



Role of LAMA in asthma

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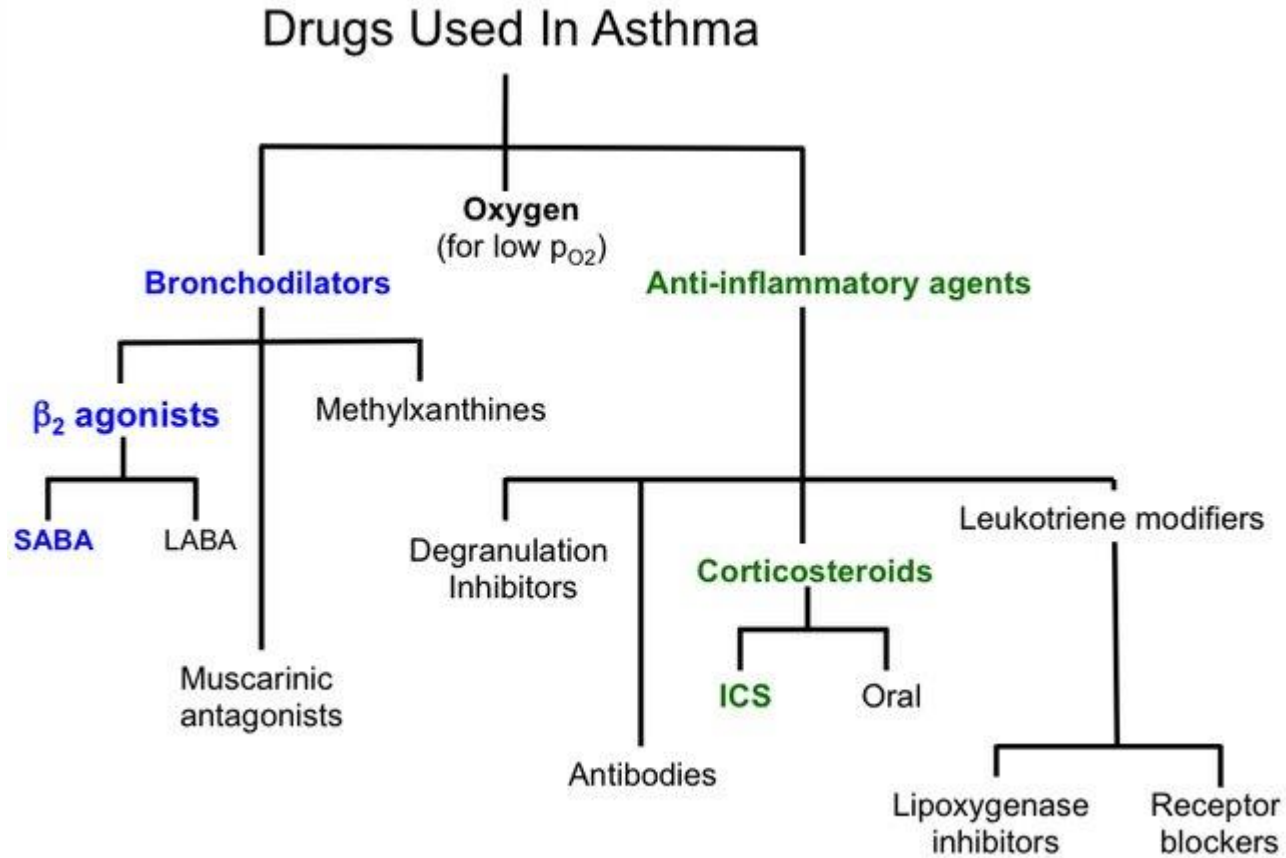
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1. LAMA in current management of asthma patients

About asthma

- Asthma is the most common chronic non-communicable disease, affecting over 260 million people globally in 2019
- Asthma is characterized by **variable respiratory symptoms** such as wheeze, shortness of breath, chest tightness and cough, and **variable expiratory airflow limitation**. It is usually associated with **airway inflammation**
- People with asthma often have periods of worsening symptoms and worsening airway obstruction, called **exacerbations** (also called attacks or flare-ups), that can be fatal
- Most of the morbidity and mortality associated with asthma is preventable, particularly with use of inhaled corticosteroids

Pharmacology in asthma



Bronchodilators in asthma

β 2-adrenergic agonists

Theophylline

Anticholinergics (Antimuscarinics)

Airway pharmacology in asthma



- In the early 1800s, there were many “asthmas,” since this was the term for any episodic shortness of breath.
- Once a diagnosis of asthma (as we know it now) was established,
 - the number of effective treatments was quite limited
 - Inhalation of smoke from burning **Datura stramonium**
 - anticholinergic properties and the forerunner of antimuscarinic agents, such as ipratropium and tiotropium.
 - other treatments
 - inhalation of the fumes of hydrocyanic acid or inflation of the lungs with a bellows
 - harmful , no longer used.



Figure 1. Asthma Cigarettes.

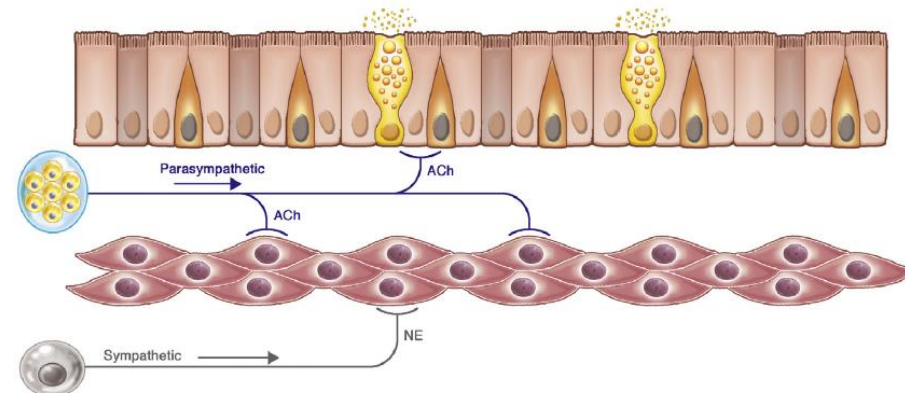
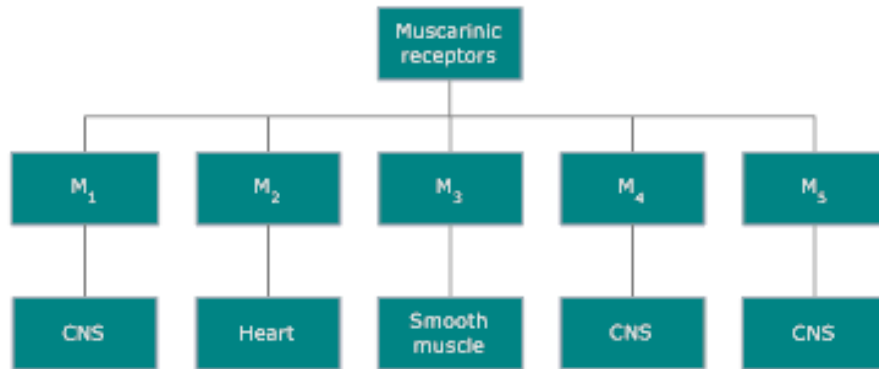
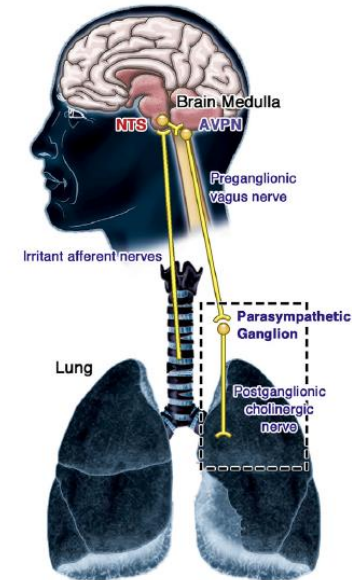
Asthma cigarettes made from the leaves of *Datura stramonium* (thorn apple) were widely sold in the 1800s and into the early 1900s. These cigarettes provided a means of delivering an inhaled treatment; we now know that the active component of this smoke was antimuscarinic alkaloid. Antimuscarinic treatment of asthma has recently been studied with the use of chemically synthesized moieties, such as tiotropium bromide and ipratropium bromide. Images courtesy of Mark Sanders, www.inhalatorium.com.

Asthma Cigarettes

Antimuscarinic treatment

Mechanism of action of muscarinic antagonists

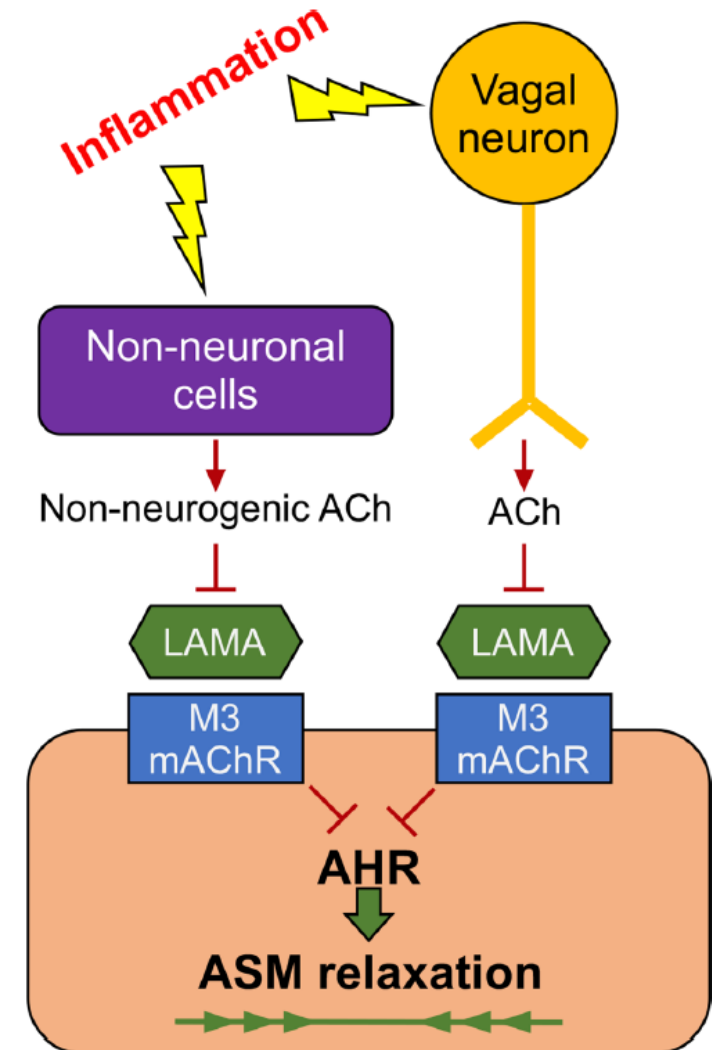
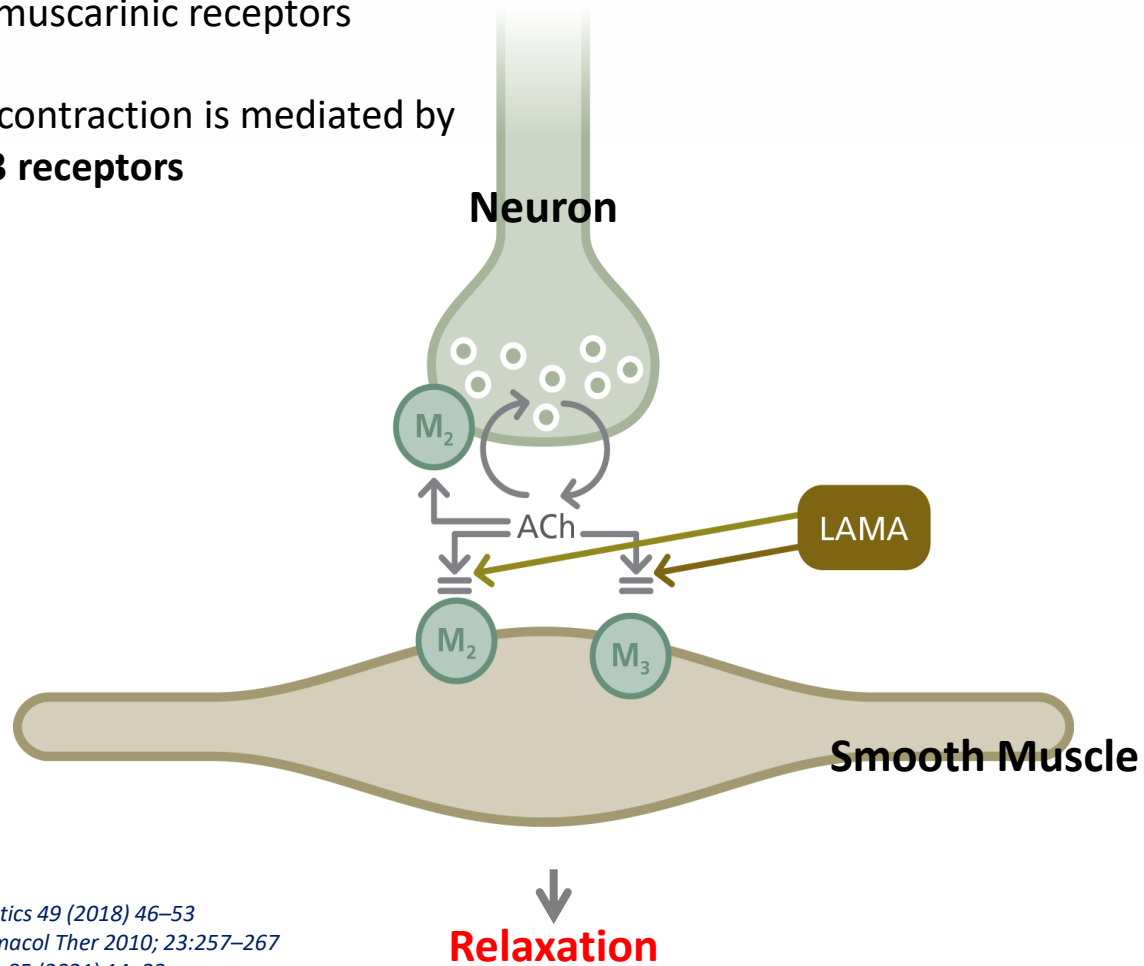
- Parasympathetic nervous system
 - Cardiac conduction system
 - Exocrine glands
 - Smooth muscles
- Sympathetic nervous system
 - Sweat glands
- Central nervous system



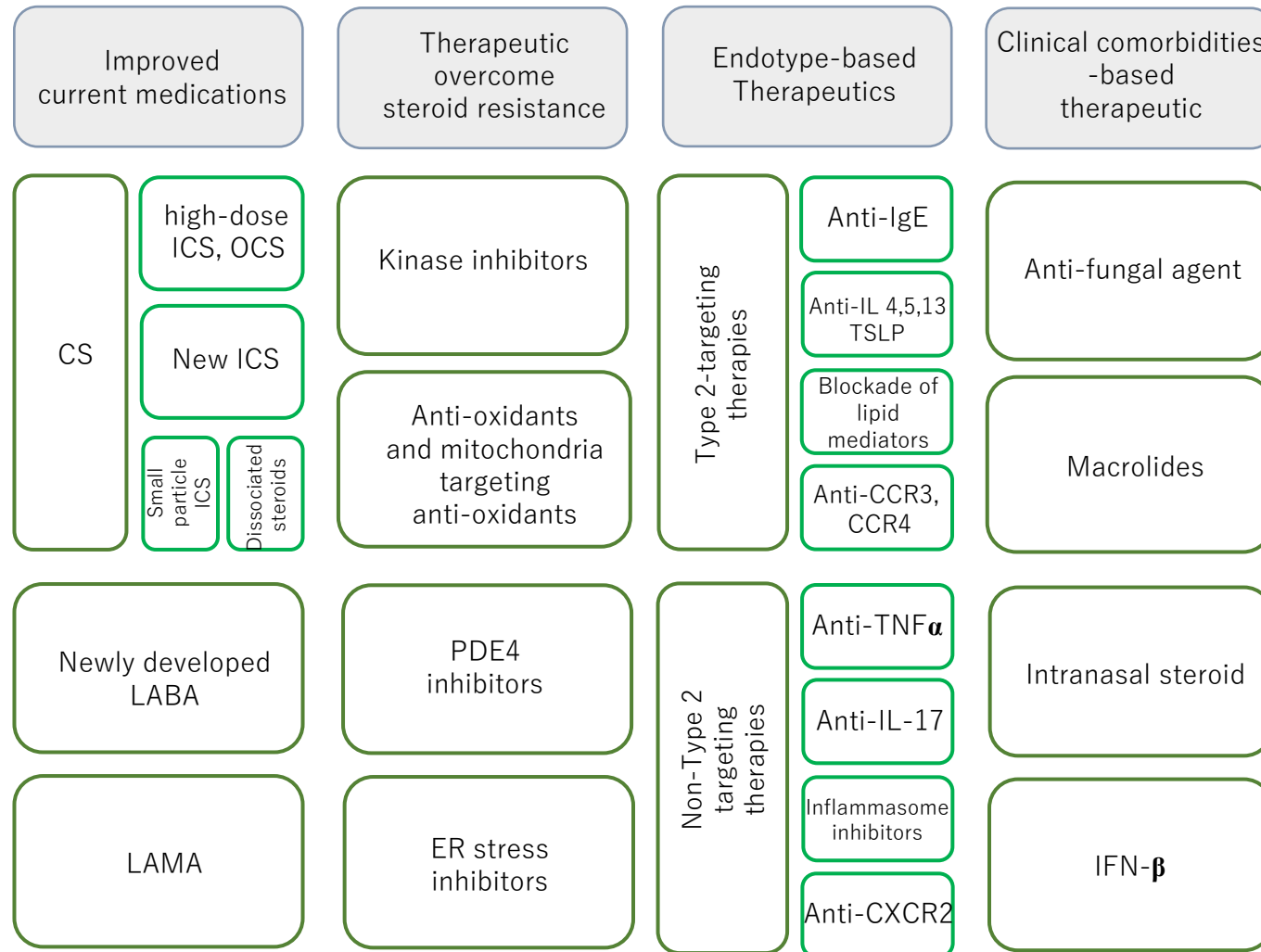
Mechanism of action of muscarinic antagonists

Human airway smooth muscle expresses both M2 and M3 muscarinic receptors

The ACh-induced contraction is mediated by stimulation of M3 receptors



Pharmacologic therapeutic approaches for severe asthma



2020 KATRD asthma guideline

	1단계	2단계	3단계	4단계	5단계
선호되는 조절제	필요시 저용량 ICS-formoterol*	매일 저용량 ICS 또는 필요시 저용량 ICS-formoterol* [†]	저용량 ICS-LABA	중간용량 ICS-LABA	고용량 ICS-LABA 표현형 평가 ± 추가적인 치료를 위한 전문의 의뢰 (예, tiotropium, anti-Ig E, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R)
기타 조절제	SABA 흡입시마다 저용량 ICS 동시투여	매일 LTRA, 또는 SABA 흡입시마다 저용량 ICS 동시투여	중간용량 ICS, 또는 저용량 ICS + LTRA [#]	고용량 ICS, (+tiotropium) 또는 (+LTRA) [#]	저용량 경구 스테로이드 추가(부작용 고려 필요)
선호되는 증상완화제	필요시 저용량 ICS-formoterol*	필요시 SABA 또는 유지 및 완화제 치료(MART) 용법 진행 중인 환자에서 필요시 저용량 ICS-formoterol [§]			
기타 증상완화제	필요시 SABA				

Off-label; budesonide-formoterol 관련자료만 존재

*Off-label; 개별적이거나 혼합치료로서의 ICS와 SABA 흡입제

†저용량 ICS-form은 bud-form or BDP-form 유지 및 완화제 치료 (SMART 혹은 MART)의 경우 가능

#FEV₁>70%이며 알레르기성 비염 동반하는 감작된 환자에서 집먼지 진드기 설하면역치료 고려

Japanese Society of Allergology guideline 2020

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
Long-term management agents	ICS (low dose)	ICS (low to medium doses)	ICS (medium to high doses)	ICS (high dose)
Basic treatment	If the above agent cannot be used, use one of the following agents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTRA • Theophylline sustained-release preparation (unnecessary for rare symptoms) 	If the above agent is ineffective, concomitantly use one of the following agents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LABA (a compounding agent can be used)* • LAMA • LTRA • Theophylline sustained-release preparation 	Concomitantly use one or more of the agents below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LABA (a compounding agent can be used)* • LAMA • LTRA • Theophylline sustained-release preparation • Anti-IL-4Rα antibody 	Concomitantly use two or more of the agents below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LABA (a compounding agent can be used)* • LAMA • LTRA • Theophylline sustained-release preparation • Anti-IL-4Rα antibody • Anti-IgE antibody • Anti-IL-5 antibody • Anti-IL-5Rα antibody • Oral corticosteroid • Bronchial thermoplasty
Additional treatment				
Exacerbation treatment	Inhaled SABA	Inhaled SABA	Inhaled SABA	Inhaled SABA

* In patients treated with a combination of budesonide/formoterol as a controller, the agent should not be used beyond the recommended maximum per time and per day if it is used as a rescue; the recommended maximum is generally up to 8 inhalations/day. However, it can be used for up to 12 inhalations/day (for 3 days: budesonide, 1920 mg/day; formoterol 54 mg/day) temporarily. When more than 8 inhalations/day of budesonide/formoterol are needed, a physician should be consulted.

Inhaled corticosteroid, ICS; LTRA, leukotriene receptor antagonists; LABA, long-acting b2 agonist; SABA, short-acting b2 agonist; LAMA, long-acting muscarinic antagonist.

NAEPP guideline EPR-4 ¹

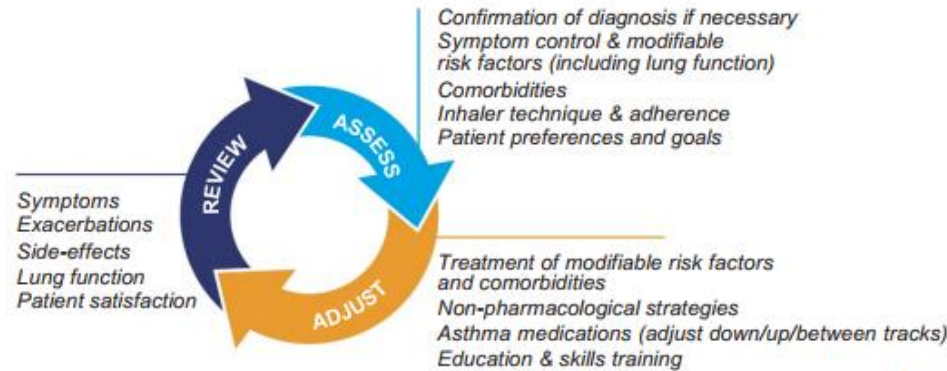
		Management of Persistent Asthma In Individuals Ages 12+ Years					
		Intermittent Asthma					
Treatment	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6 [■]	
Preferred	PRN SABA	Daily low-dose ICS and PRN SABA or PRN concomitant ICS and SABA [▲]	Daily and PRN combination low-dose ICS-formoterol [▲]	Daily and PRN combination medium-dose ICS-formoterol [▲]	Daily medium-high dose ICS-LABA + LAMA and PRN SABA [▲]	Daily high-dose ICS-LABA + oral systemic corticosteroids + PRN SABA	
Alternative		Daily LTRA* and PRN SABA or Cromolyn,* or Nedocromil,* or Zileuton,* or Theophylline,* and PRN SABA	Daily medium-dose ICS and PRN SABA or Daily low-dose ICS-LABA, or daily low-dose ICS + LAMA, [▲] or daily low-dose ICS + LTRA,* and PRN SABA or Daily low-dose ICS + Theophylline* or Zileuton,* and PRN SABA	Daily medium-dose ICS-LABA or daily medium-dose ICS + LAMA, and PRN SABA [▲] or Daily medium-dose ICS + LTRA,* or daily medium-dose ICS + Theophylline,* or daily medium-dose ICS + Zileuton,* and PRN SABA	Daily medium-high dose ICS-LABA or daily high-dose ICS + LTRA,* and PRN SABA		
		Steps 2–4: Conditionally recommend the use of subcutaneous immunotherapy as an adjunct treatment to standard pharmacotherapy in individuals ≥ 5 years of age whose asthma is controlled at the initiation, build up, and maintenance phases of immunotherapy [▲]			Consider adding Asthma Biologics (e.g., anti-IgE, anti-IL5, anti-IL5R, anti-IL4/IL13)**		

2021 GINA Guideline

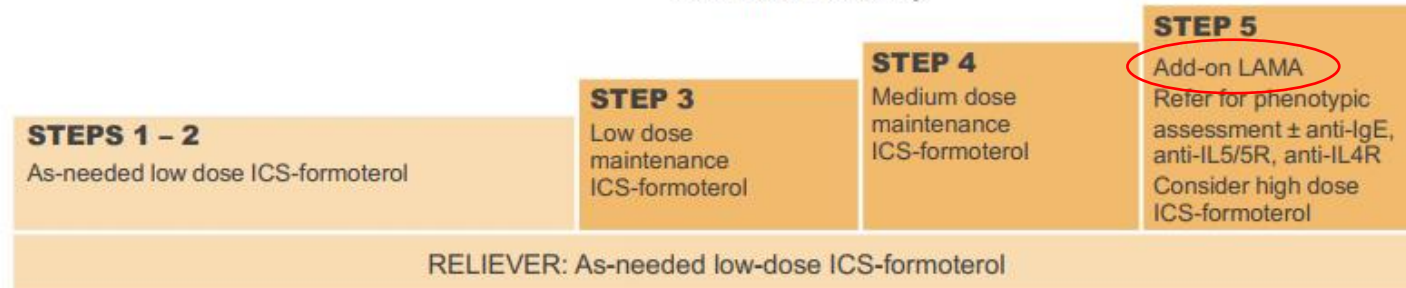
now shows 'two tracks' for asthma management based on evidence of outcome with the two reliever choices across asthma severity

Adults & adolescents 12+ years

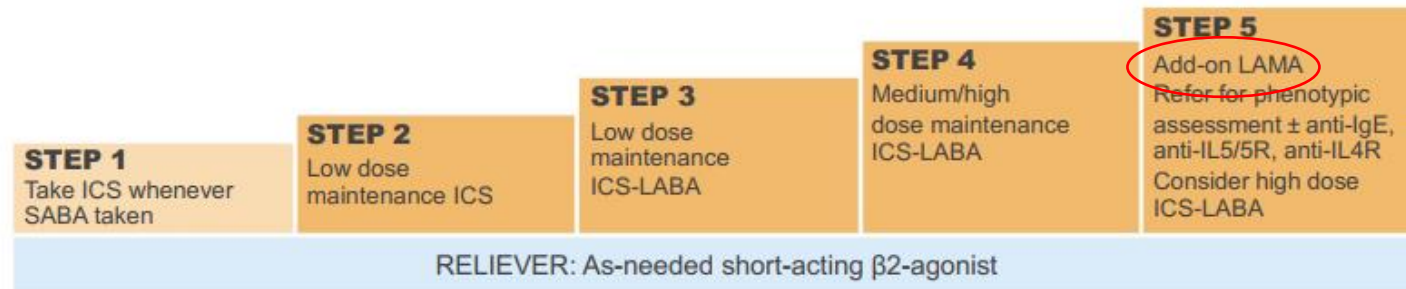
Personalized asthma management
Assess, Adjust, Review
for individual patient needs



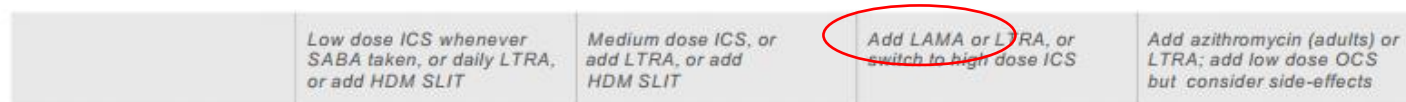
CONTROLLER and PREFERRED RELIEVER
(Track 1). Using ICS-formoterol as reliever reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever



CONTROLLER and ALTERNATIVE RELIEVER
(Track 2). Before considering a regimen with SABA reliever, check if the patient is likely to be adherent with daily controller



Other controller options for either track



'Two tracks' for asthma management

From Global Initiative for Asthma(GINA) What's new in GINA 2021 ?

- For clarity, the GINA figure shows two 'tracks'
 - **Track 1, with low dose ICS-FOR as the reliever, is the preferred approach**
 - **Track 2, with SABA as the reliever, is an alternative approach**
- Not distinguish between 'intermittent' and 'mild persistent' asthma
- To avoid confusion,
Severe asthma has been reworded that remains uncontrolled despite optimized treatment with high dose ICS-LABA without reference to GINA steps.
- **Add on LAMA, Azithromycin, Biologics**

Add-on lung-acting muscarinic antagonists (LAMA)

- Step 5 recommendations for add-on LAMA have been expanded to include combination ICS-LABA-LAMA, if asthma is persistently uncontrolled despite ICS-LABA

- Add-on tiotropium in separate inhaler (ages ≥ 6 years)
- Triple combinations (ages ≥ 18 years): beclometasone-formoterol-glycopyrronium; fluticasone furoate-vilanterol-umeclidinium; mometasone-indacaterol-glycopyrronium

- Lung function:

- Adding LAMA to medium or high dose ICS-LABA modestly improves lung function (Evidence A) but not symptoms

- Severe exacerbations

- In some studies, add-on LAMA modestly increased the time to severe exacerbation requiring OCS (Evidence B)
- For patients with exacerbations, it is important to ensure that the patient receives sufficient ICS, i.e. at least medium dose ICS-LABA, before considering adding a LAMA

ICS: inhaled corticosteroids; LABA: long-acting beta₂-agonist; LAMA: long-acting muscarinic antagonist; OCS: oral corticosteroids

2. LAMA as an add-on therapeutic option: Synergism

Muscarinic antagonists-New LAMAs

Table 1

Potency, onset and duration of action of muscarinic antagonists in inhibiting EFS-induced contraction of human bronchi (n = 6–7).

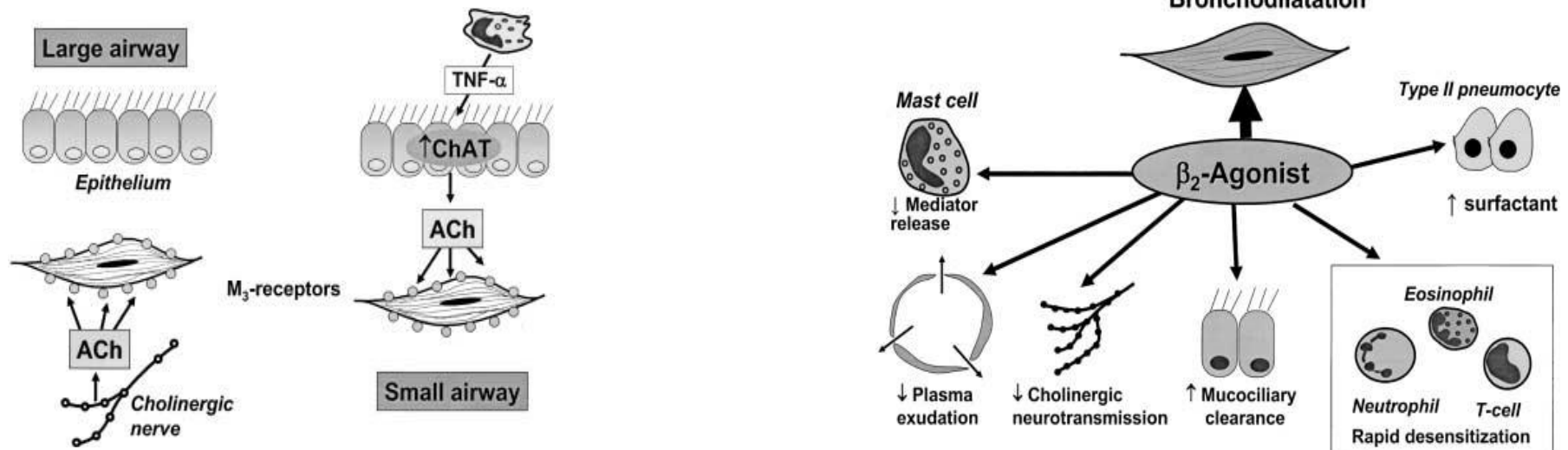
	Potency	Onset of action (min)			Offset of action (min)	
	pIC ₅₀	nM	T _{1/2} (min)	T _{max}	T _{1/2} (min)	% inhibition at 9 h
tiotropium Spiriva ®	9.75 ± 0.05	1	12 ± 3	34 ± 5	> 540	70 ± 8
glycopyrronium Seebri ®	9.37 ± 0.12	3	14 ± 3	36 ± 6	129 ± 40	26 ± 4
ipratropium Atrovent ®	9.00 ± 0.09	10	7 ± 1	30 ± 7	59 ± 27	33 ± 13
umeclidinium Incruse ®	8.88 ± 0.09	10	9 ± 2	55 ± 3	> 540	75 ± 3
aclidinium Eklira ®	8.61 ± 0.11	30	10 ± 3	47 ± 3	(200, > 540)	47 ± 7

Data are quoted as the mean (± SEM) of n independent experiments. pIC₅₀ are the values after the first hour of incubation (before washout). T_{1/2}: time to achieve 50% inhibition or recovery of EFS-induced contraction. T_{max}: time to achieve maximal inhibition. The onset and offset times were determined for 1 nM tiotropium, 3 nM glycopyrronium, 10 nM ipratropium, 10 nM umeclidinium and 30 nM aclidinium.

All the LAMAs : a long dissociation time at the hM3R and high tissue partitioning.
 : differ slightly in their onset of action
 : differ markedly in their duration of action and potency

LABA vs. LAMA in asthma

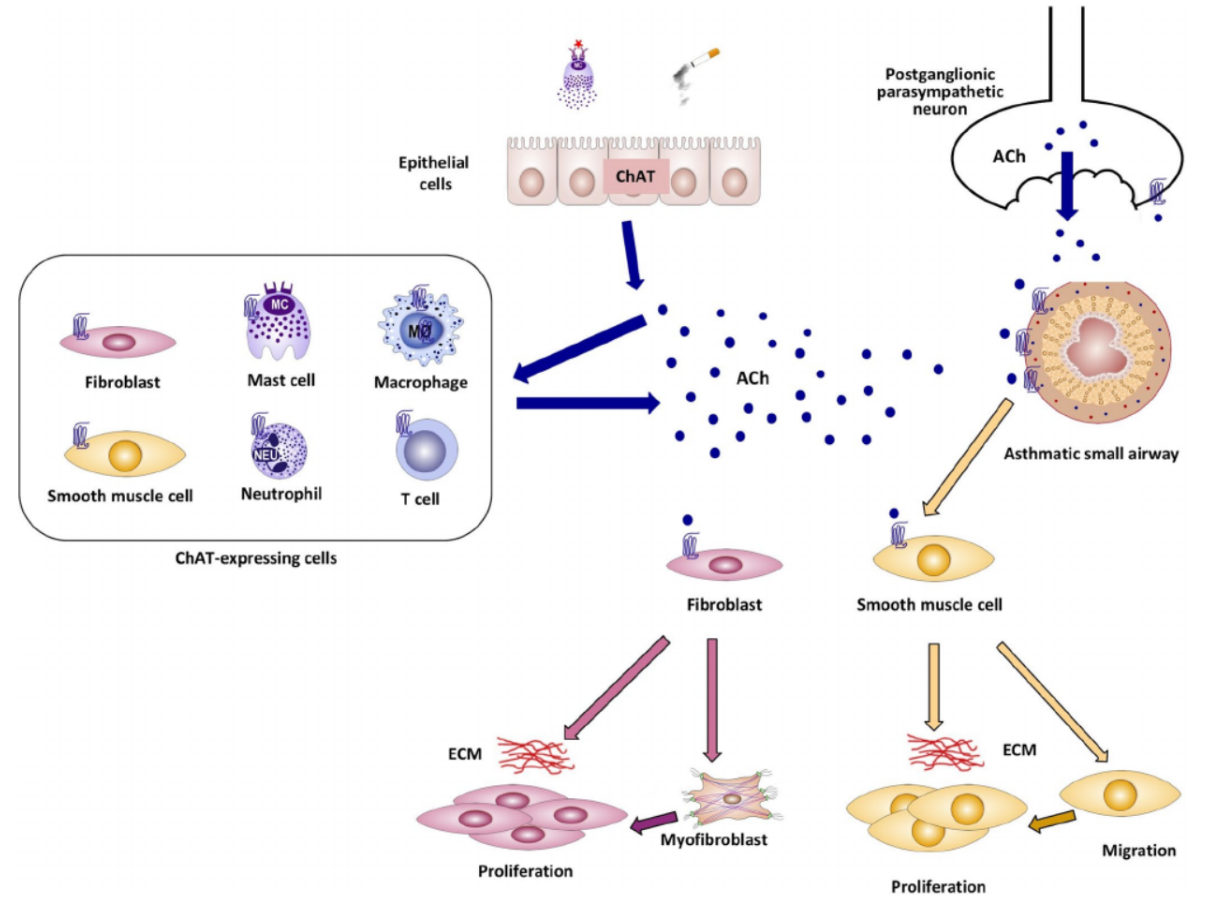
- **LABAs** are by far the most effective bronchodilators in **asthma**
- **LAMAs** are the most effective class of bronchodilator in patients with **COPD**
- In asthma, anticholinergics are considerably less effective as bronchodilators than B2-agonists, because they block only the cholinergic component of bronchoconstriction, which is usually minimal compared to the direct constrictor effects of mediators, such as cys-LTs.



LABA vs. LAMA in asthma

Cholinergic innervation in human peripheral airways

Structure	Branch generation	Distribution of mAChR subtypes and β -AR subtypes (abundance, fmol·mg ⁻¹ of protein)			
		M ₂ mAChR	M ₃ mAChR	β_1 -AR	β_2 -AR
Trachea	0				
Primary bronchi	1				
Secondary bronchi	2				
Tertiary bronchi	3	47	48	0	50
Small bronchi	4				
Bronchioles	5-7				
Terminal bronchioles	8-16	11	28	0	85
Respiratory bronchioles	17-19	27	0	98	205
Alveolar ducts and sacs	20-23				



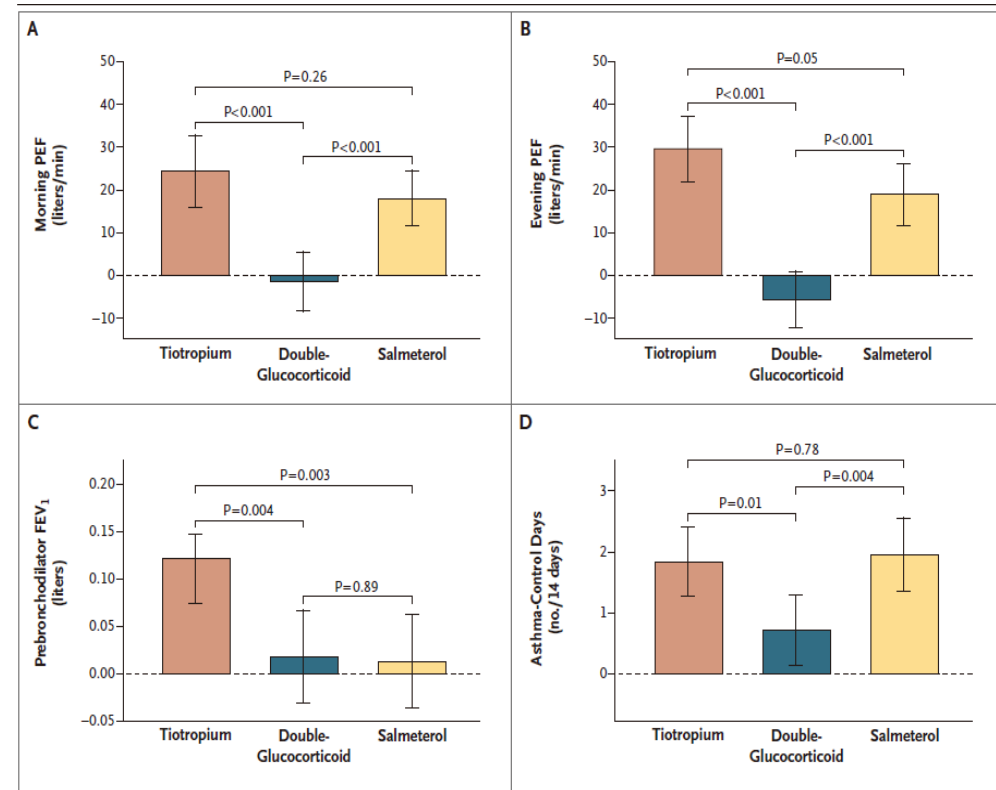
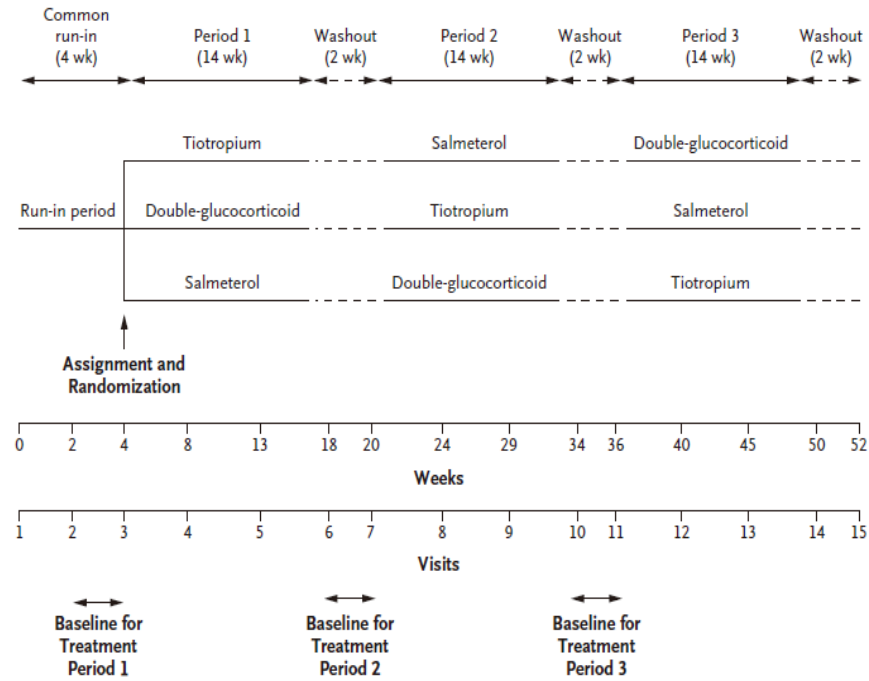
LABA vs. LAMA in asthma

TALC

- A three-way, double-blind, triple-dummy crossover trial (14 week/Period)
- Moderate asthma (n=210)
- Tio 5, Salmeterol, beclomethasone Double

Tiotropium Bromide Step-Up Therapy for Adults with Uncontrolled Asthma

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 Nikolina Icitovic, M.A.S., Wendy C. Moore, M.D., Rodolfo Pascual, M.D.,
 Bill T. Ameredes, Ph.D., Homer A. Boushey, M.D., William J. Calhoun, M.D.,
 Mario Castro, M.D., Reuben M. Cherniack, M.D., Timothy Craig, D.O.,



Its effects appeared to be equivalent to those with the addition of salmeterol.

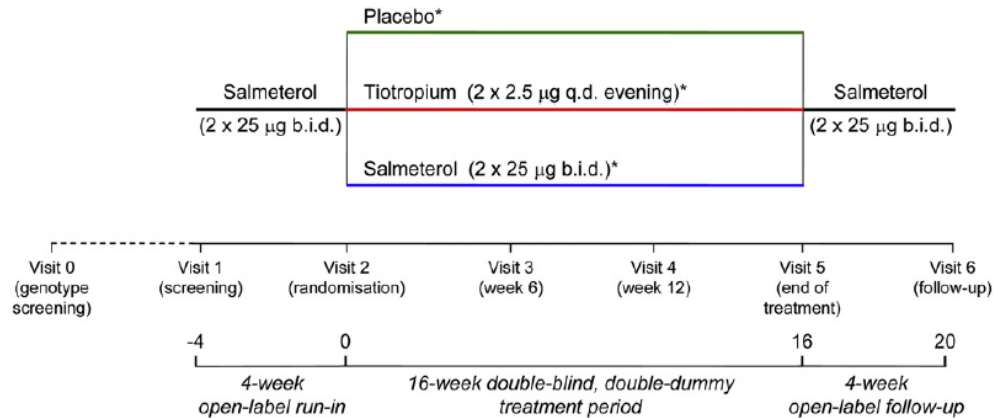
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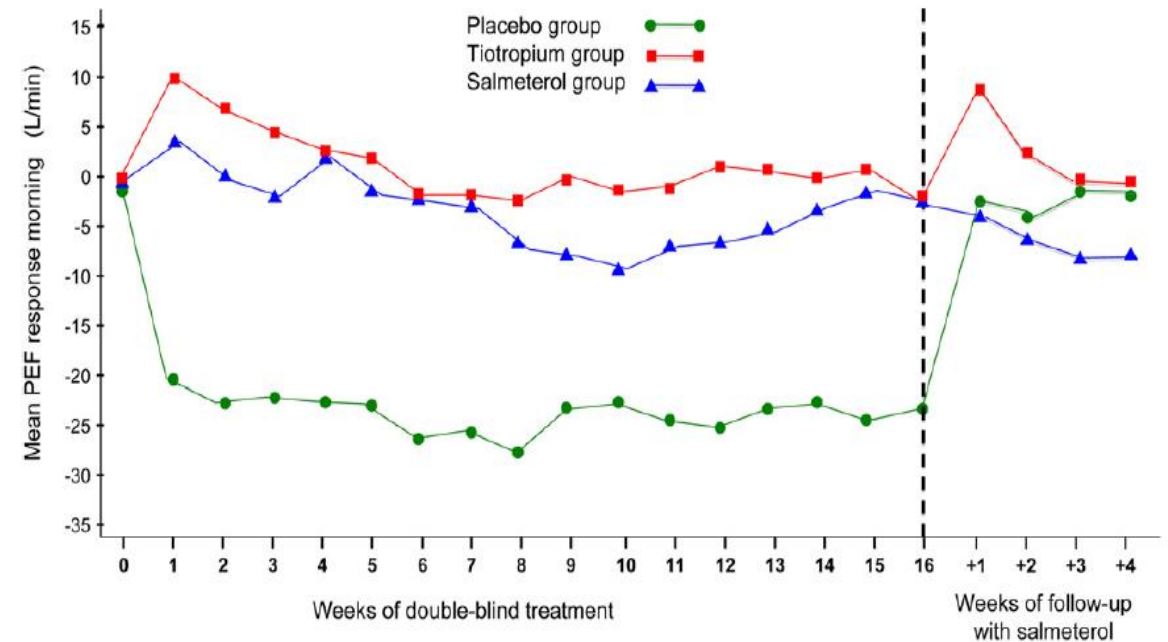
Tiotropium is noninferior to salmeterol in maintaining improved lung function in B16-Arg/Arg patients with asthma

Eric D. Bateman, MD,^a Oliver Kornmann, MD,^b Peter Schmidt, PhD,^c Anna Pivovarova, DiplStat,^c Michael Engel, MD,^c and Leonardo M. Fabbri, MD^d *Cape Town, South Africa, Frankfurt and Biberach, Germany, and Modena, Italy*

- Double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled trial (16 weeks)
- Moderate asthma
- Tio (n=128) Salmeterol (n=134) Placebo (n=126)



* All patients were on ICS maintenance therapy (400-1000 µg budesonide or equivalent/day). Salbutamol-MDI was permitted as rescue medication throughout the trial.



Numbers of patients
Double-blind treatment period: Placebo n=125 Tiotropium n=128 Salmeterol n=134
Follow-up period: Placebo n=118 Tiotropium n=121 Salmeterol n=127

Tiotropium was noninferior to salmeterol in the primary analysis based on the change in mean weekly morning PEF from baseline to the last week of treatment

LABA vs. LAMA in asthma

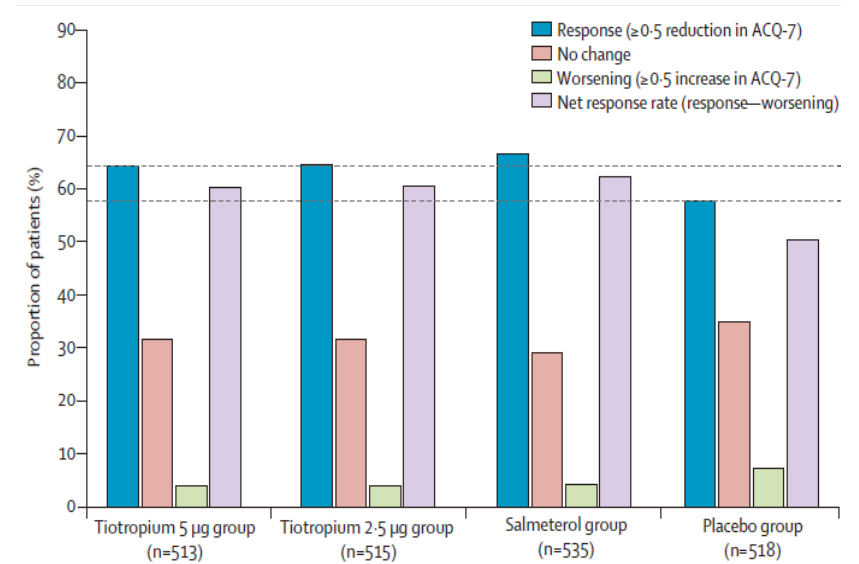
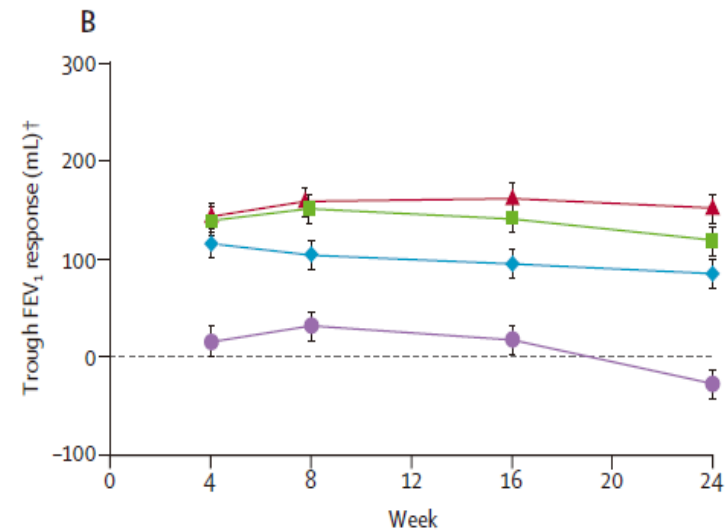
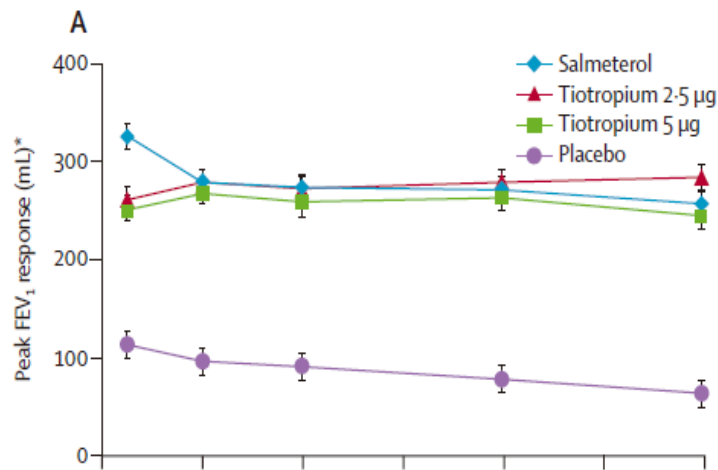
MezzoTinA

Tiotropium or salmeterol as add-on therapy to inhaled corticosteroids for patients with moderate symptomatic asthma: two replicate, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, active-comparator, randomised trials

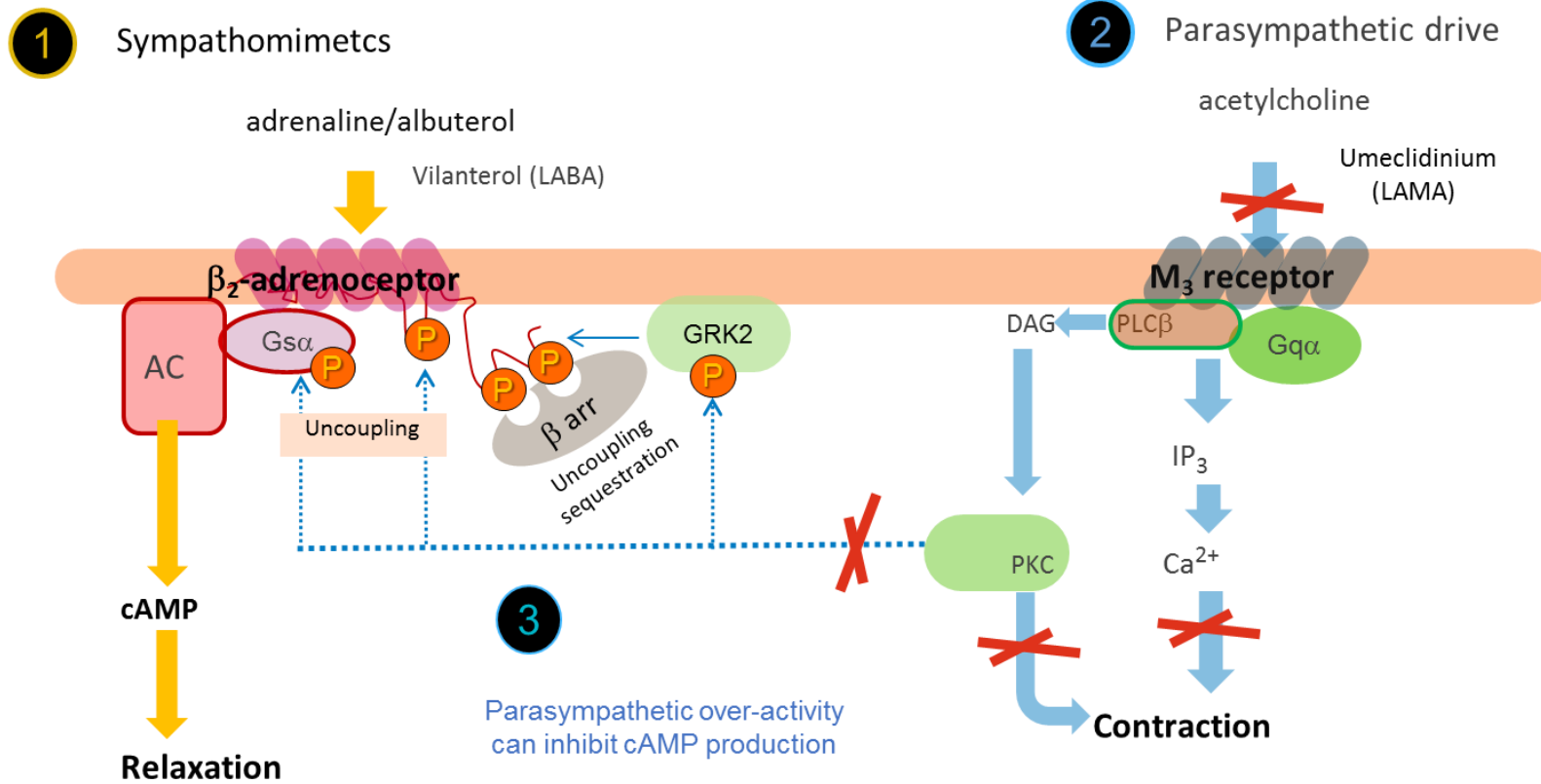


Huib A M Kerstjens, Thomas B Casale, Eugene R Bleecker, Eli O Meltzer, Emilio Pizzichini, Olaf Schmidt, Michael Engel, Loek Bour, Cynthia B Verkleij, Petra Moroni-Zentgraf, Eric D Bateman*

- Double blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel group, replicate (24 week)
- Moderate asthma, At least medium dose ICS
- Tio 5 ug (n=519) Tio 2.5ug (n=520) Salmeterol (n=541) Placebo (n=523)



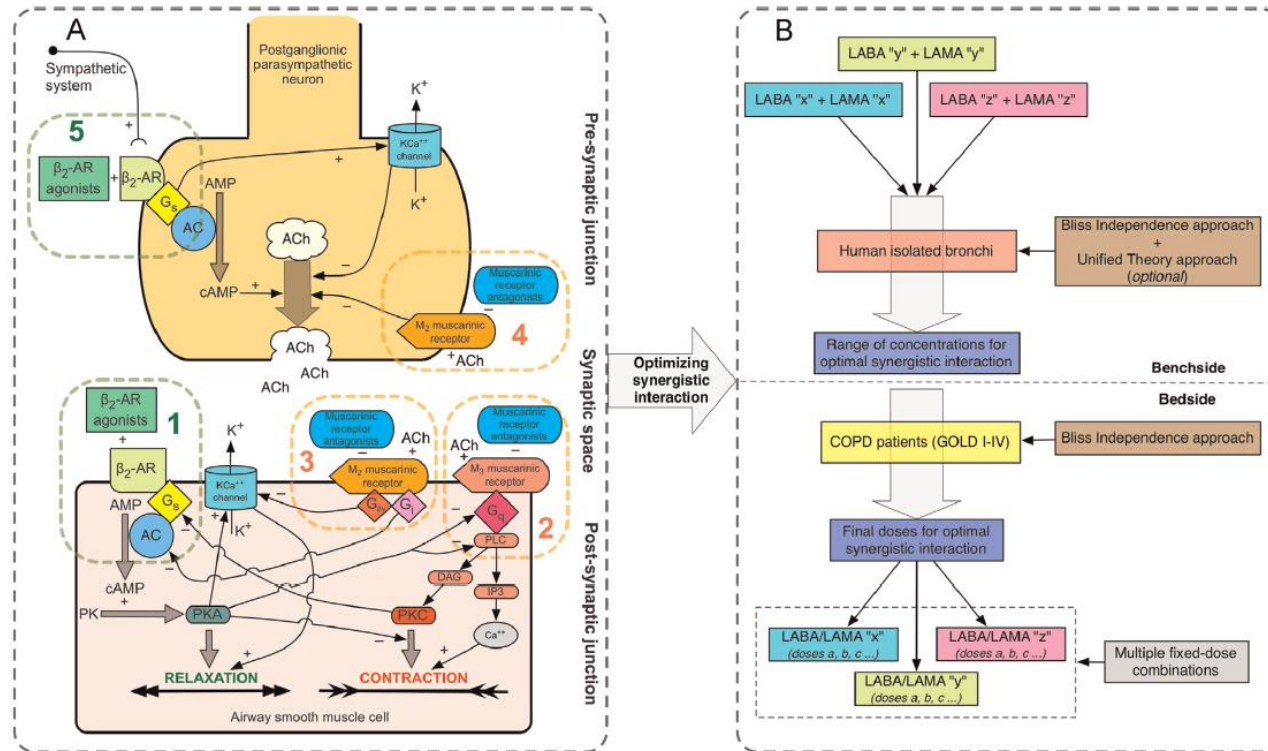
The pathways of dual bronchodilation: LABA-LAMA synergism



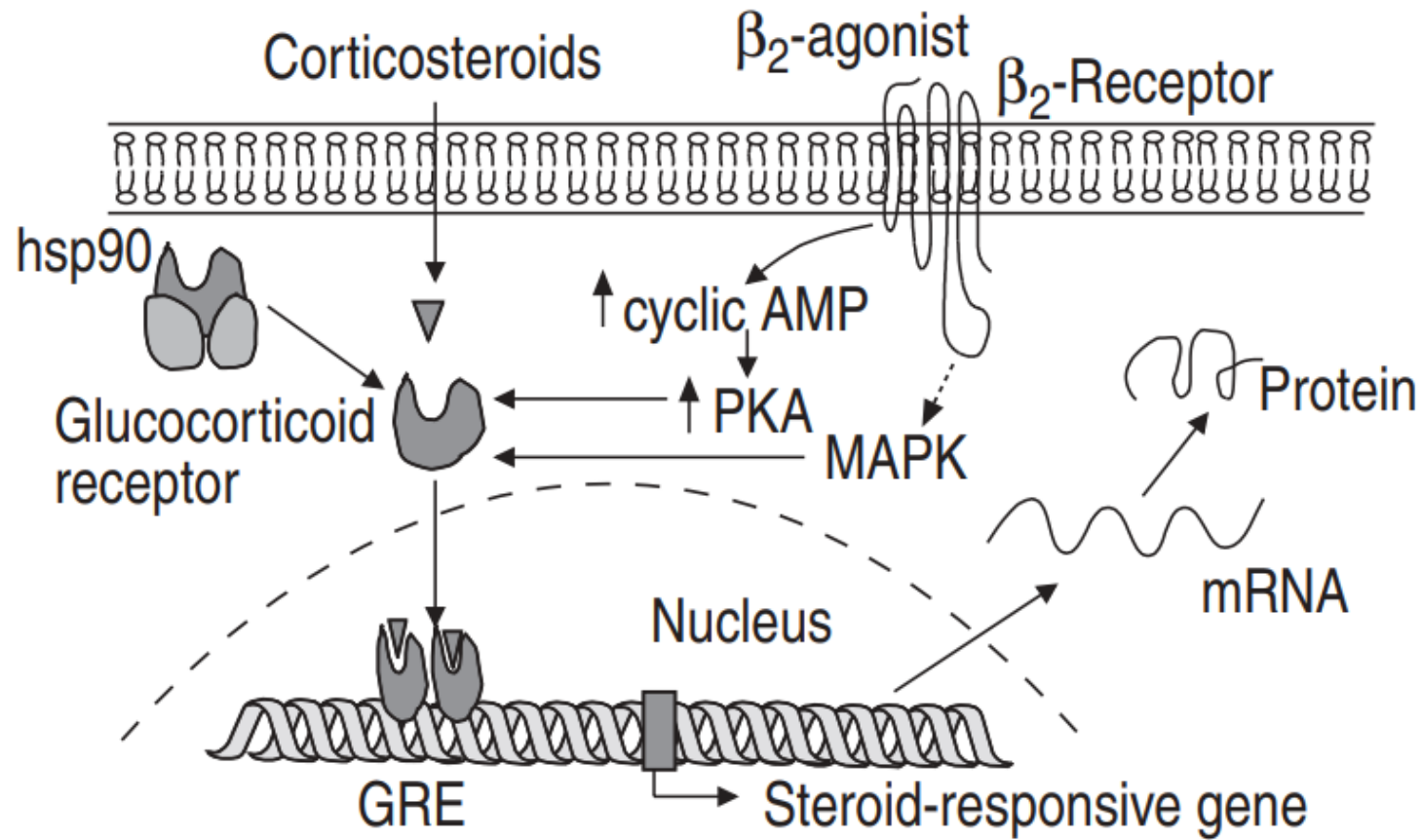
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Pharmacologic rationale for dual bronchodilation

- *β_2 agonist can reduce the release of acetylcholine in pre-junctional cholinergic nerves*
- *Crosstalk between muscarinic receptors and β_2 -adrenoceptors, causing functional antagonism at the level of the airway smooth muscle itself*
- *The anti-muscarinic agent can suppress mucus/fluid secretions*

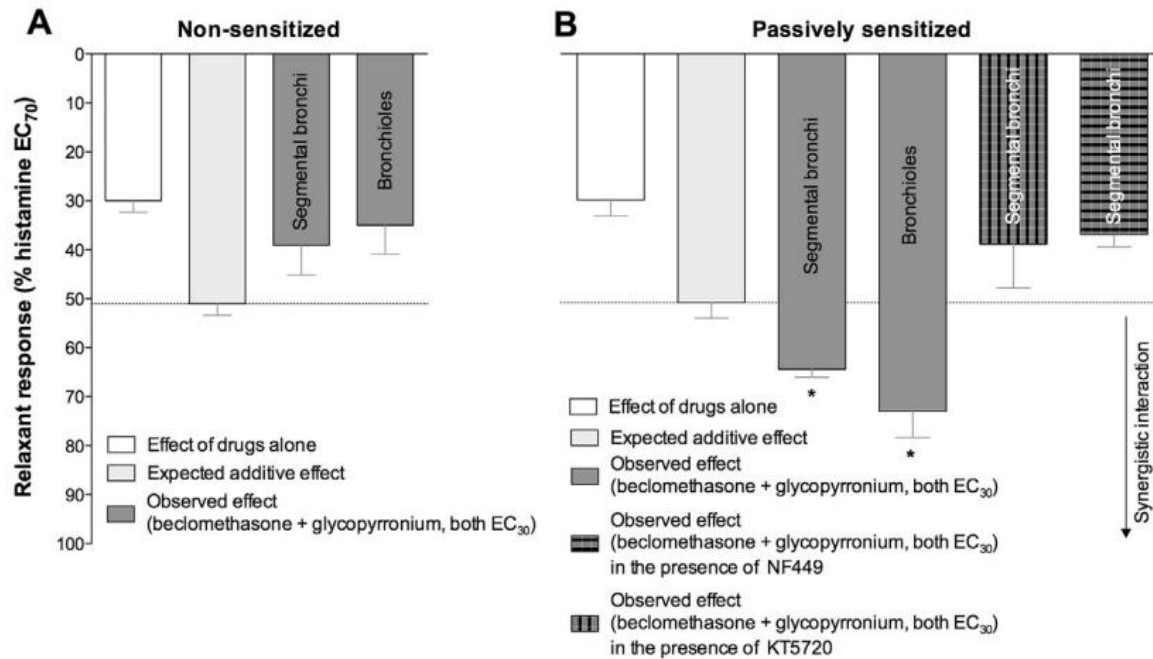


The pathways of ICS-LABA synergism



Experimental evidence for ICS-LAMA synergism

- The pharmacological mechanisms of the interactions between mAChR antagonists and ICS are **not yet clear**.



Interaction between corticosteroids and muscarinic antagonists in human airways

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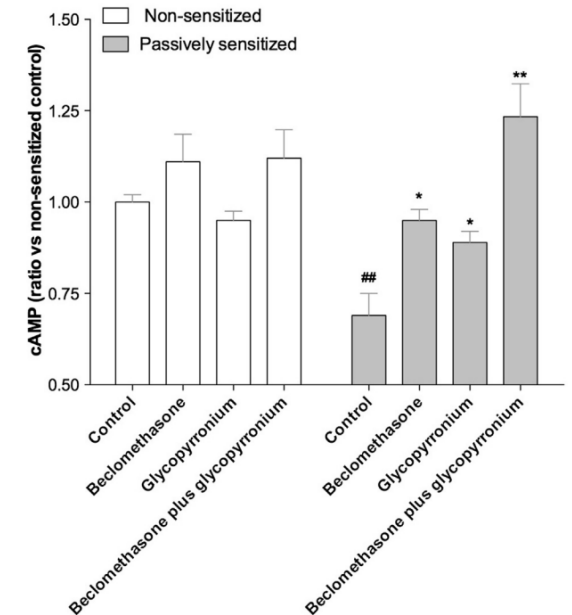
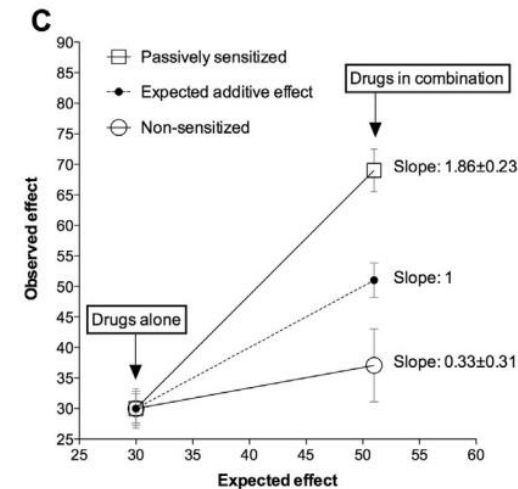
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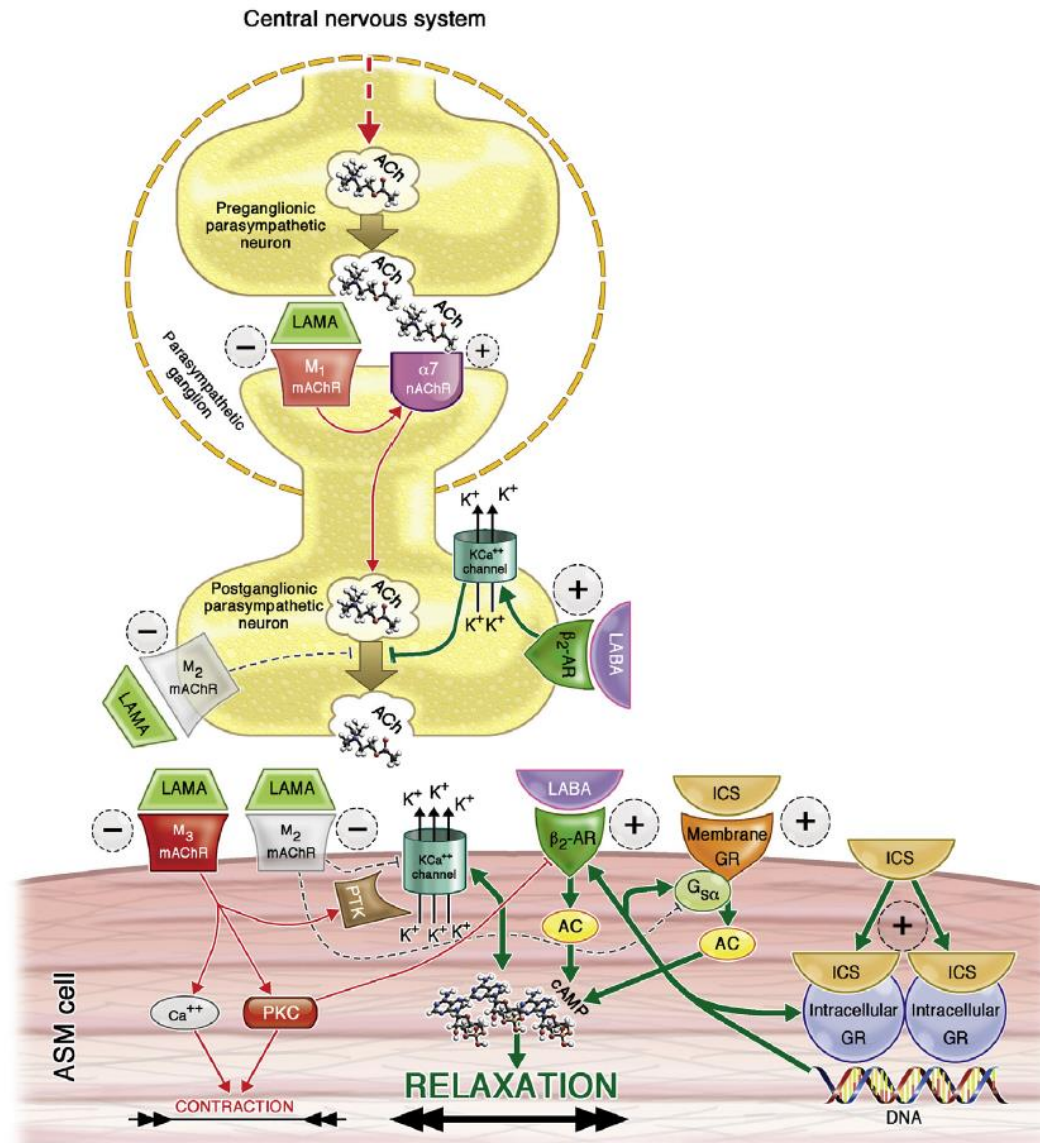
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The pharmacological optimization of bronchodilation and the rationale for triple therapy (ICS-LABA-LAMA)



3. Add-on Tiotropium therapy in uncontrolled asthma

Clinical trials of tiotropium in patients with asthma (1)

Clinical trial	Study design	Duration	Patient population	Treatment arms*	Key endpoints/objectives
Adults (18–75 years old)					
PrimoTinA-asthma [®] 1 and 2 (NCT00772538/ NCT00776984) 2012 ⁷	Two replicate double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel group, replicate studies	48 weeks	Symptomatic severe asthma receiving at least high-dose ICSs and LABA maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 456) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 456) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Trough FEV₁ • Time to first severe exacerbation • Safety[†]
MezzoTinA-asthma [®] 1 and 2 (NCT01172808/ NCT01172821) 2015 ⁸	Two replicate double-blind, randomized, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, parallel group, replicate studies	24 weeks	Symptomatic moderate asthma receiving at least medium-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 517) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 519) • Salmeterol (<i>n</i> = 541) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 523) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Trough FEV₁ • ACQ-7 responder rate • Safety[†]
GraziaTinA-asthma [®] (NCT01316380) 2016 ⁹	Placebo-controlled, randomized, parallel-group study	12 weeks	Symptomatic mild-to-moderate asthma receiving low-to-medium-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 155) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 154) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 155) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Safety[†]
CadenTinA-asthma [®] (NCT01340209) 2015 ¹⁰	Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study	52 weeks	Symptomatic moderate-to-severe asthma receiving at least medium-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 114) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 114) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 57) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety[†]

Clinical trials of tiotropium in patients with asthma (2)

Adolescents (12–17 years old)					
PensieTinA-asthma® (NCT01277523) 2017 ¹¹	Double-blind, randomized, parallel-group study	12 weeks	Symptomatic severe asthma receiving high-dose ICSs plus ≥1 controller or medium-dose ICSs plus ≥2 controllers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 130) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 127) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 135) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Safety[†]
RubaTinA-asthma® (NCT01257230) 2016 ¹²	Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study	48 weeks	Symptomatic moderate asthma receiving at least medium-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 134) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 125) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 138) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Safety[†]
Children (6–11 years old)					
VivaTinA-asthma® (NCT01634152) 2017 ¹³	Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study	12 weeks	Symptomatic severe asthma receiving high-dose ICSs + ≥1 controller or medium-dose ICSs with ≥2 controllers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 130) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 136) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 134) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Safety[†]
CanoTinA-asthma® (NCT01634139) 2018 ¹⁴	Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study	48 weeks	Symptomatic moderate asthma receiving at least medium-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 135) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 135) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 131) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peak FEV_{1(0-3 h)} • Safety[†]
Children (1–5 years old)					
NinoTinA-asthma® (NCT01634113) 2018 ¹⁵	Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study	12 weeks	Persistent asthmatic symptoms for ≥6 months receiving at least stable-dose ICSs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tio 5 µg (<i>n</i> = 31) • Tio 2.5 µg (<i>n</i> = 36) • Placebo (<i>n</i> = 34) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety[†]

Add-on Tiotropium to ICS-LABA in asthma

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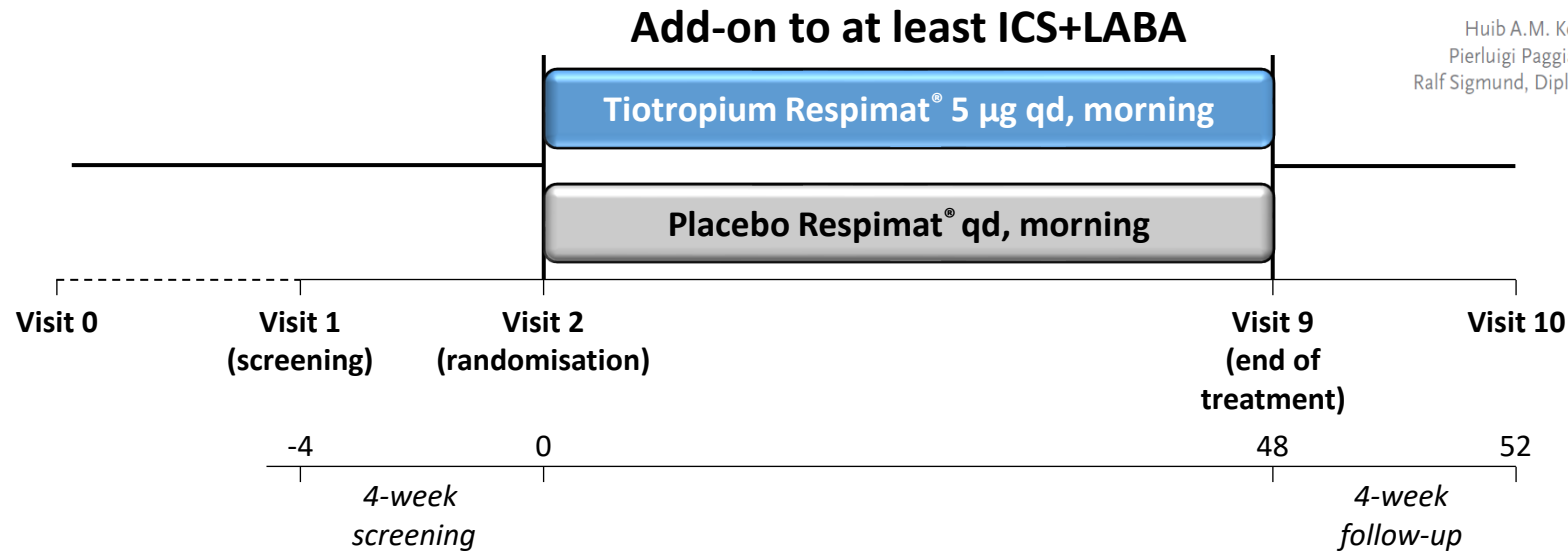
Study design: double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled, parallel-group (twin trials)

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Tiotropium in Asthma Poorly Controlled with Standard Combination Therapy

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Three co-primary endpoints: hierarchical testing

1. FEV₁ peak (0-3 h) after 24 weeks

2. FEV₁ trough after 24 weeks

3. Time to first severe asthma exacerbation in pooled* analysis after 48 weeks

All patients at least on ICS maintenance therapy (≥800 µg budesonide or equivalent/day)+LABA

148 centres, 5 continents

Kerstjens et al. *NEJM* 2012;367:1198-1207.

FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; LABA, long-acting β₂-agonist; qd, once daily

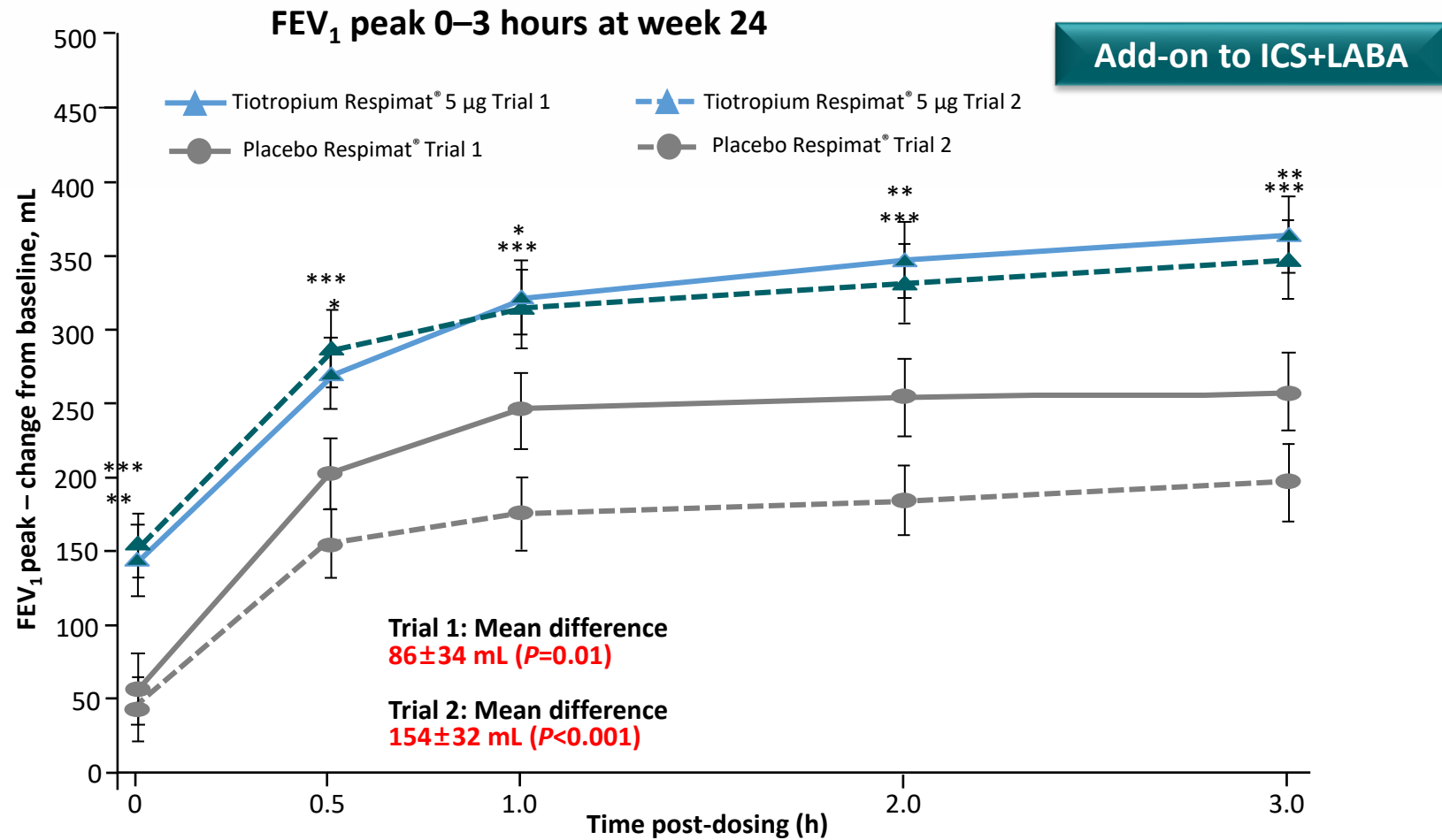
* Pre-specified dataset of trial 1 + trial 2

Main inclusion criteria

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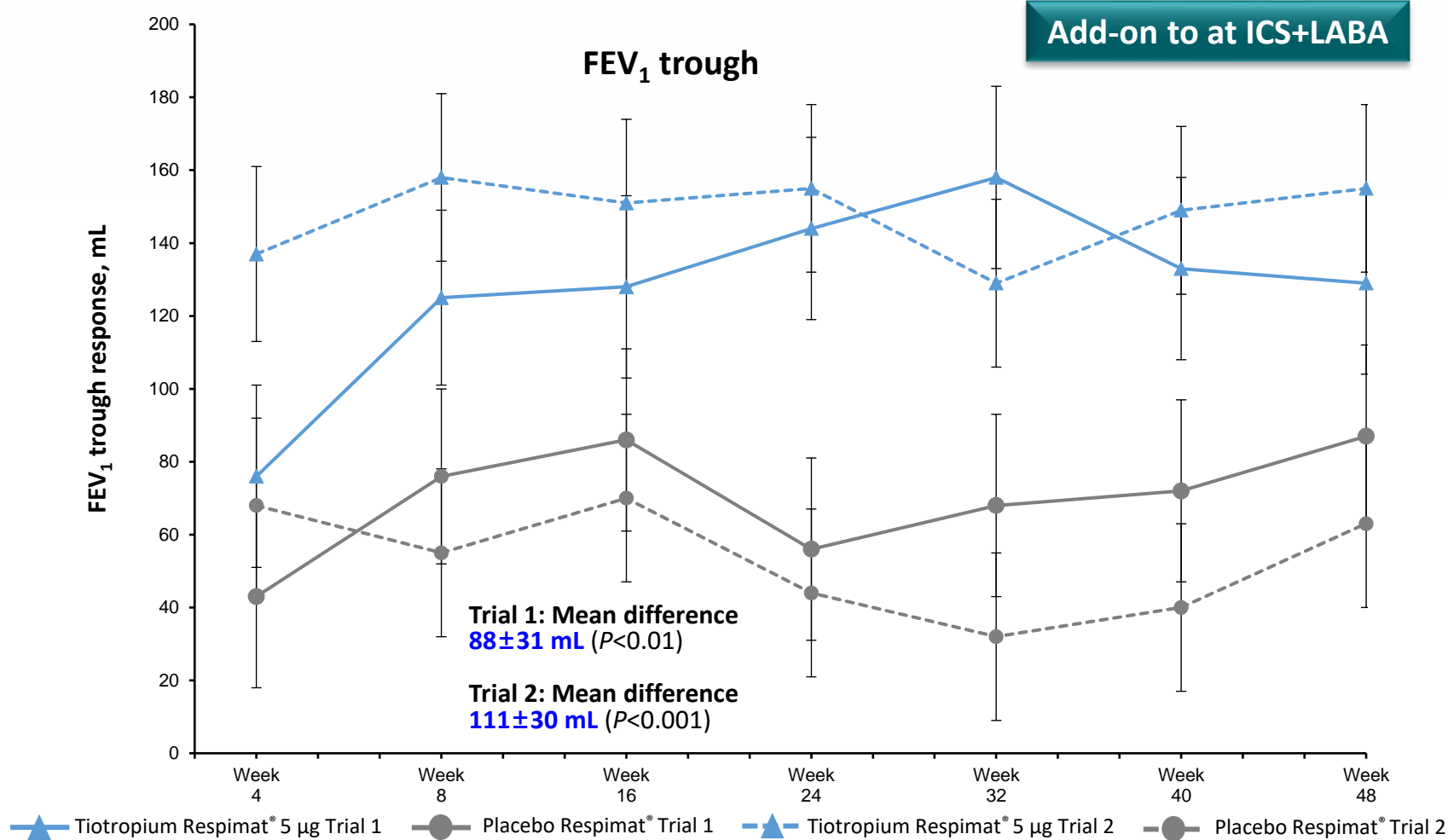
- **Asthma diagnosis**
 - Asthma diagnosed at age <40 years, documented by BHR, PEF variability, or SABA or OCS response
 - 5-year history of asthma
 - 18–75 years
 - Never-smoker or ex-smoker ≥ 1 year cessation and <10 pack-years
 - **Symptomatic asthma**
 - Uncontrolled despite ICS+LABA and potential other controllers
 - Mandatory: high-dose ICS (≥ 800 μg budesonide equivalent)+LABA
 - Permitted: stable theophylline, leukotriene modifiers, omalizumab, oral steroids (≤ 5 mg/day)
 - ACQ ≥ 1.5 at screening and baseline visit
- Lung function**
- Post-bronchodilator FEV₁ $\leq 80\%$ predicted; FEV₁/FVC $\leq 70\%$ at screening
- Exacerbations**
- At least one severe asthma exacerbation in previous year treated with systemic steroids

Tiotropium Respimat[®] was associated with a significant improvement in FEV₁ peak in **Primo Tina**



Kerstjens H, et al. *N Engl J Med* 2012;367:1198–1207.
 FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid;
 LABA, long-acting β₂-agonist.
 *P<0.05; **P<0.01; ***P<0.0001. Error bars represent standard errors

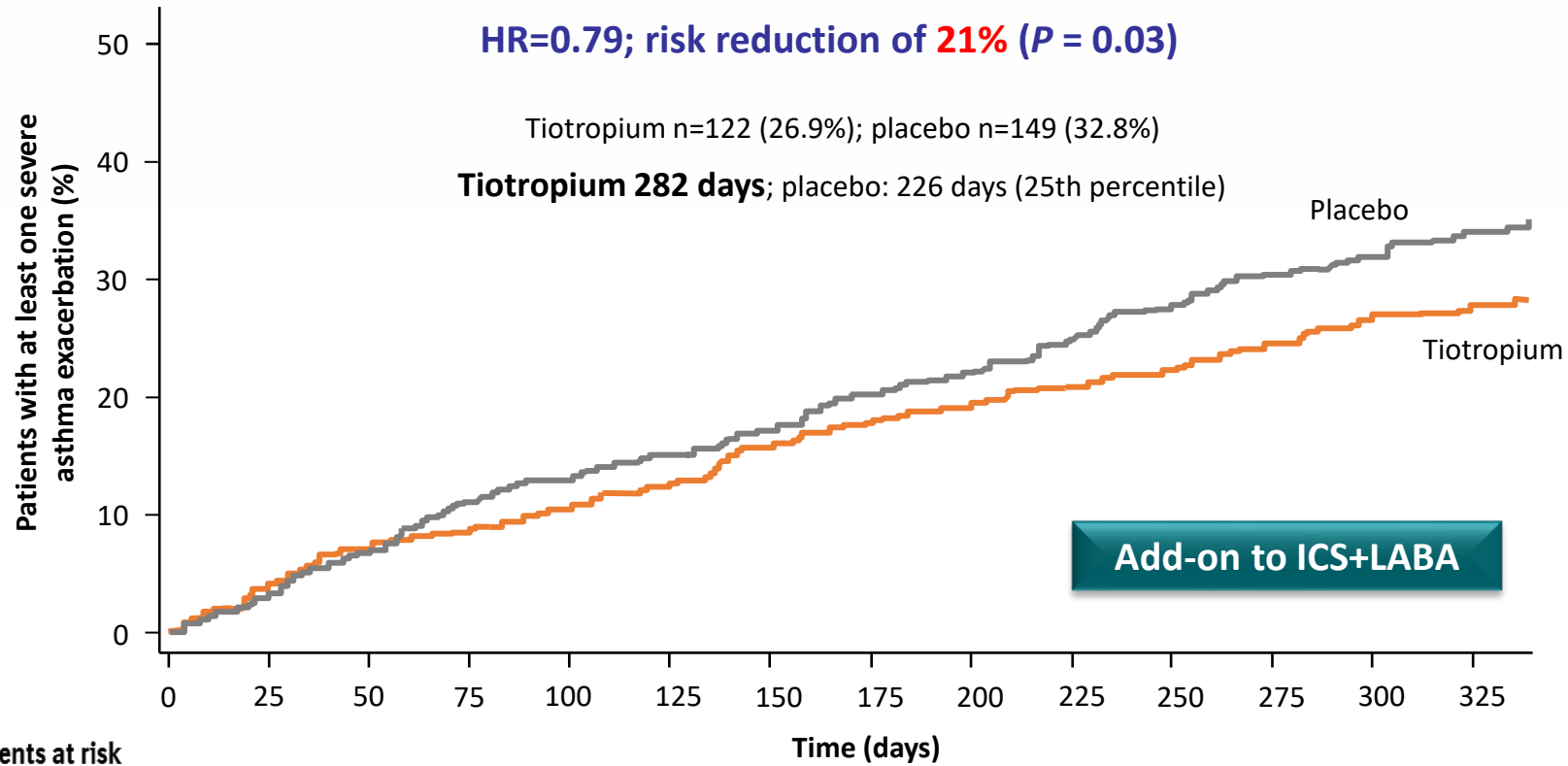
Significant lung function improvement in FEV₁ trough in **Primo TinA**



Kerstjens et al. *NEJM* 2012;367:1198-1207.

*P<0.05; **P<0.01; ***P<0.0001. Error bars represent standard errors

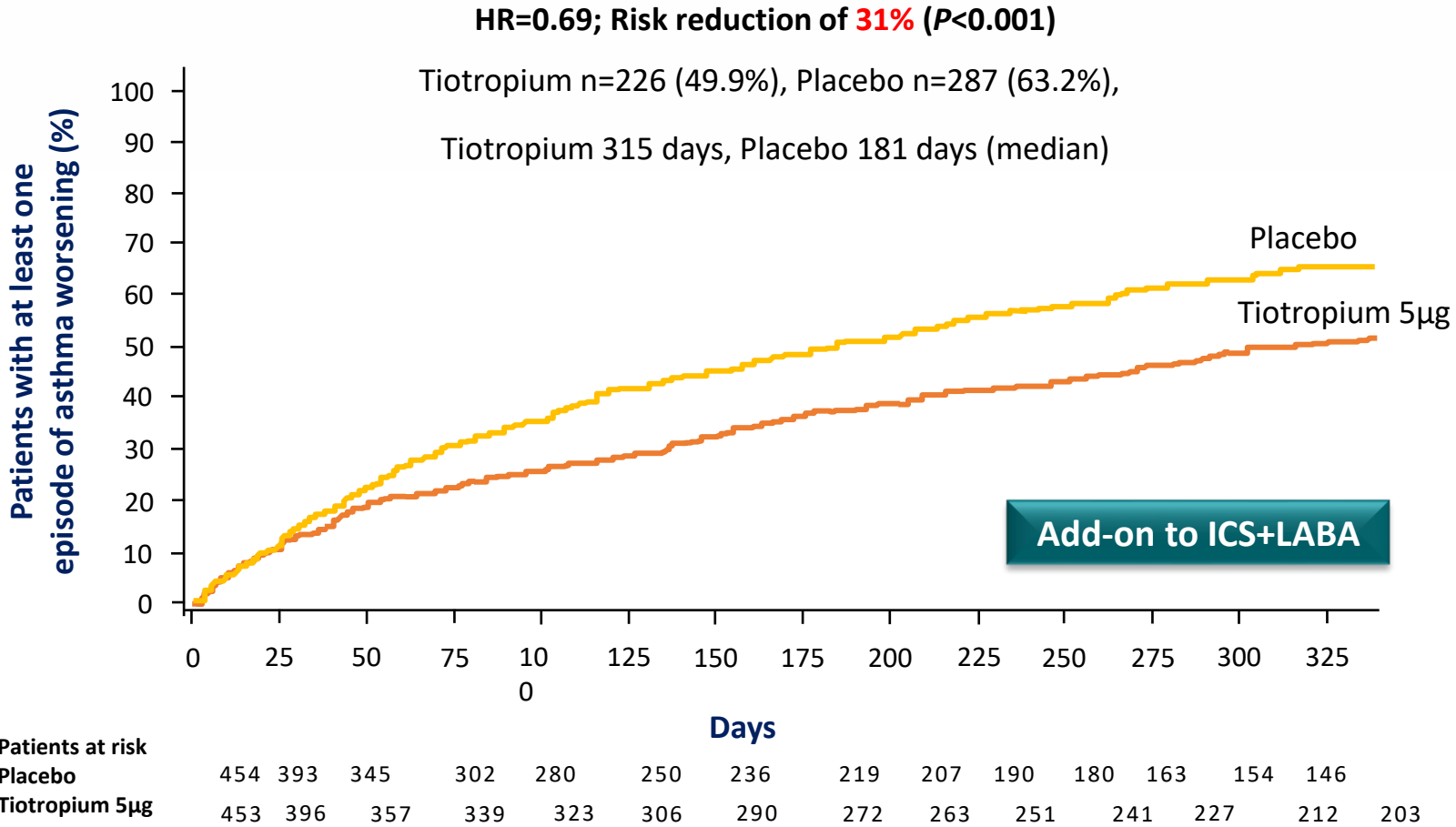
Severe asthma exacerbations in **Primo TinA**



Patients at risk

Placebo	454	435	412	388	379	367	356	339	332	319	303	290	282	272
Tiotropium	453	430	409	401	389	378	363	353	348	339	331	319	308	298

Episodes of asthma worsening in **Primo TinA**



Kerstjens et al. *NEJM* 2012;367:1198-1207.

Adverse events: Overall summary- **Primo TinA**

	Tiotropium Respimat® n (%)	Placebo Respimat® n (%)
Number of patients	456 (100.0)	456 (100.0)
Total with any adverse event	335 (73.5)	366 (80.3)
Drug-related adverse event as defined by Investigator	26 (5.7)	21 (4.6)
Serious adverse event	37 (8.1)	40 (8.8)

No deaths occurred.

Kerstjens et al. *NEJM* 2012;367:1198-1207.

AE, adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event

ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; LABA, long-acting β_2 -agonist

Serious adverse events: Overall summary- **Primo TinA**

	Tiotropium Respimat® 5 µg, n (%)	Placebo Respimat® n (%)
Patients with serious AEs	37 (8.1)	40 (8.8)
Fatal	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Immediately life threatening	3 (0.7)	0 (0.0)
Disability/incapacity	2 (0.4)	0 (0.0)
Requires hospitalisation	35 (7.7)	39 (8.6)
Prolonged hospitalisation	3 (0.7)	1 (0.2)
Congenital anomaly	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)
Other	3 (0.7)	0 (0.0)

A patient may be counted in more than one seriousness criterion. Percentages are calculated using total number of patients per treatment as the denominator.

Adverse events reported by >2% of randomised patients in pooled groups

Primo TinA

	Tiotropium Respimat® n (%)	Placebo Respimat® n (%)
Patients with any AE, n (%)	335 (73.5)	366 (80.3)
Asthma	182 (39.9)	232 (50.9)*
Nasopharyngitis	51 (11.2)	56 (12.3)
Peak expiratory flow rate decreased	93 (20.4)	122 (26.8)
Headache	29 (6.4)	33 (7.2)
Bronchitis	25 (5.5)	20 (4.4)
Sinusitis	16 (3.5)	22 (4.8)
Upper respiratory tract infection	21 (4.6)	16 (3.5)
Influenza	20 (4.4)	14 (3.1)
Cough	13 (2.9)	13 (2.9)
Rhinitis allergic	13 (2.9)*	3 (0.7)
Pneumonia	12 (2.6)	7 (1.5)
Back pain	11 (2.4)	12 (2.6)
Arthralgia	10 (2.2)	9 (2.0)
Dysphonia	10 (2.2)	8 (1.8)
Oropharyngeal pain	9 (2.0)	11 (2.4)
Diarrhoea	8 (1.8)	10 (2.2)
Respiratory tract infection	7 (1.5)	11 (2.4)
Hypertension	6 (1.3)	10 (2.2)
Insomnia	2 (0.4)	10 (2.2)*

Add-on tiotropium independent of phenotypes

Primo TinA/MezzoTin A-subgroup analysis

Tiotropium Decreases The Risk Of Exacerbations In Patients With Symptomatic Asthma Regardless Of Baseline Characteristics

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- Basic demographics, BMI, disease characteristics, allergic status, medications including omalizumab and OCS...

Original Article

Tiotropium Respimat Add-on Is Efficacious in Symptomatic Asthma, Independent of T2 Phenotype



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End point	Trial pool	Treatment effect, 95% CI, P value
Peak FEV ₁	PrimoTinA-asthma 5 µg	Mean difference 0.110 (0.063-0.158), P < .0001
Peak FEV ₁	MezzoTinA-asthma 5 µg	Mean difference 0.185 (0.146-0.223), P < .0001
Peak FEV ₁	MezzoTinA-asthma 2.5 µg	Mean difference 0.223 (0.185-0.262), P < .0001
Trough FEV ₁	PrimoTinA-asthma 5 µg	Mean difference 0.093 (0.050-0.137), P < .0001
Trough FEV ₁	MezzoTinA-asthma 5 µg	Mean difference 0.146 (0.105-0.188), P < .0001
Trough FEV ₁	MezzoTinA-asthma 2.5 µg	Mean difference 0.180 (0.138-0.221), P < .0001
Severe exacerbations	PrimoTinA-asthma 5 µg	HR 0.79 (0.62-1.00), P = .0343
Severe exacerbations	MezzoTinA-asthma 5 µg	HR 0.72 (0.45-1.14), P = .1644
Severe exacerbations	MezzoTinA-asthma 2.5 µg	HR 0.50 (0.30-0.84), P = .0084
Asthma worsening	PrimoTinA-asthma 5 µg	HR 0.69 (0.58-0.82), P < .0001
Asthma worsening	MezzoTinA-asthma 5 µg	HR 0.87 (0.69-1.08), P = .2112
Asthma worsening	MezzoTinA-asthma 2.5 µg	HR 0.66 (0.52-0.84), P = .0007
ACQ-7 responder	PrimoTinA-asthma 5 µg	OR 1.32 (1.01-1.73), P = .0427
ACQ-7 responder	MezzoTinA-asthma 5 µg	OR 1.32 (1.02-1.71), P = .0348
ACQ-7 responder	MezzoTinA-asthma 2.5 µg	OR 1.33 (1.03-1.72), P = .0308

Add-on Tiotropium to ICS or ICS-LABA in asthma

Caden TinA

- **Double blind, randomized, placebo controlled, parallel (52 weeks)**
- **Moderate to severe asthma**
- Tio 5ug (n=114) Tio 2.5ug (n=114) Placebo (n=57)

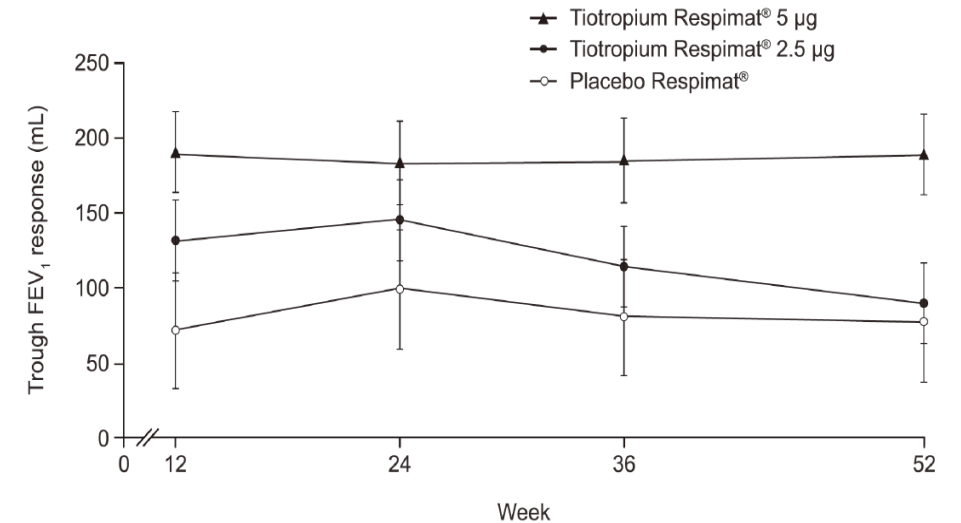
RESEARCH ARTICLE

Long-Term Once-Daily Tiotropium Respimat[®] Is Well Tolerated and Maintains Efficacy over 52 Weeks in Patients with Symptomatic Asthma in Japan: A Randomised, Placebo-Controlled Study

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Table 2. Overall summary of adverse events (treated set).

n (%)	Tiotropium Respimat 5 µg (n = 114) ^a	Tiotropium Respimat 2.5 µg (n = 114) ^a	Placebo Respimat (n = 57) ^a
Any AE	101 (88.6)	99 (86.8)	51 (89.5)
Severe AEs	2 (1.8)	1 (0.9)	3 (5.3)
Drug-related AEs ^b	10 (8.8)	6 (5.3)	3 (5.3)
AEs leading to discontinuation	2 (1.8)	1 (0.9)	1 (1.8)
Significant (pre-specified) AEs ^c	0	0	0
Serious AEs	4 (3.5)	4 (3.5)	9 (15.8)
Requiring hospitalisation	4 (3.5)	4 (3.5)	7 (12.3)
Drug-related	0	0	1 (1.8) ^d
Fatal	0	0	0
Other	0	0	2 (3.5)



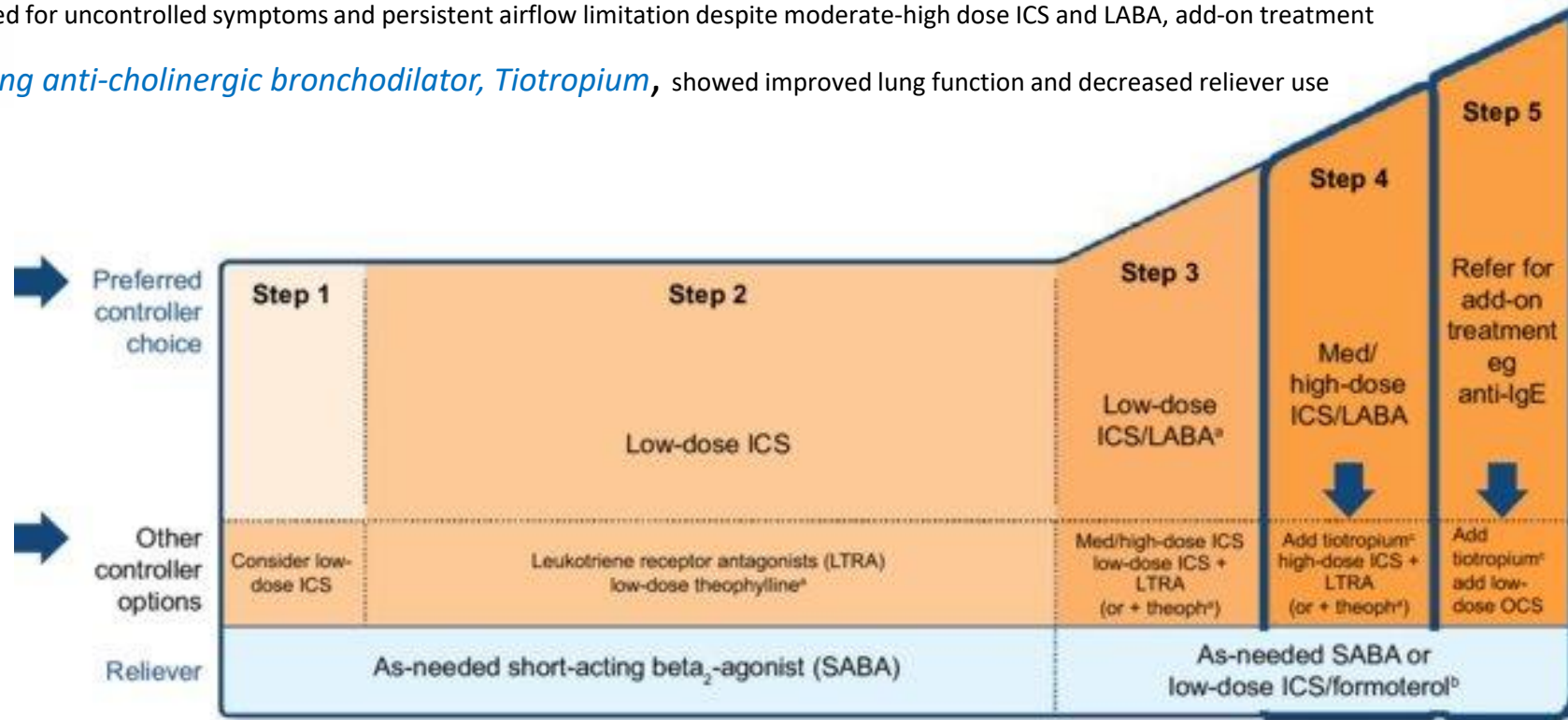
2015 GINA Guideline

Note the recommendation to add tiotropium in steps 4 and 5, after maximizing other medical therapy

- **Add-on treatments without phenotyping**

- ... In patients selected for uncontrolled symptoms and persistent airflow limitation despite moderate-high dose ICS and LABA, add-on treatment

with the *long acting anti-cholinergic bronchodilator, Tiotropium*, showed improved lung function and decreased reliever use



4. Triple therapy in a single inhaler: a new option for uncontrolled asthma

Triple therapy combinations of ICS-LABA-LAMA in a single inhaler (SITT)

Drug Class	Generic Name	Form	Dose
LABA/LAMA/ ICS	Formoterol/tiotropium/ciclesonide	Inhalation powder	12/18/400 μg once-a-day
	Formoterol/glycopyrronium/beclomethasone dipropionate	Inhalation spray	5/11/87 μg twice-a-day
	Vilanterol/umeclidinium/fluticasone furoate	Inhalation powder	22/65/92 μg once-a-day
	Formoterol/glycopyrronium/budesonide	Inhalation aerosol	9.6/14.4/320 μg twice-a-day
	Indacaterol/glycopyrronium/mometasone furoate	Inhalation powder	150/50/80 or 160 μg once-a-day



- Several triple therapy combinations of ICS-LABA-LAMA in a single inhaler (SITT) have been marketed
- 2021 GINA recommends adding a LAMA in patients aged ≥ 18 years who, despite being adherent to inhaled LABA combined with medium or high doses ICS, still experience symptoms or exacerbations

Key SITT studies in patients with asthma

Study	Single-inhaler triple therapy	Comparator(s)	Population	Primary endpoint(s)	Key secondary endpoint(s)
TRIMARAN and TRIGGER (Virchow et al) [47]	BDP/FF/G (TRIMARAN 100/6/10 µg; TRIGGER 200/6/10 µg, both 2 inhalations BID)	TRIMARAN: BDP/FF 100/6 µg, 2 inhalations BID TRIGGER: BDP/FF 200/6 µg, 2 inhalations BID, and BDP/FF 200/6 µg, 2 inhalations BID plus tiotropium 2.5 µg, 2 inhalations OD	Pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁ <80% predicted; reversibility >12% and >200 mL; ACQ-7 ≥1.5; ≥1 exacerbation in the previous year; stable dose of ICS/LABA for ≥4 weeks before study entry (TRIMARAN medium ICS dose; TRIGGER high ICS dose)	Morning pre-dose FEV ₁ at Week 26 and rate of moderate and severe exacerbations over 52 weeks	Peak FEV ₁ at Week 26 and average morning PEF over the first 26 weeks in each study, and the rate of severe exacerbations using data pooled from the two studies.
IRIDIUM (Kerstjens et al) [48]	MF/IND/GLY 80/150/50 and 160/150/50 µg, both 1 inhalation OD	MF/IND 160/150 and 320/150 µg 1 inhalation OD; FLU/SAL 500/50 µg 1 inhalation BID	Pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁ <80% predicted; reversibility ≥12% and ≥200 mL; ACQ-7 ≥1.5; ≥1 exacerbation in the previous year; medium/high-dose ICS/LABA for ≥3 months, stable for ≥1 month before study entry	Trough FEV ₁ at Week 26	ACQ-7 at Week 26
ARGON (Gessner et al) [49]	MF/IND/GLY 80/150/50 and 160/150/50 µg OD	FLU/SAL 500/50 µg BID + tiotropium 5 µg OD	Pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁ <85% predicted; reversibility ≥12% and ≥200 mL; ACQ-7 ≥1.5; ≥1 exacerbation in the previous year; stable medium/high-dose ICS/LABA	AQLQ at Week 24 (non-inferiority)	Not applicable
CAPTAIN (Lee et al) [50]	FluF/UMEC/VI 100/31.25/25, 100/62.5/25, 200/31.25/25, and 200/62.5/25 µg, 1 inhalation OD	FluF/VI 100/25, 200/25 µg, 1 inhalation OD	Pre-bronchodilator FEV ₁ 30–80% predicted; reversibility ≥12% and ≥200 mL; ACQ-6 ≥1.5; ≥1 healthcare contact or change in therapy for acute asthma symptoms in the previous year; medium/high-dose ICS/LABA for ≥12 weeks, stable for ≥6 weeks	Trough FEV ₁ at Week 24	Annualised rate of moderate and/or severe exacerbations



BDP, beclometasone dipropionate; FF, formoterol fumarate; G, glycopyrronium; BID, twice daily; OD, once daily; FEV₁, forced expiratory volume in 1 second; ACQ, Asthma Control Questionnaire; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid; LABA, long-acting β₂-agonist; PEF, peak expiratory flow; MF, mometasone furoate; IND, indacaterol acetate; GLY, glycopyrronium bromide; FLU, fluticasone; SAL, salmeterol; AQLQ, Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire; FluF, fluticasone furoate; UMEC, umeclidinium; VI, vilanterol.

Key SITT studies in patients with asthma, ongoing

KALOS (NCT04609878) study

Study Type :	Interventional (Clinical Trial)
Estimated Enrollment :	2800 participants
Allocation:	Randomized
Intervention Model:	Parallel Assignment
Masking:	Quadruple (Participant, Care Provider, Investigator, Outcomes Assessor)
Primary Purpose:	Treatment
Official Title:	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Double Dummy, Parallel Group, Multicenter Variable Length Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of PT010 Relative to PT009 and Symbicort® in Adult and Adolescent Participants With Inadequately Controlled Asthma
Actual Study Start Date :	December 15, 2020
Estimated Primary Completion Date :	July 25, 2023
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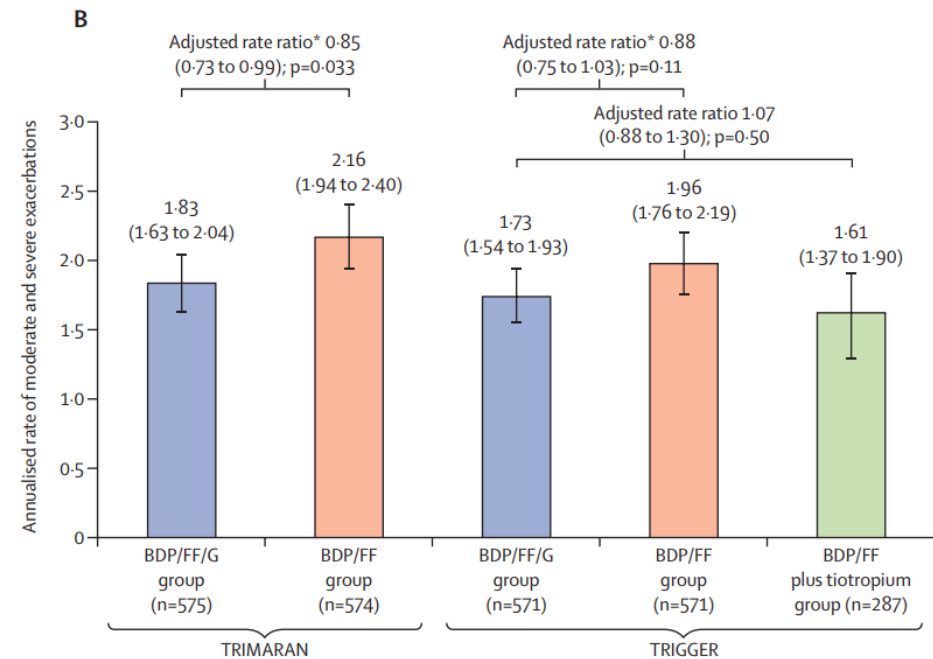
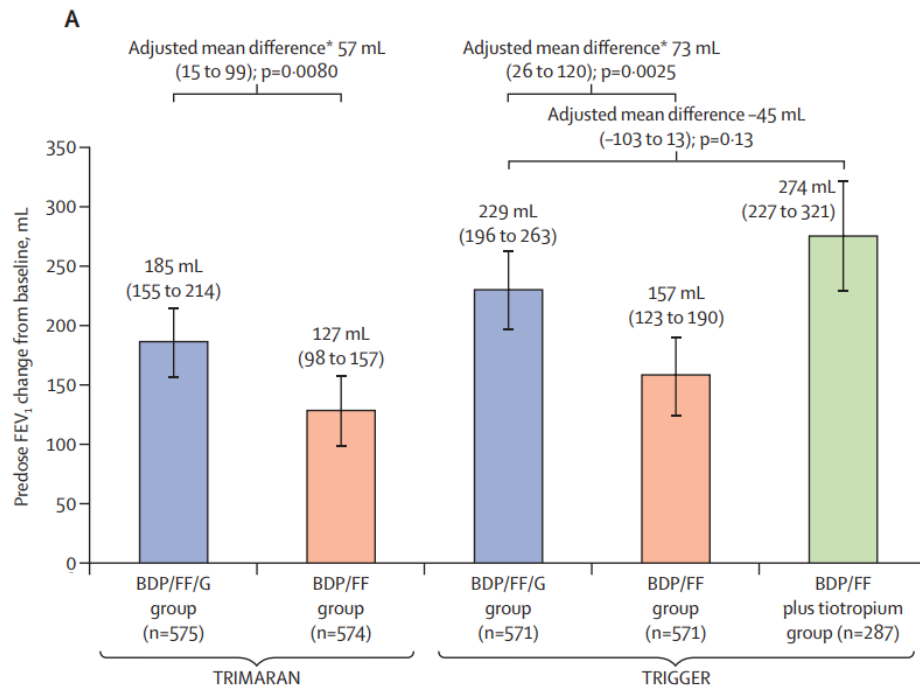
SITT in asthma

TRIMARAN and TRIGGER

Single inhaler extrafine triple therapy in uncontrolled asthma (TRIMARAN and TRIGGER): two double-blind, parallel-group, randomised, controlled phase 3 trials

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- Two parallel-group, double-blind, randomised, active-controlled, phase 3 trials (26 weeks, 52 weeks)
- Uncontrolled asthma (TRIMARAN, n=1155, TRIGGER, n=1437)
- TRIMARAN (BDP/FF/G vs BDP/FF); TRIGGER (BDP/FF/G vs BDP/FF vs BDP/FF +TIO)



Triple therapy had a greater effect on (a) change in pre-dose FEV₁ from baseline to Week 26 (57 mL in TRIMARAN, p=0.0080; 73 mL in TRIGGER, p=0.0025) and (b) the rate of moderate and severe exacerbations (15% lower in TRIMARAN, p=0.033; 12% lower in TRIGGER, p=0.11).

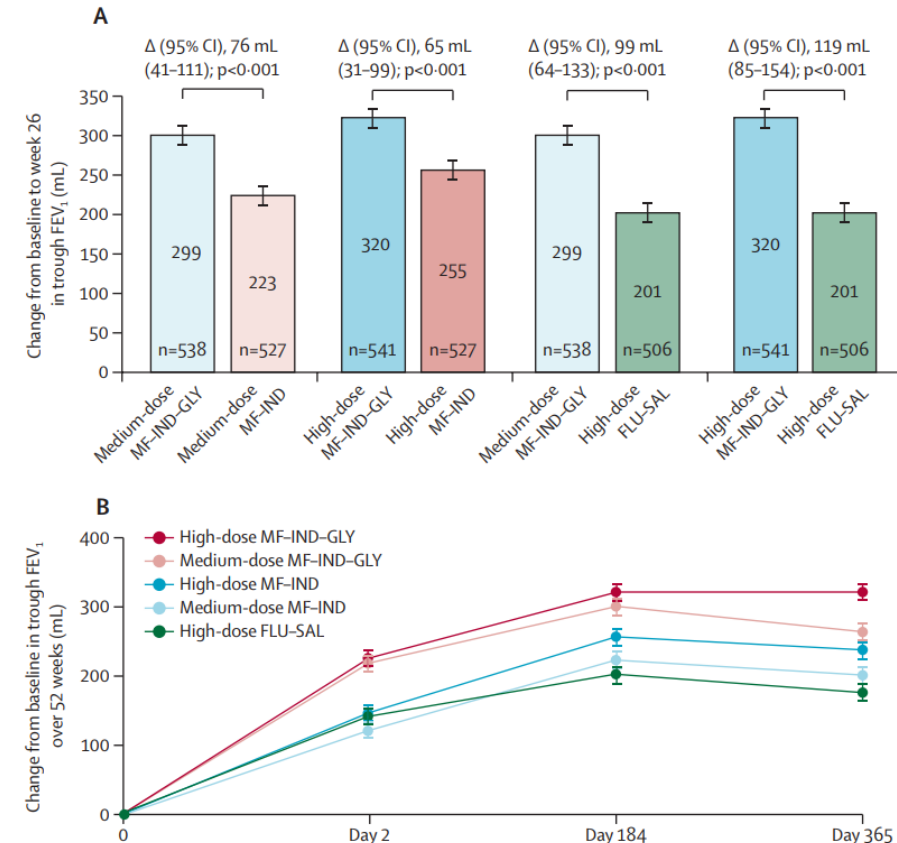
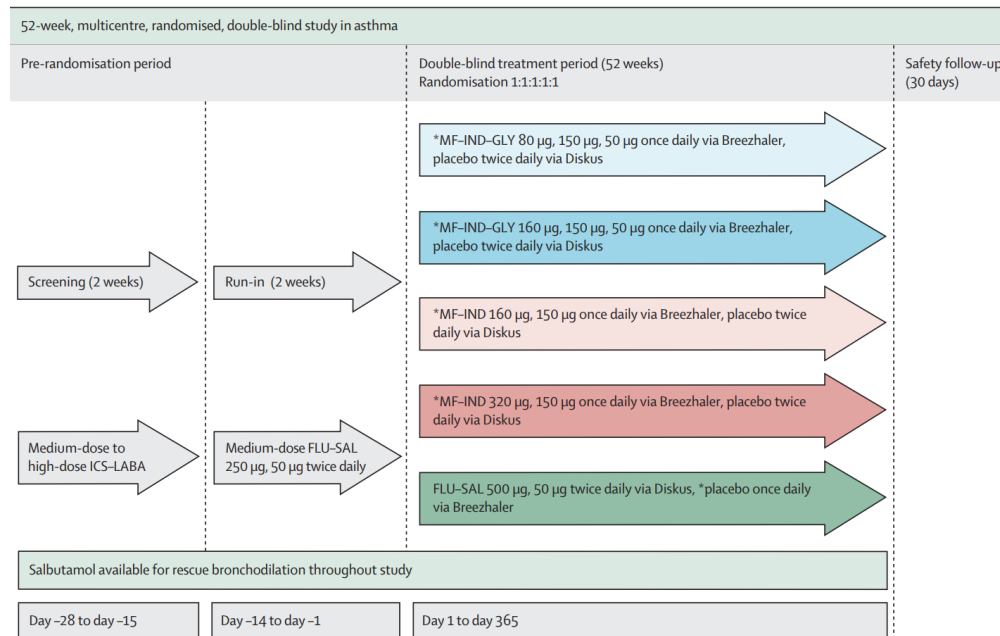
SITT in asthma

IRIDIUM

- **Double-blind, double-dummy, parallel-group, active-controlled phase 3 study (52 weeks)**
- **Uncontrolled asthma**
- **Medium dose MF/IND/GLY (n=620), High dose MF/IND/GLY (n=619), Medium dose MF/IND (n=617), High dose MF/IND (n=618), High dose FLU/SAL(n=618)**

Once-daily, single-inhaler mometasone-indacaterol-glycopyrronium versus mometasone-indacaterol or twice-daily fluticasone-salmeterol in patients with inadequately controlled asthma (IRIDIUM): a randomised, double-blind, controlled phase 3 study

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Once-daily, single-inhaler MF-IND-GLY improved lung function over versus ICS-LABA combinations (MF-IND and FLU-SAL) in patients with inadequately controlled asthma.

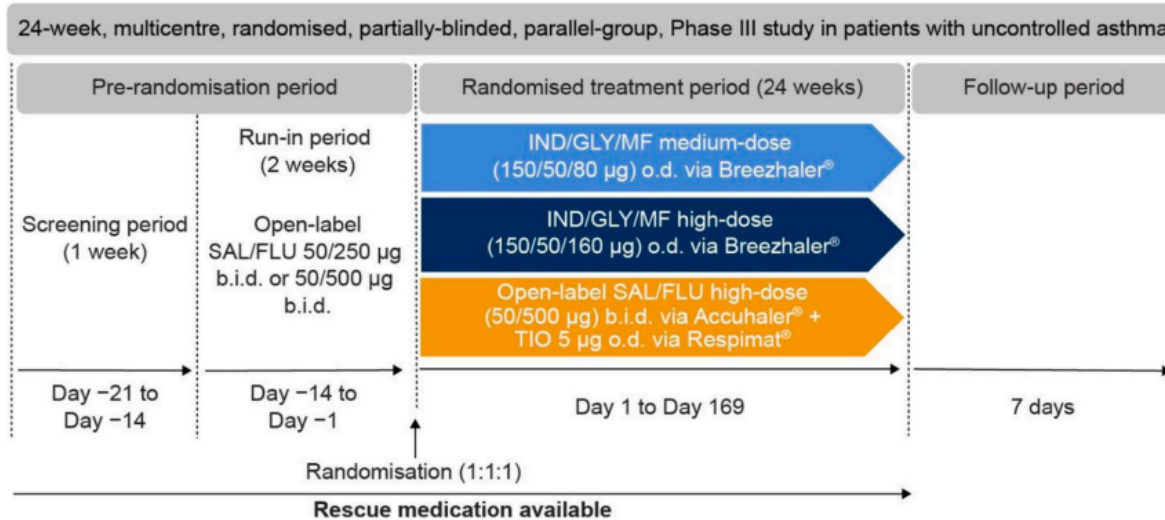
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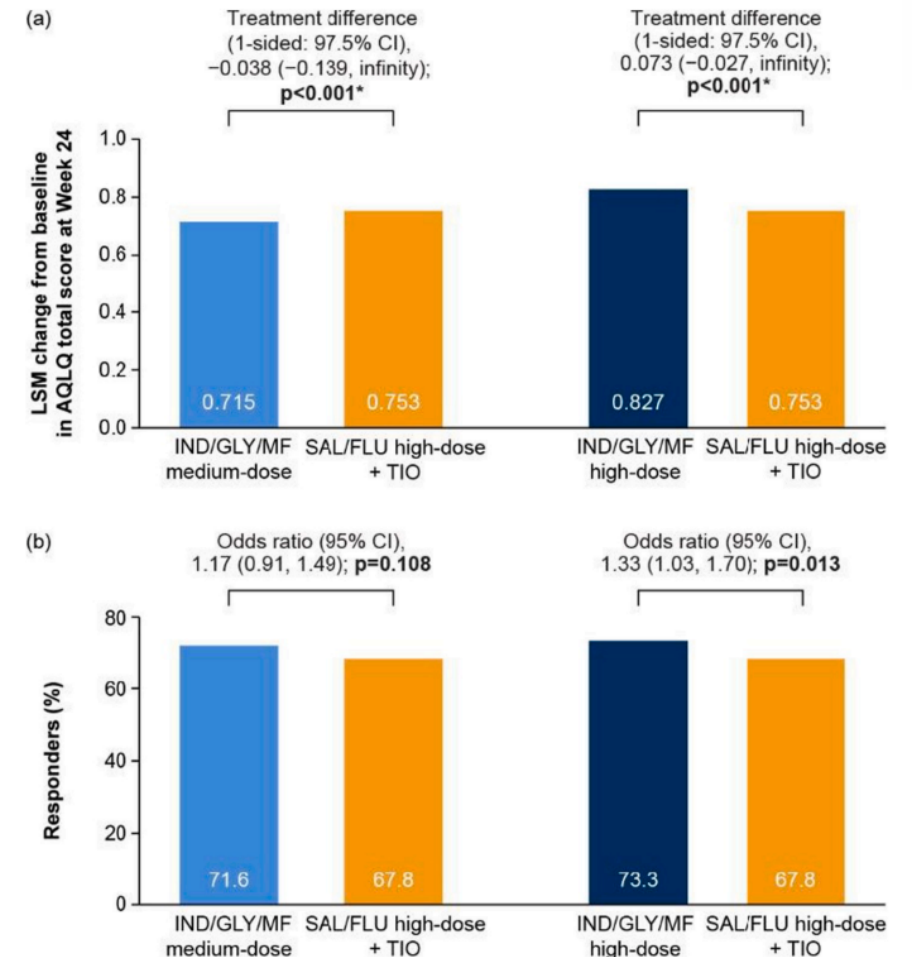
Fixed-dose combination of indacaterol/glycopyrronium/mometasone furoate once-daily *versus* salmeterol/fluticasone twice-daily plus tiotropium once-daily in patients with uncontrolled asthma: A randomised, Phase IIIb, non-inferiority study (ARGON)

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- Partially-blinded, randomised, 24-week, parallel-group, non-inferiority, open-label, active-controlled Phase IIIb study (24 weeks)
- Uncontrolled asthma
- Medium dose MF/IND/GLY (n=474), High dose MF/IND/GLY (n=476), High dose FLU/SAL+ TIO (n=476)



IND/GLY/MF high- and medium-dose o.d. via a single inhaler were non-inferior to SAL/FLU highdose b.i.d. + TIO o.d. via two inhalers for AQLQ.



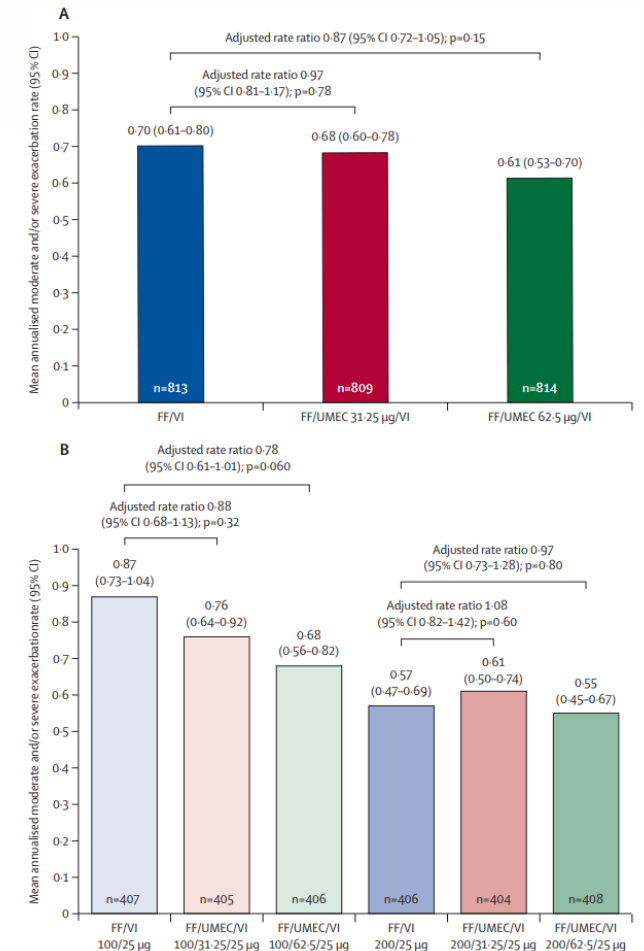
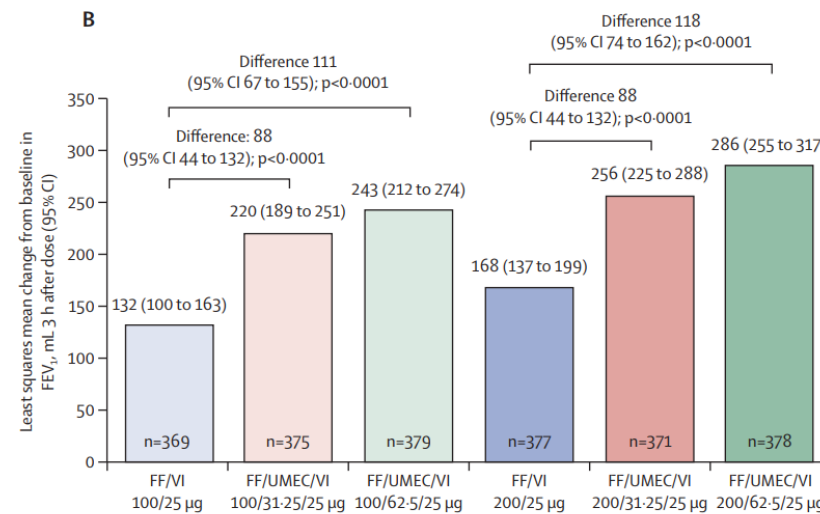
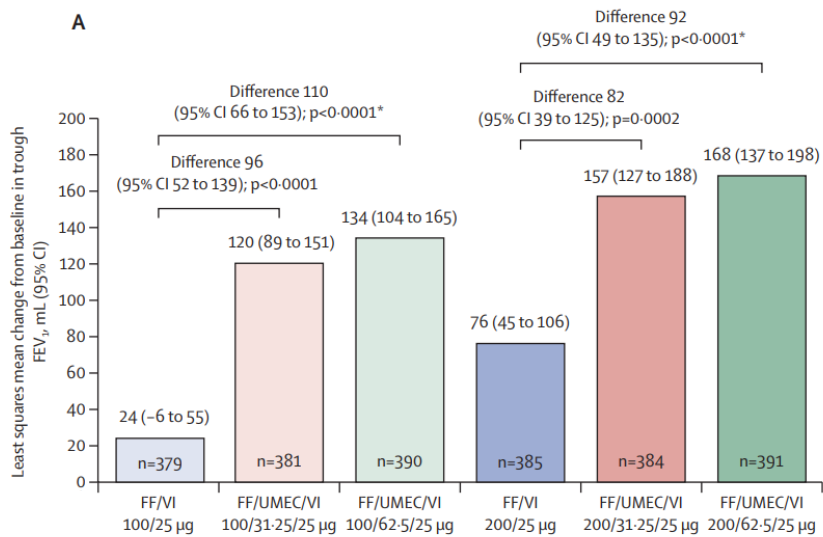
SITT in asthma

CAPTAIN

Efficacy and safety of once-daily single-inhaler triple therapy (FF/UMEC/VI) versus FF/VI in patients with inadequately controlled asthma (CAPTAIN): a double-blind, randomised, phase 3A trial

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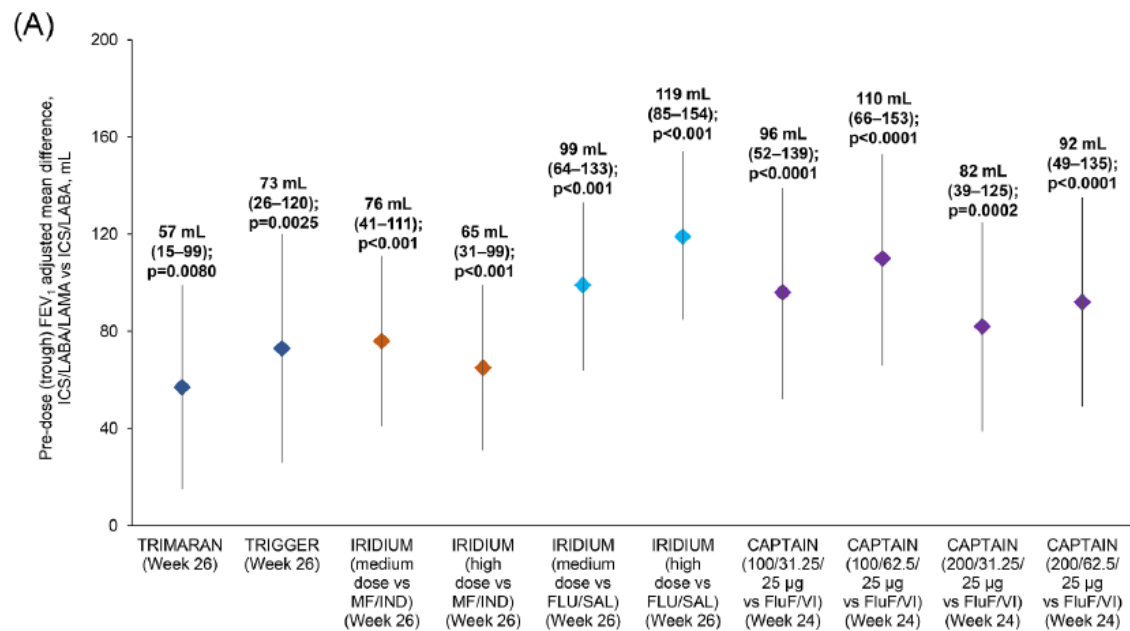
- Double-blind, randomised, parallel-group, phase 3A study (52 weeks)
- Uncontrolled asthma
- FF/VI (100/25 µg n=407; 200/25 µg n=406) or FF/UMEC/VI (100/31·25/25 µg n=405; 100/62·5/25 µg n=406; 200/31·25/25 µg n=404; 200/62·5/25 µg n=408)



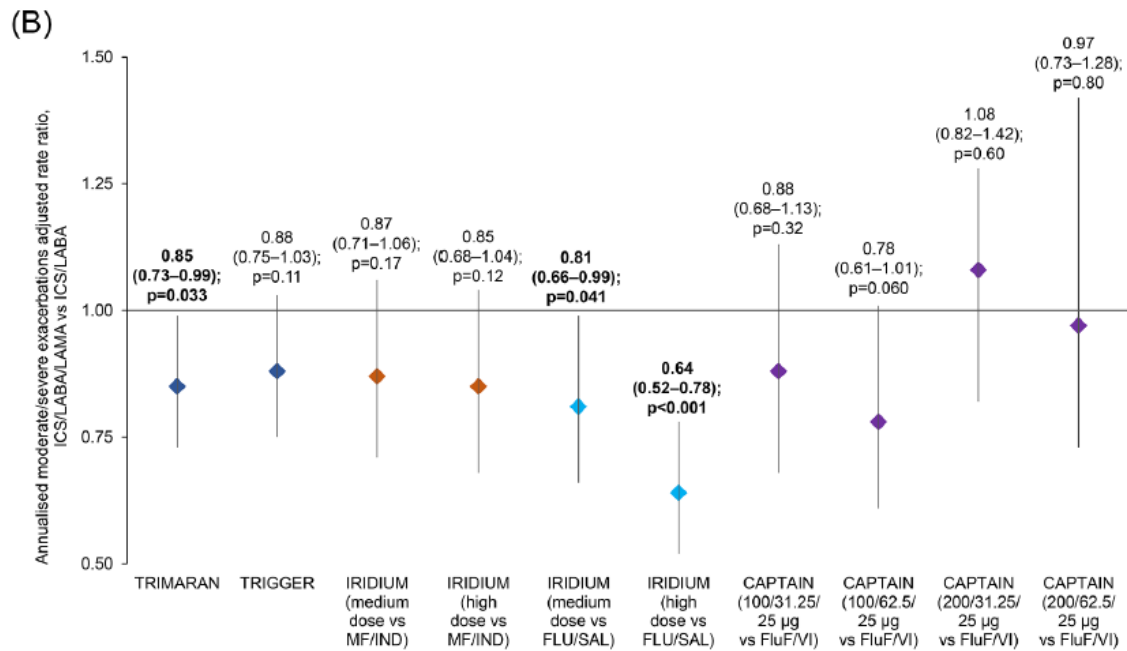
In patients with uncontrolled moderate or severe asthma on ICS/LABA, adding UMEC improved lung function but did not lead to a significant reduction in moderate and/or severe exacerbations.

Key SITT studies in patients with asthma

SITT Compared to ICS/LABA



FEV1 difference



Exacerbation rate ratio

5. LAMA in mild to moderate asthma

Steroids in Eosinophil Negative Asthma (SIENA) trial

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Mometasone or Tiotropium in Mild Asthma with a Low Sputum Eosinophil Level

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

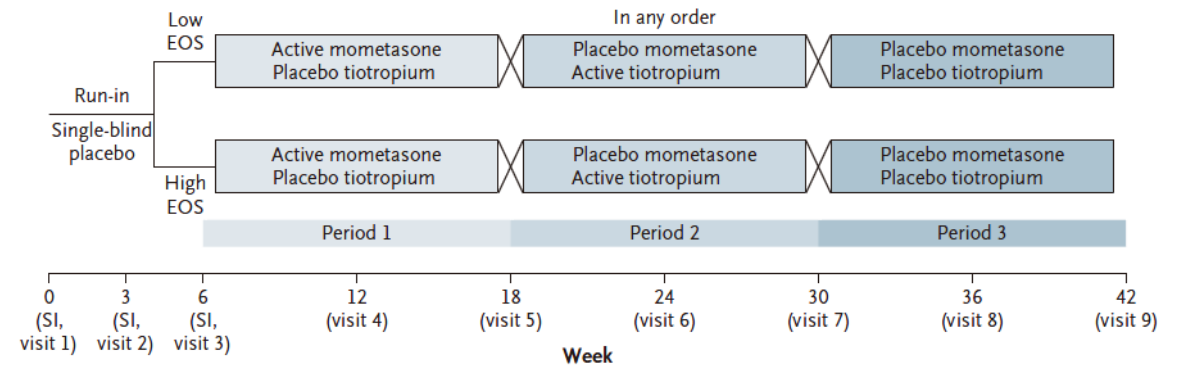
In many patients with mild, persistent asthma, the percentage of eosinophils in sputum is less than 2% (low eosinophil level). The appropriate treatment for these patients is unknown.

Patient

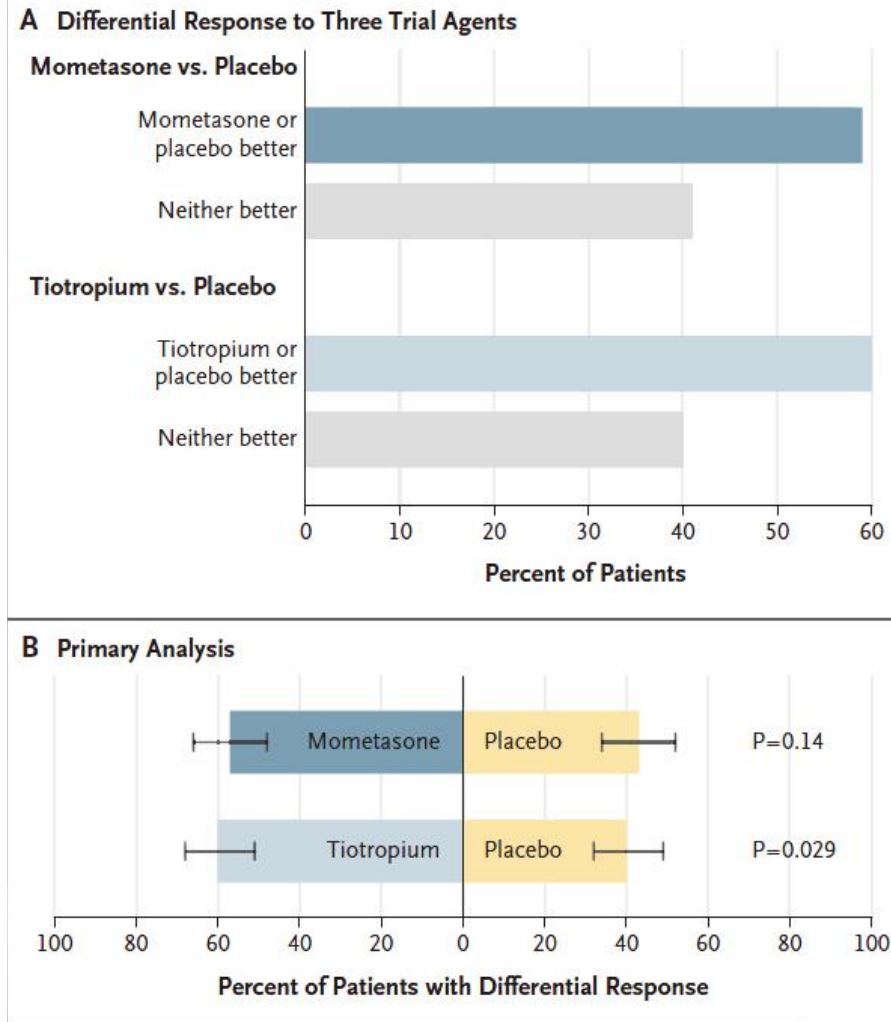
Needed STEP 2 treatment (NHLBI EPR-3)

Sputum EOS 2%

A Trial Design



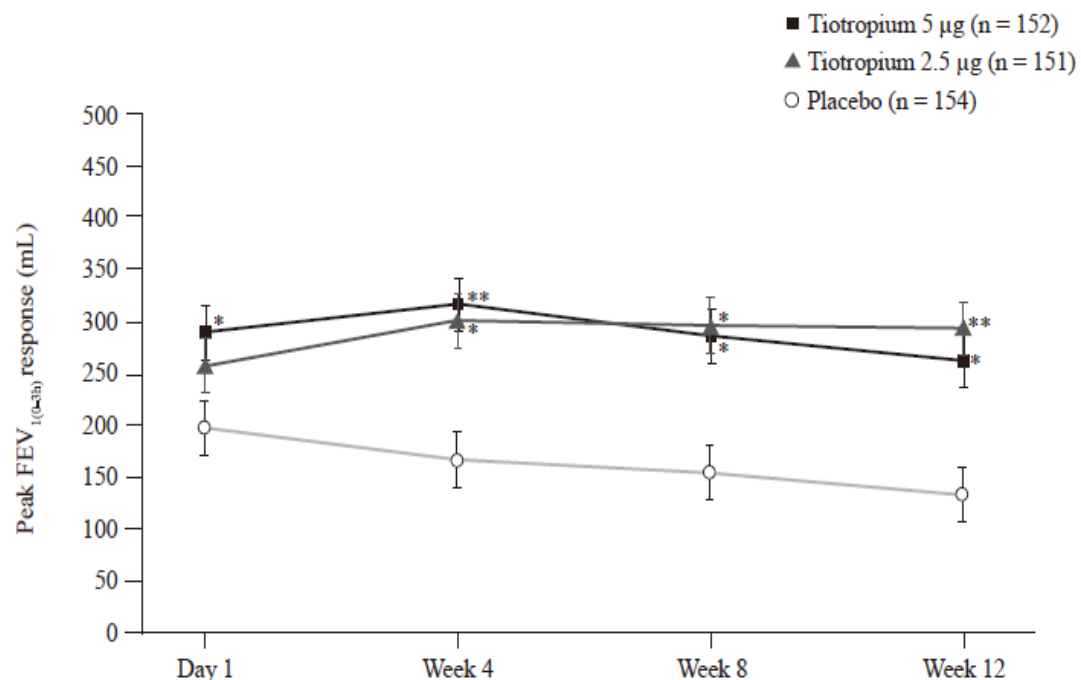
SIENA trial- Controlled status



- The majority of the mild persistent asthma patients, 268 (73%) were classified as having a low eosinophil level and the minor, 98 (27%) as having a high eosinophil level.
- They had no significant difference in their response to either mometasone or tiotropium as compared with placebo.
- in a secondary analysis in the high-eosinophil stratum, the response to mometasone was clearly superior to the response to placebo.
- Clinical equipoise for a larger and longer study to compare inhaled glucocorticoids with other treatments for the large number of patients with mild or moderate asthma.

Grazia Tin A-asthma trial

- A phase III, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group trial (12 weeks)
- Mild to moderate persistent asthma
- TIO 5 μg (n=155), TIO 2.5 μg (n=154), or placebo (n=155) add-on to low- to medium dose ICS



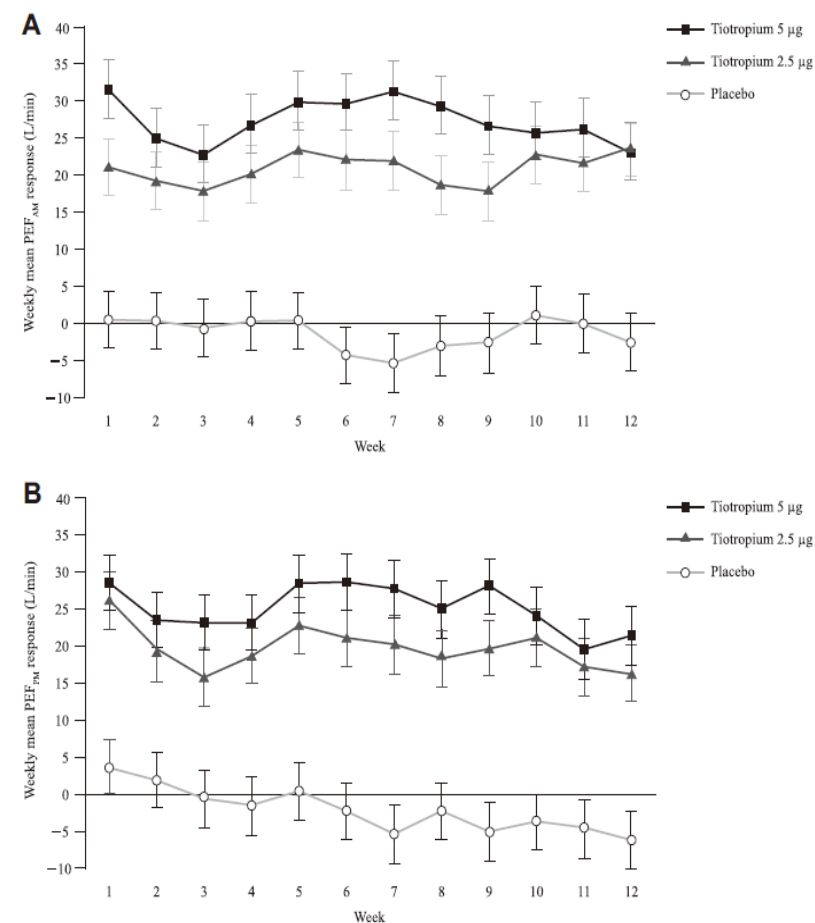
Once-daily tiotropium Respimat add-on therapy to low- to medium-dose ICS in adults with symptomatic asthma is an efficacious bronchodilator, and its safety and tolerability are comparable with those of placebo Respimat.

Original Article

The Effect of Tiotropium in Symptomatic Asthma Despite Low- to Medium-Dose Inhaled Corticosteroids: A Randomized Controlled Trial



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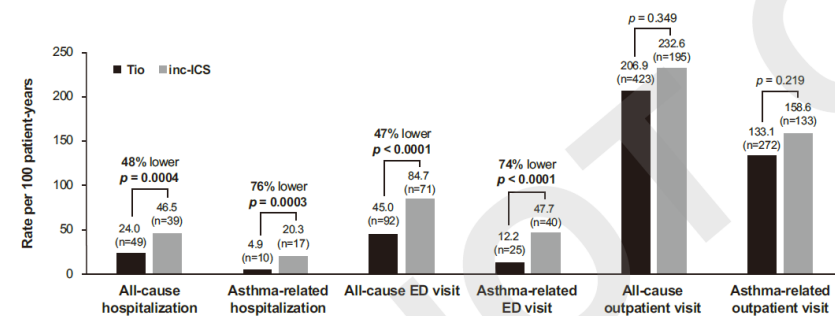
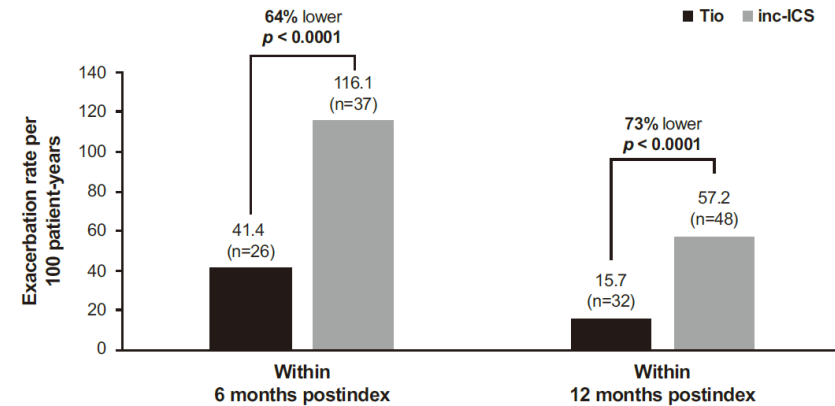
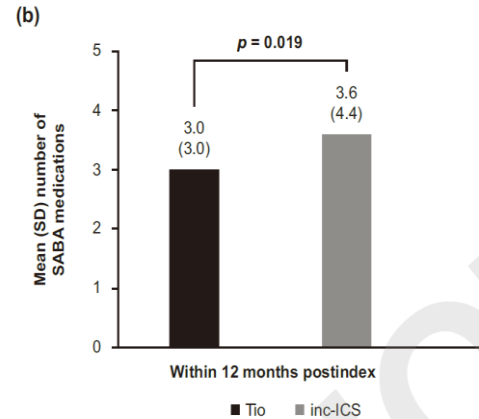
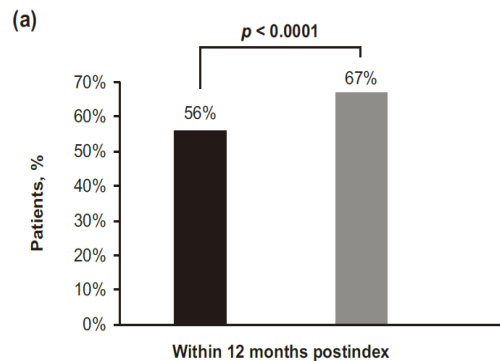
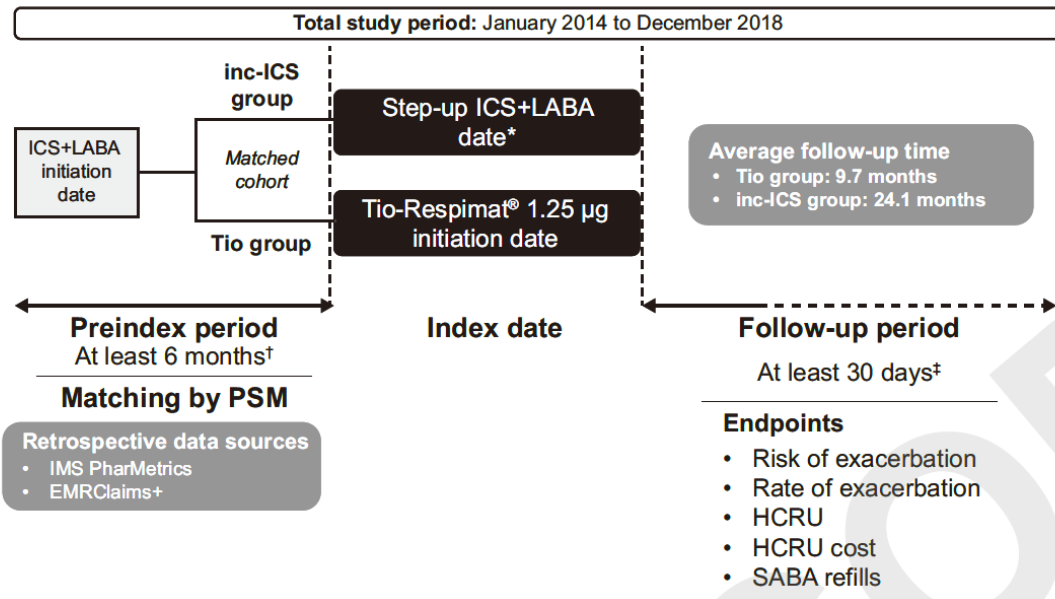


6. Perspectives

Early application of triple therapy in asthma?

Add-on tiotropium versus step-up inhaled corticosteroid plus long-acting beta-2-agonist in real-world patients with asthma

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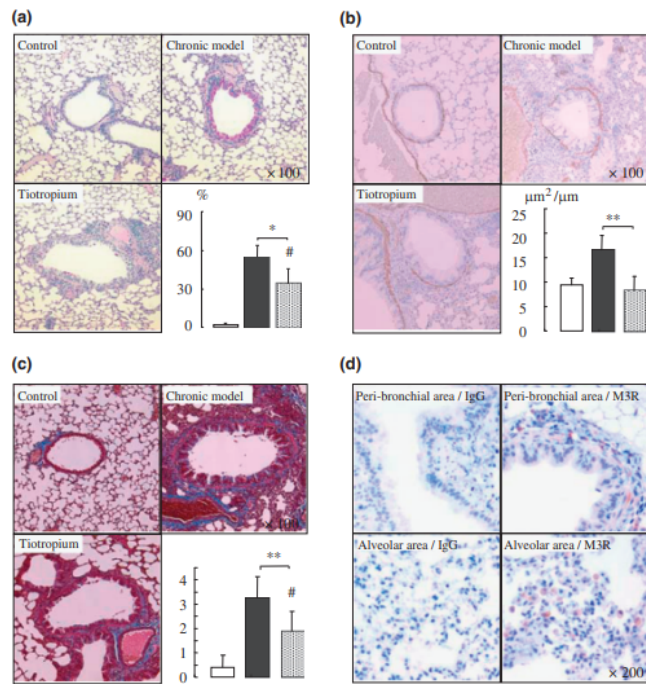
Positioning LAMA in personalized therapy in asthma

Airway remodeling: pre-clinical level

Effect of tiotropium bromide on airway inflammation and remodelling in a mouse model of asthma

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□ Control
 ■ Chronic model
 ▨ Tiotropium

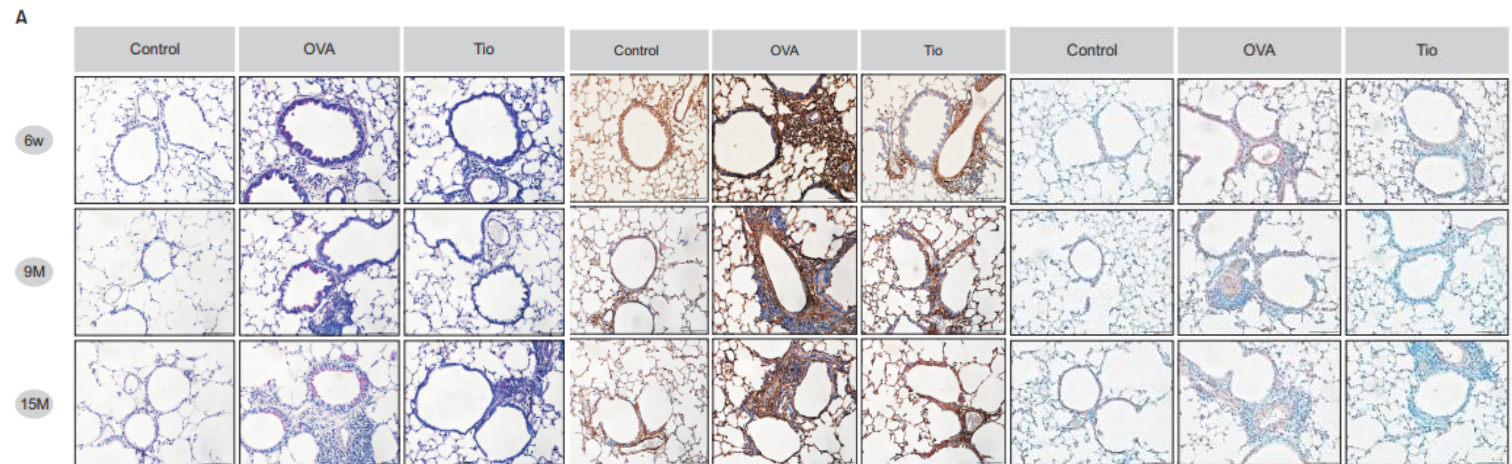
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Positioning LAMA in personalized therapy in asthma

LAMA monotherapy or ICS-LAMA in a specific phenotype?

- LAMA should never be used as monotherapy in asthmatic patients and, anyway, there is scarce evidence showing that ICS/LABA can be replaced by ICS/LAMA.
- Considering
 - Low eosinophilic mild asthma
 - Smokers
 - ACO patients

Positioning LAMA in personalized therapy in asthma

vs. Biologics

- LAMA is cost-effective and substantially less expensive than biological therapies.
- It seems that LAMA is ideally placed as an add-on therapy that can be trialled in patients prior to additional phenotype-guided therapies or increased ICS dose.
- LAMA is much less effective in terms of the reduction of exacerbations and no data are available to show a systemic steroid-sparing effect, specifically in T2 phenotypes.
- LAMA has no biomarkers to manage the patients with asthma.

Summary and conclusion

- The use of LAMAs in asthma is supported from a mechanistic perspective, with evidence from a series of experimental and clinical studies.
- Drug interaction of LAMA with ICS and LABA shows synergistic effects, supporting combination therapy including SITT.
- Current guidelines recommends adding a LAMA in patients with asthma, despite being adherent to ICS-LABA, still experience symptoms or exacerbations.
- Data from SITT clinical studies in asthma support to expect the better asthma control and the improvement of adherence in patients.
- Further investigation is needed for several unanswered questions regarding the LAMA use in asthma, in particular personalized treatment.

Thank you for your attention...

