

Supplementary Table 6. BEC between ICS and non-ICS users

Parameter	Overall	ICS	Non-ICS	<i>p</i> value
BEC at baseline				
No.	1,647	595	825	
Mean $\pm$ SD	240.5 $\pm$ 270.1	257 $\pm$ 287.9	227.7 $\pm$ 260.9	0.3590
GM $\pm$ GSD	167.4 $\pm$ 0.9	173.4 $\pm$ 0.9	162.2 $\pm$ 0.8	-
Median (IQR)	167.9 (98.1–289.4)	167.4 (100.0–301.0)	167.0 (94.0–276.8)	-
BEC at 12-months				
No.	696	335	138	
Mean $\pm$ SD	249.1 $\pm$ 315.8	254.1 $\pm$ 313.5	253.1 $\pm$ 418.2	0.2100
GM $\pm$ GSD	173.9 $\pm$ 0.9	176.3 $\pm$ 0.9	160.8 $\pm$ 0.9	-
Median (IQR)	175.1 (103.6–296.9)	182.7 (100.6–309.1)	155.1 (109.6–250.8)	-
BEC at 24-months				
No.	435	219	86	
Mean $\pm$ SD	222.3 $\pm$ 205.3	242.8 $\pm$ 246.4	201.5 $\pm$ 151.7	0.5297
GM $\pm$ GSD	164.8 $\pm$ 0.8	168.9 $\pm$ 0.9	163.5 $\pm$ 0.7	-
Median (IQR)	168.2 (101.7–281.0)	172.2 (102.3–299.2)	159.2 (101.8–250.9)	-

BEC, blood eosinophil count; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; SD, standard deviation; GM, geometric mean; GSD, geometric standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range.