



# ATI-2138 Phase 2a Top-Line Results

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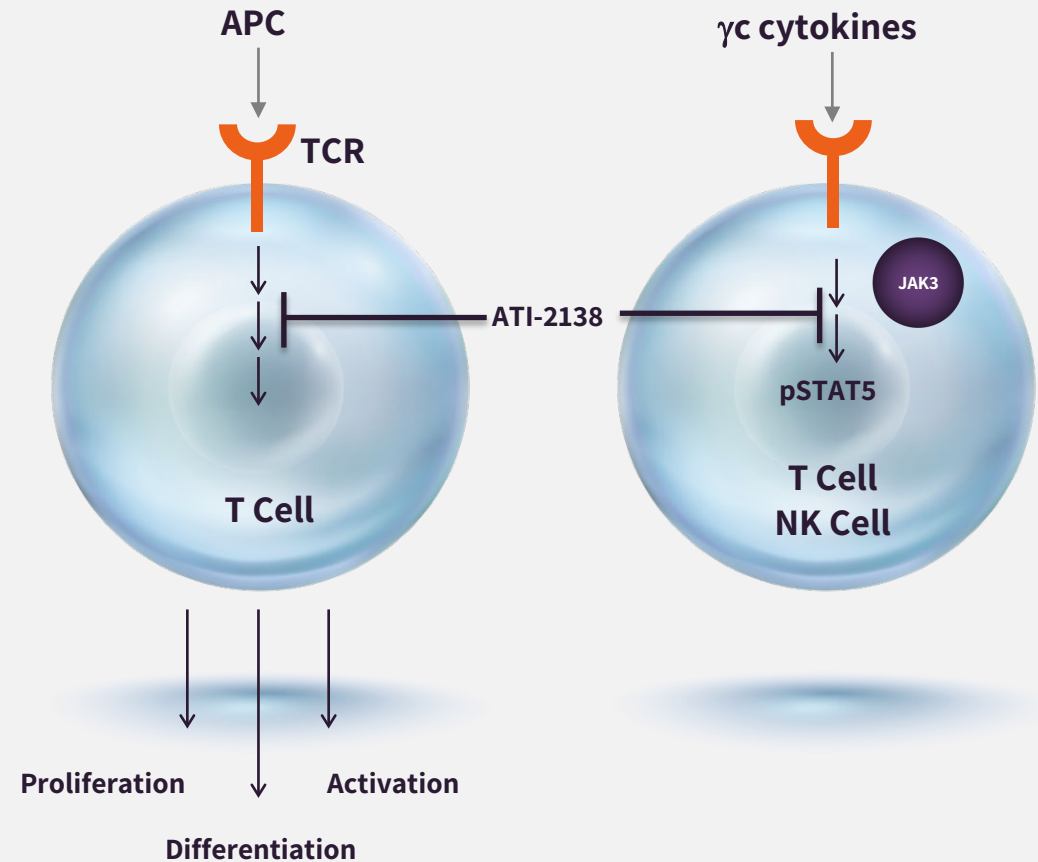
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# ATI-2138

## Oral Small Molecule Covalent ITK & JAK3 Inhibitor for I&I Disease

- Investigational oral compound which interrupts T cell receptor (TCR) signaling by inhibiting ITK and JAK3 signaling of common  $\gamma$  chain cytokines in lymphocytes (including IL-2 & IL-15)
- Highly potent for both ITK and JAK3 (IC50: 0.2nM ITK; 0.5nM JAK3)
- Unique dual pharmacology; best-in-class potential

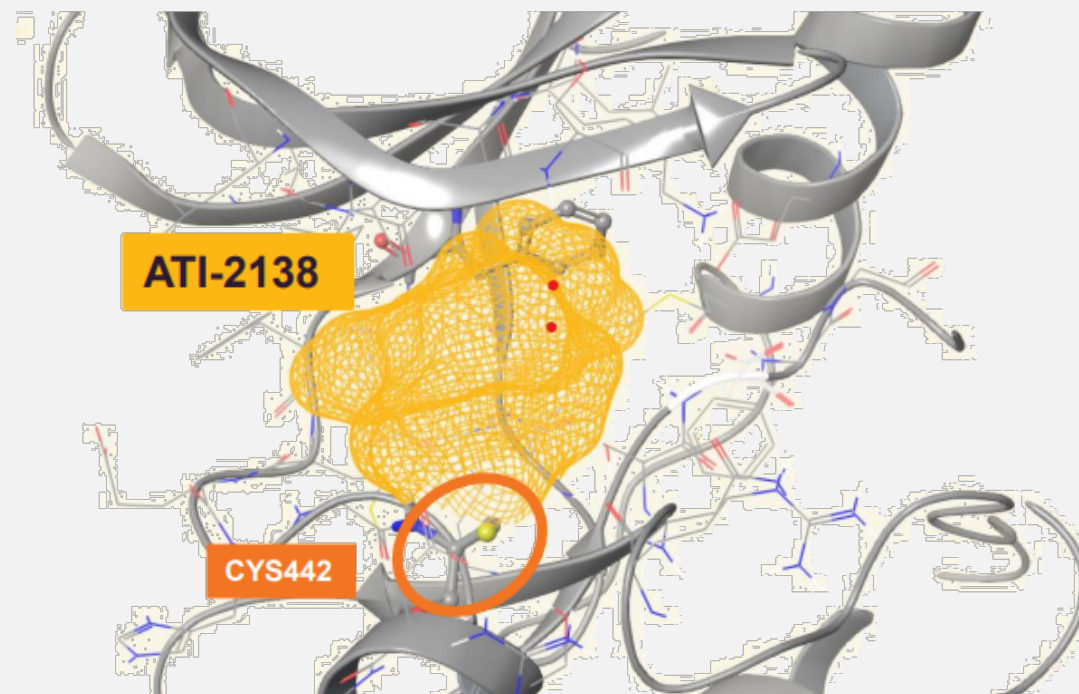


ITK = Interleukin-2-inducible T cell kinase; JAK=Janus Kinase 3

# ATI-2138

## Covalently Inhibits ITK and JAK3

- Design guided by modeling and proprietary crystal structures
- Designed to interact with the ATP site and covalently modifies CYS442 in ITK and CYS909 in JAK3
- Other oral drugs have successfully targeted this positional cysteine
  - Ritlecitinib (JAK3), Ibrutinib (BTK)
  - Afatinib, Neratinib (EGFR/Her2)

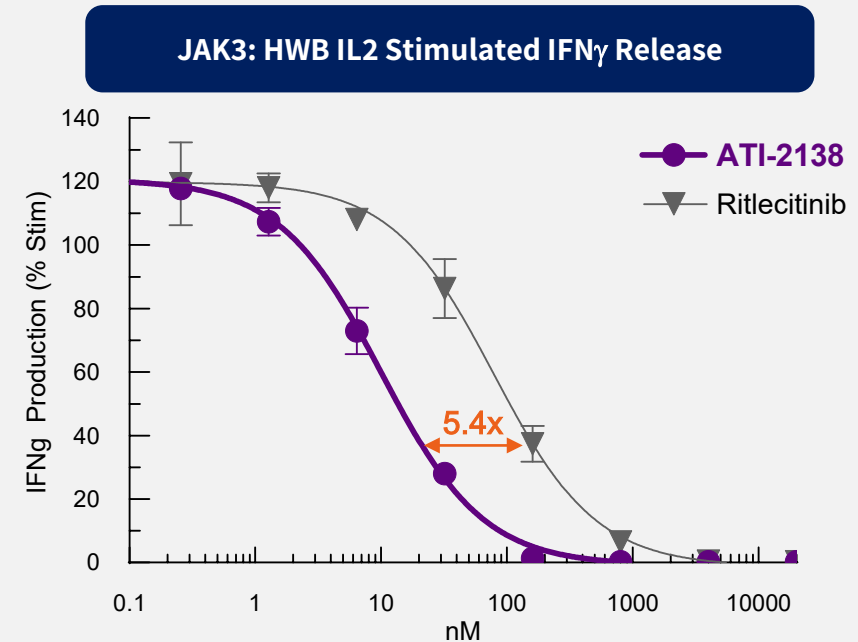
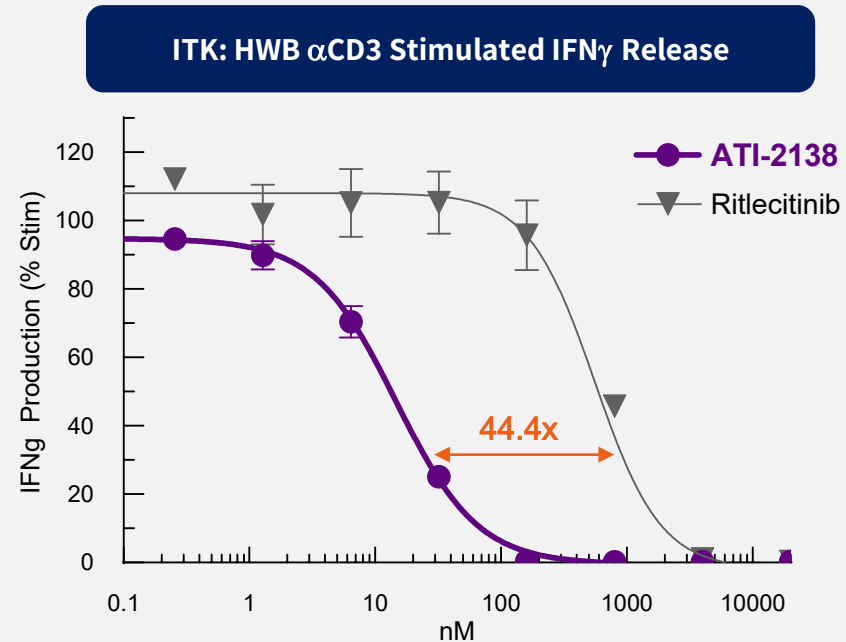


ATI-2138 differs from reversible JAK inhibitors in important ways:

- Unlike approved JAK inhibitors, **ATI-2138 is specific for JAK3; does not inhibit other JAKs**
- Although both are selective for JAK3, **ATI-2138's potency on ITK is ~44X greater than ritlecitinib**

# ATI-2138

## Unique Dual Pharmacology and Best -in-Class JAK3 Inhibitor Potential



- ATI-2138 is 44.4x more potent than ritlecitinib for inhibiting anti-CD3 induced IFN $\gamma$  production (ITK) and 5.4x more potent for inhibiting JAK3 dependent IL-2 induced IFN $\gamma$  production in human whole blood
- At the FDA recommended 50 mg QD dose for alopecia areata, ritlecitinib plasma levels may not impact ITK (anti-CD3 /IFN $\gamma$ ) for any appreciable time

# ATI-2138 and CPI-818 (Soquelitinib )

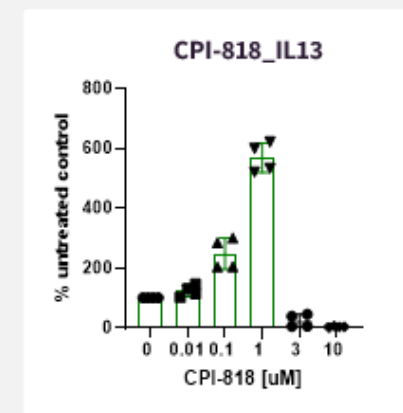
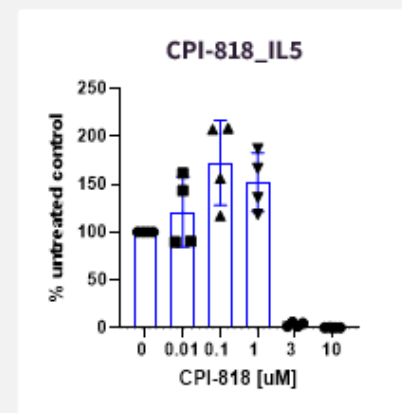
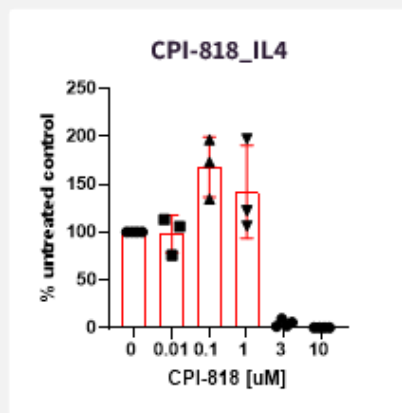
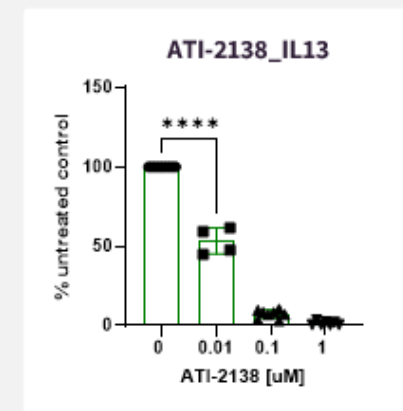
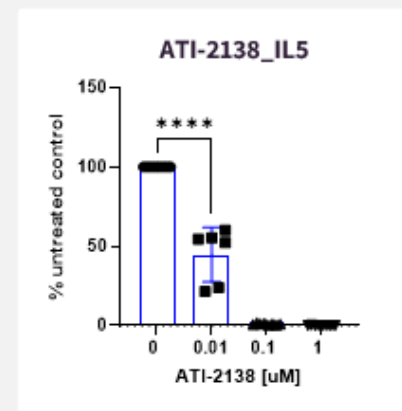
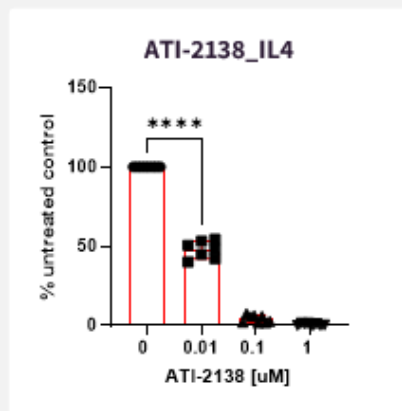
## Potency Comparison

### Anti-CD3/CD28-Induced Cytokines from Human Th2 Cells

#### ITK Biochemical Enzyme Potency

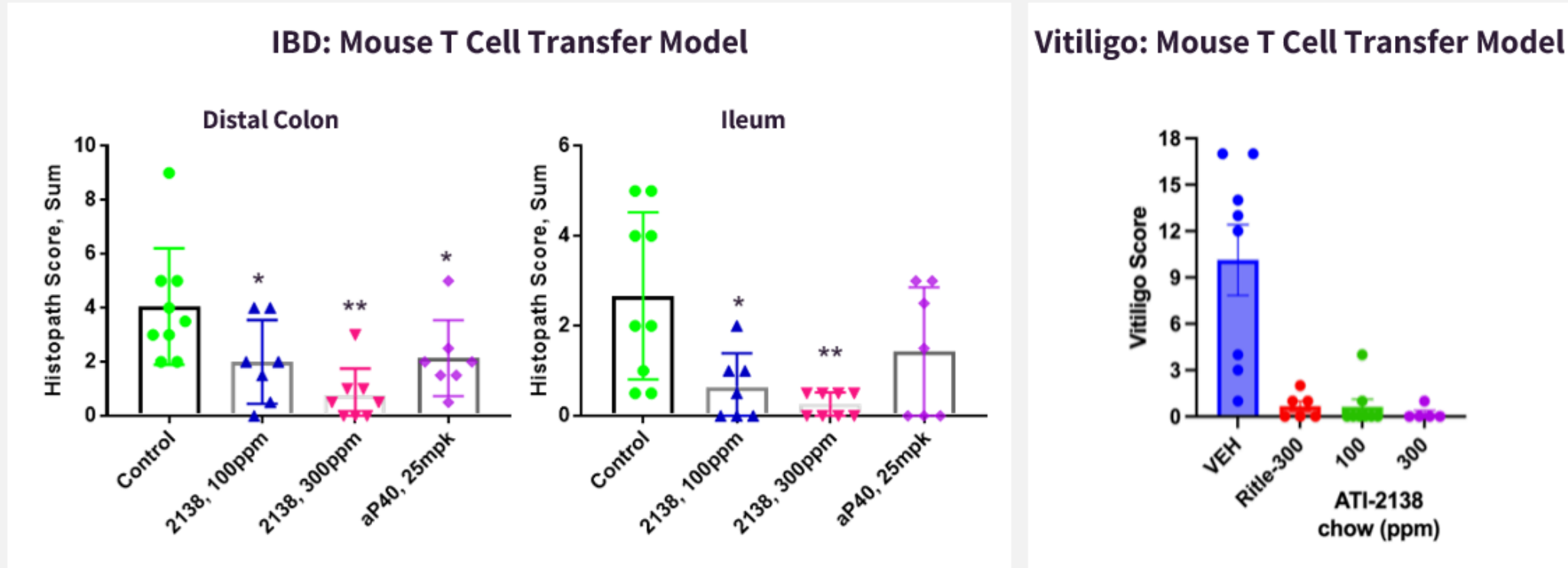
	ITK, IC50, nM	Kinact/Ki (uM-1s-1)
ATI-2138	0.25	0.34
CPI-818	9.5	0.022
<b>Potency Ratio</b>	<b>38x</b>	<b>15x</b>

- ATI-2138 is 15-38x more potent than CPI-818 in inhibiting the ITK enzyme activity
- ATI-2138 is significantly more potent than CPI-818 in blocking the Th2 derived cytokines, IL4, IL-5 and IL-13 (~100x)



# ATI-2138

## Anti-inflammatory Activity in Mouse Models of IBD and Vitiligo



ATI-2138 has demonstrated robust anti-inflammatory activity in mouse models of disease

# ATI-2138: SAD/MAD Study Summary

## Safety

- ATI-2138 was generally well tolerated at all doses tested in the trial.
- No serious adverse events were reported.

## Pharmacokinetics (PK)

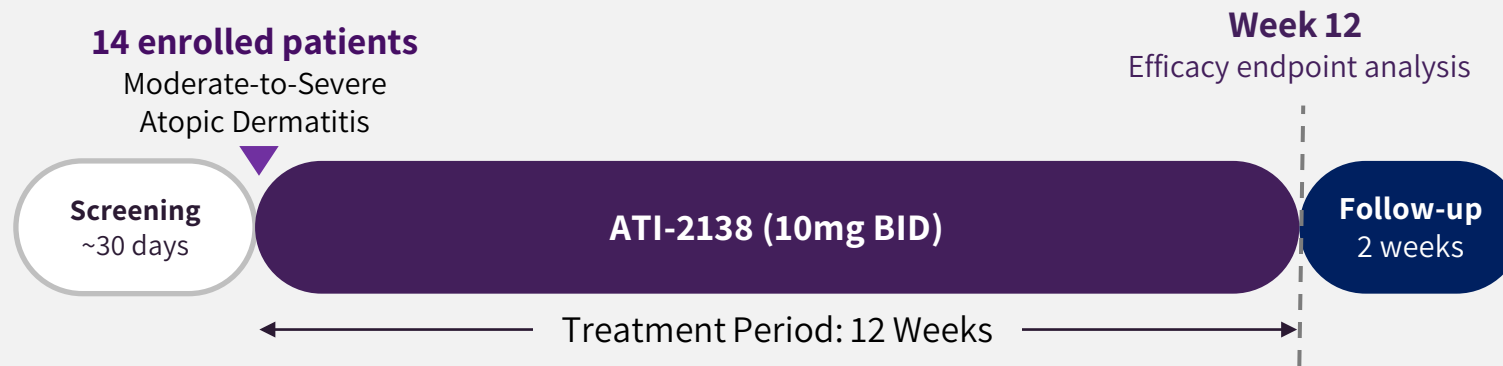
- ATI-2138 was rapidly absorbed.
- Multiple doses ranging from 10 to 80 mg daily over two weeks in healthy volunteers showed linear PK and dose dependent increases in exposure.
- At 10-30 mg daily, ATI-2138 plasma concentration reached the targeted level established using preclinical data.

## Pharmacodynamics (PD)

- Dose-dependent inhibition of both ITK and JAK3 exploratory PD biomarkers was observed.
- 50% to 90% inhibition of the ITK and JAK3 functional markers observed.

# ATI-2138 Phase 2a Trial Design in Atopic Dermatitis

## Single-Arm, Open-Label Trial



**Single-arm Phase 2a trial conducted to assess tolerability, ITK contribution (PD), and identify efficacy signals to be explored in future clinical trials**

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

- Safety

### SECONDARY/EXPLORATORY OBJECTIVES

- Pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics (RNA analysis, proteomics, IHC to analyze specific pathway inhibition)
- Efficacy measurements at week 12

## Phase 2a: Patient Demographics

Age	Sex M0,F1	Race	Baseline EASI
56	F	White	16.5
34	M	Mixed-multiple	<b>33.5</b>
50	M	Black or African American	17.6
28	F	Black or African American,White	16.8
20	M	Not Reported	19.2
19	F	White	<b>28.1</b>
22	F	Asian	<b>23.7</b>
56	M	Black or African American	16.8
44	F	Black or African American	<b>31.1</b>
28	M	Black or African American	<b>21.3</b>
39	F	Not Reported	19.6
30	M	White	<b>31.5</b>
21	F	Asian	17.1
55	M	Black or African American	<b>24.6</b>
<b>Average 36</b>	<b>50/50 M/F</b>	<b>7 Black/African American</b>	<b>22.7 (7 severe)</b>

# Phase 2a Results: Primary Endpoint (Safety)

## Primary Endpoint Analysis Confirms Strong Tolerability Profile of ATI -2138

- ATI-2138 was very well tolerated in the 12 patients in the safety population
  - No severe adverse events (SAEs) or treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs)
  - No discontinuations due to adverse events
  - Most adverse events were mild and resolved spontaneously during treatment
  - Three patients experienced a combined total of four study drug-related adverse events (TRAE)
    - All but one (single case of moderate myalgia; starting on day 24 with no elevation in CPK) were mild, transient, and resolved during treatment
  - No safety signal observed in chemistry, hematology (e.g., leukocytes, lymphocytes, neutrophils), lipids, electrocardiogram (ECG), ECG with corrected QT (ECG-QTcF), or vital signs

# Phase 2a Results: Secondary Endpoints (EASI)

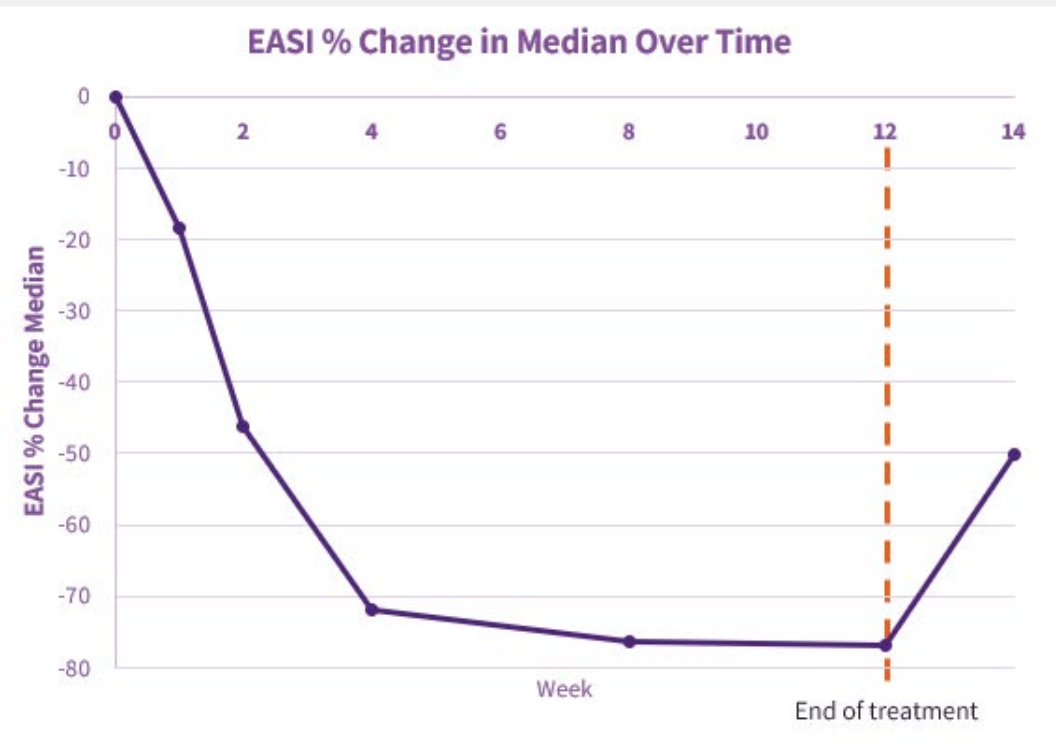
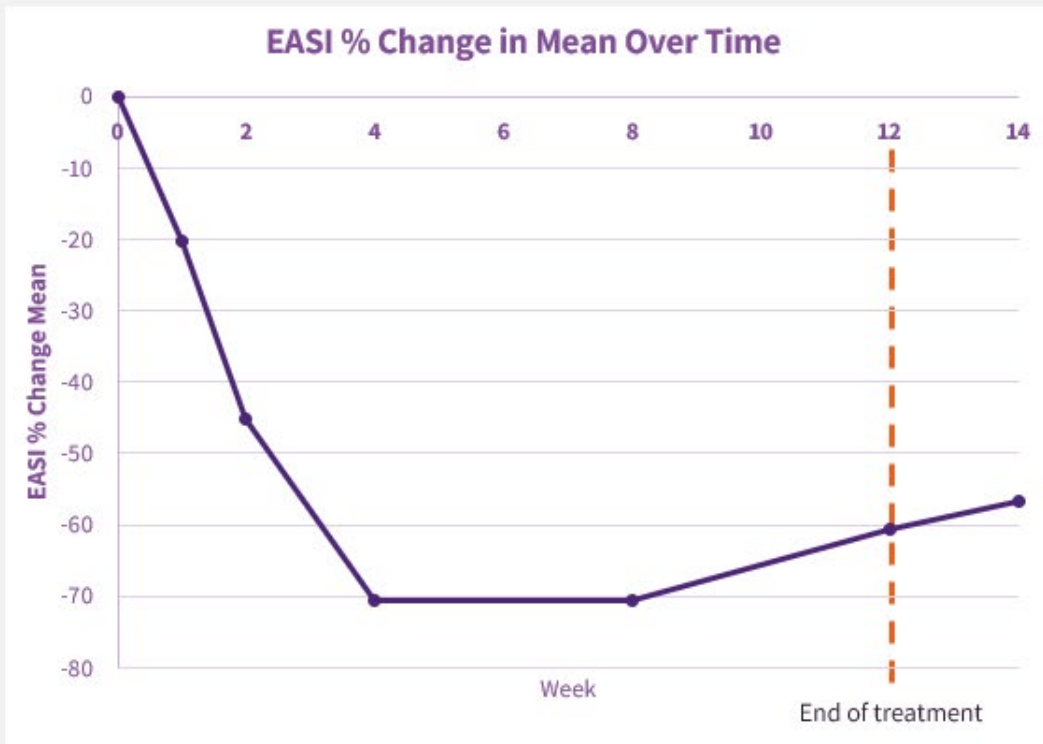
% Reduction from Baseline in Eczema Area and Severity Score (EASI) Over Time, Per Protocol (N=10)

Mean improvement in EASI score  
12 weeks

**61%**

Median improvement in EASI score  
12 weeks

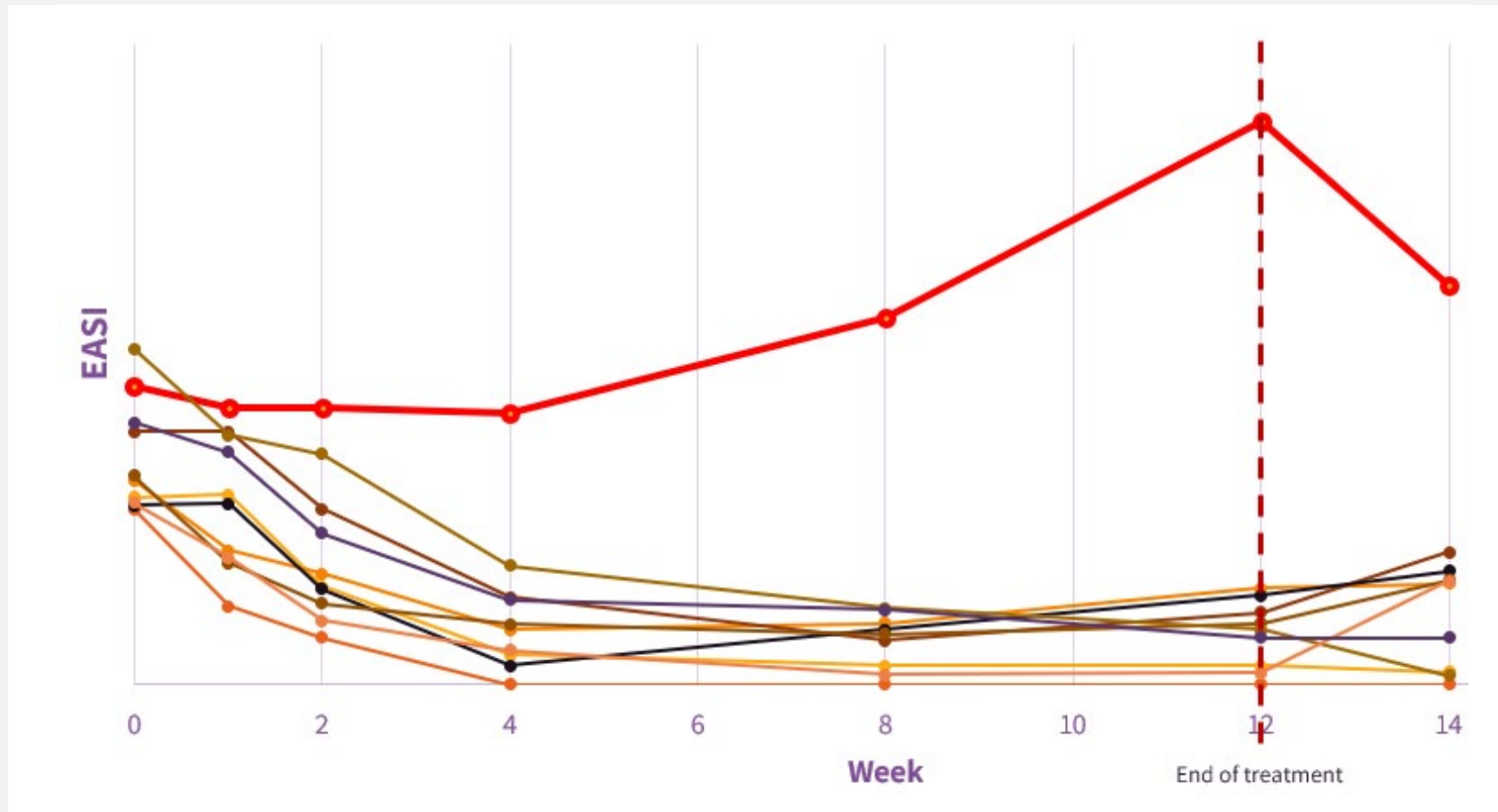
**77%**



EASI = Eczema Area and Severity Score: Measures the extent and severity of lesional skin associated with atopic dermatitis across different body regions

# Phase 2a Results: Secondary Endpoints (EASI)

Absolute Mean Reduction Over Time by Patient, Per Protocol



## Outlier (in red)

- Statistical molecular outlier by  $>4$  SD
- Systemic symptoms inconsistent with AD alone including significant non-lesional inflammation
- Not fully compliant with study drug administration

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# Phase 2a Results: EASI Score Excluding Outlier

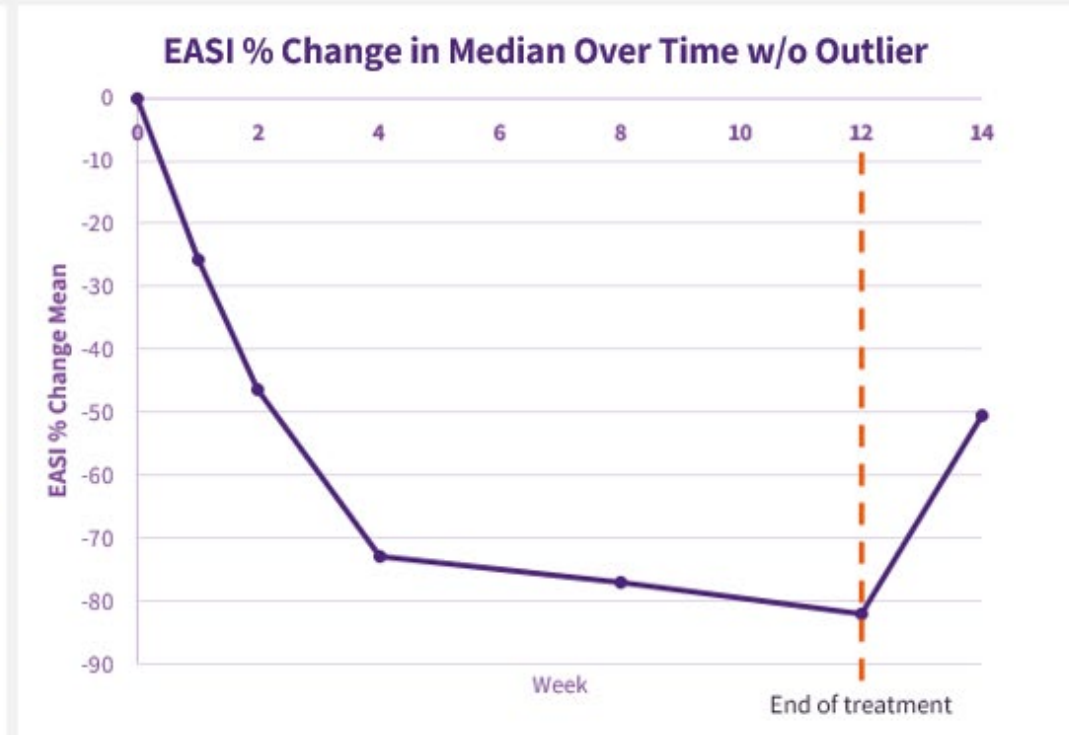
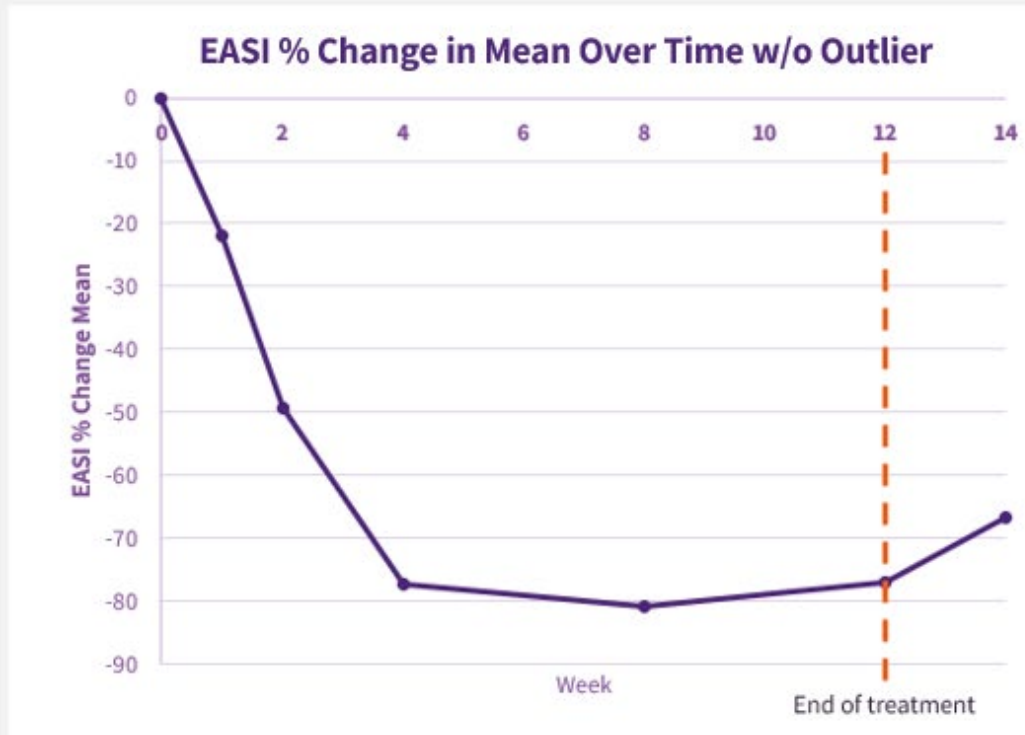
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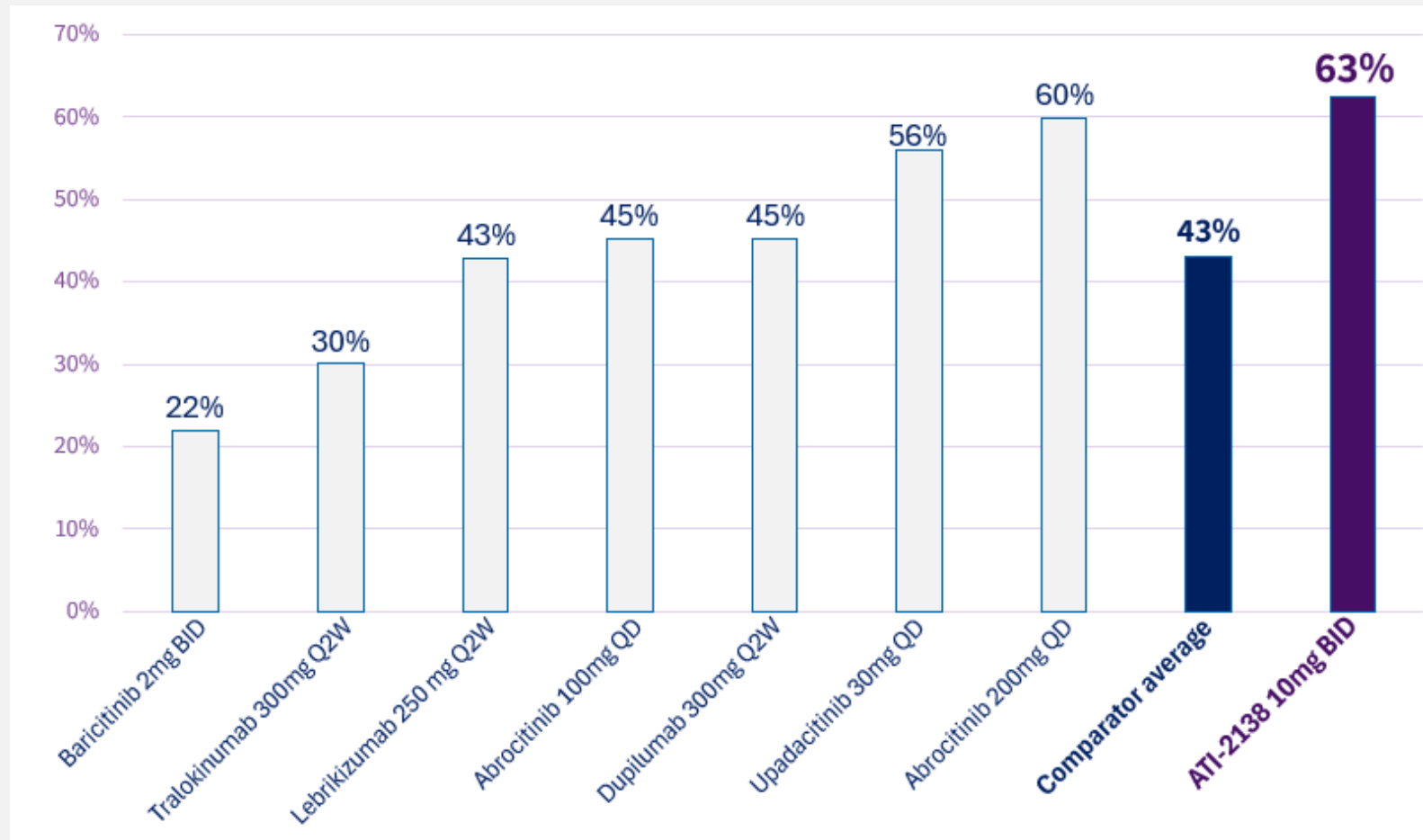
**82%**



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# Phase 2a Results: Secondary Endpoints (PP -NRS)

% of Patients with  $\geq 4$  Point Improvement in Worst Itch over Prior 24 Hours



- At week 12, **63%** of patients receiving a low dose of ATI-2138 experienced a  $\geq 4$ -point improvement worst itch in the past 24 hours
- A  $\geq 4$ -point improvement in PP-NRS score is considered a clinically meaningful result
- Though a small open-label study, results are comparable to that seen with approved JAK and IL-4 and -13 inhibitor products

PP-NRS = Peak Pruritus Numerical Rating Scale: Assesses the severity of itch at the worst moment during the previous 24 hours on a scale of 0 (“no itch”) to 10 (“worst itch imaginable”).

# Phase 2a Results: Secondary Endpoint

## Pharmacodynamic Assessments

**Goal: Confirm that ATI-2138 is mechanistically unique, provide support for Phase 2a clinical results, and validate ITK as a target**

Assess Target, Pathway & Disease biomarkers to support mechanism of action

### In-House PD Efforts

#### ITK Assay

- $\alpha$ CD3/ $\alpha$ CD28 *ex vivo* stim mRNA (IL2 and IFN $\gamma$ ) production

#### ITK Target Occupancy

#### JAK3 Assay

- IL15 *ex vivo* stim IFN $\gamma$  protein production

#### Immunophenotyping

### PD Efforts at EG Mt Sinai Lab

#### Punch Biopsy Analysis

- Immunohistochemistry
- RNAseq Analysis (>16,000 genes)

#### Tape Strip Analysis

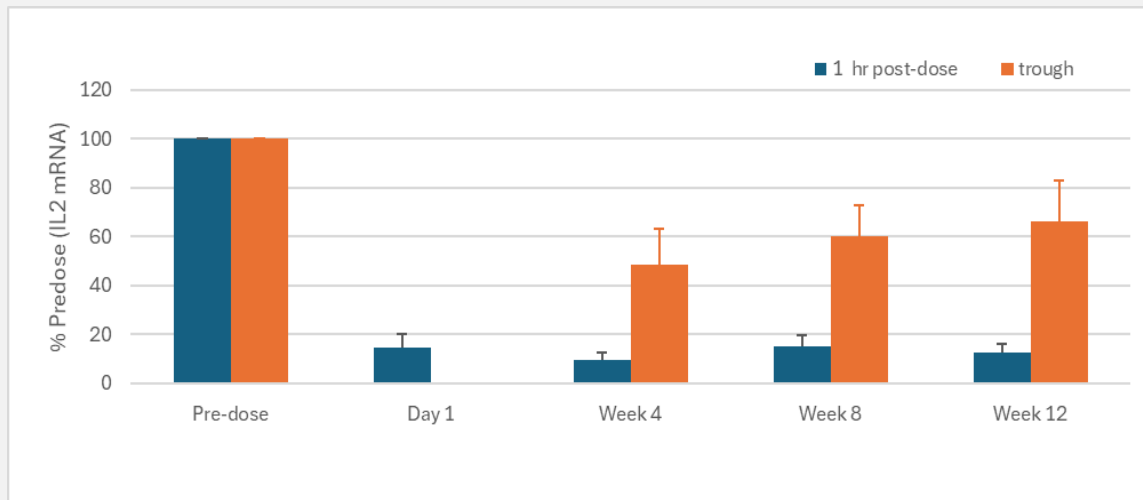
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- O-link Proteomics (300+ analytes)

#### Endogenous Biomarkers in Plasma

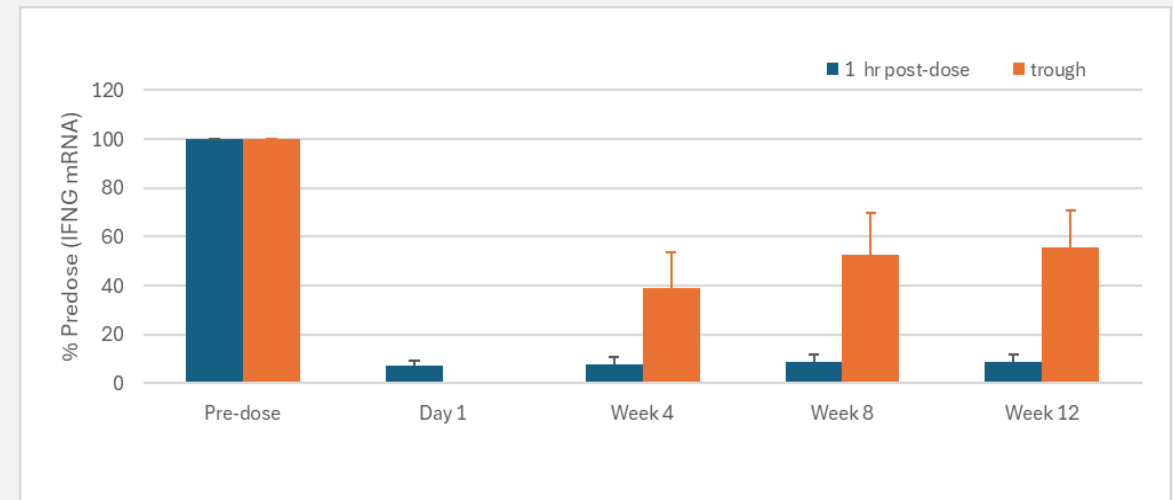
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# Phase 2a Results: Ex vivo Stimulated ITK HWB Assays

ITK-TCR Assay – IL2 mRNA

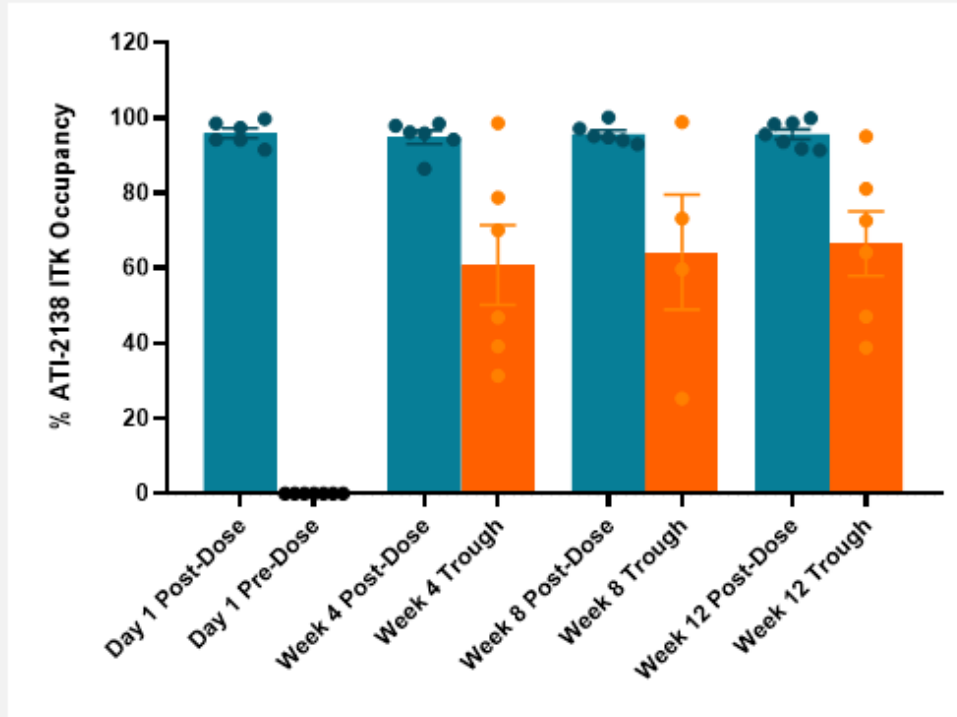


ITK-TCR Assay – IFN $\gamma$  mRNA



- ~90% inhibition of both IL2 and IFN $\gamma$  mRNA observed 1 hr post dose (~peak) across the 12 weeks of dosing
- 40-60% inhibition of both IL2 and IFN $\gamma$  mRNA observed at trough across the 12 weeks of dosing

## Phase 2a Results: ITK Target Occupancy with ATI -2138

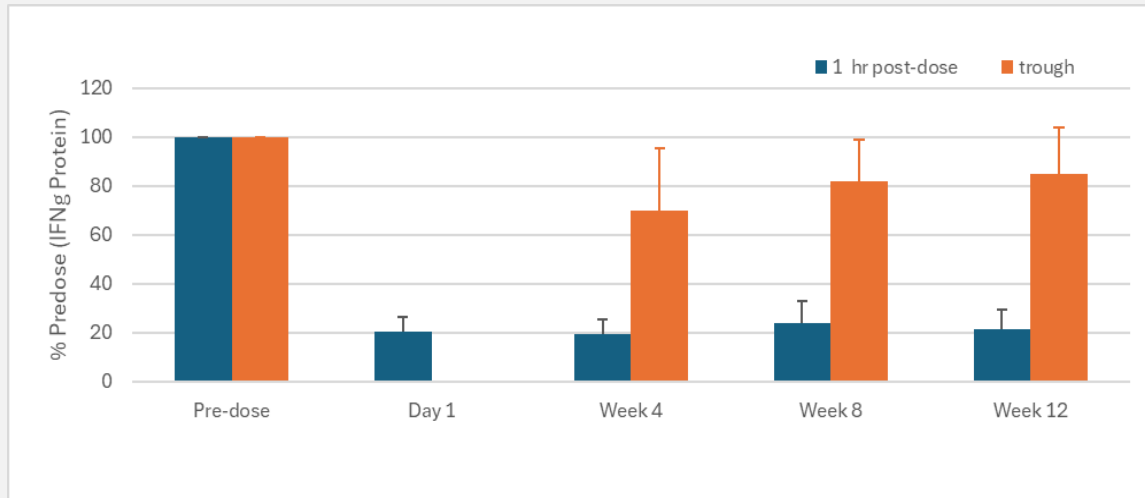


- Utilized biotinylated ITK probe with MSD readout using patient PBMCs
- Data collected on 7 of the 10 per protocol patients

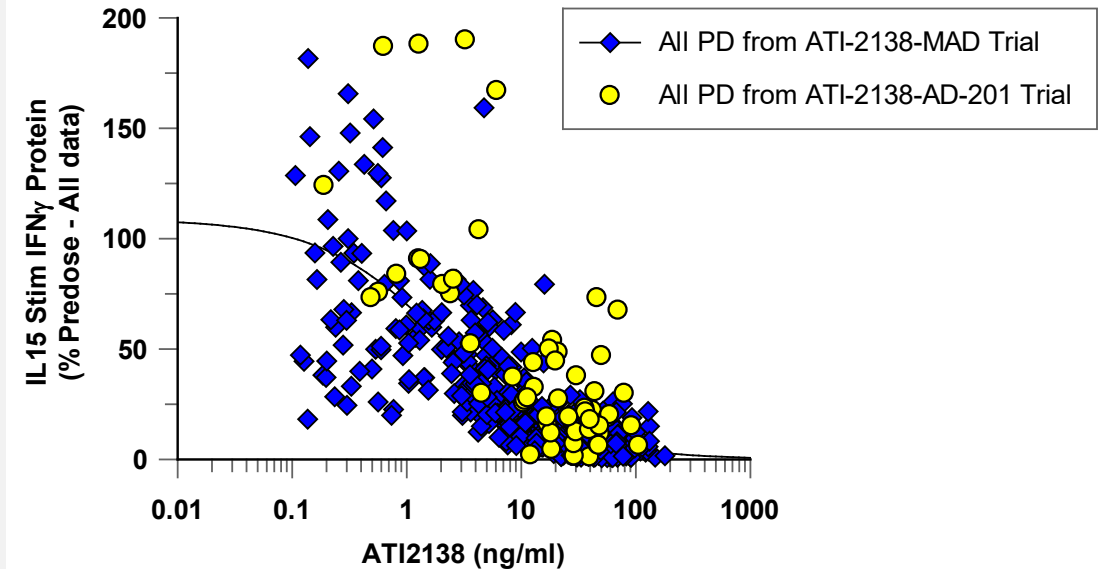
- Near complete ATI-2138 ITK target occupancy observed one hour post-dose (~peak) across the 12 weeks of dosing
- Approximately 60-70% ATI-2138 occupancy observed at trough across the 12 weeks of dosing

# Phase 2a Results: *Ex vivo* Stimulated JAK3 HWB Assays

ATI-2138-AD-201 JAK3 PD Data



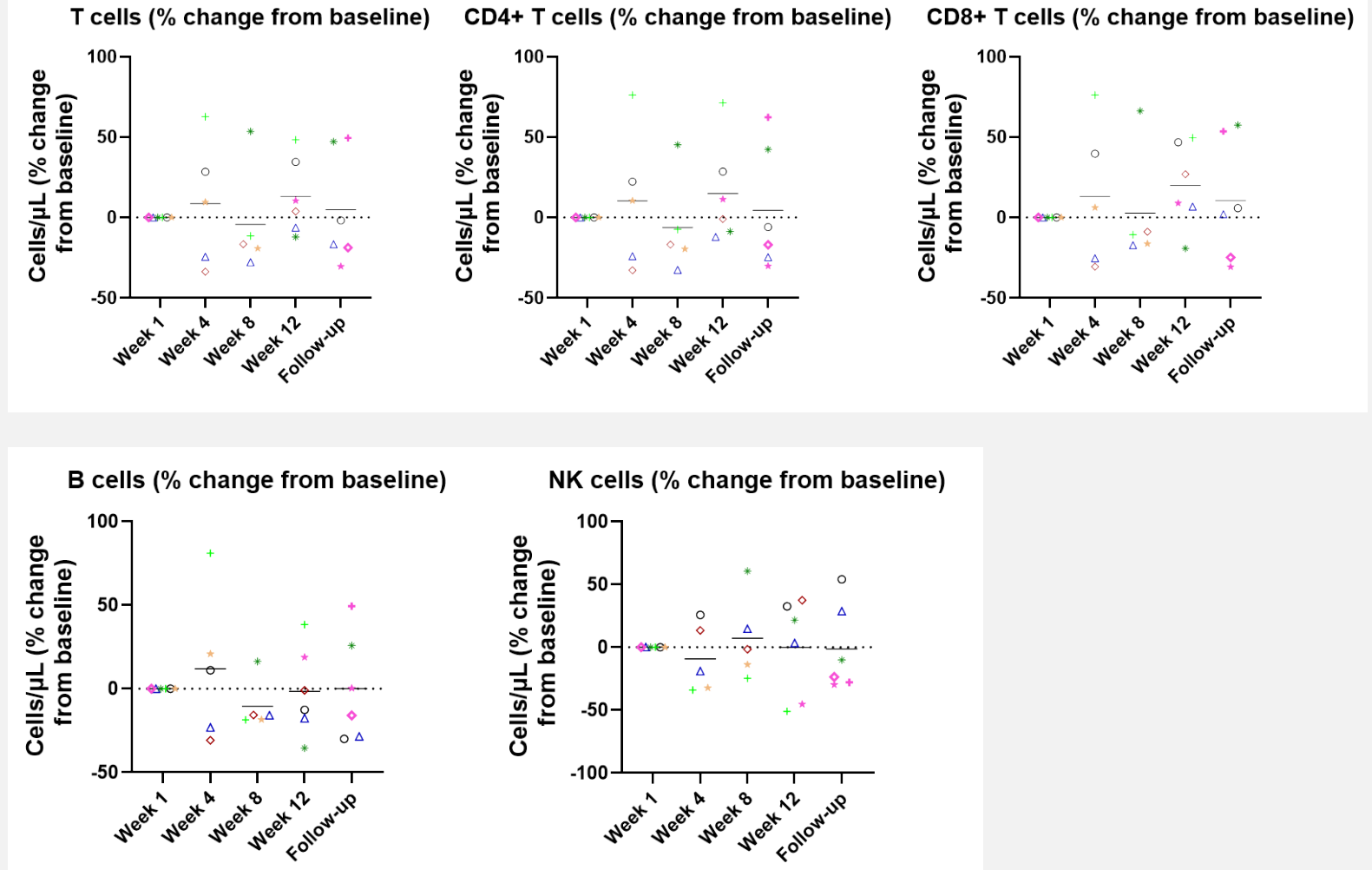
Exposure Response Overlay of Phase 2a (ATI-2138-AD-201) and MAD Studies



- ~80% inhibition of JAK3-induced IFN $\gamma$  observed 1 hr post dose (~peak)
- ~20% inhibition of JAK3-induced IFN $\gamma$  observed at trough across across the 12 weeks of dosing
- MAD study was predictive of PD response based on exposure response overlay

# Phase 2a Results: Immunophenotyping Data

- No significant perturbations in T cells/T cell subsets, B cells or NK cells were observed
- No evidence of global immune suppression



# Phase 2a Results: Plasma O-Link Analysis

## Immune Subset Week 12 vs Baseline

- Evaluations at baseline, week 4, week 8 and week 12

### Key Modulated Markers\*:

#### **Th1:**

IL8, IL2RA, IL2

#### **Th2:**

CCL13, CCL17, CCL24, IL4, IL33, IL7

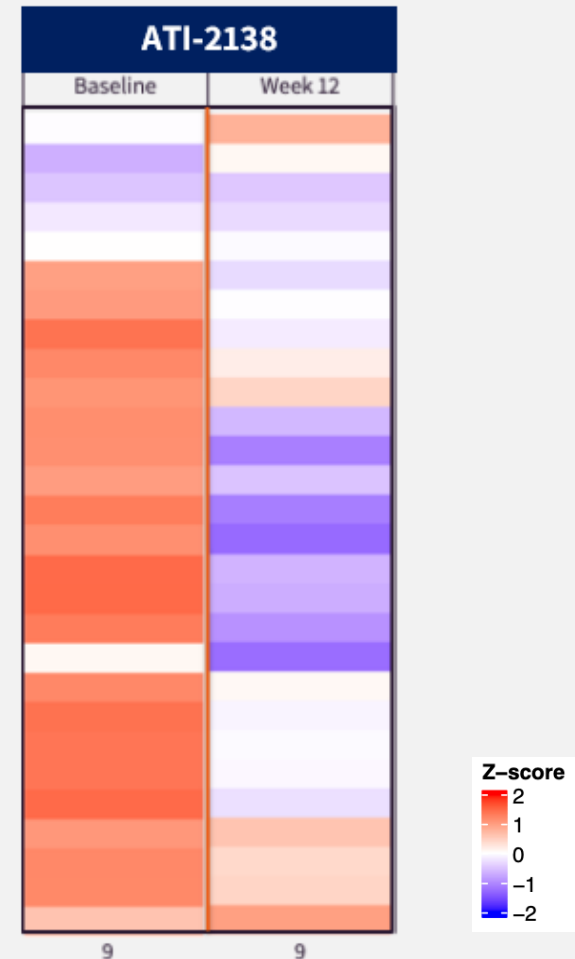
#### **Th17:**

CXCL1, PI3, TGB1

#### **T cell activation:**

XCL1, IL1RL2

\*significance observed at any timepoint



Strong downregulation of key ITK-dependent markers (Th2, TH17, and T cell activation pathways) observed

# Phase 2a Results: Skin Tape Strip O-Link Analysis

## Immune Protein Subset

- Evaluations at baseline, week 4, week 8 and week 12
- Similar directionality observed with RNAseq data

### Key Modulated Pathway Markers\*:

#### **Th1**

CCL3, CXCL9, CXCL11, TNF, IL2RA

#### **Th2**

IL13, TSLP

#### **Th17**

IL17A, CXCL1, S100A12, TGFB1, IL6R

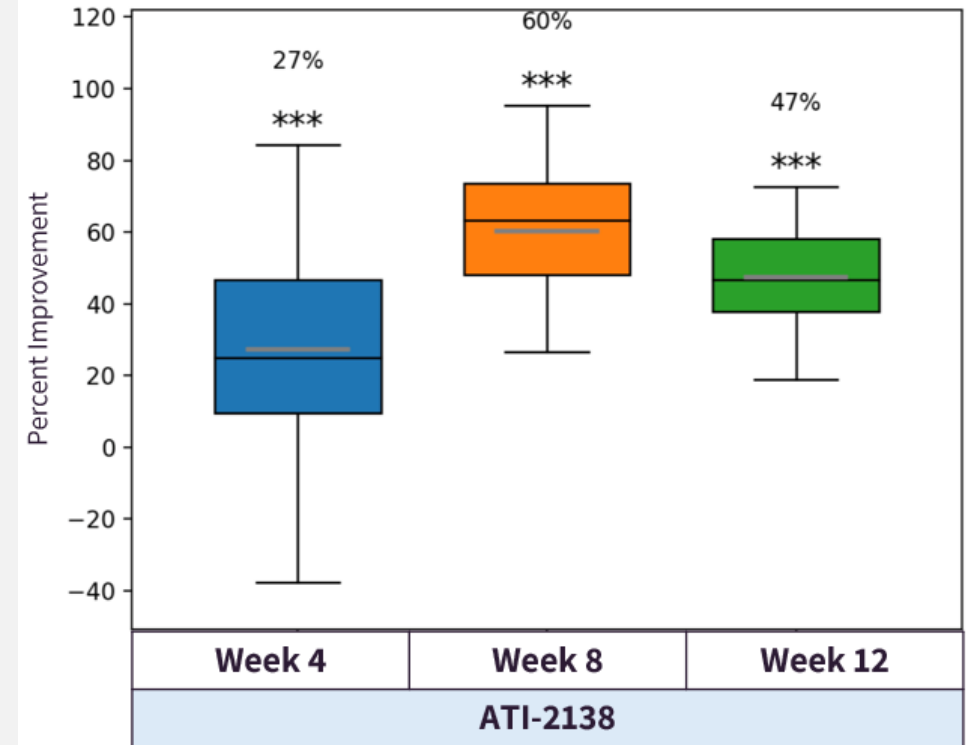
#### **T cell activation /Immune Signaling**

CCL19, IL17C, CCL8, CCL16, , CCL15, CCL23, TNFSF10

#### **Fibrosis**

TNFRSF9

\*significant in any comparison



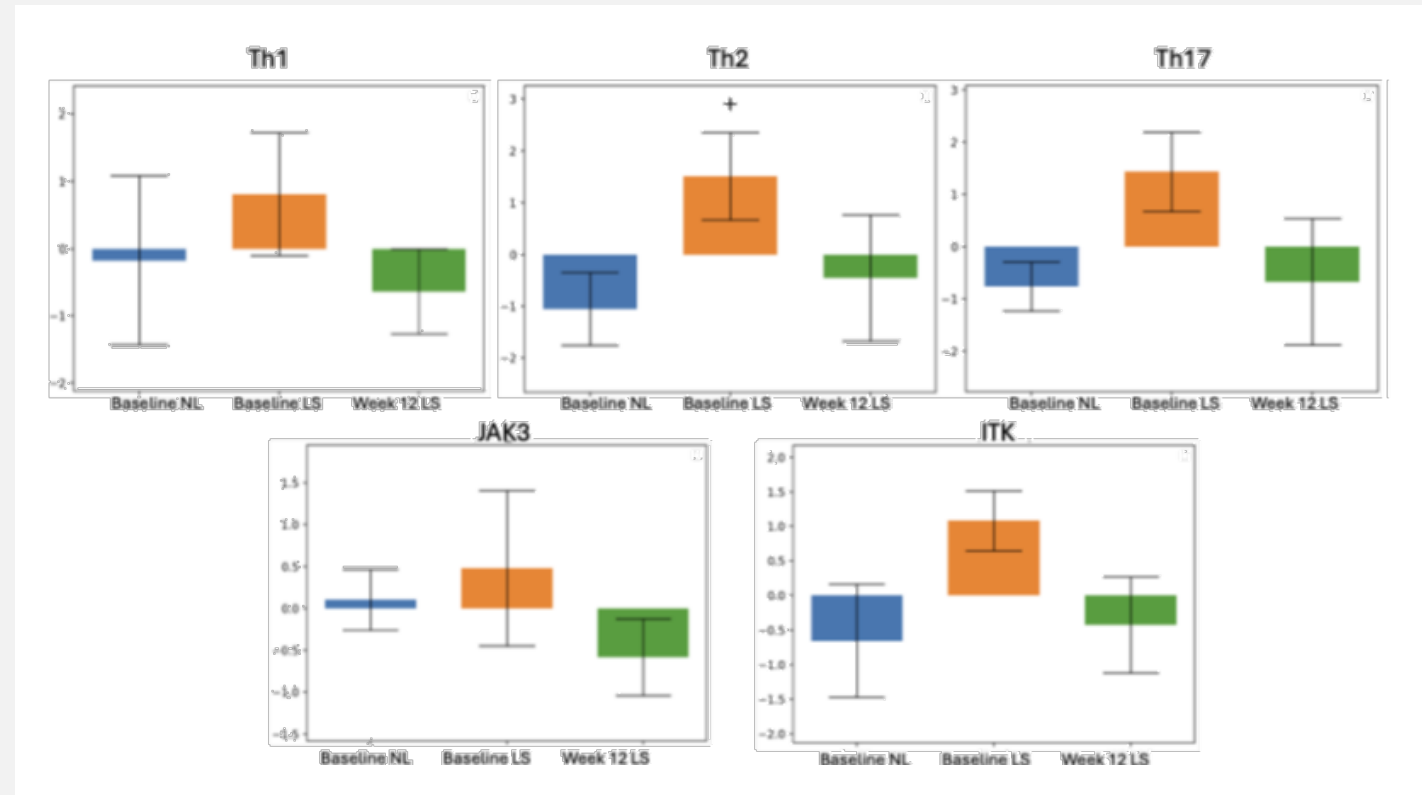
Black stars: significant difference compared to baseline  
\*\*\* : p<0.001 significance

Significant reduction observed in multiple inflammatory pathways associated with ITK relative to baseline

# Phase 2a Results: Skin Biopsy RNAseq Immune Pathway Modulation

## Week 12 vs Baseline

- Downward directional trends observed with key pathways
- Biopsy pathway modulation consistent with tape strip data

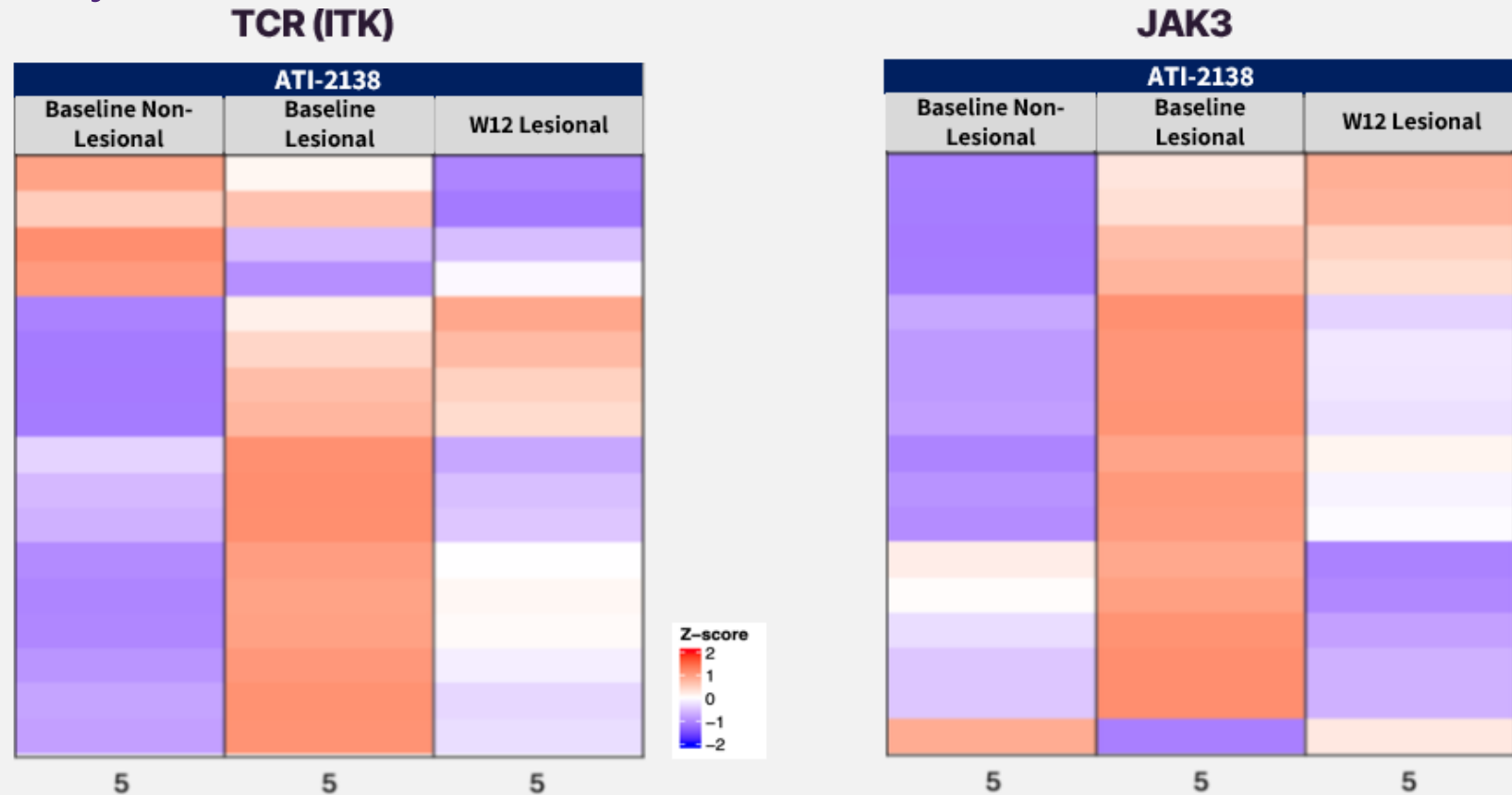


Downward trends observed in mRNA markers associated with key immunologic pathways at week 12; downregulation of ITK and JAK3 pathway markers

# Phase 2a Results: Skin Biopsy RNAseq Analysis

## TCR (ITK) and JAK3 Pathways

- Heat map describes impact on both (TCR) ITK and JAK3 pathways at week 12
- Similar to tape strip RNAseq data



Reduction observed in mRNA markers consistent with the expected ITK and JAK3 dual pharmacology

# Phase 2a Conclusions: Secondary Endpoint (PD Assessments)

## Results Support Conviction in Therapeutic Potential of ITK Inhibition

- PD analyses clearly demonstrate modulation of the ITK and JAK3 pathways as evidenced by inhibition of ex vivo pathway specific stimulation of patient whole blood
- Near complete and sustained inhibition and occupancy of ITK (measure of blockade of ITK enzyme) and a high level of inhibition of JAK3 observed
- Proteome and transcriptome lesional skin tape strip analyses measured at trough levels to better represent steady state showed significant ATI-2138-dependent reduction of multiple inflammatory pathways associated with ITK
  - Data consistent across analyses with both skin biopsies and tape strips and patient plasma
- Strong downregulation observed at week 8 and week 12 of key ITK-dependent markers including:
  - Th1 (e.g., CXCL11, CXCL9, IL2RA, TNF)
  - Th2 (e.g., CCL17, CCL24, IL13, TSLP)
  - Th17 (e.g., CXCL1, IL17A, IL6R)
  - TCR (ITK) pathway (e.g., ITK, IL-13, CD3, ZAP70, LCK, PLCg1)
- Fibrosis-related markers (e.g. MMP9, TNFRSF9) were also shown to be strongly downregulated by ATI-2138

# Next Steps with ITK Franchise

- Positive results from single-arm Phase 2a open-label trial of ATI-2138 in AD validate ITK franchise; provide conviction on two programs:
  - ATI-2138
    - Aclaris intends to further develop ATI-2138 in alopecia areata
    - Also exploring other indications relevant to the mechanism of action
  - ITK selective program
    - Preclinical work ongoing for next-generation ITK inhibitors, which Aclaris expects to provide the basis for new INDs starting in 2026

# Executing on Rich Clinical Catalyst Calendar

2025

- ATI-052**  
IND Clearance by FDA
- Bosakitug (ATI-045)**  
Initiation of Phase 2 Trial in Atopic Dermatitis
- ATI-052**  
Initiation of Phase 1a/1b Program
- ATI-2138**  
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- ATI-052**  
Completion of dosing in Phase 1a SAD/MAD HV Portion  
Year-end 2025

2026

- ATI-052**  
**Phase 1a/1b Top Line Data**  
Phase 1a SAD/MAD: Early 2026  
Phase 1b POC: 2H 2026
- Bosakitug (ATI-045)**  
**Atopic Dermatitis Phase 2 Top Line Data**  
2H 2026
- ATI-2138**  
**Initiation of Phase 2 in Second Indication**  
2026
- ITK Selective Program**  
**IND Submission and Start of Phase 1 Program**  
2026



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