

Ixekizumab Demonstrates Sustained High Efficacy and Consistent Safety in Patients with Moderate-to-Severe Psoriasis: 5 Years of Follow-up from UNCOVER-3

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BACKGROUND

Ixekizumab, a high-affinity monoclonal antibody that selectively targets interleukin-17A, is approved for treating moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis

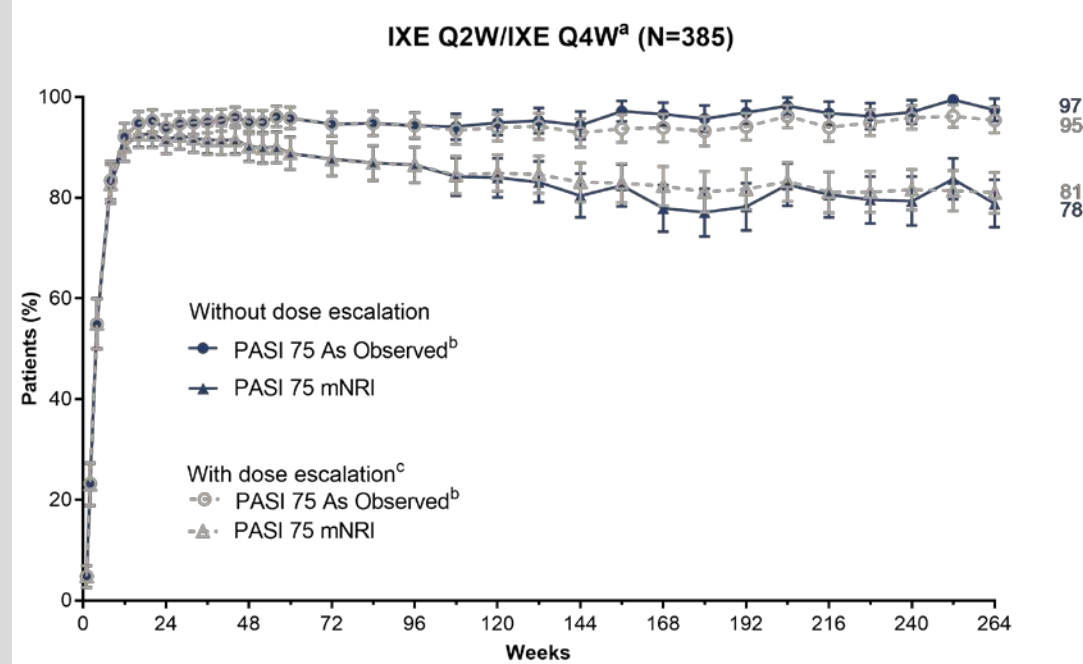
In the Phase 3 UNCOVER-3 trial (NCT01646177), ixekizumab has previously demonstrated high efficacy with a consistent safety profile in patients with moderate-to-severe psoriasis¹

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the efficacy and safety findings through 5 years of treatment with the approved ixekizumab dosing regimen (starting dose of 160 mg, then 80 mg every 2 weeks up to and including Week 12, followed by 80 mg every 4 weeks thereafter) in UNCOVER-3

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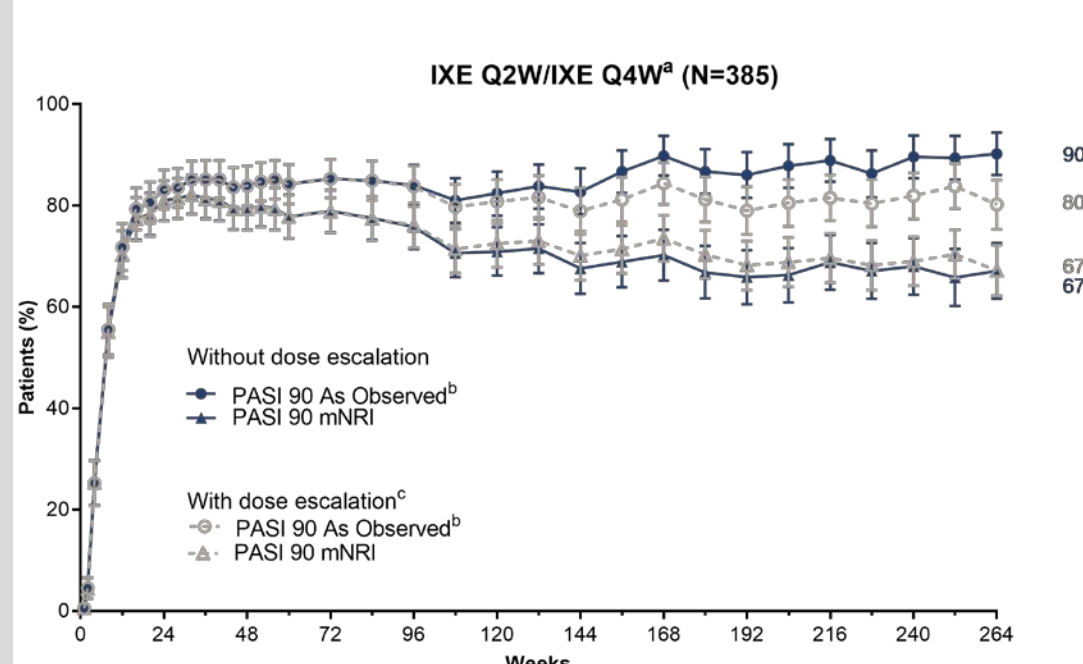
Figure 1. Ixekizumab PASI 75 Response Rates Through 5 Years of Treatment, As Observed and mNRI



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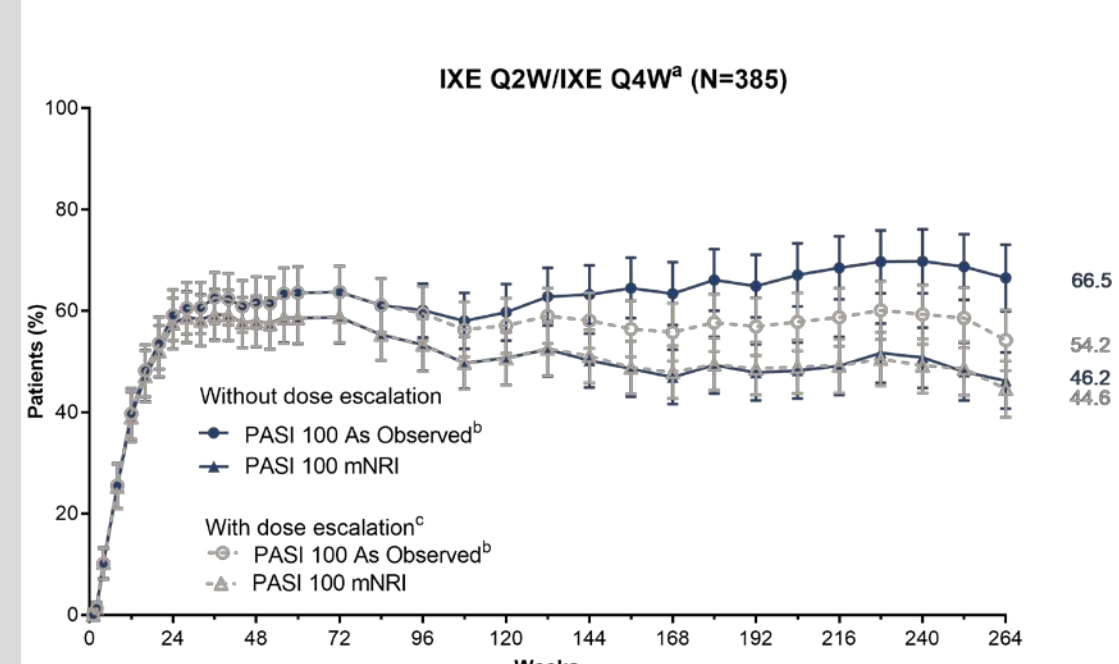
Figure 2. Ixekizumab PASI 90 Response Rates Through 5 Years of Treatment, As Observed and mNRI



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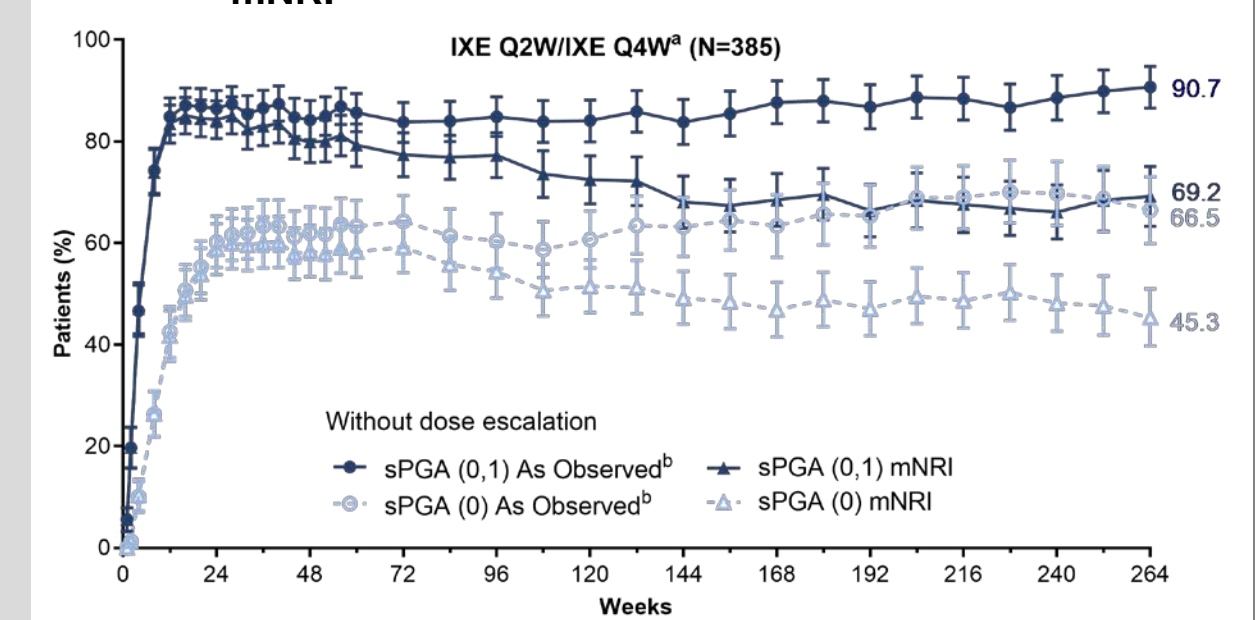
Figure 3. Ixekizumab PASI 100 Response Rates Through 5 Years of Treatment, As Observed and mNRI



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Figure 4. Ixekizumab sPGA (0,1) and sPGA (0) Response Rates Through 5 Years of Treatment, As Observed and mNRI



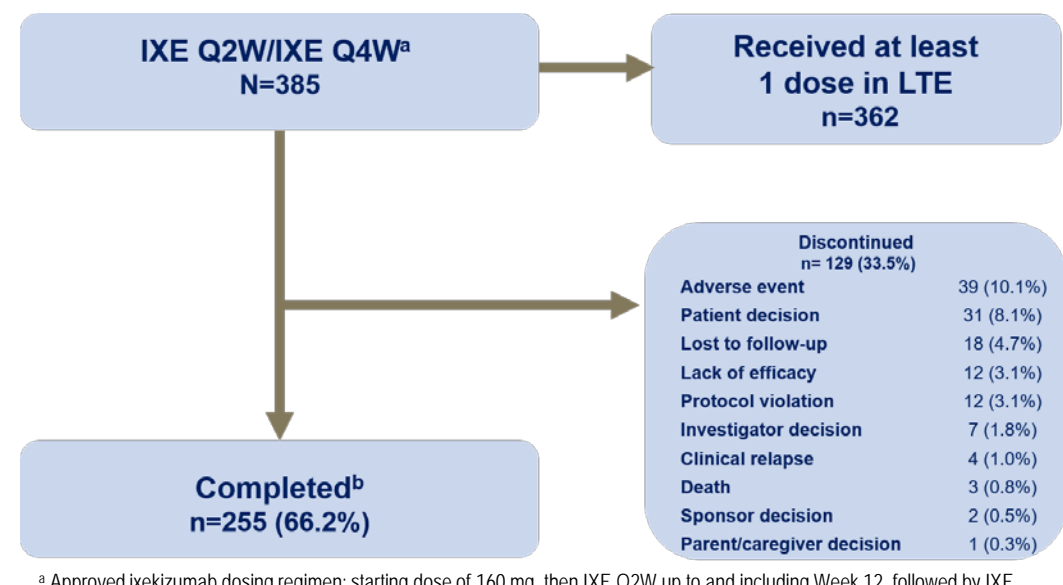
^a sPGA(0,1) and sPGA(0) response rates from analyses including the escalated visits^b were numerically lower (Week 264, as observed: sPGA (0,1)=79.4%; sPGA (0)=54.2%. Week 264, mNRI: sPGA (0,1)=65.8%; sPGA (0)=44.1%)

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KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

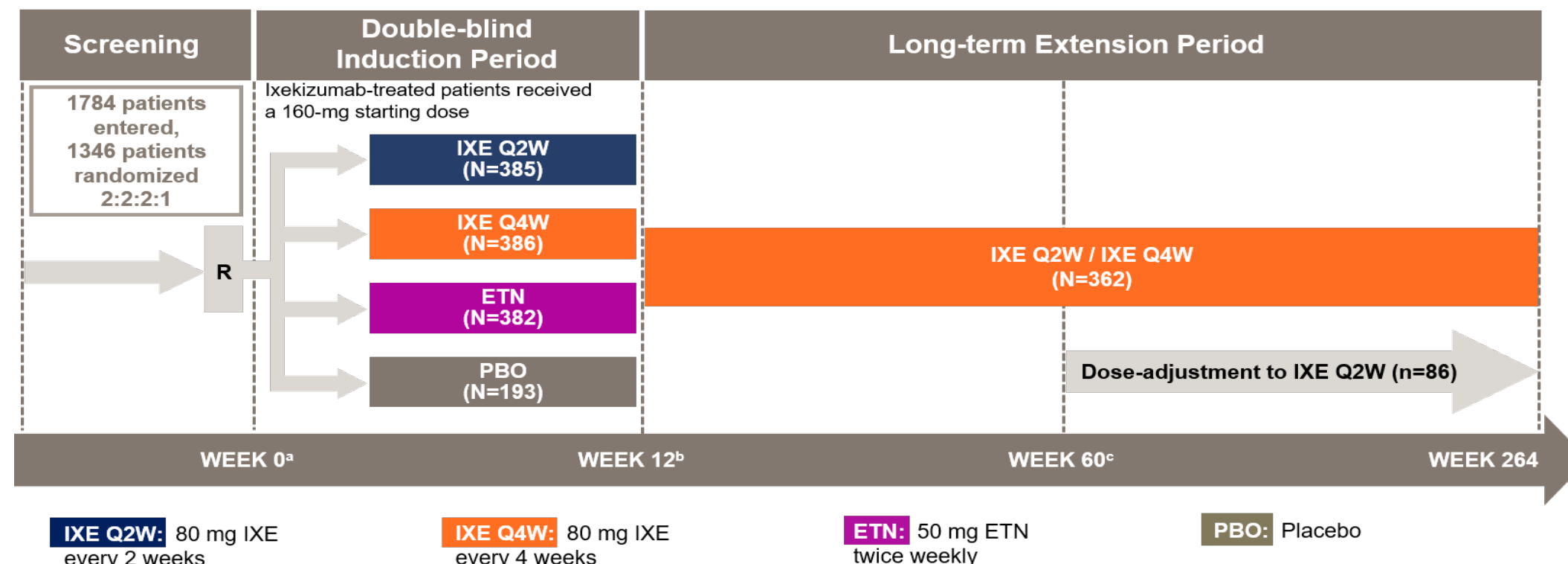
- Inclusion criteria**
- ≥18-years of age with moderate-to-severe plaque psoriasis
 - Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) ≥12 at both screening and baseline visits
 - ≥10% body surface area affected at both screening and baseline visits
 - Static Physician's Global Assessment (sPGA) score ≥3 at both screening and baseline visits
- Exclusion criteria**
- Prior exposure to etanercept

PATIENT DISPOSITION



^a Approved ixekizumab dosing regimen: starting dose of 160 mg, then IXE Q2W up to and including Week 12, followed by IXE Q4W thereafter. ^b Due to site early closure, one patient did not complete the study disposition form and the status for this subject was unknown; IXE Q2W-80 mg ixekizumab every 2 weeks; IXE Q4W-80 mg ixekizumab every 4 weeks

STUDY DESIGN



^a Week 0: patients randomized to IXE Q2W, IXE Q4W, ETN, or PBO. ^b Week 12: all patients entered long term extension period with IXE Q4W. ^c From Week 60-264, patients and investigators could elect to escalate to IXE Q2W; IXE Q2W-80 mg ixekizumab every 2 weeks; IXE Q4W-80 mg ixekizumab every 4 weeks; ETN=etanercept; PBO=placebo

ASSESSMENTS

Efficacy

- PASI 75/90/100
- sPGA (0,1) or (0)

Safety

- TEAEs

PASI 75/90/100=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index ≥75%/ ≥ 90%/100% response; sPGA (0,1) or (0)=static Physician's Global Assessment response of clear/minimal or clear plaque psoriasis; TEAEs=treatment-emergent adverse events

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

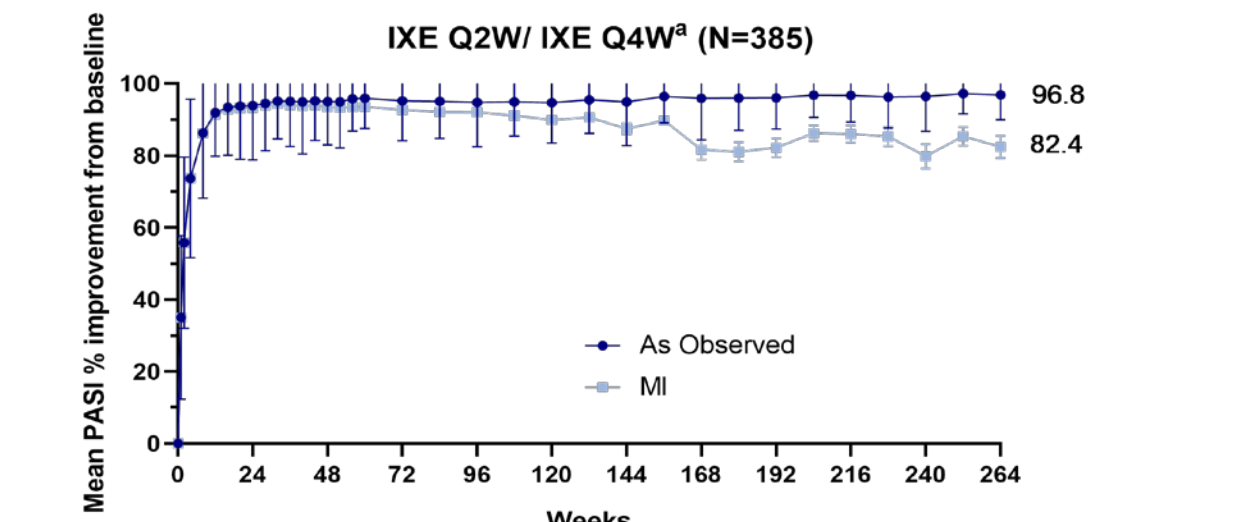
- Analysis population: Intent-to-treat (ITT) population defined as all randomized patients
- Efficacy was reported using as observed and modified non-responder imputation (mNRI) for categorical variables, and using multiple imputation (MI) for continuous variables
- Safety was summarized by incidence rate per 100 patient-years for patients randomized to IXE Q2W during the first 12 weeks and then received IXE Q4W in the Long-term Extension Period
 - Data from visits with escalated IXE Q2W were included in the analyses
 - IRs were calculated based on total patient-years in the time period

Table 1. Treatment-emergent Adverse Events Through Week 264 of Ixekizumab Treatment^a

n (IR)	IXE Q2W/IXE Q4W (N=362) PY=1493.8
Patients with ≥1 treatment-emergent AE	323 (21.6)
Mild	80 (5.4)
Moderate	186 (12.5)
Severe	57 (3.8)
Serious AEs	55 (3.7)
Discontinuation due to AEs	33 (2.2)
Death	3 (0.2)

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Figure 5. Mean PASI Percent Improvement, As Observed and MI



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Table 2. Adverse Events of Special Interest Through Week 264 of Ixekizumab Treatment^a

AEs of special interest n (IR)	IXE Q2W/IXE Q4W (N=362) PY=1493.8
Infection	263 (17.6)
Injection-site reactions ^b	33 (2.2)
Allergic reactions/hypersensitivities	
Potential anaphylaxis	2 (0.1)
Non-anaphylaxis	56 (3.7)
Hepatic events	30 (2.0)
Cytopenias	14 (0.9)
Cerebro-cardiovascular events	13 (0.9)
Depression	11 (0.7)
Malignancy	9 (0.6)
Crohn's disease	2 (0.1)
Ulcerative colitis	1 (0.1)

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CONCLUSIONS

- This study demonstrated that high-efficacy response with ixekizumab was durable on a long-term horizon, with sustained response through 5 years of continuous treatment
- The safety profile remained consistent with prior findings, with no new or unexpected safety concerns

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ABBREVIATIONS

AE=adverse event; ETN=etanercept; IR=incidence rate; ITT=intent-to-treat; IXE=ixekizumab; IXE Q2W-80 mg ixekizumab every 2 weeks; IXE Q4W-80 mg ixekizumab every 4 weeks; MedDRA=Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities; MI= multiple imputation; mNRI= modified non-responder imputation; Nx=number of patients with non-missing data; PASI=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; PASI 75/90/100=Psoriasis Area and Severity Index ≥75%/≥90%/100% response; PBO=placebo; PY= patient-years; sPGA (0,1) or (0)=static Physician's Global Assessment response of clear/minimal or clear plaque psoriasis; TEAEs=treatment-emergent adverse events

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