



# ***THERAPEUTIC ADVANCES FOR COELIAC DISEASE***

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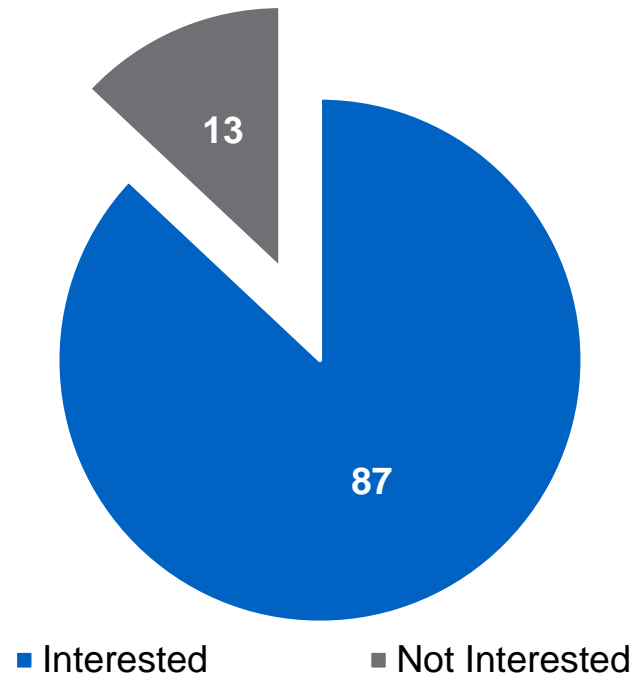
# DISCLOSURES

- Co-founder, Chief Scientific Officer, **Provention Bio**
  - Provention Bio and Amgen entered into a License and Collaboration Agreement for AMG 714 (PRV-015) in November 2018
- Former co-founder, CEO, Chief Medical Officer, **Celimmune**
  - Amgen licensed AMG 714 to Celimmune in 2015
  - Celimmune conducted celiac and RCD-II studies with AMG 714
  - Amgen acquired Celimmune in 2017
- Former Chief Medical Officer, **Alba Therapeutics**
- Partner, **Biomedal**
- Co-founder, **Glutenostics** (GlutenDetective.com)

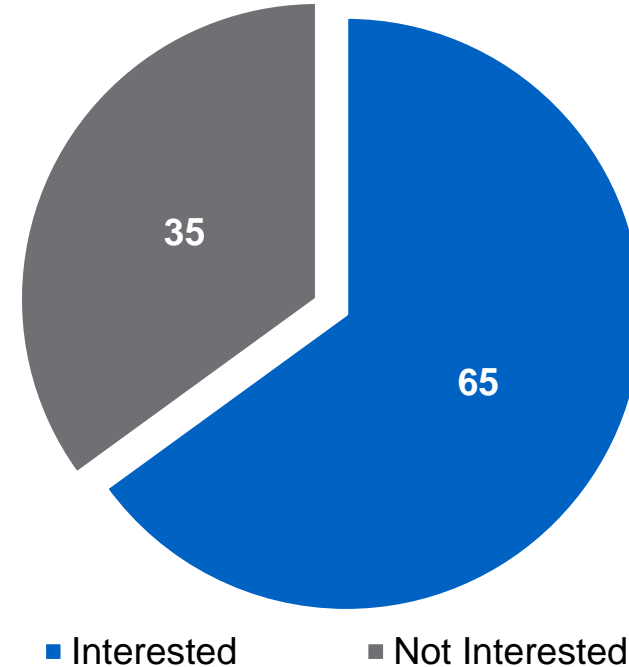
# CELIAC DISEASE PATIENTS ARE INTERESTED IN A DRUG TO PREVENT THE SYMPTOMS AND EFFECTS OF GLUTEN CONTAMINATION

Tomal J, McKiernan D, Guandalini S, Semrad CE, Kupfer SS. Celiac patients' attitudes regarding novel therapies. *Minerva Gastroenterol Dietol* 2016;62:275-80

**Cross-contamination  
(Adjunct to Gluten-Free Diet)**



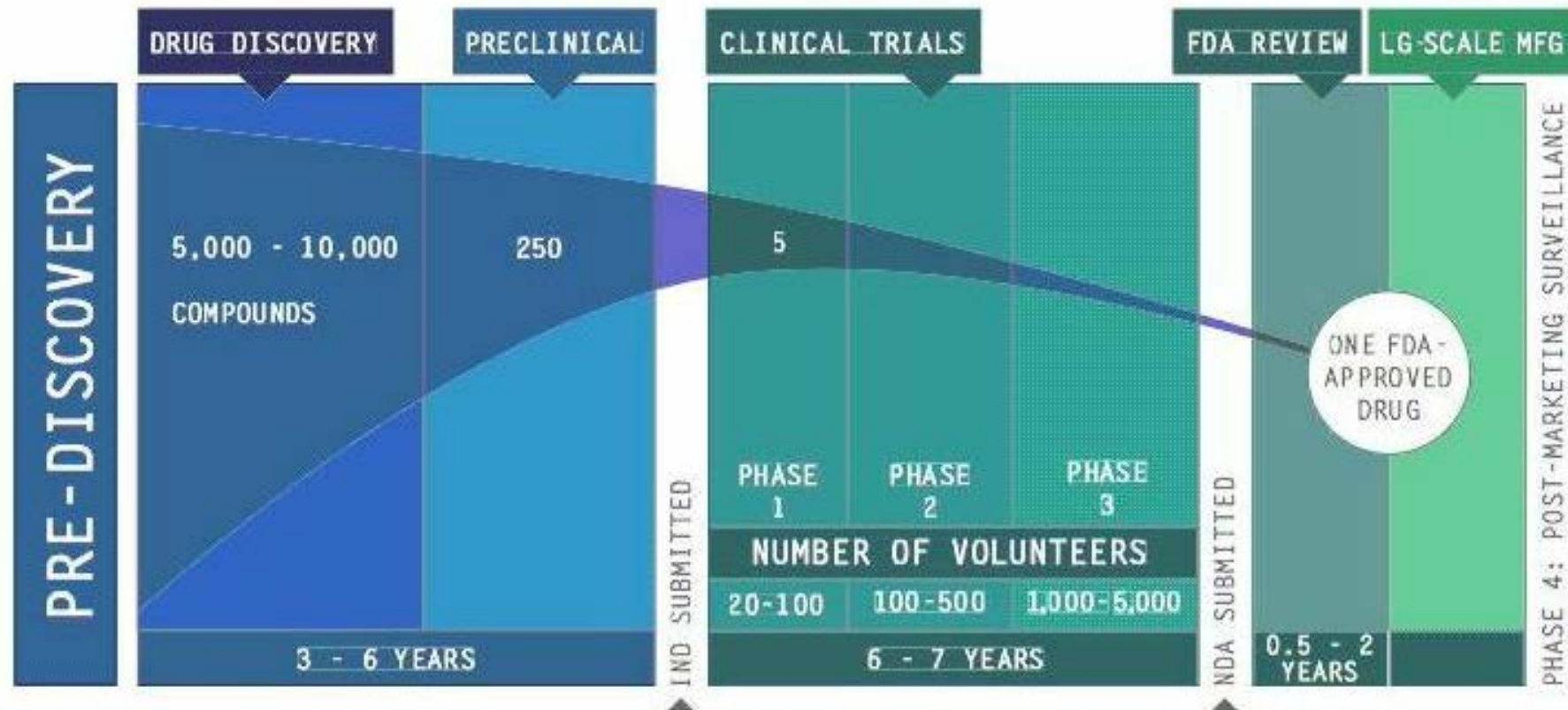
**Gluten consumption  
(Replacement of Gluten Free Diet)**



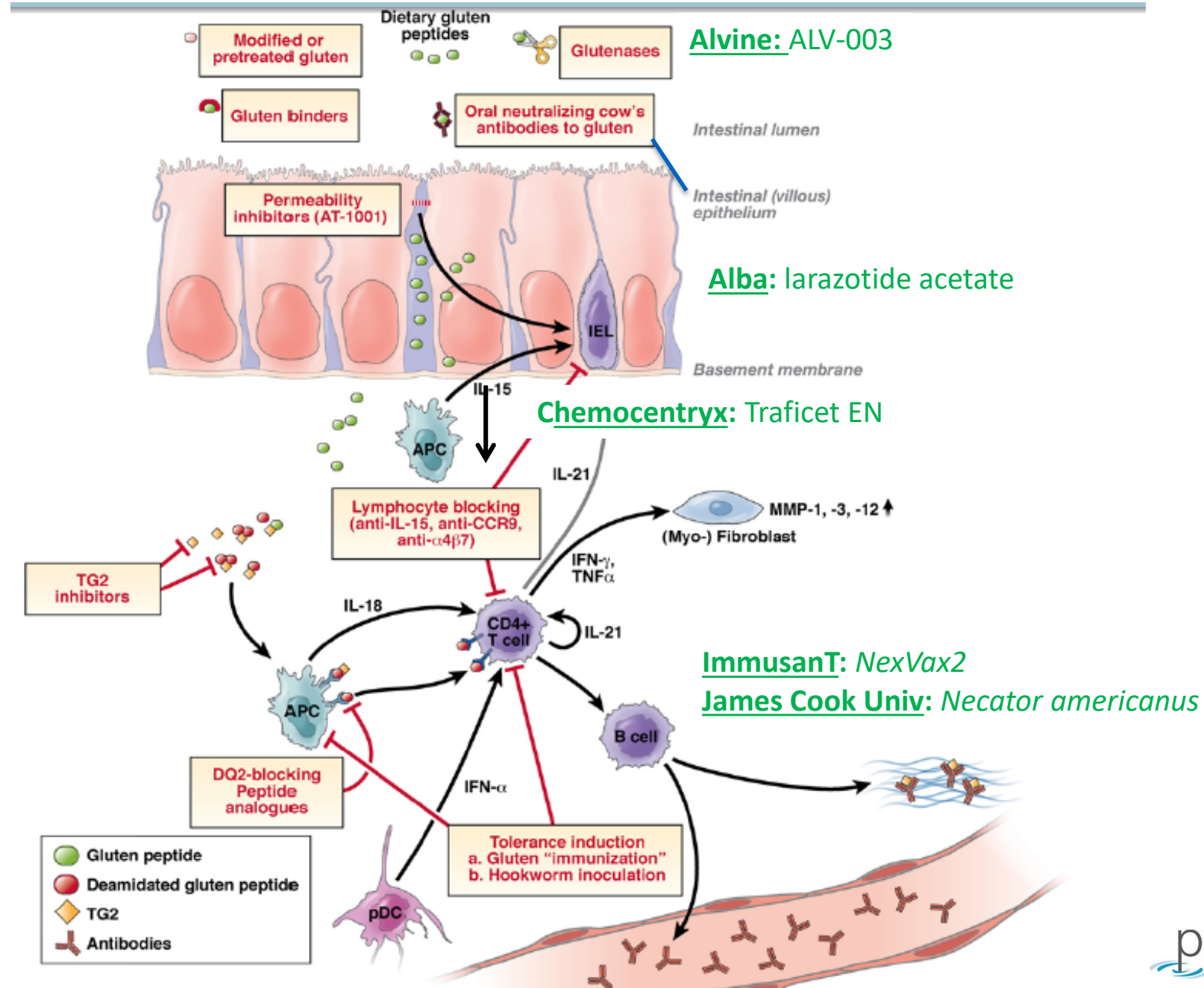
# WE NEED MULTIPLE SHOTS ON GOAL

SINCE: 1) MOST MEDICINES FAIL TO BE APPROVED

2) IT'S LIKELY THAT COMBINATIONS WILL BE NEEDED



# Experimental non-dietary therapies for celiac disease (2010)



Schuppan  
Gastroenterology  
2009, modified

# Experimental non-dietary therapies for celiac disease (2/2019)

**Universities:** Modified G

**Probiotics** – Ph2

**Innovate:** – **INN-202** - Ph2b  
(formerly Alba's larazotide)

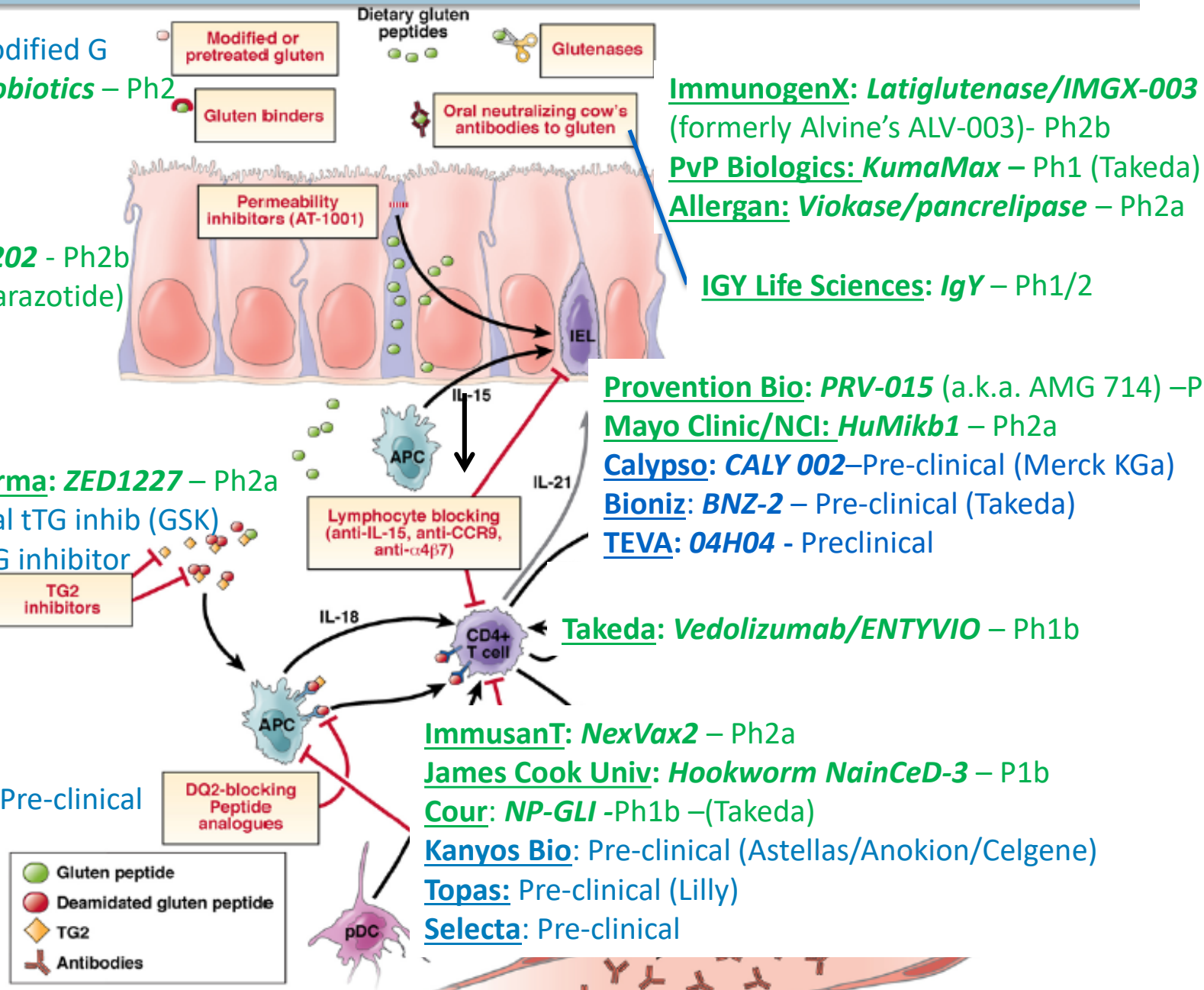
**Zedira/Falk Pharma:** **ZED1227** – Ph2a

**Sitari:** Pre-clinical tTG inhib (GSK)

**UCB:** Pre-clin tTG inhibitor

**Provid:** Pre-clinical

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**ImmunogenX:** **Latiglutenase/IMGX-003**

(formerly Alvine's ALV-003)- Ph2b

**PvP Biologics:** **KumaMax** – Ph1 (Takeda)

**Allergan:** **Viokase/pancrelipase** – Ph2a

**IGY Life Sciences:** **IgY** – Ph1/2

**Provention Bio:** **PRV-015** (a.k.a. AMG 714) –Ph2b (Amgen)

**Mayo Clinic/NCI:** **HuMikb1** – Ph2a

**Calypso:** **CALY 002**–Pre-clinical (Merck KGa)

**Bioniz:** **BNZ-2** – Pre-clinical (Takeda)

**TEVA:** **04H04** - Preclinical

**Takeda:** **Vedolizumab/ENTYVIO** – Ph1b

**ImmusanT:** **NexVax2** – Ph2a

**James Cook Univ:** **Hookworm NainCeD-3** – P1b

**Cour:** **NP-GLI** -Ph1b –(Takeda)

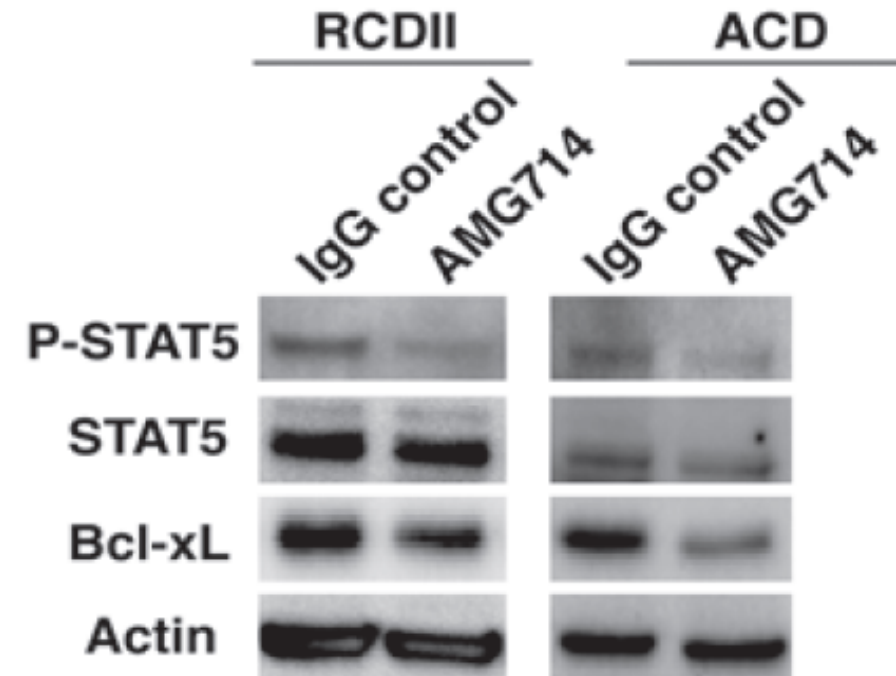
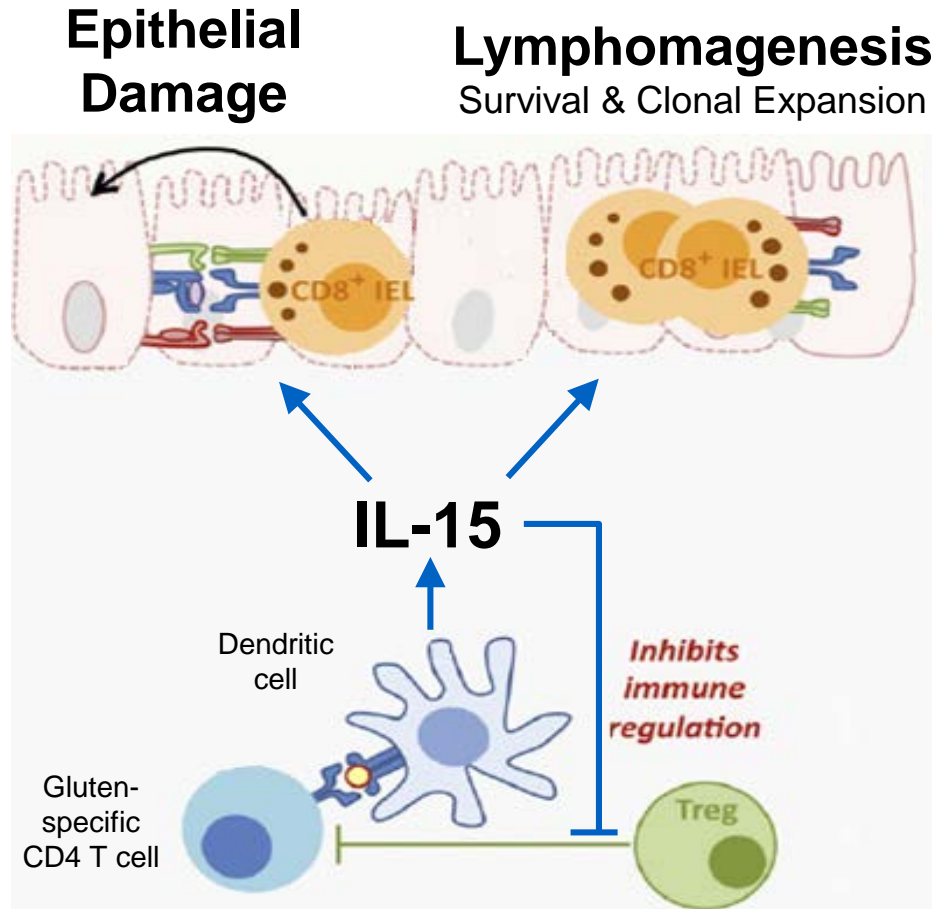
**Kanyos Bio:** Pre-clinical (Astellas/Anokion/Celgene)

**Topas:** Pre-clinical (Lilly)

**Selecta:** Pre-clinical

# RATIONALE FOR IL-15 INHIBITION IN CELIAC

IL-15 IS A DRIVER OF INTRA-EPITHELIAL LYMPHOCYTES (IELS) IN CELIAC AND REFRACTORY CELIAC DISEASE TYPE-II (RCD-II), A.K.A. PRE-ENTEROPATHY-ASSOCIATED T CELL LYMPHOMA (PRE-EATL)



Malamut et al. "IL-15 triggers an antiapoptotic pathway in human intraepithelial lymphocytes that is a potential new target in celiac disease-associated inflammation and lymphomagenesis." J Clin Invest 2010



**AMG 714 (ANTI-IL-15 MAB) AMELIORATES THE EFFECTS OF GLUTEN CONSUMPTION IN CELIAC DISEASE: A PHASE 2A, RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED STUDY EVALUATING AMG 714 IN ADULT PATIENTS WITH CELIAC DISEASE EXPOSED TO A HIGH-DOSE GLUTEN CHALLENGE.**

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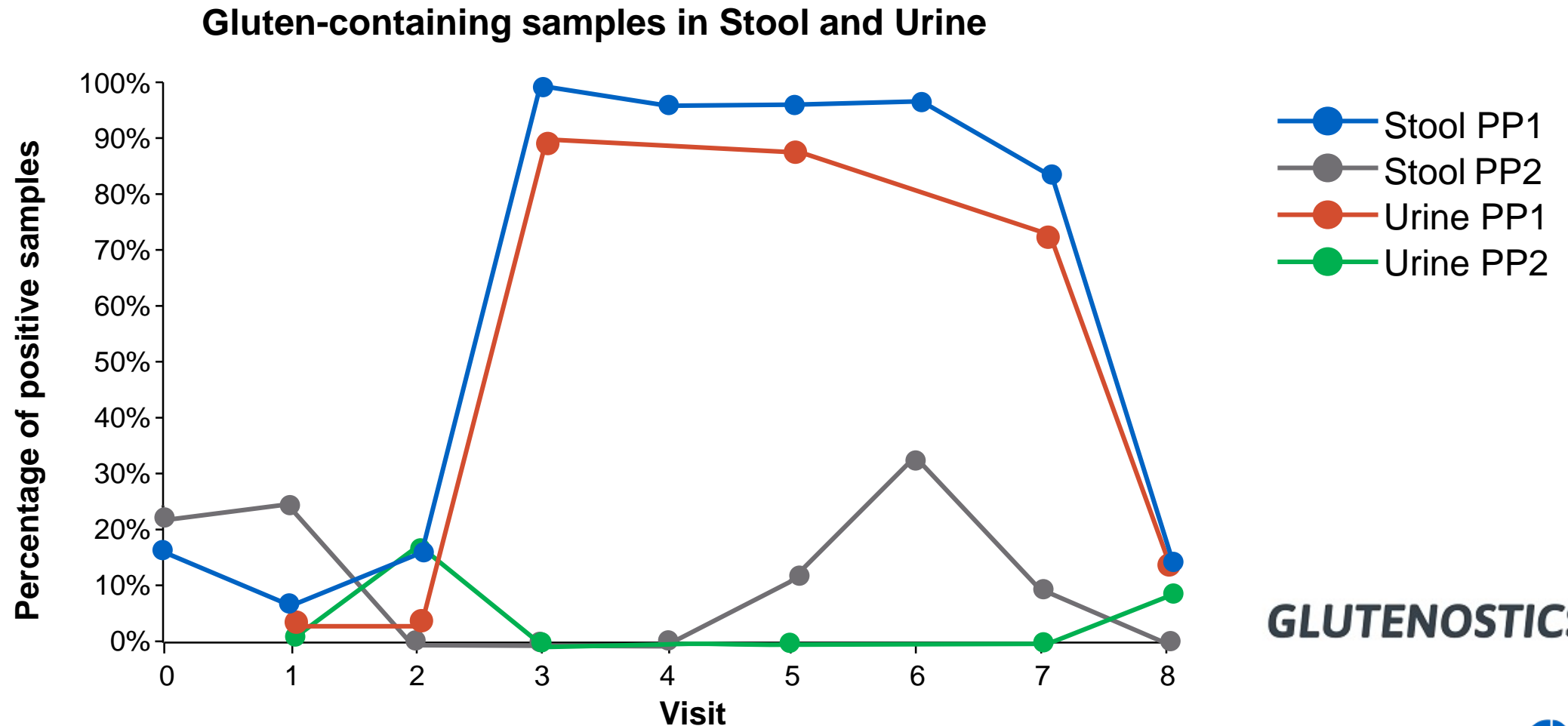
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# GENERAL COMPLIANCE AND BALANCE IN THE GLUTEN CHALLENGE

STOOL AND URINE GLUTEN TEST CONFIRM GLUTEN CHALLENGE IN PP1 AND REVEAL TRANSGRESSIONS IN PP2



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# EFFECT OF AMG 714 ON GLUTEN-TRIGGERED DAMAGE ON INTESTINAL HISTOLOGY

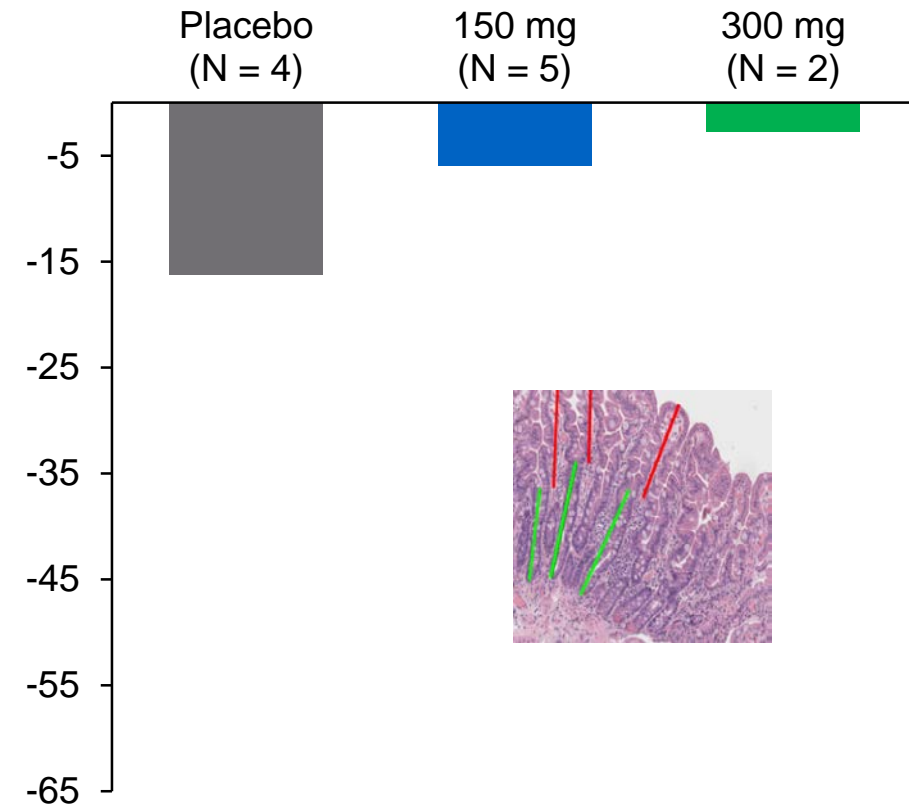
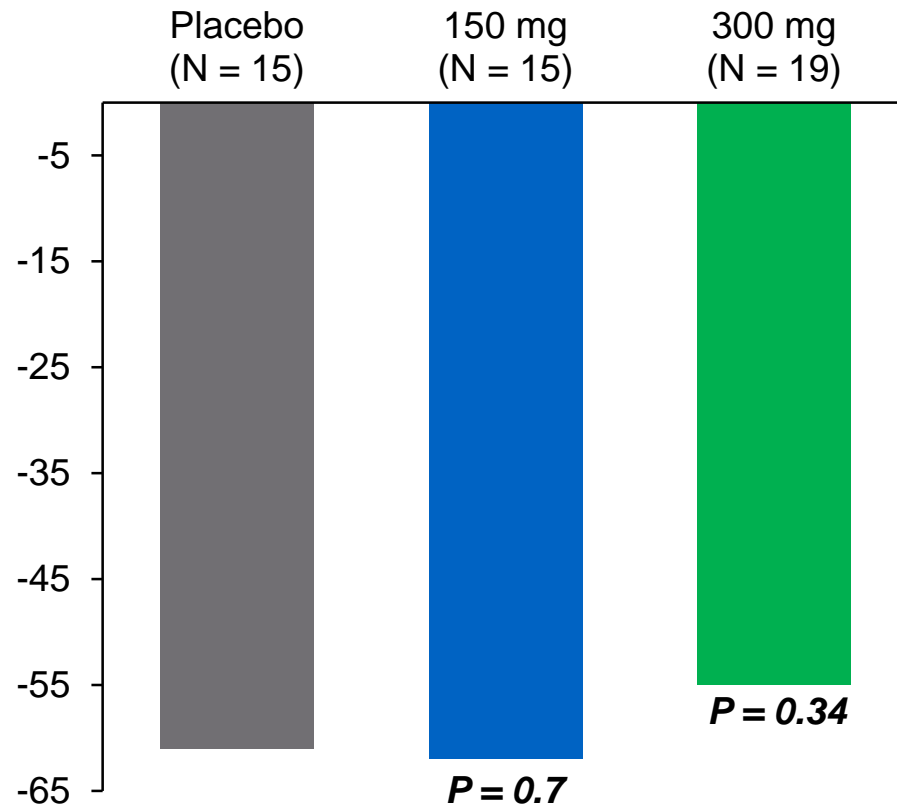
Change from baseline to Week 12 in VH:CD. Primary efficacy endpoint in PP1 (not met).

PP1: High-dose gluten challenge (2-4 g/d, 10 w). N = 49

PP2: No or low gluten exposure. N = 11

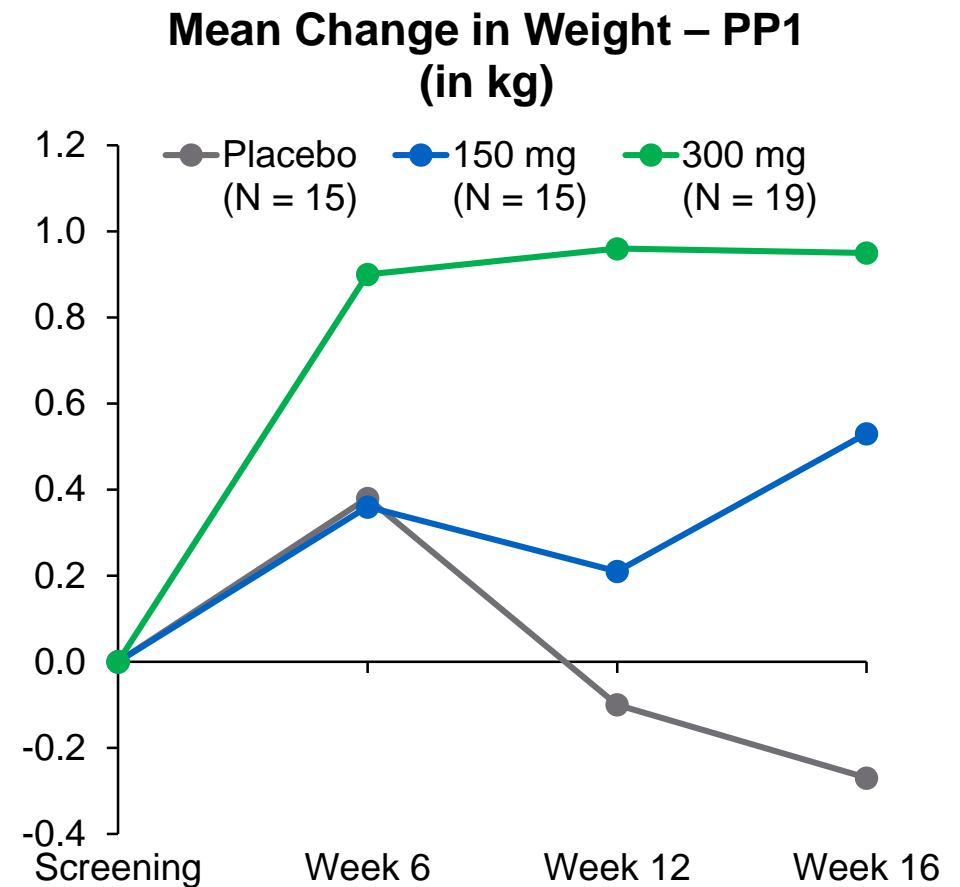
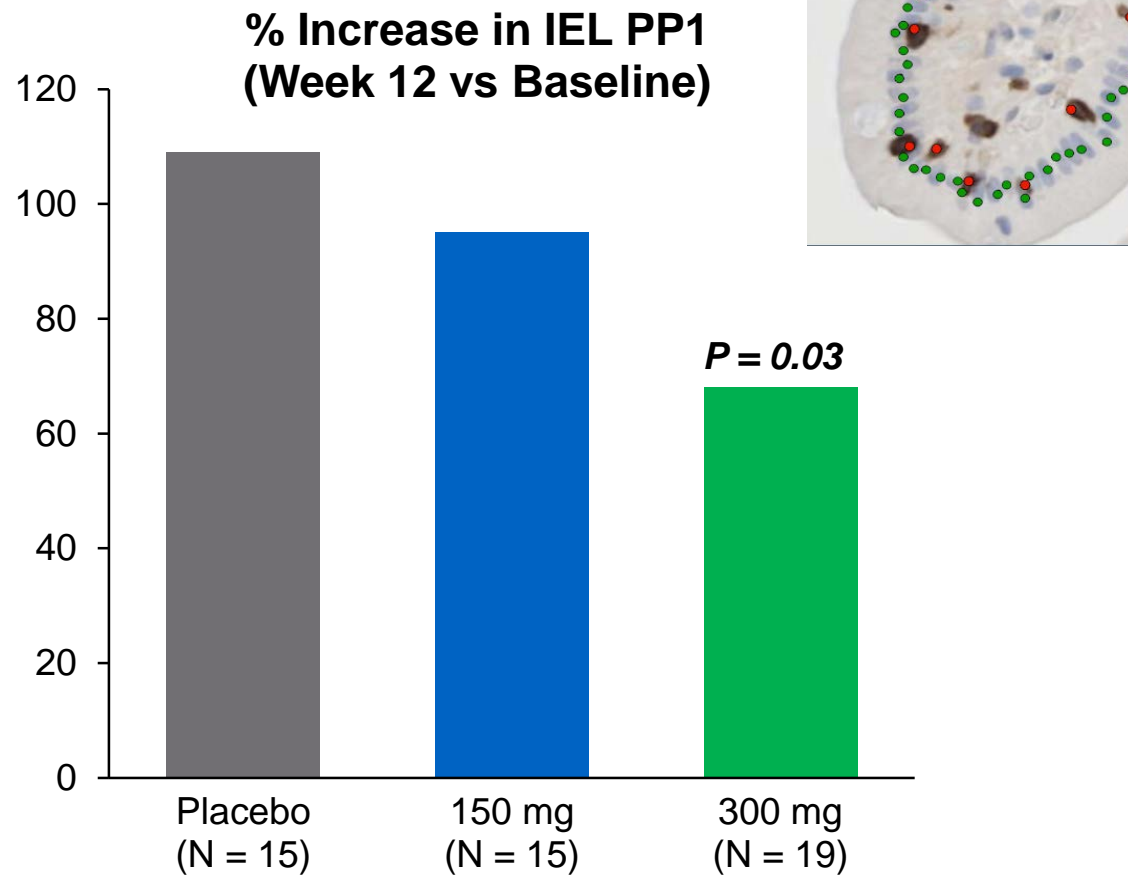
% Change from Baseline in VH:CD

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# EFFECT OF AMG 714 ON GLUTEN-TRIGGERED INCREASE IN INTRAEPITHELIAL LYMPHOCYTES (IEL), AND ON WEIGHT LOSS

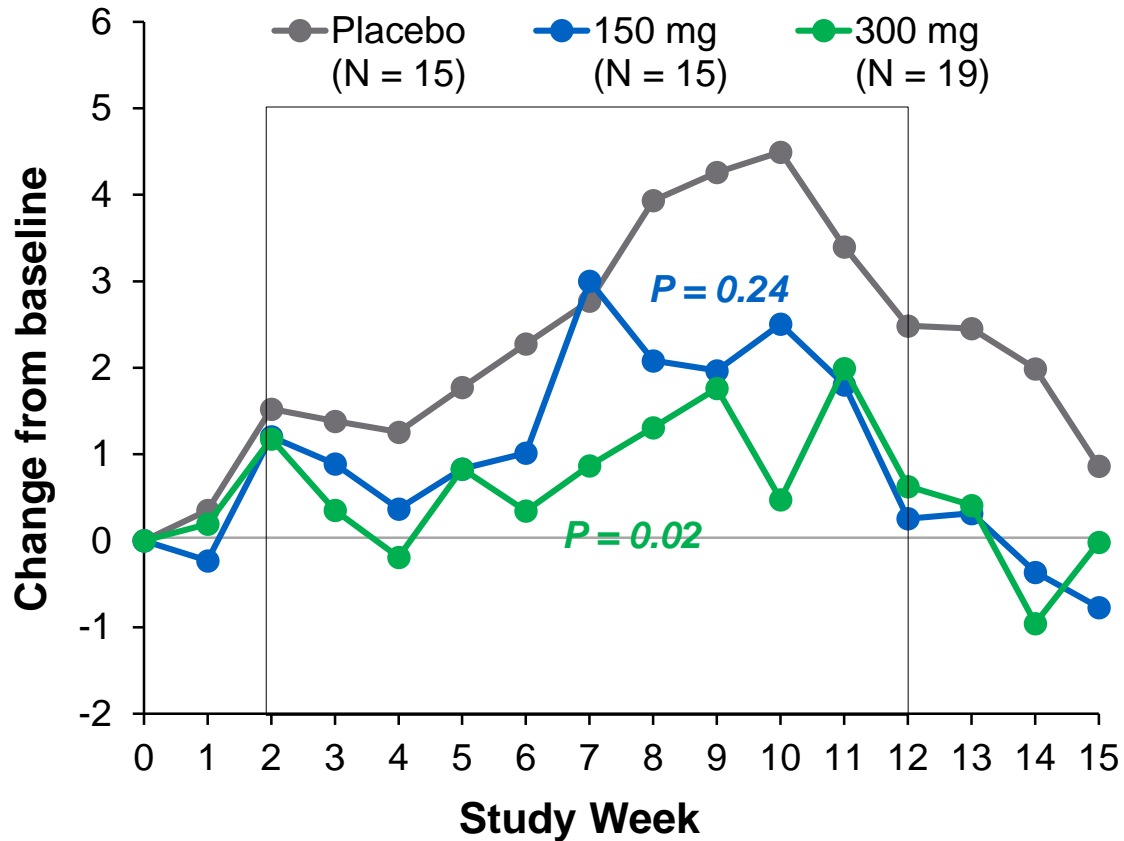
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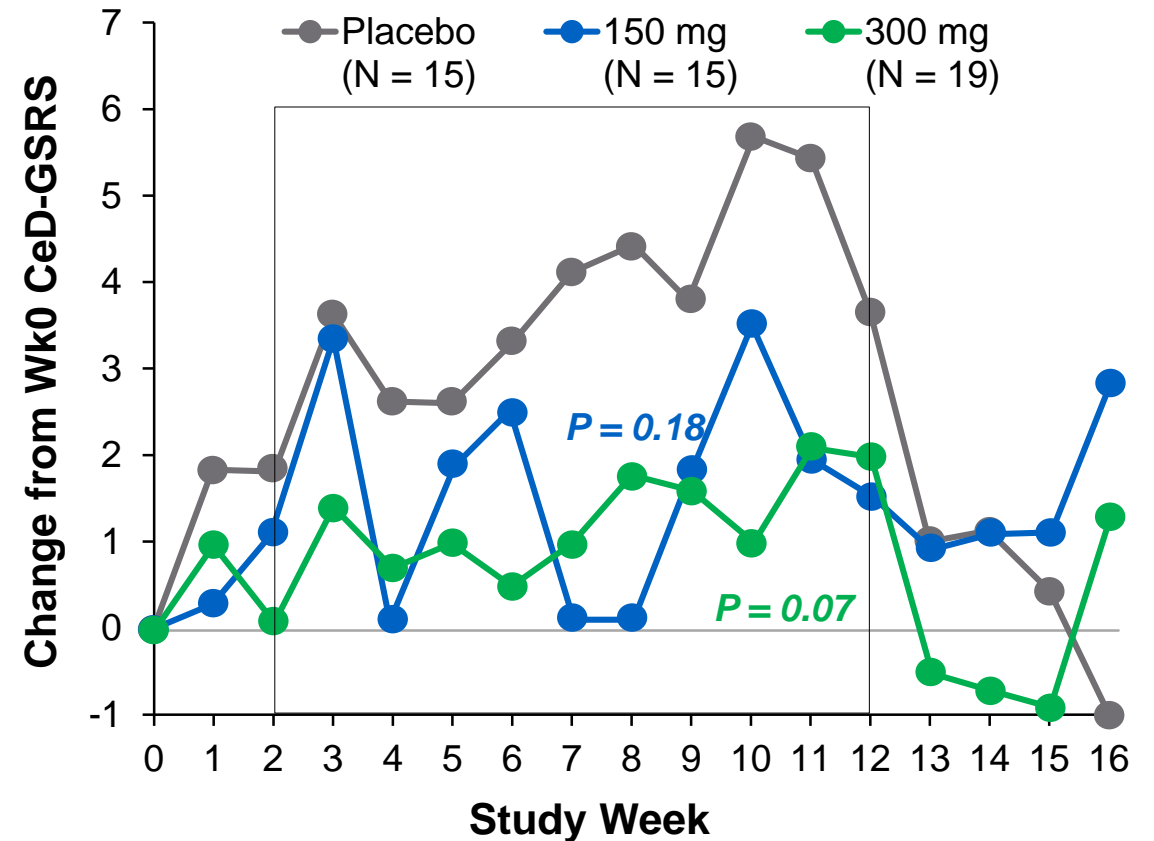
# EFFECT OF AMG 714 ON GLUTEN-TRIGGERED SYMPTOMS: CED-PRO (CELIAC DISEASE PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME) AND CED-GSRS (CELIAC DISEASE GASTROINTESTINAL SYMPTOM RATING SCALE)

PP1: High-dose gluten challenge (2-4 g/day for 10 weeks). N = 49

### Change from Week 0 in CeD-PRO



### Change from week 0 in CeD-GSRS



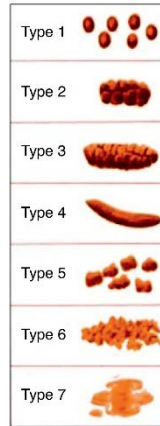
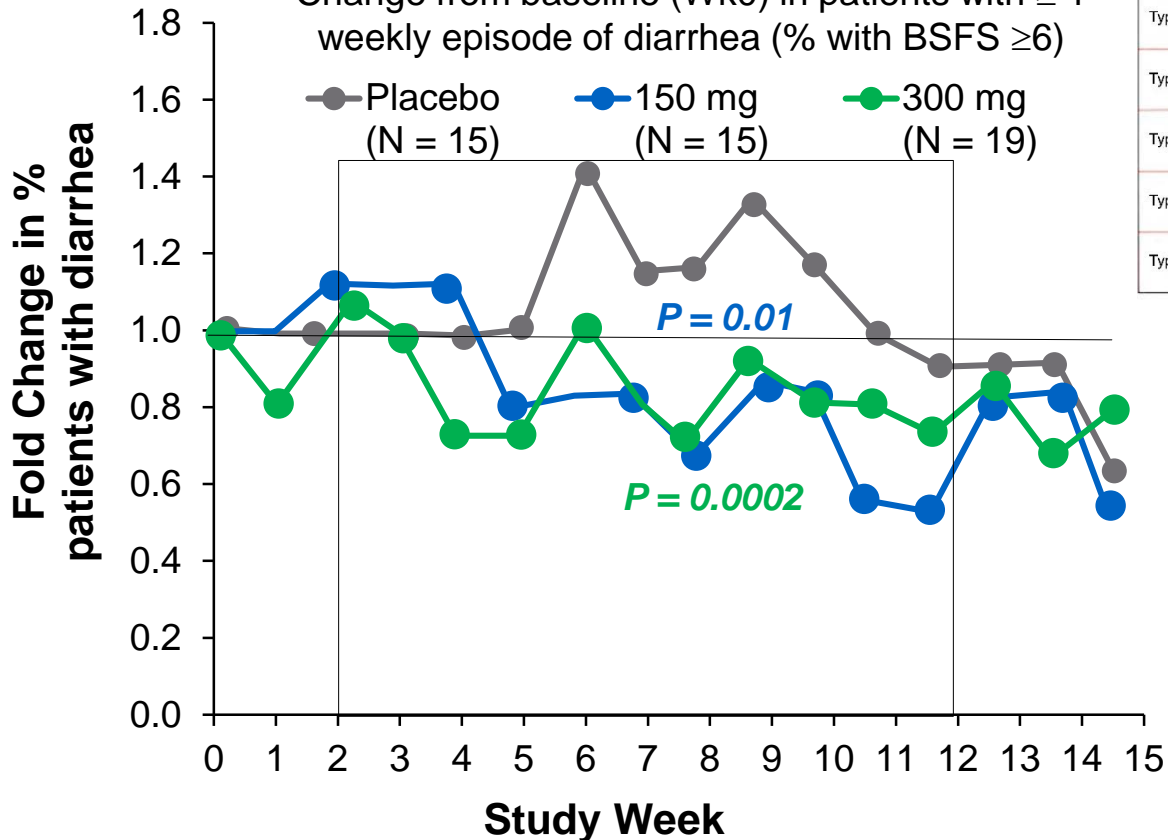
Notes: baseline is on-study Day 0-6.

P value for LS Means of individual active arms vs placebo, change from baseline over 12 weeks

# EFFECT OF AMG 714 ON GLUTEN-TRIGGERED DIARRRHEA AND PHYSICIAN GLOBAL ASSESSMENT

## Weeks with Diarrhea according to the Bristol Stool Form Scale (BSFS)

Change from baseline (Wk0) in patients with  $\geq 1$  weekly episode of diarrhea (% with BSFS  $\geq 6$ )



## PGA – Physician’s Global Assessment: PGA >2 (Disease Activity)

Proportion of subjects with PGA >2 on Wk 12: 33% in the placebo group, compared with:

- 13.3% in the AMG 714 150 mg group ( $p = 0.39$ )
- 0% in the AMG 714 300 mg group ( $p = 0.01$ )

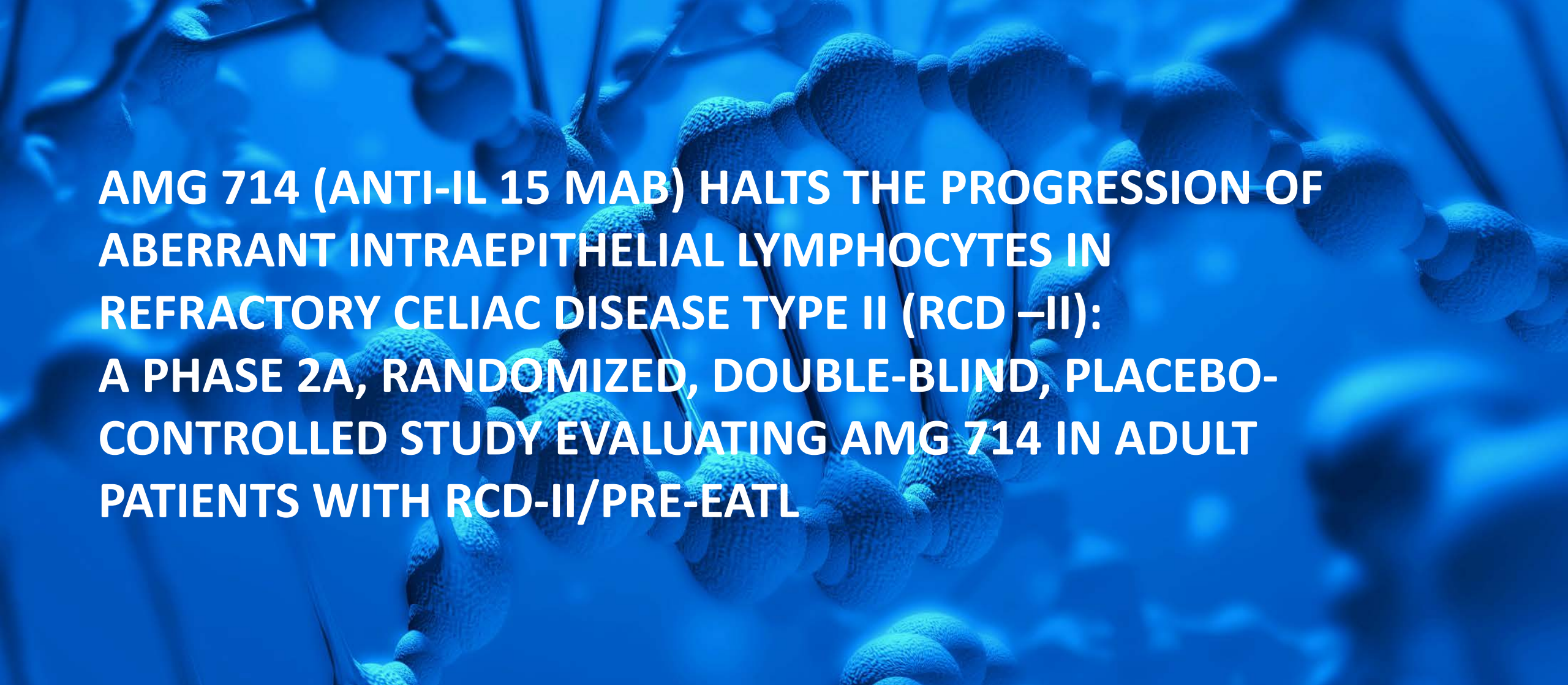
No patient in the 300 mg group was found by the PI to have disease activity clinically at week 12 despite the high-dose gluten challenge.

PP1: High-dose gluten challenge (2-4 g/day for 10 weeks). N = 49

## CONCLUSIONS:

# AMG 714 IS A PROMISING EXPERIMENTAL THERAPY FOR GLUTEN-FREE DIET NON-RESPONSIVE CELIAC DISEASE

- **Proof-of-mechanism: IL-15 plays a role in the pathophysiology of celiac disease**
- **Proof-of-concept: consistent efficacy signals for AMG 714 300 mg SC across multiple endpoints (e.g., symptoms, gut inflammatory cells, physician global assessment)**
- **Acceptable safety profile (no SAEs) and immunogenicity**
- **Favorable PK**



**AMG 714 (ANTI-IL 15 MAB) HALTS THE PROGRESSION OF  
ABERRANT INTRAEPITHELIAL LYMPHOCYTES IN  
REFRACTORY CELIAC DISEASE TYPE II (RCD –II):  
A PHASE 2A, RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-  
CONTROLLED STUDY EVALUATING AMG 714 IN ADULT  
PATIENTS WITH RCD-II/PRE-EATL**

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# DIAGNOSIS OF REFRACTORY CELIAC DISEASE TYPE 2 (PRE-EATL, *IN SITU* LYMPHOMA)

## CLASSIFICATION OF RCD

Based on characterization of the intraepithelial lymphocytes (IELs)

- **TYPE I**

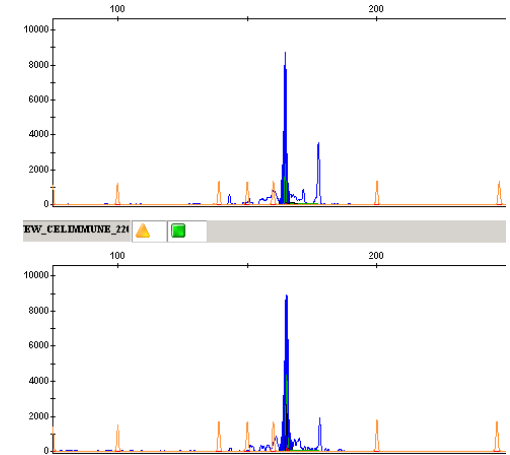
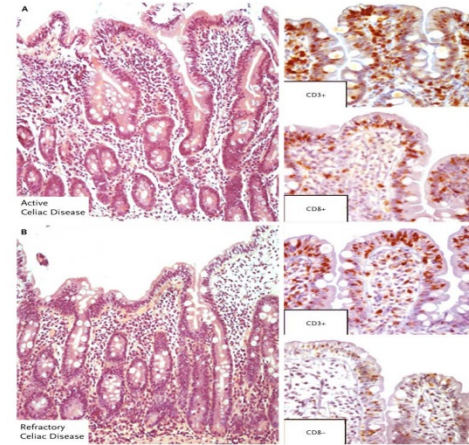
normal IEL surface CD3+, CD8+

- **TYPE II:**

aberrant IEL (IHC, Flow and PCR)

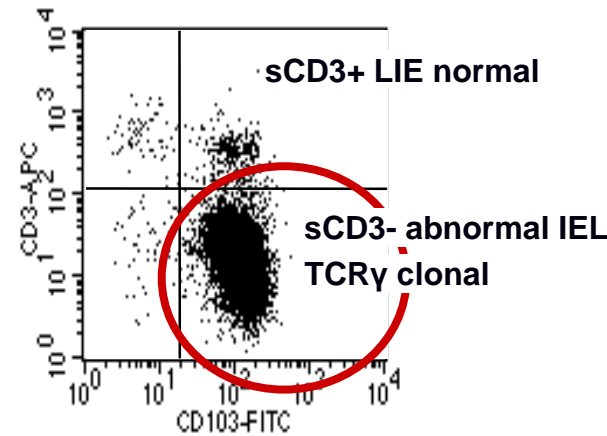
- cytoplasmic CD3+,
- surface markers CD3-, CD8-
- clonal TCR $\gamma$  gene rearrangement

**Cryptic T cell lymphoma (Pre-EATL :  
death ~50% at 5 years)**



CD3+/CD8- (IHC)

Clonal peak PCR

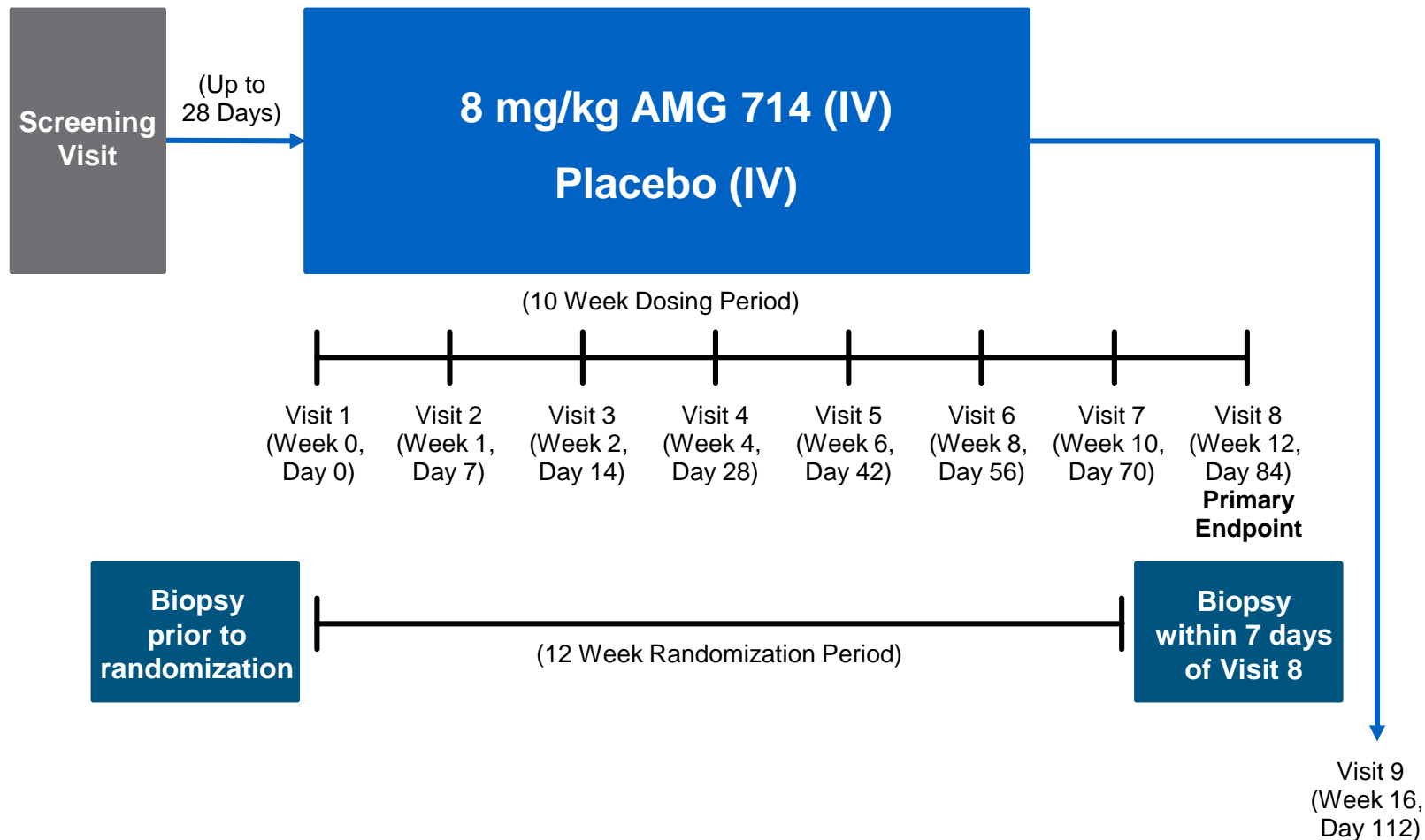


Flow cytometry  
(Gold standard  
Diagnostic test)



# IL-15 INHIBITION IN RCD-II: PROOF OF CONCEPT STUDY

## CELIM-RCD-002 (MULTICENTER PROSPECTIVE TRIAL)

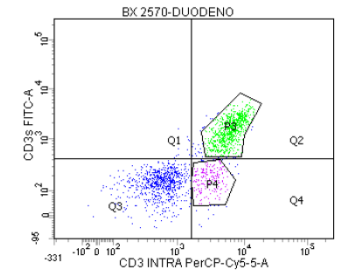


### Populations:

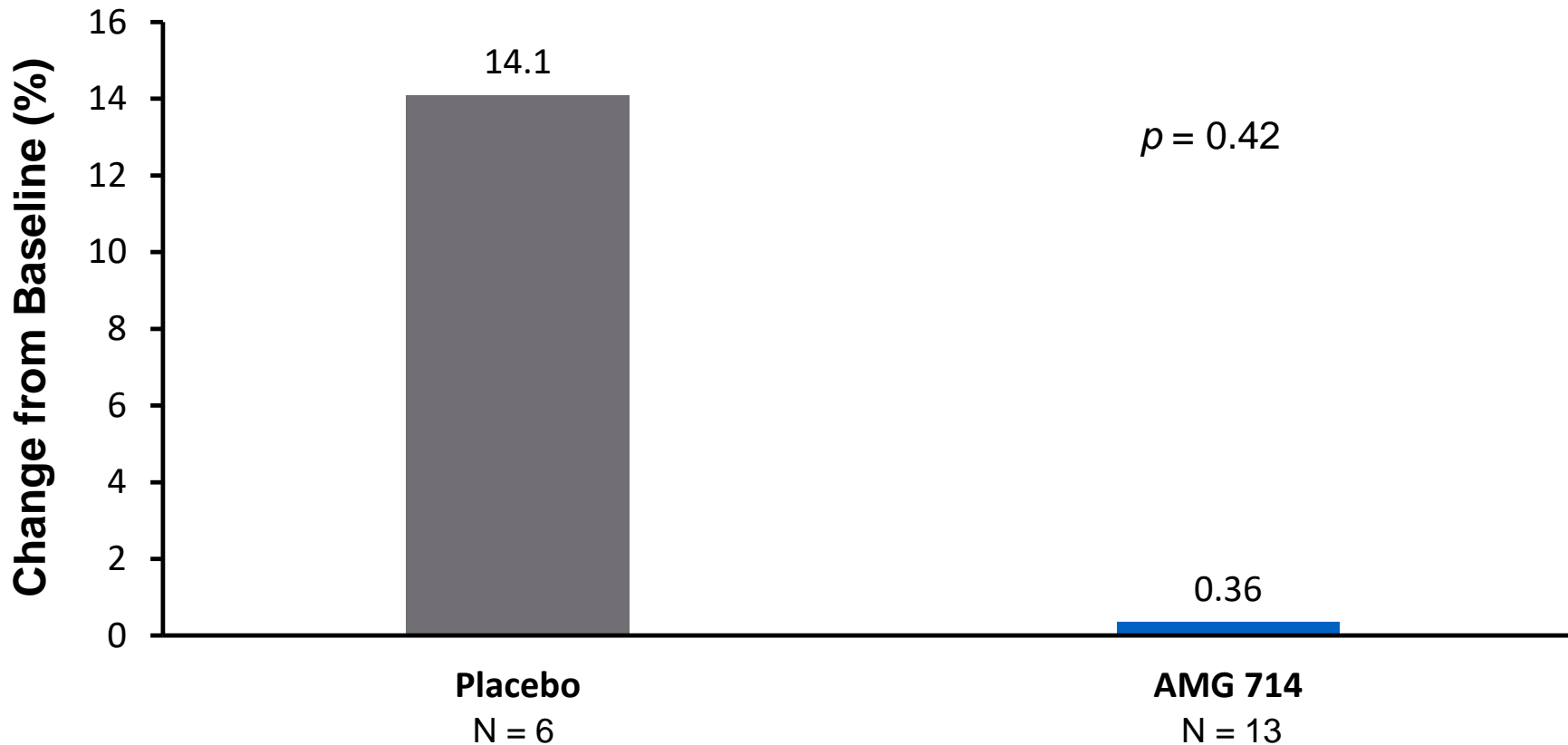
- *Intent to Treat (ITT): all randomized subjects (N = 28). All received study drug*
- *Per Protocol (PP): evaluable biopsy at baseline and week 12 (N = 26)*
- **Pure RCD-II: ad hoc population, strict definition of RCD-II (monoclonal, classic IEL phenotype; N = 19)**

Power: Empirical sample size, not based on statistical power considerations (no prior RCD-II 12-week data).

# AMG 714 LIMITS DEVELOPMENT OF ABERRANT INTRAEPITHELIAL LYMPHOCYTES (AIEL)



Pure RCD-II: Relative (%) Change from Baseline in aIELs vs Total IELs

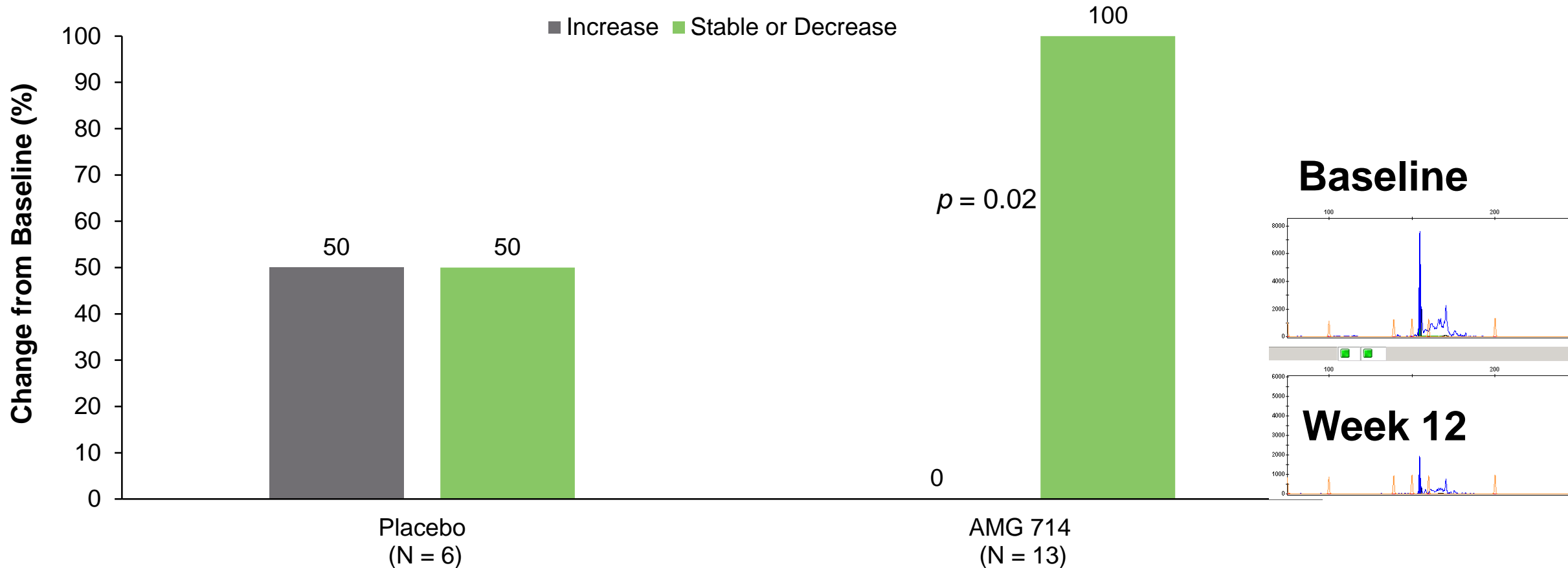


## Immunological Response 1

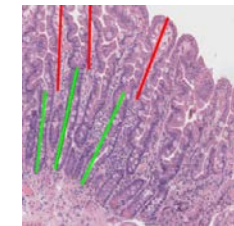
- % of aberrant IEL vs total IEL by Flow Cytometry, Baseline to Week 12- Primary efficacy endpoint (not met)

# AMG 714 PREVENTS INCREASE IN IEL TCR CLONALITY IN RCD-II/PRE-EATL

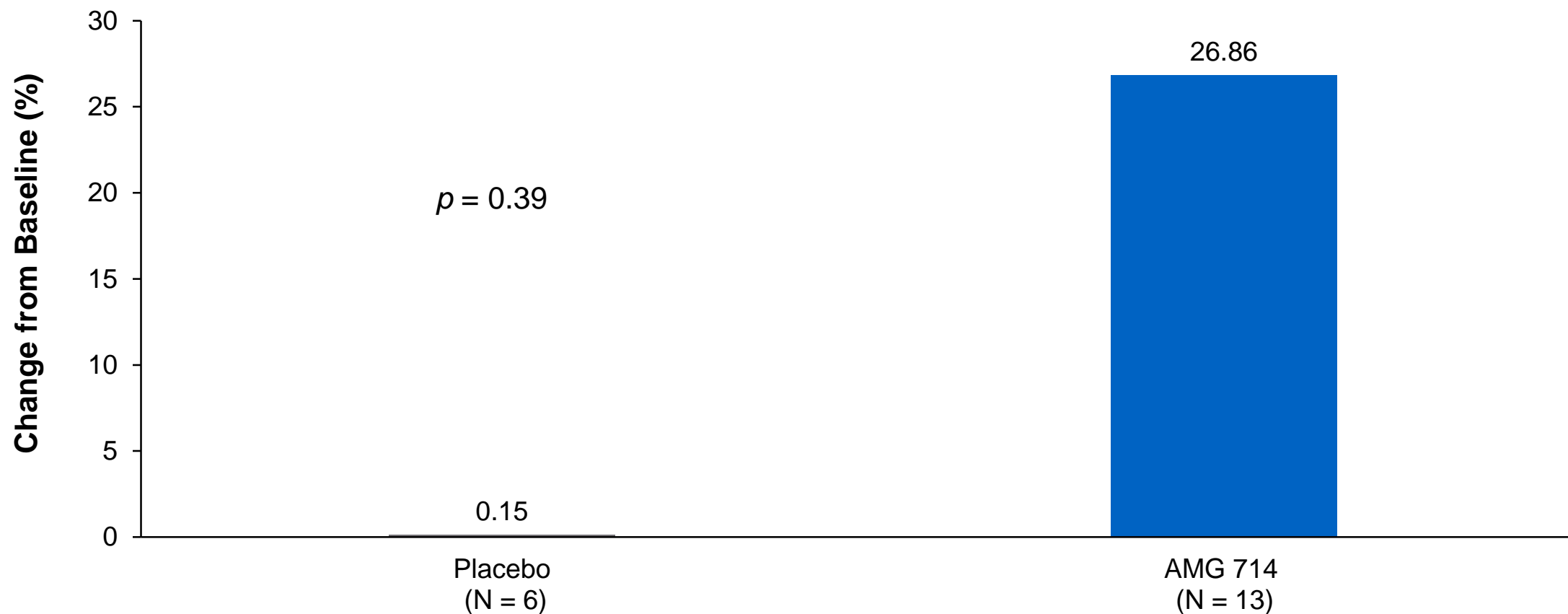
Pure RCD-II: TcR Clonality, Change from Baseline to Week 12  
(% Patients and Change in TcR Clonality)



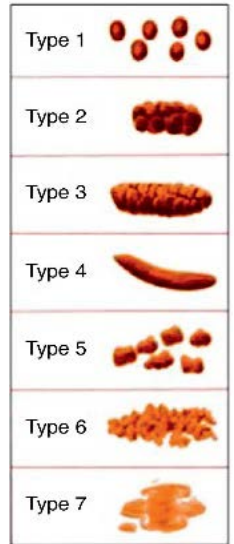
# AMG 714 IMPROVES INTESTINAL HISTOLOGY IN RCD-II



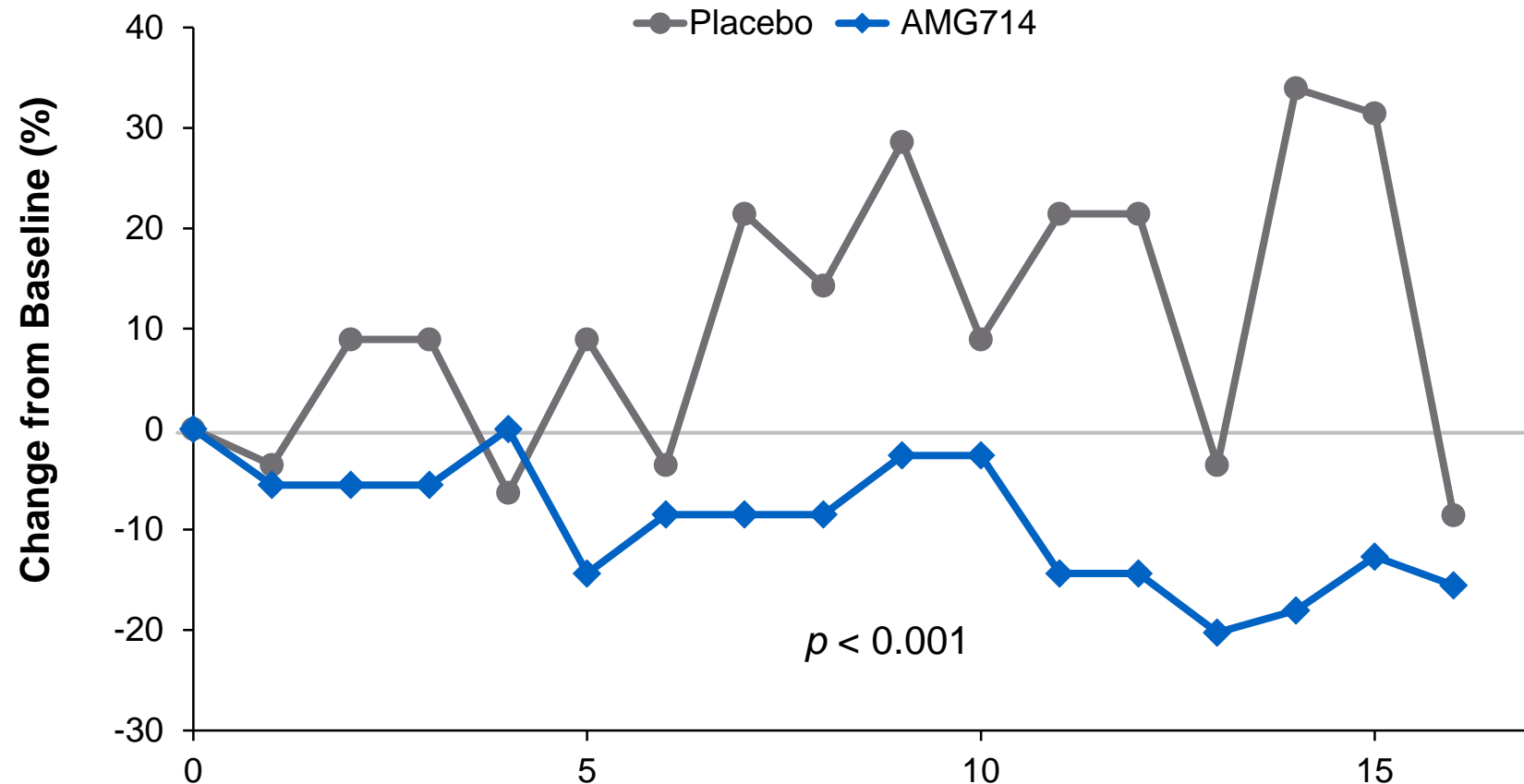
Pure RCD-II: Relative (%) Change from Baseline in VH:CD (%) (LS Means)



# AMG 714 REDUCES DIARRRHEA, AS MEASURED BY BRISTOL STOOL FORM SCALE (BSFS)



Change from Baseline in % Subjects With at Least One Episode of Diarrhea (BSFS  $\geq 6$ ), ITT



# **CONCLUSIONS: AMG 714 (ANTI-IL15 MAB) IS A PROMISING EXPERIMENTAL THERAPY FOR RCD-II/PRE-EATL**

- **Proof-of-Mechanism: IL-15 plays a role in the pathophysiology of RCD-II**
- **Proof-of-Concept: clinically meaningful differences**
- **Consistent favorable clinically-meaningful results across endpoints. Statistically significant results for AMG 714 8 mg/kg on symptoms (BSFS/diarrhea) and progression of TcR Clonality.**
- **Acceptable safety profile in this very sick population.**
- **No immunogenicity.**
- **Weaknesses: short time follow-up and steroids interference for IEL count**
- **Need for longer duration and larger studies**
- **Hope for preventing lymphoma in celiac disease**

# CONCLUSION: EXPERIMENTAL THERAPIES IN CD AND RCD-II

- Multiple projects on-going to develop medications for celiac and refractory celiac disease
  - Medication(s) could be available in the next 3-5 years (Adjunct to GFD)
- Clinical trials are feasible (with and without gluten challenge)
  - Essential to measure gluten consumption, also in basic research
- > 2,500 patients (heroes) have participated in investigational medication trials world-wide
  - We need volunteers to test these experimental medications
  - Thank you to all the patient support groups

*THANK YOU TO ALL CELIAC PATIENTS  
WHO MAKE RESEARCH POSSIBLE!*