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XTMAB-16 IN SARCOIDOSIS: FIRST-IN-PATIENT STUDY RESULTS

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Goals of This Session

- Introduce XTMAB-16, a therapeutic antibody targeting inflammatory pathways implicated in the formation and propagation of granulomas in sarcoidosis.
- Provide an overview of the XTMAB-16-201 Part A, the first-in-patient clinical trial.
- Present results on Part A (dose-escalation), focusing on safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics.
- Discuss implications of Part A results for ongoing clinical development, including dose selection and progression to subsequent study phases.

Rare Inflammatory Disease that Interferes with an Organ's Structure and Function

- Multisystem immune-mediated disease characterized by granulomas developing across one or more organ systems.
- When left untreated, inflammation can lead to fibrosis, organ dysfunction and reduced QoL.

Ongoing Unmet Need

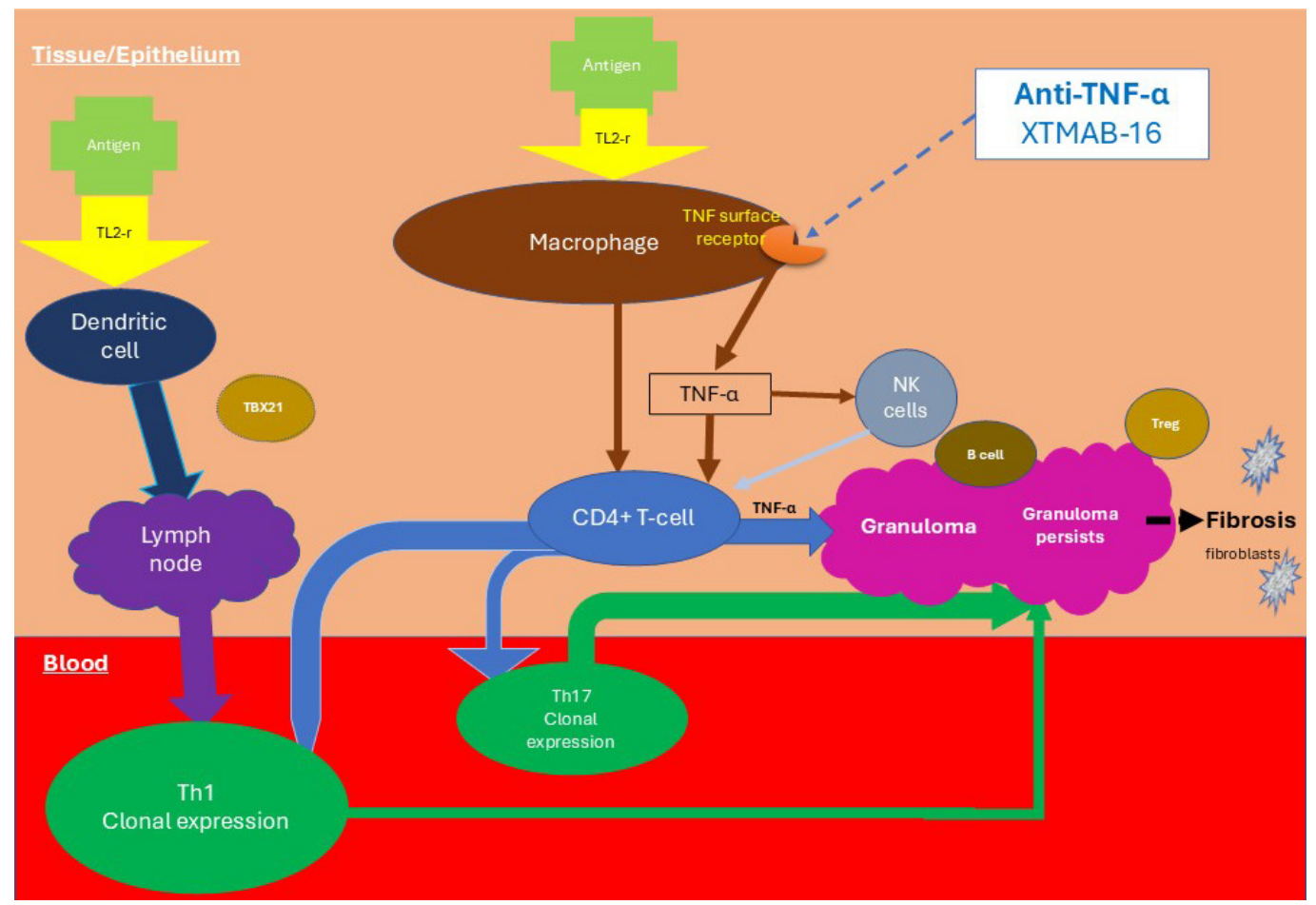
- There are no FDA-approved therapies specifically developed for sarcoidosis.
- Beyond steroids, patients rely on off-label therapies approved for other diseases, highlighting the lack of targeted treatments.
- Patients emphasize the need for accessible therapies with mechanisms of action that target disease etiology and progression.

TNF α is essential for the:

- **Early recruitment** of macrophages
- **Activation** of immune cells
- **Maintenance** of the granuloma's structural integrity

TNF is upstream in the process of granuloma formation, acting as a crucial initiating and regulatory signal rather than merely a consequence of the structure's formation.

Granuloma Formation and Persistence



Adapted from Obi, et al., Clin Chest Med. 2024

XTMAB-16 At A Glance

XTMAB-16 is an anti-tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF α) monoclonal antibody being developed as a novel biologic product for the treatment of pulmonary sarcoidosis with or without extrapulmonary manifestations.

Therapeutic Goal: Disrupt the inflammatory pathway and slow/halt the progress of granuloma formation

DEVELOPED AS A DISTINCT INVESTIGATIONAL MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY

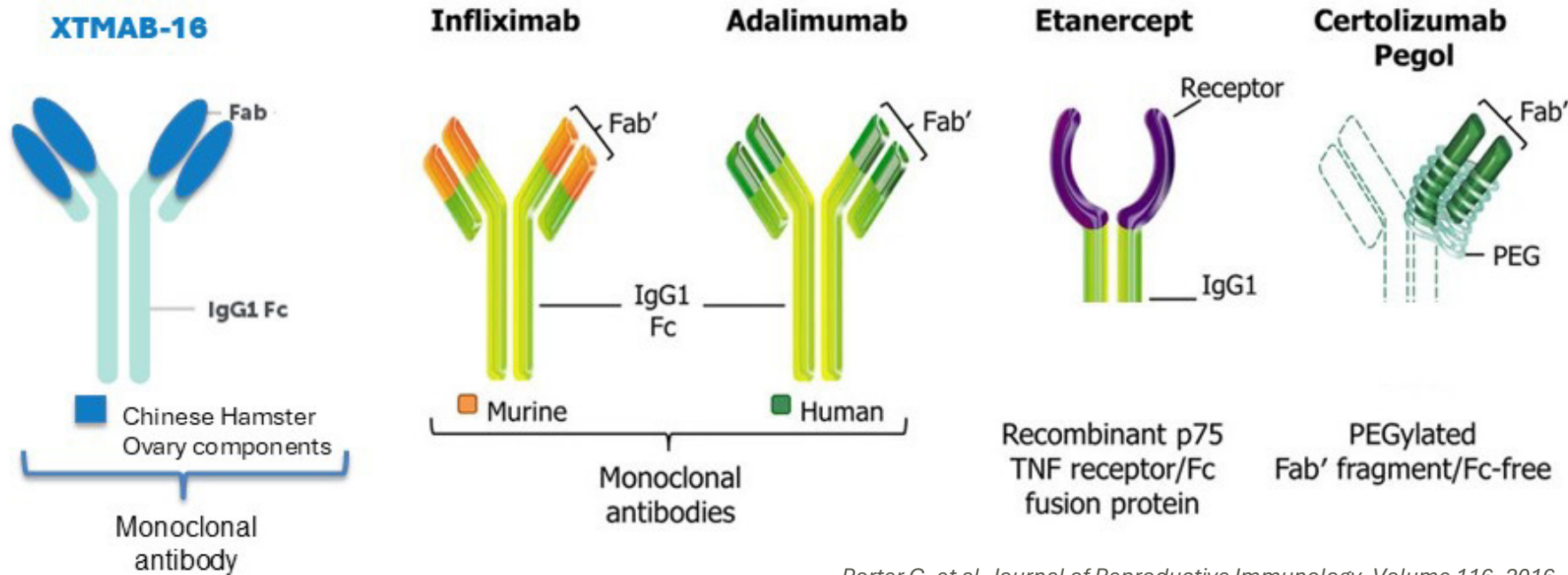
Although XTMAB-16 was initially designed with reference to infliximab, it is recognized as a separate molecular entity (with a distinct CAS identifier) and is being advanced under the FDA 351(a) pathway for sarcoidosis, requiring independent evaluation of safety and efficacy rather than demonstration of bio similarity.

Route	—	IV Infusion
Phase 1 Healthy volunteers	—	Overall Safe & Tolerable
Phase 2 First Inpatient dose ranging Study	—	Overall Safe & Tolerable

X Hypothesis

XTMAB-16 is a chimeric human-murine IgG1 anti-TNF mAb targeting soluble TNF- α , a pathway implicated in granuloma formation and persistence in sarcoidosis.

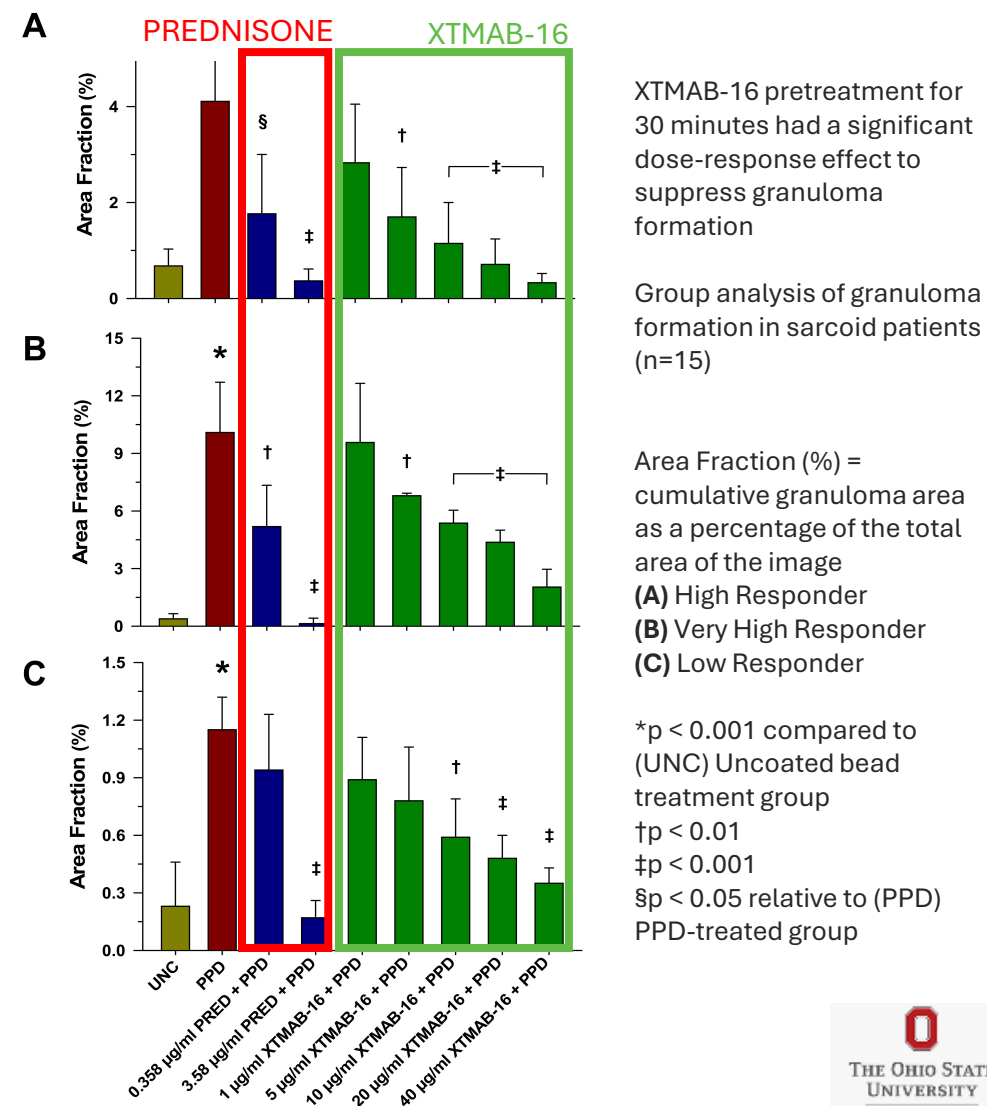
Developed using a CHO cell expression system to support human-compatible glycosylation and controlled product quality – factors associated with reduced immunogenicity risk (pending clinical confirmation).



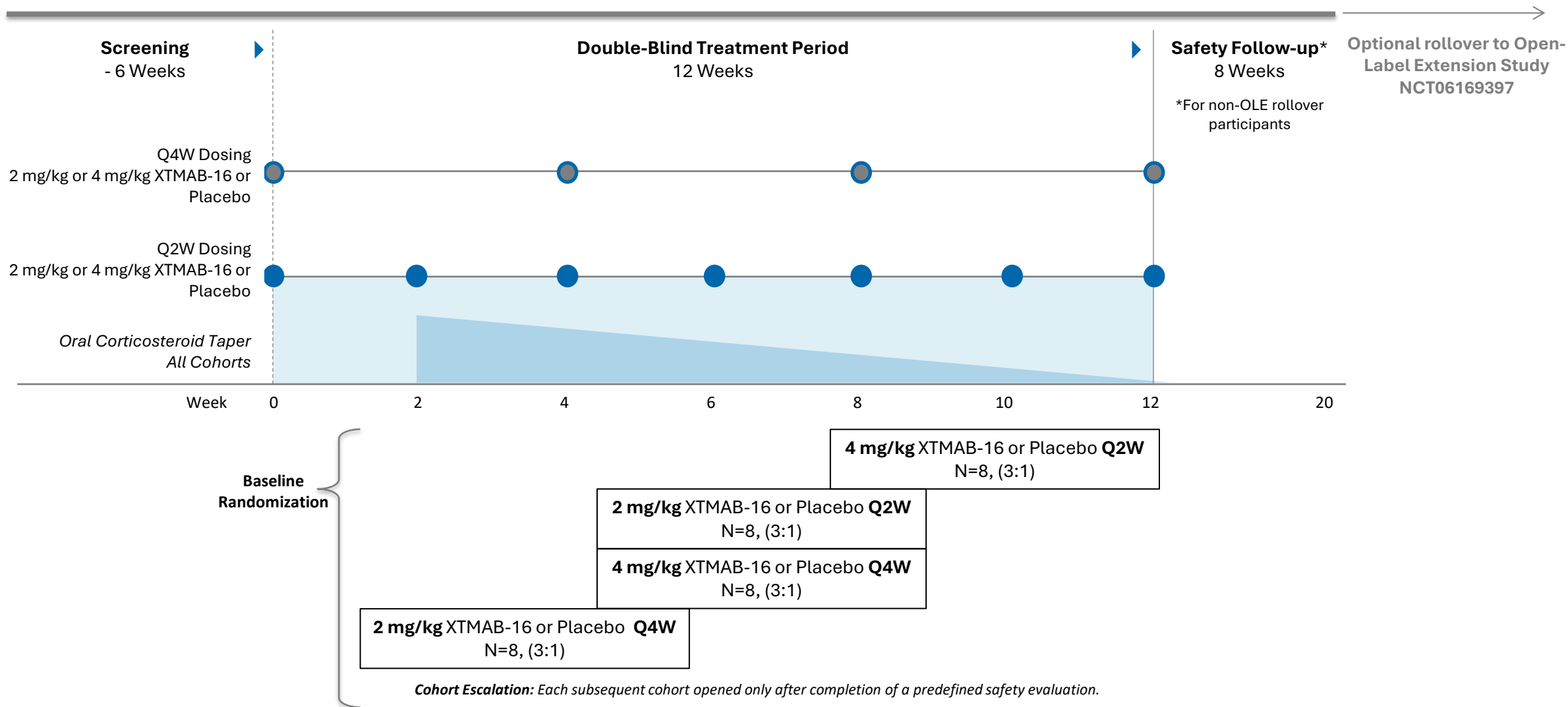
Porter C, et al. *Journal of Reproductive Immunology*, Volume 116, 2016.

Model-Informed Dosing Strategy for Part A Trial Design

- **Mechanistic potential:** Dose-dependent inhibition of granuloma growth observed in vitro.
- XTMAB-16 showed a superior dose effect to standard of care corticosteroids.
 - At doses comparable to therapeutic and supra-therapeutic doses of first-line prednisone; with supra-therapeutic dose of steroids being toxic and infeasible.
- Implementation of this model predicted therapeutically relevant lung tissue drug concentrations for Part A of the study.



Part A (Multiple Ascending Dose-Ranging) Trial Design



Patients with chronic and active pulmonary sarcoidosis

Key Inclusion Criteria	Key Exclusion Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis (PS), with or without extrapulmonary manifestations • Diagnosis of PS \geq 6 months prior to screening • No prior anti-TNF use • On 7.5–25 mg/day OCS (or equivalent) and can remain on stable dose during screening period • On stable dose of 2nd-line agent for \geq 3 months • Parenchymal lung involvement on HRCT • mMRC Dyspnea Scale of \geq 1 • FVC > 50% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive Fibrosis (> 20%) • Clinically significant SAPH • Clinically significant Cardiac/ Neurosarcoidosis



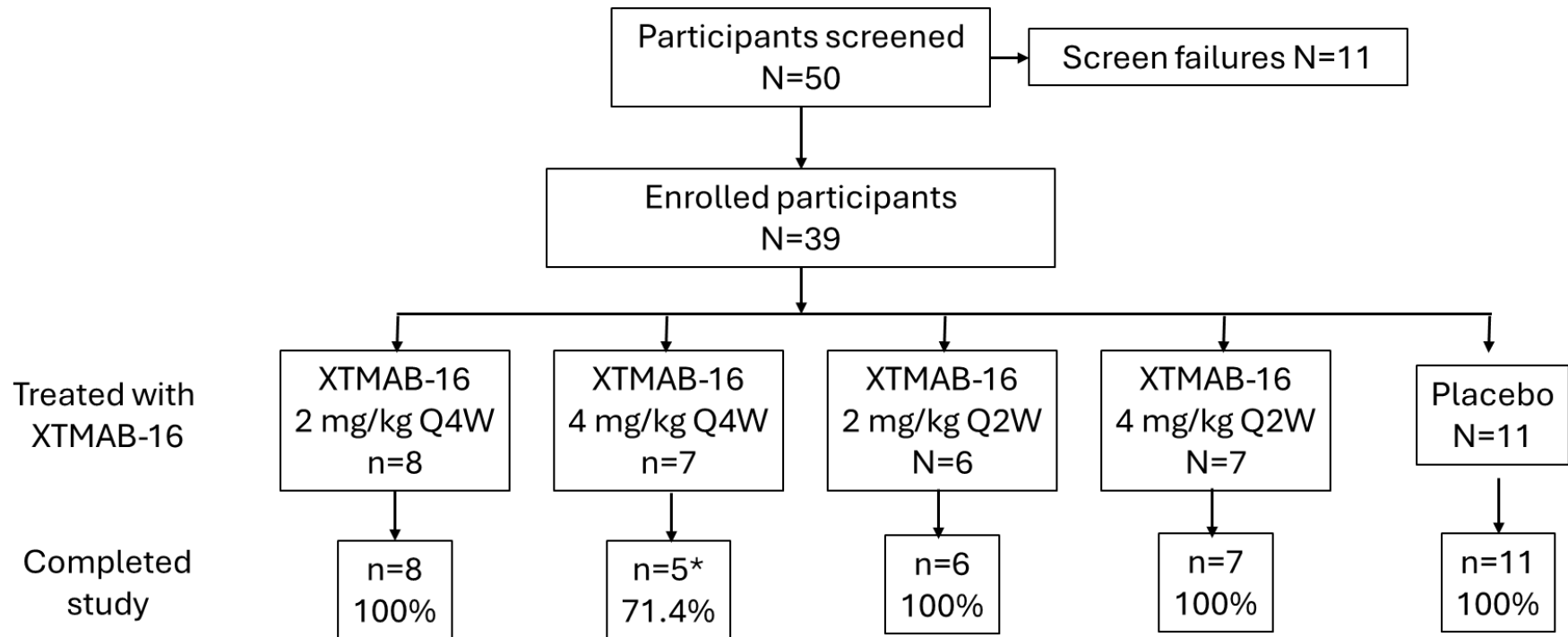
Patients with chronic and active pulmonary sarcoidosis

Primary Objectives	Secondary Objectives
<p>Safety and tolerability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate Of Adverse Events (AEs) • Dose Limiting Toxicities (DLTs) • Adverse Events Of Special Interests (AESIs) <p>Recommended dose determination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PK profiling • PD trends • Occurrence of ADA • FVC • OCS reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportions of participants who achieve targeted OCS taper (5mg/day or equivalent) by Week 12 • PK clearance, volume, half-life • Accumulation ratio repeat dosing • Immunogenicity profiles • Biomarkers* • HRQoL* • HRCT*

No formal statistical hypothesis was planned due to the exploratory nature of the study and the limited sample size in each treatment group



Study Period Nov 2023 – Mar 2025



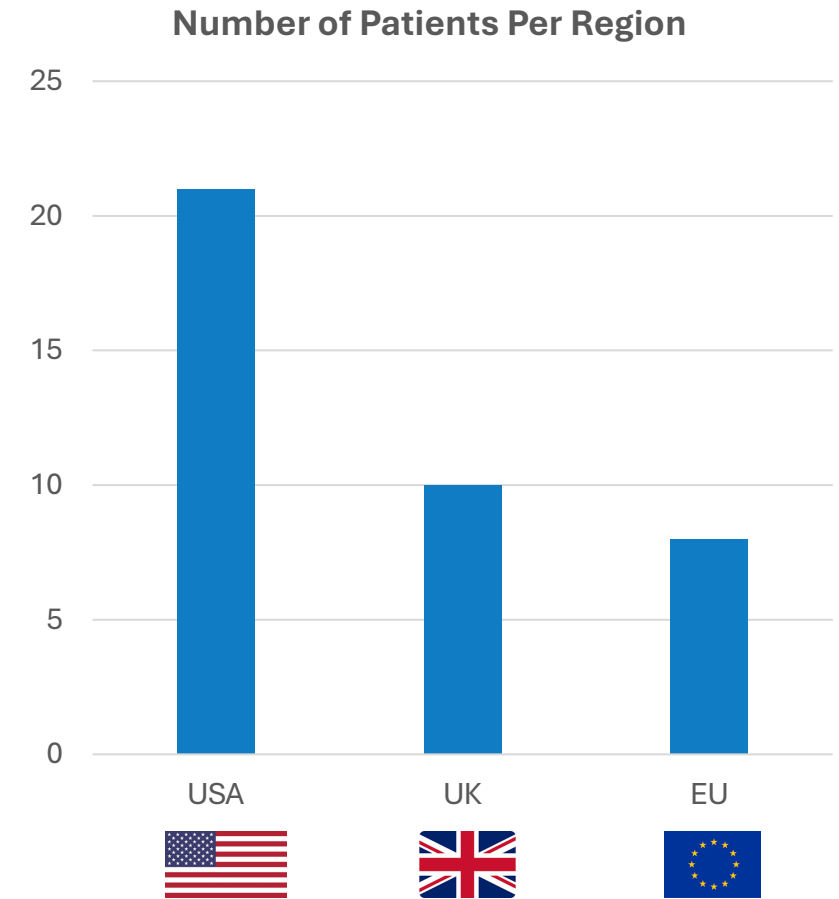
* 2 participants withdrew consent

39 Patients were randomized to XTMAB-16 vs. Placebo (3:1);
37 patients completed study



Demographics

Study XTMAB-16-201		(N=39)
Race	White	28 (71.8%)
	Black	10 (25.6%)
	Other	1 (2.6%)
Gender	Male	23 (59%)
	Female	16 (41%)
Age	Mean (SD)	54.3 (9.0)
BMI	Mean	31.9 kg/m ²





Baseline Characteristics

Study XTMAB-16-201	(N=39)
Average duration of disease prior to baseline (years)	8.76
Background immunosuppressant therapy	
Methotrexate	19 (48.7%)
Azathioprine	8 (20.5%)
*Hydroxychloroquine	7 (17.9%)
Mycophenolic Acid	8 (20.5%)
Extrapulmonary manifestation	
No	16 (57.1%)
Yes	12 (42.9%)
Cutaneous	5 (12.8%)
Ocular	7 (17.9%)
Neurological	1 (2.6%)
Musculoskeletal	2 (5.1%)
Renal	1 (2.6%)

Study XTMAB-16-201	(N=39)
OCS dose (mg/day)	
20	1 (2.6%)
15	2 (5.1%)
10	17 (43.6%)
7.5	17 (43.6%)
FVC % predicted; mean (SD)	87.3% (19)
Pooled Active	83.4 (19)
Pooled Placebo	97.4 (16)
FVC (L); mean (SD)	
Pooled Active	3.42 (2)
Pooled Placebo	4.48 (1)



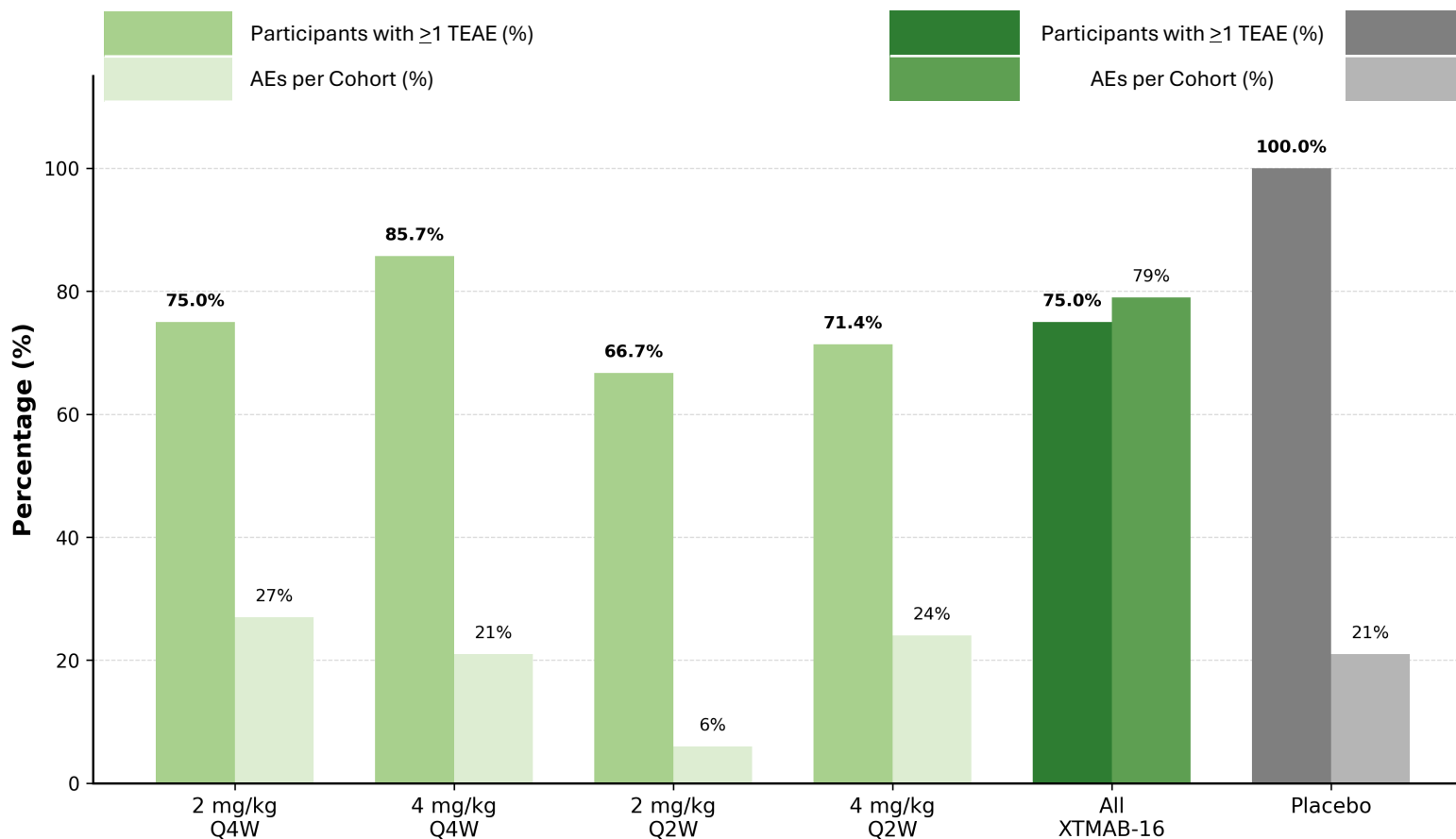
Safety Profile

XTMAB-16 demonstrated a safety profile consistent with the established class effects of TNF α inhibitors with no unexpected safety signals observed.

- XTMAB-16 was well tolerated with mild to moderate adverse events generally consistent across all dose groups
 - No unexpected treatment-emergent adverse events (TEAEs) observed
 - No dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) identified
 - No deaths occurred
 - No serious adverse events (SAEs) related to study intervention
 - No opportunistic infections, lymphomas or hepatotoxicity reported

TEAEs in >5% of participants across all doses of XTMA B-16 and Placebo

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events by Study Arm



TEAE = treatment-emergent adverse event. Dark green indicates pooled XTMA B-16 cohort.

≥ 1 TEAE reported in:

- 100% placebo participants
- 75% of treated participants

Common events were low-grade GI, respiratory (rhinitis, dyspnea) and mild infections Grade 1-2.

TEAEs in >5% of participants across all doses of XTMA B-16 and Placebo

MeDRA Preferred Term n (%)	XTMA B-16 Dose						
	2 mg/kg Q4W	4 mg/kg Q4W	2 mg/kg Q2W	4 mg/kg Q2W	All doses	Placebo	Total
	N=8	N=7	N=6	N=7	N=28	N=11	N=39
Number of participants with ≥1 TEAE	6 (75.0)	6 (85.7)	4 (66.7)	5 (71.4)	21 (75.0)	11 (100)	32 (82.1)
Fatigue	0	2 (28.6)	0	0	2 (7.1)	0	2 (5.1)
Sarcoidosis exacerbation*	2 (25.0)	0	0	1 (14.3)	3 (10.7)	0	3 (7.7)
Conjunctivitis	1 (12.5)	0	1 (16.7)	0	2 (7.1)	0	2 (5.1)
Postoperative wound infection	1 (12.5)	0	0	0	1 (3.6)	0	1 (2.6)
Nasopharyngitis	0	0	0	0	0	2 (18.2)	2 (5.1)
Pharyngitis	0	0	0	0	0	1 (9.1)	1 (2.6)
Respiratory tract infection viral	0	2 (28.6)	0	0	2 (7.1)	1 (9.1)	3 (7.1)
Elevated serum CPK	2 (25.0)	0	1 (16.7)	1 (14.3)	4 (14.3)	1 (9.1)	5 (12.8)
Myalgia	1 (12.5)	0	0	1 (14.3)	2 (7.1)	0	2 (5.1)
Arthralgia	0	1 (14.3)	0	2 (28.6)	3 (10.7)	1 (9.1)	4 (10.3)
Headache	1 (12.5)	1 (14.3)	0	1 (14.3)	3 (10.7)	1 (9.1)	4 (10.3)
Dyspnea	0	1 (14.3)	0	1 (14.3)	2 (7.1)	0	2 (5.1)
Rash	1 (12.5)	0	0	1 (14.3)	2 (7.1)	0	2 (5.1)

*Reports of sarcoidosis exacerbation were documented using the Preferred Term 'sarcoidosis'.

- Incidence comparable between active and placebo
- No statistically significant differences observed



PK Profile

- Terminal half-life was approximately 13 days; 14.7 days (ADA-) vs 10.6 days (ADA+) as characterized by two-compartment model.
- Clinical Benchmark: Infliximab ~7-12 days
 - PK model was unable to distinguish between an ADA mediated clearance and non-ADA mediated clearance – the variability and small sample size may be contributing factors

	Overall	
	ADA non-Positive (N=28)	ADA Positive (N=19)
t_half_beta (days)		
Mean (SD)	14.7 (5.57)	10.6 (4.18)
Median [Min, Max]	13.0 [7.57, 30.6]	8.84 [5.49, 18.0]

Table 1. Half-life of each compartmental phase by ADA status



PK - Exposure-Response / Trough

Exposures Q2W at Week 10

	Overall (N=13)
AUC (2 week) (hr.ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	22800 (9210)
Median [Min, Max]	20800 [11500, 35700]
AUC (4 week) (hr.ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	45600 (18400)
Median [Min, Max]	41600 [23000, 71400]
Cmax (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	124 (51.7)
Median [Min, Max]	110 [56.4, 209]
Cmin (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	41.8 (17.8)
Median [Min, Max]	46.0 [12.8, 70.0]
Cavg (2 Week) (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	68.6 (27.3)
Median [Min, Max]	62.0 [34.3, 106]
Cavg (4 Week) (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	137 (54.6)
Median [Min, Max]	124 [68.5, 212]

Exposures Q4W at Weeks 8-12

	Overall (N=14)
AUC (hr.ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	25500 (14900)
Median [Min, Max]	21300 [8140, 55400]
Cmax (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	103 (49.5)
Median [Min, Max]	91.4 [43.6, 190]
Cmin (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	17.7 (13.4)
Median [Min, Max]	16.1 [1.50, 46.4]
Cavg (ug/mL)	
Mean (SD)	38.5 (22.2)
Median [Min, Max]	32.9 [12.1, 82.5]



Exposure-Response / anti-TNFs

Prior work in anti-TNF-treated sarcoidosis (n=90) showed that suboptimal dosing, particularly overdosing, can disrupt PK and increase immunogenicity, leading to reduced drug exposure and diminished efficacy (Otten et al.).

Underscores the need for careful evaluation of dose accumulation, dosing frequency and immunogenicity trends.

Infliximab most common dose 5mg/kg Q6W

Table 3

Predictors of infliximab drug levels.

Associated Variable	N (%)	IFX Level (median, IQR)	p-value
Second Line Therapy:			
Yes	36 (56.3 %)	16.2 (17.8)	0.060
No	28 (43.8 %)	8.9 (20.3)	
Prednisone:			
Yes	19 (29.7 %)	6.8 (24.1)	0.877
No	45 (70.3 %)	15.9 (17.5)	
Presence of Anti-drug Antibodies:			
Yes	11 (19.0 %)	1.0 (5.6)	<0.001
No	47 (81.0 %)	16.4 (18.0)	

Adalimumab most common dose 40mg Q1W

Table 4

Predictors of adalimumab drug levels.

Associated variable	N (%)	Adalimumab Level (median, IQR)	p-value
Second Line Therapy:			
Yes	8 (30.8 %)	9.7 (7.1)	0.683
No	18 (69.2 %)	12.1 (20.9)	
Prednisone:			
Yes	10 (38.5 %)	7.3 (12.1)	0.150
No	16 (61.5 %)	12.5 (15.0)	
Presence of Anti-drug Antibodies:			
Yes	8 (32 %)	3.1 (6.9)	<0.001
No	17 (68 %)	14.0 (17.3)	

Model Predicted Exposure for 201 Patients

- Observed ADA formation showed trends towards reduced terminal half-life
 - Terminal $\frac{1}{2}$ life : 14.7 days (ADA-) vs 10.6 days (ADA+)

- Q4W dosing demonstrates minimal accumulation with stable trough levels**
- Q2W dosing shows modest accumulation with repeated dosing

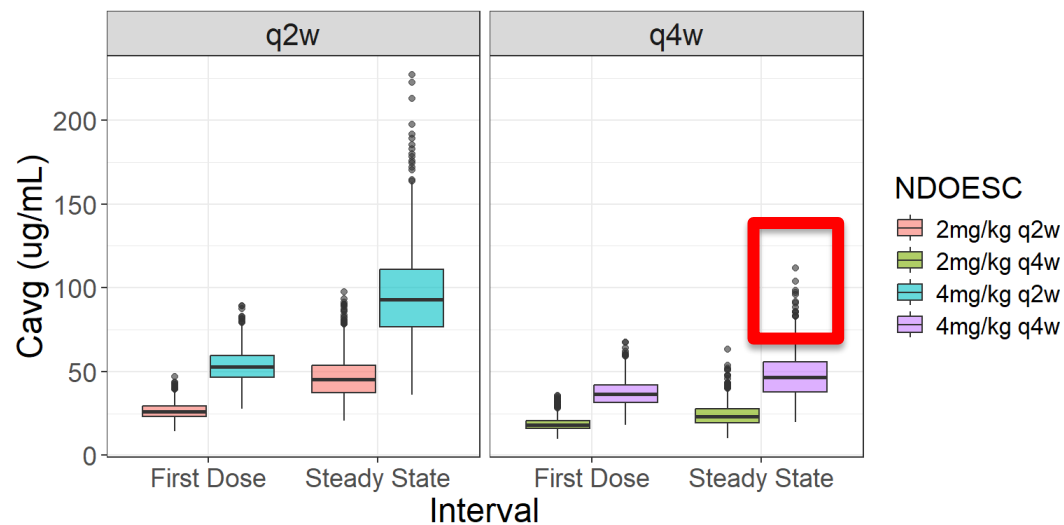


Figure 1. XTMA B-16 Average Concentration Q2W vs Q4W

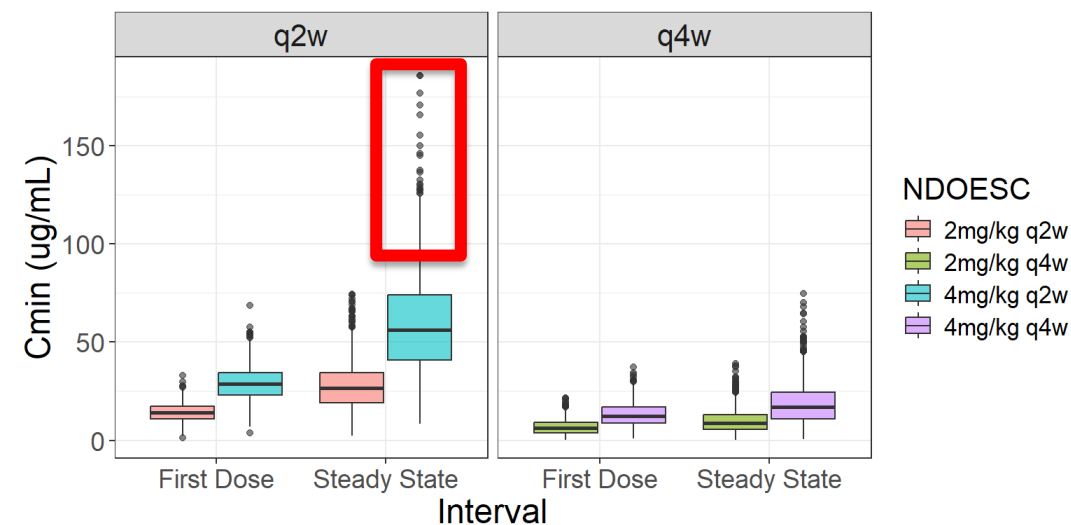


Figure 2. XTMA B-16 Minimum Concentration Q2W vs Q4W

Anti-Drug Antibodies and Neutralizing Antibodies by Dose Level and Dosing Regimen for XTMAb-16

	2 mg/kg Q4W (N=8)	4 mg/kg Q4W (N=7)	2 mg/kg Q2W (N=6)	4 mg/kg Q2W (N=7)
Anti-drug antibody (subject level)				
Non-Positive	2 (25.0%)	6 (85.7%)	4 (66.7%)	5 (71.4%)
Positive	6 (75.0%)	1 (14.3%)	2 (33.3%)	2 (28.6%)
Neutralizing antibody (subject level)				
Negative	5 (62.5%)	2 (28.6%)	2 (33.3%)	1 (14.3%)
Positive	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	1 (14.3%)
Not assessed /ADA non-positive	3 (37.5%)	5 (71.4%)	4 (66.7%)	5 (71.4%)

PK Profiles by Confirmed Anti-Drug Antibody (Positive) Status

- P1 Single Ascending Dose in healthy volunteers (101)
 - All ADA+ participants were NAb+
- Part A (active group)
 - Minimal NAb+ in 201 (n = 1) in 4mg/kg Q2W dose group confirmed at Wk 12
 - ADA+ linked to lower XTMA B-16 exposure compared to ADA- participants
 - **ADA most frequent in 2mg/kg Q4W dosing group**

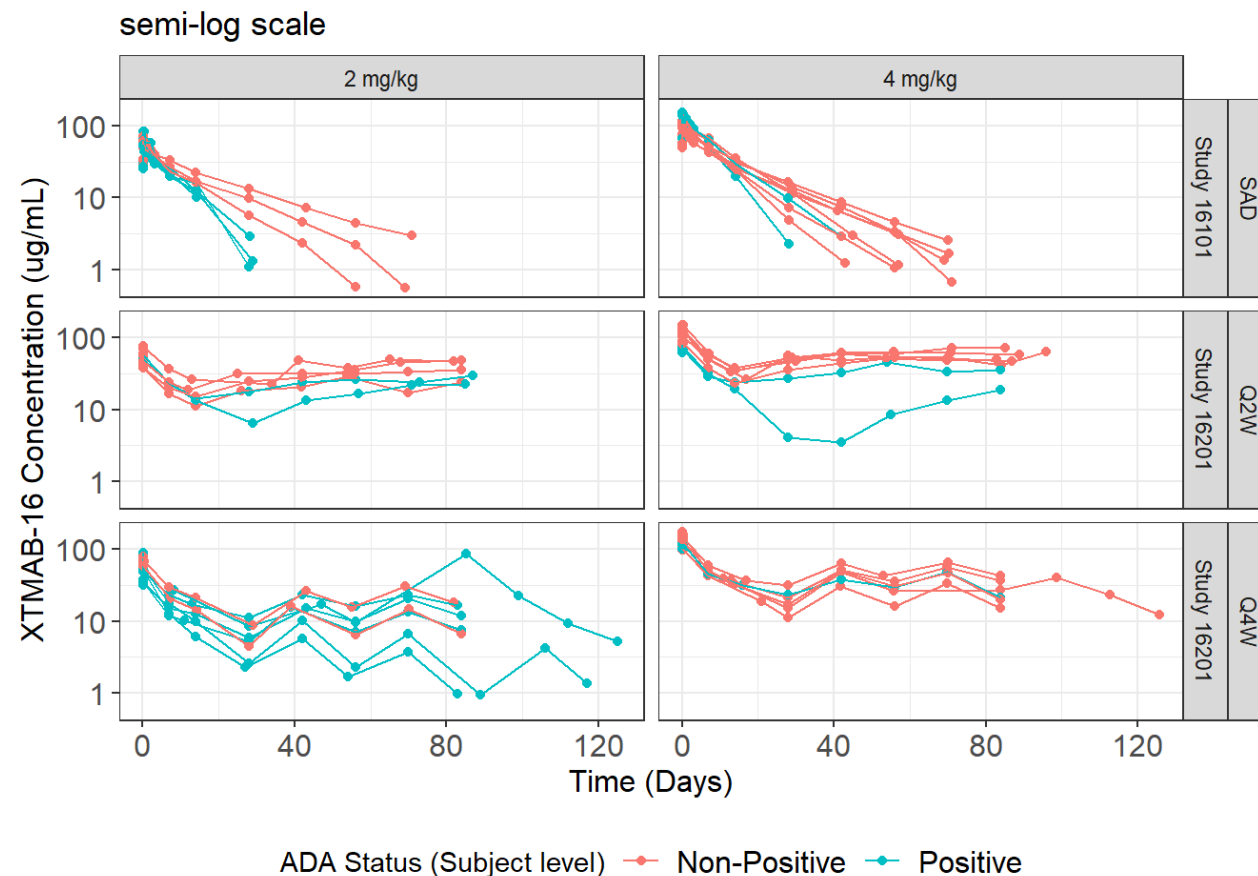


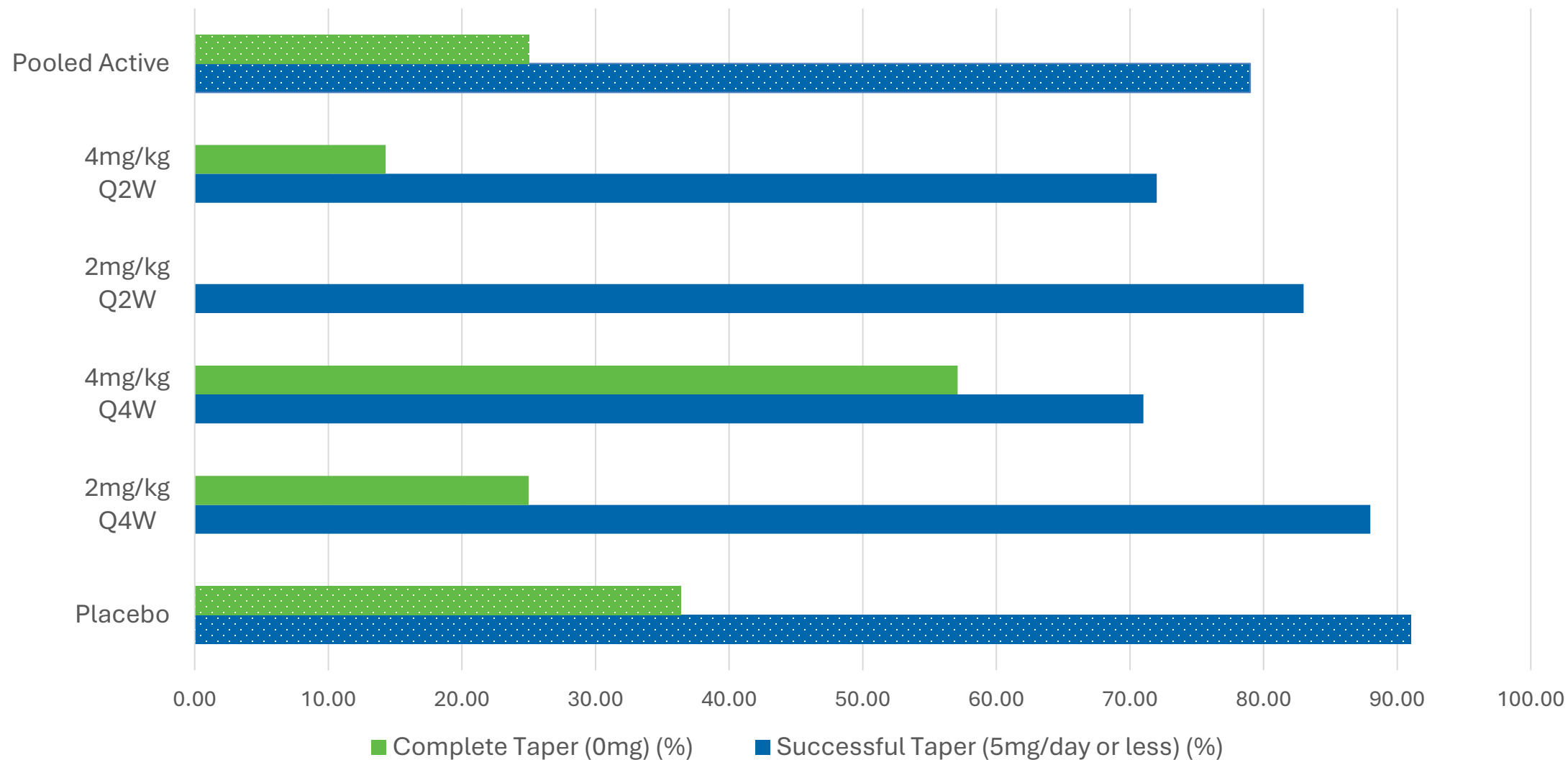
Figure 1. Pharmacokinetic Profile, Single Ascending Dose in Healthy Volunteers vs Q2W and Q4W Dosing in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis Patients

If a subject had a positive ADA sample at any time on study, then coded as positive for this plot

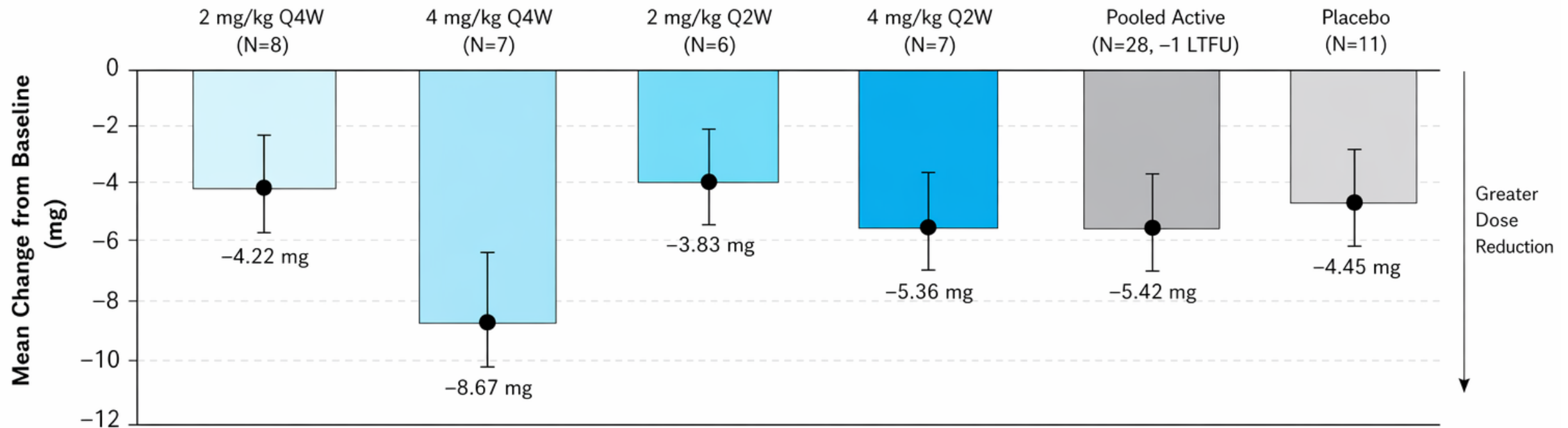
SAD = single-ascending dose; NCT05890729



Achievement of Complete Steroid Taper (0 mg/day) at Week 12



Corticosteroid Mean Reduction at Week 12

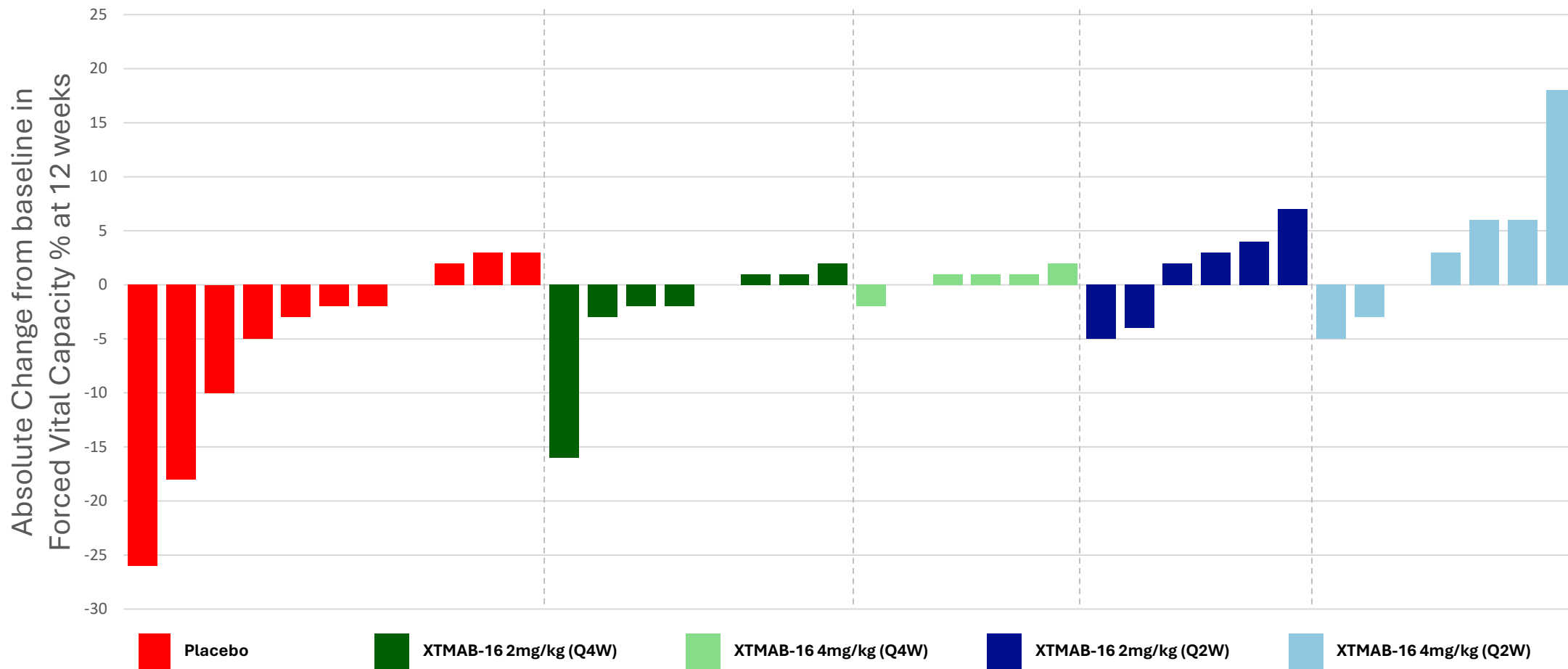


Q4W = every 4 weeks; Q2W = every 2 weeks; LTFU = lost to follow-up; SD = standard deviation; CI = confidence interval.

* Mean difference (Active - Placebo). Negative values favor active treatment (greater dose reduction).

FVC % – Change from Baseline (Safety Population)

	XTMAB-16 Dose				
	Placebo N=11	2 mg/kg/Q4W N=8	4 mg/kg/Q4W N=6	2 mg/kg/Q2W N=6	4 mg/kg/Q2W N=7
Mean (SD)	-5.3 (9.26)	-2.4 (5.78)	0.5 (1.38)	1.2 (4.71)	3.6 (7.63)



NCT05890729; Q2W: every 2 weeks; Q4W: every 4 weeks; SD: standard deviation.

HRCT & Structural Changes at Week 12

Placebo

1	Unchanged
2	Unchanged
3	Unchanged
4	Unchanged
5	Worse
6	Worse
7	Unchanged
8	Unchanged
9	Unchanged
10	Worse
11	Unchanged

2 mg Q4W

1	Worse
2	Unchanged
3	Unchanged
4	Unchanged
5	Better
6	Unchanged
7	Better
8	Unchanged

4 mg Q4W

1	Unchanged
2	Unchanged
3	Unchanged
4	Unchanged
5	Unchanged
6	Unchanged

2 mg Q2W

1	Unchanged
2	Better
3	Better
4	Unchanged
5	Unchanged
6	Better

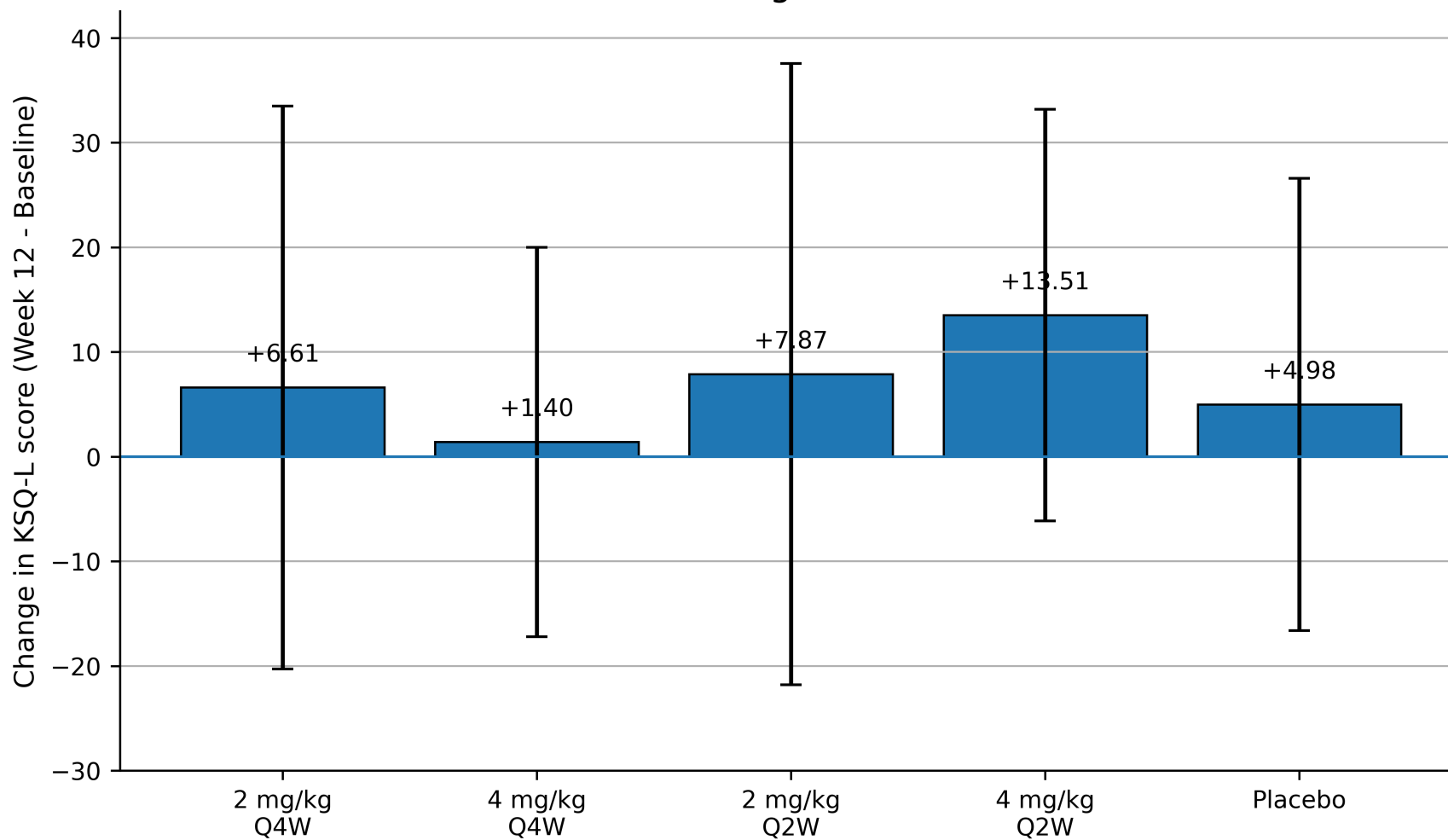
4 mg Q2W

1	Unchanged
2	Unchanged
3	Unchanged
4	Unchanged
5	Unchanged
6	Unchanged
7	Unchanged

Worse	Worse
Unchanged	Unchanged
Better	Better

Kings Sarcoidosis Questionnaire –Lung (KSQ-L)

King’s Sarcoidosis Questionnaire – Lung (KSQ-L)
Week 12 Change from Baseline



*CID 4 =
better health*

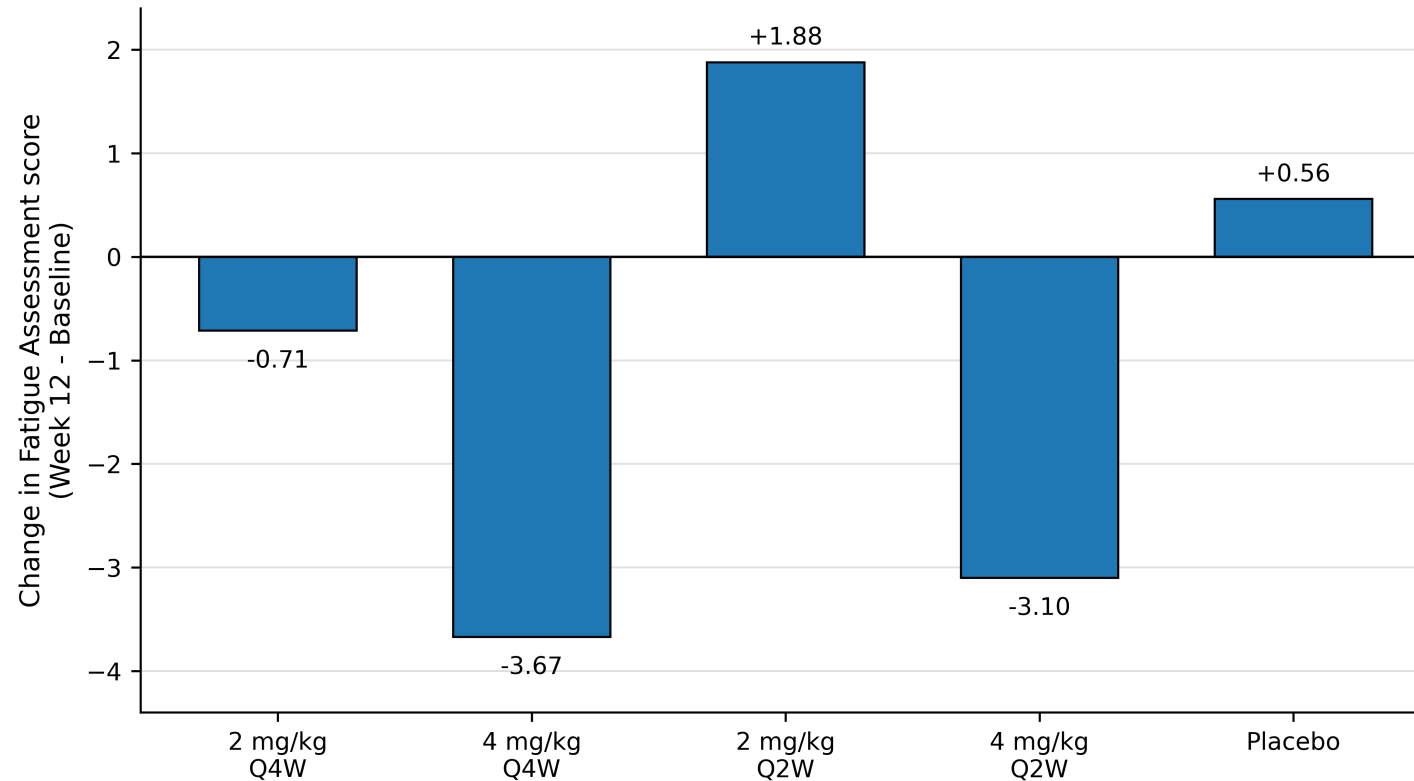


Fatigue Assessment Score (FAS)

	2 mg/kg Q4W	4 mg/kg Q4W	2 mg/kg Q2W	4 mg/kg Q2W	Placebo
Mean Observed Score Baseline	24.8	30	23.5	29.9	26.8

22-50 = Substantial Fatigue

Fatigue Assessment Score: Week 12 Change from Baseline



CID 4 or 10% change = better health

Observed means only. Negative values indicate improvement as lower FAS score represents less fatigue

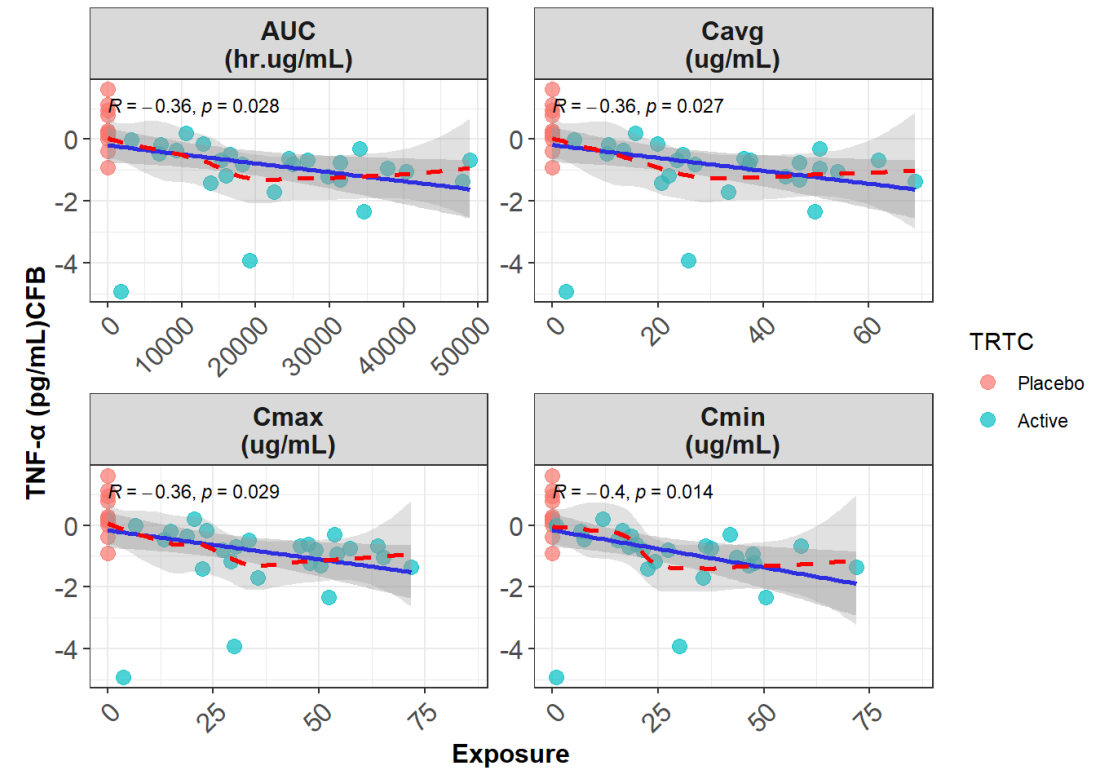
CID = Clinically important difference; de Kleijn WPE, et al. Respir Med. 2011; NCT05890729

sTNFa vs Week 12 PK Exposure

Emerging signal: Directional trend between TNF-α, and exposure levels → requires further investigation

Exposure-response: No strong linear correlations for most biomarkers

	2 mg/kg Q4W	4 mg/kg Q4W	2 mg/kg Q2W	4 mg/kg Q2W	Pooled Active	Placebo
Mean Observed Concentration (pg/mL) Baseline	1.89	1.15	2.23	1.23	1.61	1.59
Mean Observed Concentration (pg/mL) Week 12	1.00	0.44	0.44	0.28	0.56	1.95
Change From Baseline	-0.89	-0.71	-1.79	-0.95	-1.05	0.36
% Change From Baseline	-47%	-62%	-80%	-77%	-65%	+23%





Qualitative Side-by-Side

	2 mg/kg Q4W	4 mg/kg Q4W	2 mg/kg Q2W	4 mg/kg Q2W
Steroid Sparring	Patients achieved modest steroid tapering (~5 mg/d reduction). Some maintained on >7.5 mg/d, suggesting incomplete effect.	Produced highest reduction in steroid dose; highest proportion of patients to wean completely off steroids	Lowest rate of steroid reduction.	Modest rate of steroid reduction comparable with 2 mg/kg cohorts
Lung Function	Small reduction in FVC	Stable FVC, no decline, minimal improvement	Stable FVC, no decline, minimal improvement	Small improvement in lung function, not clinically meaningful.
Quality of Life	Small improvements in KSQ General and LCQ, not clinically meaningful thresholds	Improvement in KSQ General above the MCID	Improvements in KSQ General below the MCID	Improvements in KSQ General well above MCID
Biomarkers	Modest CRP reduction, ACE and IL-6 unchanged	Highest reduction in IL-1b; variable data in other assays	CRP lowered by 50%, IL-6 trended down	Strong biomarker response in all assays
Safety	Tolerable	Tolerable	Tolerable	Tolerable
Immunogenicity	Significantly higher prevalence of ADA	Lowest incidence of ADA	Higher immunogenicity than 4 mg dosing, lower than 2 mg Q2W dosing	Low Incidence of ADA
Interpretation	Safe, not effective, higher immunogenicity	Safe, effective, KSQ-Lung outliers to be examined	Safe, not effective, higher immunogenicity	Safe, effective, KSQ-Lung outliers to be examined; potentially burdensome treatment schedule.



Factors Considered for Dose Selection

Dose-ranging design enabled integrated assessment across key domains

- **Selection criteria:** Safety, steroid tapering, physiologic impact, biomarkers, PK, immunogenicity, and QoL
- **DSMC determination:** 4 mg/kg Q4W identified as optimal balance of efficacy, safety, and exposure
- **Investigative plan:** 4 mg/kg Q4W advanced for further evaluation



Summary

- Limitations:
 - Not powered for efficacy
 - Small sample size (n = 39)
 - Absence of validated efficacy endpoints in sarcoidosis hinders interpretation of trial outcomes
- Overview:
 - Evidence of a clinically meaningful signal observed in this first-in-patient trial of XTMAB-16
 - Investigational drug was generally well tolerated
 - Changes in biomarkers and exposure-response trends are consistent with expected TNFa pathway modulation for sarcoidosis
 - Results support dose of 4mg/kg Q4W for further evaluation in clinical trials
 - [XAtlas is a planned efficacy study evaluating XTMAB-16 in patients with pulmonary sarcoidosis, with enrollment anticipated to begin in 2026](#)

Thank you for your attention.

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