

## **NEW ZEALAND DATA SHEET**

# **TREMFYA®**

# **GUSELKUMAB**

## 1 PRODUCT NAME

TREMFYA guselkumab 100 mg solution for injection in pre-filled syringe

TREMFYA guselkumab 100 mg solution for injection in pre-filled pen (One-Press® patient controlled Injector)

## 2 QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE COMPOSITION

Each pre-filled syringe contains 100 mg of guselkumab per 1 mL solution.

Each pre-filled pen contains 100 mg of guselkumab per 1 mL solution

Guselkumab is a fully human immunoglobulin G1 lambda ( $IgG1\lambda$ ) monoclonal antibody (mAb) that binds selectively to the extracellular human interleukin 23 (IL-23) protein with high specificity and affinity. Guselkumab is produced in a mammalian cell line using recombinant DNA technology.

For a full list of excipients, see section 6.1 List of Excipients.

#### 3 PHARMACEUTICAL FORM

Solution for injection in a pre-filled syringe or a pre-filled pen (One-Press® patient controlled injector).

TREMFYA is a clear, colourless to light yellow solution.

## 4 CLINICAL PARTICULARS

## 4.1 THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS

Plaque psoriasis

TREMFYA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients (18 years or older) with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis who are candidates for systemic therapy or phototherapy.

Psoriatic arthritis

TREMFYA is indicated for the treatment of adult patients with active psoriatic arthritis, who have had an inadequate response to, or are intolerant to prior DMARD therapy.

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## 4.2 DOSE AND METHOD OF ADMINISTRATION

TREMFYA is administered by subcutaneous injection.

## Dosage (dose and interval)

#### Plaque psoriasis

The recommended dose of TREMFYA is 100 mg at week 0, week 4 and every 8 weeks thereafter.

#### Psoriatic arthritis

The recommended dose of TREMFYA is:

100 mg by subcutaneous injection at weeks 0 and 4, followed by a maintenance dose every 8 weeks.

For patients at high risk for joint damage according to clinical judgement, a dose of 100 mg every 4 weeks (q4w) may be considered (see section 5.1 Pharmacodynamic Properties – Clinical efficacy and safety). Consideration should be given to discontinuing treatment in patients who have shown no response after 24 weeks of treatment.

TREMFYA may be administered alone or in combination with a conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug (csDMARD) (e.g. methotrexate).

#### **Method of Administration**

TREMFYA is administered by subcutaneous injection. If possible, areas of the skin that show psoriasis should be avoided as injection sites.

TREMFYA is intended for use under the guidance and supervision of a physician. TREMFYA may be administered by a health care professional, or a patient may self-inject after proper training in subcutaneous injection technique.

After removing the pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen from the refrigerator, keep the pre-filled syringe or pen inside the carton and allow to reach room temperature by waiting for 30 minutes before injecting TREMFYA. The pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen should not be shaken.

Comprehensive instructions for the subcutaneous administration of TREMFYA are given in the Instructions for Use leaflet. Patients should be instructed to inject the full amount of TREMFYA according to the directions provided in this leaflet.

TREMFYA is for single use in one patient only. Following administration of TREMFYA, discard any unused portion. The syringe or pen should be disposed of using accepted medical practices for used syringes. The syringe or pen and its needle must never be re-used.

Substitution by any other biological medicinal product requires the consent of the prescribing physician.

## **Special Populations**

#### Renal or hepatic impairment

Specific studies of TREMFYA have not been conducted in patients with renal or hepatic insufficiency.

# Elderly (>65 years of age)

No dose adjustment is required (see sections 5.1 Pharmacodynamic Properties – Clinical efficacy and safety and 5.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties - Special Populations).

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Of the 3940 plaque psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis patients exposed to TREMFYA in Phase 2 and Phase 3 clinical trials, a total of 239 patients were 65 years or older, and 19 patients were 75 years or older. No overall differences in safety or effectiveness were observed between older and younger patients who received TREMFYA in clinical studies. However, the number of patients aged 65 years and older was not sufficient to determine whether they respond differently from younger patients (see section 5.2 Pharmacokinetic properties – Special Populations).

## Paediatrics (< 18 years of age)

The safety and efficacy of TREMFYA in paediatric patients (< 18 years of age) have not been evaluated.

## 4.3 CONTRAINDICATIONS

Serious hypersensitivity to guselkumab or any of the excipients.

## 4.4 SPECIAL WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR USE

## **Traceability**

In order to improve the traceability of biological medicinal products, the trade name and the batch number of the administered product should be clearly recorded.

#### Infections

TREMFYA may increase the risk of infection. Treatment with TREMFYA should not be initiated in patients with any clinically important active infection until the infection resolves or is adequately treated.

Infections have been observed in clinical trials in plaque psoriasis (23% vs 21% placebo: ≤0.2% serious infections in both groups) and psoriatic arthritis (21% in both TREMFYA and placebo groups: ≤0.8% serious infections in both groups).

Instruct patients treated with TREMFYA to seek medical advice if signs or symptoms of clinically important chronic or acute infection occur. If a patient develops a clinically important or serious infection or is not responding to standard therapy, monitor the patient closely and discontinue TREMFYA until the infection resolves.

#### Pre-treatment evaluation for tuberculosis

In clinical studies, subjects with latent tuberculosis (TB) who were concurrently treated with TREMFYA and appropriate TB prophylaxis did not develop TB. Evaluate patients for TB infection prior to initiating treatment with TREMFYA. Initiate treatment of latent TB prior to administering TREMFYA. Patients receiving TREMFYA should be monitored for signs and symptoms of active TB during and after treatment. Do not administer TREMFYA to patients with active TB infection. Consider anti-TB therapy prior to initiating TREMFYA in patients with a past history of latent or active TB in whom an adequate course of treatment cannot be confirmed.

#### **Immunisations**

Prior to initiating therapy with TREMFYA, consider completion of all appropriate immunisations according to current immunisation guidelines. Live vaccines should not be used concurrently in patients treated with TREMFYA. No data are available on the response to live or inactive vaccines.

Before live viral or live bacterial vaccination, treatment with TREMFYA should be withheld for at least 12 weeks after the last dose and can be resumed at least 2 weeks after vaccination.

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Prescribers should consult the Data Sheet of the specific vaccine for additional information and guidance on concomitant use of immunosuppressive agents post-vaccination.

## Hypersensitivity reactions

Serious hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, have been reported in the postmarketing setting. Some serious hypersensitivity reactions occurred several days after treatment with guselkumab, including cases with urticaria and dyspnea. If a serious hypersensitivity reaction occurs, appropriate therapy should be instituted and administration of TREMFYA should be discontinued.

#### **Hepatic Transaminase Elevations**

In psoriatic arthritis clinical studies, an increased incidence of liver enzyme elevations was observed in patients treated with guselkumab q4w compared to patients treated with guselkumab q8w or placebo (see section 4.8 Undesirable Effects). When prescribing guselkumab q4w in psoriatic arthritis, it is recommended to evaluate liver enzymes at baseline and thereafter according to routine patient management. If increases in alanine aminotransferase [ALT] or aspartate aminotransferase [AST] are observed and drug-induced liver injury is suspected, treatment should be temporarily interrupted until this diagnosis is excluded.

# 4.5 INTERACTIONS WITH OTHER MEDICINES AND OTHER FORMS OF INTERACTIONS

In a Phase 1 study in subjects with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis, changes in systemic exposures (C<sub>max</sub> and AUC<sub>inf</sub>) of midazolam, S-warfarin, omeprazole, dextromethorphan, and caffeine after a single dose of guselkumab were not clinically relevant (see section 5.2 Pharmacokinetic Properties), indicating that drug interactions between guselkumab and substrates of various CYP enzymes (CYP3A4, CYP2C9, CYP2C19, CYP2D6, and CYP1A2) are unlikely. There is no need for dose adjustment when co-administering guselkumab and CYP450 substrates.

Live vaccines should not be given while a patient is undergoing therapy with TREMFYA (see section 4.4 Special Warnings and Precautions for Use - Immunisations).

# 4.6 FERTILITY, PREGNANCY AND LACTATION

## Pregnancy - Category B1

The use of TREMFYA in pregnant women has not been studied and the effect of TREMFYA on human pregnancy is unknown.

No maternal, embryo or fetal toxicity was observed in cynomolgus monkeys after administration of weekly 50 mg/kg doses of guselkumab. Safety margins for  $C_{\text{max}}$  and  $AUC_{\text{last}}$  at the 50 mg/kg weekly NOAEL dose were at least 90-fold and 130-fold higher, respectively than those following administration of a 100 mg SC dose to psoriasis subjects. As with other IgG antibodies, guselkumab crosses the placenta and was detectable in newborn cynomolgus monkey serum samples indicating transplacental transfer of drug.

TREMFYA should only be used during pregnancy under the advice of a physician if the potential benefit outweighs the potential risk.

#### Breastfeeding

There are no data on the presence of guselkumab in human milk, the effects on a breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. Guselkumab was not detected in the milk of lactating cynomolgus monkeys. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered along with the mother's clinical need for TREMFYA.

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## **Fertility**

The effect of TREMFYA on human fertility has not been evaluated.

No effects on fertility parameters were identified in female and male fertility studies conducted in guinea pigs. Results from the studies indicated no effects on male or female reproductive parameters. Safety margins for  $C_{\text{max}}$  and  $AUC_{\text{last}}$  at the 100 mg/kg twice-weekly NOAEL dose were at least 60-fold and 80-fold higher, respectively than those following a single administration of a 100 mg SC dose to psoriasis subjects.

## 4.7 EFFECT ON ABILITY TO DRIVE AND USE MACHINES

Tremfya has no or negligible influence on the ability to drive and use machines.

## 4.8 UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS

Throughout this section, adverse reactions are presented. Adverse reactions are adverse events that were considered to be reasonably causally associated with the use of guselkumab based on the comprehensive assessment of the available adverse event information. A causal relationship with guselkumab cannot be reliably established in individual cases. Further, because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in clinical practice.

## **Clinical Trials Experience**

The safety profile of TREMFYA is based on data from the Phase 2 (PSO2001, PSA2001) and Phase 3 (VOYAGE 1, VOYAGE 2, NAVIGATE, ORION, ECLIPSE, DISCOVER 1, DISCOVER 2) studies in 3940 subjects, including 2711 with plaque psoriasis and 1229 subjects with psoriatic arthritis. The duration of exposure to TREMFYA is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Long-Term Exposure to TREMFYA in Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies

Duration of exposure	Number of subjects
≥ 1 year	3223ª
≥ 2 year	1917 <sup>b</sup>
≥ 3 year	1482 <sup>b</sup>
≥ 4 year	1393 <sup>b</sup>
≥ 5 year	950 <sup>b</sup>
<sup>a</sup> plaque psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis s	studies
<sup>b</sup> plaque psoriasis studies	

#### Plaque Psoriasis

The adverse reaction profile of TREMFYA in 823 patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis is based on pooled data from two 16-week placebo-controlled phase III studies. Table 2 provides a summary of adverse reactions that occurred at a rate of at least 1% and at a higher rate in the TREMFYA group than in the placebo group during the 16-week, placebo-controlled period of the pooled clinical trials, VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2.

Table 2: Adverse reactions reported by ≥1% of patients through Week 16 in VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2

	Placebo N = 422	TREMFYA <sup>a</sup> N = 823	Adalimumab <sup>b</sup> N = 581
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Diarrhoea	4 (0.9%)	13 (1.6%)	7 (1.2%)
General disorders and			
administration site			
conditions			
Injection site reactions <sup>c</sup>	12 (2.8%)	37 (4.5%)	42 (7.2%)
Infections and Infestations			
Upper respiratory infections <sup>d</sup>	54 (12.8%)	118 (14.3%)	80 (13.8%)
Gastroenteritis <sup>e</sup>	4 (0.9%)	11 (1.3%)	8 (1.4%)
Herpes simplex infections <sup>f</sup>	2 (0.5%)	9 (1.1%)	8 (1.4%)
Tinea infections <sup>g</sup>	0	9 (1.1%)	3 (0.5%)
Musculoskeletal and			
connective tissue			
disorders			
Arthralgia	9 (2.1%)	22 (2.7%)	11 (1.9%)
Nervous system disorders			
Headache <sup>h</sup>	14 (3.3%)	38 (4.6%)	18 (3.1%)

- <sup>a</sup> Subjects received 100 mg of TREMFYA at Week 0, Week 4, and every 8 weeks thereafter;
- Subjects received adalimumab at 80 mg Week 0, 40 mg week 1 then 40 mg q2w thereafter
- Injection site reactions include injection site erythema, bruising, haematoma, haemorrhage, swelling, oedema, pruritus, pain, discolouration, induration, inflammation, and urticaria.
- Upper respiratory infections include nasopharyngitis, upper respiratory tract infection (URTI), pharyngitis, and viral URTI.
- e Gastroenteritis includes gastroenteritis and viral gastroenteritis
- Herpes simplex infections include oral herpes, herpes simplex, genital herpes, genital herpes simplex, and nasal herpes simplex.
- Tinea infections include tinea pedis, tinea cruris, tinea infection, and tinea manuum infections.
- h Headache includes headache and tension headache.

# **Psoriatic Arthritis**

Table 3 provides a summary of adverse reactions that occurred at a rate of at least 1% and at a higher rate in the TREMFYA group than in the placebo group during the 24-week, placebo-controlled period of the pooled clinical trials, DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2.

	Placebo	TREMFYA Q8W <sup>a</sup>	TREMFYA Q4Wb
	N = 372	N = 375	N = 373
	n (%)	n (%)	n (%)
Gastrointestinal disorders			
Diarrhoea	3 (0.8%)	6 (1.6%)	4 (1.1%)
General disorders and			
administration site			
conditions			
Injection site reactions <sup>c</sup>	1 (0.3%)	5 (1.3%)	3 (0.8%)
Infections and Infestations			
Respiratory tract infections <sup>d</sup>	45 (12.1%)	46 (12.3%)	52 (13.9%)
Investigations			
Transaminases increasede	17 (4.6%)	31 (8.3%)	32 (8.6%)
Neutrophil count decreased	0	1 (0.3%)	6 (1.6%)

Nervous system disorders			
Headache <sup>f</sup>	3 (0.8%)	8 (2.1%)	7 (1.9%)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Subjects received 100 mg of TREMFYA at Week 0, Week 4, and every 8 weeks thereafter;

#### Transaminases increased

In two Phase 3 psoriatic arthritis clinical studies, through the placebo-controlled period, adverse events of increased transaminases (includes alanine aminotransferase (ALT) Increased, aspartate aminotransferase (AST) Increased, Hepatic Enzyme Increased, Transaminases Increased, Liver Function Test Abnormal, Hypertransaminasemia) were reported more frequently in the TREMFYA-treated groups (8.6% in the 100 mg q4w group and 8.3% in the 100 mg q8w group) than in the placebo group (4.6%). Through 1-year, adverse events of increased transaminases (as above) were reported in 12.9% of patients in the q4w group and 11.7% of patients in the q8w group.

Based on laboratory assessments, an increased incidence of liver enzyme elevations was observed in patients treated with TREMFYA q4w compared to patients treated with TREMFYA q8w or placebo. Most transaminase (ALT and AST) increases were  $\leq 3$  x upper limit of normal (ULN). Transaminase increases from > 3 to  $\leq 5$  x ULN and > 5 x ULN were low in frequency (Table 4). A similar pattern was observed through the end of the 2-year Phase 3 psoriatic arthritis clinical study. In most cases, the increase in transaminases was transient and did not lead to discontinuation of treatment.

Table 4: Frequency of patients with transaminase increases post-baseline in two Phase 3 psoriatic arthritis clinical studies

	1	hrough Week 24	Through	n 1 Year <sup>b</sup>	
	Placebo	TREMFYA	TREMFYA	TREMFYA	TREMFYA
	N=370°	100 mg q8w N=373 °	100 mg q4w N=371 °	100 mg q8w N=373 °	100 mg q4w N=371 °
ALT					
>1 to ≤3 x ULN	30.0%	28.2%	35.0%	33.5%	41.2%
>3 to ≤ 5 x ULN	1.4%	1.1%	2.7%	1.6%	4.6%
>5 x ULN	0.8%	0.8%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
AST					
>1 to ≤3 x ULN	20.0%	18.8%	21.6%	22.8%	27.8%
>3 to ≤ 5 x ULN	0.5%	1.6%	1.6%	2.9%	3.8%
>5 x ULN	1.1%	0.5%	1.6%	0.5%	1.6%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> placebo-controlled period

## Postmarketing data

In addition to the adverse reactions reported during clinical studies and listed above, the following adverse reactions have been reported during postmarketing experience (Table 5). Because these reactions were reported voluntarily from a population of uncertain size, it is not

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Subjects received 100 mg of TREMFYA at Week 0, and every every 4 weeks thereafter

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Injection site reactions include injection site erythema, bruising, hematoma, hemorrhage, swelling, oedema, pruritus, pain, discoloration, induration, inflammation, and urticaria.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> Respiratory tract infections include nasopharyngitis, upper respiratory tract infection (URTI), bronchitis, pharyngitis, and viral URTI

eTransaminases increased includes: alanine aminotransferase increased, aspartate aminotransferase increased, hepatic enzyme increased, transaminases increased, liver function test abnormal, hypertransaminasaemia

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>f</sup> Headache includes headache and tension headache.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> patients randomized to placebo at baseline and crossed over to TREMFYA are not included

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> number of patients with at least one post-baseline assessment for the specific laboratory test within the time period

always possible to reliably estimate their frequency. In the table, the frequencies are provided according to the following convention:

Very common ≥ 1/10

 Common
 ≥ 1/100 and < 1/10</td>

 Uncommon
 ≥ 1/1000 and < 1/100</td>

 Rare
 ≥ 1/10000 and < 1/1000</td>

Very rare < 1/10000, including isolated reports

Not known Cannot be estimated from the available data

Table 5: Adverse Reactions Identified During Postmarketing Experience with Guselkumab

System Organ Class	Frequency Category Estimated from Clinical				
Adverse Reaction	Trials with TREMFYA				
Immune System Disorders					
Hypersensitivity	Uncommon				
Anaphylaxis	Uncommon				
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue Dis	orders				
Rash	Uncommon				
Urticaria	Uncommon				
General disorders and administration site conditions					
Injections Site Reactions	Common				

# Reporting of suspected adverse reactions

Reporting suspected adverse reactions after registration of the medicinal product is important. It allows continued monitoring of the benefit-risk balance of the medicinal product. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions at <a href="https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting/">https://nzphvc.otago.ac.nz/reporting/</a>.

#### 4.9 OVERDOSE

Single intravenous doses of TREMFYA up to 987 mg (10 mg/kg) have been administered in healthy volunteers and single subcutaneous doses of TREMFYA up to 300 mg have been administered in subjects with plaque psoriasis in clinical trials without dose-limiting toxicity. In the event of overdose, monitor the patient for any signs or symptoms of adverse reactions and administer appropriate symptomatic treatment immediately.

For information on the management of overdose, please contact the National Poisons Centre on 0800 POISON (0800 764766).

## 5 PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

## 5.1 PHARMACODYNAMIC PROPERTIES

Pharmacotherapeutic group: Immunosuppressants, interleukin inhibitors, ATC code: L04AC16.

#### **Mechanism of Action**

Guselkumab is a human IgG1λ monoclonal antibody (mAb) that binds selectively to the interleukin 23 (IL-23) protein with high specificity and affinity. IL-23, a regulatory cytokine, affects the differentiation, expansion, and survival of T cell subsets, (e.g., Th17 cells and Tc17 cells) and innate immune cell subsets, which represent sources of effector cytokines, including IL-17A, IL-17F and IL-22 that drive inflammatory disease. In humans, selective blockade of IL-23 was shown to normalise production of these cytokines.

Levels of IL-23 are elevated in the skin of patients with plaque psoriasis. In in vitro models, guselkumab was shown to inhibit the bioactivity of IL-23 by blocking its interaction with cell

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surface IL-23 receptor, disrupting IL-23-mediated signalling, activation and cytokine cascades. Guselkumab exerts its clinical effects in plaque psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis through blockade of the IL-23 cytokine pathway.

## Pharmacodynamic effects

In a Phase 1 study, treatment with guselkumab resulted in reduced expression of IL-23/Th17 pathway genes and psoriasis-associated gene expression profiles, as shown by analyses of mRNA obtained from lesional skin biopsies of psoriatic subjects at Week 12 compared to baseline. In the same Phase 1 study, treatment with guselkumab resulted in improvement of histological measures of psoriasis at Week 12, including reductions in epidermal thickness and T-cell density. In addition, reduced serum IL-17A, IL-17F and IL-22 levels compared to placebo were observed in guselkumab treated subjects in Phase 2 and Phase 3 studies in plaque psoriasis. These results are consistent with the clinical benefit observed with guselkumab treatment in plaque psoriasis.

In Phase 3 studies in psoriatic arthritis, evaluated subjects had elevated serum levels of acute phase proteins C-reactive protein, serum amyloid A and IL-6, and Th17 effector cytokines IL-17A, IL-17F and IL-22 at baseline. Guselkumab decreased levels of these proteins within 4 weeks of initiation of treatment. By Week 24, guselkumab further reduced the levels of these proteins compared to baseline and also to placebo. In guselkumab-treated subjects, serum IL-17A and IL-17F levels were similar to those observed in a demographically matched healthy cohort at Week 24.

## **Immunogenicity**

As with all therapeutic proteins, there is the potential for immunogenicity. The immunogenicity of TREMFYA was evaluated using a sensitive and drug-tolerant immunoassay.

#### Plaque psoriasis

In pooled Phase 2 (PSO2001) and Phase 3 (VOYAGE 1, VOYAGE 2 and NAVIGATE) analyses, fewer than 6% of subjects treated with TREMFYA developed antidrug antibodies in up to 52 weeks of treatment. Of the subjects who developed antidrug antibodies, approximately 7% had antibodies that were classified as neutralising which equates to 0.4% of all subjects treated with TREMFYA. In pooled Phase 3 analyses, approximately 15% of patients treated with TREMFYA developed antidrug antibodies in up to 264 weeks of treatment. Of the subjects who developed antidrug antibodies, approximately 5% had antibodies that were classified as neutralising which equates to 0.76% of all subjects treated with TREMFYA. Antidrug antibodies were not associated with lower efficacy or development of injection-site reactions.

#### Psoriatic arthritis

In pooled Phase 3 (DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2) analyses up to Week 52, 4.5% (n=49) of subjects treated with TREMFYA developed antidrug antibodies. Of these subjects, 5 had antibodies that were classified as neutralising antibodies, and 3 developed injection site reactions through Week 52. Overall, the small number of subjects who were positive for antibodies to guselkumab limits definitive conclusion of the effect of immunogenicity on the pharmacokinetics and efficacy of guselkumab.

The detection of antibody formation is highly dependent on the sensitivity and specificity of the assay. Additionally, the observed incidence of antibody (including neutralising antibody) positivity in an assay may be influenced by several factors including assay methodology, sample handling, timing of sample collection, concomitant medications, and underlying disease. For these reasons, comparison of incidence of antibodies to TREMFYA with the incidences of antibodies to other products may be misleading.

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# Clinical efficacy and safety

#### Plaque Psoriasis

Four multicentre, randomised, double-blind, placebo and/or active controlled trials (VOYAGE 1, VOYAGE 2, NAVIGATE and ORION) enrolled subjects 18 years of age and older with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis who were eligible for systemic therapy or phototherapy. Subjects had an Investigator's Global Assessment (IGA) score of ≥3 ("moderate") on a 5-point scale of overall disease severity, a Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) score ≥12, and a minimum affected body surface area (BSA) of 10%. Subjects with guttate, erythrodermic, or pustular psoriasis were excluded.

## VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2- Placebo- and adalimumab-controlled studies

In VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2, 1829 subjects were randomised to either TREMFYA (100 mg at Weeks 0 and 4 and every 8 weeks thereafter), placebo or adalimumab (80 mg at Week 0 and 40 mg at Week 1, followed by 40 mg every other week thereafter through Week 47. All subjects, including those randomised to adalimumab at Week 0, received TREMFYA 100 mg at Week 52 and every 8 weeks thereafter).

Both trials assessed the responses at Week 16 compared to placebo for the two co-primary endpoints:

- the proportion of subjects who achieved an IGA score of 0 ("cleared") or 1 ("minimal");
- the proportion of subjects who achieved at least a 90% reduction from baseline in the PASI composite score (PASI 90).

Comparisons between TREMFYA and adalimumab were secondary endpoints at the following time points:

- at Week 16 (VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2), the proportions of subjects who achieved an IGA score of 0 or 1, a PASI 90, and a PASI 75 response;
- at Week 24 (VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2), and at Week 48 (VOYAGE 1), the proportions of subjects achieving an IGA score of 0, an IGA score of 0 or 1, and a PASI 90 response.

Other evaluated outcomes included improvement in psoriasis symptoms assessed on the Psoriasis Symptoms and Signs Diary (PSSD) and improvements in psoriasis of the scalp at Week 16.

Baseline disease characteristics were consistent for the study populations in VOYAGE 1 and 2 with a median BSA of 22% and 24%, a median baseline PASI score of 19 for both studies, a median baseline DLQI score of 14 and 14.5, a baseline IGA score of severe for 25% and 23% of patients, and a history of psoriatic arthritis for 19% and 18% of patients, respectively.

#### Overall skin disease

TREMFYA demonstrated superiority to adalimumab on PASI 75, PASI 90 and IGA cleared or minimal (0 or 1) at Week 16 in both studies (p < 0.001 for all comparisons). TREMFYA also demonstrated superiority to adalimumab on PASI 75, PASI 90, PASI 100, IGA cleared (0), and IGA cleared or minimal (0 or 1) at Week 24 in both studies and at Week 48 in VOYAGE 1 (p < 0.001 for all comparisons)

The key efficacy results for the primary and major secondary study endpoints are shown in Table 6 below.

Table 6: Summary of Clinical Responses in VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2

	Number of patients (%)					
	VOYAGE 1 VOYAGE 2					
	Placebo (N=174)	Guselkumab (N=329)	Adalimumab (N=334)	Placebo (N=248)	Guselkumab (N=496)	Adalimumab (N=248)
IGA respons	e of 0/1 (clear	ed or minimal)				

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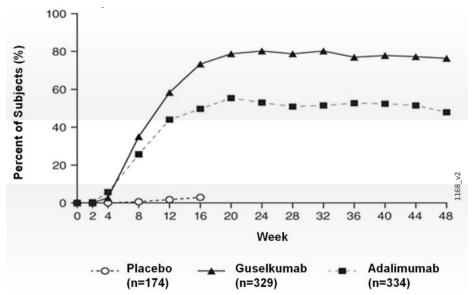
Week 16	12 (6.9)	280 (85.1)°	220 (65.9) <sup>b</sup>	21 (8.5)	417 (84.1) <sup>c</sup>	168 (67.7) <sup>b</sup>
Week 24	-	277 (84.2)	206 (61.7) <sup>b</sup>	-	414 (83.5)	161 (64.9) <sup>b</sup>
Week 48	-	265 (80.5)	185 (55.4) <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-
IGA respons	e of 0 (cleared	l)				
Week 16	2 (1.1)	157 (47.7) <sup>a</sup>	88 (26.3) <sup>d</sup>	2 (0.8)	215 (43.3) <sup>a</sup>	71 (28.6) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	-	173 (52.6)	98 (29.3) <sup>b</sup>	-	257 (51.8)	78 (31.5) <sup>b</sup>
Week 48	-	166 (50.5)	86 (25.7) <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-
PASI 75 resp	onse					
Week 16	10 (5.7)	300 (91.2) <sup>a</sup>	244 (73.1) <sup>b</sup>	20 (8.1)	428 (86.3) <sup>a</sup>	170 (68.5) <sup>b</sup>
Week 24	-	300 (91.2)	241 (72.2) <sup>e</sup>		442 (89.1)	176 (71.0) <sup>e</sup>
Week 48	-	289 (87.8)	209 (62.6) <sup>e</sup>	-	-	-
PASI 90 resp	onse					
Week 16	5 (2.9)	241 (73.3)°	166 (49.7) <sup>b</sup>	6 (2.4)	347 (70.0)°	116 (46.8) <sup>b</sup>
Week 24	-	264 (80.2)	177 (53.0) <sup>b</sup>	-	373 (75.2)	136 (54.8) <sup>b</sup>
Week 48	-	251 (76.3)	160 (47.9) <sup>b</sup>	-	-	-
PASI 100 response						
Week 16	1 (0.6)	123 (37.4) <sup>a</sup>	57 (17.1) <sup>d</sup>	2 (0.8)	169 (34.1) <sup>a</sup>	51 (20.6) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	-	146 (44.4)	83 (24.9) <sup>e</sup>	-	219 (44.2)	66 (26.6) <sup>e</sup>
Week 48	-	156 (47.4)	78 (23.4) <sup>e</sup>	-	-	-

p < 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and placebo.

#### Response over time

Guselkumab demonstrated rapid onset of efficacy, with a significantly higher percent improvement in PASI as compared with placebo as early as Week 2 (p < 0.001). The percentage of subjects achieving a PASI 90 response was numerically higher for guselkumab than adalimumab starting at Week 8 with the difference reaching a maximum around Week 20 (VOYAGE 1 and 2) and maintained through Week 48 (VOYAGE 1). In VOYAGE 1, for subjects receiving continuous guselkumab treatment, PASI 90 response was maintained from Week 52 to Week 252 with 84.1% (329/391) of patients continuing to achieve a PASI 90 response at Week 252.

Figure 1: Percent of Subjects Who Achieved PASI 90 Response Through Week 48 by Visit (Subjects Randomised at Week 0) in VOYAGE 1



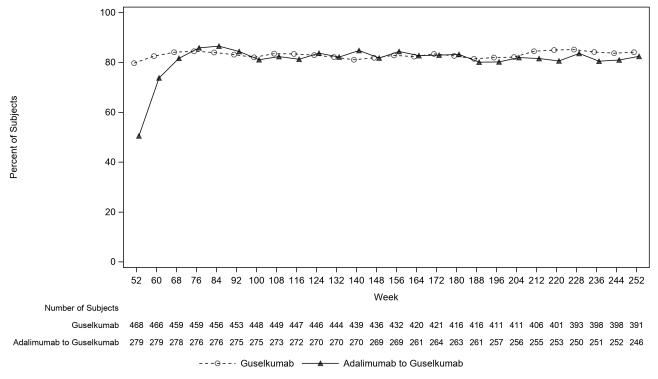
b p < 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and adalimumab for major secondary endpoints.

c p < 0.001 for the comparisons between guselkumab and placebo for the co-primary endpoints.</p>

d comparisons between guselkumab and adalimumab were not performed.

p < 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and adalimumab.

Figure 2: Percent of Subjects Achieving PASI 90 Response From Week 52 Through Week 252 by Visit in VOYAGE 1



The efficacy and safety of guselkumab was demonstrated regardless of age, gender, race, body weight, plaques location, PASI baseline severity, concurrent psoriatic arthritis, and previous treatment with a biologic therapy. Guselkumab was efficacious in conventional systemic-naive, biologic-naive, and biologic-exposed patients.

In VOYAGE 2, 88.6% of patients receiving guselkumab maintenance treatment at Week 48 were PASI 90 responders compared to 36.8% of patients who were withdrawn from treatment at Week 28 (p < 0.001). Loss of PASI 90 response was noted as early as 4 weeks after withdrawal of guselkumab treatment with a median time to loss of PASI 90 response of approximately 15 weeks. Among patients who were withdrawn from treatment and subsequently re-initiated guselkumab, 80% regained a PASI 90 response when assessed 20 weeks after initiation of retreatment.

In VOYAGE 2, among 112 adalimumab subjects who failed to achieve a PASI 90 response at Week 28, 66% and 76% achieved a PASI 90 response after 20 and 44 weeks of treatment with guselkumab respectively. No new safety findings were observed in patients who switched from adalimumab to guselkumab.

#### Regional disease

In VOYAGE 1 and 2, significant improvements were seen in scalp, hand and foot, and nail psoriasis (as measured by the Scalp-specific Investigator Global Assessment [ss-IGA], Physician's Global Assessment of Hands and/or Feet [hf-PGA], Fingernail Physician's Global Assessment [f-PGA] and Nail Psoriasis Severity Index [NAPSI], respectively) in guselkumab treated patients compared to placebo treated patients at Week 16 (p < 0.001, Table 7). Guselkumab demonstrated superiority compared to adalimumab for scalp and hand and foot psoriasis at Week 24 (VOYAGE 1 and 2) and Week 48 (VOYAGE 1) (p  $\leq$  0.001, except for hand and foot psoriasis at Week 24 [VOYAGE 2] and Week 48 [VOYAGE 1], p < 0.05).

Table 7: Summary of Regional Disease Responses in VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2

		VOYAGE 1			VOYAGE 2	
	Placebo	Guselkumab	Adalimumab	Placebo	Guselkumab	Adalimumab
ss-IGA (N) <sup>a</sup>	145	277	286	202	408	194
ss-IGA 0/1b, n (%)						
Week 16	21 (14.5)	231 (83.4)°	201 (70.3) <sup>d</sup>	22 (10.9)	329 (80.6)°	130 (67.0) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	NA	234 (84.5%)	198 (69.2%) <sup>f</sup>	NA	348 (85.3%)	131 (67.5%) <sup>f</sup>
Week 48	NA	217 (78.3%)	173 (60.5%) <sup>f</sup>	NA	ΝA	NA ´
hf-PGA (N) <sup>a</sup>	43	90	95	63	114	56
hf-PGA 0/1 <sup>b</sup> , n (%)						
Week 16	6 (14.0)	66 (73.3)e	53 (55.8) <sup>d</sup>	9 (14.3)	88 (77.2) <sup>e</sup>	40 (71.4) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	NA	71 (78.9%)	54 (56.8%) <sup>f</sup>	NA	93 (81.6%)	37 (66.1%) <sup>g</sup>
Week 48	NA	68 (75.6%)	59 (62.1%) <sup>g</sup>	NA	NA	NA
f-PGA (N) <sup>a</sup>	88	174	173	123	246	124
f-PGA 0/1, n (%)						
Week 16	14 (15.9)	68 (39.1) <sup>e</sup>	88 (50.9) <sup>d</sup>	18 (14.6)	128 (52.0) <sup>e</sup>	74 (59.7) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	NA	98 (56.3%)	108	NA	154 (62.6%)	83 (66.9%) <sup>h</sup>
Week 48	NA	130 (74.7%)	107	NA	NA	NA
NAPSI (N) <sup>a</sup>	99	194	191	140	280	140
Percent Improvem	ent, mean (S	D)				
Week 16	-0.9 (57.9)	34.4 (42.4) <sup>e</sup>	38.0 (53.9) <sup>d</sup>	1.8 (53.8)	39.6 (45.6) <sup>e</sup>	46.9 (48.1) <sup>d</sup>
Week 24	NA	49.8 (44.2)	49.4 (60.0) <sup>h</sup>	NA	55.0 (46.8)	53.7 (49.5) <sup>h</sup>
Week 48	NA	68.1 (43.0)	61.4 (49.2) <sup>h</sup>	NA	NA	NA

a Includes only subjects with ss-IGA, f-PGA, hf-PGA score ≥ 2 at baseline or baseline NAPSI score > 0.

## Health-related quality of life / Patient reported outcomes

Greater improvements in symptoms of psoriasis (itch, pain, stinging, burning and skin tightness) at Week 16 in TREMFYA compared to placebo were observed in both trials based on the Psoriasis Symptoms and Signs Diary (PSSD). Greater proportions of subjects on TREMFYA compared to adalimumab achieved a PSSD symptom score of 0 (symptom-free) at Week 24 (VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2) and Week 48 (VOYAGE 1).

In VOYAGE 1, for subjects receiving continuous guselkumab treatment, improvements in PSSD scores were maintained from Week 52 through Week 252.

#### NAVIGATE - Active-controlled study in ustekinumab inadequate responders

The NAVIGATE study examined the efficacy of guselkumab in patients who had an inadequate response (i.e., who had not achieved a 'cleared' or 'minimal' response defined as IGA  $\geq$  2) to ustekinumab at Week 16. All patients (N=871) received open-label ustekinumab (45 mg  $\leq$ 100 kg and 90 mg >100 kg) at Weeks 0 and 4. At Week 16, 268 patients with an IGA  $\geq$  2 score were randomised to either continue ustekinumab treatment (N=133) q12w, or to initiate guselkumab treatment (N=135) at Weeks 16, 20, and q8w thereafter. Baseline characteristics for randomised subjects were similar to those observed in VOYAGE 1 and 2.

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b Includes only subjects achieving ≥ 2-grade improvement from baseline in ss-IGA and/or hf-PGA.

c p < 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and placebo for the major secondary endpoint.

d comparisons between guselkumab and adalimumab were not performed.

e p < 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and placebo.

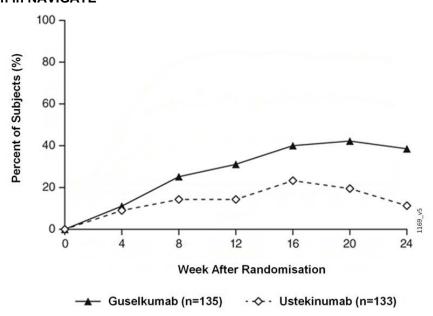
f p ≤ 0.001 for comparison between guselkumab and adalimumab.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>g</sup> p <0.05 for comparison between guselkumab and adalimumab.

p = not significant for comparison between guselkumab and adalimumab.

After randomisation, the primary endpoint was the number of post-randomisation visits between Weeks 12 and 24 at which patients achieved an IGA score 0/1 and had ≥ 2 grade improvement. Patients were examined at four-week intervals for a total of four visits. Among patients who inadequately responded to ustekinumab at the time of randomisation, significantly greater improvement of efficacy was observed in patients who switched to guselkumab treatment compared to patients who continued ustekinumab treatment. Between 12 and 24 weeks after randomisation, guselkumab patients achieved an IGA score 0/1 with ≥ 2 grade improvement twice as often as ustekinumab patients (mean 1.5 vs 0.7 visits, respectively, p < 0.001). Additionally, at 12 weeks after randomisation a higher proportion of guselkumab patients compared to ustekinumab patients achieved an IGA score 0/1 and ≥ 2 grade improvement (31.1% vs. 14.3%, respectively; p = 0.001) and a PASI 90 response (48% vs 23%, respectively, p < 0.001). Differences in response rates between guselkumab and ustekinumab treated patients start to become apparent at 4 weeks after randomisation (11.1% and 9.0%, respectively) and reached a maximum 24 weeks after randomisation (see Figure 3). No new safety findings were observed in patients who switched from ustekinumab to guselkumab.

Figure 3: Percent of Subjects Who Achieved an IGA Score of Cleared (0) or Minimal (1) and at least a 2-grade improvement in IGA from Week 0 Through Week 24 by Visit After Randomisation in NAVIGATE



#### ORION - Placebo-controlled study with pre-filled pen

ORION evaluated the efficacy, safety, PK, immunogenicity, usability, and acceptability of guselkumab delivered with a pre-filled pen. In this study, 78 subjects were randomised to receive either TREMFYA (100 mg at Weeks 0 and 4 and every 8 weeks thereafter), or placebo. Baseline characteristics for randomised subjects were comparable to those observed in VOYAGE 1 and VOYAGE 2. The co-primary endpoints were the proportion of subjects who achieved an IGA score of 0 or 1 at Week 16 and the proportion of subjects who achieved a PASI 90 response at Week 16. The secondary endpoints included the proportion of subjects who achieved a PASI 100 response at Week 16.

A significantly greater proportion of subjects in the guselkumab group achieved an IGA score of 0 or 1 or a PASI 90 response at Week 16 (80.6% and 75.8%, respectively, p<0.001 for both endpoints) than in the placebo group (0% for both endpoints). The proportion of subjects who achieved an IGA score of 0 at Week 16 was significantly higher in the guselkumab group compared to the placebo group (56.5% vs. 0%; p < 0.001). The proportion of subjects who

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achieved a PASI 100 response at Week 16 was significantly higher in the guselkumab group compared to the placebo group (50.0% vs. 0%; p < 0.001).

## Patient Experience

Subject experience with the pre-filled pen was assessed on a scale of 0 (worst) to 10 (best) using a validated Self-Injection Assessment Questionnaire (SIAQ) based on subject responses across 6 domains (feelings about injections, self-image, self-confidence, pain and skin reactions during or after the injection, ease of use of the self-injection device, and satisfaction with self-injection) at weeks 0, 4 and 12. At week 12, the mean score for "Satisfaction with Self Injection" was 9.18 (with 10 indicating "Very Satisfied") and the mean score for "Ease of Use" was 9.24 (with 10 indicating "Very Easy"). The mean scores for the other domains at week 12 ranged from 8.43 to 9.84.

## Active-controlled study with secukinumab – ECLIPSE

The efficacy and safety of TREMFYA were also investigated in a double-blind study compared to secukinumab. Patients were randomised to receive TREMFYA (N=534; 100 mg at Week 0, 4 and every 8 weeks thereafter) or secukinumab (N=514; 300 mg at Week 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and every 4 weeks thereafter). The last dose was at Week 44 for both treatment groups. Demographic and disease characteristics were similar between the two treatment groups and consistent with those of the subjects enrolled in the pivotal Phase 3 psoriasis studies for TREMFYA and secukinumab. The primary endpoint was the proportion of subjects who achieved a PASI 90 response at Week 48. Major secondary endpoints were the proportion of subjects who achieved a PASI 75 response at both Week 12 and Week 48, a PASI 90 response at Week 12, PASI 75 response at Week 12, a PASI 100 response at Week 48, an IGA score of cleared (0) at Week 48, and an IGA score of cleared (0) or minimal (1) at Week 48

TREMFYA was superior to secukinumab as measured by the primary endpoint of PASI 90 response at Week 48 (84.5% versus 70.0%, p<0.001). Comparative clinical response rates are presented in Table 8.

Table 8: Summary of Clinical Response Rates in ECLIPSE

	Number of patients (%)				
	TREMFYA (N=534)	Secukinumab (N=514)			
Primary Endpoint					
PASI 90 response at Week 48	451 (84.5%) <sup>a</sup>	360 (70.0%)			
Major Secondary Endpoints					
PASI 75 response at both Week 12 and Week 48	452 (84.6%) <sup>b</sup>	412 (80.2%)			
PASI 75 response at Week 12	477 (89.3%)°	471 (91.6%)			
PASI 90 response at Week 12	369 (69.1%)°	391 (76.1%)			
PASI 100 response at Week 48	311 (58.2%)°	249 (48.4%)			
IGA score of cleared (0) at Week 48	332 (62.2%)°	259 (50.4%)			
IGA score of cleared (0) or minimal (1) at Week 48	454 (85.0%)°	385 (74.9%)			

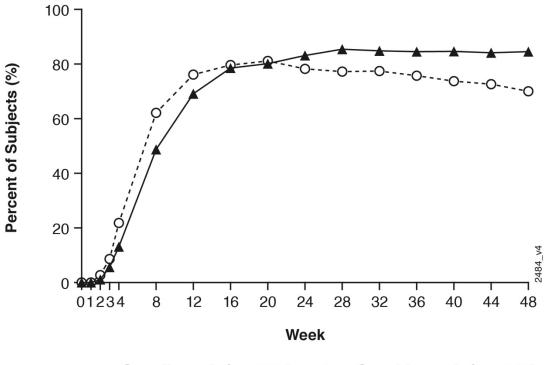
p<0.001 for both non-inferiority and superiority</p>

b p<0.001 for non-inferiority, p=0.062 for superiority

formal statistical testing was not performed

TREMFYA and secukinumab PASI 90 response rates through Week 48 are presented in Figure 4.

Figure 4 Percent of Subjects Who Achieved a PASI 90 Response from Week 0 Through Week 48 by Visit (Subjects Randomised at Week 0) in ECLIPSE



**★** Guselkumab (n = 534) ·-○·· Secukinumab (n = 514)

## Psoriatic arthritis (PsA)

## **DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2**

The safety and efficacy of TREMFYA were assessed in 1120 patients in 2 randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled studies (DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2) in adult patients with active PsA (≥3 swollen joints, ≥3 tender joints, and a C-reactive protein (CRP) level of ≥0.3 mg/dL in DISCOVER 1 and ≥5 swollen joints, ≥5 tender joints, and a CRP level of ≥0.6 mg/dL in DISCOVER 2) who had inadequate response to standard therapies. Patients in these studies had a diagnosis of PsA for at least 6 months based on the Classification Criteria for Psoriatic Arthritis (CASPAR) and a median duration of PsA of 4 years at baseline.

In DISCOVER 1 approximately 30% of subjects had been previously treated with up to 2 antitumor necrosis factor alpha (anti-TNFα) agents whereas in DISCOVER 2 all subjects were biologic naïve. Approximately 58% of subjects from both studies had concomitant methotrexate (MTX) use. Patients with different subtypes of PsA were enrolled in both studies, including polyarticular arthritis with the absence of rheumatoid nodules (40%), spondylitis with peripheral arthritis (30%), asymmetric peripheral arthritis (23%), distal interphalangeal involvement (7%) and arthritis mutilans (<1%). At baseline, over 65% and 42% of the patients had enthesitis and dactylitis, respectively and over 75% had ≥3% body surface area (BSA) psoriasis skin involvement.

DISCOVER 1 evaluated 381 subjects who were treated with placebo SC, TREMFYA 100 mg SC at Weeks 0, 4 and every 8 weeks (q8w) thereafter, or TREMFYA 100 mg SC every 4 weeks (q4w). DISCOVER 2 evaluated 739 subjects who were treated with placebo SC, TREMFYA 100 mg SC at Weeks 0, 4 and q8w thereafter, or TREMFYA 100 mg SC q4w. At Week 24, placebo subjects in both studies crossed over to receive TREMFYA 100 mg SC q4w.

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The primary endpoint in both studies was the percentage of patients achieving an ACR20 response at Week 24. Secondary endpoints included change from baseline in Disability Index of the Health Assessment Questionnaire (HAQ-DI), IGA, ACR 50, ACR 70, SF-36 PCS, SF-36 MCS and change from baseline in total modified van der Heijde-Sharp score (DISCOVER 2), at Week 24. Additionally, resolution of enthesitis and dactylitis based on the pooled data from DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2 was assessed as a secondary endpoint in DISCOVER 2.

## Signs and symptoms

In both studies, patients treated with TREMFYA 100 mg q8w or 100 mg q4w demonstrated a greater clinical response including ACR20, ACR50, and ACR70 compared to placebo at Week 24 (Table 9). These responses were maintained from Week 24 to Week 52 in DISCOVER 1 and Week 100 in DISCOVER 2. Responses were seen regardless of prior anti-TNF $\alpha$  exposure (DISCOVER 1) and concomitant csDMARD use (DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2). Additionally, in both studies, examination of age, gender, race, body weight, and previous treatment with csDMARDs did not identify differences in response to TREMFYA among these subgroups.

Table 9: Clinical Responses in DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2

	DISCOVER 1				DISCOVER 2		
	Placebo	TREMFYA	TREMFYA	Placebo	TREMFYA	TREMFYA	
	(N=126)	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4w	(N=246)	100 mg	100 mg	
		(N=127)	(N=128)		q8w (N=248)	q4w (N=245)	
ACR 20 re	sponse				(17 2 10)	(14 2 10)	
Week 16	25.4%	52.0% <sup>b</sup>	60.2% <sup>b</sup>	33.7%	55.2%	55.9% <sup>c</sup>	
Week 24	22.2%	52.0%ª	59.4%ª	32.9%	64.1% <sup>a</sup>	63.7%ª	
ACR 50 re	sponse						
Week 16	12.7%	22.8%	26.6% <sup>c</sup>	9.3%	28.6%	20.8% <sup>c</sup>	
Week 24	8.7%	29.9% <sup>b</sup>	35.9% <sup>b</sup>	14.2%	31.5%	33.1% °	
ACR 70 re	sponse				I		
Week 24	5.6%	11.8%	20.3% <sup>b</sup>	4.1%	18.5%	13.1% °	
DAS 28 (C	RP) LS Mean	Change from ba	aseline (adjuste	d mean)	1		
Week 24	-0.70	-1.43 <sup>b</sup>	-1.61 b	-0.97	-1.59 b	-1.62 b	
Minimal Disease Activity (MDA)							
Week 24	11.1%	22.8% <sup>d</sup>	30.5% <sup>e</sup>	6.1%	25.0% <sup>e</sup>	18.8% <sup>e</sup>	
Modified PsA Responder Criteria (PsARC)							
Week 24	31.0%	59.8% <sup>e</sup>	72.7% <sup>e</sup>	44.7%	72.6% <sup>e</sup>	68.6% <sup>e</sup>	
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 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{a}}$  multiplicity adjusted p<0.001 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo for primary endpoint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> multiplicity adjusted p<0.001 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo for major secondary endpoint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> multiplicity adjusted p=0.006 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo for major secondary endpoint

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>d</sup> nominal p=0.012 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo

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Clinical response continued to improve or was maintained up to Week 52 as assessed by ACR 20/50/70, DAS 28 (CRP), MDA, IGA and PASI 90 response rates (see Table 10).

Table 10: Clinical Responses in the open-label phases of DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2 at Week 52<sup>a</sup>

	DISCOVER 1		DISCO	VER 2
	Guselkumab	Guselkumab	Guselkumab	Guselkumab
	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4
ACR 20		I	I	
Nb	112	124	234	228
% Response	67.9%	75.8%	79.1%	75.9%
ACR 50		I	I	
N <sup>b</sup>	113	124	234	228
% Response	43.4%	55.6%	51.3%	49.1%
ACR 70		1	1	ı
N <sup>b</sup>	114	124	234	228
% Response	28.9%	29.8%	29.5%	28.1%
DAS28 (CRP) change for	rom baseline	1	1	
N°	112	123	234	227
Mean (SD)	-2.03 (1.250)	-1.99 (1.062)	-2.08 (1.121)	-2.11 (1.128)
MDA		1	1	
N <sup>b</sup>	112	124	234	228
% Response	33.9%	40.3%	32.9%	36.8%
Patients with ≥ 3% BSA	A and IGA ≥ 2 at ba	aseline	1	
IGA Response				
N <sup>b</sup>	75	88	170	173
% Response	69.3%	83.0%	77.1%	84.4%
PASI 90		1	1	1
Nb	75	88	170	173
% Response	66.7%	76.1%	77.1%	81.5%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> There was no placebo arm beyond Week 24.

In DISCOVER 1 and 2, patients treated with TREMFYA who had spondylitis with peripheral arthritis as their primary presentation, demonstrated greater improvement from baseline in Bath Ankylosing Spondylitis Disease Activity Index (BASDAI) compared to placebo at Week 24. Improvement in BASDAI was maintained from Week 24 to Week 52 in DISCOVER 1 and Week 100 in DISCOVER 2.

In DISCOVER 2, a greater ACR 20 response was observed in both TREMFYA dose groups compared with the placebo group as early as Week 4 and the treatment difference continued to increase over time through Week 24 (Figure 5).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> Evaluable subjects with an observed response status.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Subjects have an observed change from baseline.

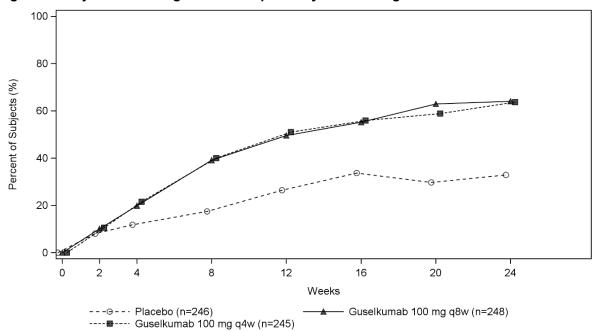


Figure 5: Subjects Achieving ACR 20 Response by Visit Through Week 24 in DISCOVER 2

ACR 20 response in DISCOVER 2 was maintained from Week 24 to Week 100.

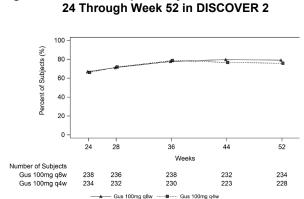
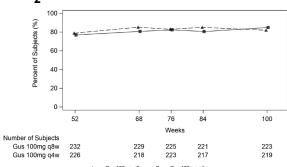


Figure 6: ACR 20 Response by Visit from Week

Figure 7: ACR 20 Response by Visit from Week 52 Through Week 100 in DISCOVER 2



In DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2, median percent improvement from baseline was observed in all components of the ACR response criteria (see table 11).

Table 11: Mean Change from Baseline in ACR Component Scores at Week 16 and 24<sup>a</sup>

		DISCOVER 1			DISCOVER 2	
		TREM	MFYA		TRE	MFYA
	Placebo (N=126)	100 mg q8w (N=127)	100 mg q4w (N=128)	Placebo N=246	100 mg q8w (N=248)	100 mg q4w (N=245)
No. of Swollen Joints		(14-127)	(14-120)		(11-2-0)	(11-2-3)
Baseline	10.1	10.9	8.6	12.3	11.7	12.9
Mean change at Week 16	-4.2	-7.3	-5.8	-5.8	-7.2	-7.5
Mean change at Week 24	-5.1	-7.3	-5.7	-6.4	-8.1	-8.8
No. of Tender Joints		•		•	•	
Baseline	19.8	20.2	17.7	21.6	19.8	22.4
Mean change at Week 16	-4.5	-10.2	-8.7	-6.8	-9.0	-9.9
Mean change at Week 24	-6.8	-10.5	-9.2	-5.0	-9.0	-10.0
Patient's Assessment of	Pain					
Baseline	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.3	6.3	6.2
Mean change at Week 16	-0.8	-1.7	-2.0	-0.9	-2.2	-1.9
Mean change at Week 24	-0.7	-2.2	-2.4	-1.1	-2.5	-2.4
Patient Global Assessm	ent	L	L	L	L	L
Baseline	6.1	6.5	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.4
Mean change at Week 16	-1.0	-2.0	-2.2	-1.0	-2.3	-2.0
Mean change at Week 24	-0.9	-2.5	-2.6	-1.2	-2.5	-2.4
Physician Global Asses	sment					
Baseline	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.7	6.6	6.6
Mean change at Week 16	-1.9	-2.9	-3.5	-2.1	-3.5	-3.3
Mean change at Week 24	-2.2	-3.5	-3.9	-2.5	-3.8	-3.9
Disability Index (HAQ-DI	)		1			1
Baseline	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.1
Mean change at Week 16	-0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Mean change at Week 24	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4

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CRP (mg/mL)						
Baseline	1.4	1.6	1.1	2.1	2.0	1.8
Mean change at Week 16	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-1.0	-1.0
Mean change at Week 24	-0.0	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	-1.1	-1.0

a based on observed data

## Psoriasis Skin Response

In DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2, among subjects with mild to severe psoriasis (BSA ≥3% and IGA ≥2) at baseline, a greater proportion of subjects in both TREMFYA dose groups achieved a psoriasis response, defined as an IGA of 0 (cleared) or 1 (minimal) and a ≥2-grade reduction from baseline, compared with the placebo group at Week 24. Results from psoriasis skin response endpoints in DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2 are presented in Table 12. Responses for both IGA and PASI endpoints were maintained from Week 24 to Week 52 in DISCOVER 1 and Week 100 in DISCOVER 2.

Table 12: Psoriasis Skin Response in Subjects with ≥ 3% BSA and IGA ≥ 2 at Baseline

		DISCOVER 1			DISCOVER 2		
		TRE	MFYA		TREM	MFYA	
	Placebo (n=78)	100 mg q8w (n=82)	100 mg q4w (n=89)	Placebo (n=183)	100 mg q8w (n=176)	100 mg q4w (n=184)	
GA response			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>I</u>	
IGA 0/1 and ≥2 grad	de improvement						
Week 24	15.4%	57.3%ª	75.3%ª	19.1%	70.5%ª	68.5%ª	
PASI 90 response				1		<u>I</u>	
Week 16	10.3%	45.1% <sup>b</sup>	52.8% <sup>b</sup>	8.2%	55.1% <sup>b</sup>	53.8%b	
Week 24	11.5%	50.0%b	62.9% <sup>b</sup>	9.8%	68.8% <sup>b</sup>	60.9%b	
PASI 100 response	<u>)</u>		l		I	l .	
Week 16	7.7%	23.2% <sup>c</sup>	32.6% <sup>b</sup>	3.8%	27.3%b	33.2%b	
Week 24	6.4%	25.6%b	44.9% <sup>b</sup>	2.7%	45.5% <sup>b</sup>	44.6%b	
<sup>a</sup> p < 0.001 (major secon	dary endpoint)		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	1	
nominal p < 0.001							
<sup>ҫ</sup> nominal p=0.006							

# Enthesitis and Dactylitis

Enthesitis and dactylitis were assessed based on pooled data from DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2. Among subjects with dactylitis at baseline, a greater proportion of subjects in both the TREMFYA 100 mg q8w and the TREMFYA 100 mg q4w groups achieved dactylitis resolution at Week 24 compared with the placebo group (Table 13). Among subjects with enthesitis at baseline, a greater proportion of subjects in both the TREMFYA 100 mg q8w group and q4w group achieved enthesitis resolution at Week 24 compared with the placebo group (Table 13). Based on the combined data from DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2,

resolution of dactylitis and enthesitis were maintained from Week 24 to Week 52. In DISCOVER 2, among subjects with dactylitis and enthesitis at baseline, resolution of dactylitis and enthesitis were maintained at Week 100.

Table 13: Dactylitis and Enthesitis Resolution at Week 24; Pooled Data from DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2

		TREMFYA		
	Placebo	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4w	
Dactylitis				
Subjects with dactylitis at baseline (n)	154	160	159	
Dactylitis resolution at Week 24	42.2%	59.4% <sup>b</sup>	63.5%ª	
Enthesitis				
Subjects with enthesitis at baseline (n)	255	230	243	
Enthesitis resolution at Week 24	29.4%	49.6% °	44.9%ª	

a p=0.006 (major secondary endpoint)

## Radiographic response

In DISCOVER 2, inhibition of structural damage progression was measured radiographically and expressed as the mean change from baseline in the total modified van der Heijde-Sharp (vdH-S) score at Week 24.

TREMFYA q4w inhibited the progression of structural damage compared to placebo at Week 24. TREMFYA q8w showed numerically less, but not statistically significant, progression of structural damage compared to placebo. These results are shown in Table 14.

Table 14: Change from Baseline in vdH-S score at Week 24 in DISCOVER 2

	N	LS Mean change from baseline in vdH-S score at Week 24
Placebo	246	0.95
TREMFYA 100 mg q4w	245	0.29ª
TREMFYA 100 mg q8w	248	0.52 <sup>b</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> multiplicity adjusted p=0.006 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo for major secondary endpoint

The mean change from baseline in total modified vdH-S was similar in the guselkumab q8w and q4w groups at Week 52 (0.97 and 1.07, respectively) and at Week 100 (1.50 and 1.68, respectively).

## Physical function and health-related quality of life

TREMFYA-treated patients in both the 100 mg q8w and q4w dose groups in both DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2 showed greater mean improvement from baseline in physical function compared to patients treated with placebo as assessed by HAQ-DI at Weeks 16 and 24.

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b not formally tested based on hierarchical order in testing procedure, nominal p=0.001 (major secondary endpoint)

onot formally tested based on hierarchical order in testing procedure, nominal p<0.001 (major secondary endpoint)

b multiplicity adjusted p=0.069 for comparison between TREMFYA and placebo for major secondary endpoint

Improvements in HAQ-DI were maintained from Week 24 to Week 52. In both studies, the proportion of HAQ-DI responders (≥0.35 improvement in HAQ-DI score) was greater in both TREMFYA dose groups compared to placebo at weeks 16 and 24. The proportion of HAQ-DI responders was maintained from Week 24 to Week 52 in DISCOVER 1 and Week 100 in DISCOVER 2.

Table 15: HAQ-DI Response at Weeks 16 and 24 in DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2

		DISCOVER 1			DISCOVER 2	
		TRE	MFYA		TREM	ЛFYA
	Placebo (N=126)	100 mg q8w (N=127)	100 mg q4w (N=128)	Placebo N=246	100 mg q8w (N=248)	100 mg q4w (N=245)
HAQ-DI Mean change fr	om baseline <sup>f</sup>	l	I.		l	
Baseline	1.2391	1.2057	1.0938	1.2949	1.2848	1.2490
Mean change at Week 16	-0.1131	-0.2620 <sup>d</sup>	-0.3393°	-0.1167	-0.3177°	-0.3442°
Mean change at Week 24	-0.0743	-0.3225ª	-0.3968ª	-0.1300	-0.3672ª	-0.4004ª
HAQ-DI Responders (≥	0.35 improve	ment from ba	seline)	1	l	
Week 16	30.9%	46.4% <sup>e</sup>	57.3%°	30.9%	50.0%°	51.8% <sup>c</sup>
Week 24	29.1%	50.9% <sup>b</sup>	57.3%°	31.4%	50.0% °	56.1% °

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> p<0.001 (major secondary endpoint)

At Week 24, subjects in both the TREMFYA 100 mg q8w and q4w dose groups in both DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2 showed greater improvement from baseline in the SF-36 PCS with no worsening in the SF-36 MCS compared with placebo. At Week 24 there was consistent evidence of effect in the physical functioning, role-physical, bodily-pain, general health, social-functioning and vitality domains but not in the role-emotional and mental health domains. At Week 24, a greater mean increase from baseline in Functional Assessment of Chronic Illness Therapy-Fatigue (FACIT-F) score was observed in guselkumab treated patients compared to placebo in both DISCOVER 1 and DISCOVER 2. In DISCOVER 2, greater improvements in health-related quality of life as measured by mean change from baseline in the Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI) were observed in guselkumab treated patients compared to placebo at Week 24. In DISCOVER 2, greater improvements were also observed in overall work impairment and activity impairment as assessed by the Work Productivity and Activity Impairment (WPAI)-PsA questionnaire compared to placebo at Week 24. Improvements in SF-36 PCS, SF-36 MCS, FACIT-F, DLQI and WPAI-PsA scores were maintained from Week 24 to Week 52 in DISCOVER 1 and Week 100 in DISCOVER 2.

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b nominal p=0.001

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> nominal p<0.001

d nominal p=0.008

e nominal p=0.019

f adjusted mean change

Table 16: Mean Change from Baseline in Health-Related Quality of Life Endpoints at Week 24f

	DISCOVER 1			DISCOVER 2		
		TREMFYA		TREMFYA		MFYA
	Placebo (N=126)	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4w	Placebo N=246	100 mg q8w	100 mg q4w
		(N=127)	(N=128)		(N=248)	(N=245)
SF-PCS						
Mean change at Week 24	1.96	6.10 <sup>a</sup>	6.87ª	3.42	7.39 <sup>b</sup>	7.04 °
SF-MCS						
Mean change at Week 24	2.37	3.20	3.60	2.14	4.17 <sup>d</sup>	4.22°
FACIT-F						
Mean change at Week 24	2.206	5.609 <sup>e</sup>	5.841 <sup>e</sup>	3.559	7.550°	7.111 <sup>e</sup>
<u>DLQI<sup>g</sup></u>	•			•	•	
Mean change at Week 24	-	-	-	-2.129	-8.954 <sup>e</sup>	-8.853 <sup>e</sup>

a p<0.001 (major secondary endpoint)

#### 5.2 PHARMACOKINETIC PROPERTIES

#### **Absorption**

Following a single 100 mg subcutaneous injection in healthy subjects, guselkumab reached a mean ( $\pm$  SD) maximum serum concentration (Cmax) of 8.09  $\pm$  3.68 mcg/mL by approximately 5.5 days post dose.

Steady state serum guselkumab concentrations were achieved by Week 20 following subcutaneous administrations of 100 mg guselkumab at Weeks 0 and 4, and every 8 weeks thereafter. The mean ( $\pm$  SD) steady state trough serum guselkumab concentrations in two Phase 3 studies in plaque psoriasis were 1.15  $\pm$  0.73 mcg/mL and 1.23  $\pm$  0.84 mcg/mL. Serum guselkumab concentrations did not appear to accumulate over time when given subcutaneously every 8 weeks.

The pharmacokinetics of guselkumab in subjects with psoriatic arthritis was similar to that in subjects with plaque psoriasis. Following subcutaneous administration of 100 mg of guselkumab at Weeks 0, 4, and every 8 weeks thereafter, mean steady-state trough serum guselkumab concentration was approximately 1.2 mcg/mL. Following subcutaneous administration of 100 mg of guselkumab every 4 weeks, mean steady-state trough serum guselkumab concentration was approximately 3.8 mcg/mL.

The absolute bioavailability of guselkumab following a single 100 mg subcutaneous injection was estimated to be approximately 49% in healthy subjects.

b not formally tested based on hierarchical order in testing procedure, nominal p<0.001 (major secondary endpoint)

c p=0.006 (major secondary endpoint)

d not formally tested based on hierarchical order in testing procedure, nominal p=0.007 (major secondary endpoint)

e nominal p<0.001

f adjusted mean change

g in subjects with ≥ 3% BSA of Psoriasis and IGA ≥ 2 at baseline

#### Distribution

Mean volume of distribution during the terminal phase  $(V_z)$  following a single intravenous administration to healthy subjects ranged from approximately 7 to 10 L (98 to 123 mL/kg) across studies.

#### **Biotransformation**

The exact pathway through which guselkumab is metabolised has not been characterised. As a human IgG monoclonal antibody, guselkumab is expected to be degraded into small peptides and amino acids via catabolic pathways in the same manner as endogenous IgG.

#### **Excretion**

Mean systemic clearance (CL) following a single intravenous administration to healthy subjects ranged from 0.288 to 0.479 L/day (3.6 to 6.0 mL/day/kg) across studies.

Mean half-life  $(T_{1/2})$  of guselkumab was approximately 17 days in healthy subjects and approximately 15 to 18 days in subjects with plaque psoriasis across studies.

## Linearity/Non-linearity

The systemic exposure of guselkumab (Cmax and AUC) increased in an approximately dose-proportional manner following a single subcutaneous injection at doses ranging from 10 mg to 300 mg in healthy subjects or subjects with plaque psoriasis.

## **Population Pharmacokinetic Analysis**

In a population pharmacokinetic analysis, the apparent clearance (CL/F) and apparent volume of distribution (V/F) were 0.516 L/d and 13.5 L, respectively, and the  $T_{1/2}$  was approximately 18 days in subjects with psoriasis.

In the population pharmacokinetic analysis, the effects of baseline demographics (weight, age, sex, and race), immunogenicity, baseline disease characteristics, comorbidities (past and current history of diabetes, hypertension, and hyperlipidaemia), past use of therapeutic biologics, past use of methotrexate or cyclosporine, concomitant medications (NSAIDs, corticosteroids and conventional synthetic DMARDS such as methotrexate), use of alcohol, or current smoking status, on pharmacokinetics of guselkumab was evaluated. Only the effects of body weight on CL/F and V/F were found to be significant, with a trend towards higher CL/F in heavier subjects. However, subsequent exposure-response modelling analysis suggested that no dose adjustment would be warranted for body weight.

## **Cytochrome P450 Substrates**

The effects of guselkumab on the pharmacokinetics of representative probe substrates of CYP isozymes (midazolam [CYP3A4], warfarin [CYP2C9], omeprazole [CYP2C19], dextromethorphan [CYP2D6], and caffeine [CYP1A2]) were evaluated in subjects with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. Results from this study indicate that changes in  $C_{\text{max}}$  and  $AUC_{\text{inf}}$  of midazolam, S-warfarin, omeprazole, dextromethorphan, and caffeine after a single dose of guselkumab were not clinically relevant (see Section 4.5 Interactions with Other Medicines and Other Forms of Interactions).

There is no need for dose adjustment when co-administering guselkumab and CYP450 substrates.

#### **SPECIAL POPULATIONS**

## **Elderly Patients (>65 years of age and older)**

Of the 1384 plaque psoriasis subjects exposed to TREMFYA in phase III clinical studies and included in the population pharmacokinetic analysis (pop PK), 70 subjects were 65 years of age or older, including 4 subjects who were 75 years of age or older. Population

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pharmacokinetic analyses indicated there were no apparent changes in CL/F estimate in subjects ≥ 65 years of age compared to subjects < 65 years of age, suggesting no dose adjustment is needed for elderly patients. Of the 746 psoriatic arthritis patients exposed to TREMFYA in phase III clinical studies and included in the pop PK analysis, a total of 38 patients were 65 years of age or older, and no patients were 75 years of age and older.

## **Patients with Renal or Hepatic Impairment**

No specific studies have been conducted to determine the effect of renal or hepatic impairment on the pharmacokinetics of guselkumab.

Renal elimination of intact guselkumab, an IgG mAb, is expected to be low and of minor importance; similarly, hepatic impairment is not expected to influence clearance of guselkumab as IgG mAbs are mainly eliminated via intracellular catabolism.

#### 5.3 PRECLINICAL SAFETY DATA

## Genotoxicity

Guselkumab has not been evaluated for genotoxic potential.

## Carcinogenicity

Guselkumab has not been evaluated for carcinogenic potential.

## **6 PHARMACEUTICAL PARTICULARS**

## 6.1 LIST OF EXCIPIENTS

Histidine

Histidine hydrochloride monohydrate

Polysorbate 80

Sucrose

Water for injection.

# **6.2 INCOMPATIBILITIES**

In the absence of compatibility studies, this medicinal product must not be mixed with other medicinal products.

#### 6.3 SHELF LIFE

24 months

## 6.4 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR STORAGE

Store in a refrigerator ( $2^{\circ}C - 8^{\circ}C$ ). Do not freeze. Do not shake.

Keep the pre-filled syringe or pre-filled pen in their original carton until time of use in order to protect from light.

## 6.5 NATURE AND CONTENTS OF CONTAINER

TREMFYA is supplied as a single-use sterile solution in a pre-filled 1mL glass syringe with a fixed 27G, half inch needle assembled in a passive needle guard delivery system or in a pre-filled pen with a passive needle guard enclosed in a patient-controlled injector device.

TREMFYA is available in cartons containing 1 pre-filled syringe or 1 pre-filled pen.

TREMFYA does not contain preservatives.

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# 6.6 SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR DISPOSAL AND OTHER HANDLING

Any unused medicine or waste material should be disposed of by taking to your local pharmacy.

# 7 MEDICINE SCHEDULE

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