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Long-term Treatments for Preventing Relapses

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Treatment: Acute vs. Preventive



Acute



Preventive

Off-Label Treatment: Preventive

Medication	Date	Lead Author	Location	Population size
Azathioprine	1998	Mandler	United States	7
	2008	McKeon	United States	10
	2010	Bichuetti	Brazil	25
	2010	Sarhaian	Iran	28
	2011	Constanzi	United States	99
	2014	Elsone	United Kingdom	103
	2015	Qiu	China	77
Mycophenolate	2009	Jacob	United States	24
	2014	Mealy	United States	28
	2014	Huh	South Korea	59
Rituximab	2005	Cree	United States	8
	2008	McKeon	United States	8
	2008	Jacob	United States	25
	2011	Bedi	United States	23
	2011	Pellkofer	Germany	10
	2011	Kim	South Korea	30
	2013	Ip	China	7
	2013	Gredler	Austria	6
	2014	Mealy	United States	30
	2014	Dale	Australia	20
	2015	Fernandez-Megia	Spain	6
	2015	Kim	South Korea	100
	2015	Zephir	France	32
	2015	Radaelli	Italy	21
	2015	Collongues	France	11
Methotrexate	2000	Minagar	United States	8
	2013	Kitley	United Kingdom	14
Oral corticosteroids	2007	Watanabe	Japan	11
Mitoxantrone	2006	Weinstock-Guttman	United States	5
	2011	Kim	Korea	20
	2013	Cabre	French West Indies	51
Eculizumab	2013	Pittock	United States	14
Tocilizumab	2014	Araki	Japan	7
	2015	Ringelstein	Germany	8

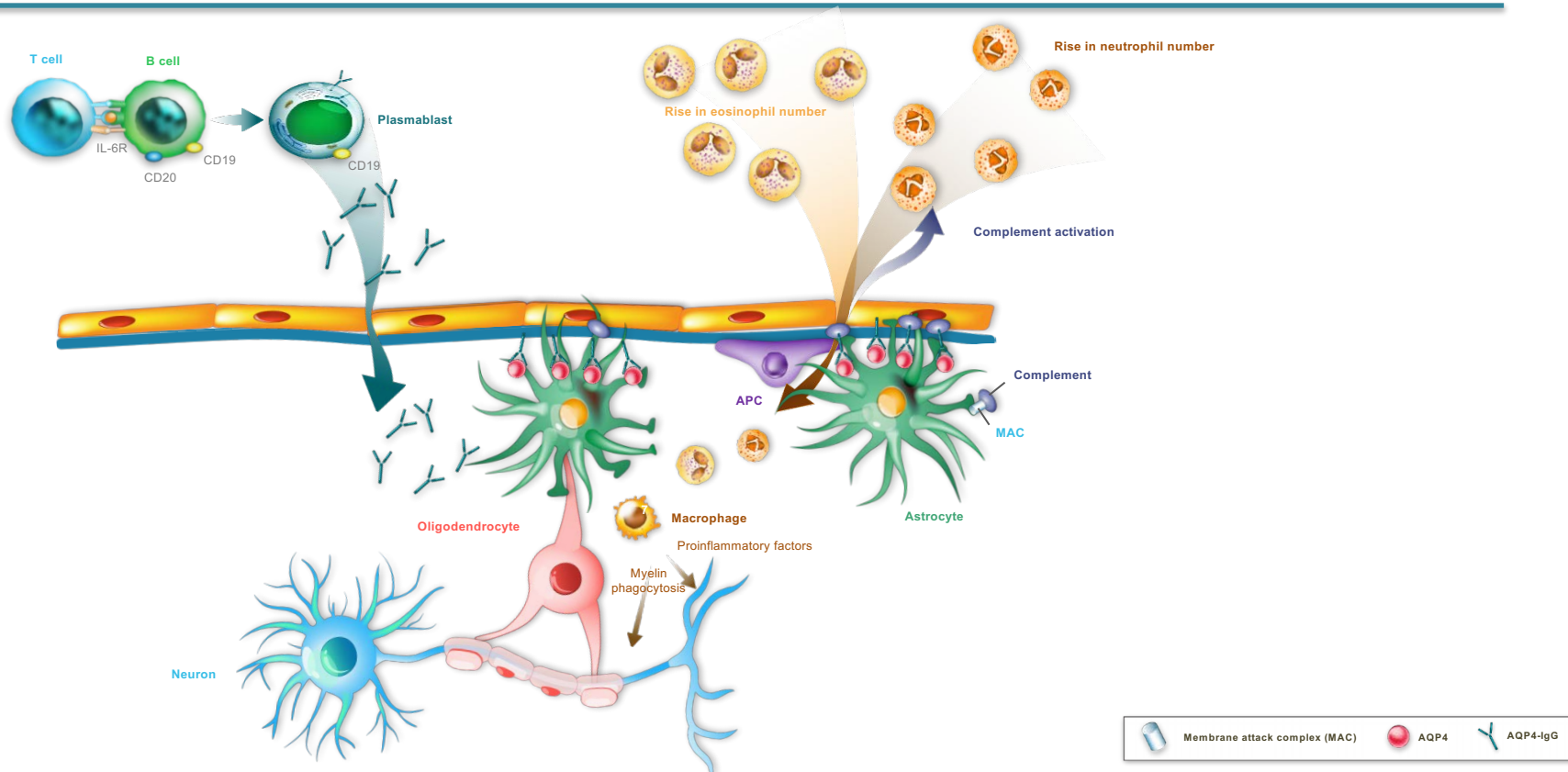
Off-Label Treatment: Comparison

Table 3. Failure Rates With Azathioprine, Mycophenolate Mofetil, and Rituximab

Medication	Failure Rate, %
Azathioprine	53
Mycophenolate mofetil	
Total	36
Optimal dosing	25
Rituximab	
Total	33
Optimal dosing	17
Switched treatments	22

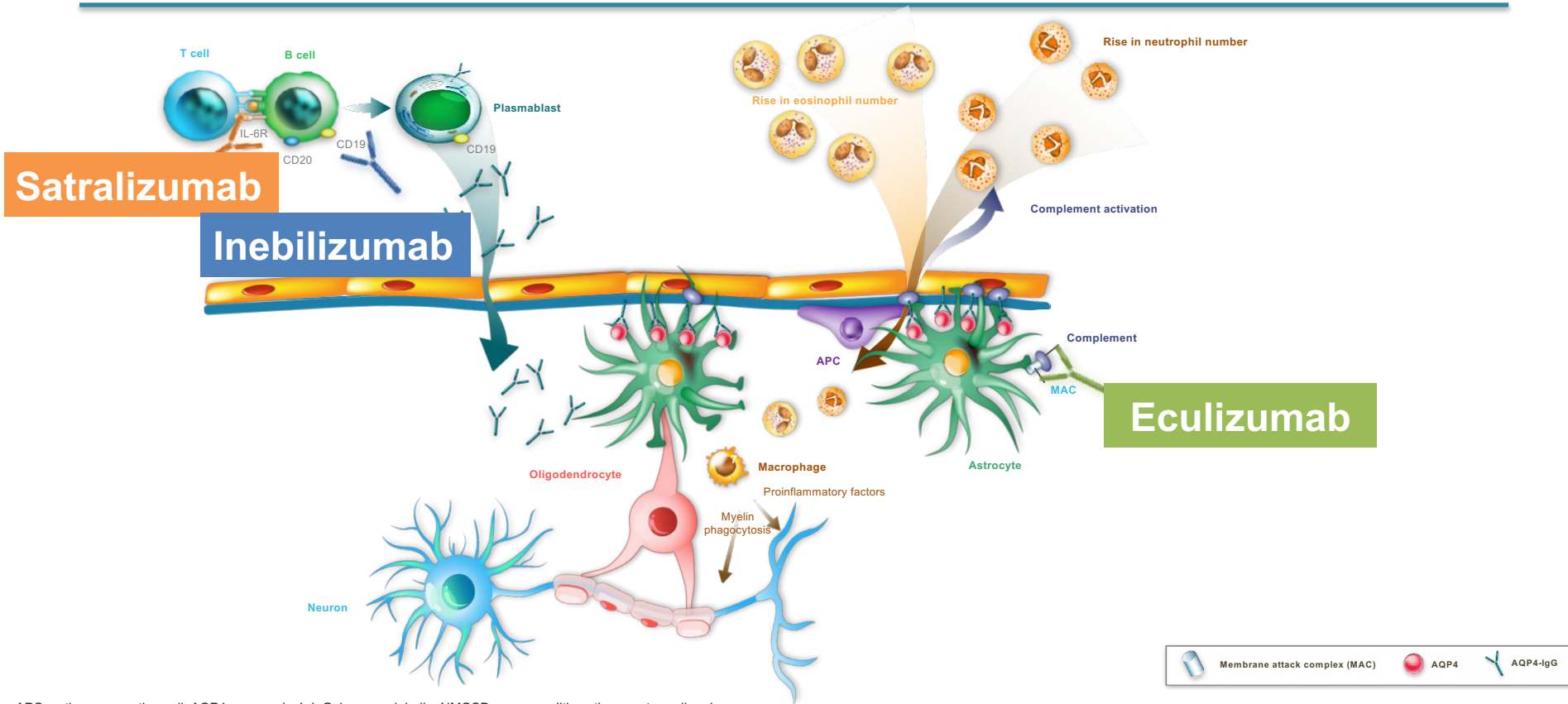
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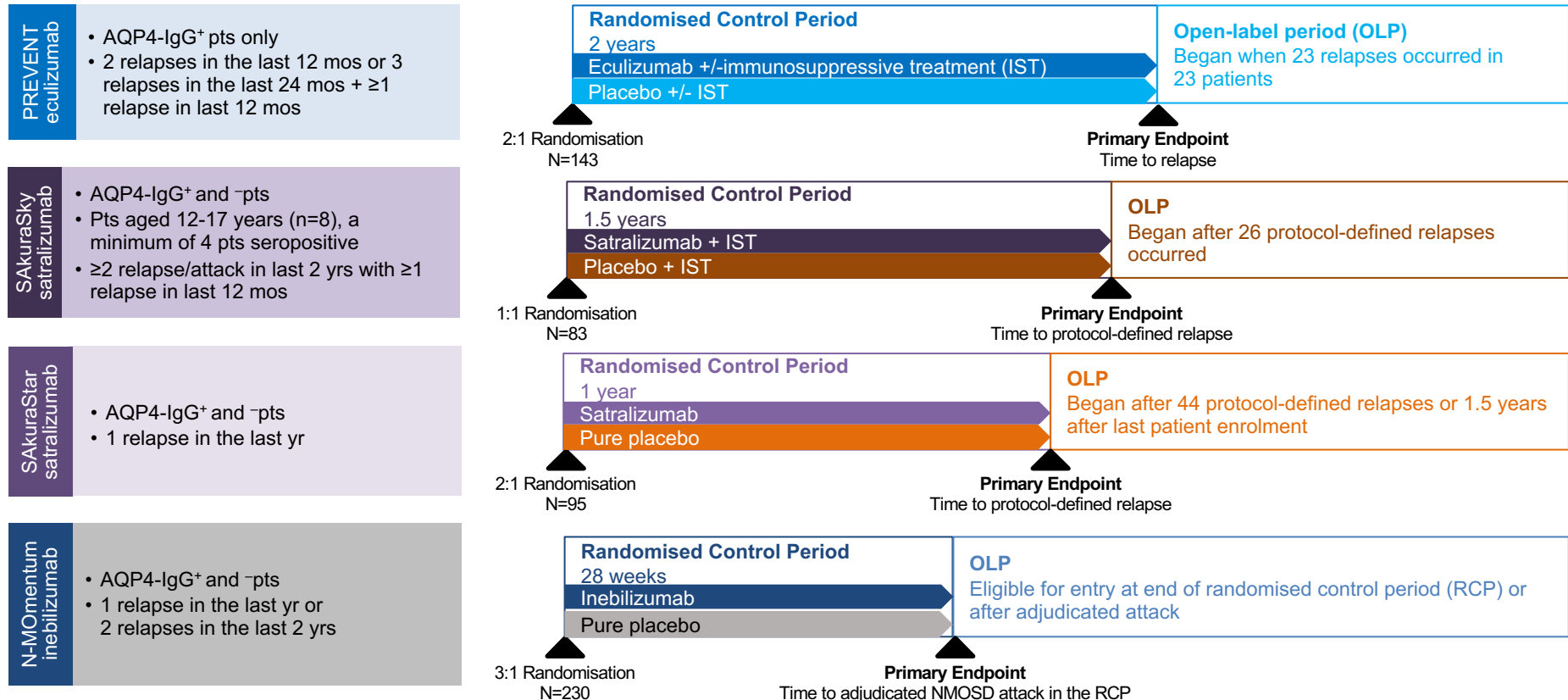
Overview of Emerging Therapies

	Eculizumab	Satralizumab	Inebilizumab
Target	Complement C5	IL-6R	CD19
Route of administration	IV	SC	IV
Dosing schedule	<u>Induction</u> : q1w for 4 weeks <u>Maintenance</u> : q2w	q4w	<u>Induction</u> : d1, d15 <u>Maintenance</u> : q6m
Associated clinical trial(s)	PREVENT	SAkuraSky, SAkuraStar	N-MOmentum

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Trial Design Overview



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Baseline Characteristics Summary

	Eculizumab PREVENT		Satralizumab				Inebilizumab N-MOMentum	
			SAkuraSky (SA307)		SAkuraStar (SA309)			
	PBO (+/-) IST	Ecu (+/-) IST	PBO (+) IST	Satra (+) IST	Placebo	Satralizumab	PBO	Inebilizumab
Proportion of AQP4-IgG (+), %	100%		67%	66%	72%	65%	91%	91%
Female, n (%)	42 (89%)	88 (92%)	40 (95%)	37 (90%)	31 (97%)	46 (73%)	50 (89%)	159 (91%)
Age, mean (SD)	45 (13)	44 (13)	43 (12)	41 (16)	41 (11)	45 (12)	43	43
Age at initial clinical presentation, mean (SD)	39 (15)	36 (14)	39 (12)	35 (17)	39 (13)	36 (11)	NR	NR
Baseline EDSS	4.0*	4.0*	3.6 (1.3)†	3.8 (1.6)†	3.6 (1.6)†	3.9 (1.2)†	4.0*	3.5*
Baseline ARR, prior 2 years, mean (SD)	2.1 (1.0)	1.9 (0.9)	1.4 (0.5)	1.5 (0.5)	1.4 (0.6)	1.5 (0.7)	1.6 (1.5)	1.7 (1.5)

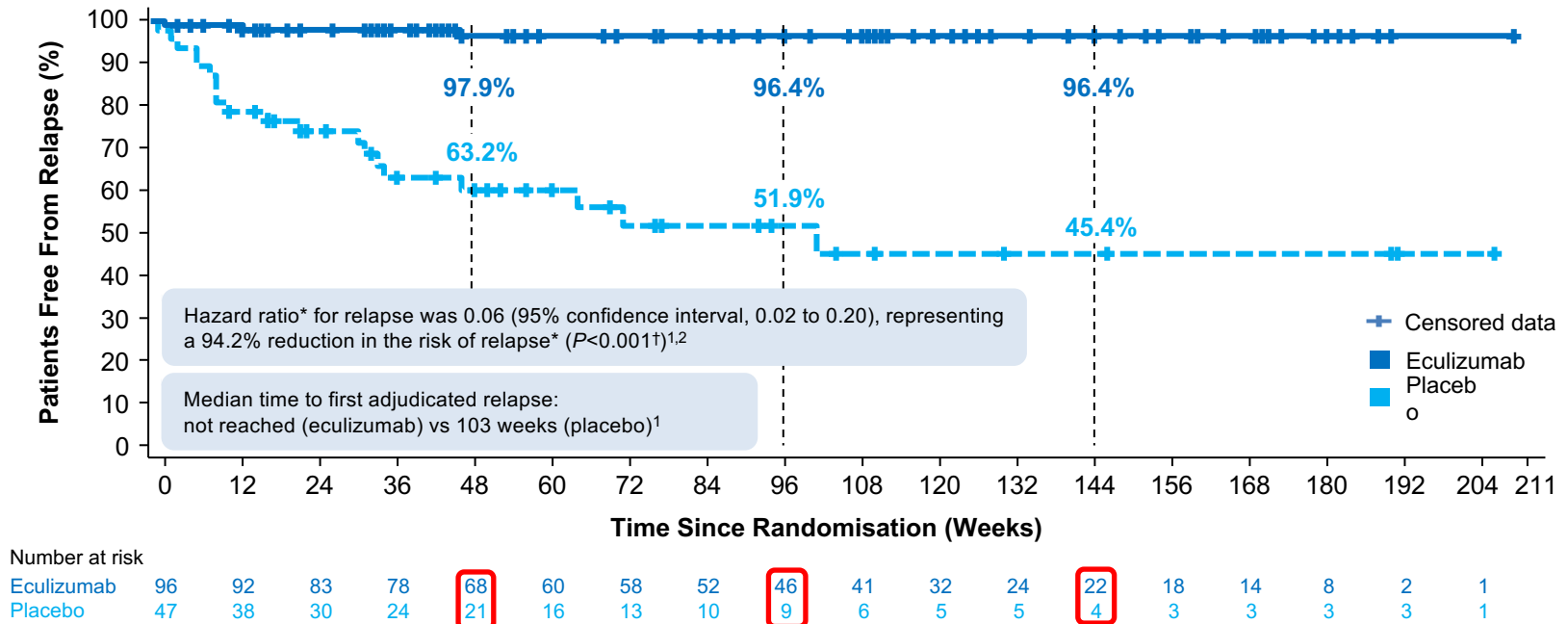
*Median. [†]Mean.

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AQP4, aquaporin 4; ARR, annualised relapse rate; Ecu, eculizumab; EDSS, Expanded Disability Status Scale; IgG, immunoglobulin; IST, immunosuppressive treatment; NR, not reported; PBO, placebo; Satra, satralizumab; SD, standard deviation.
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Primary Outcome: Eculizumab

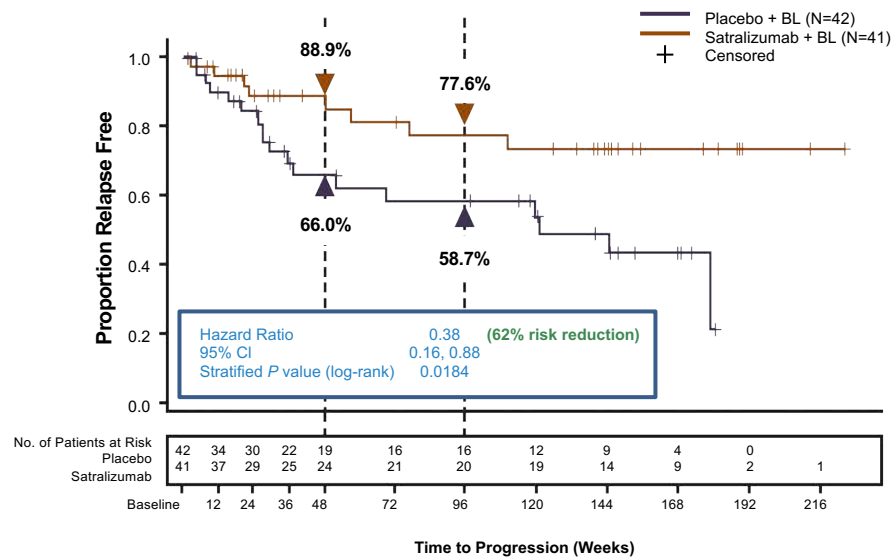
Overall Population



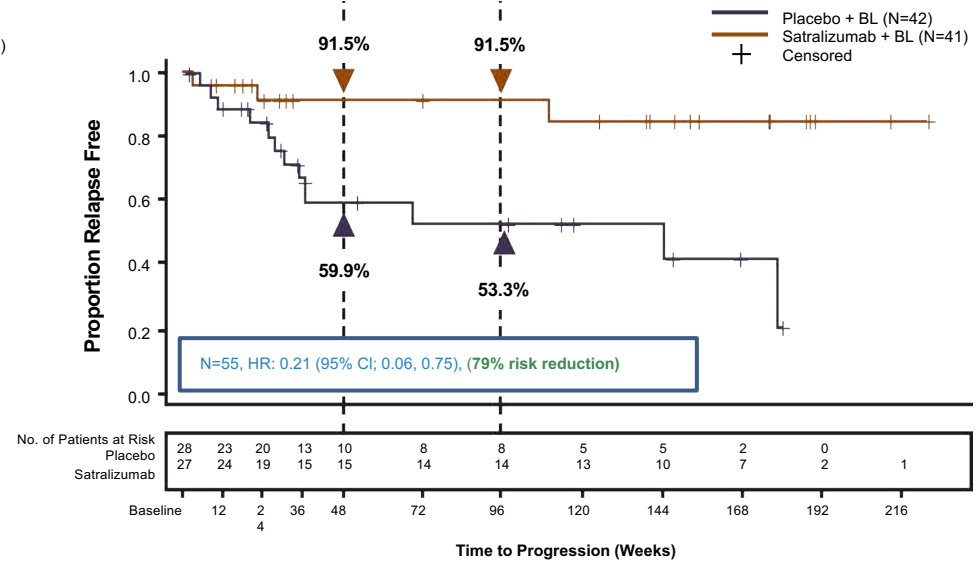
*Based on a stratified Cox proportional hazards model.²
¹Based on a stratified log-rank test.²
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Primary Outcome: Satralizumab

SAkuraSky: Total



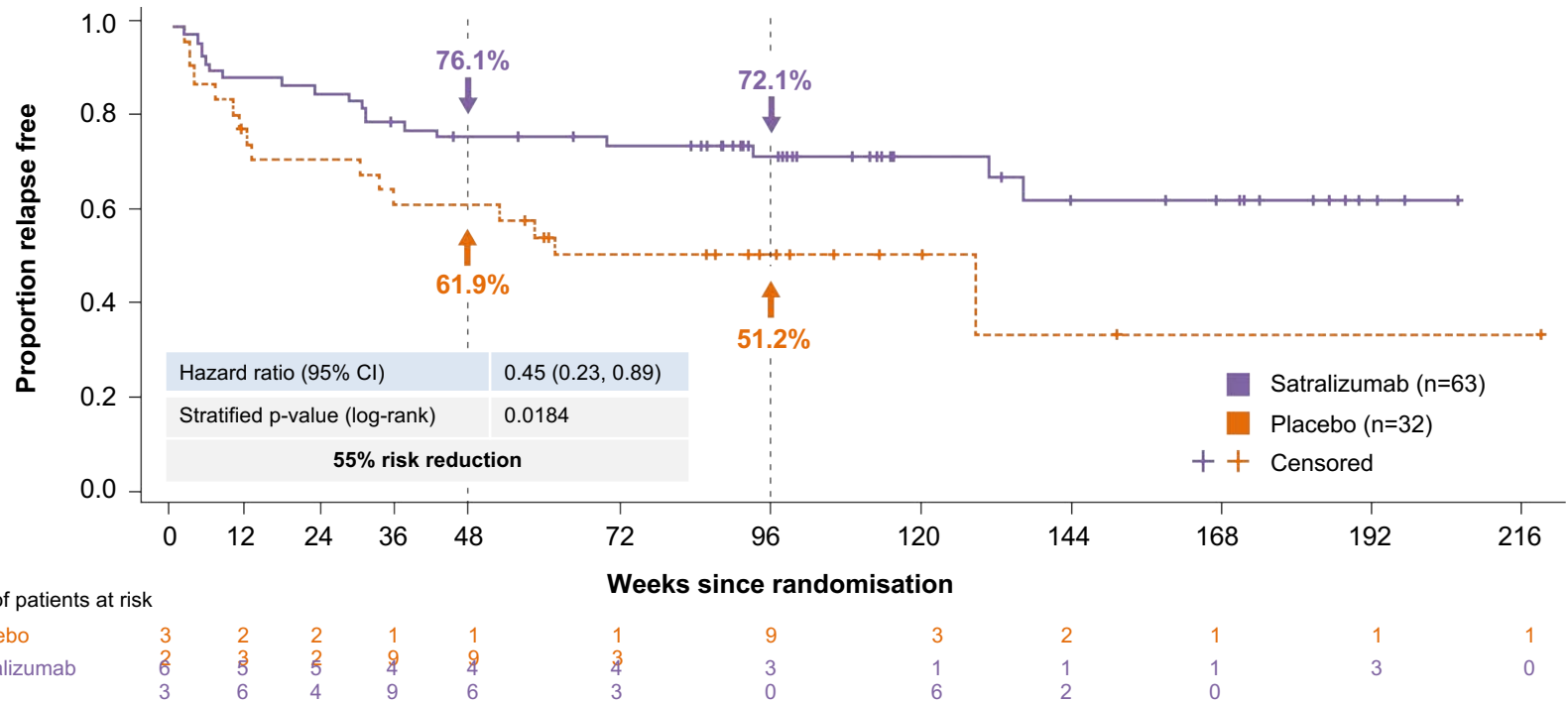
SAkuraSky: AQP4 Seropositive



Analysis based on ITT population; *P* values based on log-rank test stratified by geographic region and baseline relapse rate.
 Protocol-defined relapse as adjudicated by the independent clinical endpoint committee. EDSS/FSS was assessed within 7 days of relapse reporting.
 AQP4, aquaporin 4; BL, baseline treatment; CI, confidence interval; EDSS, Expanded Disability Status Scale; FSS, functional system scores; HR, hazard ratio; ITT, intent to treat.
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Primary Outcome: Satralizumab

SAkuraStar: Total

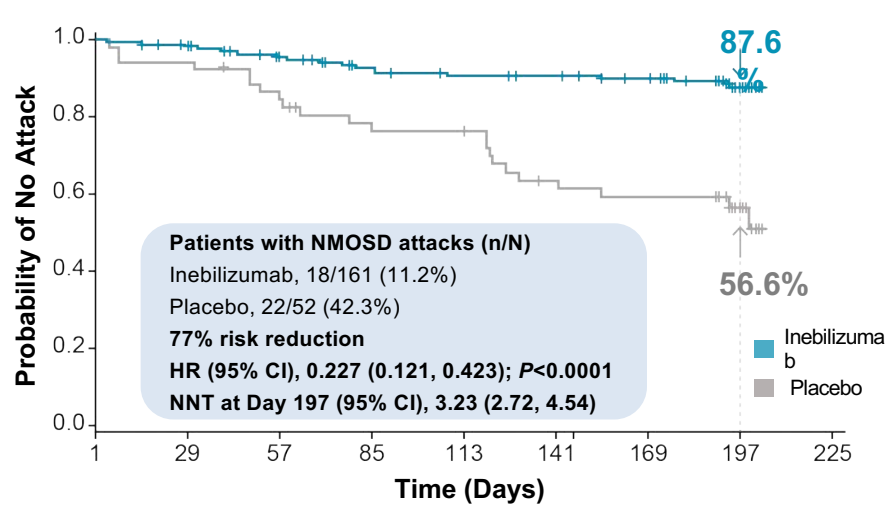


CI, confidence interval; PDR, protocol-defined relapse.

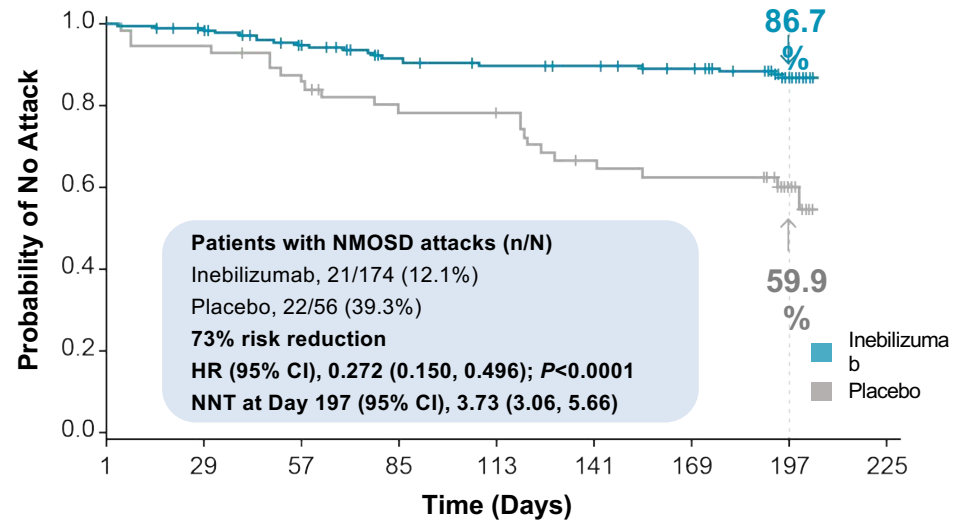
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Primary Outcome: Inebilizumab

AQP4-IgG Seropositive Population



Overall Population



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Safety and Tolerability:

Summary—Proportion of Patients (%)

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Severe adverse events	15%	16%	12%	12%	6%	27%	NR	
Serious adverse events	28%	26%	21%	17%	16%	19%	9%	5%
Deaths	0%	1%*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	NR for OLP		NR for OLP		--		2 deaths in OLP	
Infections	NR		62%	68%	44%	54%	41%	38%
Serious infections	NR		7%	5%	9%†	10%†	NR	
Injection- or infusion-related reactions	NR		5%	12%	16%	13%	11%	9%
Anaphylactic reactions	NR		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neoplasm	NR		7%	7%	NR	NR	NR	

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*The patient died from infectious pleural effusion (reported as pulmonary empyema), which the investigator categorised as probably related to the trial agent. †MEDdra system organ calss; infections and infestations Ecu, eculizumab; IST, immunosuppressive treatment; NR, not reported; OLP, open-label period; PBO, placebo; Satra, satralizumab.

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