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**Johnson & Johnson showcases innovation and leadership in rheumatology at EULAR 2024 Congress**

*30 abstracts highlight the company’s robust portfolio and commitment to improving outcomes for patients with immune-mediated diseases*

*Features positive results from a Phase 2 study of nipocalimab in Sjögren’s disease as a late-breaking oral presentation*

**SPRING HOUSE, Pa. (June 7, 2024)** – Johnson & Johnson announced today new clinical and investigational data will be featured across 30 abstracts at the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology (EULAR) 2024 Congress (Vienna, Austria, June 12-15). Among the accepted data, 21 abstracts and presentations will feature TREMFYA® (guselkumab) and nine will feature nipocalimab, including a late-breaking abstract on new positive Phase 2 data in Sjögren’s disease.

“It is estimated that one in 10 individuals are living with an immune-mediated rheumatic disease. There is a clear need for additional treatment options that deliver sustained remission for patients,” said Terence Rooney, Vice President, Rheumatology Disease Area Leader, Johnson & Johnson Innovative Medicine.<sup>1</sup> “The breadth of data to be presented at EULAR underscores our unwavering commitment to advance science and deliver transformational therapies for patients with rheumatic disease.”

With a nearly 30-year legacy pioneering the science of immunology, Johnson & Johnson continues to build upon its commitment to advance the field of rheumatology and is proud to present the latest data from the portfolio and pipeline at EULAR, which include:

<b>Guselkumab</b>		
<i>Psoriatic arthritis, plaque psoriasis</i>		
<b>Poster/ Presentation #</b>	<b>Abstract Name</b>	<b>Presentation Time</b>
AB0426	<a href="#">Longitudinal Evaluation of Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio in Guselkumab-Treated Patients with Psoriatic Disease and Levels of Systemic Inflammation Associated with Elevated Cardiovascular Risk: Post hoc Analysis of 4 Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Studies</a>	Book only
AB0431	<a href="#">Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Abnormalities in Patients with Psoriasis at High Risk of Progression to Psoriatic Arthritis</a>	Book only
<i>Psoriatic arthritis</i>		
AB0401	<a href="#">Effects of Guselkumab on cDAPSA Disease Activity State and Its Association with Long-Term Radiographic Progression in a Cohort of Patients with Moderately-Highly Active Psoriatic Arthritis: Post Hoc Analyses of Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Studies</a>	Book only
POS0254	<a href="#">A Novel Composite Endpoint Including Low Peripheral Joint Disease Activity State and Clear/Almost Clear Skin in Patients with Active Psoriatic Arthritis: Post Hoc Analyses of 2 Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Studies</a>	Poster tour Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
AB0472	<a href="#">Efficacy of Guselkumab in Bionative Psoriatic Arthritis Patients with Severe Disease Activity: Post-hoc Analysis of a Phase 3, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled Study</a>	Book only
POS0249	<a href="#">Associations Between Clinical Characteristics and Screening MRI Findings: Exploratory Analysis of the Ongoing Phase 4, Multicenter, Randomized, Controlled</a>	Poster tour Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST

	<a href="#">STAR Study of Biologic-naïve Patients with PsA with MRI-confirmed Axial Involvement</a>	
AB0438	<a href="#">Baseline Characteristics of Real-World Psoriatic Arthritis Patients Treated with Guselkumab or IL-17 Inhibitors: Results from the Ongoing Multinational PsABIONd Study</a>	Book only
POS0943	<a href="#">Guselkumab Provides Durable Improvements in Pain Among Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis and an Inadequate Response to TNFi: COSMOS Phase 3b Trial</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
POS0322	<a href="#">Guselkumab Binding to CD64+ IL-23–Producing Myeloid Cells Enhances Potency for Neutralizing IL-23 Signaling</a>	Poster tour Friday, June 14 12:00-13:30 CEST
POS0966	<a href="#">Psoriatic Arthritis Patient Profiles are Different Between Randomised Controlled Trials of Biological Disease-Modifying Antirheumatic Drugs and a Real-World Study Over the Same Timeframe (PsABio) – a Literature Review with Meta-Analysis</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30 - 10:30 CEST
AB0410	<a href="#">Comparison of On-Label Treatment Persistence in Real-World Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis Receiving Guselkumab versus Subcutaneous TNF Inhibitors</a>	Book only
POS0984	<a href="#">Comparison of On-Label Treatment Persistence in Real-World Patients with Psoriatic Arthritis Receiving Guselkumab versus Subcutaneous IL-17A Inhibitors</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
AB1668-PARE	<a href="#">Improvements in Patient-Reported Outcomes Through 6 Months of Guselkumab Treatment in Patients with Active Psoriatic Arthritis: Real-World Data from the CorEvitas Psoriatic Arthritis/Spondyloarthritis Registry</a>	Book only
POS0983	<a href="#">Pooled Analysis of Three Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Studies to Longitudinally Evaluate the Novel Psoriatic Arthritis 5-Thermometer Scale (PsA-5Ts) Domains During Guselkumab Treatment</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
AB0491	<a href="#">Efficacy of Guselkumab in Early-Onset and Late-Onset Psoriatic Arthritis: Post hoc Pooled Analyses of Two Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Trials in Patients with Active Psoriatic Arthritis</a>	Book only
AB0480	<a href="#">Early Fatigue Improvement with Guselkumab Associates with Longer Term Disease Control in Patients with Active Psoriatic Arthritis Reporting Substantial Fatigue: Post Hoc Analyses of a Sub-Population of a Phase 3, Randomized, Controlled Trial of Guselkumab in Biologic-Naïve Patients</a>	Book only
AB0412	<a href="#">Guselkumab Provides Clinically Meaningful Improvements in Patient-Reported Outcomes in Patients with Active Psoriatic Arthritis who are Inadequate Responders to Tumour Necrosis Factor Inhibitors: Results Through One Year of a Phase 3b, Randomized, Controlled study (COSMOS)</a>	Book only
<i>Plaque psoriasis</i>		
POS0942	<a href="#">VISIBLE: Clearance and Symptom Improvement with Guselkumab at Week 16 in Skin of Color Participants with Moderate-to-Severe Plaque Psoriasis</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
<i>Ulcerative colitis</i>		
AB1410	<a href="#">Early Symptomatic Improvement with Guselkumab Induction Treatment in Moderately to Severely Active Ulcerative Colitis: Results from the Phase 3 QUASAR Induction Study</a>	Book only
AB1415	<a href="#">Guselkumab Induction Restores Intestinal Immune Homeostasis and Promotes Epithelial Repair in Moderately to Severely Active Ulcerative Colitis</a>	Book only
AB1381	<a href="#">Guselkumab and Golimumab Combination Induction Therapy in Ulcerative Colitis Results in Early Local Tissue Healing that is Sustained Through Guselkumab Maintenance Therapy</a>	Book only

<b>Nipocalimab</b>		
<i>Sjögren's disease</i>		
LBA90	<a href="#">Efficacy and safety of nipocalimab, an anti-FcRn monoclonal antibody, in primary Sjogren's disease: results from a phase 2, multicenter, randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind study (DAHLIAS)</a>	Oral abstract session Saturday, June 15 9:00-10:00 CEST
POS1243	<a href="#">Association of Sjögren's Disease Activity (ClinESSDAI) and Symptom Burden (ESSPRI) with Patient-Reported Outcome Measures</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 14:45-15:45 CEST
POS1236	<a href="#">Sjögren's Disease Activity and Clinical Characteristics of Patients with Seropositive and Seronegative Anti-SSA/Ro and Anti-SSB/La Antibody Test Results</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 14:45-15:45 CEST
<i>Lupus</i>		
POS0114	<a href="#">Lupus Nephritis and Response to Treatment in Latin America</a>	Poster tour Thursday, June 13 9:30-10:30 CEST
POS0741	<a href="#">Impact of Active Lupus Nephritis on the Quality of Life of Patients from a Latin American Lupus Cohort</a>	Poster view Thursday, June 13 12:00-13:30 CEST
POS1016	<a href="#">The Impact of Active Lupus Nephritis on Work Productivity in Patients from a Latin American Lupus Cohort</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 9:30-10:30 CEST
AB1553-HPR	<a href="#">Baseline Characteristics of Patients with SLE Across 5 Registries – the LupusNet Federated Data Network</a>	Book only
<i>Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies</i>		
AB0250	<a href="#">A Phase 2, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Clinical Trial of Nipocalimab in Participants with Active Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies (SPIREA): Study Design</a>	Book only
POS1280	<a href="#">Complications and Treatment Use Associated with Long-term Oral Corticosteroid Therapy Among Patients with Dermatomyositis or Polymyositis</a>	Poster view Friday, June 14 14:45-15:45 CEST

## About Psoriatic Arthritis

Psoriatic arthritis (PsA) is a chronic, immune-mediated, inflammatory disease characterized by peripheral joint inflammation, enthesitis (pain where the bone, tendon and ligament meet), dactylitis (a type of inflammation in the fingers and toes that can result in a swollen, sausage-like appearance), axial disease and the skin lesions associated with plaque psoriasis (PsO).<sup>2,3,4</sup> The disease causes pain, stiffness and swelling in and around the joints; it commonly appears between the ages of 30 and 50, but can develop at any age.<sup>5</sup> Nearly half of patients with PsA experience moderate fatigue and about 30 percent suffer from severe fatigue as measured by the modified fatigue severity scale.<sup>6</sup> In patients with PsA, comorbidities such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, anxiety and depression are often present.<sup>7</sup> Studies show up to 30 percent of people with plaque PsO also develop PsA.<sup>5</sup> Although the exact cause of PsA is unknown, genes, the immune system and environmental factors are all believed to play a role in disease onset.<sup>8</sup>

## About Plaque Psoriasis

Plaque psoriasis (PsO) is an immune-mediated disease resulting in overproduction of skin cells, which causes inflamed, scaly plaques that may be itchy or painful.<sup>9</sup> It is estimated that eight million Americans and more than 125 million people worldwide live with the disease.<sup>10</sup> Nearly one-quarter of all people with plaque PsO have cases that are considered moderate to severe.<sup>10</sup> Living with plaque PsO can be a challenge and impact life beyond a person's physical health, including emotional health, relationships, and handling the stressors of life.<sup>11</sup>

## About Ulcerative Colitis

Ulcerative colitis (UC) is a chronic disease of the large intestine, also known as the colon, in which the lining of the colon becomes inflamed and develops tiny open sores, or ulcers, that produce pus and mucus. It is the result of the immune system's overactive response.<sup>12</sup> Symptoms vary but may typically include loose and more urgent bowel

movements, rectal bleeding or bloody stool, persistent diarrhea, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, weight loss, and fatigue. UC patients also have increased rates of depression.<sup>12</sup>

### **About Sjögren's Disease (SjD)**

Sjögren's disease (SjD) is an autoantibody-driven disease for which no therapies are currently approved that treat the underlying and systemic nature of the disease.<sup>13</sup> It is a chronic autoimmune disease that is estimated to impact as many as four million people worldwide, and it is nine times more common in women than men.<sup>14</sup> SjD is characterized by autoantibody production, chronic inflammation, and lymphocytic infiltration of exocrine glandular systems. Most patients are affected by mucosal dryness (eyes, mouth, vagina), joint pain, and fatigue. Extraglandular manifestations are common and may impact multiple organ systems, including joints, lungs, kidneys, and the nervous system. Patients with SjD have a high risk of developing numerous associated conditions, including up to 20 times higher risk of developing B-cell lymphomas when compared to the general population. Disease burden can be as high as that of rheumatoid arthritis or systemic lupus erythematosus. It is usually associated with impaired quality of life and functional capacity.<sup>15,16</sup>

### **About Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies**

Idiopathic inflammatory myopathies (IIM), generally referred to as myositis, are a heterogeneous group of rare, chronic, autoimmune diseases that are characterized by progressive muscle weakness and damage to joints and major organs.<sup>17</sup> It is thought to be caused by an overactive immune system that attacks the body's own muscles, skin and other organs, but the specific cause of the disease is unknown.<sup>17</sup> The most common symptom of IIM is muscle weakness in the large muscles of the shoulders, neck or hips and can result in difficulty performing typical daily-life activities such as swallowing, walking, driving, climbing stairs, rising from a seated position, turning over in bed and raising arms overhead.<sup>17</sup> It is currently estimated that 5-10 people per million are diagnosed with a type of IIM each year.<sup>17</sup>

### **About Systemic Lupus Erythematosus**

Lupus is a chronic, inflammatory autoimmune disorder that can affect many different body systems, including joints, skin, heart, lungs, kidneys and brain.<sup>18</sup> Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), the most common form of lupus, can range from mild to severe and is characterized by inflammation of any organ system including kidneys, nervous system, brain or brain vasculature, as well as potential hardening of the arteries or coronary artery disease.<sup>19</sup> The disease most often affects women and disproportionately affects women of African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AAHPI) and Native American descent compared to Caucasian women.<sup>20</sup> Lupus is estimated to affect at least 5 million people worldwide.<sup>21</sup>

### **About TREMFYA® (guselkumab)**

Developed by Johnson & Johnson, TREMFYA® is the first approved fully-human dual-acting monoclonal antibody that blocks IL-23 by binding to the p19 subunit of IL-23 and binding to CD64, a receptor on cells that produce IL-23.<sup>22</sup> IL-23 is an important driver of the pathogenesis of inflammatory diseases.<sup>22</sup> Findings for dual acting are limited to in vitro studies that demonstrate guselkumab binds to CD64, which is expressed on the surface of IL-23 producing cells in an inflammatory monocyte model. The clinical significance of this finding is not known.<sup>23,24,25,26</sup>

TREMFYA® is approved in the U.S.,<sup>22,27</sup> and a number of other countries for the treatment of adults with moderate to severe plaque PsO who are candidates for injections or pills (systemic therapy) or phototherapy (treatment using ultraviolet light) and for the treatment of adult patients with active PsA.<sup>22</sup> It is also approved in the EU for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque PsO in adults who are candidates for systemic therapy and for the treatment of active PsA in adult patients who have had an inadequate response or who have been intolerant to a prior disease-modifying antirheumatic drug therapy.<sup>28</sup>

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### **About Nipocalimab**

Nipocalimab is an investigational, high-affinity, fully human, aglycosylated, effectorless, monoclonal antibody that aims to selectively block FcRn to reduce levels of circulating immunoglobulin G (IgG) antibodies, including autoantibodies and alloantibodies that underlie multiple conditions.<sup>29</sup> Nipocalimab is the only FcRn blocker being studied across three key segments in the autoantibody space: Rare Autoantibody diseases (e.g., generalized myasthenia gravis in adults and children, chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, warm autoimmune hemolytic anemia, and idiopathic inflammatory myopathies); Maternal Fetal diseases mediated by maternal alloantibodies (e.g., hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn and fetal and neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia); and Prevalent Rheumatology (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's disease, and systemic lupus erythematosus).<sup>30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38</sup> Blockade of FcRn has the potential to reduce overall IgG including pathogenic alloantibody levels while preserving immune function

without causing broad immunosuppression. Blockade of IgG binding to FcRn in the placenta is also believed to prevent transplacental transfer of maternal alloantibodies to the fetus.<sup>39,40</sup>

## About Johnson & Johnson

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

### What is the most important information I should know about TREMFYA® (guselkumab)?

#### TREMFYA® is a prescription medicine that may cause serious side effects, including:

- **Serious Allergic Reactions.** Stop using TREMFYA® and get emergency medical help right away if you develop any of the following symptoms of a serious allergic reaction:
  - fainting, dizziness, feeling lightheaded (low blood pressure)
  - swelling of your face, eyelids, lips, mouth, tongue, or throat
  - trouble breathing or throat tightness
  - chest tightness
  - skin rash, hives
  - itching
- **Infections.** TREMFYA® may lower the ability of your immune system to fight infections and may increase your risk of infections. Your healthcare provider should check you for infections and tuberculosis (TB) before starting treatment with TREMFYA® and may treat you for TB before you begin treatment with TREMFYA® if you have a history of TB or have active TB. Your healthcare provider should watch you closely for signs and symptoms of TB during and after treatment with TREMFYA®.

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have an infection or have symptoms of an infection, including:

- fever, sweats, or chills
- muscle aches
- weight loss
- cough
- warm, red, or painful skin or sores on your body different from your psoriasis
- diarrhea or stomach pain
- shortness of breath
- blood in your phlegm (mucus)
- burning when you urinate or urinating more often than normal

**Do not use TREMFYA®** if you have had a serious allergic reaction to guselkumab or any of the ingredients in TREMFYA®.

**Before using TREMFYA®, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:**

- have any of the conditions or symptoms listed in the section **“What is the most important information I should know about TREMFYA®?”**
- have an infection that does not go away or that keeps coming back.
- have TB or have been in close contact with someone with TB.
- have recently received or are scheduled to receive an immunization (vaccine). You should avoid receiving live vaccines during treatment with TREMFYA®.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if TREMFYA® can harm your unborn baby.
- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if TREMFYA® passes into your breast milk.

**Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take**, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

**What are the possible side effects of TREMFYA®?**

**TREMFYA® may cause serious side effects. See “What is the most important information I should know about TREMFYA®?”**

**The most common side effects of TREMFYA® include:** upper respiratory infections, headache, injection site reactions, joint pain (arthralgia), diarrhea, stomach flu (gastroenteritis), fungal skin infections, herpes simplex infections, and bronchitis.

These are not all the possible side effects of TREMFYA®. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.

Use TREMFYA® exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to use it.

**Please read the full [Prescribing Information](#), including [Medication Guide](#) for TREMFYA®, and discuss any questions that you have with your doctor.**

**You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch) or call 1-800-FDA-1088.**

## **Cautions Concerning Forward-Looking Statements**

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