ESK-001, a Highly Selective Oral TYK2 Inhibitor: 52-Week Phase 2 Study Results In Moderate-to-Severe Plaque Psoriasis

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ESK-001: a potent and selective oral allosteric TYK2 inhibitor designed to achieve durable maximal target inhibition for 24 hours



ESK-001, a highly selective allosteric TYK2 inhibitor

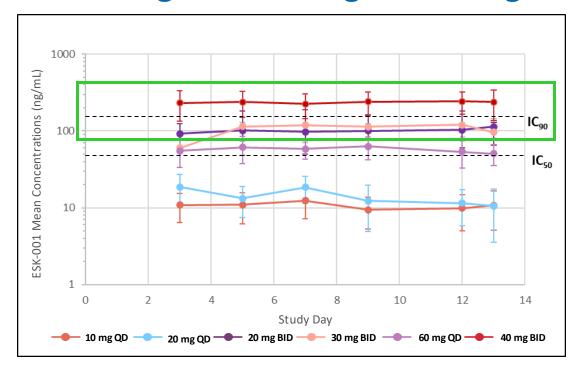
Intrinsic TYK2 selectivity to JH2 domain allows maximal target engagement and avoids classic JAK inhibitor liabilities

Robust PK/PD relationship guided selection of Phase 2 doses

- Maximal target inhibition achieved at highest clinical dose (40 mg BID)
- Maintained across 24 hour-dosing period

No food effect nor drug-drug interactions

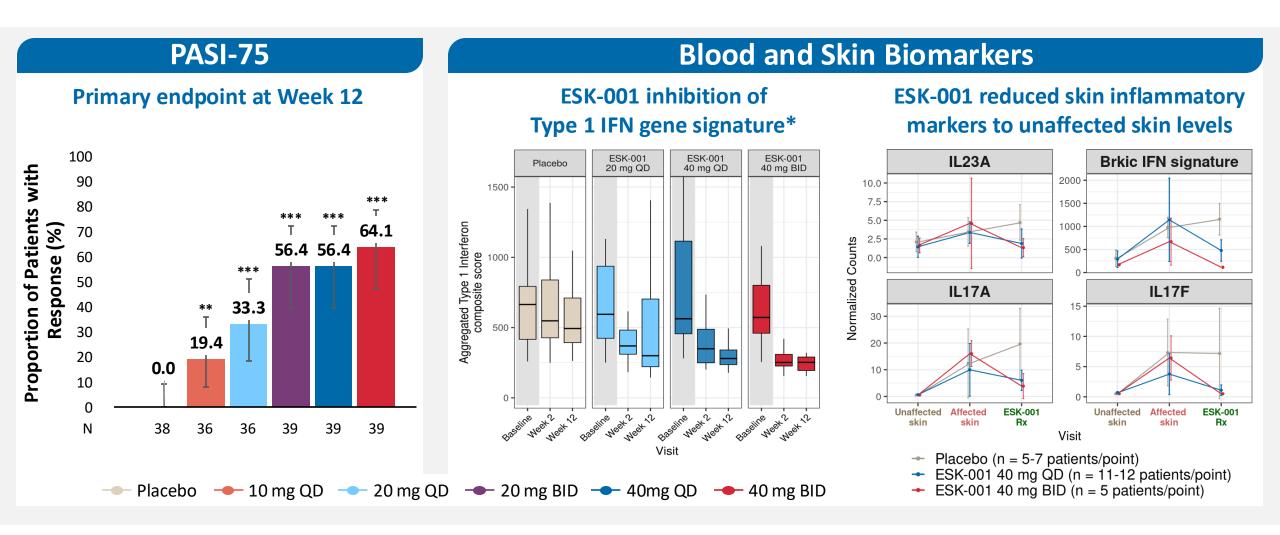
ESK-001 maintained IC90 coverage at trough with 40 mg BID dosing



ESK-001 Phase 1 Multidose Healthy Volunteers Study

PK measurements taken at trough (i.e., at steady state) prior to next dose IFNα stimulated human whole blood IC50 and IC90 (dotted lines)

STRIDE Study: ESK-001 dose-dependent response, with 40 mg BID demonstrating highest response (also reflected by blood/skin biomarkers)

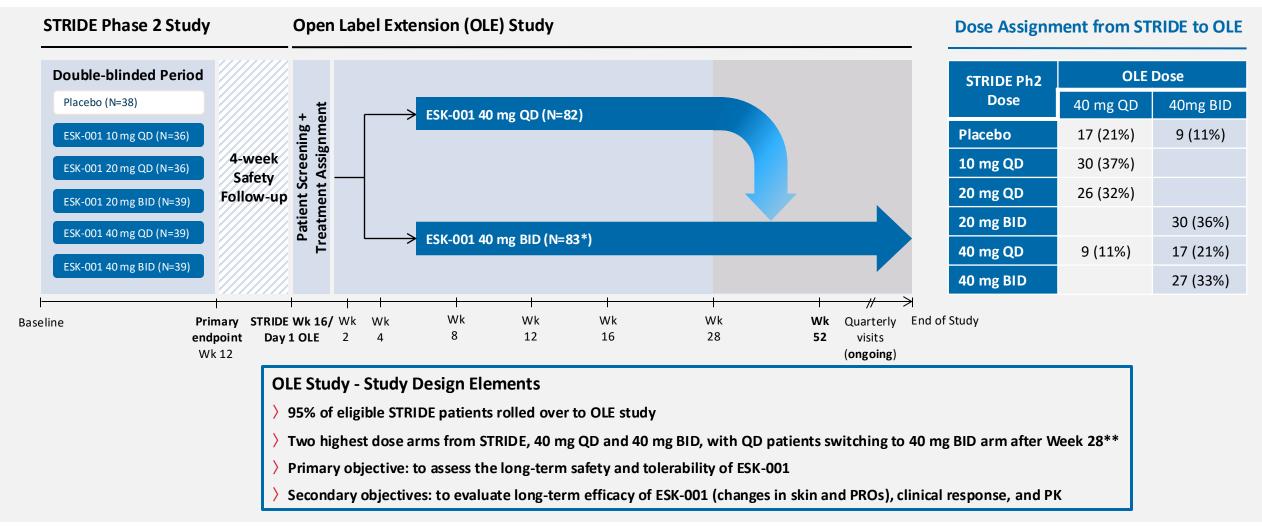


*p<0.05; **p< 0.005; ***p<0.001.
P-value: Proportion of responders of each active arm vs placebo.
Missing data was imputed based on non-responder imputation (NRI).

*In blood by RNA-seq from STRIDE psoriasis study; blood sampled at baseline and pre-dose (trough) at Weeks 2 & 12.

Timepoints:
Baseline nonlesional (Unaffected skin),
baseline lesional (Affected skin),
Week 12 lesional (ESK-001 Rx).

OLE Study: thorough dose selection to identify maximum benefit/risk for evaluation of long-term safety/efficacy of ESK-001



^{*1} patient in the original 40 mg BID arm was not dosed.

^{**}Upon clear identification of most beneficial dose (Week 28 cut), 40 mg QD patients switched to 40 mg BID arm between Weeks 40 and 64.

OLE demographics and baseline disease characteristics were well-balanced across study arms

	ESK-001 40 mg QD (N=82)	ESK-001 40 mg BID* (N=83**)	Overall (N=165)	
Age (years), mean (SD)	47.5 (12.7)	50.8 (12.1)	49.2 (12.4)	
Male, n (%)	56 (68.3)	61 (73.5)	117 (70.9)	
Race, n (%) White Asian Black/African American Other/not reported	63 (76.8) 7 (8.5) 5 (6.1) 7 (8.5)	70 (84.3) 4 (4.8) 1 (1.2) 8 (9.6)	133 (80.6) 11 (6.7) 6 (3.6) 15 (9.1)	
BMI (kg/m²), mean (SD)	33.1 (8.8)	31.7 (7.4)	32.4 (8.12)	
Psoriasis duration (years), mean (SD)	17.2 (10.9)	22.3 (14.3)	19.8 (13.0)	
Previously exposed to biologics or JAK inhibitors, n (%)	38 (46.3)	42 (50.6)	80 (48.5)	
PASI, mean (SD)	10.2 (7.2)	6.8 (7.0)	8.5 (7.2)	
sPGA score, n (%) 3 (moderate) 4 (marked) 5 (severe)	39 (47.6) 12 (14.6) 0	23 (27.7) 7 (8.4) 0	62 (37.6) 19 (11.5) 0	
BSA involvement (%), mean (SD)	12.9 (13.4)	8.7 (11.1)	10.8 (12.5)	

Data are based on the intention-to-treat analysis population and present OLE baseline data.

^{*}Based on original dose assignment at start of OLE; **1 patient in the original 40 mg BID arm was not dosed.
BMI, body mass index; PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; sPGA, static Physician's Global Assessment; BSA, body surface area.

OLE Safety profile of ESK-001: no significant safety findings throughout 52 weeks

	ESK-001 40 mg QD (N=82)		ESK-001 40 mg BID* (N=147)		Overall (N=164)	
	n (%)	EAIR	n (%)	EAIR	n (%)	EAIR
Subjects with ≥ 1 TEAE	50 (61)	122.76	73 (50)	102.33	108 (66)	108.18
Subjects with ≥ 1 TE SAE ¹	2 (2)	3.10	4 (3)	3.39	6 (4)	3.29
Subjects with TEAE related to study drug	12 (15)	20.19	15 (10)	13.83	26 (16)	15.70
Subjects with SAE related to study drug	2 (2)	3.10	2 (1)	1.67	4 (2)	2.17
Subjects with TEAE leading to death	0	-	0	-	0	-
Subjects with TEAE leading to study drug discontinuation ²	1 (1)	1.55	5 (3)	4.19	6 (4)	3.26
Subjects with TEAE ≥ Grade 3	3 (4)	4.66	6 (4)	5.12	8 (5)	4.42
Most frequent TEAEs (≥5% in any treatment group)						
Nasopharyngitis	10 (12)	16.88	6 (4)	5.15	14 (9)	8.09
Upper respiratory tract infection	3 (4)	4.71	13 (9)	11.66	16 (10)	9.20
Headache	5 (6)	8.28	5 (3)	4.28	10 (6)	5.71
COVID-19	3 (4)	4.74	8 (5)	6.88	11 (7)	6.17

Data are based on the safety analysis population (all treated patients). Safety data displayed are based on 06 SEP 2024 data cut of ongoing OLE study.

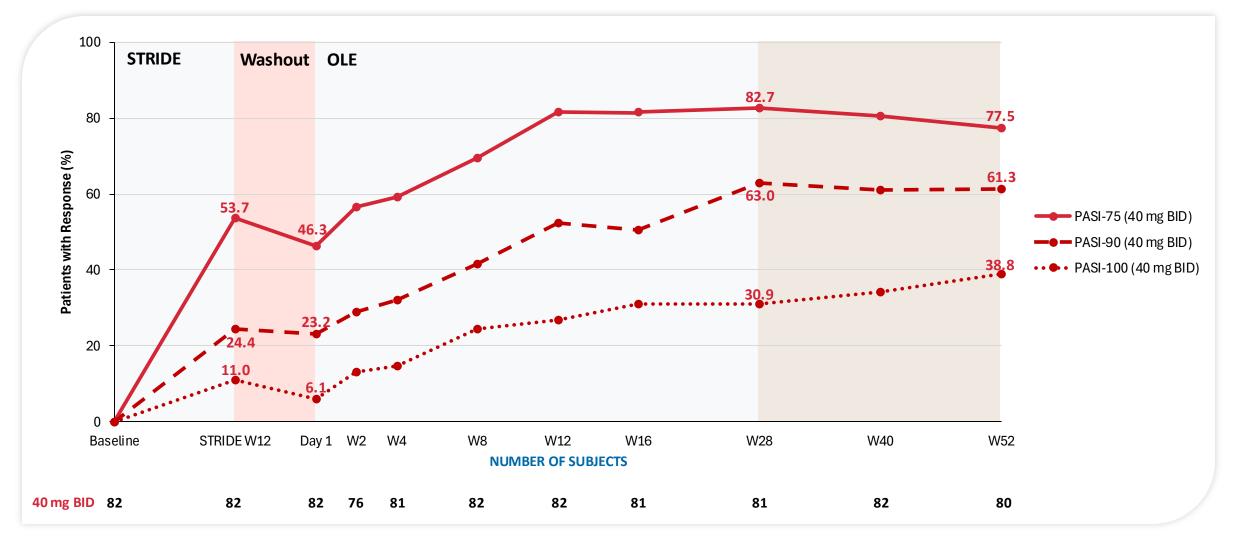
^{*}Includes subjects who were randomized to ESK-001 40 mg BID from the start of OLE and who switched from 40 mg QD to 40 mg BID.

¹TE SAE: inflammatory arthritis, asthma exacerbation, cellulitis, peritonsillar abscess, septic shock, sepsis, non-small cell lung carcinoma, renal cell carcinoma.

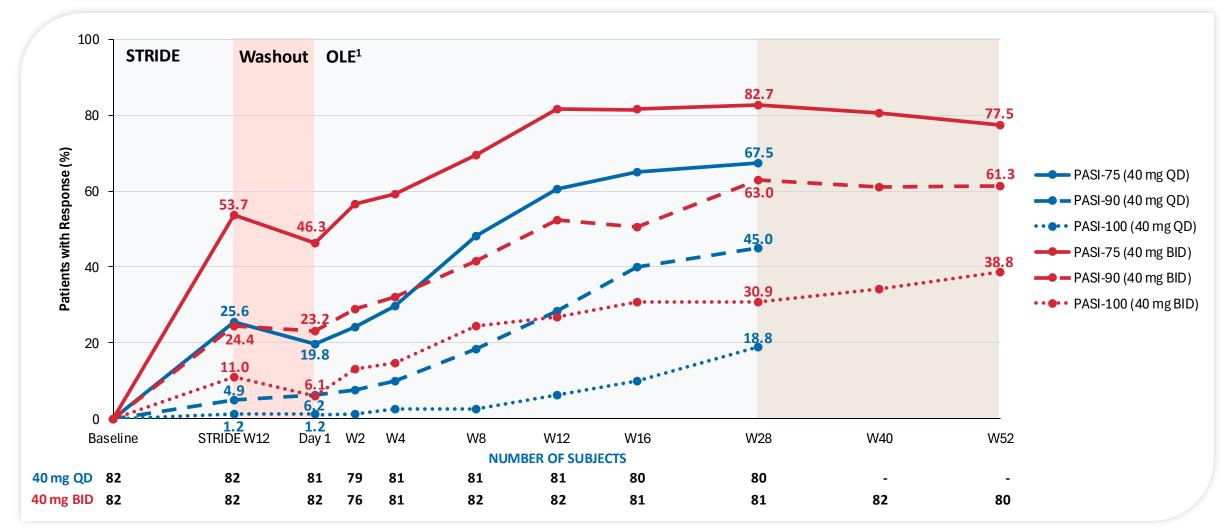
²40 mg QD: non-small cell lung carcinoma; 40 mg BID: dyspepsia, hypersensitivity, osteomyelitis, pruritus, renal cell carcinoma.

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event; EAIR, exposure-adjusted incidence rate per 100 patient years.

ESK-001 response over 52 weeks of treatment: increasing PASI-90 and PASI-100 responses over time (mNRI*)



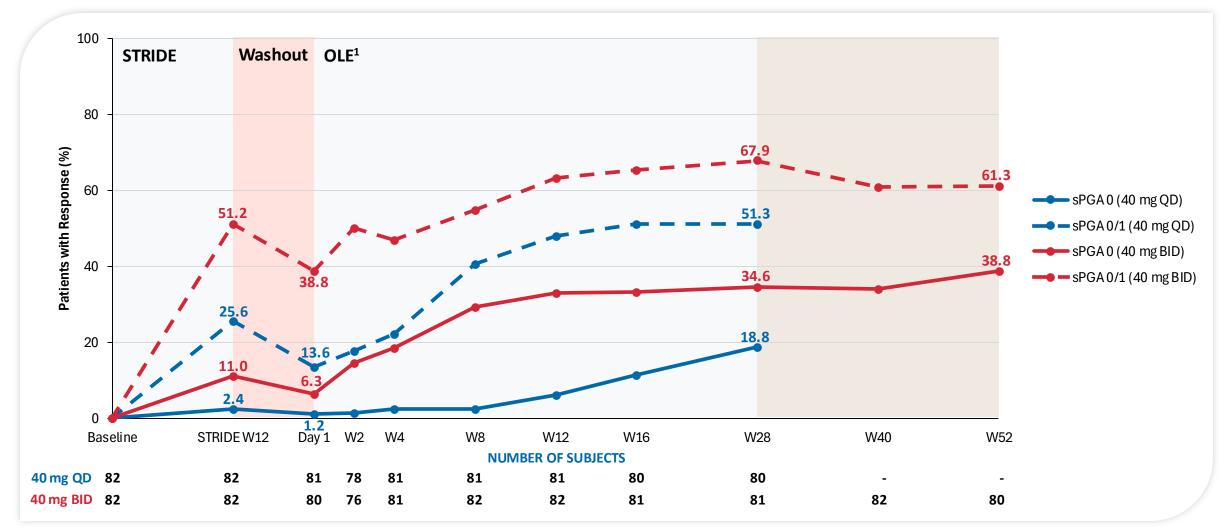
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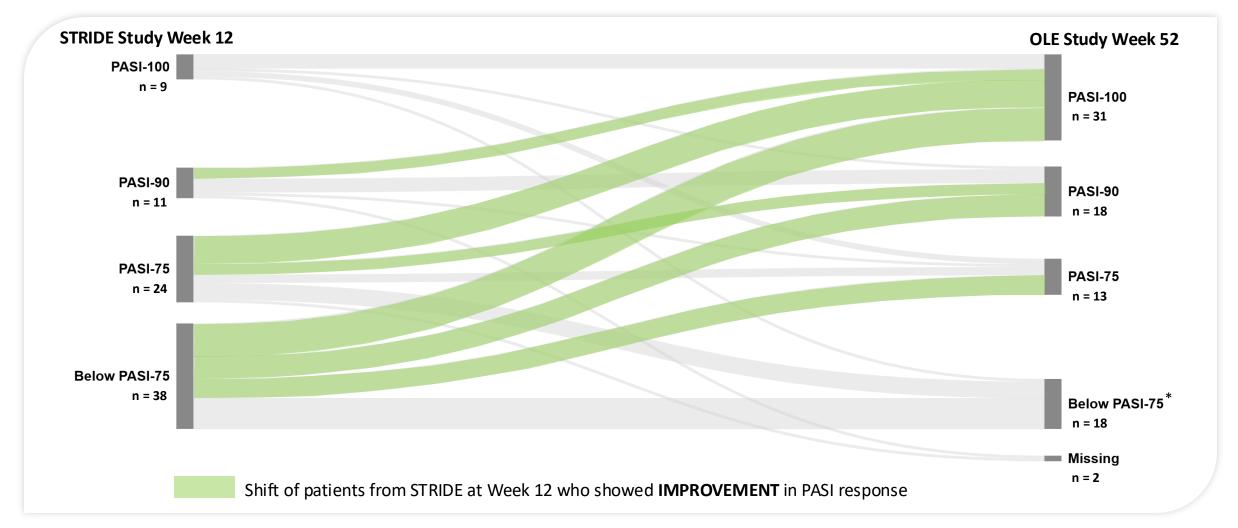
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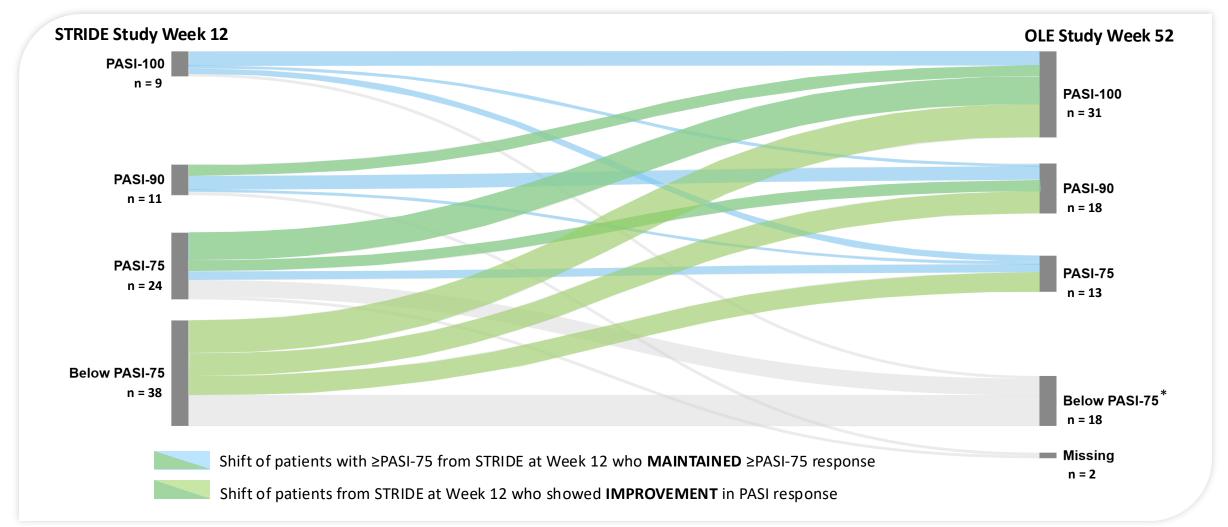
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Of the original OLE 40 mg BID, 62% patients showed continued improvement in PASI response at Week 52 compared to Week 12



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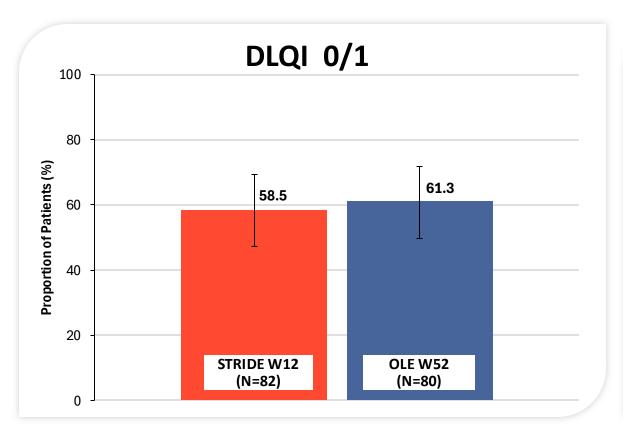


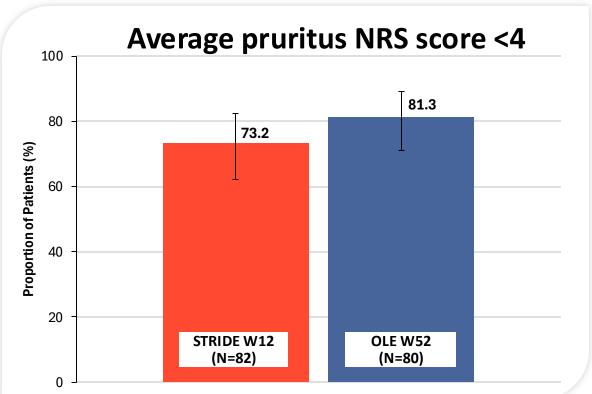
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Patient-reported outcomes throughout Week 52 for original 40 mg BID

Robust and rapid improvements in quality of life and control of itch maintained over time





ESK-001 OLE: 52-week summary and conclusions

Safety summary

ESK-001 (40 mg BID) remained generally safe and well-tolerated over 52 weeks; majority of TEAEs were mild-to-moderate in severity and self-limited; no safety signals to date

Efficacy summary

- > 40 mg BID patients showed high levels of response throughout the study
- > PASI-75 (77.5%), PASI-90 (61.3%) and PASI-100 (38.8%) (mNRI) scores at Week 52
- > 80% of ≥PASI-75 responders at Week 12 in STRIDE maintained or improved their response at Week 52; 62% improved response over 52 weeks of treatment
- Rapid and sustained improvement in DLQI 0/1 and itch

ESK-001 pivotal program status

- ONWARD Phase 3 development program in plaque psoriasis ongoing, with over 600 patients enrolled to date
- Modified release (once daily) formulation development ongoing