



Recent Advances in Biologics for Asthma

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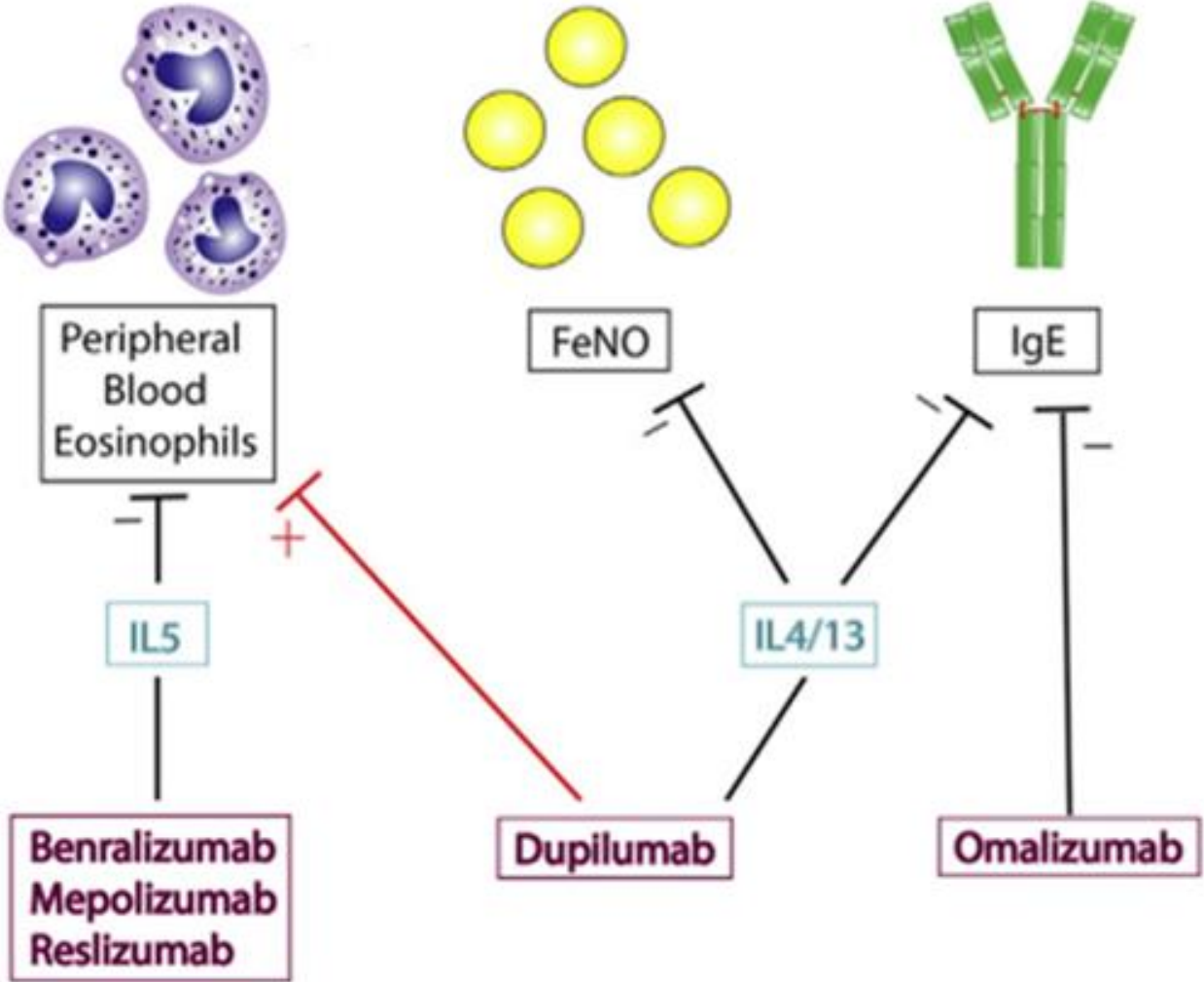
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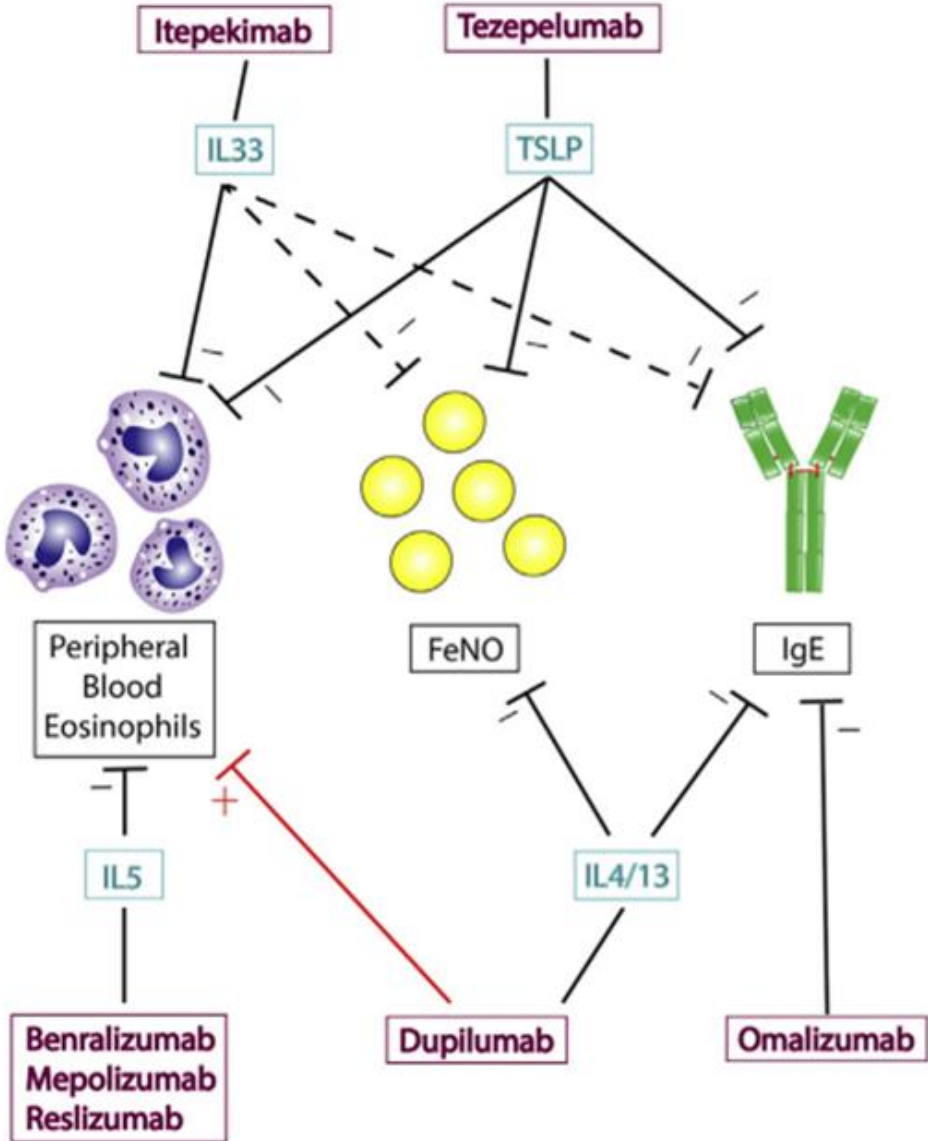
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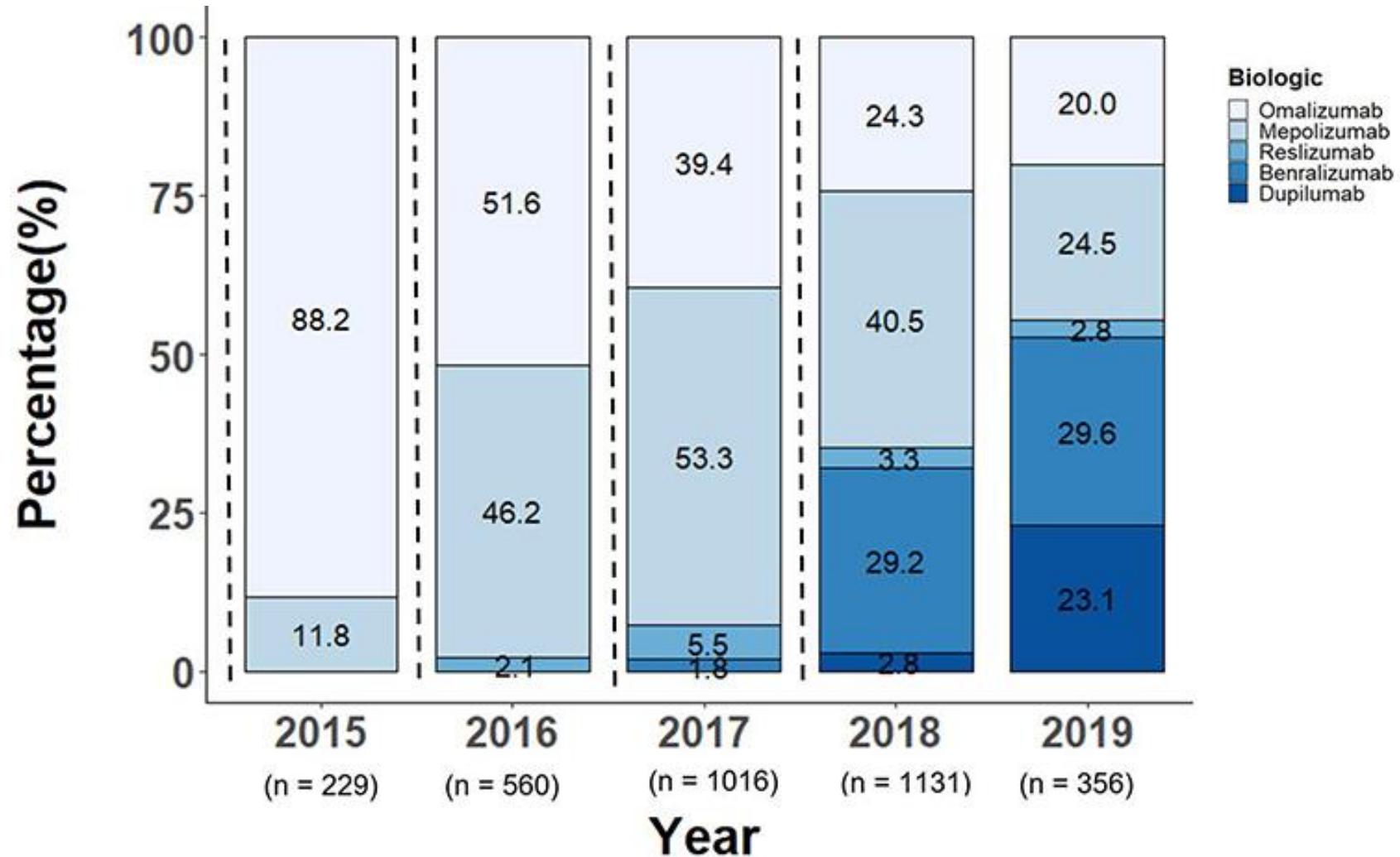
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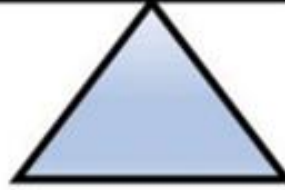
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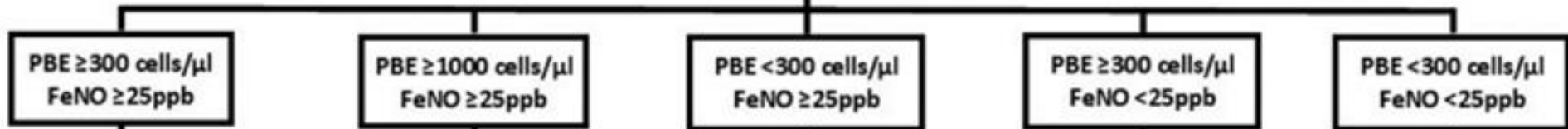
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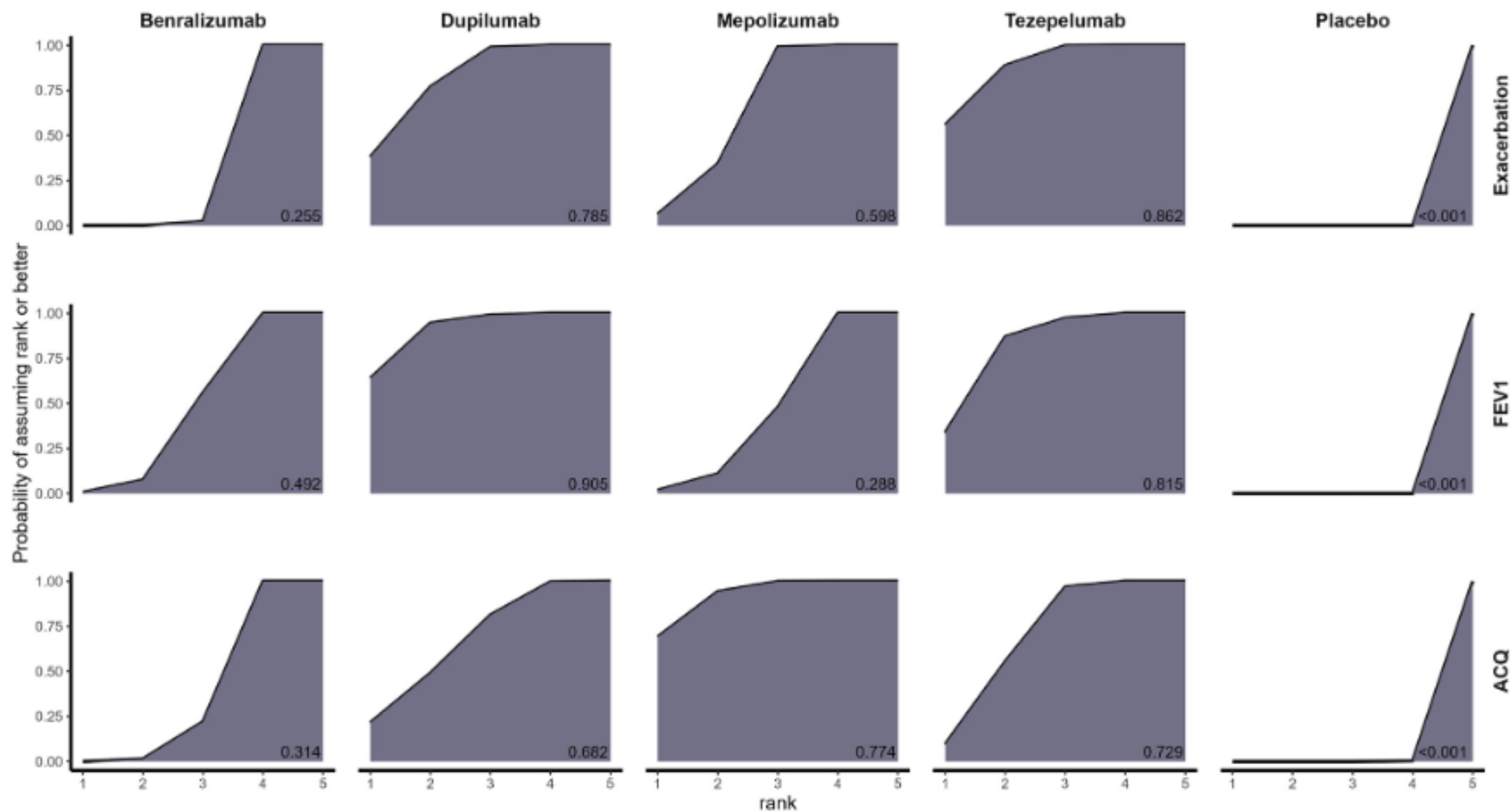


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*Number in boxes refer to the surface area under the (ranking) curve (SUCRA)

1:most effective, 5:least effective

TABLE II. Summary of results of efficacy outcomes with GRADE criteria for certainty of evidence

	Tezepelumab	Dupilumab	Benralizumab	Mepolizumab^a
Exacerbation: rate ratio, RR (95% CI)				
Tezepelumab	1.00	1.05 (0.69-1.61)***	1.59 (1.17-2.16)***	1.20 (0.85-1.68)**
FEV ₁ : mean difference in mL (95% CI) ^b				
Tezepelumab	0.00	20 (-78 to 120)**	-62 (-150 to 22)**	-66 (-170 to 33)*
ACQ: mean difference (95% CI) ^c				
Tezepelumab	0.00	0.01 (-0.37 to 0.39)**	0.17 (-0.02 to 0.37)**	-0.14 (-0.38 to 0.10)*

**COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF OMALIZUMAB, MEPOLIZUMAB, AND DUPILUMAB IN
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Table 2: Incidence rate ratios (IRR) of exacerbations

EXACERBATION RATE RATIOS	N=65	N=68	N=68
IRR (95% CI)	MEPOLIZUMAB	OMALIZUMAB	DUPILUMAB
MEPOLIZUMAB (reference)	1.00	0.78 (0.32 - 1.91)	0.28 (0.09 - 0.84)
OMALIZUMAB (reference)		1.00	0.36 (0.12 - 1.08)
DUPILUMAB (reference)			1.00

Dupilumab: 0.46 exacerbations per person-year

Omalizumab: 0.93 per person-year

Mepolizumab: 1.32 per person-year

Table 3: Change from Baseline to 1 year in Pre-bronchodilator FEV1

MEAN DIFFERENCE IN LITERS (95% CI)	N=65 MEPOLIZUMAB	N=68 OMALIZUMAB	N=68 DUPILUMAB
MEPOLIZUMAB (reference)	0	0.028 (-0.083 to 0.140)	0.110 (-0.003 to 0.222)
OMALIZUMAB (reference)		0	0.082 (-0.040 to 0.204)
DUPILUMAB (reference)			0

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Global Variability in Administrative Approval Prescription Criteria for Biologic Therapy in Severe Asthma



TABLE II. Biologics license dates and reimbursement status in International Severe Asthma Registry countries with market authorization for their respective biologic (by April 2021)

License date and reimbursement status	Omalizumab	Mepolizumab	Reslizumab	Benralizumab	Dupilumab
License dates					
European Medicines Agency license date	October 25, 2005	December 2, 2015	August 16, 2016	January 8, 2018	March 1, 2019*
US Food and Drug Administration license date	June 20, 2003	November 4, 2015	March 23, 2016	November 14, 2017	October 19, 2018†
Reimbursement status, n (%)					
No reimbursement	1 (3.6) SG	2 (7.1) SK, SG	4 (26.7) BR, CN, FR, SK	2 (7.1) SK, SG	5 (25.0) BR, IE, PT, SK, SG
Partial reimbursement	4 (14.3) CN, JP, RU, US	6 (21.4) AR, CN, JP, MX,‡ RU, US	2 (13.3) RU, US	5 (17.9) CN, JP, MX,‡ RU, US	4 (20.0) JP, MX,§ RU, US
Full reimbursement	23 (82.1) AR, AU, BR, BG,¶ CO,# DK, DE, ES, EE, FI,§§ FR, GR, IS, IE,** IT, KW, MX,†† NL, PT, SA, SK, TW, UK	20 (71.4) AU, BR , BG,¶ CO,# DK, DE, ES, EE, FI,§§ FR, GR, IS, IE, IT, KW, NL, PT, SA, TW, UK	9 (60.0) DK, DE, ES, EE, FI,§§ IE,** NL, PT, UK	21 (75.0) AR , AU, BR,†† BG,¶ CO,# DK, DE, ES, EE, FI,§§ FR, GR, IS, IE, IT, KW, NL, PT, SA, TW, UK	11 (55.0) AU, CO,# DK, DE, EE, FI,§§ FR, IT, KW, NL, SA
Total, n	28	28	15	28	20

Biologic Accessibility Score

Age

Severity/phenotype

Serum IgE (IU/mL)

BEC (cells/mL)

FeNO (parts per billion)

Allergic asthma

Background therapy

OCS

Exacerbations

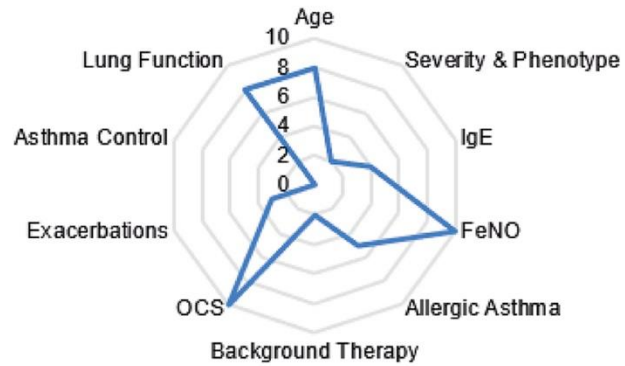
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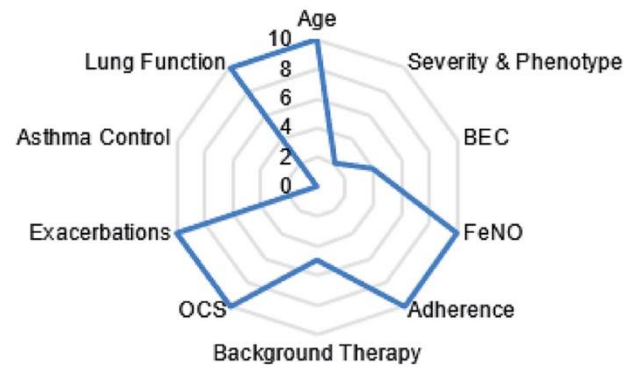
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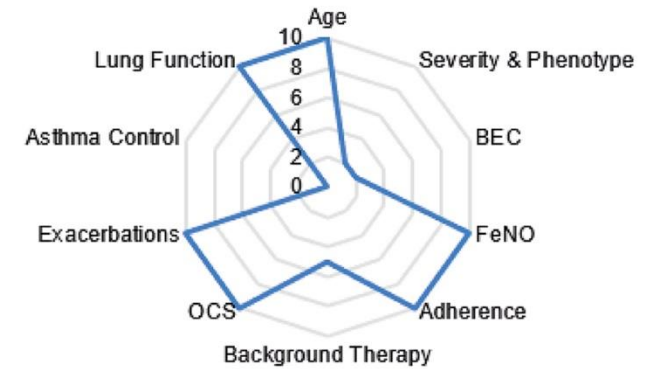
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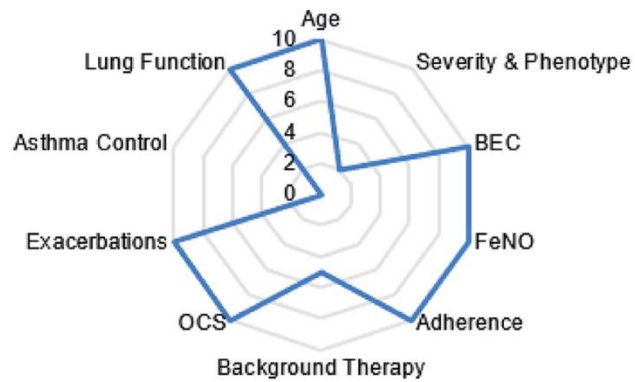
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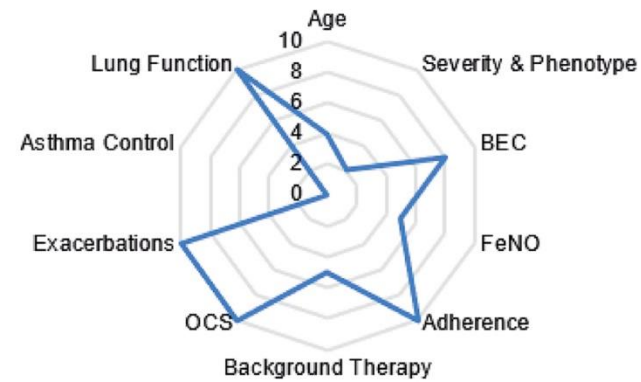
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Heterogeneity in the use of biologics for severe asthma in Europe: a SHARP ERS study

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TABLE 2 Availability of biologics in Europe (as of April 2021)

Country	Number of available biologics	Omalizumab
Austria	5	1
Belgium	4	1
Croatia	4	1
Czech Republic	5	1
Denmark	5	1
Estonia	5	1
Finland	5	1
France	5	1
Germany	5	1
Greece	2	1
Hungary	5	1
Iceland	5	1
Ireland	4	1
Italy	3	1
Latvia	5	1
Lithuania	3	1
Netherlands	5	1
Poland	3	1
Portugal	5	1
Romania	2	1
Russia	5	1
Serbia	3	1
Slovenia	4	1
Spain	5	1
Sweden	5	1
Switzerland	5	1
Turkey	2	1
UK	5	1

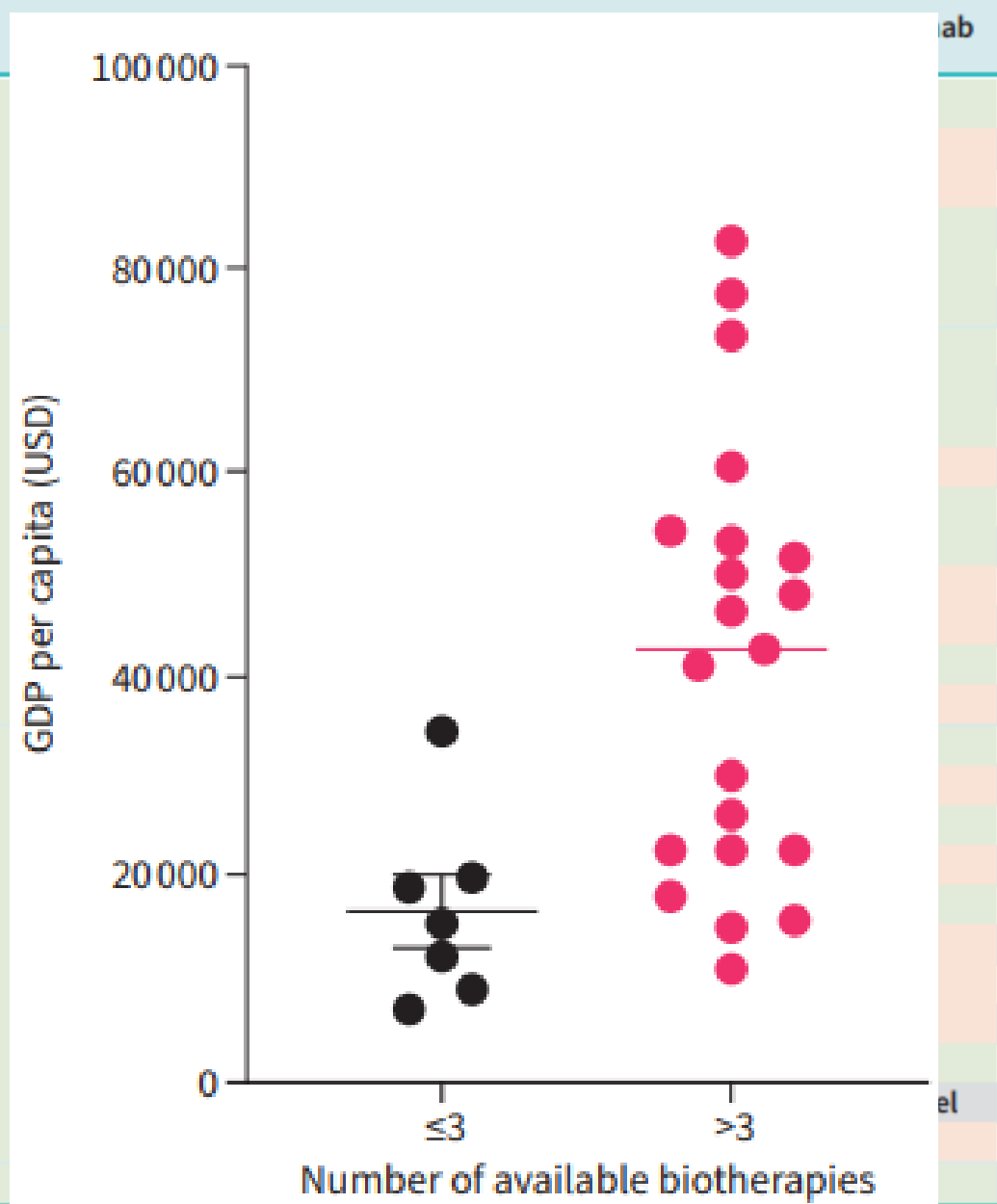


TABLE 3 Inclusion criteria for severe asthma biotherapies in Europe

Biotherapy	Common criteria	Disparities noted between countries	Additional criteria for some countries
Omalizumab (n=26 countries)	<p>Severe asthma definition (ATS/ERS) (24/26)</p> <p>Exacerbation rate (24/26)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four countries required >2 exacerbations/year • 20 countries considered ≤2 exacerbations/year <p>IgE levels (25/26), with very variable threshold (majority >30 or >76 IU·mL⁻¹)</p>	<p>Age threshold: adults <i>versus</i> children for some countries</p> <p>FEV₁ levels: used as criterion in 13/26 countries (50%)</p>	<p>Adherence is an absolute criterion in two countries</p> <p>Non-smoking status is an absolute criterion in three countries</p> <p>Questionnaire for quality of life (QOL) was used as criterion in one country</p>

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Mepolizumab (n=24 countries)	<p>Severe asthma definition (ATS/ERS) (21/24)</p> <p>Exacerbation rate (24/24)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five countries required >2 exacerbations/year • 19 countries considered ≤2 exacerbations/year <p>Blood eosinophils (24/24), with a threshold variable between 150 and 500 cells·μL⁻¹)</p> <p>Of note, one country separated maintenance OCS patients and not on maintenance OCS patients to define threshold</p>	<p>Age: adult <i>versus</i> children. This was not clearly defined as criterion in some countries</p> <p>FEV₁ levels: used as criterion in 5/24 countries (20.8%)</p>	<p>Adherence is an absolute criterion in four countries</p> <p>Non-smoking status is an absolute criterion in three countries</p> <p>Questionnaire for QOL was used as criterion in one country</p> <p>Two countries offer the possibility of inclusion if sputum eosinophils are high, even if blood eosinophils are below the fixed threshold</p> <p>Cotinine level in saliva is a criterion in one country</p>

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Dupilumab (n=11 countries)	<p>Severe asthma definition (ATS/ERS) (10/11)</p> <p>Exacerbation rate (10/11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One country required >2 exacerbations/year • Nine countries considered ≤2 exacerbations/year • One country had no threshold <p>Blood eosinophils (11/11), with a threshold variable between 150 and 300 cells·μL⁻¹)</p>	<p>Age: adult <i>versus</i> children. This was not clearly defined as criterion in some countries</p> <p>FEV₁ levels: used as criterion in 1/11 countries (9.1%)</p> <p>F_{ENO} levels: used in 5/11 countries (45.5%), with threshold >25 ppb for all countries</p>	<p>Adherence is an absolute criterion in two countries</p> <p>Non-smoking status is an absolute criterion in two countries</p> <p>Questionnaires for QOL were not used</p> <p>Three countries granted the biotherapy if patient was on OCS >50% of the year (without needing exacerbations or high blood eosinophilic count)</p> <p>Cotinine level in saliva is a criterion in one country</p>

TABLE 4 Assessment of effectiveness in biologics: ranking of objective criteria

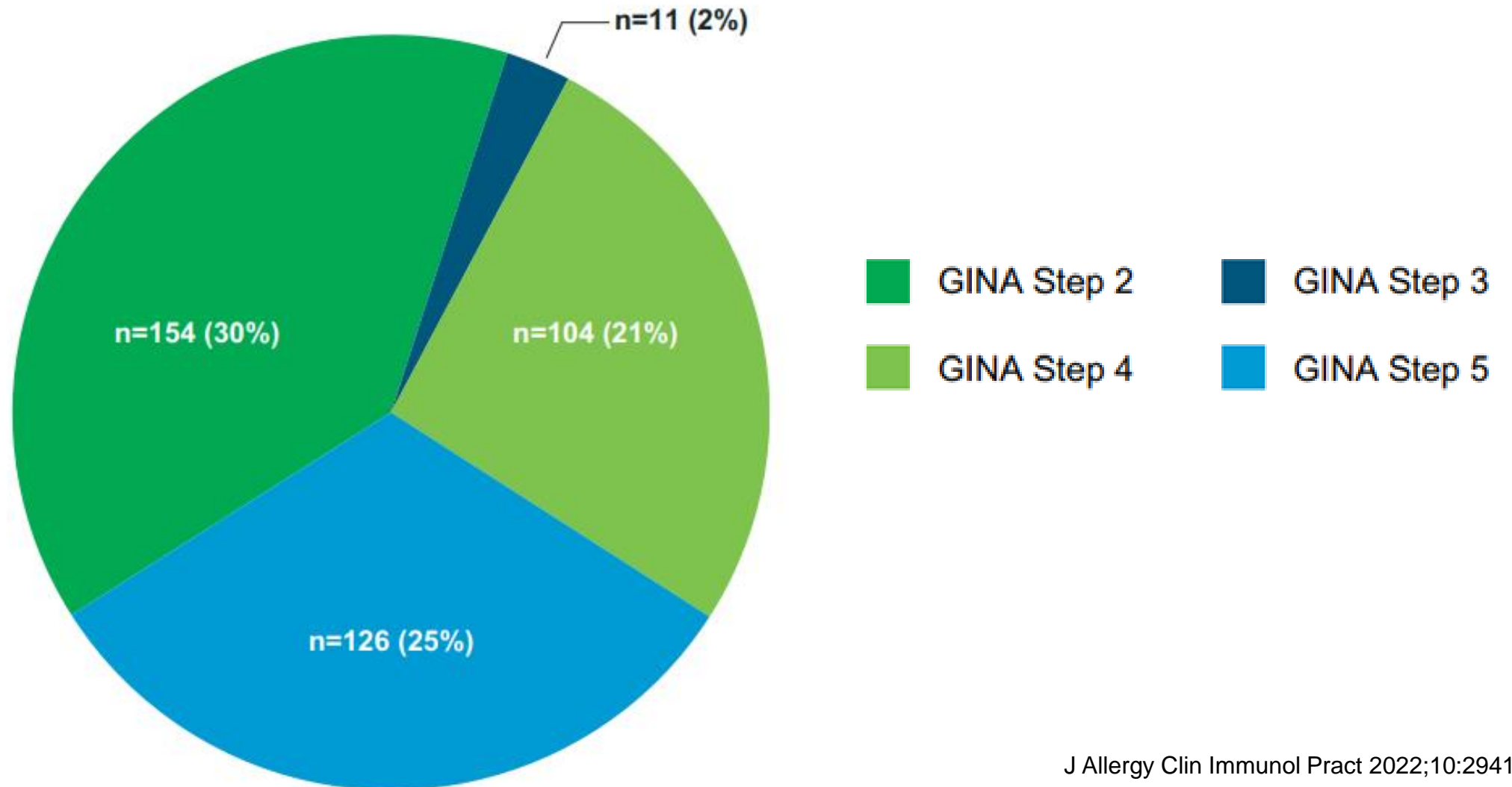
Ranking	Patients on maintenance OCS	Item score	Patients not on maintenance OCS	Item score
National Leads Survey (n=28)				
1	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 75% over 1 year	3.4	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 75% over 1 year	2.5
2	Reduction of chronic dose of OCS by 50%	3.4	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 50% over 1 year	2.8
3	Stopping chronic maintenance OCS	3.5	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 25% over 1 year	4.8
4	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 50% over 1 year	4.1	Reduction in ACQ by 1 at 4/6 months	5
5	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 25% over 1 year	6	Increase in AQLQ by 1 at 4/6 months	5
6	Increase in AQLQ by 1 at 4/6 months	6.1	Reduction in ACQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	5.5
7	Reduction in ACQ by 1 at 4/6 months	6.2	Increase in AQLQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	5.7
8	Reduction in ACQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	6.6	Reduction of chronic dose of ICS by 50%	6.2
9	Increase in AQLQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	6.9	Improvement of 5% predicted FEV ₁	7.6
10	Improvement of 5% predicted FEV ₁	8.5		
Experts Broad Survey (n=263)				
1	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 75% over 1 year	2.6	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 75% over 1 year	1.9
2	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 50% over 1 year	3.1	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 50% over 1 year	3.1
3	Stopping chronic maintenance OCS	3.5	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 25% over 1 year	4.5
4	Reduction of chronic dose of OCS by 50%	4.1	Reduction in ACQ by 1 at 4/6 months	4.6
5	Reduction in ACQ by 1 at 4/6 months	4.8	Reduction in ACQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	5.2
6	Reduction of exacerbation rate by 25% over 1 year	5.1	Reduction of chronic dose of ICS by 50%	5.6
7	Reduction in ACQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	6.3	Increase in AQLQ by 1 at 4/6 months	6.3
8	Increase in AQLQ by 1 at 4/6 months	7.3	Increase in AQLQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	6.8
9	Increase in AQLQ by 0.5 at 4/6 months	8.5	Improvement of 5% predicted FEV ₁	7.8
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Assessment of Real-World Escalation to Biologics in US Patients With Asthma

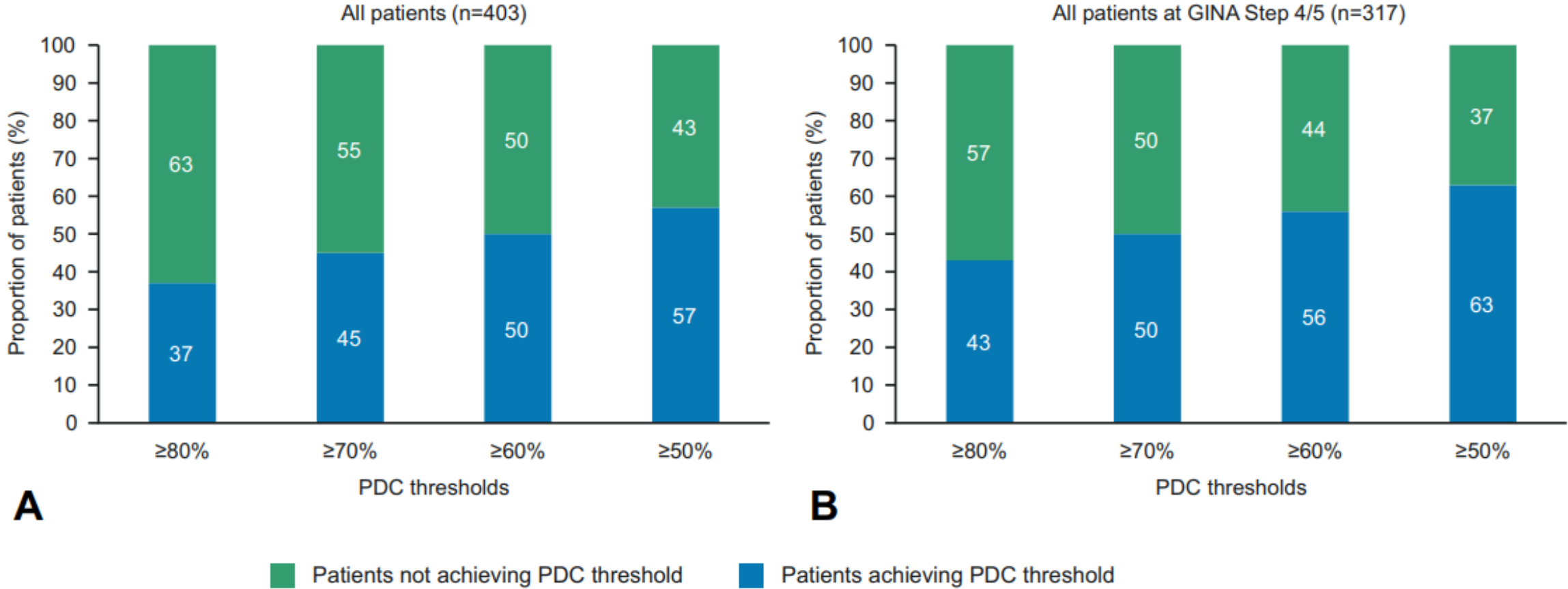


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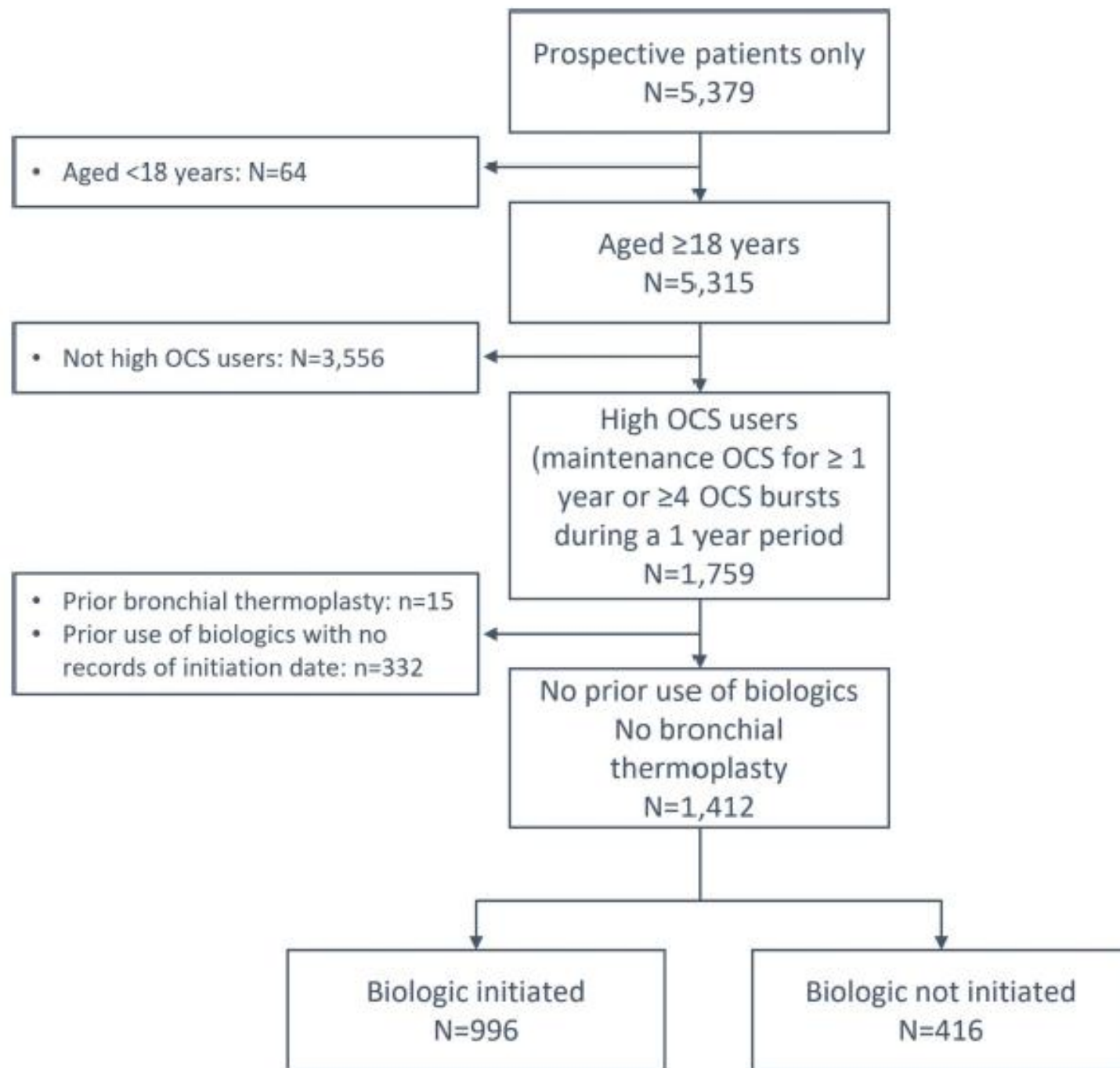
GINA step before biologic initiation



Proportion days covered level of patients who received maintenance treatment



Characterization of Patients in the International Severe Asthma Registry with High Steroid Exposure Who Did or Did Not Initiate Biologic Therapy



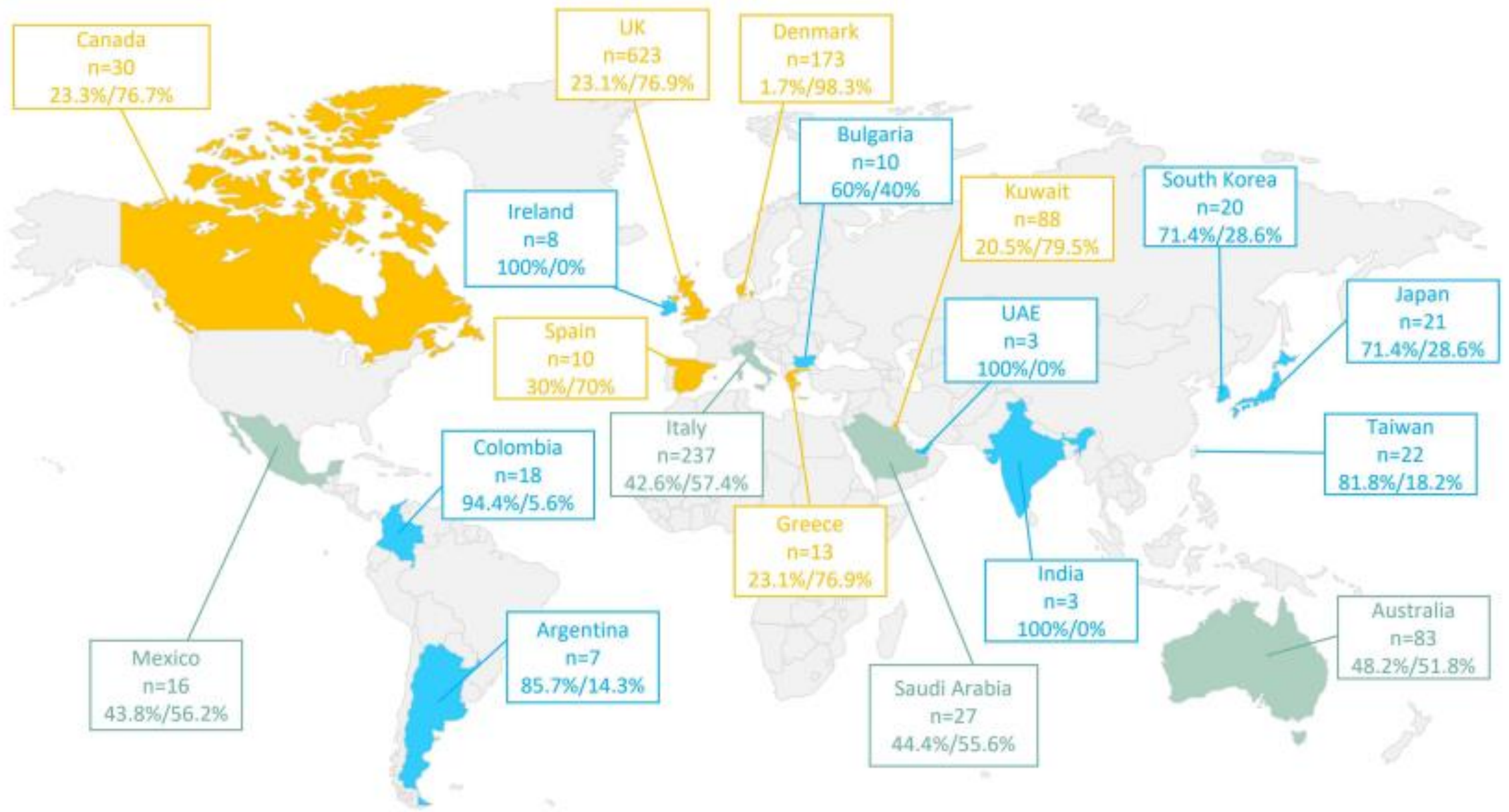


Table 2 Baseline Clinical Characteristics for ISAR Patients with Severe Asthma and High Oral Corticosteroid Exposure Who Were and Were Not Initiated on Biologic (Bx) Therapy

	BX Not Initiated	BX Initiated	P-value	B-H Critical P value Threshold for Significance in Multiple Testing
Age of asthma onset Mean (SD)	N=402 29.5 (18.7)	N=876 27.9 (18.7)	0.150	0.057
Asthma duration Mean (SD)	N=394 23.8 (16.3)	N=859 23.7 (16.7)	0.910	0.098
Asthma control* Controlled, n (%) Partially controlled, n (%) Uncontrolled, n (%)	N=381 26 (6.8) 76 (20.0) 279 (73.2)	N=777 51 (6.6) 98 (12.6) 628 (80.8)	0.004	0.017
No. asthma exacerbations in the past year (excluding cases with 0 exacerbations) Mean (SD)	N=334 5.3 (4.0)	N=849 5.7 (3.9)	0.147	0.055
Healthcare resource utilization				
	N=416	N=996		
Emergency department visit, N (%)	157 (37.7)	321 (32.2)	0.046	0.038
Hospital admission, N (%)	131 (31.5)	286 (28.7)	0.297	0.069
Invasive ventilation (ever), N (%)	27 (6.5)	69 (6.9)	0.766	0.088

	BX Not Initiated	BX Initiated	P-value	B-H Critical P value Threshold for Significance in Multiple Testing
Adherence*	N=327	N=873		
Adherent, n (%)	249 (76.2)	774 (88.7)	<0.001	0.002
Poor: Clinical impression, n (%)	25 (7.7)	12 (1.4)		
Poor: Prescription records, n (%)	53 (16.2)	87 (10.0)		
BEC (/μL)	N=329	N=919		
Highest, Mean (SD)	398.9 (371.4)	482.8 (468.7)	0.003	0.014
FeNO, ppb	N=218	N=701	0.010	0.031
<25, n (%)	87 (39.9)	205 (29.2)		
25–50, n (%)	53 (24.3)	220 (31.4)		
>50, n (%)	78 (35.8)	276 (39.4)		

	BX Not Initiated	BX Initiated	P-value	B-H Critical P value Threshold for Significance in Multiple Testing
Co-morbidities				
Potential OCS-related co-morbidities				
Anxiety, n (%)	N=230 31 (13.5)	N=260 36 (13.9)	0.906	0.097
Depression, n (%)	N=227 25 (11.0)	N=254 23 (9.1)	0.474	0.079
Osteoporosis, n (%)	N=304 52 (17.1)	N=611 67 (11.0)	0.009	0.026
Peptic ulcer, n (%)	N=185 10 (5.4)	N=205 6 (2.9)	0.218	0.062
Type II diabetes, n (%)	N=170	N=210	0.239	0.064
T2 Comorbidities (ever)	N=416	N=996		
Allergic rhinitis, n (%)	168 (40.4)	313 (31.4)	0.001	0.010
Chronic rhinosinusitis, n (%)	83 (20.0)	246 (24.7)	0.054	0.043
Eczema, n (%)	38 (9.1)	98 (9.8)	0.682	0.084
Nasal polyps, n (%)	98 (23.6)	351 (35.2)	<0.001	0.005
Other				
Anaphylaxis event, n (%)	N=197 5 (2.5)	N=399 2 (0.5)	0.030	0.036
Cancer event, n (%)	N=199 13 (6.5)	N=393 8 (2.0)	0.005	0.019
Serious infection event, n (%)	N=196 26 (13.3)	N=396 194 (49.0)	<0.001	0.009

Real World Biologic Use and Switch Patterns in Severe Asthma: Data from the International Severe Asthma Registry and the US CHRONICLE Study

Table 1 Pattern of Biologic Use Overall and by Country for Patients with Severe Asthma Enrolled into ISAR and CHRONICLE

Year in Which ≥ 2 Biologics Became Available	Population or Country	Continued n (%)	Stopped n (%)	Switched n (%)
Overall	Total (n=3531)	2791 (79.0)	356 (10.2)	384 (10.8)
	eCRF (n=2656)	2237 (84.2)	139 (5.3)	280 (10.5)
	USA only (n=2127)	1575 (74.1)	279 (13.1)	273 (12.8)
	Non-USA (n=1404)	1216 (86.6)	77 (5.5)	111 (7.9)

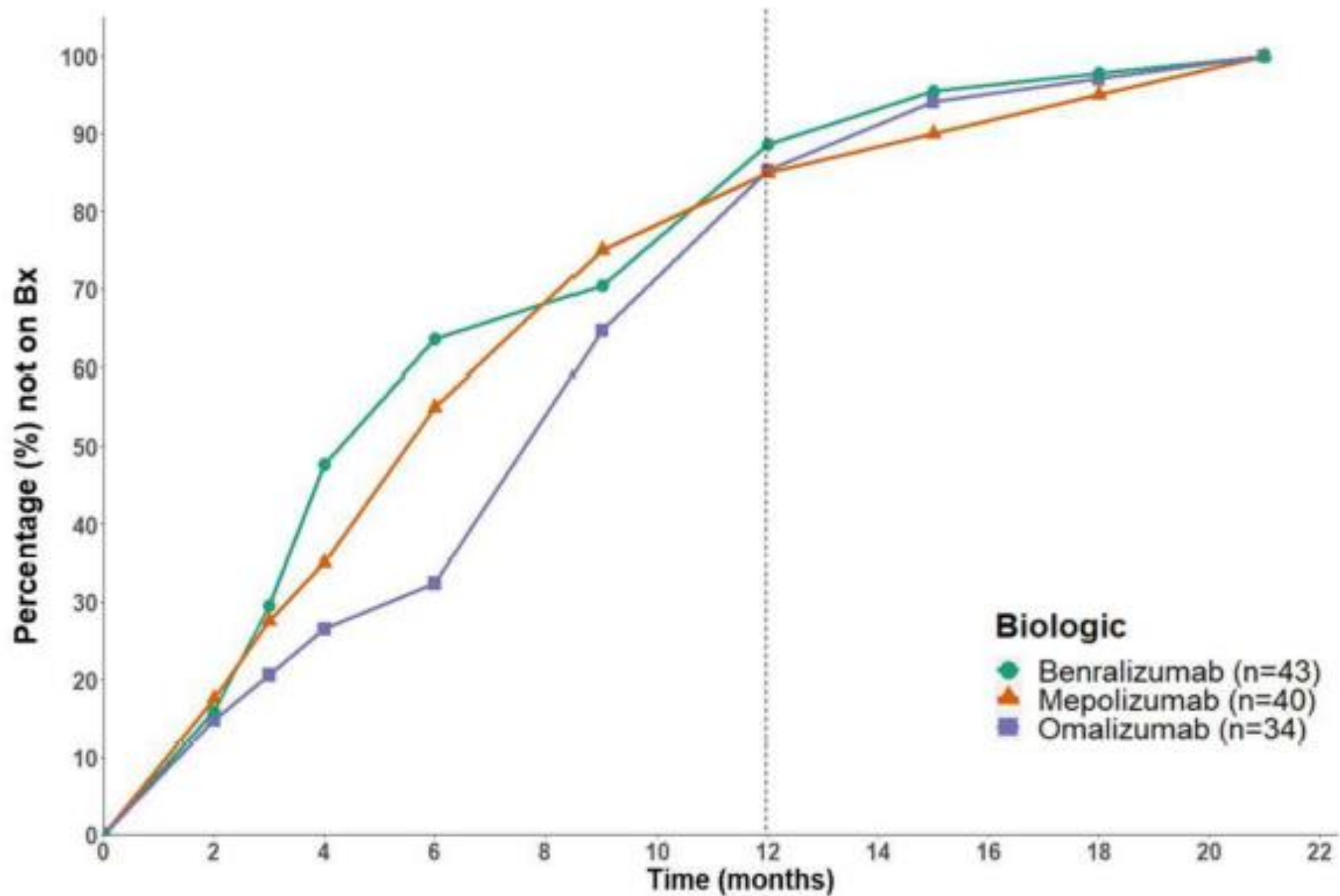


Figure 3 Time to biologic cessation for patients with severe asthma enrolled into ISAR or CHRONICLE who stopped or switched biologic (from 2018 onwards). Abbreviation: ISAR, International Severe Asthma Registry.

Table 2 Demographic and Clinical Characteristics of Patients with Severe Asthma Enrolled into ISAR or CHRONICLE, Prior to First Biologic, According to Pattern of First Biologic Use




Biologic Utilisation Group	Continued 2791	Stopped 356	Switched 384	Stoppers vs Continuers: P-value ^a	Switchers vs Continuers: P-values ^a
Exacerbations[#]					
	728	46	73		
Not on long-term OCS, n (%)	503 (69.1)	39 (84.8)	62 (84.9) 	0.002	0.004
Median (IQR)	4.0 (2, 6)	5.0 (4, 8)	4.5 (3, 8)		
Healthcare resource utilization					
Invasive Ventilation Episodes	715	42	67	0.002	0.079
≥1, n (%)	45 (6.3)	8 (19.0)	8 (11.9)		
Emergency Visits[#]	450	47	65 	0.142	0.010
≥1, n (%)	180 (40.0)	24 (51.1)	37 (56.9)		
Hospitalizations[#]	639	45	63 	0.004	<0.001
≥1, n (%)	136 (21.3)	18 (40.0)	29 (46.0)		

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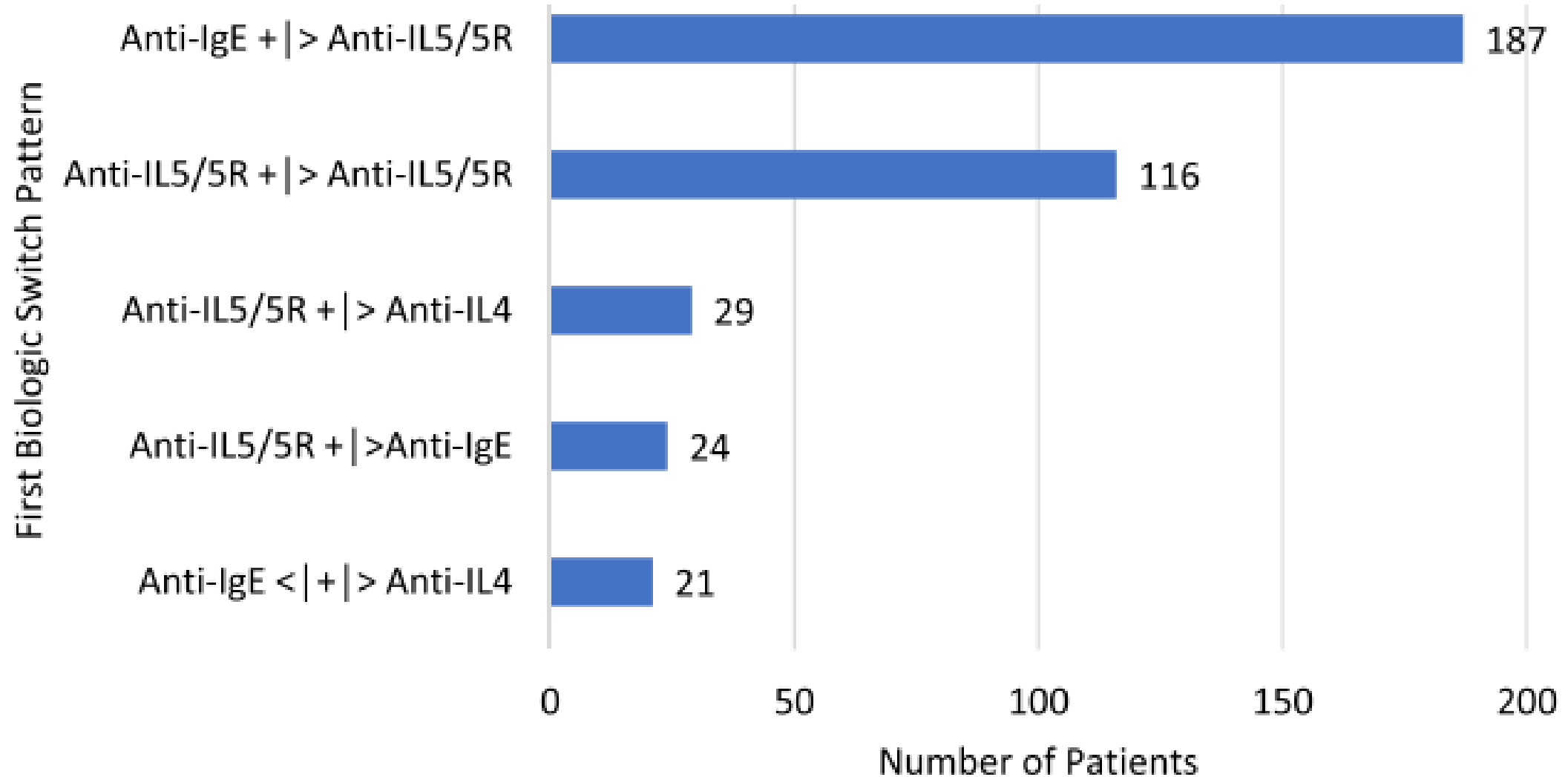
Biologic Utilisation Group	Continued 2791	Stopped 356	Switched 384	Stoppers vs Continuers: P-value ^a	Switchers vs Continuers: P-values ^a
Allergic Rhinitis	514	109	77	0.026	1.000
Ever, n (%)	467 (90.9)	106 (97.2)	70 (90.9)		
CRS and NP 	684	73	101	<0.001	0.020
CRSwNP, n (%)	411 (60.1)	28 (38.4)	63 (62.4)		
Biomarkers					
BEC (cells/μL)[#] 	865	166	153		
Not on long-term OCS	771	150	134	0.411	0.011
<300, n (%)	326 (42.3)	58 (38.7)	41 (31.1)		
\geq 300, n (%)	445 (57.7)	92 (61.3)	93 (68.9)		
On long-term OCS	94	16	18	0.064	0.083
<300, n (%)	47 (50.0)	4 (25.0)	5 (27.8)		
\geq 300, n (%)	47 (50.0)	12 (75.0)	13 (72.2)		
FeNO (ppb) 	795	126	94	0.663	0.007
0-<25, n (%)	357 (44.9)	62 (49.2)	28 (29.8)		
\geq 25 - <50, n (%)	250 (31.4)	37 (29.4)	32 (34.0)		
\geq 50, n (%)	188 (23.6)	27 (21.4)	34 (36.2)		

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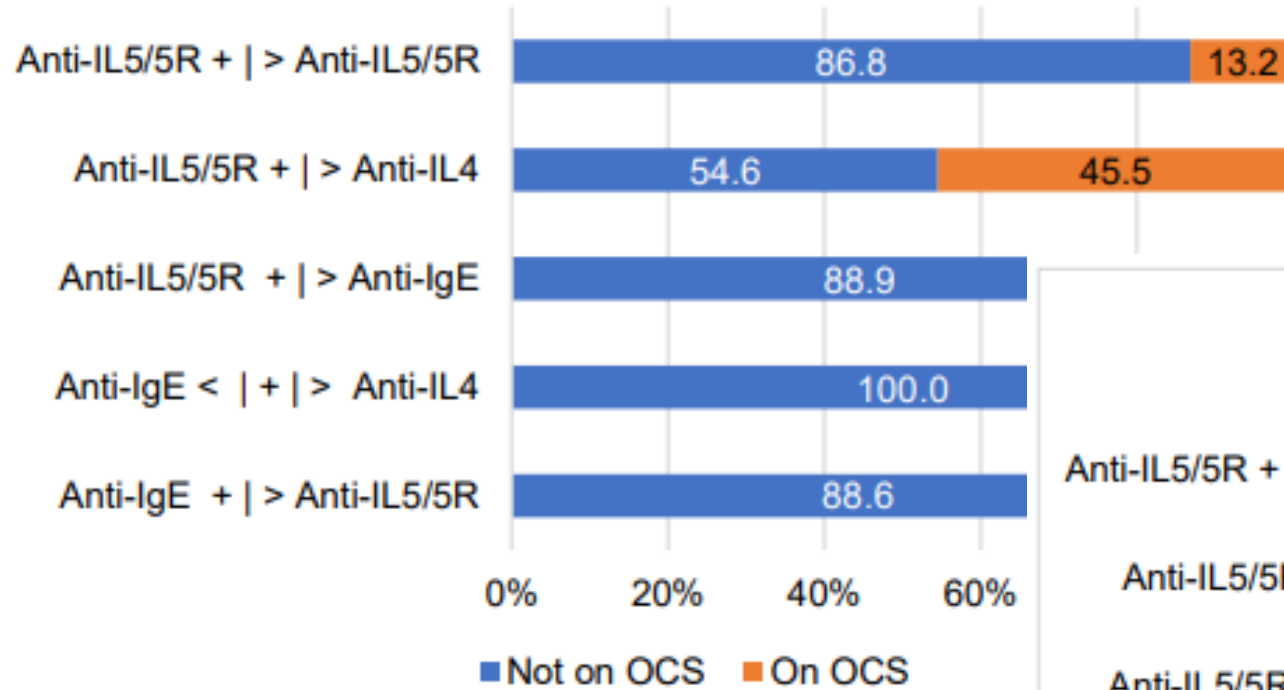
Reason	Stopped (n=139)	Switched (n=280)
Reason available n (%)	113	183
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Potential adverse outcomes	18 (15.9)	14 (7.7)
Biologic Access Restriction	8 (7.1)	5 (2.7)
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Abbreviations: eCRF, electronic case report form; ISAR, International Severe Asthma Registry.

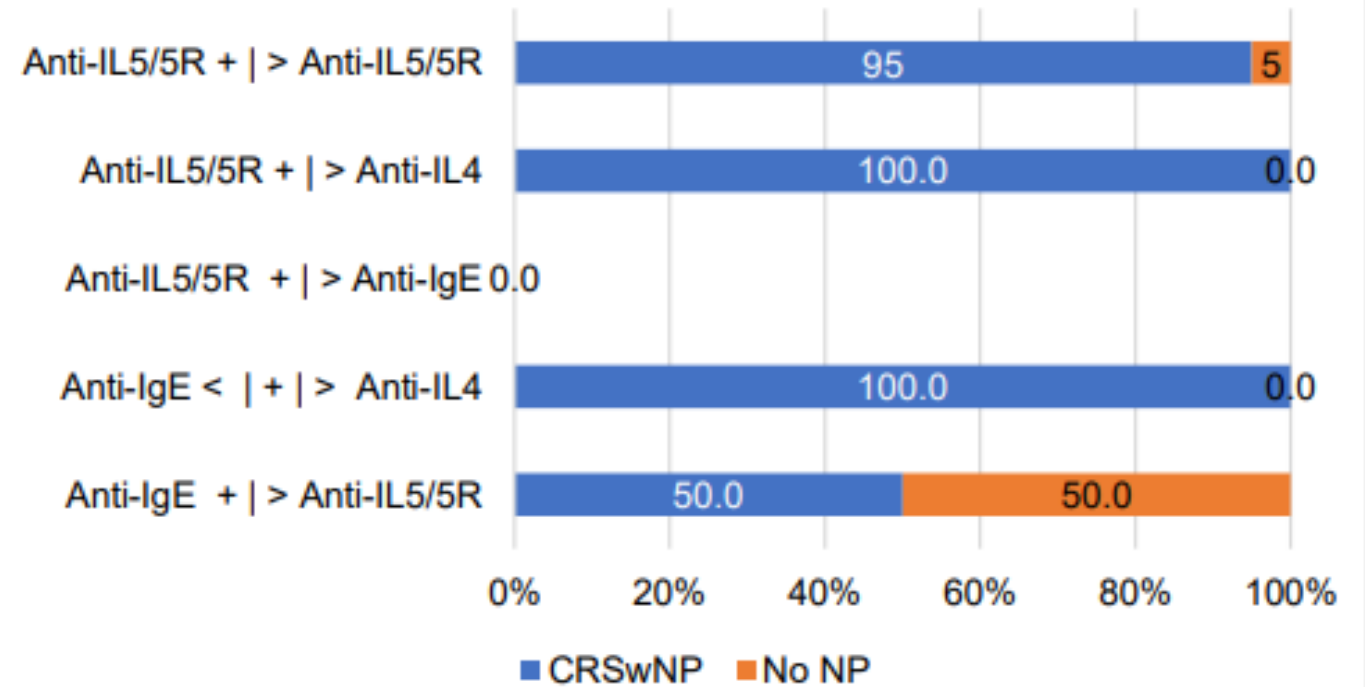
Patterns of Switching



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Presence of nasal polyps



Switch patterns in a cohort of individuals with asthma who received omalizumab or mepolizumab therapy

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TABLE I. Baseline characteristics of study population

Characteristic	Omalizumab	Mepolizumab	Mepolizumab patients eligible for omalizumab
N	65	62	38
Age, mean (SD)	45.6 (15.4)	54.7 (14.4)	54.6 (14.0)
Female sex, n (%)	51 (78.5)	42 (67.7)	25 (65.8)
Body mass index, mean (SD)	29.8 (7.0)	29.0 (6.8)	28.0 (6.1)
Race, n (%)			
White	48 (73.8)	48 (77.4)	33 (86.8)
Black	4 (6.2)	7 (11.3)	3 (7.9)
Asian	5 (7.7)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)
Ethnicity			
Hispanic, n (%)	2 (3.1)	1 (1.6)	0 (0.0)
Baseline eosinophil count (cells/ μ L), median (IQR)	310 (200-400)	425 (235-1005)	435 (255-848)
Baseline IgE (IU/mL), median (IQR)	144 (61-278)	182 (78-494)	146 (70-288)
Preindex annualized exacerbation rate, mean (SD)	1.8 (2.5)	2.6 (2.7)	2.7 (3.0)
Smoking status, n (%)			
Current	4 (6.2)	3 (4.8)	3 (7.9)
Former	16 (24.6)	9 (14.5)	5 (13.2)
Never	38 (58.5)	36 (58.1)	21 (55.3)
Unknown	7 (10.8)	14 (22.6)	9 (23.7)
Charlson comorbidity index, mean (SD)	1.2 (0.9)	1.3 (0.7)	1.3 (0.7)
Allergic rhinitis, n (%)	64 (98.5)	48 (77.4)	38 (100)

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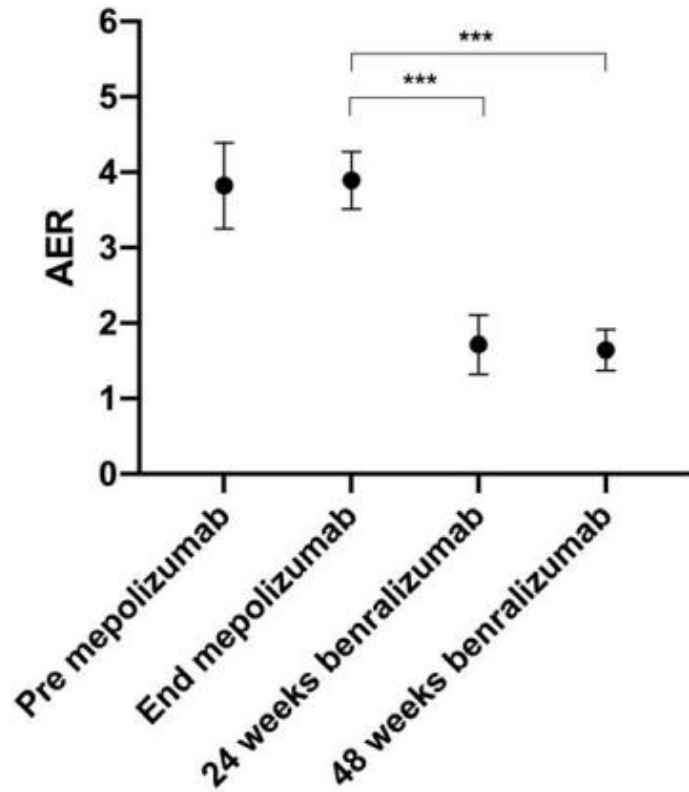
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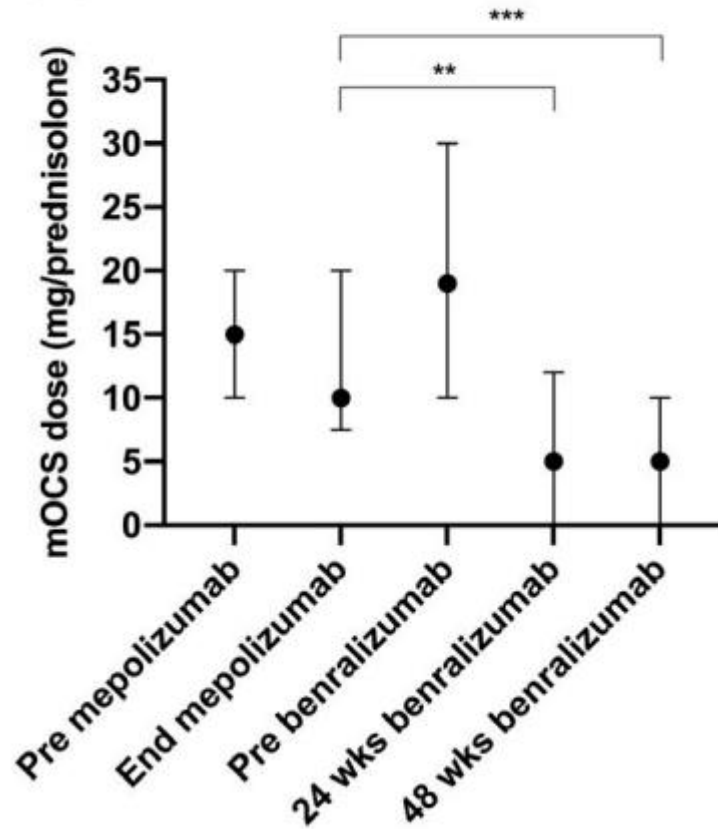
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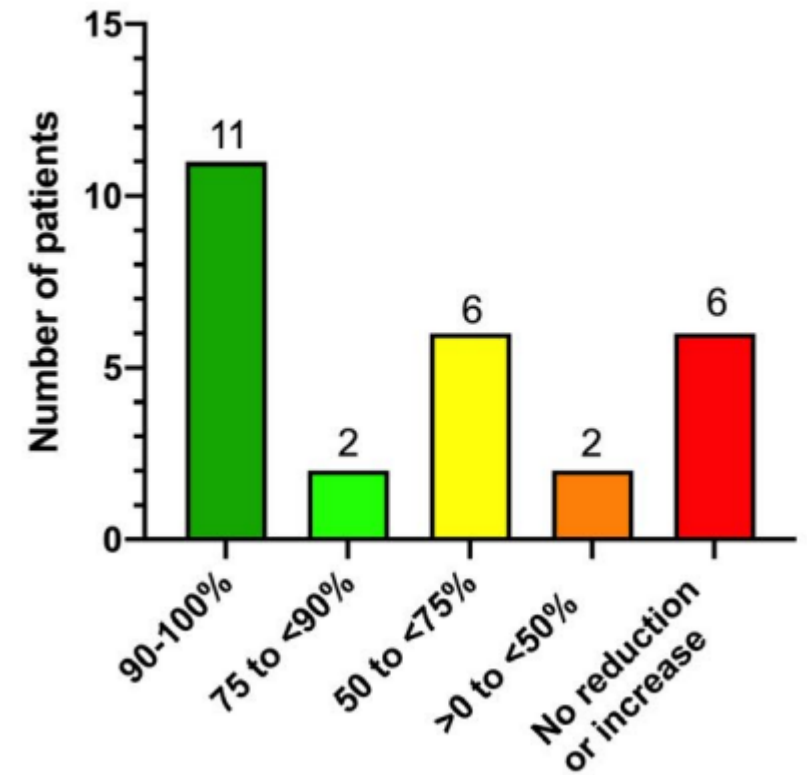


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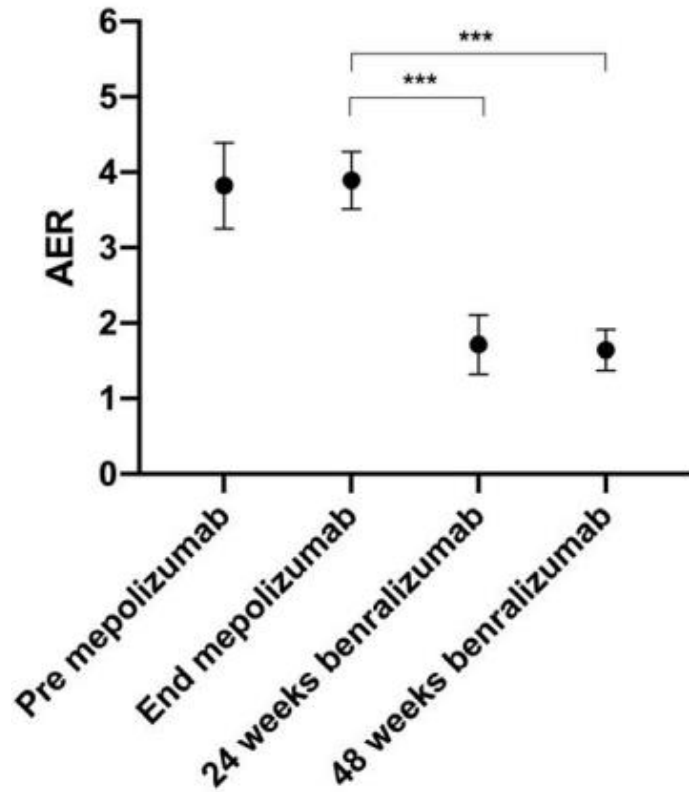
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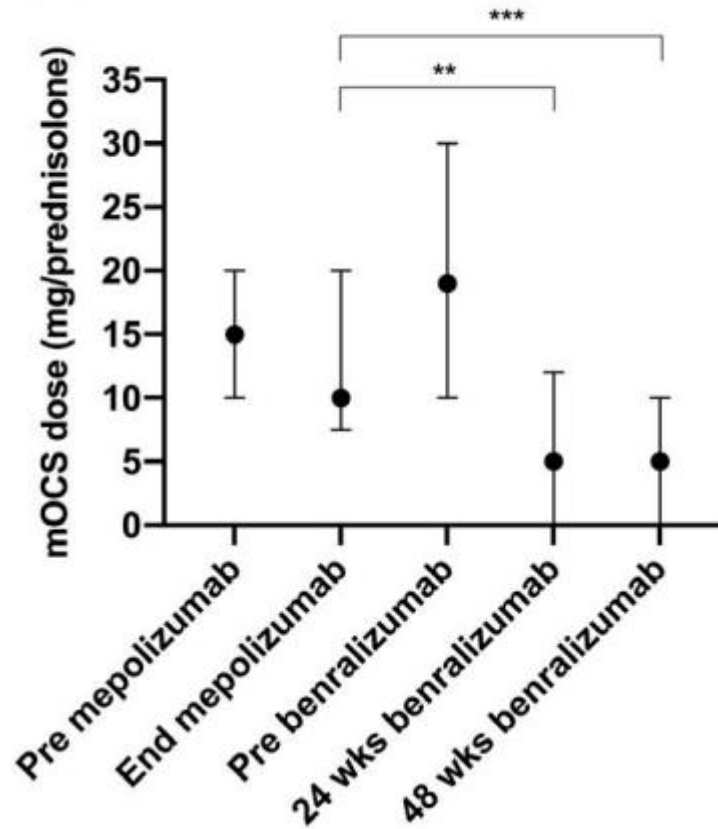


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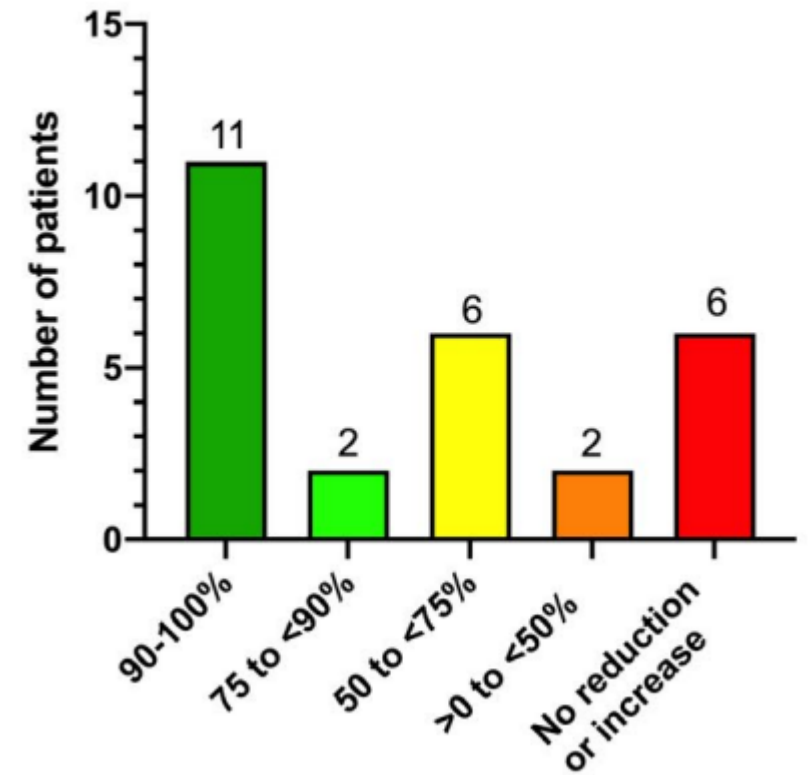


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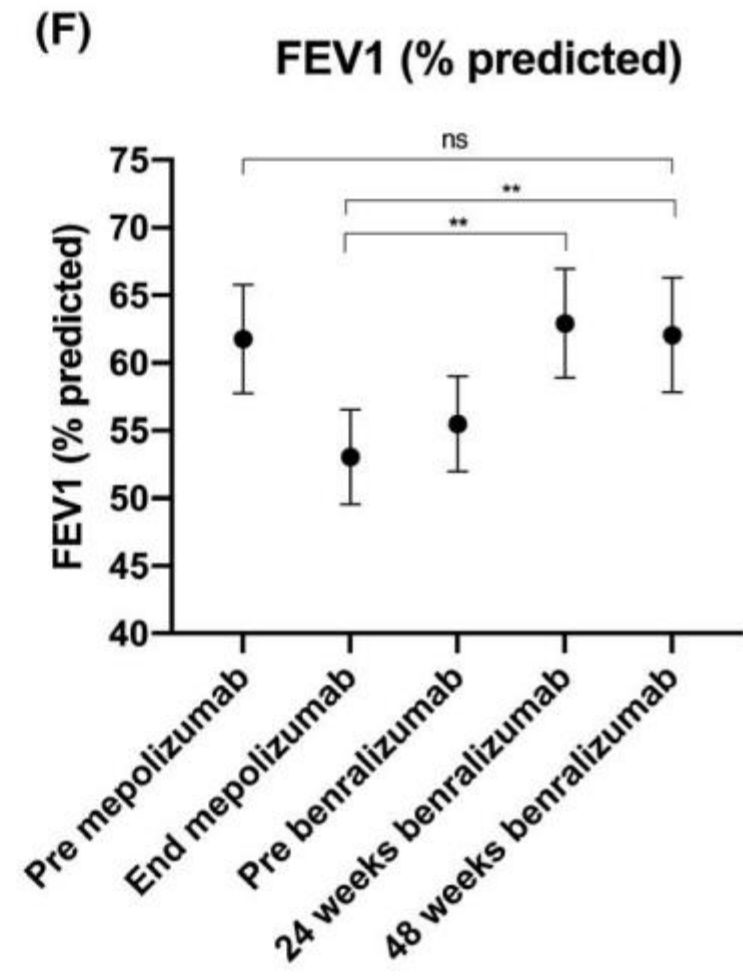
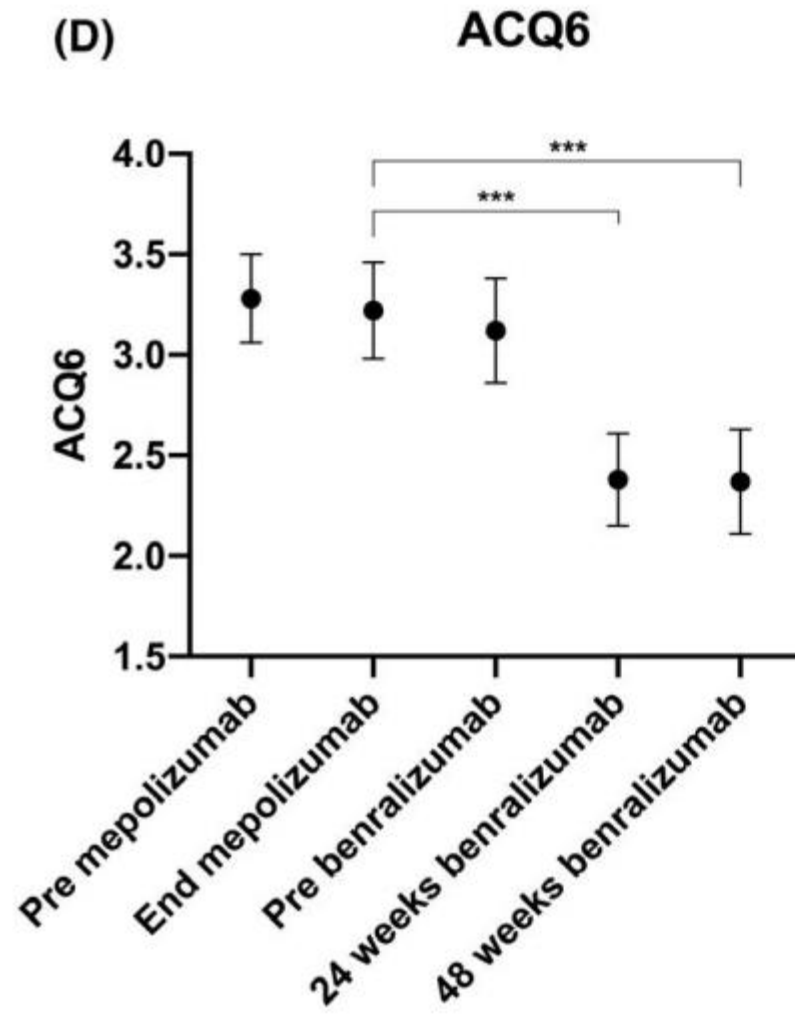


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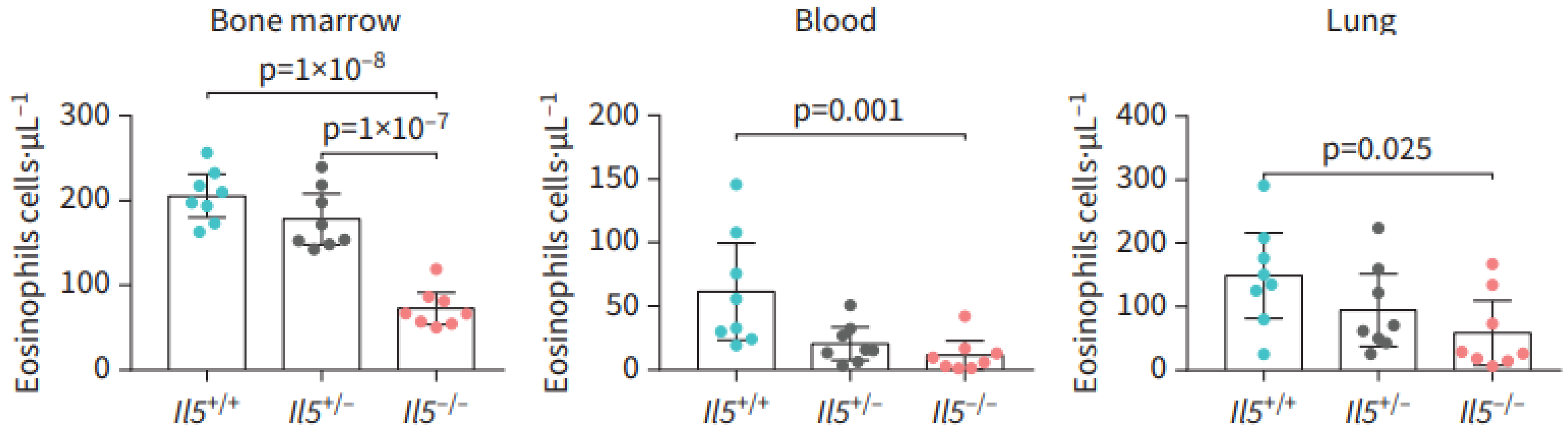
	Baseline mepolizumab A	End of mepolizumab B	Baseline benralizumab C	48 weeks benralizumab D	Change B to D	p value A vs D	p value B vs D
Annualized exacerbation rate	3.82 (3.28)	3.89 (2.17)		1.64 (1.57)	-2.25	0.004	<0.001
On mOCS (number on ≥ 5 mg/day prednisolone)	26	26	26	14 ^a	-12	0.120	0.090
Median mOCS dose (prednisolone, mg/day)	15.0 (10.0–20.0)	10 (7.5–20)	19.0 (10.0–30.0)	5.0 (0.0–10.0)	-5	0.001	<0.001
FEV1 (L)	1.72 (0.70)	1.51 (0.64)	1.58 (0.67)	1.78 (0.79)	0.27	0.474	0.008
FEV1 (% predicted)	61.78 (22.02)	53.05 (20.08)	55.48 (20.14)	62.06 (24.22)	9.01	0.747	0.007
Blood eosinophil count ($\times 10^9$)	0.20 (0.05–0.35)	0.00 (0.00–0.10)	0.10 (0.00–0.10)	0.00 (0.00–0.00)	0	<0.001	0.019
FeNO (ppb)	45 (30–84)	57 (33–81)	56 (27–77)	48 (29–83)	-9	0.636	0.221
ACQ-6	3.28 (1.24)	3.22 (1.36)	3.12 (1.52)	2.37 (1.51)	-0.85	<0.001	0.001
Mini-AQLQ	3.52 (1.28)	3.61 (1.48)	3.46 (1.44)	4.20 (1.59)	0.59	0.005	0.008



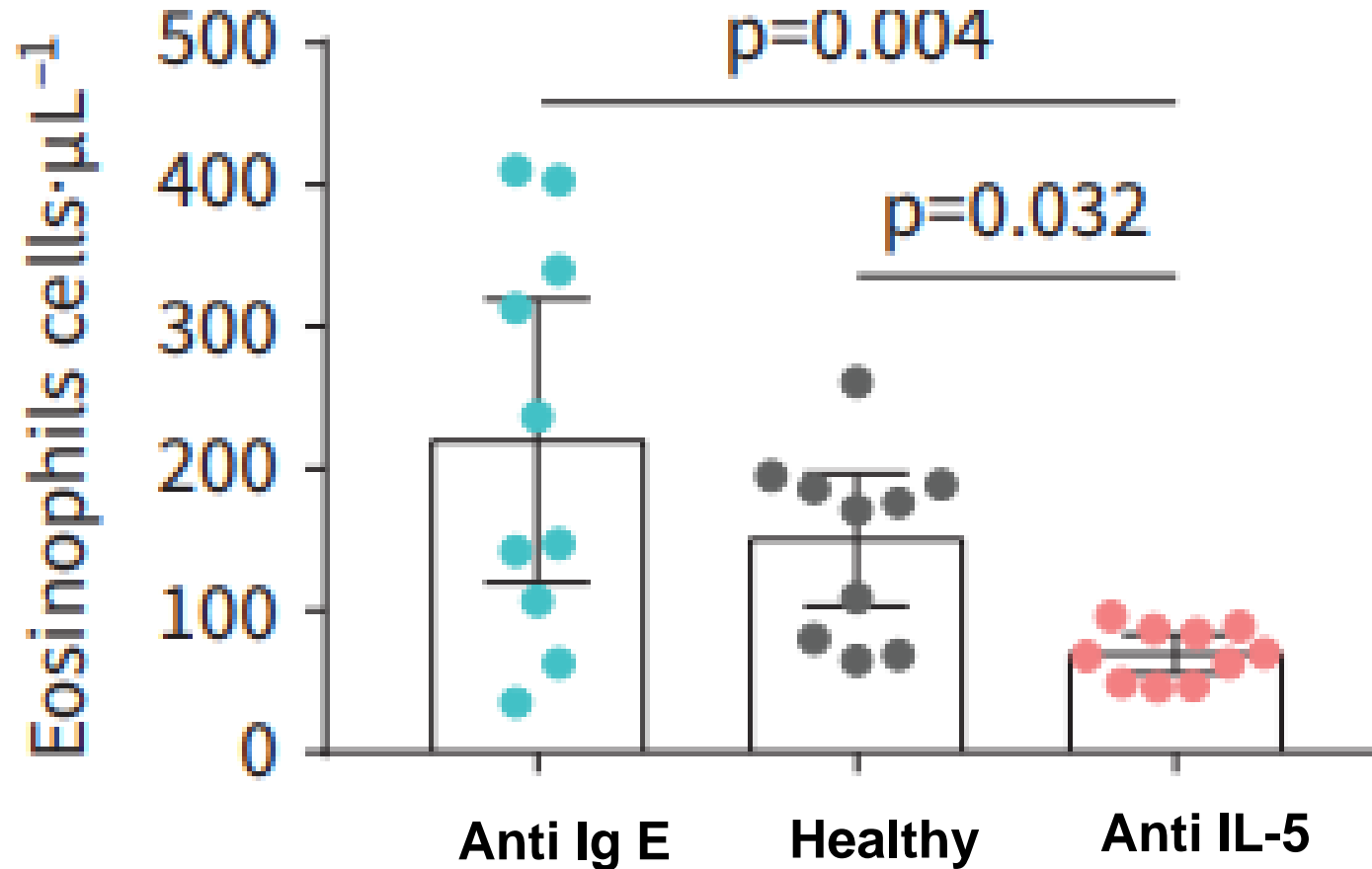
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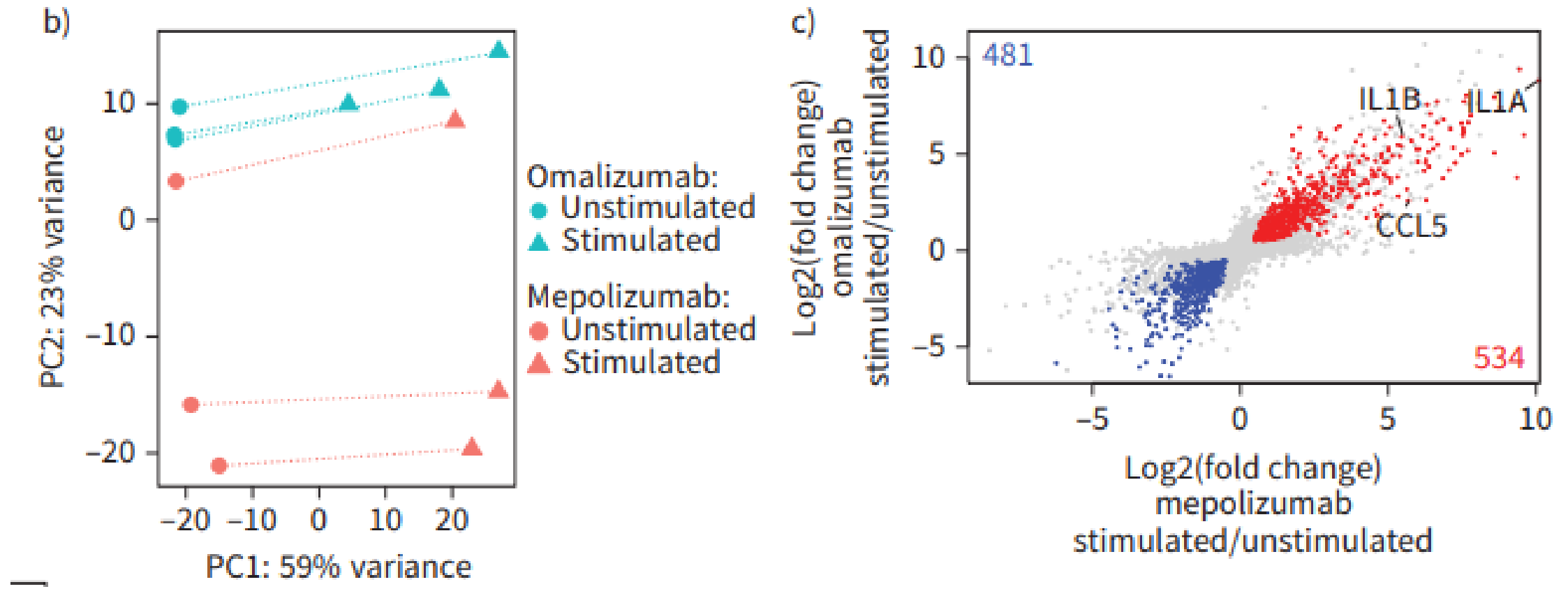
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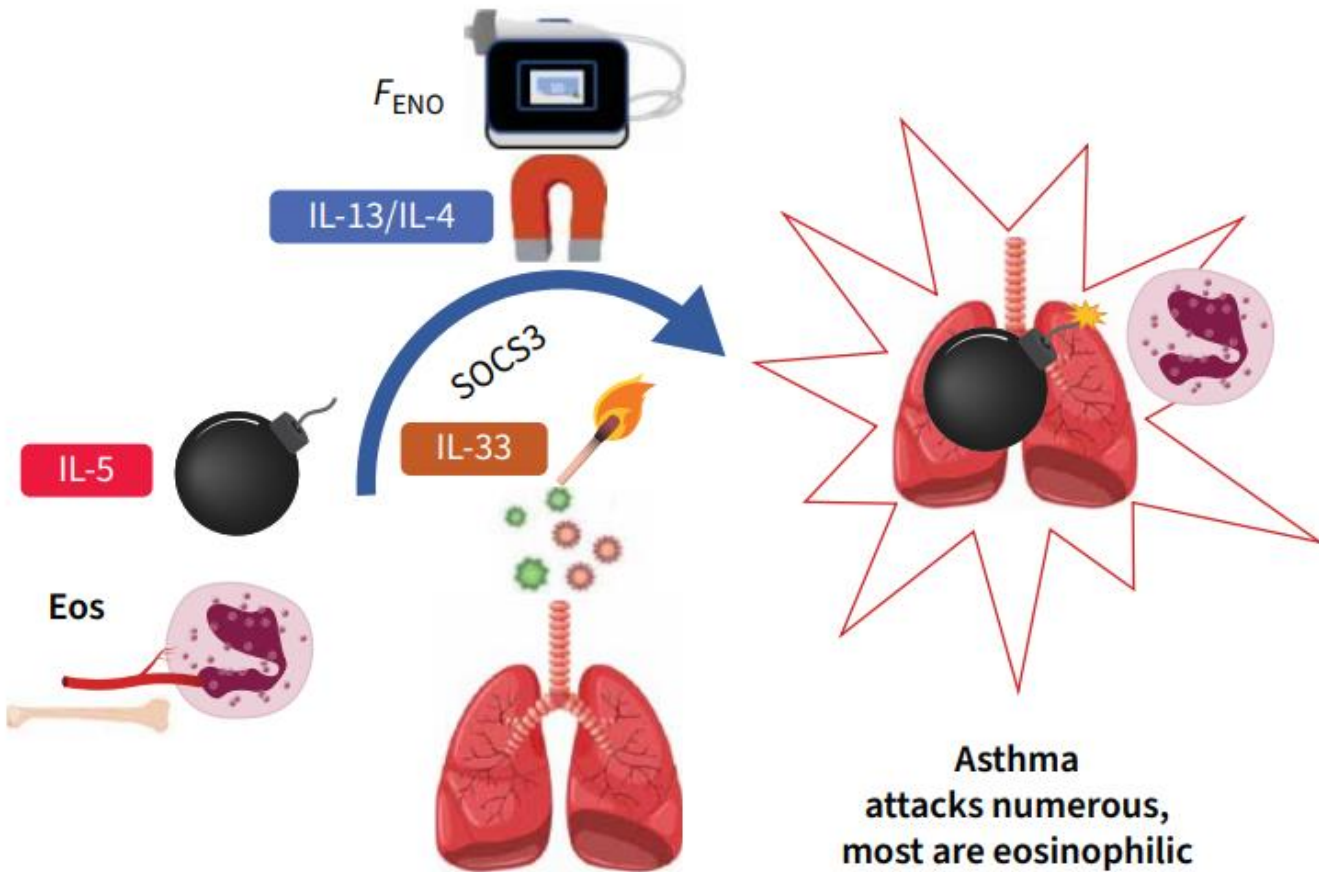
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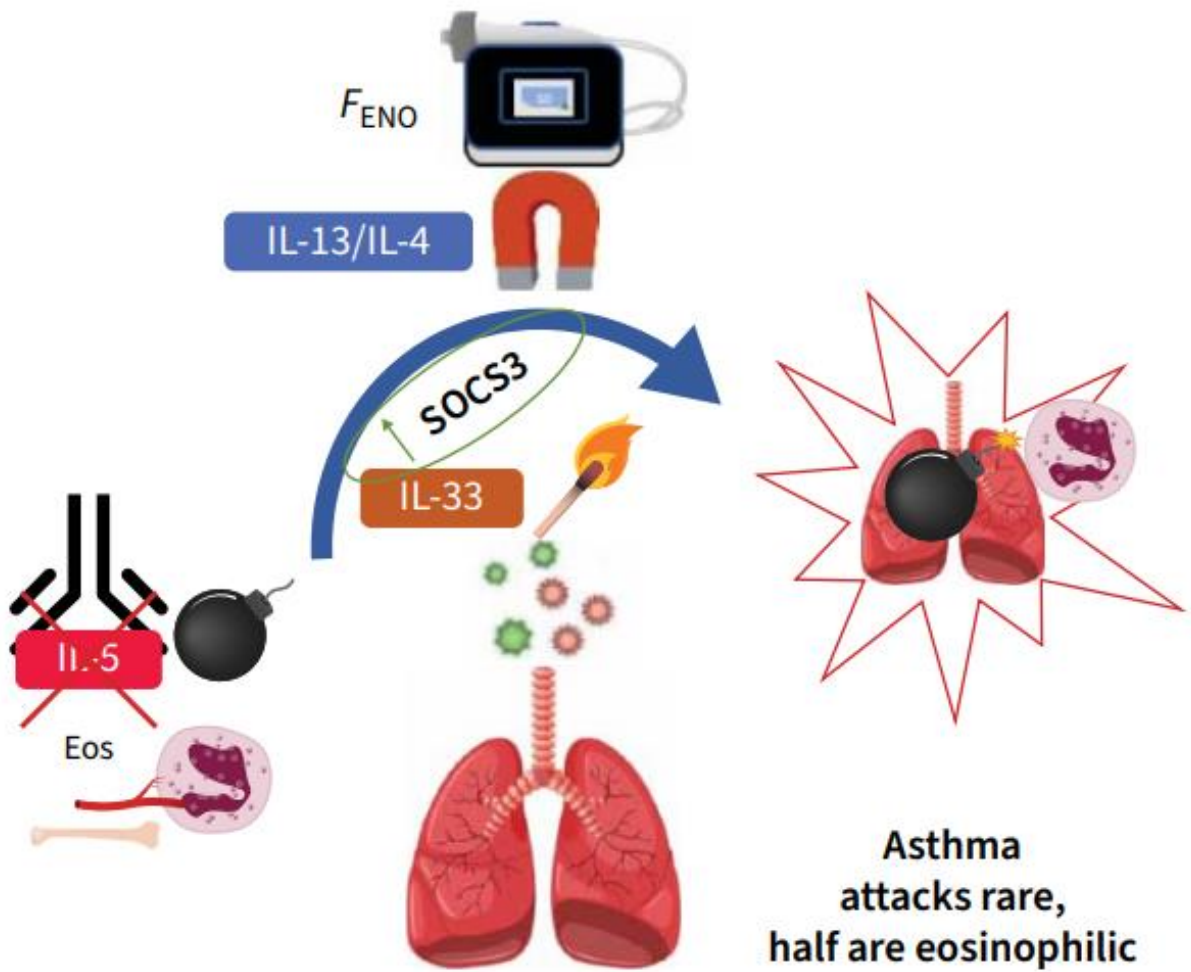
Transcriptomic response to stimulation of blood eosinophils from mepolizumab- or omalizumab-treated patient



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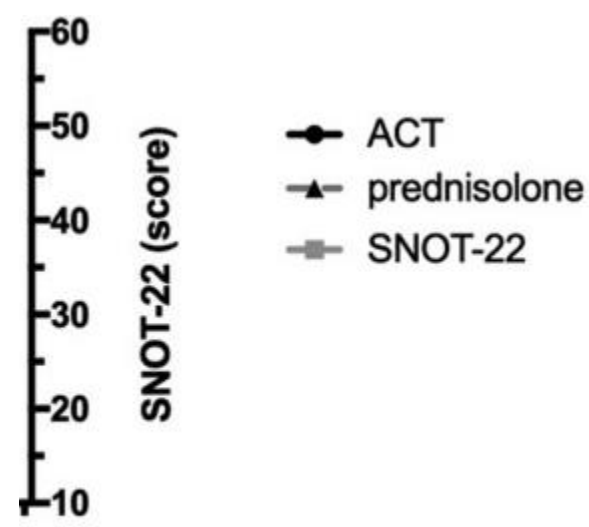
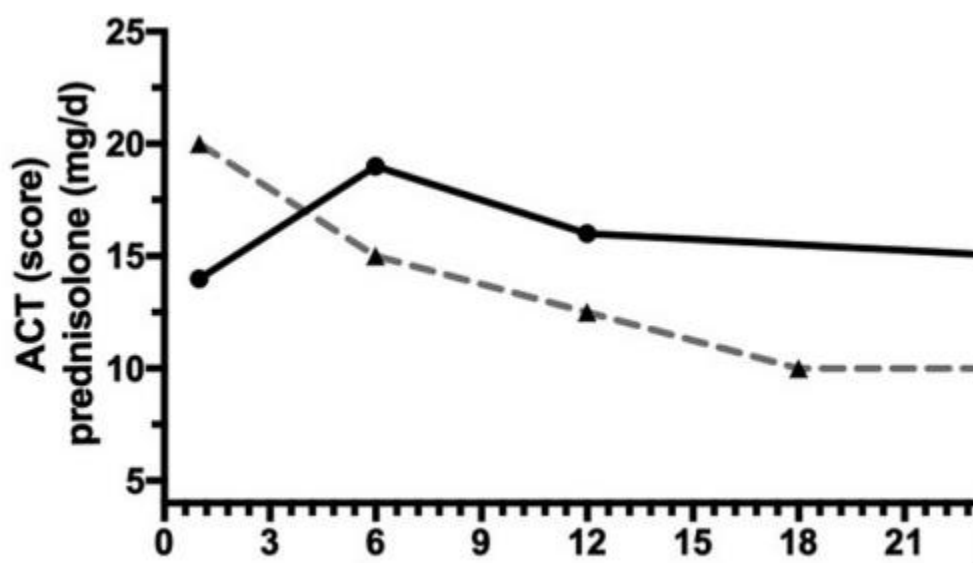
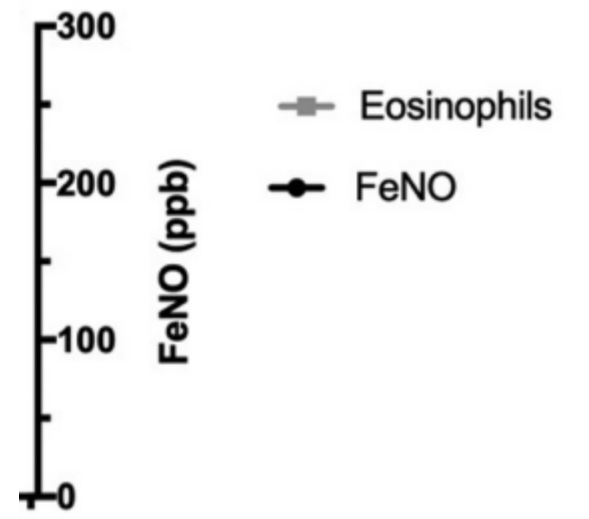
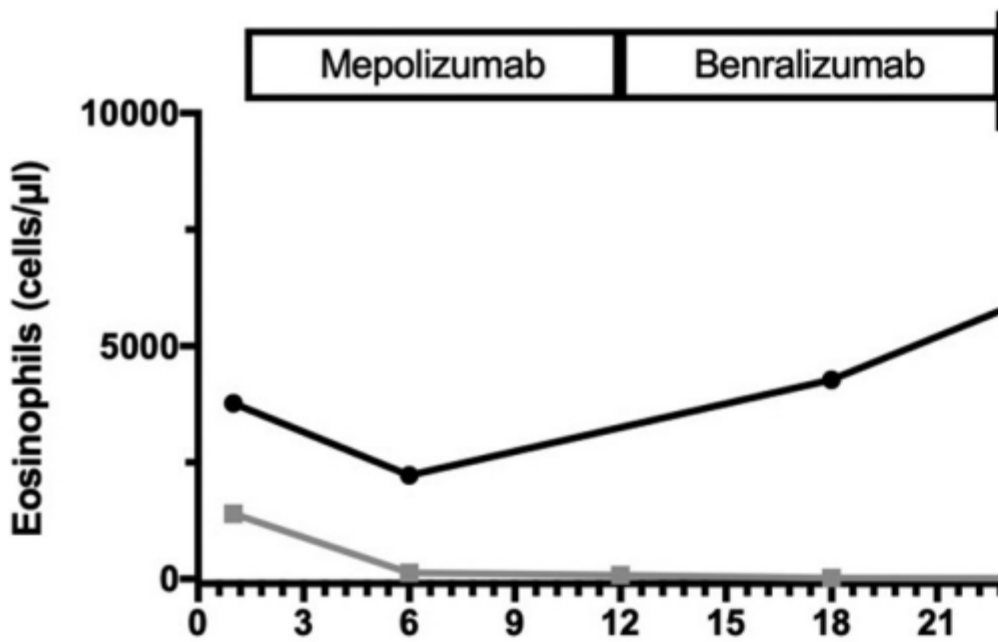


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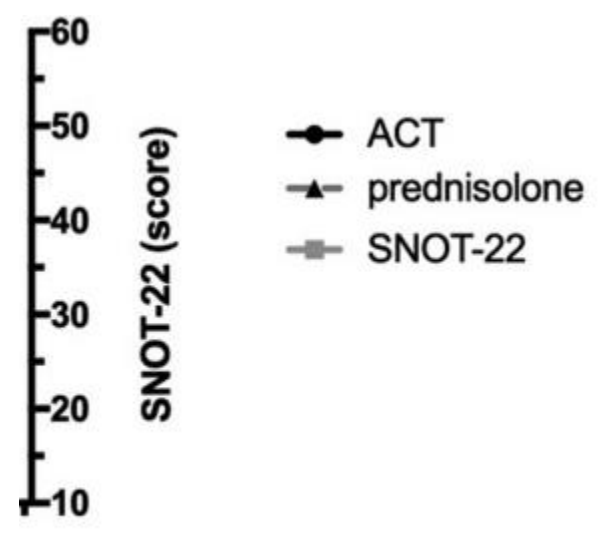
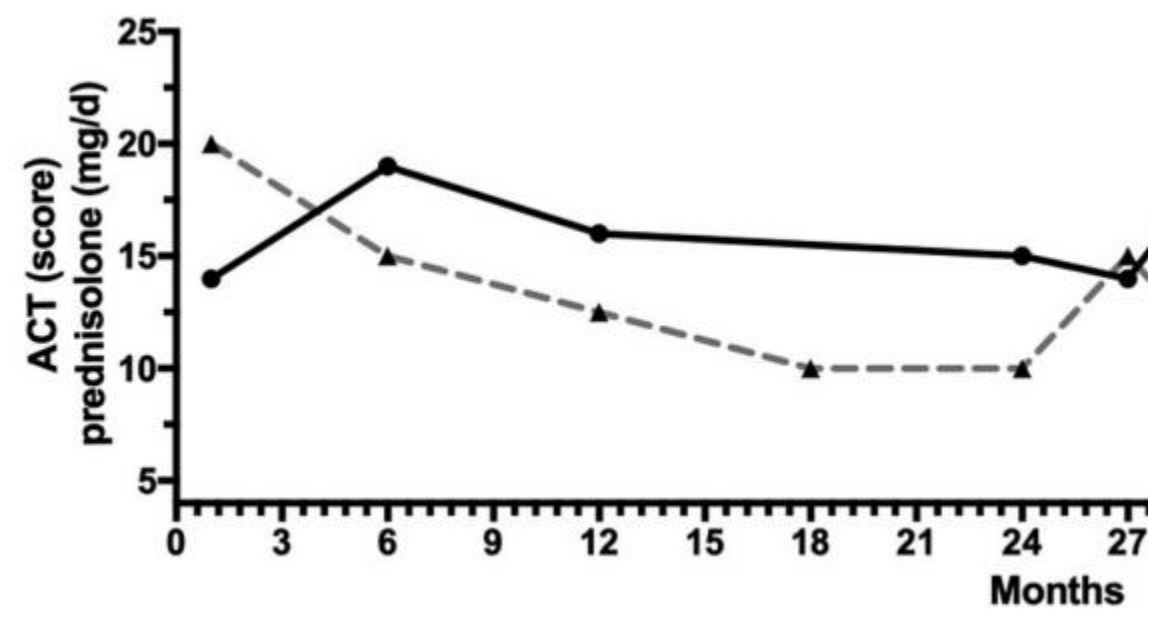
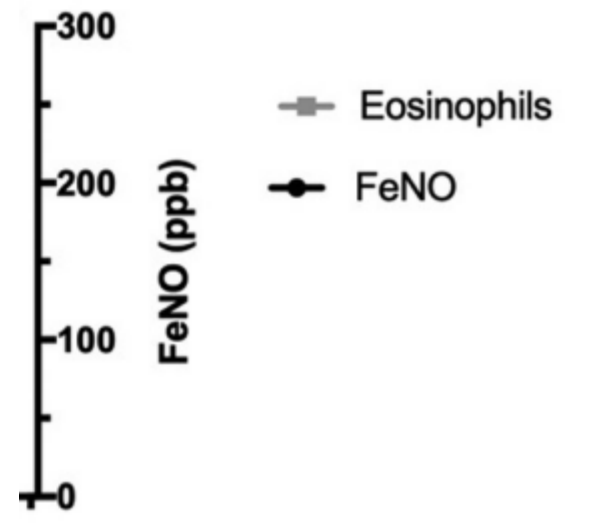
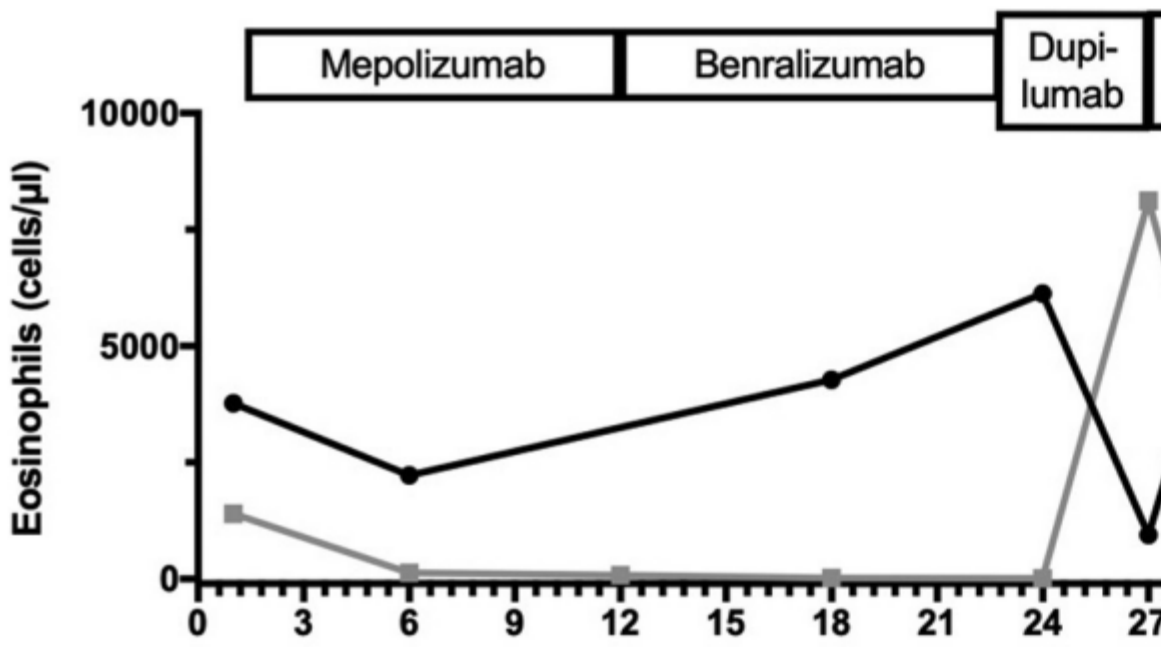
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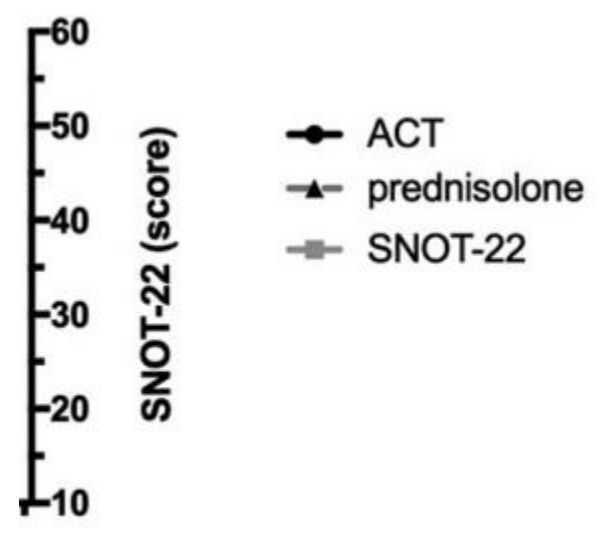
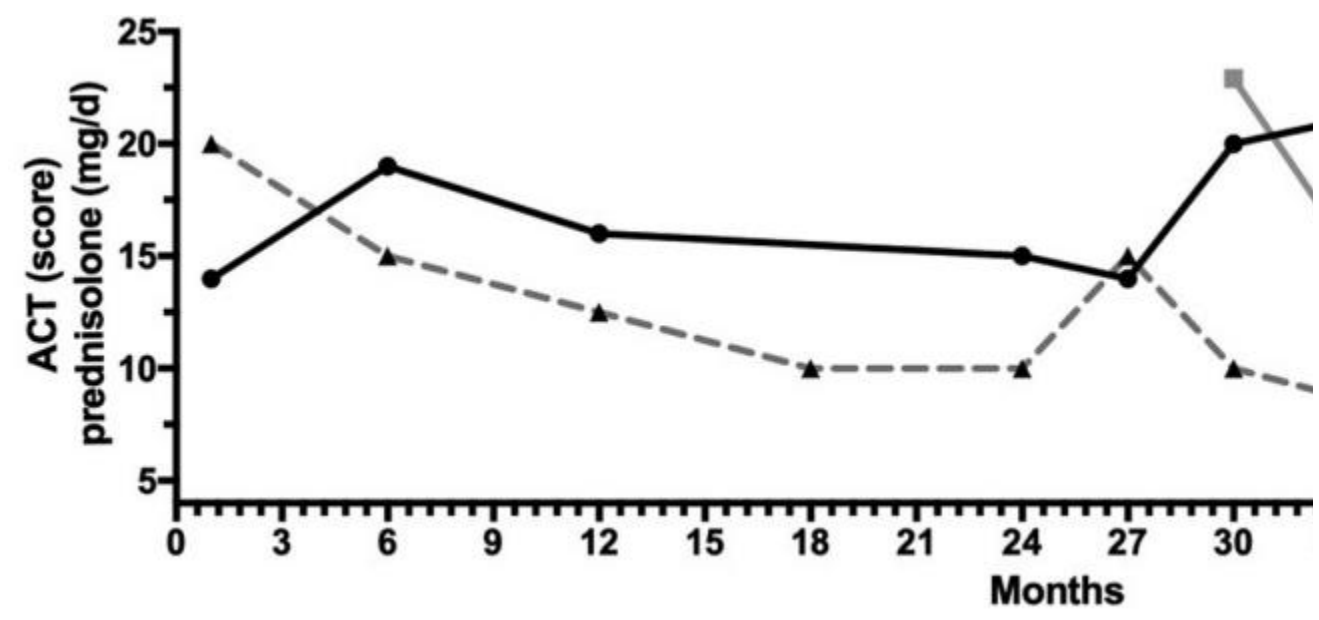
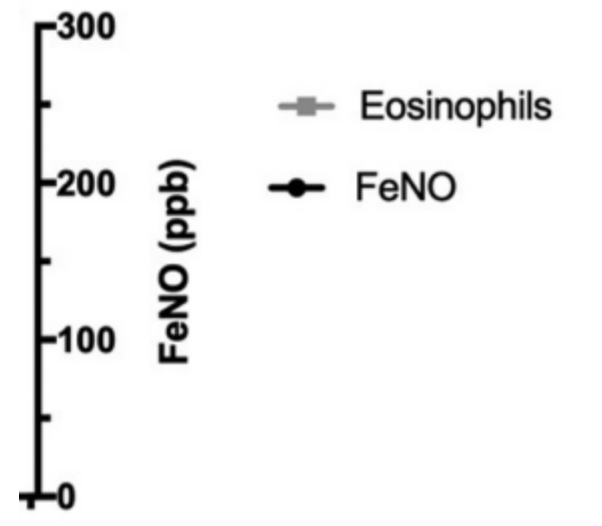
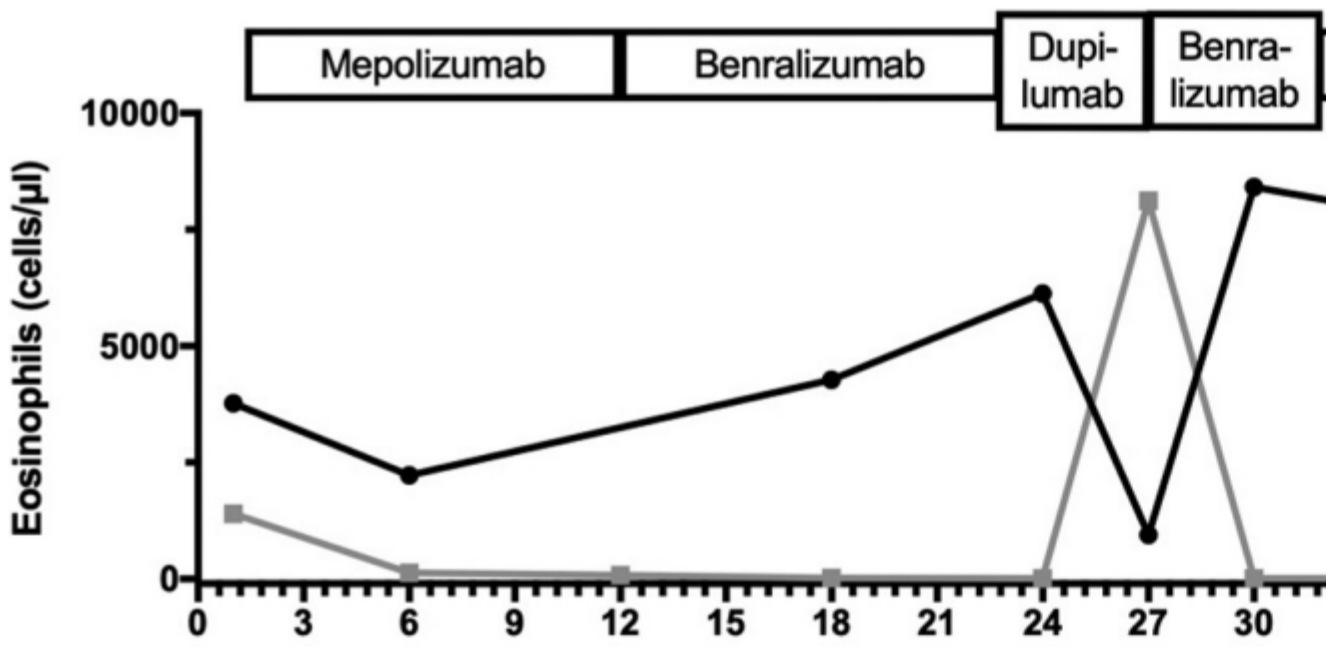
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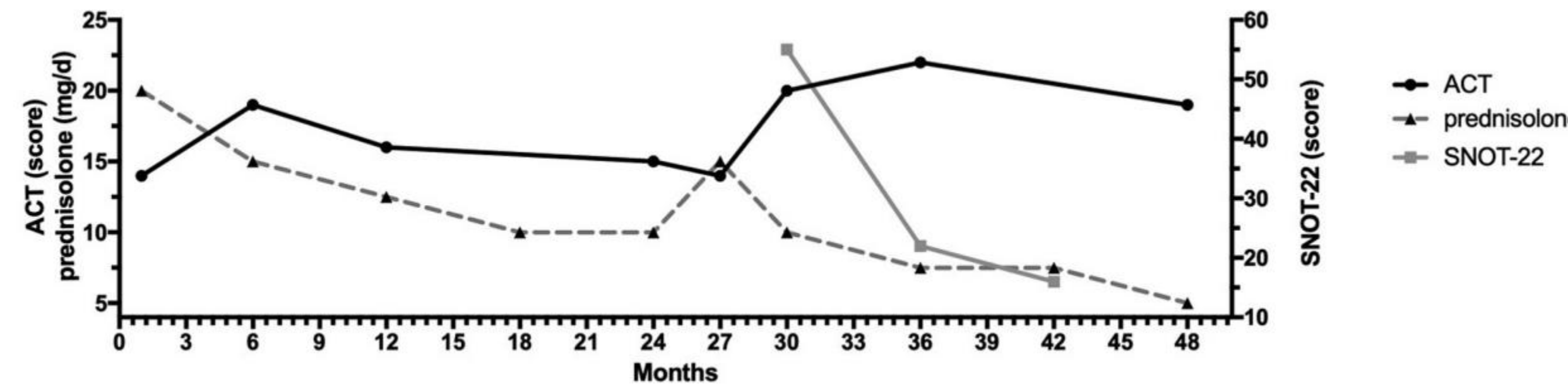
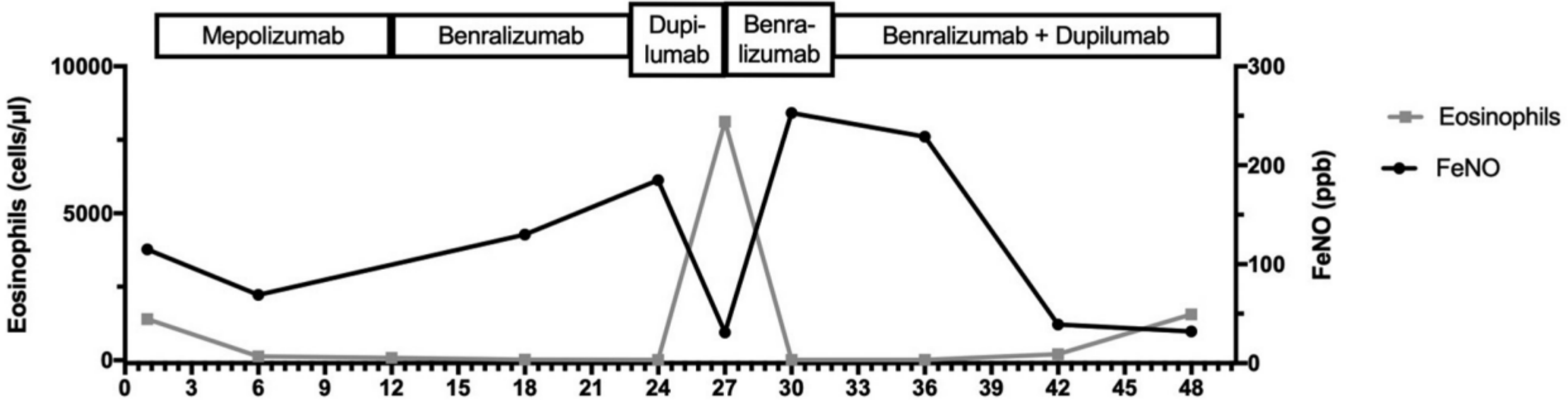
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Baseline	3.1 ± 1	3.2	3	3	3.6	1	4	1.8	5
After first biologic	2.4 ± 1	3	2.2	2.4	0.8	1	4.8	1.8	3.2
After second biologic	0.9 ± 1	0.5	1	0	0.8	0	1.8	0	2.8
OCS dose (mg/d)*									
Baseline	8.75 (5-30)	25	10	5	7.5	5	30	10	15
After first biologic	1.25 (0-20)	10	0	0	2.5	0	20	3	0
After second	0 (0-7.5)	5	0	0	0	0	7.5	0	0
Exacerbations /y (moderate-to- severe)									
Baseline		3	4	4	3	5	3	10	5
After first biologic		0	3	3	1	3	2	8	3
After second biologic		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sinus uncontrolled, n (%)									
Baseline	7 (88)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
After first biologic		Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
After second biologic		N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N

Clinical Associations of Mucus Plugging in Moderate to Severe Asthma



TABLE II. Odds ratios (ORs) (95% CIs) for spirometry, type 2 biomarkers, and exacerbations in association with the presence of mucus plugging score of ≥ 1 using logistic regression modeling adjusted for confounding variables

Clinical feature	Mucus plug	
	Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
FEV ₁ (44%)	3.06 (1.46-6.41) [†]	2.45 (0.95-6.31)
Forced expiratory flow at 25% to 75% of FVC (68%)	5.18 (2.27-11.83) [‡]	2.64 (0.92-7.55)
FEV ₁ /FVC (51%)	4.02 (1.91-8.45) [‡]	3.01 (1.14-7.97)*
Exacerbations (61%)	4.58 (2.03-10.31) [‡]	5.00 (1.55, 16.11) [†]
Peripheral blood eosinophils (62%)	2.95 (1.37-6.37) [†]	3.23 (1.16-8.96)*
FeNO (48%)	2.30 (1.01-5.27)*	2.09 (0.66-6.56)
Total IgE (57%)	2.73 (1.29-5.80) [†]	3.20 (1.09-9.37)*
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i> IgE (22%)	3.91 (1.35-11.33)*	9.37 (1.82-48.20) [†]
<i>A fumigatus</i> IgG (12%)	1.42 (0.45-4.54)	1.99 (0.45-8.79)

Asthma Control, Airway Mucus, and ^{129}Xe MRI Ventilation After a Single Benralizumab Dose

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TABLE 1] Baseline Demographic Characteristics

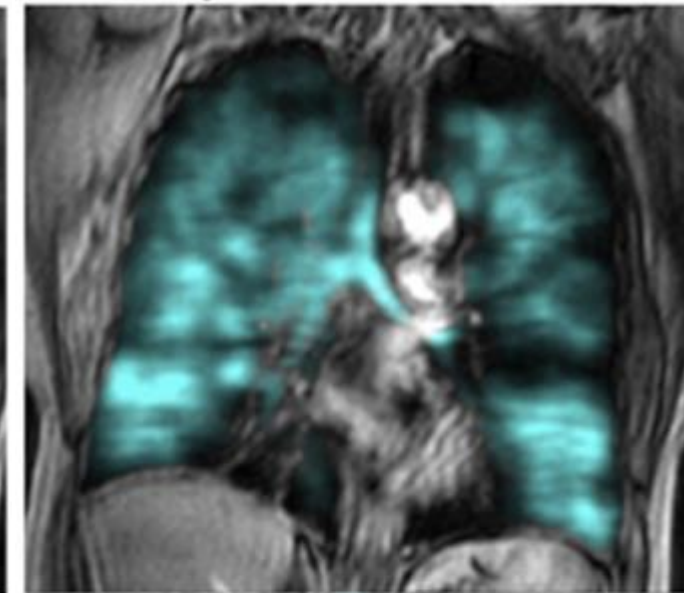
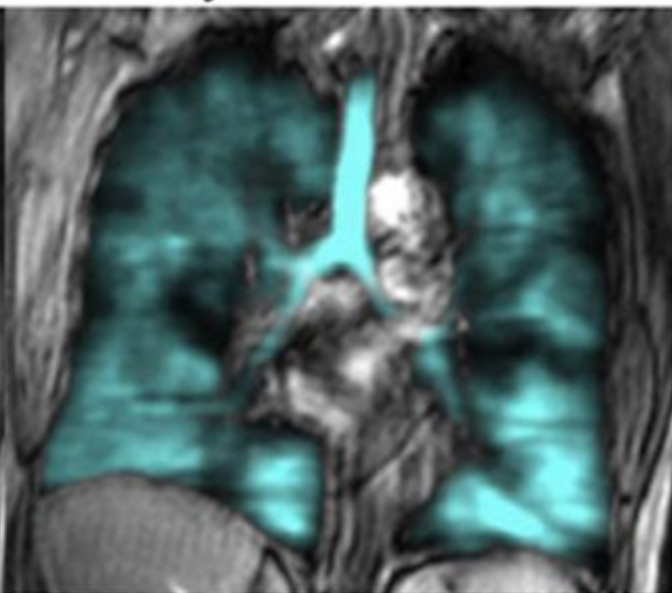
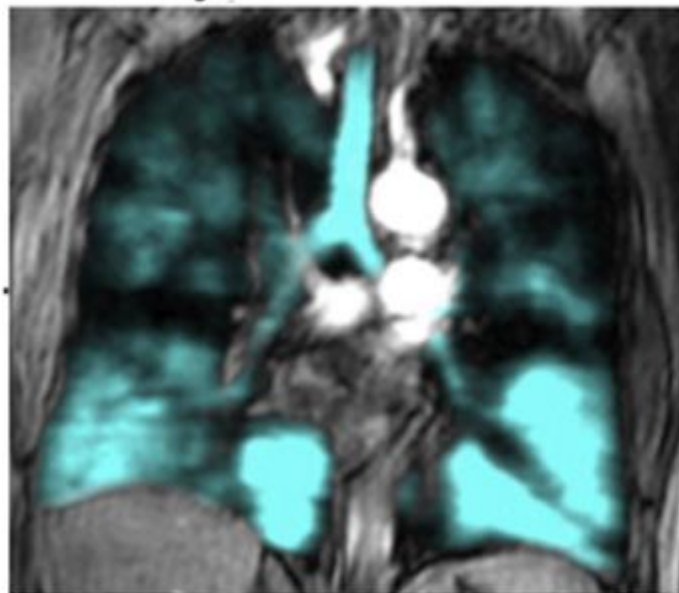
Characteristic	All Participants (n = 29)	Mucus Plug Score < 5 (n = 18)	Mucus Plug Score ≥ 5 (n = 9)	P Value
Age, y	59 ± 12	62 ± 8	55 ± 17	—
Female sex	16 (69)	11 (61)	5 (55)	—
BMI, kg/m ²	29 ± 5	30 ± 6	27 ± 3	—
Inflammatory markers				
Eos, cells/μL	630 ± 380	520 ± 270	920 ± 420	.04
F _{ENO} , ppb	48 ± 35 ^a	51 ± 37	45 ± 34 ^b	1.0
CT imaging findings ^a				
TAC	140 ± 50	130 ± 23	160 ± 80	.9
Mucus plug score	5 ± 9	1 ± 2	13 ± 11	—
MRI findings				
VDP before bronchodilator	17 ± 10	13 ± 7	25 ± 11	.008
VDP after bronchodilator	12 ± 10	8 ± 7	21 ± 13	.02

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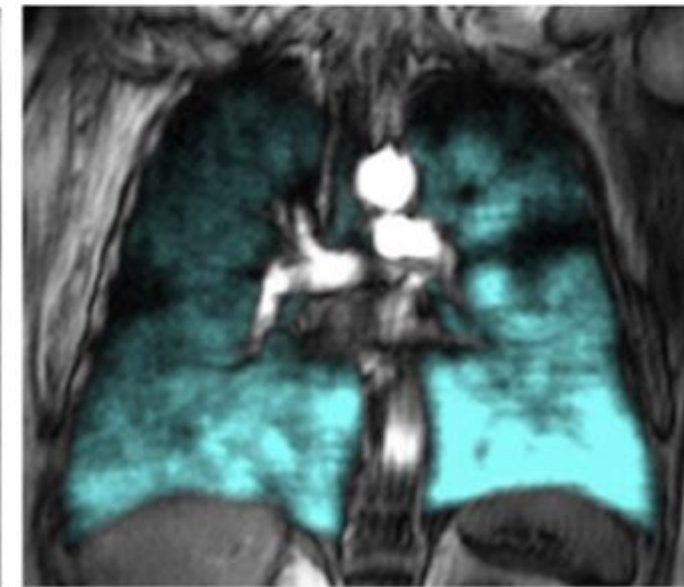
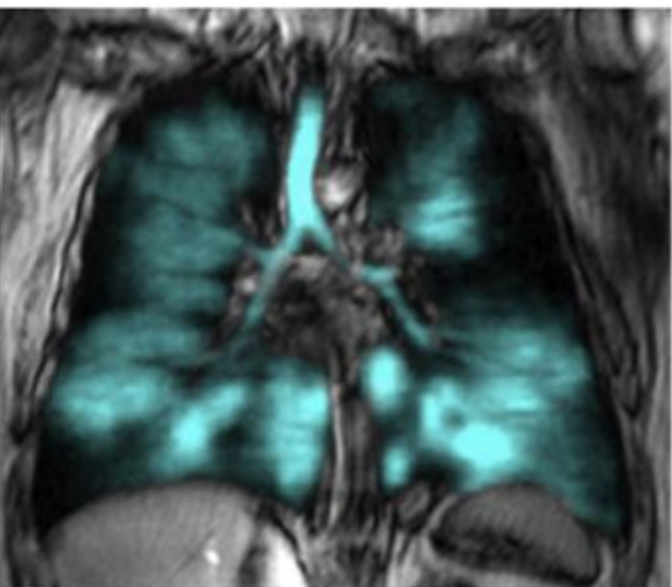
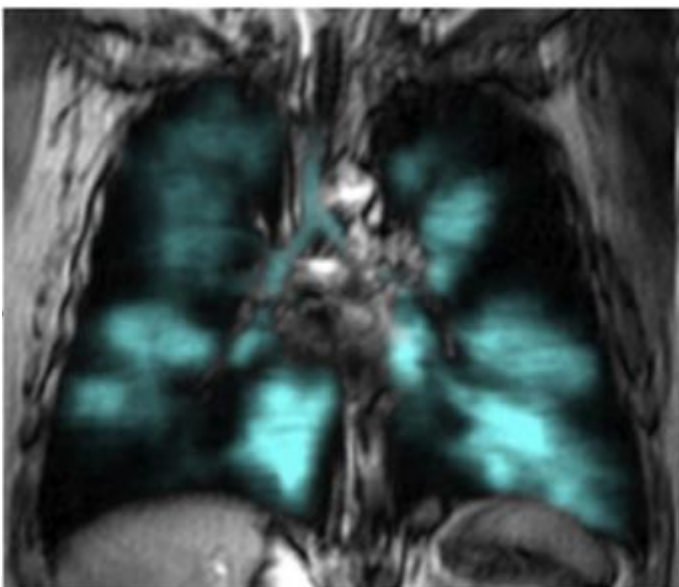
Day 0 After BD

Day 28 After BD

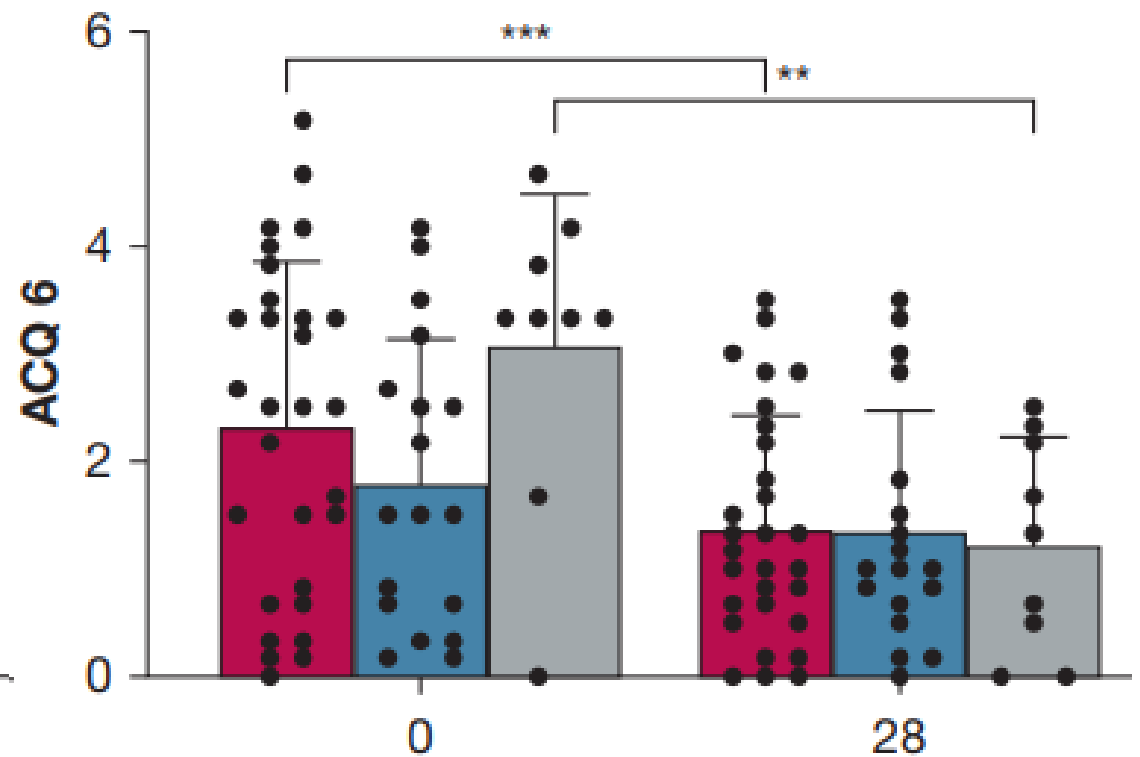
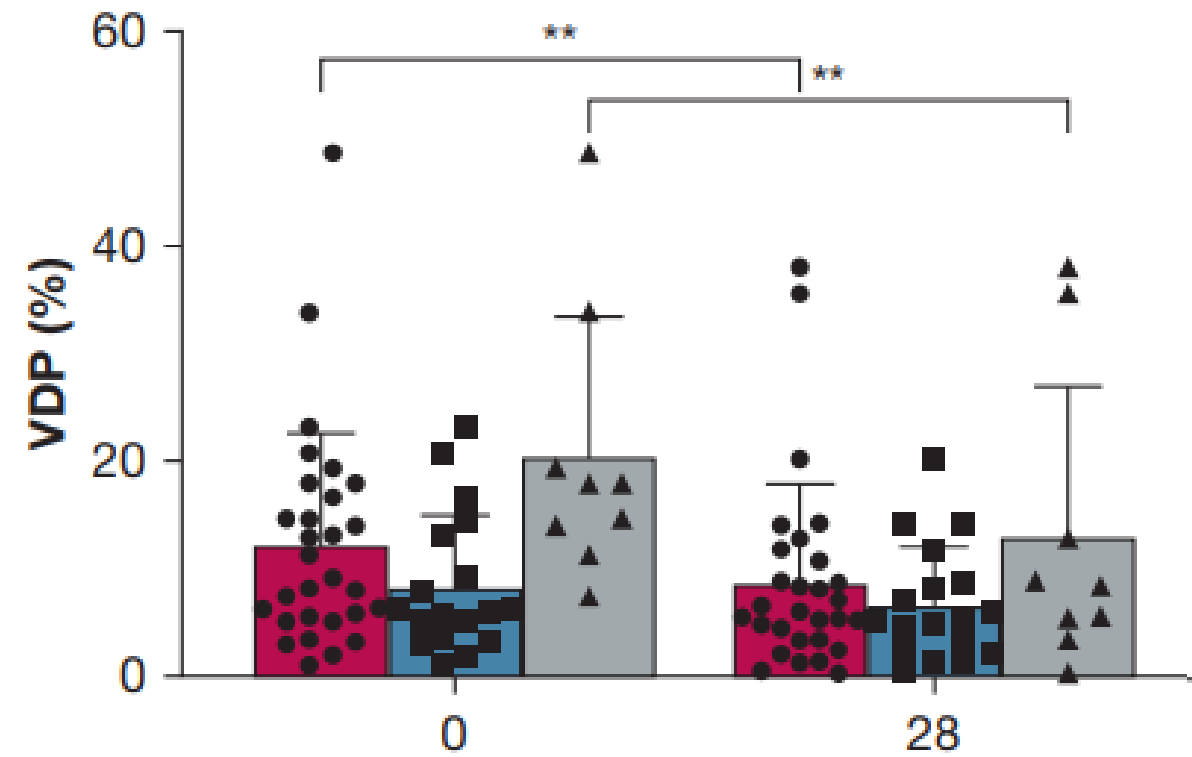
Mucus Score < 5



Mucus Score ≥ 5



■ All participants n = 29
 ■ Mucus < 5 n = 18
 ▲ Mucus ≥ 5 n = 9



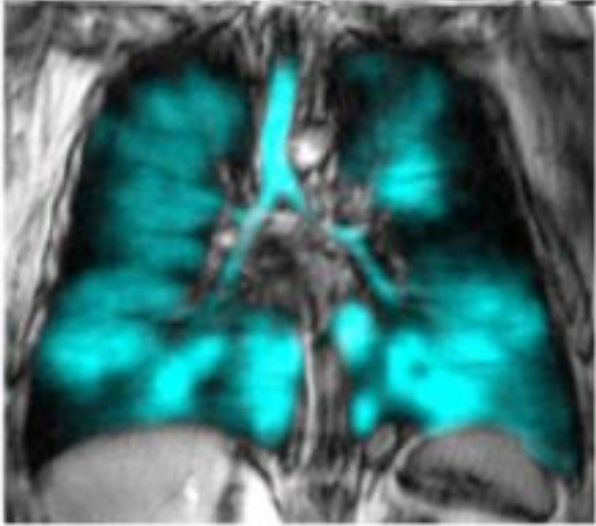
CT Mucus Score and ^{129}Xe MRI Ventilation Defects after 2.5-years anti-IL-5R α in Eosinophilic Asthma

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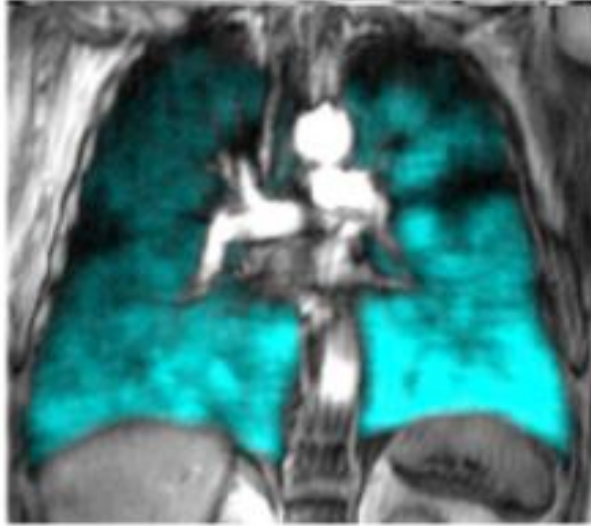
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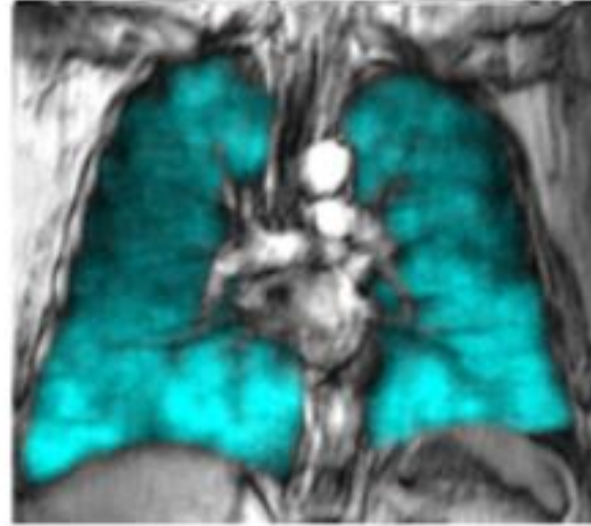
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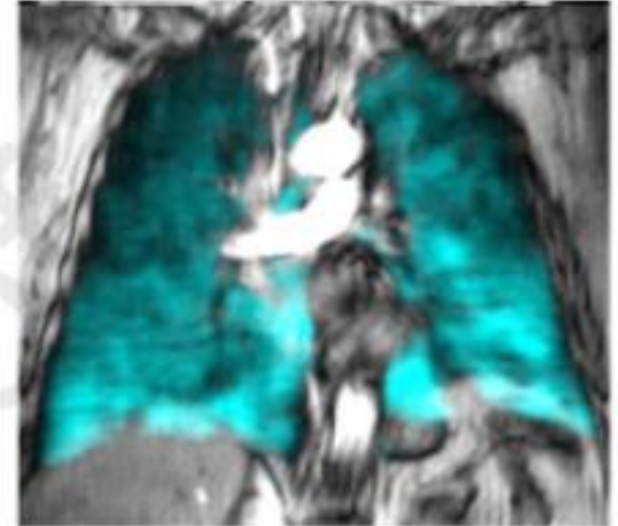
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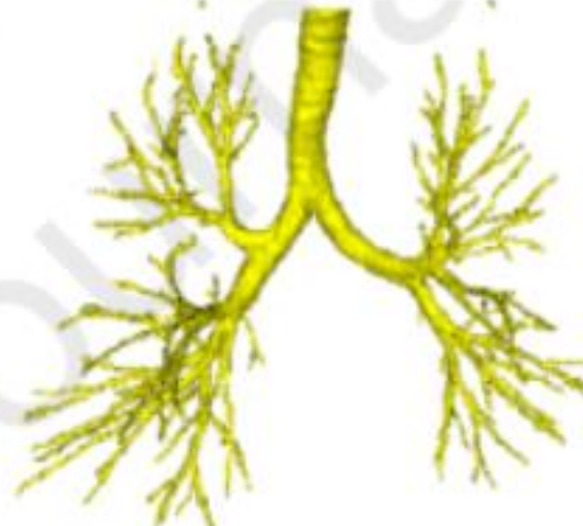
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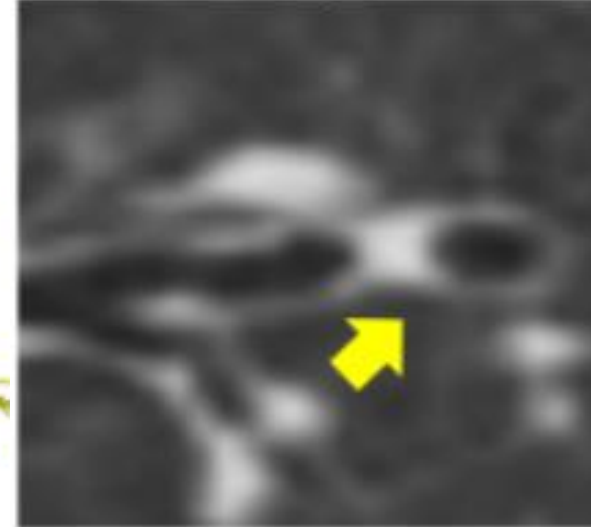
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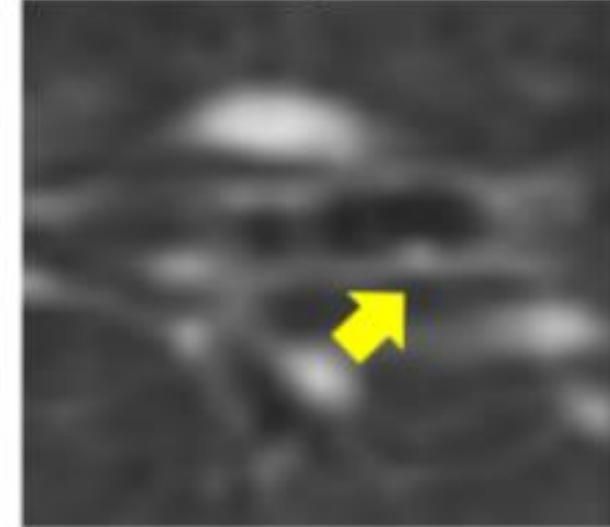
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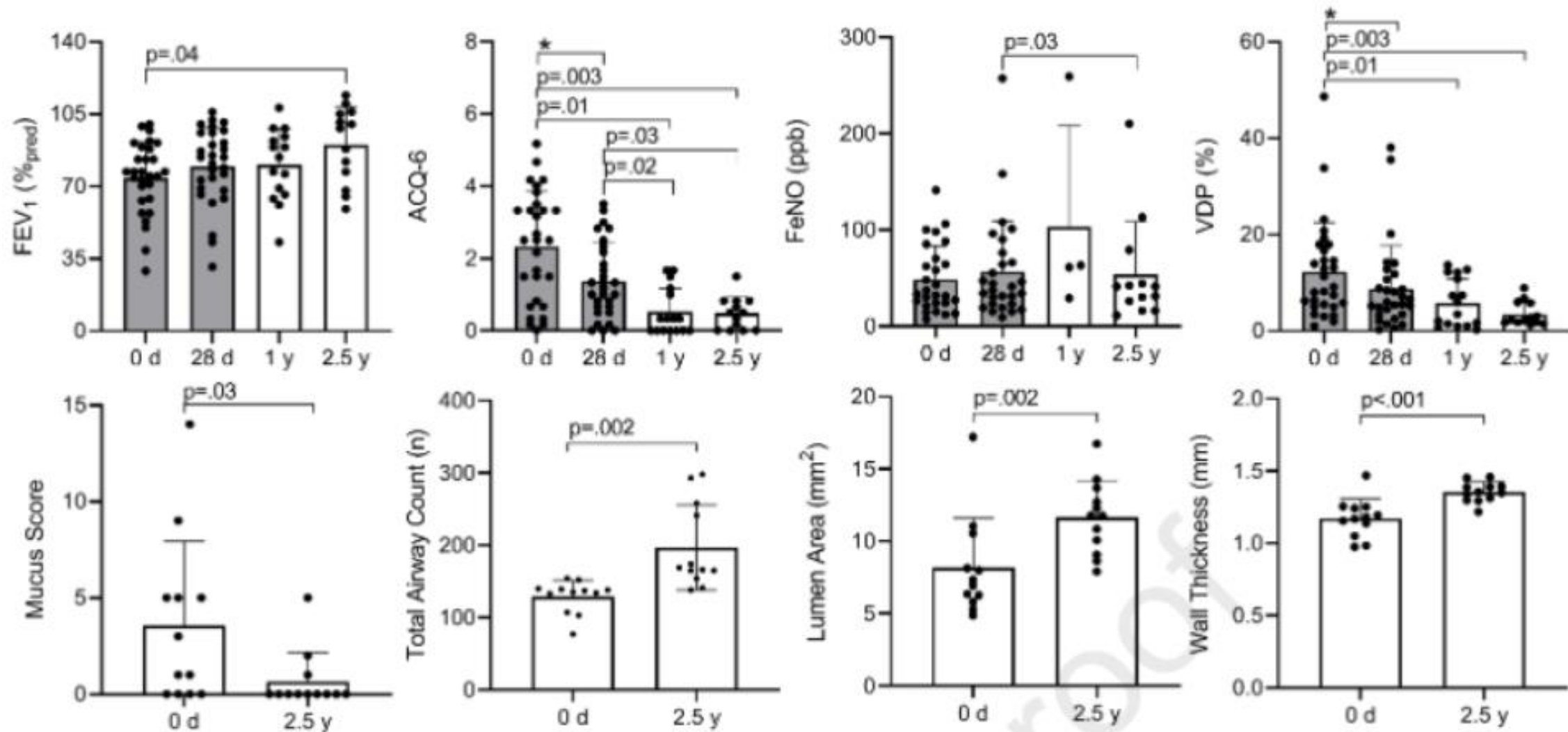


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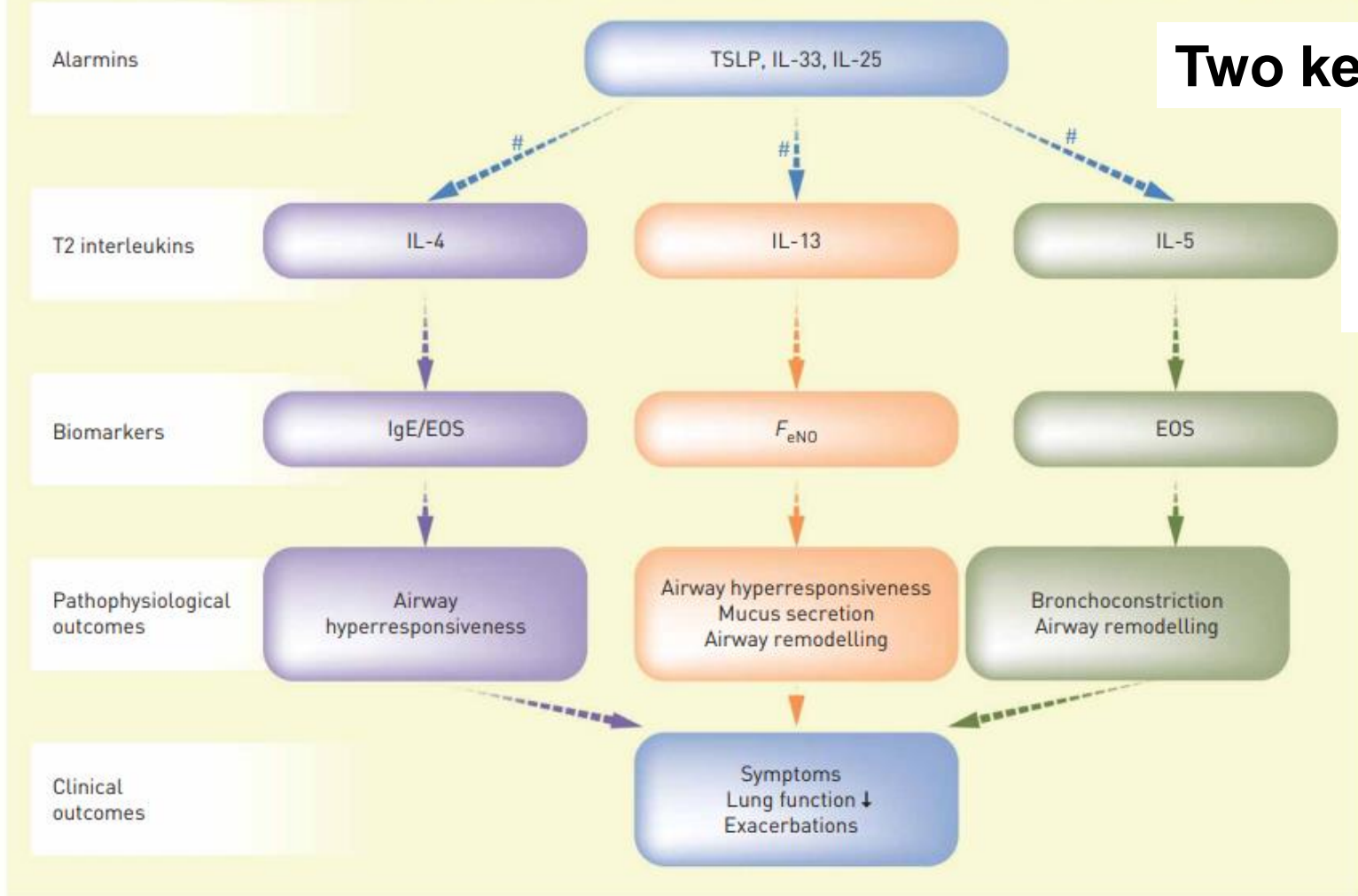


2.5-years





Viruses, allergens, cigarette smoke and pollution



Two key defining features of asthma

Airway inflammation

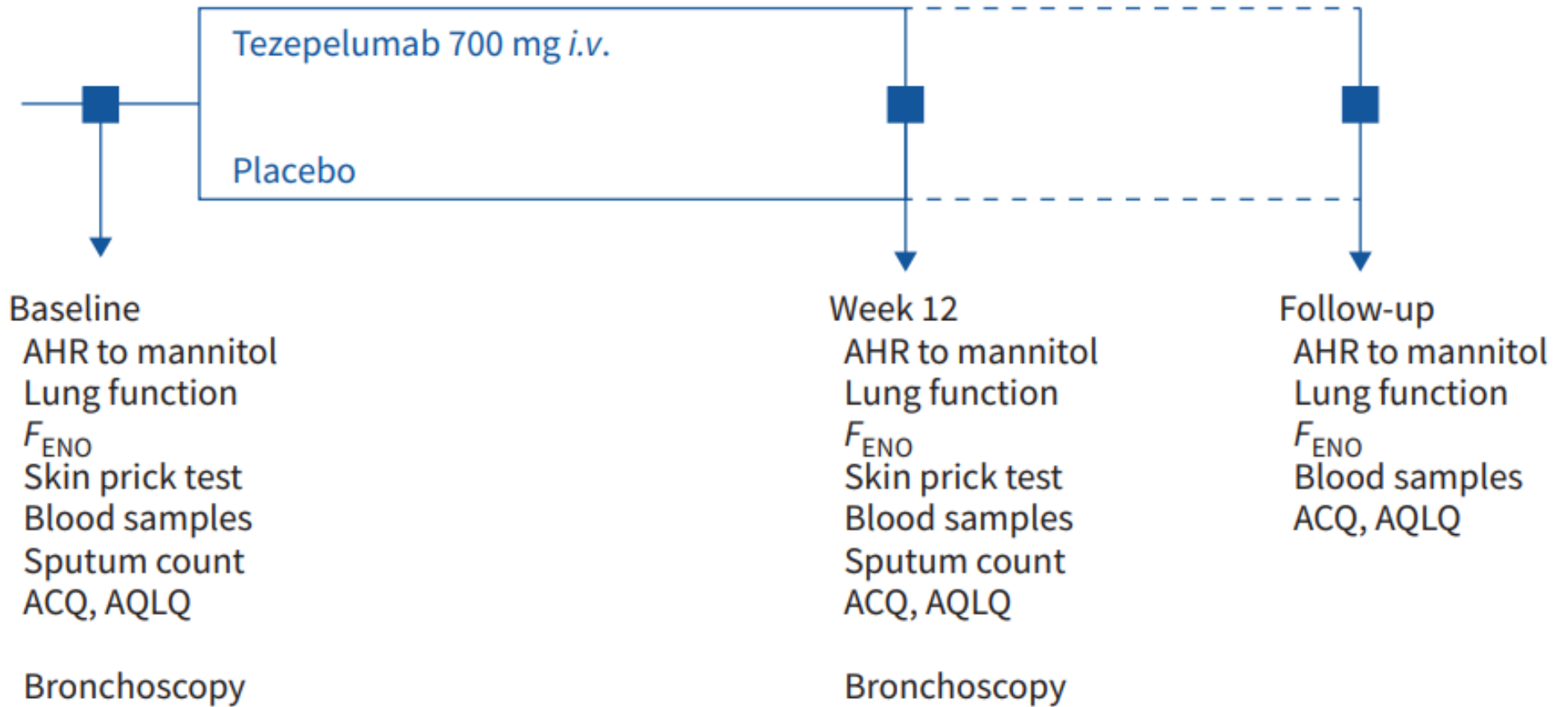
Airway hyperresponsiveness



The effect of tezepelumab on airway hyperresponsiveness to mannitol in asthma (UPSTREAM)

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Week	-2	0	4	8	12	21
Visit	1/2	3	4	5	6/7	8
IP dose		1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		



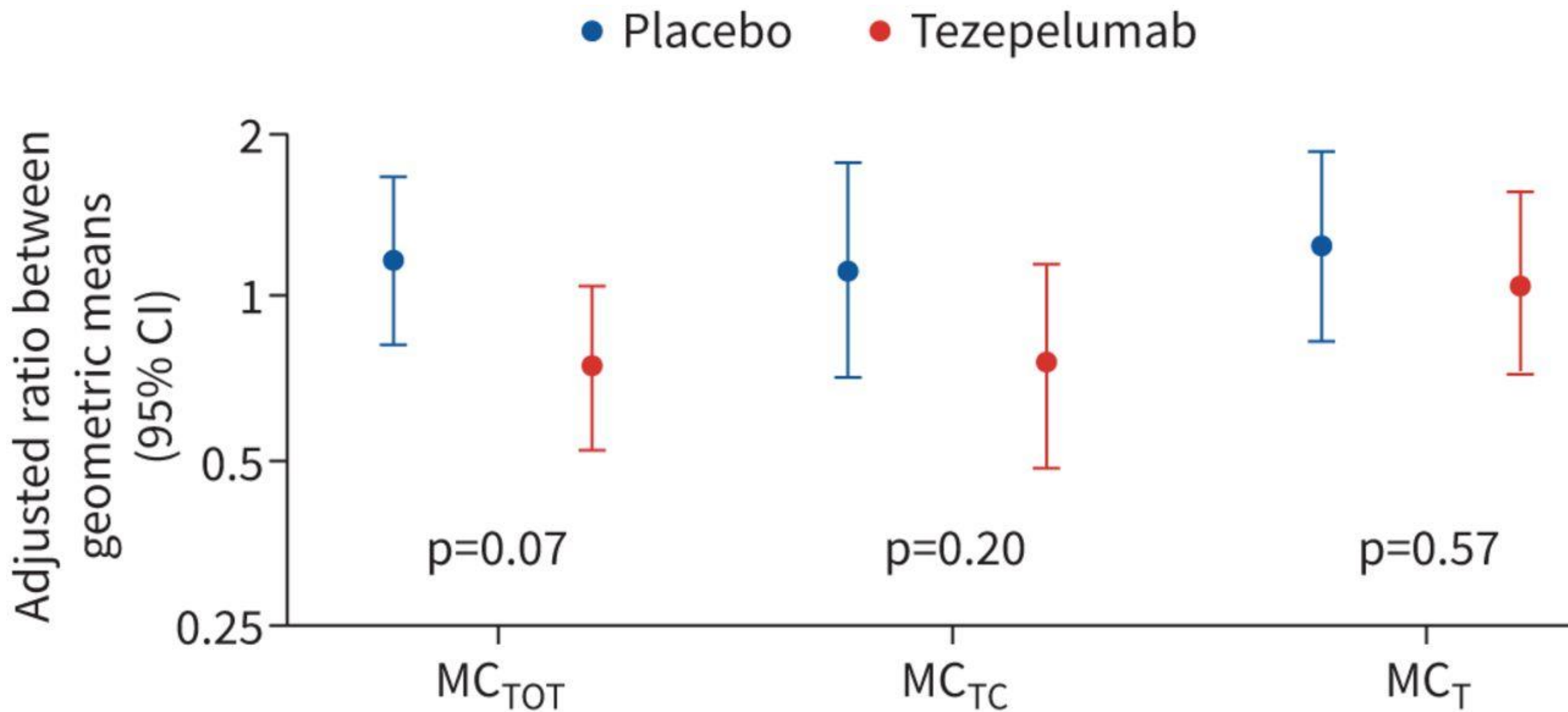


TABLE 2 Change in airway hyperresponsiveness from baseline to week 12

	Overall		Eosinophil high [#]		Eosinophil low [¶]	
	Placebo (n=20)	Tezepelumab (n=20)	Placebo (n=13)	Tezepelumab (n=10)	Placebo (n=7)	Tezepelumab (n=10)
PD₁₅⁺						
Baseline, mg geometric mean (range)	69.5 (4.0–297.2)	134.7 (23.4–278.7)	71.0 (10.4–286.6)	121.1 (23.4–278.7)	66.9 (4.0–297.2)	149.9 (67.6–195.7)
Adjusted mean change (DD) from baseline to week 12 (95% CI)	1.0 (0.3–1.6)	1.9 (1.2–2.5)	0.8 (0.02–1.7)	1.9 (0.9–2.8)	1.1 (–0.03–2.2)	1.8 (0.9–2.7)
Treatment difference (DD) compared with placebo (95% CI)		0.9 (0.0–1.9)		1.0 (–0.2–2.3)		0.7 (–0.8–2.2)
p-value		0.06		0.10		0.35
Test negatives						
Test negative at week 12, n (%)	3 (15)	9 (45)				
p-value for comparison with placebo		0.04				

PD₁₅: provoking dose of inhaled mannitol causing a 15% reduction in forced expiratory volume in 1 s; DD: doubling doses. [#]: blood eosinophils $\geq 0.25 \times 10^9 \text{ L}^{-1}$ and/or sputum eosinophils $\geq 3\%$; [¶]: blood eosinophils $< 0.25 \times 10^9 \text{ L}^{-1}$ and sputum eosinophils $< 3\%$; ⁺: model adjusted for baseline value of $\log_2 \text{PD}_{15}$ and baseline inhaled corticosteroid use (high/low). Multiple imputation used for missing data at visit 6 (n=1).

Eosinophil depletion with benralizumab is associated with attenuated mannitol airway hyperresponsiveness in severe uncontrolled eosinophilic asthma

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TABLE I. Mean values for mannitol PD₁₀, RDR, spirometry, oscillometry, ACQ, mini-AQLQ, and type 2 biomarkers at weeks 0, 2, 4, 8, 12, and 24

Characteristic	Baseline (after run-in)	Week 2	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12 (after benralizumab)	Geometric mean fold difference (CI) at week 12	Week 24
Mannitol PD ₁₀ (mg)	67	142	157	185*	266**	4.0 (1.9, 8.3)	169*
Mannitol RDR (%/mg)	0.1418	0.0679	0.0630	0.0490*	0.0345**	0.2 (0.1, 0.5)	0.0435*

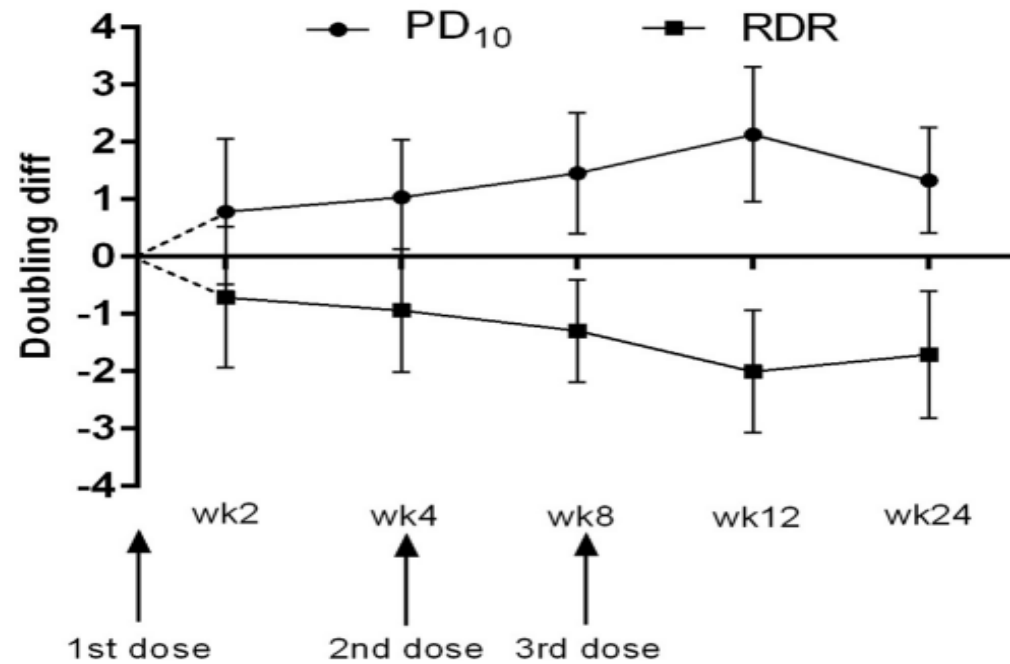


FIG 1. Mean (95% CI) DD for PD₁₀ and RDR at serial time points after benralizumab therapy.

TABLE II. Mean PEF rate, patient subjective symptoms, and relief therapy in the 7 days before each respective visit

Characteristic	Baseline	Week 2	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Mean difference (95% CI) at week 12	Week 24
PEF (L/min)	357	388*	400**	398**	404**	48 (21, 74)	404*
Symptoms	1.7	1.3*	1.3**	1.1***	1.0****	-0.7 (-0.9, -0.5)	0.9***
Relief therapy	3	2*	2*	1**	1*	-2 (-3, -0)	2*

Bonferroni-corrected *P* values versus baseline: **P* < .05, ***P* < .01, ****P* < .001, *****P* < .0001.



Glucocorticoid toxicity reduction with mepolizumab using the Glucocorticoid Toxicity Index

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Glucocorticoid Toxicity Index

Toxicity domain		Points	Number (%)
Body mass index (BMI)	BMI <27	0	31 (30.7)
	BMI ≥27 but <30	21	15 (14.9)
	BMI ≥30	36	55 (54.5)
Glucose metabolism	HgbA1c <5.7	0	35 (34.7)
	HgbA1c <5.7 but on medication	32	53 (52.5)
	HgbA1c ≥5.7	32	
	HgbA1c ≥5.7 and on medication	44	13 (12.9)
	Diabetic retinopathy, nephropathy, or neuropathy (count only one)	44	
Blood pressure	Normotensive: systolic ≤120 and diastolic ≤85 no medications	0	33 (32.7)
	Systolic ≤120 and diastolic ≤85 but on medications	19	51 (50.5)
	Systolic >120 or diastolic >85 on no medications	19	
	Systolic >120 or diastolic >85 and on medications	44	17 (16.8)
	Hypertensive emergency or PRES (count only one)	44	
Lipid metabolism	LDL ≤ target	0	43 (42.6)
	LDL ≤ target but on medications	10	51 (50.5)
	LDL > target on no medications	10	
	LDL > target on treatment	30	7 (6.9)
Bone/tendon	Normal BMD or no known history of osteoporosis		94 (93.1)
	Osteoporosis	29	7 (6.9)
	Insufficiency fracture secondary to osteoporosis	29	
	Osteonecrosis	29	
	Tendon rupture while on corticosteroids	29	
Glucocorticoid myopathy	No myopathy	0	95 (94.1)
	Minor GC myopathy	11	2 (2)
	Moderate GC myopathy	63	4 (4)
	Severe GC myopathy	63	

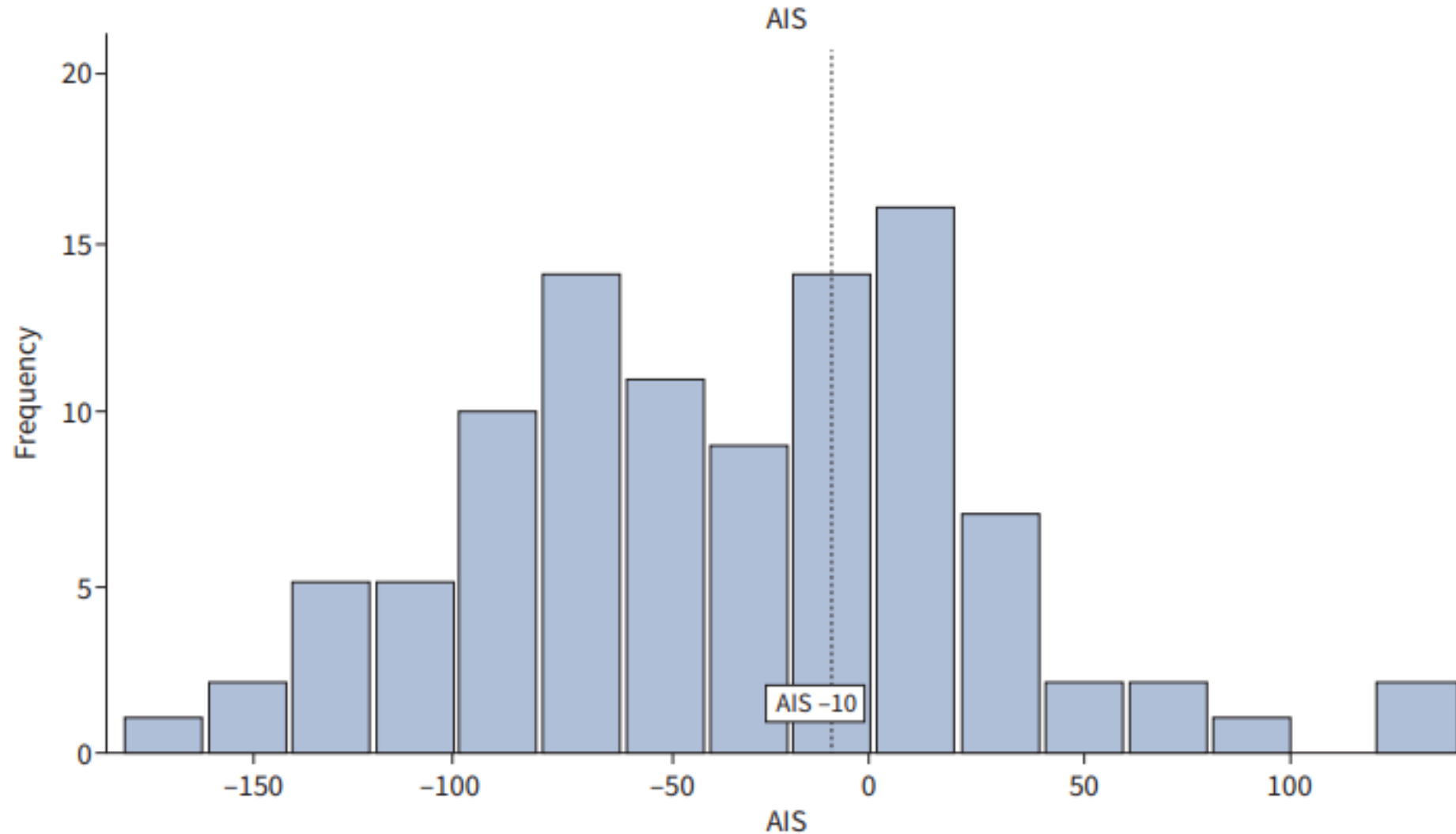
Glucocorticoid Toxicity Index

Toxicity domain		Points	Number (%)
Skin	No skin toxicity	0	21 (20.8)
	*Minor skin toxicity (1 or more than 1 minor skin item)	8	50 (49.5)
	*Moderate skin toxicity (1 or more than 1 moderate skin item)	26	30 (29.7)
	*Severe skin toxicity (1 or more than 1 moderate skin item)	26	
	*Select only 1 (minor, moderate, or severe)		
Neuropsychiatric	No neuropsychiatric toxicity	0	19 (18.8)
	*Minor (1 or more than 1 minor NP item: insomnia, mania, depression, cognitive)	11	16 (15.8)
	*Moderate (1 or more than 1 moderate NP item: insomnia, mania, depression, cognitive)	74	66 (65.3)
	*Severe (1 or more than 1 severe NP item: insomnia, mania, depression, cognitive)	74	
	Psychosis	74	
	Glucocorticoid-induced violence	74	
	*Select only 1 (minor, moderate, or severe)		
Infection	No GTI-relevant infections within the prebaseline GTI interval of the study	0	59 (58.4)
	Oral or vaginal candidiasis or noncomplicated zoster (<grade 3) within the prebaseline GTI interval of the study	19	20 (19.8)
	Grade 3 or grade 4 infection within the prebaseline GTI interval of the study	93	21 (20.8)
Ocular	No ocular pathology	0	88 (87.1)
	Increased IOP	33	13 (12.9)
	Posterior subcapsular cataract	33	
	Central serous retinopathy	33	
Gastrointestinal	No GI pathology	0	98 (97.0)
	GI perf absence of NSAIDs	33	3 (3)
	PUD without <i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	33	
Endocrine	No endocrine pathology	0	100 (99)
	Symptomatic adrenal sufficiency	33	1 (1)

TABLE 2 Clinical and patient reported outcomes at baseline (V1) and after 12 months mepolizumab treatment (V2)

	V1	V2	Toxicity change at V2 (95% CI)	p-value
Total ED attendances past 12 months	120/39 patients	15/10 patients	-1.05 (-1.55—0.55)	<0.001
Hospital admissions past 12 months	60/29 patients	17/11 patients	-0.42 (-0.71—0.14)	0.004
FEV ₁ % predicted	68.9±19.0	70.1±21.7	1.16 (-1.69—4.01)	0.42
FVC % predicted	85.9±16.0	86.5±17.4	0.79 (-1.66—3.25)	0.52
FEV ₁ /FVC	61.9±14.6	62.1±16.9	0.23 (-2.51—2.97)	0.87
F _e NO (ppb)	35 (20–57)	38 (24–68)	0.01 (-9.56—9.58)	0.99
Blood eosinophils (cells·μL ⁻¹)	280 (100–600)	60 (40–100)	-280 (-340—210)	<0.001
BMI (kg·m ⁻²)	30.5±5.8	29.9±5.5	-0.66 (-0.27—1.06)	0.002
BP systolic (mmHg)	130.3±16.1	129.3±18.0	-0.96 (-3.58—1.66)	0.003
LDL (mmol·L ⁻¹)	2.8±0.9	2.6±0.9	-0.14 (-0.25—0.02)	0.02
Total cholesterol (mmol·L ⁻¹)	5.3±1.1	5.0±1.1	-0.31 (-0.45—0.17)	0.006
HbA1c (mmol·mol ⁻¹)	41 (37–46)	39 (35–43)	-2.68 (-3.75—1.62)	<0.001
Mini AQLQ overall [#]	3.6±1.4	4.5±1.6	0.88 (0.61–1.16)	<0.01
SGRQ overall [¶]	55.8±20.9	43.4±23.2	-12.81 (-16.50—9.12)	<0.01
ACQ5 total [#]	2.6±1.3	1.7±1.2	-0.89 (-1.15—0.63)	<0.01
HADS anxiety ⁺	8 (5–13.5)	7 (4–11)	-1.02 (-1.68—0.36)	<0.01
HADS depression ⁺	6 (3–11)	5 (2–10)	-1.04 (-1.76—0.32)	<0.01
EuroQoL-5L5D index	0.63 (0.4–0.8)	0.71 (0.4–0.9)	0.05 (0.003–0.10)	0.04
EuroQoL-5L5D health scale	65 (50–75)	75 (56–85)	9.68 (5.87–13.50)	<0.01

Distribution of aggregate improvement score



Summary

Comparison between biologics

Switch of biologics

Dual biologics

Mucus plugs

Airway hyperresponsiveness

Steroid toxicity