

# USE OF USTEKINUMAB IN REFRACTORY PATIENTS OF PSORIASIS

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## BACKGROUND

Ustekinumab is indicated for moderate to **severe psoriasis** (msPs) in patients who have had an inadequate response to systemic treatments.

## PURPOSE

To assess **effectiveness** and **safety** of ustekinumab in our hospital patients with msPs **refractory** to tumor necrosis factor inhibitors (anti-TNF $\alpha$ ).

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

**Descriptive retrospective** study from January-2010 to September-2018

Patients  $\rightarrow$  msPs had previously been treated with  $\geq 2$  anti-TNF $\alpha$  and received ustekinumab

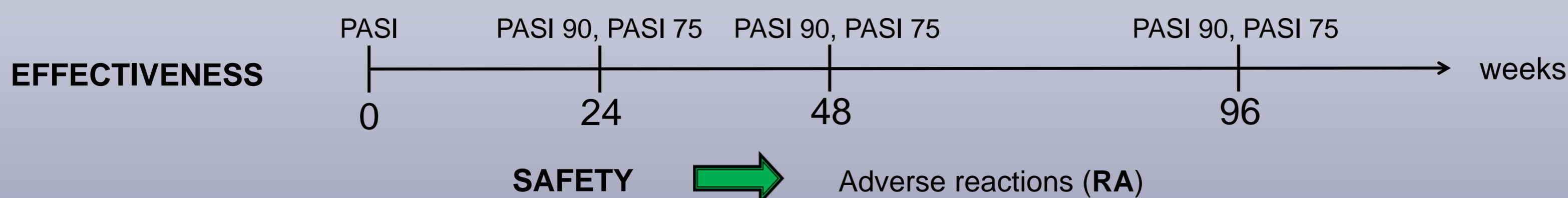
**DATA:** Farmatools® application and digital clinical history

**Treatment regimen**

- Age
- Gender
- Previous treatment

- Therapy duration
- Treatment regimen
- PASI

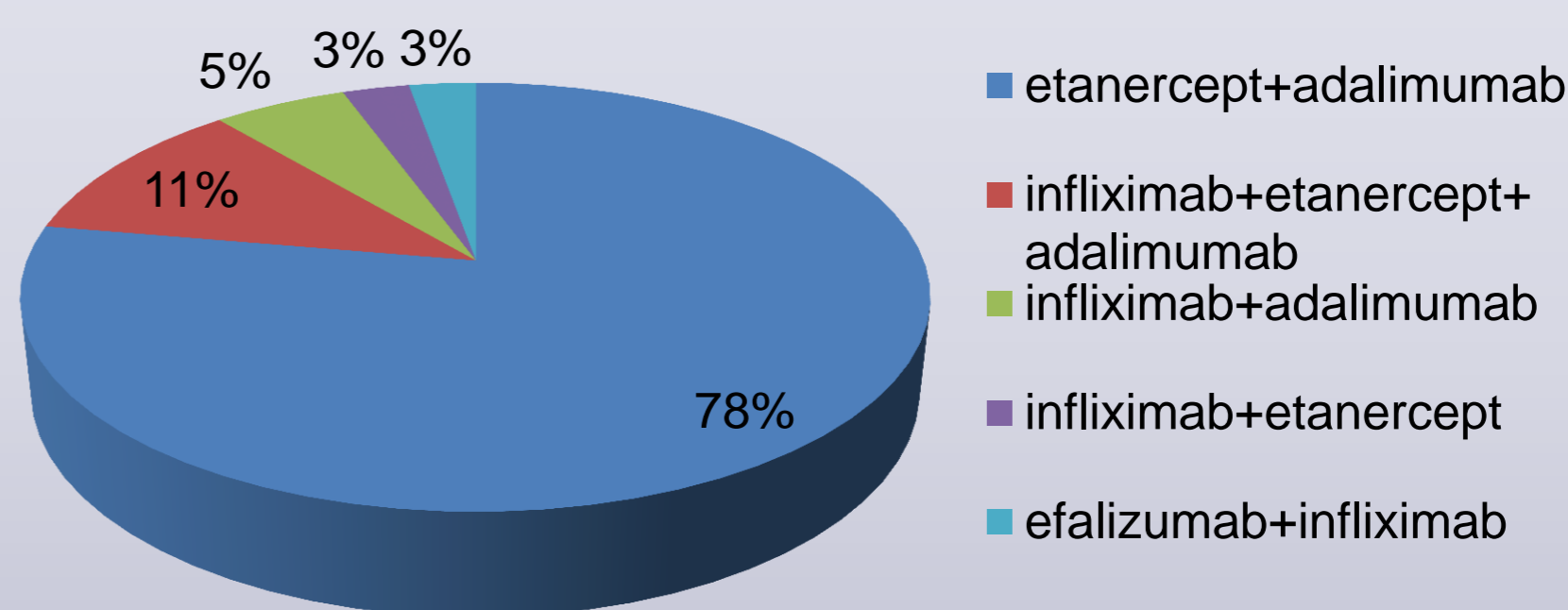
- Weight  $\leq 100$ kg: ustekinumab 45 mg at week 0, 4 and 16, followed 45 mg every 12 weeks
- Weight  $> 100$ kg: ustekinumab 90 mg



## RESULTS

- **Patients:** 36.
- **Gender:** 22 (61.1%) men, 14 (38.9%) women.
- **Mean age:** 47.2 (24-78) years.
- **Mean therapy duration:** 30.7 (6-85) months.
- **Treatment regimen:** 34 (94.4%) patients received ustekinumab 45 mg and 2 (5.6%) ustekinumab 90 mg.
- **AR:** none.

### Previous anti-TNF $\alpha$ treatments



PASI	
PASI $\geq 12$ :	29 (80.5%)
PASI 6:	2 (5.6%)
PASI 4:	2 (5.6%)
PASI 2:	3 (8.3%)

PASI 90	PASI 75
24 (66.7%)	7 (19.4%)

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Withdrawal treatment:  
1 for pregnancy

PASI 90	PASI 75
20 (57.1%)	7 (20%)



## CONCLUSION

1. Ustekinumab was an **effective** treatment in more than half of our study patients with msPs refractory to  $\geq 2$  anti-TNF $\alpha$ , showing an response **maintained for long periods** of time (96 weeks).
2. No patients recorded AR, so ustekinumab was **safe** in our hospital patients.
3. Studies with more sample size and duration are necessary to assess effectiveness and security of ustekinumab -main **limitation** of our research was limited **number of patients**-.

