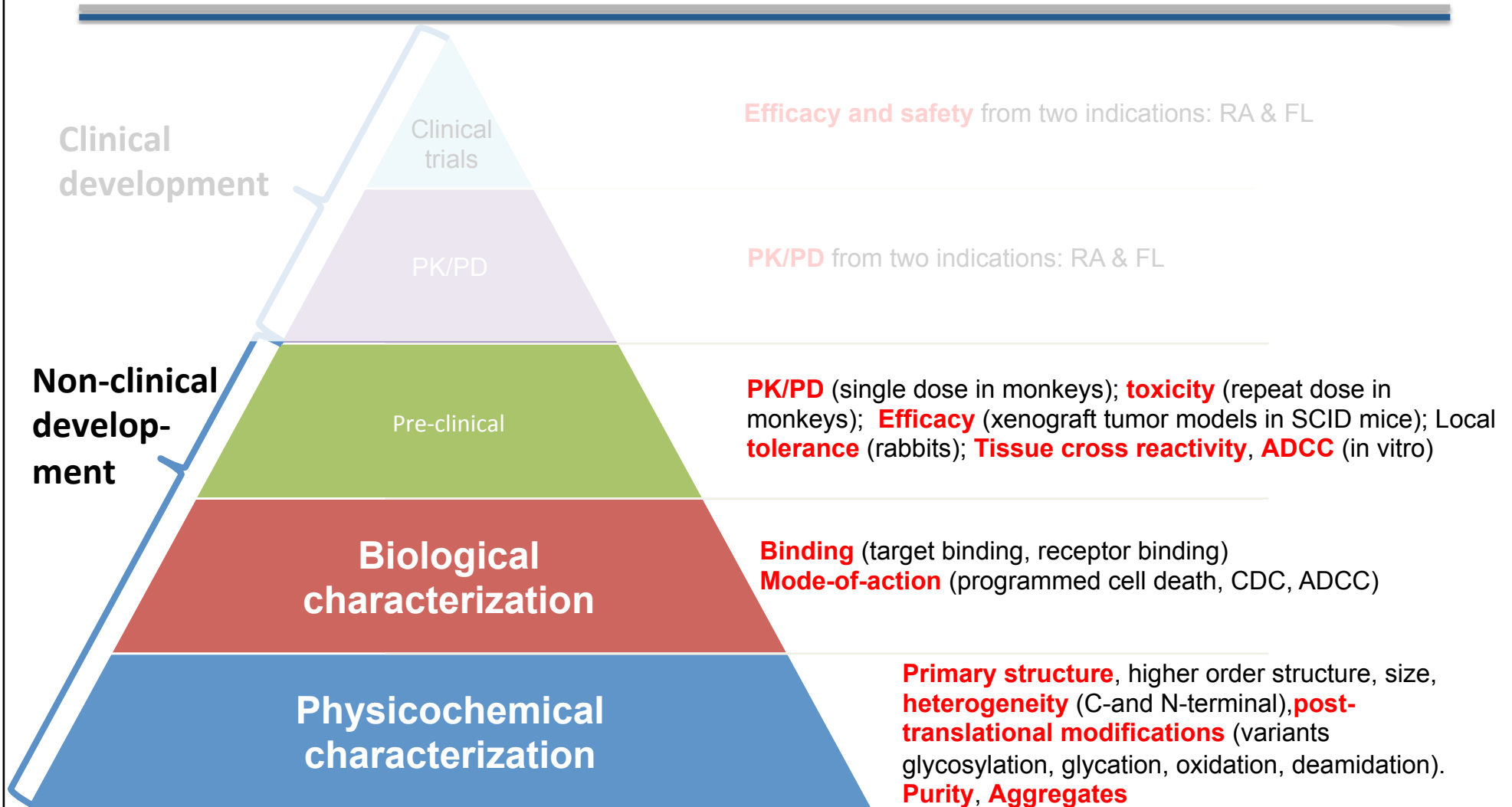


CT-P10
Registered by EMA



GP2013
Being assessed by EMA

GP2013 development program



ADCC, antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity; CDC, complement-dependent cytotoxicity; FL, follicular lymphoma; PD, pharmacodynamics; PK, pharmacokinetics; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; SCID, severe combined immunodeficiency

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Functional characterization:

Surface plasmon resonance Fc-receptor binding assays

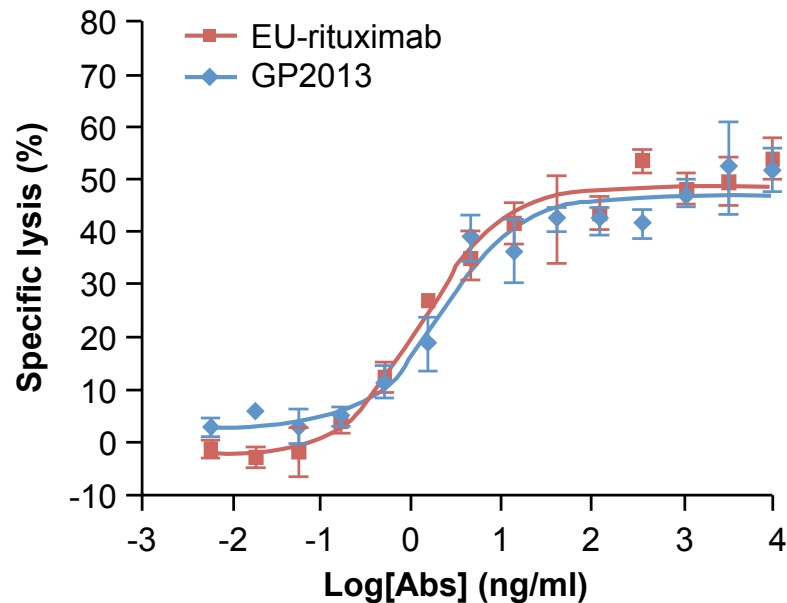
	Reference K _D	GP2013 K _D
FcRn	0.55–0.58 μM	0.54–0.58 μM
Fc _γ R1a	10.4–11.8 nM	10.9–12.4 nM
Fc _γ R1a	2.4–2.7 μM	2.4–2.7 μM
Fc _γ R1b	11.4–12.8 μM	11.0–12.7 μM
Fc _γ R1a F158	7.4–10.3 μM	8.5–10.9 μM
Fc _γ R1a V158	3.5–4.9 μM	4.2–5.0 μM
Fc _γ R1b	9.2–11.7 μM	9.9–12.4 μM



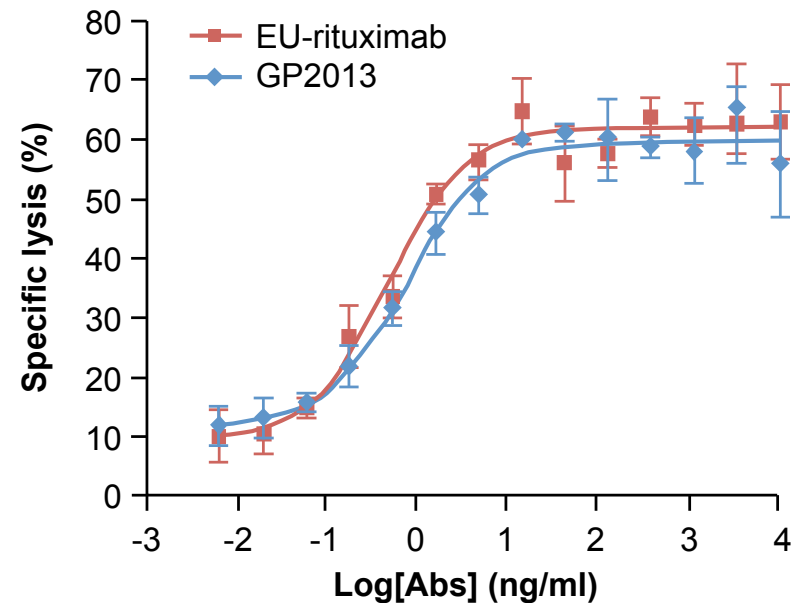
Rituximab biosimilar (GP2013) is functionally indistinguishable from its reference product

Pre-clinical *in vitro* comparability: ADCC assays with fresh NK cells

Daudi cell line & fresh effector cells



SU-DHL4 & fresh effector cells

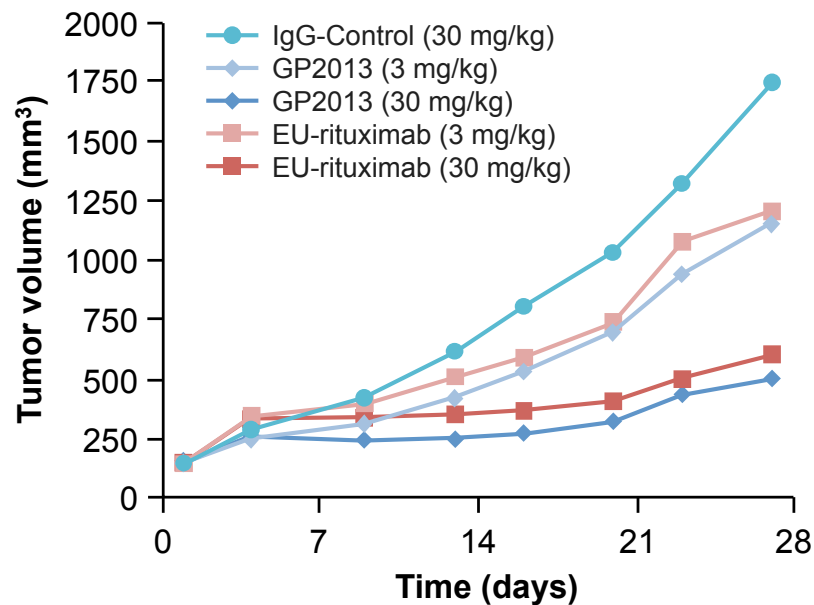


Further cell lines tested: Raji, Z138

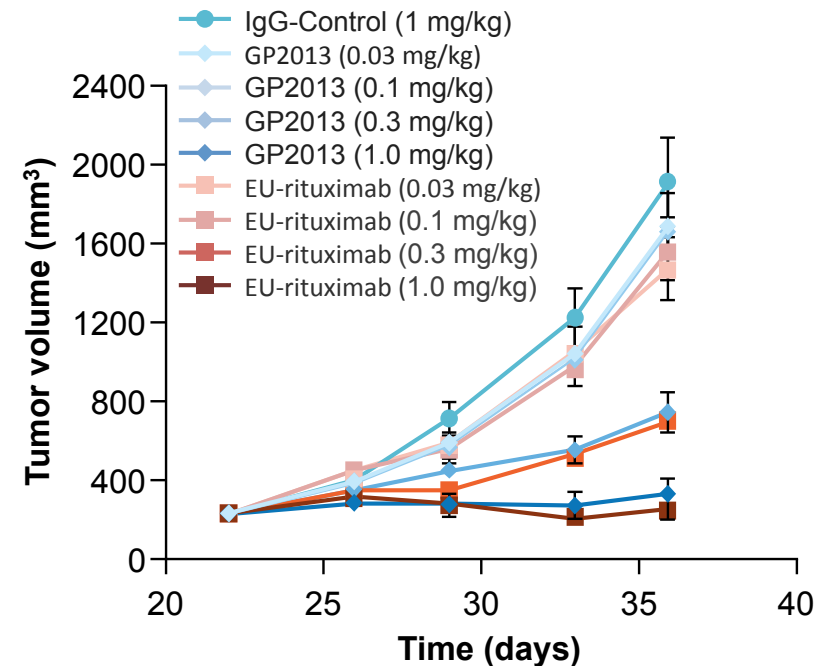
ADCC comparable to EU-sourced reference rituximab

Pre-clinical *in vivo* comparability (tumor growth): two models for NHL

SU-DHL-4 model

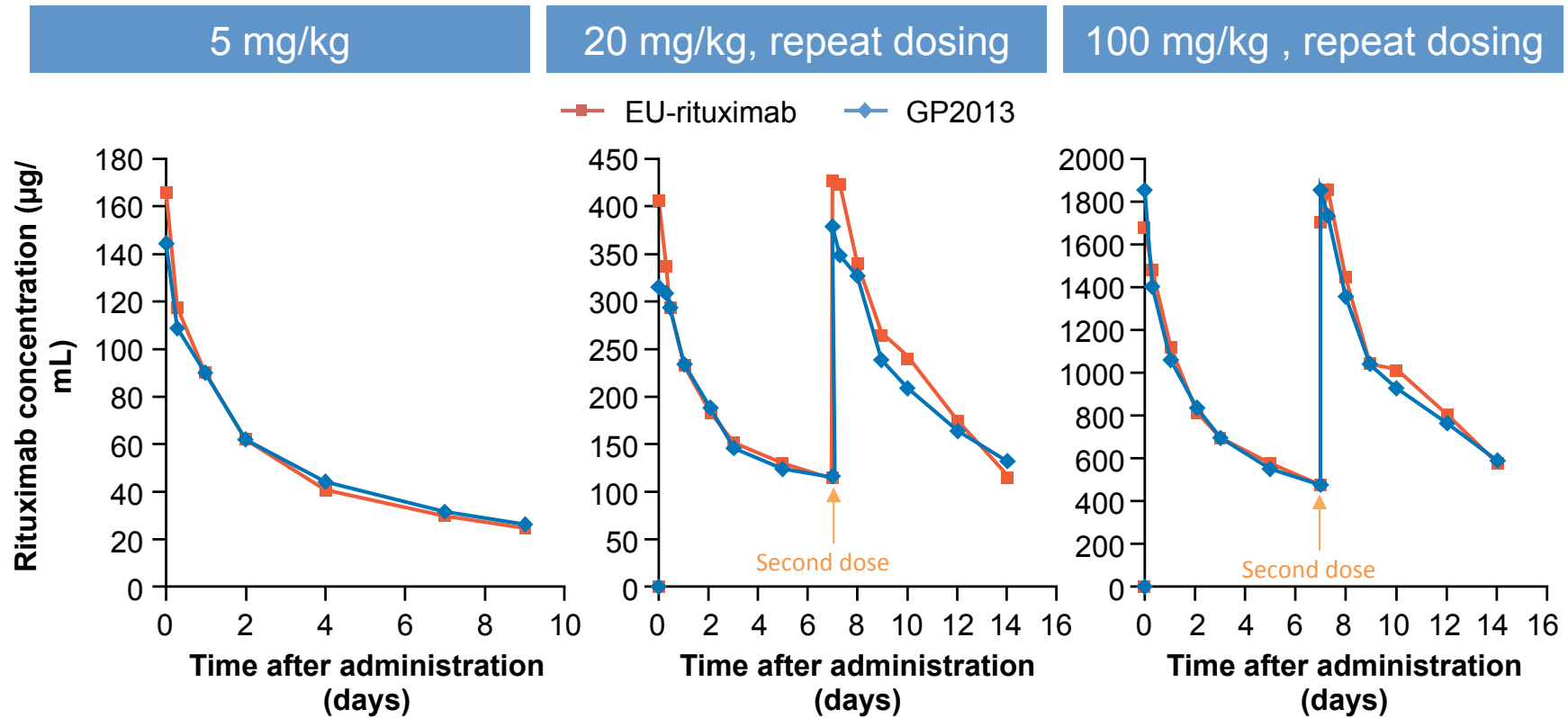


Jeko-1 model



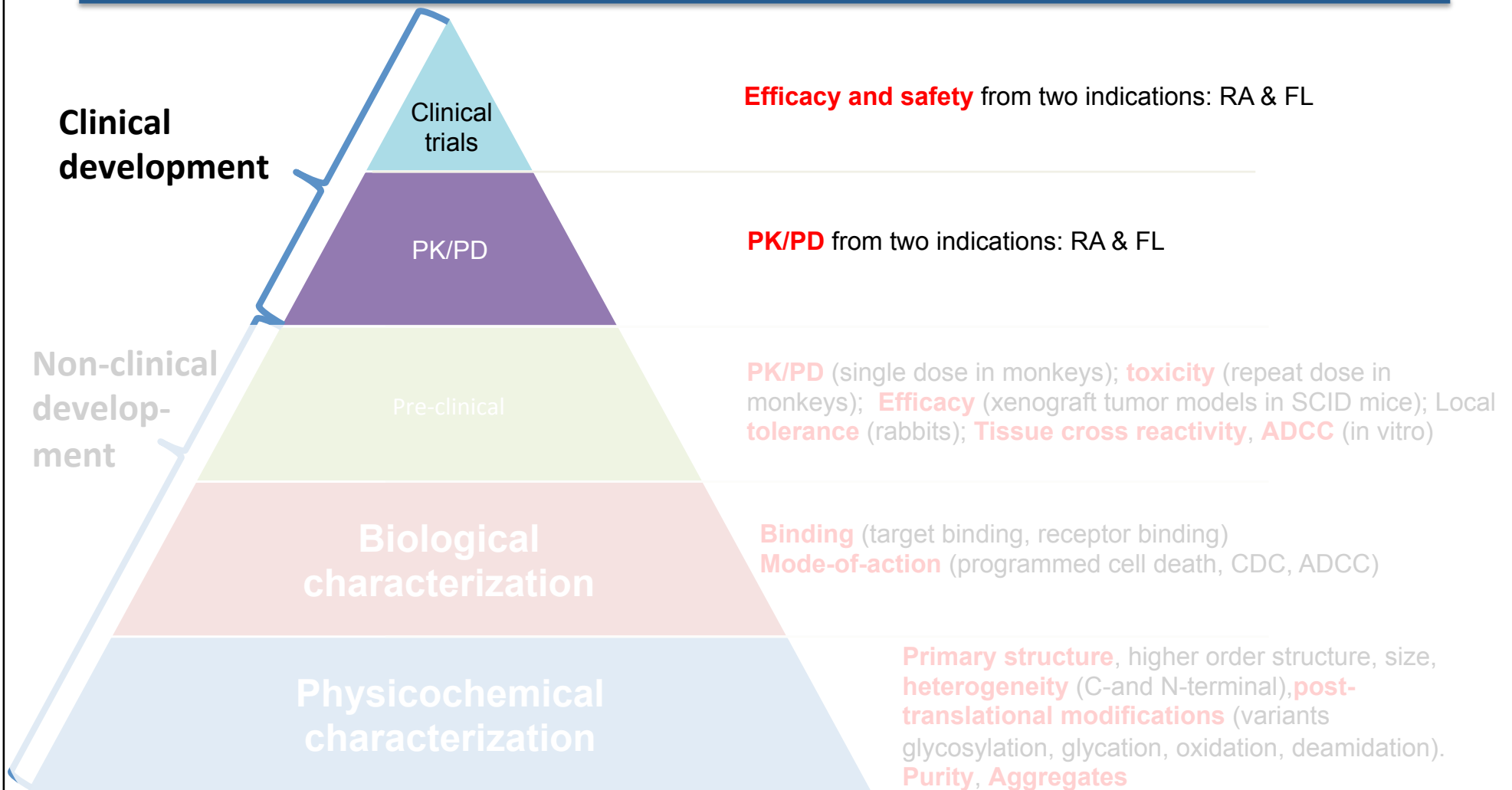
Efficacy is similar

Pre-clinical *in vivo* comparability: PK following IV administration to primates



PK: AUC and C_{max} are similar

GP2013 and CT-P10 development program



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Key considerations for Phase III trial designs

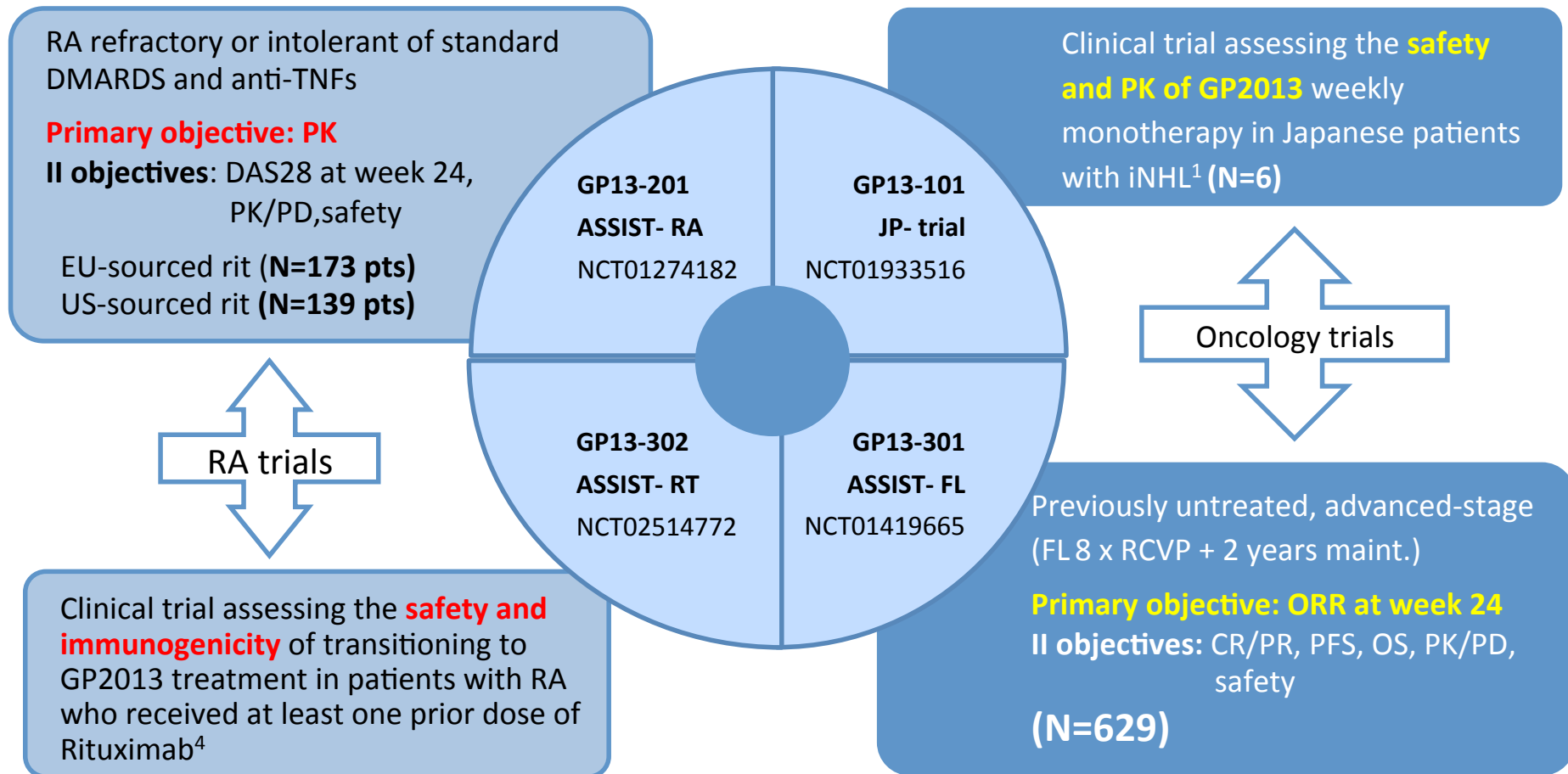
	Originator	Biosimilar
Patient population	Any	Sensitive and homogeneous
Clinical design	Superiority versus standard of care	Comparative versus innovator (therapeutic equivalence studies)
Study endpoints	Clinical outcomes data (OS & PFS) or accepted/established surrogates	Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic markers; objective response rate (RR)
Safety	Acceptable risk/benefit profile versus standard of care	Similar safety profile to innovator
Immunogenicity	Acceptable risk/benefit profile versus standard of care	Similar immunogenicity profile to innovator
Extrapolation	Not allowed	Possible if justified

prIME Podcast Series 2013: A Focus on Biosimilar Antibodies, Reference Slidk [online]. Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VwNWUzyuJuw> [Accessed 2016 March 22].



GP2013 clinical development

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Total Safety Data: about 1000 pts (500 in GP2013), Efficacy data: 312 (RA)+ 629 (FL)

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CT-P10 Clinical Overall Program



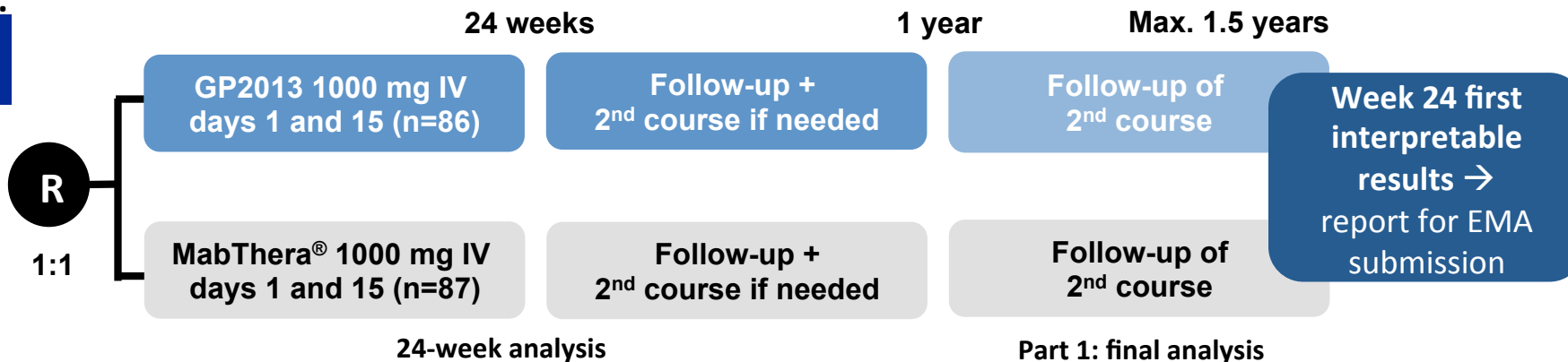
Study	Indication	Primary Endpoint	Sample size	Status
1.1 1.3 (1.1 Extension Study)	RA	PK equivalence Long term safety and efficacy	154 58	Completed
3.2	RA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: PK equivalence Part 2: Therapeutic equivalence 	372	Study Ongoing Week 48 results available
3.3	AFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 1: PK equivalence Part 2: Therapeutic non-inferiority 	140	Study Ongoing Week 24 results available
3.4	LTBFL	Therapeutic equivalence	174**	Recruiting

Safety Data: 650 (325 in CT-P10), Efficacy data: 372 (RA)+ 140 (FL)

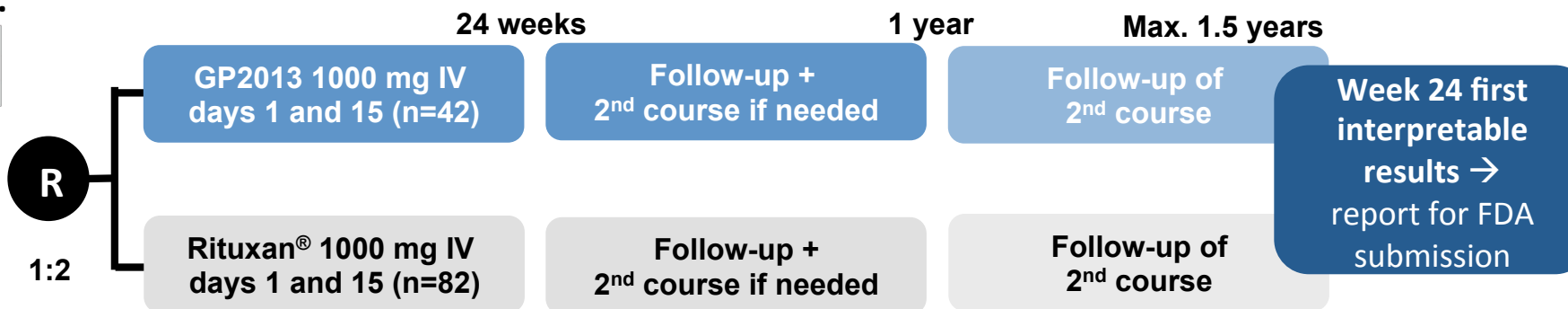


ASSIST-RA : study design

PART 1:



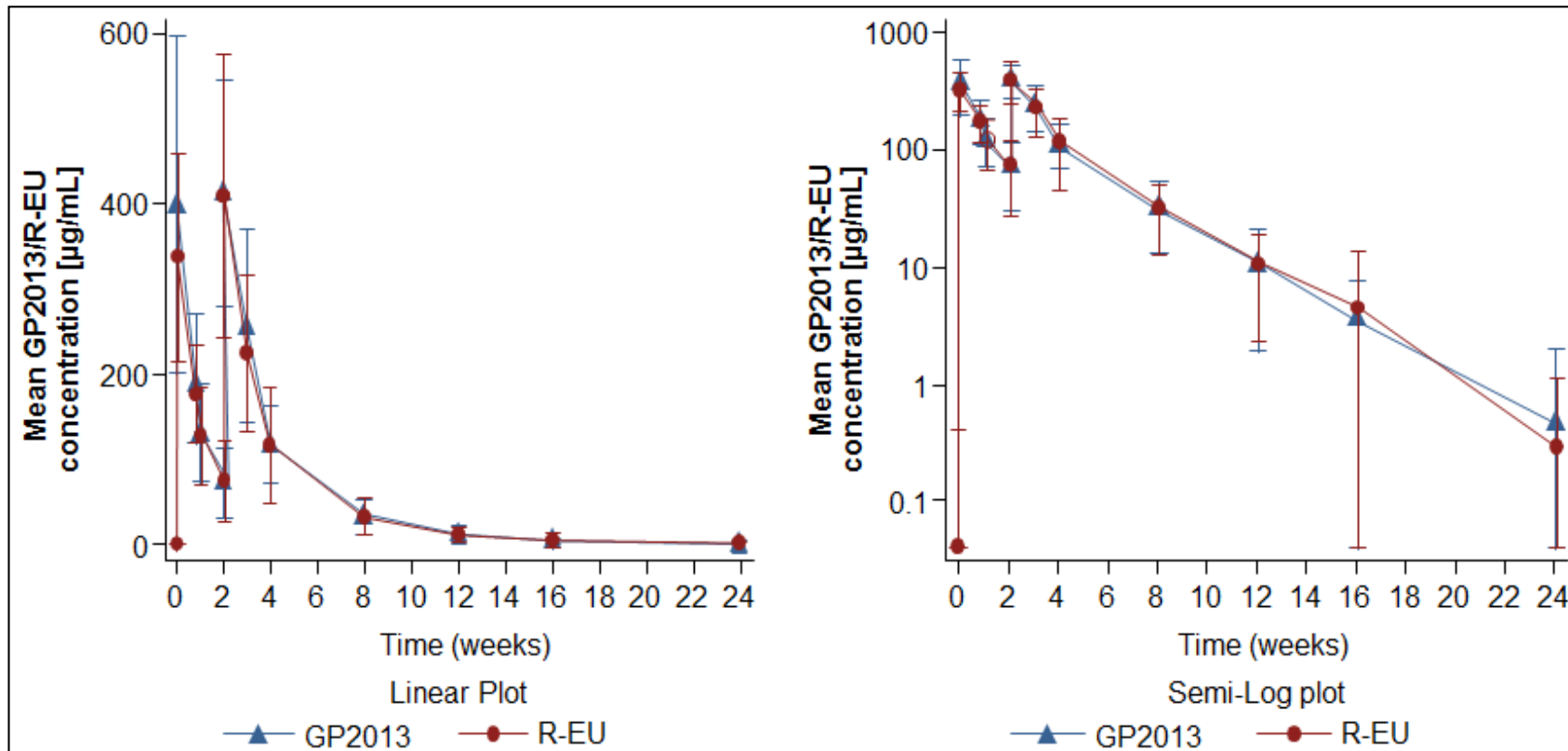
PART 2:



CT-P10 3.2 RA is literally identical, in terms of study design and pts numbers

Pharmacokinetics - ($AUC_{(0-inf)}$)- (PAS)

Arithmetic mean (SD) serum PK concentration-time profile over 24 weeks by treatment (PK analysis set*)



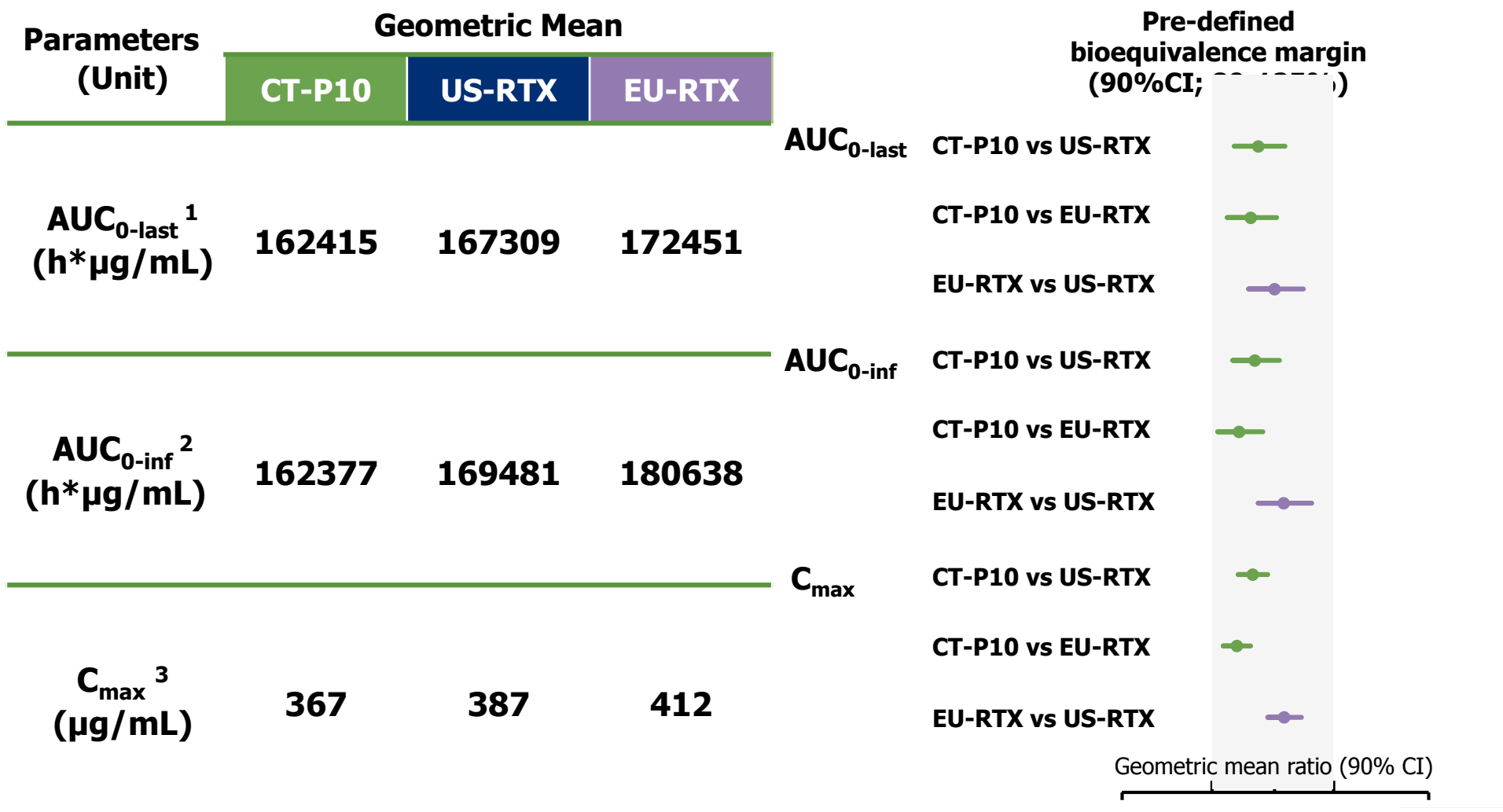
Serum concentration-time profiles for the two treatments were similar up to week 24

$AUC_{(0-inf)}$, The area under the concentration-time curve from time zero to infinity; FAS, full analysis set; PK, pharmacokinetics; SD, standard deviation

*The PK analysis set was a subset of the FAS and consisted of patients who did not have any major protocol deviations

CT-P10 3.2 RA

Pharmacokinetics



¹ CT-P10 (n=62), US-RTX (n=60), EU-RTX (n=59)

² CT-P10 (n=59), US-RTX (n=60), EU-RTX (n=56)

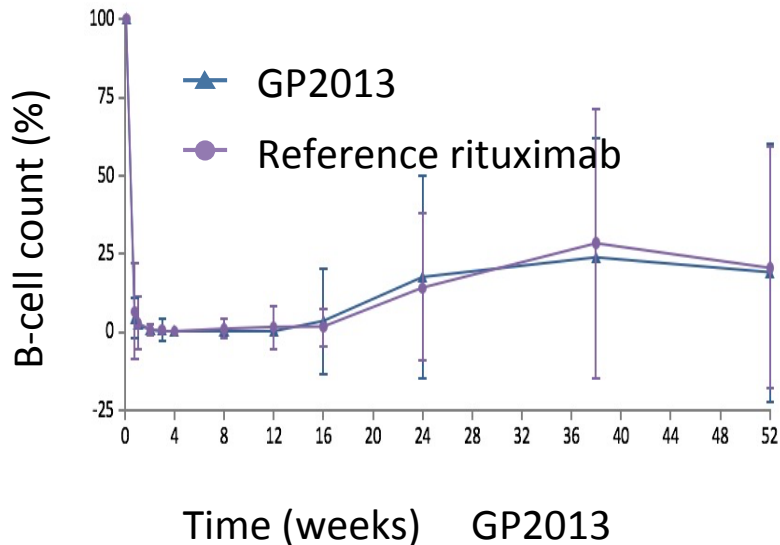
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Pharmacodynamics - periph. B cell depletion

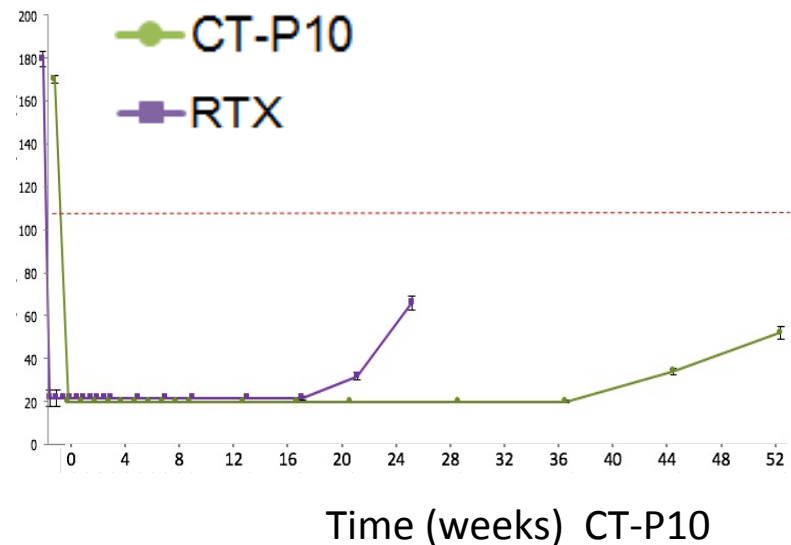


CT-P10 3.2 RA

Geometric mean ratio in AUEC_{0-14d}
1.019 (95% CI: 0.997, 1.042)



Median (\pm SE) B-cell Kinetics (cells/ μ L)

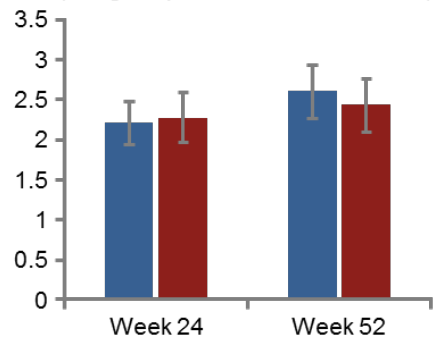


Efficacy DAS (Disease Activity Score)

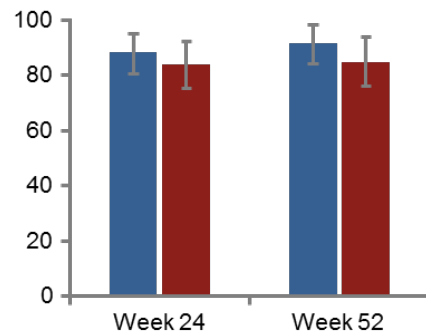


CT-P10 3.2 RA

Mean DAS28(CRP)
change from baseline
(changes represent a decrease in DAS28)



Good/moderate EULAR
response rate (%)



■ GP2013
■ Reference rituximab

Parameters	n	Adjusted Mean (SE)	Estimate of Treatment Difference (95% CI)
TreMedian (\pmSE) B-cell Kinetics (cells/μL)			
DAS28 (CRP) – Efficacy Primary endpoint			
CT-P10	139	-2.14 (0.177)	-0.29 -0.05 0.20
US/EU-RTX	196	-2.09 (0.176)	
DAS28 (ESR)			
CT-P10	140	-2.41 (0.182)	-0.31 -0.06 0.19
US/EU-RTX	196	-2.35 (0.182)	

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Safety profiles of GP2013 and reference rituximab

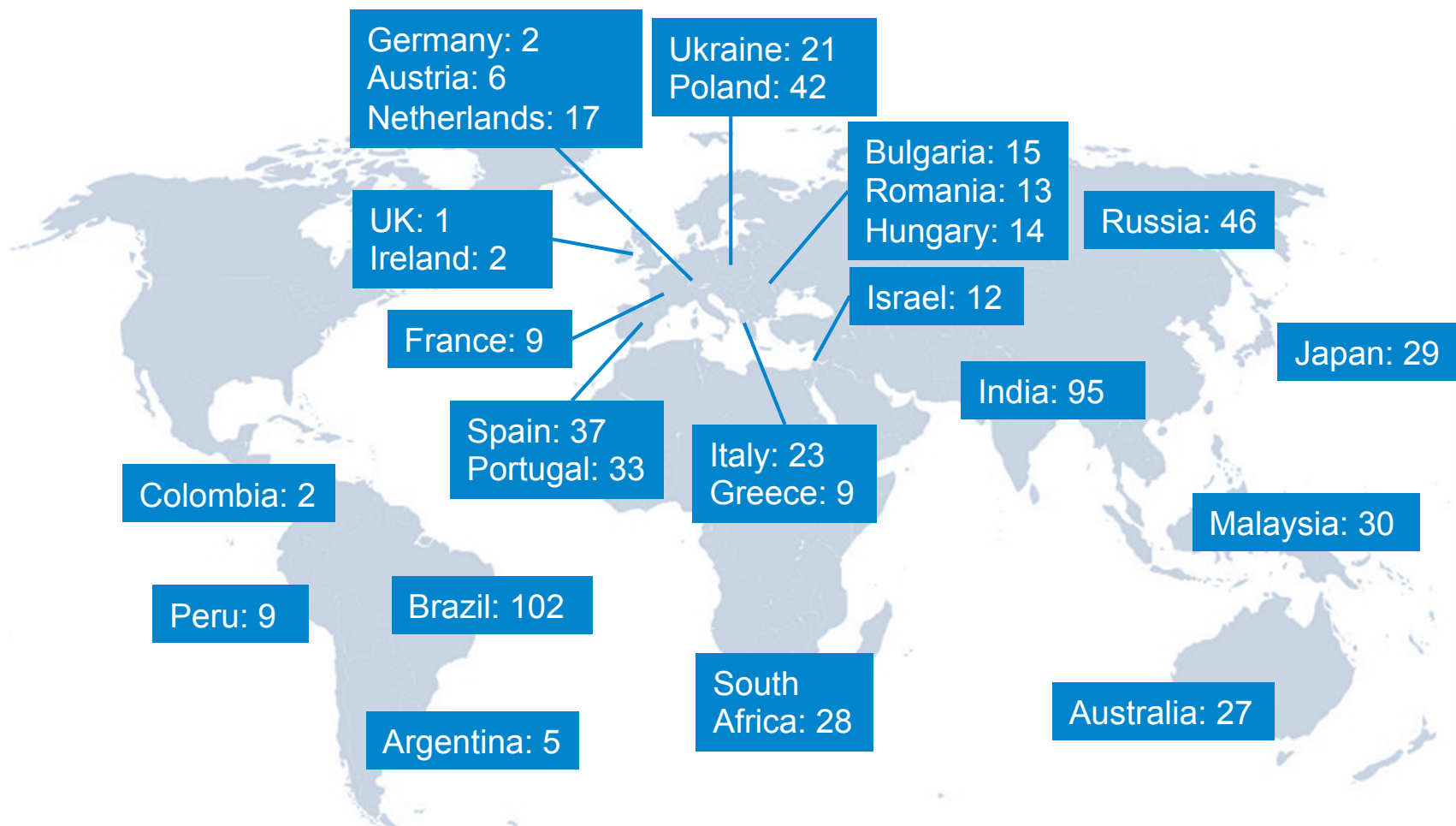
n (%)	GP2013 (n=86)	Rituximab reference (n=87)
Deaths	1 (1.16)	0 (0.0)
Other non-fatal SAEs	10 (11.63)	14 (16.09)
Leading to discontinuation	2 (2.33)	4 (4.60)
Any AE	56 (65.1)	57 (65.5)
Leading to study drug discontinuation	2 (2.33)	3 (3.45)
AEs by most frequent SOCs		
Infections and infestations	27 (31.4)	31 (35.6)
Musculoskeletal	16 (18.6)	14 (16.1)
Gastrointestinal disorders	13 (15.1)	15 (17.2)
General disorders	12 (14.0)	9 (10.3)
Skin and subcut. tissue	9 (10.5)	11 (12.6)
Injury and poisoning	9 (10.5)	11 (12.6)
Resp., thoracic, mediastinal	7 (8.1)	12 (13.8)
Vascular disorders	7 (8.1)	10 (11.5)
Nervous system disorders	7 (8.1)	10 (11.5)
Potential infusion related reaction	32 (37.2)	37 (42.5)

CT-P10 3.2 RA Safety profiles of CTP-10 and reference rituximab

Events, n (%)	CT-P10 (N=161)	US-RTX (N=151)	EU-RTX (N=60)	RTX (N=211)
AE	122 (75.8)	96 (63.6)	37 (61.7)	133 (63.0)
- Related	73 (45.3)	47 (31.1)	25 (41.7)	72 (34.1)
SAE	13 (8.1)	14 (9.3)	2 (3.3)	16 (7.6)
- Related	0	5 (3.3)	1 (1.7)	6 (2.8)
Infection	61 (37.9)	53 (35.1)	17 (28.3)	70 (33.2)
- Related	27 (16.8)	25 (16.6)	6 (10.0)	31 (14.7)
IRR	33 (20.5)	12 (7.9)	13 (21.7)	25 (11.8)
Malignancy	0	2 (1.3)	1 (1.7)	3 (1.4)
Discontinuation due to AEs	3 (1.9)	7 (4.6)	2 (3.3)	9 (4.3)
- Related	2 (1.2)	5 (3.3)	1 (1.7)	6 (2.8)

- **Designed to confirm non-inferior clinical effectiveness**
- **Follicular lymphoma** was chosen as the most appropriate indication as the disease **has a more homogeneous nature** amongst the approved oncology indications of rituximab
- Further, the combination **R-CVP was considered the most sensitive treatment option**, as rituximab had shown the largest additive treatment effect to a chemotherapy backbone treatment in the combination with CVP

(GP13-301): 629 randomized pts in 22 countries



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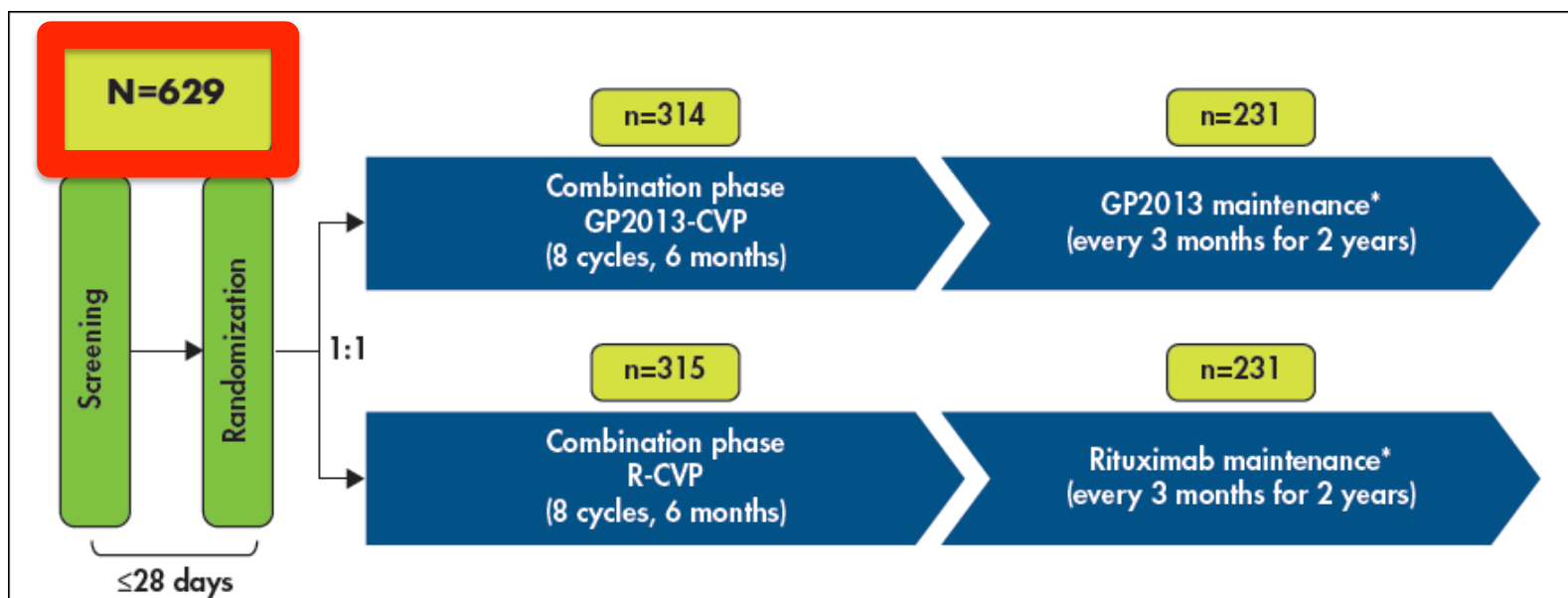
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ASSIST-FL Study design

Clinical Trial Assessing the Efficacy and Safety of a Rituximab Biosimilar Treatment

- The study consisted of a combination treatment phase over 6 months and a maintenance treatment phase over 2 years



GP-2013 (375 mg/m²) + cyclophosphamide (750 mg/m² IV D1) + vincristine (1.4 mg/m² D1) + prednisone (100 mg p.o. D1–D5)
 Rituximab (375 mg/m²) + cyclophosphamide (750 mg/m² IV D1) + vincristine (1.4 mg/m² D1) + prednisone (100 mg p.o. D1–D5)

*For responders (partial or complete response) treated with GP2013-CVP or Rituximab-CVP, according to the original treatment assignment

CT-P10 3.2 RA

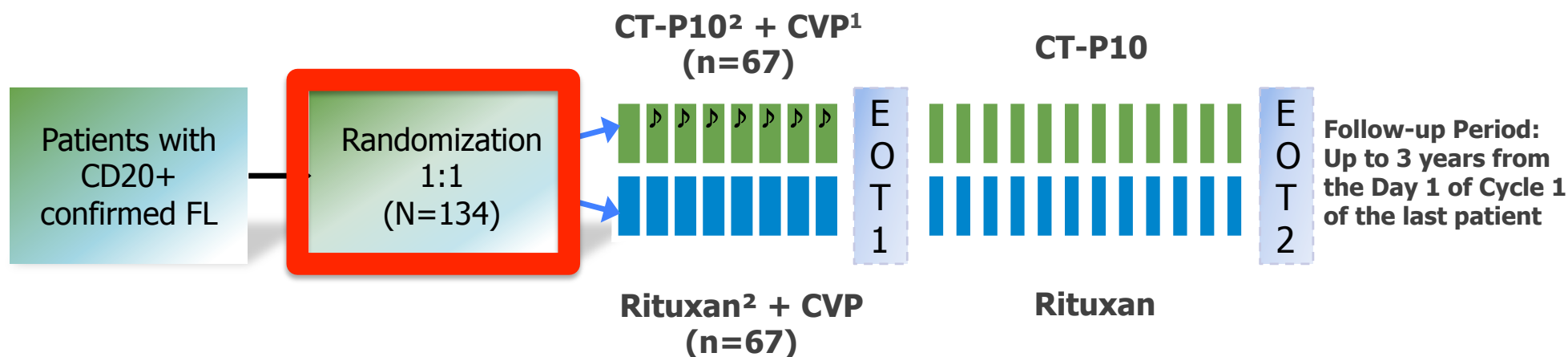
Study design

Stratification Factor

- Gender: Male vs. Female
- FLIPI score: 0-2 vs. 3-5
- Country

Core Study
Period
24 weeks

Maintenance
Study Period
2 years
(for responders;
CR, CRu or PR)



1. CVP: Cyclophosphamide 750 mg/m², Vincristine 1.4 mg/m² [max 2mg], Prednisone or prednisolone 40 mg/m²
2. Rituximab: 375 mg/m² (Core study: 3-weekly, Maintenance study: every 2 months)

Abbreviations: FL, Follicular Lymphoma; EOT, End of Treatment; FLIPI, Follicular Lymphoma International Prognostic Index

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Efficacy

- **Efficacy assessments:**
 - **primary endpoint:**
 - **Overall response rate (ORR)**
 - **Secondary endpoints:**
 - Complete response (CR)
 - Partial response (PR)
 - Progression free survival (PFS)
 - Overall survival (OS)

Safety (secondary endpoints)

- **Safety assessments:** AEs, SAEs, with their severity and relationship to study drug, pregnancies, monitoring of hematology, blood chemistry and urine, vital signs, performance status, ECG, and body weight
- **Immunogenicity:** ADA formation

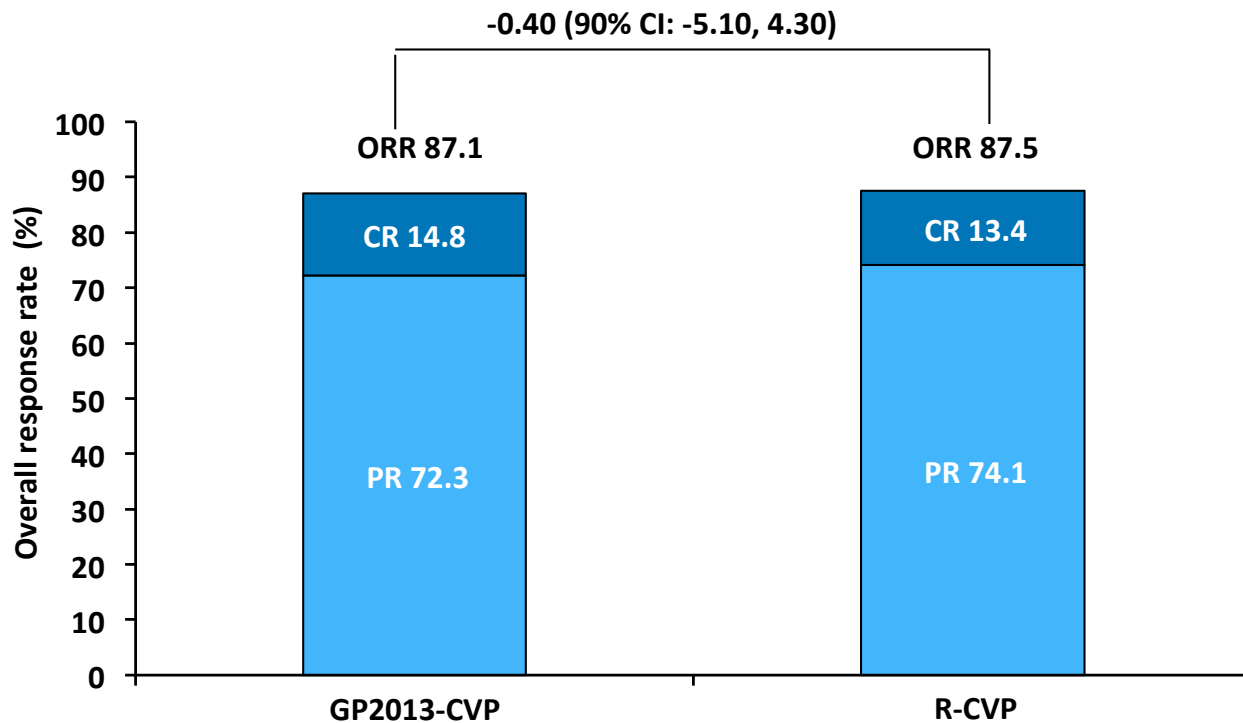
PK/PD (secondary endpoints)

- **PK:** C_{max} , C_{trough} , $AUC_{(0-t)}$, and AUC_{all}
- **PD:** peripheral CD19+ B cell counts (absolute and relative to baseline) and $AUEC_{(0-21d)}$ in Cycle 1

CT-P10 3.3 AFL

PK being the primary target, ORR the secondary target

Efficacy results (ORR) – primary endpoint



The study met its primary objective showing equivalence of ORR between GP2013 and Rituximab in the PPS* and FAS# population

CT-P10 3.2 RA

Efficacy results (ORR) – secondary endpoint

ITT Population		
Response	CT-P10 (N=70)	Rituxan (N=70)
ORR¹	67 (95.7%)	63 (90.0%)
CR	21 (30.0%)	15 (21.4%)
CRu	6 (8.6%)	8 (11.4%)
PR	40 (57.1%)	40 (57.1%)

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Pharmakocinetics



CT-P10 3.2 RA

Sampling time Point	PK parameter	GP2013-CVP N=119	Rituximab-CVP N=120
Cohort 1 Cycle 4 assessment Day 1	C _{max} (mcg/mL) mean (SD)	356.03 (121.61)	350.99 (116.79)
	Geometric mean ratio (90% CI)	1.00 (0.925; 1.09)	
	C _{trough} (mcg/mL) mean (SD)	66.42 (47.59)	82.13 (61.52)
Sampling time Point	PK parameter	GP2013-CVP N=27	Rituximab-CVP N=22
Cohort 2 Cycle 4 assessment	AUC _(0-21d) (mcg*day/mL) mean (SD)	3320 (872)	3500 (1020)
	Geometric mean	3210	3340
	AUC _{all} (mcg*day/ mL) mean (SD)	2820 (1250)	2950 (1510)
	Geometric mean	2510	2310

Parameter	Treatment	N	Geometric LS Mean	Ratio (%) of Geometric LS Means (90% CI)
AUC _{tau} (h*µg/mL)	CT-P10	50	41002	102 (94 - 111)
	Rituxan	56	40099	
C _{max, ss} (µg/mL)	CT-P10	53	256	101 (94 - 108)
	Rituxan	56	254	


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Immunogenicity: ADA (anti drug antibodies)

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All Patients* (N=551)	7 (1.3)	1 (0.2)	8 (1.5)
GP2013 (N=268)	4 (1.5)	1 (0.4)	5 (1.9)
Rituximab (N=283)	3 (1.1)	0	3 (1.1)

<i>CT-P10 3.2 RA</i>	ADA frequency Combination phase n (%)	NAb
CT-P10 (N=70)	3/70 (4.3)	2/70 (2.9)
Rituximab (N=70)	2/70 (2.9)	2/70 (2.9)

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Safety profiles of GP2013 and reference rituximab

Decription	GP2013- CVP	R-CVP arm
AEs were reported in:	92.6%	91.4%
Discontinuation due to AE:	23 (7.4%)	22 (7.0%)
Serious AEs were reported in :	22.8%	20.0%
 febrile neutropaenia:	4.8%	2.9%
Deaths during comb. phase:	4 (1.3%)	7 (2.2%)
Deaths (data cutoff in July 2015):	18 (5.8%)	17 (5.4%)
 deaths due to lymphoma:	8 (2.6%)	6 (1.9%)

CT-P10 3.2 RA Safety profiles of CT-P10 and reference rituximab

n (%)	CT-P10 (N=70)		Rituxan (N=70)	
	Total	Related ¹	Total	Related ¹
AE	58 (82.9)	37 (52.9)	56 (80.0)	34 (48.6)
SAE	16 (22.9)	6 (8.6)	9 (12.9)	4 (5.7)
Infection	22 (31.4)	6 (8.6)	26 (37.1)	9 (12.9)
IRR	16 (22.9)	15 ² (21.4)	17 (24.3)	17 (24.3)
Malignancy	0	0	1 (1.4) ³	0
Discontinuation due to AEs	5 (7.1)	3 (4.3)	1 (1.4)	0
Death⁴	1 (1.4)	0	0	0

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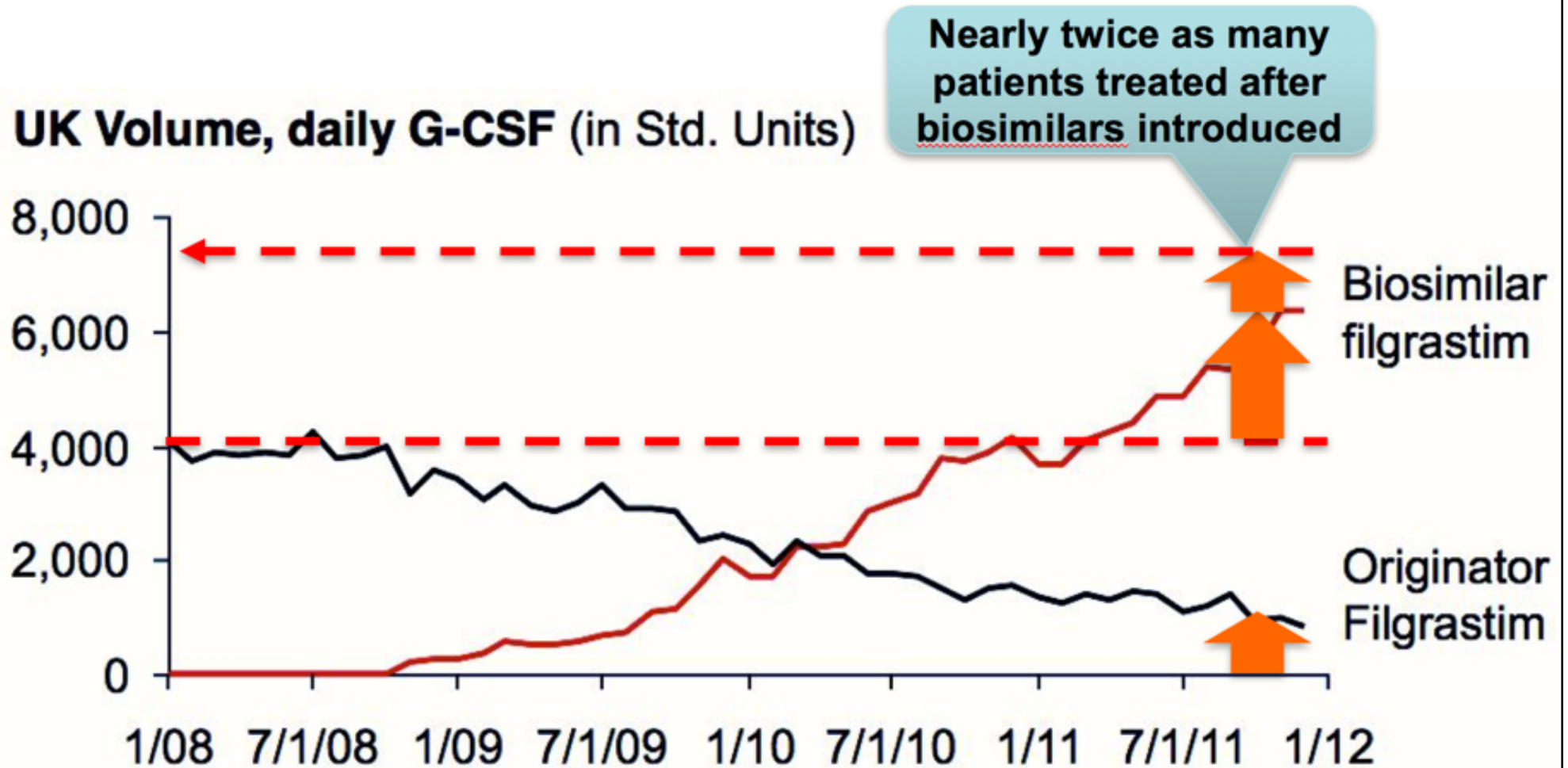
- 1** **ORR** with GP2013 and CT-P10 equivalent to reference rituximab
- 2** **PK (C_{max})** of GP2013 and CT-P10 equivalent to reference rituximab
- 3** Medians not yet reached for PFS and OS
- 4** **PD (B-cell depletion)** with GP2013 and CT-P10 equivalent to reference rituximab
- 5** **No clinical meaningful differences** between GP2013 and CT-P10 and reference rituximab in safety, tolerability or immunogenicity

Once Biosimilar is approved it has substantial financial impact

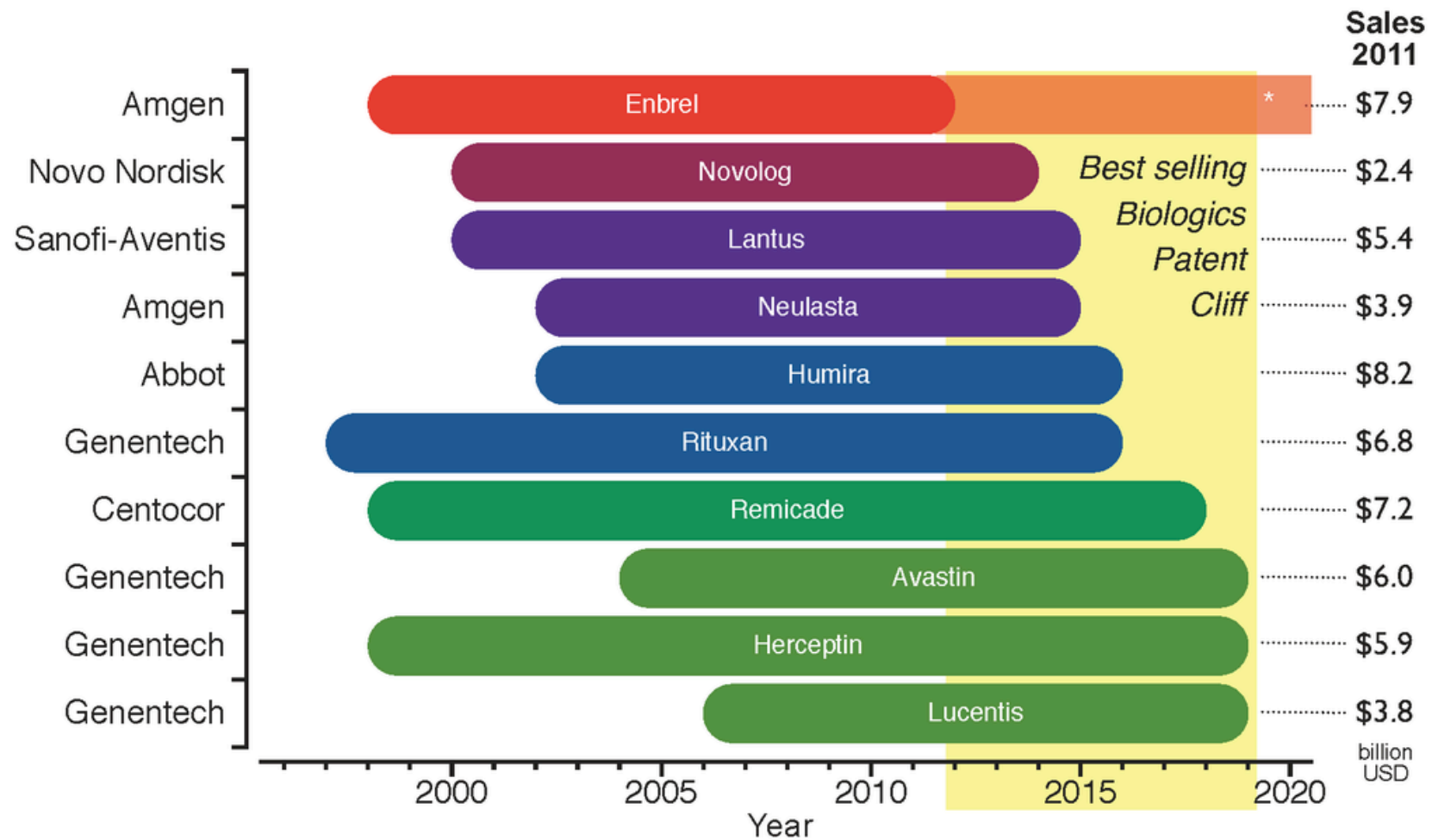


“Biosimilars – similar but not identical”

After introducing G-CSF biosimilar it's usage doubled – UK example



Biosimilars may be potentially developed for several inovative biologics in the next 10 years



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