

# Mechanistic Models to Simulate Dose Response of IgE Suppression Following Dosing of Anti-IgE Monoclonal Antibodies

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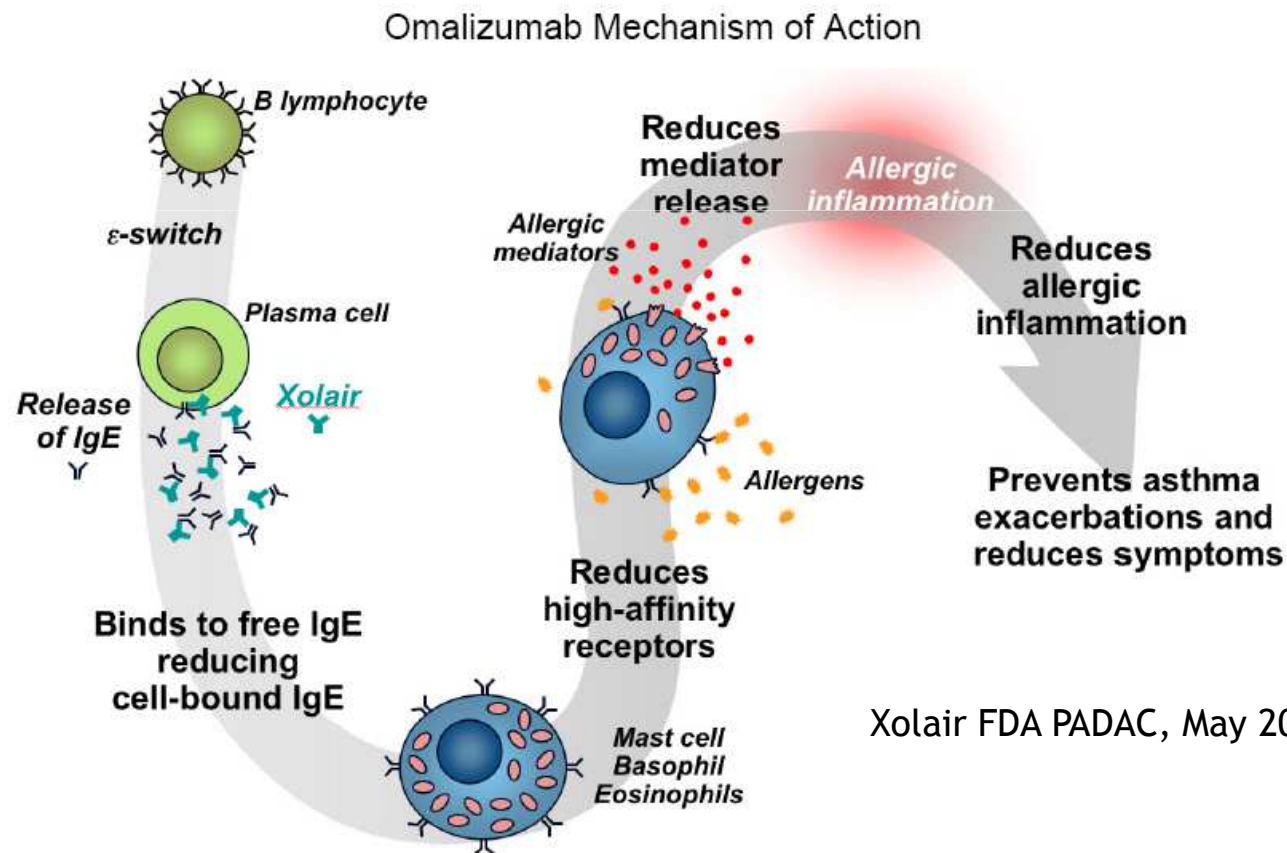
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# Omalizumab (Xolair™) is a recombinant humanized anti-IgE antibody

Omalizumab inhibits the activity of IgE

Omalizumab is approved in the treatment of moderate to severe persistent asthma for adults and adolescents ( $\geq 12$  y)



Xolair FDA PADAC, May 2003, Figure 1

# Key questions and objective

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- Is there a potential to develop a new anti-IgE antibody with enhanced affinity to treat the Omalizumab non-treatable population?
- What is the minimum effective dose in the most “difficult to treat” portion of the population?

Objective: Simulate dose response of IgE suppression for anti-IgE monoclonal antibodies such as Omalizumab versus higher affinity antibodies

## Available information: existing models

Two published instantaneous equilibrium drug-IgE binding models for Omalizumab: Hayashi et al., Br J Clin Pharmacol, 2007 and Lowe et al., Br J Clin Pharmacol, 2009

$$C = \left( \frac{K_d V_X V_E}{V_C} + X_T + E_T \right) - \sqrt{\left( \frac{K_d V_X V_E}{V_C} + X_T + E_T \right)^2 - 4 X_T E_T} / 2$$

where

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -k_a S$$

$$\frac{dX_T}{dt} = k_a S - \frac{CL_X \cdot X}{V_X} - \frac{CL_C \cdot C}{V_C}$$

$$\frac{dE_T}{dt} = R - \frac{CL_E \cdot E}{V_E} - \frac{CL_C \cdot C}{V_C}$$

$$X = X_T - C$$

$$E = E_T - C$$

$$K_d = K_{d0} \left( \frac{X_T}{E_T} \right)^\alpha$$

Lowe et al., 2009

and  $S$  is the subcutaneous site;  $X_T$  and  $E_T$  are molar masses of total omalizumab and IgE;  $X$  and  $E$  are free omalizumab and IgE;  $k_a$  is the absorption rate constant;  $R$  is the rate of production (or expression) of IgE;  $CL_n$  and  $V_n$  are the clearances and volumes of free omalizumab, free IgE and the complex;  $K_d$  is the equilibrium binding constant, and  $\alpha$  is the change in the affinity of binding between omalizumab and IgE as a function of the molar ratio of total omalizumab to total IgE.

## Available information: clinical information

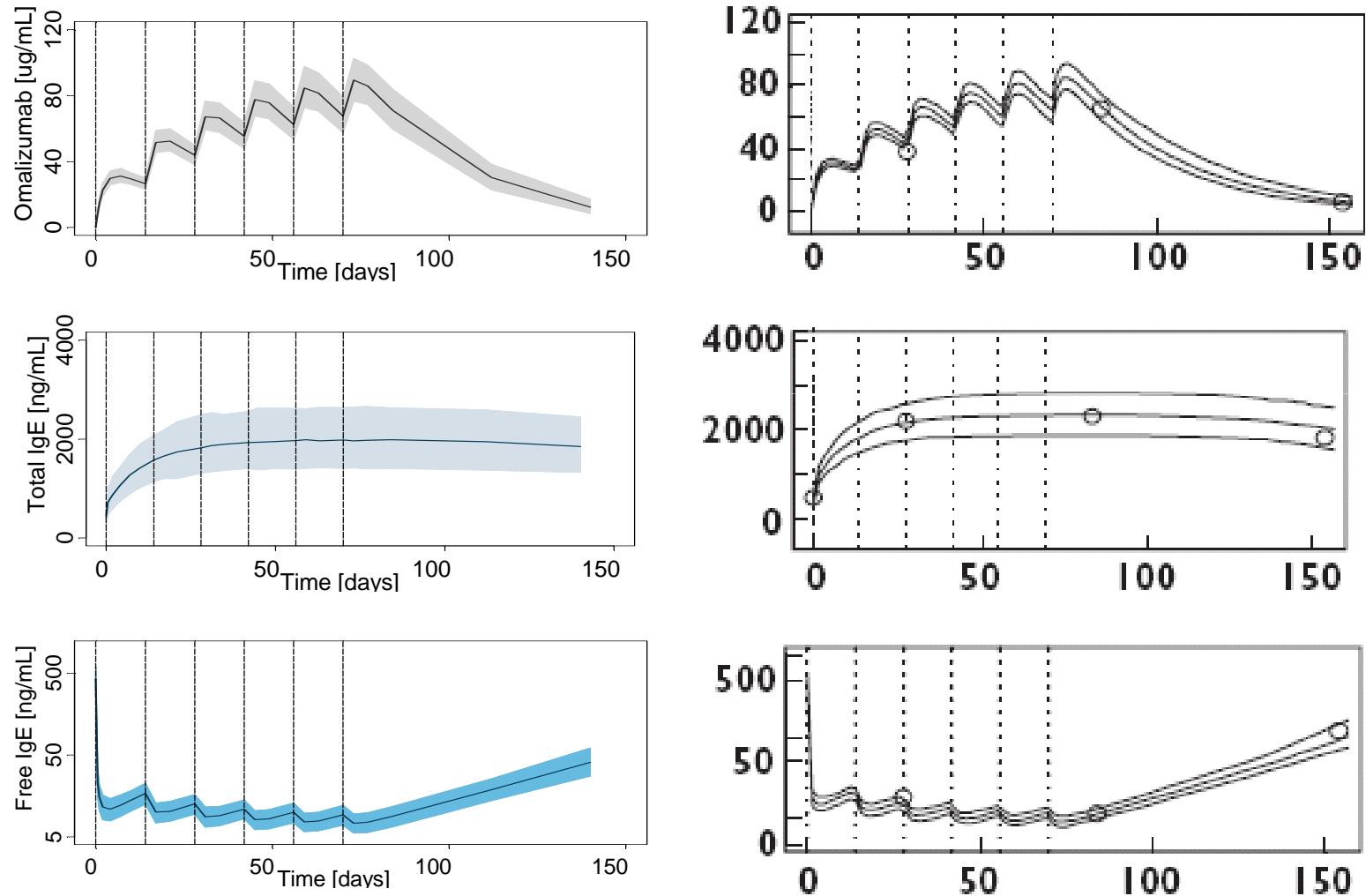
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Clinical data on another 2nd generation anti-IgE monoclonal antibody HAE1 showed that with an enhanced affinity, the expected fold reduction in dose is limited to roughly 2-fold (Putnam et al., AAPS J, 2008)

The dosing rationale for Omalizumab is based on a target average free IgE level of 25 ng/mL which should ensure that 95% of patients achieve free IgE level <50 ng/mL (Xolair FDA PADAC, May 2003)

# Published models have been successfully implemented

Omalizumab 225 mg q2w: 95% prediction interval of median (18 subjects, 1000 replicates)



Hayashi et al., 2007, Figure 3



# Model based simulations according to the EU licensed table (Lowe et al.)

Baseline IgE (ng mL <sup>-1</sup> ) (IU mL <sup>-1</sup> )		(c) EU licensed table (for bodyweight and IgE range studied)							
		Body weight (kg)							
		>30-40	>40-50	>50-60	>60-70	>70-80	>80-90	>90-125	>125-150
72.6-242	30-100	75	150	150	150	150	150	300	300
>242-484	>100-200	150	300	300	300	300	300	450	600
>484-726	>200-300	225	300	300	450	450	450	600	750
>726-968	>300-400	300	450	450	450	600	600		
>968-1210	>400-500	450	450	600	600	750	750		
>1210-1450	>500-600	450	600	600	750				
>1450-1690	>600-700	450	600	750					
>1690-1940	>700-800								
>1940-2180	>800-900								
>2180-2420	>900-1000								
>2420-2660	>1000-1100								

q4w regimens

q2w regimens up to 750 mg  
over 4 weeks: 375 mg q2w

Non treatable

## Model based simulations based on Lowe et al. tend to confirm the EU licensed table and the Omalizumab dosing rationale

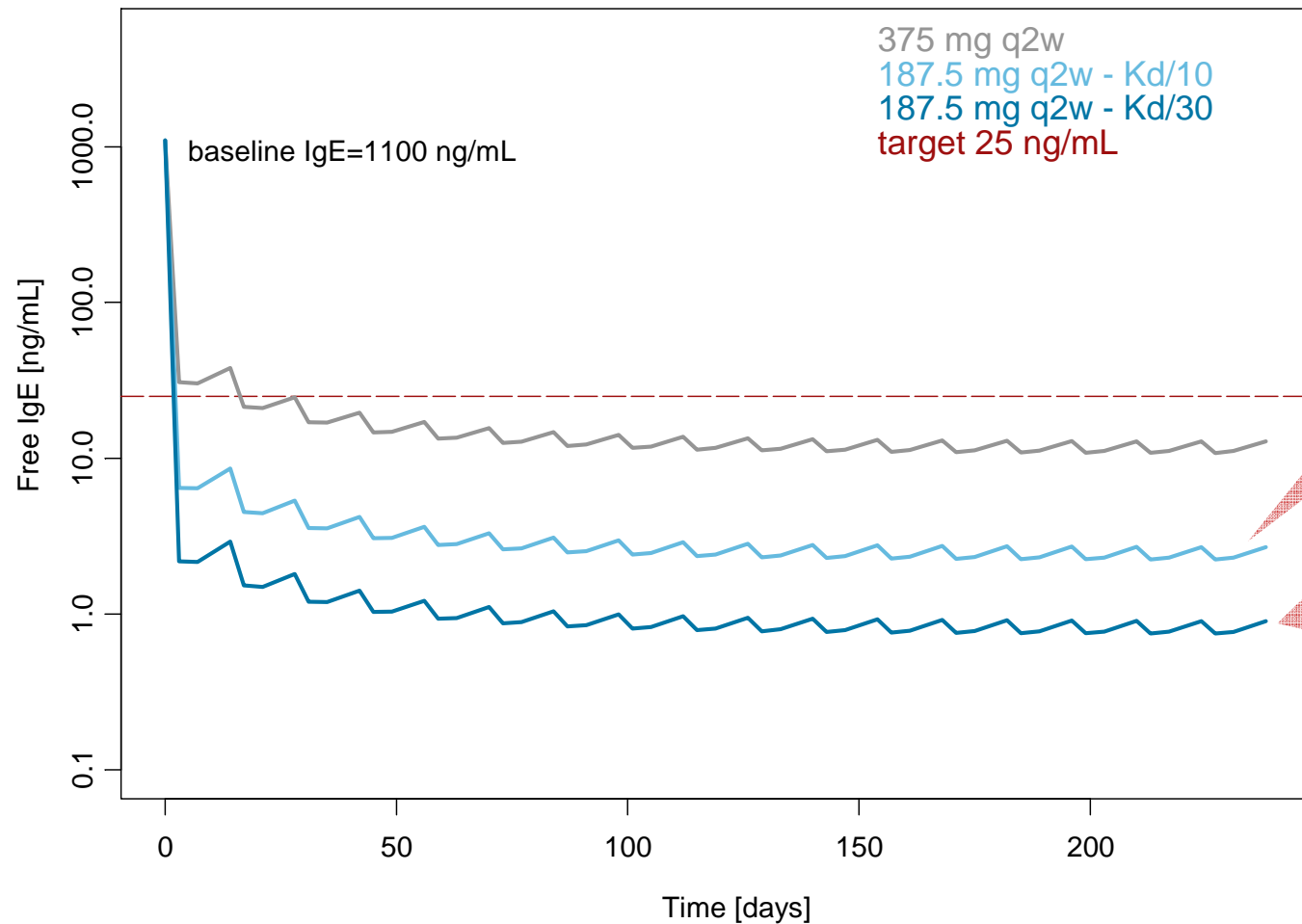
**EU Table: percentage of patients achieving target free IgE < 50 ng/mL**  
based on a pre dose steady state free IgE level (week 29)

Body weight								
Baseline IgE (ng/mL)	>30-40	>40-50	>50-60	>60-70	>70-80	>80-90	>90-125	>125-150
72.6-242	q4w				93.5		98.2	
>242-484	94.3							
>484-726			93.4	98.5				97.9
>726-968			97.9	96.3				
>968-1210	q2w					97.7		
>1210-1450					97.1	95.6		
>1450-1690		97.8						83.5
>1690-1940			97.5					
>1940-2180				94.6	92.3		84.5	
>2180-2420		97.8				88.2		
>2420-2660					89.0			67.1

According to this rationale and based on the model from Lowe et al., the treatable population with Omalizumab 375 mg q2w could be a little bit expanded to higher baseline IgE values and higher body weights than those mentioned in the EU-licensed table (Lowe et al.)



However deterministic simulations with the instantaneous equilibrium models (Lowe et al.) denoted the need for a physiological model for PK-PD translation across anti-IgE antibodies with various affinities



A much more than 2-fold reduction in dose expected with a 10-fold enhanced affinity

No apparent saturation on free IgE suppression expected with a further enhanced affinity

# Switch to a Target Mediated Disposition model

The Target Mediated Disposition model (Agoram et al. Br. J. Clin. Pharmacol, 2009) was implemented and extended as follows:

Units: nmol, L, d

X: free Omalizumab amount

Conc<sub>E</sub> and Conc<sub>C</sub>: free IgE and complex conc.

$$\frac{dS}{dT} = -k_a.S$$

$$\frac{dX}{dT} = k_a.S - K_{on}.X.Conc_E - \frac{CL_x}{V_x}.X + K_{off}.V_x.Conc_C$$

$$\frac{dConc_E}{dT} = -K_{on}.\frac{X}{V_x}.Conc_E - \frac{CL_e}{V_e}.Conc_E + \frac{R}{V_e} + K_{off}.Conc_C$$

$$\frac{dConc_C}{dT} = K_{on}.\frac{X}{V_x}.Conc_E - \frac{CL_c}{V_c}.Conc_C - K_{off}.Conc_C$$

$$S(0) = 0$$

$$X(0) = 0$$

$$Conc_E(0) = IgE_{baseline}$$

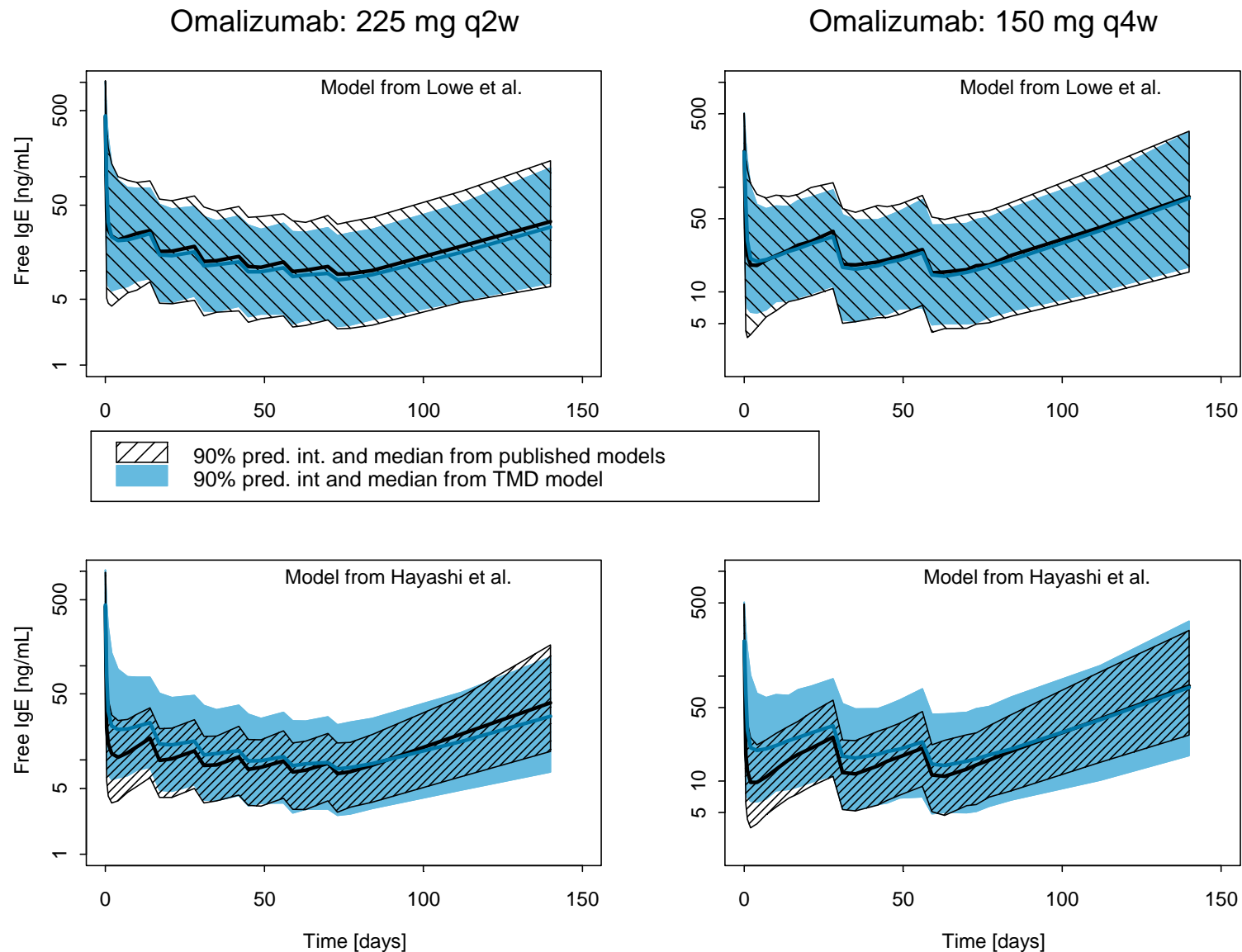
$$Conc_C(0) = 0$$

$$K_{off} = \frac{CL_c}{V_c}.4$$

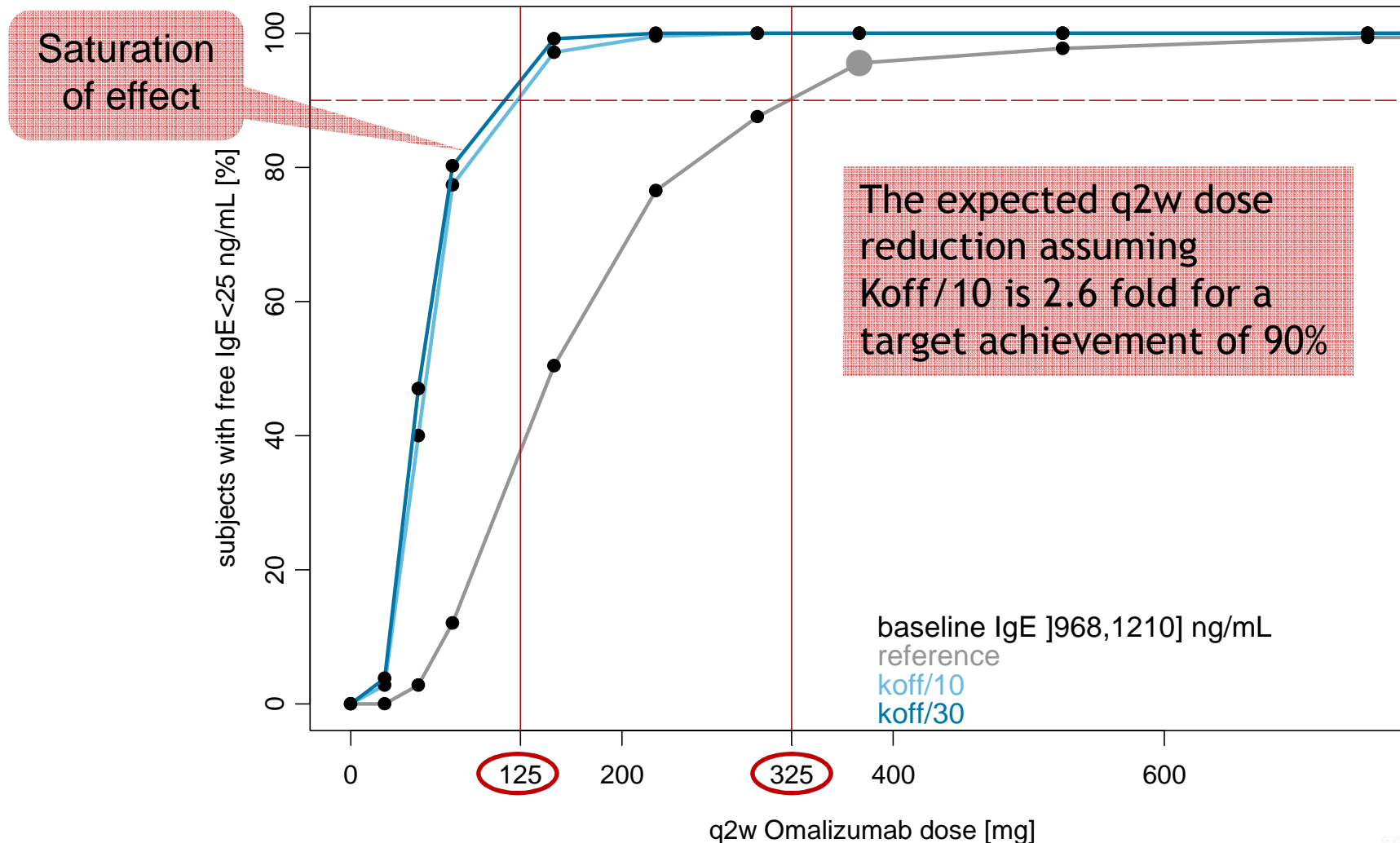
$$K_{on} = \frac{K_{off}}{Kd_0} \cdot \left( \frac{Conc_E.V_e + Conc_C.V_c}{X + Conc_C.V_c} \right)^\alpha$$

- Parameterization in terms of Koff and Kon instead of Kd (Kd=Koff/Kon)
- Molar ratio (total Omalizumab/total IgE) implemented on Kon
- Parameter estimates, baseline IgE, correlations, covariates relationships from Lowe et al.
  - Estimated model parameters: CL<sub>x</sub>, CL<sub>c</sub>, CL<sub>e</sub>, V<sub>x</sub>=V<sub>e</sub>, V<sub>c</sub>, R, k<sub>a</sub>, Kd<sub>0</sub>, α

# Simulations performed at usual Omalizumab dosing regimens with the TMD model are consistent with those from published instantaneous equilibrium models



Based on the TMD model, a 10-fold reduction in Koff is expected to result in a 2 to 3-fold dose reduction



# Conclusions

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Model based simulations using the model from Lowe et al. confirm the EU licensed table and the Omalizumab dosing rationale

A fully mechanistic TMD model is required for PK-PD translation across anti-IgE antibodies of different affinities

The TMD model seems to provide reliable results:

- In line with both published instantaneous equilibrium models
- In line with clinical data on a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation anti-IgE monoclonal antibody (Putnam et al.)

Assuming  $K_{off}/10$ , a dose of 225 mg q2w is expected to ensure a free IgE level <50 ng/mL in more than 95% of patients within the most “difficult to treat” portion of the population (highest body weight and baseline IgE values)

There is potential to treat a larger patient population with a higher potency anti-IgE antibody and a more convenient dosing paradigm



## Back-up slides



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EU Table: mean pre dose steady state free IgE level (week 29)								
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72.6-242	q4w				22		14.9	
>242-484	21.3							
>484-726			22.4	14.7				16.1
>726-968			16.5	18.8				
>968-1210	q2w					16.8		
>1210-1450					17.5	19.8		
>1450-1690		16.5						32.4
>1690-1940			17.2					
>1940-2180				21.4	23.9		31.9	
>2180-2420		17.1				28.7		
>2420-2660					27.3			45.7

For increased affinity the TMD model shows results consistent with the clinical data (Putnam et al.)

