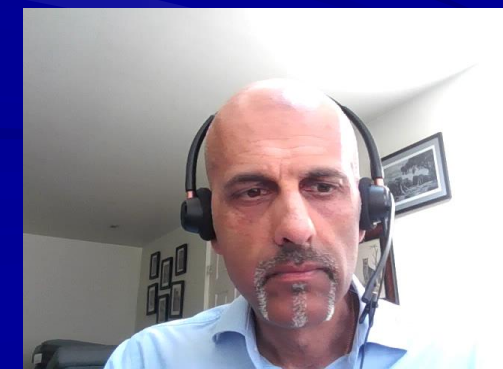


# Advances in COPD; pharmacological treatment and early disease concepts

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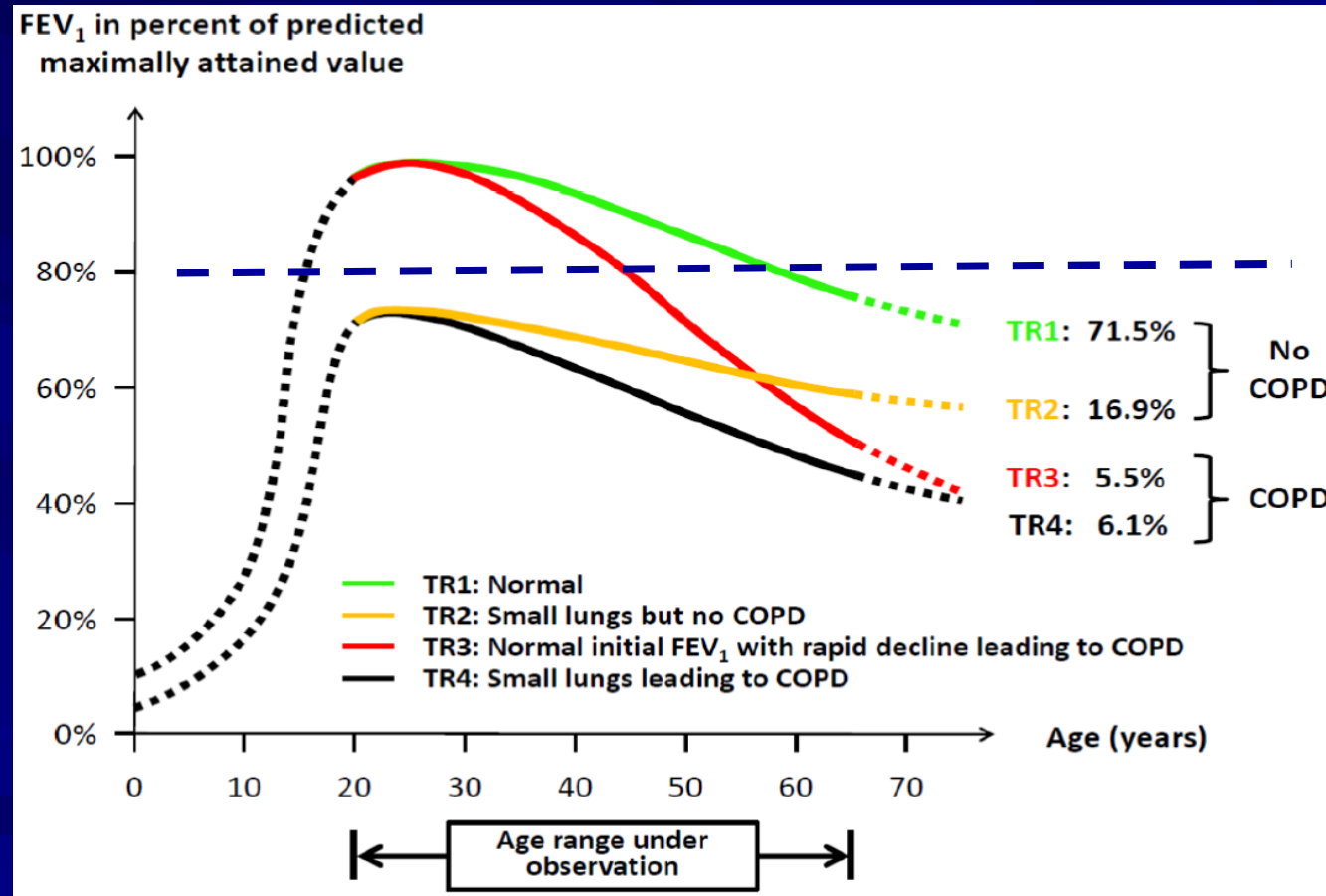
# Early chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: definition, assessment, and prevention

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**“AN INTERVAL IN TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DISEASE COURSE”**



# Lung growth and COPD development



MILD COPD

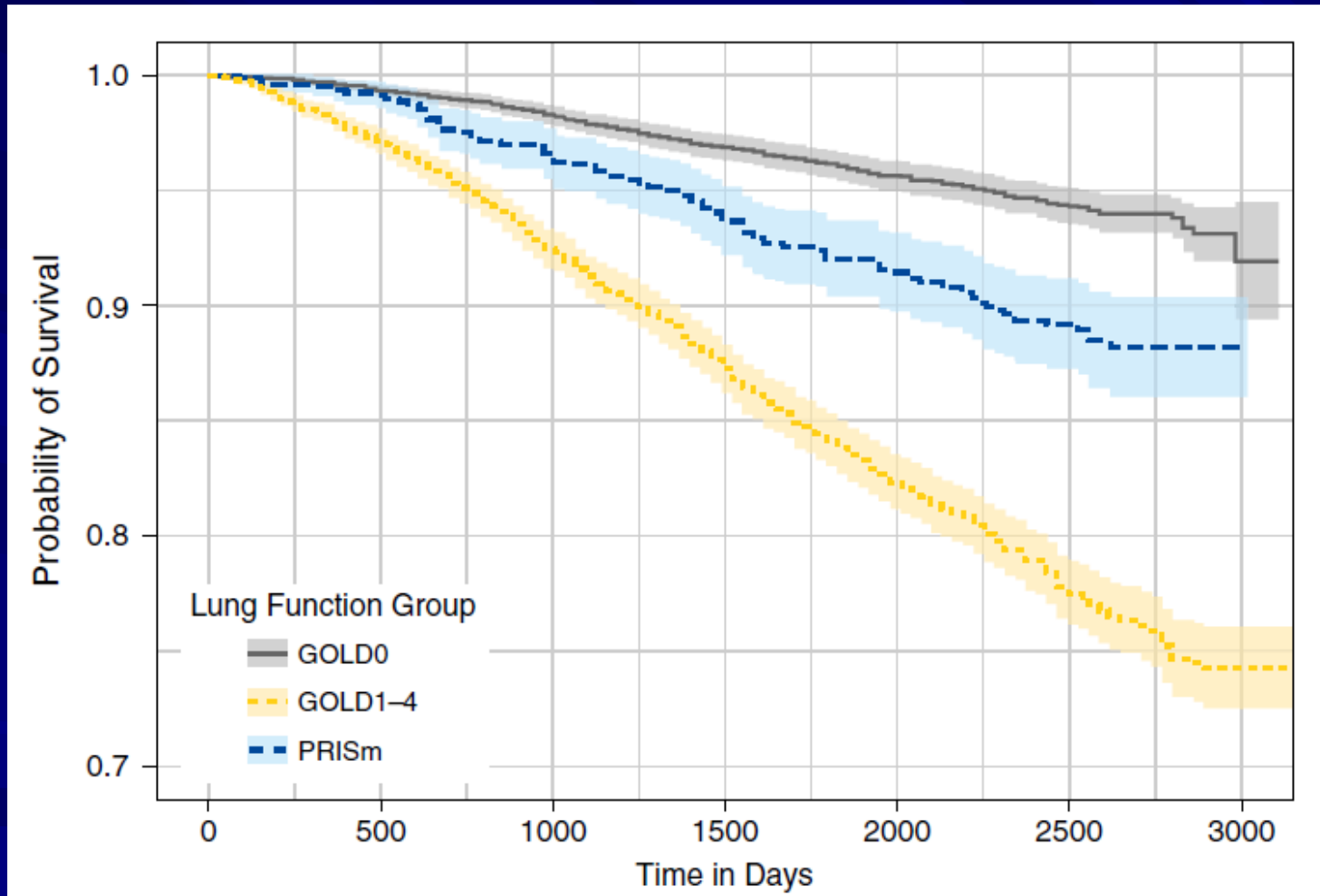


***COPD in young people.*** The term “COPD in young people” is straightforward because it directly relates to the chronological age of the subject. Given that lung function peaks at around 20-25 years,<sup>(82)</sup> we propose to operationally consider “COPD in young people” for those patients included in the 20–50 year age range.<sup>(83)</sup> Of

***Pre-COPD.*** This term has been recently proposed to identify individuals (importantly, of any age) who have respiratory symptoms with or without detectable structural and/or functional abnormalities, in the absence

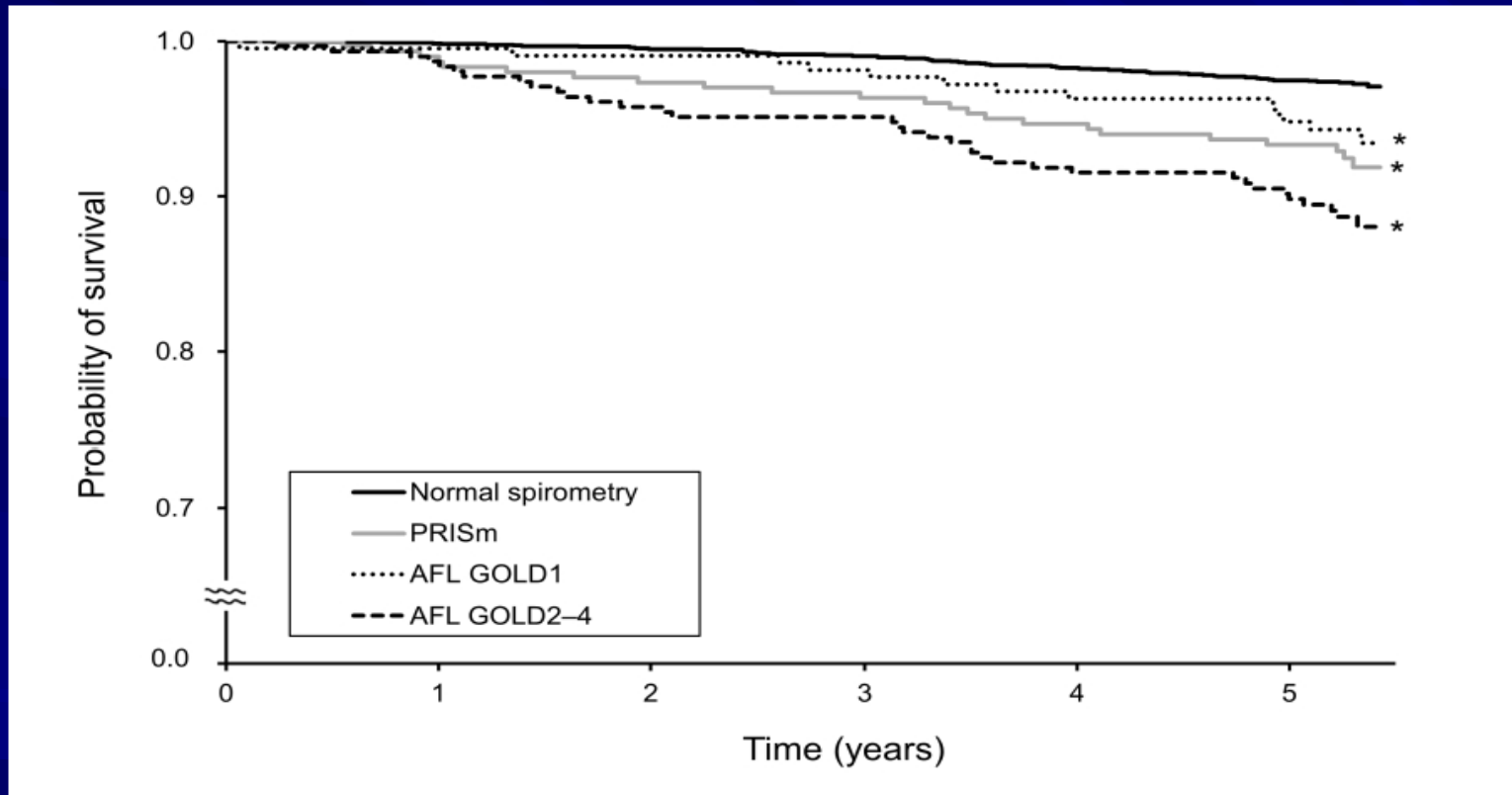


# Longitudinal Phenotypes and Mortality in Preserved Ratio Impaired Spirometry in the COPDGene Study



# Risks of Mortality and Airflow Limitation in Japanese with Preserved Ratio Impaired

## Spirometry

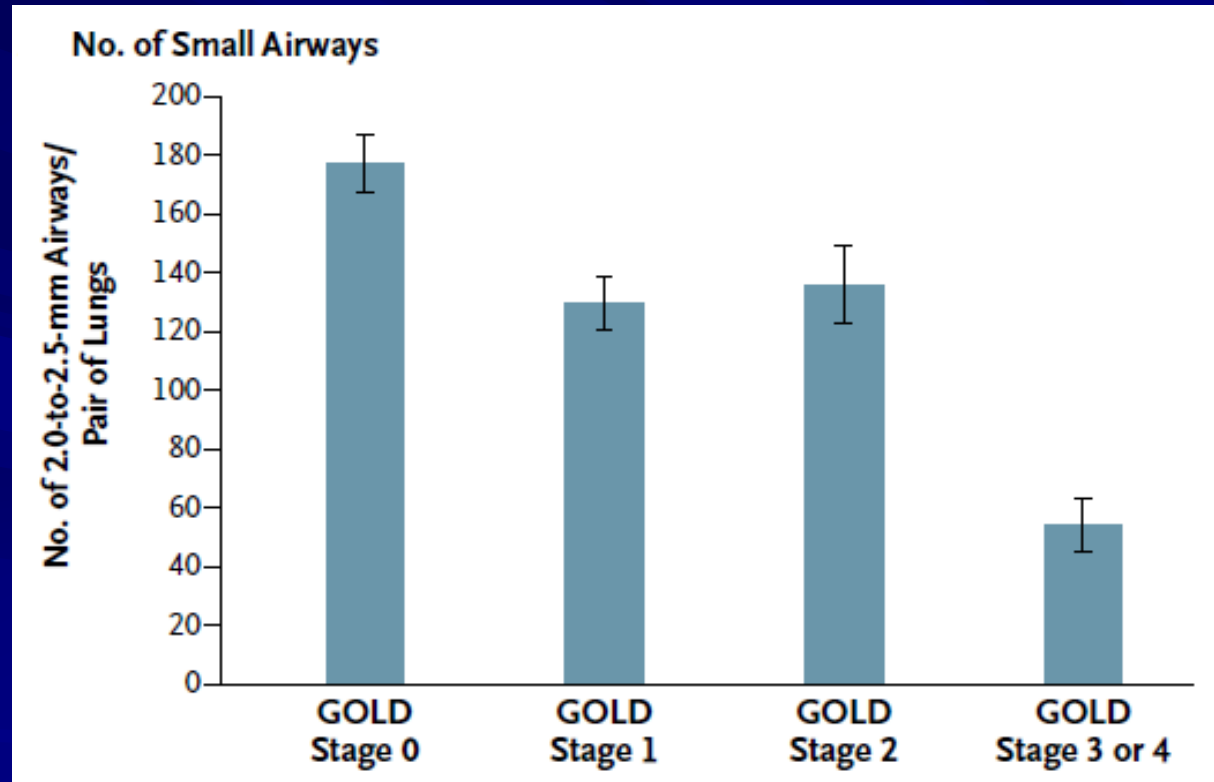


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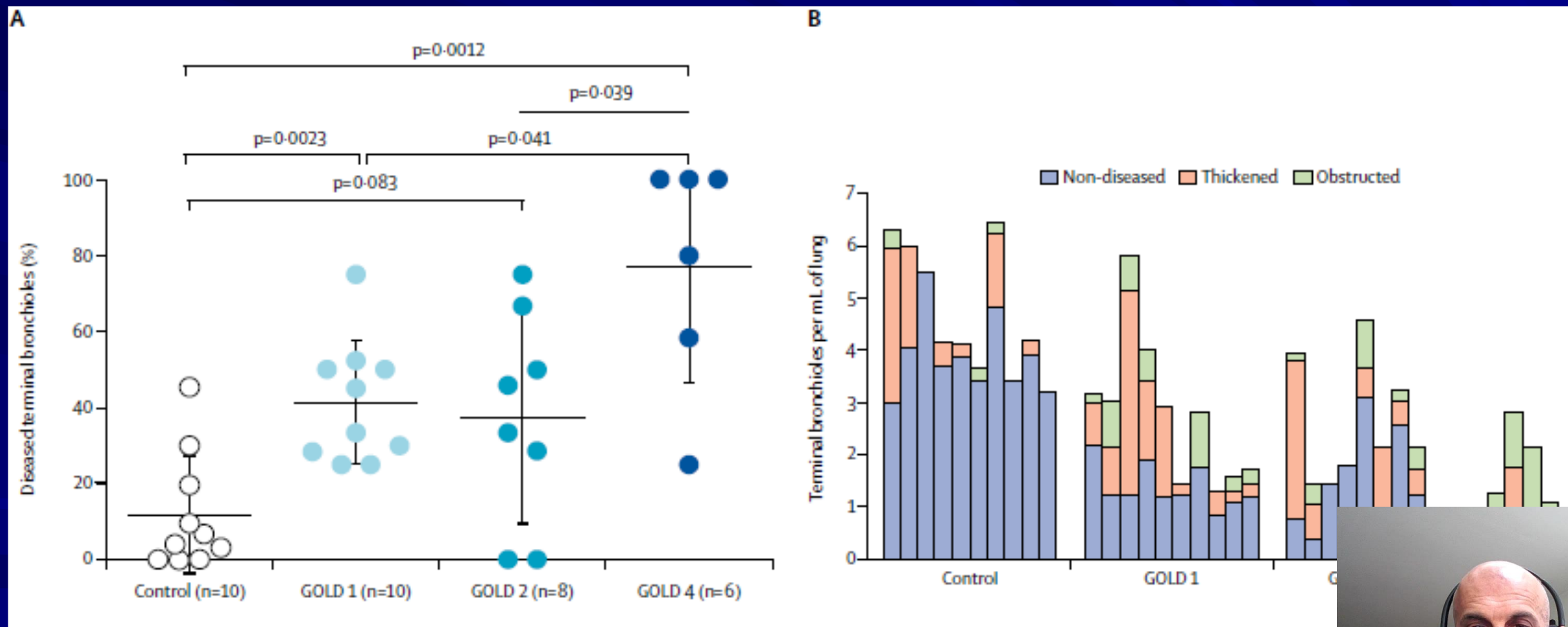
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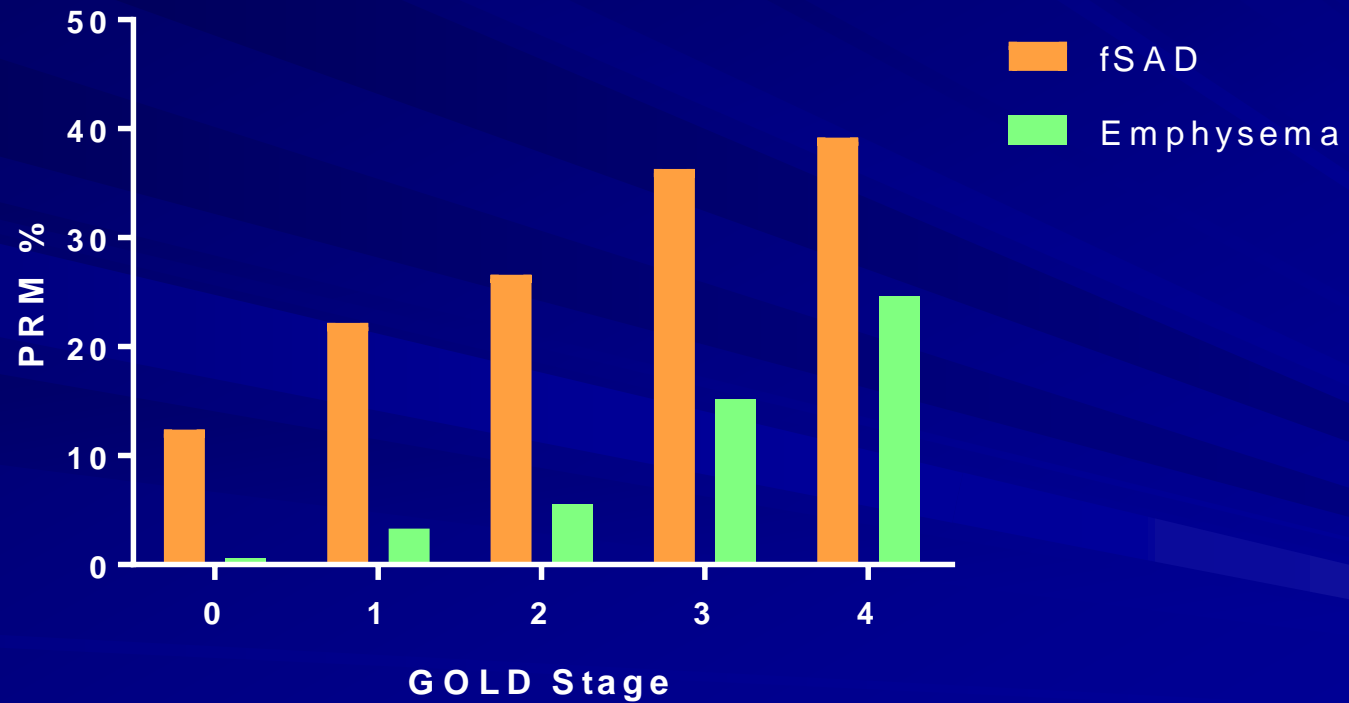
# Small airway narrowing and destruction



# Small airways disease in mild and moderate chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: a cross-sectional study



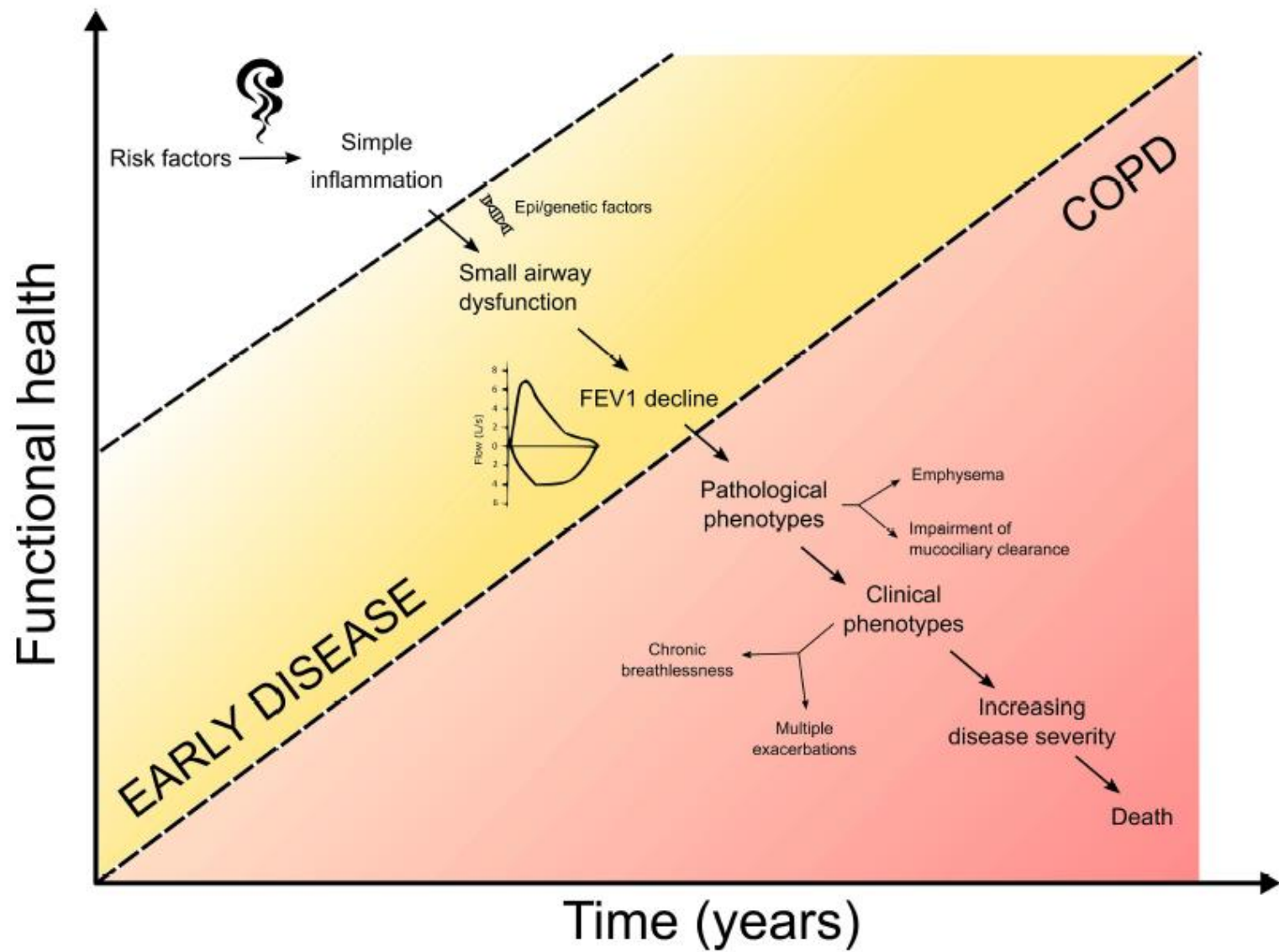
# Small airway disease in COPD



fSAD: functional small airways disease;  
PRM: parametric response mapping

Bhatt et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 2016; 194: 178-184(supplement)





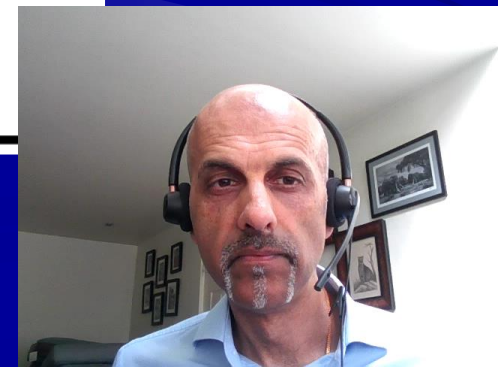
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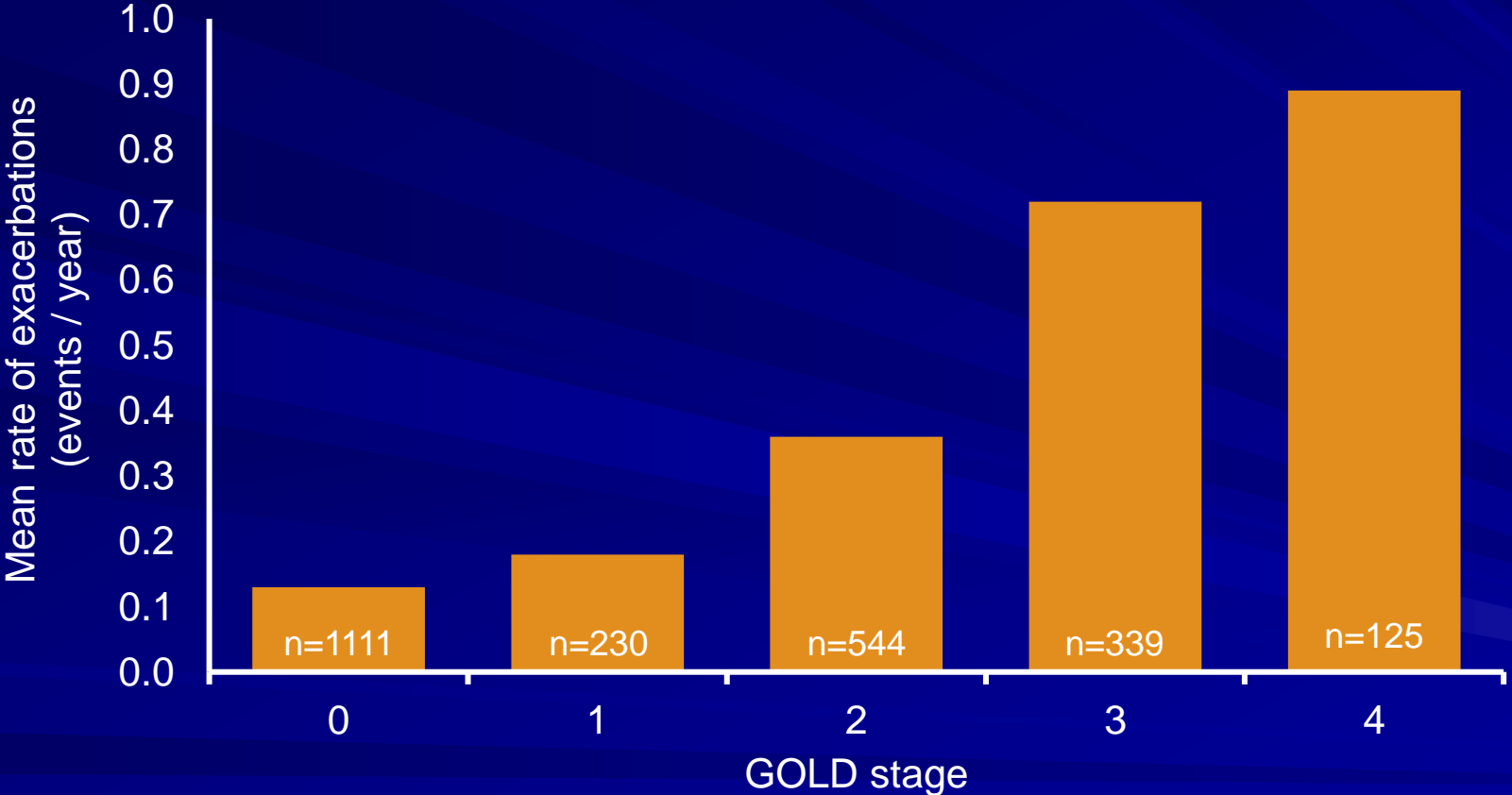


# Pulmonary Gas Exchange Abnormalities in Mild Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

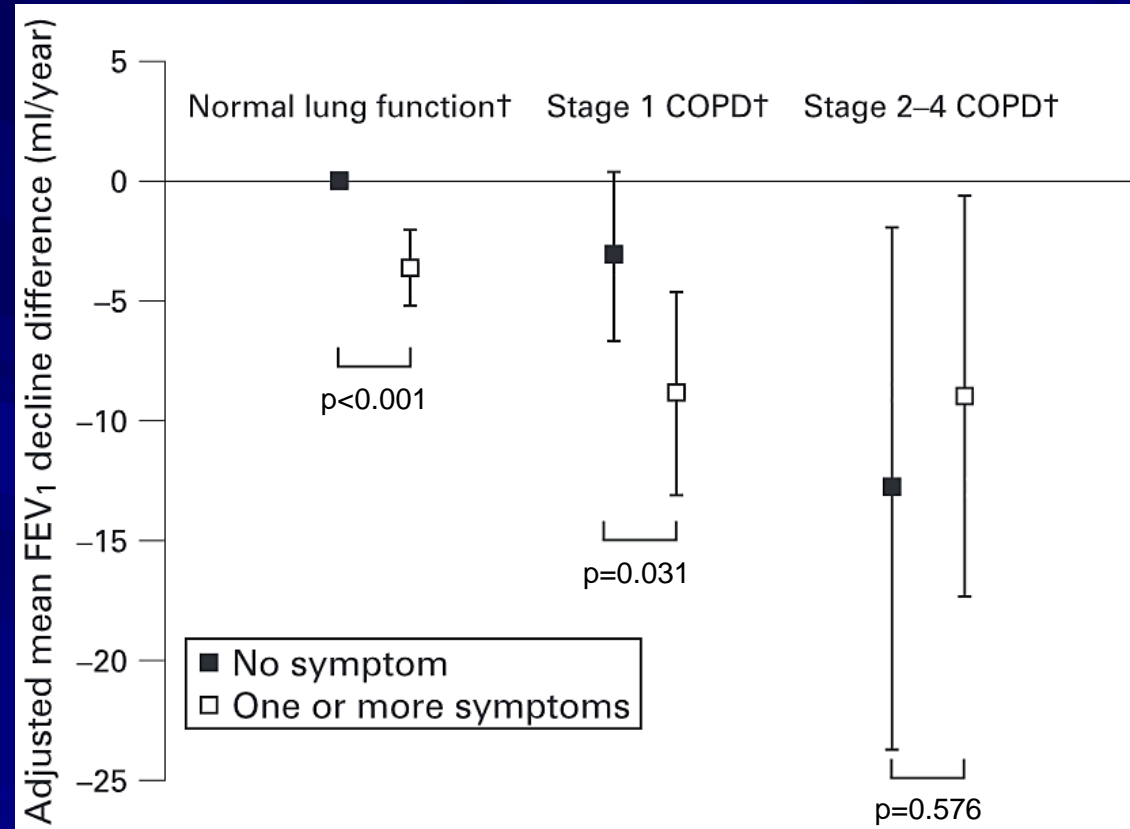
	Mild COPD	Healthy
Male:female, n	6:5	5:6
Age, yr	64.0 ± 11	64.1 ± 10
Height, cm	167 ± 11	169 ± 8
Body mass, kg	77.1 ± 15.9	78.9 ± 11.7
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	27.2 ± 3.4	27.5 ± 3.3
Smoking history, pack-years	35.6 ± 14.9*	1.5 ± 3.2
Smoking status, % current smokers	45%*	0%
BDI focal score, 0–12	8.0 ± 1.2*	11.8 ± 0.6
Modified MRC dyspnea scale, 0–4	2.0 ± 0.4*	0.3 ± 0.5
CAT score, 0–40	15.6 ± 7.7*	2.9 ± 1.9
Oxygen cost diagram (0–100), mm	64 ± 11*	94 ± 10
SGRQ total score	29.6 ± 16.8*	2.5 ± 1.6
CHAMPS, kcal/wk for all activities	3,901 ± 2,753	5,100 ± 3,820
Medication use, % of patients:		
SABA	36	0
LAMA	27	0
ICS	9	0
Combined ICS/LABA	45*	0



# Exacerbations in smokers with COPD by GOLD stage



# Adjusted decline in FEV<sub>1</sub>



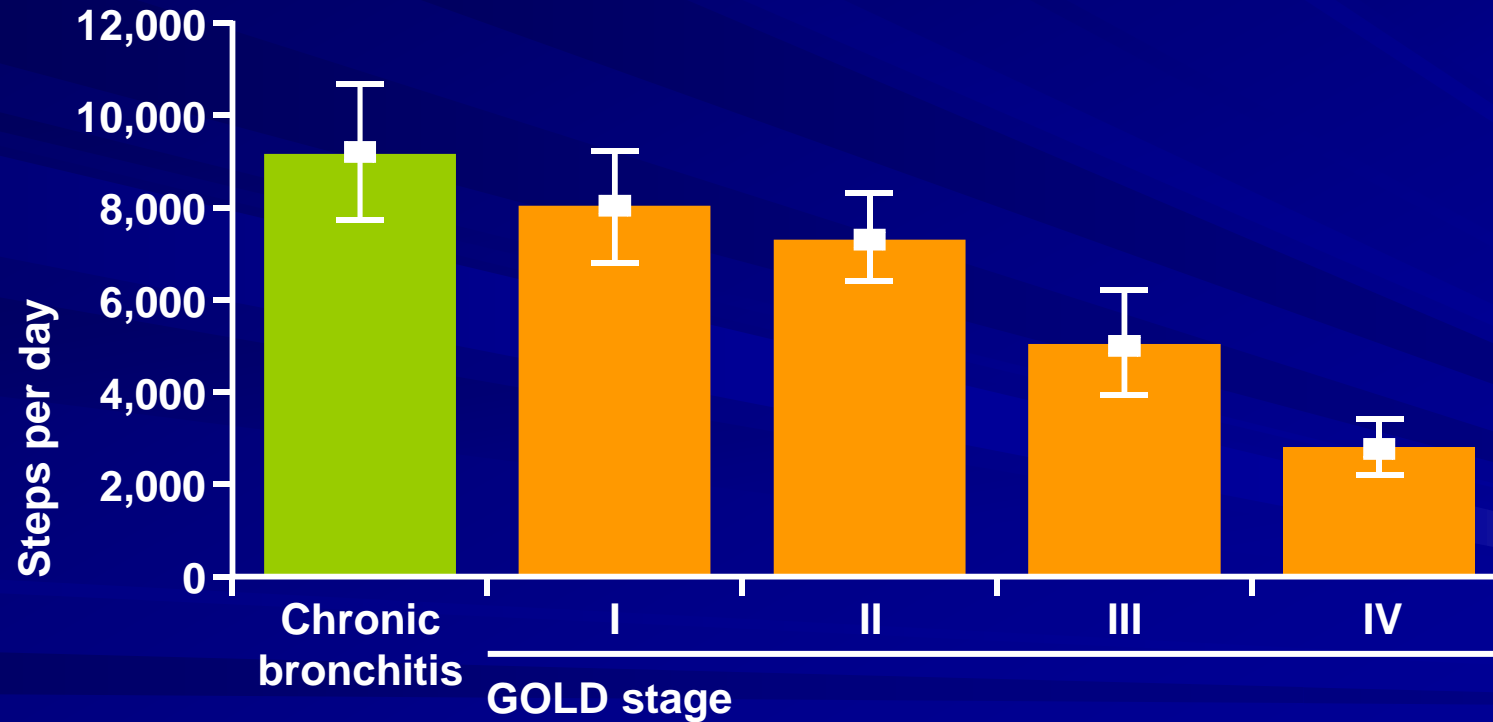
Adjusted difference in decline in FEV<sub>1</sub> over 11 years stratified by modified GOLD and symptom categories.

†Prebronchodilator spirometry. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals

Bridevaux et al. Thorax 2008;63:768–774



# COPD leads to a significant reduction in patients' ability to exercise



$p < 0.001$  for linear relationship between steps per day and GOLD stage of severity

Watz, et al. Eur Respir J 200933: 262-272;



# Improving Detection of Early Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Wassim W. Labaki and MeiLan K. Han

Please answer each question	No	Yes	
1. Have you ever lived or worked in a place with dirty or polluted air, smoke, second-hand smoke, or dust?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Does your breathing change with seasons, weather, or air quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3. Does your breathing make it difficult to do things such as carry heavy loads, shovel dirt or snow, jog, play tennis, or swim?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4. Compared to others your age, do you tire easily?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	0	1	2 or more
5. In the past 12 months, how many times did you miss work, school, or other activities due to a cold, bronchitis, or pneumonia?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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# Blood eosinophil counts and the development of obstructive lung disease: the Kangbuk Samsung Health Study

Data specific to COPD

**Table S3.** Multivariable-adjusted hazard ratios (95% confidence intervals) for the development of OLD by eosinophil count categories according to different criteria to identify incident OLD (lung function test, self-reported of a physician-diagnosis, or both)

	Eosinophil count category (cells/ $\mu$ L)				
	<100	100-199	200-299	300-499	$\geq 500$
Lung function test (pre-bronchodilator FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC < 70% & FEV <sub>1</sub> < 80% pred (a))	<i>Reference</i>	1.07 (1.00-1.15)	1.30 (1.20-1.42)	1.46 (1.33-1.60)	1.72 (1.51-1.95)
Self-reported of a physician-diagnosis of COPD (b)	<i>Reference</i>	1.13 (1.05-1.21)	1.11 (1.02-1.21)	1.25 (1.14-1.37)	1.30 (1.14-1.49)
(a) + (b)	<i>Reference</i>	1.11 (1.05-1.16)	1.20 (1.13-1.27)	1.33 (1.24-1.42)	1.49 (1.36-1.64)

Hazard ratios and 95% confidence intervals estimated from parametric proportional hazard models adjusted for age, sex, center, year of screening exam, BMI, smoking, alcohol intake, history of pulmonary tuberculosis, hsCRP and blood neutrophil counts.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; hsCRP, high sensitivity C-reactive protein; disease.



# Concept

- Active disease needs early treatment



Stop smoking

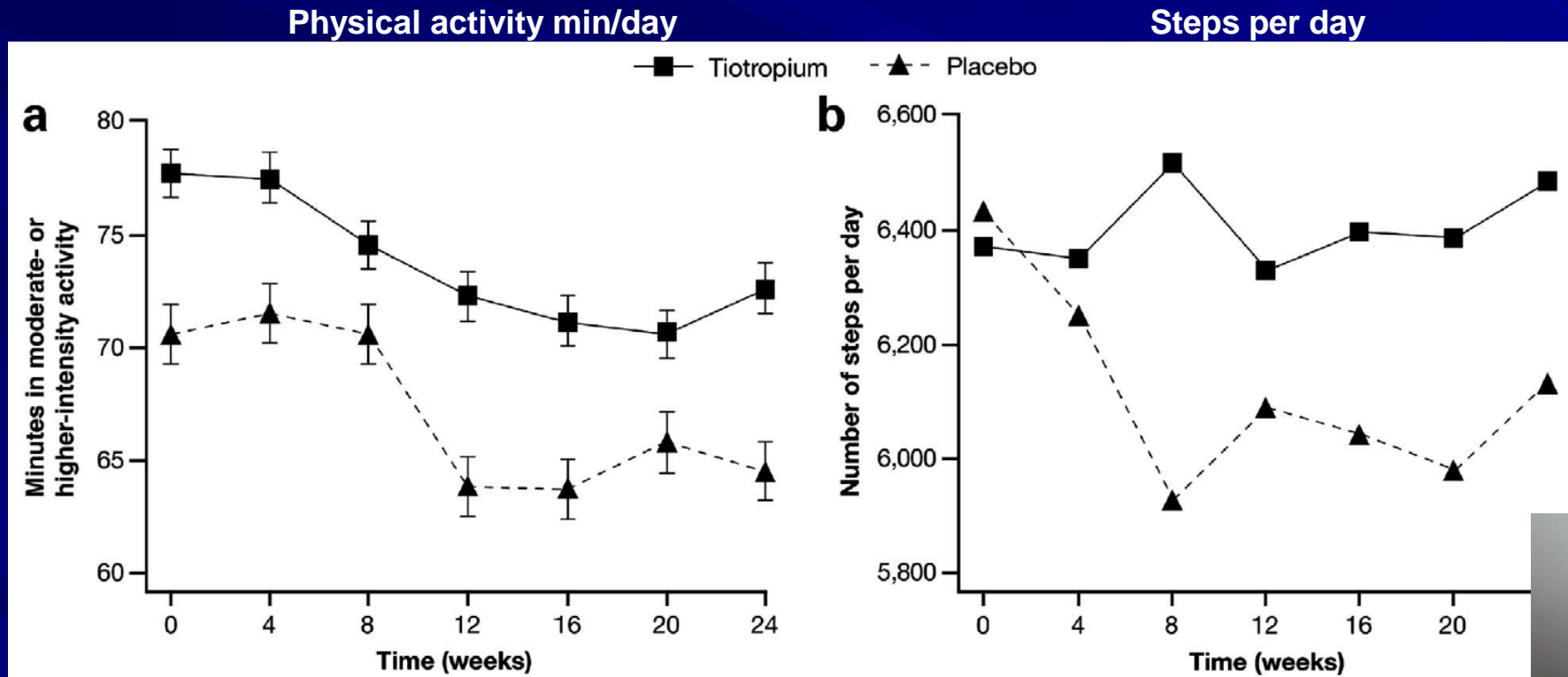
Physical activity

Pharmacotherapy



# Physical activity in patients receiving tiotropium previously naïve to maintenance therapy

## Overall physical activity levels



Troosters et al. NPJ Prim Care Respir Med. 2014;24:14003. doi: 10.1038/npjpcrm.2014.3

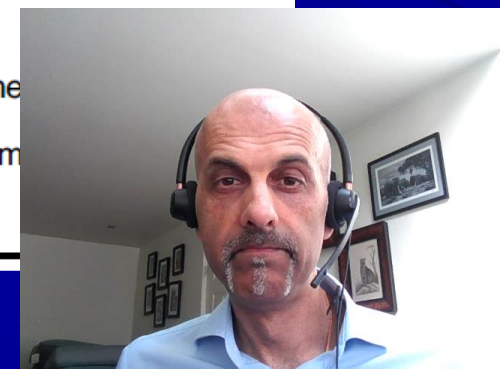


# Treatment Trials in Young Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Pre-Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Patients

## Time to Move Forward

**Table 5.** Future Steps in the Design and Conduct of Intervention Studies of Young Patients with COPD or Those at Risk with Pre-COPD

	Young Patients with COPD	Pre-COPD
Potential outcomes to explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of FEV<sub>1</sub> decline</li> <li>• Time to first COPD exacerbation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time to onset of COPD</li> <li>• Time to worsening in CAT (1 point) or SGRQ (4 points)</li> </ul>
Study duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 yr</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3–5 yr</li> </ul>
Interim analysis at 6–12 mo (to assess dropping therapy arms and/or extending trial duration/increase sample size)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of FEV<sub>1</sub> decline</li> <li>• Time to first COPD exacerbation</li> <li>• CAT change</li> <li>• Composite outcomes*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate of FEV<sub>1</sub> decline</li> <li>• CAT change</li> <li>• E-RS: COPD</li> <li>• Others (impulse oscillometry and/or lung imaging: airways disease parameters; HCRU events; CompEx COPD)</li> <li>• Composite outcomes*</li> </ul>
Potential intervention arms	Currently approved medications for COPD	Currently approved medications for COPD as well as novel agents capable of modifying disease progression
Placebo control	No (as these are currently approved medications for airflow limitation with no age limits)	Yes (as these medications are not approved for this indication)
Study population as per the definition in the text (plus some other potential characteristics to consider in the study design to enrich the population studied)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CAT score &gt;10</li> <li>• A respiratory HCRU event in 2 of the past 3 yr</li> <li>• Biomarker enrichment<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals with NOCB symptoms as defined by CAT or SGRQ</li> <li>• A respiratory HCRU event in the past 24 mo</li> <li>• Subjects with rapid FEV<sub>1</sub> decline</li> <li>• Biomarker enrichment<sup>†</sup></li> </ul>

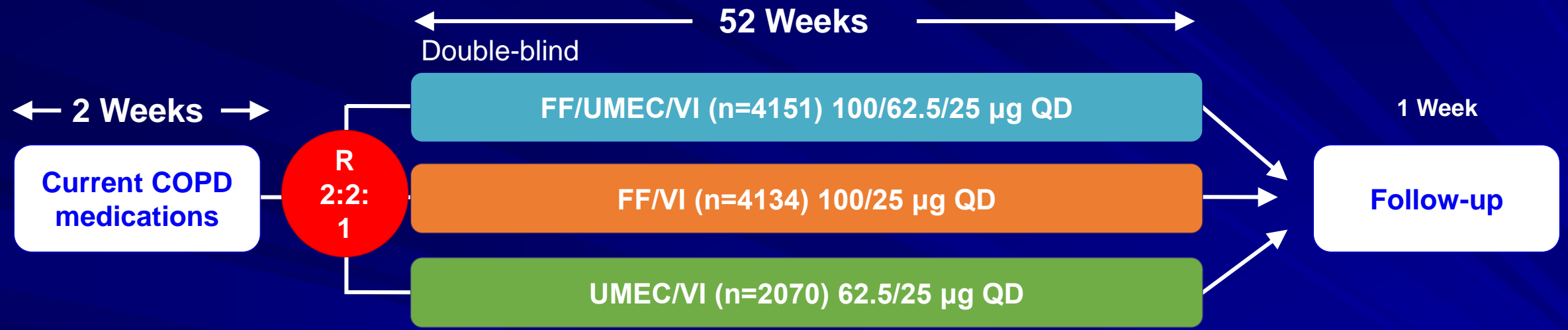


# Challenges

- Early diagnosis
- Lack of clinical trials
- Disease modifying medicines ?



# IMPACT study schematic

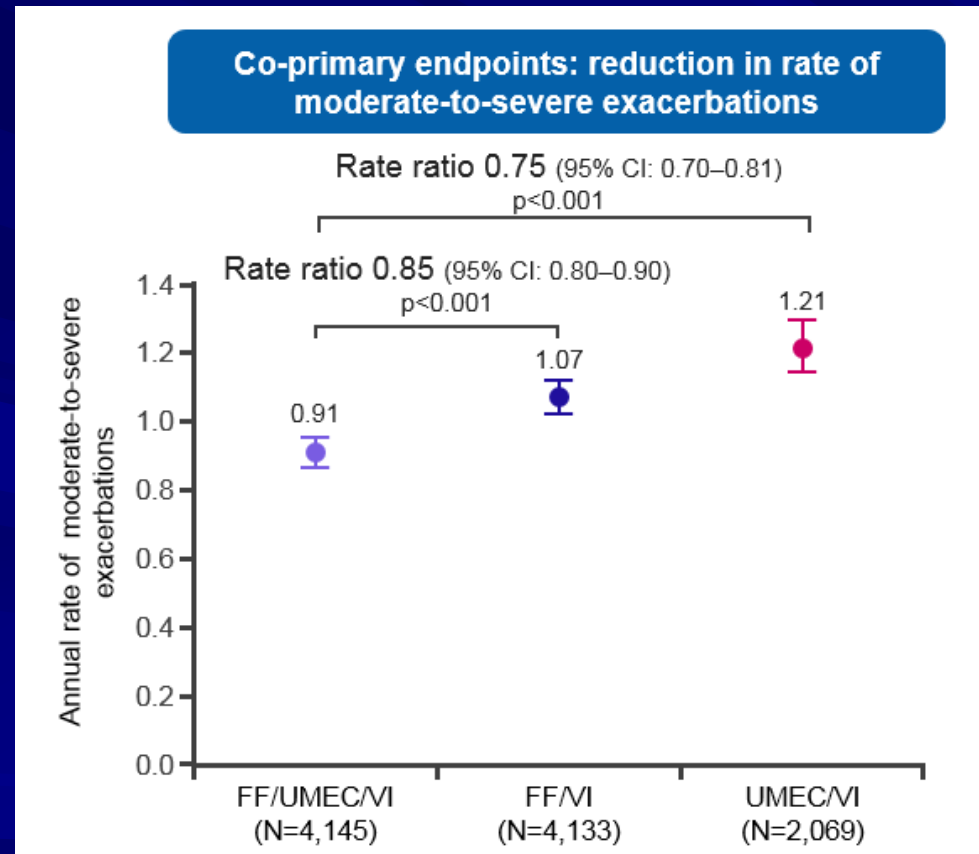


- Age 40+ and COPD diagnosis (ATS/ERS definition)
  - CAT ≥10
  - FEV<sub>1</sub> <50% + ≥1 moderate/severe exacerbations in the past year
- OR**
- FEV<sub>1</sub> ≥50% to <80% + ≥2 moderate exacerbations or ≥1 severe exacerbation in the past year

- Co-primary treatment comparisons (ITT population)**
- Annual rate of moderate/severe exacerbations comparing
    - FF/UMEC/VI with FF/VI
    - FF/UMEC/VI with UMEC/VI



# IMPACT: FF/UMEC/VI versus FF/VI and UMEC/VI in patients at high risk of exacerbations

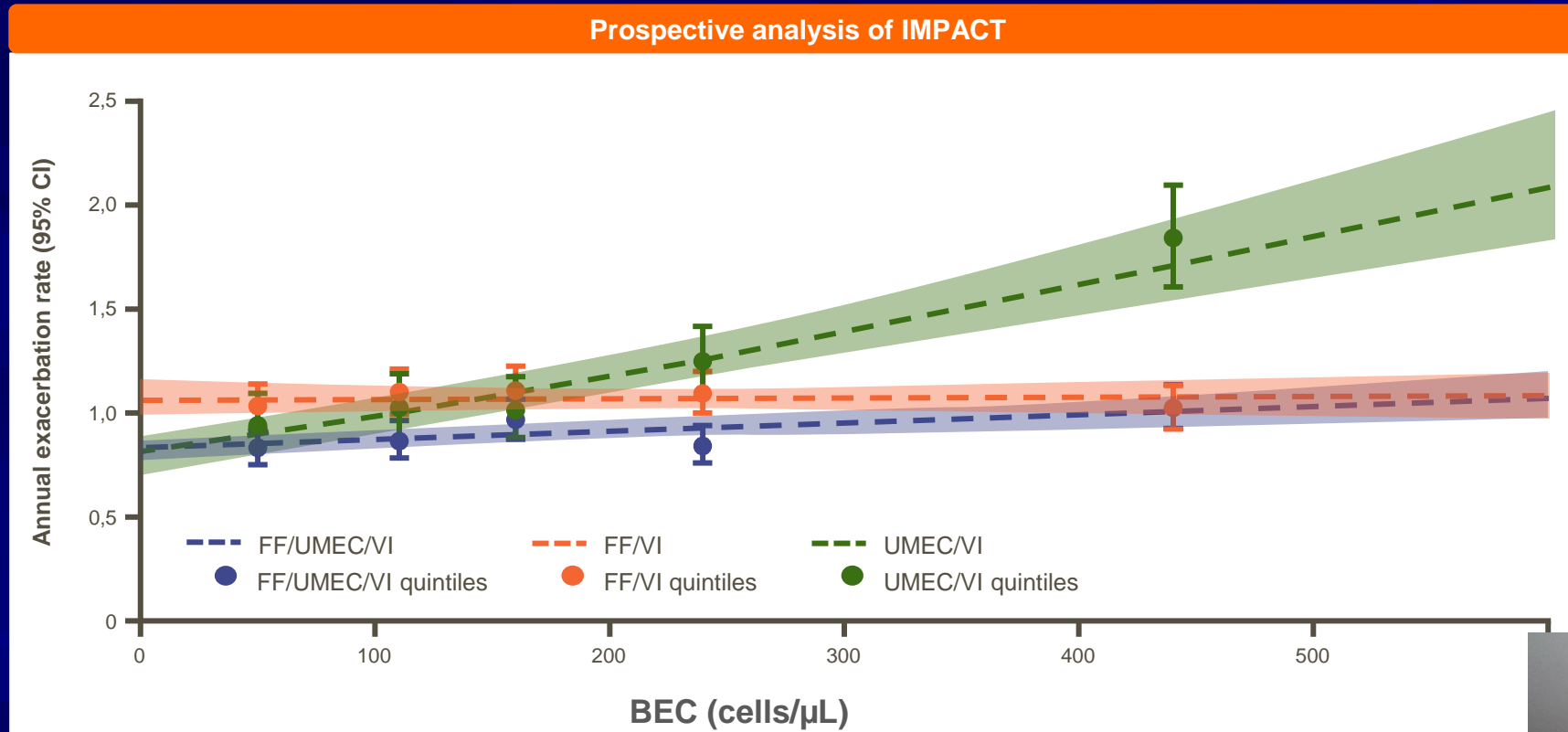


Patients with  $FEV_1$  <50% predicted and  $\geq 1$  moderate or severe exacerbation in the previous year, or  $FEV_1$  50–80% predicted and  $\geq 2$  moderate or  $\geq 1$  severe exacerbation in the previous year.

Analysis was in the intention-to-treat population.

FF: fluticasone furoate; UMEC: umeclidinium; VI: vilanterol

# Modelling eosinophil counts in the IMPACT study

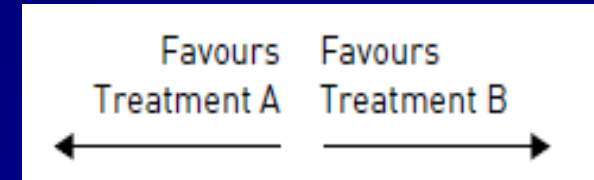


In patients on bronchodilators, exacerbation risk increases as the BEC increases.  
In patients treated with ICS, the higher the BEC, the greater the exacerbation reduction.

Pascoe S, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2019 Sep;7(9):745-756.



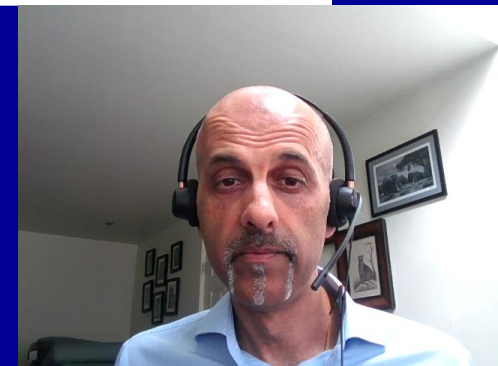
# The effect of exacerbation history on outcomes on the IMPACT trial



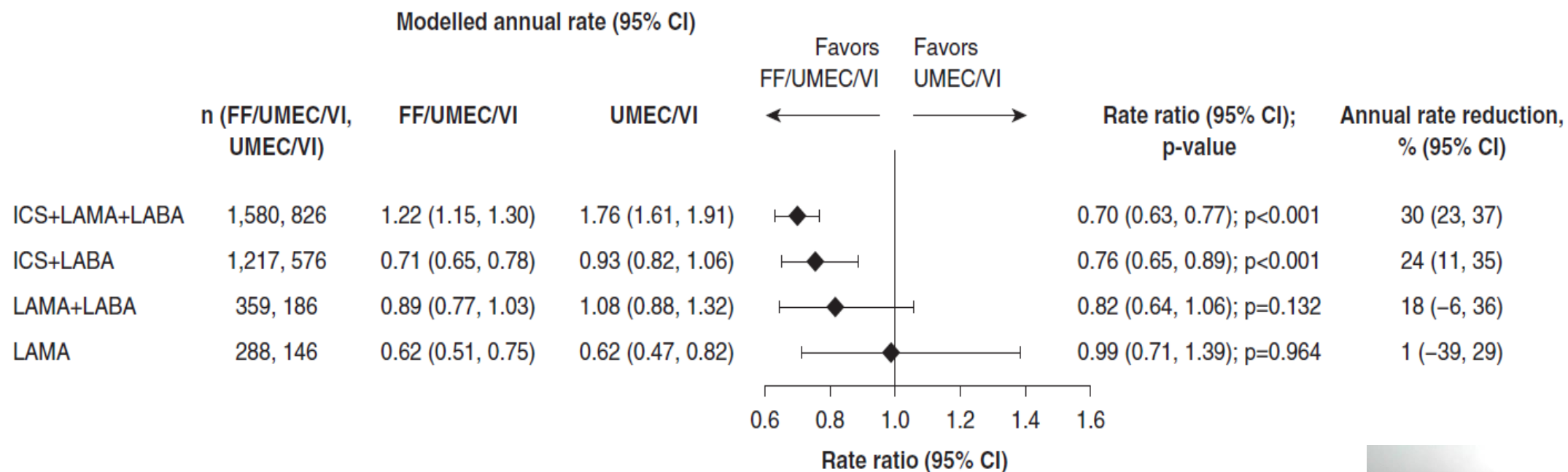
FF/UMEC/VI versus UMEC/VI	FF/UMEC/VI	UMEC/VI				
Single moderate subgroup	0.85 (0.78-0.92)	1.03 (0.92-1.16)	0.82 (0.71-0.95)	0.007		
Frequent moderate subgroup	0.85 (0.80-0.91)	1.21 (1.10-1.32)	0.71 (0.63-0.79)	<0.001		
Severe subgroup	1.06 (0.98-1.16)	1.43 (1.27-1.61)	0.74 (0.65-0.86)	<0.001		

Blood eosinophil count at screening cells· $\mu\text{L}^{-1}$

Halpin, D. et al. *European Respiratory Journal* Jan 2020 55 1901921;



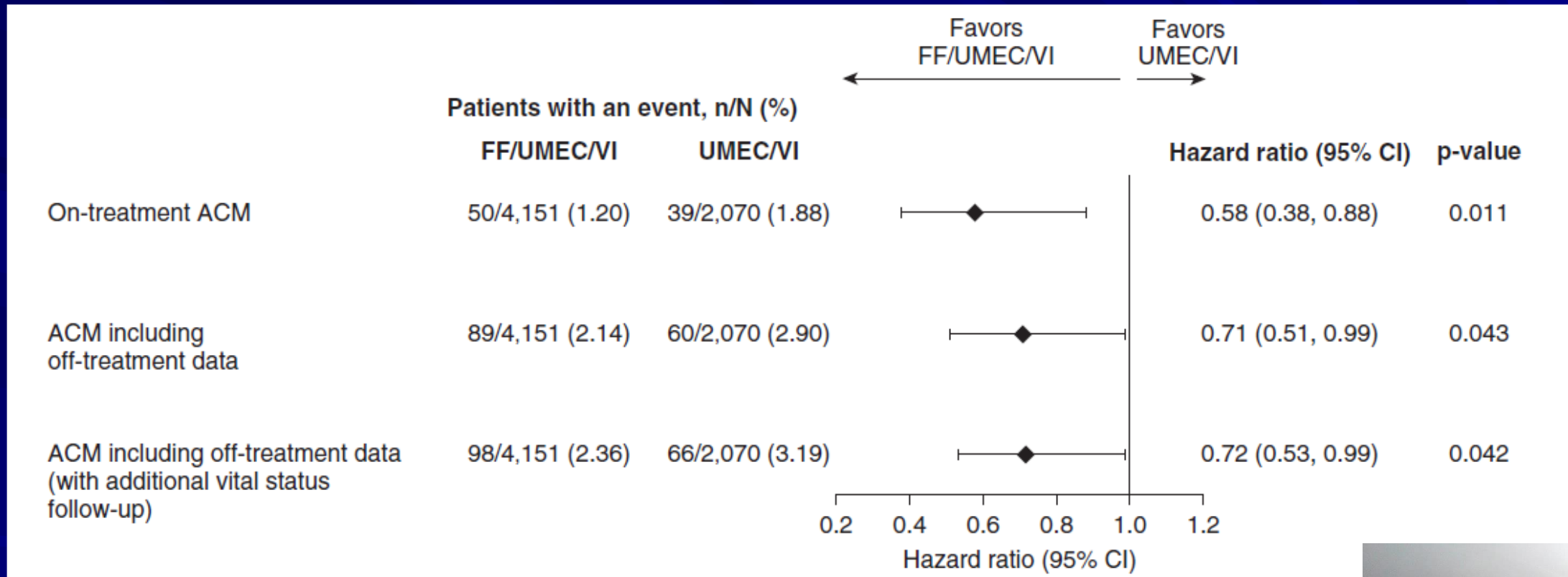
# The Effect of Inhaled Corticosteroid Withdrawal and Baseline Inhaled Treatment on Exacerbations in the IMPACT Study



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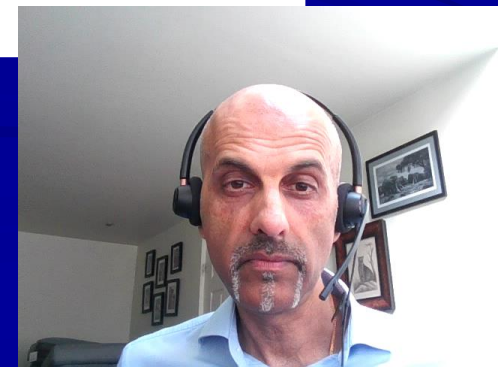


# All cause mortality (ACM) in the IMPACT study



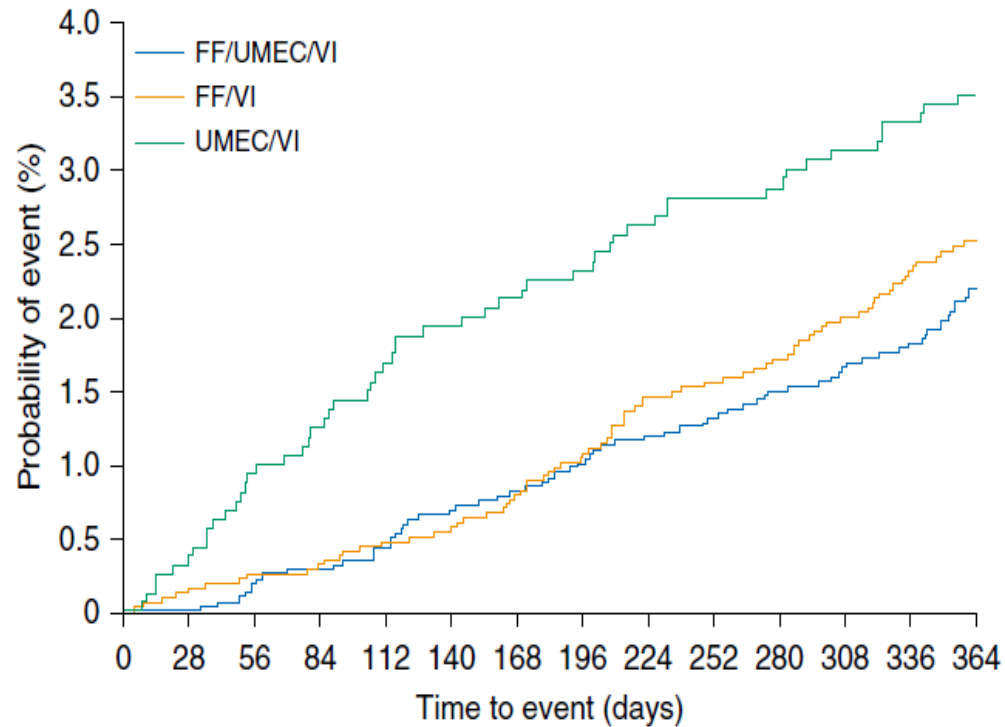
Forest plot of ACM analyses and hazard ratios FF/UMEC/VI versus UMEC/VI. ACM: all-cause mortality; CI: confidence interval; FF: fluticasone furoate; UMEC: umeclidinium; VI: vilanterol.

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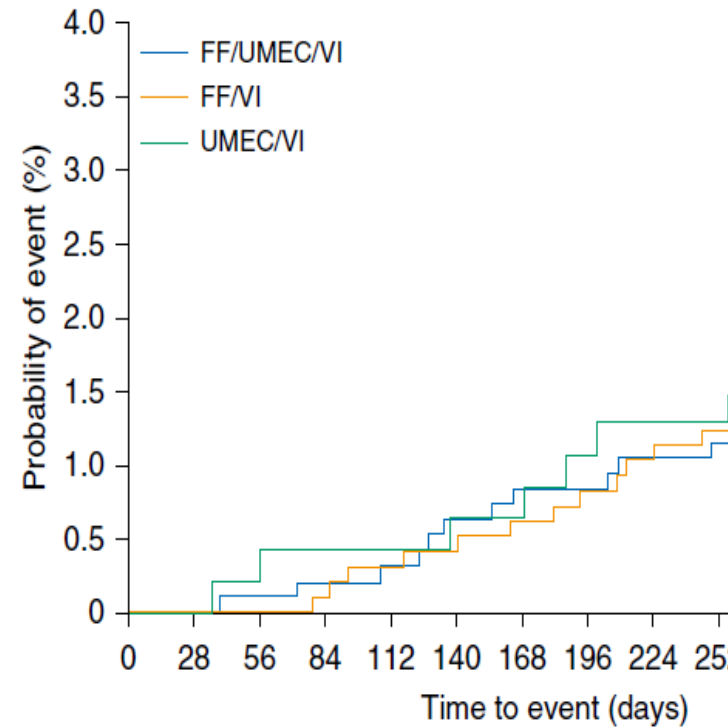


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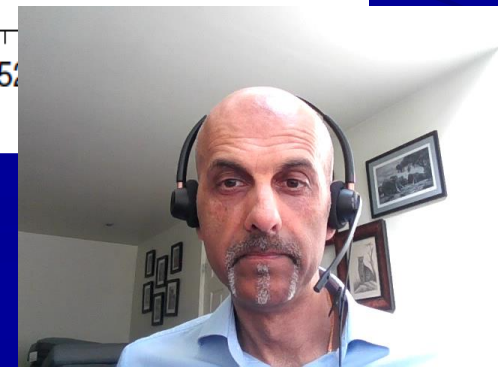
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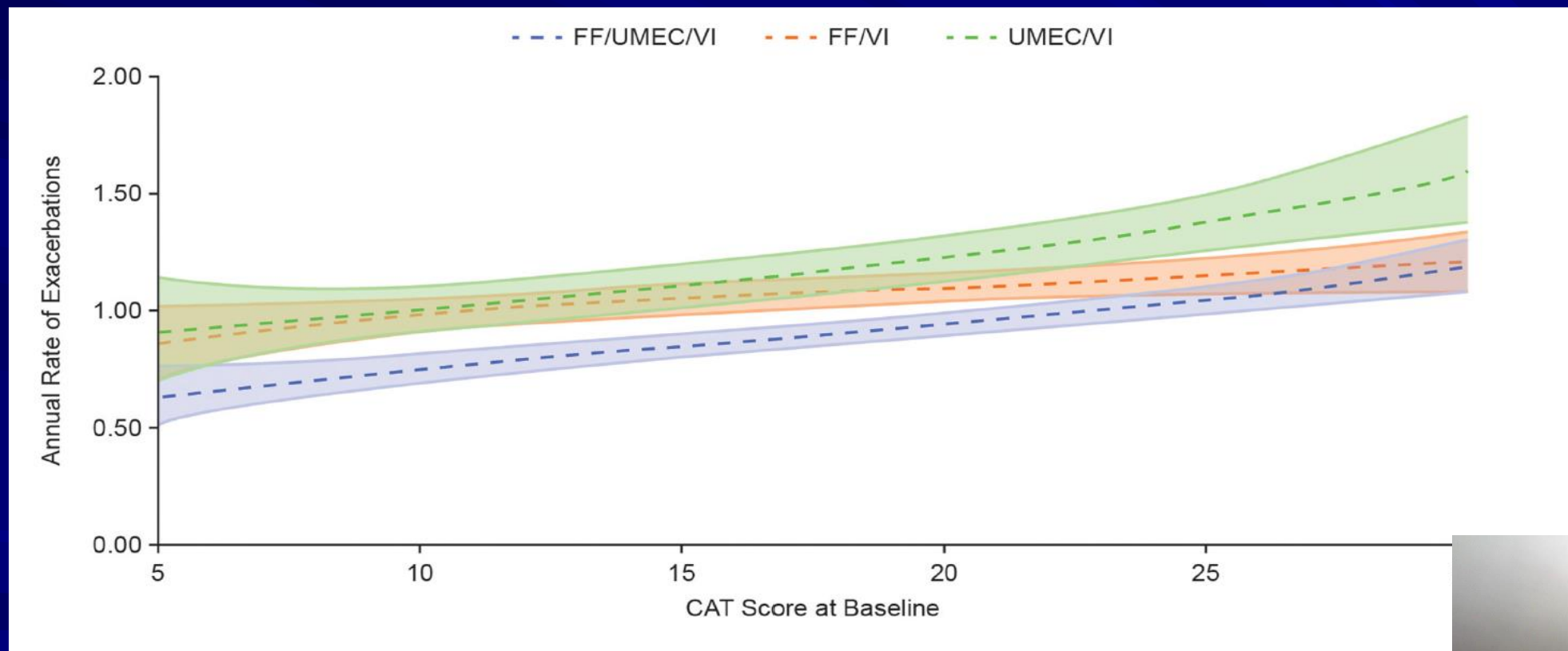


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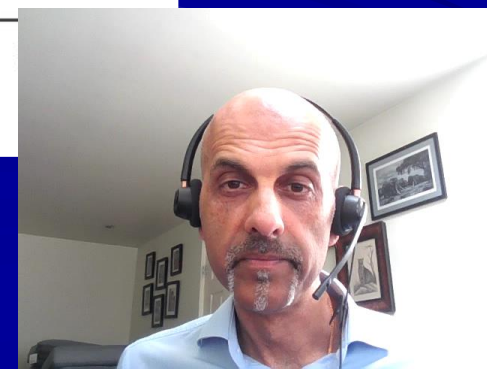


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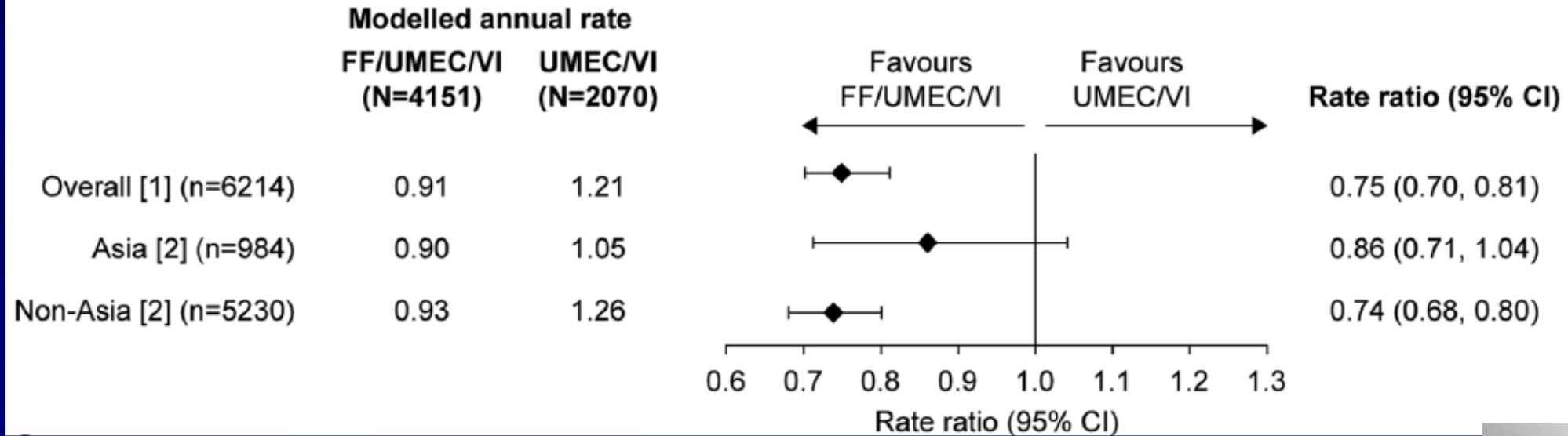


Thomashow et al, JCOPDF, 2022; 9: 68-79

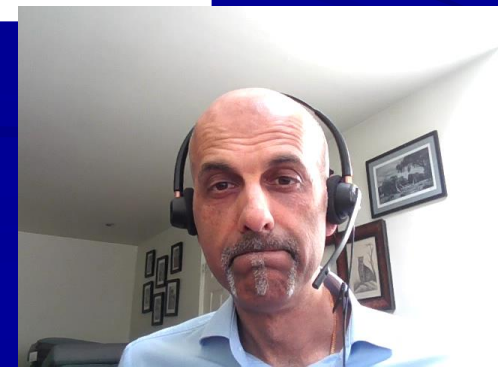


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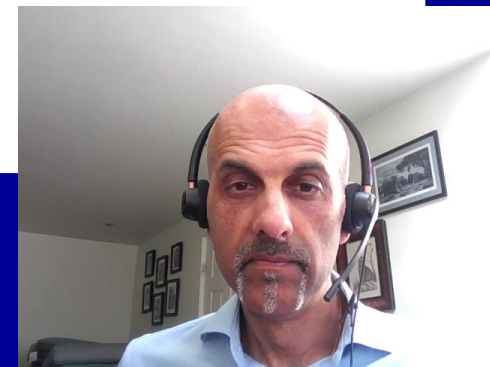


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**Table 2** Rates of radiological investigation and pneumonia in patients treated with FF/UMEC/VI, FF/VI and UMEC/VI in Asia and the non-Asia regions

	FF/UMEC/VI		FF/VI		UMEC/VI	
	Asia <i>N</i> = 654	Non-Asia <i>N</i> = 3497	Asia <i>N</i> = 660	Non-Asia <i>N</i> = 3474	Asia <i>N</i> = 330	Non-Asia <i>N</i> = 1740
Number of patients with investigator-reported pneumonia, <i>n</i> (%)	88 (13)	224 (6)	92 (14)	190 (5)	19 (6)	76 (4)
Number of patients with investigator-reported pneumonia supported by infiltrate on CXR/CT, <i>n</i> (%)	47 (7)	107 (3)	59 (9)	88 (3)	11 (3)	29 (2)

Halpin D et al, Pulm Ther (2021) 7:101-118



# IMPACT summary

- Triple therapy reduces exacerbations and prevents mortality versus LAMA/LABA
- Clinical benefits in IMPACT were influenced by:
  - Exacerbation history
  - Previous inhaled treatment
  - Blood eosinophils
  - CAT score

