# The Impact of Bowel Urgency on the Lives of Patients with Ulcerative Colitis in the US and Europe: Communicating **Needs and Features of IBD Experiences (CONFIDE) Survey**

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## **BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES**

- Moderate to severe ulcerative colitis (UC) exerts a significant burden on patients' lives<sup>1</sup>
- Patients with UC report that bowel urgency has a substantial negative impact on their quality of life and psychosocial functioning<sup>2</sup>, however, this symptom is missing from most disease activity indices
- The Communicating Needs and Features of IBD Experiences (CONFIDE) study aims to increase the understanding of the experience and impact of symptoms on patients' lives and elucidate any gaps in communication between healthcare professionals (HCPs) and patients with moderate to severe UC and Crohn's disease (CD) in the United States (US), Europe (EUR), and Japan
- These data focus on patients with moderate to severe UC in the US and EUR

## RESULTS

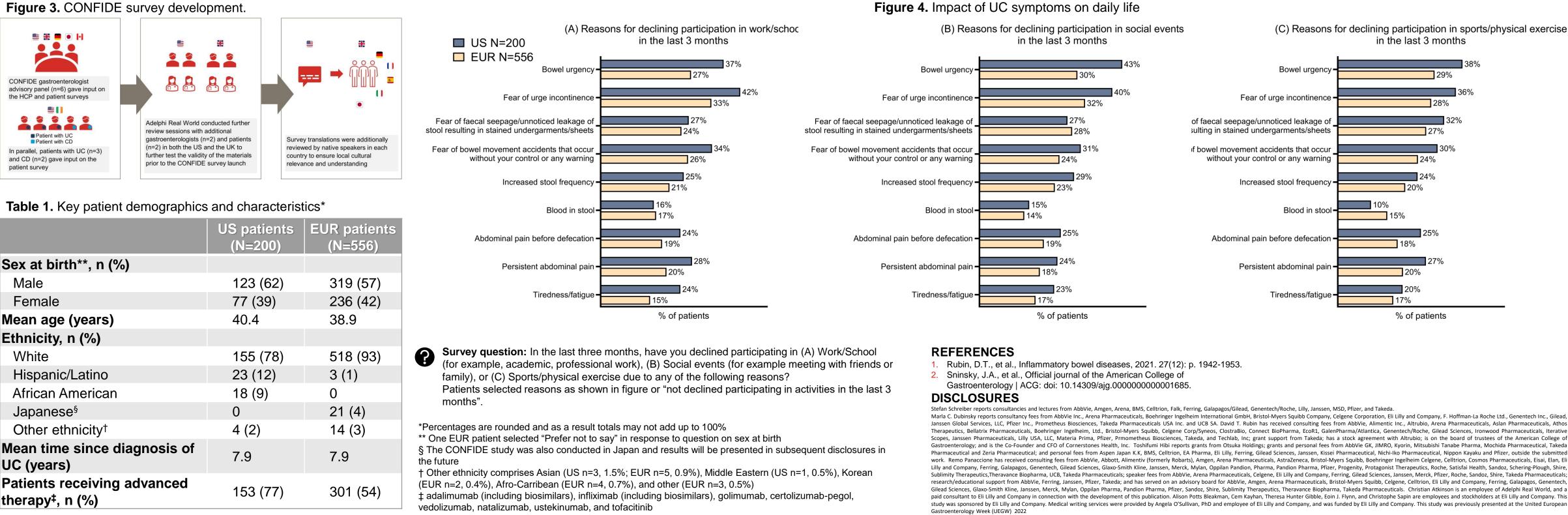
- A total of 200 US patients and 556 EUR patients completed the survey (Table 1)
- The top 3 symptoms experienced in the last month by US and EUR patients were diarrhoea (63% and 50%, respectively), bowel urgency (47% and 30%), and increased stool frequency (39% and 30%)
- 45% of US and 37% of EUR patients reported wearing a diaper/pad/protection at least once a week in the past 3 months due to fear/anticipation of urge incontinence (Figure 1)
- Among patients on advanced therapy, 47% of US and 38% of EUR patients reported wearing a diaper/pad/protection at least once a week in the past 3 months due to fear/anticipation of urge incontinence (Figure 1)

## **METHODS**

- Online, quantitative, cross-sectional surveys were conducted in the US and Europe (EUR: France, Germany, Italy, Spain, and UK) with patients with self-reported, HCPdiagnosed moderate to severe UC
- Moderate to severe UC was defined using criteria based on previous treatment experience, steroid use, and/or hospitalization
- Data included patient perspectives on their UC symptoms and social life, work/school life, and ability to participate in sports/physical activities
- Patients were defined as ever experiencing bowel urgency or urge incontinence (bowel urgency related accidents) if they selected these symptoms in response to the survey question: "Which symptoms have you ever suffered from?"
- Descriptive statistics summarize the data
- Key patient eligibility criteria
- Patient inclusion criteria
- Male or female, aged ≥18 years
- Have an HCP diagnosis of UC (patient self-reported)
- Have active disease of at least moderate severity as defined by meeting at least one of the following criteria
- -Received anti-TNF, anti-integrin, JAK inhibitor, anti-IL-12/23, or immunomodulator treatment within the last 12 months
- -Duration of steroid treatment of at least one month out of the last twelve months
- -Hospitalized for at least 4 consecutive weeks in the last 5 years
- Patient exclusion criteria
- Have had a colectomy
- No more than 20% of full sample with concomitant irritable bowel syndrome. diagnosis in each country

Figure 2. Key eligibility criteria for participation in the patient survey.

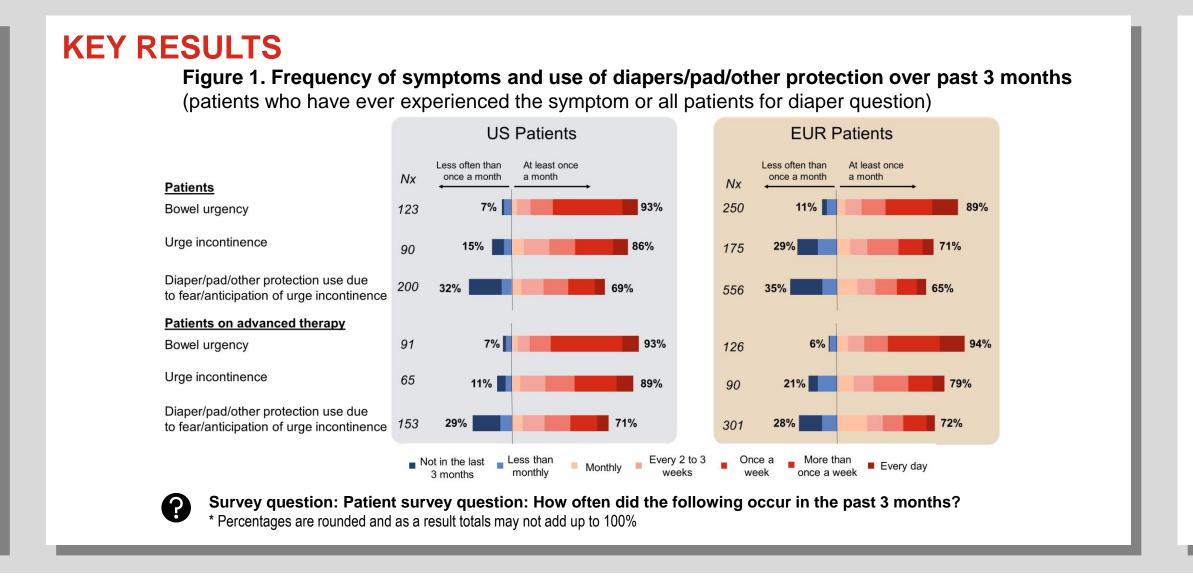
### Figure 3. CONFIDE survey development.



|  | US patients<br>(N=200) | EUR pat<br>(N=58 |
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| Sex at birth**, n (%)                                    |                        |                  |
| Male   | 123 (62)               | 319 (            |
| Female   | 77 (39)                | 236 (            |
| Mean age (years)   | 40.4                   | 38.9             |
| Ethnicity, n (%)   |                        |                  |
| White  | 155 (78)               | 518 (            |
| Hispanic/Latino  | 23 (12)                | 3 (1)            |
| African American   | 18 (9)                 | 0                |
| Japanese <sup>§</sup>                                    | 0                      | 21 (4)           |
| Other ethnicity <sup>†</sup>                             | 4 (2)                  | 14 (3)           |
| Mean time since diagnosis of UC (years)                  | 7.9                    | 7.9              |
| Patients receiving advanced therapy <sup>‡</sup> , n (%) | 153 (77)               | 301 (            |

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## **CONCLUSIONS**

- Bowel urgency, the second-most frequently reported symptom, has an extensive impact on the lives of patients with moderate to severe UC
- In this younger patient population, including patients receiving advanced therapies, almost two thirds of patients reported wearing diapers/pads/protection at least once a month in the past 3 months due to fear/anticipation of urge incontinence
- Among patients who have ever experienced urge incontinence, including patients receiving advanced therapies, over 70% of patients reported doing so at least once a month over the past 3 months
- Use of diaper/pad/protection in the past 3 months was more frequent among US patients potentially suggesting a greater impact on these patients
- Patients reported bowel urgency and fear of urge incontinence as the top reasons for declining participation in social events, work/school, and sports/physical exercise

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