Long-term efficacy and safety of risankizumab for the treatment of moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis: interim analysis of the LIMMitless open-label extension trial beyond 3 years of follow-up

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Background Psoriasis is a chronic inflammatory skin disease requiring prolonged treatment. New biologic therapies require long-term evaluation to assess the durability of their efficacy and safety profiles over time.

Objectives To evaluate the long-term efficacy and safety of risankizumab (RZB) for the treatment of psoriasis.

Methods LIMMitless is an ongoing, phase III, open-label extension study evaluating the long-term efficacy and safety of RZB in adults with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis following multiple phase II/III studies. This analysis assessed efficacy through 172 weeks of continuous RZB treatment by examining the proportion of patients achieving \geq 90% or 100% improvement in Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI 90 and PASI 100), static Physician's Global Assessment of clear or almost clear (sPGA 0/1) and Dermatology Life Quality Index of no effect on quality of life (DLQI 0/1). Safety was assessed by recording adverse events (AEs) through the data cutoff date. The study is registered at ClinicalTrials.gov (identifier: NCT03047395).

Results Of 955 patients randomized to RZB 150 mg in the base studies, 897 patients continued into LIMMitless; 799 patients were still receiving treatment in LIMMitless at the time of data cutoff for this analysis. After 172 weeks of continuous RZB treatment, 85.5% of patients achieved PASI 90, 54.4% achieved PASI 100, 85.2% achieved sPGA 0/1, and 78.4% achieved DLQI 0/1 using modified nonresponder imputation. Rates of AEs leading to discontinuation and AEs of safety interest were low with long-term treatment and comparable with those identified in the base studies.

Conclusions Overall, long-term continuous RZB was well tolerated and showed high and durable efficacy over 172 weeks.

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What is already known about this topic?

- Risankizumab is a humanized immunoglobulin G1 monoclonal antibody that specifically inhibits interleukin-23 by binding to its p19 subunit.
- In multiple phase II/III clinical trials in adults with moderate-to-severe psoriasis, risankizumab has displayed superior efficacy vs. placebo or other psoriasis treatments for up to 52 weeks.

What does this study add?

- LIMMitless is an ongoing phase III open-label extension study designed to evaluate the long-term safety and efficacy of risankizumab treatment for up to 5 years of continuous use.
- The results from this interim analysis demonstrate that risankizumab offers sustained efficacy after more than 3 years of continuous use, with no new safety signals identified.

Psoriasis is a chronic, immune-mediated inflammatory skin disease that can negatively impact a patient's quality of life and requires long-term control.^{1,2} Although multiple treatment options are currently available to manage psoriasis, clinicians need further guidance on the safety concerns that may arise when using long-term therapies. Additionally, the efficacy of psoriasis treatments may also decline after prolonged periods of use. While a number of inflammatory cytokines have been implicated in the development and maintenance of psoriatic lesions, interleukin (IL)-23 has emerged as a key disease regulator.^{2,3} However, data demonstrating the effect of long-term IL-23 inhibition on the durability of response and the safety profile in patients with psoriasis are limited.

Risankizumab (RZB) is a humanized immunoglobulin G1 monoclonal anti–IL-23 antibody developed to treat inflammatory diseases⁴ and is an approved therapy for moderate-tosevere plaque psoriasis in adults.⁵ RZB specifically inhibits IL-23 by binding to its p19 subunit.^{4,6} In multiple phase II/III clinical trials, RZB demonstrated superior efficacy compared with placebo or other psoriasis treatments: vs. placebo at week 16 (UltIMMa-1, UltIMMa-2, IMMhance and SustaIMM),^{6–8} vs. adalimumab at weeks 16 and 44 (IMMvent study),⁹ vs. fumaric acid esters at week 24 (NCT03255382),¹⁰ vs. ustekinumab at weeks 16 and 52 (UltIMMa-1 and UltIMMa-2)⁶ and vs. secukinumab at week 52 (IMMerge).¹¹

LIMMitless (open-Label extension study to assess the safety and efficacy of rIsankizuMab for Maintenance in moderate-tosevere plaque type psoriasis) is an ongoing, phase III, singlearm, multicentre, open-label extension (OLE) study that builds on the findings derived from the shorter-term base studies described in the methods section and evaluates long-term RZB treatment. The LIMMitless study will eventually provide treatment data on up to 5 years of continuous RZB therapy. Our current analysis evaluates the long-term efficacy of RZB therapy through 172 weeks of continuous treatment and safety through the cutoff date for this interim analysis, using integrated data from the LIMMitless study and the preceding base studies.

Patients and methods

Study design and treatment

LIMMitless is an ongoing, phase III, single-arm, global, multicentre, OLE trial to evaluate the long-term efficacy and safety of RZB in adults with moderate-to-severe psoriasis who have participated in multiple phase II/III studies. The LIMMitless study is designed for all patients to receive RZB 150 mg subcutaneously every 12 weeks for 252 weeks. To date, efficacy and safety assessments have been performed at study visits occurring every 12 weeks until week 156 and then every 24 weeks thereafter. At weeks 168, 192, 216 and 240, patients selfadminister RZB at home after proper training. The study is registered at ClinicalTrials.gov (identifier: NCT03047395).

Patients who were initially randomized to receive RZB (week 0, week 4, and every 12 weeks thereafter) in one of the five phase II/III studies that included a continuous RZB treatment arm (UltIMMa-1, UltIMMa-2, SustaIMM, NCT03255382 or IMMvent) were included in this analysis.^{6,8–10} Three of the base studies were 52 weeks long (UltIMMa-1, UltIMMa-2 and IMMvent), while SustaIMM was 44 weeks long and NCT03255382 was 24 weeks long. Our interim analysis assessed the efficacy of continuous RZB use through 172 weeks (week 120 of the LIMMitless study), while safety was assessed through the cutoff date (26 March 2020; up to 208 weeks of treatment).

The study is being conducted in accordance with the Good Clinical Practice Guideline as defined by the International Conference on Harmonisation, the Declaration of Helsinki and/or all applicable federal and local regulations, and all patients provided written informed consent. All protocols were approved by an institutional review board (Quorom Review IRB, Seattle, WA, USA).

Patients

Eligible patients were adults with a history of moderate-tosevere chronic plaque psoriasis. To enrol in the study, patients must have completed one of the preceding studies and met all inclusion criteria for long-term, open-label RZB treatment. Patients were ineligible to enrol if they had developed guttate, erythrodermic, pustular or drug-induced psoriasis during the base study; used prohibited medication; had a known diagnosis or evidence of tuberculosis; developed a malignancy during the base study; were diagnosed with HIV or hepatitis B or C infection; had > 8 weeks' time elapse since completion of the base study; or had any evidence of other medical conditions that might compromise the quality of the study data (e.g. pregnancy, chronic alcohol or drug abuse, organ transplant, abnormal clinical laboratory values, or history of hypersensitivity to a systemically administered biologic therapy).

Assessments

Efficacy was evaluated using the Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) and the Static Physician's Global Assessment (sPGA), both of which are established clinical measures for psoriasis severity. For all efficacy analyses, baseline refers to the last nonmissing value before the first dose of study drug in the preceding base studies. Efficacy assessments included the proportion of patients achieving \geq 90% improvement in PASI (PASI 90) or 100% improvement in PASI (PASI 100), and the proportion of patients achieving sPGA of clear or almost clear (sPGA 0/1). Other efficacy assessments included the percentage improvement in PASI from baseline of the base study and quality of life as determined by the proportion of patients who achieved a score of 0 or 1 on the Dermatology Life Quality Index (DLQI; measured every 24 weeks). Safety assessments were performed continuously throughout the trial by monitoring of adverse events (AEs) and tabulated using MedDRA system organ class and preferred terms (version 22.1). AEs were calculated as the number of events per 100 patient-years (PY) to account for differences in base study lengths.

Statistical analysis

The expected sample size was 2200, which included patients from all treatment groups in the base studies, based on estimated rates of base study completion and consent for the extension study and an anticipated dropout rate of 10–15%. Safety and efficacy were assessed in all patients who received at least one dose of study drug during the LIMMitless study. Data were described using summary statistics and were analysed using SAS[®] software (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA).

Efficacy was calculated using three different statistical methods to impute missing data. In the modified nonresponder imputation (mNRI) method, which was the primary method of analysis, a mixed-effect model was used to impute the missing values with efficacy outcome as the response variable and visit and baseline measurement as the fixed effects; patients were then characterized as responders or nonresponders based on the imputed values. Regardless of imputed values, patients who discontinued because of worsening of psoriasis were counted as nonresponders thereafter. Sensitivity analyses were performed using two additional imputation methods. Using the last observation carried forward (LOCF) method, missing data were imputed from the completed evaluation from the most recent visit. Using the observed cases (OC) method, patients with missing data at a visit were excluded from the analysis for that visit and there was no data imputation.

Results

Patients

In total, 955 patients with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis were randomized to receive RZB 150 mg and completed one of the preceding base studies; of these, 897 patients were enrolled in the LIMMitless study (Figure 1). The demographics and baseline disease characteristics at the time of base study enrolment were representative of the psoriasis population (Table 1). In total, 70.6% of the patients were male and the average age was 46.9 years. Before enrolling in the base study, 30.9% of patients had no prior systemic therapy use, while 37.8% had received a biologic treatment (19.5% had received a tumour necrosis factor antagonist). At baseline, the mean PASI was 20.5 and the proportions of patients with sPGA of moderate or severe were 80.6% and 18.6%, respectively. The mean baseline DLQI total score was 13.9, indicating that psoriasis had a very large effect on the patients' quality of life.¹²

Efficacy

Analyses of efficacy demonstrated substantial improvements in psoriasis severity during the base studies that were maintained during the LIMMitless study. All three statistical methods used for efficacy analyses (mNRI, LOCF and OC) demonstrated consistent results. After 16 weeks of RZB treatment, > 75% of patients achieved PASI 90 and > 40% achieved PASI 100; after 52 weeks of RZB treatment, > 86% of patients achieved PASI 90 and > 58% of patients achieved PASI 100, and these levels remained largely constant through 172 weeks of treatment (Figure 2). sPGA of 0 or 1 was achieved by > 87% of patients after 16 weeks of treatment and was generally maintained throughout the OLE study (Figure 3).

Following 16 weeks of RZB treatment, the mean percentage change from baseline in PASI was > 92%, increasing to > 95% throughout the OLE study (Figure S1; see Supporting Information). The proportions of patients with PASI 90 and PASI 100 responses after 172 weeks of continuous treatment were similar, regardless of patient baseline characteristics (Tables S1 and S2; see Supporting Information). Among patients who entered the LIMMitless OLE study with PASI 90 and PASI 100 responses, > 90% and > 67%, respectively, maintained that response through 120 weeks of treatment in the LIMMitless study (i.e. 172 weeks of continuous RZB treatment; Figure 4).

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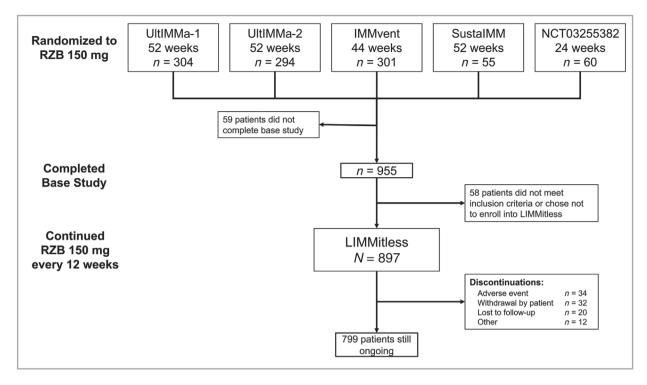


Figure 1 Patient disposition. RZB, risankizumab.

Table 1 Demographics and baseline disease characteristics (n	= 8	97)'	1
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	Continuous risankizumat	
Characteristic	150 mg	
Male, n (%)	633 (70.6)	
Age (years)		
Mean (SD)	46.9 (13.5)	
Median (IQR)	47.0 (37.0-57.0)	
Weight (kg)		
Mean (SD)	88.5 (22.4)	
Median (IQR)	85.2 (72.7-102.0)	
Psoriatic arthritis, ^{b,c} n (%)	195 (23.3)	
Prior treatment, n (%)		
Naive to systemic therapy ^c	259 (30.9)	
Prior biologic therapy ^c	317 (37.8)	
Prior TNF antagonist therapy	163 (19.5)	
BSA involvement (%)		
Mean (SD)	26.7 (16.5)	
Median (IQR)	21.0 (15.0-33.0)	
PASI		
Mean (SD)	20.5 (8.0)	
Median (IQR)	18.0 (14.7-23.7)	
sPGA, n (%)		
Moderate (3)	723 (80.6)	
Severe (4)	167 (18.6)	
DLQI, mean (SD)	13.9 (7.2)	

BSA, body surface area; DLQI, Dermatology Life Quality Index; IQR, interquartile range; sPGA, static Physician's Global Assessment; TNF, tumour necrosis factor. ^aBaseline at the start of the base study. ^bDiagnosed or suspected. ^cBased on n = 838 as this information was not collected in NCT03255382; 59 patients from NCT03255382 continued into LIMMitless.

Quality of life

Quality of life was evaluated using DLQI, results from which showed substantial improvements during the base studies that were maintained during the LIMMitless study. After 16 weeks of RZB treatment, > 66% of patients achieved a DLQI score of 0 or 1 (DLQI 0/1); this percentage increased to > 77% after 52 weeks of treatment and > 78% after 172 weeks of treatment (Figure 5). More than half of patients (56.9%) achieved both PASI 90 and DLQI 0/1 after 16 weeks of treatment; this percentage increased to \geq 70% in the LIMMitless study and remained stable through 172 weeks of treatment (Figure 6).

Safety

Compared with data from the initial 16 weeks of trials in the psoriasis clinical development programme (402·2 PY), rates of treatment-emergent AEs remained stable with long-term treatment through the OLE study (up to 208 weeks of exposure by the cutoff date, 3106·2 PY; Table 2). Incidence rates of AEs leading to discontinuation of RZB were low (1·4 events per 100 PY), as were the rates of serious AEs (6·7 events per 100 PY). There were five deaths during the OLE study (one from natural causes, one car accident, one cardiopulmonary arrest, one sudden cardiac death and one unknown cause); none of these deaths were considered by the investigator to be related to the study drug. The standardized mortality ratio for treatment-emergent deaths at the time of data cutoff was 0.32 (95% confidence interval 0.18-0.53). The most frequently reported treatment-emergent AEs through the cutoff

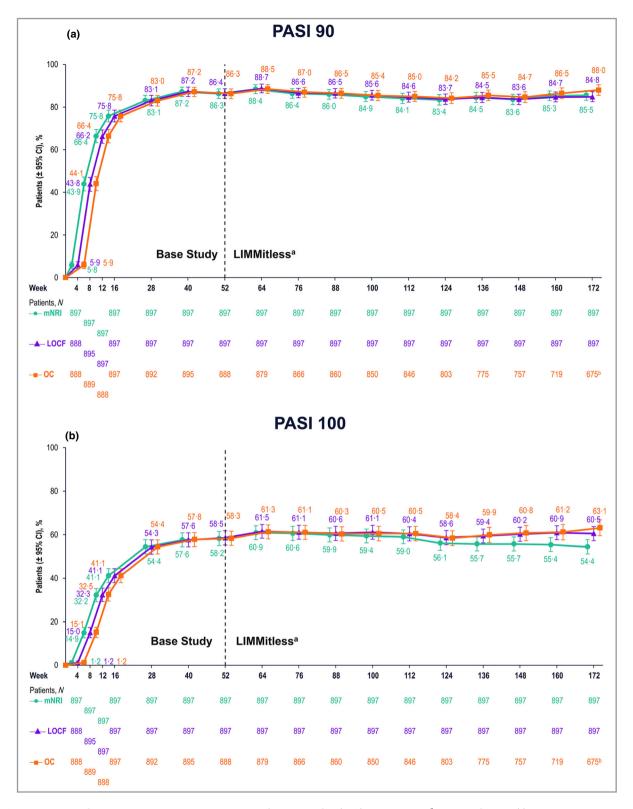


Figure 2 Patients achieving improvement in Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI). Proportions of patients achieving (a) \geq 90% improvement in PASI and (b) 100% improvement in PASI. ^aBecause of differences in base study lengths, some patients enrolled in LIMMitless earlier than 52 weeks. ^b675 of the 722 ongoing patients completed the assessment visit at week 172; 47 ongoing patients have reached the assessment visit at week 172. CI, confidence interval; LOCF, last observation carried forward; mNRI, modified nonresponder imputation; OC, observed cases.

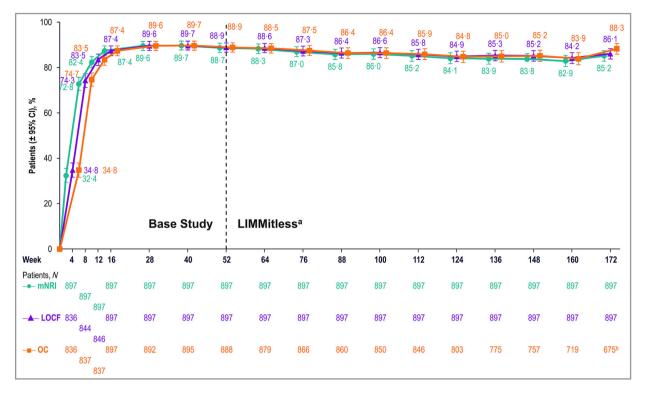


Figure 3 Patients achieving static Physician's Global assessment of clear or almost clear (0 or 1). ^aBecause of differences in base study lengths, some patients enrolled in the LIMMitless study earlier than 52 weeks. ^b675 of the 722 ongoing patients completed the assessment visit at week 172; 47 ongoing patients have reached the assessment window but have not yet completed the assessment visit at week 172. CI, confidence interval; LOCF, last observation carried forward; mNRI, modified nonresponder imputation; OC, observed cases.

date were nasopharyngitis (31.0%; 17.3 events per 100 PY), upper respiratory tract infections (20.0%; 10.7 events per 100 PY) and arthralgia (10.7%; 3.8 events per 100 PY; Table 3).

There were 37 cases of serious infections (Table S3; see Supporting Information) and 25 cases of malignant tumours (10 excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer). The incidence of malignancies did not increase with longer durations of RZB treatment, and the most frequently reported malignancies were similar to those observed in the general population (breast cancer and colorectal cancer); there were no haematological malignancies, including leukaemias or lymphomas. The ratio of squamous cell carcinoma to basal cell carcinoma was 1 : 2. There were no reported cases of systemic Candida infection, inflammatory bowel disease or active tuberculosis. There were 20 cases of Candida infection reported (0.6 events per 100 PY): seven cases of oral candidiasis, seven cases of genital candidiasis, four cases of oesophageal candidiasis, one case of intestinal candidiasis and one case of skin candidiasis. In summary, no new safety concerns were identified.

Discussion

In this study, we demonstrate that long-term treatment with RZB provides durable efficacy beyond 3 years of follow-up in patients with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis. Most patients had clinically relevant improvements in disease severity, and nearly 90% of patients achieved PASI 90 after 52 weeks of

continuous RZB treatment. This degree of response remained stable through 120 further weeks of continuous RZB treatment. The improvements observed in patient quality of life during the base studies were maintained at consistently high levels throughout the OLE study. At each timepoint through 172 weeks of treatment, > 75% of patients reported no effect on their quality of life (per responses on the DLQI).

These results demonstrate sustained improvements in psoriasis severity with long-term RZB therapy. Other studies have reported prolonged efficacy with different biologic psoriasis treatments; however, comparisons between studies must be made with caution because of differences in study designs and patient populations. Results from a 5-year evaluation from the BioCAPTURE registry evaluating the efficacy of adalimumab (a tumour necrosis factor inhibitor), etanercept (a tumour necrosis factor inhibitor) and ustekinumab (an IL-12/23 inhibitor) showed that treatment with any of these biologic agents resulted in sustained reductions in mean PASI.¹³

The level of sustained response observed in this study is greater than that observed for adalimumab over 3 to > 4 years of treatment in clinical studies.^{14,15} Similar trends were observed for the IL-23 inhibitor guselkumab, which was analysed in the phase III VOYAGE 1 and 2 studies, where 82·1% and 77·2% of patients, respectively, achieved PASI 90 response at 3 years.¹⁶ Among IL-17 inhibitors, the proportions of patients who achieved long-term PASI 90 response in clinical trials were numerically lower. In the phase III SCULPTURE

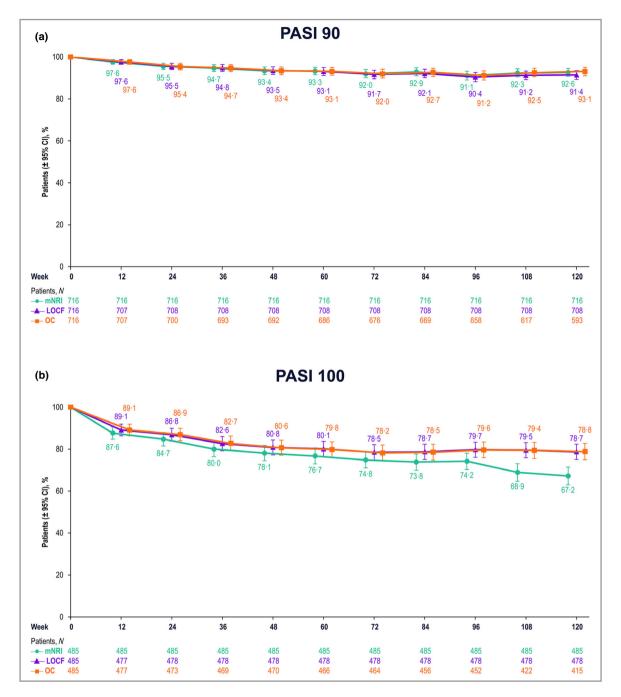


Figure 4 Patients maintaining Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) response from 52 to 172 weeks of continuous risankizumab treatment. Proportions of patients maintaining (a) \geq 90% improvement in PASI and (b) 100% improvement in PASI. CI, confidence interval; LOCF, last observation carried forward; mNRI, modified nonresponder imputation; OC, observed cases.

study, in which secukinumab was analysed, 66·4% of patients achieved PASI 90 response at 5 years.¹⁷ In the phase III UNCOVER-3 study, in which ixekizumab (every 4 weeks) was analysed, 66·4% of patients achieved PASI 90 response at 4 years.¹⁸ In a phase II study in which brodalumab was analysed, around 65% of patients achieved PASI 90 at 5 years.¹⁹

RZB was generally well tolerated throughout the LIMMitless study; safety findings were similar to those observed during the base studies, with no new safety signals identified and low discontinuation rates after more than 3 years of continuous RZB treatment.

The main strengths of this study include long-term followup for over 172 weeks of continuous RZB therapy, from a consistent population of patients who require long-term treatment and were treated with RZB since the base studies. This study also includes a large patient population with a low discontinuation rate, which provides reliable and consistent data. Additionally, while the methods used to analyse missing data

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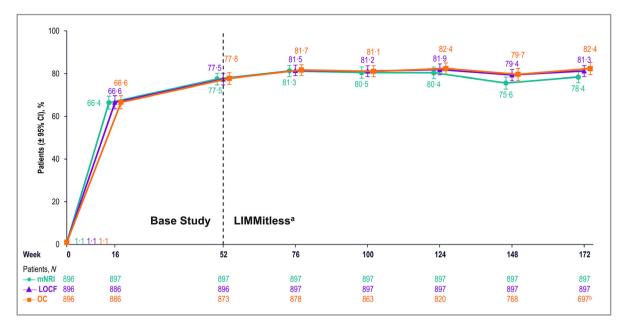


Figure 5 Patients achieving a Dermatology Life Quality Index score of 0 or 1 (no effect on quality of life). ^aBecause of differences in base study lengths, some patients enrolled in the LIMMitless study earlier than 52 weeks. ^b697 of the 722 ongoing patients completed the assessment visit at week 172; 25 ongoing patients have reached the assessment window but have not yet completed the assessment visit at week 172. CI, confidence interval; LOCF, last observation carried forward; mNRI, modified nonresponder imputation; OC, observed cases.

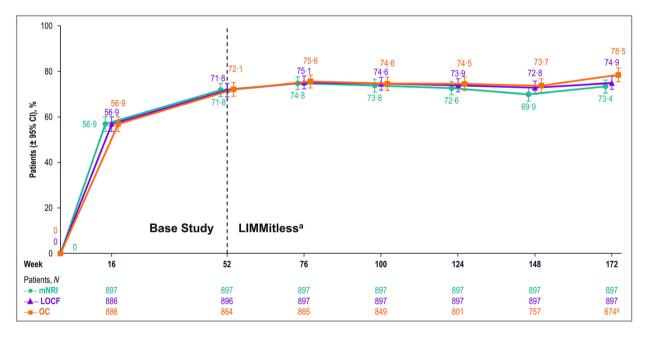


Figure 6 Patients achieving both \geq 90% improvement in Psoriasis Area and Severity Index and Dermatology Life Quality Index score of 0 or 1 (no effect on quality of life). ^aBecause of differences in base study lengths, some patients enrolled in the LIMMitless study earlier than 52 weeks. ^b674 of the 722 ongoing patients completed the assessment visit at week 172; 48 ongoing patients have reached the assessment window but have not yet completed the assessment visit at week 172. CI, confidence interval; LOCF, last observation carried forward; mNRI, modified nonresponder imputation; OC, observed case.

in OLE studies are not standardized, our study used three different statistical methods to handle missing data, all of which yielded consistent results. Limitations of this study include the open-label and single-arm study design. Overall, the results from the ongoing LIMMitless trial demonstrate substantial and durable maintenance of response with RZB over time in patients with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis, with a safety profile similar to that observed in

Table 2 Summary of	treatment-emergent adverse events
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	Primary psoriasis safety pool (16 weeks ^a)		LIMMitless study (up to 208 weeks at time of data cutoff)	
	RZB 150 mg	Placebo	Continuous RZB 150 mg	
Number of patients	1306	300	897	
Number of PY	402.2	92.0	3106-2	
	Events (events per	100 PY)		
Any TEAE	1279 (318.0)	261 (283.7)	5295 (170.5)	
Serious AE	40 (9.9)	16 (17.4)	209 (6.7)	
AE leading to discontinuation of study medication	11 (2.7)	9 (9.8)	44 (1.4)	
Deaths	2 (0.5)	0	$5 (0.2)^{b}$	
TEAEs of safety interest				
Adjudicated MACE	1 (0.2)	1 (1.1)	5 (0.2)	
Serious infections	7 (1.7)	1 (1.1)	37 (1.2)	
Malignant tumours (including NMSC)	6 (1.5)	1 (1.1)	$25 (0.8)^{c}$	
NMSC	3 (0.7)	1 (1.1)	15 (0.5)	
Excluding NMSC	3 (0.7)	0	10 (0.3)	
Serious hypersensitivity reactions	0	0	$3 (<0.1)^{d}$	
Candida infection	2 (0.5)	0	20 (0.6) ^e	
Systemic candidiasis	0	0	0	

AE, adverse event; MACE, major adverse cardiac event; NMSC, nonmelanoma skin cancer; PY, patient-years; RZB, risankizumab; TEAE, treatmentemergent adverse event. ^aPrimary psoriasis safety pool includes NCT02054481,²⁰ UltIMMa-1,⁶ UltMMa-2,⁶ IMMhance (NCT02672852)⁷ and IMMvent.⁹ ^bDue to natural causes (n = 1), accident (n = 1), cardiac arrest (n = 1), sudden cardiac death (n = 1) and cause unknown (n = 1); none related to risankizumab. ^cMalignancies were colorectal adenocarcinoma (n = 2), metastatic colon cancer (n = 1), basal cell carcinoma (n = 9), Bowen disease (n = 1), breast cancer (n = 3), endometrial cancer (n = 1), oral metastatic squamous cell carcinoma with lymph node metastasis (n = 1), metastatic squamous cell carcinoma (n = 1), prostate cancer (n = 2) and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin (n = 4). ^dSerious hypersensitivity reactions (all of which were unrelated to study drug) were para-phenylenediamine allergy (n = 1; mild, attributed to hair dye application), generalized microbial eczema (n = 1; moderate, attributed to prolonged duration of generalized eczema and lack of response to treatment with hydrocortisone) and Stevens–Johnson syndrome (n = 1; severe, attributed to addition of chlorpromazine). ^cTwenty Candida-related events were reported in 16 patients. More than half occurred in patients with known risk factors such as diabetes, steroid use and prior Candida episodes. None were serious or led to study drug discontinuation.

Table 3 Most frequently reported treatment-emergent adverse events with incidence > 1 event per 100 patient-years

Preferred term	Continuous risankizumal 150 mg n = 897; PYs = 3106.2
Nasopharyngitis	537 (17.3)
Upper respiratory tract infection	332 (10.7)
Arthralgia	119 (3.8)
Headache	96 (3.1)
Hypertension	87 (2.8)
Back pain	86 (2.8)
Influenza	78 (2.5)
Sinusitis	68 (2·2)
Bronchitis	62 (2.0)
Gastroenteritis	60 (1.9)
Urinary tract infection	51 (1.6)
Diarrhoea	49 (1.6)
Cough	44 (1.4)
Contact dermatitis	42 (1.4)
Oropharyngeal pain	37 (1.2)
Injection-site erythema	36 (1.2)
Fatigue	35 (1.1)
Osteoarthritis	33 (1.1)
Pruritus	33 (1.1)
Tinea pedis	33 (1.1)

the pivotal studies. The response will be further investigated in the remaining time of this OLE study.

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Appendix 1

Conflicts of interest

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Appendix 2

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Table S1 Patients achieving \geq 90% improvement in Psoria-sis Area and Severity Index by patient subgroup.

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Table S3 Treatment-emergent serious infections.