

**Collagen Turnover Biomarkers Associate with Active Psoriatic Arthritis and Decrease with
Guselkumab Treatment in a Phase 3 Clinical Trial (DISCOVER-2)**

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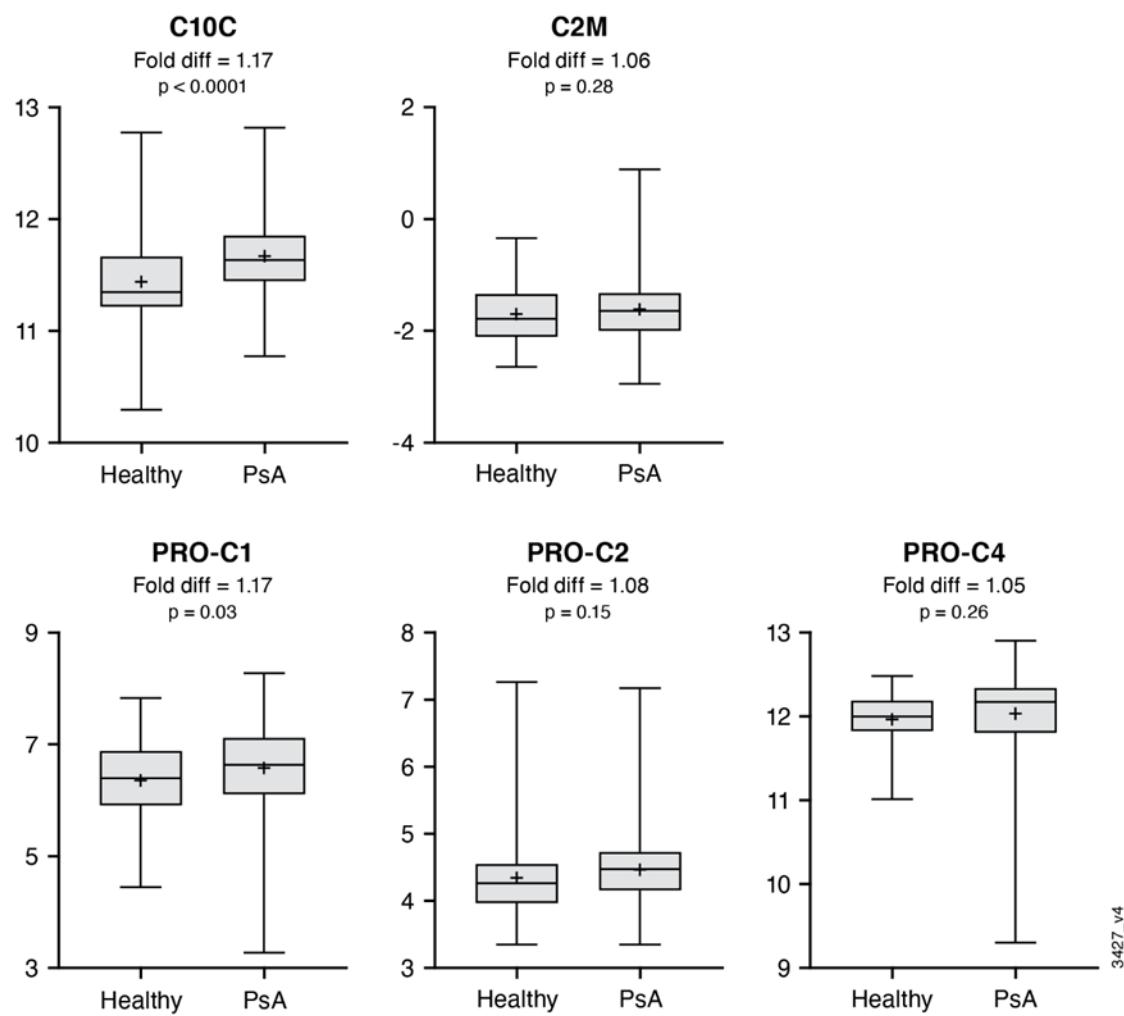
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Supplementary Figure 1. Collagen Degradation and Formation Biomarkers in the Serum of PsA Patients Compared to Healthy Controls

Healthy controls (N=76) were demographically matched (age and sex) to PsA biomarker subset (N=260). Values are median (plus [+]) marks represent mean). Boxes represent interquartile range, while whiskers represent the minimum and maximum values. adj, adjusted; PsA, psoriatic arthritis; adj p<0.05



Supplementary Table 1. Mean Biomarker Concentrations at Baseline in the Guselkumab and Placebo Groups and**Healthy Subjects**

| | Guselkumab | | Guselkumab | | Placebo | | Healthy | |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | 100 mg Q4W | 100 mg Q8W | 100 mg Q4W | 100 mg Q8W | Placebo | Healthy | Log ₂ (ng/mL) | SD |
| Patients, N | 82 | | 92 | | 86 | | 76 | |
| Biomarker | Log ₂ (ng/mL) | SD | Log ₂ (ng/mL) | SD | Log ₂ (ng/mL) | SD | Log ₂ (ng/mL) | SD |
| C1M | 6.50 | 0.83 | 6.27 | 0.87 | 6.48 | 1.05 | 4.73 | 0.29 |
| C2M | -1.66 | 0.67 | -1.54 | 0.64 | -1.64 | 0.56 | -1.70 | 0.52 |
| C3M | 4.04 | 0.40 | 3.96 | 0.39 | 4.06 | 0.43 | 3.30 | 0.44 |
| C4M | 5.43 | 0.44 | 5.36 | 0.47 | 5.40 | 0.56 | 4.83 | 0.37 |
| C6M | 4.92 | 0.54 | 4.89 | 0.55 | 5.02 | 0.55 | 3.46 | 0.67 |
| C10C | 11.66 | 0.28 | 11.70 | 0.33 | 11.65 | 0.37 | 11.44 | 0.39 |
| PRO-C1 | 6.52 | 0.89 | 6.66 | 0.70 | 6.54 | 0.73 | 6.36 | 0.73 |
| PRO-C2 | 4.47 | 0.53 | 4.47 | 0.46 | 4.45 | 0.55 | 4.35 | 0.77 |
| PRO-C3 | 3.58 | 0.50 | 3.60 | 0.49 | 3.45 | 0.54 | 3.03 | 0.44 |
| PRO-C4 | 12.02 | 0.59 | 12.04 | 0.42 | 12.05 | 0.37 | 11.97 | 0.31 |
| PRO-C6 | 3.24 | 0.53 | 3.29 | 0.50 | 3.18 | 0.48 | 2.77 | 0.47 |

Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; SD, standard deviation

Supplementary Table 2. Efficacy results at Week 24 for patients in the DISCOVER-2 Biomarker Subset and the overall DISCOVER-2 study population.

| Response at Week 24 | DISCOVER-2 Biomarker Subset | | | DISCOVER-2 Study Cohort | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Guselkumab 100 mg | | Placebo | Guselkumab 100 mg | | Placebo |
| | Q4W | Q8W | | Q4W | Q8W | |
| Patients, N | 82 | 92 | 86 | 245 | 248 | 246 |
| ACR20 | 55 (67.1%) | 54 (58.7%) | 22 (25.6%) | 156 (63.7%) | 159 (64.1%) | 81 (32.9%) |
| ACR50 | 22 (26.8%) | 33 (35.9%) | 6 (7.0%) | 81 (33.1%) | 78 (31.5%) | 35 (14.2%) |
| PASI75* | 64 (78.0%) | 72 (78.3%) | 21 (24.4%) | 144/184 (78.3%) | 139/176 (79.0%) | 42/183 (23.0%) |
| PASI90* | 49 (59.8%) | 55 (59.8%) | 8 (9.3%) | 112/184 (60.9%) | 121/176 (68.8%) | 18/183 (9.8%) |

Data reported as n (%) or n/N (%).

*PASI responses were assessed in patients with ≥3% body surface area psoriatic involvement and an Investigator's Global Assessment score of ≥2 at baseline. All patients included in the Biomarker Subset met these criteria.

ACR20/50, ≥20%/≥50% improvement in American College of Rheumatology response criteria; PASI75/90, ≥75%/≥90% improvement in Psoriasis Area and Severity Index score; Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks

Supplementary Table 3. Guselkumab Reduces Serum levels of C1M, C3M, C4M, and C6M Relative to Baseline Levels and Relative to Placebo

| | | Guselkumab 100 mg | | Placebo → | | Guselkumab 100 mg | |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Biomarkers | | Q4W | Q8W | Guselkumab Q4W | | Q4W | Q8W |
| C1M | W4 vs BL | 0.01 | 0.15 | 0.78 | W4: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.34 | 0.52 |
| | W24 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.02 | W24: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.002 | 0.05 |
| | W52 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | | | |
| | W4 vs BL | 0.10 | 0.24 | 0.87 | W4: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.49 | 0.59 |
| | W24 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.17 | W24: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.01 | 0.04 |
| | W52 vs BL | 0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | | | |
| | W4 vs BL | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.88 | W4: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.34 | 0.33 |
| | W24 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.23 | W24: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| | W52 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | | | |

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|------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Biomarkers | | Q4W | Q8W | Guselkumab Q4W | | Q4W | Q8W |
| C6M | W4 vs BL | 0.02 | 0.15 | 0.78 | W4: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.34 | 0.40 |
| | W24 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | 0.02 | W24: Guselkumab vs placebo | 0.07 | 0.04 |
| | W52 vs BL | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | <0.0001 | | | |

GUS Q4W, N=82; GUS Q8W, N=92; placebo, N=86. Adj, adjusted; BL, baseline; Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; W, week

All values were adjusted p values.

Bolded values indicate significant difference (p<0.05).