

Oral IL-23 Receptor Peptide Antagonist JNJ-2113:

*The Journey from De Novo Discovery to
Phase 3 Clinical Development Program*

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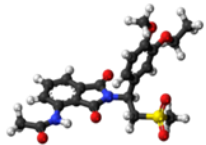
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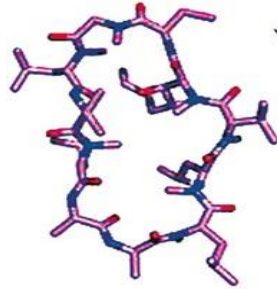
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Peptides

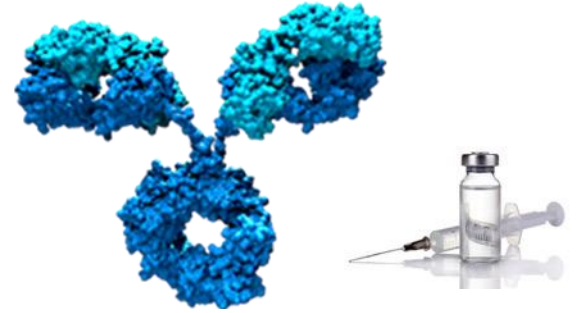
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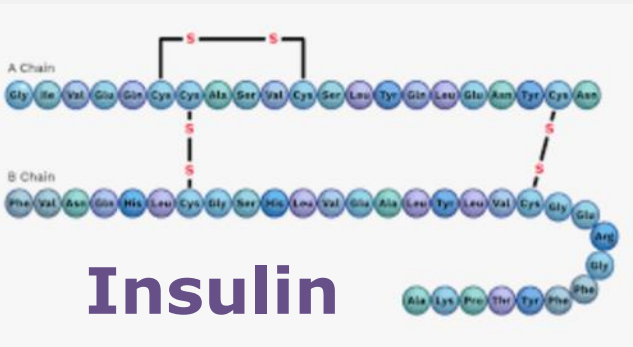
Small Molecule
MW <0.5 Kd



Peptide
MW ~1-5 Kd



Biologics
MW ~100-300 Kd



Insulin

once weekly
mounjaro[®]
(tirzepatide) injection 0.5 mL
2.5 mg | 5 mg | 7.5 mg | 10 mg | 12.5 mg | 15 mg

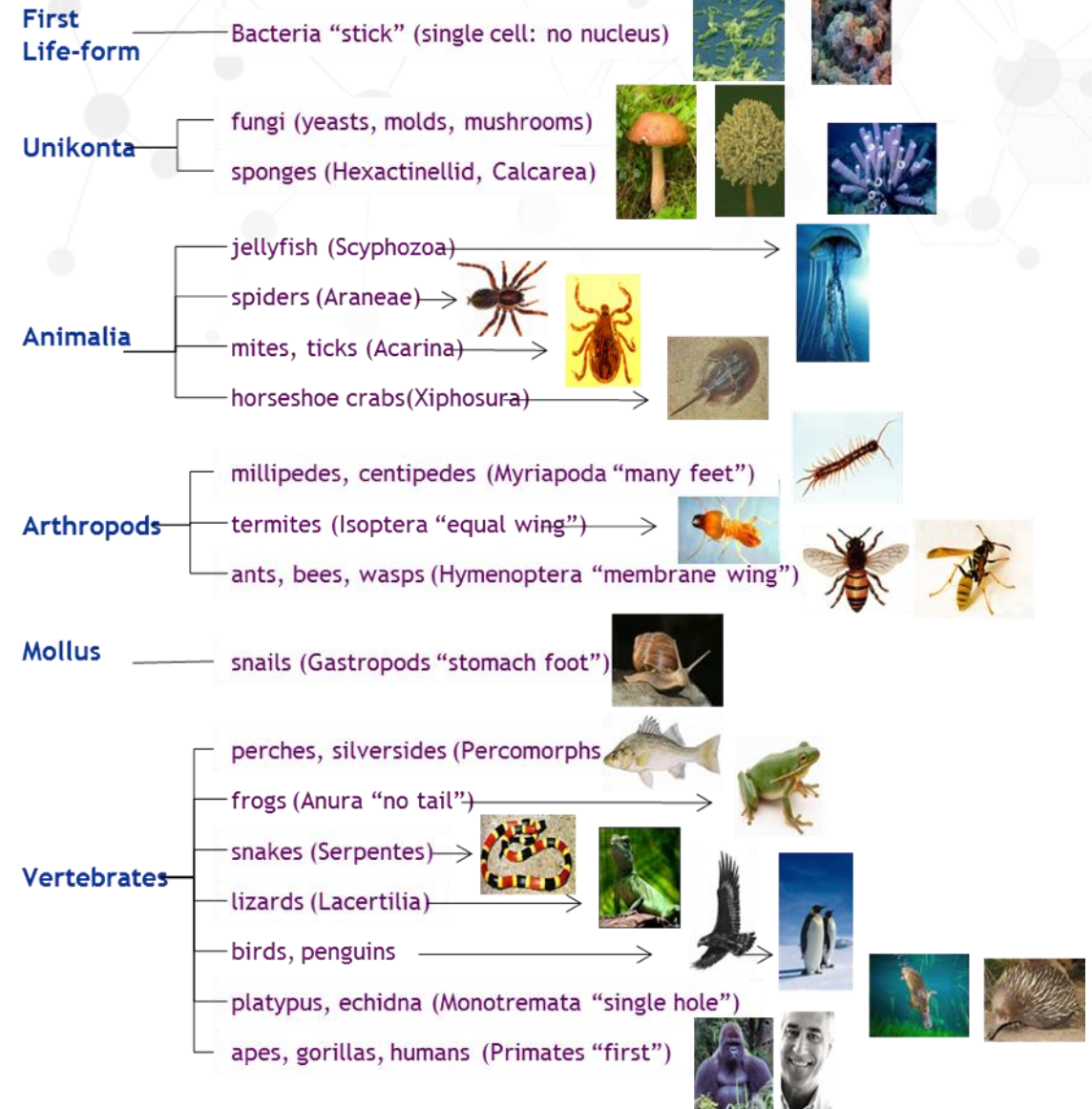
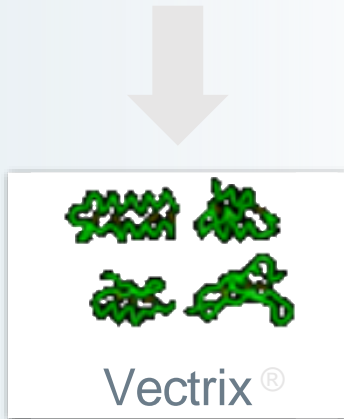
ONCE-WEEKLY
wegovy[™]
semaglutide injection **2.4 mg**

Peptides-based De Novo Drug Discovery

Where to Start?

Mother Nature: Disulfide Rich Peptides (DRPs)

- Immense scaffold **diversity**
- Multiple recognition surfaces
 - Biologics like **potency** and specificity
- Rigid, constrained, knotted
 - Small molecule-like **stability**



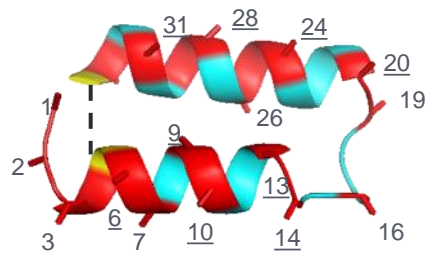
Peptides-based Medicine

Injectable Peptides vs. Injectable Antibodies



IL-6 Peptide Antagonists

Collaboration with Ironwood Pharmaceuticals (2011-14)

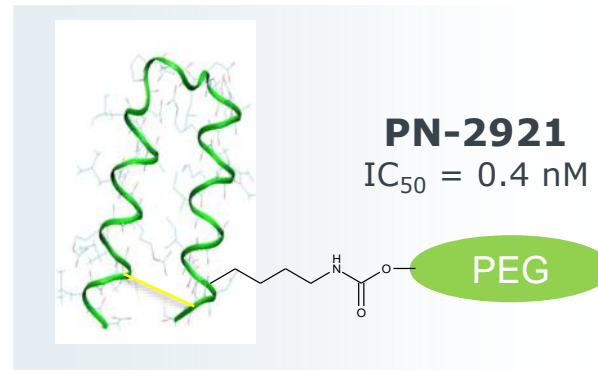


ZDC Scaffold

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>1400
peptides
3 years



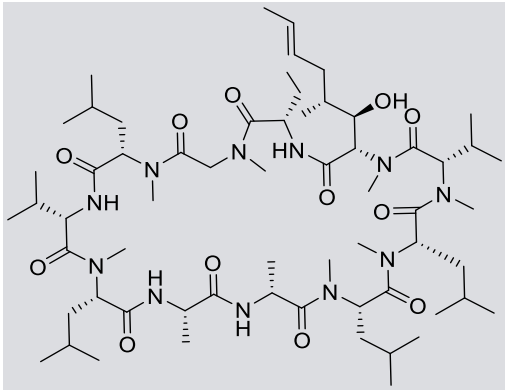
ACTEMRA®
tocilizumab



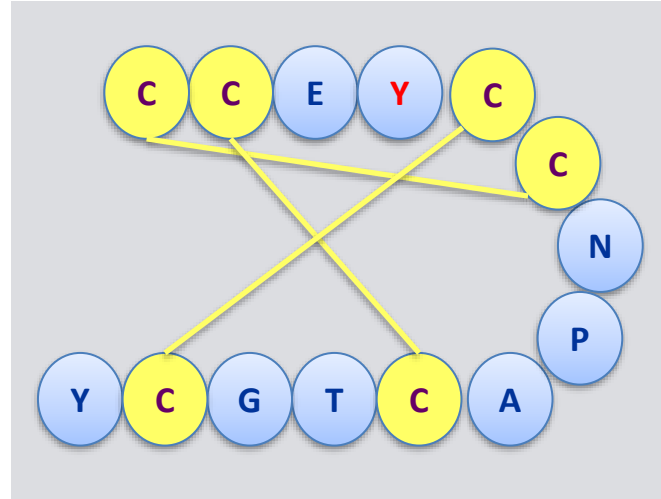
IL-6R antagonist
Castleman's disease

Oral Peptides

The Holy Grail



Cyclosporine



Linacotide



Semaglutide

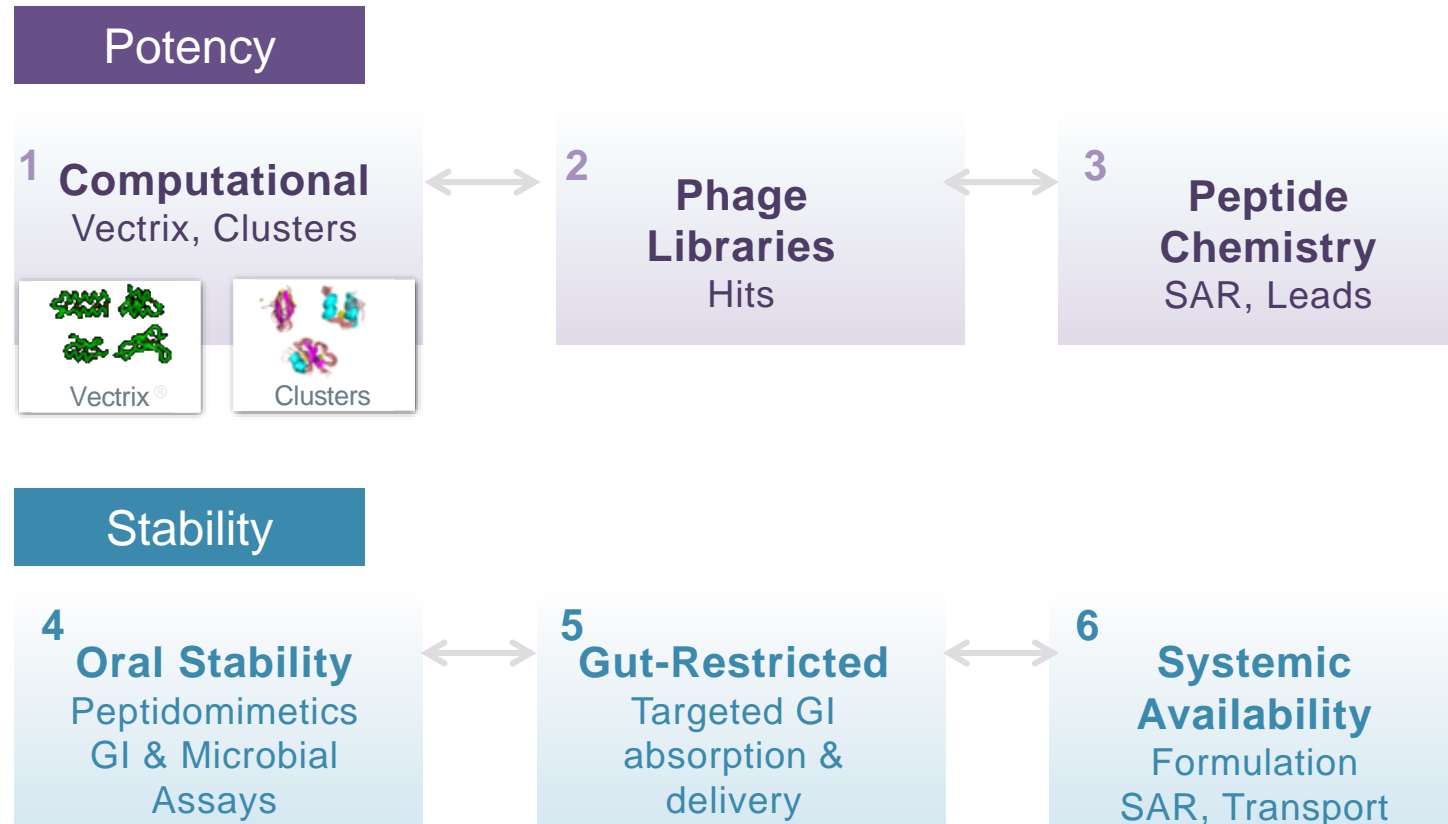
Rybelsus®: oral, diabetes

Ozempic®: sc, diabetes

Wegovy®: sc, Obesity

Peptide Technology Platform

Towards Oral Peptides



Peptides-based Medicine

ORAL Peptides vs. Injectable Antibodies

Inflammation & Immunomodulatory Diseases

Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriasis, Psoriatic Arthritis, IBD (Crohn's, UC)

Injectable Antibody Drugs



TNF



$\alpha 4 \beta 7$ -Integrin



IL-12/23



IL-23



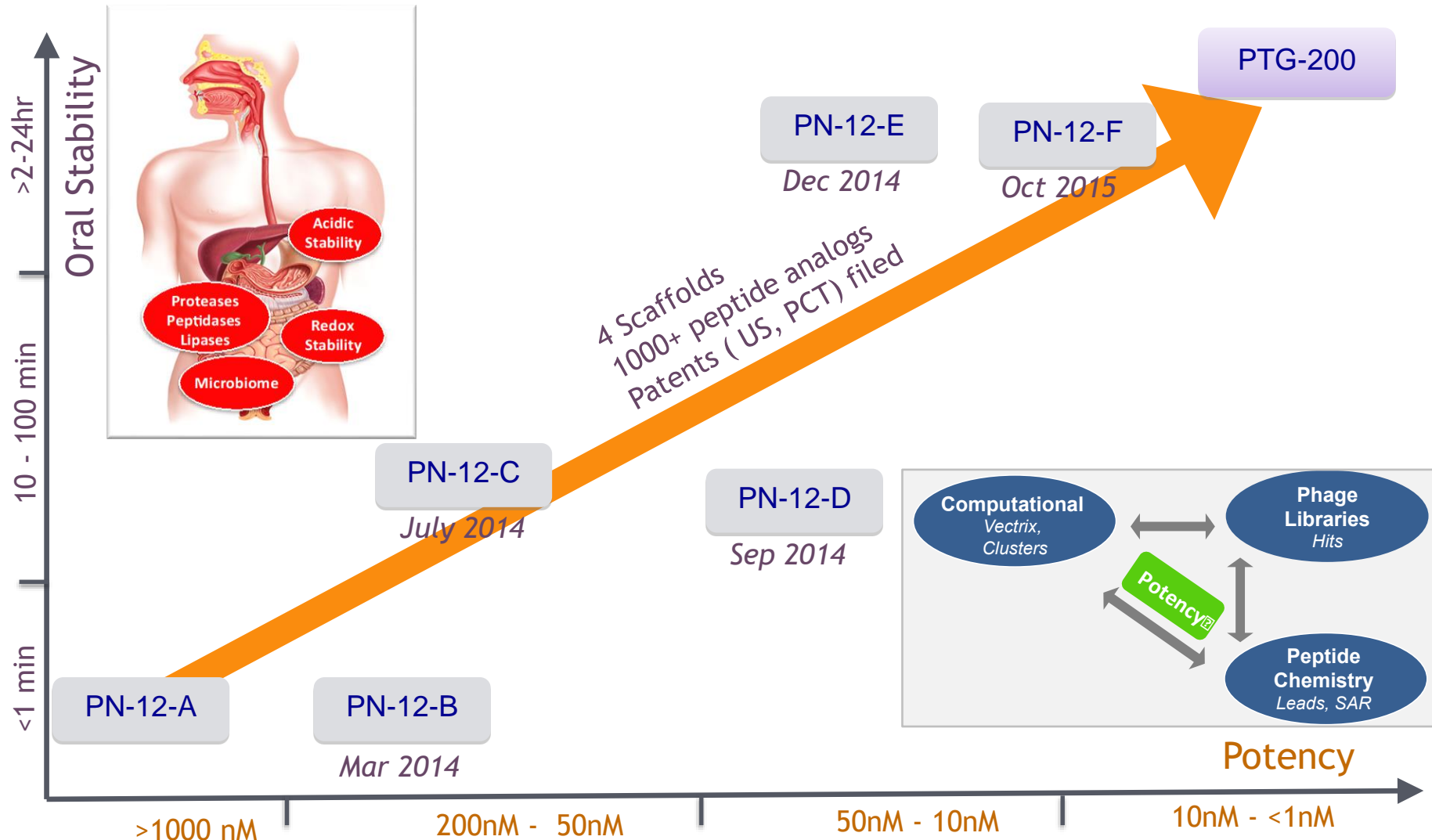
Protagonist Oral Peptide Discovery Programs

**Oral
 $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ -
integrin
antagonist**

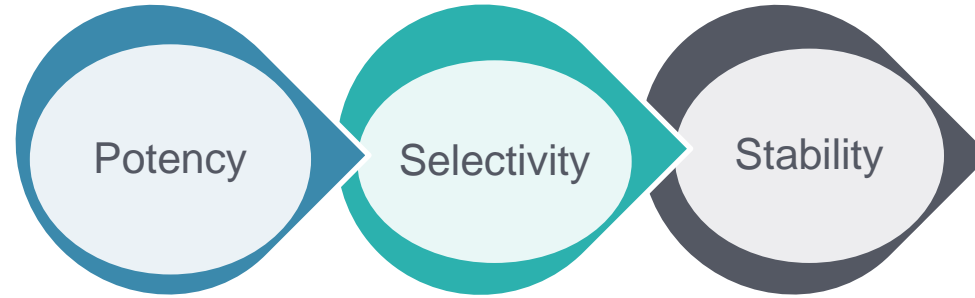
**Oral
IL-23
receptor
antagonist**

IL-23R Antagonist Lead Discovery and Optimization

2013-2015: Optimizing Potency and Oral Stability



PTG-200: Potent, Selective and Stable IL-23R Antagonist



Peptide	ELISA (nM)			Cell assay (nM)			Selectivity (ELISA, nM)		Stability (t _{1/2} , hr)		
	Hu	Cyno	Rat	Hu DB Cell (pSTAT3)	Hu NK cell	Rat (Spleen)	IL-12 R β 1	IL-6/IL-6R	SIF*	SGF*	HIF*
PTG-200	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.6	2.2	18.3	>100,000	>100,000	12	6	24

*SIF: simulated intestinal fluid

*SGF: simulated gastric fluid

*HIF: human intestinal fluid

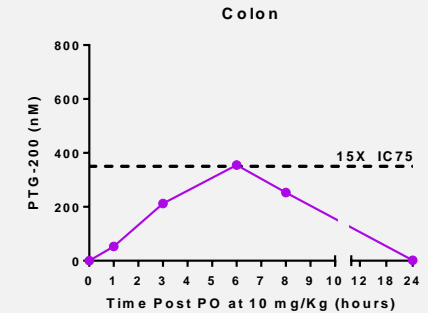
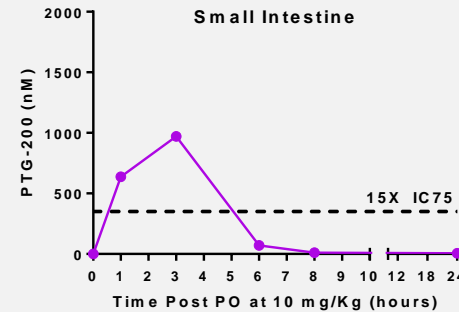
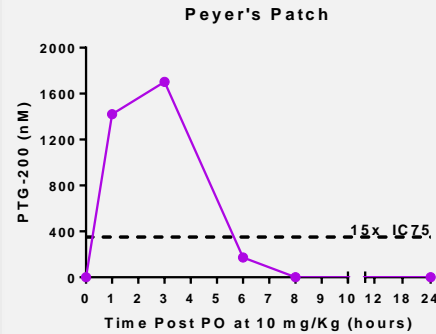
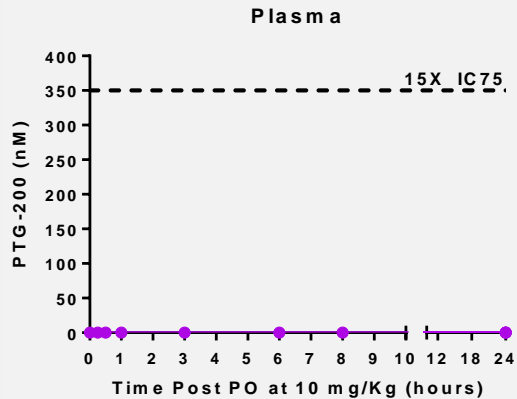
PTG-200: Gut-Restricted, High GI Content, Orally Stable

Gut-restricted Peptide with excellent Gastro-intestinal exposure

Minimal systemic exposure

GI-Exposure

PK
Gut-restricted



PTG-200: Pre-Clinical POC in Acute Colitis Rat Study

Dose-dependent Reduction in Ulcerations

- Dose-dependent attenuation of disease parameters
 - Body weight change
 - Colon macroscopic score
 - Colon weight/length ratio
 - Histopathology
- Reduction in IL-23 directed cytokine/disease biomarkers

Vehicle/Disease



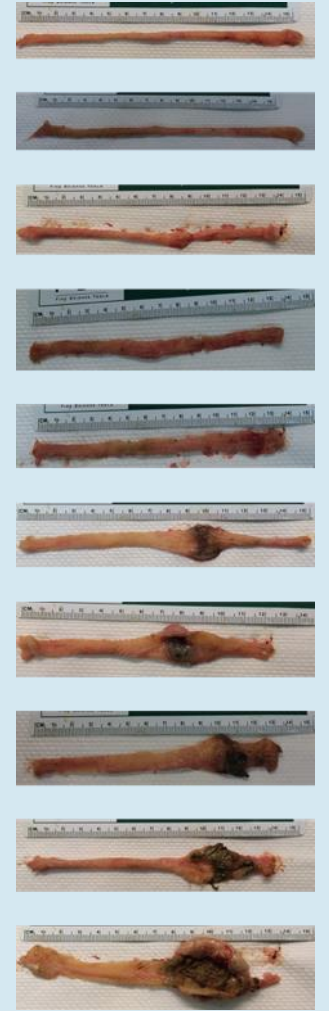
Anti-IL-23p19



28 mpk/day



61 mpk/day



Protagonist-Janssen Oral, IL-23R Antagonist Collaboration

2017-Present



Collaboration overview

- Initiated in **2017** with I&I market leader **Janssen Biotech**¹
- 1st generation development candidate: **PTG-200**
- Joint discovery & development efforts
 - Protagonist responsible for pre-clinical and Phase 1 studies
 - Janssen responsible for further development
- Earned \$112.5M in upfront & milestones; eligible for up to \$855M in future milestones
- Upward-tiering 6-10% royalties

Significant market potential for oral IL-23R antagonist

- Potential indications include **psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, IBD (ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease)**¹

Oral agents expected to contribute to market growth

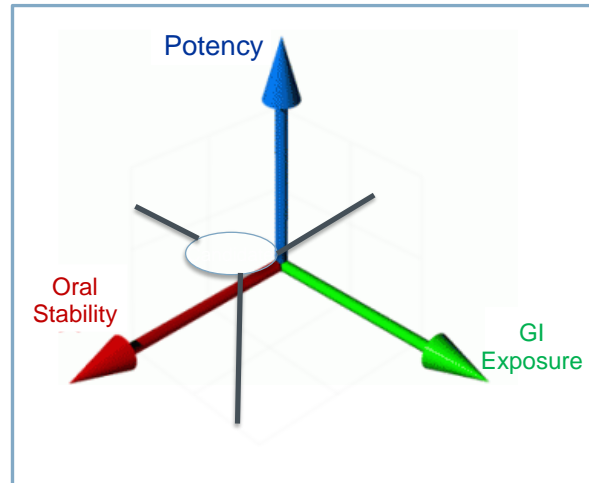
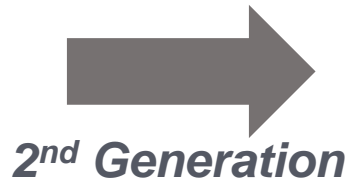
- Substantial portion of patients untreated with current standard of care
- Despite strong efficacy, biologics associated with safety concerns, loss of response, inconvenient administration, highlighting the need for safe and effective oral options^{2,3}

Protagonist Therapeutics

1st and 2nd Generation Oral IL-23 Receptor Antagonist Peptides

PTG-200

- Good potency (~2 nM) and selectivity
- Adequate oral stability
- Gut-restricted activity
- 2017-18: Ph1 study
- 2019-21: Ph2 Crohn's study



PN-235
Now
JNJ-2113

- **>1000-fold more potent** vs. PTG-200
- Excellent oral stability
 - >20% fecal recovery after 24h in cynos
- **Systemically active**
- Pre-clinical POC
 - Rat TNBS colitis model
 - Rat skin inflammation model
- 2020-21: Ph1 study
- **2022-23: Ph2b Psoriasis study**
- 2023: Initiation of Ph3 psoriasis studies
- 2023: Initiation of Ph2b UC study

JNJ-2113 FRONTIER 1 Phase 2b Plaque Psoriasis (PsO) Study

A Phase 2b multicenter, randomized, placebo controlled, dose-ranging study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of JNJ-2113 for the treatment of moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis

Adult Patients with PP

N=255

Eligibility:

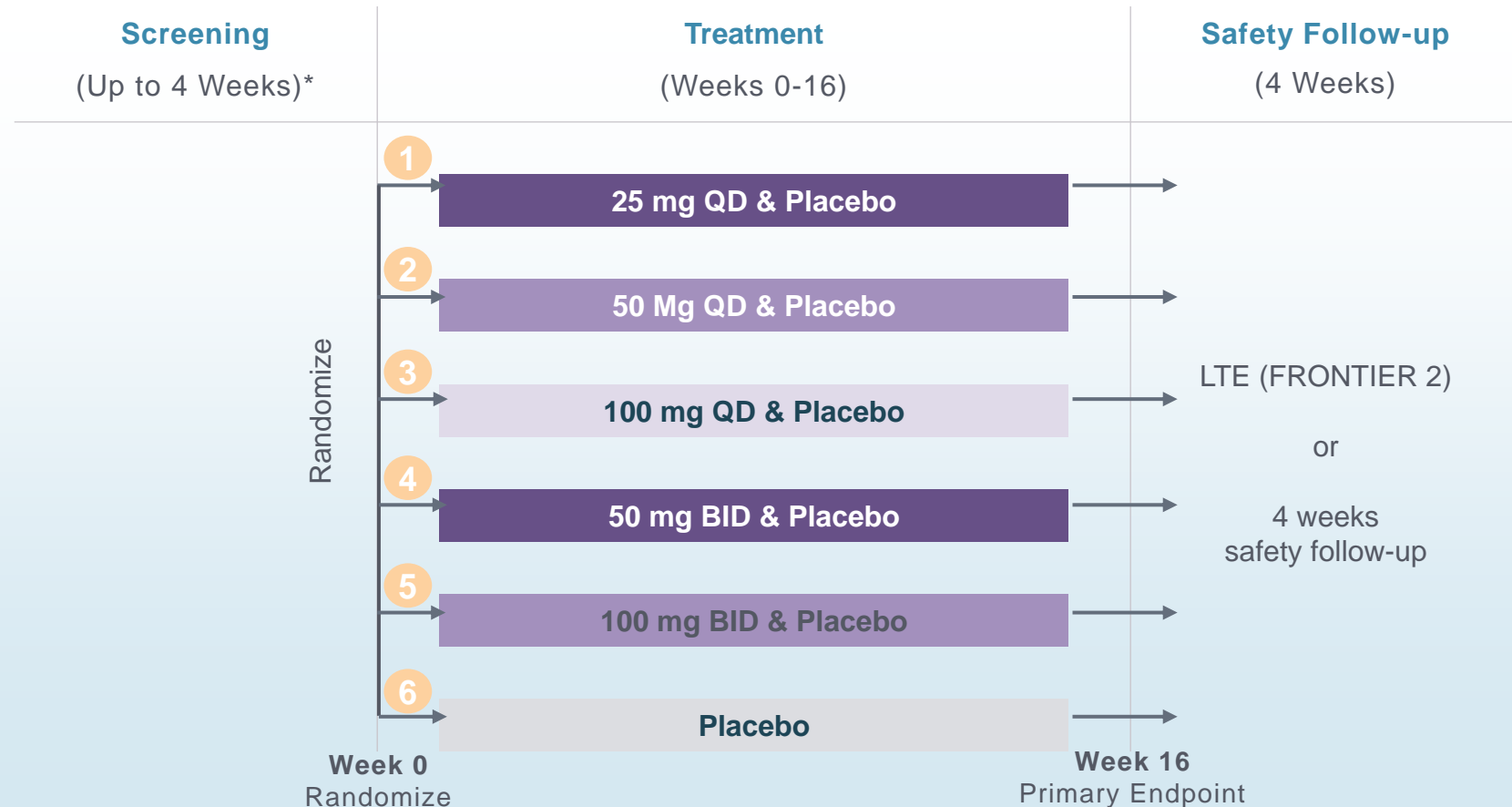
- Moderate – Severe PP

Inclusion:

- BSA $\geq 10\%$
- PASI ≥ 12

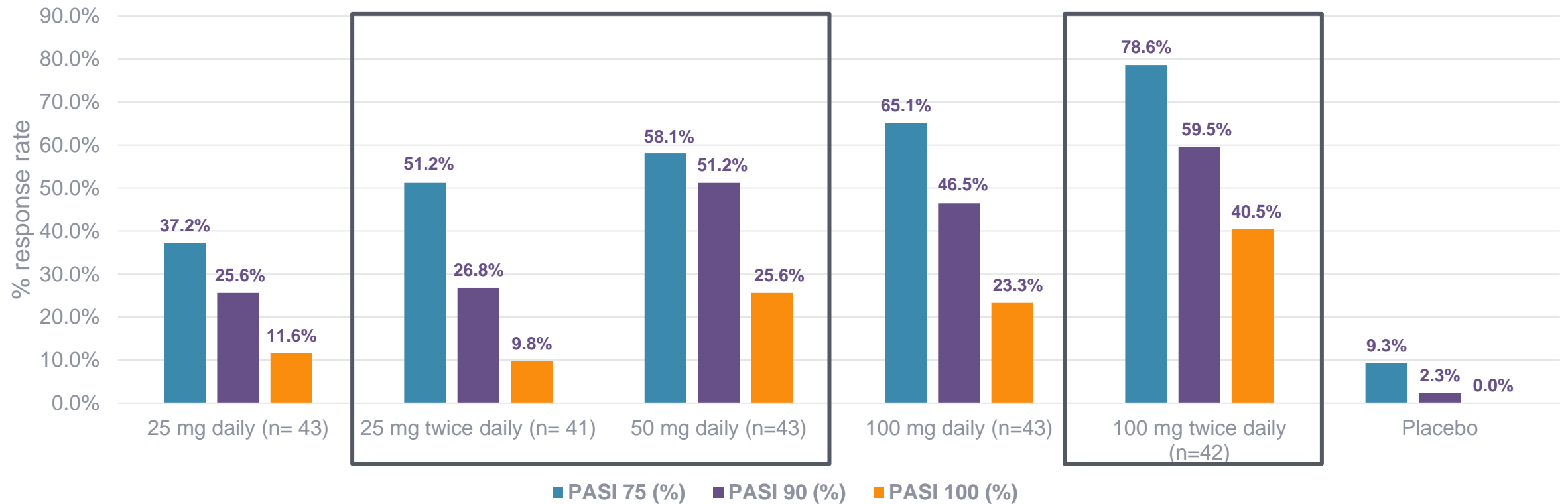
Primary endpoint:

- PASI ≥ 75 at Week 16



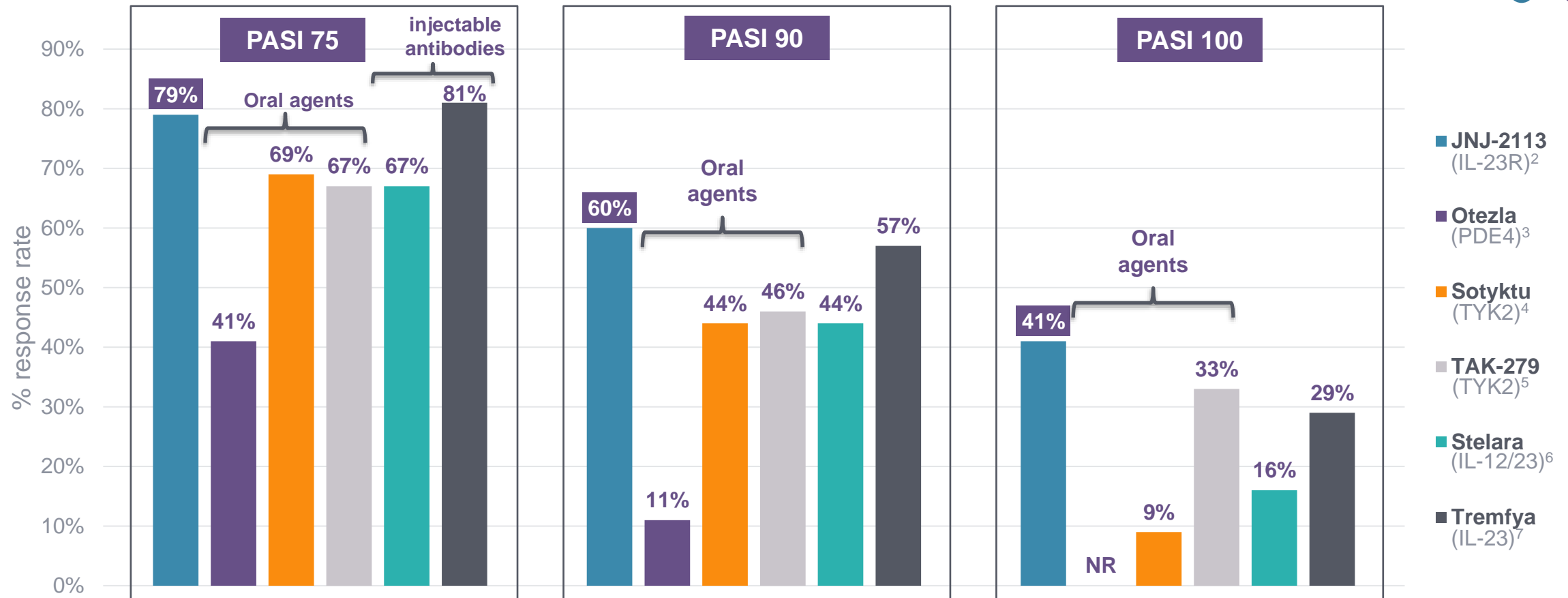
JNJ-2113 Phase 2B Frontier 1 Data

Dose Response



- Clear, linear dose-response
- Once daily dosing appears more efficacious in comparison to twice daily dosing

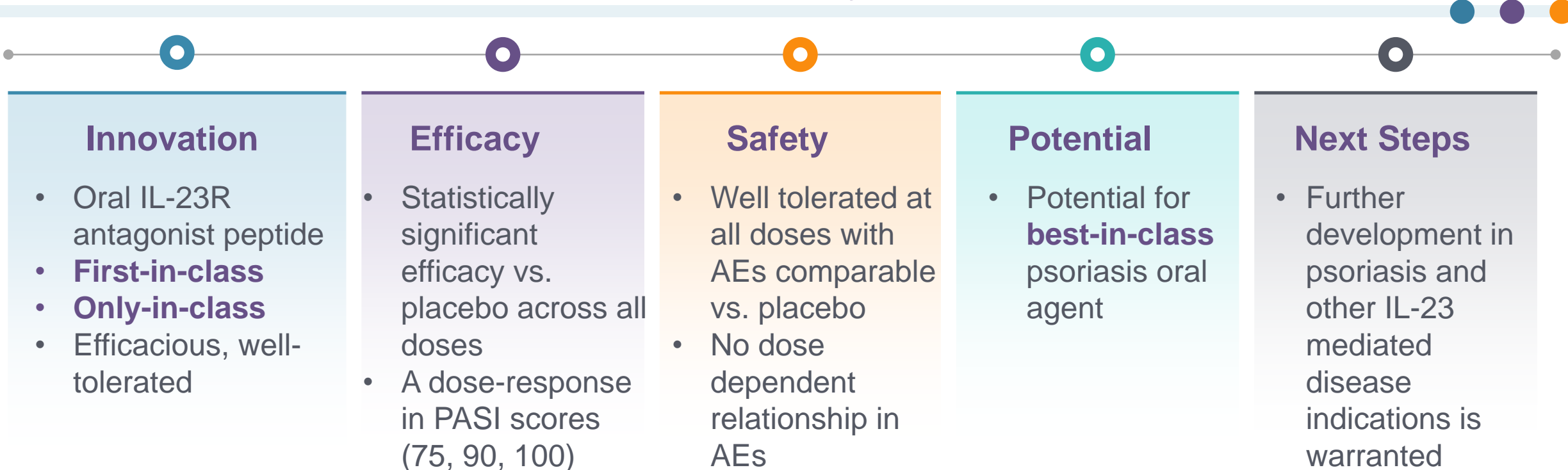
Cross-Study Comparison of JNJ-2113 to Clinically Relevant Phase 2 Benchmarks¹



1. Cross trial (not head-to-head) comparisons
2. JNJ2113 100 mg bid dose. Wk 16 endpoint (Placebo: PASI 75: 9.3%, PASI 90: 2.3%, PASI 100: 0%)
3. Otezla 30 mg qd approved dose. Week 16 primary endpoint. Papp K et al. Lancet 2012; 380: 738–46. (Placebo: PASI 75: 5.7%, PASI 90: 1.1%, PASI 100: NR)
4. Sotyktu 3 mg bid dose (6 mg qd dose approved). Wk 12 primary endpoint. Papp K et al. N Engl J Med 2018; 379:1313-1321. (Placebo: PASI 75: 7%, PASI 90: 2%, PASI 100: 0%)
5. TAK-279 30 mg qd dose (Expected phase 3 dose). Wk 12 primary endpoint. AAD 2023. (Placebo: PASI 75: 5.8%, PASI 90: 0%, PASI 100: 0%)
6. Stelara 45 mg wklly x 4 (~approved 90 mg week 0 and 2 approved dose). Wk 12 primary endpoint. Krueger et al. N Engl J Med 2007;356:580-92. (Placebo: PASI 75: 2%, PASI 90: 2%, PASI 100: 0%)
7. Tremfya 200 mg wk 0, 4, then q 8 wks (approved dose 100 mg wk 0, 4 then q 8 wks). Wk 16 primary endpoint. Gordon KB et al. N Engl J Med 2015;373:136-44. (Placebo: PASI 75: 5%, PASI 90: 2%, PASI 100: 0%)

JNJ-2113 (formerly PN-235):

Conclusions from Phase 2b FRONTIER 1 Psoriasis Study and Next Steps



JNJ-2113 is a first-, and only-in-class oral IL-23 receptor antagonist peptide with a potential for best-in-class oral psoriasis agent

JNJ-2113

Multiple Clinical Studies with Multiple Shots on Goal

Study	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Key Milestones
NCT04621630	Ph1 in NHVs			• Ph1 PK study in NHVs in Australia
NCT05062200	Ph1 in NHVs			• Ph1 in healthy Japanese/Chinese participants
NCT05703841	Ph1 in NHVs			• Ph1 study in healthy adult Chinese participants
FRONTIER 1	Ph2b in Psoriasis			• 255-patient psoriasis study completed
FRONTIER 2	Ph2b in Psoriasis			• LTE study of FRONTIER 1
SUMMIT	Ph2a in Psoriasis			• 90-patient psoriasis delayed release formulation
ICONIC-LEAD	Ph3 in Psoriasis			• Oct '23 ; PASI90 & IGA 0/1
ICONIC-TOTAL	Ph3 in Psoriasis			• Oct '23 ; special areas IGA 0/1
Planned	New Psoriasis studies			• New psoriasis studies planned
ANTHEM-UC	Ph2 in UC			• Initiated Oct '23

Protagonist Therapeutics

Peptides-based Medicine



Innovation

- Validated peptide technology platform
- Two phase 3 assets
 - **JNJ-2113: Oral, IL-23R antagonist peptide in Ph3 study in psoriasis**
 - ***Rusfertide: Hepcidin mimetic injectable peptide (qw) in ph3 study in polycythemia vera***

Resilience

- IL-6 antagonist program: **Injectable peptide vs injectable antibody**
- IL-23 receptor antagonist program
 - 1st Generation **PTG-200: Oral, gut-restricted peptide**
 - 2nd Generation **JNJ-2113: Oral, systemically available peptide** in Ph3 study in psoriasis

Differentiation

- **JNJ-2113: First-in-class, only-in-class, oral, IL-23 receptor antagonist**
- ***Rusfertide: First-in-class erythrocytosis specific agent***

Thank you

