

SUNSHINE and SUNRISE Extension Trial: Week 104 Results

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Hidradenitis suppurativa (HS) Is a chronic, recurrent, inflammatory skin disease^{1–3}

HS is characterized by recurrent inflammatory lesions in the apocrine gland-bearing skin of the axillary, inguinal and anogenital regions^{2,4}



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HS is a heterogenous condition characterized by temporary disease exacerbations¹

- The natural course of disease in HS is not well defined, although it is understood to include fluctuations in disease severity and temporary disease exacerbations^{1,2}
- There are few robust and validated objective clinical outcome measures to assess changes in HS disease severity³⁻⁶
- Given the natural disease fluctuations in HS,¹⁻² and lack of appropriate clinical outcome measures,³⁻⁶ assessing long-term disease activity and maintenance of response to therapies is complex

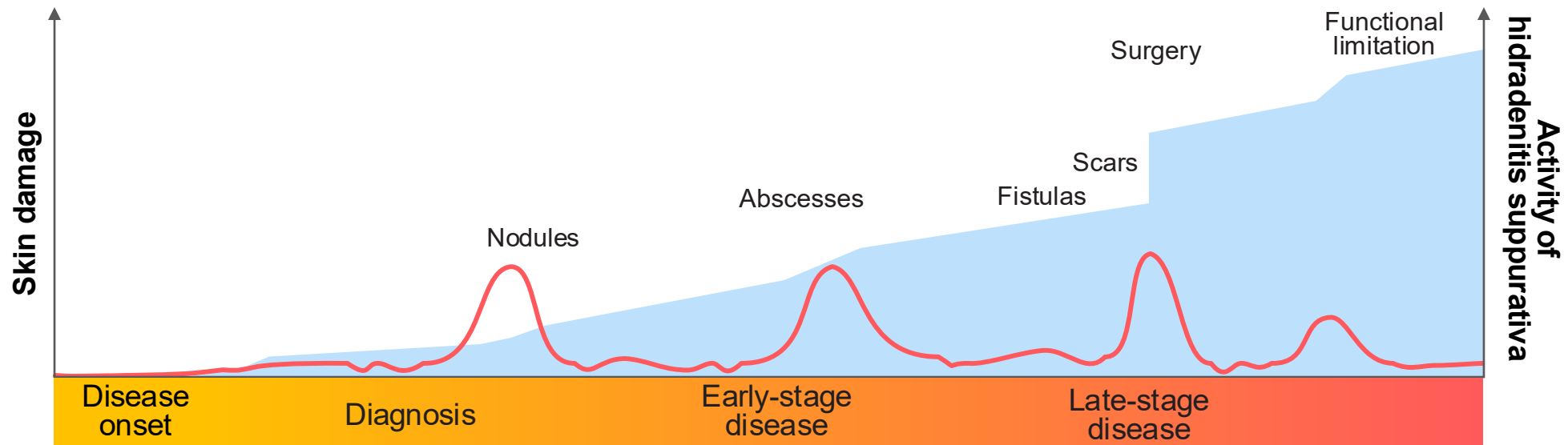


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HS, hidradenitis suppurativa.

Long-term extension trials of biologics in HS



Strengths of the SUNSHINE and SUNRISE extension trial

- The SUNSHINE and SUNRISE clinical development program represents the largest development plan ever completed to date (2024) in HS, following patients for up to five years¹⁻⁶
- The SUNSHINE and SUNRISE extension trial included the longest RWP of the current long-term extension trials of biologics in HS²⁻⁶

Study
design



Primary
outcome

Enrolment



Duration

Secukinumab¹⁻⁴



RWP (Week 104) and OL

Time to LOR through Week 104
in HiSCR-R from core trial

700 patients²

260 weeks

Adalimumab^{5,6}



RWP (Week 36) and OL

HiSCR* over time up to
Week 168

508 patients

216 weeks

Bimekizumab⁷



OL

TEAE up to Week 196

658 patients

196 weeks

*HiSCR responders and partial responders

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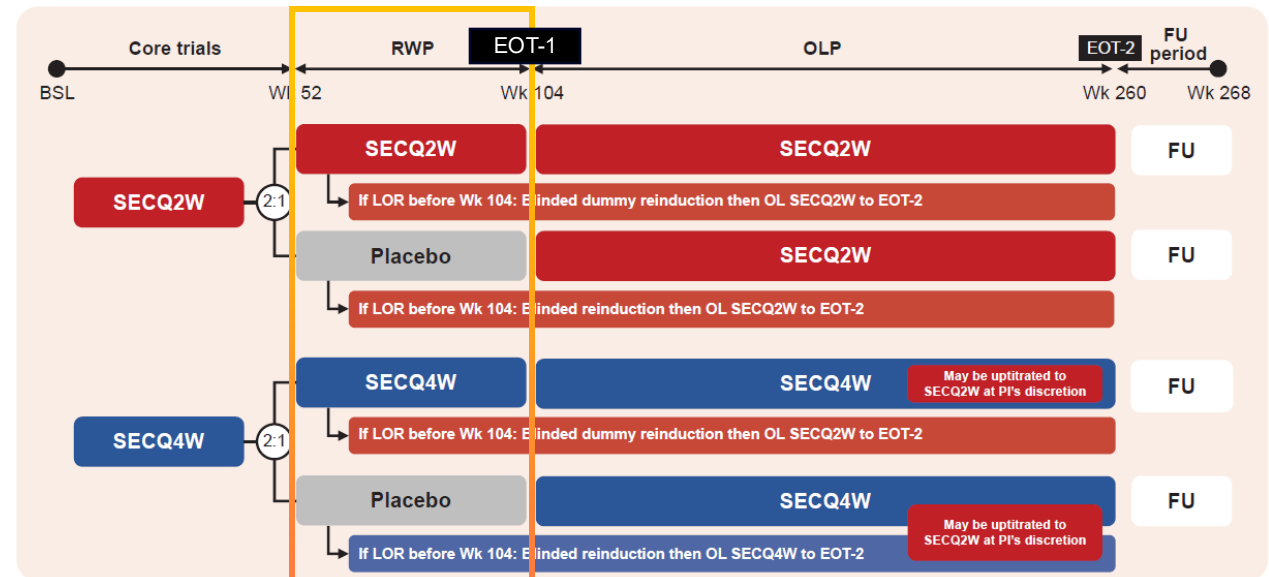
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HiSCR, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Response; HS, hidradenitis suppurativa; LOR, loss of response; OL, open-label; R, Week 52 HiSCR responders; RWP, randomized withdrawal period; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

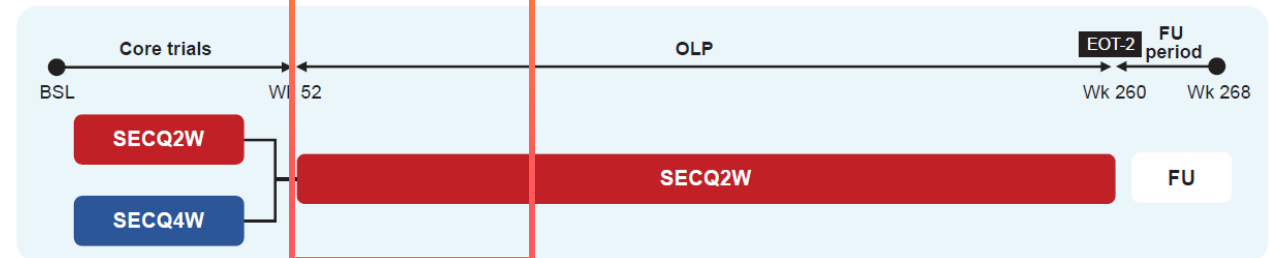
The SUNSHINE and SUNRISE extension trial was a four-year multicenter, double-blind, randomized withdrawal trial

- The design of the extension trial differs based on the clinical outcome of patients at Week 52 of the core trials
- HiSCR responders (A):
 - RWP from Week 52 (baseline of extension trial) up to EOT-1 (defined as either LOR or Week 104)
 - OLP from EOT-1 to EOT-2 (Week 260)
- HiSCR non-responders (B):
 - OLP from Week 52 to EOT-2

A: Week 52 HiSCR-R



B: Week 52 HiSCR-NR



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AN, abscess and inflammatory nodule; BSL, baseline; EOT-1/2, end of treatment period 1/2; FU, follow-up; HiSCR, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Response; LOR, loss of response; NR, Week 52 HiSCR non-responder; OL, open-label; OLP, open-label period; PI, principal investigator; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; R, Week 52 HiSCR responders; RWP, randomized withdrawal period; SEC, secukinumab 300 mg; Wk, week.

The primary endpoint of the extension trial was time to loss of response



LOR definition

The **definition of LOR** used in this study was **newly defined and non-validated**

LOR was newly defined for this trial and occurred if the following criteria were met:

- A $\geq 50\%$ increase in AN count at any visit
- An increase of ≥ 3 in the absolute AN count when compared with the average of the previous 3 visits or the Week 52 visit (whichever was lower)
- If a patient experienced a $\geq 30\%$ increase in AN count and an increase of ≥ 2 in the absolute AN count, they were reassessed within 2–4 weeks
 - A further increase of ≥ 2 in AN count at the reassessment visit was also considered LOR

Primary objective

To demonstrate the efficacy of secukinumab 300 mg in patients with moderate to severe HS who were Week 52 HiSCR responders, with respect to time to LOR through Week 104, versus placebo

- **SECQ2W-R-Q2W** versus **SECQ2W-R-PBO** and **SECQ4W-R-Q4W** versus **SECQ4W-R-PBO**

Additional endpoints reported in the SUNNY extension trial

Secondary endpoints ^{1,2}	Number of patients with TEAE
Exploratory endpoints ²	HiSCR over time versus baseline of the core trials
	Skin pain response/NRS30 versus baseline of the core trials <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defined as a $\geq 30\%$ reduction and ≥ 2-point reduction in skin pain from baseline in the Patient's Global Assessment of Skin Pain—at worst on a continuous NRSOnly assessed in patients with a core baseline NRS ≥ 3
	DLQI response versus baseline of the core trials <ul style="list-style-type: none">Defined as a ≥ 5-point decrease in total DLQI score
Supportive post hoc analyses ²	<div>HiSCR</div> <div>Skin pain response/NRS30</div> <div>DLQI response</div> <div>Analysis of patients on continuous secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104<ul style="list-style-type: none">Included all patients on active treatment, including those in the RWP who met LOR criteria and continued in the trial on OL treatment</div>
	Change in AN count and time to regain AN count status after meeting LOR <ul style="list-style-type: none">Assessment of the absolute change in AN count from baseline of core trials to Week 52, time of LOR or Week 104The time to regain AN count status was the time difference between the date of regaining AN count status and the start date (LOR declaration)

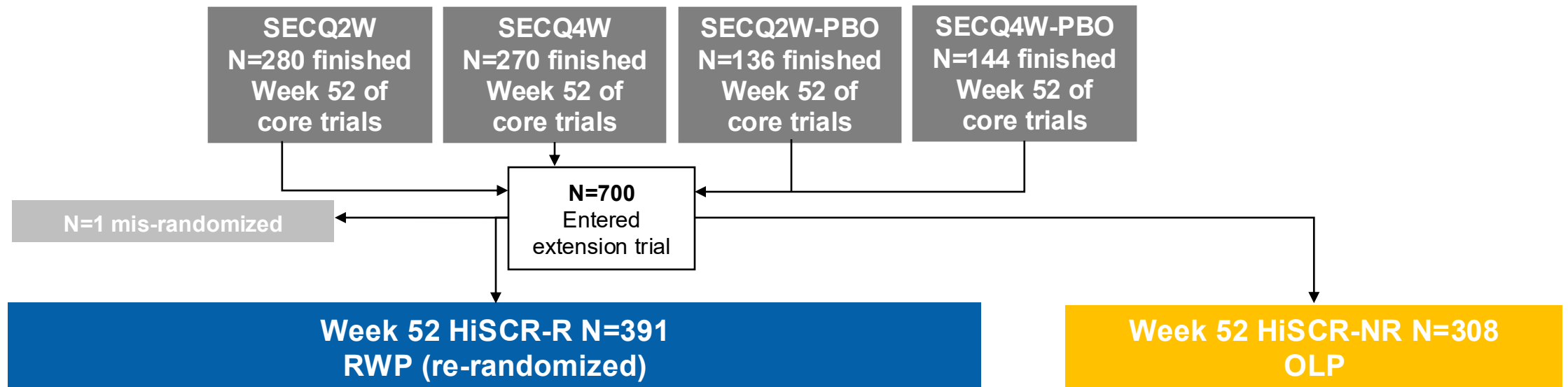
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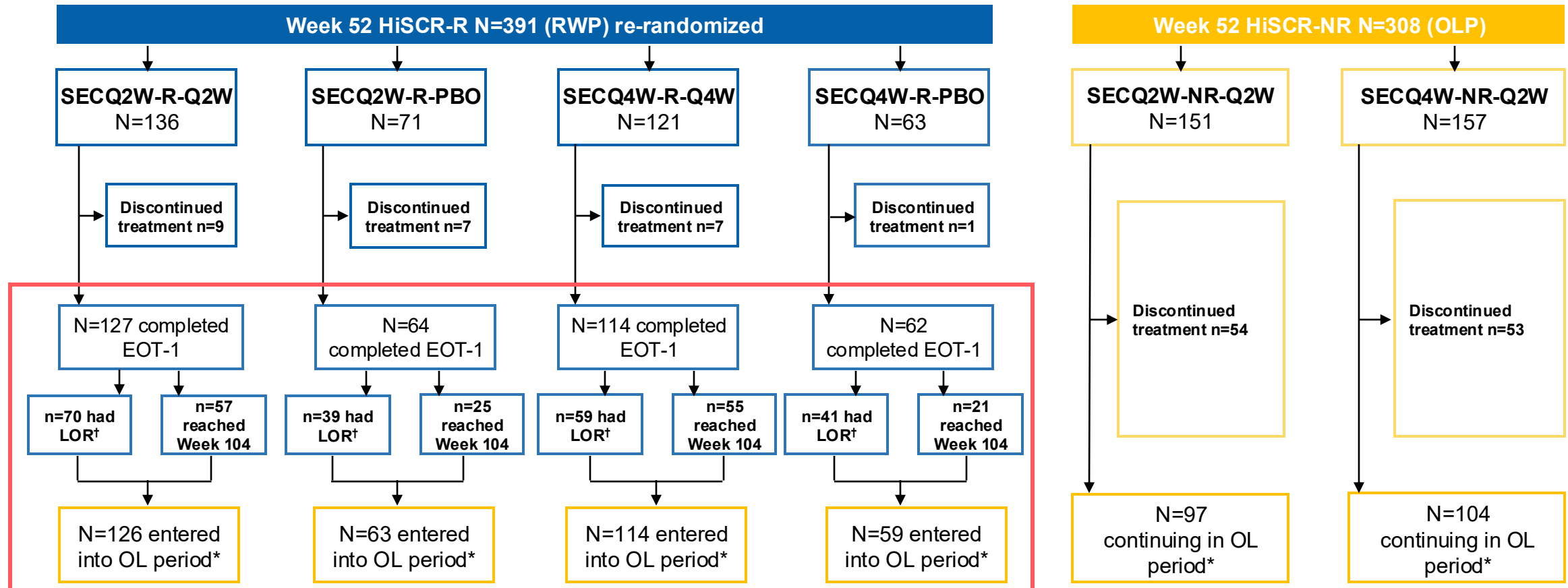
Patient rollover to extension trial from core trials

- Of all patients completing Week 52 of the core trials, 84.3% entered the extension trial
 - 55.9% were **Week 52 HiSCR responders** and entered the RWP
 - 44.0% were **Week 52 HiSCR non-responders** and directly entered the OLP



The majority of patients are still ongoing in the extension trial*

- In the RWP, 94% of patients completed EOT-1, 93% entered into OL treatment and the majority are still ongoing in the trial



*At the time of data cut-off (26-May-2023). †Patients meeting the LOR criteria before Week 104 could enter directly into OL treatment. EOT-1 was applied for HiSCR-R only and was defined as Week 104 or the time at LOR declaration, if before.

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AE, adverse event; EOT, end of treatment period 1; FU, follow-up; HiSCR, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Response; LOR, loss of response; N, number of patients evaluated; n, number of patients with outcome; NR, Week 52 HiSCR non-responder; OL, open-label; OLP, open-label period; PBO, placebo; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; R, Week 52 HiSCR responder; RWP, randomized withdrawal period; SEC, secukinumab 300 mg.

Baseline demographics and disease characteristics

Characteristic ^a	RWP: Week 52 HiSCR-R				OLP: Week 52 HiSCR-NR	
	SECQ2W-R-Q2W (N=136)	SECQ2W-R-PBO (N=71)	SECQ4W-R-Q4W (N=121)	SECQ4W-R-PBO (N=63)	SECQ2W-NR-Q2W (N=151)	SECQ4W-NR-Q2W (N=157)
Age , years, mean ± SD	35.7 ± 11.3	34.8 ± 10.6	35.4 ± 12.6	36.0 ± 11.3	37.3 ± 11.0	37.1 ± 11.1
Sex , Female, n (%)	73 (53.7)	38 (53.5)	64 (52.9)	28 (44.4)	91 (60.3)	38 (49.7)
BMI , kg/m ² , mean ± SD	32.0 ± 7.8	31.6 ± 7.5	31.8 ± 7.7	31.7 ± 7.5	32.0 ± 7.5	32.7 ± 7.3
Smoking status , n (%)						
Current	79 (58.1)	35 (49.3)	52 (43.0)	39 (61.9)	86 (57.0)	88 (56.1)
Former	15 (11.0)	12 (16.9)	20 (16.5)	6 (9.5)	24 (15.9)	29 (18.5)
Hurley stage , n (%)						
II	78 (57.4)	41 (57.7)	78 (64.5)	37 (58.7)	80 (53.0)	86 (54.8)
III	51 (37.5)	29 (40.8)	35 (28.9)	23 (36.5)	65 (43.0)	66 (42.0)
Time since HS diagnosis , ^b years, mean ± SD	8.7 ± 7.2	7.2±5.5	8.0 ± 7.4	7.2 ± 6.4	7.6 ± 6.1	7.6 ± 6.8
Draining tunnel count , mean ± SD	2.4 ± 3.1	2.8 ± 3.6	2.0 ± 2.8	3.1 ± 3.9	3.0 ± 3.8	3.0 ± 3.2
NRS/skin pain , mean ± SD	5.0 ± 2.2 (N=127)	5.6 ± 2.6 (N=65)	5.0 ± 2.6 (N=109)	4.8 ± 2.6 (N=58)	5.6 ± 2.5 (N=141)	5.2 ± 2.5 (N=145)
Previous exposure to systemic biologics , n (%)	33 (24.3)	13 (18.3)	25 (20.7)	14 (22.2)	30 (19.9)	37 (23.6)

^aAll baseline demographics and disease characteristics are from baseline of the core trials. ^bThe date of first diagnosis collected in the core trials is evaluated with respect to the extension trial informed consent signature.

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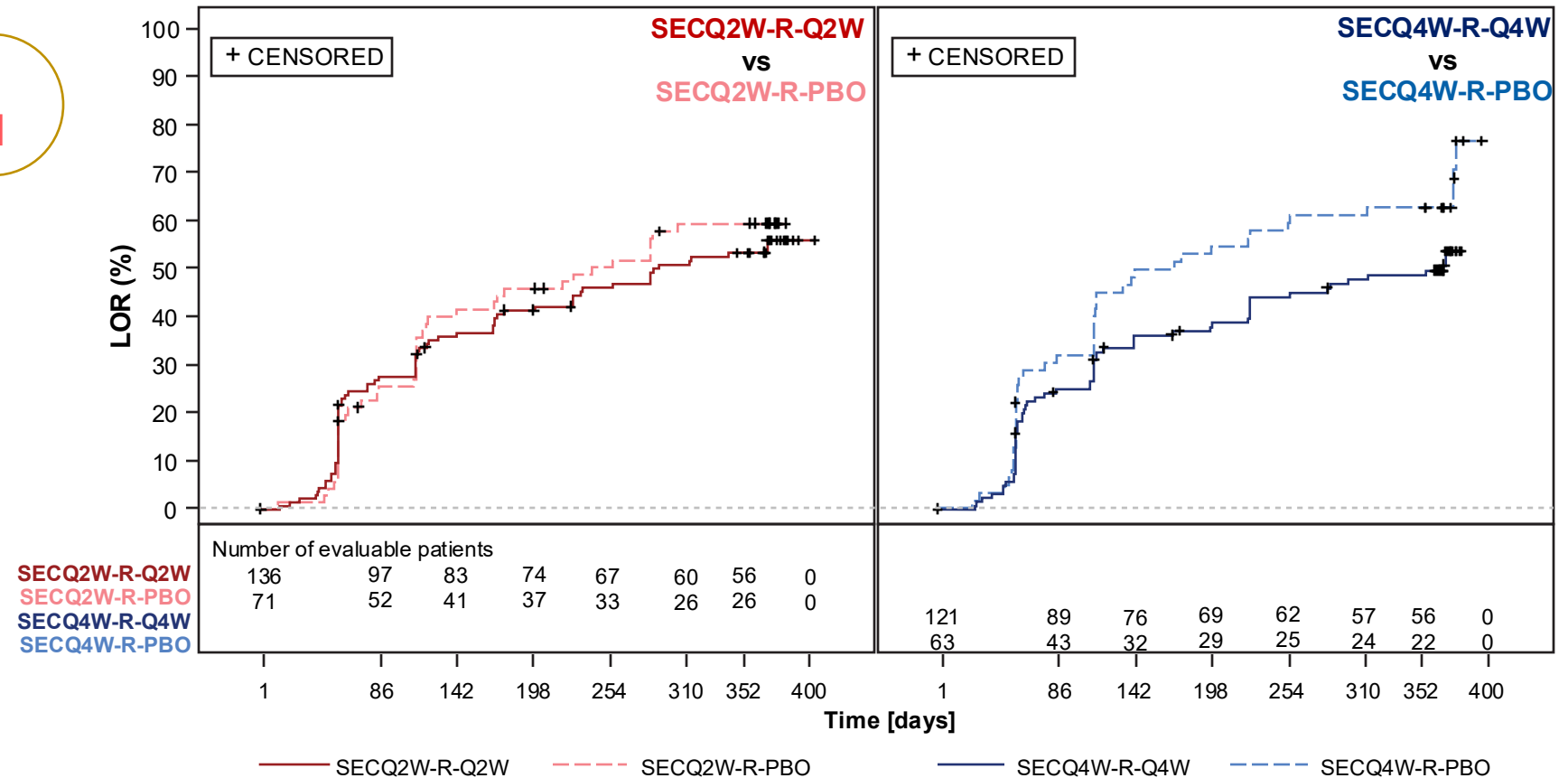
The primary endpoint of the extension trial, time to LOR in the randomized withdrawal phase, was not met for either of the secukinumab dosing regimens



Primary endpoint missed

- The estimated risk reduction in LOR for **SECQ2W-R-Q2W** versus **SECQ2W-R-PBO** was **13%*** (one-sided $p=0.250$)
- The estimated risk reduction in LOR for **SECQ4W-R-Q4W** versus **SECQ4W-R-PBO** was **30%†** (one-sided $p=0.044$)

Cumulative incidence rate of LOR in Week 52 HiSCR-R



*HR: 0.87, 95% CI: 0.59–1.29. †HR: 0.70, 95% CI: 0.47–1.05. Figures show 1 minus the Kaplan-Meier estimates. Patients who did not experience LOR through Week 104, those with ≥ 2 consecutive assessments missing, and those who permanently discontinued the trial (except for discontinuation due to lack of efficacy or AE) were censored at the last recorded visit.

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The median time to LOR was numerically longer for patients on continuous secukinumab (both dosing regimens) versus placebo

The difference in the median time to LOR was:

- **44 days** later for **SECQ2W-R-Q2W**, versus **SECQ2W-R-PBO**
- **194 days** later for **SECQ4W-R-Q4W**, versus **SECQ4W-R-PBO**

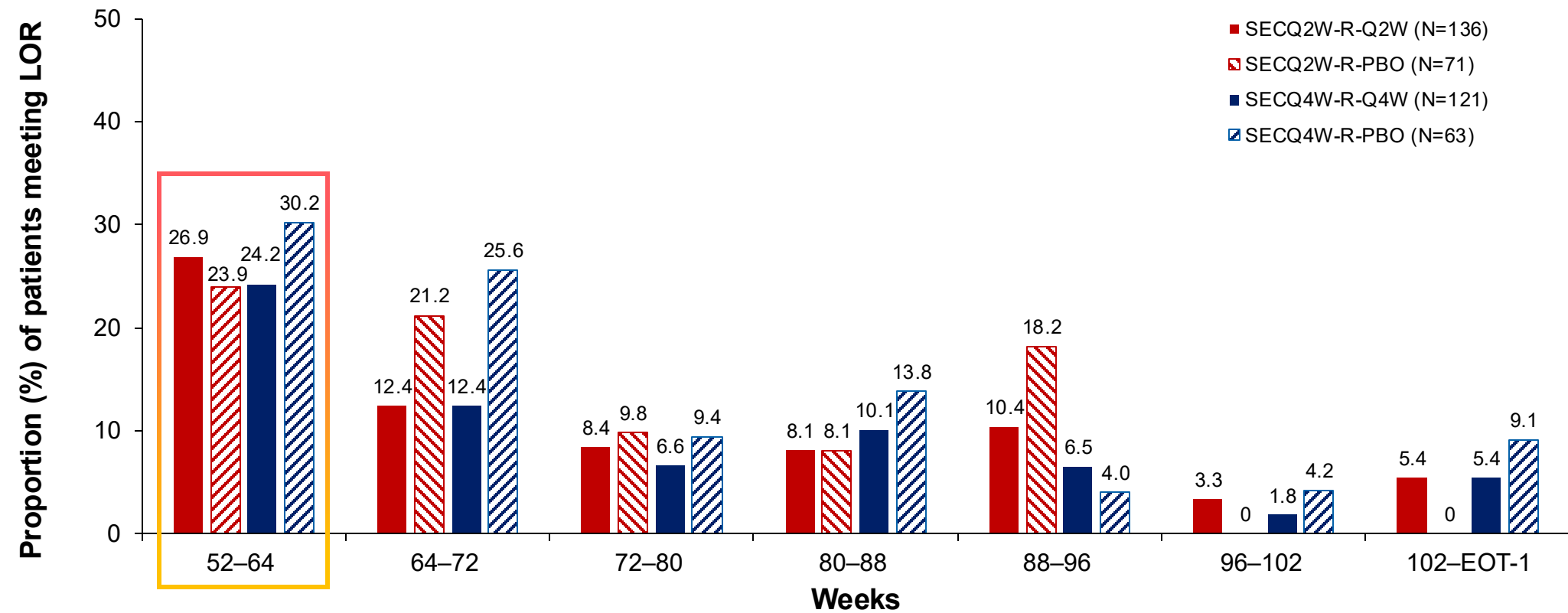
				KM estimates		HR estimates		
	N	n	n/N (%)	Median (days)	95% CI	Estimate	95% CI	p value
SECQ2W-R-Q2W	136	73	73/136 (53.7)	283	(176, -)	0.87	(0.59, 1.29)	0.250
SECQ2W-R-PBO	71	41	41/71 (57.7)	239	(120, -)			
SECQ4W-R-Q4W	121	60	60/121 (49.6)	365	(225, -)	0.70	(0.47, 1.05)	0.044
SECQ4W-R-PBO	63	41	41/63 (65.1)	171	(113, 337)			

Stratified Cox proportional hazards regression models, with treatment arm as an explanatory variable and stratified by region and body weight category (<90 kg, ≥90 kg), were used to estimate treatment effects (in terms of HR and the associated 95% CIs). A one-sided alpha of 0.0125 was used for statistical testing for each comparison of SEC with the corresponding PBO.

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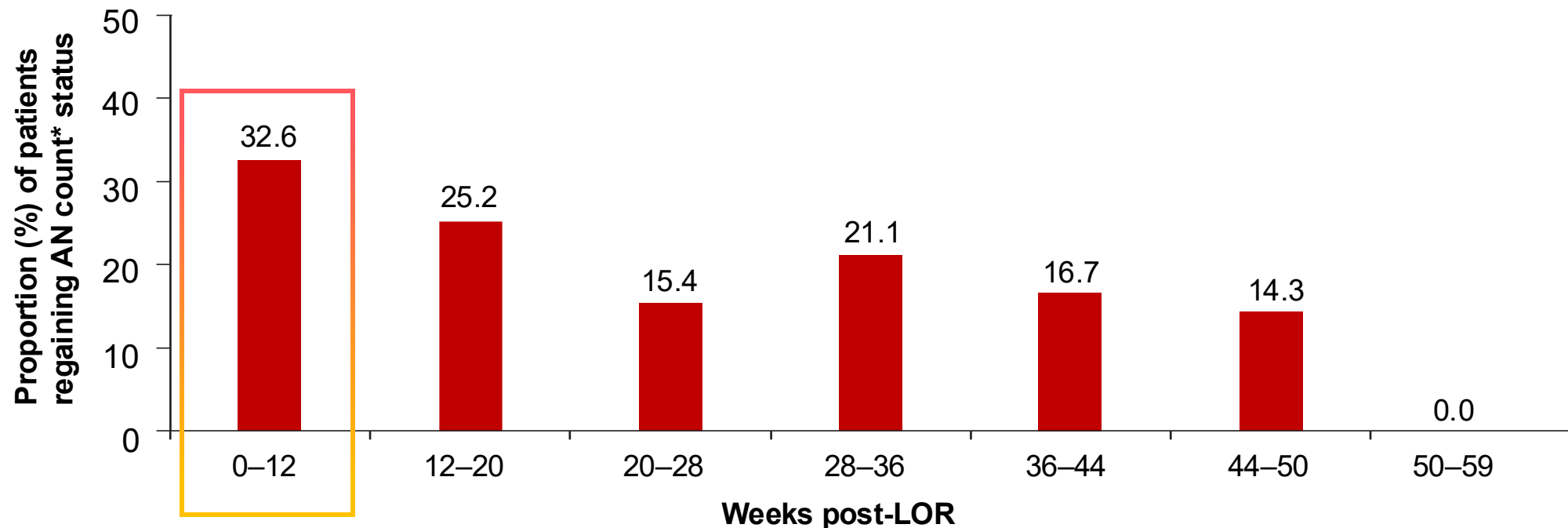
Exploratory analysis observed that ~25% of patients who met the LOR criteria did so within the first 12 weeks, indicating the high sensitivity of the LOR criteria



The proportions are computed by dividing the number of LOR events recorded within the specific time frame by the number of patients at risk at the beginning of the specific time frame. The assessment is based on the primary estimand. Weeks 102-EOT-1 refer to events (LOR) occurring within Days 352-399 of extension (data exists beyond Week 104 due to late EOT-1 visit).
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LOR, loss of response; PBO, placebo; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; R, Week 52 HiSCR responders; SEC, secukinumab 300 mg.

Post hoc analysis observed that 33% of patients across all treatment arms who met LOR criteria had regained their AN count status within 12 weeks, reflecting the natural disease fluctuations in HS

- Among all patients meeting LOR (N=215), 187 were eligible for post hoc evaluation of time to regain AN count status
 - **64.7%** regained AN count status* by Week 104, relative to the reference used to declare LOR (i.e. Week 52 or average of the previous three visits, whichever was lower)

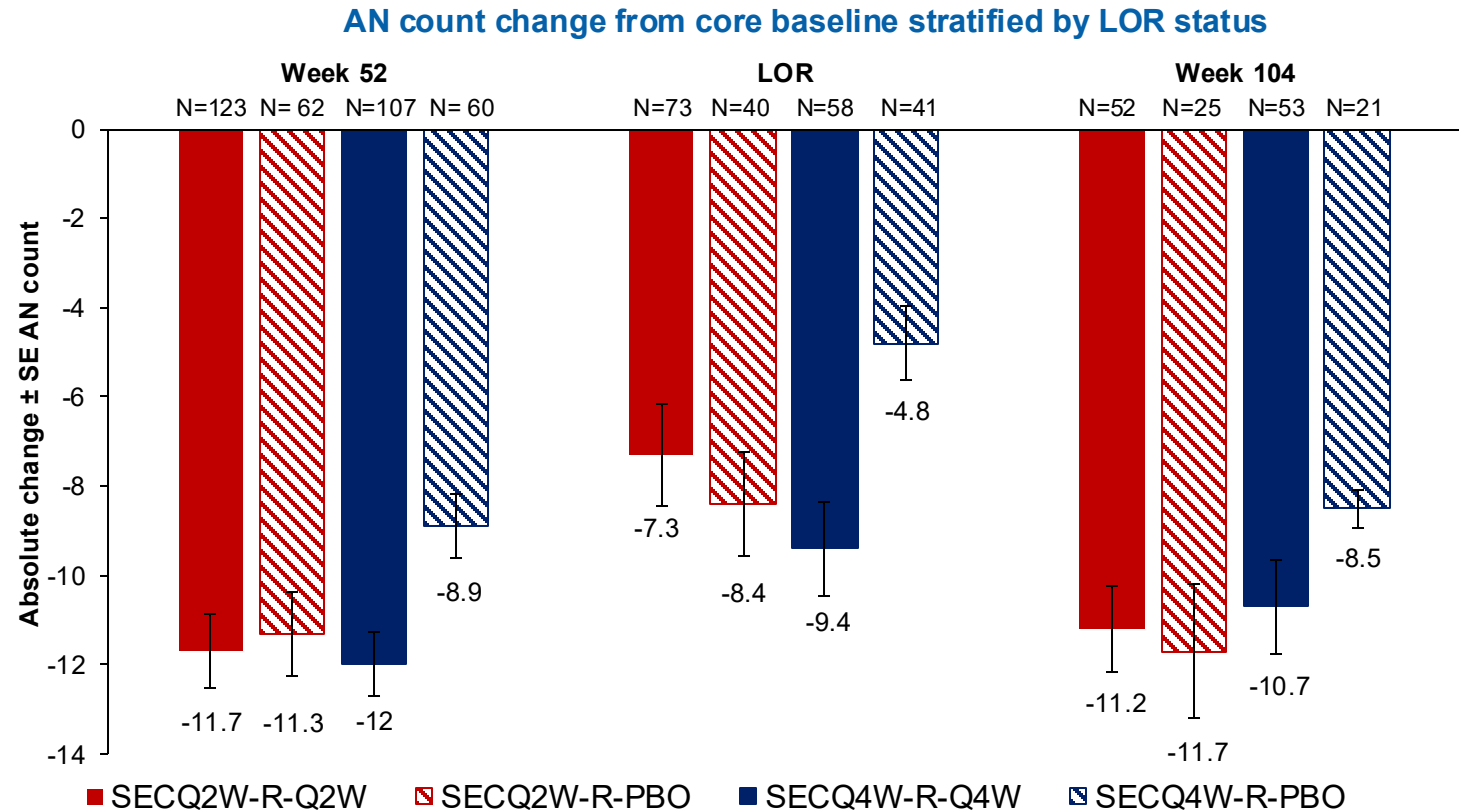


*Timepoint where AN count was less than or equal to the reference AN count used for LOR declaration.
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Post hoc analysis showed that patients meeting LOR still reported meaningful reductions in absolute AN count versus baseline of the core trials, indicating that patients did not revert to baseline disease severity levels

Change in absolute AN count from baseline of core trials to time of LOR in Week 52 HiSCR responders:

- **SECQ2W-R-Q2W, -7.3 ± 1.14**
- **SECQ2W-R-PBO, -8.4 ± 1.15**
- **SECQ4W-R-Q4W, -9.4 ± 1.06**
- **SECQ4W-R-PBO, -4.8 ± 0.84**



Limitations of the LOR criteria



The SUNNY extension trial presents the first time this newly defined and non-validated LOR criteria were used; results suggest the criteria were too sensitive in the context of the natural disease fluctuations in HS

Regression to the mean phenomenon

- The reference visit for detecting LOR was patient-specific and not fixed in time
- It was at a timepoint where patients were managing symptoms well, with a low AN count versus their core trial baseline values, making it easy to trigger the LOR criteria even with a small AN count increase

Time-to-event endpoint unsuitable in HS

- Time-to-event analysis may not be clinically meaningful for a chronic disease with an inherent waxing and waning clinical course
- HS disease activity naturally fluctuates,¹ making the patient-specific nature of the LOR definition prone to detecting transient increases in disease activity

High placebo effect in HS

- Extension trial placebo arms did not represent a true placebo group*
- Fluctuations in HS disease activity contributes to the higher placebo response rates observed across clinical trials in patients with HS¹⁻³
- LOR analyses are particularly susceptible to interference from higher placebo response rates, inherent to HS^{2,3}

*Patients originally assigned to placebo at baseline of the extension trial had received secukinumab between Weeks 16 and 52 of the core trials and entered the extension trial without any washout or treatment free period. Thus, there may have been some residual effects of secukinumab in these treatment arms at the beginning of the randomized with drawal period.

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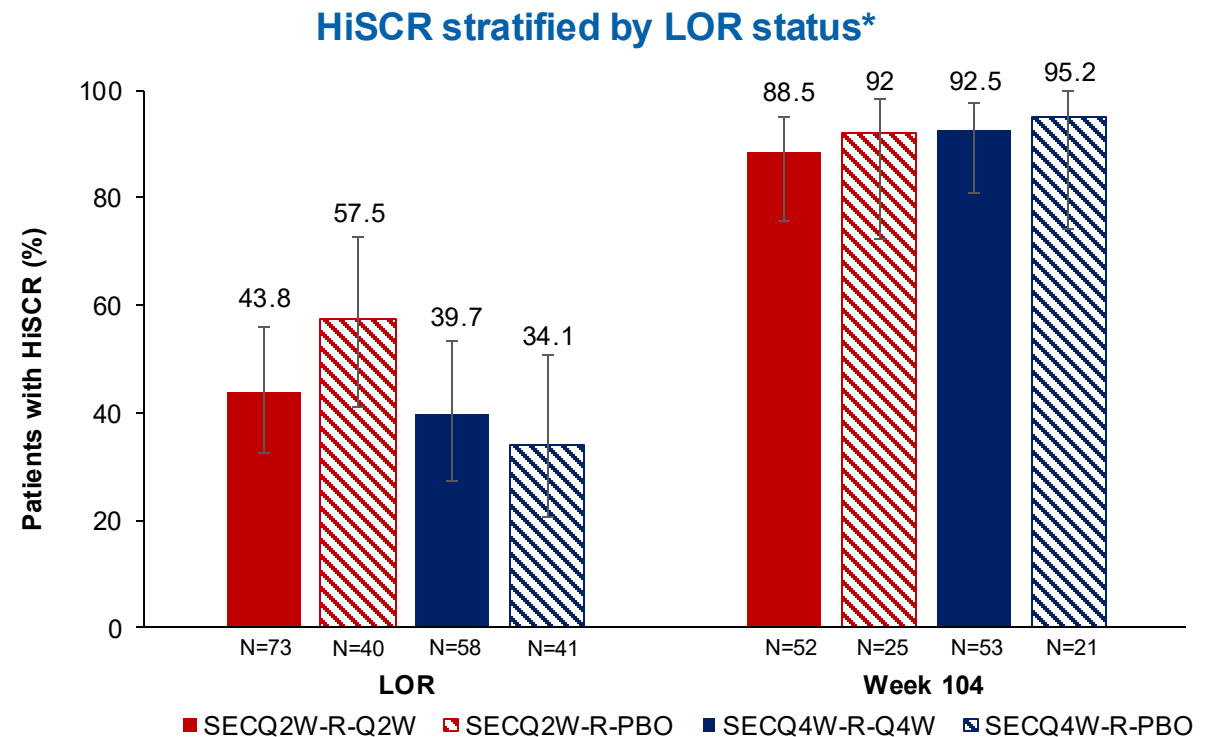
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The definition of LOR is not the same as the definition of loss of HiSCR (1/2)

- An exploratory analysis observed that ~40% of the total patients treated with secukinumab 300 mg (either Q2W or Q4W) maintained HiSCR at the time of meeting LOR criteria

- SECQ2W-R-Q2W:**
 - 43.8% of patients were still maintaining HiSCR at the time of meeting LOR
- SECQ4W-R-Q4W:**
 - 39.7% of patients were still maintaining HiSCR at the time of meeting LOR
- Approximately 90% of patients who did not meet the LOR criteria were achieving HiSCR at Week 104



*If a patient met LOR at the Week 104 visit, they were counted in both LOR and Week 104 groups.

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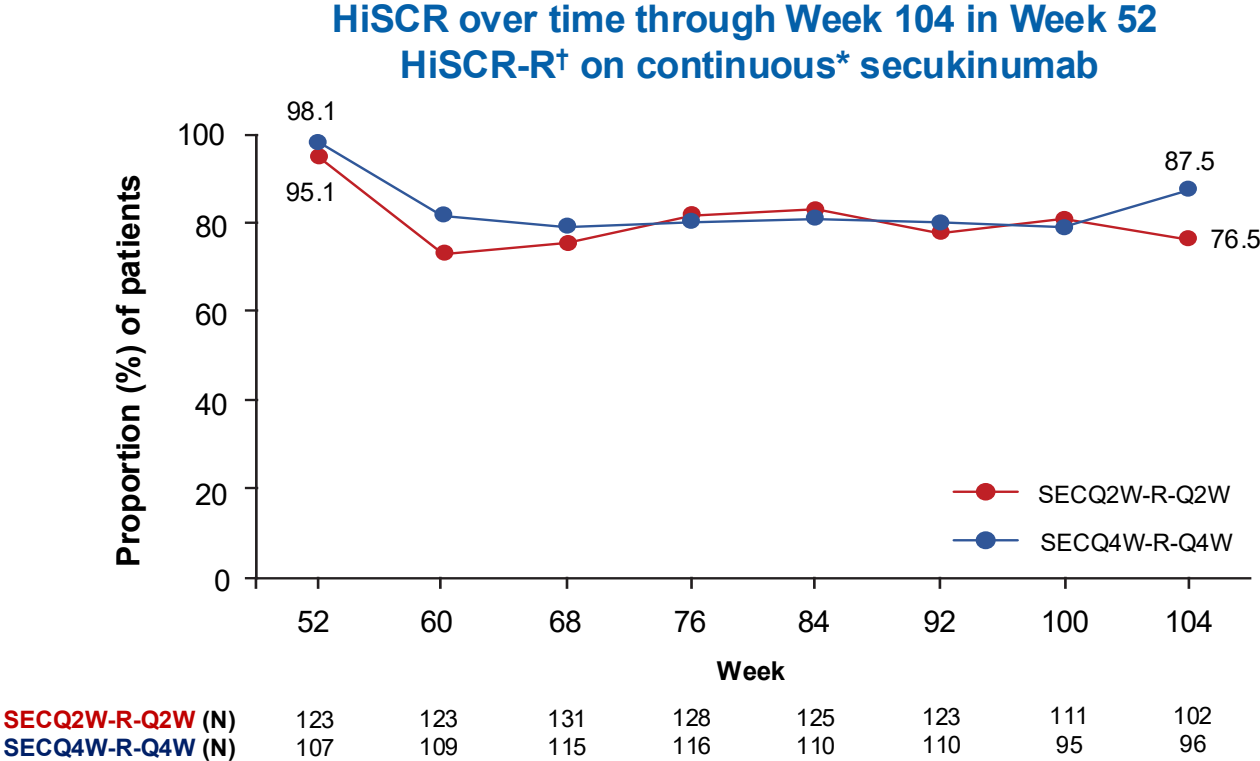
Example of a patient's lesion count, HiSCR and LOR status through the core and extension trial:

- Patient retained HiSCR status when meeting LOR

	Core Trial				Extension Study
	Baseline	Week 44	Week 48	Week 52	Week 60
AN count	14	2	2	2	5
Draining tunnels	0	0	0	0	0
Abscesses	0	0	0	0	0
HiSCR	-	YES	YES	YES	YES
LOR	-	-	-	-	YES

Post hoc analysis suggested that HiSCR was sustained through Week 104 in patients receiving continuous* secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104

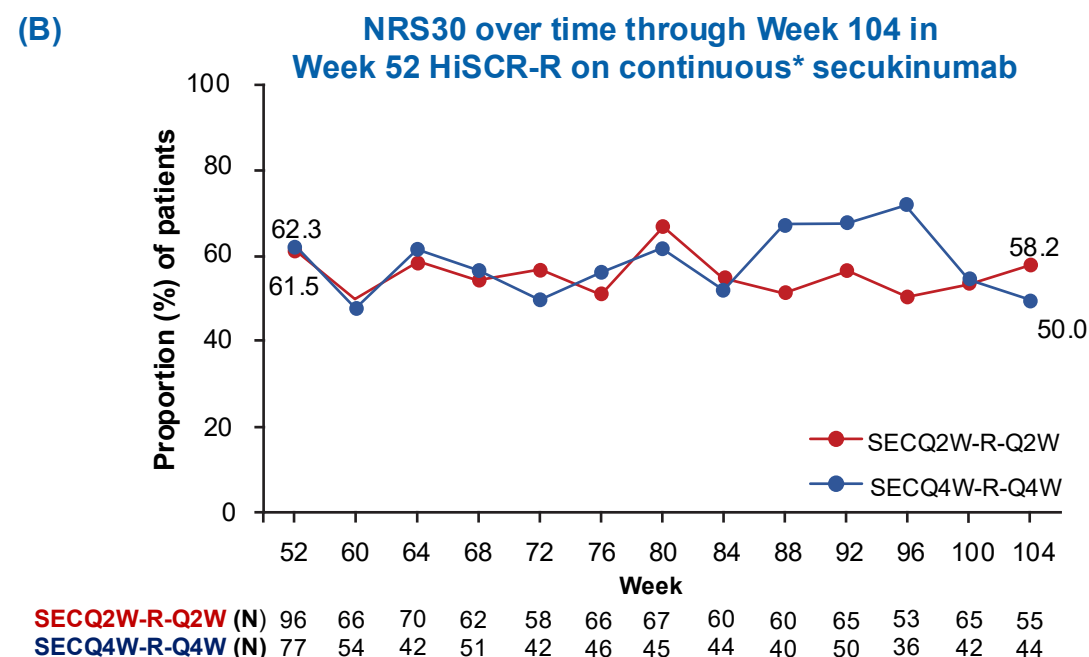
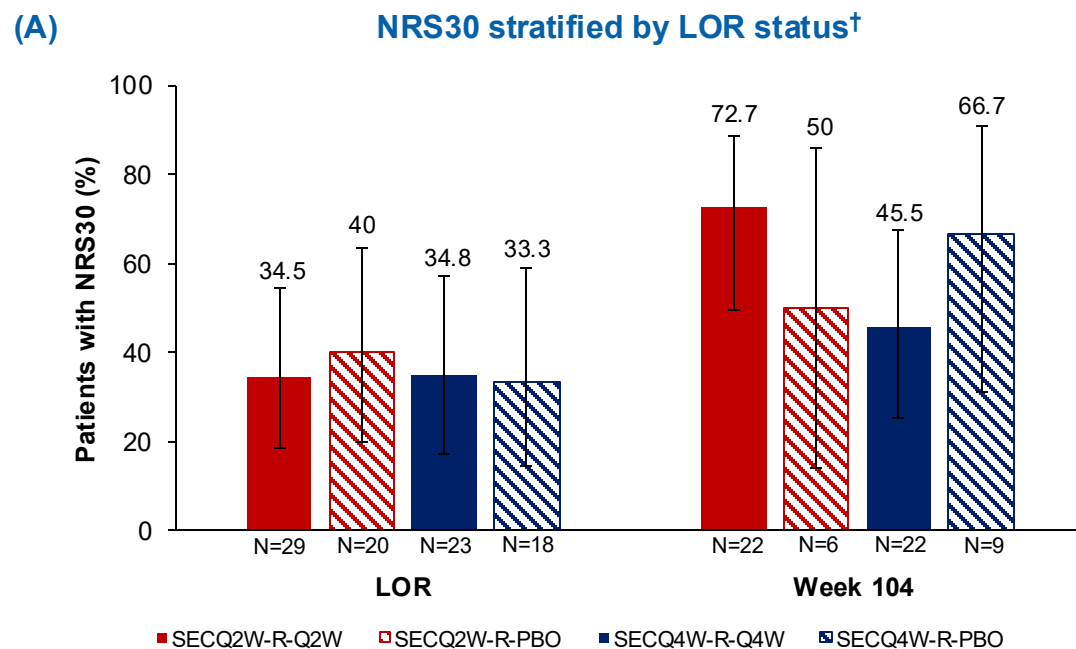
- **SECQ2W-R-Q2W:**
 - **95.1%** at Week 52† versus **76.5%** at Week 104
- **SECQ4W-R-Q4W:**
 - **98.1%** at Week 52† versus **87.5%** at Week 104
 - This included those who up-titrated to OL SECQ2W upon meeting LOR



*Visits across both randomized withdrawal and open-label periods were considered. †HiSCR responders at Week 52 of core trials did not equal 100% given the difference in definitions between identification of HiSCR responders at Week 52 and calculation of the HiSCR response over time.
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Exploratory and post hoc analysis suggested that secukinumab had a positive effect on skin pain through 104 weeks

- An exploratory analysis observed that ~**34%** of the total patients treated with secukinumab 300 mg (either Q2W or Q4W) maintained NRS30 response at the time of meeting LOR criteria **(A)**
- A post hoc analysis suggested NRS30 was sustained through Week 104 in patients receiving continuous* secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104 **(B)**



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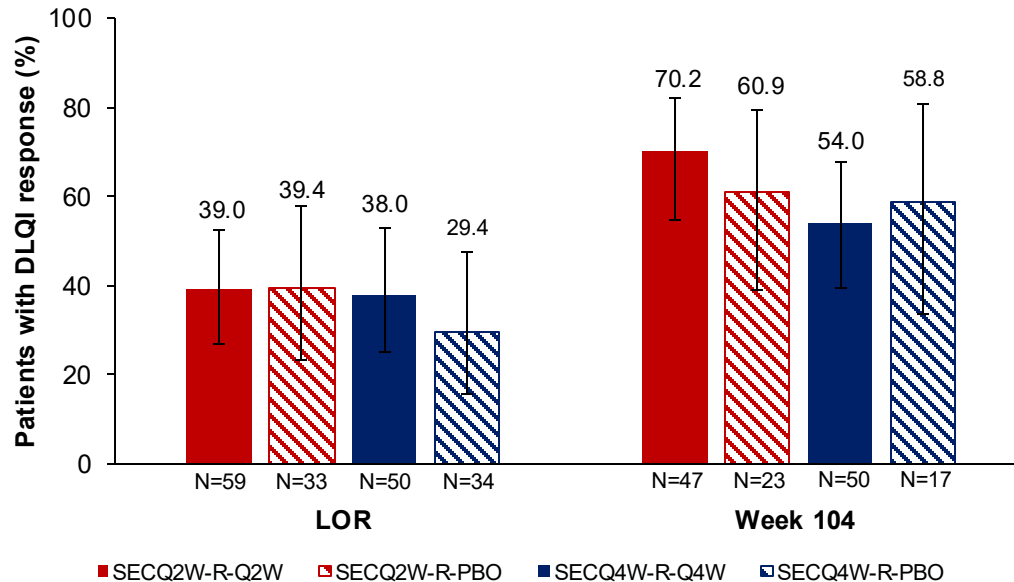
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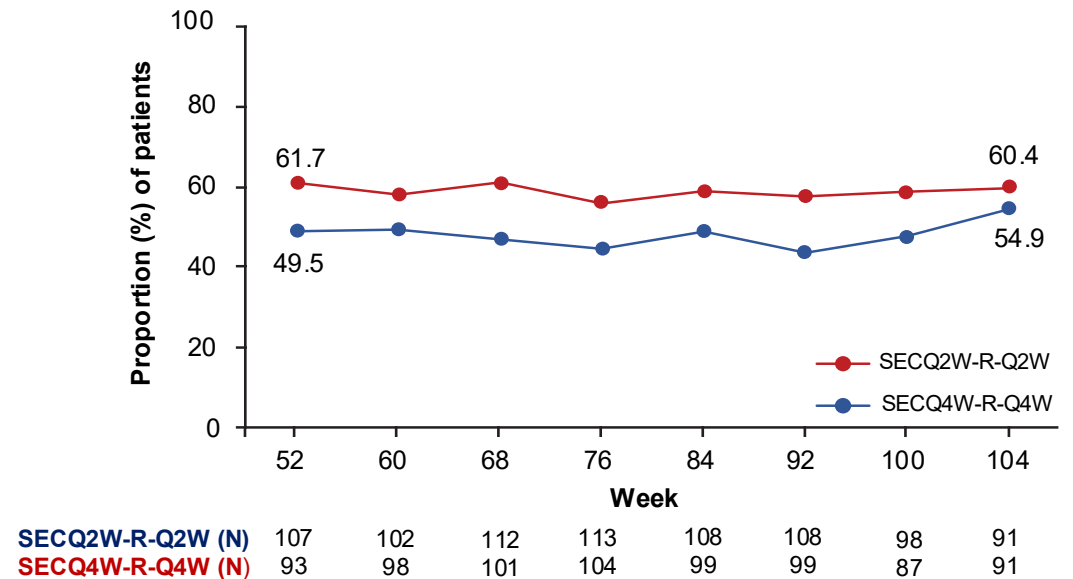
Post hoc analysis suggested that secukinumab had a positive effect on quality of life through 104 weeks

- A post hoc analysis observed that **~40%** of the total patients treated with secukinumab 300 mg (either Q2W or Q4W) maintained DLQI response at the time of meeting LOR criteria **(A)**
- A post hoc analysis suggested **>50%** of patients reported a DLQI response at Week 104 in patients receiving continuous* secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104 **(B)**

(A) DLQI response stratified by LOR status†



(B) DLQI response over time through Week 52 HiSCR-R on continuous* secukinumab



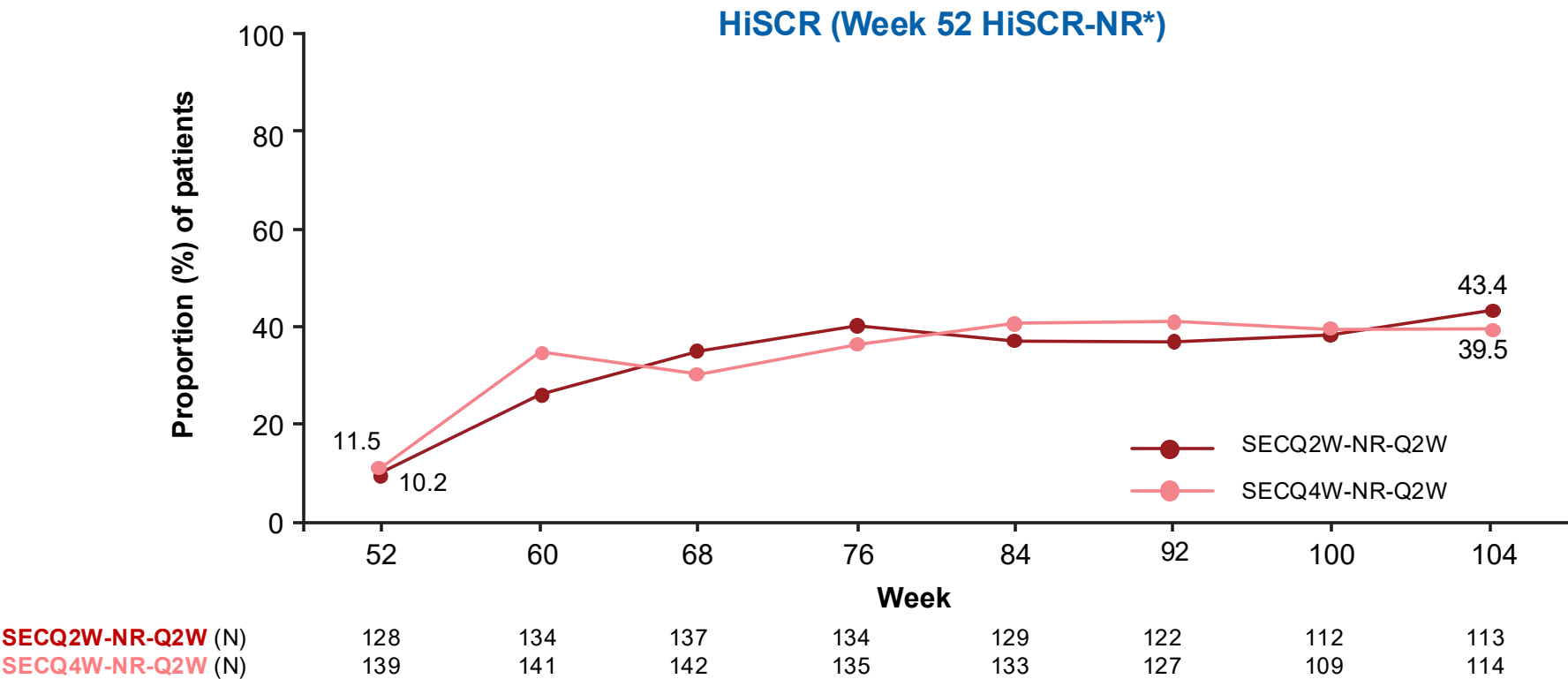
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Patients who were HiSCR non-responders at Week 52 of the core trials received clinical benefits between Weeks 52 and 104 (1/2)

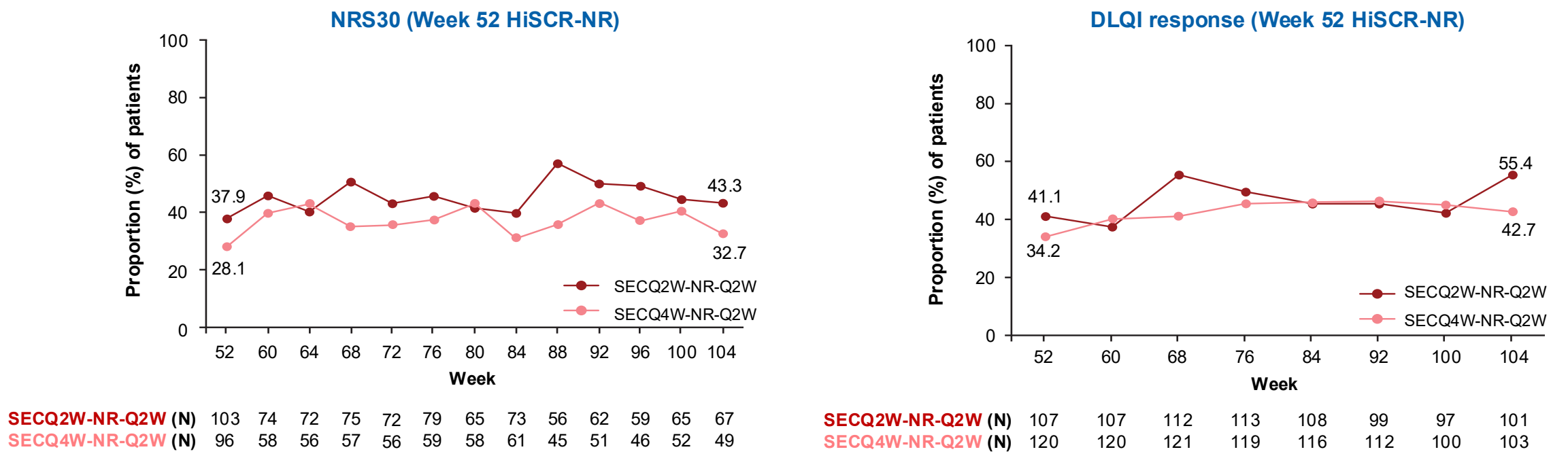
- An exploratory analysis observed that ~40% of patients continuing SECQ2W or up-titrating from Q4W to Q2W achieved HiSCR by Week 104



*Week 52 HiSCR-NR did not equal 0% at the first timepoint, given the difference in definitions for identification of HiSCR at Week 52 and over time.
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HiSCR, Hidradenitis Suppurativa Clinical Response; HS, hidradenitis suppurativa; LOR, loss of response; NR, Week 52 HiSCR non-responder; NRS, numeric rating scale; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q4W, every 4 weeks; SEC, secukinumab 300 mg.

Patients who were HiSCR non-responders at Week 52 of the core trials received clinical benefits between Weeks 52 and 104 (2/2)

- An exploratory analysis observed that skin pain/NRS30 reductions and improved DLQI responses at week 52 were sustained through Week 104 in both secukinumab dosing regimens, and suggested a trend towards improvement



Safety outcomes: Summary



Randomized withdrawal period¹

- AE reporting was balanced between treatment arms with no trend observed between treatment arms or secukinumab dosing regimens
- No deaths were reported, and the rate of discontinuation due to AEs and SAEs was low
- The frequency of safety topics of interest was similar across treatment arms; no IBD cases were reported



Entire study period^{*1,2}

- Based on EAIR, no differences in rate of AEs were observed between secukinumab dosing regimens in the entire study period (with the exception of fungal infectious disorders)
 - More patients treated with SECQ2W reported fungal infectious disorders, a finding similar to that reported in the core trials
- There were no deaths reported in the extension trial up to the data cut-off date*. The rate of discontinuation due to AEs and SAEs was low
- In the entire study period, six new-onset cases of IBD were recorded (0.9% [EAIR 0.5/100 PTY])

*Entire study period is Week 52 up to the data cut-off date (26-May-2023).

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AE reporting was balanced between treatment arms in the RWP with no trend observed between treatment arms or secukinumab dosing regimens

	Week 52 HiSCR responders (RWP)			
	SECQ2W-R-Q2W (N=137)*	SECQ2W-R-PBO (N=70)	SECQ4W-R-Q4W (N=121)	SECQ4W-R-PBO (N=63)
Any AE(s), n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]	78 (56.9) [154.1]	41 (58.6) [160.7]	71 (58.7) [143.9]	31 (49.2) [130.8]
Most common treatment emergent AEs by PT (≥5%), n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]				
COVID-19†	11 (8.0) [13.1]	7 (10.0) [17.3]	11 (9.1) [14.7]	7 (11.1) [20.3]
Hidradenitis	7 (5.1) [8.0]	4 (5.7) [9.7]	5 (4.1) [6.4]	3 (4.8) [8.3]
Nasopharyngitis	5 (3.6) [5.8]	2 (2.9) [4.7]	6 (5.0) [7.6]	2 (3.2) [5.6]
Eczema	3 (2.2) [3.4]	4 (5.7) [9.4]	3 (2.5) [3.9]	1 (1.6) [2.7]
Patients with serious or other significant events, n (%)				
Death	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
SAE	2 (1.5)	4 (5.7)	5 (4.1)	5 (7.9)
Discontinued due to AE	2 (1.5)	1 (1.4)	0 (0.0)	1 (1.6)

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The frequency of safety topics of interest was similar across treatment arms in the RWP; no IBD cases were reported

	Week 52 HiSCR responders (RWP)			
	SECQ2W-R-Q2W (N=137)*	SECQ2W-R-PBO (N=70)	SECQ4W-R-Q4W (N=121)	SECQ4W-R-PBO (N=63)
Safety topics of interest, n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]				
Infections and infestations (SOC)	47 (34.3) [69.7]	20 (28.6) [57.7]	40 (33.1) [61.4]	21 (33.3) [74.9]
Upper respiratory tract infections (HLT)	10 (7.3) [11.9]	3 (4.3) [7.1]	13 (10.7) [17.1]	5 (7.9) [14.5]
Fungal infectious disorders (HLGT)	6 (4.4) [7.0]	4 (5.7) [9.5]	2 (1.7) [2.5]	2 (3.2) [5.4]
Candida infections (HLT)	1 (0.7) [1.1]	3 (4.3) [7.0]	1 (0.8) [1.3]	1 (1.6) [2.7]
Hypersensitivity (SMQ) (narrow)	8 (5.8) [9.3]	6 (8.6) [14.4]	5 (4.1) [6.5]	5 (7.9) [14.0]
Malignant or unspecified tumors (SMQ)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	1 (1.4) [2.3]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]
MACE (NMQ)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]
IBD (CMQ)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]
Colitis ulcerative (PT)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]
Crohn's disease (PT)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]
IBD (PT)	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	0 (0.0) [0.0]

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Based on EAIR, no differences in rate of AEs was observed between secukinumab dosing regimens in the entire study period*

	Entire trial period		
	Any SECQ2W (N=637) [†]	Any SECQ4W (N=180)	Any SEC (N=687)*
Any AE(s), n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]	486 (76.3) [129.3]	102 (56.7) [138.4]	537 (78.2) [126.9]
Most common treatment-emergent AEs by PT (≥5%), n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]			
COVID-19 [‡]	129 (20.3) [14.1]	19 (10.6) [14.1]	148 (21.5) [14.2]
Hidradenitis	87 (13.7) [9.2]	7 (3.9) [4.8]	92 (13.4) [8.5]
Nasopharyngitis	55 (8.6) [5.5]	8 (4.4) [5.5]	63 (9.2) [5.5]
Headache	32 (5.0) [3.2]	9 (5.0) [6.2]	41 (6.0) [3.6]
Patients with serious or other significant events, n (%)			
Death	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
SAE	72 (11.3)	11 (6.1)	80 (11.6)
Discontinued due to AE	24 (3.8)	3 (1.7)	27 (3.9)

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	Entire trial period		
	Any SECQ2W (N=637) [†]	Any SECQ4W (N=180)	Any SEC (N=687)*
Safety topics of interest, n (%), [EAIR/100 PTY]			
Infections and infestations (SOC)	349 (54.8) [56.3]	60 (33.3) [55.0]	389 (56.6) [54.9]
Upper respiratory tract infections (HLT)	116 (18.2) [12.4]	21 (11.7) [15.0]	136 (19.8) [12.8]
Fungal infectious disorders (HLGT)	52 (8.2) [5.3]	3 (1.7) [2.0]	54 (7.9) [4.8]
Candida infections (HLT)	23 (3.6) [2.3]	2 (1.1) [1.3]	24 (3.5) [2.1]
Hypersensitivity (SMQ) (narrow)	72 (11.3) [7.4]	8 (4.4) [5.7]	80 (11.6) [7.2]
Malignant or unspecified tumors (SMQ)	5 (0.8) [0.5]	1 (0.6) [0.7]	6 (0.9) [0.5]
MACE (NMQ)	2 (0.3) [0.2]	1 (0.6) [0.7]	3 (0.4) [0.3]
IBD (CMQ)	5 (0.8) [0.5]	1 (0.6) [0.7]	6 (0.9) [0.5]
Colitis ulcerative (PT)	1 (0.2) [0.1]	1 (0.6) [0.7]	2 (0.3) [0.2]
Crohn's disease (PT)	3 (0.5) [0.3]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	3 (0.4) [0.3]
IBD (PT)	1 (0.2) [0.1]	0 (0.0) [0.0]	1 (0.1) [0.1]

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Summary



1. High retention rate

- There was a high rollover from core trials to extension trial, with >90% of patients in the randomized withdrawal period completing EOT-1 and entering open-label treatment

2. Missed primary endpoint

- The SUNNY extension trial presents the first time this newly defined and non-validated LOR criteria were used
- Results suggest the criteria were too sensitive in the context of the natural disease fluctuations in HS
- The primary endpoint was not met, though the median time to LOR was numerically longer for secukinumab versus placebo

3. LOR criteria is not loss of clinical response

- The definition of LOR is not the same as the definition of loss of HiSCR. An exploratory analysis observed that ~40% of the total patients treated with secukinumab 300 mg (either Q2W or Q4W) maintained HiSCR at the time of meeting LOR criteria
- A post hoc analysis showed that Week 52 HiSCR responders meeting LOR still reported meaningful reductions in absolute AN count versus baseline of the core trials, indicating that patients did not revert to baseline disease severity levels

4. Supporting exploratory data

- An exploratory analysis suggested that HiSCR was sustained through Week 104 (SECQ2W: 76.5%; SECQ4W: 87.5%) in patients receiving continuous secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104
- Exploratory and post hoc analyses suggested that secukinumab had a positive effect on skin pain and QoL in patients receiving continuous secukinumab from Week 52 to Week 104

5. Robust safety data

- Overall, safety analyses confirmed the favorable safety profile associated with treatment with secukinumab

Summary

