

# Cost-per-remission of vedolizumab versus risankizumab in CD

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## OBJECTIVES

- Crohn's disease (CD) is a chronic disease that causes inflammation and irritation in digestive tract.<sup>1</sup> Incidence rates of CD range from 12.7 per 100,000 person-years in Europe and 20.2 per 100,000 person-years in North America.<sup>2</sup>
- Vedolizumab and risankizumab are both treatments authorised for use in adult patients with moderately-to-severely active CD across the globe.
- This economic analysis evaluated the cost-per-remission at 1-year for vedolizumab versus risankizumab for adult patients with moderately-to-severely active CD in Italy, France, and Canada.
- Cost-per-remission provides a transparent, short-term measure of value for decision-makers. Clinical remission was selected as the key endpoint, as it reflects sustained and meaningful disease control.

## METHODS

Cost-per-remission for each treatment was calculated as the total active treatment cost over 1-year divided by the proportion of patients achieving clinical remission. The delta cost-per-remission (%) was calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Delta CPR} = \frac{\text{Vedolizumab CPR} - \text{Risankizumab CPR}}{\text{Risankizumab CPR}} \times 100$$

CPR, cost-per-remission

## Clinical remission rates

- Clinical remission was defined as a CD activity index (CAI) score ≤150, with 1-year clinical remission rates sourced from a published matching-adjusted indirect comparison (MAIC).<sup>3</sup>
- The MAIC was conducted using individual patient-level data from 2 phase 3 placebo-controlled clinical trials of vedolizumab (GEMINI 2<sup>4</sup> and VISIBLE 2<sup>5</sup>) and aggregated data from 3 placebo-controlled clinical trials of risankizumab (ADVANCE, MOTIVATE and FORTIFY).<sup>6, 7</sup>
- The MAIC reported placebo-adjusted remission rates for risankizumab 360mg versus a weighted vedolizumab arm that comprised of the vedolizumab intravenous (IV) regimen (43%) and the vedolizumab subcutaneous (SC) regimen (57%).
- The 52-week remission rate reported in the MAIC was **17.0%** (95%CI: 6.3%, 27.7%) for vedolizumab and **11.6%** (95% CI: 0.5%, 22.8%) for risankizumab.

## Treatment costs

- Treatment costs included drug acquisition and administration costs of vedolizumab and risankizumab based on the number of administrations over 1-year.
- Dosing schedules (**Table 1**) were sourced from the Summary of Product Characteristics (SmPC) for Italy and France<sup>8,10,11</sup> and Product Monographs for Canada<sup>9,12</sup>, in accordance with the respective recommended dosing schedules for each country.
  - Patients were assumed to receive induction therapy followed by maintenance therapy.

Table 1: Drug dosing schedules

Treatment	Dosing schedule	Doses (1-year)
Vedolizumab IV	Induction: 300 mg IV at 0, 2 and 6 weeks Maintenance: 300 mg IV Q8W	Induction: 3 (IV) Maintenance: 5 (IV)
Vedolizumab SC	Induction: 300 mg IV at weeks 0, 2 Maintenance: 108 mg SC at week 6, Q2W	Induction: 2 (IV) Maintenance: 24 (SC)
Risankizumab	Induction: 600 mg IV at weeks 0, 4 and 8 Maintenance: 360 mg SC at week 12, Q8W	Induction: 3 (IV) Maintenance: 6 (IV)

IV, intravenous; SC, subcutaneous; Q2W, every 2 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks.

- Drug acquisition costs for 1-year of active treatment were calculated using list prices for Italy (including mandatory visible discounts)<sup>13</sup>, France<sup>14</sup>, and Canada<sup>15</sup>.
- IV administration costs were based on published cost data for Italy<sup>16</sup>, France<sup>17</sup>, and Canada<sup>18</sup>, respectively.
- The cost of SC administration was assumed to be zero for all country perspectives.
- A weighted cost of treatment for vedolizumab was calculated based on the vedolizumab IV regimen (43%) and vedolizumab SC regimen (57%) in alignment with the MAIC.

## Conclusions

- Across Italy, France, and Canada, **vedolizumab (IV and SC) was associated with a lower cost-per-remission at 1-year compared with risankizumab** in adult patients with moderate-to-severely active CD.
- These cost-per-remission results were **based on remission rates from a published indirect treatment comparison (including 5 clinical trials)** which were **robust to sensitivity analyses**, including remission rate variation and potential substantial price discounts applied to risankizumab and vedolizumab at list price.

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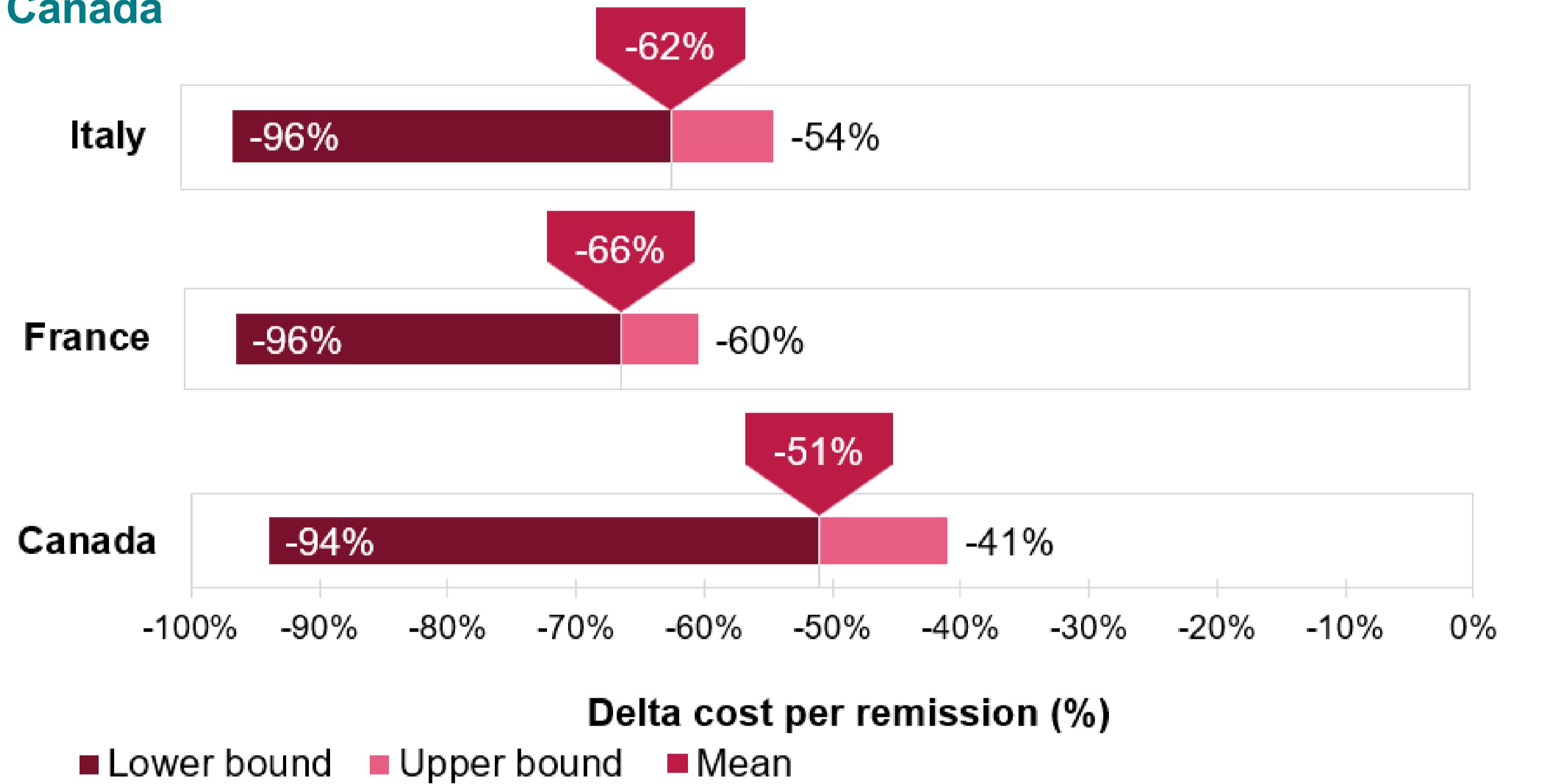
## Sensitivity analysis

- Scenario analysis was conducted to explore the impact of using the 95% confidence intervals of the MAIC to inform the 52-week remission rates on the delta cost-per-remission.
- The delta cost-per-remission was explored over a range of arbitrary price discounts for both drugs, ranging from 0% (list price) to 50%. Results are presented in a price-discount heatmap.

## RESULTS

- In all countries assessed, vedolizumab had a lower cost-per-remission at 1-year than risankizumab in CD (**Figure 1**).
- At 1-year, the cost-per-remission was 62%, 66%, and 51% lower for vedolizumab relative to risankizumab for Italy, France, and Canada, respectively.

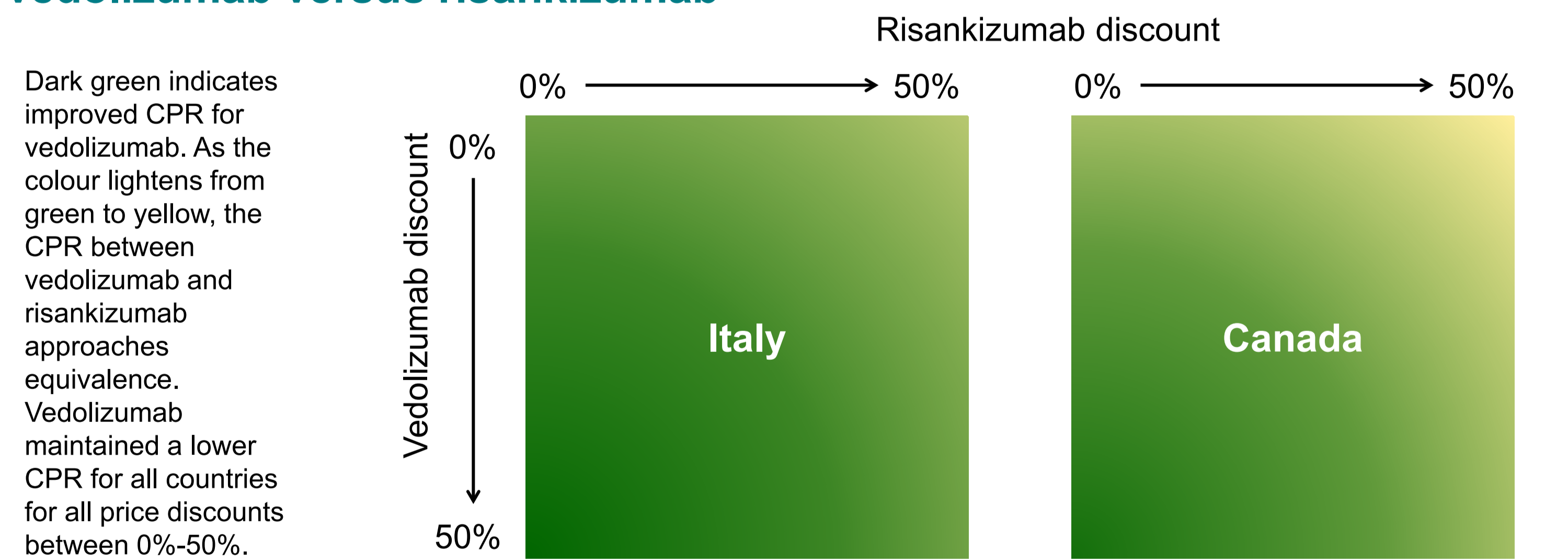
Figure 1. Delta cost-per-remission (%) at 1-year for Italy, France and Canada



## Sensitivity analysis results

- Scenario analysis showed that using the upper and lower bounds of the MAIC remission rates, vedolizumab still had a lower cost-per-remission at 1-year than risankizumab for all three countries (**Figure 1**). The lower bound remission rate for risankizumab (0.50%) resulted in an extremely high cost-per-remission for risankizumab and consequently a very low delta cost-per-remission for each country.
- The price-sensitivity analysis showed that even with a high discount applied to the risankizumab acquisition cost and vedolizumab at list price, vedolizumab maintained a lower cost-per-remission for all three country perspectives (**Figure 2**).
- The results for France were strongly in favour of vedolizumab for all discounts, resulting in a wholly green heat map. Therefore, this graph is not presented.

Figure 2. Price-discount heatmap: Delta cost-per-remission (%) for vedolizumab versus risankizumab



- These findings suggest that **vedolizumab may represent a more efficient use of healthcare resources to achieve clinical remission**, offering decision-makers a transparent and short-term measure of value across different multiple healthcare settings.

- Future studies could explore the impact of treatment **optimisation** on the delta cost-per-remission.

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