

A Phase 2b, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter, Global Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of ANB032 in the Treatment of Subjects with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis

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INTRODUCTION

Unmet Need in Atopic Dermatitis (AD)

- AD is a systemic and heterogenous disease, and its pathophysiology is not well understood
- Although there has been an increase in effective treatment options, patient satisfaction with treatment is only partially or not met in more than 75% of patients surveyed with moderate to severe AD¹
- Current treatment options do not target all the diverse immune cells and cytokines that contribute to the pathogenesis of this disease

B and T Lymphocyte Attenuator (BTLA)

- BTLA is a co-inhibitory checkpoint receptor that is expressed across a range of immune cells, including T cells (Th1, Th2, Th17, Th22), B cells, and dendritic cells (DCs), which are key cell types contributing to inflammatory diseases such as AD
 - T cell activation requires antigen presentation in the context of MHC to the TCR, and co-stimulation via CD80/86 to CD28
- BTLA engagement inhibits T cell proliferation and reduces secretion of inflammatory cytokines
- BTLA engagement on DCs modulates maturation and function, by reducing both antigen presentation by MHC and expression of costimulatory molecules (Figure 1)

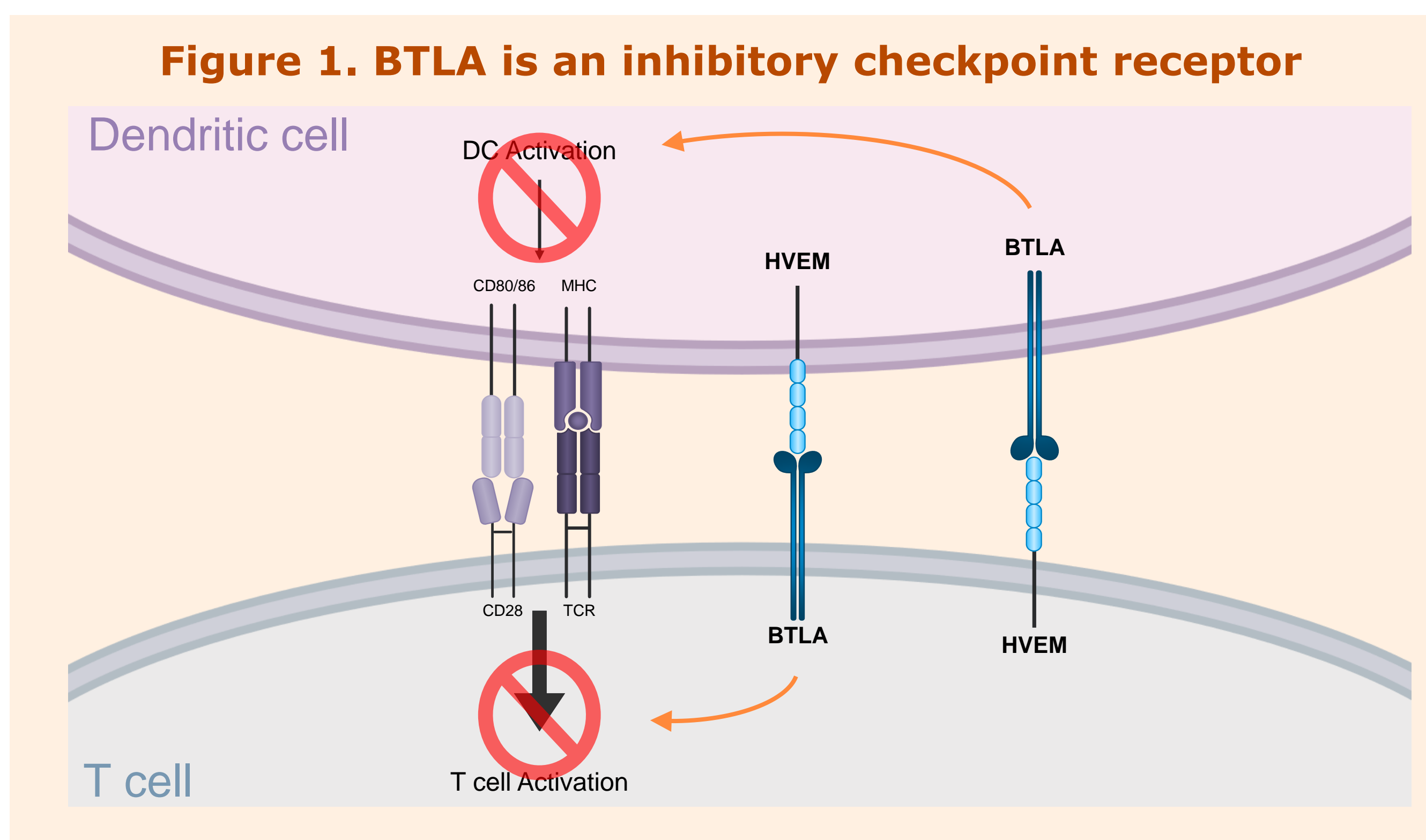


Figure 1. BTLA is an inhibitory checkpoint receptor

ANB032, a BTLA Agonist Antibody

- ANB032 is a humanized IgG4/κ monoclonal antibody to human BTLA that modulates BTLA activity in a non-competitive fashion with its ligand, HVEM
- ANB032 binds to BTLA on Th1, Th2, Th17, and Th22 T cells and DCs and augments BTLA agonism (Figure 2)
- ANB032's agonist signal modulates DC maturation and function, reducing antigen presentation and expression of co-stimulatory molecules, including inducing Tregs²
- Cytokine secretion (Th1, Th2, Th17, & Th22) was inhibited in AD patient-derived PBMCs exposed to ANB032³
- In a Phase 1 first-in-human healthy volunteer study, ANB032 was well-tolerated, had a favorable PK profile, demonstrated robust target engagement and a partial reduction in BTLA expression, consistent with observations in animal models of dermatitis and inflammation (Luu, et al. *EADV 2023 Abstract 5603, being presented on Oct. 13 at 8:30 am CET*)
- The robust preclinical data and Phase 1 trial results support advancing the clinical development of ANB032 in a Phase 2b study in AD (ARISE AD; NCT05935085)

OBJECTIVE

ARISE-AD is evaluating the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of ANB032 in subjects with moderate to severe AD

METHODS

Study Design and Subjects

- This global Phase 2b study is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multicenter trial (Figure 3)
 - Male and female age 18 to 65 years with moderate to severe AD for at least 6 months with a history of inadequate response to topical AD medications or unable to tolerate topical treatment
 - At screening and randomization: EASI ≥ 16; vIGA-AD ≥ 3; AD-involved BSA ≥ 10%
 - Subjects who are either dupilumab/IL-13 blocker-naïve or -experienced are eligible for enrolment

Treatment

- Approximately 160 subjects are being randomized in a 1:1:1:1 ratio in 4 equal treatment groups, evaluating 3 subcutaneous (SC) doses and schedules of ANB032 and placebo
- The treatment period is 14 weeks with an additional 12-weeks of follow up

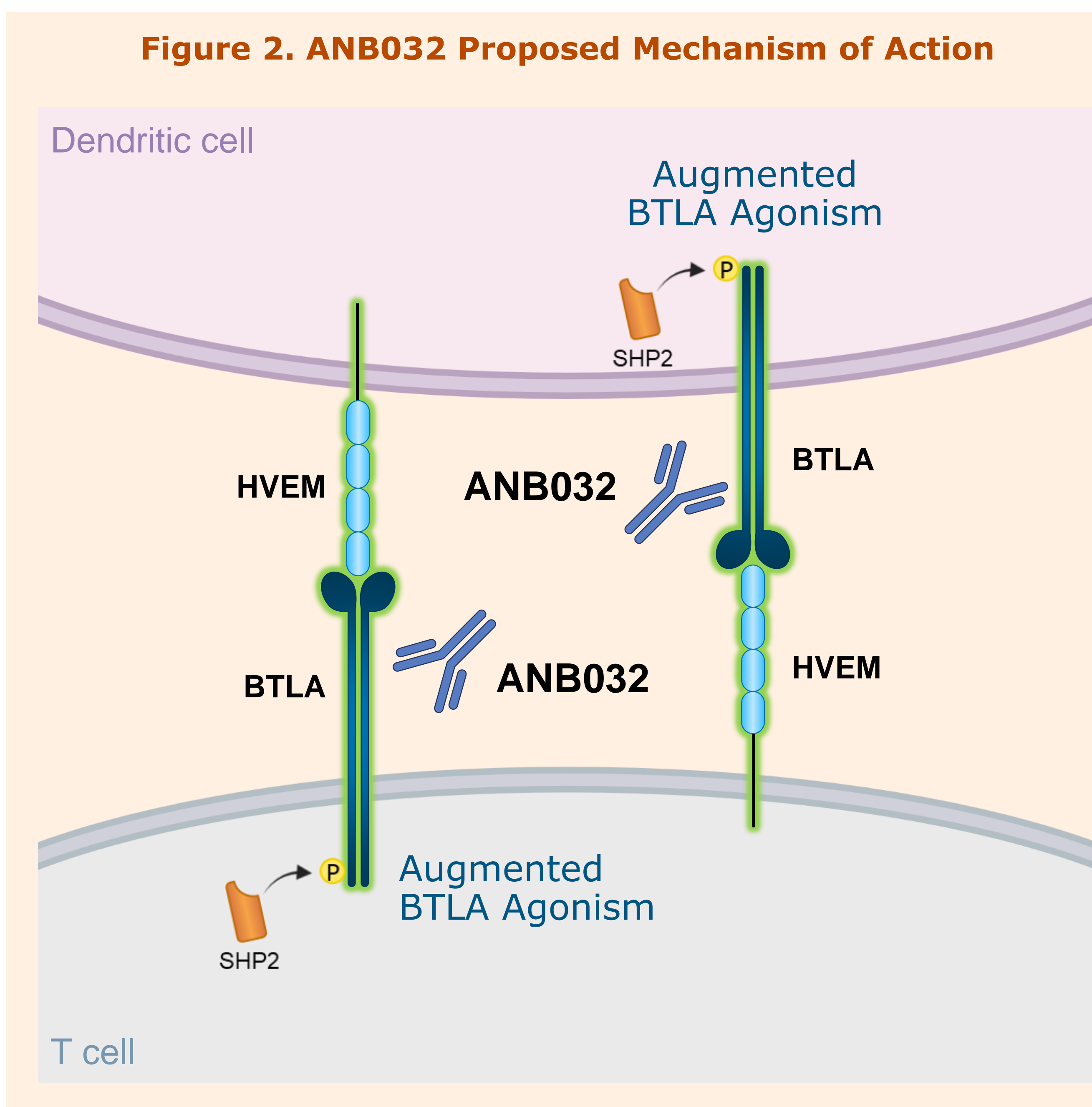
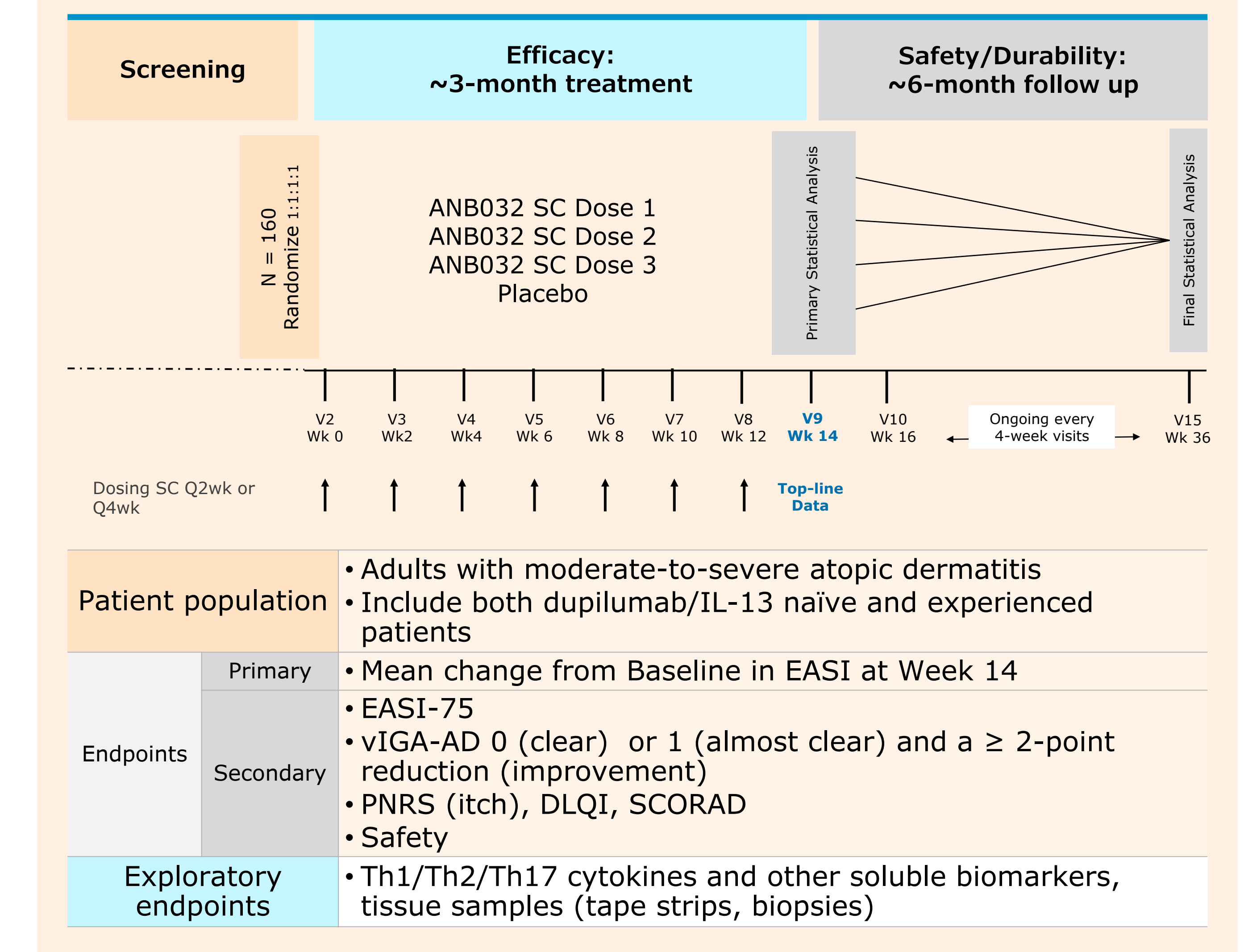


Figure 2. ANB032 Proposed Mechanism of Action

Figure 3. ARISE-AD Study Design



DISCUSSION

- Current treatment options in AD do not target all the diverse immune cells and cytokines that contribute to the pathogenesis of this disease
- BTLA is a coinhibitory checkpoint receptor that modulates activation of T cells, B cells, and DCs
- The synergistic effect of ANB032's direct agonism of T cells and DCs suggests its potential to modulate all phases of the pathogenic inflammatory response in diseases such as AD
- ARISE-AD, a Phase 2b study of ANB032, will add to the evolving treatment landscape of AD and further the understanding of the pathophysiology of this heterogenous disease
- This study was initiated in Q2 2023. Topline data are expected by year end 2024

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