Phenotypic Management Of Asthma

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Introduction

- Asthma:
 - √ Vague term describing
 - ✓ Group of clinical symptom
 - ✓ With reversible expiratory airflow limitation or bronchial
 - hyper responsiveness
 - ✓ Presence of airway inflammation
 - ✓ Intrinsic v/s Extrinsic ; atopic v/s non atopic

Introduction

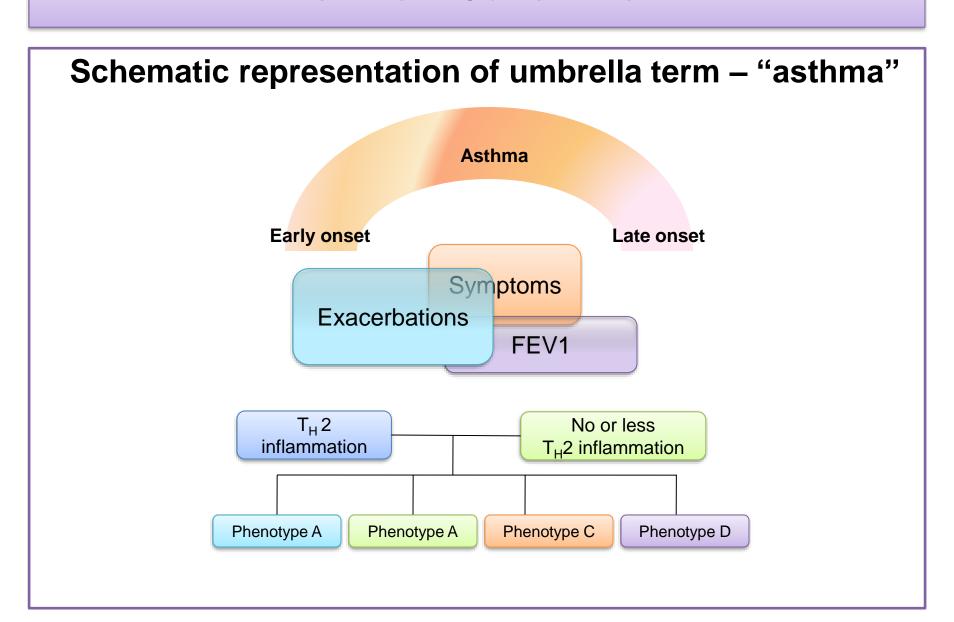
Lancet editorial 2006 –

"A plea to abandon asthma as a disease concept"



Single disease entity > heterogenous, encompassing multiple subgroups

Asthma - Current view



Need for stratifying asthma

Uninformative from the point of view of the etiology of the disease

"One fits all" Individualized precision
 medicine

Availability of biomarkers and biologicals

Phenotypes and endotypes

The Asthma Syndrome

Symptoms of asthma, variable airflow obstruction

Asthma phenotype characteristics

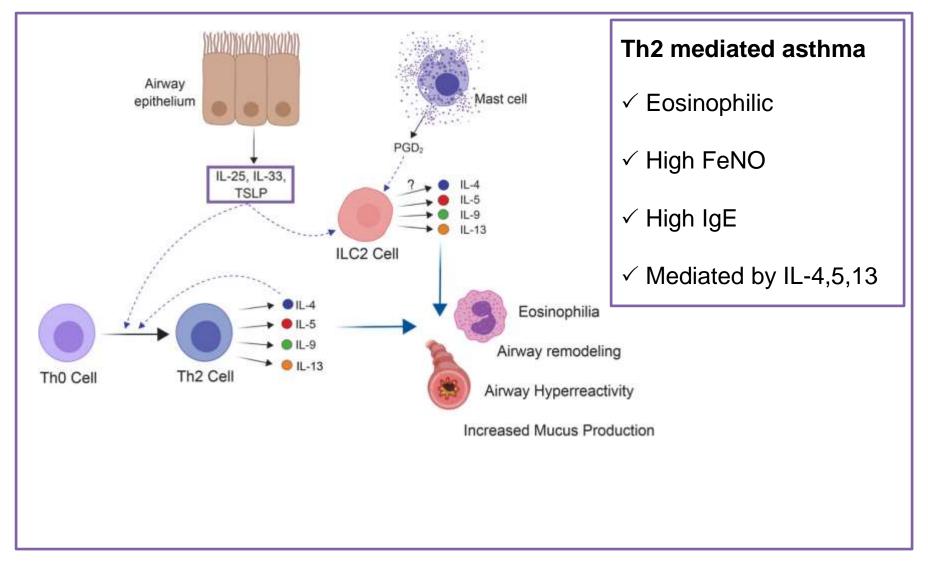
Observable characteristics with no direct relationship to a disease process. Includes physiology, triggers, inflammatory parameters

Asthma Endotypes

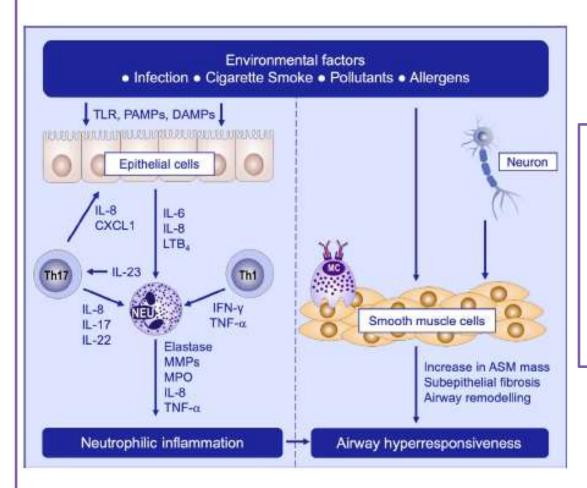
Distinct disease entities which may be present in clusters of phenotypes but each defined by a specific biological mechanism

Endotype 1 Endotype 2 Endotype 3 Endotype 4 Endotype 5

Th2 mediated asthma



Non Th2 mediated asthma



Non Th2 mediated asthma

- √ Neutrophilic
- ✓ Mediated by II-1,6,17 &

TNF

Predominant features and characteristics of endotypes and phenotypes in asthma

Characteristic	Type 2 High Endotype	Type 2 Low Endotype	
Phenotype and clinical profile			
Atopic	Early onset, glucocorticoid sensitive	le r s	
Late onset	Often accompanied by chronic sinus disease		
AERD	Polypoid rhinosinusitis with respiratory reaction after exposure to aspirin or other NSAID	8 1 1 2	
Nonatopic	< 	Adult onset	
Obesity	% <u>. 16</u>	Female preponderance	
Older age	5 -3	Late onset; often steroid insensitive	
Cytokines	Interleukin-4, -5, and -13; GM-CSF	TGF- β , interferon- γ , interleukin-6, -17 -1 β , and -8, TNF- α	
Cellular	Eosinophilic	Neutrophilic or paucigranulocytic	
Onset	Frequently younger age but severe asth- ma may develop in older age	Usually present in older age	
Atopy	High	Low	
Glucocorticoid responsiveness	Usually responsive, particularly in mild and moderate asthma	Often relatively refractory	
Severity	Variable, can be severe	Often severe	

Eosinophilic asthma

Eosinophil:

- ✓ BAL eosniophil > 2%
- ✓ Sputum eosinophil >3%- gold standard type 2 inflammation marker

Serum periostin :

- ✓ Extracellular matrix protein
- ✓ IL-4, 13 mediated
- ✓ Eosinophil degranulation, production of TGF-beta, cys-LTs
- ✓ Biomarker of persistent eosinophilic airway inflammation despite
 corticosteroid use
- ✓ Assessment of greater response to anti T2 based therapies

Eosinophilic asthma

DPP4- IL 13 pathway :

- ✓ Increased DPP-4 mRNA expression following IL-13 stimulation in asthma patients
- √ Can predict response to anti IL-13 therapies

FeNO:

- √ Signifies IL-4, 13 activity
- √ Concentration: >50ppb , airway inflammation and steroid responsiveness.

Urinary LT4 :

- √ Highly sensitive discriminator of AERD from aspirin-tolerant asthma
- ✓ Cutoff value of 166 pg/ mg Cr for prediction of aspirin sensitivity with 89% specificity
- ✓ High negative predictive value, it could potentially be used as a clinical test to assess the risk of AERD in asthma patients with concomitant nasal polyps

Non eosinophilic asthma

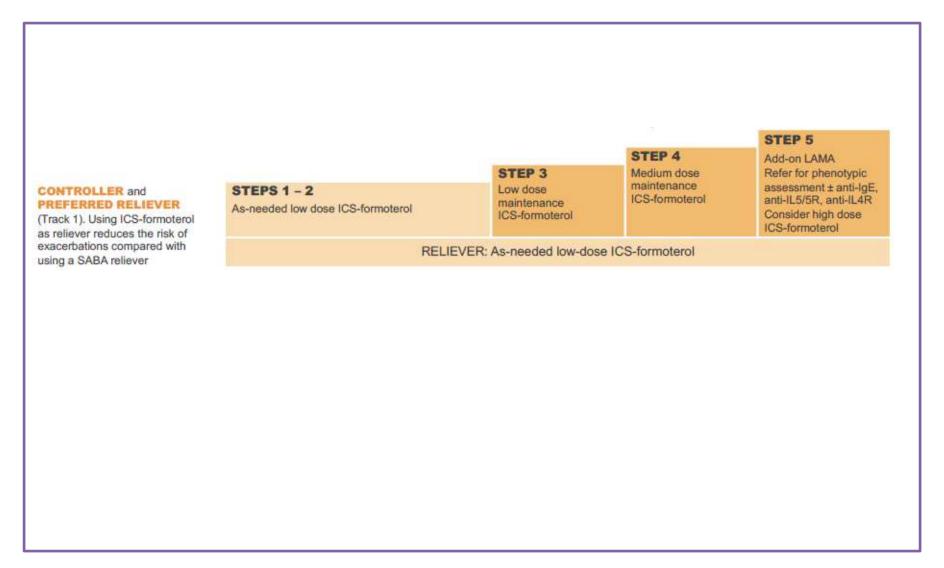
- Late onset eosinophilic asthma
- Dual positive Th17/Th2 in some patients
- Cytokines IL-1b,6,23
- Neutrophilic asthma :
 - ✓ Increased p38 kinase/mitogen activated protein kinase
 - ✓ Corticosteroids inhibit neutrophil apoptosis
 - ✓ Impaired alveolar macrophage phagocytosis of apoptotic cells - efforocytosis
- Neutrophilia may be absent as type 2 cytokine inhibits IL-8

Non eosinophilic asthma

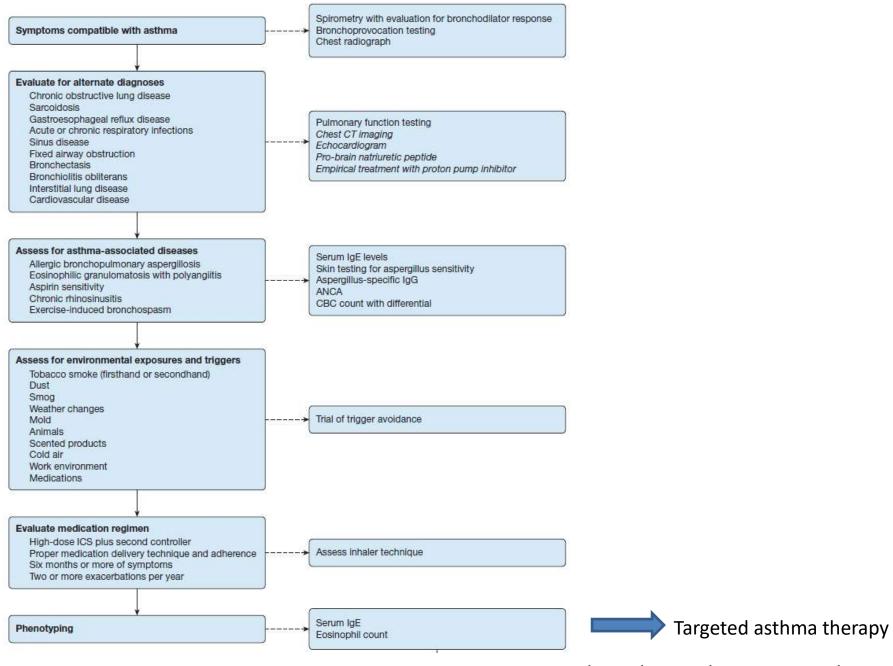
Clinical features :

- √ Patients develop asthma at an older age
- ✓ Demonstrate impaired lung function
- √ Less bronchodilator reversibility
- √ Less atopy
- ✓ Corticosteroid insensitive

Where does phenotype assessment come in asthma management and evaluation?

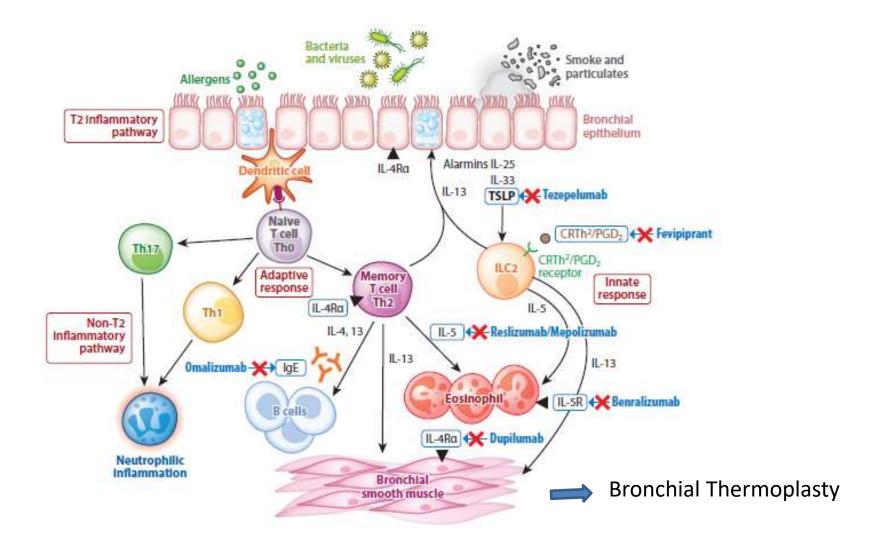


Evaluation of patient with severe asthma



Schoettler et al CHEST March 2020

Mechanisms of currently available targeted asthma therapy



BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
OMALIZUMAB	Severe, allergic asthma	Exacerbation per patient (during trial)	Pre-BDR_FEV1 (% predicted)
	Size: 525	SSP: -48.1%	+2.93%
	Age, mean: 39.0- 39.3;	SRP: -40.9%	
	Range 12-74		
	Pre –treatment FEV1:		
	67.7-68.2%		
	Time :28 weeks		

Omalizumab v/s Placebo

Asthma exacerbation:

Stable steroid period- 14.6 v/s 23.3, p- 0.009

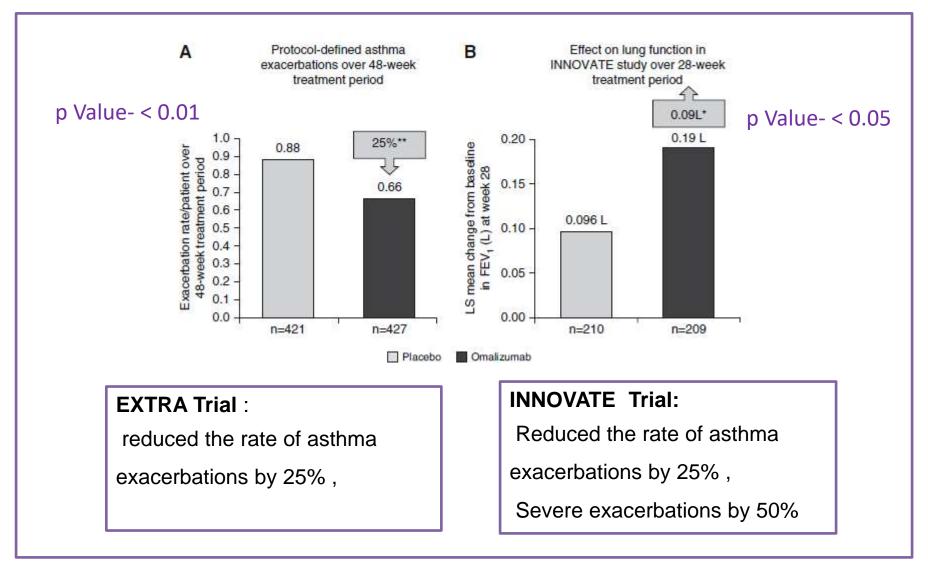
Steroid reduction period- 21.3 v/s 32.3, p- 0.004

Steroid dose reduction: Beclomethasone reduction (75% v/s 50%) -, p <0.001

Beclomethasone discontinuation -39.6 % v/s 19.1 % , p<0.001

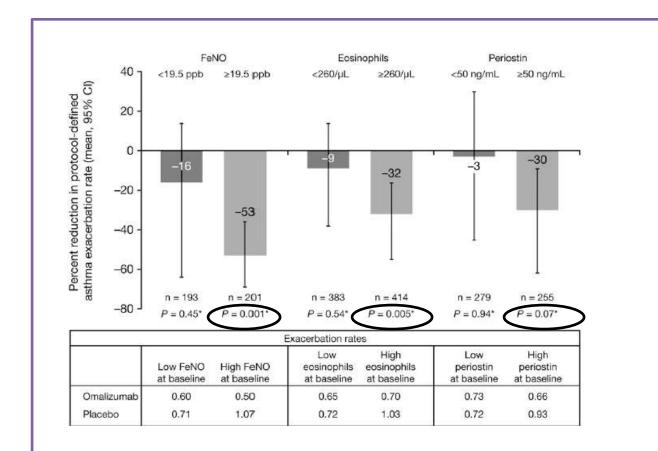
Severe, poorly controlled asthma	Rate of exacerbation (during trial) -26%	Pre-BDR FEV1 (% predicted) +0.094%
Size: 419 Age, mean: 43.3- 43.4; Range 12-75 Pre –treatment FEV1: 61.0-61.6% Time :28 weeks	Rate of severe exacerbation (during trial) -50%	FEV1% predicted +2.8%
Severe, poorly controlled allergic asthma	Rate of exacerbation (during trial)	N/A
Size: 850 Age, mean: 43.7- 45.3; Range 12-75 Pre –treatment FEV1: 64.4-65.4% Time :48 weeks	2070	
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Doruduchi et al Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology 2019



Hanania et al .Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2013

Humbert et al Allergy 2005



✓ Mean percent reduction in protocol defined exacerbation rates in high v/s low biomarker subgroups (EXTRA study)



Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

Omalizumab for asthma in adults and children (Review)

Normansell R, Walker S, Milan SJ, Walters EH, Nair P

Omalizumab v/s placebo

25 RCT

19 studies as an adjunct to treatment with steroids

Exacerbation- 16 % v/s 26% over 16-60 wks

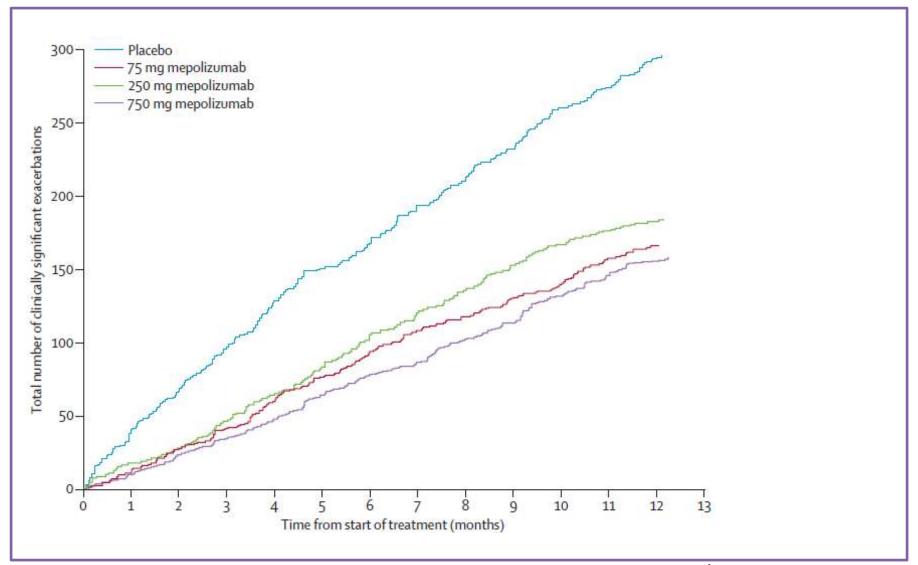
Hospitalisation- 0.5 % v/s 3% over 28-60 wks

Reduction in ICS dosage – 118 mcg BDP eqivalent/day

Mepolizumab

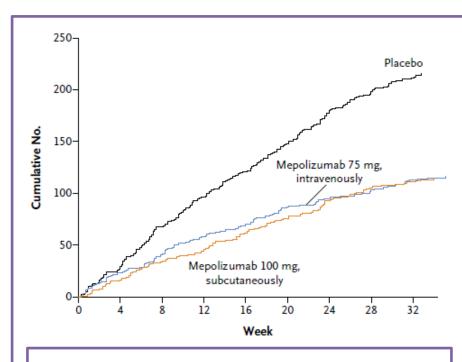
BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
MEPOLIZUMAB	Severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic asthma Size: 616 Age, mean: 46.4-50.2; Range 12-74 Initial FEV1: 59-61% Time: 52 weeks	Exacerbation (per patient per year) 75mg:-48% 250mg:-39% 750mg:-52%	Pre-BDR FEV1 75mg: +0.061L 250mg: +0.081L 750mg:+0.056L
DREAM TRIAL			
Payord et al Lancet Aud	18 2012		
Pavord et al Lancet Aug		Evacerhation	Pre-RDR FE\/1
Pavord et al Lancet Aug	Severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic asthma	Exacerbation (per patient per year)	Pre-BDR FEV1 IV : +0.100L SC: +0.098L
	Severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic asthma Size: 576	(per patient per year) IV :-47%	IV : +0.100L SC: +0.098L
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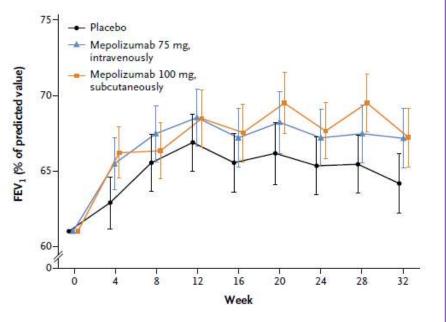
DREAM trial



Pavord et al Lancet Aug 18 2012

MENSA trial





Rate of exacerbation reduced by

47% (Intravenous group)

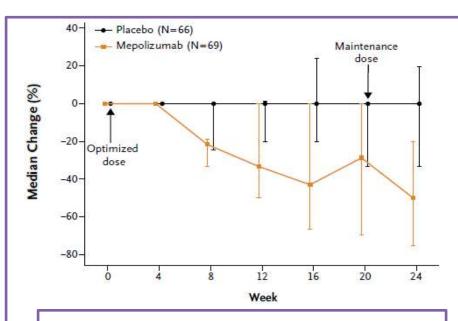
53%(subcutaneous group)

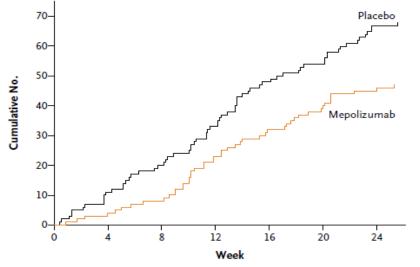
P value - < 0.001

Increase in FEV1 from baseline at 32 weeks

100 ml (intravenous group) p value -0.02 98 ml (subcutaneous group) p value-0.02

Oral glucocorticoid sparing effect of mepolizumab in eosinophilic asthma





Median percentage reduction from baseline in daily glucocorticoid dose was 50% in mepolizumab group v/s no reduction in placebo group at 24 weeks p value – 0.007

Cummulative rate of significant asthma exacerbations:

Relative reduction of **32%** in mepolizumab group v/s placebo group at 24 weeks. **p value – 0.04**

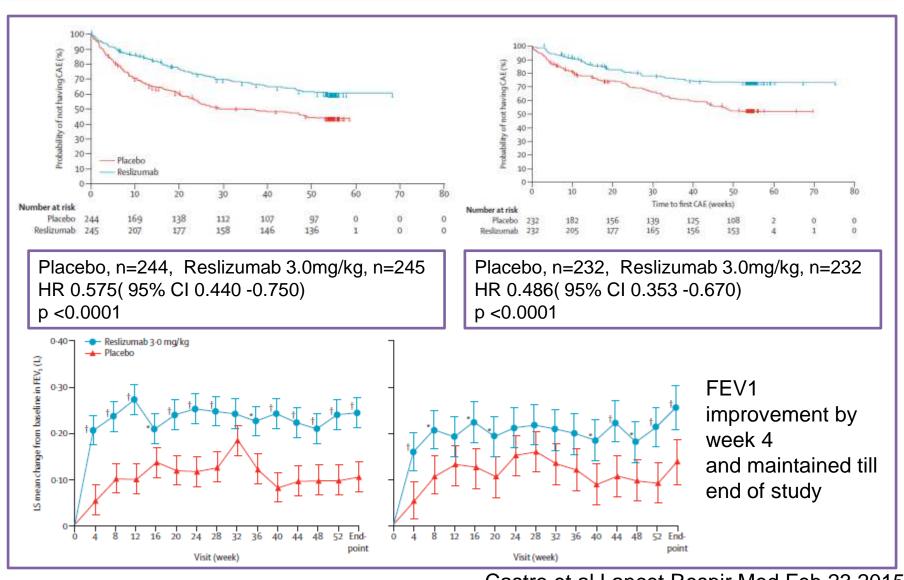
Cochrane database of systemic review

- Mepolizumab versus placebo for asthma
- n = 8 trials , participants = 1707
- Severity of asthma mild atopy to severe asthma
- 2 studies (eosinophilic asthma), n=690
 - √ Significant reduction in exacerbation rate
 - ✓ Risk ratio =0.52
- 4 studies with eosinophilic asthma, n=468
 - √ No statistical significance in exacerbation

Reslizumab

BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
RESLIZUMAB	Moderate-severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic	Exacerbation (per patient per year)	Pre-BDR FEV1
	asthma	Study1: -50%	Study1: +0.126L
		Study2: -59%	Study2: +0.090L
	Size: 953	•	•
	Age: median: 48-49;		
	Range 12-75		
	Pre –treatment FEV1:		
	63.6-70.4%		
	Time :52 weeks		

Reslizumab

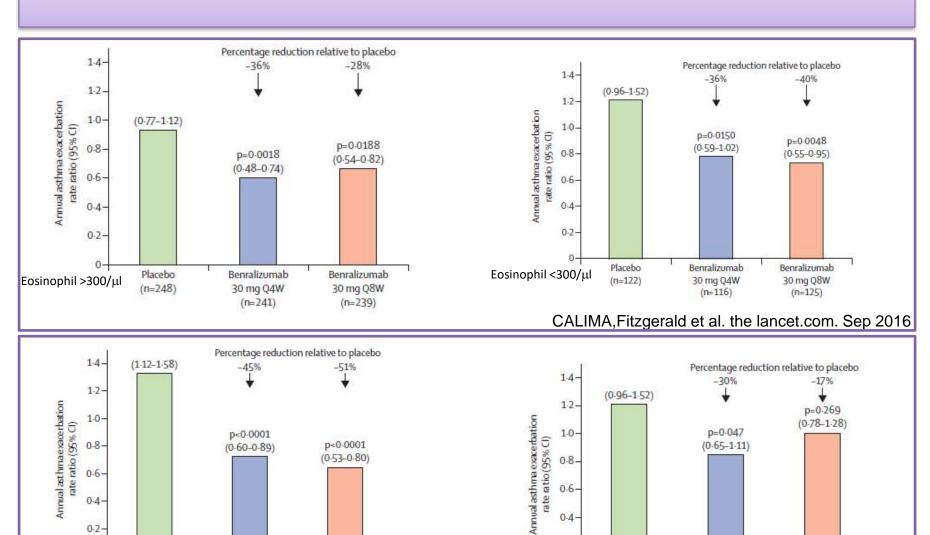


Castro et al Lancet Respir Med Feb 23 2015

Benralizumab

BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
BENRALIZUMAB	Severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic asthma	Annual rate ratio	Pre-BDR FEV1
	·	Q4w :-36%	Q4w :+0.125L
	Size: 1306 Age, mean: 48.8- 50.0; Range 12-75 Pre-treatment FEV1: 57.7-58.9% Time: 56 weeks	Q8w:-28%	Q8w:+0.116L
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		CALIMA,Fitzgeral	d et al. Lancet Sep 201
BENRALIZUMAB	Severe, uncontrolled, eosinophilic asthma	CALIMA,Fitzgeralo Annual rate ratio	d et al. Lancet Sep 201 Pre-BDR FEV1
BENRALIZUMAB			·

Benralizumab



Placebo

(n=267)

Eosinophil >300/µl

Benralizumab

30 mg Q4W

(n=275)

Benralizumab

30 mg Q8W

(n=267)

0.2

Placebo

(n=140)

Eosinophil <300/µl

SIROCCO.Bleecker E et al. the lancet.com.Sep2016

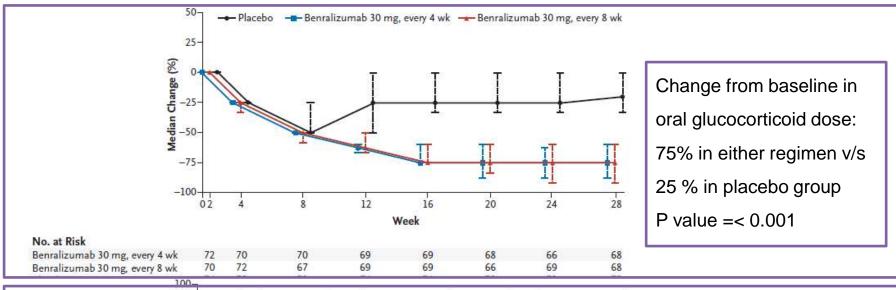
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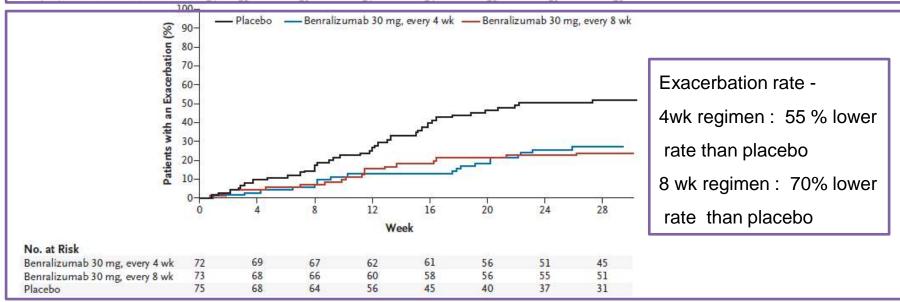
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Benralizumab

30 mg Q8W

Benralizumab





Anti IL-5 therapies for asthma -review



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13 RCTs/6000

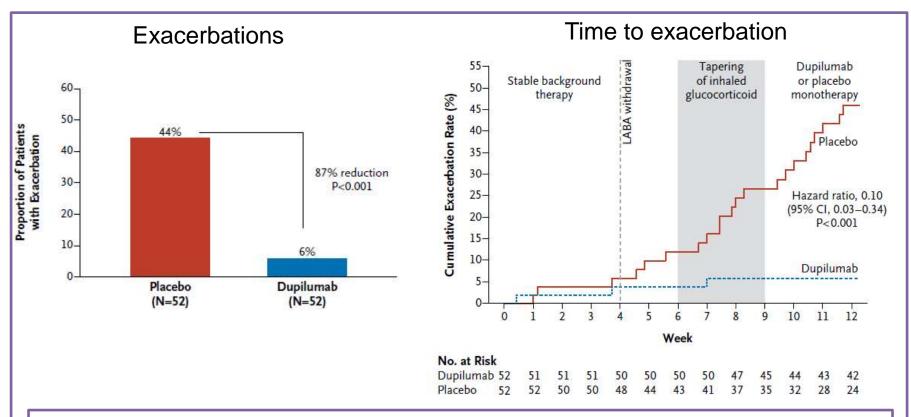
Age- > 12 yrs with diagnosis of asthma

Intervention – Anti IL-5 therapy v/s placebo in addition to current standard of care for asthma

Outcome – clinically significant asthma exacerbation(>3 day course of systemic steroid) with or without hospital admission

Treatments targeting IL-5 or the IL-5 receptor reduce 'clinically significant' asthma exacerbation rates by approximately half in participants with severe eosinophilic asthma already on standard of care therapy with a history of poor control.

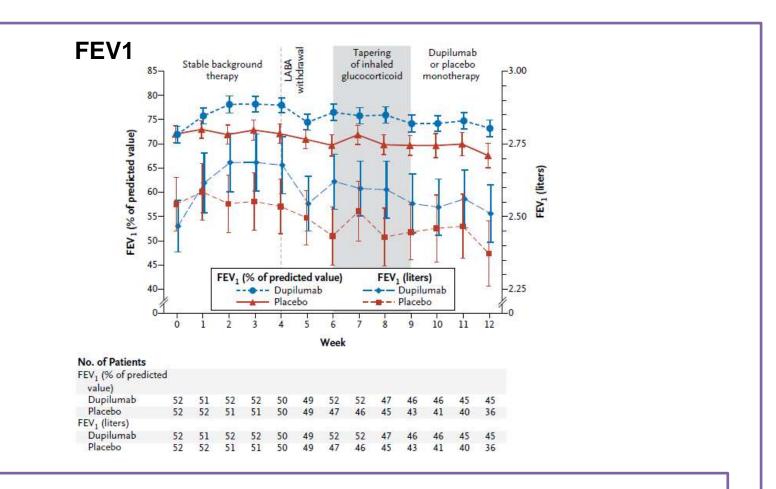
BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
DUPILUMAB	Persistent, moderate-severe, eosinophilic asthma	Occurrence of asthma exacerbation (during trial)	<u>Pre-BDR FEV1</u> +0.270L
	Size: 104 Age: mean: 37.8-41.6,	-87%	
	Range 18-65		
	Pre –treatment FEV1: 72.0%		
	Time :12 weeks		



Reduced proportion of patients with asthma exacerbation events – **87% relative to placebo**

Over and above ICS+LABA substantial effect on objective and patient related end points

Efficacy maintained despite discontinuation of background therapy



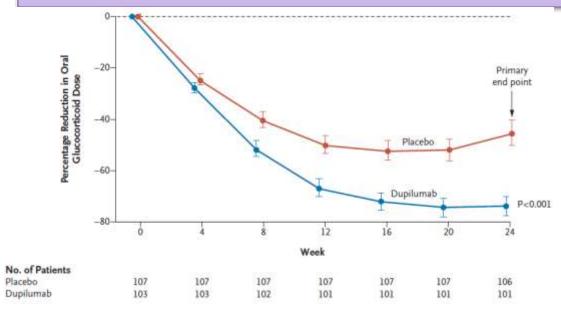
Increased in FEV1 > 200ml v/s placebo
Effect sustained during tapering and discontinuation

BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
DUPILUMAB	Severe,oral glucocorticold dependent asthma	Annualized rate of severe exacerbation events	Pre-BDR FEV1
	dependent dennia	<u>exaction events</u>	Overall:+0.22L
	Size: 210		Eos-high:+0.32L
	Age: median: 50.7-51.9;	Overall:-59%	Eos-low:+0.24L
	Range >=12	Eos-high:-71%	
	Pre –treatment FEV1:	Eos-low:-60%	
	51.64-52.69%		
	Time :24 weeks		

Liberty asthma venture

Dupilumab

Placebo



Percentage reduction in oral glucocorticoid dose -70.1% in v/s -41.9%

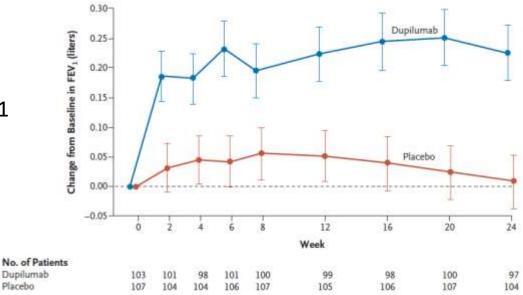
50% dose reduction : 80% v/s 50%

33% dose reduction to <5mg/d

discontinued oral glucocorticoid -48% v/s 25%

Change from baseline in FEV1 before bronchodilator use

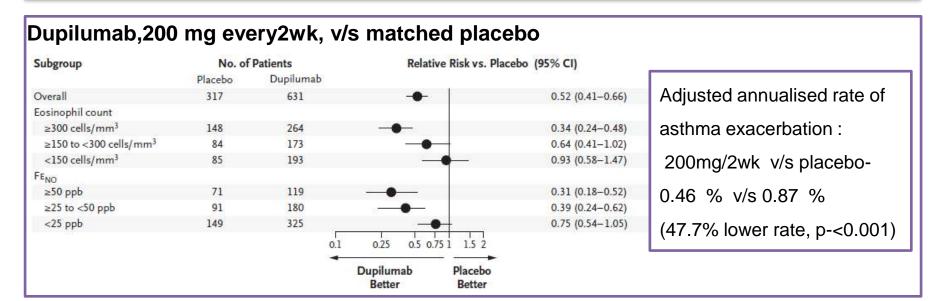
increase in FEV1- 220ml

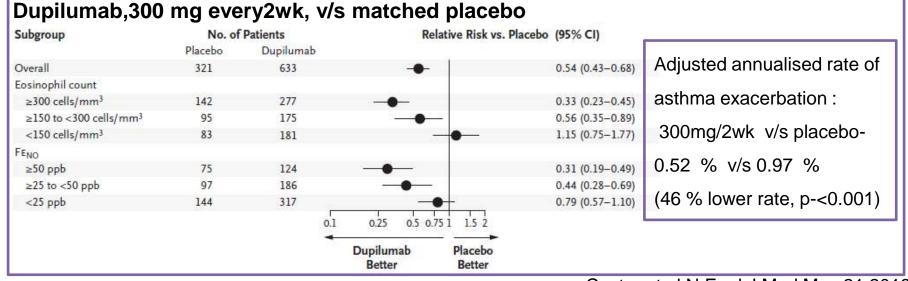


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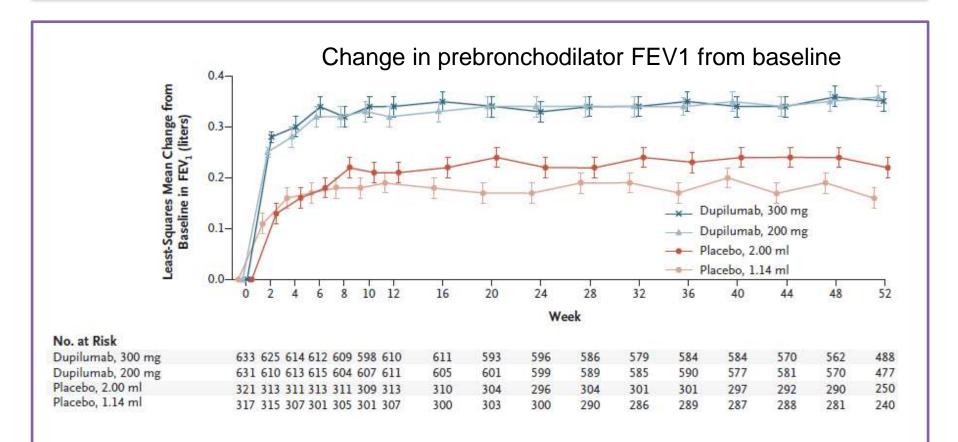
BIOLOGICAL AGENT	POPULATION	EXACERBATION RATE	LUNG FUNCTION
DUPILUMAB	Uncontrolled, moderate-to- severe asthma	Adjusted annualized rate of severe exacerbation	Pre-BDR FEV1
			Overall:
	Size: 1902		200mg:+0.14L
	Age: mean 47.9;	Overall:	300mg:+0.13L
	Range 12+	200mg:-47.7%	· ·
	Pre –treatment FEV1:	300mg:-46.0%	Eos high:
	58.43%	_	200mg:+0.21L
	Time :52 weeks	Eos high:	300mg:+0.24L
		200mg:-65.8%	J
		300mg:-67.4%	

Liberty asthma quest





Liberty asthma quest



- √ Change in prebronchodilator FEV1 from baseline
- ✓ Low dose dupilumab v/s placebo : 0.32 v/s 0.18 ltrs(diff ,0.14 ltrs , p < 0.001)
- ✓ High dose dupilumab v/s placebo: 0.34 v/s 0.21ltrs (diff, 0.13 ltrs, p <0.001)

PGD2 receptor antagonist

Study	Study population	Study design
To assess safety and efficacy of fevipiprant, an oral antagonist of prostaglandin receptor, DP2, compared with placebo when added to standard of care of asthma therapy in patients with uncontrolled asthma ZEAL 1(n= 662) & ZEAL 2(n=685)	Patients >12 yrs with uncontrolled asthma	Phase 3, randomised, multicentre, parallel group, placebo controlled and double blinded Duration – 12 wks Fevipiprant -150mg OD

Results:

No statistical significance in primary end point (mean change from base line in pre dose FEV1

PGD2 receptor antagonist

Study	Study population	Study design
To investigate whether fevipiprant reduces asthma exacerbations in patients with severe asthma LUSTER 1 & LUSTER 2	Patients >12 yrs with uncontrolled asthma	Phase 3, randomised, multicentre, parallel group, placebo controlled and double blinded Duration – 52 wks Randomised (1:1:1) into fevipiptrant (150, 450 mg) and placebo

Results:

Consistent and moderate reduction in asthma exacerbation rates in both studies with 450 mg of fevipiprant → statistically not significant

Tezepelumab

Study	Study population	Study design
To investigate efficacy and safety of tezepelumab in patients with uncontrolled asthma PATHWAY	Patients >12 yrs with uncontrolled asthma	Phase 2, randomised ,placebo controlled and double blinded Duration – 52 wks Randomised (1:1:1:1) into Tezepelumab 70mg/4wk,n=145 (low) 210mg/4k, n=145(med) 280mg/2wks , n=146 (high) placebo, n=148

Results:

Treatment with tezepelumab resulted in reduced rate of asthma exacerbation at week 52 in all 3 groups as compared to placebo, p=<0.001, independent of baseline blood eosinophil level

Tezepelumab

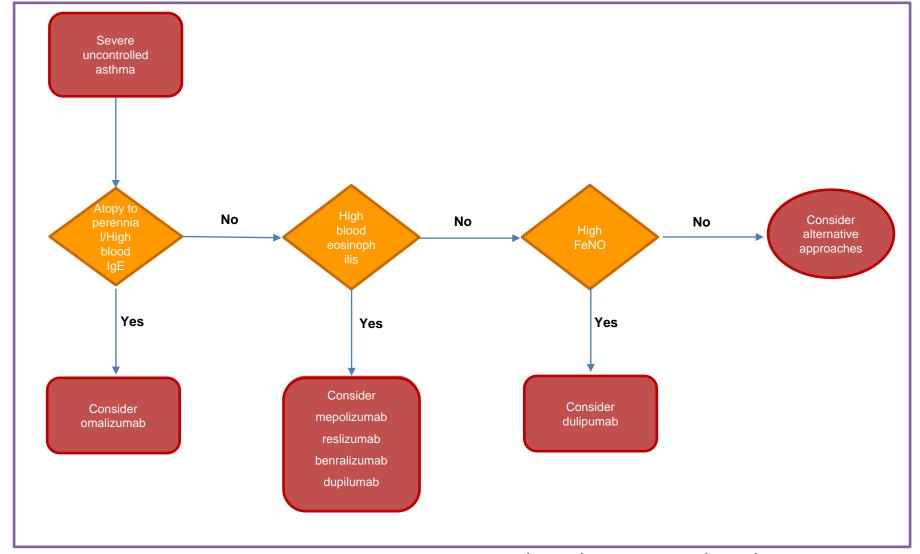
Study	Study population	Study design
		Phase 3, randomised ,placebo controlled and double blinded
To investigate efficacy and safety of tezepelumab in patients with uncontrolled asthma NAVIGATOR	Patients >12 yrs with uncontrolled asthma	Duration – 52 wks Randomised (1:1) into Tezepelumab 210mg/2wk,n=529 placebo, n=532

Results:

Annualised rate of asthma exacerbation rate: Tezepelumab (0.93) v/s placebo (2.10) Rate ratio- 0.44, p <0.001

Pre bronchodilator FEV1 (week 52)- 0.23 v/s 0.09 ltrs , diff- 0.13 ltrs , p- <0.001

Algorithm for selecting ideal biological treatment for severe uncontrolled asthma



Dragonieri et al . Asthma Research and Practice 2021

Treatment with biologicals based on endotyping

Therapy	Mechanism of action	Endotype	Comments
Omalizumab	Humanized mAb Inhibits activity of IgE	Moderate-severe allergic asthma IgE ≥30 IU/mI, Positive Skin prick test or Specific IgE to perennial allergen	75 to 375 mg SC every 2 or 4 weeks

Doruduchi et al Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology 2019

Adverse effects

Headache (6%-12%) ,Arthralgias (3%-8%)

Anaphylaxis (0.3%) – blackbox warning

Serum sickness-like reaction,

Cardiovascular events, including transient ischemic attack and ischemic stroke

Eosinophilic granulomatosis and polyangiitis

Treatment with biologicals based on endotyping

Therapy	Mechanism of action	Endotype	Comments
Mepolizumab	Humanized mAb inhibits actions of IL-5	Severe eosinophilic asthma/blood eosinophils ≥150 or 300 cells/µl	100 mg SC every 4 weeks (bodyweight > 40 kg); 40 mg SC every 4 weeks (bodyweight < 40 kg)
Reslizumab	Humanized mAb inhibits actions of IL-5	Severe eosinophilic asthma/blood eosinophils ≥400/µl	3 mg/kg IV every 4 weeks
Benralizumab	Humanized mAb inhibits actions of IL-5 receptor	Severe eosinophilic asthma/blood eosinophils 300 cells/µl	30 mg SC every 4 weeks X 3 doses, then every 8weeks

Doruduchi et al Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology 2019

Adverse effects of Anti-IL5

Mepolizumab	Benralizumab	Reslizumab
Headache (19%) Injection site reaction (8%-15%)	Antibody response with neutralizing activity (12%) Headache (8%) Pharyngitis (5%)	Antibody to medication (5%) Transient increased Creatinephosphokinase (20%) Oropharyngeal pain (3%) Increased malignancies observed at 6 mo (diverse types) Anaphylaxis (0.3%) – black box warning

Schoettler et al CHEST March 2020

Treatment with biologicals based on endotyping

Therapy	Mechanism of action	Endotype	Comments
Dupilumab	Humanized mAb inhibits actions of IL-4 and IL-13	Blood eosinophils ≥150/µl FENO >25 ppb	400 or 600 mg (two injections) SC followed by 200 or 300mg every other week

Doruduchi et al Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology 2019

Adverse effects of Dupilumab

Injection site reaction (10%-18%) ,Oral herpes simplex infection(4%)

Antibody response with neutralizing activity (2%-4%)

Conjunctivitis (10%)

Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis and eosinophilic pneumonia

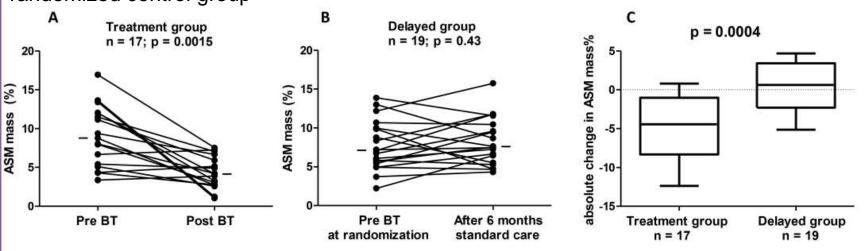
Hypersensitivity reactionsood eosinophils ≥150/µl

Bronchial thermoplasty – TASMA trial

Population	Intervention	Comparison	Outcome
N=40, Severe asthma patients between 18 and 65 years old Design: RCT in two centers (UK/ Netherlands each	Bronchial thermoplasty	Patients were randomized into A= immediate BT treatment and B= 6 months delayed BT treatment control group (1:1 ratio, n=20 per group).	1.To assess the effect of BT on ASM mass2. To identify patient characteristics that correlate with BT response

TAMSA trial - results

Airway smooth muscle decrease after bronchial thermoplasty as compared with the randomized control group



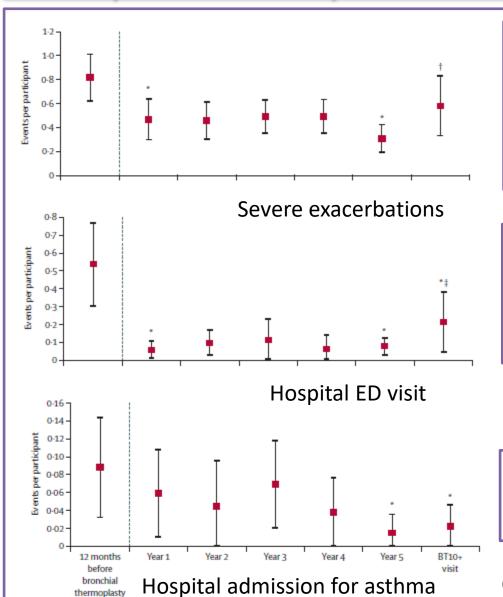
Improvement in asthma control questionnaires (ACQ) and asthma quality of life Questionnaires AQLQ

Safety and effectiveness of bronchial thermoplasty in patients with persistent asthma (BT 10 +)

Population	intervention	Comparisons	Outcome
N=192.	BT	A. Treated: Subjects that received BT in a prior study (AIR, RISA, or AIR2) B. Control: Subjects that participated in prior study (AIR) or (RISA) but did not receive BT. C. Sham: Subjects that participated in the AIR2 study, were blinded and did not receive the treatment	A. Primary Safety Endpoint: Absence of clinically significant post-treatment respiratory changes defined as bronchiectasis and bronchostenosis from Baseline (pre-BT) CT. B. Primary Effectiveness: Endpoints at 10 or more years following the subjects' last BT procedure; Asthma Exacerbations, ER Visits, Hospitalizations,

Chaudhuri et al Europ Resp Journal 2017

Safety and effectiveness of bronchial thermoplasty in patients with persistent asthma (BT 10 +)



Severe exacerbation/participant

12 months prior to BT - 0.82

During 1 st year after BT - 0.47

During 5 th year after BT - 0.31

12 months prior to BT10 + visit - 0.58

Hospital emergency department visits per participant was lower at year 1 after BT, year 5 after BT, and during the 12 months before the BT10+ visit

Lower rates of admissions to hospital for asthma at year 5 and during the 12 months before the BT10+ visit

Chaudhuri et al Europ Resp Journal 2017

Conclusion

Heterogenous disorder with variable response to available therapies.

Novel biological therapies available to treat patients with severe asthma.

Possible to provide personalised medicine based on available biomarkers

 Combination of biologicals and head to head studies for biologicals still awaited