

## Harnessing the Small Intestinal Axis (SINTAX) to resolve systemic inflammation

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## SINTAX medicines allow for the potential treatment of all stages of inflammatory disease



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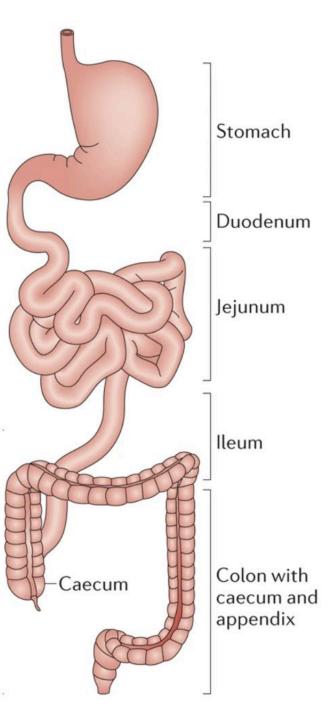


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The small intestinal mucosal immune system governs inflammation throughout the body.



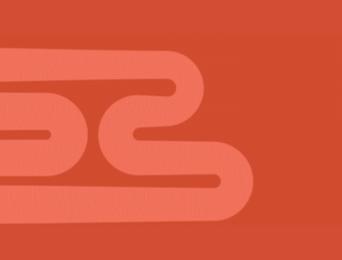


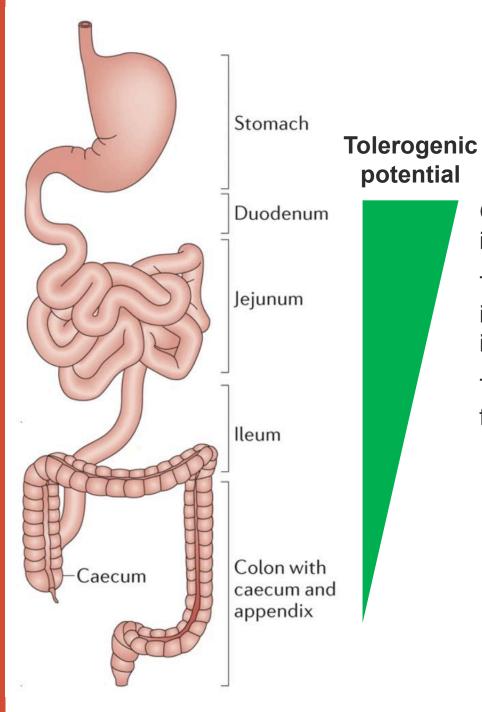


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## SINTAX The Small Intestinal Axis

A primary role of the small intestine is to prevent <u>systemic</u> inflammatory reactions to food and to bacteria.





Gut mucosal and peripheral

inflammation.

immune functions are different.

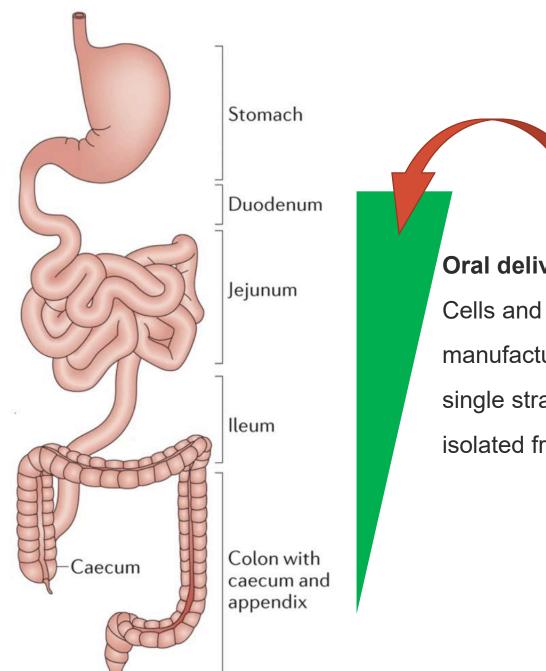
Tolerance induced in the small

This prevents inflammation to food and harmless microbes.

intestine can override peripheral

The small intestine is both the source and the target of oral medicines that resolve systemic inflammation.





Oral delivery of Cells and extracellular vesicles (EVs) manufactured from single strains of bacteria isolated from human gut mucosa Untapped small intestinal biology is harnessed by a novel drug modality

Oral tolerance mechanisms in the small intestine EDP1815 and EDP2939 isolated from the small intestinal mucosa

Resolution of systemic inflammation



## **EDP1815** is a new modality of medicine

### **Origins and Biology**

Non-live preparation of a strain of *Prevotella histicola* from a human duodenal biopsy

A mixture of bacterial cells and EVs

Systemic effects without systemic exposure after oral administration

No gut colonization or microbiome modification

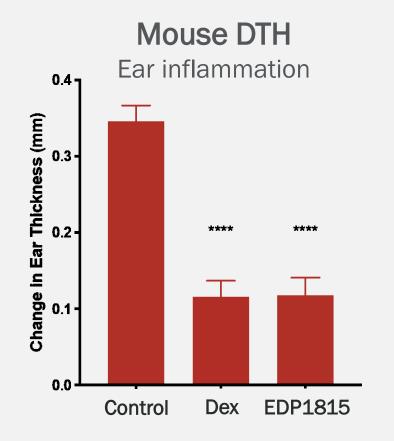
#### **Manufacturing and Pharmaceutics**

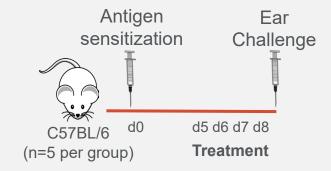
Manufacture at scale by anaerobic fermentation and lyophilization

Dry powder-in-capsule formulation

Capsule coating modulates site of delivery

### **Targeting SINTAX potently resolves peripheral inflammation**





- Systemic effect without systemic exposure
- New MoA and modality for potential best-in-class efficacy in inflammatory diseases



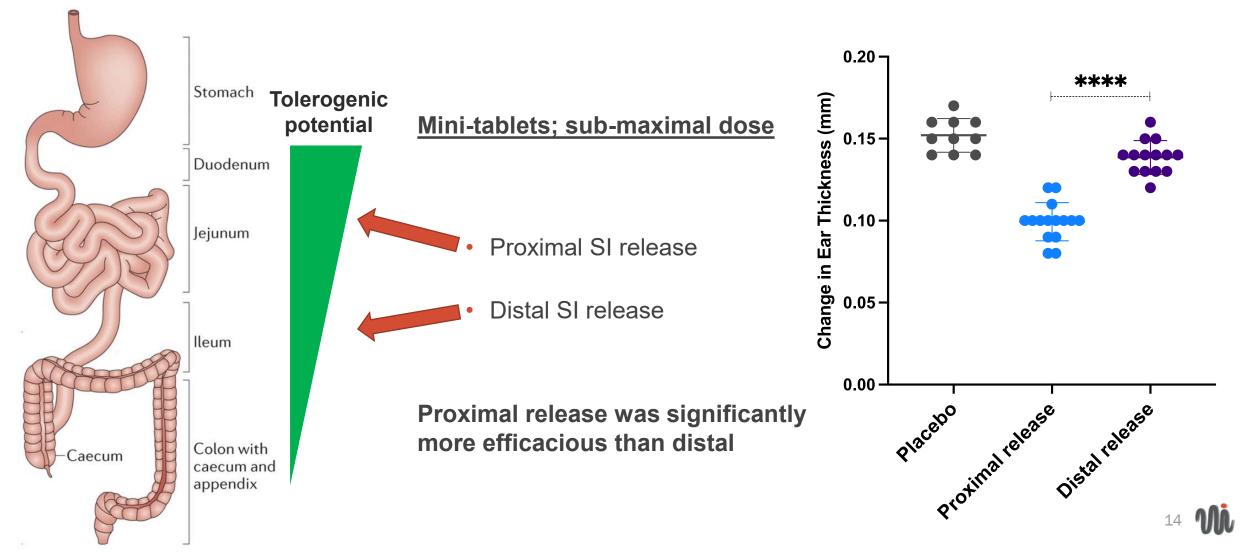
## **Translation to humans - an example patient from EDP1815-201 phase 2 trial**

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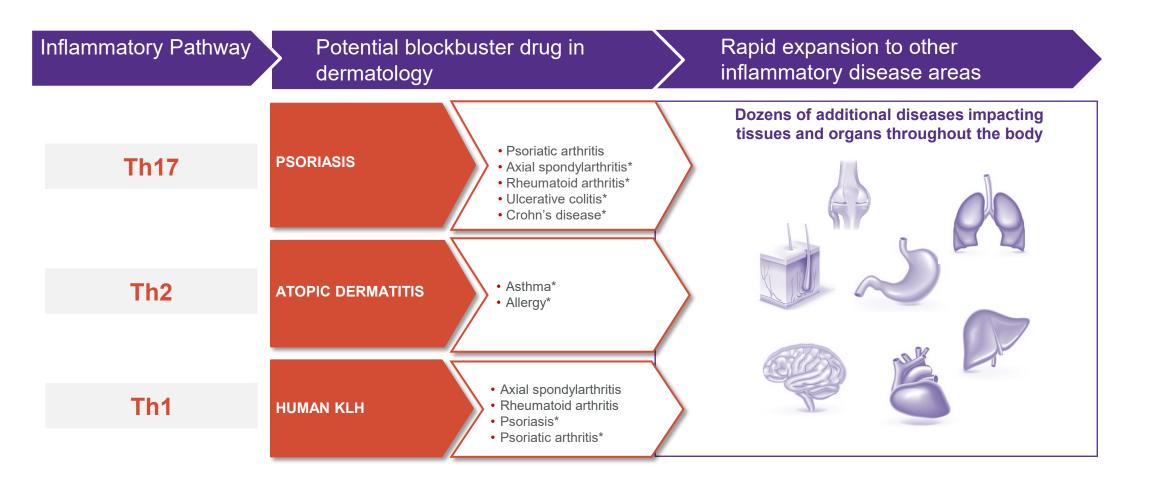
## The proximal small intestine is the target



## EDP1815 efficacy in mouse ear DTH correlates with exposure in the proximal rather than distal small intestine



## **Broad Applicability of EDP1815: Potential Across Range of Diseases**



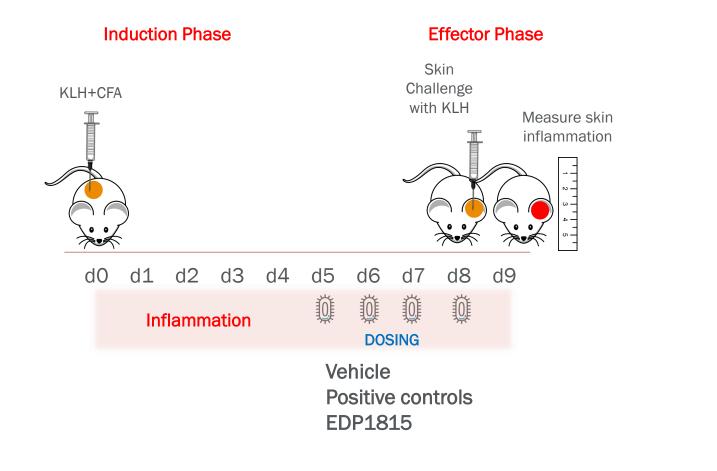


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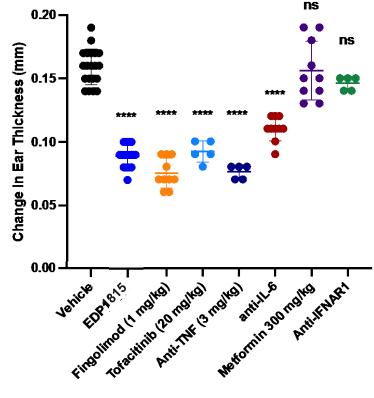


## **EDP1815** matches gold standard comparators preclinically

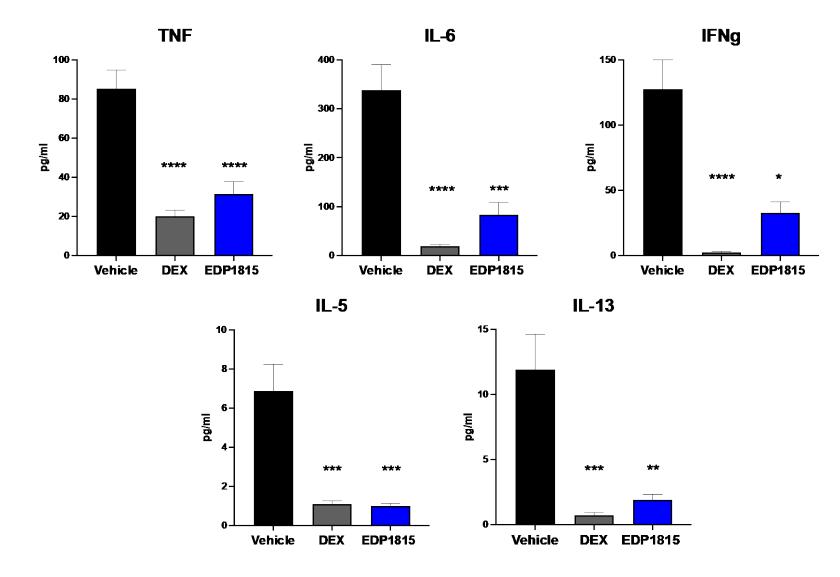
These comparators have limitations of either toxicity, cost, or route of administration







## **EDP1815** reduces multiple clinically validated inflammatory cytokines in the inflamed skin-draining lymph nodes of mice



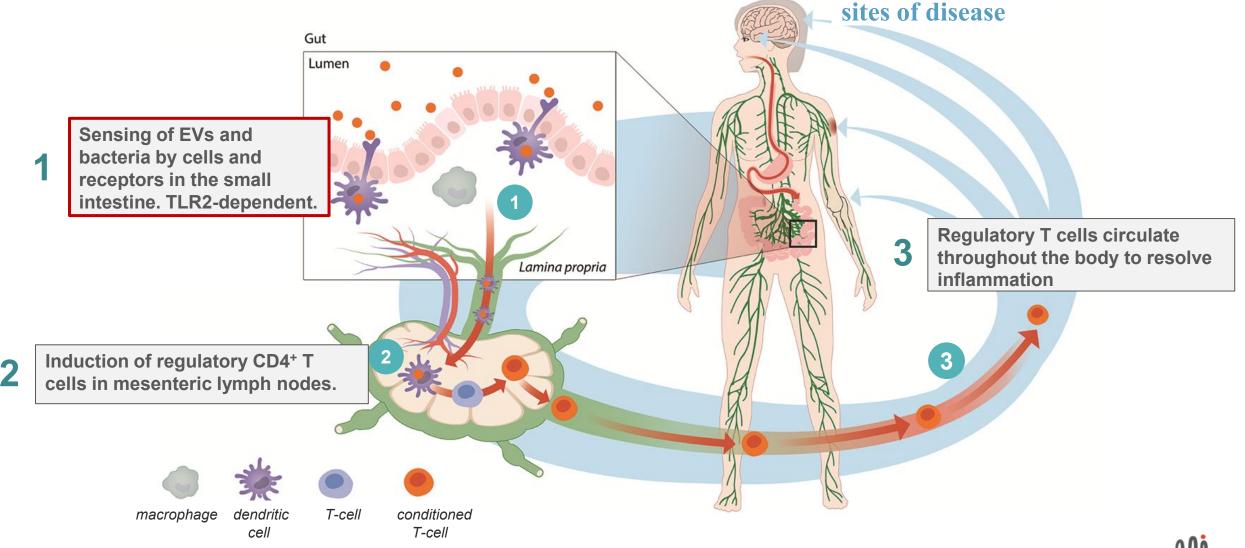
Skin-draining lymph nodes were removed after skin challenge and cultured for 72 hours in vitro.

Cytokines secreted into the supernatant were measured.

Treatment with EDP1815 reduced inflammatory cytokine production by immune cells in the lymph nodes

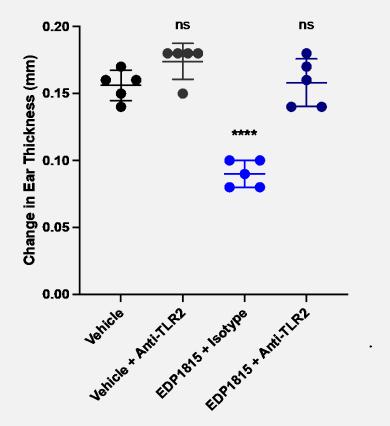
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### Three step model of inflammation resolution in the small intestinal axis

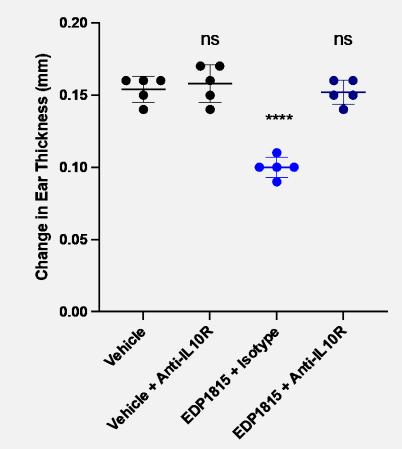


### TLR2 and IL-10R are required for efficacy of EDP1815 in mouse DTH

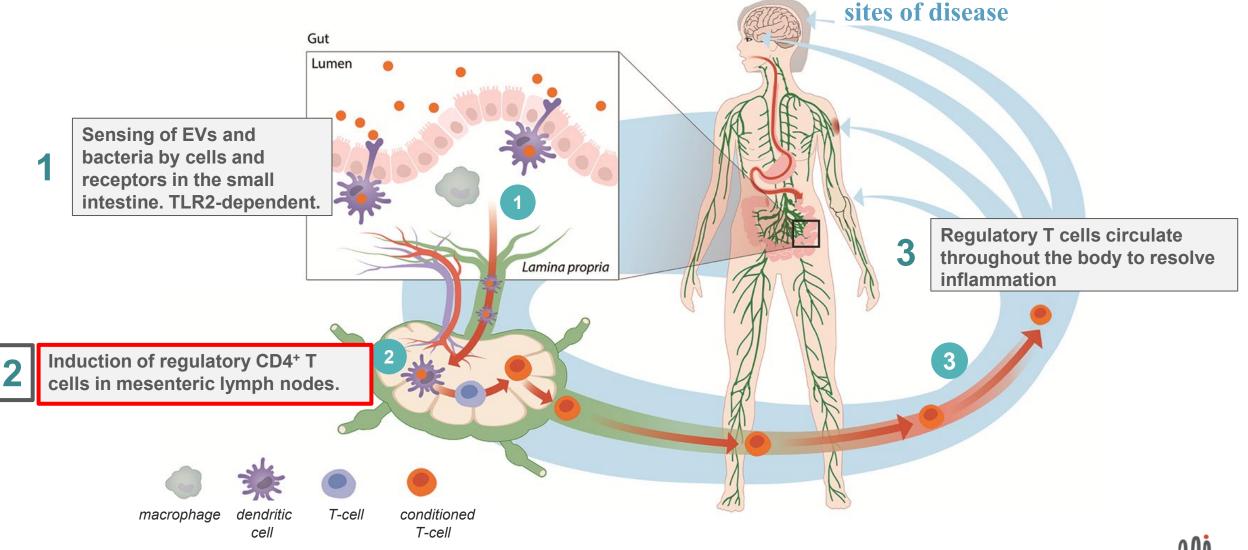
TLR2 blockade



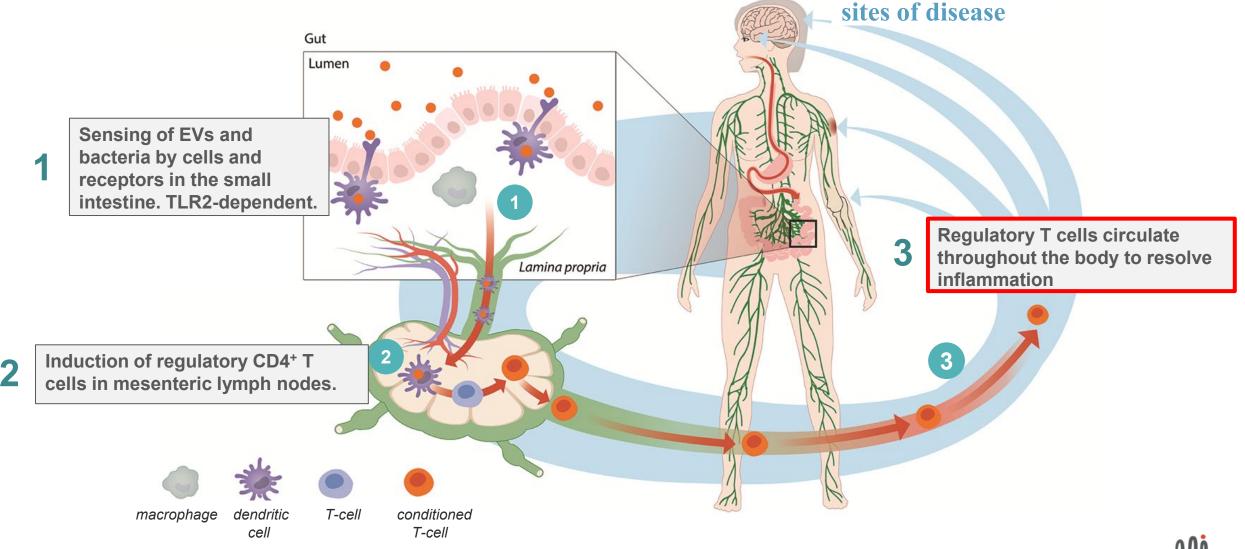
**IL-10R blockade** 



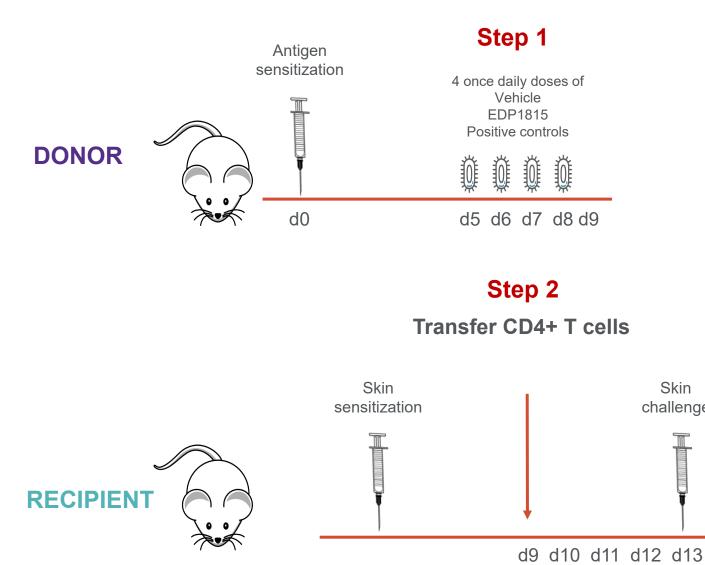
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**Adoptive T cell** transfer confers inflammation resolution throughout the body





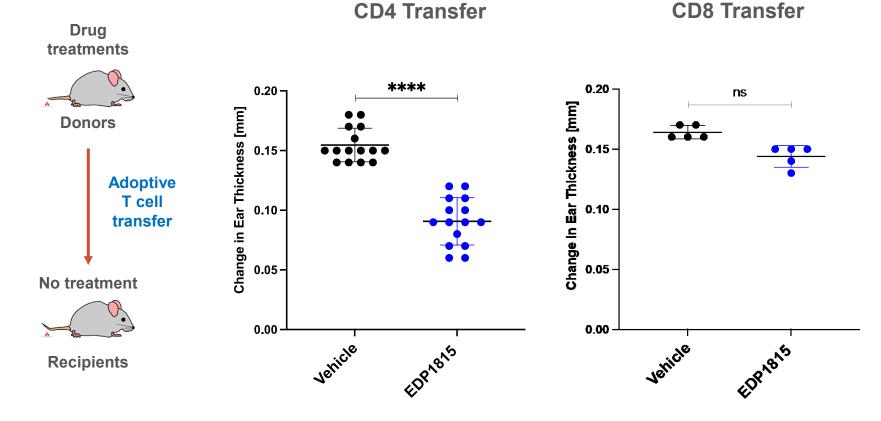
Measure skin

inflammation

Skin

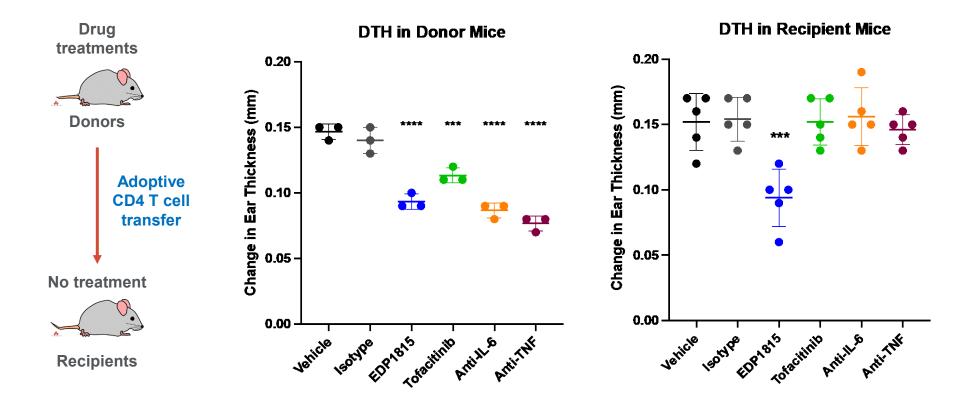
challenge

## **EDP1815** generates CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that mediate efficacy in adoptive transfer model



- EDP1815 treatment generates immune regulatory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that resolve inflammation
- Transfer of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells (but not CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells) from donor mice to untreated recipient mice is sufficient to induce efficacy

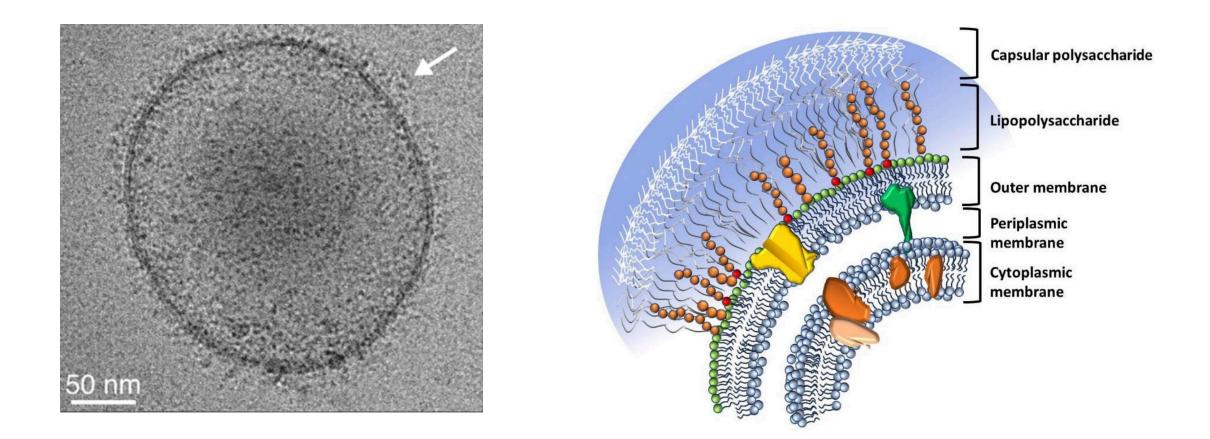
## **EDP1815 induction of regulatory CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells differentiates from gold standard drugs**



Donor mice were treated with EDP1815 or other standard of care anti-inflammatory drugs

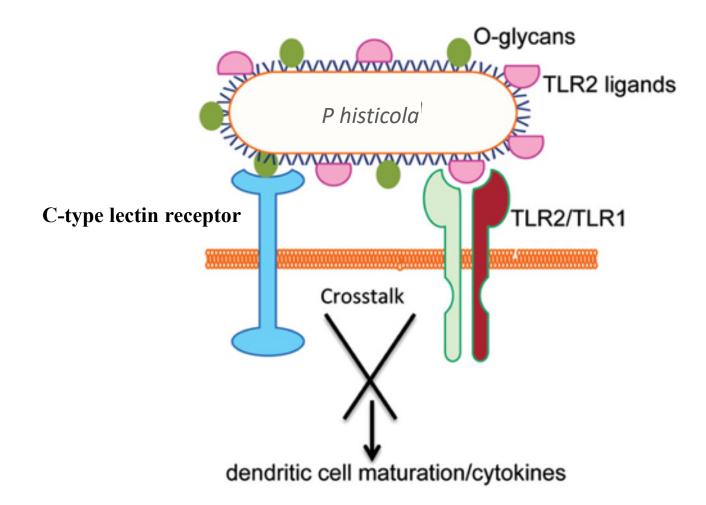
Only EDP1815 treatment resulted in the generation of CD4 T cells that could inhibit inflammation in recipient mice

## **Molecular characterization of the bacterial and EV surface**

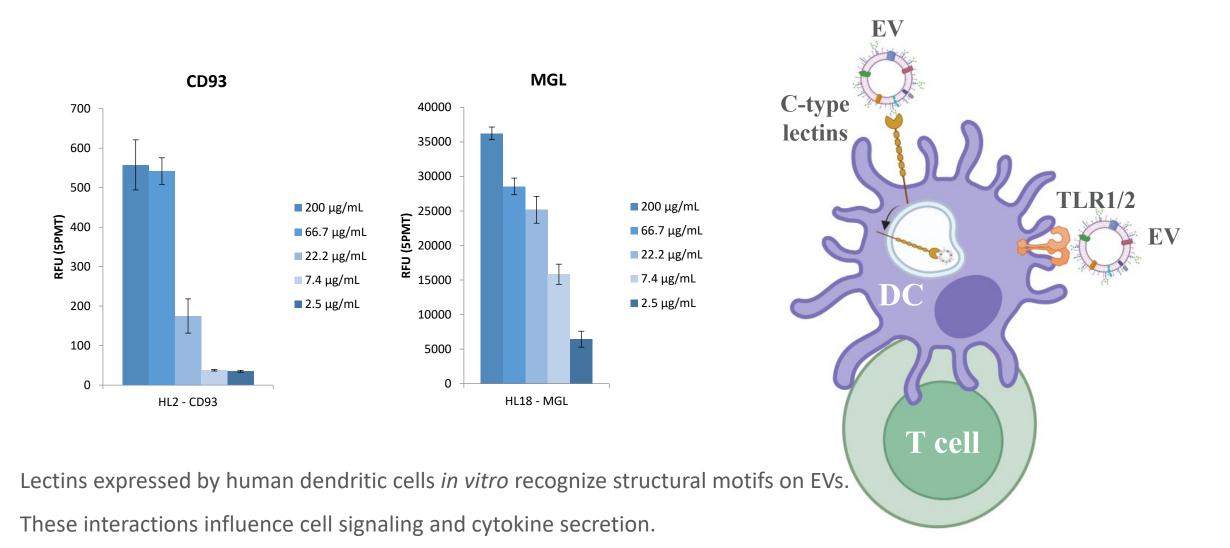


The bacterial surface layer is dense with molecules that interact with receptors on epithelial and immune cells

## Bacterial surface structures facilitate immune cell binding and can modulate TLR2 signaling



## **Mechanism of action mediated by bacterial surface structures**





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## SINTAX proof-of-concept: EDP1815 in psoriasis

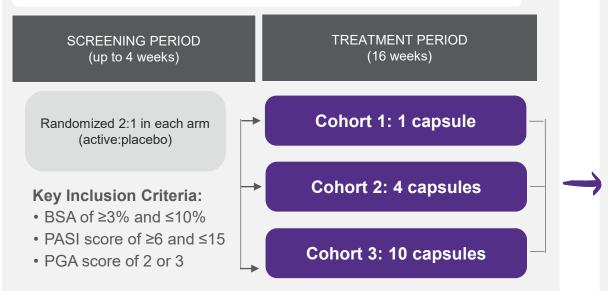
- Positive Phase 2 data validates SINTAX systemic inflammation resolving potential
- EDP1815 displays placebo-like safety and tolerability with durable efficacy
- Potential use across broad spectrum of inflammatory disease and severity level
- EDP1815 drug substance contains inactivated microbe and high EV content



Patient with moderate psoriasis enrolled in Phase 2 trial who achieved PASI-50 response at week 16 on EDP1815 – skin lesions improved further at week 20

## **EDP1815** Phase 2 trial in mild and moderate psoriasis

#### **16-WEEK TREATMENT PERIOD**



#### **Summary of Endpoints**

**Primary Endpoint** 

Mean reduction in PASI score at week 16 vs. placebo using Bayesian probability

#### Result

80-90% probability that EDP1815 is superior to placebo at week 16 based on mean change in PASI

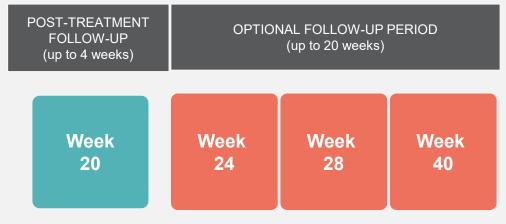
#### **Responder Endpoint**

Percentage of patients achieving at least a PASI-50 by week 16

#### Result

Statistically significant p-value for 2 of the 3 individual dose cohorts, and directionally similar for the third

24-WEEK POST-TREATMENT PERIOD



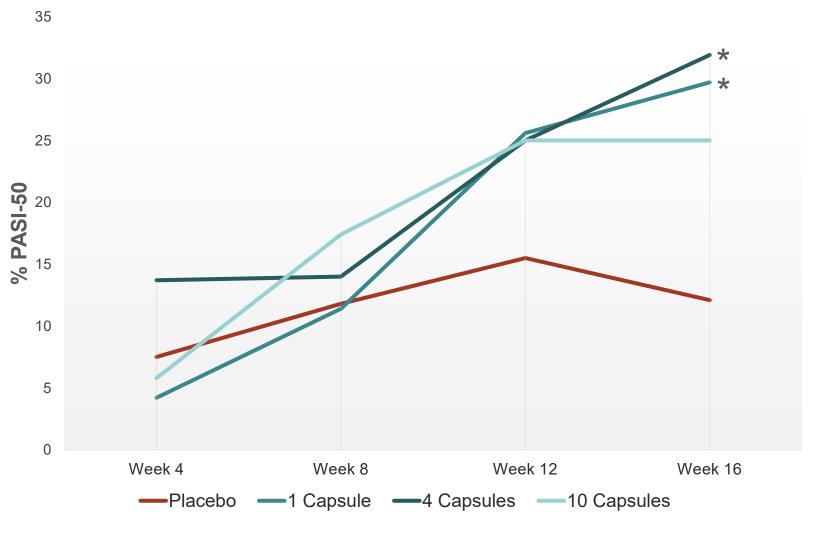
**Evaluation of Treatment Responses** 

- Following the 16-week treatment period all patients were followed for 4 weeks to week 20 (Part A)
- Patients on drug who achieved PASI-50 or greater at week 16 had the option to enter an additional follow-up period of up to 24 weeks following cessation of treatment (Part B)
- Eighty-three patients previously dosed with EDP1815 were followed for up to 24 weeks post-treatment
- Objective of the post-treatment follow-up period was to assess durability of response, incidence of flare or rebound and overall safety and tolerability

## Robust PASI-50 responses with EDP1815 at week 16

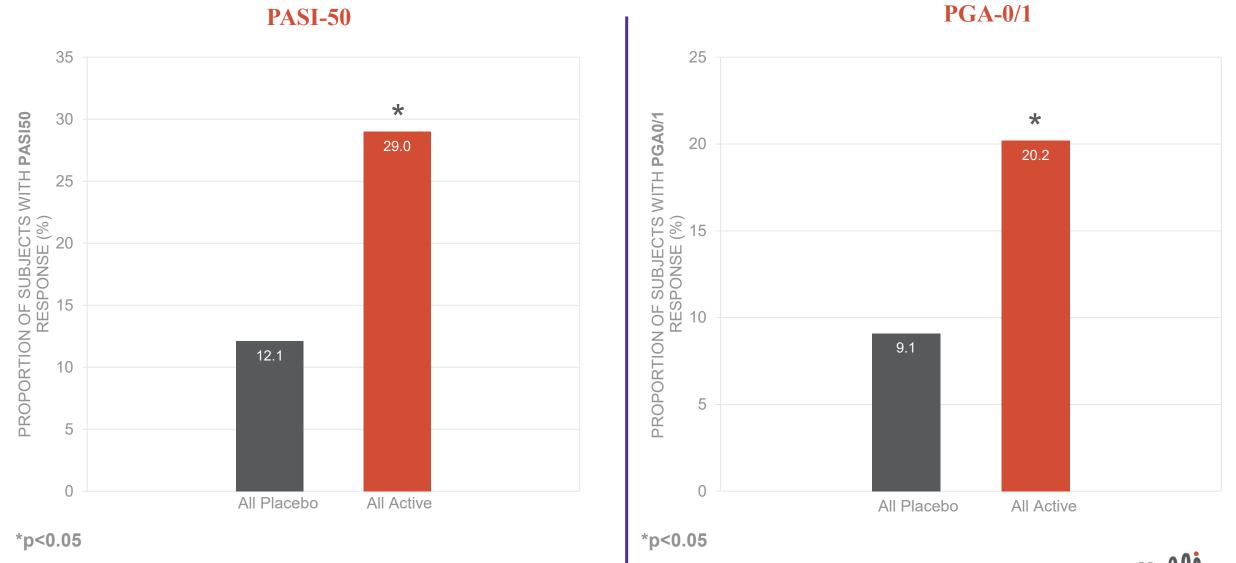
Statistically significant p-value (<0.05) for 2 of the 3 individual dose cohorts, and for all 3 cohorts when pooled

### % of subjects achieving PASI-50



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## Statistically significant increase in clinically meaningful endpoints



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## **Durability of clinical responses seen 24-weeks post treatment**



## **Deepening of clinical responses seen 24-weeks post treatment**



## Placebo-like safety and tolerability observed in EDP1815-201

AE profile of EDP1815 is comparable to placebo across 16 weeks of dosing and up to 24 weeks follow-up



No related SAEs



Gastrointestinal or Infection AE rate comparable to placebo



AE profile no different in the drug responders (≥PASI-50)

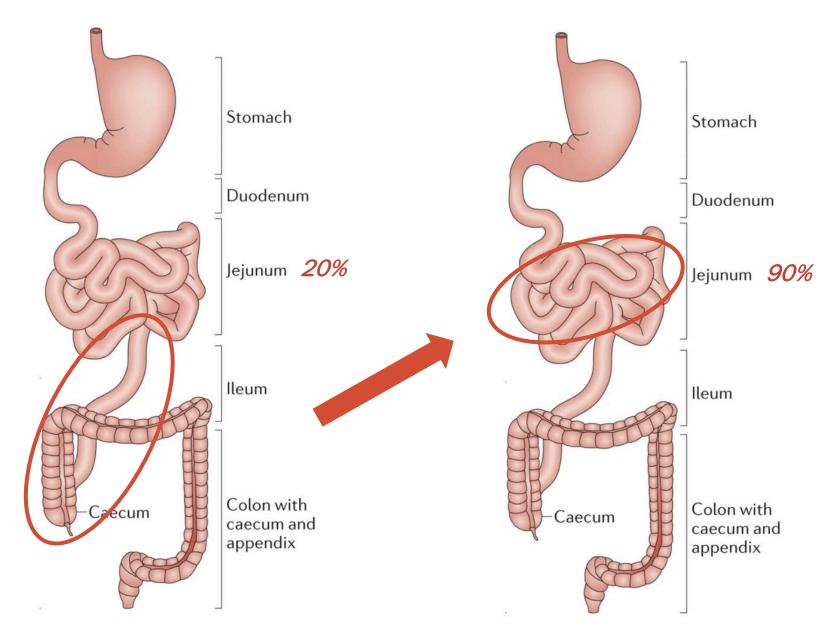
# **Preclinical exposure to drug higher in the small intestine enhanced efficacy.**

Faster release polymer coat on EDP1815 capsules gave substantially faster release by scintigraphy in healthy human volunteer scintigraphy trials Human scintigraphy studies showed 90% of capsules release the drug in the proximal small intestine with faster release

Faster release enhanced preclinical efficacy

#### Original release EDP1815

#### *Faster release EDP1815/EDP2939*



# **Release profile used in clinical studies**

Original release

- EDP1815 Phase 1b studies
- EDP1815-201 Phase 2 psoriasis
- EDP1815-207 Phase 2 atopic dermatitis cohorts 1-3. Data expected early 1Q23

Faster release

- EDP1815-207 Phase 2 atopic dermatitis cohort 4. Data expected 2Q23
- EDP2939 Phase 2 psoriasis. Data expected 2H23

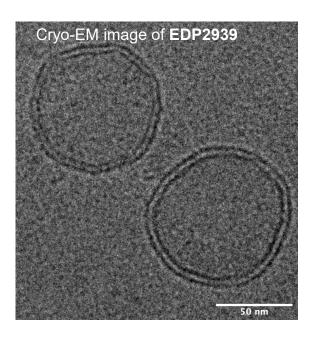


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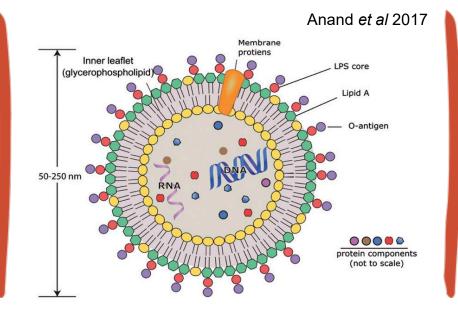


## **Bacterial extracellular vesicles (EVs) mediate cell-cell communication**

EVs are naturally shed lipoprotein nanoparticles



Macromolecular content is a subset of the parent cell



Small volume enables diffusion / target engagement

$$D = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{6\pi\,\eta\,r}$$

**Stokes-Einstein Equation** 

# **EDP2939** is the first EV SINTAX medicine

### **Origins and Biology**

A naturally non-living product shed into culture supernatant during fermentation of the parental bacterial strain

Systemic effects without systemic exposure after oral administration

No gut colonization

Manufacturing and Pharmaceutics

Manufacture at scale by anaerobic fermentation, EV purification, Iyophilization

Dry powder-in-capsule formulation

Capsule coating modulates site of delivery

EDP2939 and EDP1815 are based on a single strain of *Prevotella histicola* from the duodenum of a human donor

Fermenter



### Centrifuge



EDP2939 Supernatant contains EVs

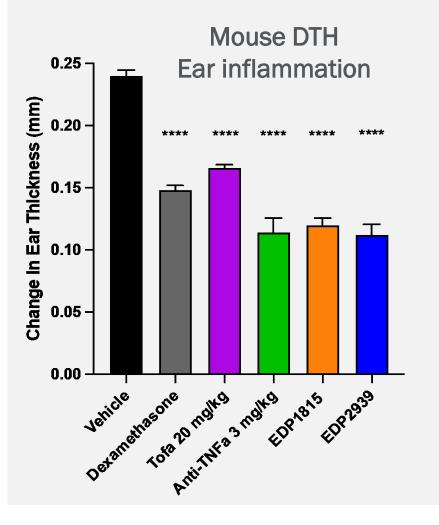


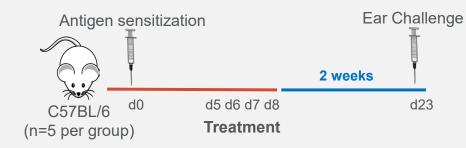
## **EDP1815 Pellet** contains non-viable bacterial cells and EVs





### **EDP2939 purified EVs match the maximal efficacy of EDP1815**

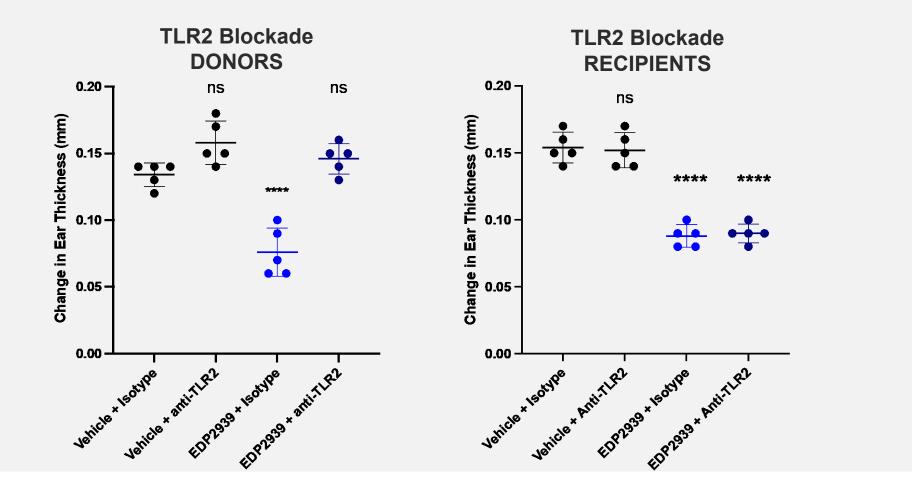




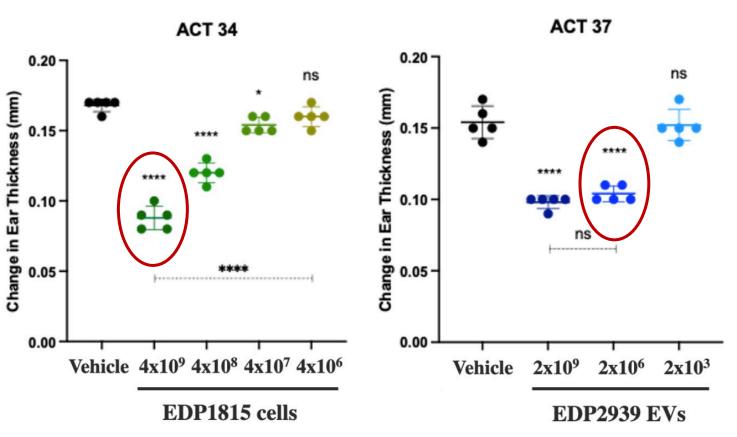
- EDP2939 is fully efficacious as a purified EV preparation in the absence of bacterial cells.
- EDP1815 and EDP2939 share a mechanism of action



# Action of EDP2939 is dependent on TLR2 in donors not recipients in mouse adoptive cell transfer



# EDP2939 and EDP1815 are dose-dependent inducers of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells that are anti-inflammatory in untreated recipient mice



### **DTH in recipient mice**

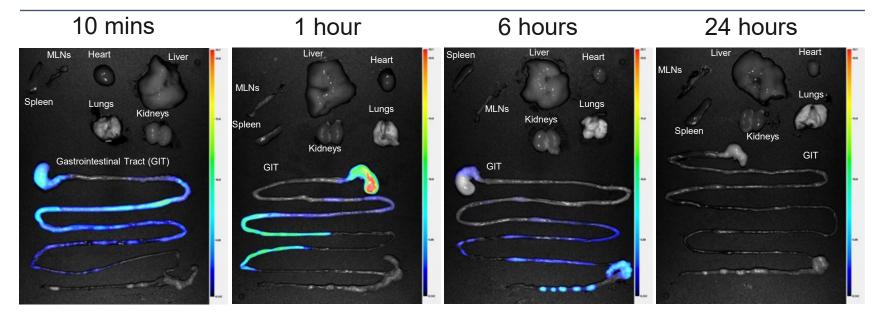
X-axis: dose of EDP1815 or EDP2939 in donor mice.

Y-axis: response in recipients after CD4 cell transfer.

EDP2939 was highly potent in the absence of bacterial cells.

# EDP2939 pharmacology depends on action in the small intestine

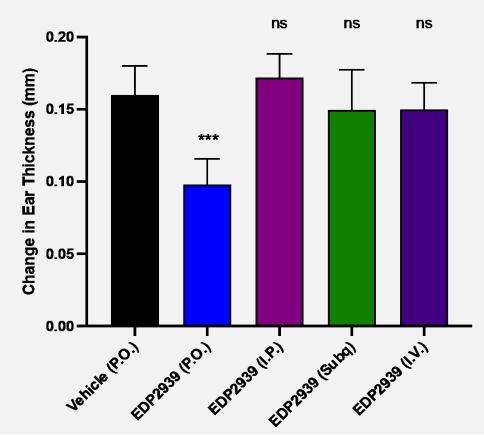
## **Orally delivered EVs are gut restricted in mice**



### Time post oral gavage of EDP2939

Fluorescence biodistribution studies show that orally delivered EDP2939 did not leave the GI tract

### The peripheral effect of SINTAX is dependent on signaling in the gut



#### Mouse DTH

- Only oral administration was efficacious
- i.p., s.c., and i.v. had no effect
- This is a direct demonstration of the small intestinal axis mechanism of action

Three independent pharmacological factors predict EDP2939 improved efficacy Innate EV potency: size and diffusion

Ability to pack more into a single capsule

**EDP2939** 

Faster release formulation



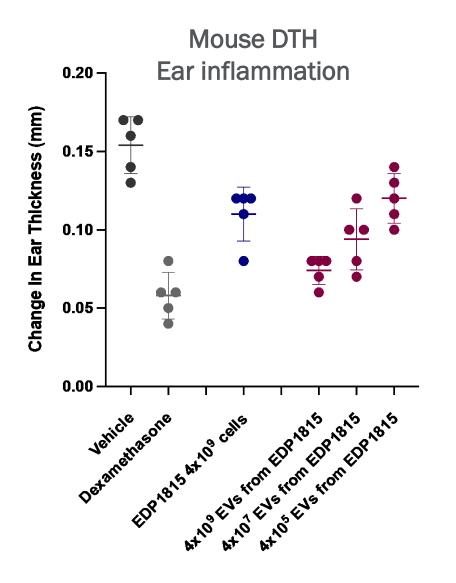
# **Circling back to EDP1815 in light of EVs**



# EVs extracted from EDP1815 were efficacious preclinically



# Vesicles extracted from EDP1815 were potent in mouse DTH



The microbial preparation of EDP1815 drug substance contains EVs.

Drug substance was solubilized and EVs extracted from the soluble fraction.

These extracted EVs were potently active in a mouse in vivo DTH assay

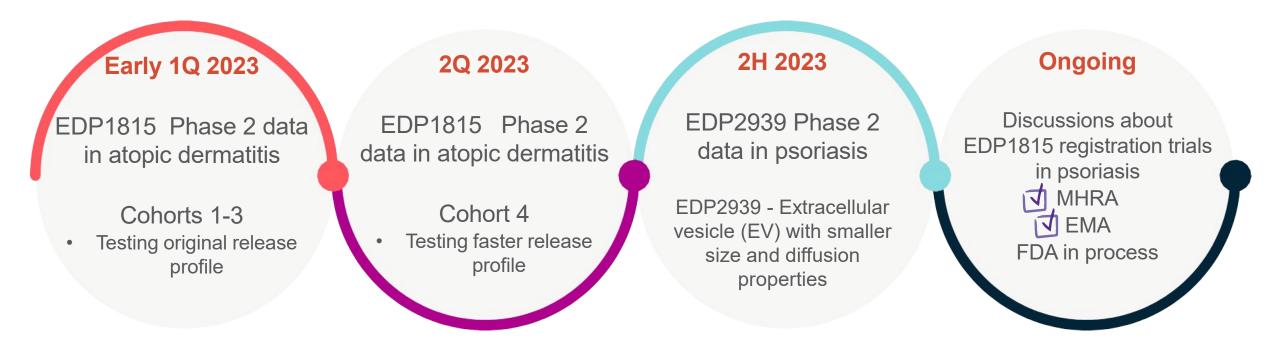
# **EDP1815** is a mixture of microbial cells and EVs

# Its efficacy is probably enhanced by the presence of the EVs



# 2023: A Landmark Year for Evelo

Multiple transformative catalysts expected



3 inflection points test different parts of Evelo strategy; each has increasing potential efficacy

## **Translation to humans - an example patient from EDP1815-201 phase 2 trial**

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	PASI-90	Week 20	

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