The Burden of Systemic Mastocytosis in the EU: Evidence From the PRISM Patient Survey

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Introduction

- Systemic mastocytosis (SM), which includes both advanced and non-advanced versions of the disease, is a rare, clonal mast cell disease, primarily driven by the *KIT* D816V mutation
- The majority of SM patients have indolent SM (ISM), a subtype of the non-advanced disease, which is characterized by unpredictable, severe, and debilitating skin, gastrointestinal, and systemic symptoms^{1,2}
- Previously, a small US-based survey (Touchstone) reported insights from 56 SM patients and showed that patients (both advanced and non-advanced) experienced a high symptom burden, poor quality of life, and reduced work status and productivity.² However, the burden of SM in Europe is not well characterized
- The Perceptions Realities and Insights on Systemic Mastocytosis (PRISM) study seeks to examine the experiences of advanced and non-advanced SM patients, as well as gain perspectives from healthcare providers (HCPs) treating SM in 7 countries in Europe
- Here, we report interim data from PRISM on the impact of ISM on patients from the United Kingdom (UK), Germany, and Austria

Methods

- PRISM was designed by an international steering committee of SM clinical experts and patient advocates
- The study was composed of 2 independent surveys:
- A Patient Survey (119 questions) on patient diagnostic experiences, symptom burden (via a validated ISM symptom assessment form [ISM-SAF] generating a Total Symptom Score [TSS]), quality of life (QoL) via the 12-item short form survey (SF-12), Euro-QoL five-dimension (EQ-5D), Euro-QoL visual analogue scale (EQ-VAS), and work productivity and activity impairment questionnaire (WPAI)
- 2. An HCP Survey (103 questions) on provider approaches to SM diagnosis, care, and management
- Study materials were vetted by independent scientific review and approved by designated ethics committees for the 7 participating countries: France, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Austria, Germany, and the UK
- From November 2022 through August 2023, patients ≥18 years of age with an SM diagnosis and HCPs who treated patients with SM were recruited via social media, advocacy groups, and word of mouth in the study countries
- Recruited participants provided consent, were enrolled in the study, and completed the relevant survey
- This analysis presents interim patient results available as of March 2023 for 3 countries (UK, Germany, and Austria)

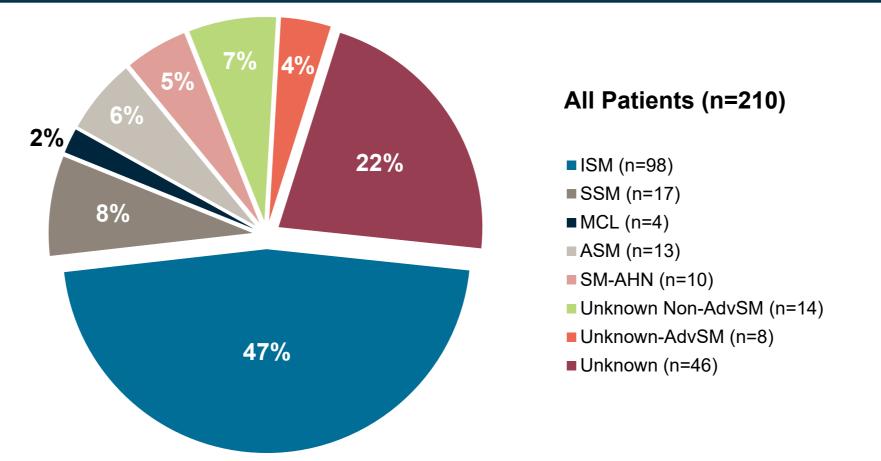
Results

- From a total of 210 SM patient responses from the UK, Germany, and Austria collected as part of the PRISM survey, data from 98 ISM patients are included
- The largest self-reported SM subtype was ISM (47%); about 1 in 5 patient respondents (22%) were unsure of their SM subtype (**Figure 1**)
- Most ISM patients were female, and the mean age of all patients was 52.7 years (**Table 1**)
- Mean TSS (41.2) indicated high patient symptom burden consistent with moderate-to-severe ISM (TSS >28) (Figure 2)
- Patients consistently reported reduced physical functioning and mental health due to ISM (**Figure 3A and B**), with SF-12 scores well below average for healthy individuals (~50).³ The most bothersome symptoms were skin- and gastrointestinal (GI)-related, and a large subset of ISM patients experienced anaphylaxis (**Figure 4**)
- Polypharmacy was high, with ISM patients reporting that they take an average of 5.3 (over-the-counter [OTC] + prescription [Rx]) medications to manage symptoms (**Figure 5**); H1 antihistamines were the most commonly used nonprescription medication (**Figure 6**)
- Patients reported that ISM impacted their ability to work, with a large subset having to reduce their hours (31.6%) or discontinue work entirely (12.2%) (**Figure 7**)

Table 1. Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of ISM Patients

	AII (n=98)	UK (n=50)	Germany (n=43)	Austria (n=5)
Age, mean years (SD)	52.7 (13.3)	51.0 (14.2)	56.6 (10.7)	36.8 (8.7)
Female, n (%)	75 (76.5)	43 (86.0)	30 (69.8)	2 (40.0)
Time since SM diagnosis, mean months (SD)	128.0 (114.6)	95.8 (118.5)	170.5 (98.4)	37.6 (47.4)
Abbreviations: ISM, indolent systemic mastocytosis; SD, standard deviation; SM, systemic mastocytosis.				

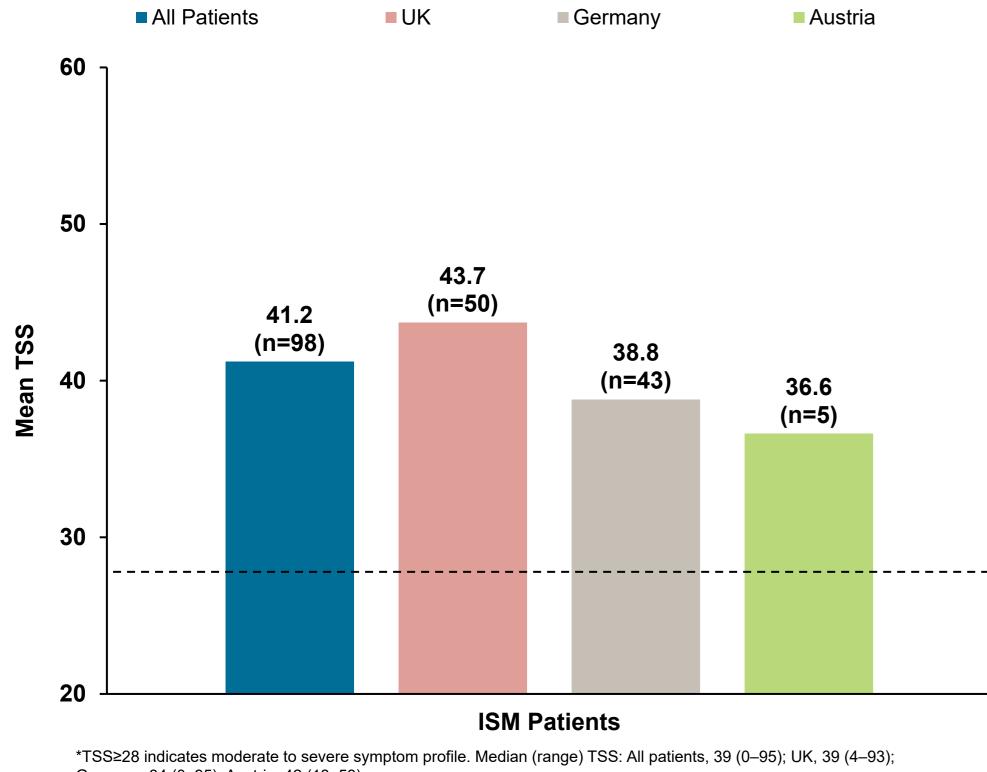
Figure 1. Patient-Reported SM Subtypes



Abbreviations: AdvSM, advanced SM; ASM, aggressive SM; ISM, indolent SM; MCL, mast cell leukemia; Non-AdvSM, non-advanced SM; SM-AHN, SM with an associated hematologic neoplasm; SSM, smoldering SM.

Results (cont)

Figure 2. Mean Total Symptom Scores (TSS*) Reported by ISM Patients
Were Moderate or Severe (ISM-SAF)



Germany, 34 (0–95); Austria, 42 (18–53).

Figure 5. Polypharmacy: Patients Took Many Prescription and

Nonprescription Medications to Manage Their ISM Symptoms

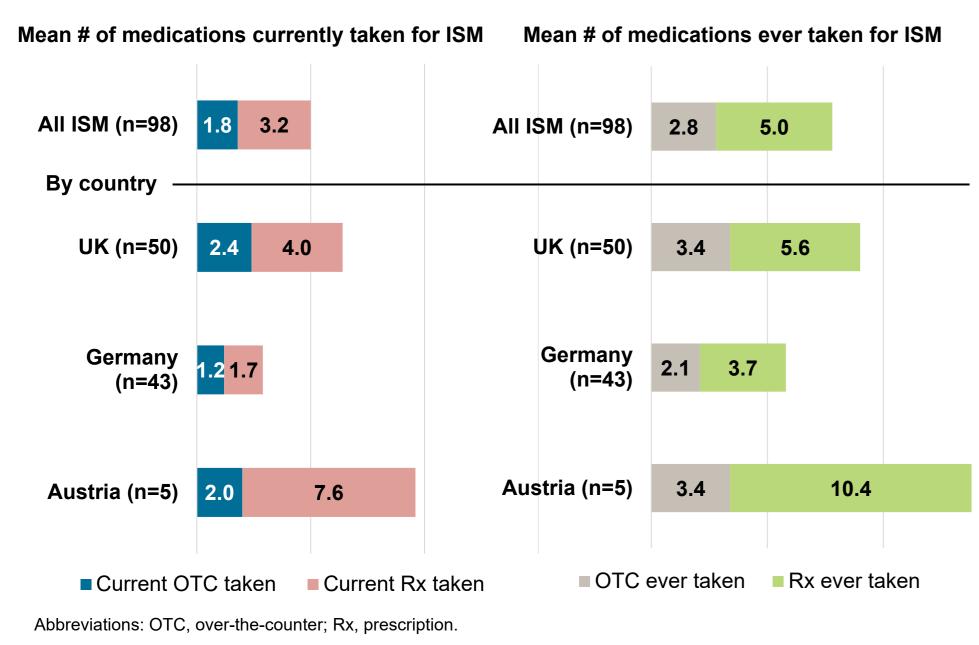


Figure 3. ISM Patients Reported Reduced Physical Functioning and Mental Health (SF-12)

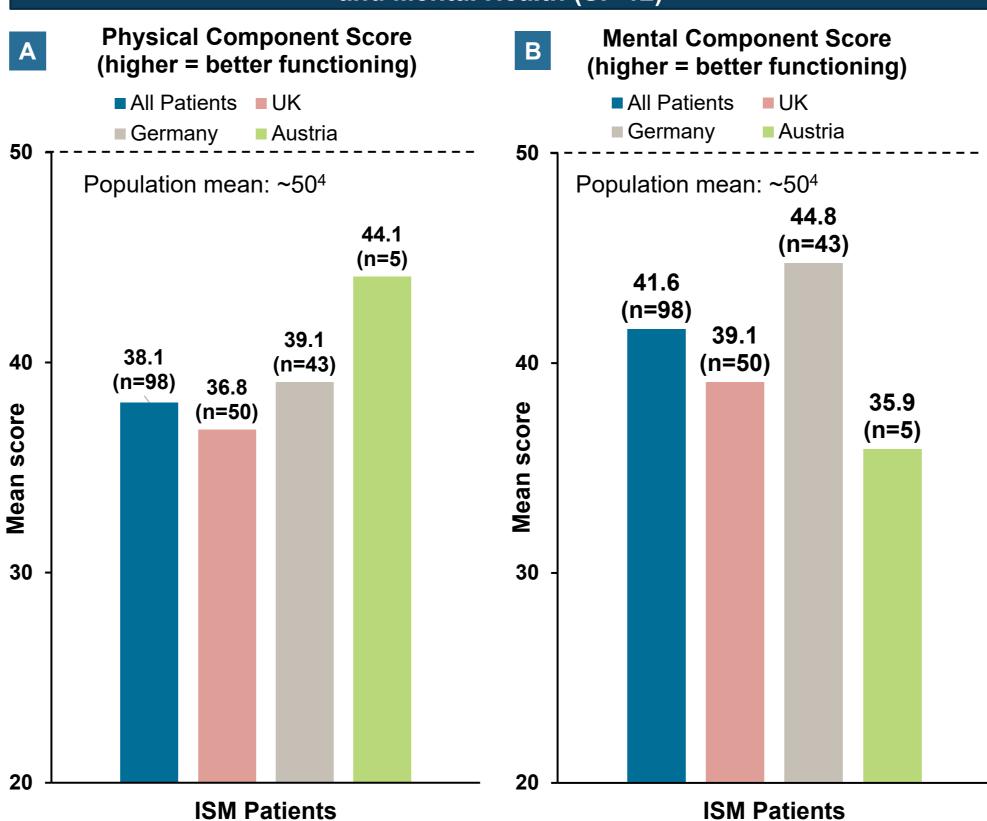


Figure 6. Antihistamines, Proton Pump Inhibitors, and Antidiarrheals Were the Most Commonly Reported Nonprescription Medications

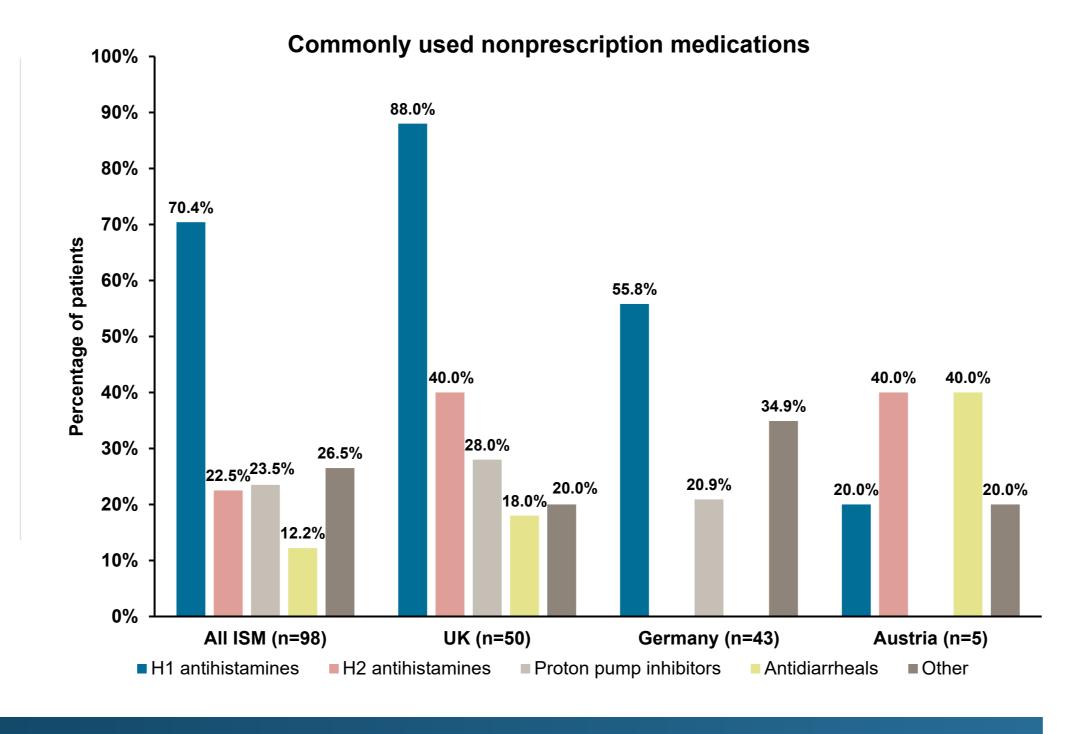
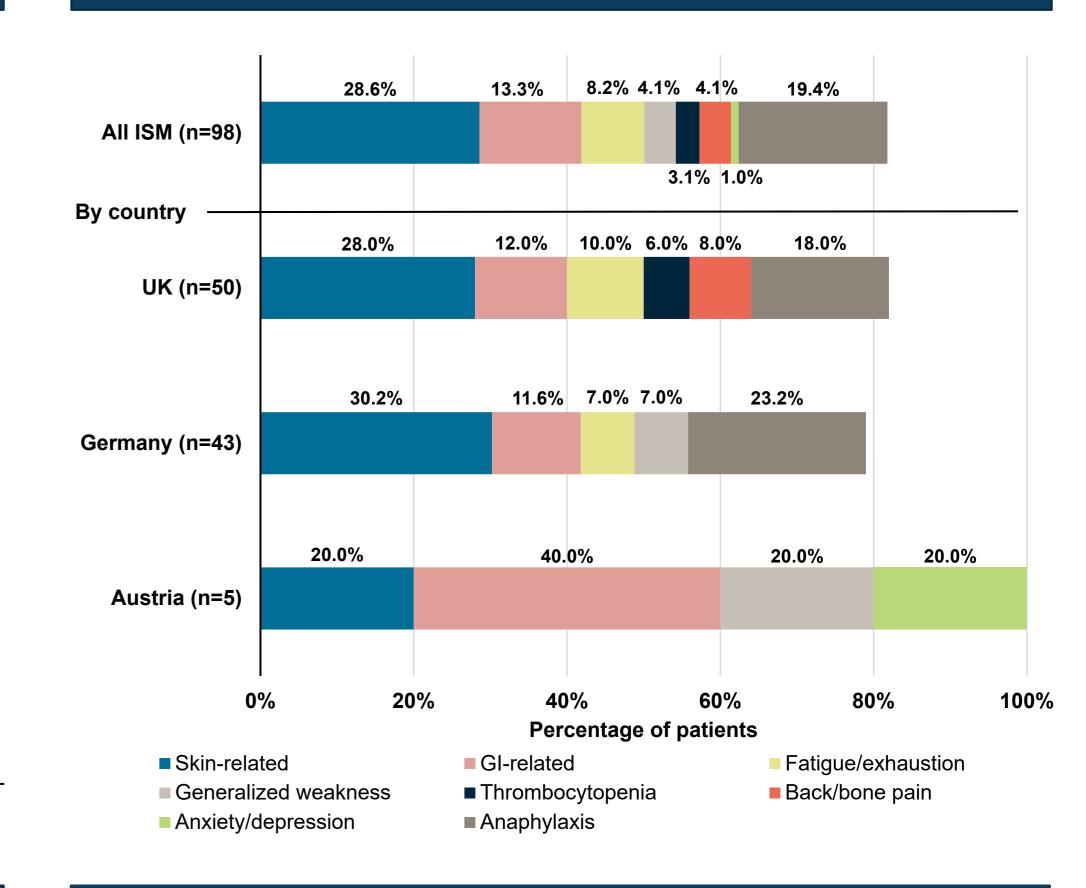
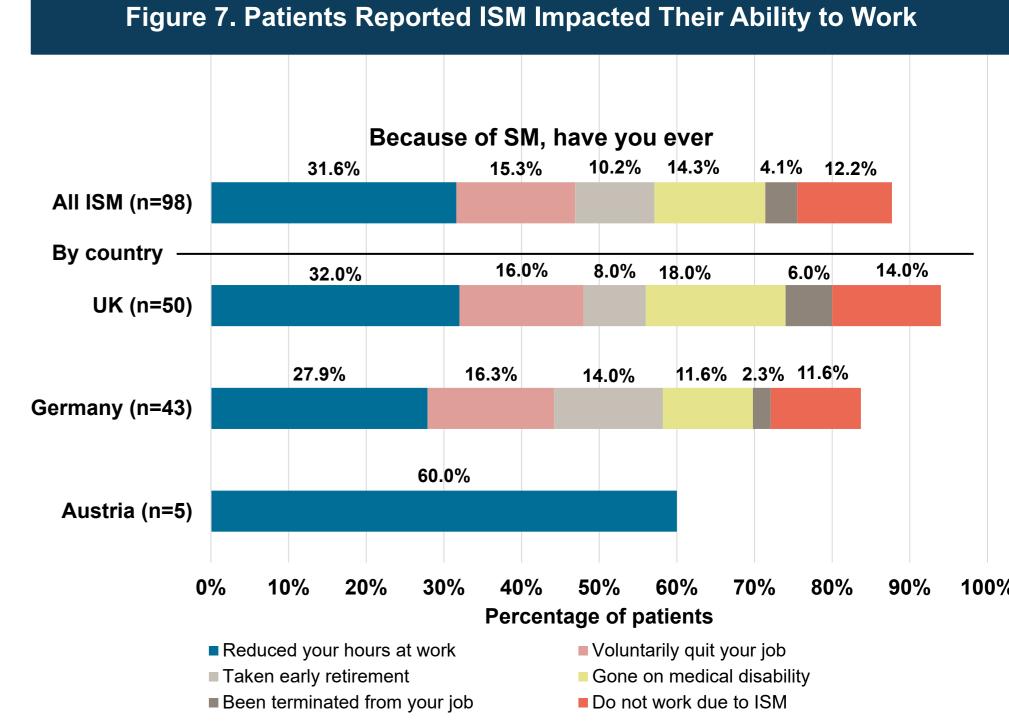


Figure 4. The Most Commonly Reported Primary Signs and Symptoms of ISM Were Skin- and GI-Related





Conclusions

- Interim data from the PRISM survey demonstrate that patients with ISM experience high burden of disease, including moderate-to-severe, disease-related symptoms and poor QoL despite taking multiple over-the-counter and prescription medications
- The burden of ISM has a significant impact on patients' ability to work, causing one third of patients to reduce hours at work, 15% of patients to quit their jobs, and 12% of patients do not work because of ISM
- These patient-reported data highlight that there is a substantial burden of disease experienced by patients with ISM and demonstrate an ongoing need to advance treatment options beyond supportive care

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