

Cosentyx in psoriasis

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Confirmatory & exploratory

We Need Both Exploratory and Confirmatory

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Summary

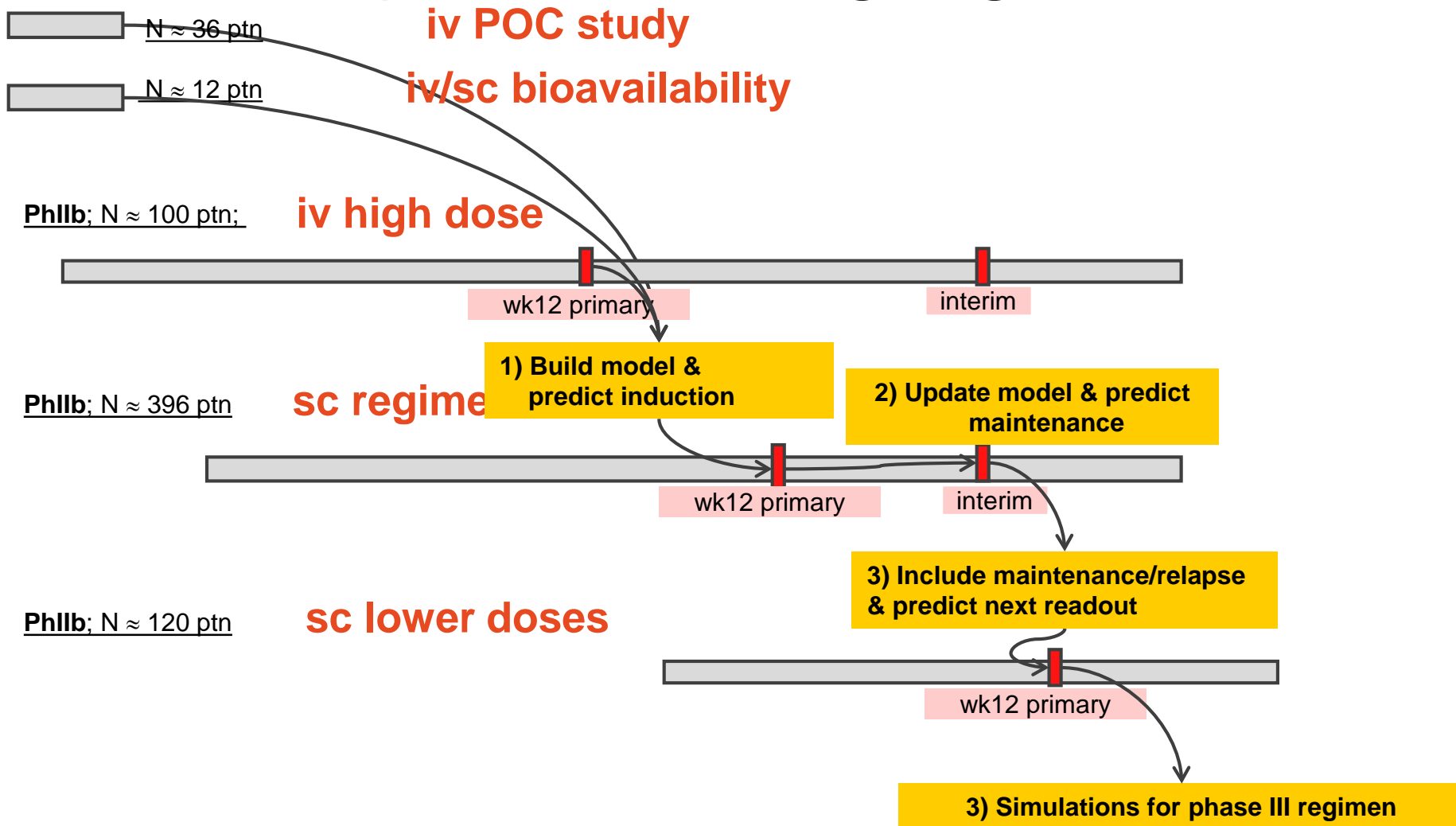
- Development program relied on complementary approaches: exploratory pharmacometric analysis and confirmatory statistics
- Simulations based on pharmacometric model allowed to go into phase III with two dosing regimens that had not been tested previously
- Efficacy and safety (and model-based predictions) for these regimens were confirmed in phase III
- Secukinumab (Cosentyx) has since been approved for moderate to severe psoriasis in US, EU and many other countries

Comprehensive development program

Nine studies in ~4,000 psoriasis patients

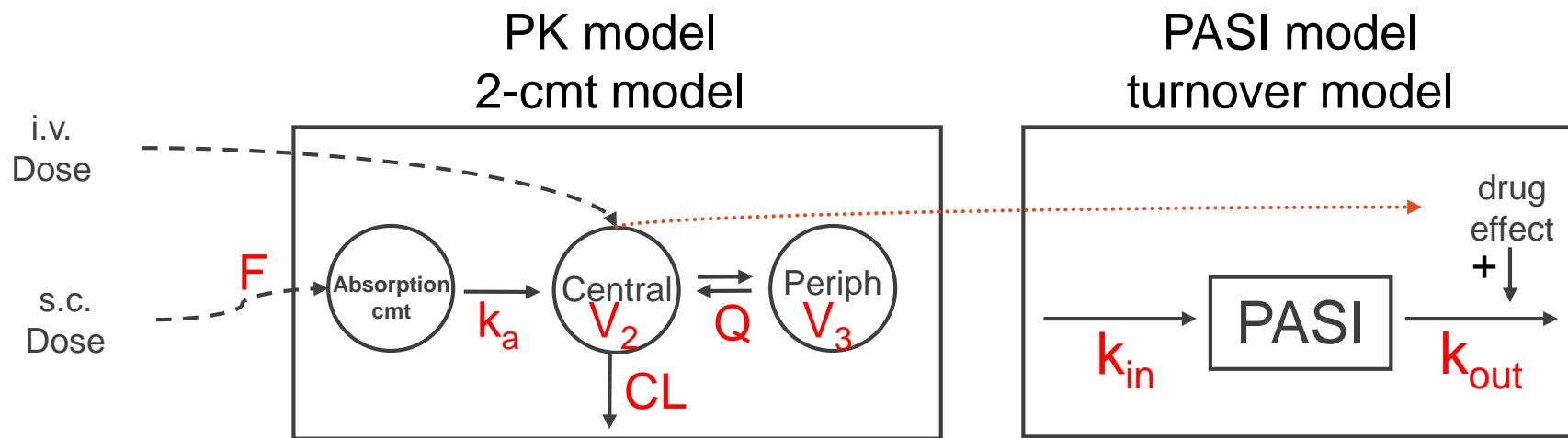
Phase	Study*	Description	Secukinumab Dosing Regimen	Number of Psoriasis Patients
Ph II	A2102	Proof of concept (i.v.)	1 x 3 mg/kg	570
	A2220	Low dose-ranging (s.c.)	25, 75, or 150 mg (1x or monthly)	
	A2212	High dose ranging (i.v.)	3 or 10 mg/kg (1x or 3x)	
	A2211	Regimen finding: with/without loading (s.c.)	150 mg (1x, monthly, or "early")	
Ph III	A2302	Placebo controlled	?	3369
	A2303	Placebo and etanercept controlled		
	A2308	Prefilled syringe		
	A2309	Autoinjector		
	A2304	Fixed vs. start-of-relapse		

Iterative modeling & predictions to choose phase 3 dosing regimens



D-E-R relation described by pharmacometric PK/PD model

Dose \longrightarrow Exposure \longrightarrow Response



- Model describes dose-exposure-response relationship by compartments (using differential equations) and mixed effects (to characterize variability)
- Model validation by goodness-of-fit, visual predictive checks, and prospective prediction

Phase 2 data made modeling necessary and feasible

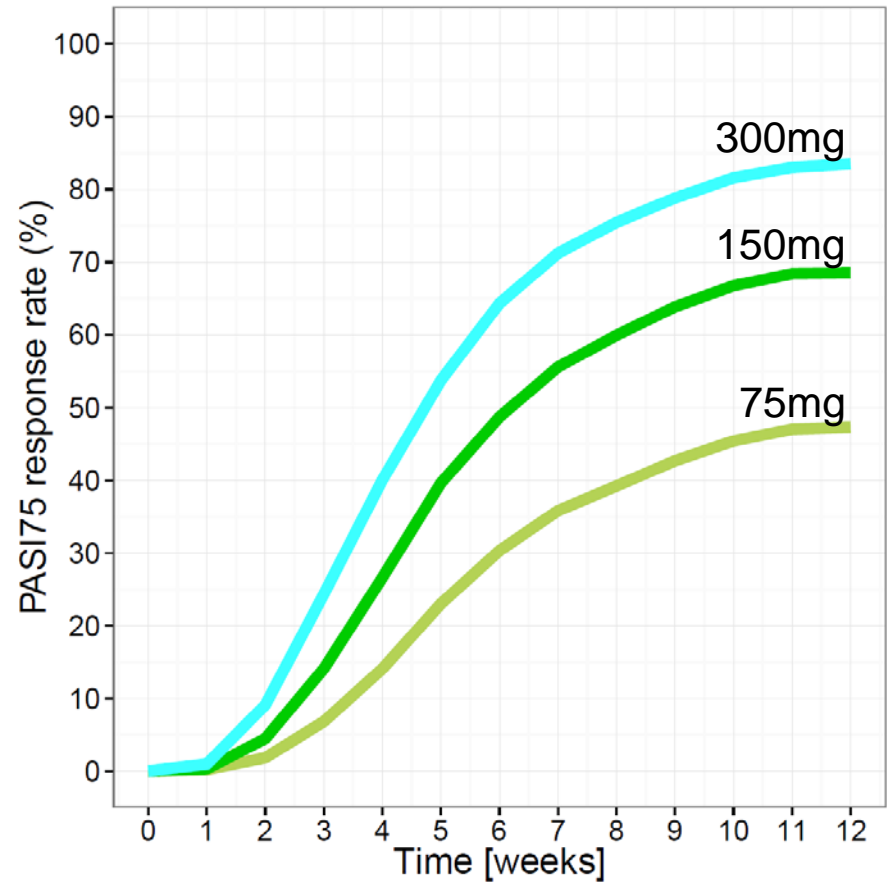
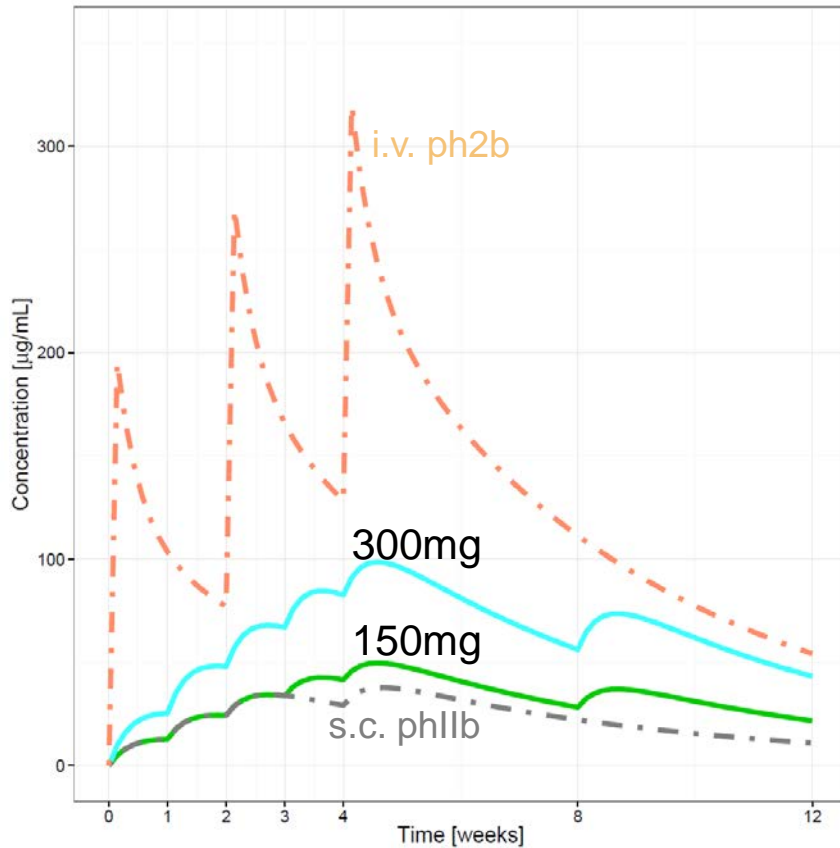
Program benefit from modeling

- Bridging across routes, doses, regimens, studies
- Primary endpoint (wk 12) not at steady-state & delay in response
- Optimizing onset, maximum response, maintenance
- Combinatorial optimization of complex regimens not feasible in studies

Modeling benefit from program

- Well-behaved endpoint
- Wide dynamic range of inputs and exposure
- Staggered studies allow iterative modeling building and qualification

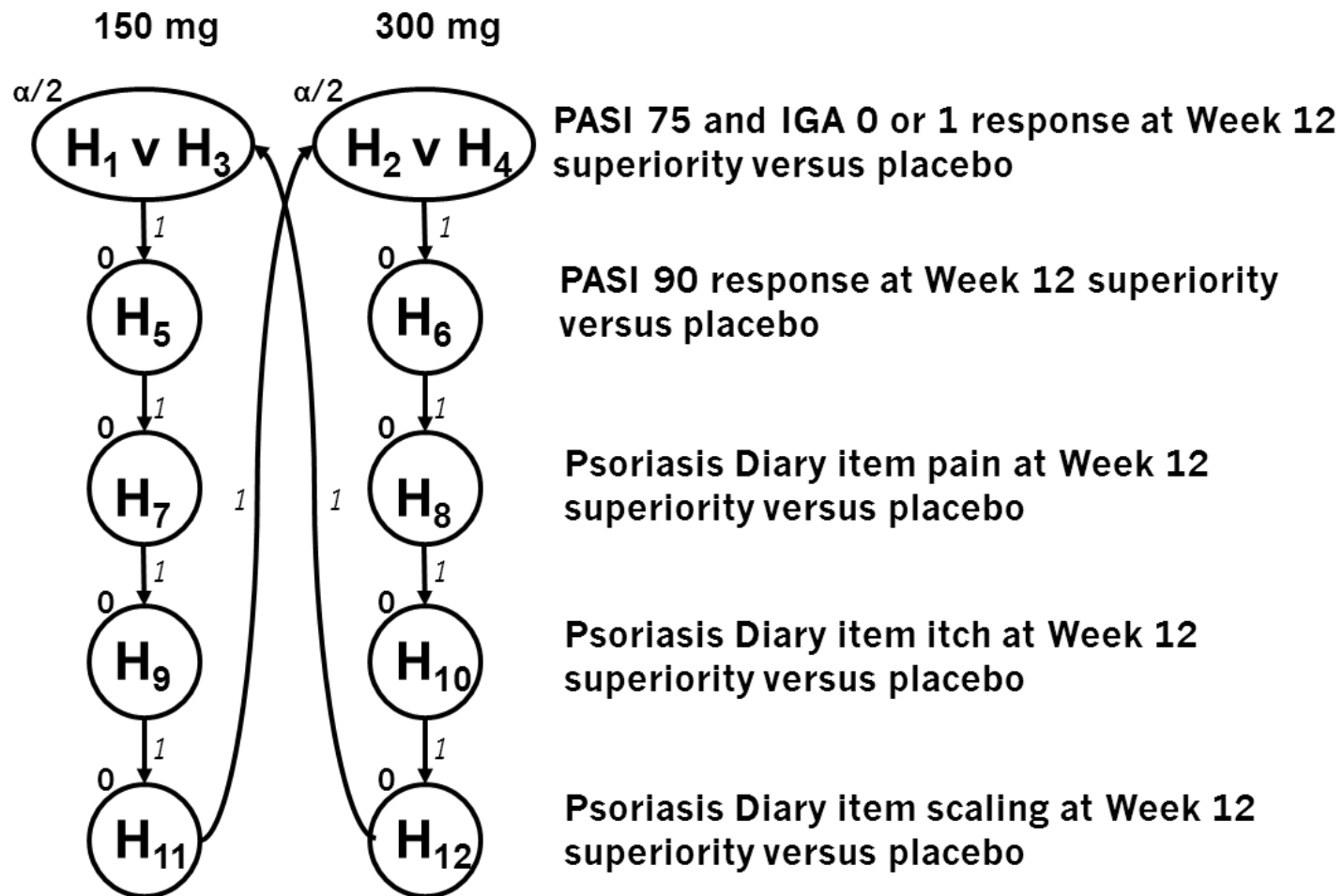
Predictions suggested optimized performance for selected regimens



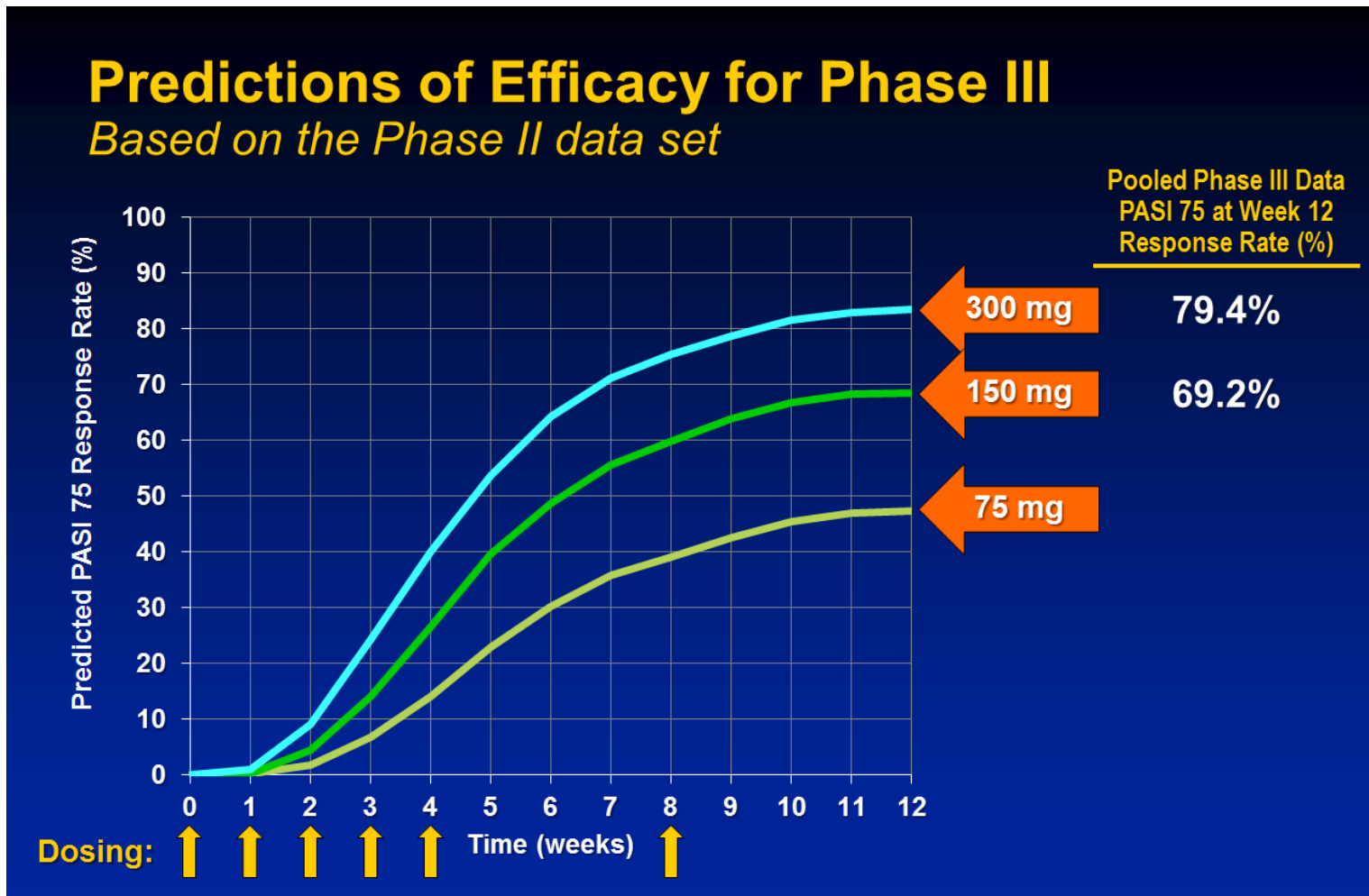
Various endpoints to be included in Phase 3 trials for competitive labeling

Endpoint	Measure
Co-primary Endpoints	Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) 75 response Investigator Global Assessment: clear or almost clear skin
Key Secondary Endpoints	PASI 90 response Psoriasis Patient Diary: itch, scaling, pain
Important Secondary Endpoints	PASI 100 response Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI)

Endpoints ordered by clinical importance in Phase 3 testing strategy

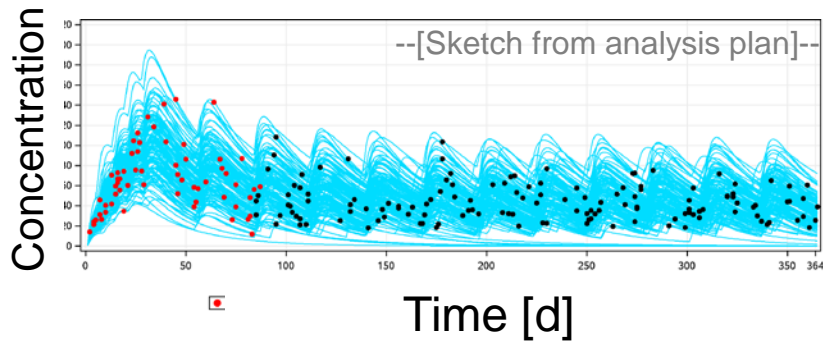


Confirmation of predictions



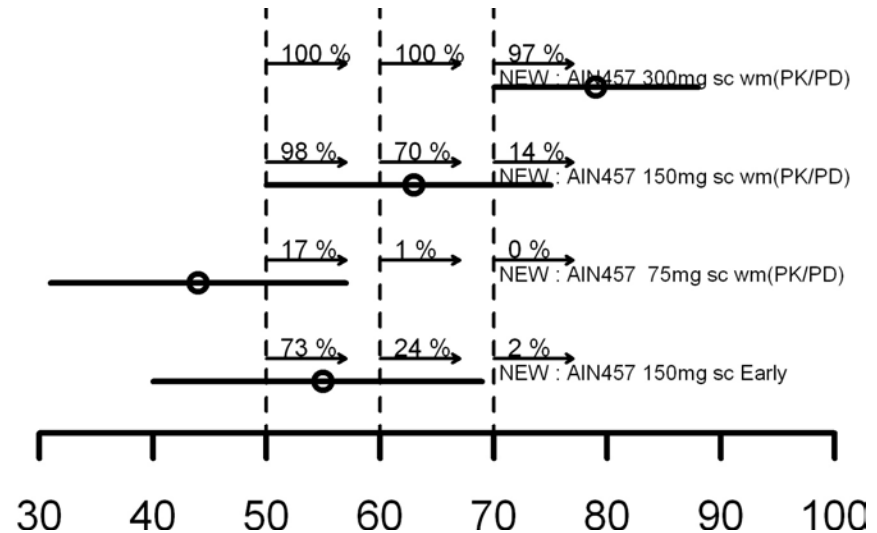
Further applications of PKPD modelling: exposure-AE, PoS calculations

- Exposure-AE



Nasopharyngitis (PT),
300mg group

- Probability of success



Collaboration

How to make it work

- Learn
- Share information / include
- Be open-minded
- Respect



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quantitative drug developers

Thank you

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