# Rates of individual and composite cardiovascular events through 5 years of tildrakizumab exposure in 2 phase 3 clinical trials

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# INTRODUCTION

- Tildrakizumab is a high-affinity, humanized, anti–interleukin-23p19 monoclonal antibody approved for the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in the US, EU, Australia, and Japan<sup>1–3</sup>
- Tildrakizumab was evaluated in patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in 2 large phase 3, randomized, controlled trials, reSURFACE 1 (NCT01722331) and reSURFACE 2 (NCT01729754)<sup>1,2</sup>
- —In both studies, confirmed cardiovascular events were uncommon over 3 years of exposure to tildrakizumab<sup>1–3</sup>
- This post hoc analysis evaluates the rates of positively adjudicated cardiovascular events over 5 years in reSURFACE 1 and 2

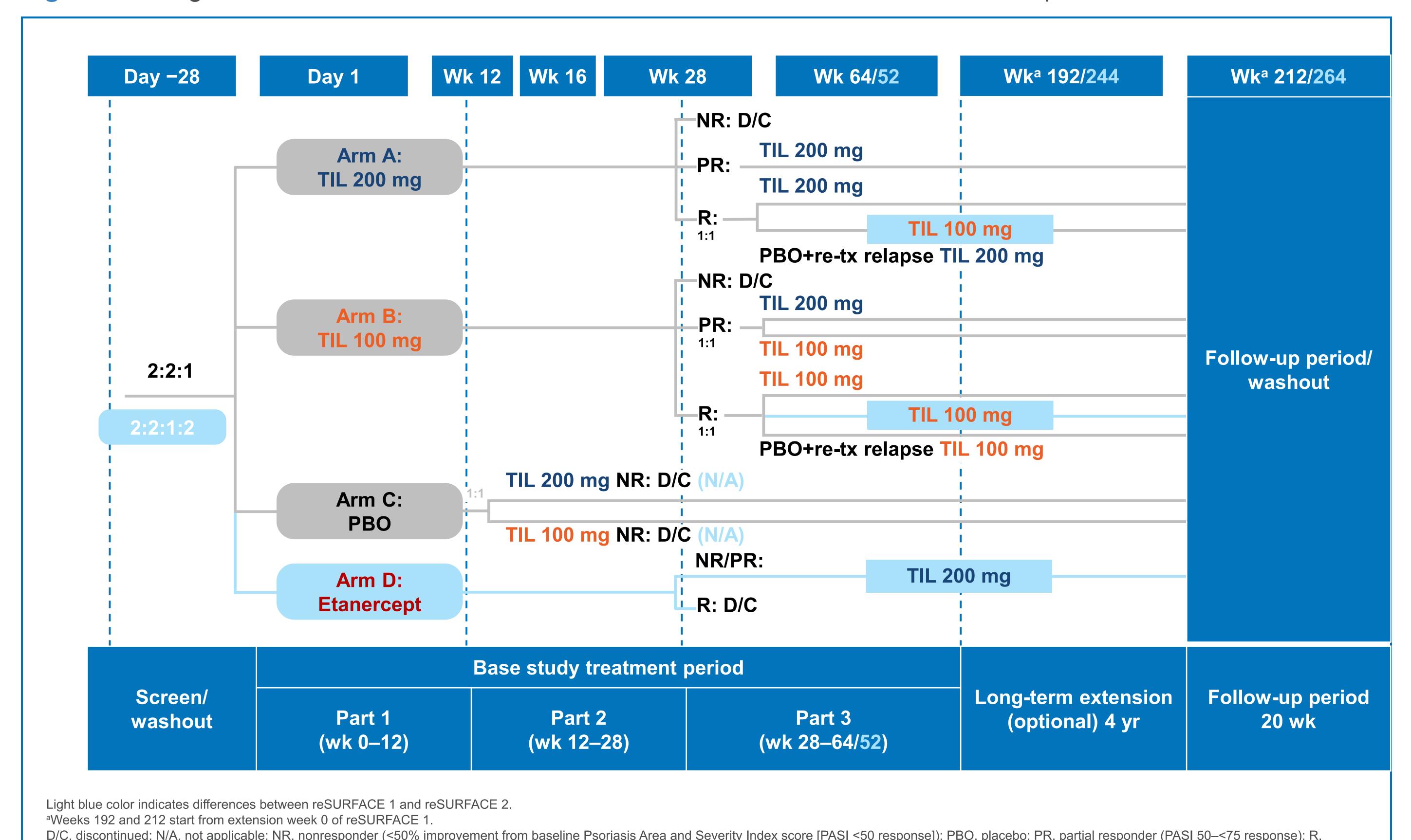
## METHODS

#### Study Design

- This analysis includes data from all patients exposed to tildrakizumab 100 or 200 mg in the 3-part, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, phase 3 reSURFACE 1 (64 weeks) and reSURFACE 2 (52 weeks) trials who received at least one dose of tildrakizumab during the optional long-term extension periods<sup>1</sup>
- Adult patients with moderate to severe chronic plaque psoriasis were eligible for the base studies<sup>1</sup>
- Patients received tildrakizumab 100 or 200 mg monotherapy at weeks 0 and 4 and every 12 weeks thereafter, or placebo; reSURFACE 2 included an etanercept treatment arm up to week 28.1 Eligible patients who enrolled in the extension studies received the same dose of tildrakizumab as at base study completion<sup>1,2</sup>
- Patients could be rerandomized or reassigned to a different treatment based on prespecified efficacy criteria. The integrated study design is shown in **Figure 1**<sup>1,2</sup>

Figure 1. Design of the reSURFACE 1 and reSURFACE 2 trials with base and extension periods

responder (PASI 75 response); re-tx, retreatment; Screen, screening; TIL, tildrakizumab; wk, week; yr, year.



## **Safety Outcomes**

- Safety was assessed from exposure-adjusted incidence rates (EAIRs) of positively adjudicated major adverse cardiovascular events (MACE)
- —All MACE and extended MACE were adjudicated by an external clinical adjudication committee
- —MACE included nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, and cardiovascular (CV) deaths confirmed as "cardiovascular" or "sudden"
- —Extended MACE included nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, unstable angina, coronary revascularization, resuscitated cardiac arrest, and CV deaths confirmed as "cardiovascular" or "sudden"
- The safety analysis group was the all patients as-treated population, including all patients who entered the extension study and received ≥1 dose of the same treatment as in the base study
- —Analyses for tildrakizumab 100 mg included all patients who received tildrakizumab 100 mg during any part of the study
- —Analyses for tildrakizumab 200 mg included all patients who received tildrakizumab 200 mg during any part of the study
- EAIRs were calculated as cumulative incidence per 100 patient-years (PY) of exposure in all patients as-treated

## RESULTS

#### **Patients**

• Base study patient characteristics were previously published. There were 506 patients who entered the reSURFACE 1 extension and 730 patients who entered the reSURFACE 2 extension (**Table 1**)

Table 1. Baseline demographics for patients in the extension phase

	reSURFACE 1		reSURFACE 2	
	TIL 100 mg (n = 239)	TIL 200 mg (n = 267)	TIL 100 mg (n = 381)	TIL 200 mg (n = 349)
Sex, male, n (%)	159 (66.5)	183 (68.5)	291 (76.4)	242 (69.3)
Age, years, mean ± SD	46.9 ± 13.0	47.1 ± 13.0	44.2 ± 13.3	45.6 ± 12.8
Race, n (%)				
White	163 (68.2)	173 (64.8)	351 (92.1)	329 (94.3)
Asian	60 (25.1)	80 (30.0)	7 (1.8)	8 (2.3)
Weight, kg, mean ± SD	87.1 ± 24.4	87.8 ± 24.2	88.4 ± 21.4	89.0 ± 21.5
Baseline PASI score, mean ± SD	20.0 ± 7.6	21.3 ± 9.6	19.8 ± 7.7	19.3 ± 6.9
Body surface area, %, mean ± SD	30.2 ± 17.5	31.7 ± 19.6	32.6 ± 18.0	30.1 ± 15.8
Duration of treatment, <sup>a</sup> weeks, mean	237.4	265.0	227.7	226.1

Data shown as mean ± SD unless otherwise noted.

<sup>a</sup>Duration of treatment during base and extension phases.

PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; SD, standard deviation; TIL, tildrakizumab.

- In reSURFACE 1, there were 1165 PY of exposure to tildrakizumab 100 mg and 1366 PY of exposure to tildrakizumab 200 mg in the base and extension studies
- In reSURFACE 2, there were 1671 PY of exposure to tildrakizumab 100 mg and 1568 PY of exposure to tildrakizumab 200 mg in the base and extension studies

#### Cardiovascular Events

• EAIRs for all confirmed CV events were <1.0 event per 100 PY in patients receiving either tildrakizumab 100 or 200 mg in both studies (**Table 2**)

Table 2. Summary of exposure-related cardiovascular events over 5 years

	reSURFACE 1		reSURFACE 2	
Adverse event, n <sup>a</sup> (EAIR) <sup>b</sup>	TIL 100 mg (n = 256) (1164.8 PY)	TIL 200 mg (n = 267) (1365.8 PY)	TIL 100 mg (n = 398) (1671.3 PY)	TIL 200 mg (n = 454) (1567.5 PY)
≥1 confirmed composite adjudicated CV events <sup>c</sup>	7 (0.6)	12 (0.9)	7 (0.4)	10 (0.6)
Confirmed CV events				
MACEd	6 (0.5)	6 (0.4)	5 (0.3)	9 (0.6)
Extended MACE <sup>e</sup>	6 (0.5)	9 (0.7)	5 (0.3)	9 (0.6)
Fatal/nonfatal thrombotic/embolic/ischemic CV eventsf	5 (0.4)	11 (0.8)	6 (0.4)	10 (0.6)
Individual cardiovascular events				
Cardiac events	2 (0.2)	4 (0.3)	4 (0.2)	9 (0.6)
Acute myocardial infarction	0	1 (0.1)	3 (0.2)	7 (0.4)
Coronary revascularization	1 (0.1)	4 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	6 (0.4)
Resuscitated cardiac arrest	0	1 (0.1)	0	0
Cardiac arrhythmias, no evidence of ischemia	0	0	2 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Severe/accelerated hypertension	1 (0.1)	0	0	0
Cerebrovascular events	6 (0.5)	6 (0.4)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Hemorrhagic stroke or hemorrhagic change	3 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	0	0
Ischemic stroke	4 (0.3)	4 (0.3)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Other brain imaging finding	0	1 (0.1)	0	0
Cerebrovascular revascularization	1 (0.1)	0	0	0
Peripheral vascular events	1 (0.1)	3 (0.2)	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)
Peripheral venous thrombosis	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0
Pulmonary embolism	1 (0.1)	3 (0.2)	0	0
Peripheral arterial thrombosis/thromboembolism	0	0	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)
Cardiovascular death	0	0	1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)

<sup>a</sup>Includes patients who received TIL 100 or 200 mg at any time during the study. <sup>b</sup>Numbers in parentheses represent the number of patients with the event per 100 PY of exposure. <sup>c</sup>Includes confirmed MACE, extended MACE, and fatal or nonfatal thrombotic/embolic/ischemic CV events. <sup>d</sup>Includes nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, and CV deaths confirmed as "cardiovascular" or "sudden." <sup>e</sup>Includes nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, unstable angina coronary revascularization, resuscitated cardiac arrest, and CV deaths confirmed as "cardiovascular" or "sudden." <sup>f</sup>Includes fatal and nonfatal events—acute myocardial infarction, ischemic stroke, unstable angina, coronary revascularization transient ischemic attack, pulmonary embolism, peripheral arterial thrombosis/thromboembolism, venous thrombosis, resuscitated cardiac arrest, and CV deaths confirmed as "cardiovascular" or "sudden." CV, cardiovascular; EAIR, exposure-adjusted incidence rate; MACE, major adverse cardiovascular event; PY, patient-years; TIL, tildrakizumab.

# CONCLUSIONS

- Through 5 years of treatment, EAIRs of individual and composite cardiovascular events were low and similar between tildrakizumab doses for up to 5 years
- No new safety signals were observed

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## DISCLOSURES

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