

2020 On-line asthma school

Year in review: Severe asthma

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Severance



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Introduction of severe asthma

Table 1. Published definitions of severe asthma

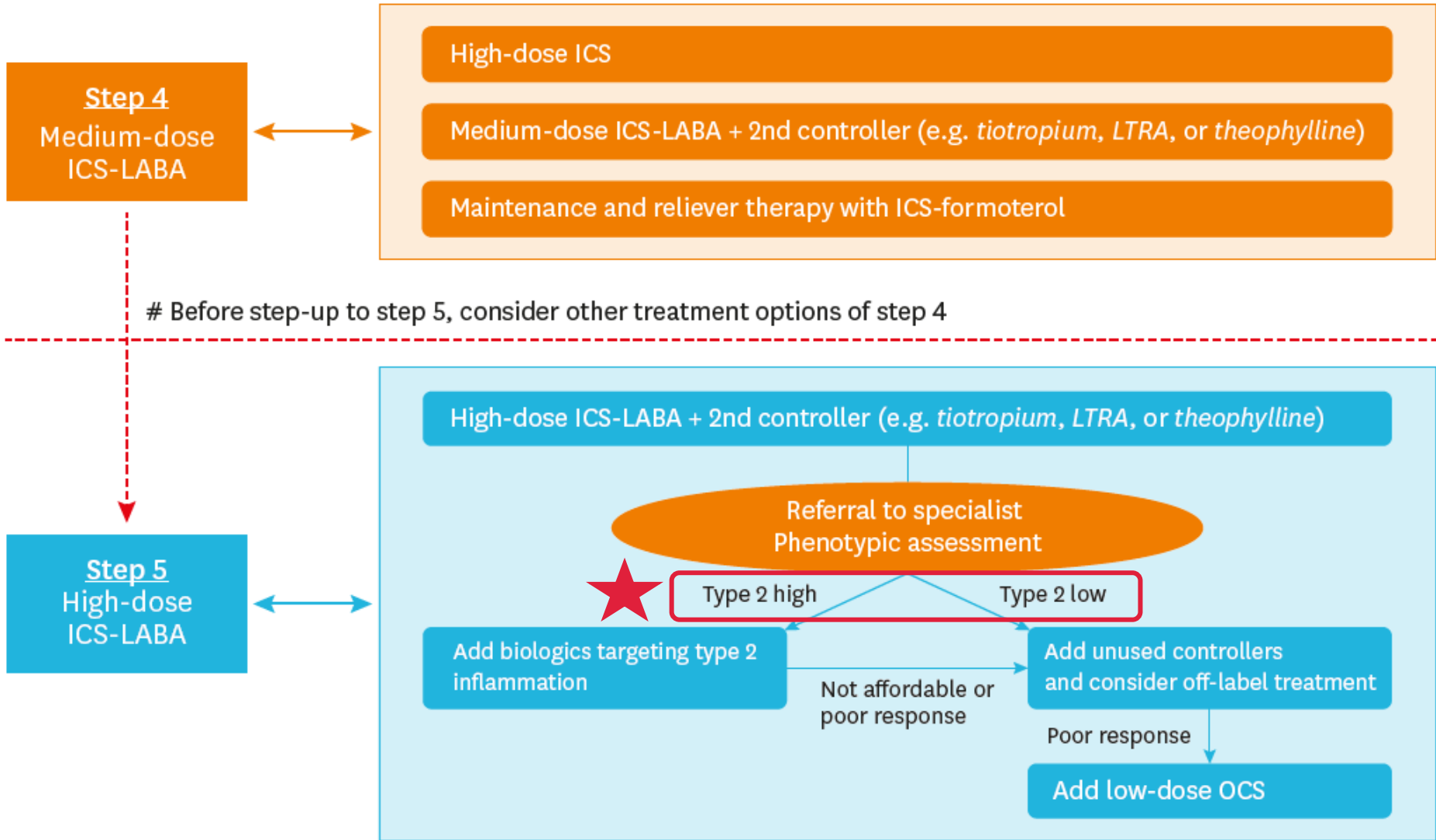
Guidelines	Definition	Required medications	Additional details
ATS (2000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refractory asthma requires 1 or both major criteria and 2 minor criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major criteria <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous or near-continuous ($\geq 50\%$ of the year) OCS High-dose ICS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor criteria; at least 2 of following categories <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement for daily treatment with additional controller Requirement for short-acting inhaled β_2-agonist Persistent airway obstruction 1 or more urgent care visits for asthma per year 3 or more oral steroid “bursts” per year Prompt deterioration with $\leq 25\%$ reduction in oral or ICS dose Near-fatal asthma event in the past
WHO (2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment-resistant severe asthma <ol style="list-style-type: none"> “Control” is not achieved despite highest level treatment “Control” maintained only with highest level treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-dose ICS or a high-dose ICS-LABA combination Frequent or chronic use of SCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level of control assessed based on following categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Daytime symptoms Limitations on activities Nocturnal symptoms/awakenings Need for short-acting inhaled β_2-agonist Lung function Exacerbations
IMI (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refractory asthma despite high-intensity treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-dose ICS with or without SCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled and/or frequent (≥ 2/year) exacerbations
ERS/ATS (2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asthma that requires high-intensity medication to prevent it becoming “uncontrolled” or that remains “uncontrolled” despite therapy Controlled asthma that worsens on tapering of these high doses of ICS or SCS (or additional biologics) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medications for GINA steps 4–5 asthma for the previous year or SCS for $\geq 50\%$ of the previous year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled asthma; at least 1 of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Poor symptom control Frequent severe exacerbations Serious exacerbations Airflow limitation
GINA (2019)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled asthma despite adherence to maximal optimized therapy and treatment contributory factors Asthma worsens when high-dose treatment is decreased 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medications for GINA steps 4–5 asthma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncontrolled asthma; at least 1 of the following categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Poor symptom control Frequent or serious exacerbations Good adherence and inhaler technique

“GINA step 4-5 에서, 적절한 약물/비약물 치료 및 위험인자 조절에도 uncontrolled인 천식”

ATS, American Thoracic Society; WHO, World Health Organization; IMI, Innovative Medicine Initiative; ERS, European Respiratory Society; GINA, Global Initiative for Asthma; ICS, inhaled corticosteroids; LABA, long-acting β_2 -agonists; OCS, oral corticosteroids; SCS, systemic corticosteroids.

Kim et al.
Allergy Asthma Immunol Res
2020;12:910-33

다양한 ‘중증 천식’ 의 정의 존재



‘중증 천식’의 치료 방향

Type 2 inflammation in GINA

Assess the severe asthma phenotype during high dose ICS treatment (or lowest possible dose of OCS)

Type 2 inflammation

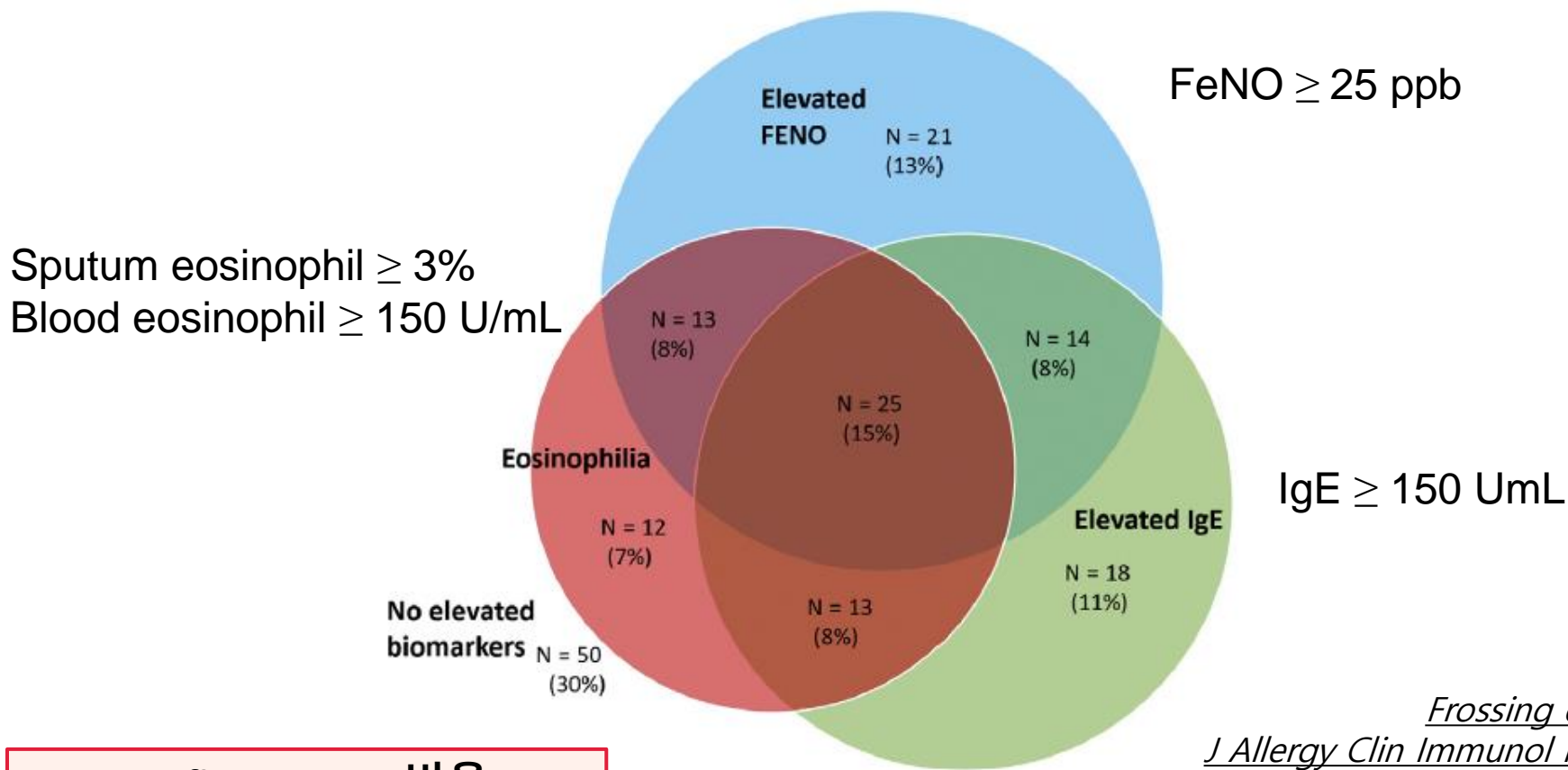
Could patient have Type 2 airway inflammation?

Note: these are not the criteria for add-on biologic therapy (see 6b)

- Blood eosinophils $\geq 150/\mu\text{l}$ and/or
- FeNO ≥ 20 ppb and/or
- Sputum eosinophils $\geq 2\%$, and/or
- Asthma is clinically allergen-driven and/or
- Need for maintenance OCS
(Repeat blood eosinophils and FeNO up to 3x, on lowest possible OCS dose)

The prevalence of subtypes of Type 2 inflammation

- In 166 severe asthma, 116 (70%) had at least 1 T2 biomarker elevated.



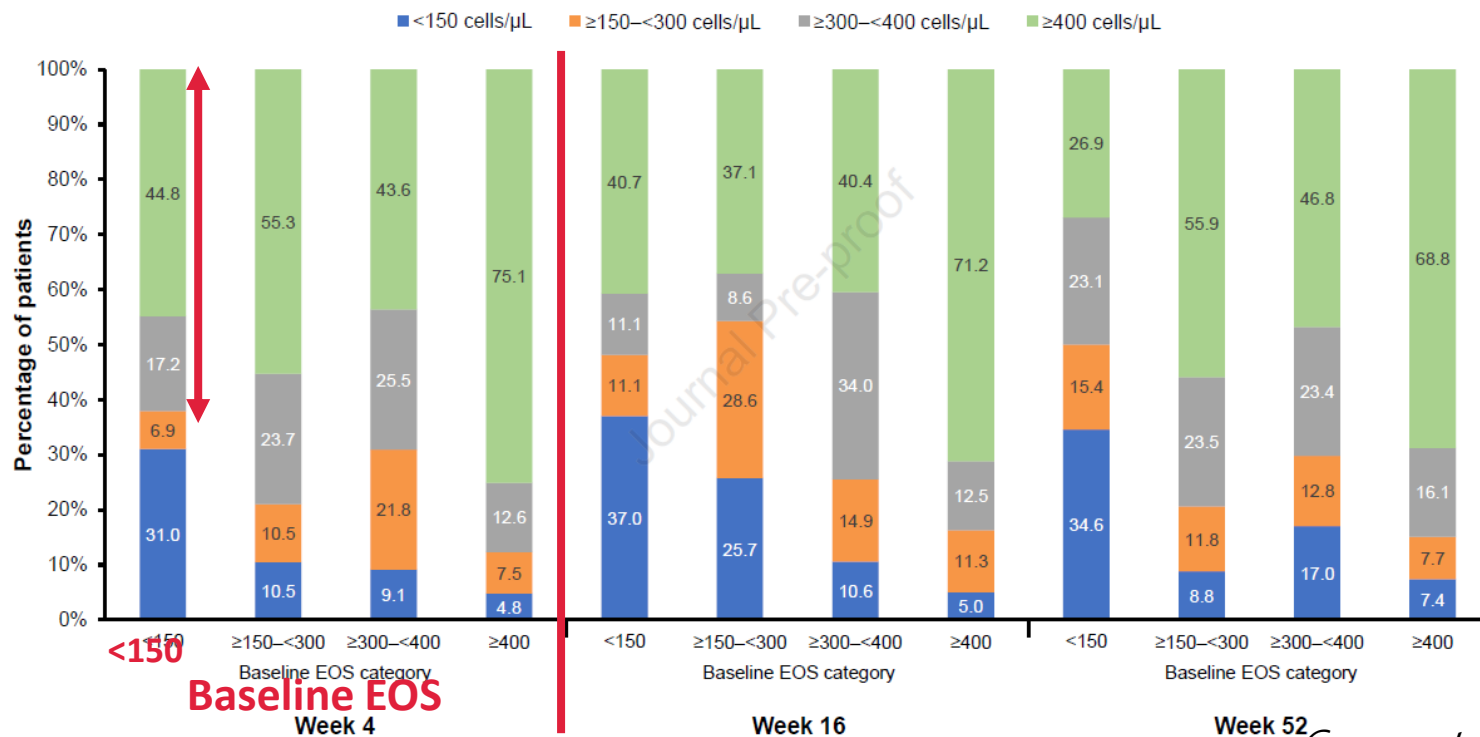
Frossing et al.
J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract
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Type 2 inflammation 비율

Variability in blood eosinophil counts

- Pooled data from study participants receiving placebo (previously randomized 1:1 To receive reslizumab or placebo)

Baseline EOS가 150 미만이었던 대상자들 중 62%가 한 달 뒤 EOS가 300 이상임

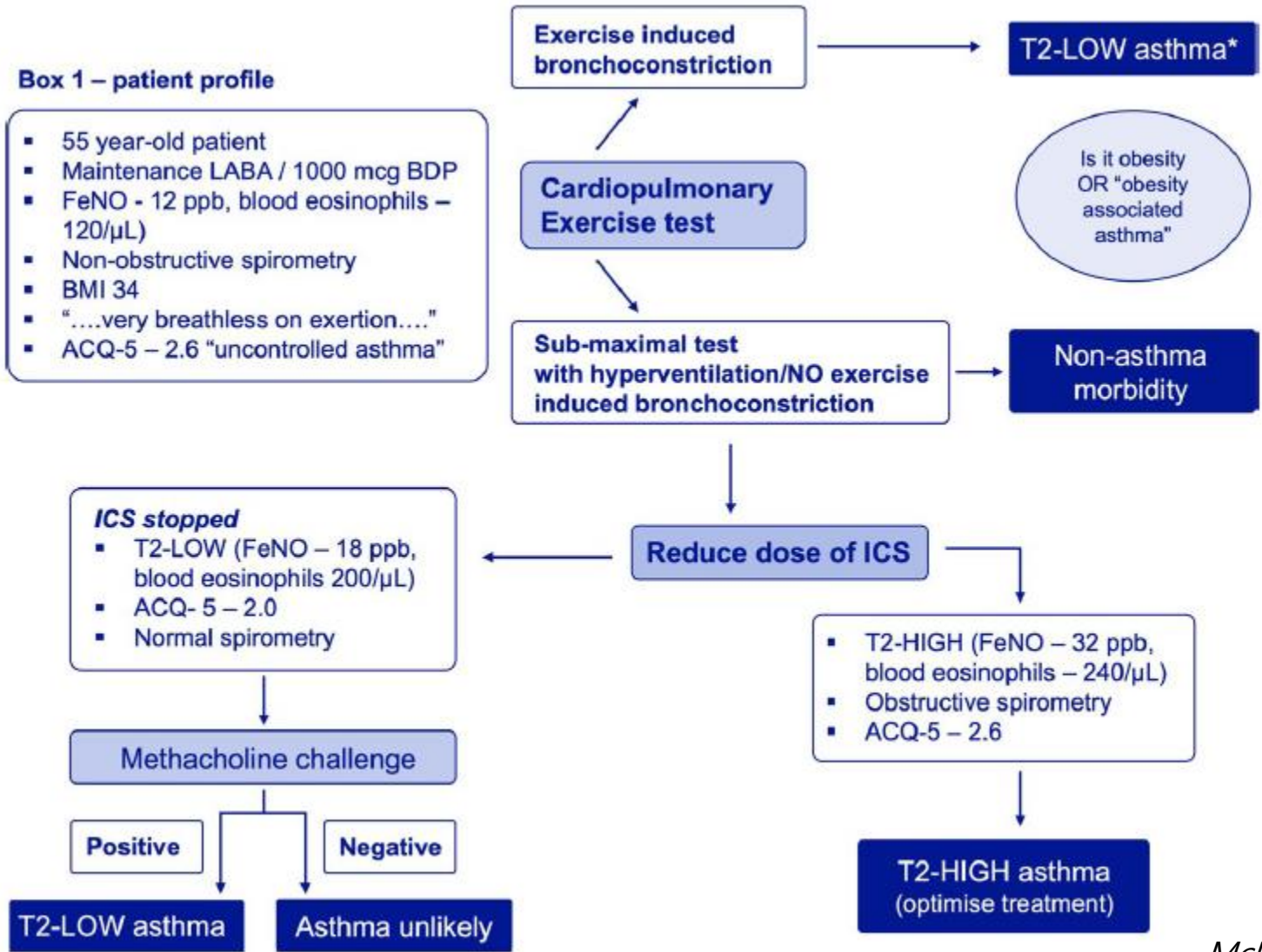


Corren et al.
J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract
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EOS의 변동성

Box 1 – patient profile

- 55 year-old patient
- Maintenance LABA / 1000 mcg BDP
- FeNO - 12 ppb, blood eosinophils – 120/ μ L
- Non-obstructive spirometry
- BMI 34
- “...very breathless on exertion...”
- ACQ-5 – 2.6 “uncontrolled asthma”



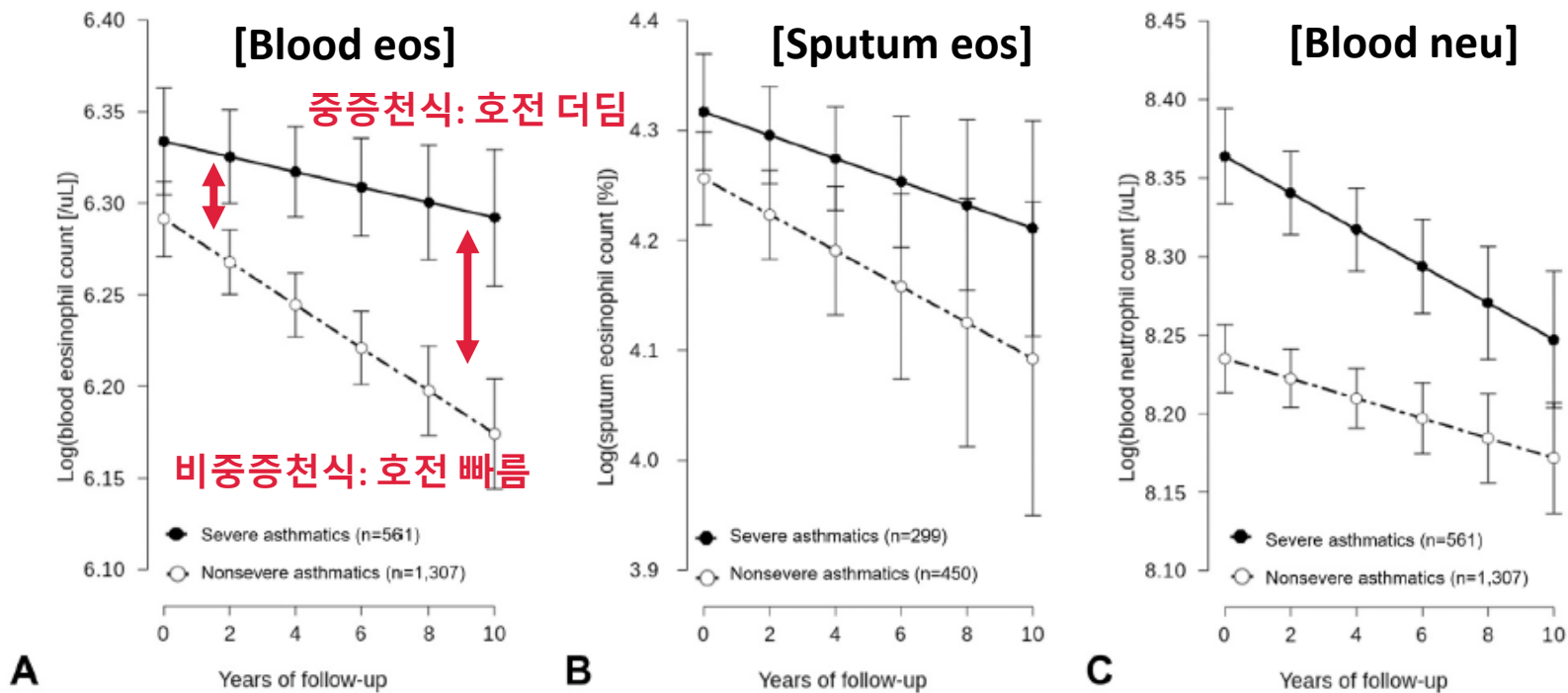
Is it obesity OR "obesity associated asthma"

‘T2-low 중증 천식’의 진단/치료 방향

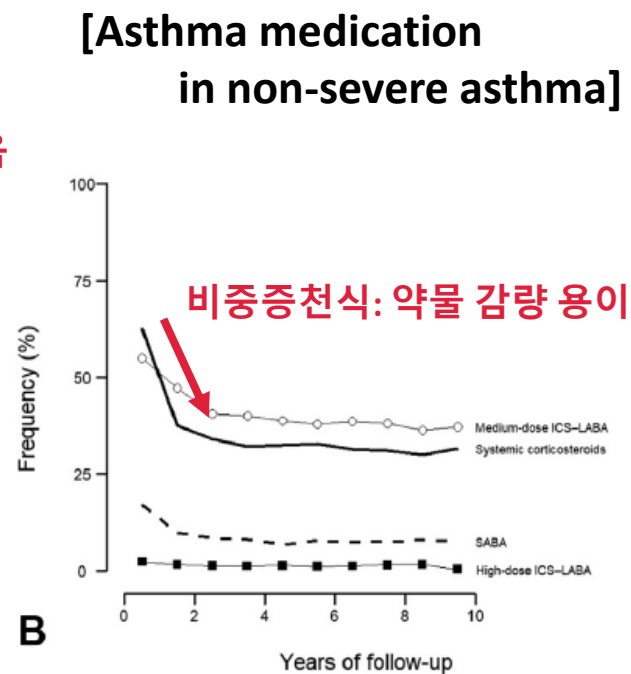
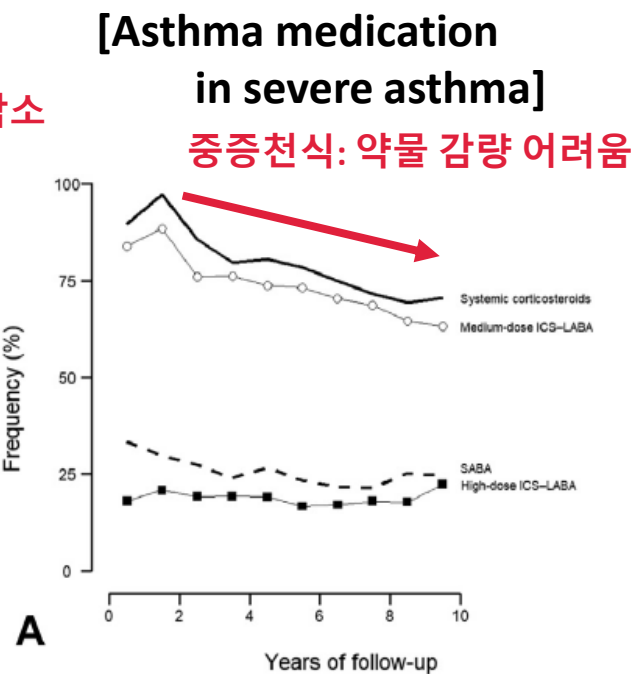
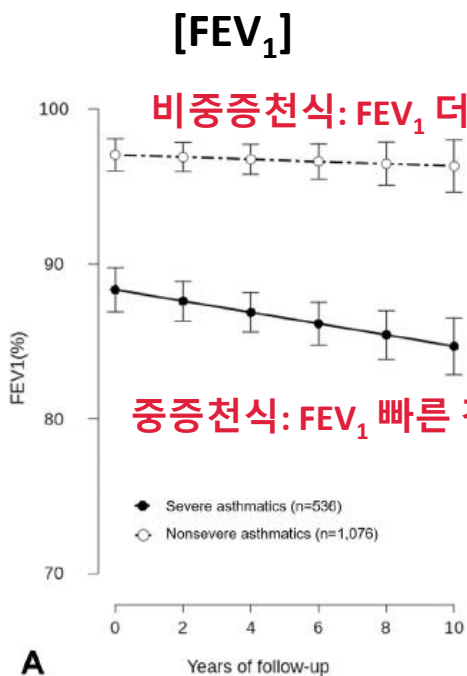
Characteristics of severe asthma

Longitudinal outcomes of severe asthma

➤ Severe asthmatics (n=567) vs. non-severe asthmatics (n=1,337): ICARUS



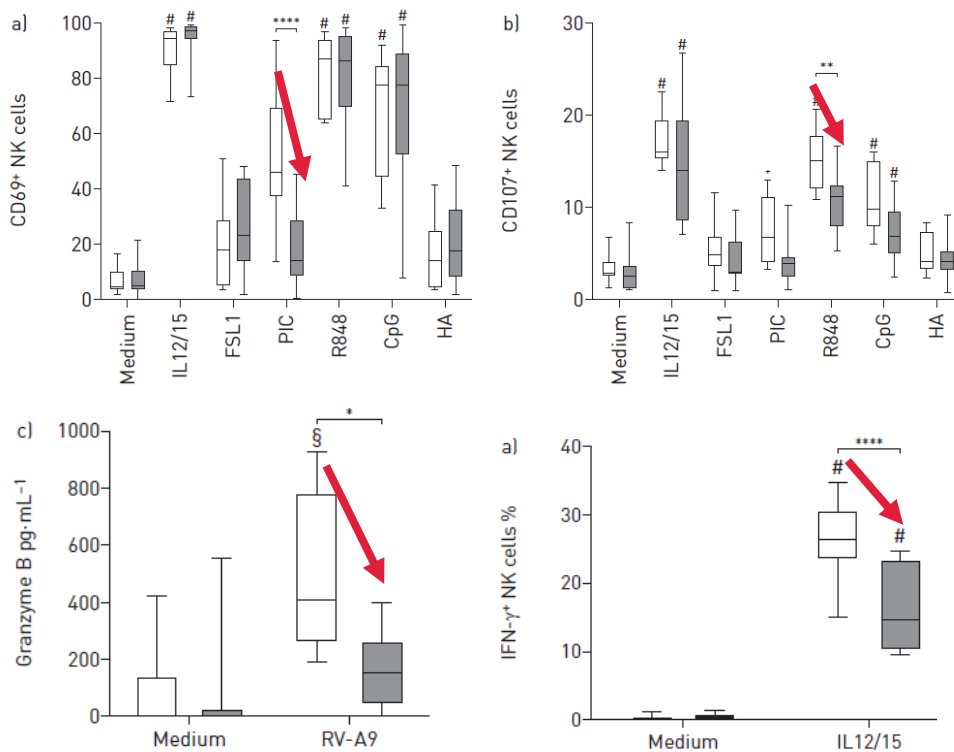
Longitudinal outcomes of severe asthma



중증 천식 특징 1. 치료 반응 및 예후가 좋지 않다.

Aberrant anti-viral response of NK cells

➤ PBMCs from severe asthma (n=31) and healthy donors (n=11)



중증천식에서,
건강인에 비해,
**Virus 침입에 대한
NK cell의 반응저하**
가 관찰됨

중증 천식 특징 2. 바이러스에 대한 면역 반응 떨어짐

Increased capsaicin sensitivity with poor outcome

➤ 122 patients with severe asthma

Table 4. Risk Factors for Clinical Features of Severe Asthma

	Asthma Control (ACT Score < 20) ($R^2 = 0.31$)			Exacerbations (≥ 2 /yr) ($R^2 = 0.26$)			Admissions (≥ 1 /yr) ($R^2 = 0.36$)			Airflow Limitation ($FEV_1\%$ Predicted < 80%) ($R^2 = 0.24$)		
	OR	95% CI	P Value	OR	95% CI	P Value	OR	95% CI	P Value	OR	95% CI	P Value
General factors												
Sex, F	—	—	—	3.34	0.95–11.7	0.06	—	—	—	0.51	0.19–1.34	0.17
BMI ≥ 25 kg/m ²	—	—	—	1.79	0.65–4.94	0.26	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nonatopic	2.15	0.97–4.71	0.06	—	—	—	3.13	0.91–10.7	0.07	—	—	—
Ex-smoking status	2.16	0.95–4.91	0.07	—	—	—	6.52	1.89–22.4	0.003	2.07	0.79–5.40	0.14
Biomarkers and FEV ₁ % predicted												
C5 ≤ 2.44 μ M	4.83	1.97–10.4	0.0004	2.83	1.04–7.71	0.04	3.43	0.91–12.9	0.07	—	—	—
ANC $\geq 5,000/\mu$ l	3.62	0.87–15.1	0.08	2.86	0.74–11.1	0.13	4.55	0.86–24.1	0.07	—	—	—
FE _{NO} ≥ 25 ppb	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.58	0.63–3.96	0.33
FEV ₁ % predicted < 80%	2.99	1.13–7.94	0.03	5.42	1.77–16.6	0.003	3.89	0.996–15.2	0.051	N/A	N/A	—
Comorbidities, presence												
Chronic rhinosinusitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.78	1.04–7.43	0.04
GERD	—	—	—	2.45	0.91–6.54	0.07	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes mellitus	2.03	0.58–7.09	0.27	0.69	0.15–3.11	0.63	1.69	0.37–7.65	0.50	7.17	2.25–22.8	0.0009

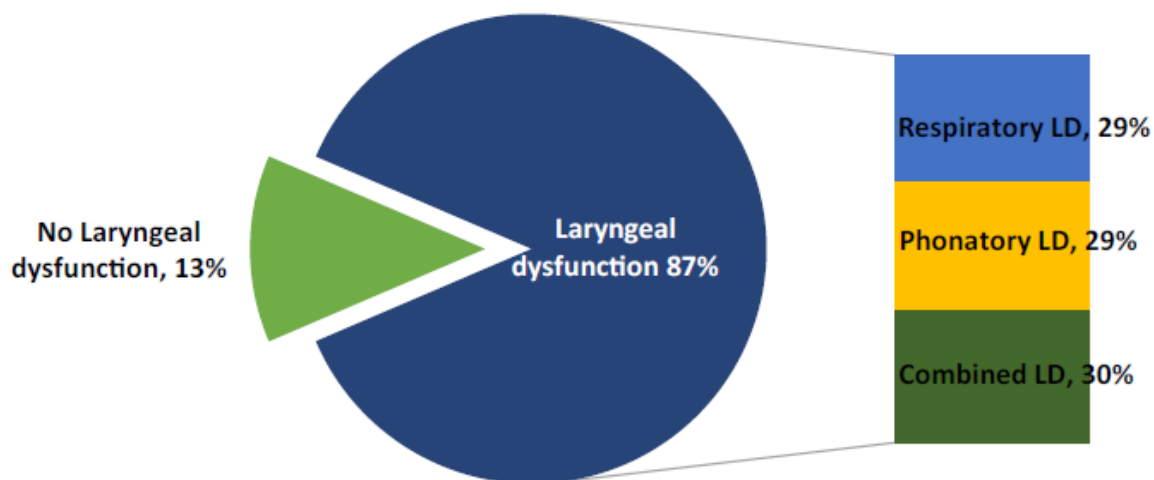
중증 천식 특징 3. Capsaicin sensitivity가 poor outcome 반영

Kanemitsu et al.
Am J Respir Crit Care Med
2020;201:1068-77

Laryngeal dysfunction

- 53 severe asthma patients

CLASSIFICATION OF LARYNGEAL DYSFUNCTION IN SEVERE ASTHMA



중증 천식 특징 4. laryngeal dysfunction 비율이 높다.

Laryngeal dysfunction

- After 4-week course of speech pathology treatment in 12 participants with mod-severe laryngeal dysfunction in the severe asthma group

TABLE V. Pre- and post-treatment results

Outcome measures	Pretreatment M (SD)	Post-treatment M (SD)	Change M (SD)	P value
Questionnaire scores				
Laryngeal Hypersensitivity Questionnaire	12.7 (3.9)	15.1 (4.4)	2.4 (2.5)	.005
Leicester Cough Questionnaire	12.3 (4.3)	14.6 (4.8)	2.3 (2.4)	.005
Voice Handicap Index	32.8 (14.4)	27.2 (19.5)	5.6 (15.6)	.218
Asthma Control Questionnaire	2.5 (1.0)	2.0 (0.8)	0.5 (0.7)	.020
Objective measures				
Maximum phonation time	9.9 (5.7)	9.2 (3.0)	0.7 (5.9)	.697
CAPE-V	30.6 (13.4)	22.5 (11.8)	8.0 (0.54)	.054
Harmonic to noise ratio	9.9 (6.0)	15.7 (4.8)	5.9 (7.1)	.028
Cough frequency	9.4 (5.3)	8.8 (4.0)	0.5 (7.3)	.864

CAPE-V, Consensus Auditory Perceptual Evaluation-Voice; M, mean; SD, standard deviation.

Table 2 Examples of strategies in the treatment programme

Component	Example
Education	No physiological benefit from cough; capacity for voluntary cough control
Strategies to reduce cough	Identify warning signs for cough and replace with modified swallow technique, pursed lip breathing exercise, or relaxed throat breath
Reduce laryngeal irritation	Increase hydration, decrease exposure to irritating stimuli
Psycho-educational counselling	Internalising locus of control; acceptance that treatment is hard work; setting realistic goals

중증 천식 특징 4.

Speech pathology treatment가 laryngeal dysfunction 및 천식 조절에 도움된다.

Vertigan et al.
J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract
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Treatment I: Pharmacotherapy

Oral corticosteroids

Table 1 Prevalence of OCS-related comorbidities in patients with severe asthma

OCS-related comorbidities	Prevalence (%)
Dyspeptic disorders	65
Obesity (body mass index >30)	42
Psychiatric disorders	38
Hypertension	34
Osteoporosis	16
Hypercholesterolaemia	15
Type 2 diabetes	10
Osteopenia	10
Cardiovascular disease	10
Cataract	9
Fracture	5
Glaucoma	4
Sleep disorder	4

Prevalence data from the cross-sectional Optimum Patient Care Research Database and the British Thoracic Society Difficult Asthma registry ($n = 808$) (Adapted from Sweeney *et al.*⁷).

중증 천식 치료 1. OCS의 부작용

Chung et al.
Respirology
2020;25:161-72

Barriers of OCS-sparing strategies

Patient Barriers

- OCS familiarity, easy accessibility and low cost
- Fear of exacerbation or clinical deterioration

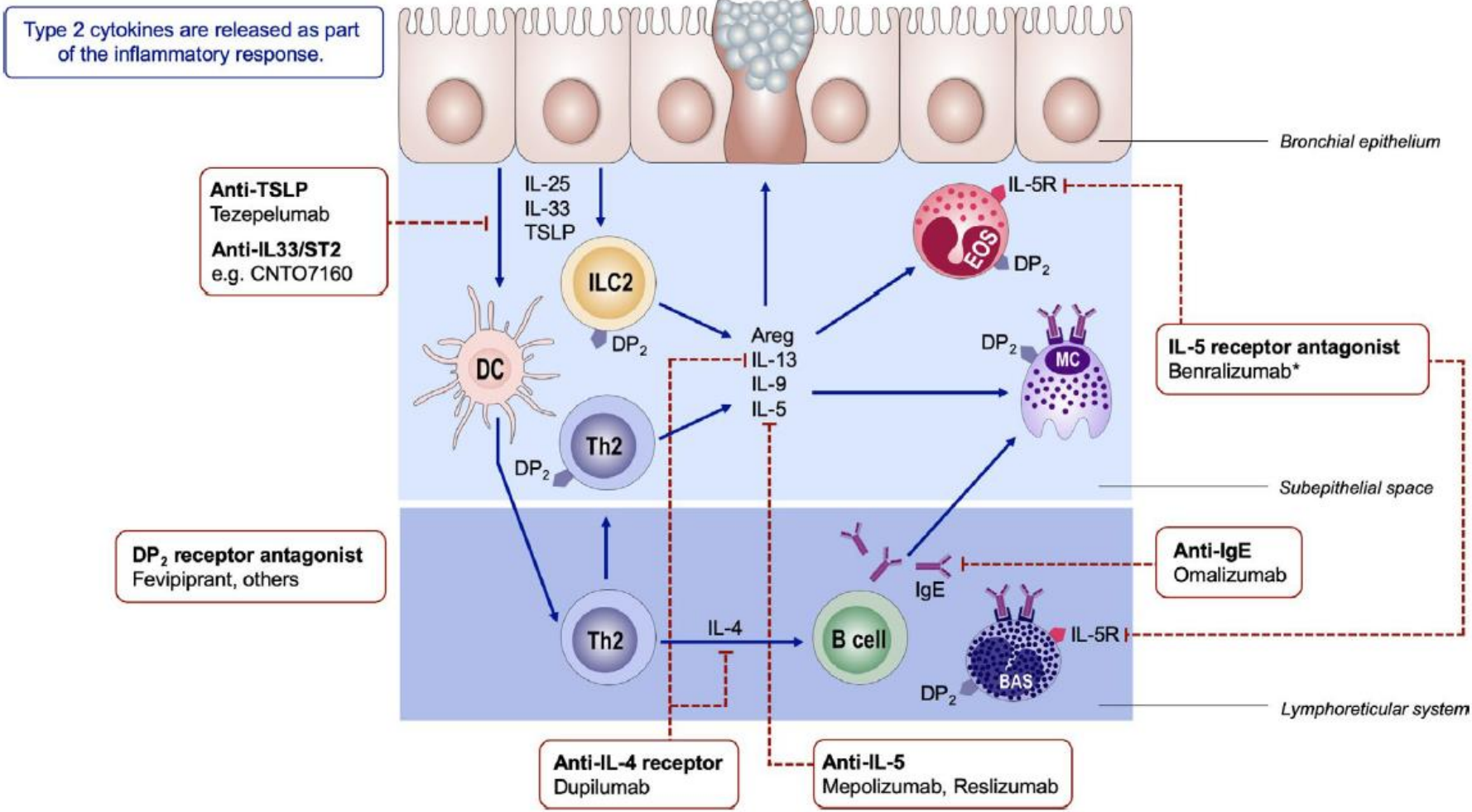
Clinical Barriers

- Adrenal insufficiency
- Poor adherence to guideline inhaled therapies
- Under-recognition of cumulative OCS burden
- Lack of alternative treatment for asthma exacerbations
- No standardised approach to OCS weaning or systematic screening of OCS adverse effects

System Barriers

- Delayed referrals
- Limited access to multidisciplinary asthma services
- Restricted access to reimbursed biological therapies
- Lack of monitoring of OCS prescribing

중증 천식 치료 1. OCS-sparing strategies의 어려움



중증 천식 치료 2. Biologics

Anti-eosinophil drugs for asthma

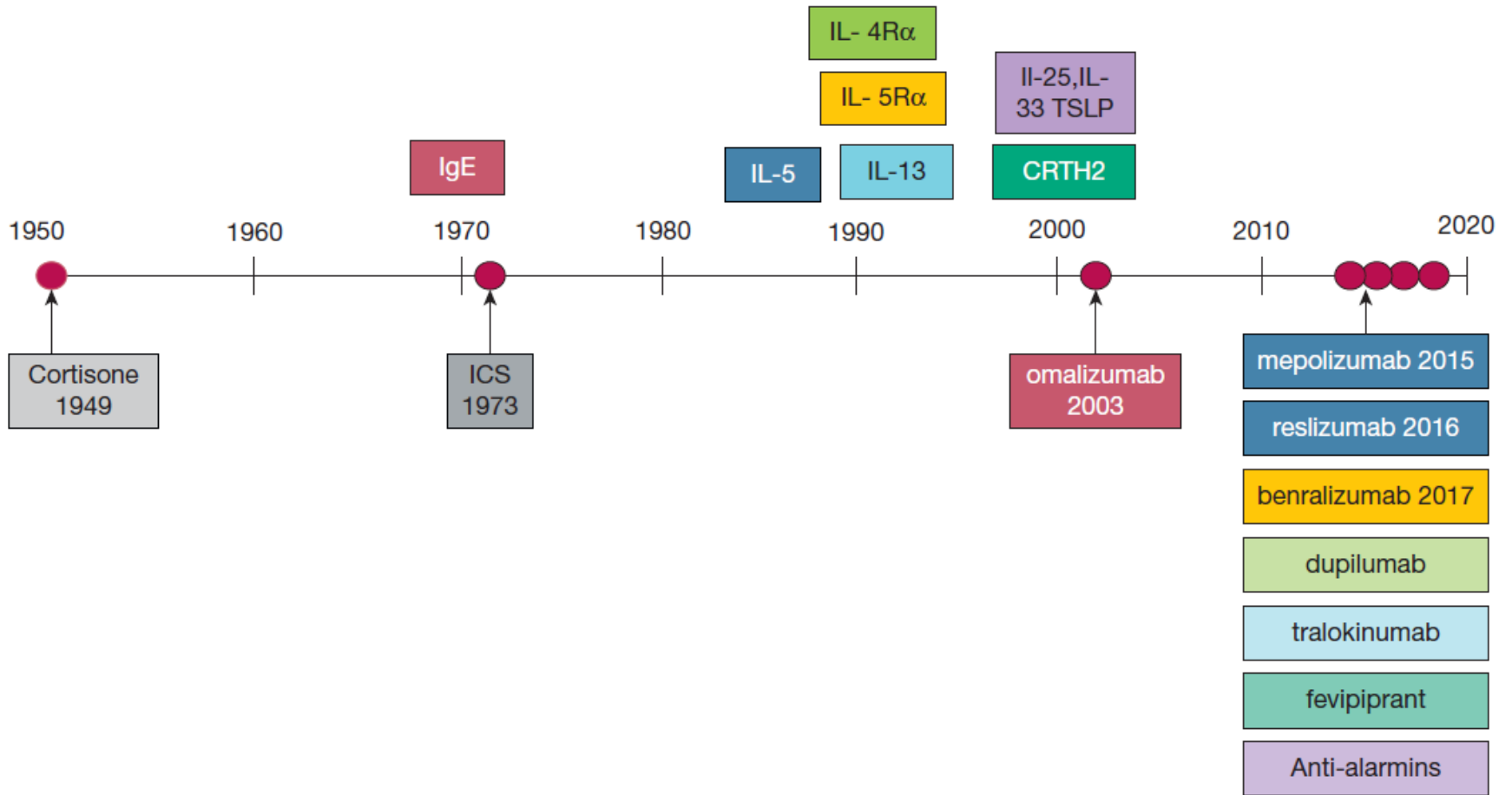


Figure 2 – Anti-eosinophil drugs for asthma. See Figure 1 legend for expansion of abbreviations.

ERS/ATS guidelines



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Management of severe asthma: a European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society guideline

[The ERS/ATS task force makes recommendations]

- Biologics
- Antimuscarinic agents
- Macrolides
- Biomarkers for predicting treatment response

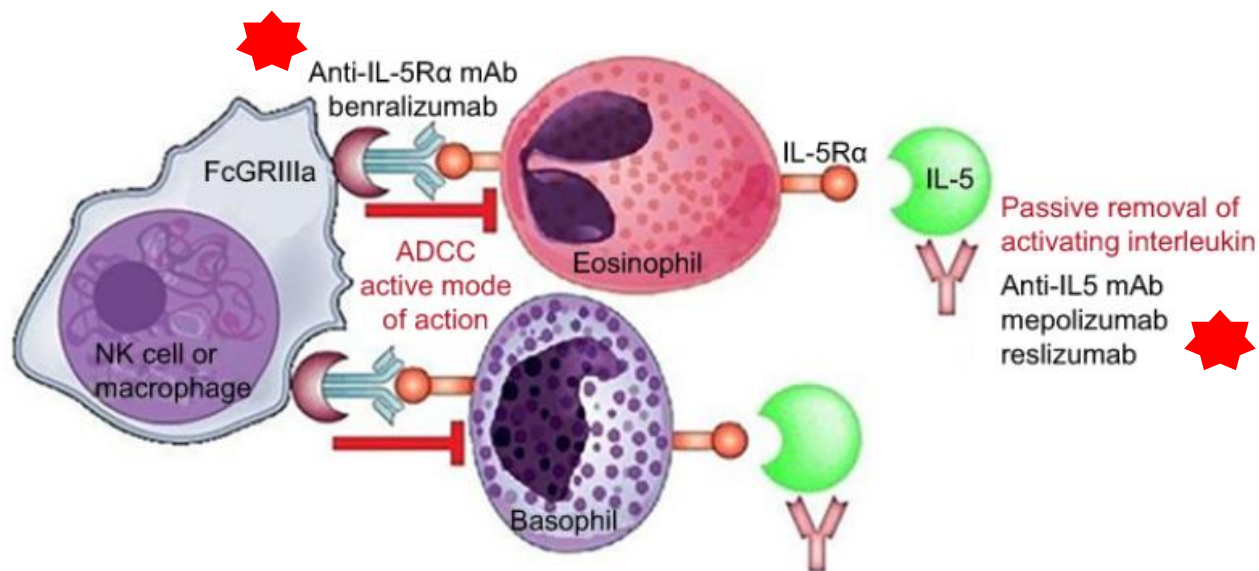
중증 천식 치료 2. Biologics recommendations – ERS/ATS guideline

Holguin et al.
Eur Respir J
2020;55:1900588

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[Question 1. Should a monoclonal **anti-IL-5 antibody** be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]

- Mepolizumab
- Reslizumab
- Benralizumab



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[Mepolizumab-I]

- 135 severe asthma (≥ 6 -month history of **glucocorticoids**) with eosinophilia ($\geq 300/\mu\text{L}$ before screening or $150/\mu\text{L}$ during optimization phase)
- 100 mg mepolizumab SC every 4 wk

Table 2. Primary and Secondary Outcomes.

Outcome	Placebo (N = 66)	Mepolizumab (N = 69)	Odds Ratio (95% CI)*	P Value
Reduction in oral glucocorticoid dose at 20 to 24 wk: primary outcome — no. (%) [†]			2.39 (1.25–4.56)	0.008
90 to 100%	7 (11)	16 (23)		
75 to <90%	5 (8)	12 (17)		
50 to <75%	10 (15)	9 (13)		
>0 to <50%	7 (11)	7 (10)		
No decrease in oral glucocorticoid dose, a lack of asthma control, or withdrawal from treatment	37 (56)	25 (36)		

The median percentage reduction of GC was **50%**

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[Mepolizumab-II]

- 576 severe asthma (≥ 2 **exacerbation** during the previous year) with **eosinophilia** ($\geq 300/\mu\text{L}$ before screening or $150/\mu\text{L}$ during optimization phase)
- 75 mg IV or 100 mg mepolizumab SC every 4 wk

Table 2. Summary of Efficacy Outcomes.*

Outcome	Placebo (N=191)	Intravenous Mepolizumab (N=191)	Difference from Placebo (95% CI)	P Value	Subcutaneous Mepolizumab (N=194)	Difference from Placebo (95% CI)	P Value
Mean rate of clinically significant exacerbations	1.74	0.93	47 (28 to 60)†	<0.001	0.83	53 (36 to 65)†	<0.001
Mean rate of exacerbations requiring hospitalization or emergency department visit	0.20	0.14	32 (-41 to 67)†	0.30	0.08	61 (17 to 82)†	0.02
Mean rate of exacerbations requiring hospitalization	0.10	0.06	39 (-66 to 77)†	0.33	0.03	69 (9 to 89)†	0.03
Change from baseline in FEV ₁ — ml							
Before bronchodilation	86±31	186±32	100 (13 to 187)	0.02	183±31	98 (11 to 184)	0.03
After bronchodilation	30±34	176±34	146 (50 to 242)	0.003	167±33	138 (43 to 232)	0.004
Change from baseline in score on Asthma Control Questionnaire	-0.50±0.07	-0.92±0.07	-0.42 (-0.61 to -0.23)	<0.001	-0.94±0.07	-0.44 (-0.63 to -0.25)	<0.001
Change from baseline in score on St. George's Respiratory Questionnaire	-9.0±1.2	-15.4±1.2	-6.4 (-9.7 to -3.2)	<0.001	-16.0±1.1	-7.0 (-10.2 to -3.8)	<0.001

The rate of **exacerbations** was reduced by **47% (IV)** and **53% (SC)**.

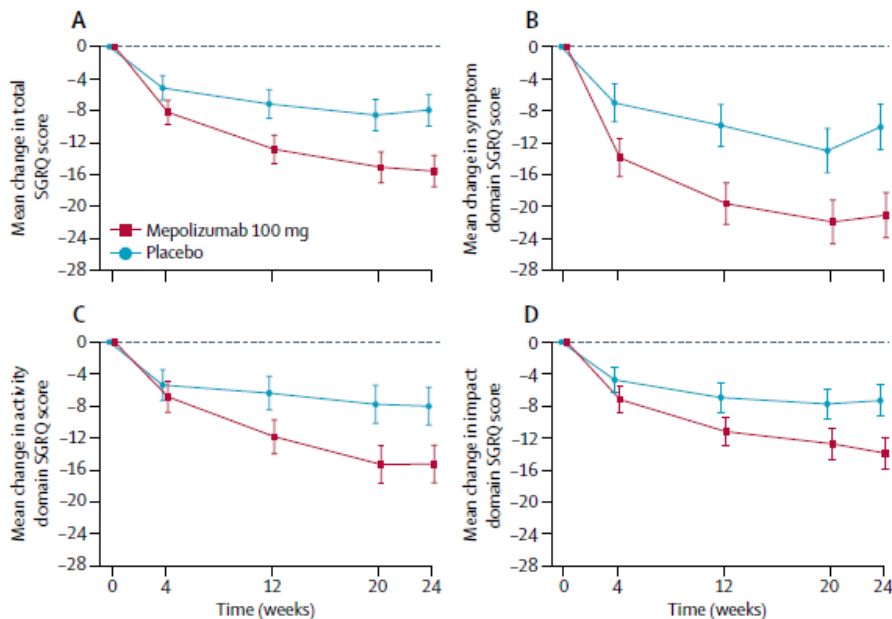
Ortega et al.
N Engl J Med
2014;371:1198-207

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MUSCA study

[Mepolizumab-III]

- 274 severe asthma (≥ 2 exacerbation during the previous year) with eosinophilia ($\geq 300/\mu\text{L}$ before screening or $150/\mu\text{L}$ during optimization phase)
- 100 mg mepolizumab SC every 4 wk

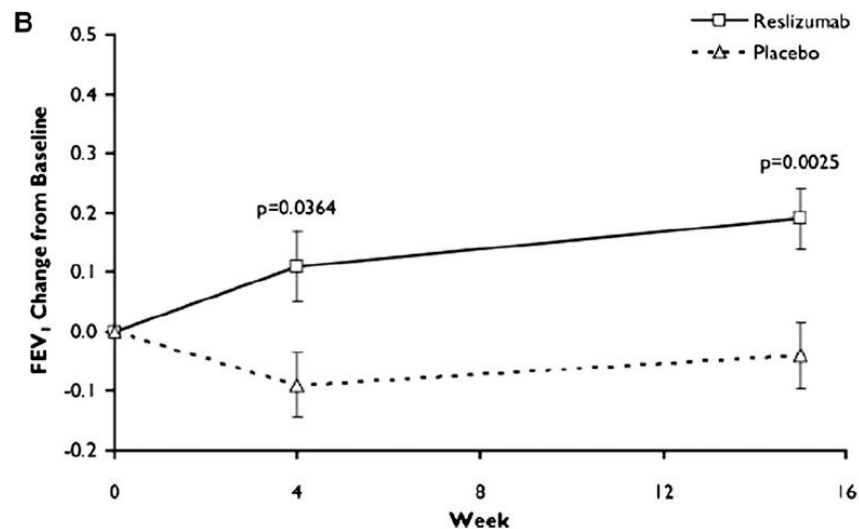
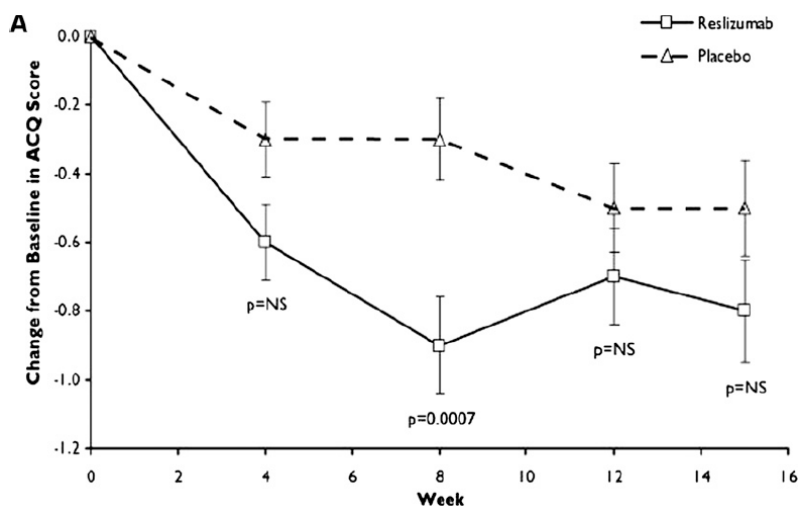


Mepolizumab showed significant **improvement in SGRQ total score** (-15.6 vs. -7.9), and reduced **exacerbation rate (58%)**.

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[Reslizumab-I]

- 106 severe asthma with eosinophilia ($\geq 3\%$ sputum eosinophil)
- **0.3 or 3.0 mg/kg** reslizumab IVF every 4 wk

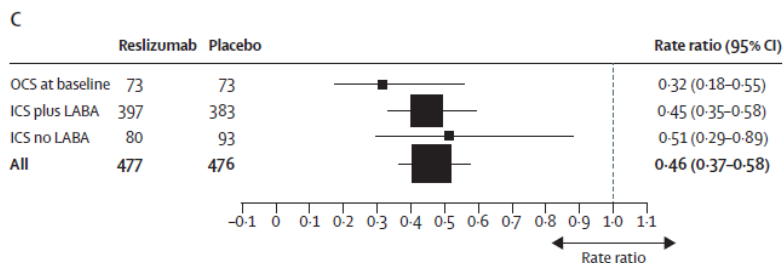
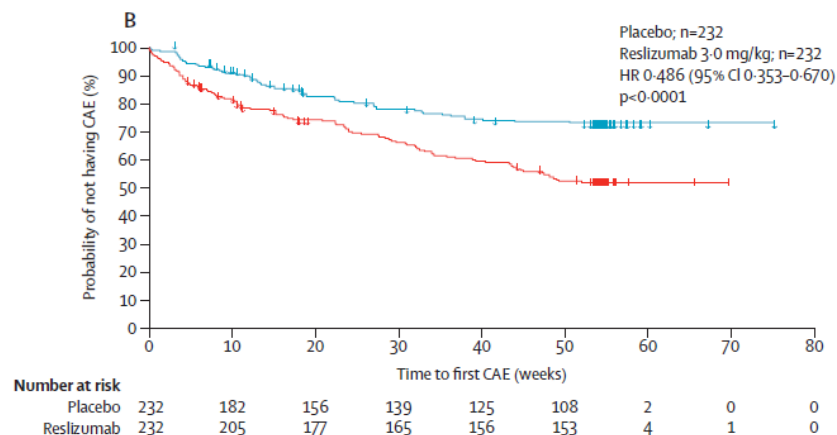
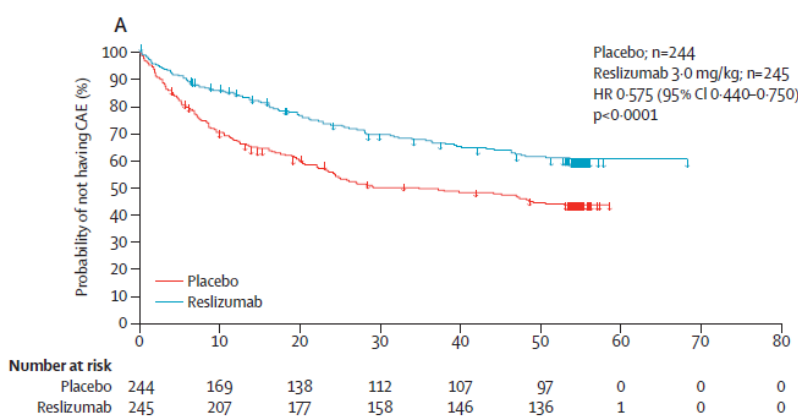


Reslizumab improved asthma symptom, FEV_1 , symptoms, and reduced sputum eosinophils.

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[Reslizumab-II]

- 489 and 464 severe asthma with **eosinophilia** ($\geq 400/\mu\text{L}$ during screening period) and at least one of exacerbation history in previous year
- **3.0 mg/kg reslizumab** IVF every 4 wk



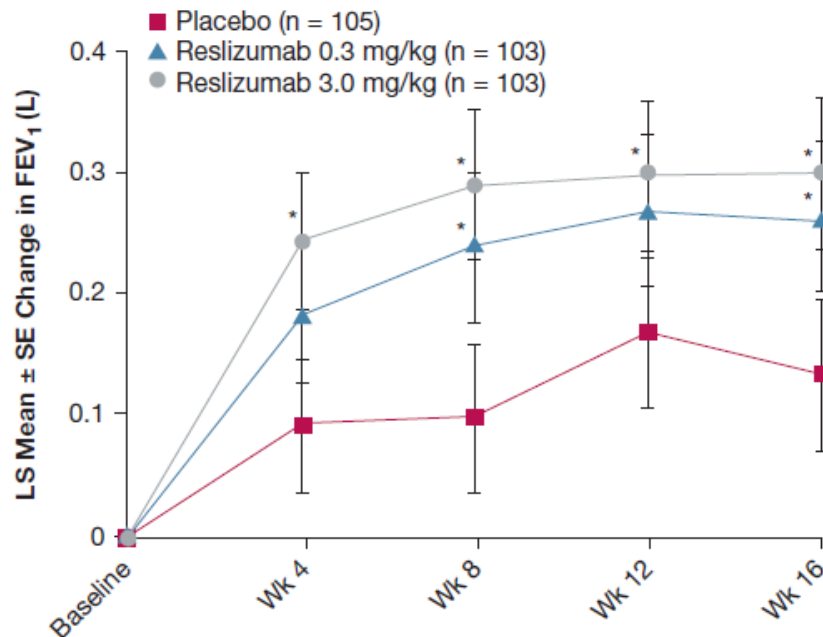
**Reslizumab reduced
exacerbation rate by 50%.**

Castro et al.
Lancet Respir Med
2015;3:355-66

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[Reslizumab-III]

- 315 severe asthma with eosinophilia ($\geq 400/\mu\text{L}$ during screening period)
- 0.3 or 3.0 mg/kg reslizumab IVF every 4 wk

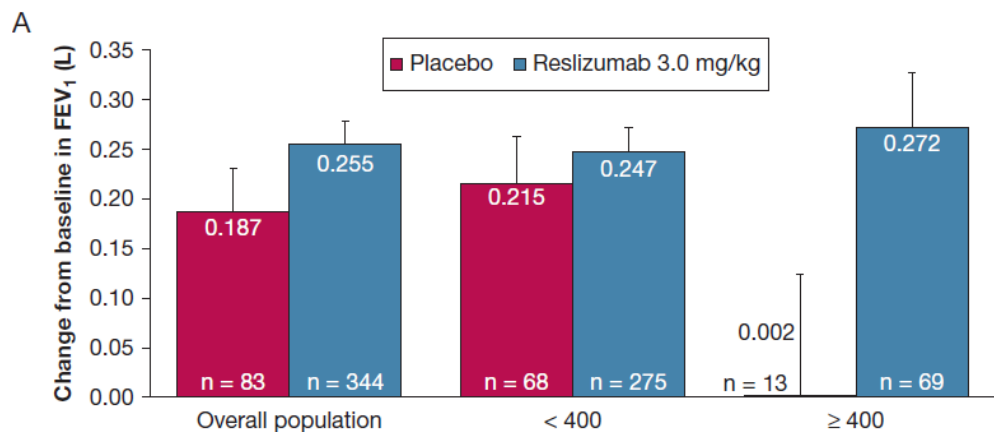
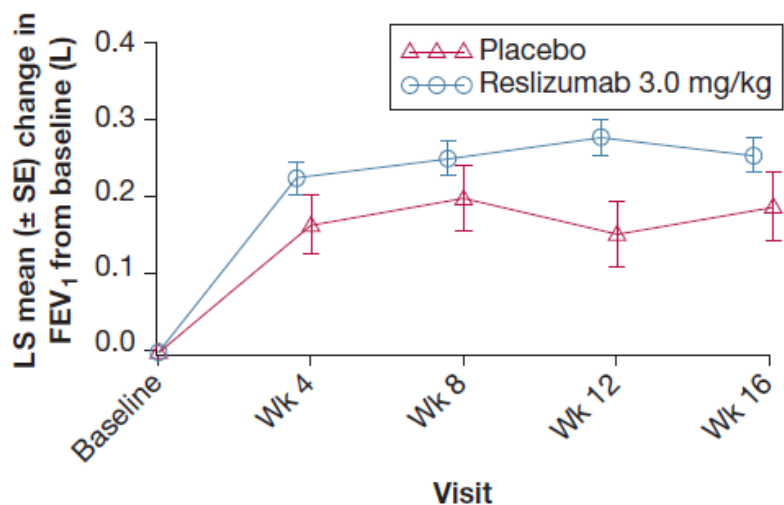


Reslizumab **improved** FEV₁, symptoms, and QOL.

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[Reslizumab-IV]

- 492 severe asthma (**Regardless of eosinophilia**)
- 3.0 mg/kg reslizumab IVF every 4 wk

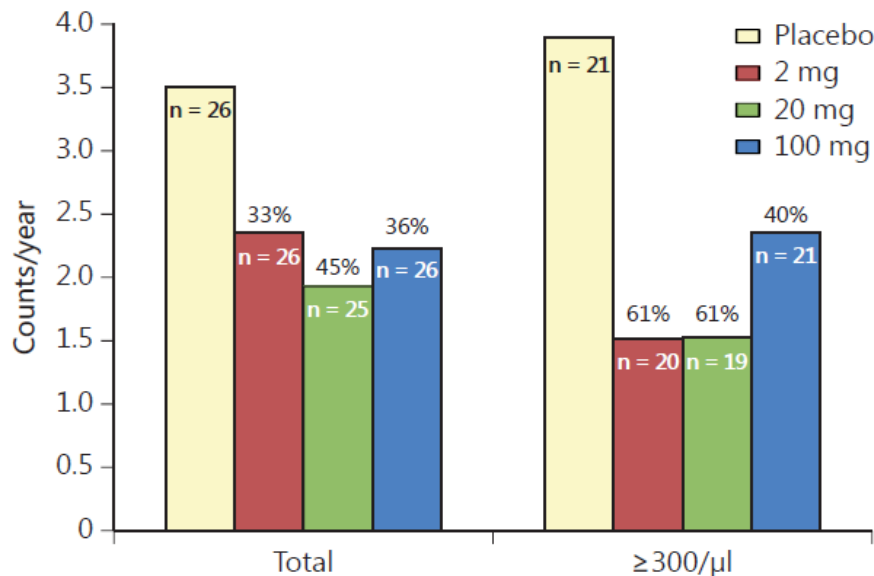


Reslizumab did not improve asthma, but it did in patients with **eosinophilia ($\geq 400/\mu\text{L}$)**

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[Reslizumab-V]

- 106 severe asthma with eosinophilia ($\geq 2\%$ sputum eosinophil or ≥ 50 ppb FeNO) in South **Korea and Japan**
- **2 mg, 20 mg, 100 mg** reslizumab IVF every 4 wk

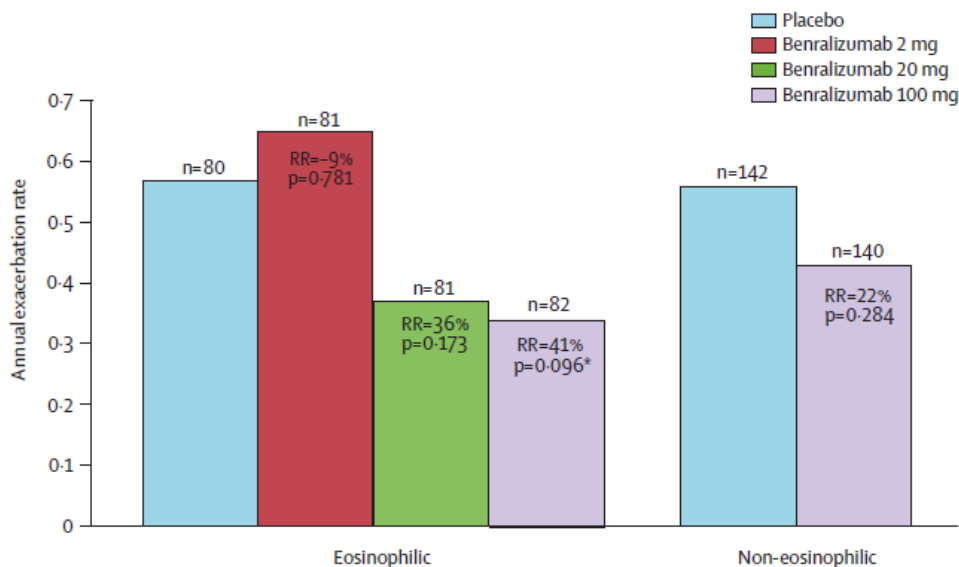


Reslizumab reduced asthma exacerbation rate by **33, 45, 36%**.

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[Benralizumab-I]

- 324 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with **at least two** of exacerbation history in previous year (stratified by eosinophil status: $\geq 2\%$ sputum eosinophil or ≥ 50 ppb FeNO)
- **2 mg, 20 mg, 100 mg** benralizumab IVF every 4 wk



Benralizumab (100 mg) reduced asthma **exacerbation** rate by **41%** (**eosinophilic**) and **22%** (**non-eosinophilic**)

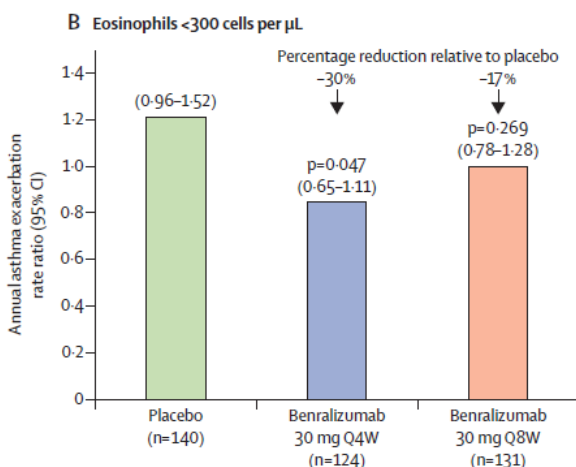
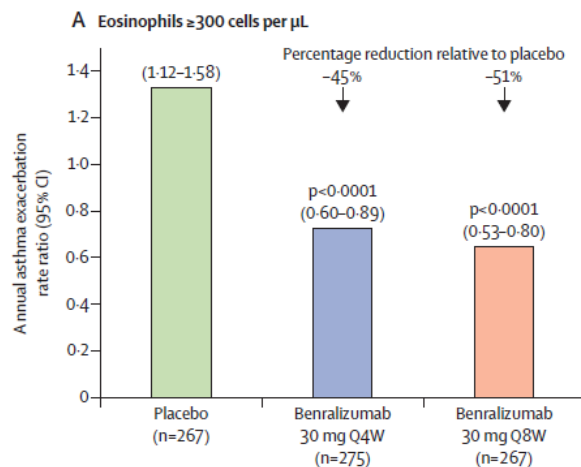
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SIROCCO study

[Benralizumab-II]

- 1,205 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with **at least one** of exacerbation history in previous study (regardless of eosinophil)
- 30 mg Benralizumab IVF every 4 or 8 wk

Eos \geq 300
: -45%, -51%



Eos < 300
: -30%, -17%

Benralizumab reduced **exacerbation** rate.

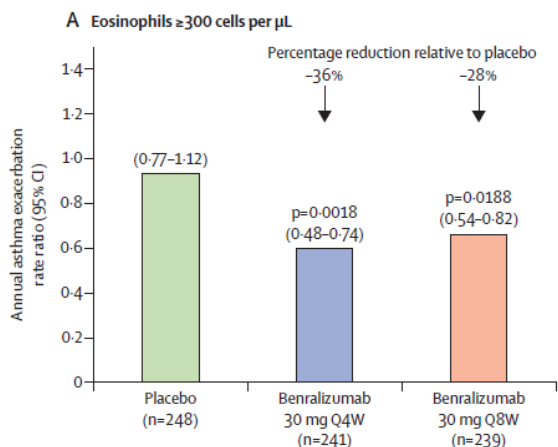
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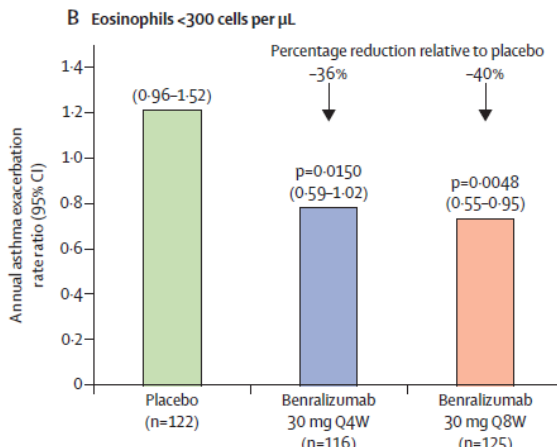
[Benralizumab-III]

- 1,306 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with **at least two** of exacerbation history in previous year (stratified by eosinophil 300)
- 30 mg benralizumab IVF every 4 or 8 wk

Eos \geq 300
: -36%, -28%



Eos $<$ 300
: -36%, -40%



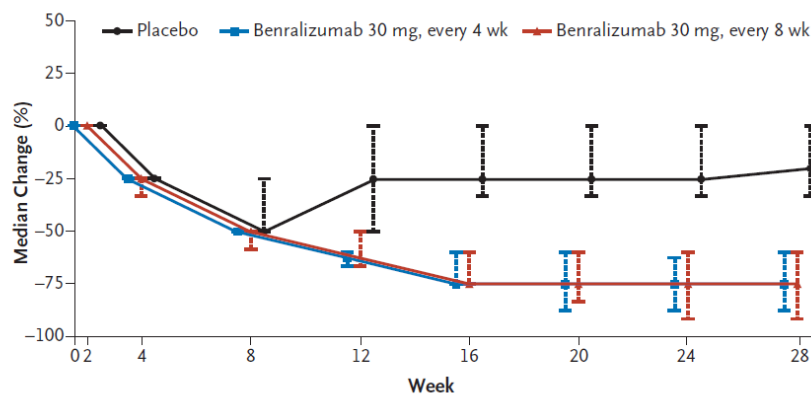
Benralizumab reduced asthma **exacerbation** rate.

ERS/ATS guidelines

[Benralizumab-IV]

- 220 severe asthma treated **continuously with oral glucocorticoids** for 6 months or more (**regardless of eosinophil**)
- 30 mg benralizumab IVF every 4 wks or 8 wks

A Change from Baseline in Oral Glucocorticoid Dose



No. at Risk

Benralizumab 30 mg, every 4 wk	72	70	70	69	69	68	66	68
Benralizumab 30 mg, every 8 wk	70	72	67	69	69	66	69	68
Placebo	74	75	73	74	74	73	73	72

Reslizumab **reduced oral glucocorticoid (OR 4.09-4.12)**, and **exacerbation rate (55% and 70%)**.

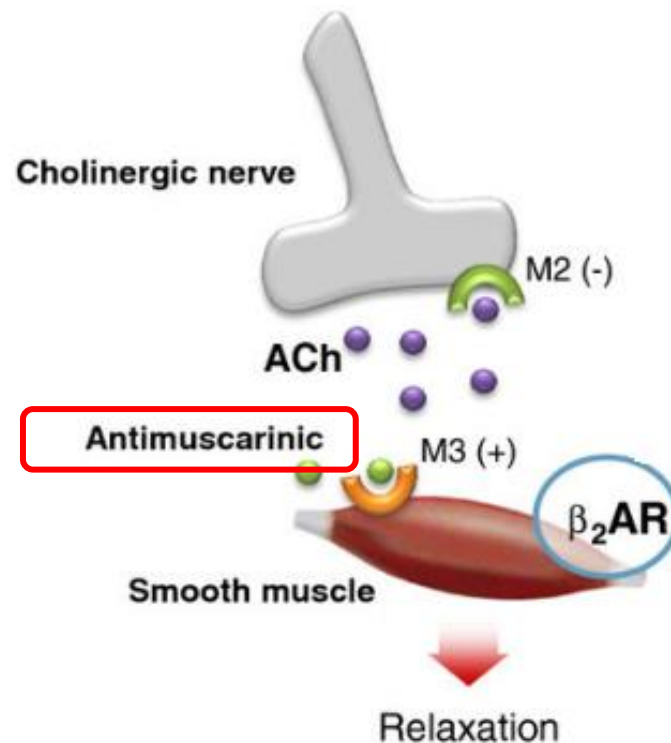
ERS/ATS guidelines

[Question 1. Should a monoclonal anti-IL-5 antibody be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]

- We suggest an **anti-IL-5 strategy** as **add-on therapy** for adult patients with severe uncontrolled asthma with an **eosinophilic phenotype** and for those with severe **corticosteroid-dependent asthma** (the Task Force gave this a conditional recommendation because inclusion criteria across studies did not consistently align with the ERS/ATS severe asthma definition).

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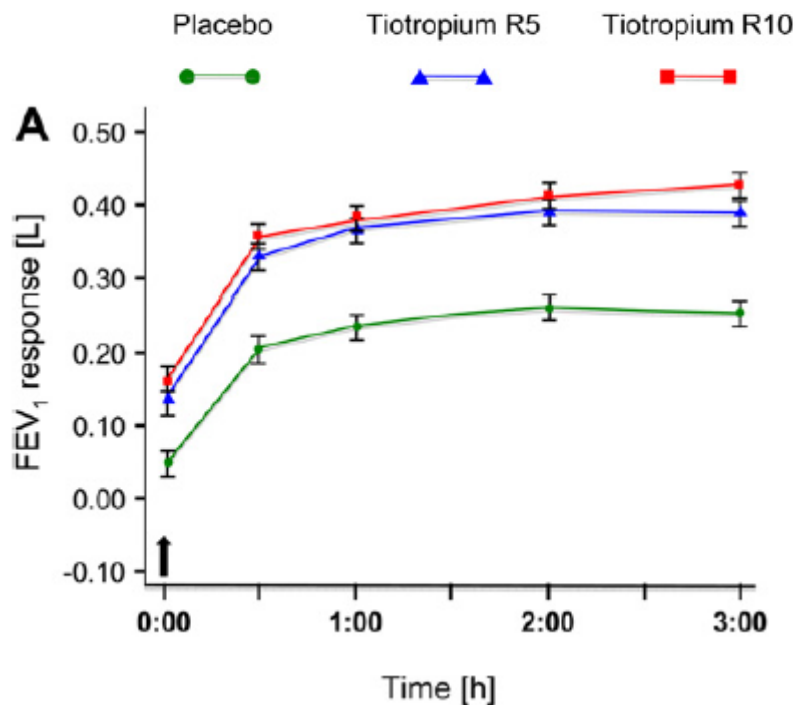
[Question 4. Should a long-acting inhaled **muscarinic antagonist** be used in adults and children with severe asthma?



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[Tiotropium-I]

- 107 severe asthma (**absolutely excluded COPD**)
- Tiotropium **5 or 10 µg** every for 8 wks

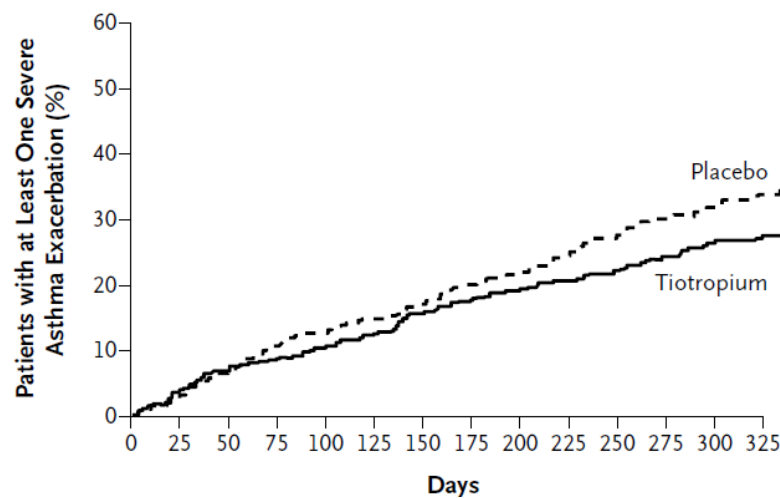
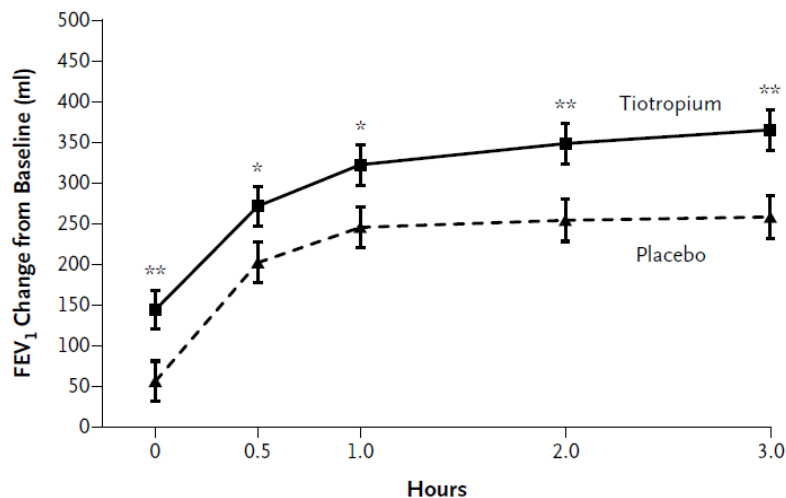


Tiotropium improved **lung function** over 24 hrs

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[Tiotropium-II]

- 912 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with at least once acute exacerbation in the previous year (absolutely excluded COPD)
- Tiotropium **5 µg** every for **48 wks**



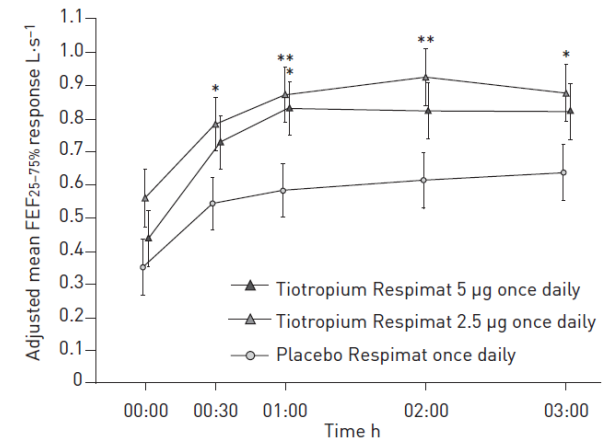
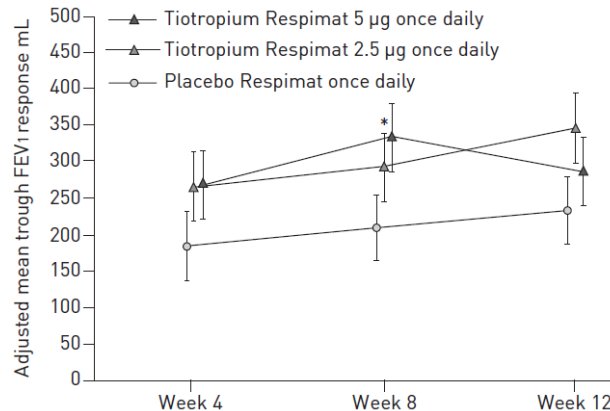
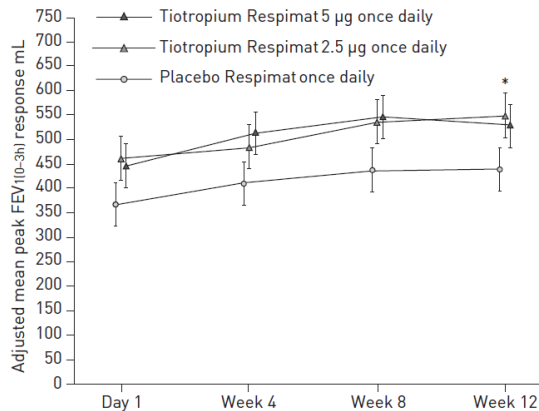
Tiotropium reduced risk of **severe exacerbation** and provided modest sustained **bronchodilation**

Kerstjens et al.
N Engl J Med
2012;367:1198-207

ERS/ATS guidelines

[Tiotropium-III]

- 392 severe (**GINA 4-5**) asthma
- Tiotropium **2.5** or 5 μg every for **12 wks**



Although **primary end-point efficacy was not met**, positive trends for improvements in **lung function** and **asthma control** were observed.

Hamelmann et al.
Eur Respir J
2017;49:1601100

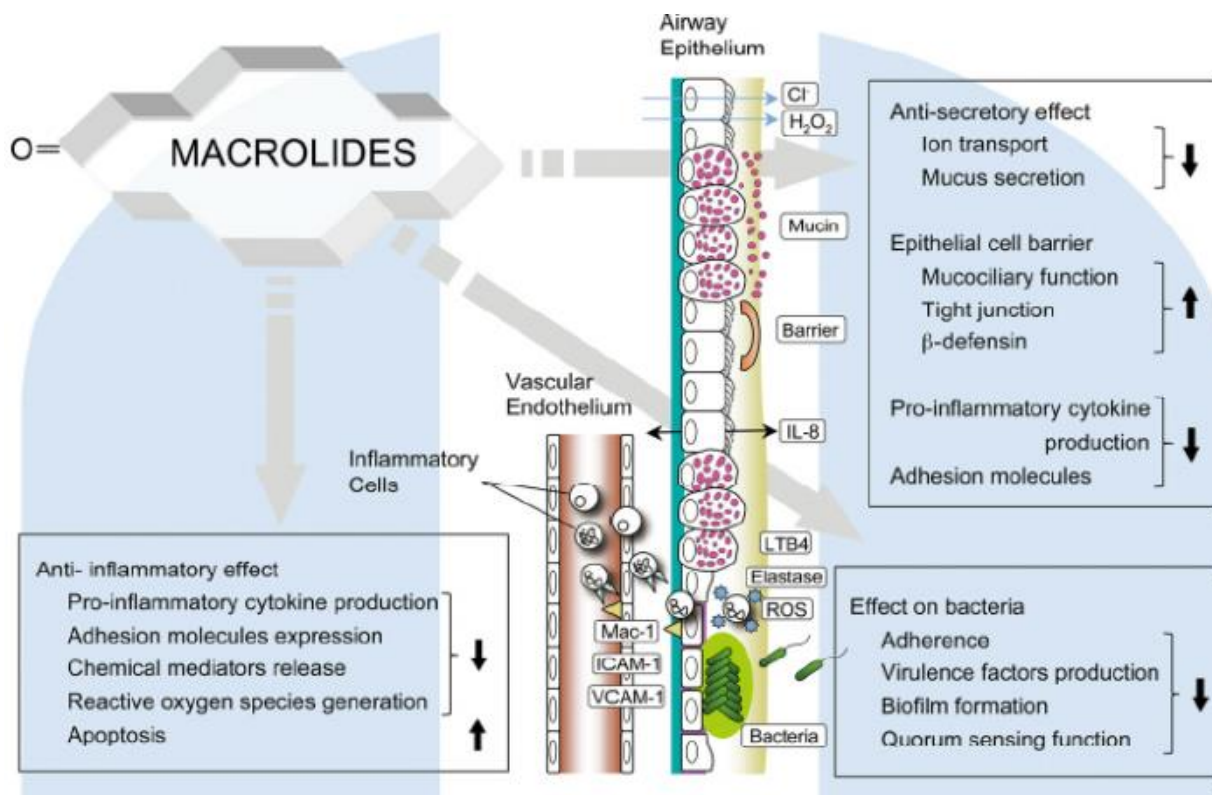
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[Question 4. Should a long-acting inhaled muscarinic antagonist be used in adults and children with severe asthma?

- Adults with severe asthma uncontrolled despite GINA step 4–5 or NAEPP step 5 therapies, **we recommend the addition of tiotropium (strong recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).**

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[Question 5. Should a **macrolide** (i.e. azithromycin, clarithromycin) be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]

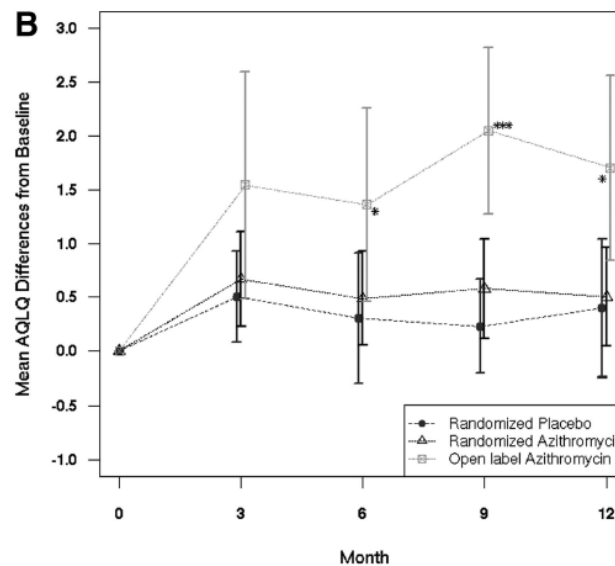
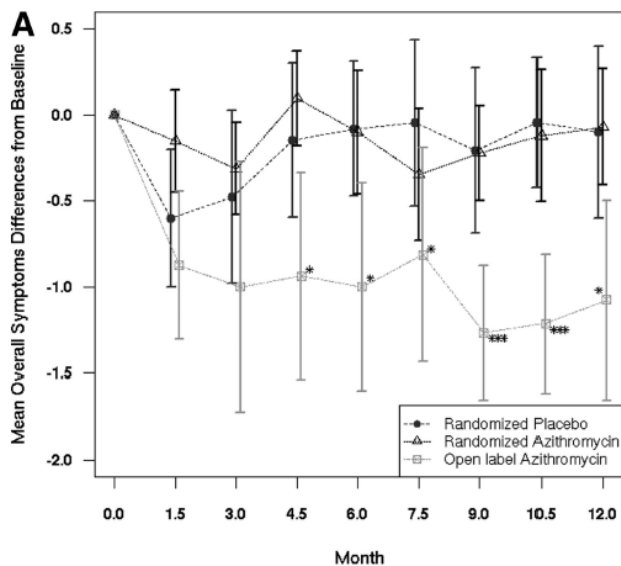


*Holguin et al.
Eur Respir J
2020;55:1900588*

ERS/ATS guidelines

[Macrolide-I]

- 97 **mild**-to-severe asthma
- **600 mg** azithromycin 1 tablet **weekly** for 11 wks (← after 3 days daily)



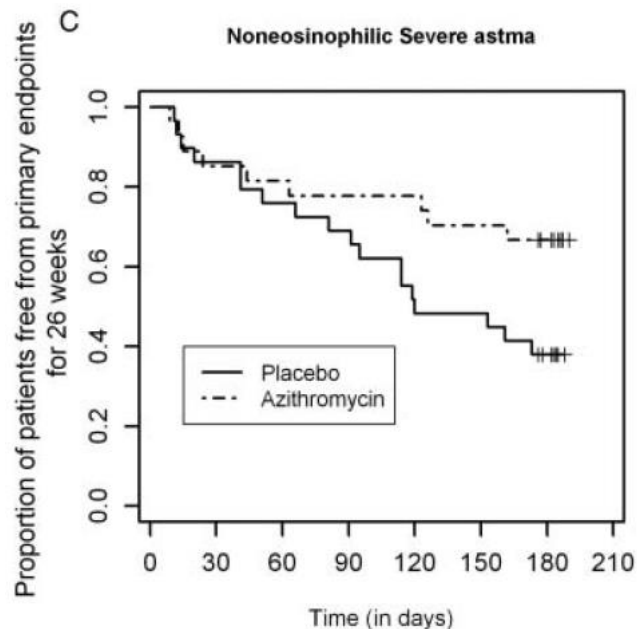
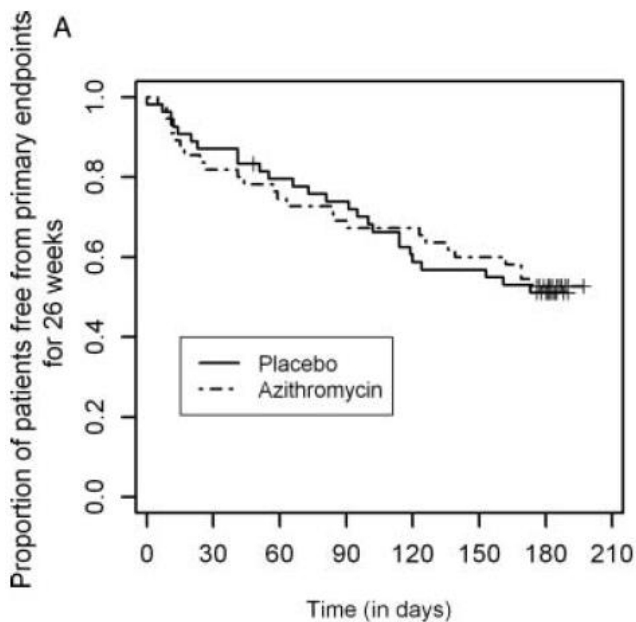
Azithromycin **did not** show significant improvement in asthma outcomes

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AZISAST study

[Macrolide-II]

- 104 severe asthma with at least once severe exacerbation (normal FeNO)
- **250 mg** azithromycin **three times** a week (← after 5 days)



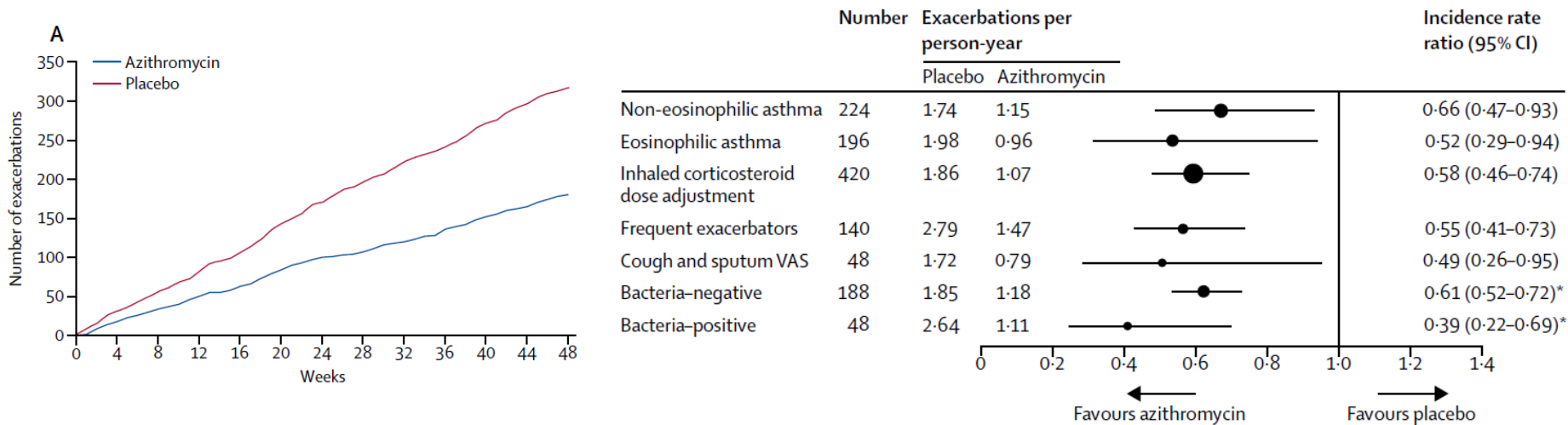
Azithromycin only reduced the rate of severe **exacerbation** in **non-eosinophilic severe asthma** (Normal FeNO & eosinophil < 200/ μ L).

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AMAZES study

[Macrolide-III]

- 420 **mod**-to-severe asthma (no hearing impairment or abnormal QT interval), however, severe asthma was predominant (>80%)
- **500 mg** azithromycin **three times** per week for 48 wks



Azithromycin reduced **asthma exacerbation by 41%** and improved **QOL**. **Diarrhea** was common side effect.

Gibson et al.
Lancet
2017;390:659-68

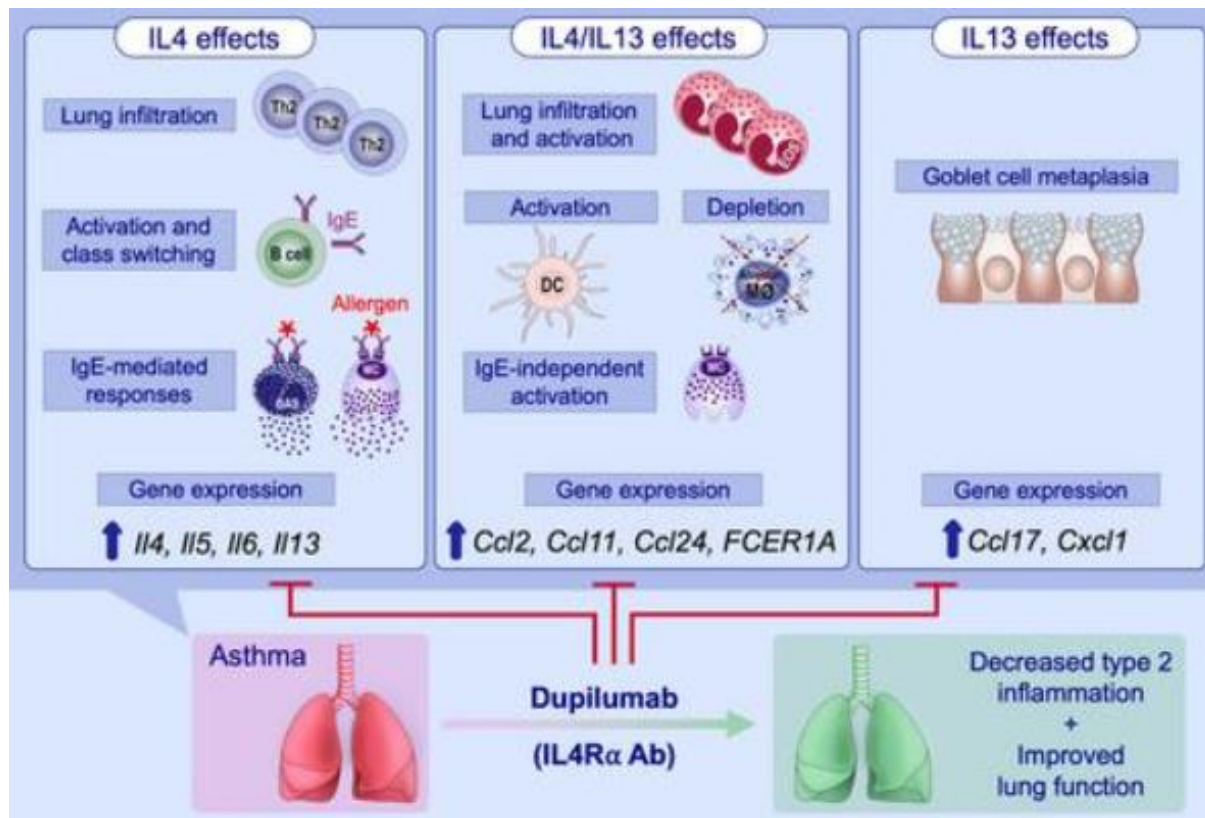
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[Question 5. Should a macrolide (i.e. azithromycin, clarithromycin) be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]

- We suggest a **trial of macrolide** treatment to reduce asthma exacerbations in adult asthma subjects on GINA/NAEPP step 5 therapy that remain persistently symptomatic or uncontrolled (**conditional** recommendation, low quality of evidence)
- We suggest against the use of chronic macrolide treatment in children and adolescents with severe uncontrolled asthma (conditional recommendation, low quality of evidence).

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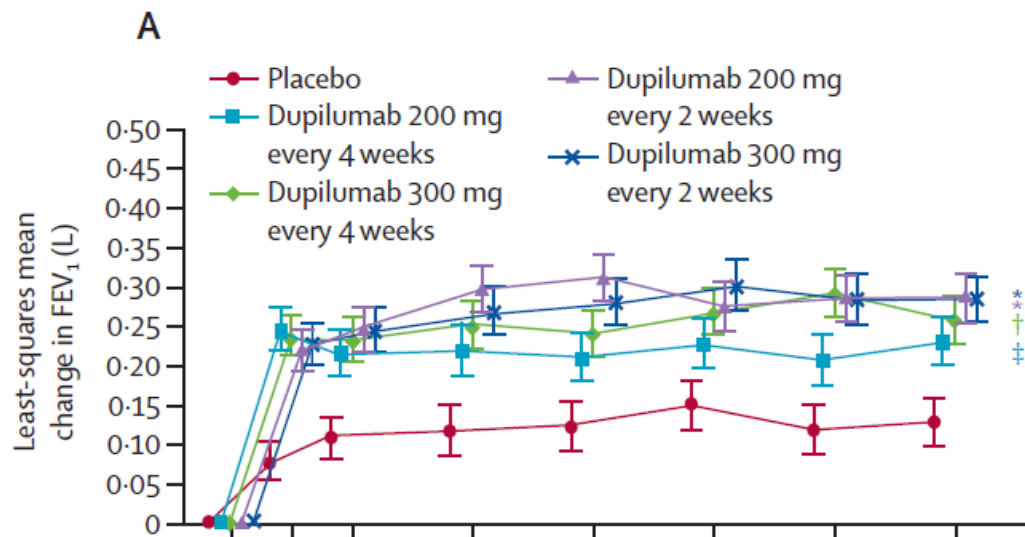
[Question 6. Should a monoclonal **anti-IL-4R α** be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]



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[Dupilumab-I]

- 769 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with at least two of exacerbation history in previous year (**regardless of eosinophil**)
- 200 or 300 mg dupilumab SQ every 2 wks or 4 wks



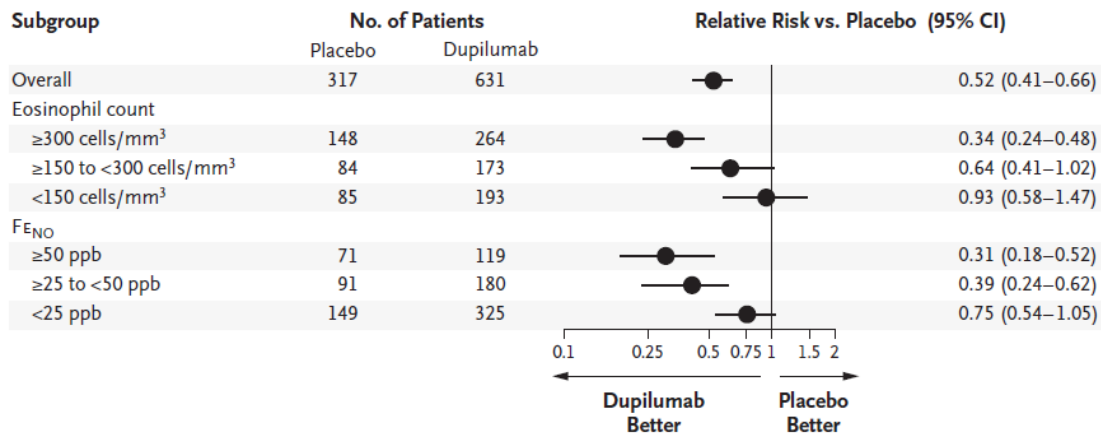
Dupilumab increased **lung function (100-200 mL)** and reduced severe **exacerbation (OR, 6.97-8.75)** irrespective of baseline eosinophil count.

ERS/ATS guidelines

[Dupilumab-II]

- 1,902 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) with at least two of exacerbation history in previous year (**regardless of eosinophil**)
- 200 or 300 mg dupilumab SQ every 2 wks

A Dupilumab, 200 mg Every 2 Wk, vs. Matched Placebo



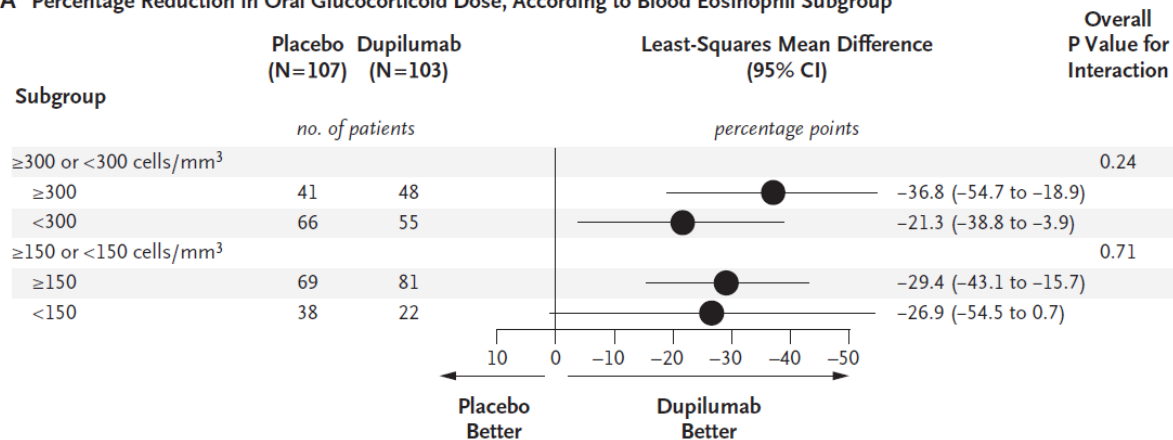
Dupilumab had lower rates of severe **asthma exacerbation (OR, 0.52)**, as well as better lung function and asthma control. **Greater benefits** were seen in patients with **higher** baseline levels of **eosinophils**.

ERS/ATS guidelines

[Dupilumab-III]

- 210 severe asthma (**GINA 4-5**) treated **regular with oral glucocorticoids** for 6 months or more (**regardless of eosinophil**)
- 300 mg dupilumab SQ every 2 wks

A Percentage Reduction in Oral Glucocorticoid Dose, According to Blood Eosinophil Subgroup



Dupilumab reduced **oral glucocorticoid use (70% vs. 42%)** while decreasing the rate of severe **exacerbations** and increasing the **FEV₁**.

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[Question 6. Should a monoclonal anti-IL-4R α be used in adults and children with severe asthma?]

- We suggest dupilumab as add-on therapy for adult patients with **severe eosinophilic asthma** and for those with **severe corticosteroid-dependent asthma** regardless of eosinophil levels (conditional recommendation).

The END

	Anti-IgE	Anti-IL-5/anti-IL5R	Anti-IL-4R
Eligibility in GINA	Sensitization or sIgE Total IgE & weight Exacerbation in last year	Exacerbation in last year BEC≥300/μL	Exacerbation in last year BEC≥150/μL or FeNO >25 ppb or need for maintenance OCS
Good response recommended in GINA	BEC≥260/μL FeNO≥20ppb Allergen-driven symptom Childhood-onset asthma	High BEC More exacerbation in previous year Adult-onset of asthma Nasal polyposis	High BEC High FeNO (+moderate/severe AD, nasal polyp osis)
Insurance/permission	In High-dose ICS/LABA+LAMA 1) IgE≥76IU/mL 2) Sensitization or sIgE to perennial allergen 3) FEV1 <80% 4) ≥ 2 exacerbation requiring systemic steroid in last 12 months (+LAMA)	Nucala: uncontrolled severe eosinophilic asthma (BEC≥150/μL in initial or BEC≥300/μL in last 12 m) Cinqair: BEC≥400/μL in initial Fasenra: uncontrolled severe eosinophilic asthma	BEC≥150/μL, FeNO≥25ppb, OCS dependent
Cost (won/1 vial)	270,000 (real: 162,000) (150 mg)	Nucala: 2,000,000 (100 mg) Cinqair: 560,000 (100 mg) Fasenra: 3,000,000 (30 mg)	680,000
Dose	Total IgE*weight (usual: 150-600 mg sc 4w)	Nucala: 100 mg sc q4w Cinqair: 3 mg/kg IVF q4w Fasenra: 30 mg sc q4w for 3 times -> 30 mg sc q8w	2 vial (initial) + 1 vial sc q2w
Cost (won/1 month)	162,000~648,000	Nucala: 2,000,000 Cinqair: 1,120,000 Fasenra: 3,000,000 -> 1,500,000	1,360,000

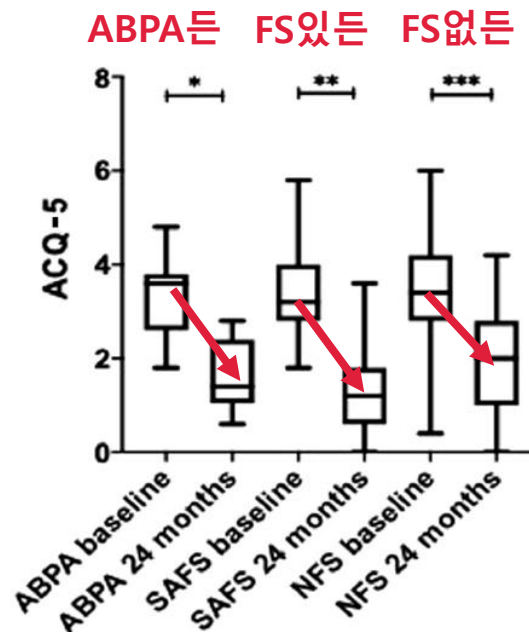
Omalizumab in SA with fungal sensitization (or ABPA)

- 62 (with FS including 11 ABPA) vs. 156 (without FS) severe asthma (≥ 2 exacerbation during the previous year)

TABLE II. Response to treatment with omalizumab

	ASAFS baseline	ASAFS 24 mo	Mean change/adjusted mean change (95% CI), P value	Difference (SAFS – NFS) in change over time (95% CI), P value
No. of subjects	62	42		
ACQ-5, mean \pm SD	3.39 \pm 0.74	1.31 \pm 0.88	-2.1 (-2.54 to -1.67), <.001 -1.60 (-1.85 to -1.35), <.001	-0.30 (-0.82 to 0.22), P = .25
Exacerbations, mean \pm SD	1.11 \pm 0.51	0.35 \pm 0.65	IRR = 0.35 (0.16 to 0.73), .005 IRR = 0.40 (0.17 to 0.91), .029	IRR = 0.51 (0.22 to 1.12), P = .11
OCS dose (mg/d), median (IQR)	10 (10 to 20)	0 (0 to 0)	OR = 0.06 (0.16 to 0.22), <.001 OR = 0.09 (0.02 to 0.38), .001	OR = 1.32 (0.30 to 0.59), .71

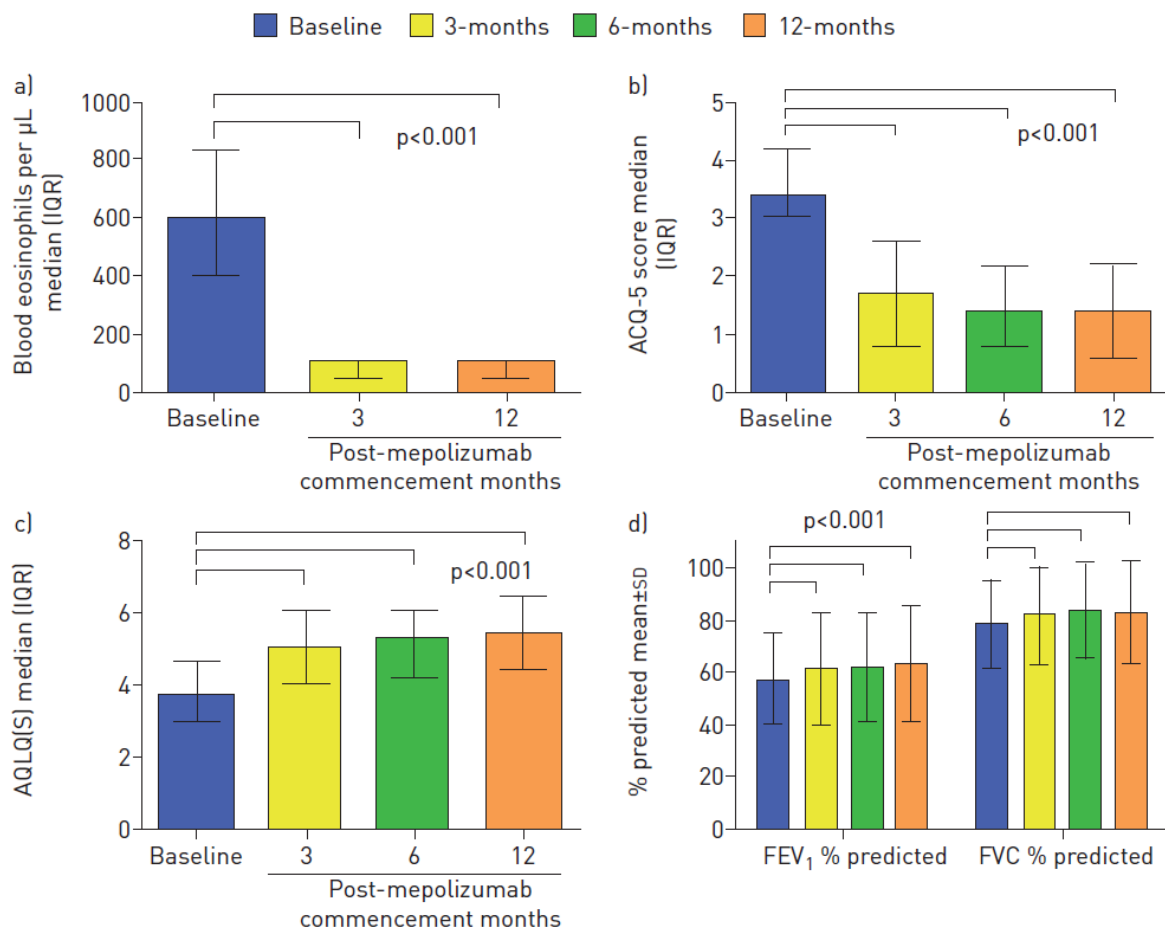
IQR, Interquartile range; IRR, incident rate ratio; OR, odds ratio.



중증 천식 치료 2-1. Omalizumab – FS/ABPA 상관없이 효과적

Real-world study of mepolizumab

➤ 309 severe eosinophilic asthma in real-world observational data: **AMR**

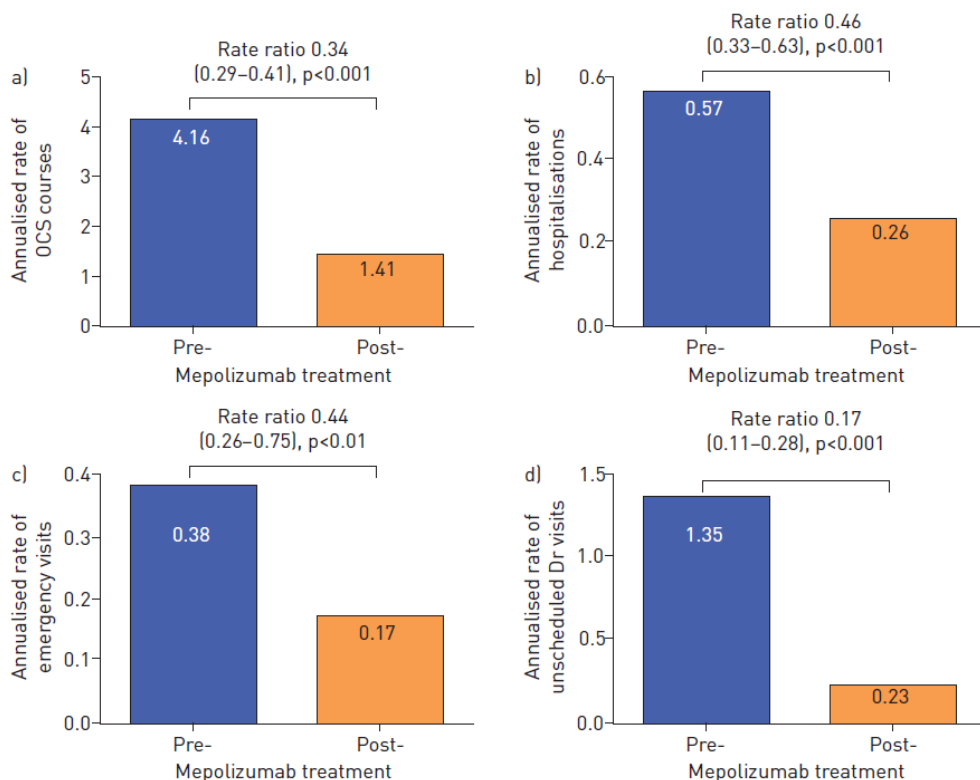


Real-world에서 **mepolizumab**은 blood eosinophil, ACQ-5 score, AQLQ, 및 FEV₁에 **효과적**

* Eosinophilic asthma: ≥ 300 cell/mL in the previous 12 m
 * AMR: Australian Mepolizumab Registry

Real-world study of mepolizumab

➤ 309 severe eosinophilic asthma in real-world observational data: **AMR**



Real-world에서 **mepolizumab**은 OCS사용, 입원, 응급실 방문, 외래 방문 감소에 **효과적**

중증 천식 치료 2-2. Mepolizumab – real-world에서 효과적

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TABLE 4 Adverse drug-related reactions in patients treated with mepolizumab

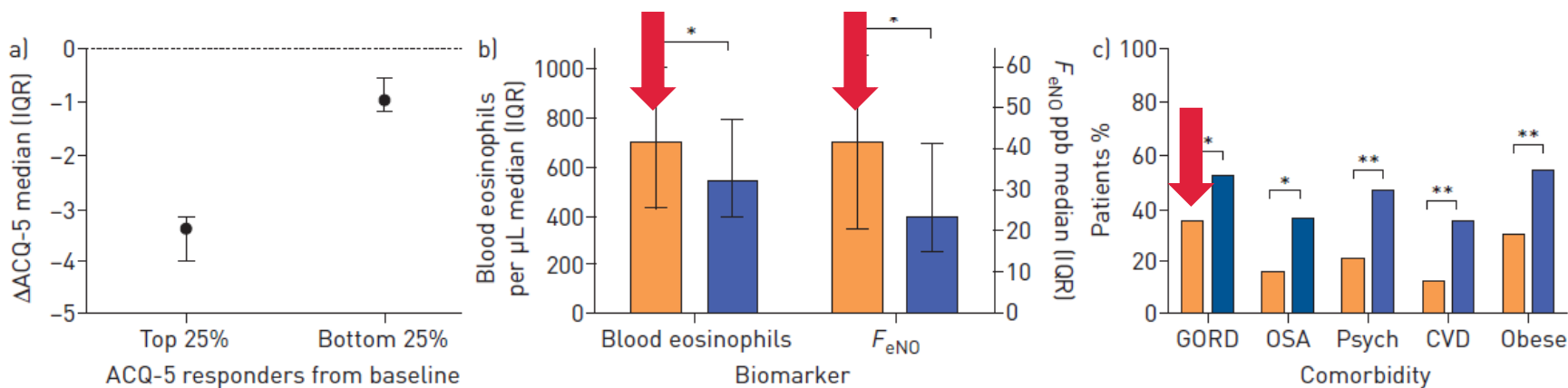
Patients n	309
Total mepolizumab administration events n[#]	2374 (n=308)
Adverse drug reaction reported[¶]	57/304 (18.8%)
Reaction type	
Anaphylaxis	0/304 (0%)
Urticaria	7 (2.3%)
Angioedema	1 (0.3%)
Rash	10 (3.3%)
Bronchospasm	0 (0%)
Hypotension	0 (0%)
Headache	30 (9.9%)
Local site reaction	10 (3.3%)
Other	30 (9.9%)
Mepolizumab ceased due to adverse drug reaction	6/309 (1.9%)
Reaction	
Severe headache	2
Persistent eczematous reaction involving face, trunk and upper limbs	1
Arthralgia	1
Pruritus	1
Middle back pain	1

Data are presented as n (%), n/N (%) or n, unless otherwise stated. [#]: Administration event missing for one patient; [¶]: adverse drug reaction data missing for five patients.

Real-world에서
mepolizumab은 비교적
안전

Real-world study of mepolizumab

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Super-responder는 blood eosinophil이 높고, FeNO가 높고, GERD, OSA, Psychiatric, CVD, and obesity 등의 동반질환이 적은 **특징이 있음**.

Long-term safety of reslizumab

- 1,028 reslizumab-treated patients (pooled-analysis of 6 trials)
- 3.0 mg/kg IV for 12-24 months

Patients	Placebo (n = 730)	Reslizumab 3.0 mg/kg (n = 1028)	RR (95% CI)
AEs by system organ class			
Infections and infestations	386 (53)	420 (41)	0.77 (0.70-0.85)
Respiratory, thoracic, and mediastinal disorders	352 (48)	320 (31)	0.65 (0.57-0.73)
Nervous system disorders	113 (15)	123 (12)	0.77 (0.61-0.98)
Gastrointestinal disorders	108 (15)	109 (11)	0.72 (0.56-0.92)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	83 (11)	106 (10)	0.91 (0.69-1.18)
General disorders and administration-site conditions	80 (11)	77 (7)	0.68 (0.51-0.92)
Investigations	59 (8)	73 (7)	0.89 (0.63-1.22)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	70 (10)	71 (7)	0.72 (0.53-0.99)
Injury, poisoning, and procedural complications	62 (8)	69 (7)	0.79 (0.57-1.10)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	33 (5)	37 (4)	0.80 (0.50-1.26)
Vascular disorders	19 (3)	32 (3)	1.20 (0.68-2.09)
Psychiatric disorders	21 (3)	21 (2)	0.71 (0.39-1.29)
Eye disorders	25 (3)	19 (2)	0.55 (0.30-0.98)
Cardiac disorders	37 (5)	18 (2)	0.35 (0.20-0.60)
Immune system disorders	16 (2)	17 (2)	0.75 (0.38-1.48)
Ear and labyrinth disorders	11 (2)	16 (2)	1.03 (0.48-2.21)
AEs by preferred term			
Asthma	289 (40)	232 (23)	0.57 (0.49-0.66)
Nasopharyngitis	103 (14)	103 (10)	0.71 (0.55-0.92)
Upper respiratory tract infection	69 (9)	96 (9)	0.99 (0.74-1.33)
Headache	62 (8)	78 (8)	0.89 (0.65-1.22)
Sinusitis	51 (7)	57 (6)	0.79 (0.55-1.14)
Bronchitis	52 (7)	34 (3)	0.46 (0.30-0.71)
Urinary tract infection	24 (3)	34 (3)	1.00 (0.60-1.69)
Back pain	25 (3)	33 (3)	0.94 (0.56-1.56)
Influenza	37 (5)	33 (3)	0.63 (0.40-1.00)
Rhinitis allergic	22 (3)	28 (3)	0.90 (0.52-1.57)
Oropharyngeal pain	16 (2)	27 (3)	1.20 (0.65-2.21)
Pharyngitis	25 (3)	23 (2)	0.65 (0.37-1.14)

2% 이상 흔히 발생한 부작용들 중, placebo에 비해 reslizumab에서 유의하게 부작용이 흔하게 발생한 것은 없었음.

Long-term safety of reslizumab

- 1,028 reslizumab-treated patients (pooled-analysis of 6 trials)
- 3.0 mg/kg IV for 12-24 months

TABLE V. AEs in patients with >12 mo of exposure to reslizumab—comparison with data for ≤12 mo

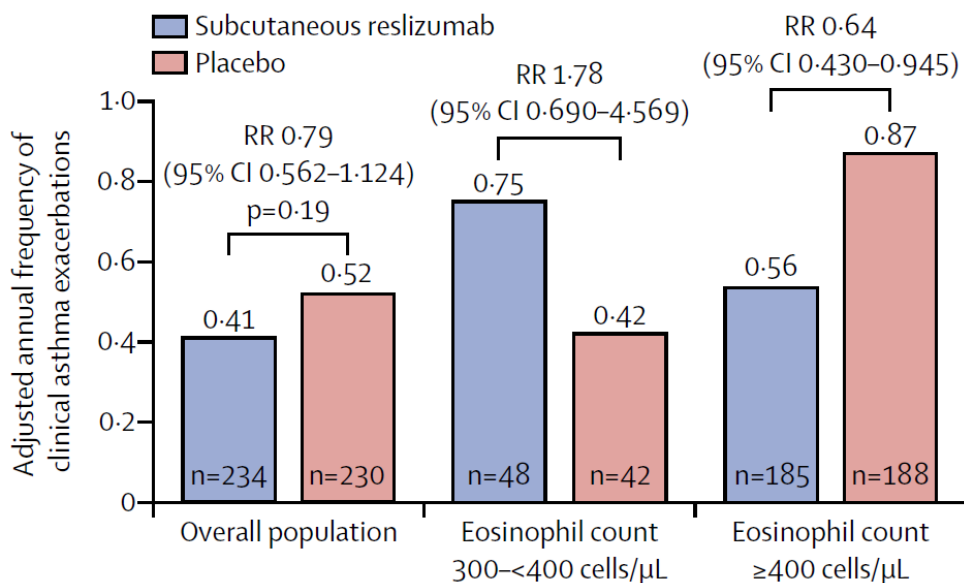
Patients	Reslizumab 3.0 mg/kg (exposure >12 mo)* (n = 756; 1262 patient-years)		Placebo-controlled trials (≤52 wk)			
	n (%)	Event rate (/100 patient-years)	Placebo (n = 730; 517 patient-years)		Reslizumab 3.0 mg/kg (n = 1028; 612 patient-years)	
			n (%)	Event rate (/100 patient -years)	n (%)	Event rate (/100 patient-years)
Patients with ≥1 AEs	651 (86)	367	589 (81)	588	690 (67)	434
Common AEs (>5% incidence)						
Asthma	320 (42)	58.1	289 (40)	147	232 (23)	69.9
Nasopharyngitis	169 (22)	24.4	103 (14)	29.2	103 (10)	25.0
Upper respiratory tract infection	123 (16)	14.6	69 (9)	19.5	96 (9)	20.9
Headache	104 (14)	12.8	62 (8)	17.2	78 (8)	18.9
Sinusitis	78 (10)	11.4	51 (7)	15.9	57 (6)	12.7
Bronchitis	64 (8)	6.42	52 (7)	12.8	34 (3)	6.20
Influenza	54 (7)	6.10	37 (5)	9.87	33 (3)	6.86
Patients with ≥1 SAEs	87 (12)	11.8	66 (9)	21.1	65 (6)	17.0
AEs leading to discontinuation	8 (1)	0.871	40 (5)	11.61	48 (5)	8.65
AEs of special interest						
Infections and infestations	506 (67)	121	386 (53)	163	420 (41)	130
Anaphylactic reaction	1 (<1)†	0.079	0	0	5 (<1)‡	0.816
Malignancy	12 (2)	1.188	2 (<1)	0.387	6 (<1)	1.143
Myalgia	10 (1)	0.792	4 (<1)	1.16	10 (<1)	1.63

중증 천식 치료 2-3. Reslizumab – 안전

Virchow et al.
J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract.
2020;8:540-8

Fixed-dose of SC (110 mg) of reslizumab

- 468 + 177 reslizumab-treated patients (pooled-analysis of 2 trials)
- Fixed dose of 110 mg SC



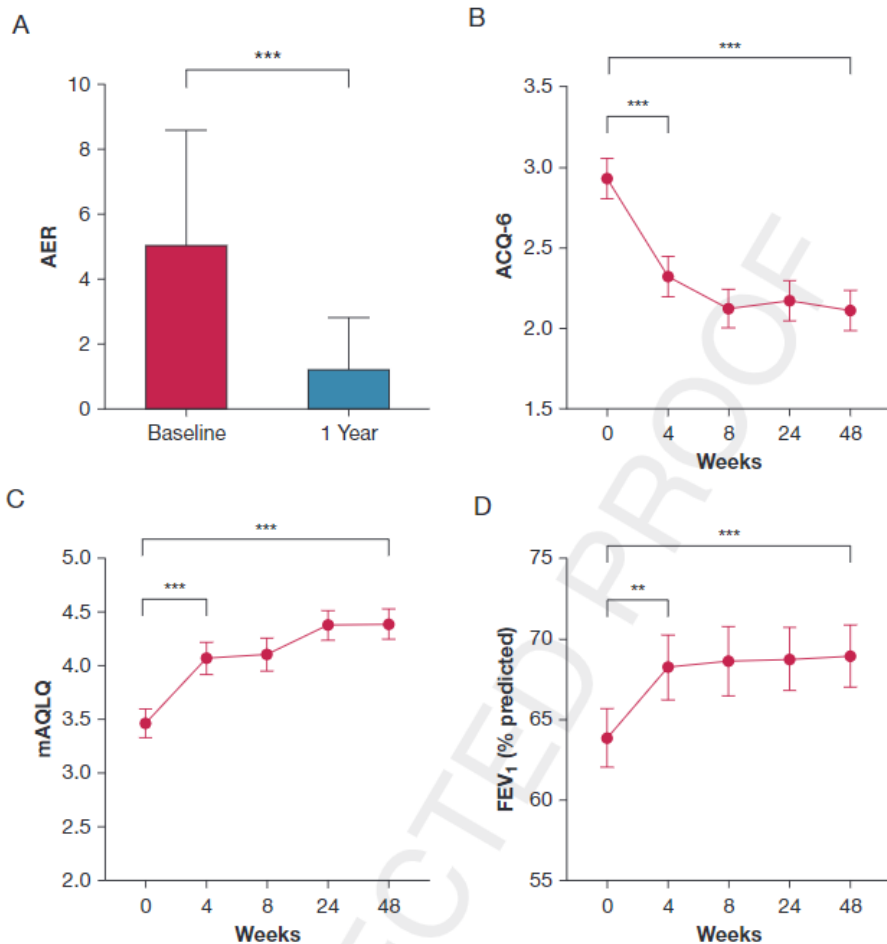
Eosinophil 300-400 cell/mL인 경우, 급성악화, 폐기능, 증상 조절에 **효과 없음**.

Fixed dose of 110 mg SC보다 높은 **충분한 용량의 reslizumab이 필요**할 것으로 사료됨.

중증 천식 치료 2-3. Reslizumab – 충분한 용량 필요

Real-world study of benralizumab

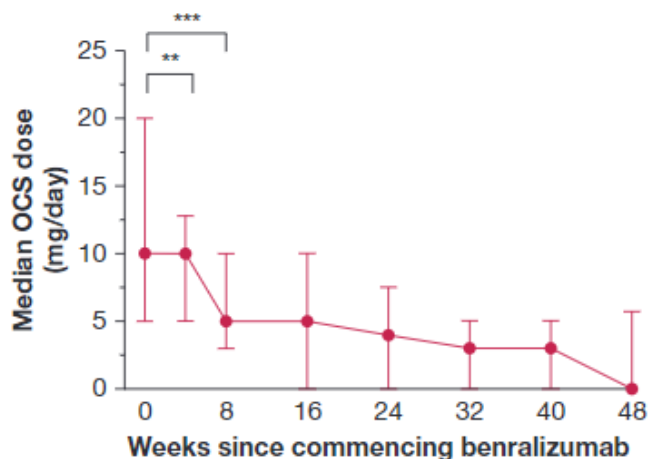
- 130 severe eosinophilic asthma with benralizumab



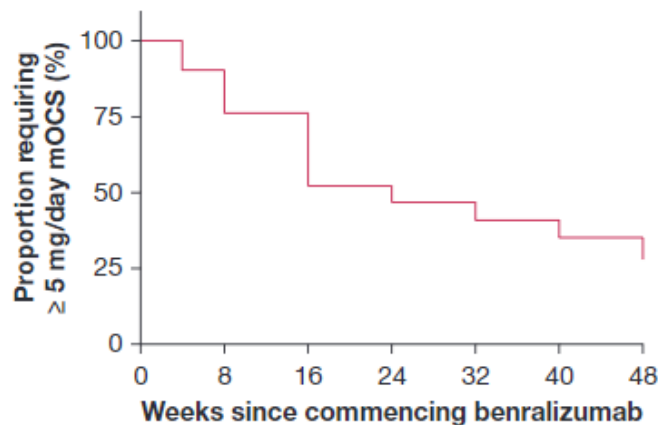
Benralizumab은 real-world에서 천식 조절 (악화율 감소, 증상 및 삶의 질 개선, 폐기능 향상) 효과 있음.

Real-world study of benralizumab

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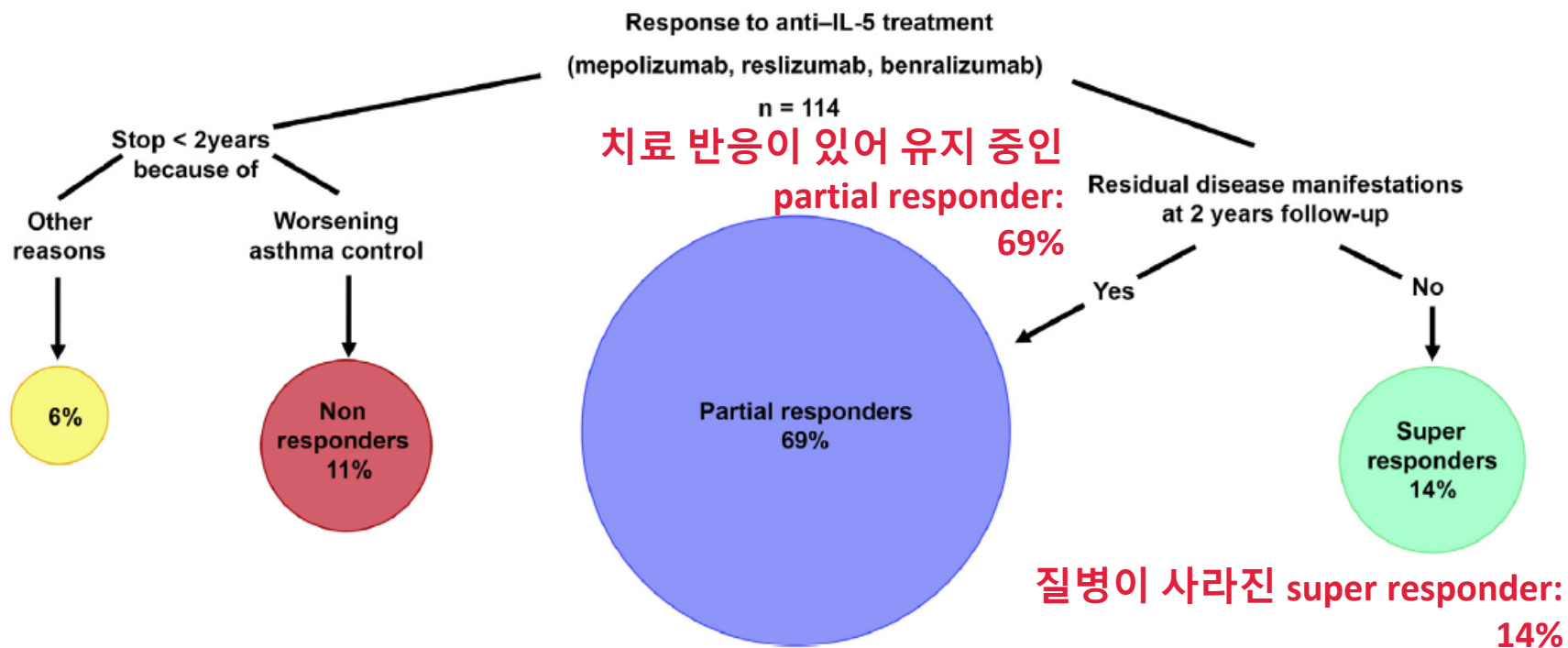
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중증 천식 치료 2-4.
 Benralizumab
 – real-world에서도 효과적

Long-term therapy response to anti-IL-5 biologics

➤ Real-life data after 2-year follow-up



중증 천식 치료. Anti-IL-5 biologics의 long-term response

Long-term therapy response to anti-IL-5 biologics

- Real-life data after 2-year follow-up

TABLE II. Predictors of super response to long-term anti-IL-5 biologics

Predictor	Adjusted OR*	95% CI	P value
Asthma onset ≥ 18 y	5.961	0.706-50.311	.101
Absence of NPs	5.950	0.721-49.082	.098
FEV $\geq 80\%$ predicted	3.708	1.120-12.284	.032
Asthma duration < 10 y	3.572	1.093-11.673	.035
BMI < 25	2.675	0.820-8.719	.103

BMI, Body mass index; OR, odds ratio.

*OR adjusted for age and sex.

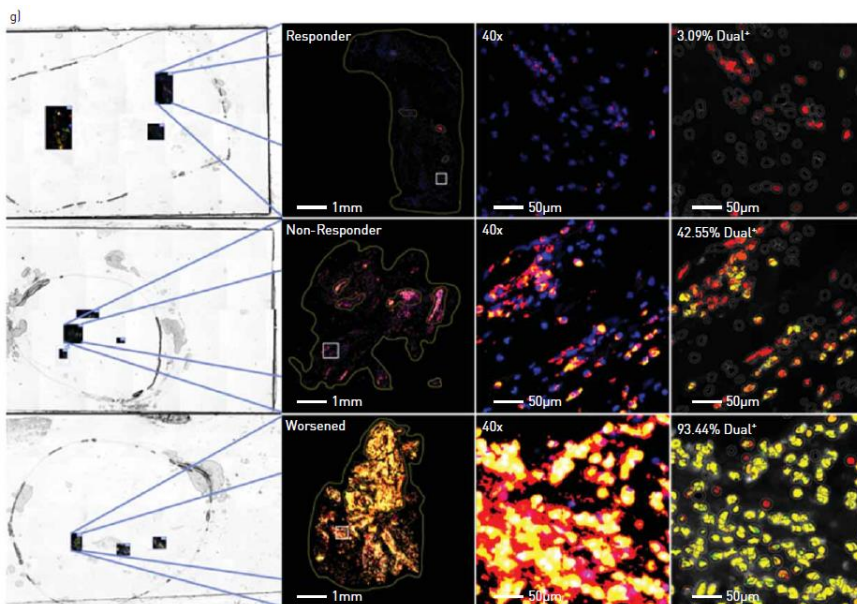
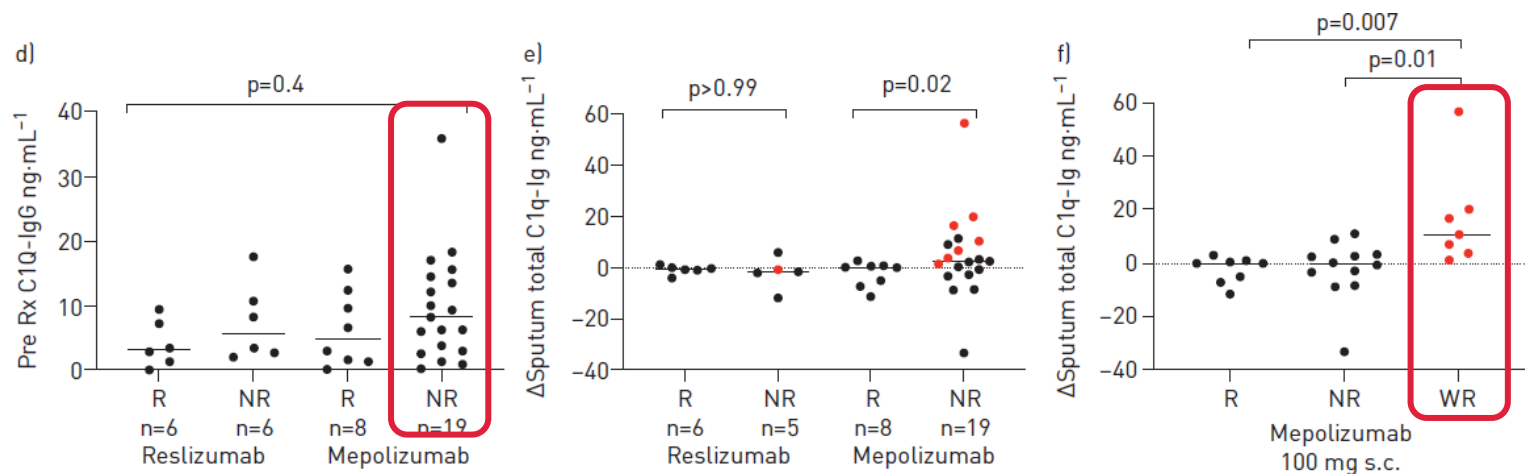
중증 천식 치료. Anti-IL-5 biologics의 super-responder

Eger et al.
J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract
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Suboptimal treatment response to anti-IL-5 antibodies

- 250 mod-to-severe asthma with anti-IL-5 mAbs (mepolizumab/reslizumab)
- In 4 Canadian academic centers
- Non-responder (any of 3): <50% reduction of CS, ACQ-5<1.5, <50% reduction of exacerbation → **42.8%** (OCS-dependent: 28.4%, others: 14.4%)

Suboptimal treatment response to anti-IL-5 antibodies



Mepolizumab은 **Immune-complex mediated complement activation**이 일어난 환자들에서는 반응이 떨어짐

“Autoimmune phenomenon”

중증 천식 치료. Anti-IL-5 biologics의 Non-responder

← C1q-bound/IL-5-bound IgG

Mukherjee et al. Eur Respir J 2020;56:2000117

Dupilumab in real-world study

➤ 64 severe asthma patients with dupilumab in real-world study

TABLE 2 Summary of main asthma control outcomes for patients with severe asthma during treatment in the nATU programme at each follow-up visit

	Asthma Control Test score	Number of exacerbations	FEV1 (mL)	FEV1 (%)	OCS dose ^a	ICS dose ^a
Analysis at 3 mo (N = 64)						
N	30	/	32	34	49	60
Baseline	11 [7-15]		1690 [1030-2115]	53 [42-71]	20 [10-30]	800 [800-1600]
3 mo	19 [13-22]		1864 [1205-2490]	67 [45-81]	10 [7-15]	800 [400-800]
Difference	7 [1-11]		230 [10-610]	8 [1-18]	-5 [-18 to 0]	0 [-360 to 0]
P-value	P < .001		P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001
Analysis at 6 mo (N = 61)						
N	39	/	43	45	45	57
Baseline	11 [6-16]		1550 [1010-2250]	55 [45-76]	20 [10-30]	800 [800-1600]
6 mo	20 [12-22]		2060 [1290-2490]	66 [53-92]	7 [0-15]	800 [600-800]
Difference	6 [2-9]		180 [-30 to 530]	9 [2-17]	-10 [-20 to -5]	0 [-320 to 0]
P-value	P < .001		P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001
Analysis at 12 mo (N = 51)						
N	32	41	39	42	37	47
Baseline	14 [7-16]	4 [2-7]	1780 [1190-2170]	58 [47-76]	20 [10-30]	800 [800-1600]
12 mo	22 [17-24]	1 [0-2]	1940 [1250-2670]	68 [58-88]	5 [0-7]	800 [400-800]
Difference	9 [5-12]	-3 [-5 to -2]	200 [-30 to 620]	10 [1-19]	-13 [-20 to -5]	0 [-800 to 0]
P-value	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001	P < .001

Dupilumab 사용 1년 뒤,
FEV₁ 200 mL (10%) 호전
OCS 13 mg 감량

중증 천식 치료 2-5. Dupilumab – real-world에서 효과적

Dupin et al.
Clin Exp Allergy
2020;50:789-98

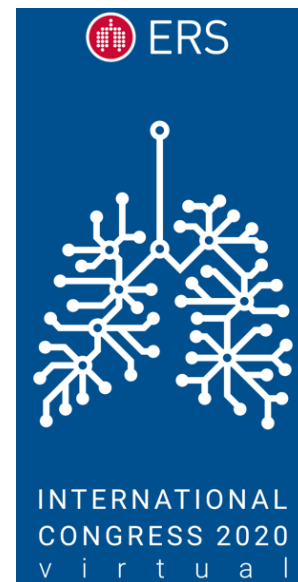
Dupilumab in long-term safety and efficacy

- Long-term safety data in 2,930 patients (48-96 wks)
- **LIVERTY Asthma TRAVERSE open-label extension study**
- **3 studies** (P3 QUEST, P2a EXPEDITION, P3 VENTURE)

SAFETY

- The most common TEAEs occurring in any treatment group during OLE were **nasopharyngitis** and **injection-site erythema**, **9–13% of patients experienced SAEs**, the number of patients with TEAE leading to **permanent discontinuation (<5%)** was low and **4 deaths** occurred (metastatic lung cancer, adenocarcinoma gastric, craniocerebral injury, and respiratory failure)

중증 천식 치료 2-5. Dupilumab – long-term에서 안전



Wechsler et al.
In ERS conference

Dupilumab in long-term safety and efficacy

➤ Efficacy in annualized severe exacerbation rate

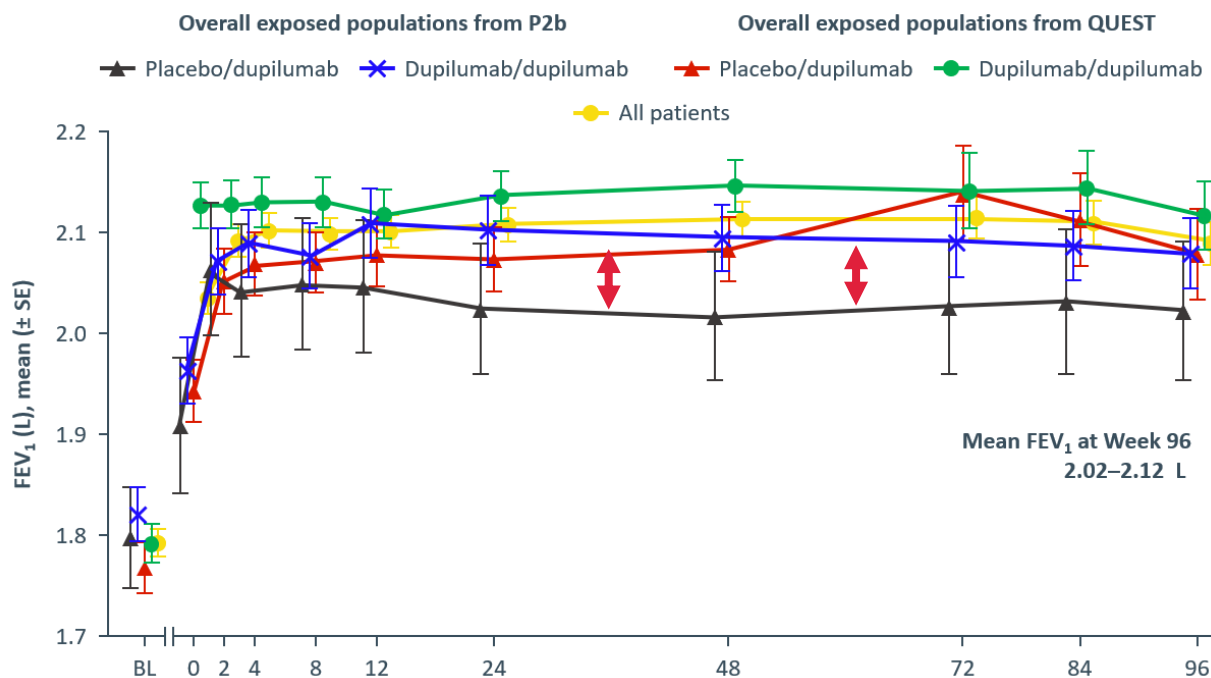
- At parent study baseline for P2b and QUEST, mean number of exacerbations in the past year across treatment groups in the overall ITT populations were **1.85–2.37** and **2.02–2.31**, respectively^{5,6} **Exacerbation rate 감소**
- At end of parent study treatment, unadjusted AER for placebo- and dupilumab-treated patients were 1.07 and **0.31–0.69** for P2b and 0.98–1.09 and **0.48–0.56** for QUEST, respectively
- During the OLE, unadjusted AER ranged from **0.31–0.35** in the non-OCS dependent population

중증 천식 치료 2-5. Dupilumab – long-term에서 효과적

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Dupilumab in long-term safety and efficacy

➤ Efficacy in lung function



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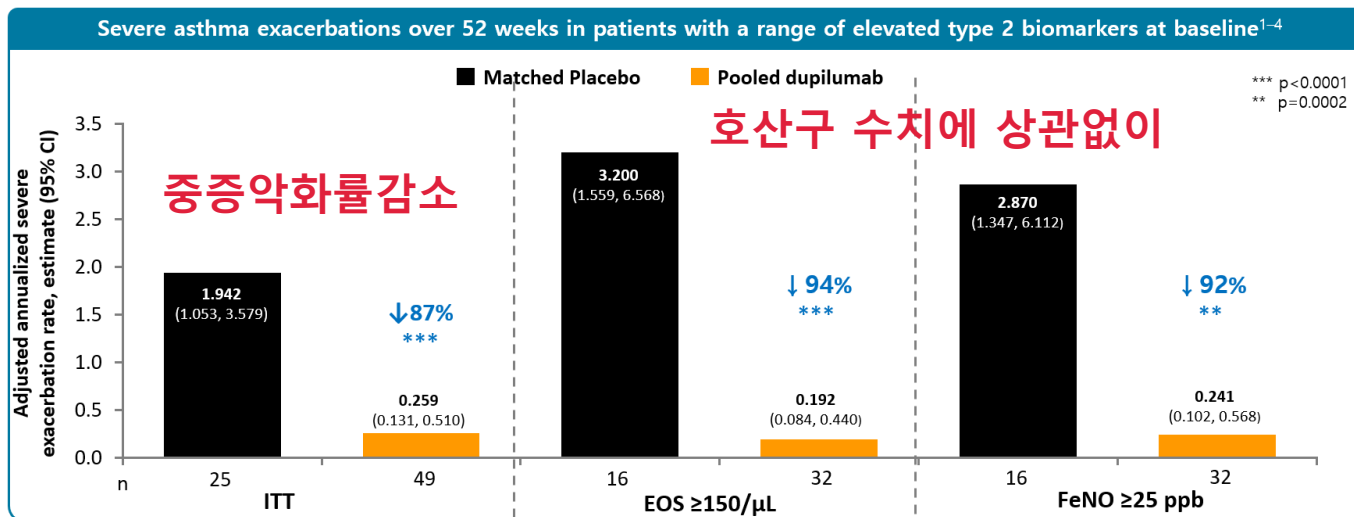
*Wechsler et al.
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Dupilumab in Korean

- Mod-to-severe asthma (≥ 1 exacerbation during the previous year)
- Sub-group analysis (74 Korean - 4% of total) of **LIVERTY ASTHMA**

Quest study

- 200 or 300 mg SC q2w

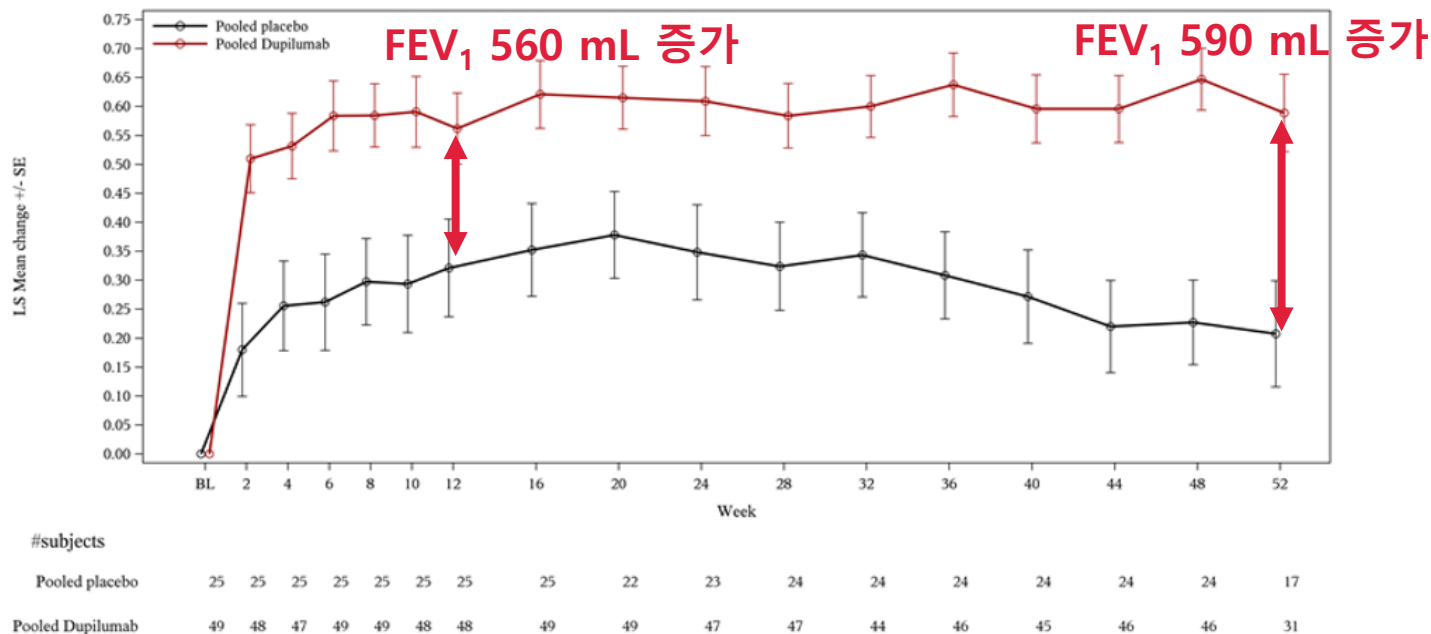


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*Rhee et al.
In KATRDIC*

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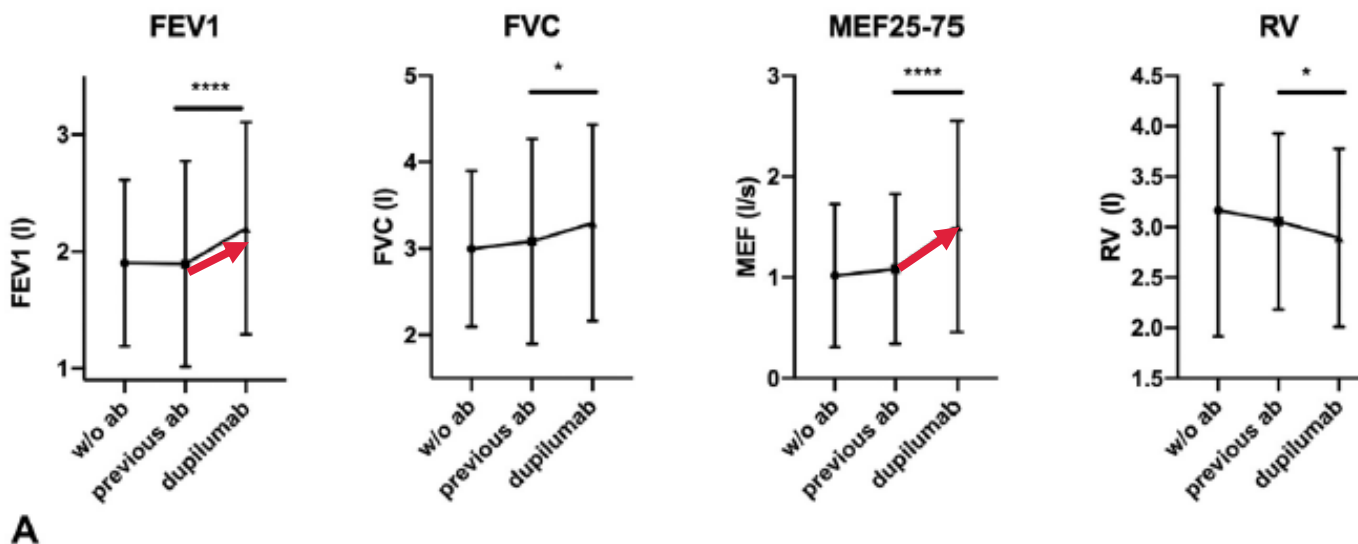
n (%)	Placebo (n=25)	Dupilumab (n=49)
Any TEAE	22 (88.0%)	44 (89.8%)
Any treatment-emergent SAE	3 (12.0%)	5 (10.2%)
Any TEAE leading to death	0	0
Any AE leading to permanent treatment discontinuation	0	4 (8.2%)

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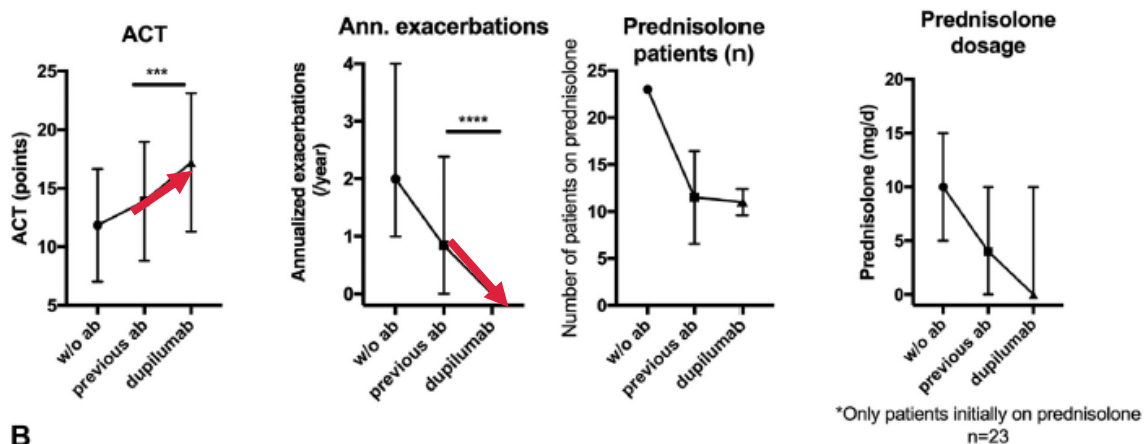
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Switching to dupilumab

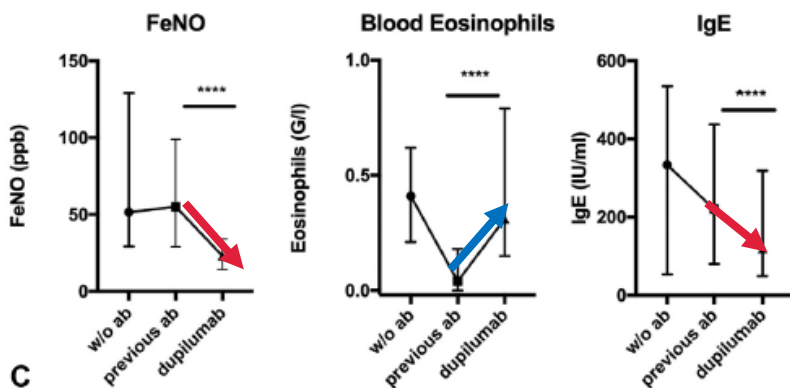
- 38 patients switched to dupilumab from a previous anti-IgE or anti-IL5/IL-5 receptor medication because of insufficient outcome (retrospective)



Switching to dupilumab



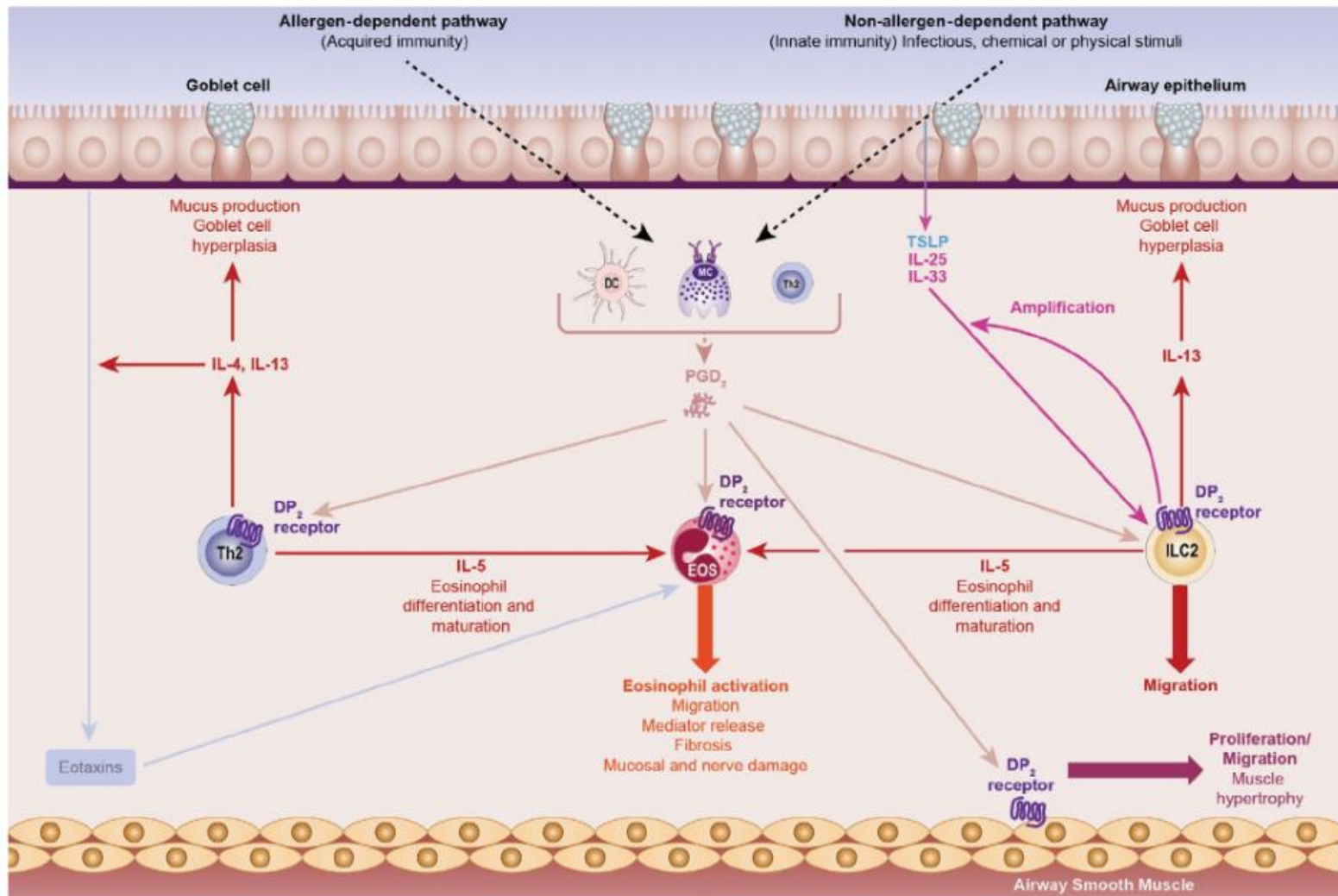
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중증 천식 치료 2-5. Dupilumab – 다른 제재에 효과가 불충분할 경우 대체 고려 가능

Fevipiprant (antagonist of the prostaglandin D2 receptor 2)



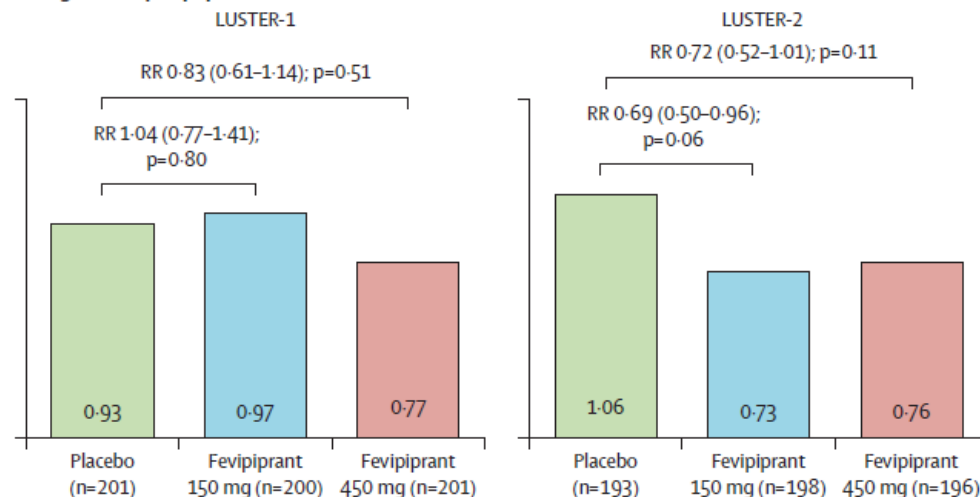
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Allergy
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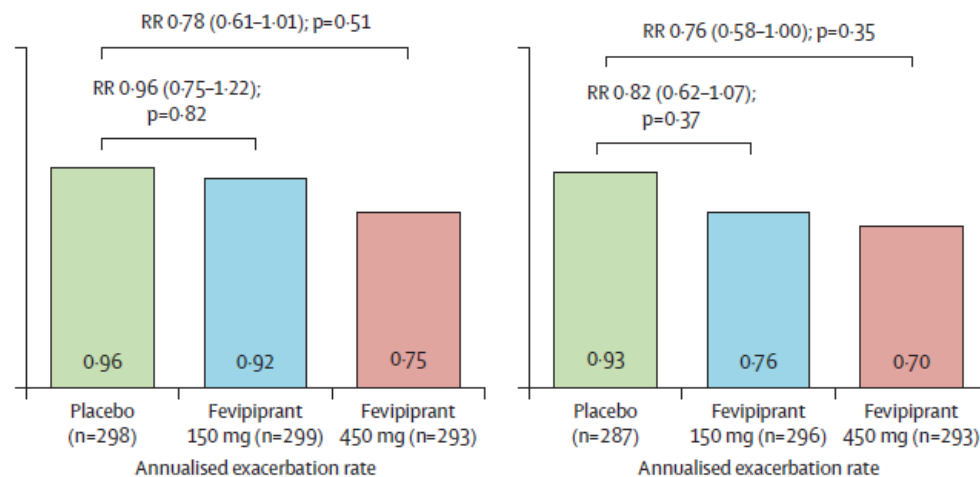
- 1,771 severe asthma (GINA 4-5)

Mod-to-severe 악화률에 의미있는 차이는 없었으나, 감소 경향을 보임

A High eosinophil population



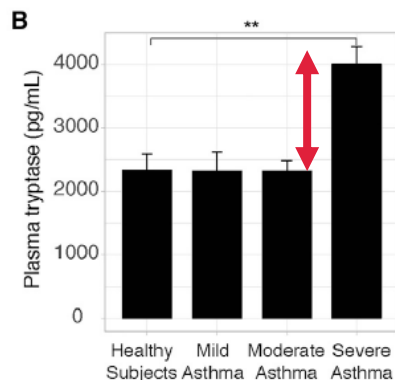
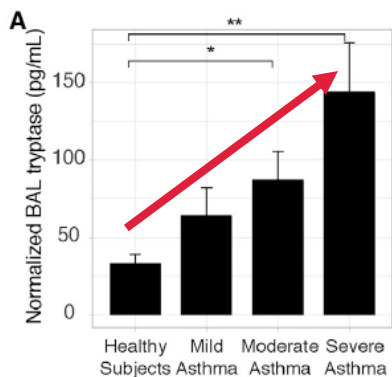
B Overall population



중증 천식 치료 2-6. Fevipiprant의 equivocal한 효과

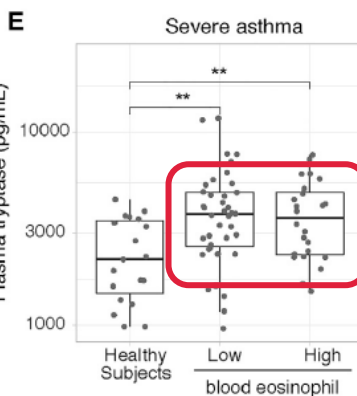
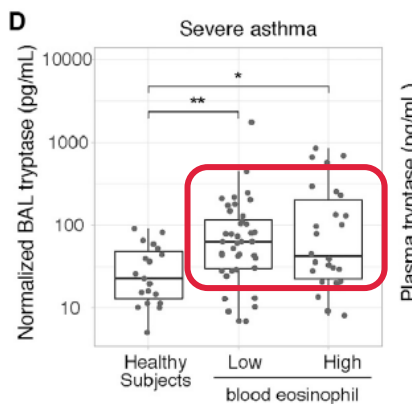
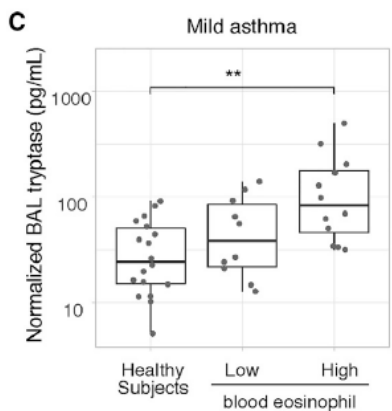
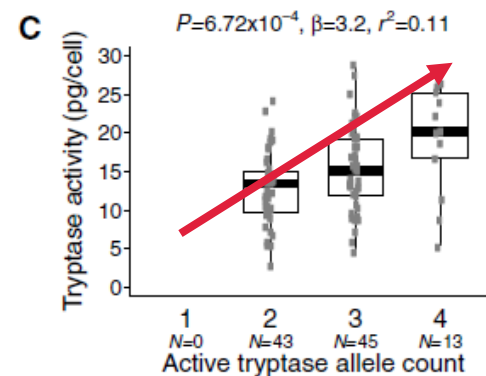
Anti-tryptase antibody in mast cell-mediated SA

- Increased mast cell tryptase levels are associated with asthma severity in dependent of type 2 inflammation.



천식의 중증도에 따른 tryptase level

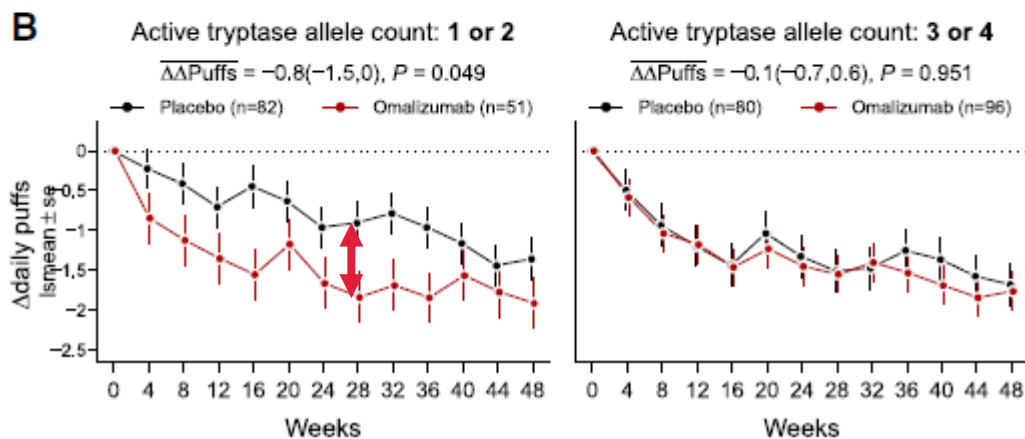
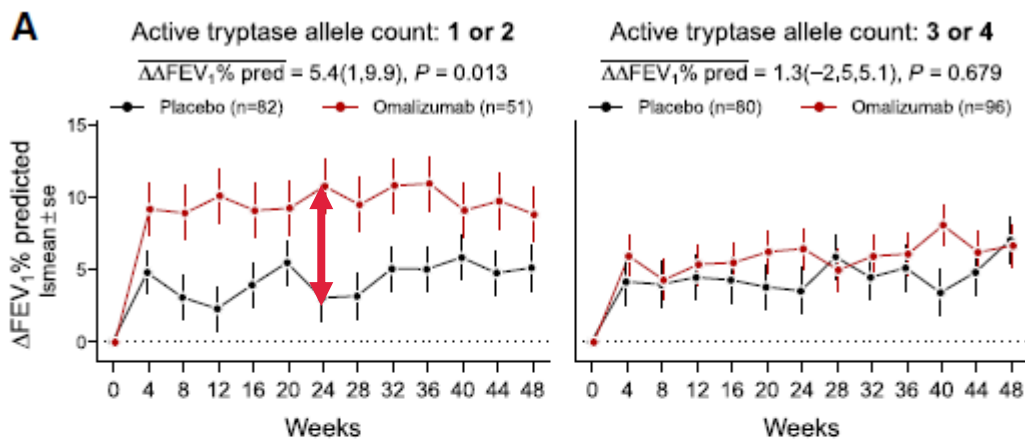
Tryptase allele 개수에 따른 tryptase activity 증가



중증 천식에서는 eosinophil 상관없이 tryptase level 증가

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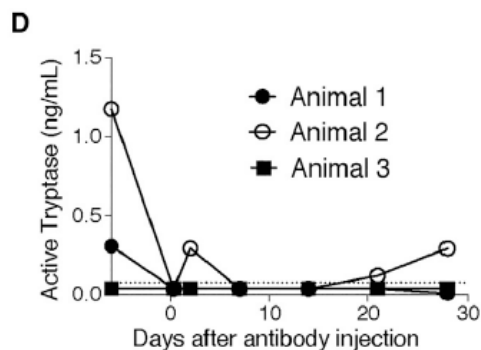
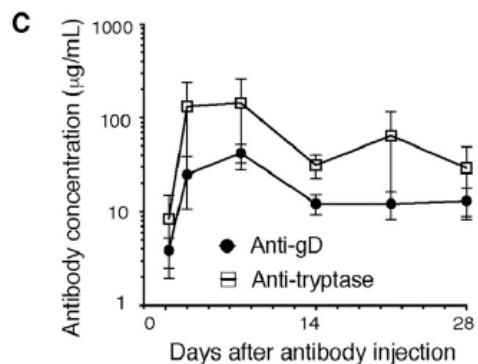
- Increased active tryptase alleles are associated with decreased clinical responses to anti-IgE treatment



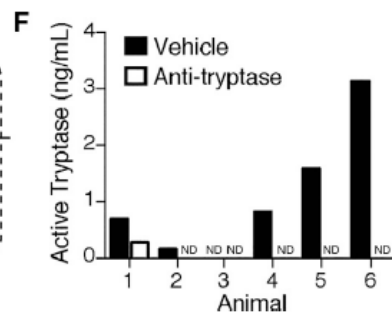
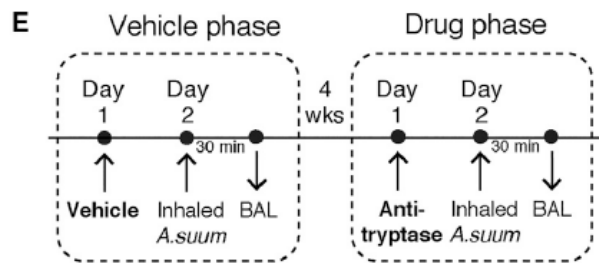
Omalizumab의 치료 효과가
active tryptase allele count가 1
or 2 인 사람에게만 나타나며,
3 or 4인 사람에게는 없음.

Anti-tryptase antibody in mast cell-mediated SA

- They generated a anti-tryptase antibody, as a clinical candidate for severe asthma treatment



in mouse & monkey model



중증 천식 치료 2-7. Anti-tryptase antibody의 가능성

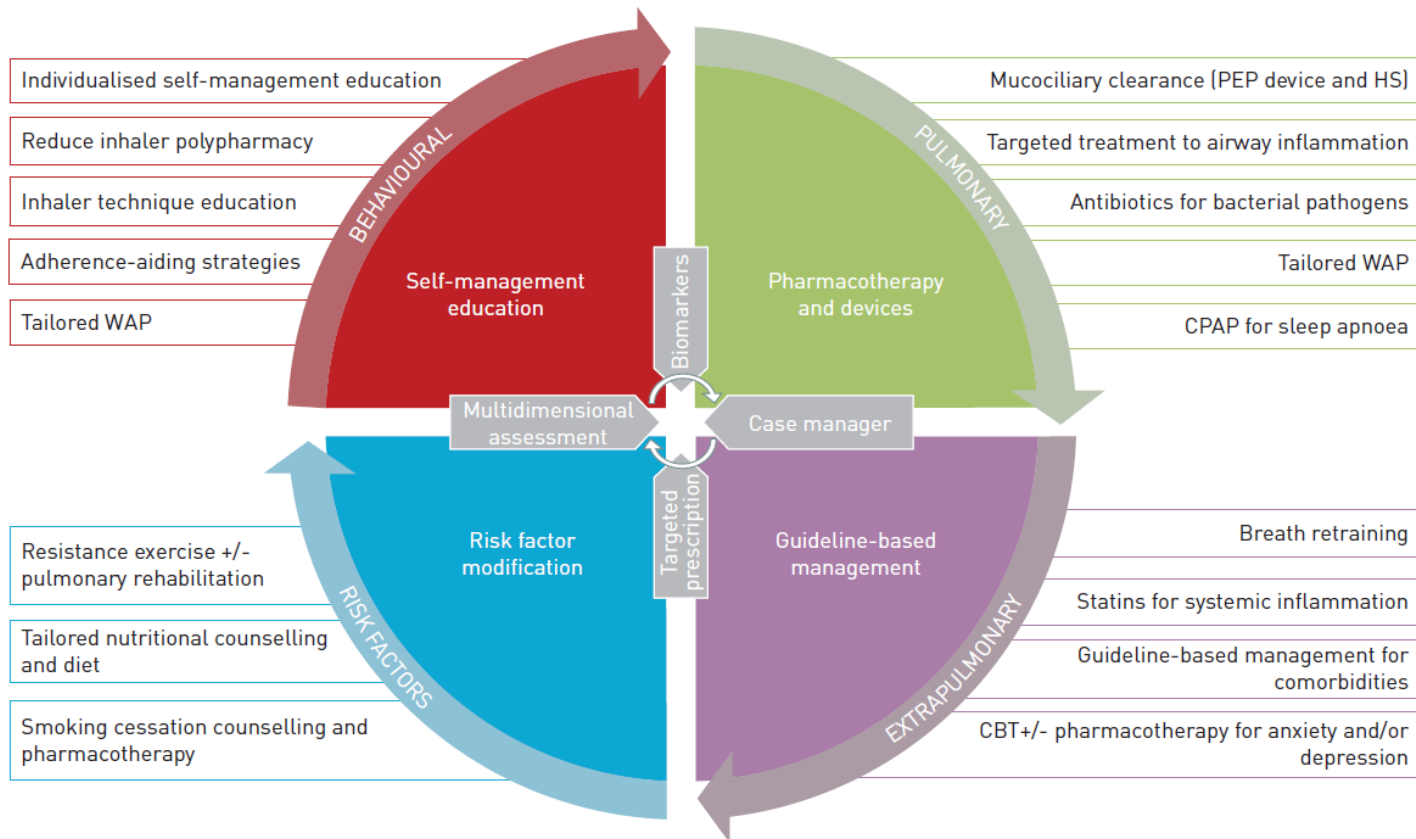
Issues in biologics

- Select candidates who will be good responder
- Duration of treatment (tapering?)
- Efficacy after stop
- Insurance coverage and cost-effectiveness
- Modified protocol in real-clinics
- Efficacy in sub-optimal dose
- Long-term safety

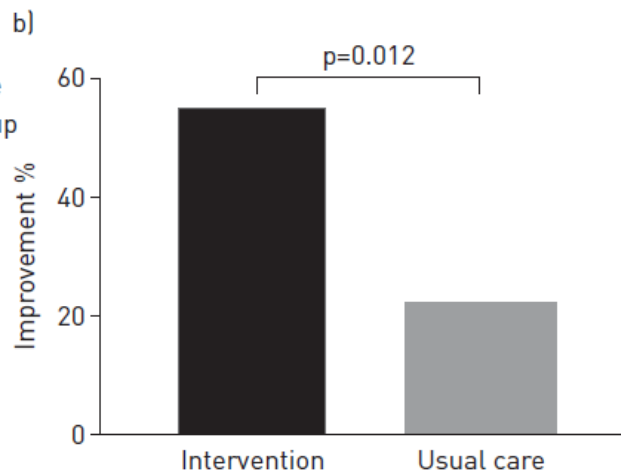
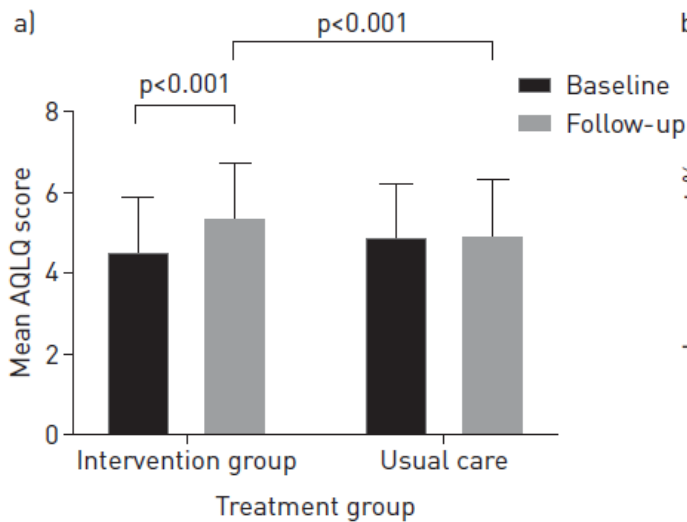
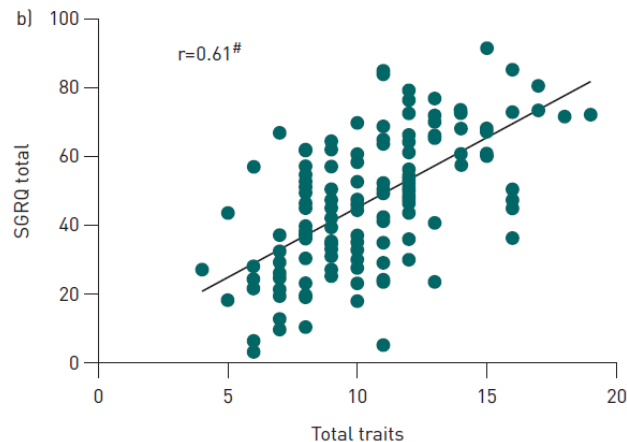
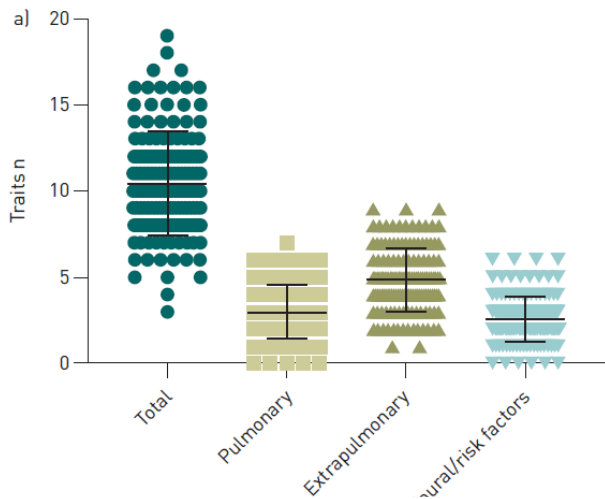
Treatment II: Others

Targeting treatable traits

- 55 participants with severe asthma
- Management targeted to predefined treatable traits vs. usual care (RCT)



Targeting treatable traits



중증 천식 치료 3-1.
Treatable trait 교정은
삶의 질 향상

Bronchial thermoplasty

➤ 40 Severe asthma (20 immediate BT vs. 20 delayed BT - RCT)

Characteristics	Immediate treatment group (n=18)			Delayed BT control group (n=20)			P-value
	At inclusion	6 months after BT	Change	At inclusion	After 6 months standard care	Change	
ACQ-6 score	2.97 ± 0.62	2.13 ± 1.13	-0.79 (-1.61; 0.02)	2.53 ± 0.66	2.86 ± 0.92	0.09 (-0.25; 1.17)	0.006*
AQLQ score	3.74 ± 0.91	4.63 ± 1.05	0.83 (-0.15; 1.69)	4.18 ± 1.0	4.06 ± 0.96	-0.02 (-0.77; 0.75)	0.04*
Dose of LABA (µg/d salmeterol equivalents)	127.7 ± 56.0	127.7 ± 56.0	-	143.4 ± 57.1	140.9 ± 50.6	0 (0; 0)	-
Dose of ICS (µg/d fluticasone equivalents)	1069 ± 629	1097 ± 613	0 (0; 0)	1209 ± 660	1209 ± 660	-	-
No. of patients on maintenance use of OCS (dose in mg/d)	3 (9.2 ± 1.4)	2 (8.8 ± 1.8)	0 (0; 0)	6 (15.0 ± 6.3)	7 (14.3 ± 6.1)	0 (0; 0)	0.17
Pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁ (% predicted)	80.9 ± 20.1	82.1 ± 23.4	4.5 (-2.0; 8.0)	85.5 ± 27 (n=19)	86.0 ± 26 (n=19)	-1.0 (-7.25; 7.25) (n=19)	0.26
Reversibility FEV ₁ (%)	8.5 (4.0;12.8)	3.0 (2.0;13.5)	-2.0 (-7.75;1.25)	12.0 (7;23) (n=19)	13.0 (4;21) (n=19)	1.0 (-5.25; 9.25) (n=19)	0.19
PC20 (mg/ml)†	0.24 (0.03;2.91)	1.33 (0.06;4.0)	0.18 (0.0;0.85)	0.20 (0.03;2.83) (n=18)	0.09 (0.03;2.60) (n=18)	0.0 (-0.03; 0.43) (n=18)	0.08
FeNO (ppb)	14.5 (9.5;59.5) (n=14)	18.0 (11.3;40.0) (n=14)	-0.50 (-3.38;7.38) (n=14)	23.8 (13.5;45.0) (n=12)	25.0 (15.3;46.5) (n=12)	1.75 (-5.38; 12.0) (n=12)	0.60

*Goorsenberg et al.
Am J Resp Crit Care Med.
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Bronchial thermoplasty

- Treatment response was associated with serum IgE and eosinophil levels

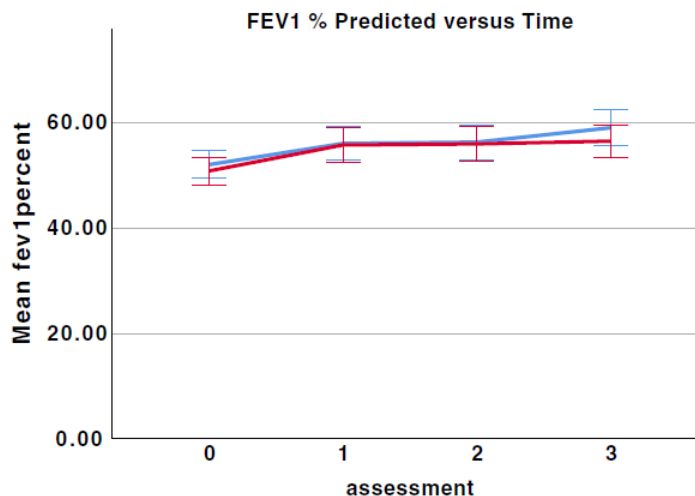
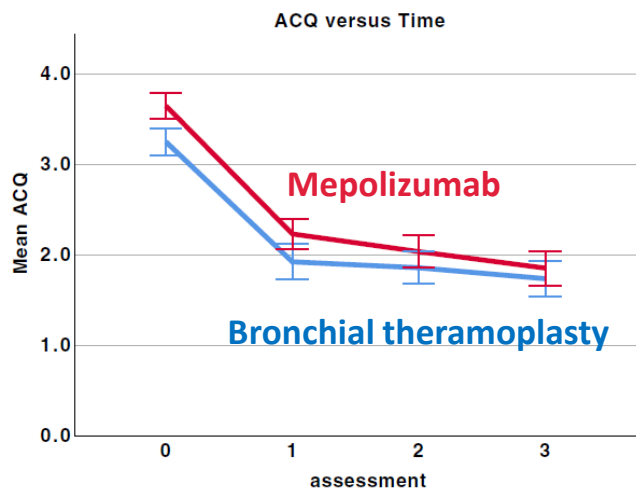
	ACQ-6 change		AQLQ change	
	rho	p-value	rho	p-value
Asthma age of onset	-0.20	0.25	0.30	0.08
Total IgE[†]	-0.53	0.001*	0.24	0.17
Blood eosinophils x10⁹/L[†]	-0.46	0.006*	0.48	0.004*
Pre-SABA FEV ₁ % predicted [‡]	-0.02	0.89	0.20	0.26
Reversibility FEV ₁ [‡]	-0.13	0.48	0.21	0.25
PC20 (mg/ml) [§]	0.30	0.08	-0.09	0.61
FeNO (ppb)	-0.28	0.19	0.21	0.33
ASM mass (%) desmin	0.07	0.69	-0.009	0.96
ASM mass (%) α-SMA	0.18	0.29	-0.05	0.79

중증 천식 치료 3-2. 기관지 열성형술-효과적(IgE, eosinophil)

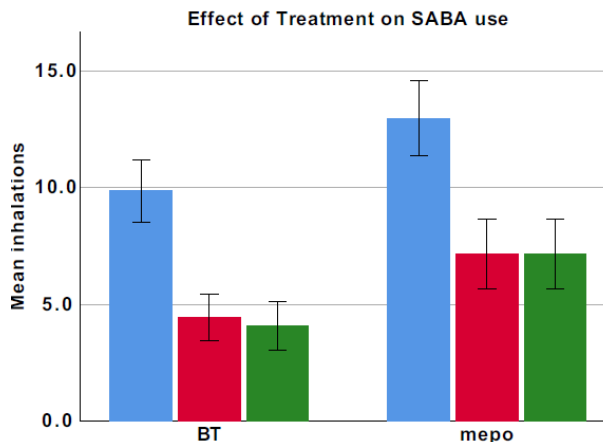
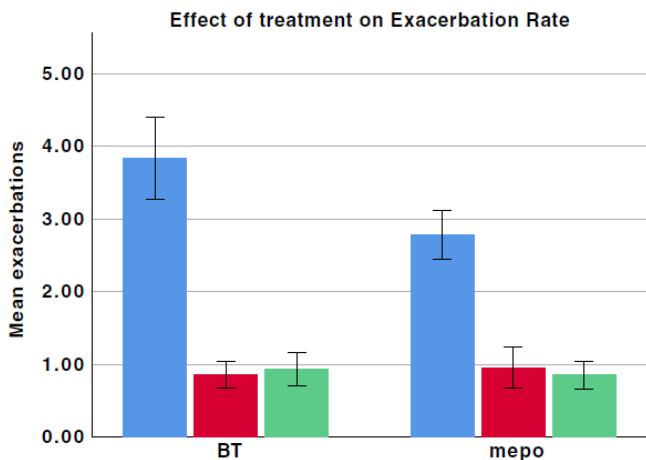
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Bronchial thermoplasty (vs. mepolizumab)

➤ Severe asthma (44 BT vs. 44 mepolizumab – observation [not RCT])



Bronchial thermoplasty는 mepolizumab과, 천식 증상 조절, 폐기능 및 악화율에 동일한 효과를 보임



Bronchial thermoplasty (vs. mepolizumab)

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Table 2 Outcomes following BT in patients defined by baseline blood eosinophils

	Baseline blood eosinophils <300 (cells/ μ L)	Baseline blood eosinophils \geq 300 (cells/ μ L)
<i>n</i>	26	18
Eosinophil count (cells/ μ L)	92 \pm 16	550 \pm 61*
Age (years)	58.1 \pm 14.0	53.7 \pm 11.9
BMI (kg/m ²)	30.5 \pm 7.5	28.5 \pm 5.8
ACQ baseline	3.3 \pm 0.9	3.2 \pm 1.1
ACQ 6 months	1.9 \pm 1.1	1.9 \pm 1.5
ACQ 12 months	1.7 \pm 1.2	1.8 \pm 1.5
FEV ₁ baseline (% predicted)	52.7 \pm 20.8	51.0 \pm 11.7
FEV ₁ 6 months (% predicted)	56.0 \pm 21.1	57.2 \pm 21.2
FEV ₁ 12 months (% predicted)	58.0 \pm 21.9	60.4 \pm 21.4
Exacerbations base (per 6 months)	3.5 \pm 2.7	5.6 \pm 9.0
Exacerbations 6 months (per 6 months)	0.7 \pm 1.0	1.1 \pm 1.5
Exacerbations 12 months (per 6 months)	0.7 \pm 1.0	1.2 \pm 2.0
OCS (mg/day)	9.3 \pm 11.8	5.9 \pm 10.4
OCS (mg/day)	5.0 \pm 7.2	3.9 \pm 7.3
OCS (mg/day)	3.4 \pm 5.8	5.8 \pm 9.1
SABA base (puffs/day)	10.6 \pm 9.6	8.8 \pm 7.8
SABA 6 months (puffs/day)	4.6 \pm 6.1	4.1 \pm 7.6
SABA 12 months (puffs/day)	4.1 \pm 5.2	4.3 \pm 7.7

호산구 수치에 상관없이,
ACQ 호전

호산구 수치에 상관없이,
악화율 감소

호산구 수치에 상관없이,
OCS, SABA 사용 감소

중증 천식 치료 3-2. 기관지 열성형술-효과적 (mepolizumab 만큼)

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Rehabilitation

➤ Severe asthma

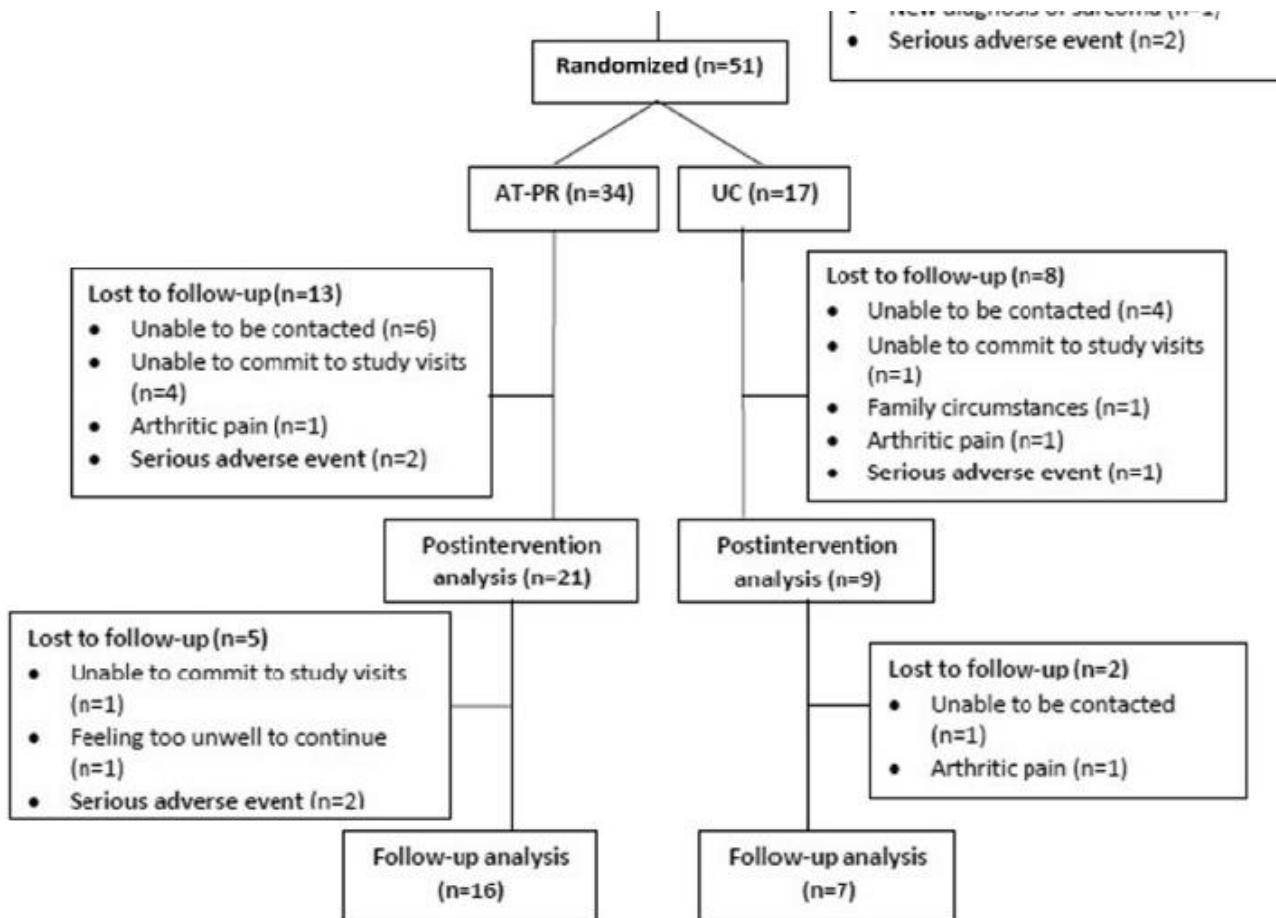
12주 (3달) 간 재활치료 프로그램 진행

TABLE I. Exercise component for 12-wk AT-PR

Variable	Supervised	Unsupervised
Aerobic training		
Frequency	Twice weekly	Minimum 1 additional session at home but daily walk encouraged when not in class and diary kept
Intensity	85% VO_{2pk} derived from the ISWT distance, 60%-80% VO_{2pk} for treadmill walking or additional cycling	As per supervised
Time	20-30 min	As per supervised
Type	Predominantly continuous endurance training with ground walking Treadmill walking and cycling also used	Ground walking
Strength training		
Frequency	Twice weekly	One additional session at home
Intensity	80% 1-RM progressed using ratings of perceived exertion (Borg Scale)	As per supervised
Time	Two sets of 6-12 repetitions	As per supervised
Type	Knee extensors and flexors using gym equipment Elbow flexion and extension using free weights	As per supervised for upper limb exercises Lower limb strengthening exercise such as sit to stand and step-ups

1-RM, One repetition maximum; ISWT, incremental shuttle walk test; VO_{2pk} , peak oxygen uptake.

Rehabilitation



Retention rate was 62% for the asthma-tailored pulmonary rehabilitation (AT-PR) group

Rehabilitation

TABLE IV. Comparison of the secondary outcome measures between AT-PR and UC at 12 wk

Measure	AT-PR		UC		AT-PR vs UC
	Before	After	Before	After	Change
ITM VO _{2pk} (mL/kg/min)	22.5 ± 6.2	23.2 ± 7.6	22.9 ± 3.9	22.3 ± 2.4	1.4 (-1.1 to 3.8)
EIB on ITM (%)					
Mild	7 ± 33	8 ± 38	1 ± 12.5	3 ± 37.5	
Moderate	2 ± 10	3 ± 14	1 ± 12.5	1 ± 12.5	
Severe	2 ± 10	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	NA
ICE VO _{2pk} (mL/kg/min)	17.5 ± 6.0	18.8 ± 6.9	16.9 ± 4.3	16.1 ± 2.8	2.0 (-0.3 to 4.2)
EIB on ICE (%)					
Mild	3 ± 17	5 ± 28	0 ± 0	1 ± 17	
Moderate	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	
Severe	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	0 ± 0	NA
ISWT distance (m)	418 ± 172	450 ± 199	443 ± 121	403 ± 104	74 (25 to 124)
QMVC (Newton)	103 ± 53	116 ± 64	113 ± 35	110 ± 28	22 (4 to 41)
Sputum eosinophil (%)	-0.46 ± 1.01	0.26 ± 1.07	0.30 ± 0.49	-0.01 ± 0.18	NA
FENO (ppb), median (IQR)	28.5 (13.5 to 37.0)	25.0 (19.0 to 35.0)	28.5 (18.5 to 53.3)	37.5 (21.3 to 51.8)	NA
ACO	2.1 ± 0.8	1.9 ± 0.8	1.5 ± 0.9	1.9 ± 1.0	-0.4 (-0.9 to 0.1)
CRQ-D	3.1 ± 1.2	4.1 ± 1.3	3.7 ± 1.5	3.6 ± 1.1	0.9 (0 to 1.8)
CRQ-F	3.7 ± 1.8	4.7 ± 1.2	4.7 ± 1.7	4.4 ± 1.6	0.9 (-0.1 to 1.8)
CRQ-EF*	5.1 ± 1.4	5.4 ± 1.1	6.1 ± 0.7	6.1 ± 0.8	-0.1 (-0.6 to 0.5)
CRQ-M*	4.7 ± 1.3	5.4 ± 1.1	6.1 ± 1.0	6.0 ± 0.8	0.2 (-0.5 to 0.9)
AQLQ*	19.0 ± 4.5	19.7 ± 4.0	22.2 ± 3.0	21.7 ± 2.6	-0.2 (-2.7 to 2.3)
AQLQ-S	4.9 ± 1.2	5.1 ± 1.1	5.6 ± 0.9	5.6 ± 0.9	-0.1 (-0.7 to 0.6)
AQLQ-AL	4.8 ± 1.3	5.0 ± 1.1	5.3 ± 0.8	5.1 ± 0.9	0.2 (-0.5 to 0.8)
AQLQ-EF*	4.6 ± 1.4	4.9 ± 1.2	6.0 ± 0.8	5.7 ± 1.1	0.1 (-0.7 to 0.9)
AQLQ-ES	4.6 ± 1.4	4.6 ± 1.5	5.3 ± 1.1	5.2 ± 0.7	-0.2 (-1.2 to 0.8)
HADS-A*	6.3 ± 4.4	5.1 ± 3.7	3.2 ± 2.5	2.4 ± 2.8	0.4 (-1.3 to 2.1)
HADS-D*	4.8 ± 2.7	3.5 ± 2.8	2.8 ± 1.6	2.4 ± 1.0	-0.3 (-1.9 to 1.3)
EQ-5D VAS score	68.0 ± 14.2	73.4 ± 13.2	82.8 ± 16.4	72.8 ± 26.1	15.4 (1.7 to 29.1)
EQ-5D index score	0.85 ± 0.14	0.85 ± 0.13	0.94 ± 0.10	0.88 ± 0.14	0.05 (-0.05 to 0.15)

Improvement in exercise performance, health-related QOL, and asthma control

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Special issues: COVID-19

Severe asthma case during COVID-19 pandemic

➤ Case report: 52-year-old allergic severe asthma patients

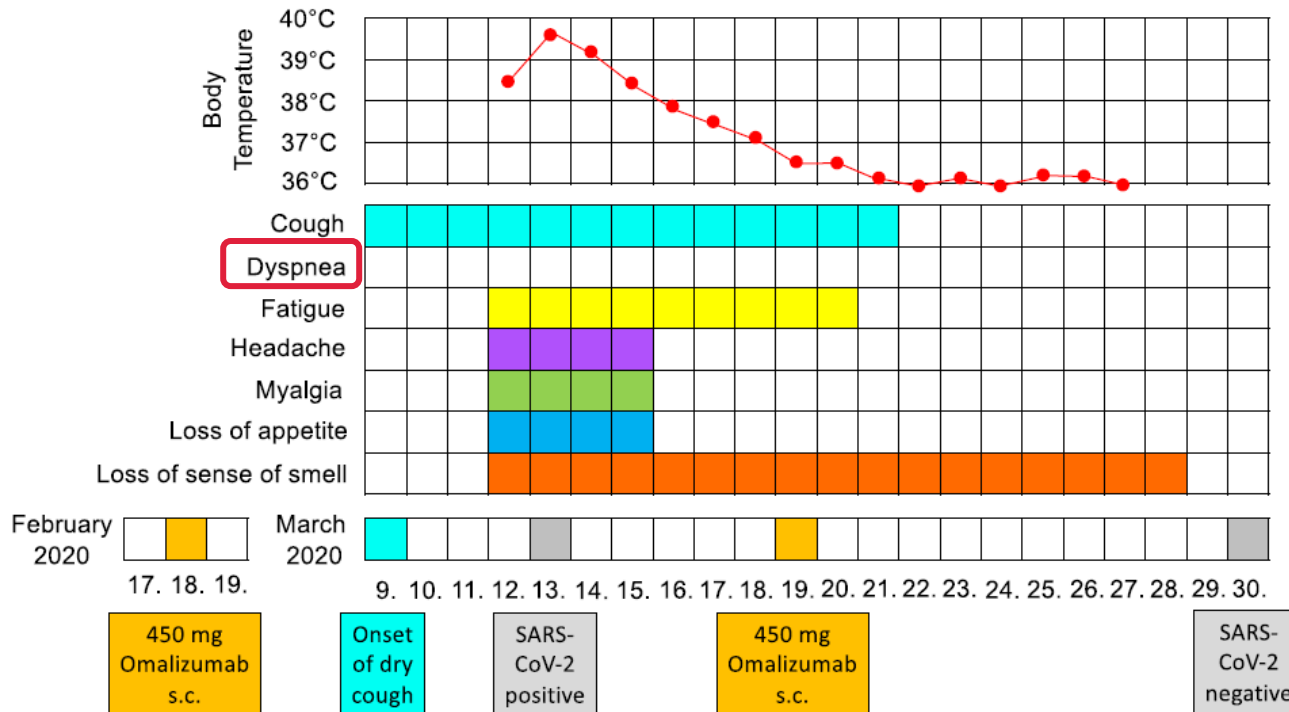
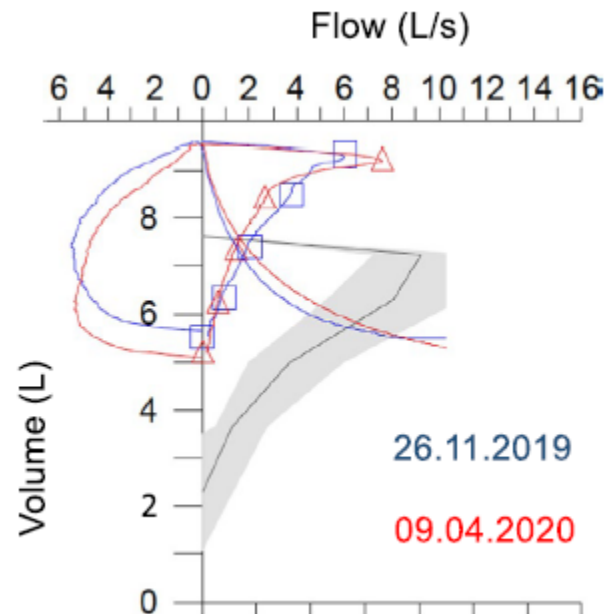


FIGURE 2 Timeline of symptoms and events before and during the SARS-CoV-2 infection

Severe asthma case during COVID-19 pandemic

➤ Case report: 52-year-old allergic severe asthma patients

	Before COVID-19 26.11.2019	After COVID-19 09.04.2020
ACT	20 points	21 points
FEV ₁	2.7 l (65 %)	2.4 l (58 %)
RV	5.3 l (226 %)	5.2 l (221 %)
FeNO	13 ppb	8 ppb
Eos	160 cells/ μ L	180 cells/ μ L



중증 천식 환자에서 COVID-19 감염: 이전-이후 차이 없음

Severe asthma case series during COVID-19 pandemic

Severe asthma in adults does not significantly affect the outcome of COVID-19 disease: Results from the Italian Severe Asthma Registry

			Asthma treatment			COVID-19 severity	ICU
Bronchiectasis	GERD	Comorbidities (n.)	Treatment	ICS, daily dose (µg)	Add-on biologic drug		
No	No	1 (Obesity)	ICS + LABA	FP, 1000	Omalizumab	Home care	-
No	No	1	ICS + LABA + OCS	FP, 1000	Omalizumab	Hospitalized	No
Yes	No	2	ICS + LABA + LAMA	Bu, 960	Mepolizumab	Home care	-
Yes	No	2	ICS + LABA + LAMA	Be, 800	Omalizumab	Home care	-
Yes	No	3	ICS + LABA + LAMA	FF, 184	Mepolizumab	Hospitalized	No
No	Yes	1	ICS + LABA + LAMA	FF, 184	Mepolizumab	Home care	-
No	No	1	ICS + LABA	FF, 94	Mepolizumab	Home care	-
-	-	1.6	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	0.7	-	-	-	-	-

중증 천식 환자에서 COVID-19 감염: 예후에 차이 없음

COVID-19 infection in severe asthma

Table 1. Clinical characteristics and prognosis of COVID-19 patients

Parameters	COVID-19 patients without underlying asthma	COVID-19 patients with underlying asthma	P-value	COVID-19 patients with underlying asthma					P-value
				Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	
Age (years); N (%)									
0-9	62 (0.8%)	20 (9.2%)	<0.001**	2 (3.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (19.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.058
10-19	343 (4.7%)	6 (2.8%)		1 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (4.2%)	4 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)	
20-29	1,833 (24.9%)	19 (8.7%)		8 (15.7%)	3 (6.7%)	3 (12.5%)	5 (5.3%)	0 (0.0%)	
30-39	758 (10.3%)	18 (8.2%)		4 (7.8%)	3 (6.7%)	1 (4.2%)	10 (10.6%)	0 (0.0%)	
40-49	983 (13.3%)	25 (11.5%)		7 (13.7%)	5 (11.1%)	4 (16.7%)	8 (8.5%)	1 (25.0%)	
50-59	1,468 (19.9%)	34 (15.6%)		10 (19.6%)	6 (13.3%)	5 (20.8%)	13 (13.8%)	0 (0.0%)	
60-69	1,020 (13.8%)	36 (16.5%)		7 (13.7%)	12 (26.7%)	4 (16.7%)	13 (13.8%)	0 (0.0%)	
70-	846 (11.5%)	60 (27.5%)	12 (23.5%)	16 (35.6%)	6 (25.0%)	23 (24.5%)	3 (75.0%)		
Sex; N (%)									
Male	3,000 (40.7%)	95 (43.6%)	0.393	23 (45.1%)	20 (44.4%)	12 (50.0%)	38 (40.4%)	2 (50.0%)	0.923
Female	4,372 (59.3%)	123 (56.4%)		28 (54.9%)	25 (55.6%)	12 (50.0%)	56 (59.6%)	2 (50.0%)	
Charlson comorbidity index; N (%)									
0	2,029 (27.5%)	0 (0.0%)	<0.001**	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0.017*
1	1,726 (23.4%)	48 (22.0%)		12 (23.5%)	3 (6.7%)	5 (20.8%)	28 (29.8%)	0 (0.0%)	
2	1,179 (16.0%)	40 (18.4%)		11 (21.6%)	5 (11.1%)	7 (29.2%)	17 (18.1%)	0 (0.0%)	
≥3	2,438 (33.1%)	130 (59.6%)		28 (54.9%)	37 (82.2%)	12 (50.0%)	49 (52.1%)	4 (100%)	
Prognosis; N (%) or mean ± standard deviation									
Mortality	210 (2.8%)	17 (7.8%)	<0.001**	5 (9.8%)	2 (4.4%)	1 (4.2%)	9 (9.6%)	0 (0.0%)	0.703
Admission to ICU	208 (2.8%)	7 (3.2%)	0.733	3 (5.9%)	1 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	3 (3.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0.691
Duration of admission (days)	20.1 ± 12.2	21.0 ± 13.5	0.285	18.7 ± 12.0	23.7 ± 15.7	22.7 ± 13.0	19.9 ± 12.6	38.3 ± 16.4	0.026*
Total medical cost (USD)	4,261.0 ± 5,354.0	5,388.1 ± 10,135.3	0.003*	4403.5 ± 4992.1	6242.7 ± 9180.5	4694.6 ± 3815.9	5669.8 ± 13470.9	5868.4 ± 2789.8	0.912
Total	7,372 (97.1%)	218 (2.9%)		51 (23.4%)	45 (20.6%)	24 (11.0%)	94 (43.1%)	4 (1.8%)	

COVID-19 infection in severe asthma

Table 5. Significant factors affecting the admission duration (days)

		Univariate			Multivariate			VIF
		β coefficient	95% CI	<i>P</i> -value	β coefficient	95% CI	<i>P</i> -value	
Among all COVID-19 patients†								
Asthma		0.947	-0.693–2.587	0.258	-0.342	-1.993–1.309	0.685	
Among asthma patients‡								
ICS alone	Last one year	-1.385	-5.306–2.537	0.487	-1.083	-6.096–3.929	0.670	1.630
	Last two months	-2.805	-6.869–1.260	0.175	-3.579	-9.083–1.925	0.201	1.822
ICS-LABA	Last one year	0.611	-3.094–4.316	0.746	-0.794	-5.220–3.631	0.724	1.425
	Last two months	0.055	-3.707–3.818	0.977	-1.994	-6.675–2.688	0.402	1.551
Oral LABA	Last one year	-3.899	-7.636–0.162	0.041*	-3.503	-7.703–0.696	0.102	1.238
	Last two months	-4.248	-8.070–0.428	0.030*	-3.744	-8.214–0.726	0.100	1.341
Patch LABA	Last one year	0.520	-4.095–5.135	0.825	4.516	-1.292–10.324	0.127	1.583
	Last two months	-0.948	-5.804–3.908	0.701	3.302	-3.208–9.811	0.318	1.799
LTRA	Last one year	-0.273	-4.354–3.809	0.895	0.662	-3.952–5.277	0.777	1.278
	Last two months	-1.812	-5.626–2.002	0.350	-0.620	-5.184–3.944	0.789	1.428
Inhaled SABA	Last one year	-0.573	-4.286–3.141	0.762	1.076	-3.748–5.900	0.661	1.686
	Last two months	0.100	-3.697–3.896	0.959	3.915	-1.347–9.177	0.144	1.924
Oral SABA	Last one year	4.088	-1.119–9.295	0.123	5.734	0.014–11.453	0.049*	1.193
	Last two months	3.149	-2.225–8.523	0.249	4.893	-1.210–10.997	0.115	1.284
Xanthine	Last one year	1.036	-2.569–4.641	0.572	-0.129	-4.095–3.836	0.949	1.208
	Last two months	0.682	-2.937–4.300	0.711	-0.225	-4.327–3.878	0.914	1.287
Inhaled LAMA	Last one year	0.450	-5.210–6.111	0.876	-3.046	-10.192–4.099	0.402	1.593
	Last two months	0.450	-5.210–6.111	0.876	-2.431	-9.623–4.760	0.506	1.617
Severity of asthma (Reference Step 1)	Step 2	5.044	-0.301–10.390	0.064	4.565	-1.127–10.258	0.115	1.668
	Step 3	4.000	-2.470–10.470	0.224	2.739	-3.998–9.475	0.424	1.397
	Step 4	1.238	-3.308–5.783	0.592	0.976	-3.802–5.753	0.688	1.759
	Step 5	19.583	6.011–33.155	0.005*	18.414	4.031–32.796	0.012*	1.171

†Adjusted for age, sex, and underlying diseases

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CI, confidence interval; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; LABA, long-acting β_2 -agonists; LAMA, long-acting muscarine antagonists; LTRA, leukotriene receptor antagonists; SABA, short-acting β_2 -agonists; VIF, variance inflation factor

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SUMMARY

➤ Introduction of severe asthma

- : GINA step 4-5 에서, 여러 인자/약물 조절해도 uncontrolled인 천식
- : Type 2 inflammation (IgE, eosinophil, FeNO, OCS 등)이 多

➤ Characteristics of severe asthma

- : 치료 반응 및 예후가 좋지 않음
- : 바이러스에 대한 면역력 떨어질 수 있음
- : Capsaicin sensitivity가 poor outcome 반영
- : laryngeal dysfunction 동반 많으며, 이에 대한 치료가 도움 됨

➤ Treatment I: Pharmacotherapy

- : OCS < Biologics (ATS/ERS guideline... - LAMA, macrolide)
- : Omalizumab, mepolizumab, reslizumab, benralizumab, dupilumab, fevipiprant, anti-tryptase Ab

➤ Treatment II: Others

- : Targeting treatable traits, Bronchial thermoplasty, rehabilitation...

➤ Special issues: COVID-19



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