

Reduction in Pruritus Across Indications in Phase 3 Trials of Topical Roflumilast in Patients as Young as 2 Years

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INTRODUCTION

- Pruritus is one of the most burdensome symptoms in patients with psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, and atopic dermatitis, affecting sleep and quality of life¹
 - Patient perception of pruritus varies greatly among skin diseases²⁻⁴
- Phosphodiesterase 4 (PDE4) inhibitors may reduce pruritus by inhibiting production of inflammatory itch mediators⁵
 - PDE4 inhibitors also act through neuronal pathways independent of the anti-inflammatory action of PDE4 in mouse models of dermatoses⁶⁻⁹
- In this poster, we evaluate the reduction in pruritus in seven phase 3 clinical trials of topical roflumilast in patients with psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, and atopic dermatitis

METHODS

Outcomes

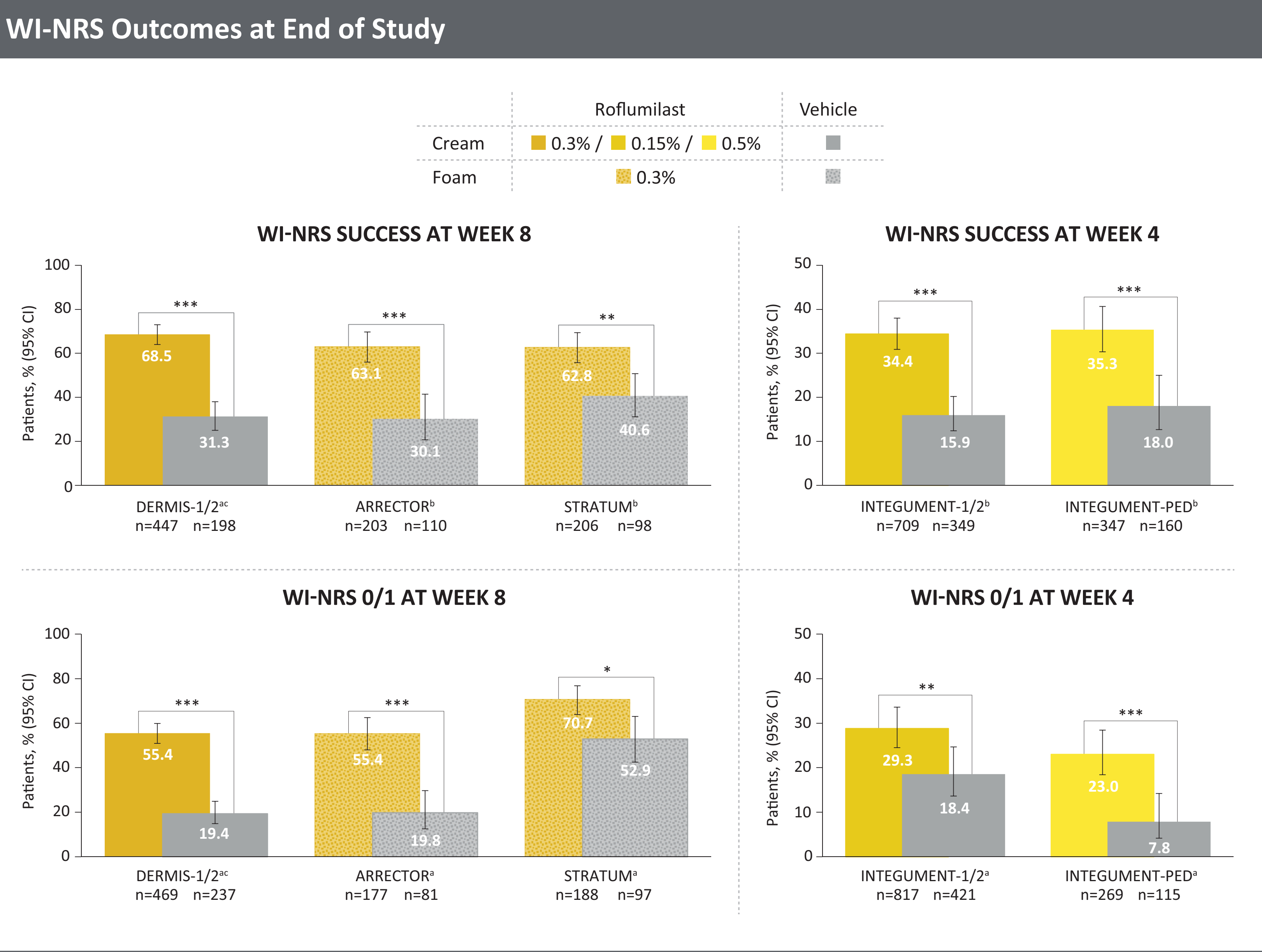
- WI/SI-NRS success, ≥4-point improvement from baseline among patients with baseline score ≥4
- WI/SI-NRS 0/1, no (0) or minimal (1) itch among patients with baseline score ≥2

Study Designs				
Trial	Treatment Groups	Inclusion Criteria	Itch Assessment Timing	Baseline Itch Scores, Mean (SD)
DERMIS-1/2 ¹⁰ (Psoriasis; NCT04211363 and NCT04211389)	Roflumilast cream 0.3% (n=576); Vehicle cream (n=305)	Aged ≥2 years BSA 2–20% IGA ≥2 (mild) PASI ≥2	Baseline, Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8	Roflumilast: 5.7 (2.7) Vehicle: 5.9 (2.8)
ARRECTOR ¹¹ (Psoriasis of the Scalp and Body; NCT05028582)	Roflumilast foam 0.3% (n=281); Vehicle cream (n=151)	Aged ≥12 years BSA ≤25% (≤20% non-scalp, ≥10% scalp) S-IGA ≥3 (moderate) B-IGA ≥2 (mild) PSSI ≥6 PASI ≥2	Baseline, Days 2–56	WI-NRS Roflumilast: 5.6 (2.8) Vehicle: 5.5 (2.8) SI-NRS Roflumilast: 5.9 (2.8) Vehicle: 6.1 (2.5)
STRATUM ¹² (Seborrheic Dermatitis; NCT04973228)	Roflumilast foam 0.3% (n=304); Vehicle foam (n=153)	Aged ≥9 years BSA ≤20% IGA ≥3 (moderate)	Baseline, Days 2–56	Roflumilast: 5.1 (2.3) Vehicle: 4.7 (2.3)
INTEGUMENT-1/2 ¹³ (Atopic Dermatitis; NCT04773587 and NCT04773600)	Roflumilast cream 0.15% (n=884); Vehicle cream (n=453)	Aged ≥6 years BSA ≥3% ^a vIGA-AD 2 (mild)/3 (moderate) EASI ≥5	Baseline, Days 2–29	Roflumilast: 6.1 (2.1) Vehicle: 5.9 (2.2)
INTEGUMENT-PED ¹⁴ (Atopic Dermatitis; NCT04845620)	Roflumilast cream 0.05% (n=437); Vehicle cream (n=215)	Aged 2–5 years BSA ≥3% ^a vIGA-AD 2 (mild)/3 (moderate) EASI ≥5	Baseline, Days 2–29	Roflumilast: 6.2 (2.3) Vehicle: 5.9 (2.2)

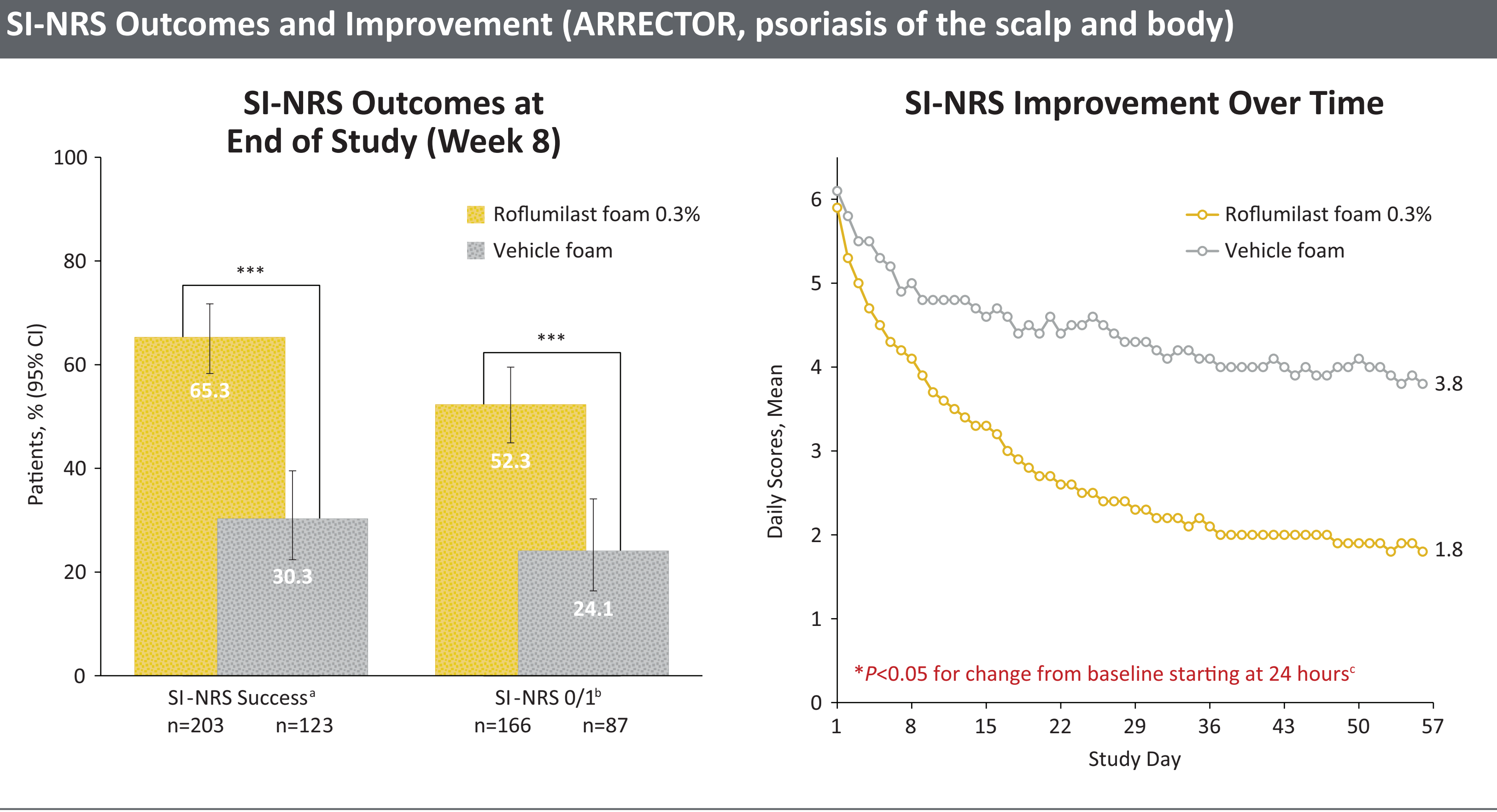
^aNo upper limit.

RESULTS

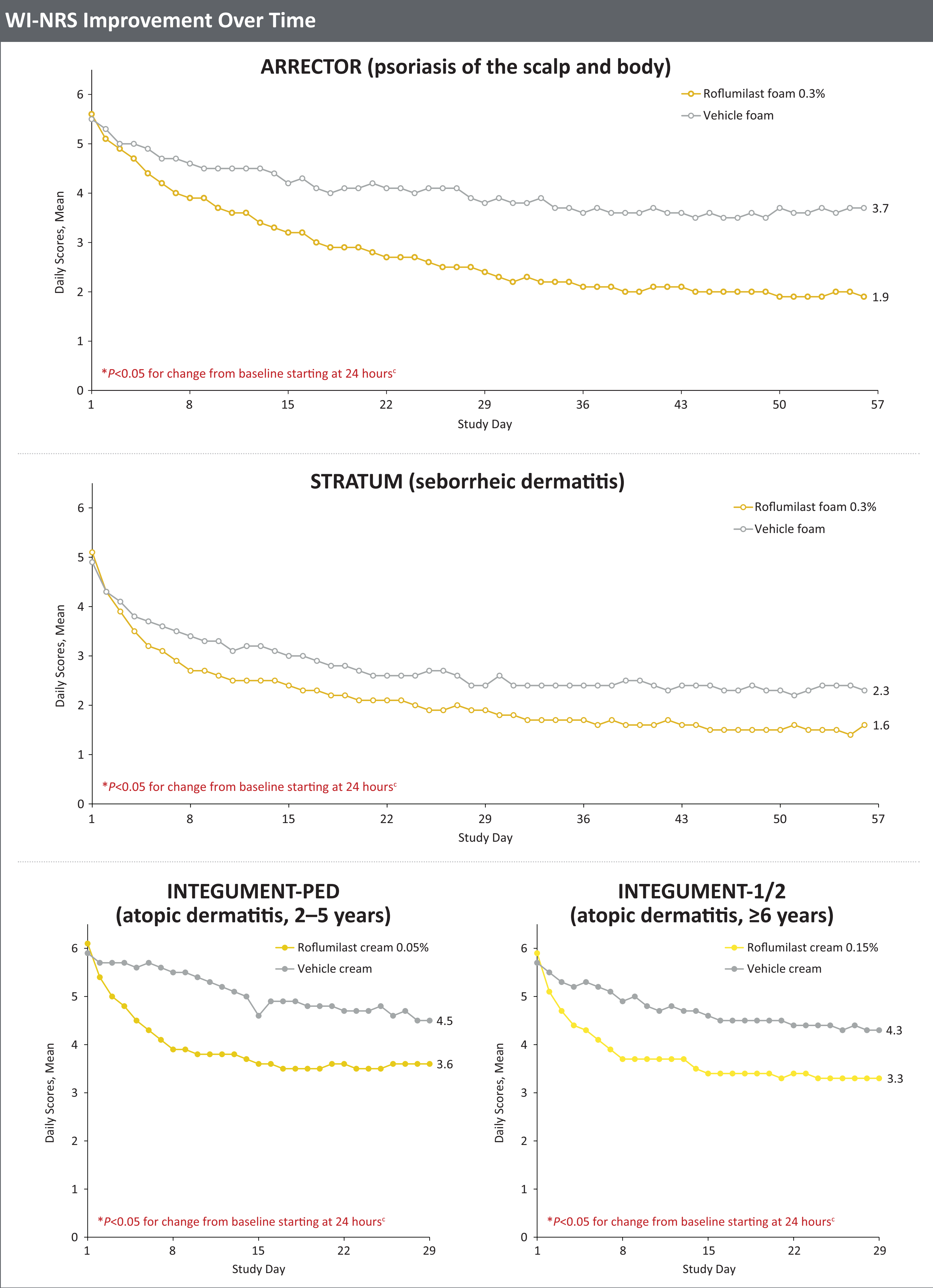
- Efficacy, safety, and tolerability for all seven phase 3 studies were previously reported¹⁰⁻¹⁴
- Greater proportions of patients treated with roflumilast versus vehicle achieved improvement in pruritus as measured by WI-NRS success and SI-NRS success at the final assessment in each trial
- Differences favoring roflumilast were also observed for achievement of WI-NRS 0/1 at the final assessment for all trials
- Pruritus scores were significantly improved compared with vehicle as early as 24 hours in patients with psoriasis (ARRECTOR) and atopic dermatitis (INTEGUMENT) and by 48 hours in patients with seborrheic dermatitis (STRATUM)



***P<0.0001. **P<0.001. *P<0.01.
^aObserved data. ^bMultiple imputation. ^cAmong patients aged ≥12 years.



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^aMultiple imputation. ^bObserved data. ^cP<0.05 for analysis of change from baseline from 24 hours post application and for all timepoints assessed after.



*P<0.05 for analysis of change from baseline from 24 or 48 hours (STRATUM only) post application and for all timepoints assessed after.

CONCLUSIONS

- Once-daily topical roflumilast provided consistent and rapid improvements in itch across psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, and atopic dermatitis, with improvement as early as 24–48 hours, compared with vehicle
 - Across indications, significant proportions of patients achieved an itch-free state (WI-NRS 0/1 and SI-NRS 0/1)
- These results highlight the potential for roflumilast to reduce this burdensome symptom substantially across inflammatory dermatoses

ABBREVIATIONS

B-IGA, Body-IGA; BSA, body surface area; EASI, Eczema Area and Severity Index; IGA, Investigator Global Assessment; PASI, Psoriasis Area and Severity Index; PSSI, Psoriasis Scalp Severity Index; S-IGA, Scalp-IGA; SD, standard deviation; SI-NRS, Scalp Itch-Numeric Rating Scale; vIGA-AD, Validated IGA for Atopic Dermatitis; WI-NRS, Worst Itch-Numeric Rating Scale.

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