

Updated Interim Results of a Phase 1/2 Study of Zigakibart (BION-1301) in Patients with IgA Nephropathy



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Background/Methods

IgA Nephropathy (IgAN)

- IgAN is the leading cause of primary glomerulonephritis worldwide¹ with approximately 30-45% of IgAN patients progressing to ESKD over 20-25 years²⁻⁵.
- Proteinuria is strongly associated with kidney disease progression in IgAN^{2,6-7}.

Zigakibart* and the APRIL Pathway

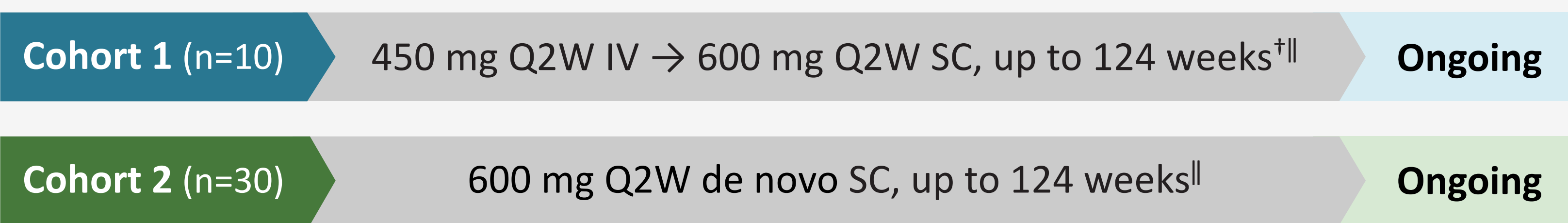
- Zigakibart is a novel, humanized monoclonal antibody that blocks APRIL (A Proliferation-inducing Ligand), a TNF superfamily cytokine that drives IgA class switching, plasma cell survival and the excess secretion of Gd-IgA1⁸.
- In IgAN, elevated levels of APRIL are associated with increased Gd-IgA1 and proteinuria and lower eGFR⁹⁻¹².

Study Design and Baseline Characteristics

ADU-CL-19 (Part 3) is an ongoing phase 1/2 trial investigating zigakibart in patients with IgAN (NCT03945318).

Key objectives: Safety, tolerability, PK, immunogenicity, pharmacodynamic effects and preliminary effect on proteinuria.

Key eligibility criteria: Biopsy-proven IgAN within past 10 years; total protein excretion \geq 0.5 g/day OR UPCR \geq 0.5 g/g based on 24-hour urine collection at screening; eGFR \geq 30 mL/min per 1.73 m²; Stable/optimized dose of RASi for \geq 3 months prior to screening (or intolerant to RASi).



Demographics	Cohort 1, n=10	Cohort 2, n=30***
Age, years, mean (min, max)	42 (27, 59)	42 (21, 74)
Sex, male, n (%)	9 (90)	19 (63)
Race, White, n (%)	10 (100)	14 (47)
Asian, n (%)	0	13 (43)
Black, n (%)	0	1 (3)
Missing, n (%)	0	2 (7)
Ethnicity, Hispanic, n (%)	2 (20)	4 (13)
Country, US, n (%)	10 (100)	21 (70)
Baseline characteristics	Median (min, max)	Median (min, max)
Time from biopsy, years	2.1 (0.2, 7.7)	3.1 (0.1, 8.3)
Blood pressure (mmHg), Systolic	127 (113, 133)	126 (106, 147)
Diastolic	83 (69, 88)	82 (57, 89)
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²) [§]	69 (30, 122)	64 (30, 131)
24-hour urine protein excretion (g/day)	1.2 (0.7, 6.5)	1.1 (0.3, 7.0)
24-hour UPCR (g/g)	0.6 (0.4, 4.6)	0.8 (0.2, 3.2)
Renin-angiotensin system inhibitor use (%)	100%	100%
Efficacy population (including biomarkers)	Cohort 1, n=8**	Cohort 2, n=27***

[§] eGFR by CKD-EPI, Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration
^{**} Two patients withdrew from study for reasons unrelated to study drug
^{***} Three patients discontinued for not meeting eligibility criteria #6 (biopsy-confirmed IgAN)

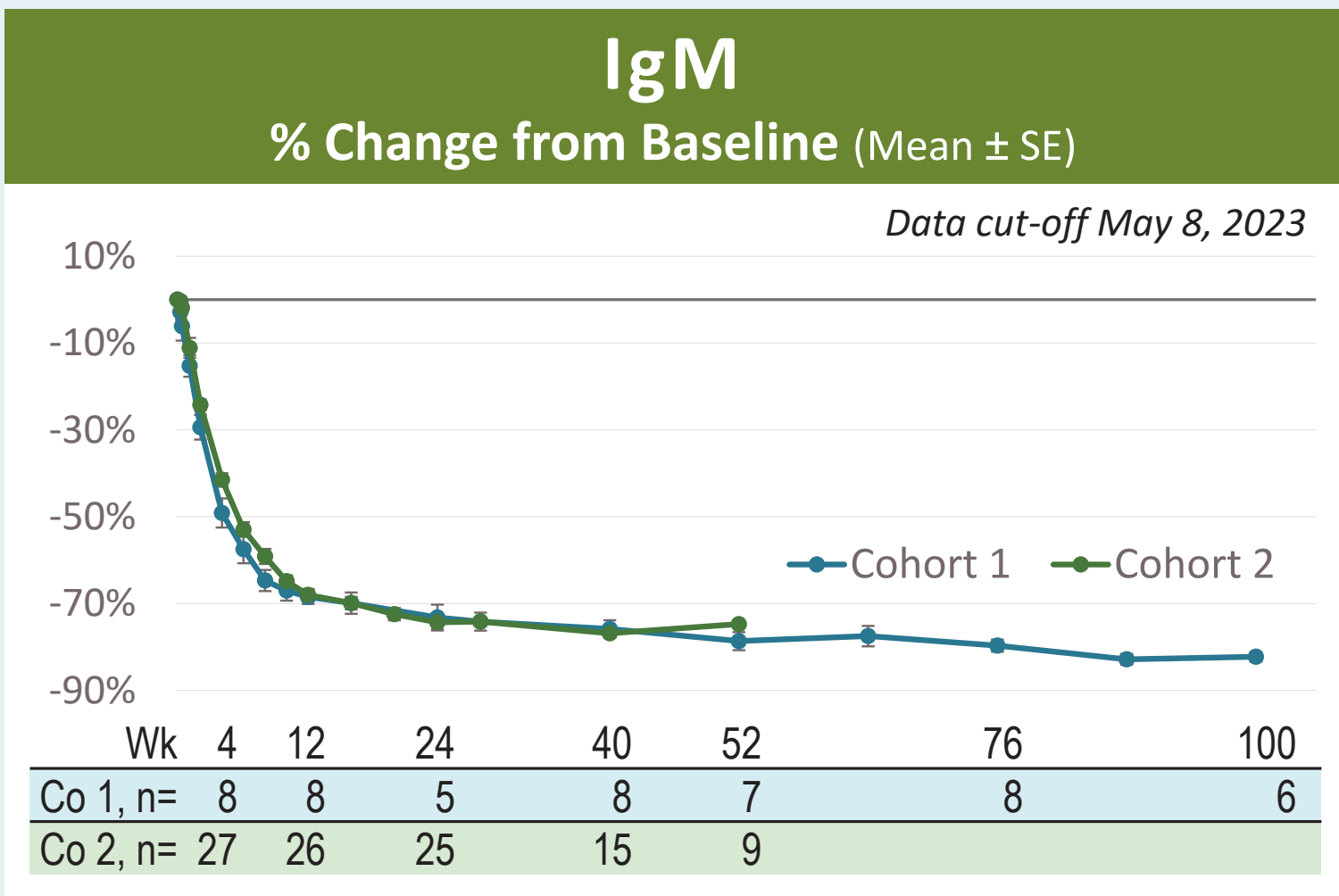
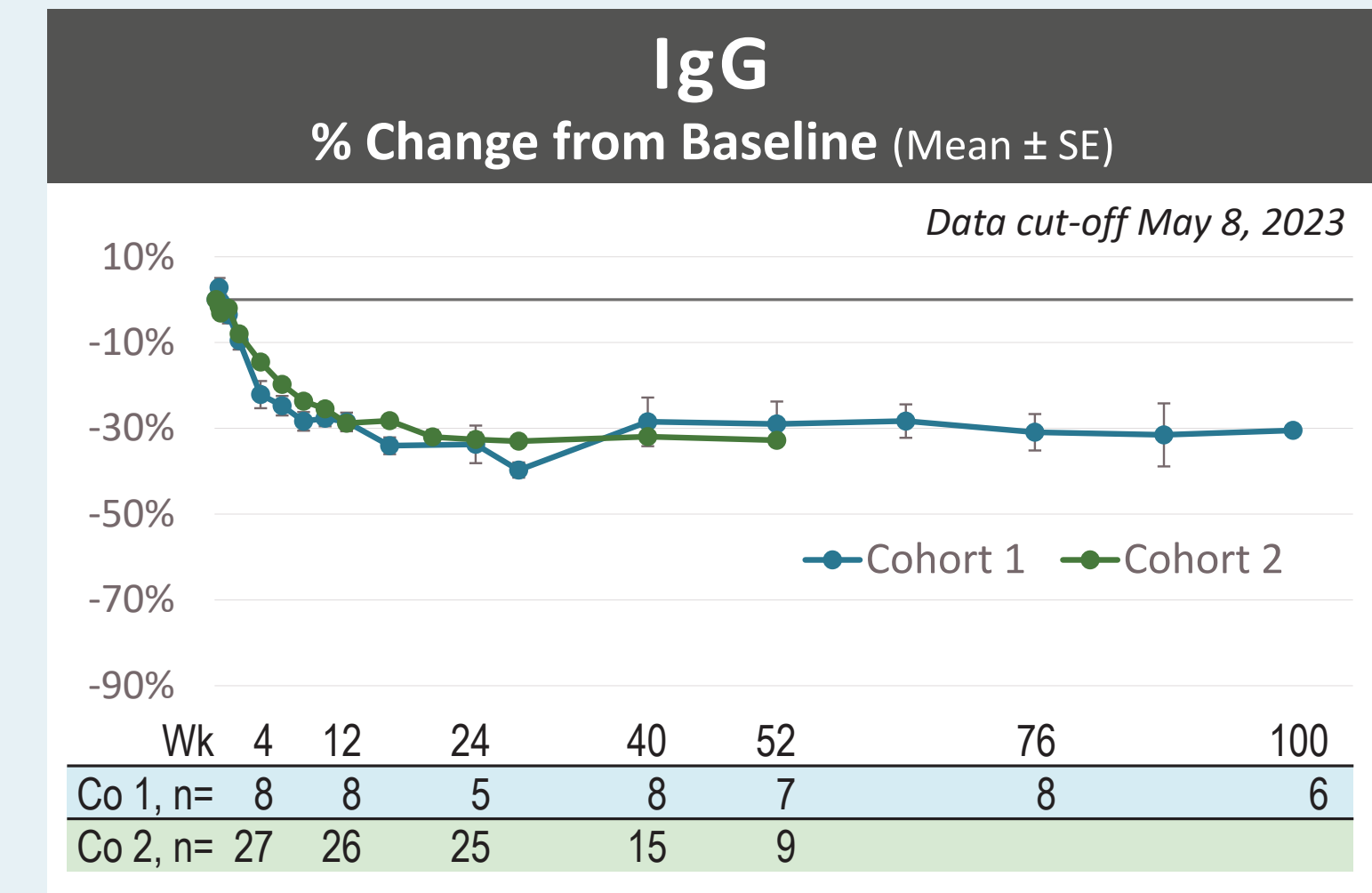
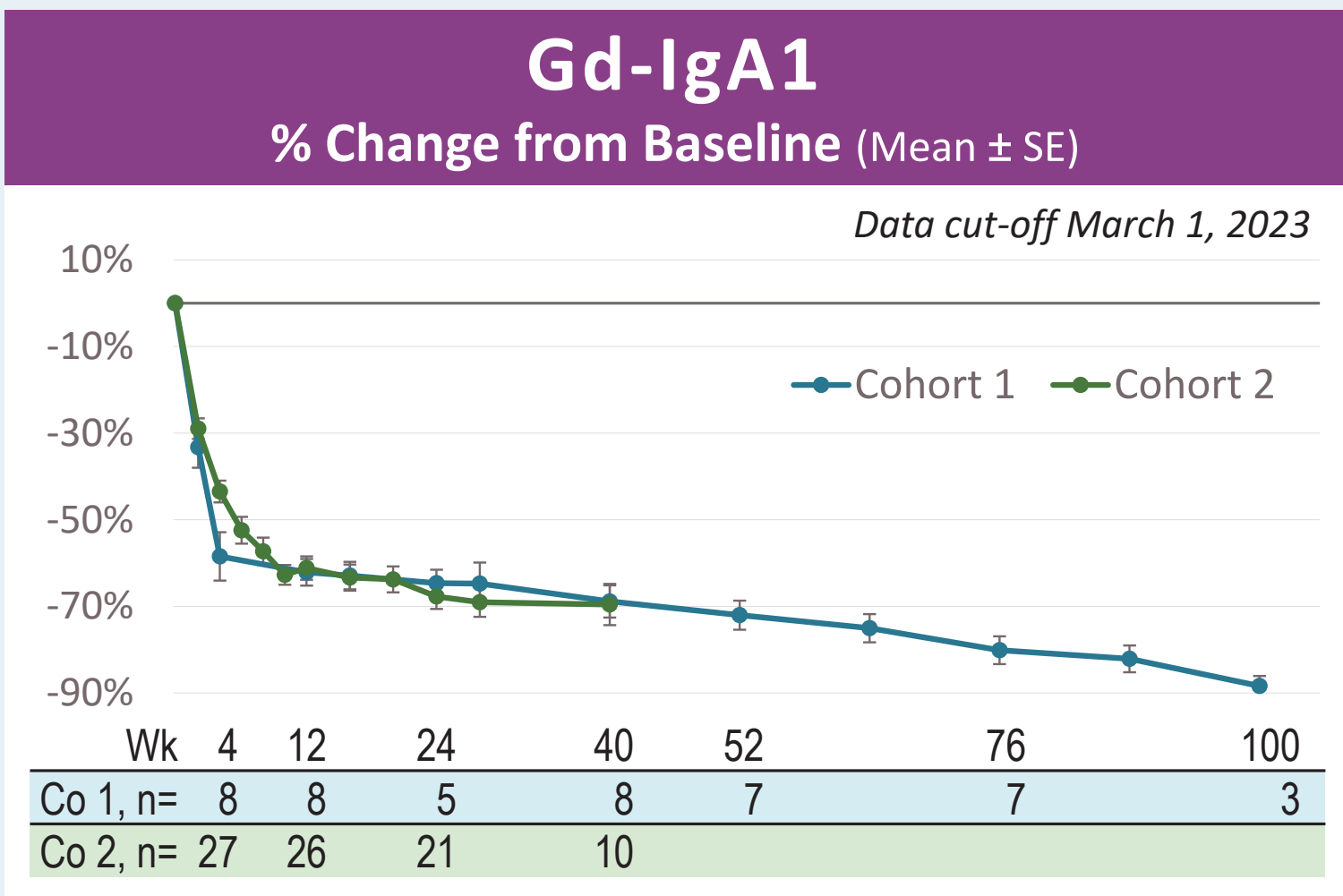
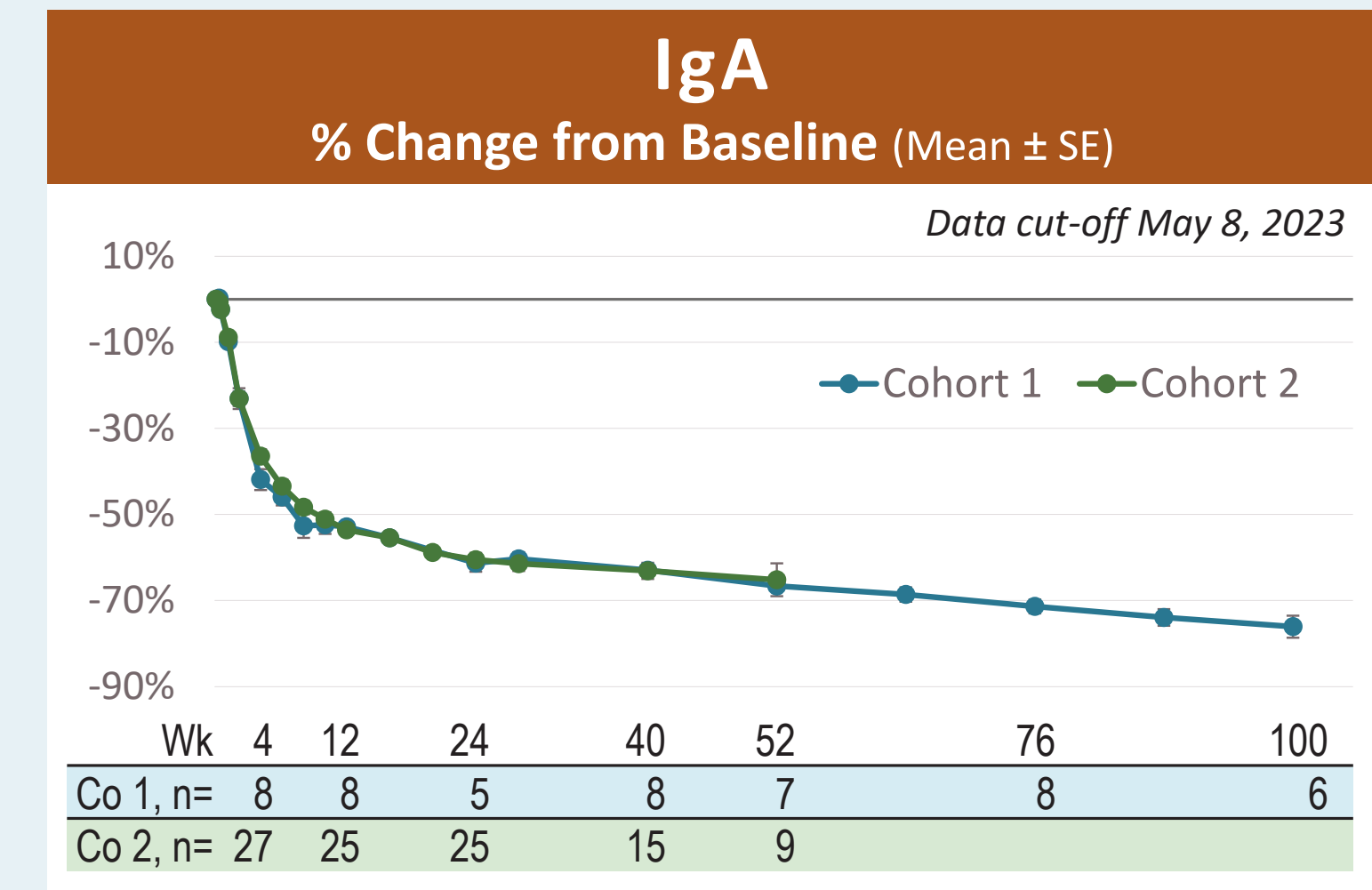
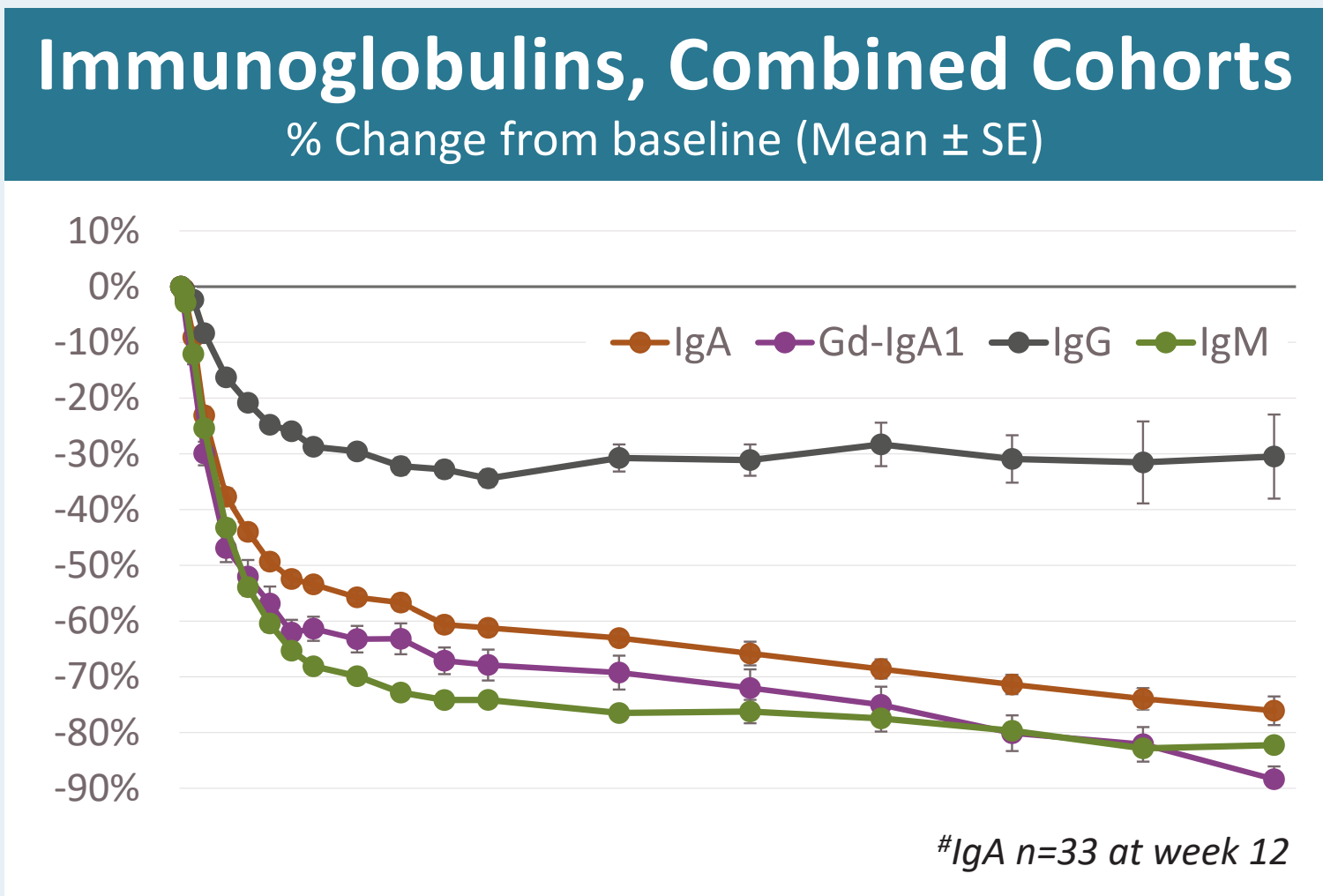
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Results

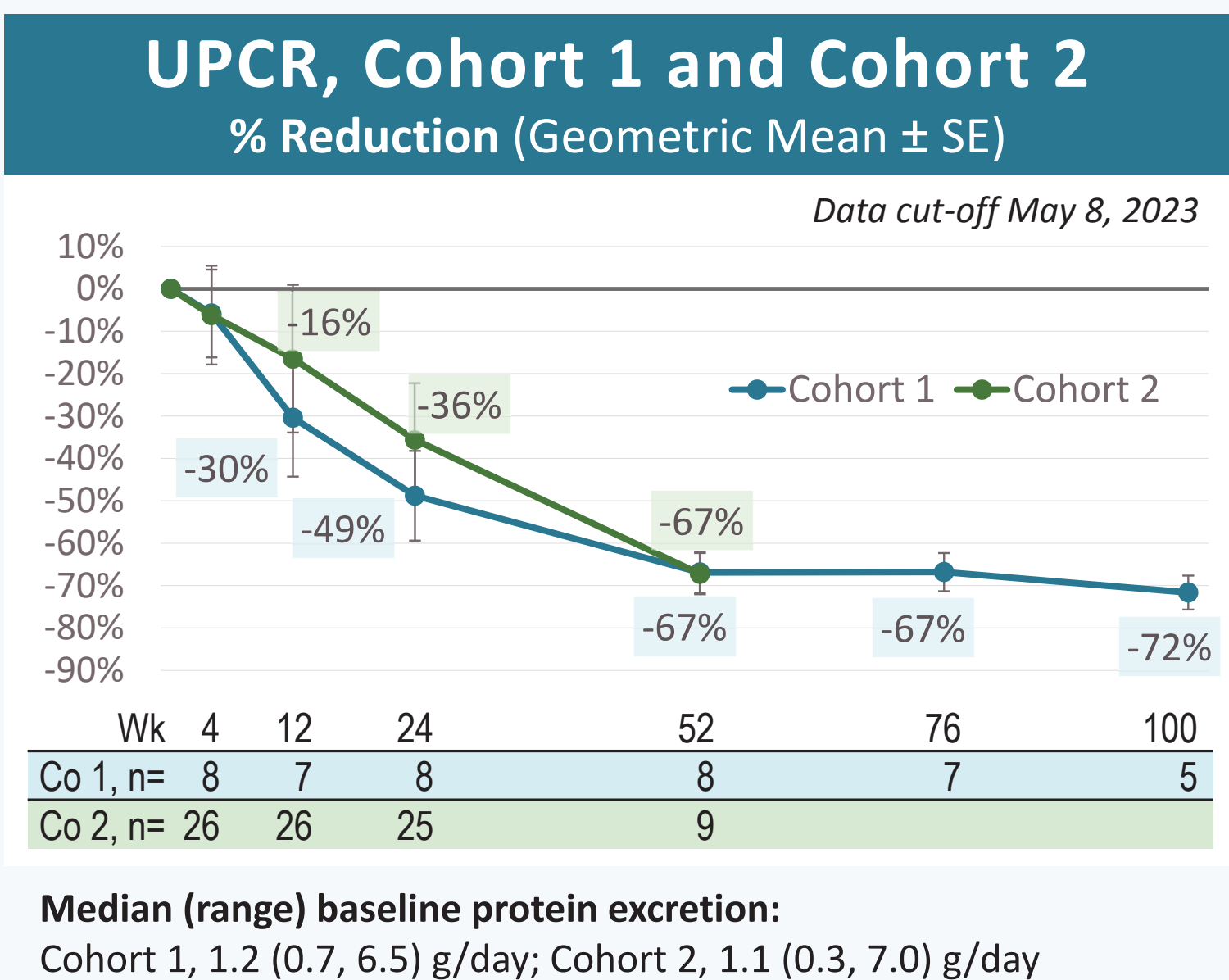
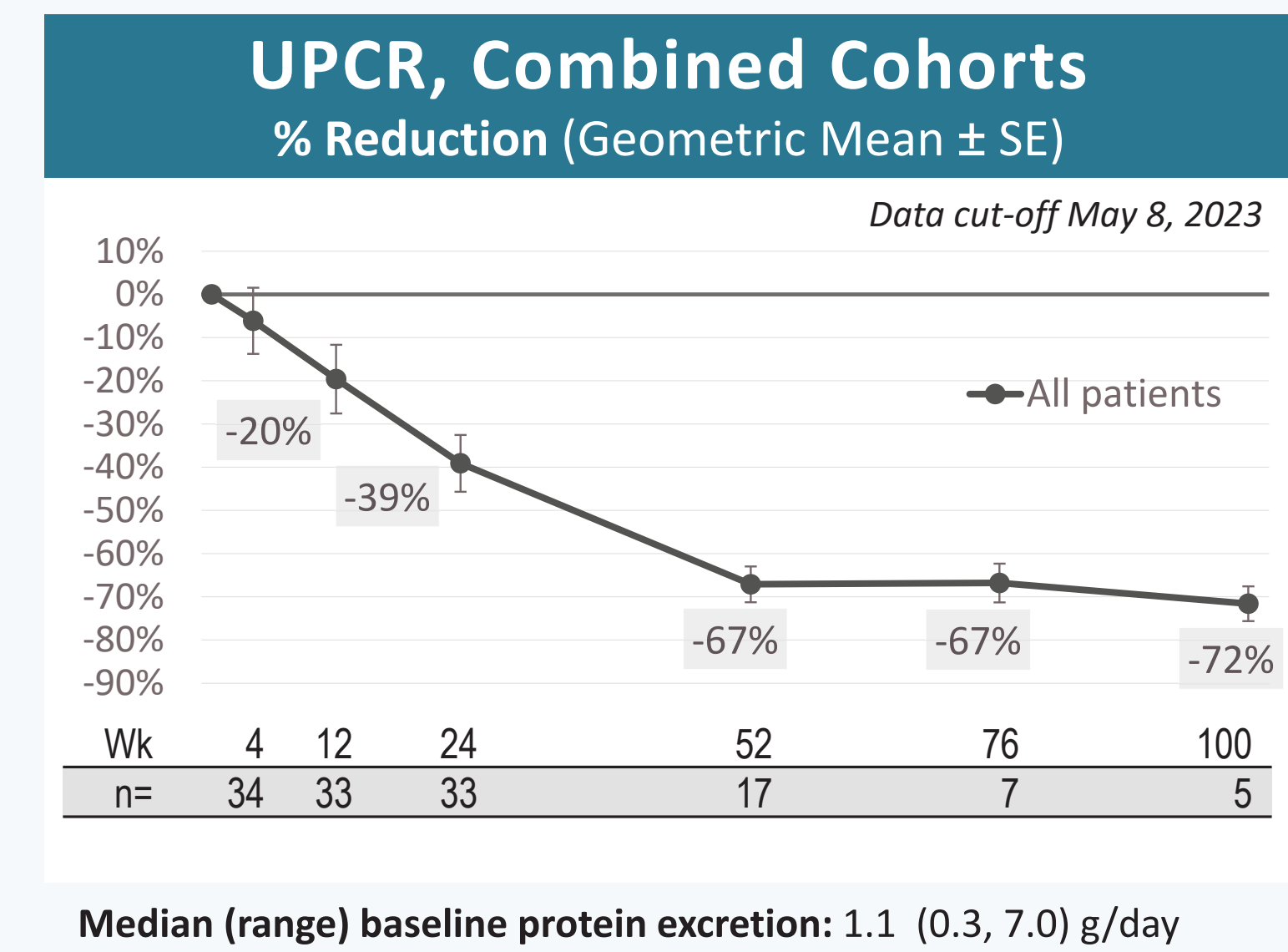
Zigakibart treatment results in rapid and sustained reductions in IgA and pathogenic Gd-IgA1

- Similar reductions in IgM were also observed; reductions in IgG were more modest.
- Data was consistent between cohorts.
- Reductions in immunoglobulins were maintained through study week 100 in cohort 1.



Zigakibart treatment results in sustained, clinically meaningful proteinuria reductions in patients with IgAN

- Reductions in UPCR were seen by Week 12 in patients with IgAN across a wide range of baseline proteinuria levels.
- UPCR continued to decline through one year in both cohorts and was maintained through two years in Cohort 1, providing evidence of sustained efficacy.



Safety

Zigakibart is generally well-tolerated in patients with IgAN, with no ADAs observed and no reported deaths or AEs leading to discontinuation of study drug to date[^]

Safety, Cohorts 1 and 2:

- IgG < 3 g/L occurred in 2 patients; no infections were reported while IgG < 3 g/L.
- All infections have been Grade 1 or 2 in severity and only one subject had infections deemed treatment-related (Grade 1 viral upper respiratory tract infection and influenza).
- 8 subjects experienced injection site reactions. There were 16 ISRs reported from 875 SC doses (<2%). All ISRs were Grade 1 or Grade 2 in severity.
- One serious AE occurred (amnesia) that was not treatment-related and did not result in interruption of study drug.

AE Category (N=40)		n (%)
Treatment emergent AEs (TEAEs)	Subjects with any TEAE	32 (80)
	Subjects with Serious TEAE	1 (3)
	Subjects with any Infection TEAE	26 (65)
	Infection TEAE occurring in N>1 subject	
	COVID-19	10 (25)
	Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	9 (24)
	Influenza	4 (10)
	Urinary Tract Infection	3 (8)
	Asymptomatic COVID-19	2 (5)
	Bronchitis	2 (5)
	Nasopharyngitis	2 (5)
	Rhinitis	2 (5)
	Sinusitis	2 (5)
Treatment-related AEs	Subjects with any treatment-related AE	9 (23)
	Treatment-related AEs occurring in N>1 subject	
	Injection site erythema	4 (10)
	Fatigue	3 (8)

[^]Safety data cut-off May 8, 2023

Conclusions

- Interim data continues to demonstrate disease-modifying potential of zigakibart in patients with IgAN.
- Zigakibart has been generally well tolerated and directly targets IgAN pathogenesis by depleting Gd-IgA1, leading to sustained, clinically meaningful reductions in proteinuria in patients with IgAN.

The global phase 3 BEYOND registrational study (NCT05852938) will evaluate the effect of zigakibart vs. placebo on proteinuria, eGFR and composite clinical endpoints as well as key safety measures in adult patients with IgAN at risk of progressive kidney function loss.

