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Asma e BPCO: le strategie terapeutiche



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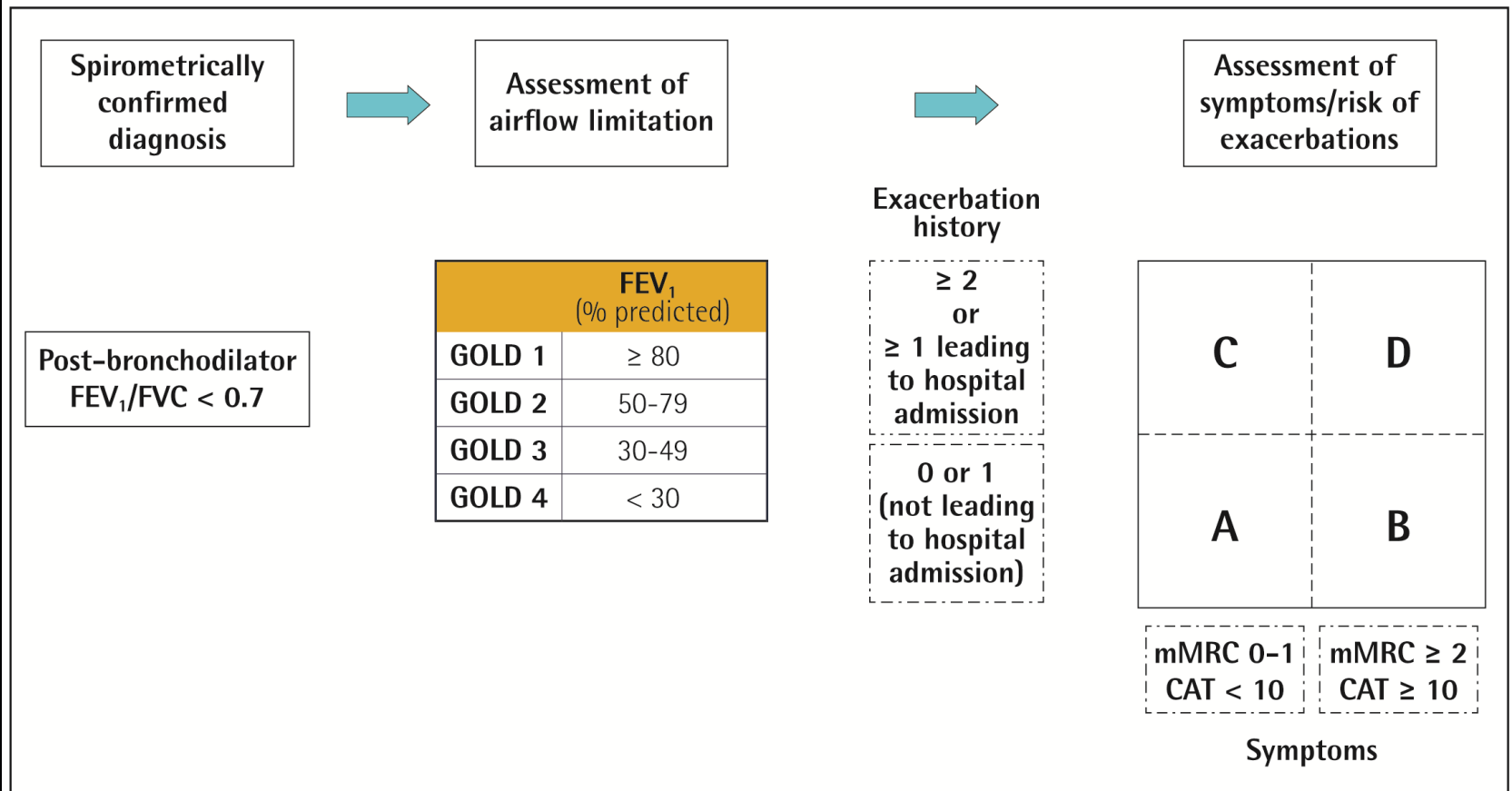
COPD Definition

- ▶ **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)** is a common, preventable and treatable disease that is characterized by persistent respiratory symptoms and airflow limitation that is due to airway and/or alveolar abnormalities usually caused by significant exposure to noxious particles or gases.



ABCD Assessment Tool

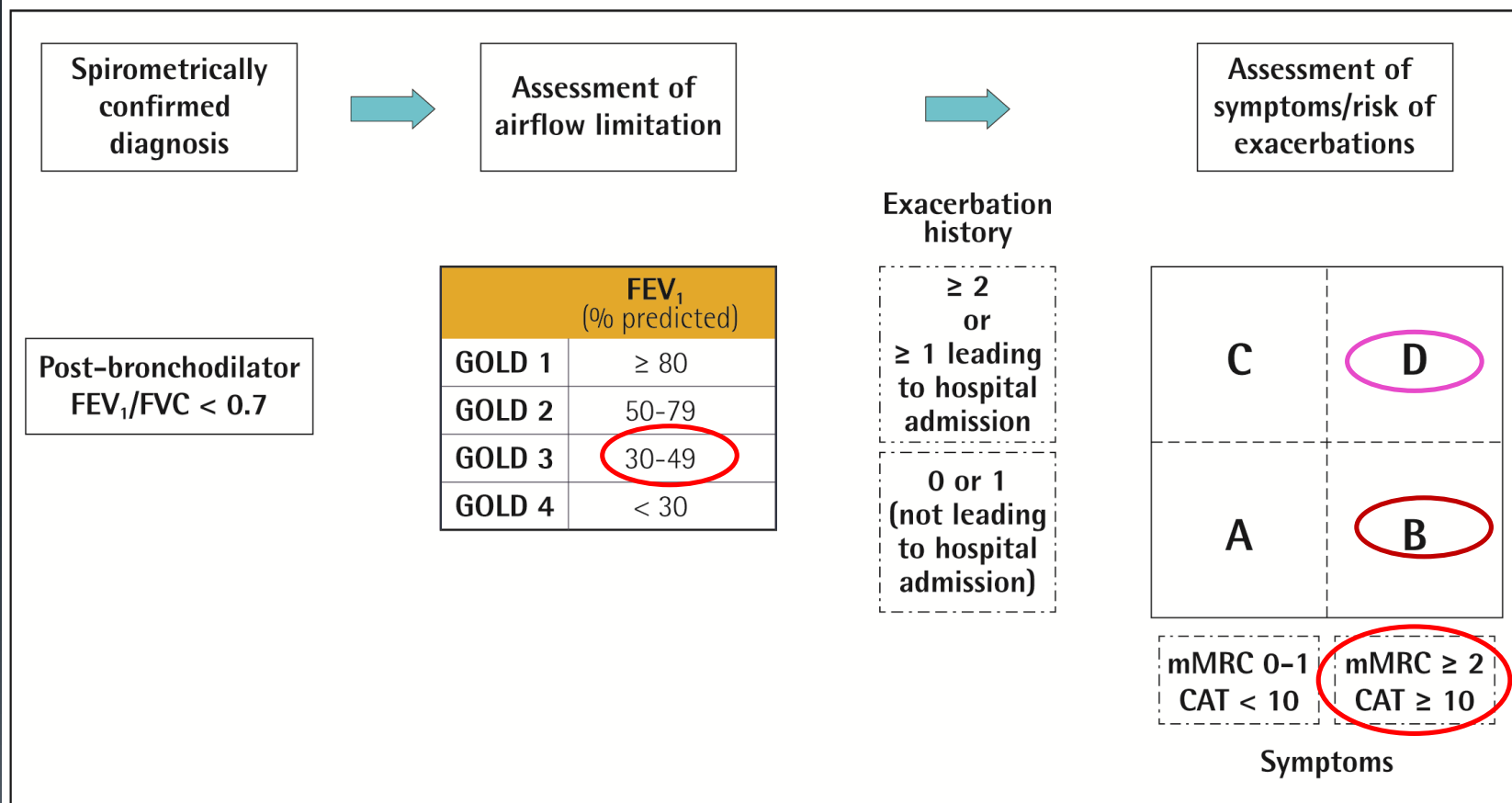
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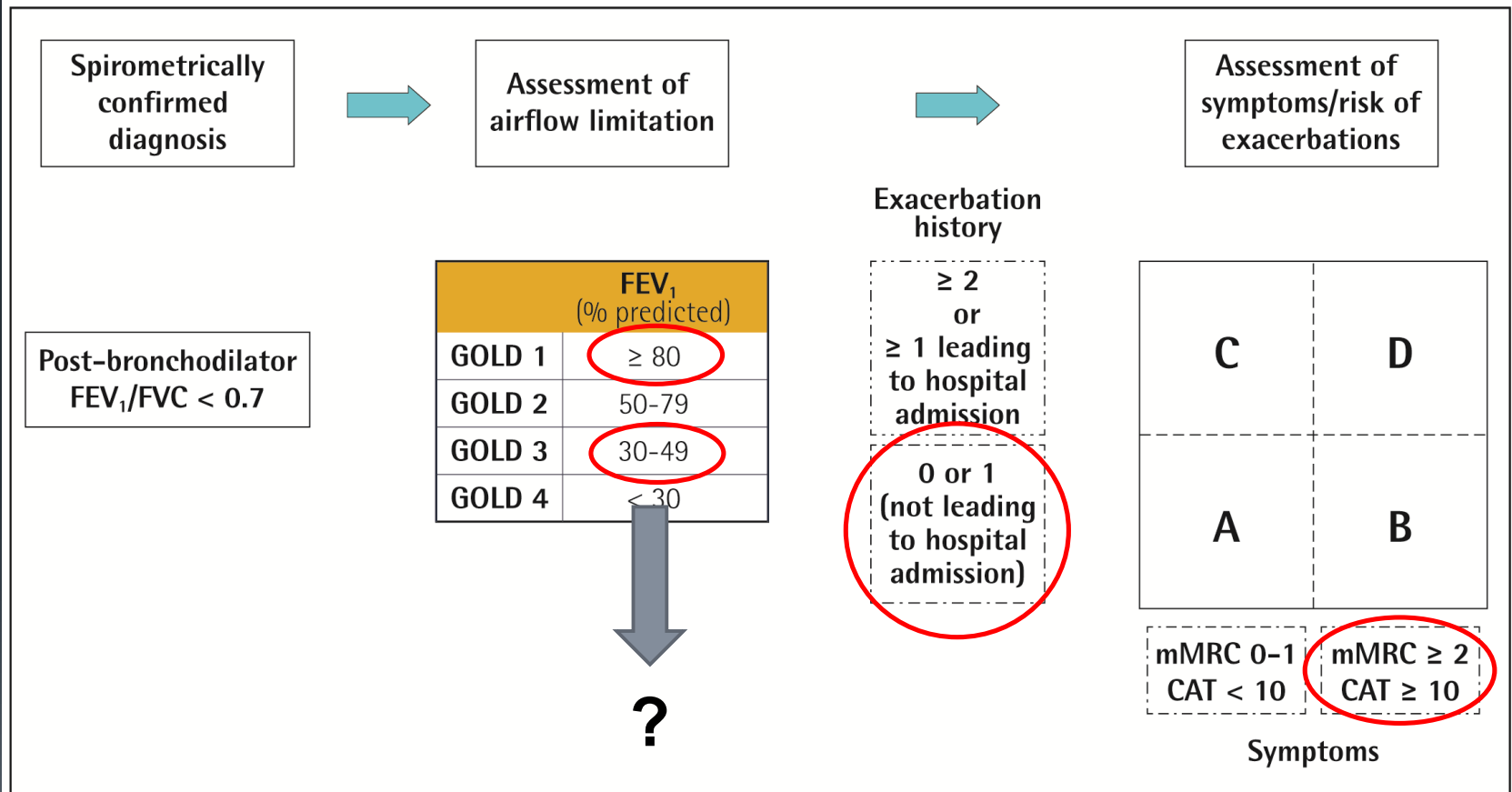
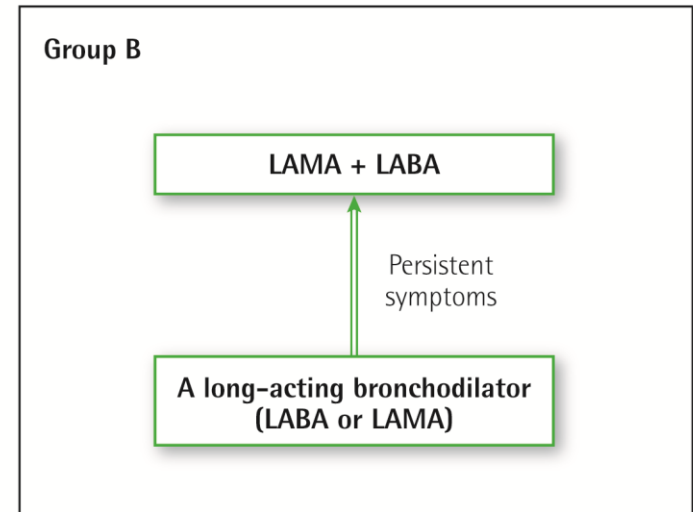
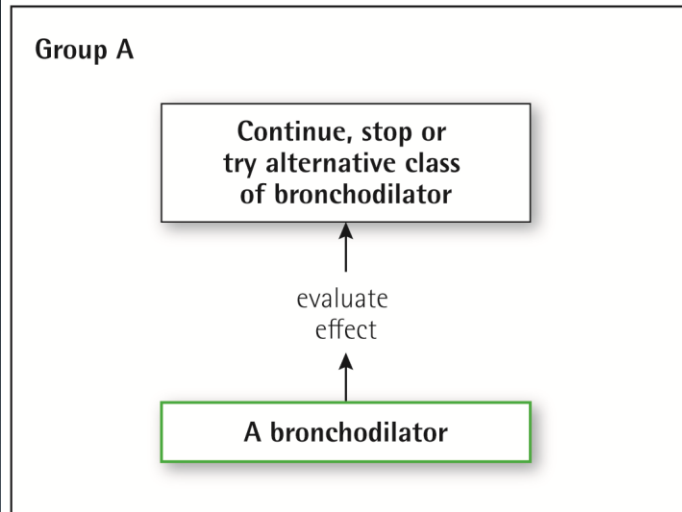
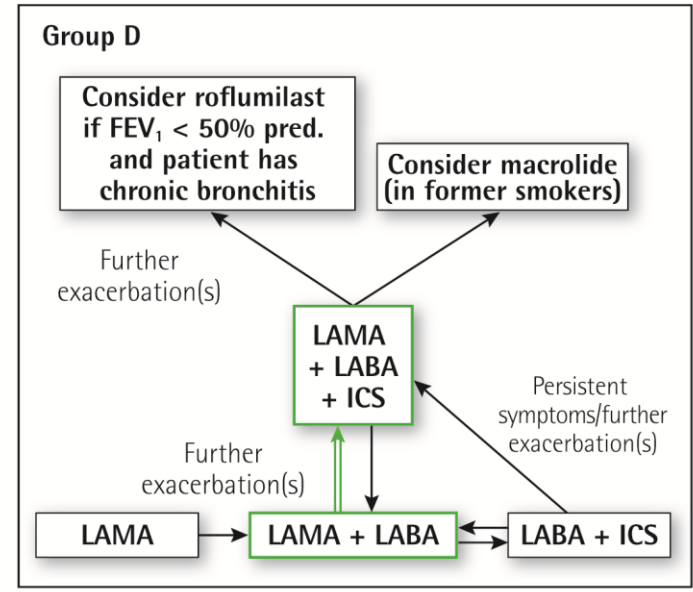
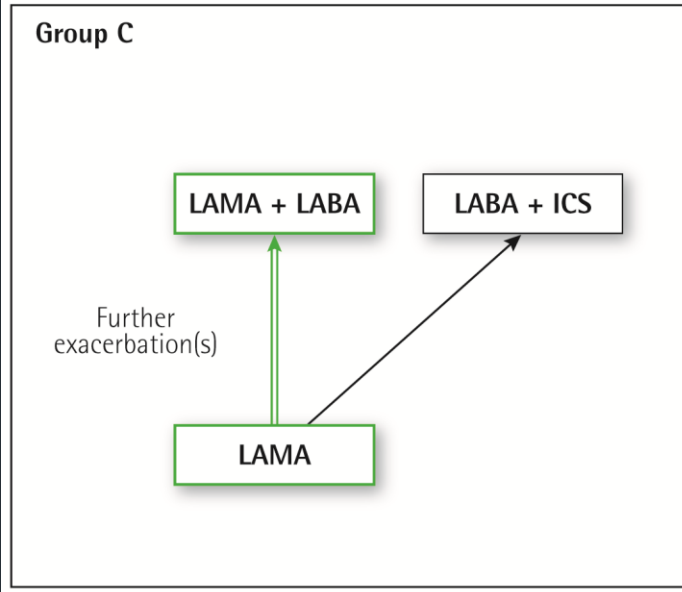




Figure 4.1. Pharmacologic treatment algorithms by GOLD Grade [highlighted boxes and arrows indicate preferred treatment pathways]



Preferred treatment = →

In patients with a major discrepancy between the perceived level of symptoms and severity of airflow limitation, further evaluation is warranted.

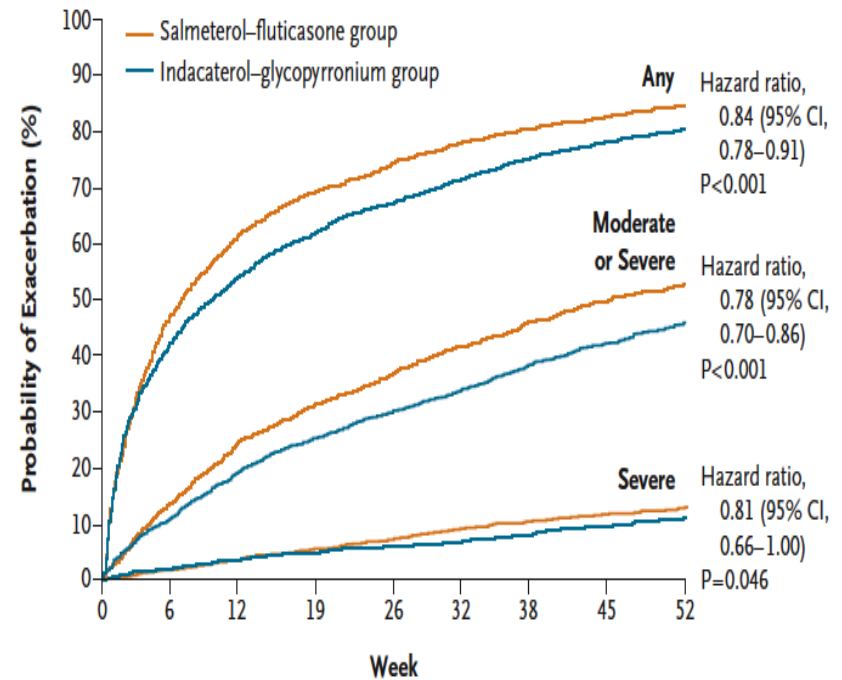
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium versus Salmeterol–Fluticasone for COPD

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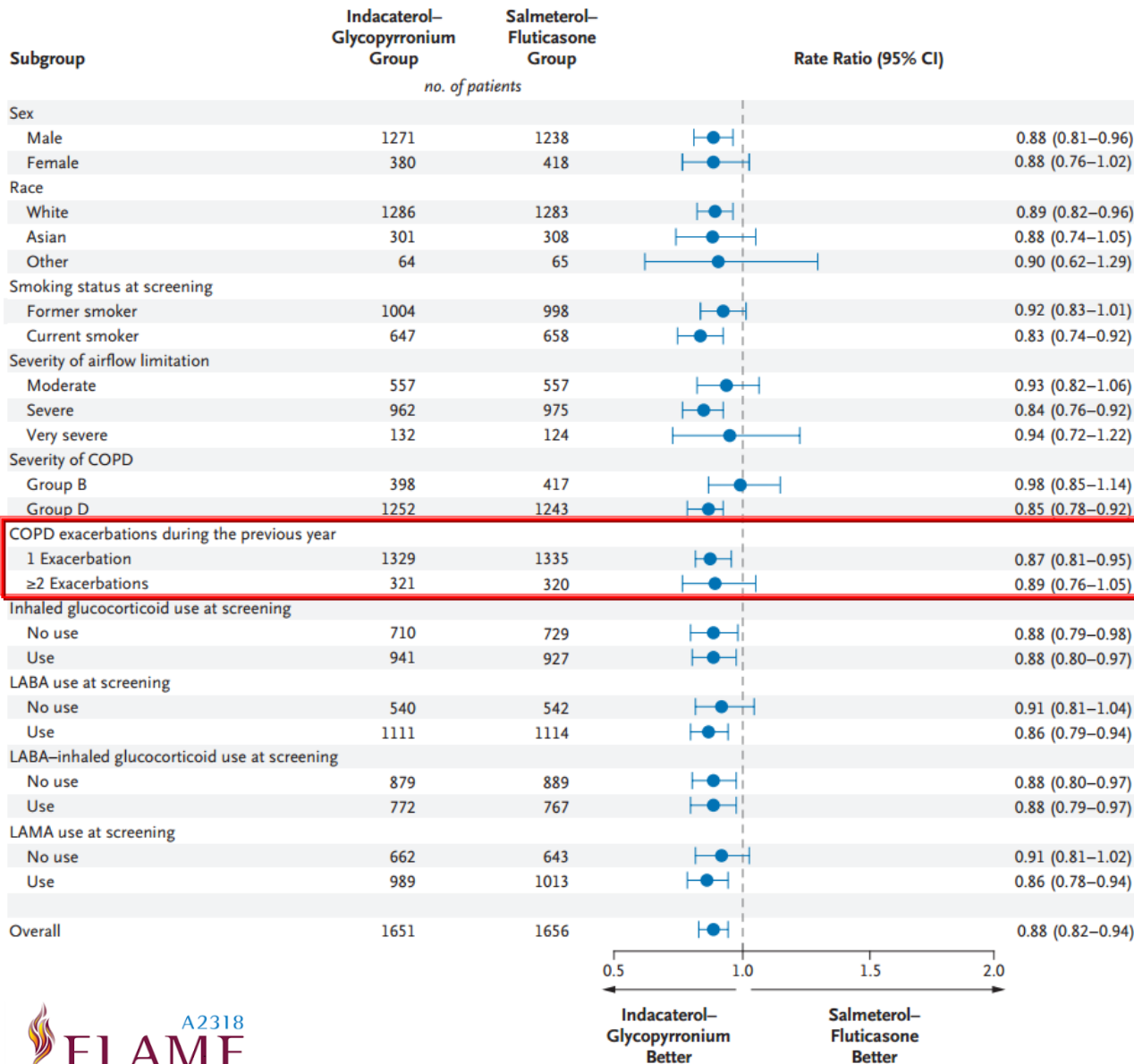
Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.*

Characteristic	Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium Group (N=1680)	Salmeterol–Fluticasone Group (N=1682)	All Patients (N=3362)
Age—yr	64.6±7.9	64.5±7.7	64.6±7.8
Male sex—no. (%)	1299 (77.3)	1258 (74.8)	2557 (76.1)
Duration of COPD—yr	7.2±5.3	7.3±5.5	7.3±5.4
Use of inhaled glucocorticoids at screening—no. (%)	954 (56.8)	939 (55.8)	1893 (56.3)
Current smoker—no. (%)	664 (39.5)	669 (39.8)	1333 (39.6)
Severity of COPD—no. (%)†			
Group A	2 (0.1)	0	2 (0.1)
Group B	400 (23.8)	422 (25.1)	822 (24.4)
Group C	1 (0.1)	2 (0.1)	3 (0.1)
Group D	1265 (75.3)	1249 (74.3)	2514 (74.8)
Post-bronchodilator FEV ₁ —liters	1.2±0.3	1.2±0.4	1.2±0.3
Post-bronchodilator FEV ₁ —% of predicted value	44.0±9.5	44.1±9.4	44.1±9.5
Post-bronchodilator ratio of FEV ₁ to FVC—%	41.7±9.8	41.5±9.9	41.6±9.9
Total score on the SGRQ-C‡	47.3±15.8	47.2±15.9	47.3±15.8



LABA/LAMA vs ICS/LABA

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TO THE EDITOR: The majority of patients recruited into the FLAME trial met the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease guidelines group D criterion of low FEV₁, whereas only a minority (19.3%) met the frequent-exacerbation criterion of two or more exacerbations in the previous year.¹ Patients with frequent exacerbations and high eosinophil counts are more likely to benefit from inhaled-glucocorticoid-containing therapy than from therapies without inhaled glucocorticoids.^{2,3} The FLAME trial shows a significant difference between long-acting beta-agonist (LABA)–long-acting muscarinic antagonist treatment and LABA–inhaled glucocorticoid treatment in reducing exacerbations in patients with one exacerbation, but not in those with two or more exacerbations, in the previous year (Fig. 3 of the article, and Fig. S6B in the Supplementary Appendix of the article). We wonder about the efficacy of the tested treatments in patients with frequent exacerbations (two or more in the previous year) when stratified according to baseline blood eosinophil levels.

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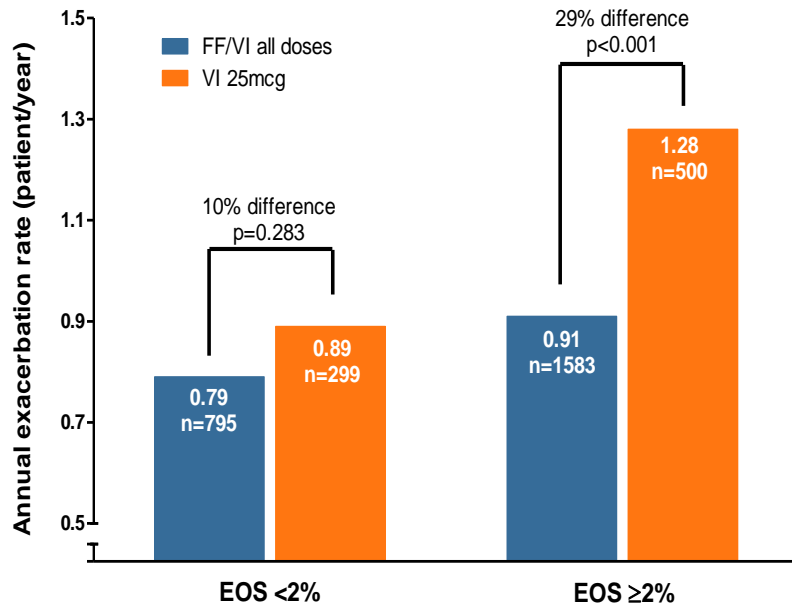
Blood eosinophil count and exacerbation risk in patients with COPD

Of 64,847 identified patients with COPD, 3318 were eligible for inclusion in the study (56% men and mean±SD age of 70±10 years). Modified Medical Research Council (mMRC) scores were available for 6660 of these patients, for determining GOLD groups [6]. During the follow-up year, 40% of patients with reference eosinophil counts, 42% with elevated counts, and 43% with low counts experienced ≥ 1 COPD exacerbations, whereas 16%, 18%, and 17%, respectively, experienced ≥ 2 COPD exacerbations. Overall patients with elevated blood eosinophil counts (8.9%) had a 13% higher exacerbation rate during the following year than patients in the reference group (87.7%). When investigating this association in different patient subgroups, we found a significant difference between ex-smokers and current smokers, with ex-smokers showing the higher exacerbation rate in patients with elevated blood eosinophil counts (table 1). We further compared exacerbation rates in four different patient subgroups, defined by smoking

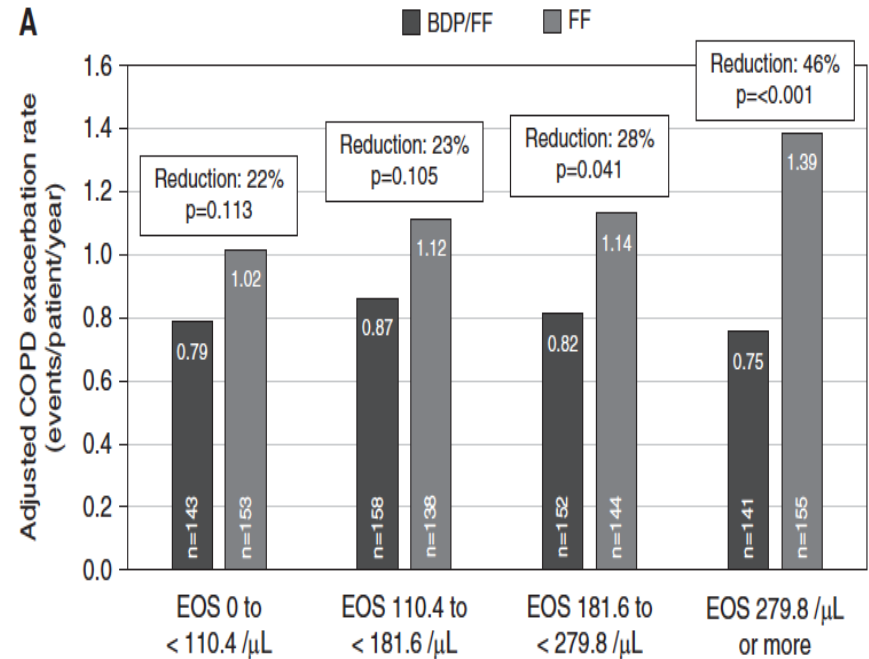
(Kerhof et al. ERJ 2017)

Eosinophils in blood and response to ICS treatment in COPD

Exacerbations (per annum) by treatment and EOS level at screening

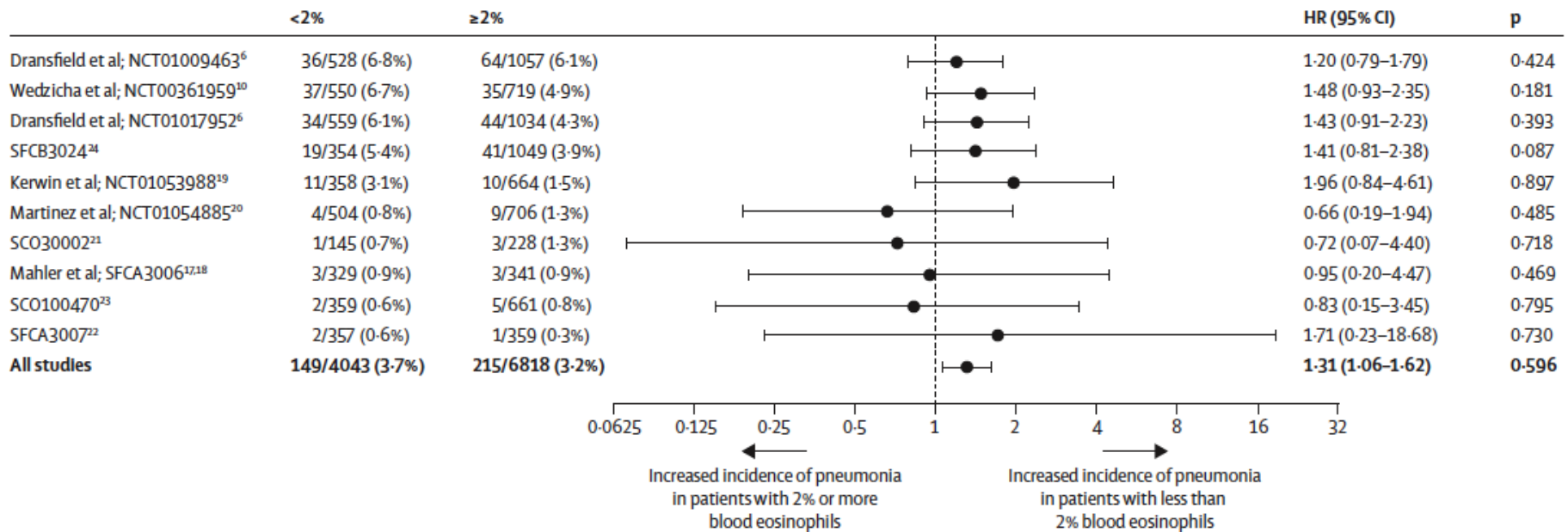


Pascoe S, Lancet Resp Med 2015



(Siddiqui et al. AJRCCM 2015)

Blood eosinophil count and pneumonia risk in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a patient-level meta-analysis

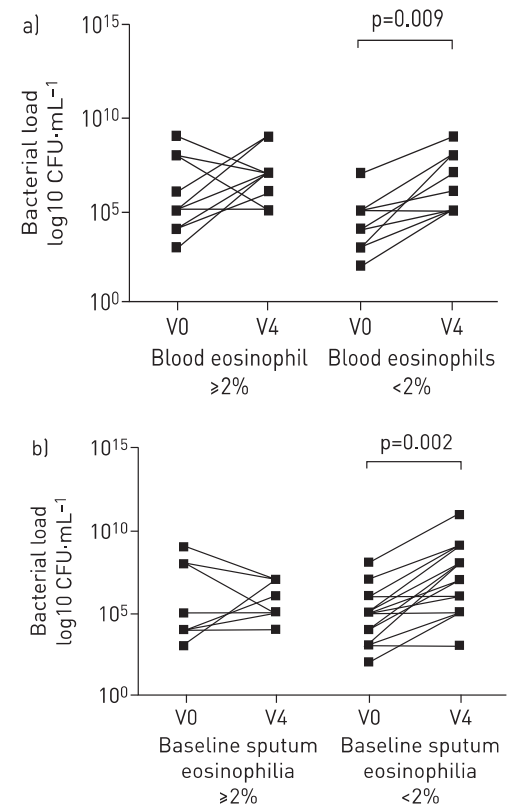
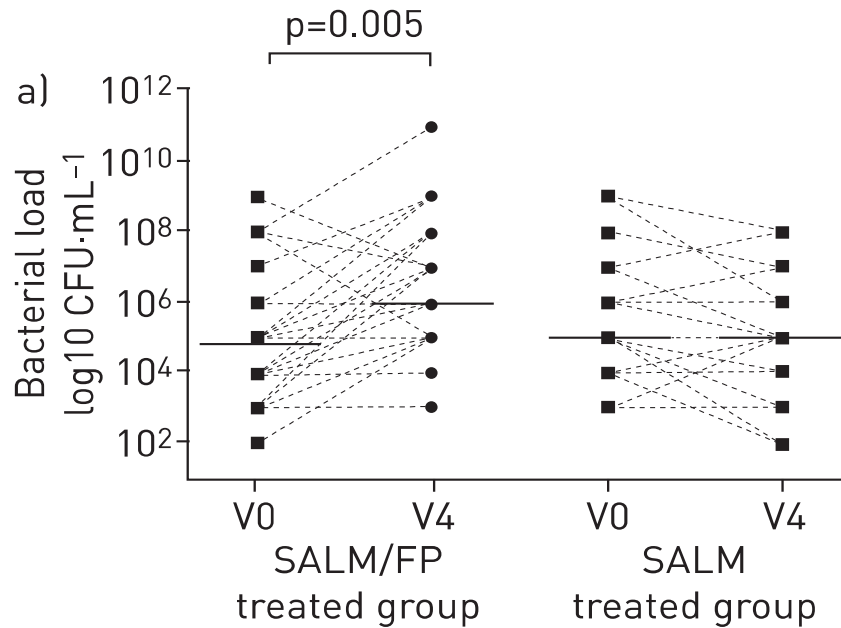


(Pavord et al. *Lancet Respir Med* 2016)

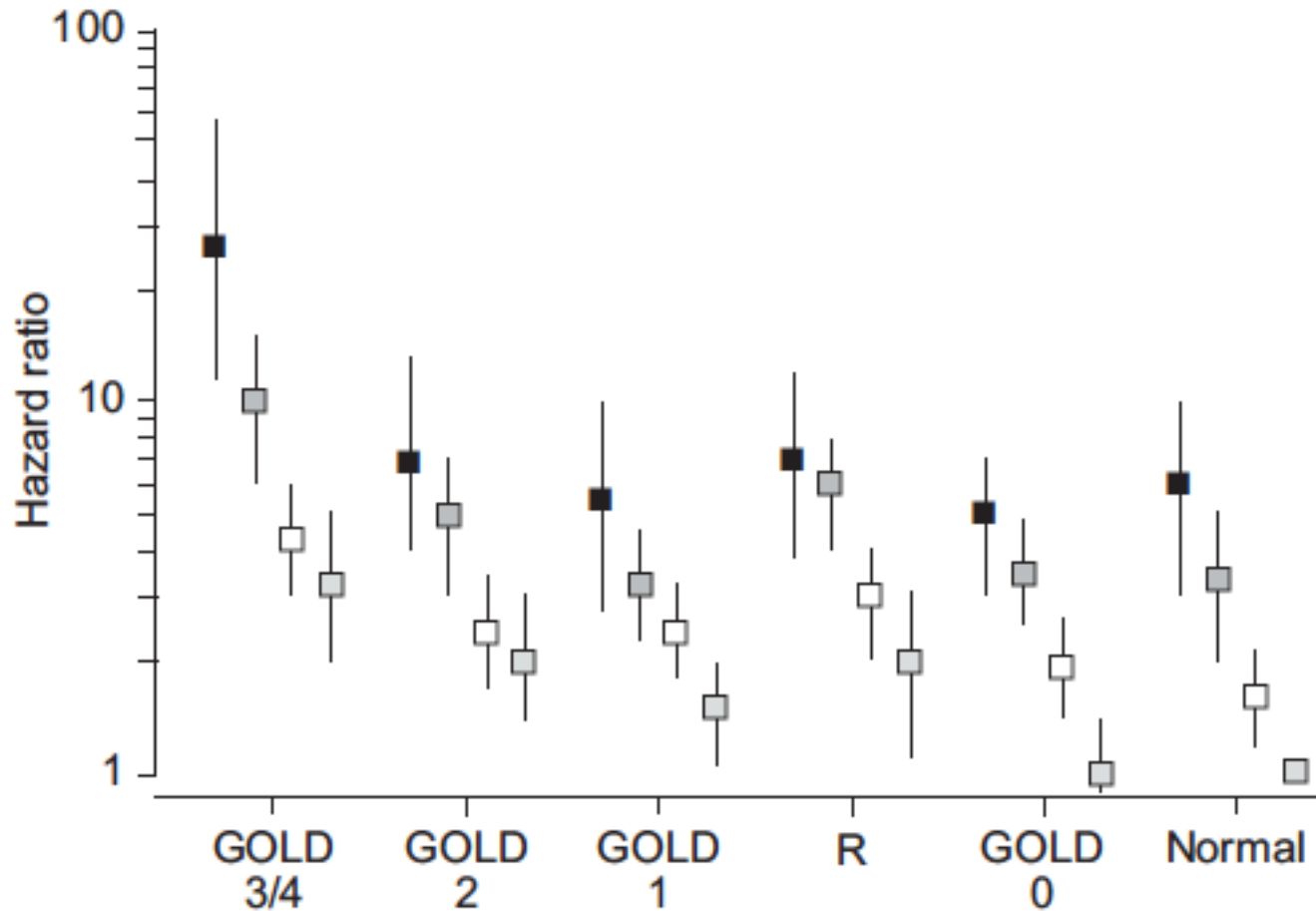


Long-term effects of inhaled corticosteroids on sputum bacterial and viral loads in COPD

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Comorbidities and mortality



(Mannino et al. ERJ 2008)



COPD and Comorbidities

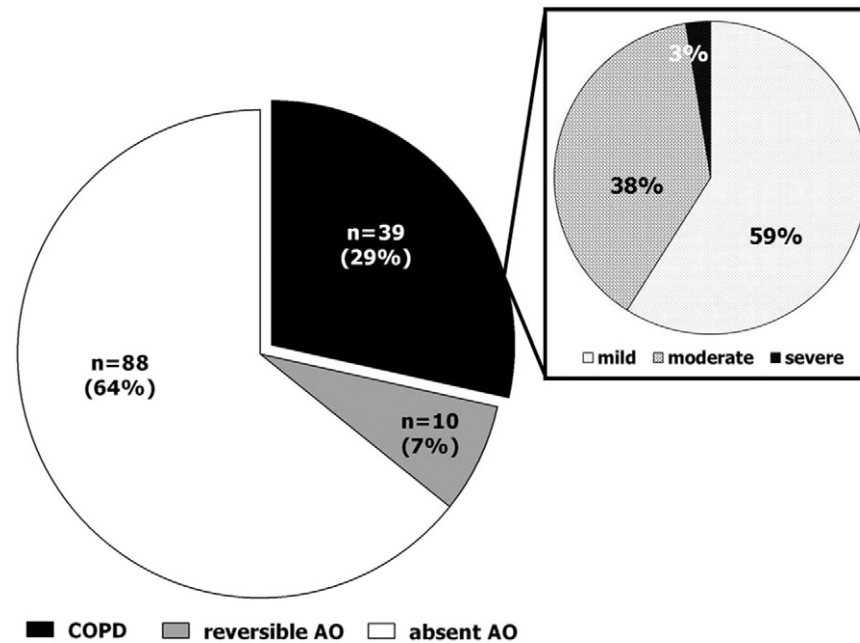
OVERALL KEY POINTS

- ▶ COPD often coexists with other diseases (comorbidities) that may have a significant impact on disease course.
- ▶ In general, the presence of comorbidities should not alter COPD treatment and comorbidities should be treated per usual standards regardless of the presence of COPD.
- ▶ Lung cancer is frequently seen in patients with COPD and is a main cause of death.
- ▶ Osteoporosis and depression/anxiety are frequent, important comorbidities in COPD, are often under-diagnosed, and are associated with poor health status and prognosis.
- ▶ Gastroesophageal reflux (GERD) is associated with an increased risk of exacerbations and poorer health status.
- ▶ Cardiovascular diseases are common and important comorbidities in COPD.

Predischarge screening for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in patients with acute coronary syndrome and smoking history



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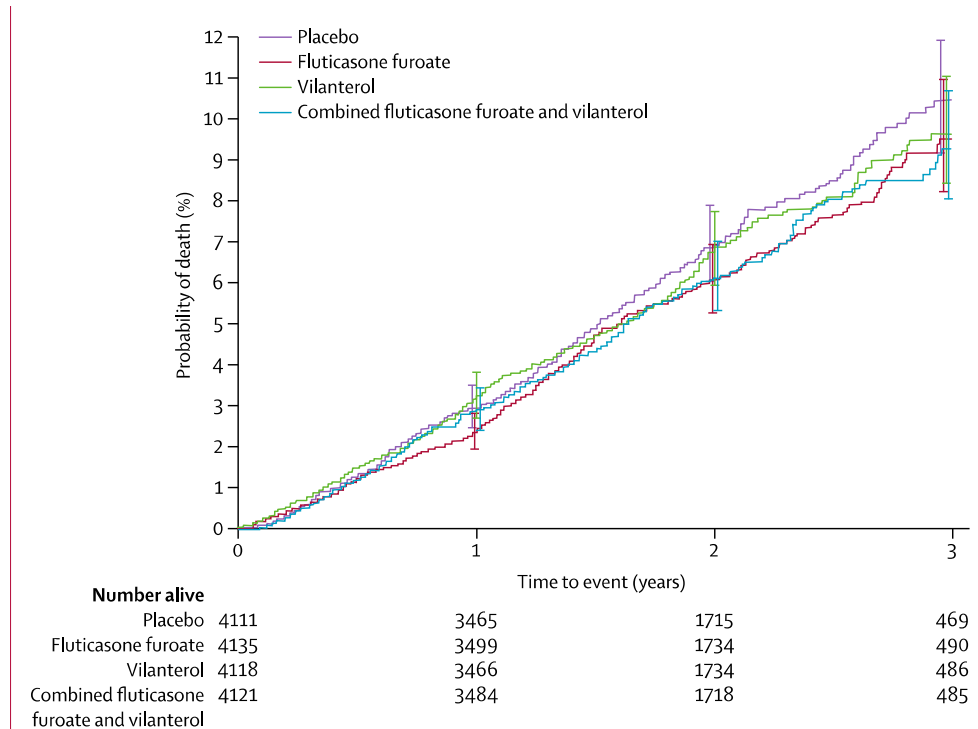


Fluticasone furoate and vilanterol and survival in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with heightened cardiovascular risk (SUMMIT): a double-blind randomised controlled trial



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	Placebo (n=4111)	Fluticasone furoate (n=4135)	Vilanterol (n=4118)	Combination therapy (n=4121)
Age (years)	65 (8)	65 (8)	65 (8)	65 (8)
Women	1040 (25%)	1082 (26%)	1065 (26%)	1009 (24%)
Race				
White	3328 (81%)	3358 (81%)	3339 (81%)	3332 (81%)
Asian	682 (17%)	683 (17%)	680 (17%)	679 (16%)
Other	101 (2%)	94 (2%)	99 (2%)	110 (3%)
Body-mass index (kg/m ²)	28 (6)	28 (6)	28 (6)	28 (6)
Current smokers	1936 (47%)	1945 (47%)	1929 (47%)	1868 (45%)
Smoking history (pack-years)	41 (25)	41 (24)	41 (24)	41 (24)
Post-bronchodilator FEV ₁ (L)	1.70 (0.40)	1.70 (0.41)	1.70 (0.40)	1.70 (0.40)
Predicted post-bronchodilator FEV ₁ (%)	59.7 (6.1)	59.6 (6.1)	59.7 (6.1)	59.7 (6.1)
FEV ₁ reversibility (as a % of pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁)	8.4% (12.1)	7.9% (11.7)	8.3% (12.2)	8.0% (11.8)
Pre-study COPD therapy				
Long-acting β agonist	1417 (34%)	1432 (35%)	1464 (36%)	1456 (35%)
Long-acting muscarinic agonist	659 (16%)	619 (15%)	634 (15%)	638 (15%)
Inhaled corticosteroid	1349 (33%)	1369 (33%)	1374 (33%)	1394 (34%)
Pre-study exacerbations in 12 months before study				
0	2447 (60%)	2546 (62%)	2500 (61%)	2528 (61%)
1	1044 (25%)	990 (24%)	988 (24%)	998 (24%)
2+	620 (15%)	599 (14%)	630 (15%)	595 (14%)
Cardiovascular inclusion criteria*				
Manifest disease				
Coronary artery disease	2103 (51%)	2119 (51%)	2044 (50%)	2113 (51%)
Peripheral arterial disease	766 (19%)	755 (18%)	817 (20%)	807 (20%)
Previous stroke	404 (10%)	418 (10%)	387 (9%)	386 (9%)
Previous myocardial infarction	658 (16%)	664 (16%)	722 (18%)	730 (18%)
Diabetes with target organ disease	374 (9%)	355 (9%)	377 (9%)	397 (10%)
At risk				
Hypercholesterolaemia	2112 (66%)	2051 (65%)	2191 (67%)	2125 (66%)
Hypertension	2861 (89%)	2835 (89%)	2900 (89%)	2882 (90%)
Diabetes mellitus	850 (27%)	870 (27%)	874 (27%)	886 (28%)
Peripheral arterial disease	279 (9%)	264 (8%)	301 (9%)	310 (10%)



(2016)

Original Article

Inhaled corticosteroid/long-acting bronchodilator treatment mitigates STEMI clinical presentation in COPD patients

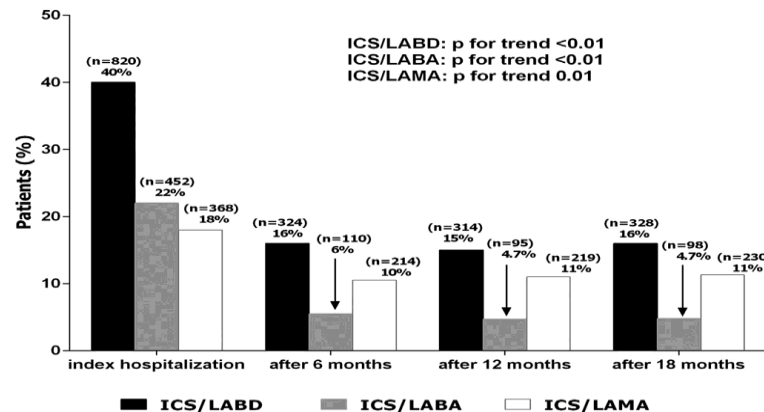
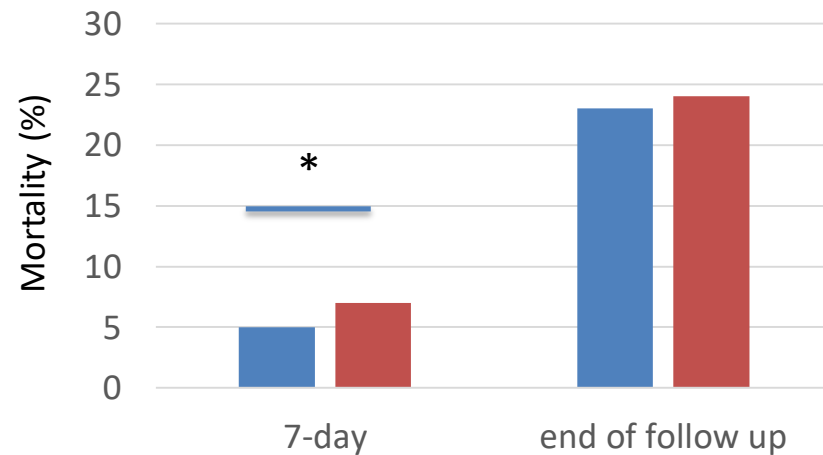
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Table 2

Clinical presentation of ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI).

	COPD patients (n = 2032)	No ICS/LABD (n = 1212)	ICS/LABD (n = 820)	p
Pulmonary oedema no. (%)	353 (17)	237 (20)	116 (14)	0.009
Cardiogenic shock no. (%)	236 (12)	161 (13)	75 (9)	0.01
IABP use no. (%)	136 (7)	96 (8)	40 (5)	0.02
Heart rate (bpm)	78 ± 18	78 ± 18	77 ± 19	0.7
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	125 ± 28	123 ± 30	127 ± 28	0.02

COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. ICS: inhaled corticosteroid. LABD: long-acting bronchodilator; IABP: intra-aortic balloon pump.



Definition of asthma



Asthma is a heterogeneous disease, usually characterized by chronic airway inflammation.

It is defined by the history of respiratory symptoms such as wheeze, shortness of breath, chest tightness and cough that vary over time and in intensity, together with variable expiratory airflow limitation.

What is known about asthma?



- Asthma is a common and potentially serious chronic disease that can be controlled but not cured
- Asthma can be effectively treated
- When asthma is well-controlled, patients can
 - ✓ Avoid troublesome symptoms during the day and night
 - ✓ Need little or no reliever medication
 - ✓ Have productive, physically active lives
 - ✓ Have normal or near-normal lung function
 - ✓ Avoid serious asthma flare-ups (also called exacerbations, or severe attacks)

GINA assessment of asthma control



A. Symptom control

Level of asthma symptom control

In the past 4 weeks, has the patient had:

- Daytime asthma symptoms more than twice a week? Yes No
- Any night waking due to asthma? Yes No
- Reliever needed for symptoms* more than twice a week? Yes No
- Any activity limitation due to asthma? Yes No

Well-controlled	Partly controlled	Uncontrolled
None of these	1-2 of these	3-4 of these

B. Risk factors for poor asthma outcomes

- Assess risk factors at diagnosis and periodically
- Measure FEV₁ at start of treatment, after 3 to 6 months of treatment to record the patient's personal best, then periodically for ongoing risk assessment

ASSESS PATIENT'S RISKS FOR:

- Exacerbations
- Fixed airflow limitation
- Medication side-effects

Assessing asthma severity

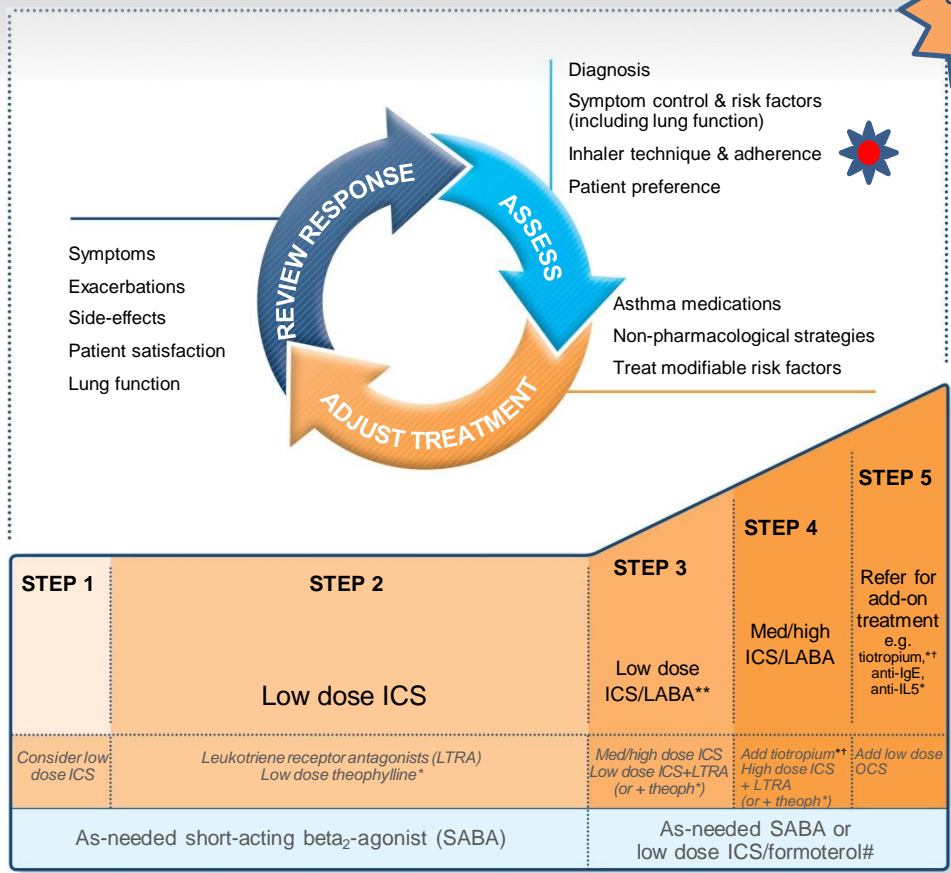


- How?
 - Asthma severity is assessed retrospectively from the level of treatment required to control symptoms and exacerbations
- When?
 - Assess asthma severity after patient has been on controller treatment for several months
 - Severity is not static – it may change over months or years, or as different treatments become available
- Categories of asthma severity
 - *Mild asthma*: well-controlled with Steps 1 or 2 (as-needed SABA or low dose ICS)
 - *Moderate asthma*: well-controlled with Step 3 (low-dose ICS/LABA)
 - *Severe asthma*: requires Step 4/5 (moderate or high dose ICS/LABA ± add-on), or remains uncontrolled despite this treatment

Stepwise approach to control asthma symptoms and reduce risk



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REMEMBER TO...



- Provide guided self-management education (self-monitoring + written action plan + regular review)
- Treat modifiable risk factors and comorbidities, e.g. smoking, obesity, anxiety
- Advise about non-pharmacological therapies and strategies, e.g. physical activity, weight loss, avoidance of sensitizers where appropriate
- Consider stepping up if ... uncontrolled symptoms, exacerbations or risks, but check diagnosis, inhaler technique and adherence first
- Consider adding SLIT in adult HDM-sensitive patients with allergic rhinitis who have exacerbations despite ICS treatment, provided FEV1 is >70% predicted
- Consider stepping down if ... symptoms controlled for 3 months + low risk for exacerbations. Ceasing ICS is not advised.

Cutoff in IgE-mediated asthma

		IgE levels (IU/mL) (consider weight)	Reference
Anti IgE	Omalizumab	30-1300	Humbert et al. JACI in practice 2014 (Review)

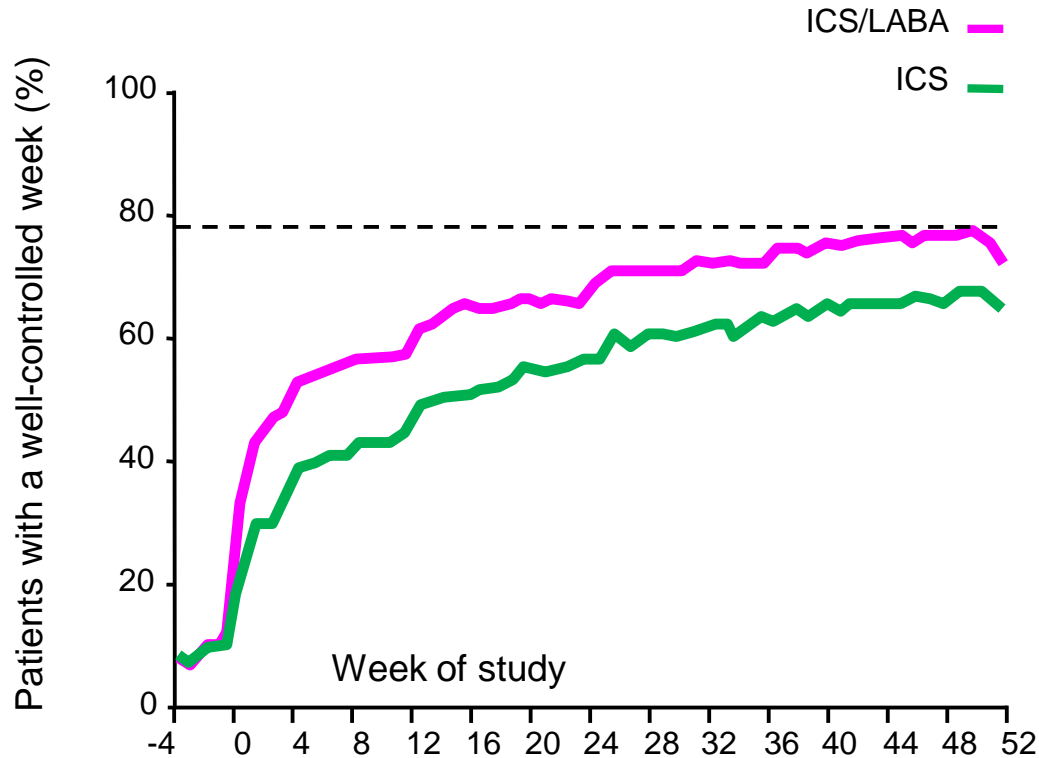
Cutoff in eosinophilic asthma

		Eosinophil level (cells/ μ l)	Reference
Anti IL-5	Reslizumab	≥ 400	Bjermer L, 3081 study (2016), Castro M, 3082 and 3083 study (2015)
	Mepolizumab	≥ 300	Pavord ID, DREAM study (2012)
		≥ 150 at screening or >300 last year	Ortega HG, MENSA study (2014) Bel H, SIRIUS study (2014)
Anti IL-5R	Benralizumab	≥ 300	FitzGerald JM, CALIMA study (2016) Bleeker ER, SIROCCO study (2016)
Anti IL-13	Lebrikizumab	≥ 300	Hanania NA, LAVOLTA I and II study (2016)
Anti IL-4/13	Dupilumab	≥ 300	Wenzel S, N Engl J Med 2013 (IIa phase)

Inhaled treatment regimens

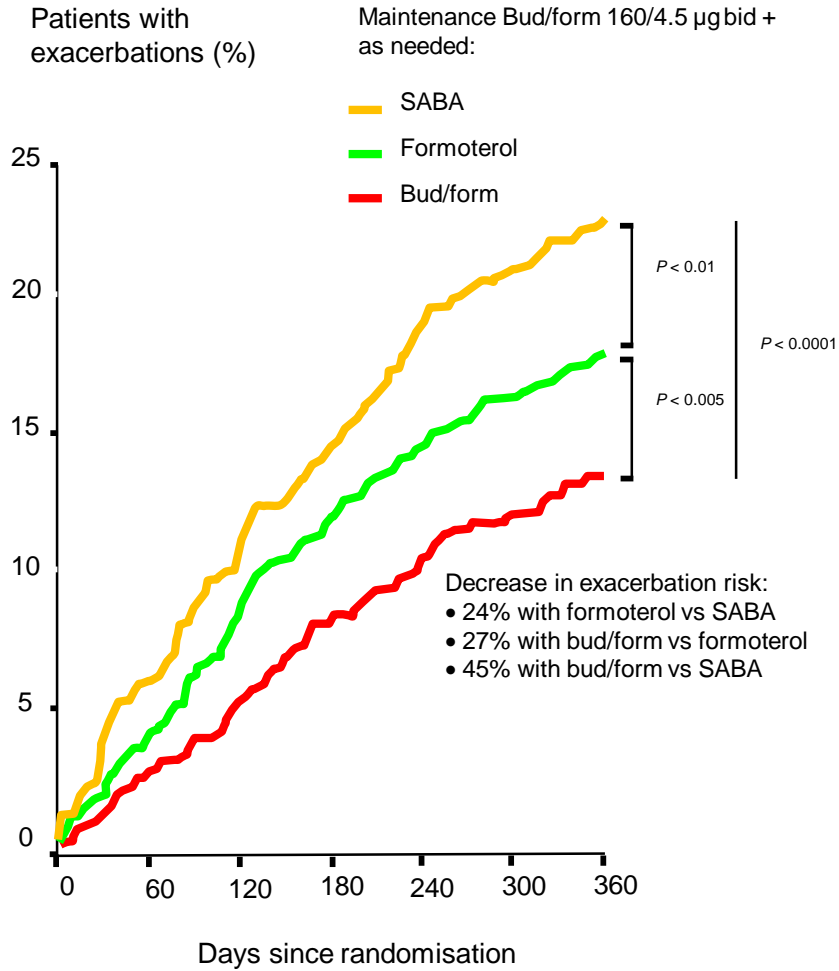
Can guideline-defined asthma control be achieved?

The Gaining Optimal Asthma Control study

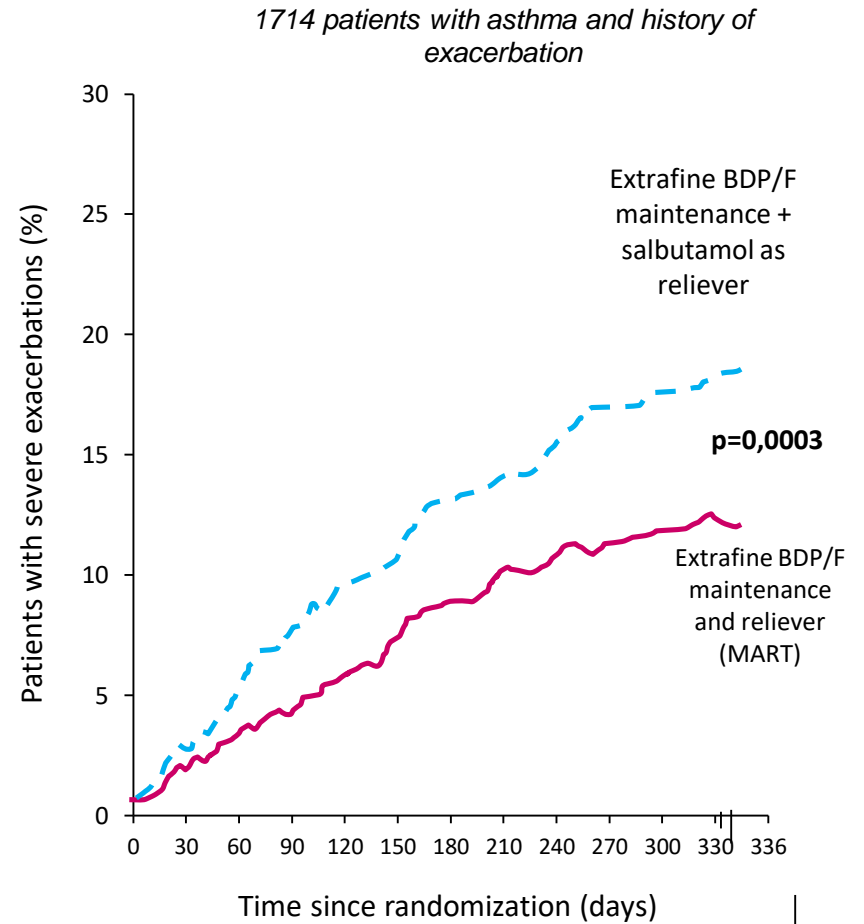


(Bateman et al. AJRCCM 2004)

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Rabe KF, et al. Lancet 2006



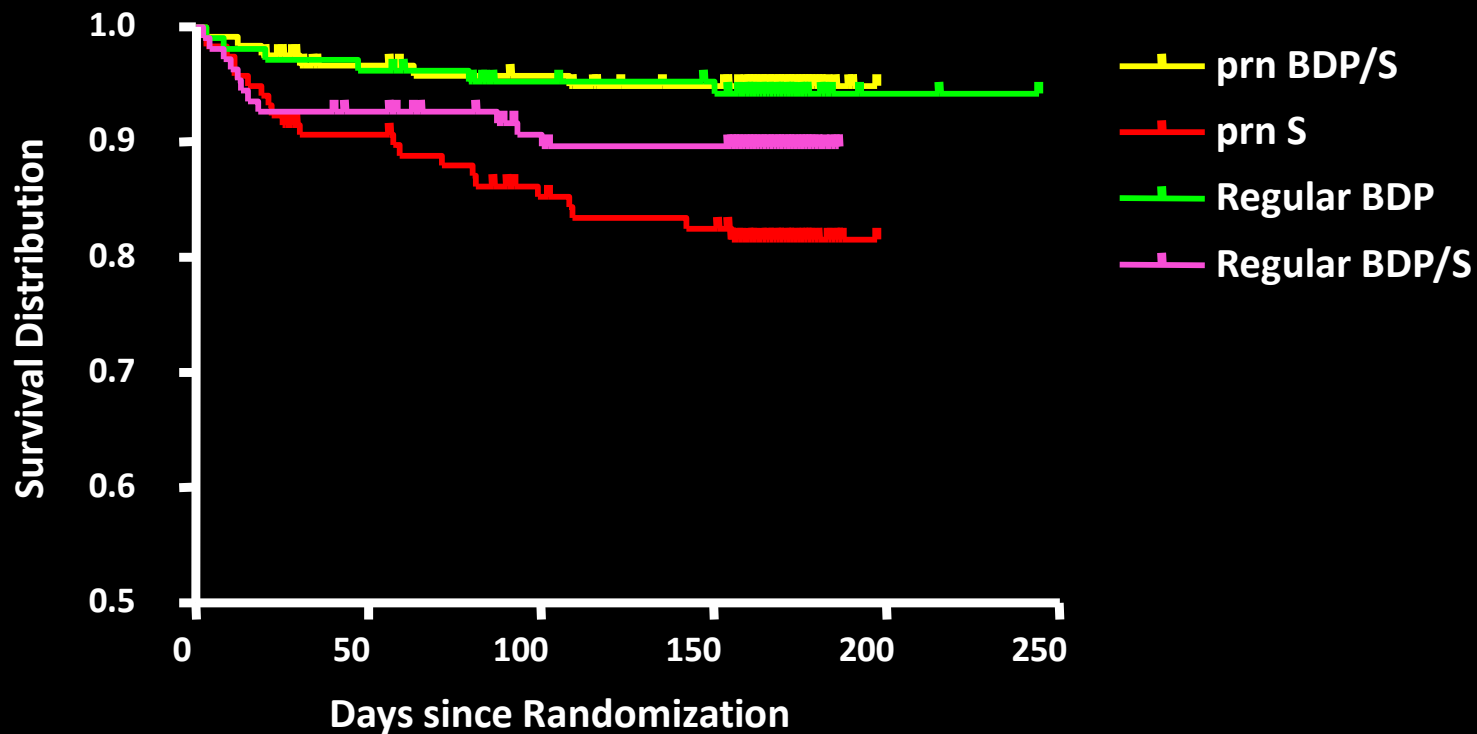
Papi et al, The Lancet Respir Med 2013

Symptom driven therapy



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Rescue Use of Beclomethasone and Albuterol in a Single Inhaler for Mild Asthma

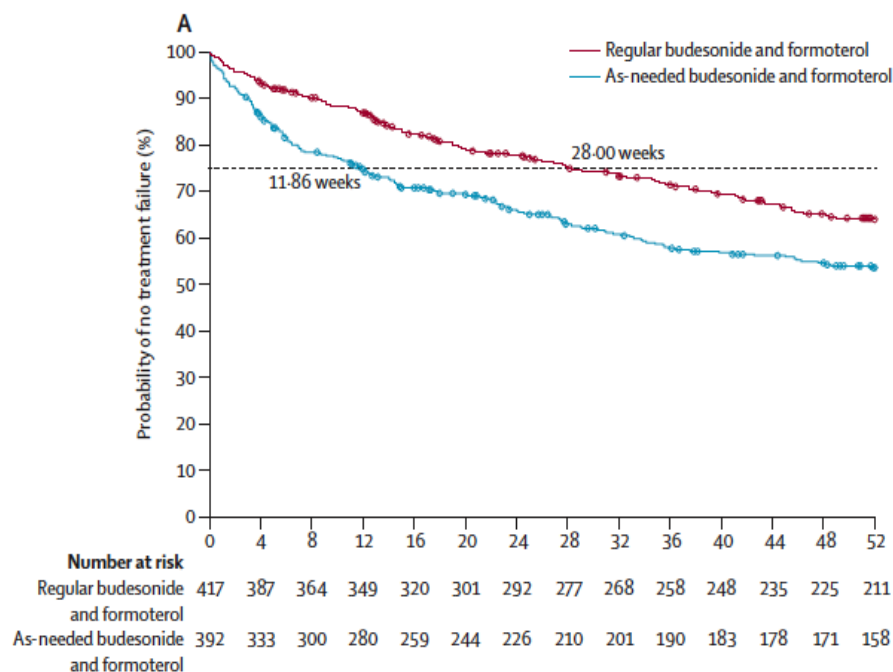


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Regular versus as-needed budesonide and formoterol combination treatment for moderate asthma: a non-inferiority, randomised, double-blind clinical trial



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	As-needed budesonide and formoterol group (n=394)	Regular budesonide and formoterol group (n=423)	p value
Admission to hospital	0	3 (1%)	0.250
Treatment stopped for safety reasons (physician's judgment)	24 (6%)	23 (5%)	0.688
Refusal to continue because of patient dissatisfaction with treatment	6 (2%)	4 (1%)	0.534
Two episodes of nocturnal awakenings on 2 consecutive days	82 (21%)	44 (10%)	<0.0001
Unscheduled medical visit for asthma worsening	6 (2%)	8 (2%)	0.685
Use of rescue medication	17 (4%)	18 (4%)	0.967
Use of systemic corticosteroids or inhaled corticosteroids for asthma worsening	51 (13%)	59 (14%)	0.674
Use of systemic corticosteroids for asthma worsening	31 (8%)	31 (7%)	0.771
Use of inhaled corticosteroids for asthma worsening	20 (5%)	28 (7%)	0.349

Data are n (%).

Table 3: Reasons for treatment failure in the intention-to-treat population

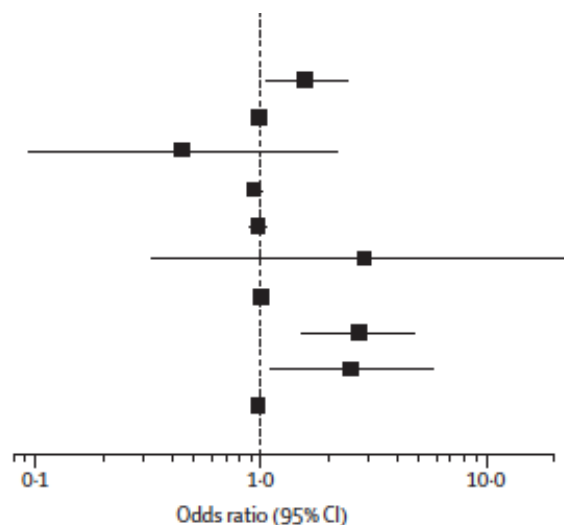
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As-needed budesonide and formoterol

Baseline (ACQ)	1.60 (1.05–2.43)	0.028
Baseline PEF	1.00 (1.00–1.01)	0.081
Baseline FVC	0.45 (0.09–2.19)	0.324
Baseline FEV ₁ /VC ratio	0.94 (0.87–1.02)	0.142
Baseline FEV ₁ /FVC (%)	0.97 (0.89–1.06)	0.505
Baseline FEV ₁	2.91 (0.33–25.79)	0.338
Age (years)	1.01 (0.99–1.04)	0.296
Smoking habit: former smoker vs never smoker (ref)	2.73 (1.54–4.85)	0.001
Sex: female vs male (ref)	2.54 (1.11–5.80)	0.027
Disease duration (years)	0.98 (0.95–1.00)	0.058





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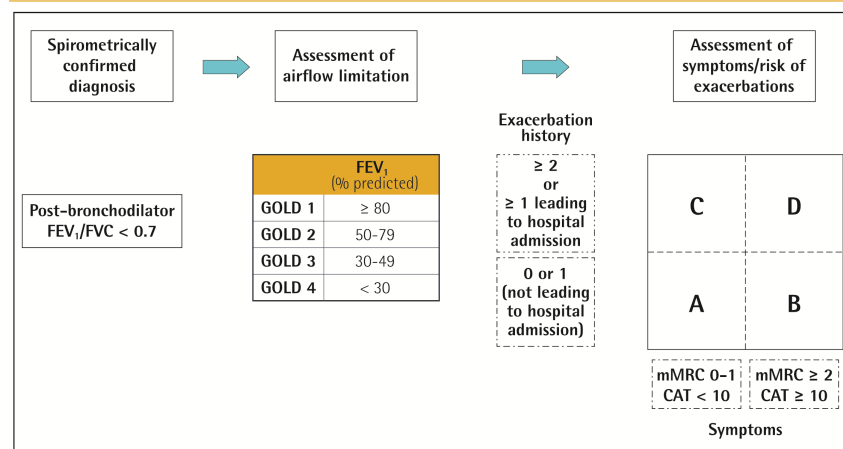
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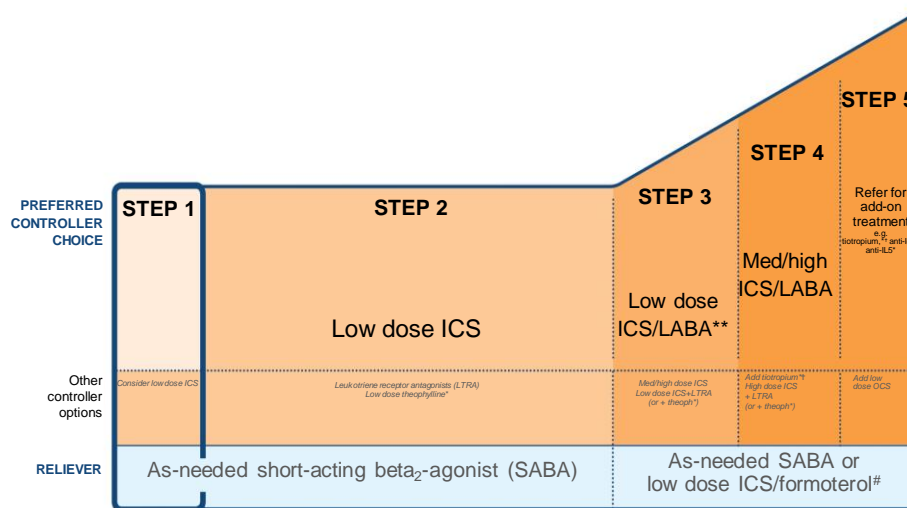
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