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## IMU-838 in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

New Oral Treatment with Promising Safety Profile



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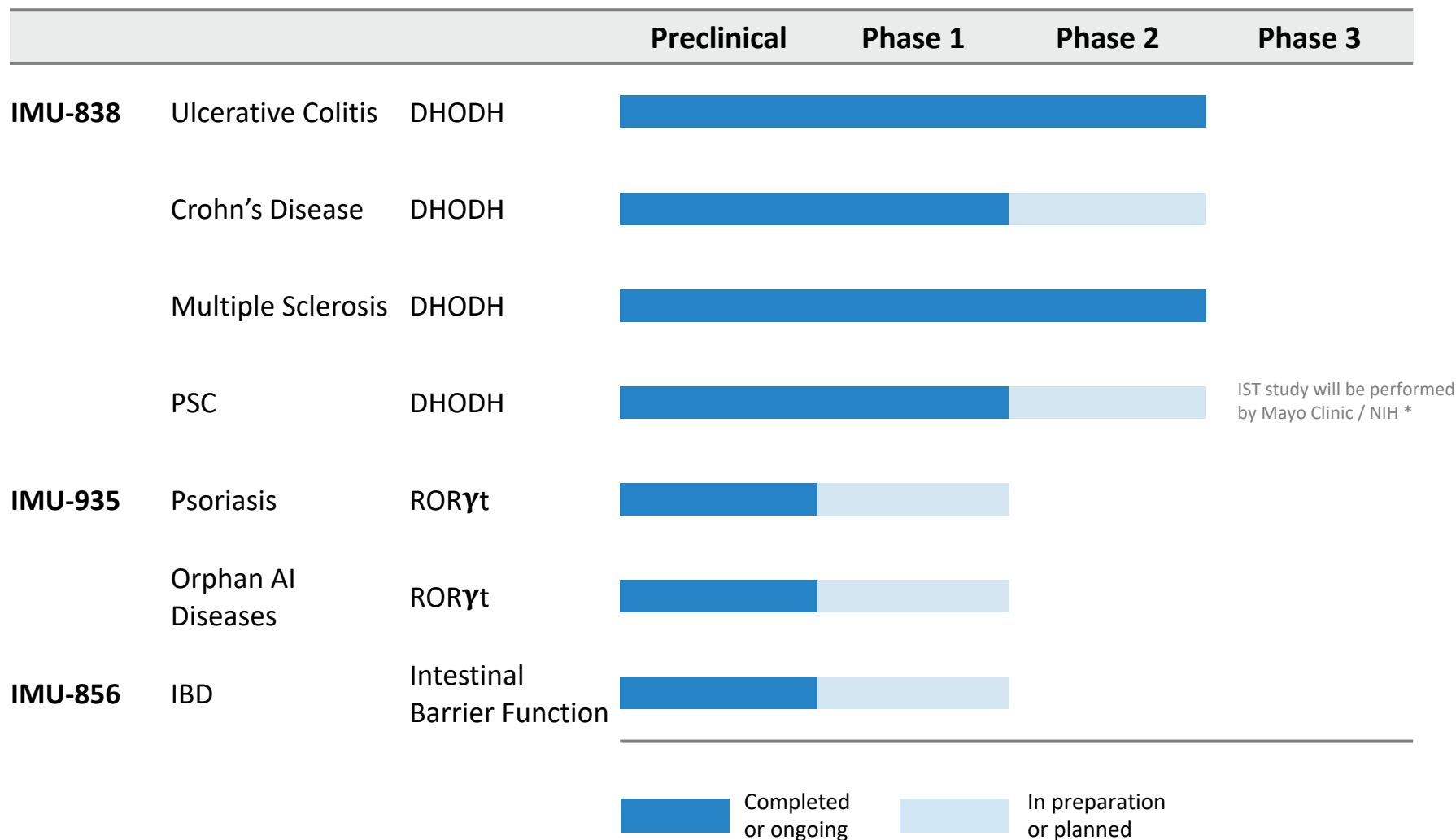


## Our Vision

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We are developing new therapies with best-in-class potential for the treatment of chronic inflammatory and autoimmune diseases.

# Development Pipeline

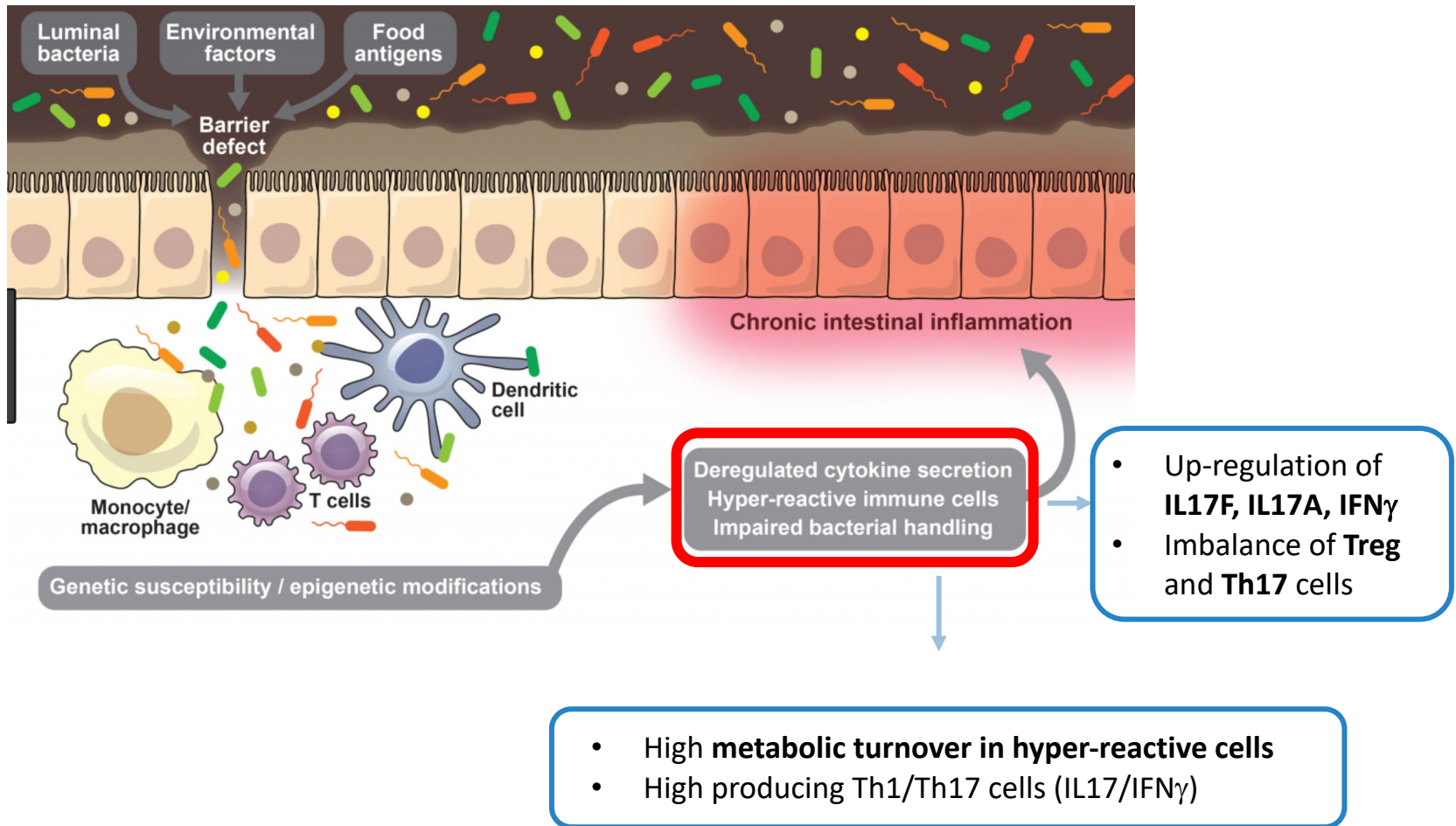


# IMU-838 in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)

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# Pathology of IBD



# Cytokines Modulated by IMU-838

- Effects of IMU-838 on PMA/ionomycin induced cytokines from human PBMCs

Cytokines <b>INHIBITED</b> by IMU-838	Cytokines <b>NOT AFFECTED</b> by IMU-838	Cytokines <b>UP-REGULATED</b> by IMU-838
IL-17 (A and F)	TNF- $\alpha$	IL-4
$\gamma$ -IFN	MIP-1 $\alpha$	IL-10
IL-13	IL-2	
GM-CSF	IL-1 $\beta$	
TNF- $\beta$	IL-5	
IP-10	IL-7	

- IMU-838 mostly **inhibits pro-inflammatory** cytokines produced by TH1, TH2 and TH17 cells and **induces** the expression of some important **anti-inflammatory** cytokines (IL-4, IL-10)



# Hyperreactive Immune Cells

- Hyperreactive/high-affinity immune cells are specifically dependent on DHODH
  - High metabolic turnover
  - High amounts of nucleotides for **mRNA** synthesis (up to 100-fold higher nucleotide demand for RNA synthesis than for DNA synthesis)
  - High producers of **IL-17** and **IFN $\gamma$**

## Teriflunomide treatment for multiple sclerosis modulates T cell mitochondrial respiration with affinity-dependent effects

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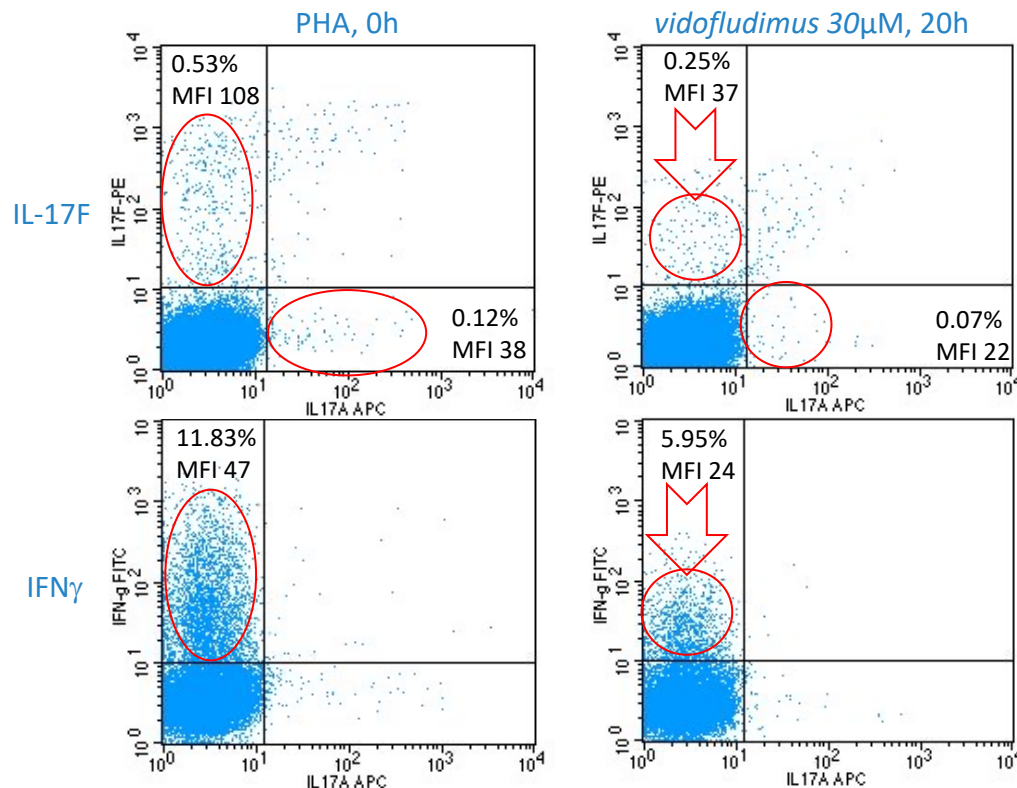


- DHODH inhibition preferentially suppressed high affinity T-cells
- The affinity-dependent effects of DHODH inhibition were closely linked to differences in T-cell metabolism

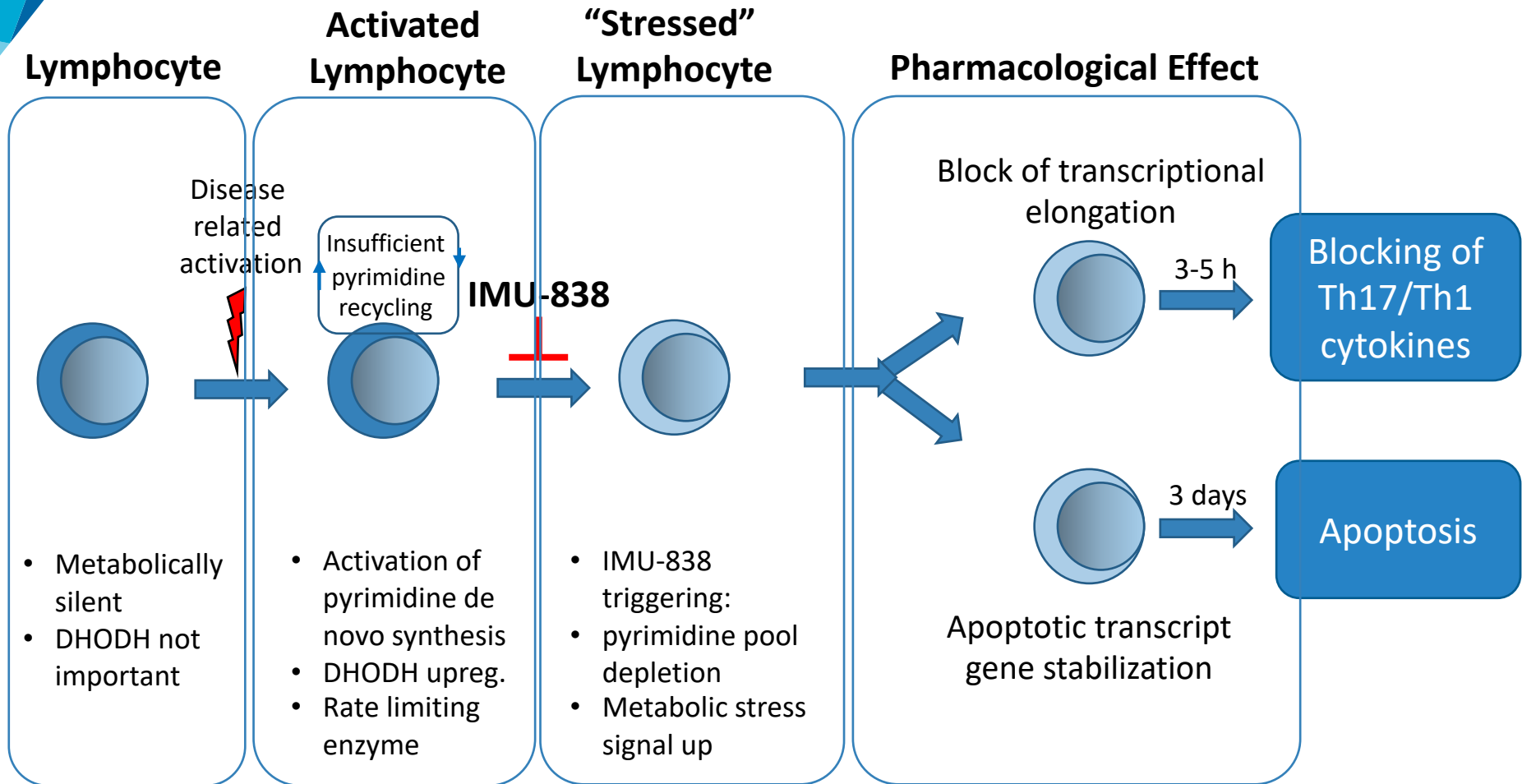


# IMU-838 Reduces IL-17F/IFN $\gamma$ High-Producers

- Inhibition of cytokines by IMU-838 (vidofludimus) in PBMCs after 20 hours
- The effect is uncoupled from T-cell proliferation and targets the fraction of more pathogenic T-cells

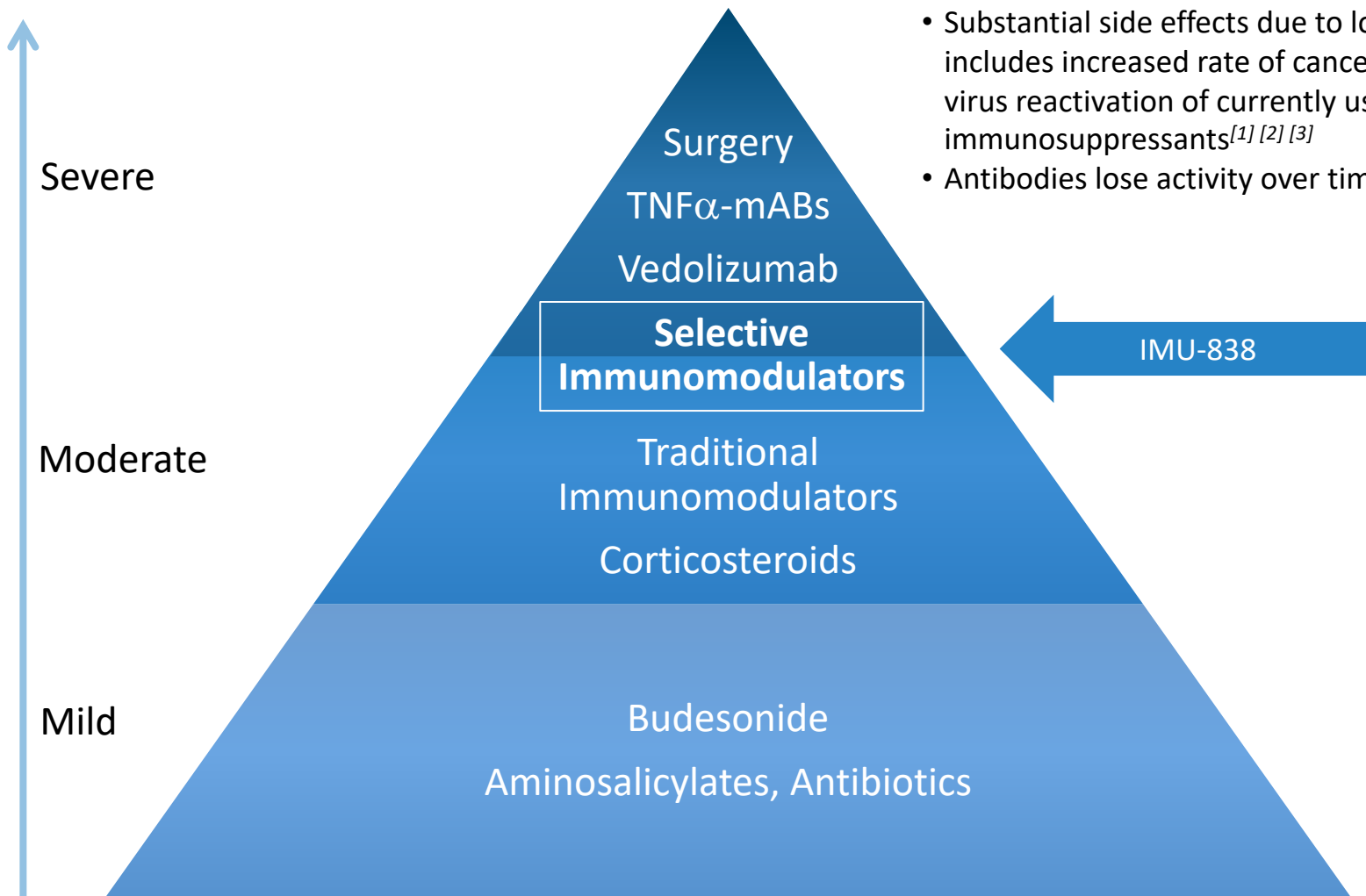


# DHODH Targeting Leads to Metabolic Stress in Metabolically Activated Cells



Adapted from Tan et al., 2016, Mol Cell 62

# IBD: Therapeutic Pyramid



Current solutions have limitations

- Substantial side effects due to long-term use includes increased rate of cancer risk and virus reactivation of currently used immunosuppressants<sup>[1] [2] [3]</sup>
- Antibodies lose activity over time<sup>[4]</sup>

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[3] Winthrop, Kevin L., et al. *Arthritis & rheumatology* 2014; 66.10: 2675-2684.

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# Regulatory Macrophages in Anti-TNF $\alpha$ IBD Treatment

## Regulatory Macrophages Induced by Infliximab Are Involved In Healing In Vivo and In Vitro

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- Patients responding to infliximab showed a significant induction of CD206+/CD68+ cells, whereas this induction was absent in non-responders.

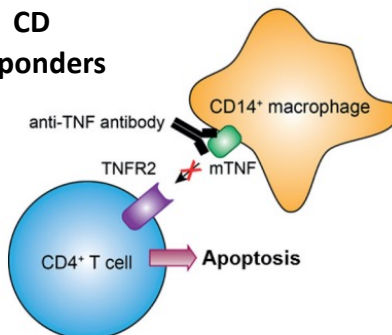
## Expansion of IL-23 receptor bearing TNFR2+ T cells is associated with molecular resistance to anti-TNF therapy in Crohn's disease

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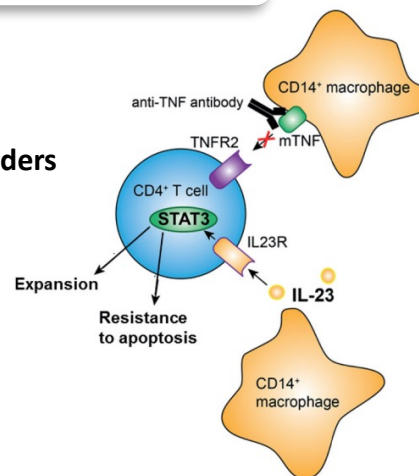


- 40% are non-responders towards infliximab in Crohn's disease.
- Putative resistance due to molecular induction of genes indicating a mixed Th1/Th17 like phenotype.

**CD responders**



**CD non-responders**

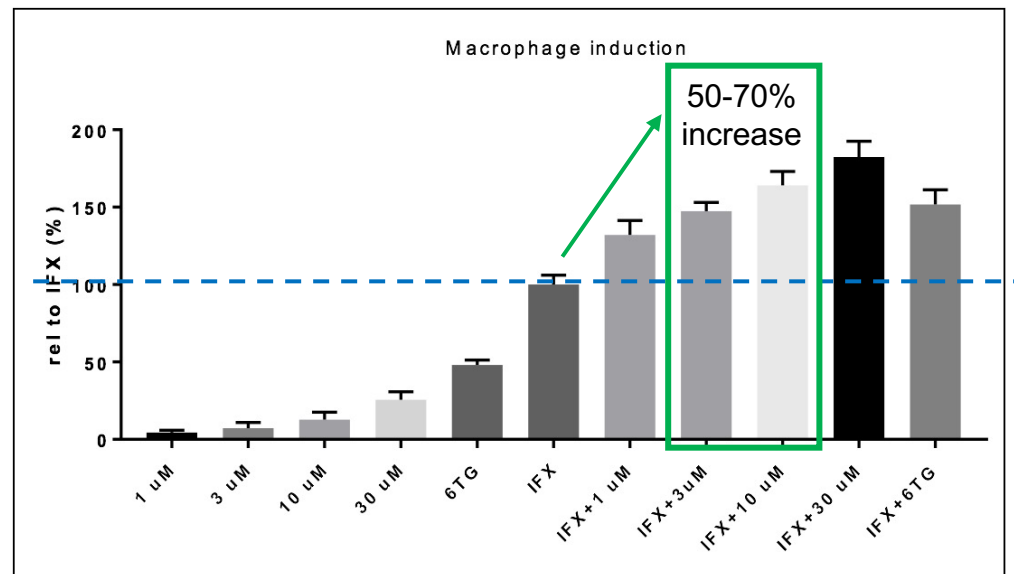


IL-23R  
IFN $\gamma$   
T-bet  
IL-17A  
ROR $\gamma$ t  
 $\alpha$ 4 $\beta$ 7

High expression in T-cells of non-responders

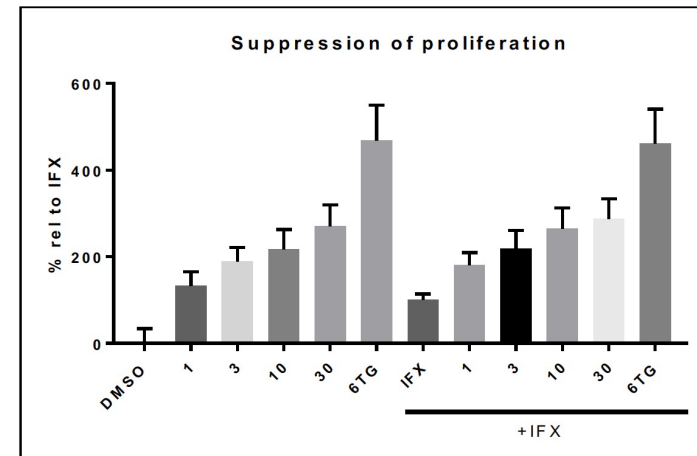
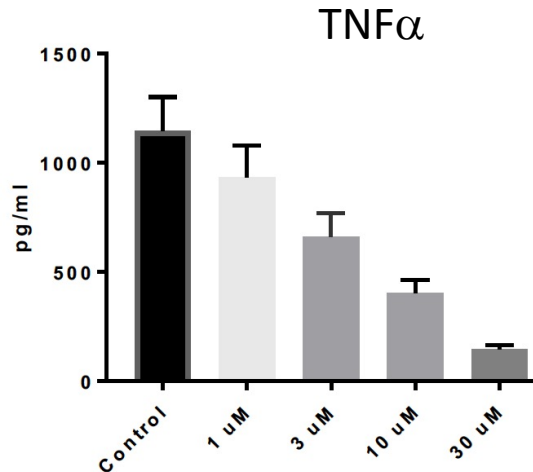
# Synergism of IMU-838 with Infliximab on Induction of Regulatory Macrophages

- Synergism of IMU-838 with infliximab (IFX) in mixed lymphocyte reaction assay (MLR)
  - IMU-838 only induced small numbers of CD14<sup>+</sup>/CD206<sup>+</sup> macrophages compared to IFX, but did largely increase the induction of CD14<sup>+</sup>/CD206<sup>+</sup> macrophages when in the presence of IFX



# IMU-838 Additional Beneficial Effects in Mixed Lymphocyte Reaction Assay

- Dose dependent reduction of  $\text{TNF}\alpha$
- Pronounced inhibition of T-cell proliferation independent of IFX





## IMU-838: Treatment Opportunities in IBD

- Besides monotherapeutic use in IBD with
  - Reduction of IL-17 and IFN $\gamma$  high producing cells
  - Reduction of TNF $\alpha$  release
  - Inhibition of T-cell proliferation and induction of T-cell apoptosis
- IMU-838 could act synergistically in combination with anti-TNF treatments by
  - Inducing regulatory macrophages
  - Could reduce the percentage of anti-TNF $\alpha$  non-responders by overcoming the molecular resistance pathways

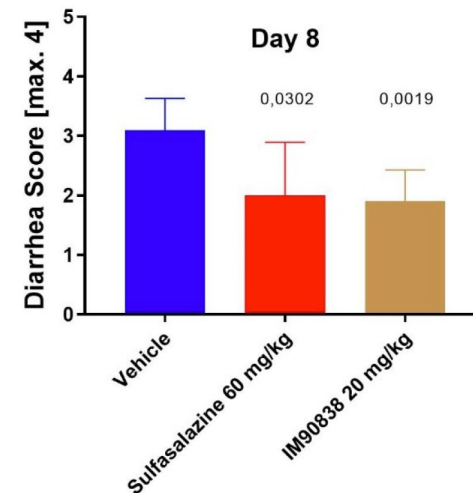
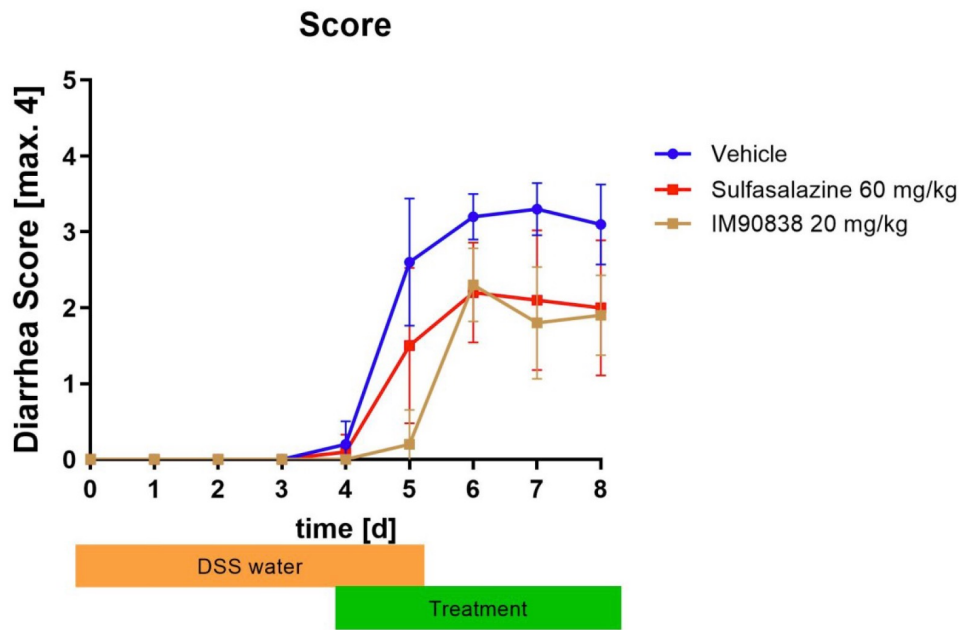


# Therapeutic Colitis Animal Model



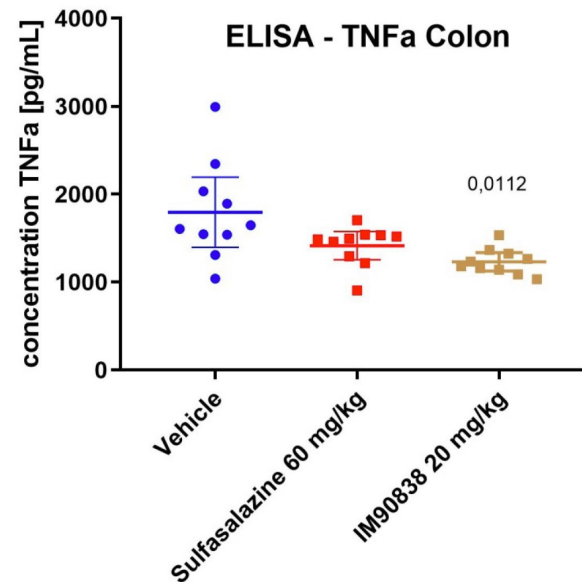
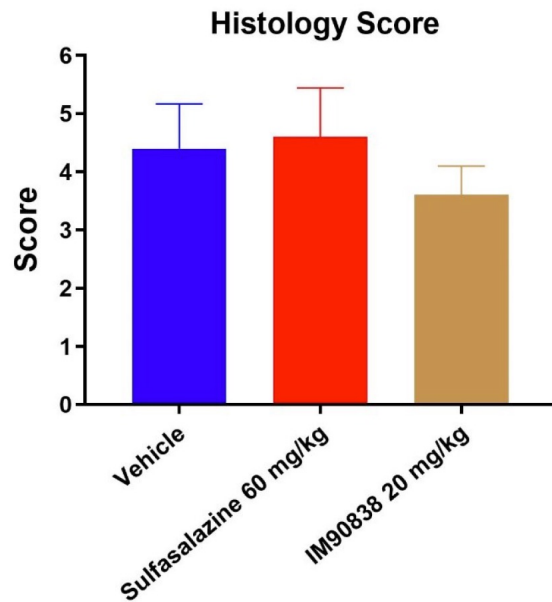
# IMU-838 Showed Activity in DSS Induced Colitis Model in Therapeutic Setting

- 2.8 % DSS colitis model in C57BL/6 mice
- IMU-838 delayed onset of diarrhea
- IMU-838 reduced the severity of disease



# IMU-838 Showed Activity in DSS Induced Colitis Model in Therapeutic Setting

- IMU-838 improved the colonic histology
- IMU-838 reduced TNF $\alpha$  expression in the colon



# Safety Profile of IMU-838



## DHODH Provides *Selective* Immune Modulation

- DHODH inhibition provides selective immune modulatory effects towards highly activated cells but spares the “normal acting” immune system
  - Vaccination is possible during treatment with teriflunomide<sup>[1]</sup>
  - It inhibits reactivation of viruses in infected cells, putatively by blocking the de novo synthesis pyrimidine pathway to deliver the high demand of nucleotides<sup>[2]</sup>
  - Does not have a general antiproliferative effect which would impair innate immunity and host defense<sup>[3]</sup>

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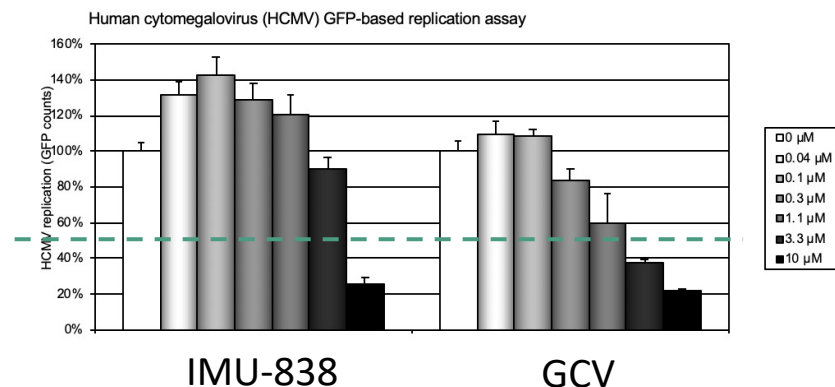
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# IMU-838: Confirmed Antiviral Activity and Rate of Infections in Clinical Trials Similar to Placebo Group

## • In vitro

- IMU-838 is active against herpes viruses like CMV
- $IC_{50}$  7.4  $\mu$ M GFP based replication assay
- Antiviral activity potentially differentiates IMU-838 from other oral IBD drugs currently in development

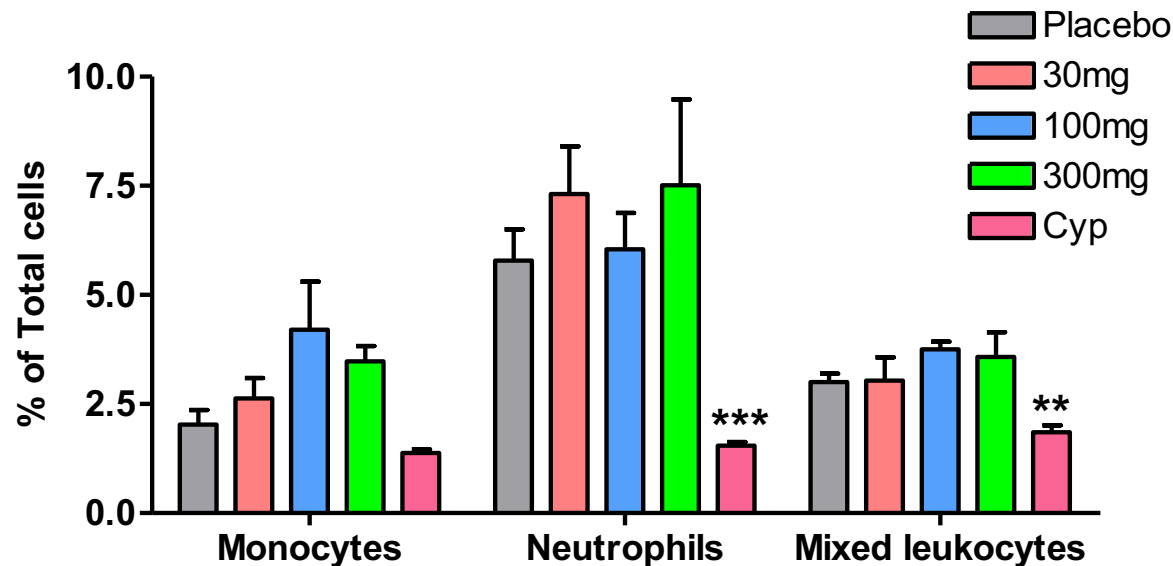


## • In patients

TEAEs (incidence $\geq$ 2%) by MedDRA System Organ Class	Vidofludimus 35 mg n = 122		Placebo n = 119	
	n	%	n	%
<b>Total number of patients with probably related TEAEs</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Gastrointestinal disorders	1	0.8	4	3.4
Investigations	0	0	3	2.5
<b>Total number of patients with possibly related TEAEs</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16.0</b>
Gastrointestinal disorders	2	1.6	4	3.4
<b>Infections and infestations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Investigations	3	2.5	1	0.8
Nervous system disorders	1	0.8	3	2.5
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	4	3.3	1	0.8

# No General Antiproliferative Effects by IMU-838

- IMU-838 does not induce monocyto-, neutro- and leukopenia in a mouse model of SLE
  - Indicating a significantly lower bone marrow toxicity compared to Cyclophosphamide





# Comparison to Currently Available DHODH Inhibitors



# DHODH Inhibition as Treatment Option

- Mechanism of DHODH inhibition already established successfully in rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis with leflunomide (Arava™) and teriflunomide (Aubagio™)
- Investigator trials with other DHODH inhibitors have shown positive effects on Crohn's disease patients
- So far, there is no DHODH inhibitor approved in IBD

Adverse Event	Percentage of patients with adverse events $\geq$ 5% in any <i>leflunomide</i> related RA trial <sup>1</sup>
Diarrhea	17%
Respiratory Infections	15%
Hypertension	10%
Alopecia	10%
Rash	10%
Nausea	9%
Headache	7%
Bronchitis	7%
Abdominal Pain	6%
Abnormal liver enzyme (black box warning)	5%

# IMU-838: Beneficial Properties for Patient Treatment

- Potential advantages of IMU-838 therapy compared with Aubagio® (teriflunomide):
  - Selectivity and sensitivity<sup>[1] [2] [3] [4]</sup>
  - Pharmacokinetic parameters<sup>[5] [6]</sup>
  - Safety profile<sup>[7] [8] [9] [10]</sup>
  - Drug-drug interaction potential<sup>[6]</sup>

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[6] Summary of Product Characteristics Aubagio®

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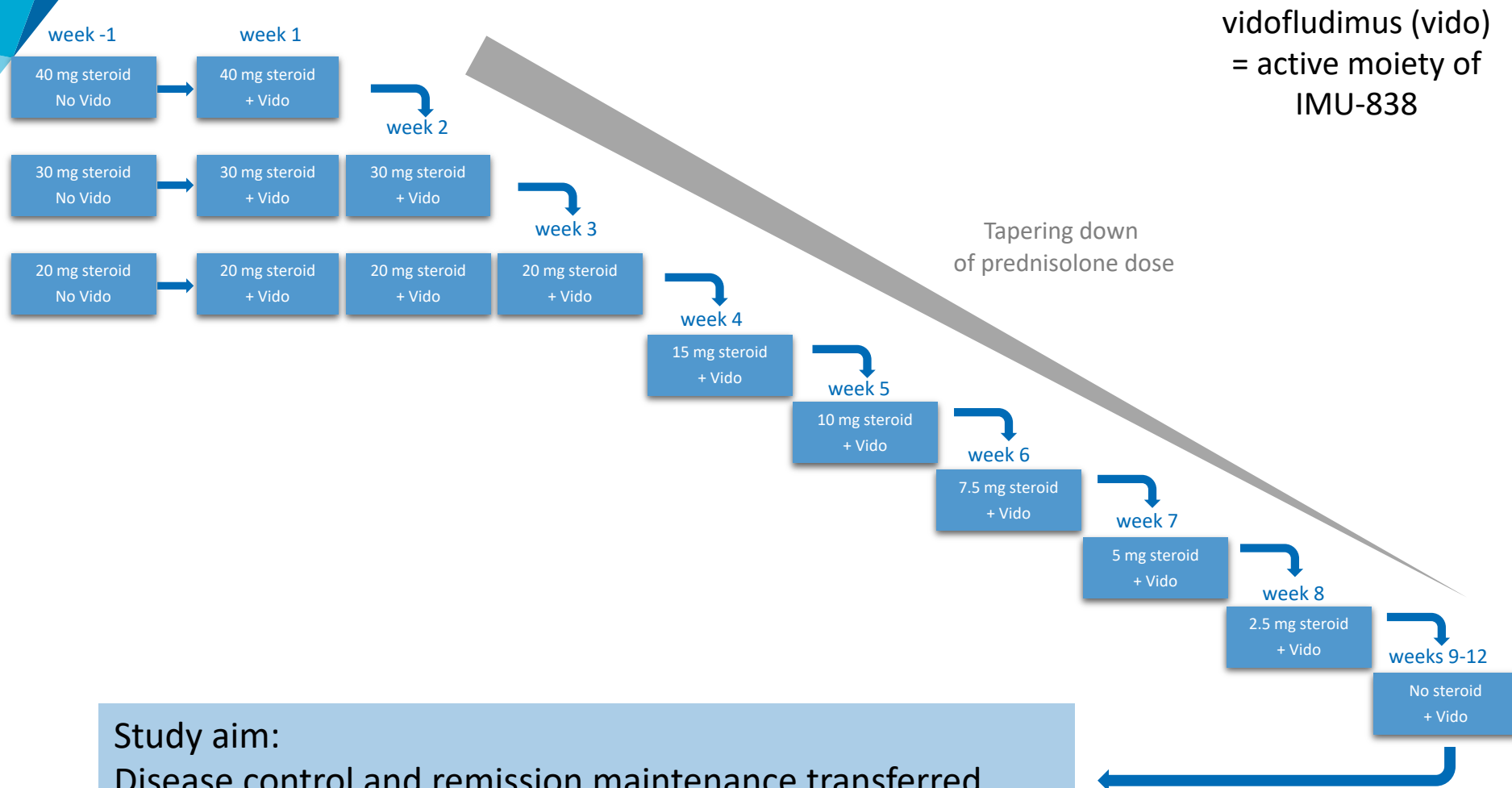
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# Beneficial Properties of IMU-838

- Selectivity and sensitivity
  - Human DHODH:  $IC_{50}$  120 nM
  - No relevant inhibition of 100 tested kinases as potential off-targets
- PK properties
  - 30h half-life → once daily dosing
  - Accumulation factor 2 → steady state after 5-7 days
  - Short wash-out period required → within 10-14 days no drug detectable
  - Low inter-patient variability
- Safety profile
  - More than 400 individuals treated with IMU-838
  - Safety profile is similar to placebo

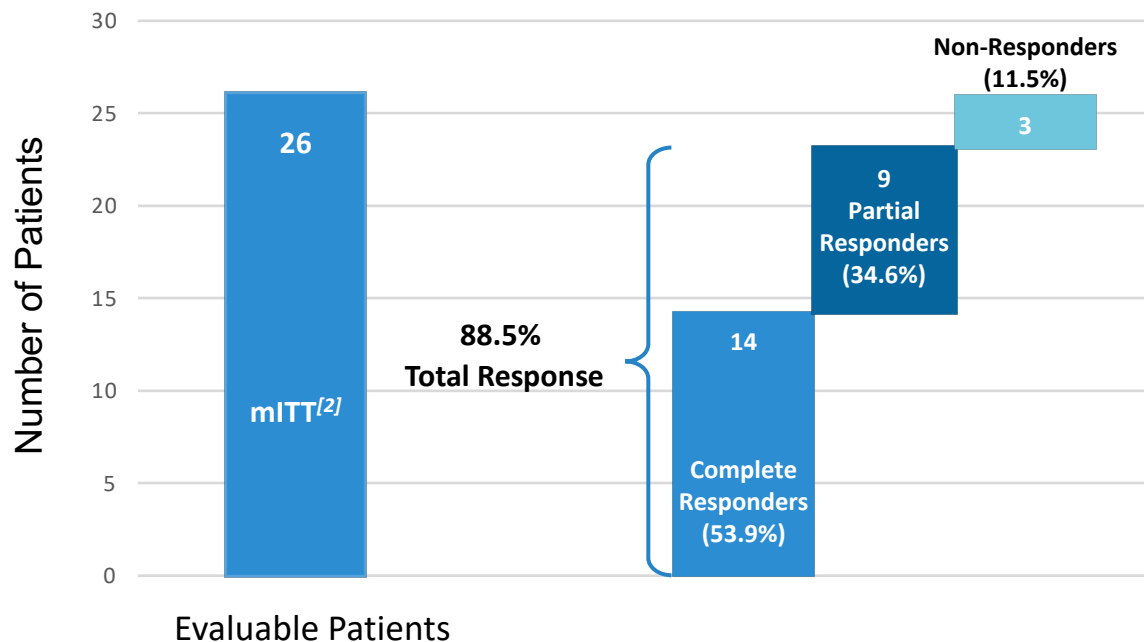
# Phase 2a ENTRANCE: Primary Efficacy Results in Steroid Dependent IBD Patients



# IBD Phase 2a ENTRANCE: Primary Efficacy Results

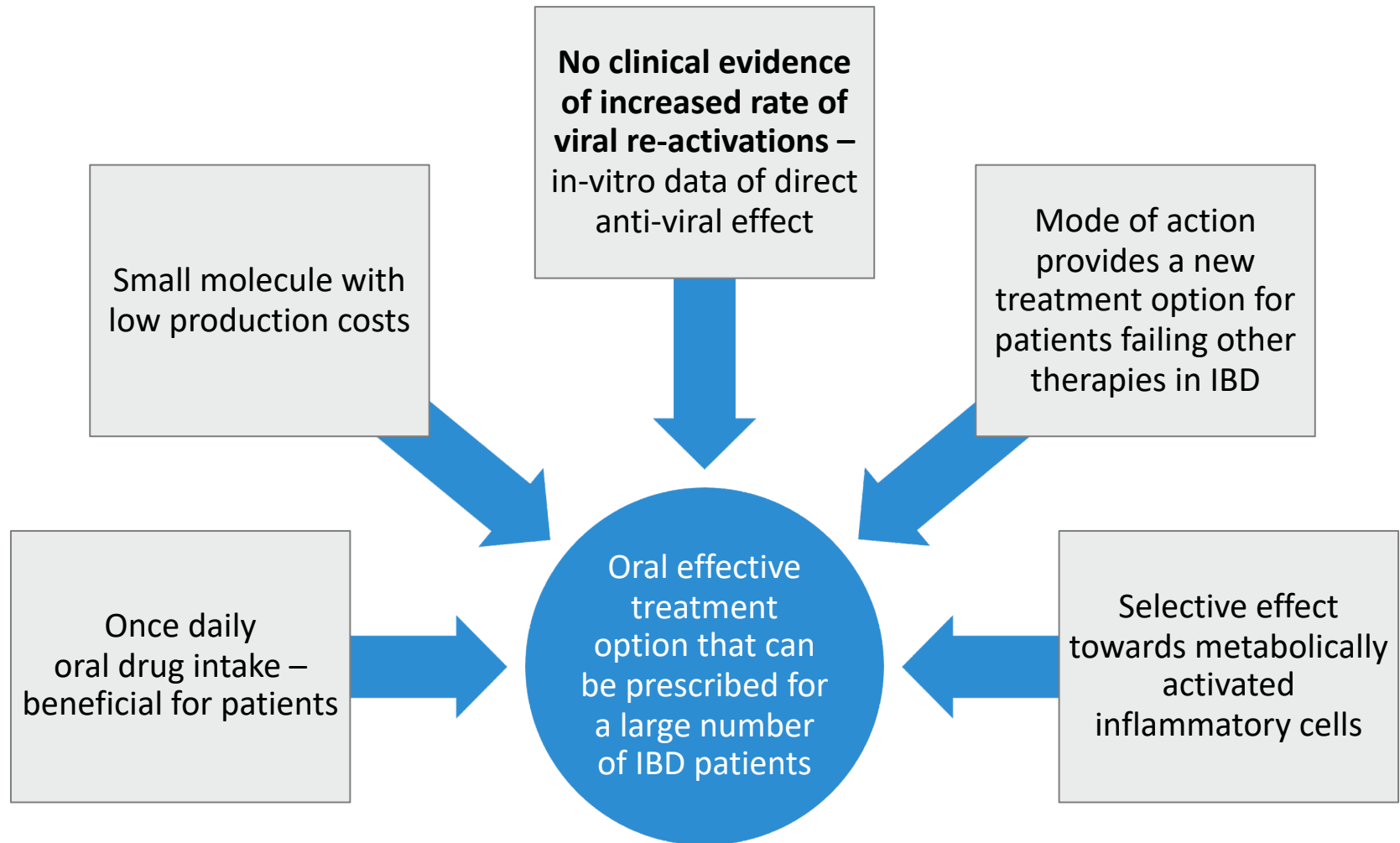
## ENTRANCE study:<sup>[1]</sup>

- Study performed with active moiety vidofludimus
- All patients failed two attempts to taper down steroids
- Open-label
- Primary efficacy endpoint: steroid-free/steroid-reduced remission (week 12)



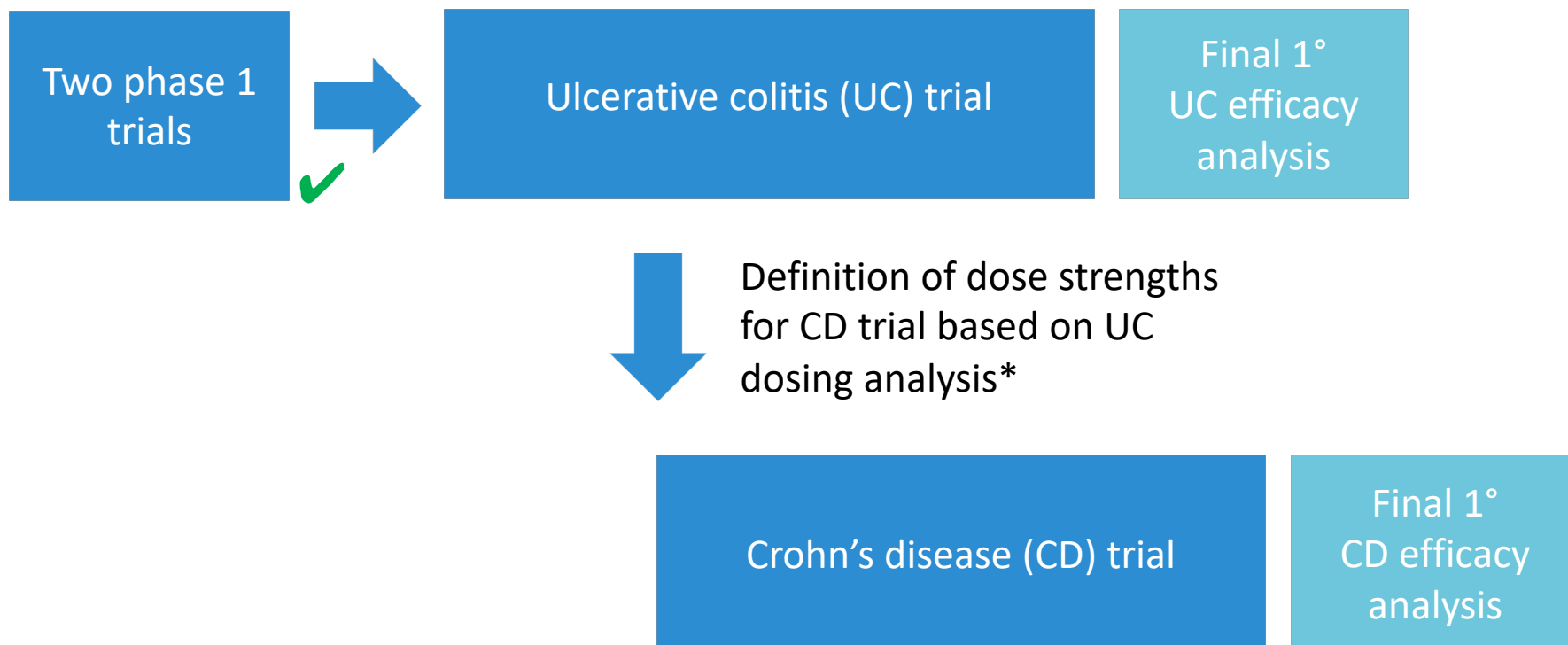
IMU-838 had response rates of:  
85.7% in Crohn's disease  
91.7% in ulcerative colitis

# IMU-838: Key Strengths That Address Limitation of Existing Therapies





# IBD: Overall Study Program For IMU-838





# Thank You!

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