

Lessons learned from Clinical Programs to Assess Disease Progression: Canakinumab Case Study

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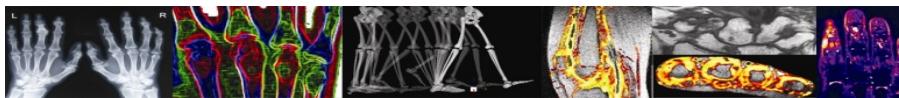
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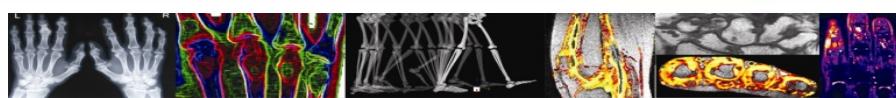
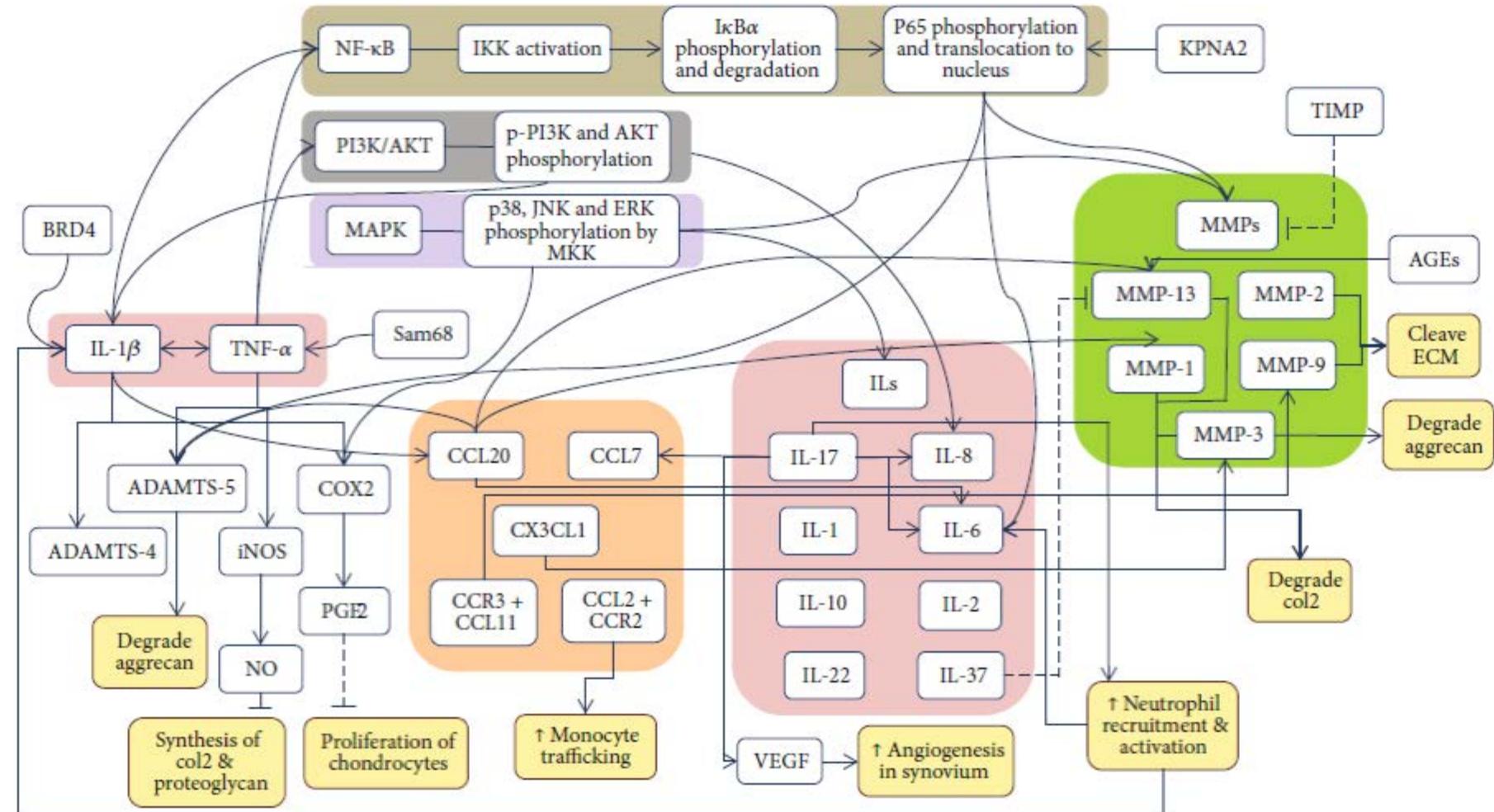


This presentation

- The history of IL-1 inhibition in OA clinical trials
- Considerations from a recent non-OA trial with IL-1 inhibition



IL-1 and OA inflammation



Previous anti-IL1 human knee OA trials

	Anakinra rIL-1Ra <i>Chevalier, 2009</i>	Canakinumab Anti-IL-1β Ab <i>ACZ885C2201 Study report, ACR 2021</i>	AMG108 IL-1Ra-ab <i>Cohen, 2011</i>	Lutikizumab (ABT981) Anti –IL-1α/β Ab <i>Feng, 2017 , Fleischmann, 2019</i>
N	170, 3 groups	146, 3 groups (Part B)	159 pts (Part B)	347, 4 groups
Design	DB, PC	DB, PC, AC (Naproxen)	DB, PC	DB, PC
Doses	50; 150 mg, 1 dose i.a.	600 mg 1 dose i.a.	300 mg s.c. Q4 wks	25/100/200 mg, s.c.Q2 wks
Duration	12 wks	29 days	12 wks	52 wks
Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >18 yrs, OA index knee ACR, pain: >30 mm [VAS] No active effusion; inflam. NSAID d/c 3 d pre-BSL. Rescue med: acetaminophen <4 mg/day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40 – 80 yrs, KL gr. 2–3, OA in medial index knee; Synovitis on MRI or US; Knee pain 4–8 [NRS-11] for ≥14 of 30 d BMI<45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> >30 yrs, OA by ACR, radiographic osteophytes, ≥ 1 of following: age > 50 yrs; morning stiffness ≤ 30 min; crepitus on motion; Knee pain >30 mm [VAS] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 35 -74 yrs, KL Gr 2 - 3 BMI 18-34 kg/m² ≥ 1 clinical sign/ symptom active inflammation in index knee Knee pain 4–8 [NRS11]
Total WOMAC Wk 4		VAS, WOMAC pain D 4	1° EP WOMAC pain wk	WOMAC pain wk 16;

The Canakinumab Anti-Inflammatory Thrombosis Outcomes Study (CANTOS)

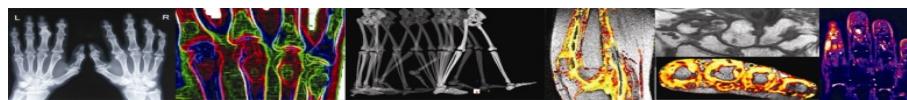


Antiinflammatory Therapy with Canakinumab for Atherosclerotic Disease

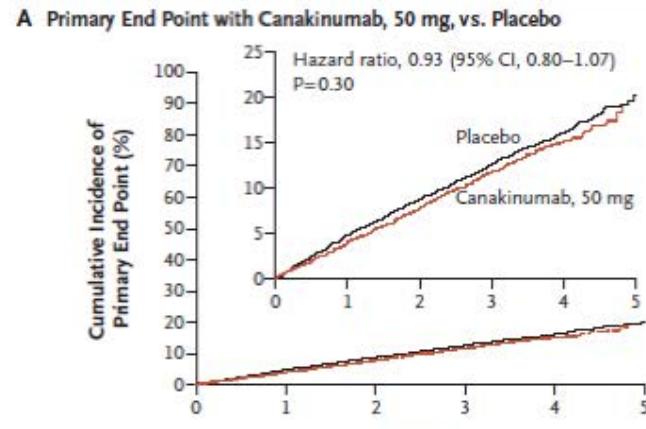
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CANTOS main trial

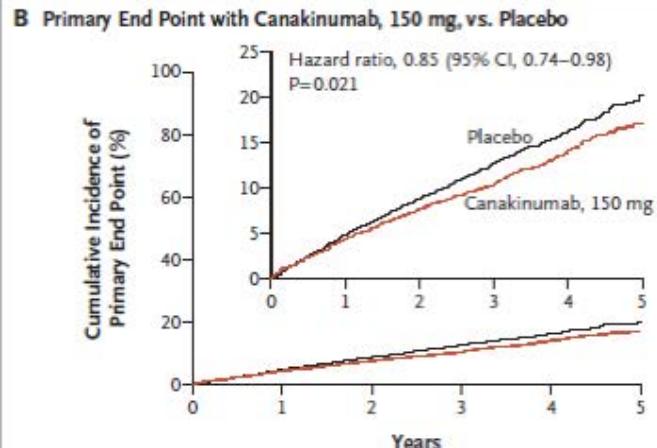
- Hypothesis: treat inflammation underpinning atherothrombosis
- 1091 clinical sites; 10,061 men and women with
 - Previous myocardial infarction
 - hsCRP \geq 2mg/L
- Randomised to canakinumab 50/150/300mg or placebo, s/c every 3 months
- Primary outcome: nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, cardiovascular death



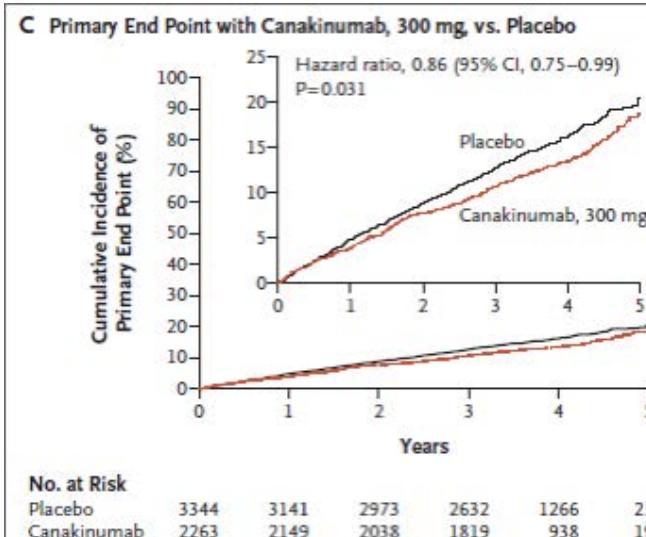
CANTOS main trial: Results



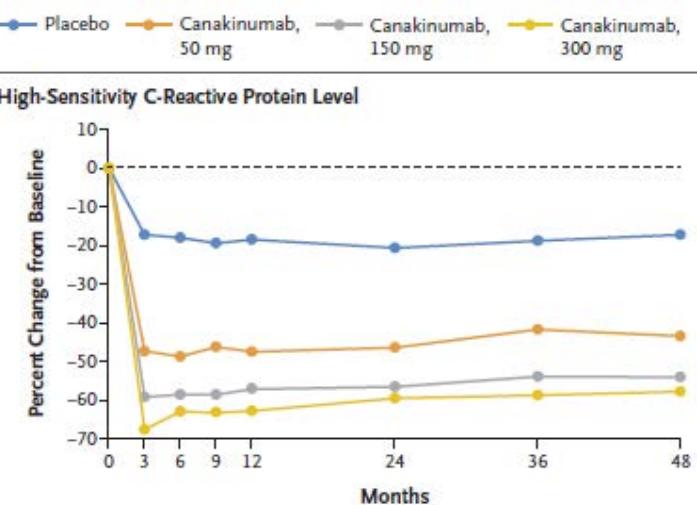
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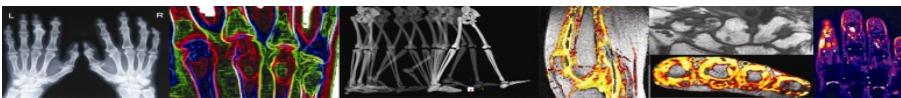


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CANTOS main trial: Results (2)

Adverse Event or Laboratory Variable	Placebo Group (N=3344)	Canakinumab		P Value
		All Doses (N=6717)	For Trend across Doses vs. Placebo	
Event — incidence rate per 100 person-yr (no. of patients with event)				
Any serious adverse event	11.96 (1202)	11.82 (2389)	0.43	0.79
Any serious adverse event of infection	2.86 (342)	3.14 (753)	0.12	0.14
Cellulitis	0.24 (30)	0.34 (86)	0.02	0.09
Pneumonia	0.90 (112)	0.95 (238)	0.56	0.62
Urinary tract infection	0.22 (27)	0.21 (52)	0.84	0.87
Opportunistic infection†	0.18 (23)	0.17 (43)	0.97	0.78
Pseudomembranous colitis	0.03 (4)	0.10 (24)	0.13	0.03
Fatal infection or sepsis	0.18 (23)	0.31 (78)	0.09	0.02
Any cancer‡	1.88 (231)	1.75 (431)	0.31	0.38
Fatal cancer‡	0.64 (81)	0.45 (115)	<0.001	0.02
Other adverse event				
Injection-site reaction†	0.23 (29)	0.28 (71)	0.49	0.36
Arthritis	3.32 (385)	2.26 (545)	0.002	<0.001
Osteoarthritis	1.67 (202)	1.21 (298)	0.04	<0.001
Gout	0.80 (99)	0.38 (96)	<0.001	<0.001
Drug-induced liver injury†	0.18 (23)	0.11 (27)	0.004	0.05
Leukopenia	0.24 (30)	0.40 (100)	0.002	0.01
Neutropenia	0.06 (7)	0.10 (25)	0.01	0.17
Any hemorrhage	4.01 (462)	3.78 (877)	0.94	0.31
Thrombocytopenia	0.43 (53)	0.60 (150)	0.02	0.03



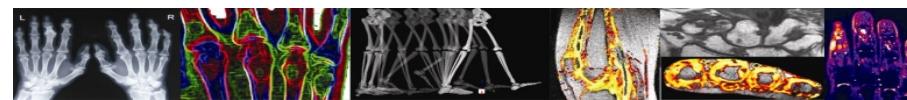
Effects of Interleukin-1 β Inhibition on Incident Hip and Knee Replacement Exploratory Analyses From a Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial

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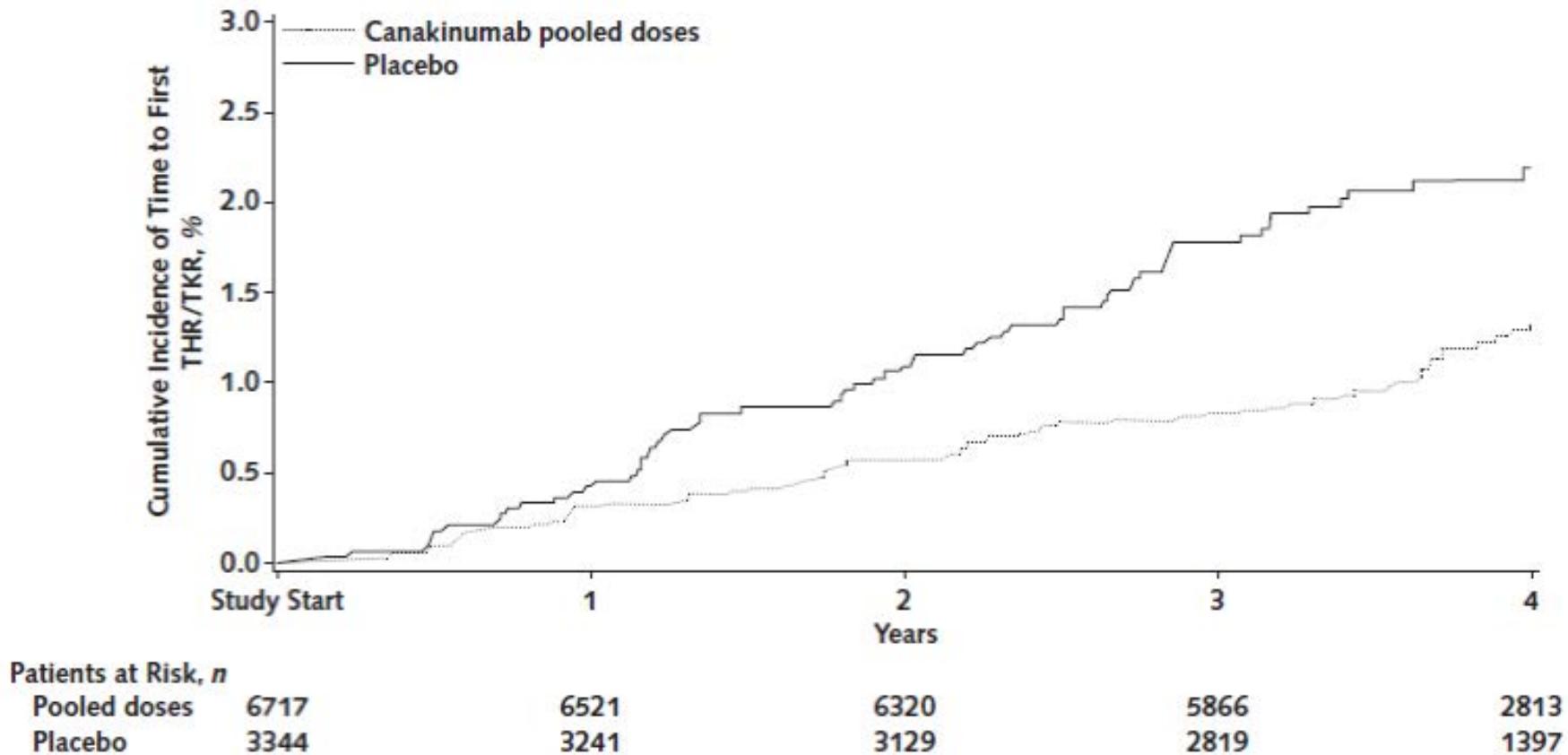
CANTOS Exploratory analyses

Post-hoc analysis of CANTOS, looking at

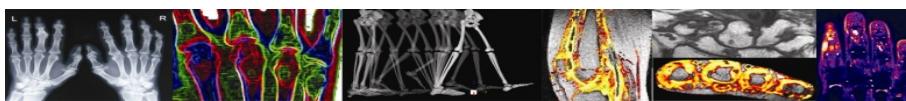
- Time to incident TKR/THR
- Time to first OA-related adverse events
- All cohort and those with prior history of OA
- Median follow-up 3.7yrs
- Median BMI approx. 30; 40% diabetic



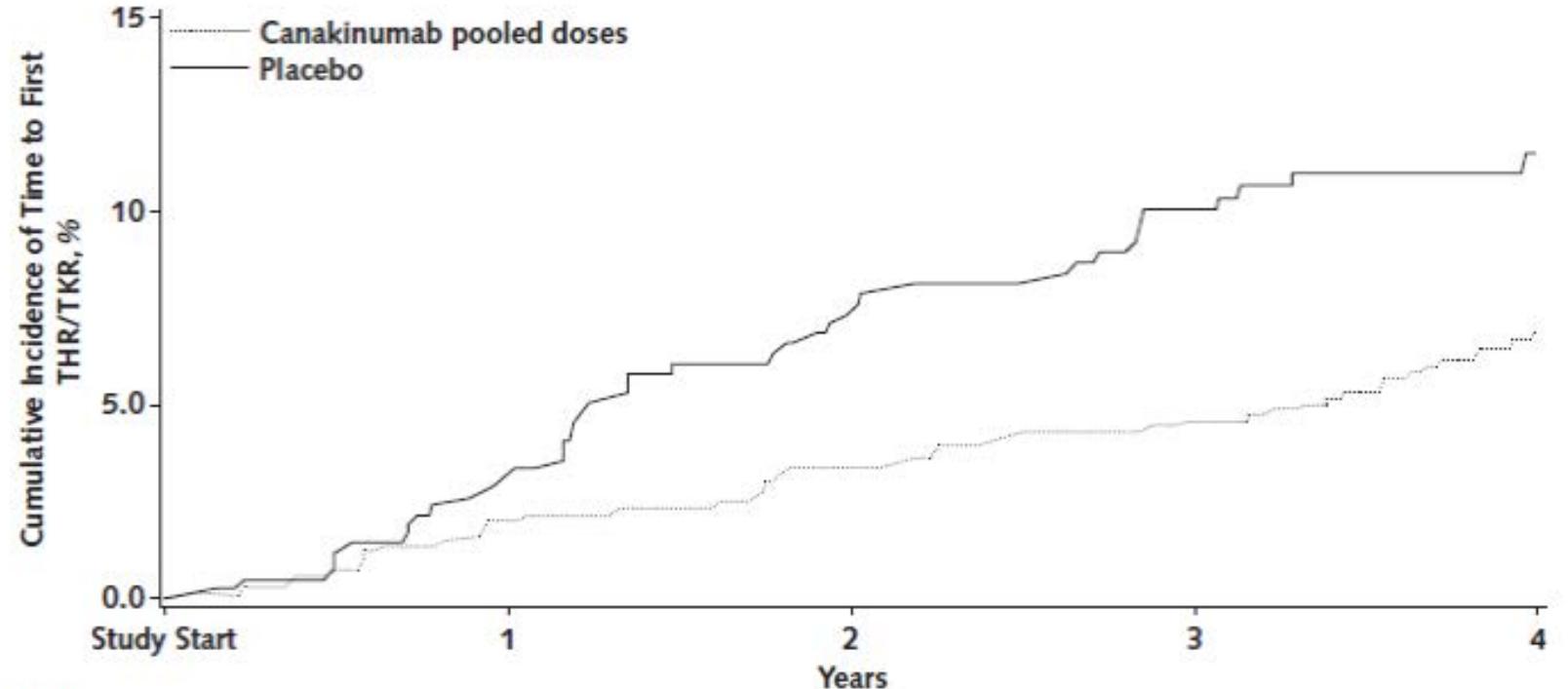
CANTOS Exploratory analyses: Incident THR/TKR



“..40% to 50% reductions in the hazard for incident arthroplasty at all 3 active canakinumab doses.”



CANTOS Exploratory analyses: Incident THR/TKR in those with baseline OA



Patients at Risk, n

Pooled doses	935	896	854	766	398
Placebo	434	410	383	335	192

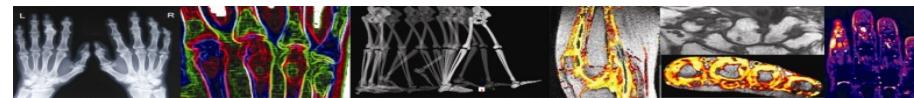


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CANTOS Exploratory analyses: Incidence rates and HRs for OA AEs

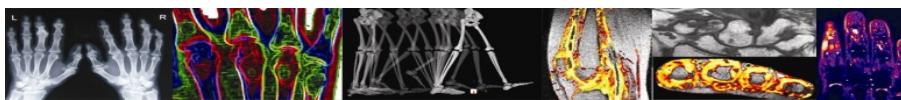
Trial Cohort/Subgroup	Placebo	Canakinumab				All Doses
		50 mg	150 mg	300 mg		
Full trial cohort, n	3344	2170	2284	2263	6717	
Osteoarthritis AEs, n	203	95	95	109	299	
Rate per 100 PY	1.63	1.18	1.08	1.26	1.17	
HR (95% CI)	1.00	0.72 (0.56-0.92)	0.68 (0.53-0.86)	0.79 (0.62-0.99)	0.73 (0.61-0.87)	
Patients with a history of osteoarthritis at baseline, n	434	261	331	343	935	
Osteoarthritis AEs, n	90	43	42	49	134	
Rate per 100 PY	6.02	4.84	3.35	3.85	3.92	
HR (95% CI)	1.00	0.80 (0.56-1.15)	0.57 (0.40-0.82)	0.65 (0.46-0.93)	0.66 (0.51-0.87)	

AE = adverse event; HR = hazard ratio; PY = person-years.



Considerations from CANTOS

- CANTOS data mean a re-think of role of IL-1 and anti-inflammatory pathway inhibition
- Differences with previous trials
 - Inclusion criteria (not an OA trial!)
 - Size of study
 - Duration of treatment
 - TJR as an endpoint



Previous work on virtual TJR endpoint

Osteoarthritis and Cartilage

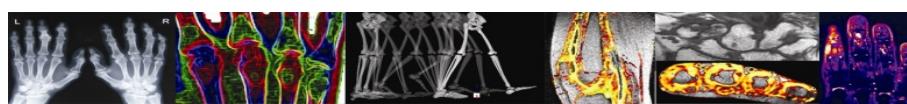


The role of pain and functional impairment in the decision to recommend total joint replacement in hip and knee osteoarthritis: an international cross-sectional study of 1909 patients. Report of the OARSI-OMERACT Task Force on total joint replacement

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Re-considering important OA trial endpoints

- “time to TKR”
or
- Time to a poor outcome (related to how the patient feels functions or survives): “time to TKR or severe pain or severely impaired functioning”



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