



# 口服類固醇依賴：如何利用**生物製劑**降低口服類固醇使用

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# Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)

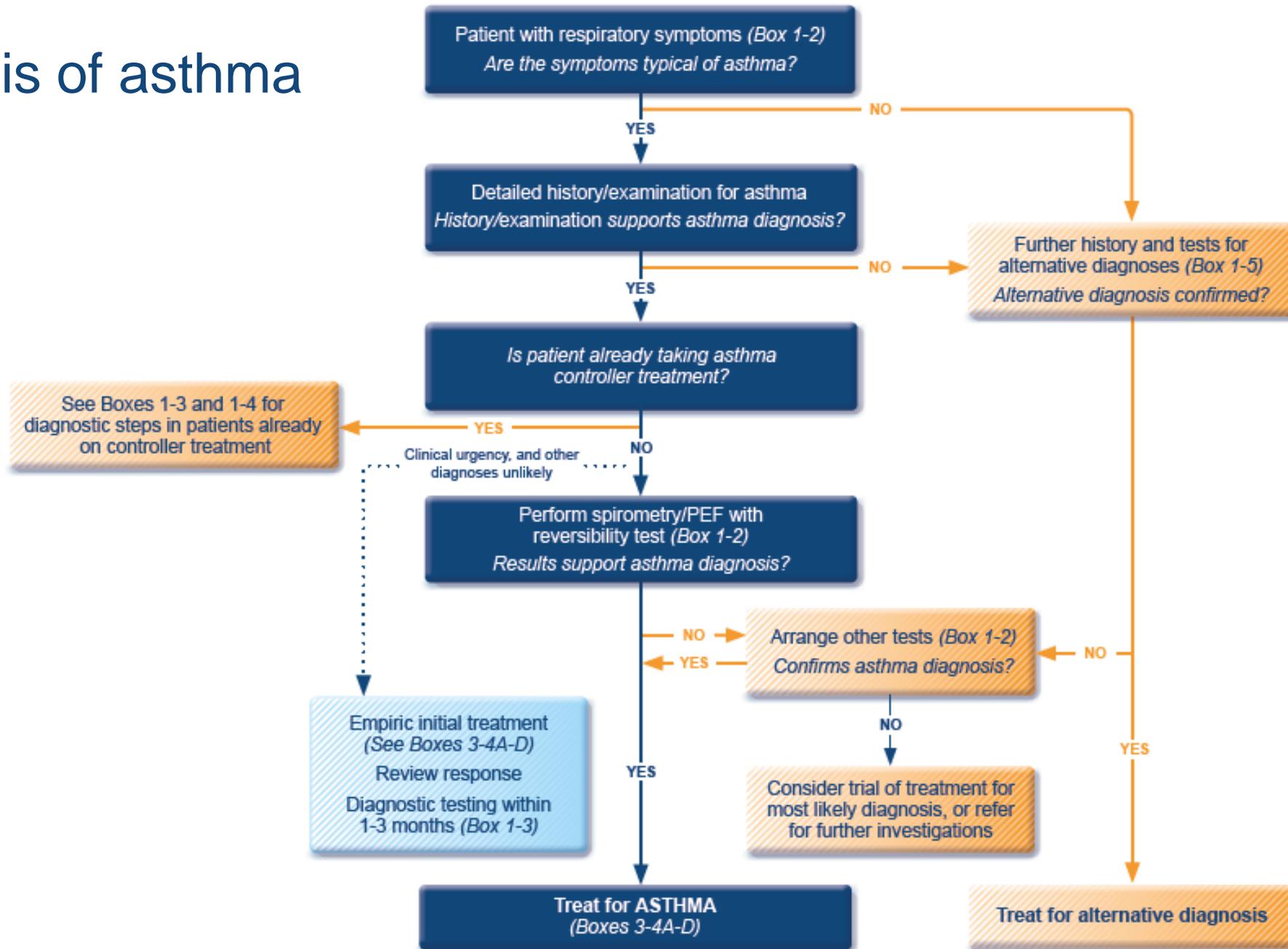
## What's new in GINA 2022?



## GINA Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention

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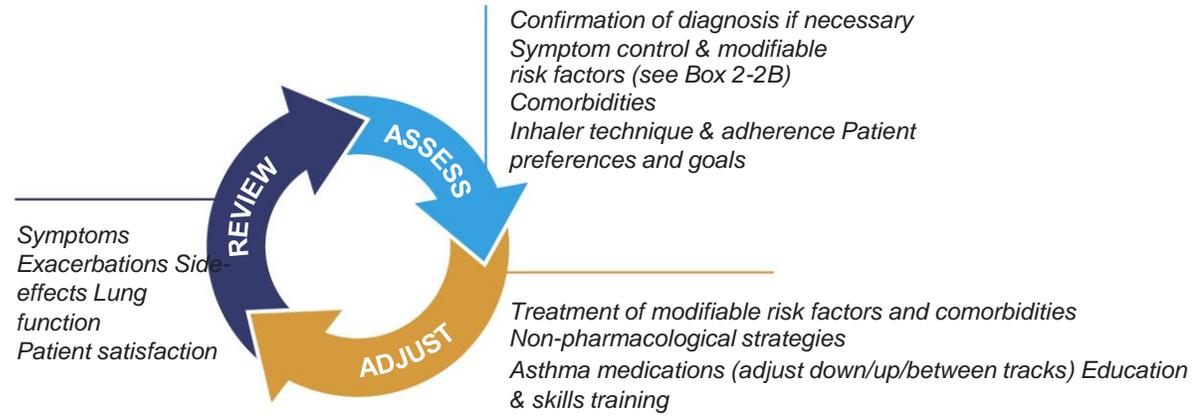
# Diagnosis of asthma



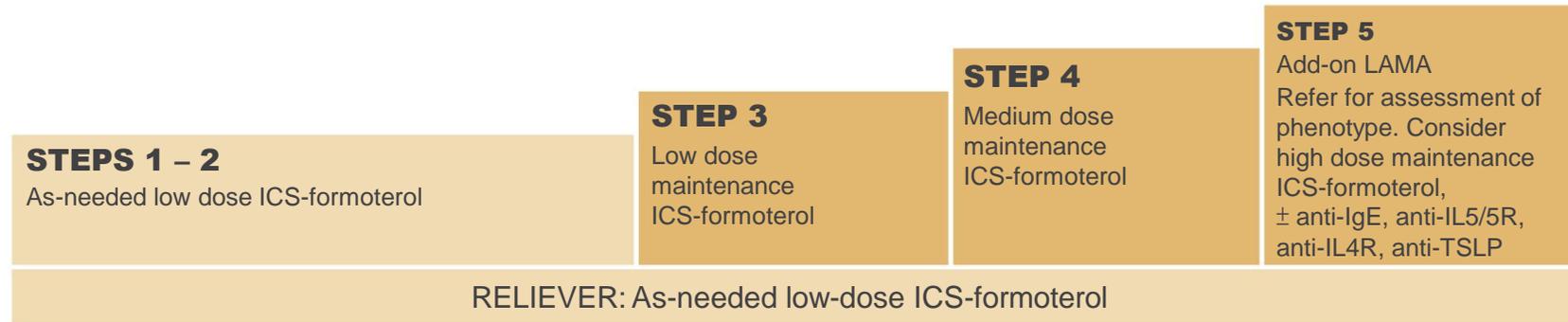
# Adults & adolescents 12+ years

## Personalized asthma management

Assess, Adjust, Review  
for individual patient needs

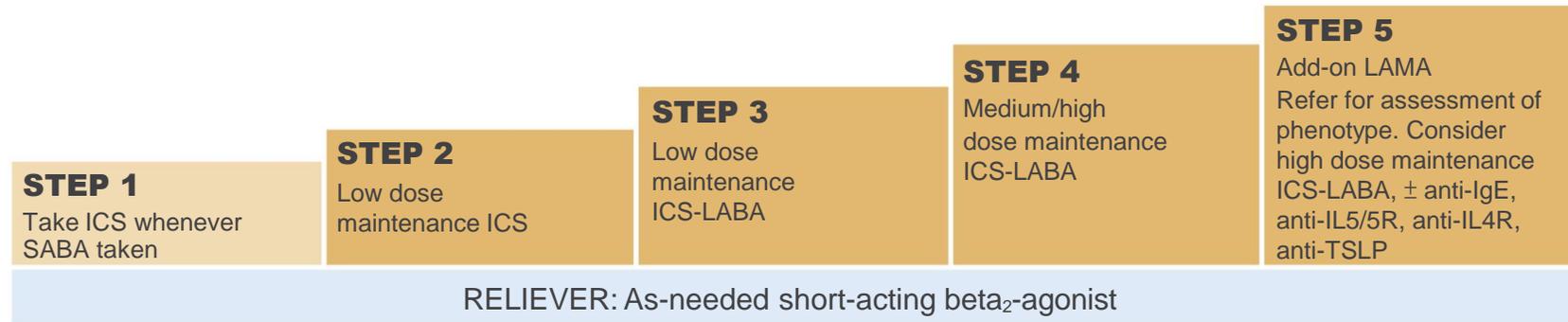


**CONTROLLER** and **PREFERRED RELIEVER**  
(Track 1). Using ICS-formoterol as reliever reduces the risk of exacerbations compared with using a SABA reliever



See GINA severe asthma guide

**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 (limited indications, or less evidence for efficacy or safety)

	Low dose ICS whenever SABA taken, or daily LTRA, or add HDM SLIT	Medium dose ICS, or add LTRA, or add HDM SLIT	Add LAMA or LTRA or HDM SLIT, or switch to high dose ICS	Add azithromycin (adults) or LTRA. As last resort consider adding low dose OCS but consider side-effects
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# Short GINA guide for difficult-to-treat and severe asthma in adults and adolescents, 2022

- Full size rather than ‘pocket’ size; easier to read
- Updated decision tree for assessment of adults and adolescents with difficult-to-treat asthma
  - Sections 1–4: primary or specialist care
  - Sections 5–8: specialist care
  - Sections 9–10: ongoing collaborative care with patient, GP, specialist, other health professionals
- Decision tree and text are also included in full GINA report (Chapter 3E)
- Slide set on GINA website



## GINA DIFFICULT-TO-TREAT & SEVERE ASTHMA

in adolescent and  
adult patients

Diagnosis and Management

*A Short GINA Guide  
For Health Professionals*

V4.0 May 2022

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# OCS Stewardship is helping change the landscape of inappropriate OCS use in asthma

Respiratory diseases account for ~70–80% of OCS prescriptions;<sup>1</sup> the continued inclusion of OCS in asthma treatment guidelines contributes to the ongoing use of OCS in severe asthma<sup>2</sup>

Globally, ~20–60% of patients with severe or uncontrolled asthma receive long-term OCS;<sup>2</sup> however, its use is associated with **significant morbidity and mortality**<sup>3,4</sup>



The availability of new treatment options and guideline reform has brought about a **paradigm shift in the use of OCS for RA and Crohn's disease**<sup>5,6</sup>



There is a need to drive a **similar transformation in asthma care** and relegate OCS to a **last-resort treatment**



**Continued change in clinical practice is key to promoting OCS Stewardship and ensuring that patients are not exposed to inappropriate OCS use**

OCS, oral corticosteroid(s); RA, rheumatoid arthritis

1. Menzies Gow A, et al. British Thoracic Society Winter Meeting 2021, 17 February 2021, London, UK, 24–25 February 2021 (Abstract S29);

2. Bleecker ER, et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2020;201:276–293; 3. Price DB, et al. J Asthma Allergy 2018;11:193–204; 4. Lee H, et al. Eur Respir J 2019;54:1900804;

5. Chhaya V, et al. Aliment Pharmacol Ther 2016;44:482–494; 6. Black RJ, et al. Arthritis Res Ther 2017;19:253

# GINA acknowledges that occasional courses of OCS are associated with increased risk of AEs

The 'What's new in GINA 2022' slide deck acknowledges the risks associated with **occasional courses of OCS** and suggests considering maintenance OCS **only as a last resort because of serious cumulative AEs**<sup>1</sup>

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*OCS are associated with serious cumulative AEs (eg sepsis, cataract, osteoporosis) even with occasional courses*

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This statement is referenced to **Price et al (2018)**, which demonstrated that an increased risk of AEs begins at cumulative exposures of 0.5–<1 g, equivalent to 2–4 lifetime courses of OCS<sup>2</sup>

## Management of asthma in low- and middle-income countries



- 96% of asthma deaths are in low- and middle-income countries (LMIC) (Meghji, *Lancet* 2021)
  - Much of this burden is avoidable, especially with ICS (e.g. Comaru, *Respir Med* 2016)
  - Barriers include lack of access to essential medications, and prioritization of acute care over chronic care by health systems (Mortimer, *ERJ* 2022)
- Lack of access to affordable quality-assured inhaled medications (Stolbrink, review for WHO 2022)
  - Oral bronchodilators have slow onset of action and more side-effects than inhaled
  - OCS are associated with serious cumulative adverse effects (e.g. sepsis, cataract, osteoporosis) even with occasional courses (Price, *J Asthma Allerg* 2018)
- GINA supports the initiative by IUATLD towards a World Health Assembly Resolution on equitable access to affordable care for asthma, including inhaled medicines
  - In the meantime, if Track 1 is not available due to lack of access or affordability, Track 2 treatment may be preferable, although less effective in reducing exacerbations
  - If Track 2 options also not available, taking ICS whenever SABA is taken may be preferable to LTRA or maintenance OCS because of concerns about efficacy and/or safety
  - Greatest overall benefit at a population level would be from increasing access to ICS-formoterol

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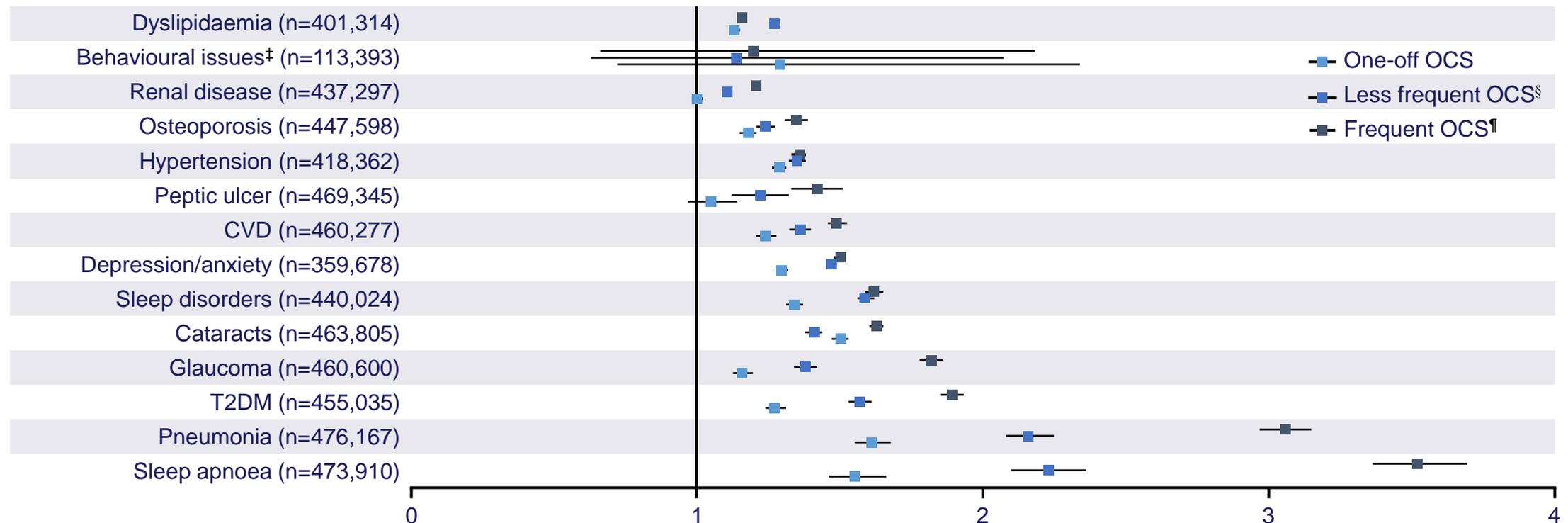
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• AE, adverse effect; GINA, Global Initiative for Asthma; ICS, inhaled corticosteroid(s); IUATLD, International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease; LTRA, leukotriene receptor antagonist; OCS, oral corticosteroid(s); SABA, short-acting  $\beta_2$ -agonist

• 1. Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA). What's new in GINA 2022? Available from: <https://ginasthma.org/gina-reports/> (Accessed 1 July 2022);  
2. Price DB, et al. *J Asthma Allergy* 2018;11:193–204

# OCS Stewardship is needed to prevent AEs associated with intermittent OCS use

## Hazard ratios\* of OCS-related AEs for patients receiving intermittent OCS versus OCS-naïve patients†

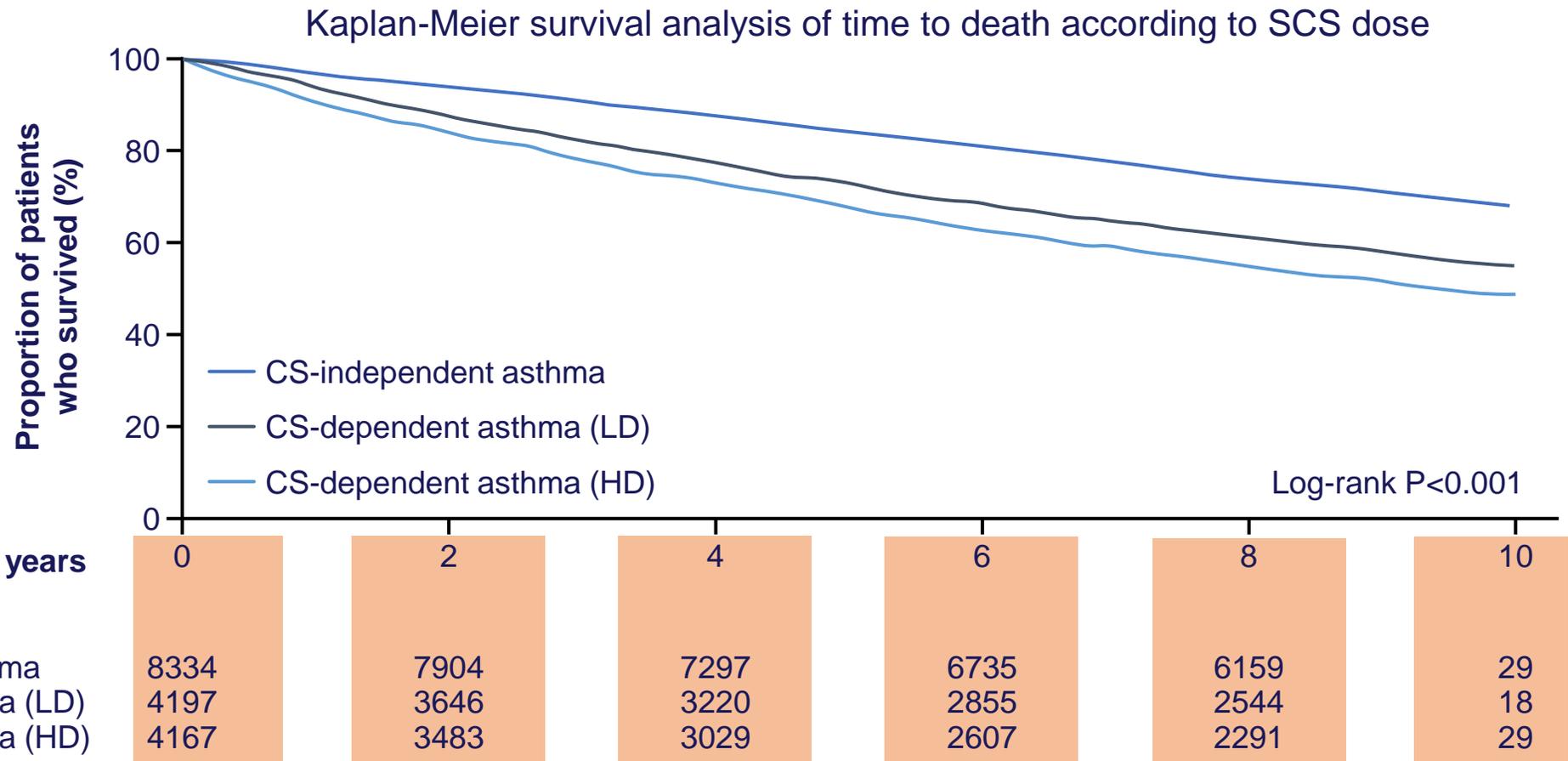


- \*Hazard ratios were calculated using Cox regression analysis, adjusted for age, gender, BMI, smoking and time-varying OCS prescriptions; †OCS-naïve patients were matched with all patients receiving OCS prescriptions according to a 1:1 ratio; ‡behavioural issues include diagnosis for distress, agitation, nervousness, emotional problems, irritable and abnormal behaviour among patients <18 years; §patients with less frequent OCS use received all OCS prescriptions with a gap of ≥90 days; ¶patients with frequent OCS use received at least some OCS prescriptions with a gap of <90 days, allowing for other prescription gaps to be ≥90 days

- AE, adverse event; BMI, body mass index; CVD, cardiovascular diseases; OCS, oral corticosteroid(s); T2DM, Type 2 diabetes mellitus

- Heatley H, et al. Abstract accepted for presentation at IPCRG 2022

# The risk of mortality associated with SCS use is dose-dependent



• CS, corticosteroid(s); HD, high dose; LD, low dose; SCS, systemic corticosteroid(s)  
Lee H, et al. Eur Respir J 2019;54:1900804

# Key changes to GINA severe asthma guide in 2022

(continued)

- Anti-IL4R\* (dupilumab) for severe eosinophilic/Type 2 asthma
  - Not suggested if blood eosinophils (current or historic) >1500/ $\mu$ l
  - Dupilumab now also approved for children  $\geq 6$  years with severe eosinophilic/Type 2 asthma, not on maintenance OCS (*Bacharier, NEJMed 2021*)
- Anti-TSLP\* (tezepelumab) now approved for severe asthma (age  $\geq 12$  years)

Class	Name	Age*	Asthma indication*	Other indications*
Anti-IgE	Omalizumab (SC)	$\geq 6$ years	Severe allergic asthma	Nasal polyposis, chronic spontaneous urticaria
Anti-IL5	Mepolizumab (SC) Reslizumab (IV)	$\geq 6$ years $\geq 18$ years	Severe eosinophilic/Type 2 asthma	Mepolizumab: EGPA, CRSwNP, hypereosinophilic syndrome
Anti-IL5R	Benralizumab (SC)	$\geq 12$ years		
Anti-IL4R	Dupilumab (SC)	$\geq 6$ years	Severe eosinophilic/Type 2 asthma, or maintenance OCS	Moderate-severe atopic dermatitis, CRSwNP
Anti-TSLP	Tezepelumab (SC)	$\geq 12$ years	Severe asthma	

\*Check local eligibility criteria for specific biologic therapies; TSLP: thymic stromal lymphopoietin

中央健康保險局修正：含omalizumab成分藥品(如Xolair)之藥品給付規定  
(自103年10月1日起生效)

修正後給付規定	原給付規定
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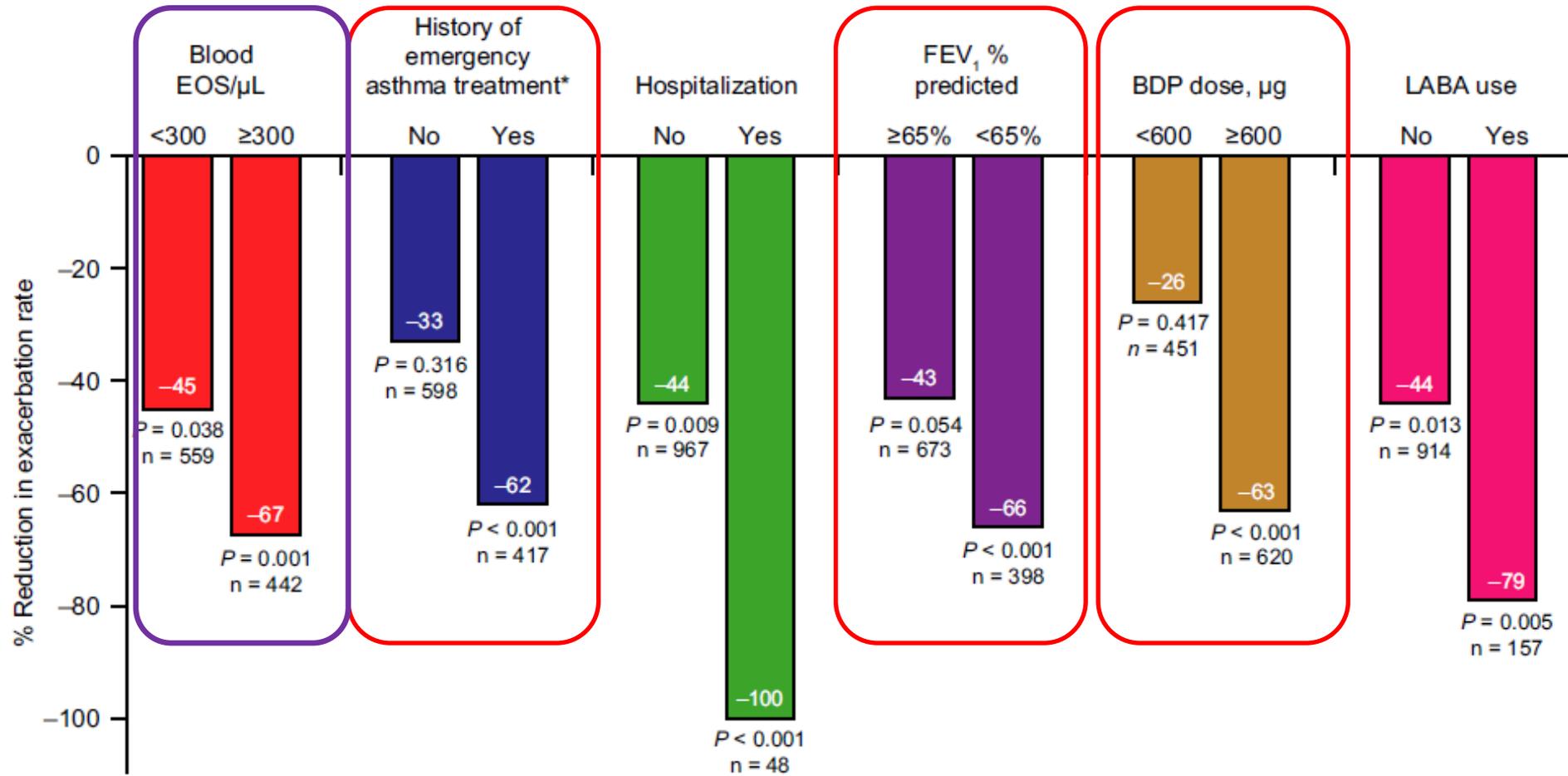
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健保署公告：異動含mepolizumab成分（如Nucala）、benralizumab成分（如Fasenra）之藥品共2品項之支付價暨修訂其給付規定，並自109年11月1日起實施

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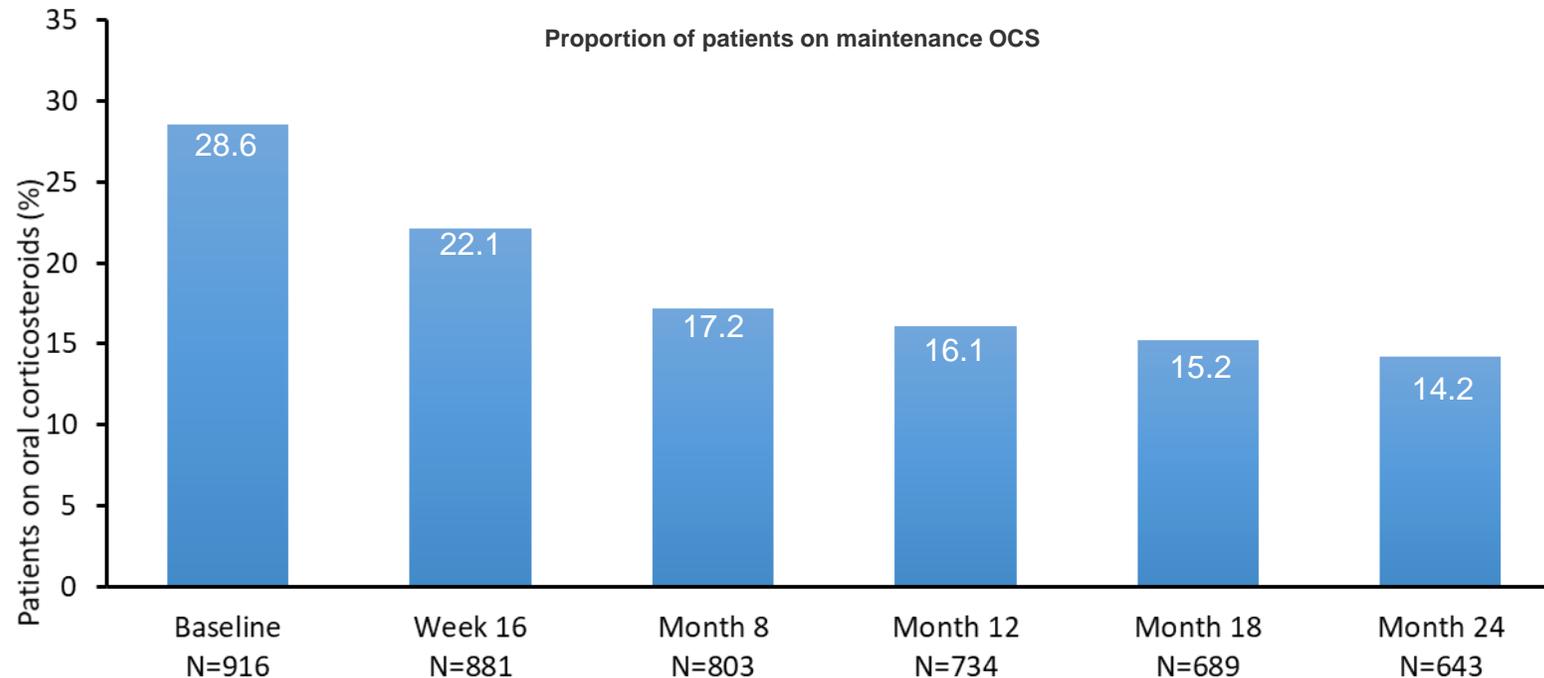
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Percentage reduction in exacerbation rate with OMA V.S. placebo by blood EOS level and clinical indices of asthma severity



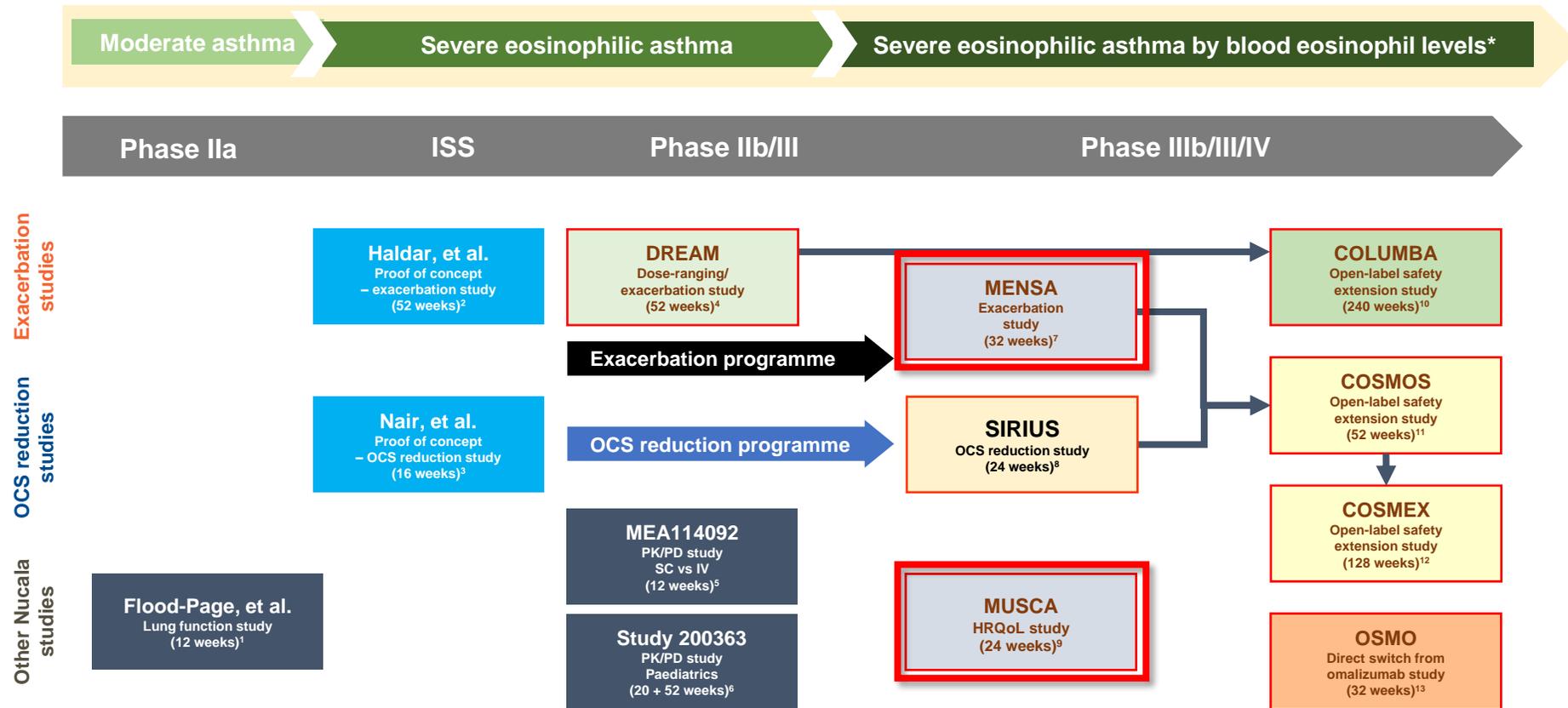
# Omalizumab for severe asthma: oral corticosteroid-sparing effect

**eXpeRience: A 2-year, multinational, non-interventional, observational registry of patients receiving omalizumab for uncontrolled allergic asthma in 943 patients**



N = number of evaluable patients at each time point  
Braunstahl G-J, et al. Allergy Asthma Clin Immunol 2013;9:47

# Asthma clinical development programme for Nucala in adults



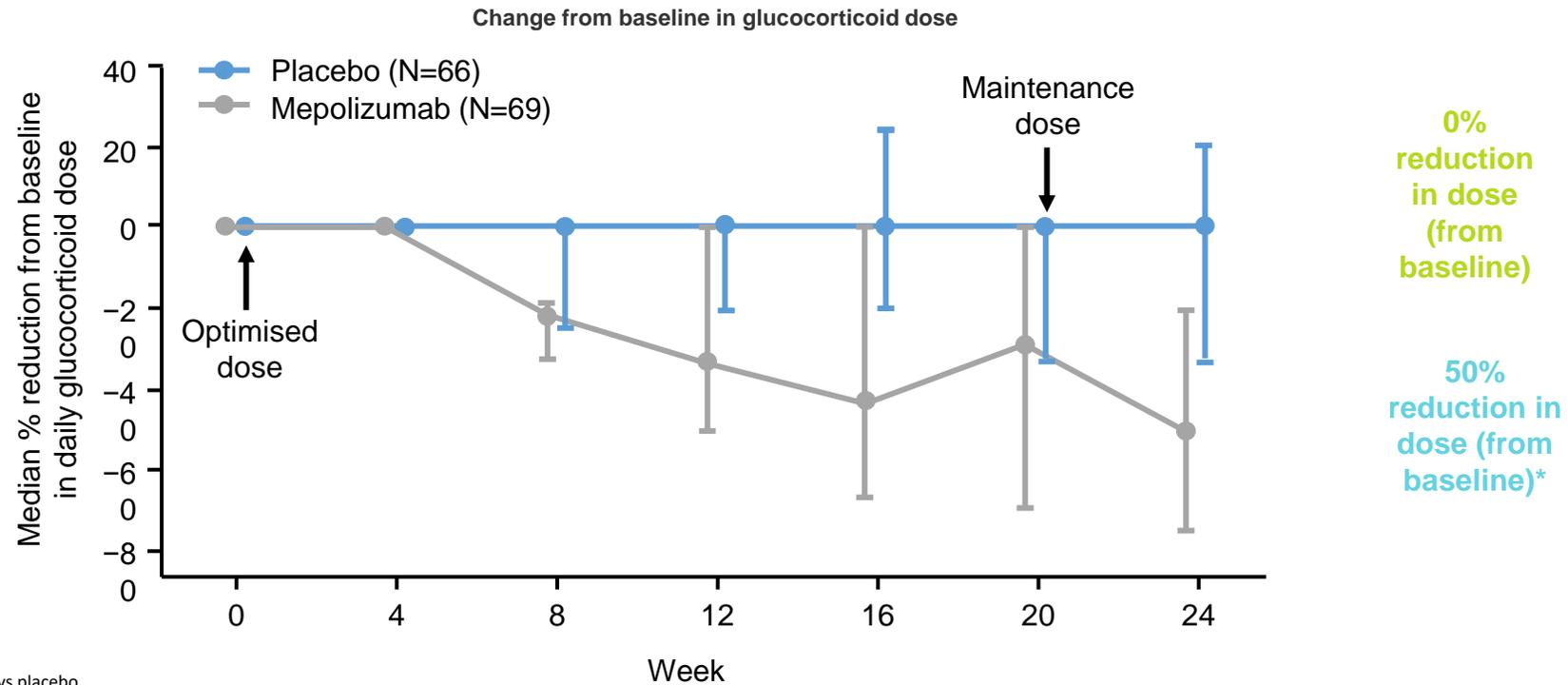
**Note: Nucala is not licenced as an IV medication.**

\* Blood eosinophil levels of  $\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L at study initiation or  $\geq 300$  cells/ $\mu$ L in previous 12 months. ISS, investigator-sponsored studies.

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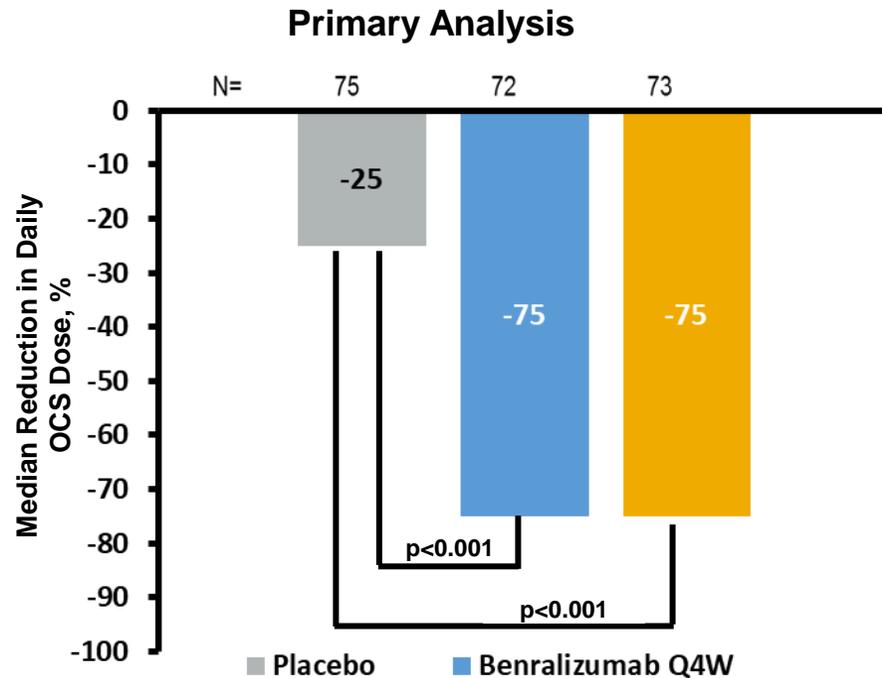
# Mepolizumab for severe asthma: oral corticosteroid-sparing effect

**SIRIUS: A randomised, double-blind trial in patients (N=135) with severe eosinophilic asthma on long-term oral corticosteroids**



\*p=0.007 vs placebo  
Bel EH, et al. N Engl J Med 2014;371:1189-1197

# ZONDA: Benralizumab Significantly Reduced Final OCS Doses at Week 28 While Maintaining Asthma Control vs. Placebo (Full Analysis Set)



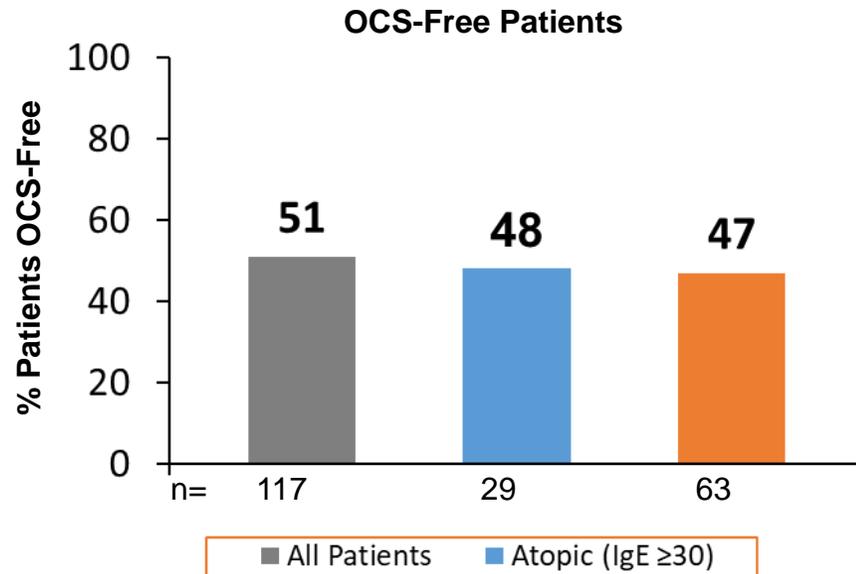
**Categorical Analysis**

Reduction in Final OCS Dose, n (%)	Placebo N=75	Benra mg Q4W N=72	Benra 30 mg Q8W N=73
≥90%	9 (12)	24 (33)	27 (37)
≥75%	15 (20)	38 (53)	37 (51)
≥50%	28 (37)	48 (67)	48 (66)
>0%	40 (53)	55 (76)	58 (79)
No change or any increase in OCS dose	35 (47)	17 (24)	15 (21)
<b>OR (95 % CI)</b>	–	<b>4.09 (2.22–7.57)</b>	<b>4.12 (2.22–7.63)</b>
<b>p-value</b>	–	<b>&lt;0.001</b>	<b>&lt;0.001</b>

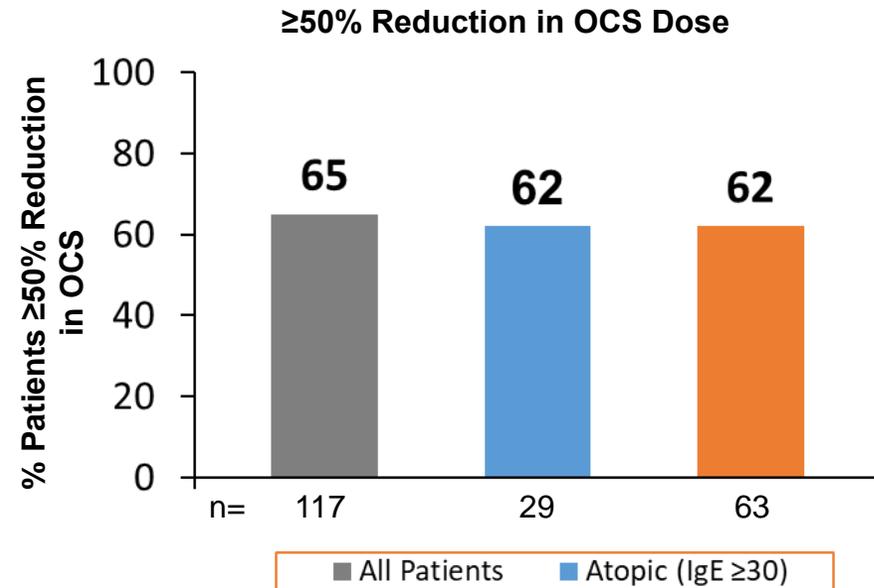
- Reduction in final OCS daily dose was 4X greater with benra vs. placebo (median baseline OCS dose was 10 mg/d in all groups)

# OCS Elimination and Dose Reduction at Week 48

接受benralizumab的治療48週後，有51%的病人已完全停止口服類固醇的治療



相較baseline, 高達65%的病患, 使用FASENRA治療至第48週時, 已顯著降低口服類固醇劑量達50%以上



Note: Patients with a sensitisation to any perennial aero-allergens but with a total IgE measure <30 IU/mL were excluded from the subgroup comparison.

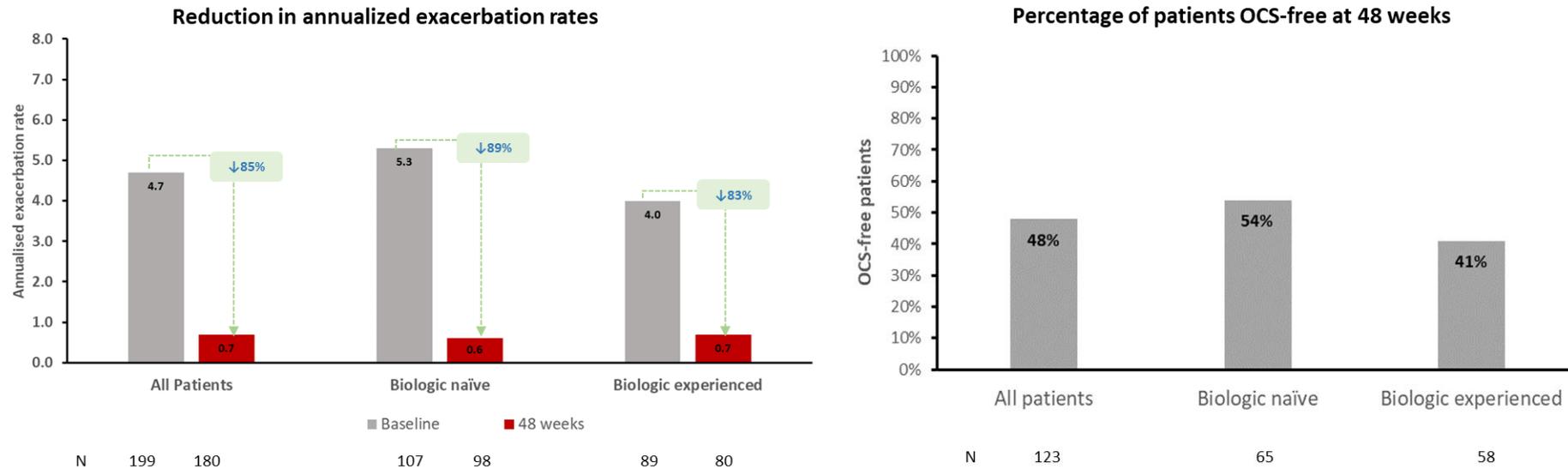
N = number of patients; OCS = oral corticosteroid.

Jackson DJ et al. Presented at: EAACI International Digital Congress; June 6-8, 2020; London, UK.

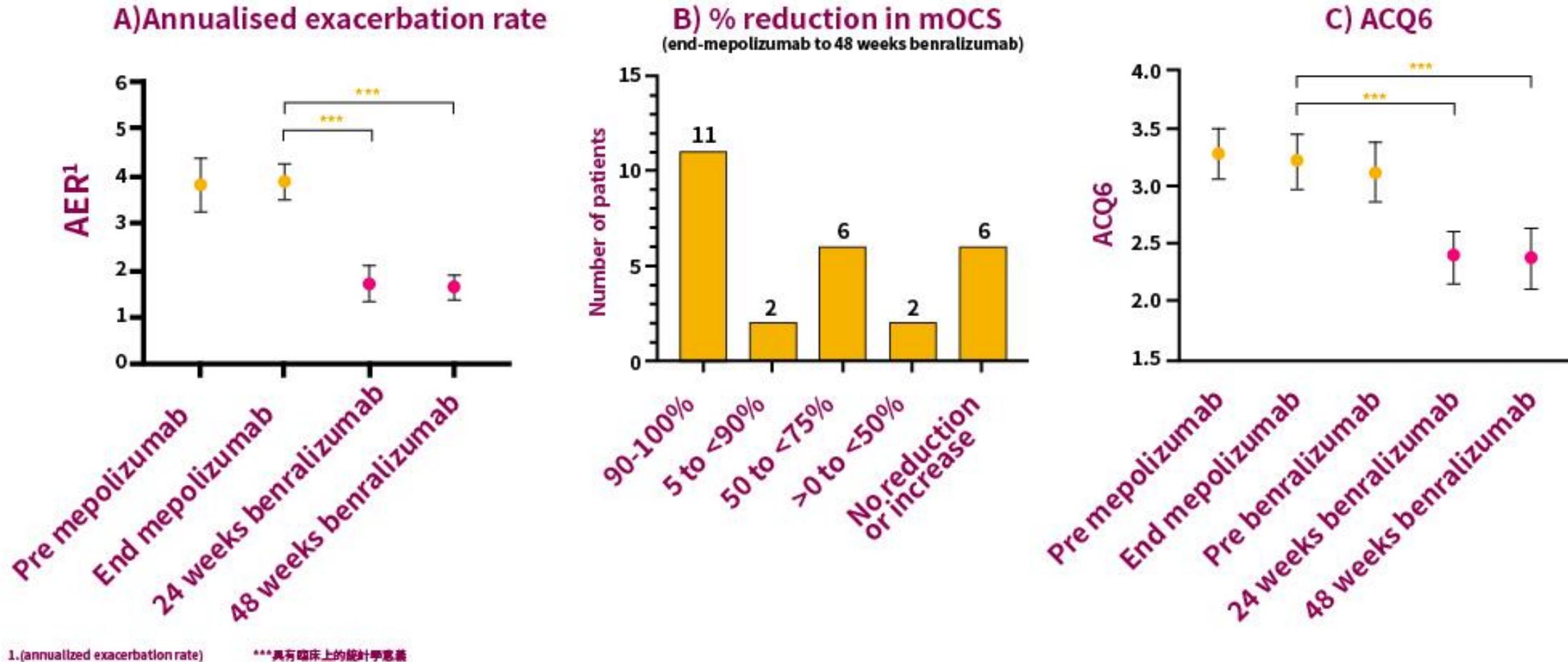
## Appendix: Key findings in biologic naïve vs experienced patients

Benralizumab demonstrated substantial effect on all key clinical outcomes in both biologic-naïve patients and those failing on previous biologic.

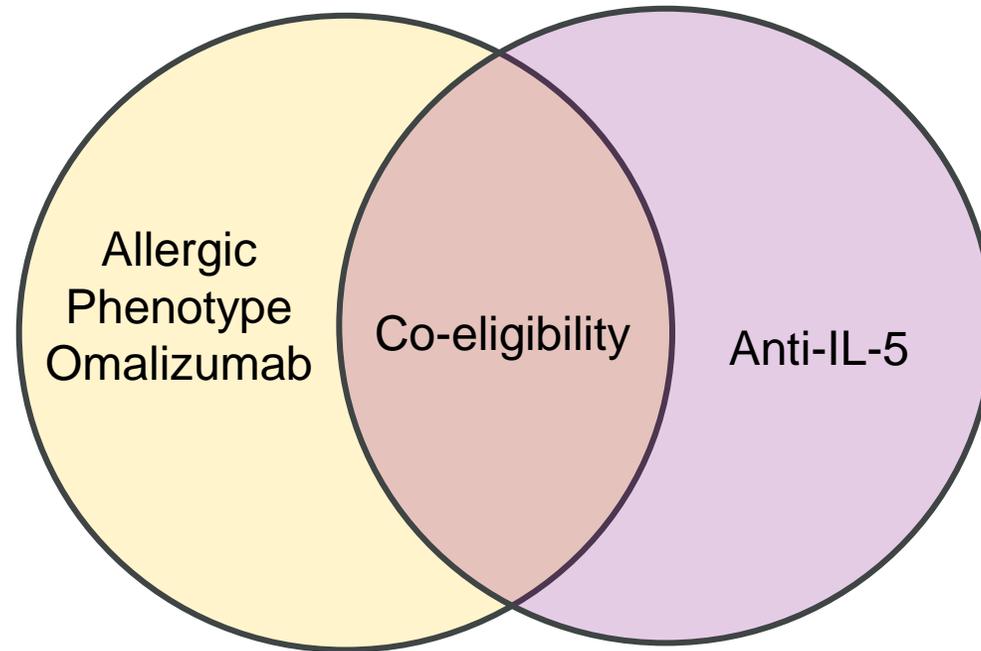
- 44% (89/202) of patients were biologic experienced; 75% of these (67/89) were mepolizumab and 10% (9/89) omalizumab experienced.



# Response to benralizumab after sub-optimal response to mepolizumab in severe eosinophilic (a retrospective study)

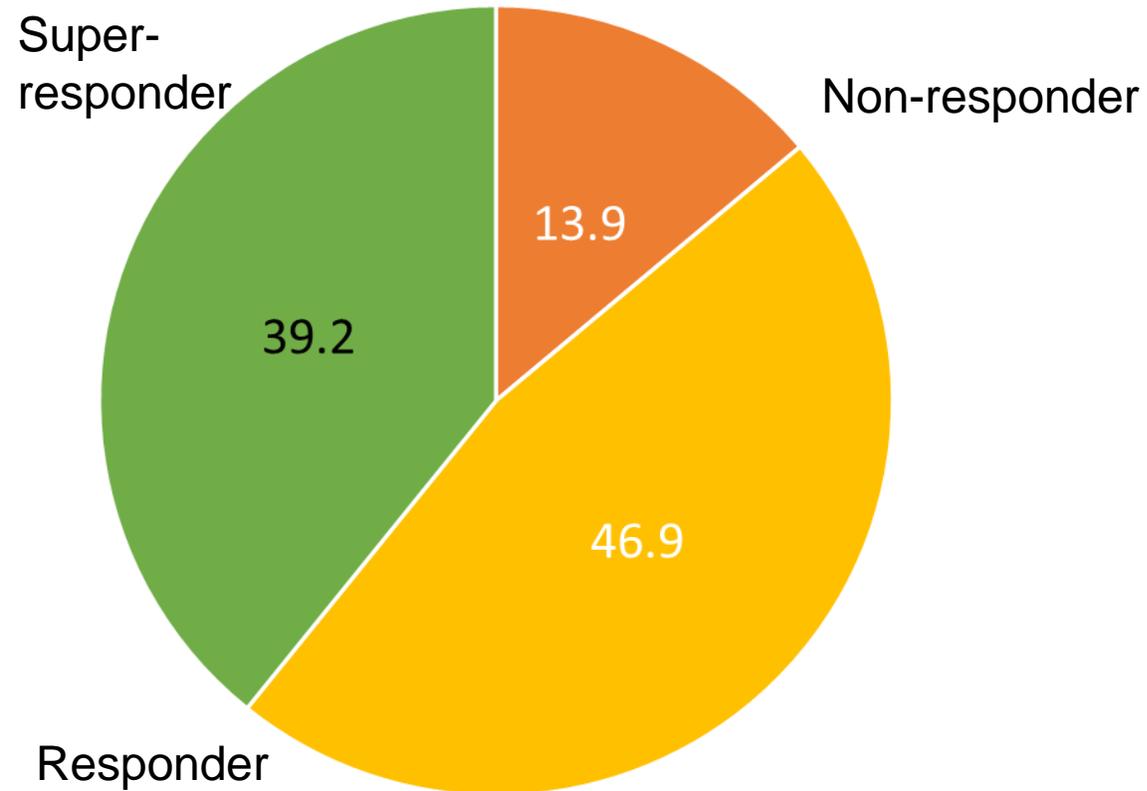


How do severe atopic patients eligible for anti-IgE respond to anti-IL-5/5R mAbs?



# Real world effectiveness of benralizumab

**Benralizumab Response, n=130**



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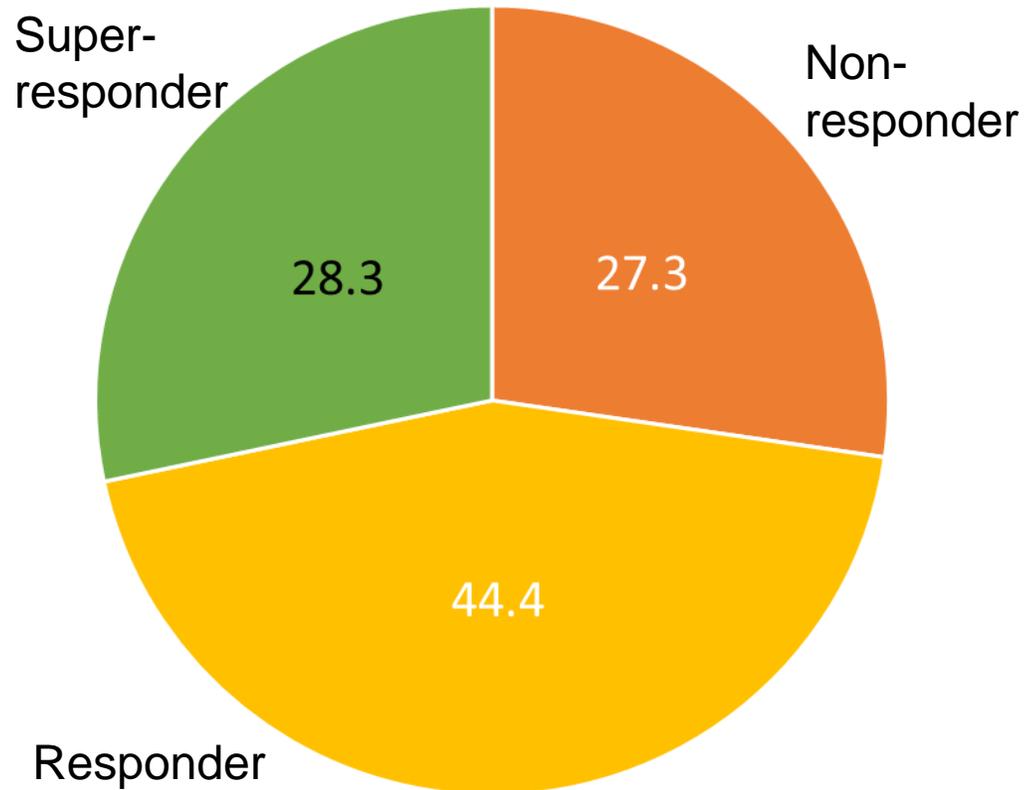
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Kavanagh J et al . CHEST 2021; 159(2):496 506

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# Real world effectiveness of mepolizumab

**Mepolizumab Response, n=99**



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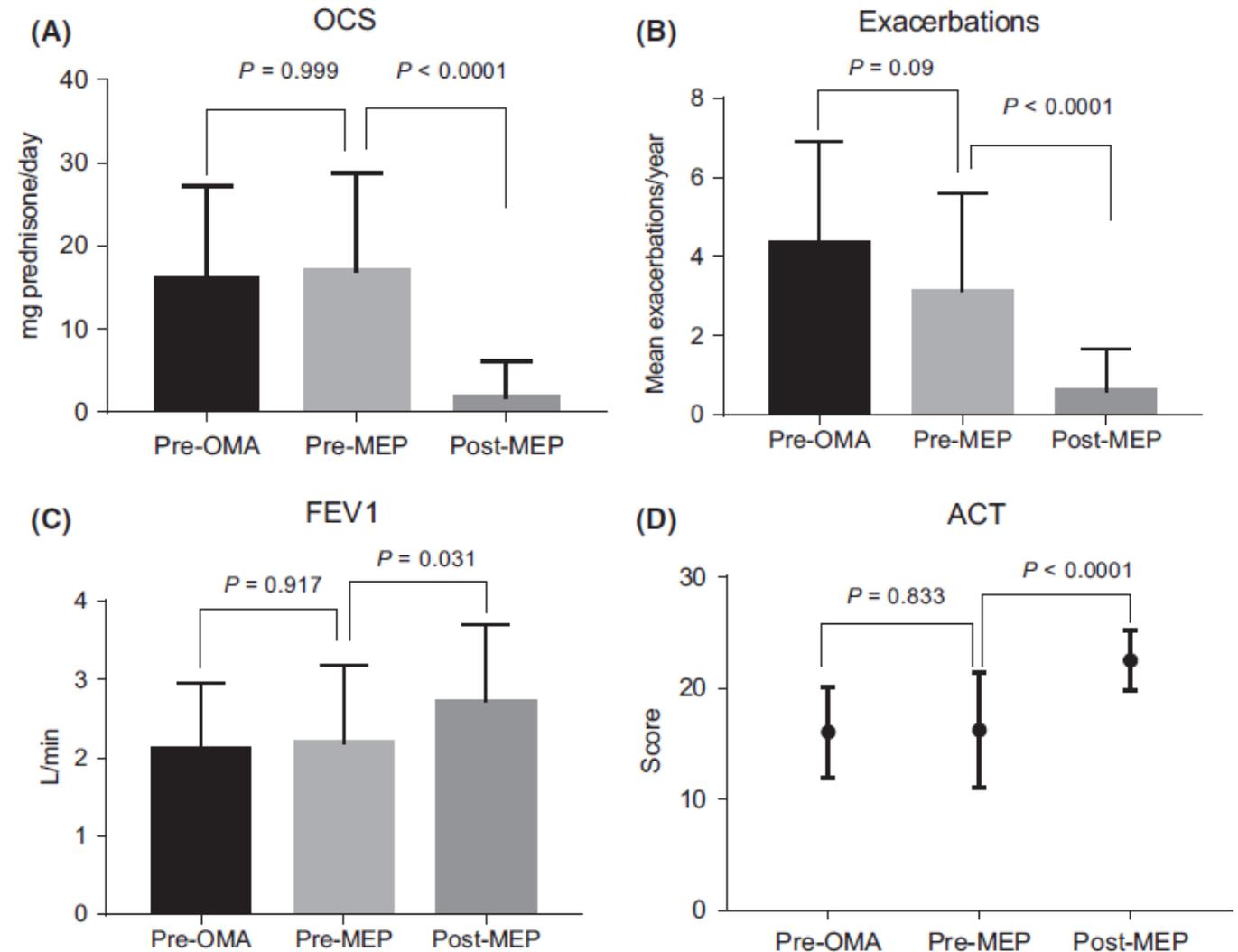
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The present results suggest that, when the **anti-IgE-strategy fails** and severe asthma maintains a **high-eosinophil** profile, a switch to IL-5 antagonists is a reasonable choice.

### Retrospective analysis:

- Severe asthma patients, N=27
- Age: 57±11.7 years
- Non-responder to OMA:  
Unable to discontinue or escalate daily dose of OCS, who persisted with 2 or more exacerbations/year or needed at least 1 hospitalization.
- Washout period: 1 month





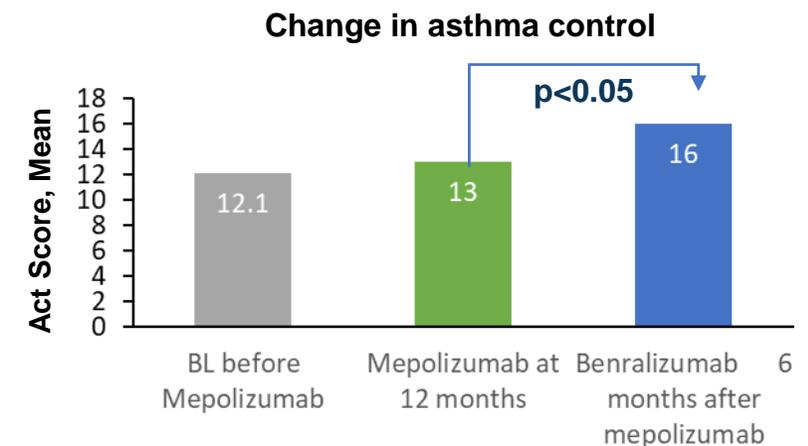
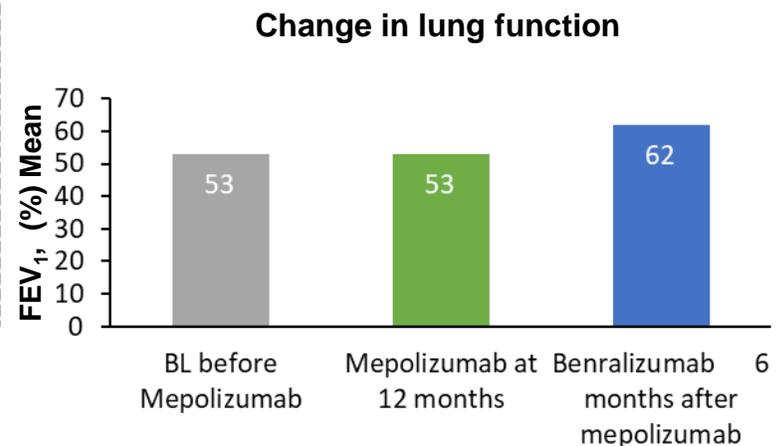
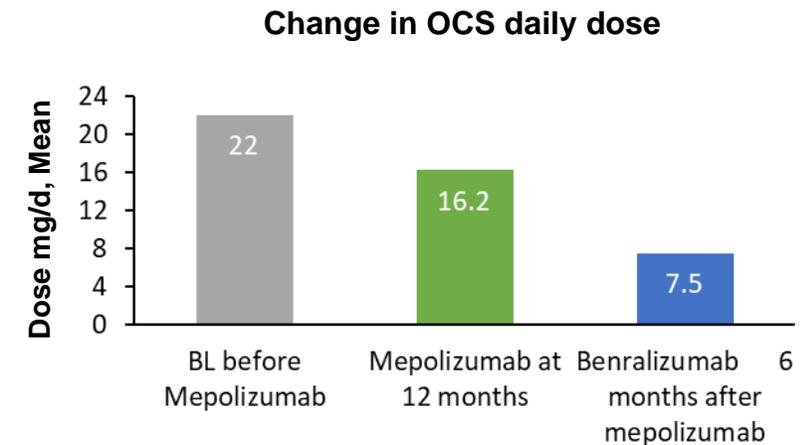
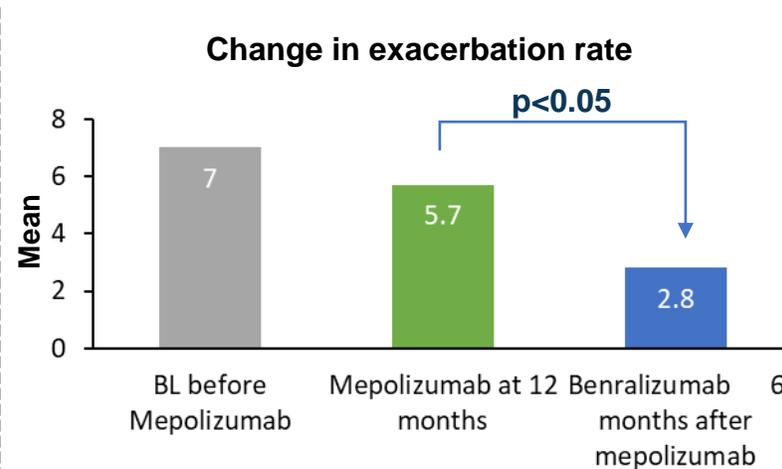
# Retrospective Study: Benralizumab at 6 Months After Switching From 12 Months of Mepolizumab Treatment

Direct Switching  
(No washout period)

Patients treated with benralizumab for 6 months after intermediate/poor response to mepolizumab, 48% were observed to have an **GETE score of 1-2** (p=0.012)

## Retrospective analysis:

- SEA patients, N=22
- Age: 49±11 years
- History of NP, 55%
- bEOS 12 months after mepo vs. 6 months after benra 186 cells/ $\mu$ L vs. 0 cells/ $\mu$ L (p<0.05)
- Intermediate or poor response to mepo (GETE score of 3-4 at 12 months)



Good or excellent response had GETE scores of 1-2.

ACT = Asthma Control Test; BL = baseline; bEOS = blood eosinophils; GETE = Global Evaluation for Treatment Efficiency; NP = nasal polyps; OCS = oral corticosteroid; SEA = severe eosinophilic asthma.

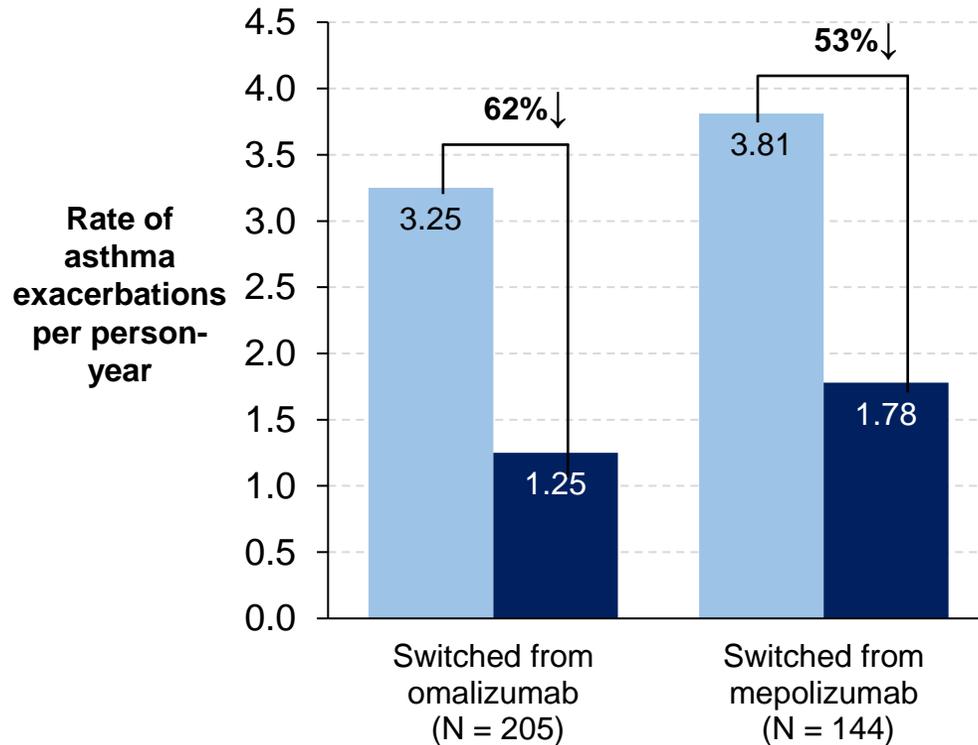
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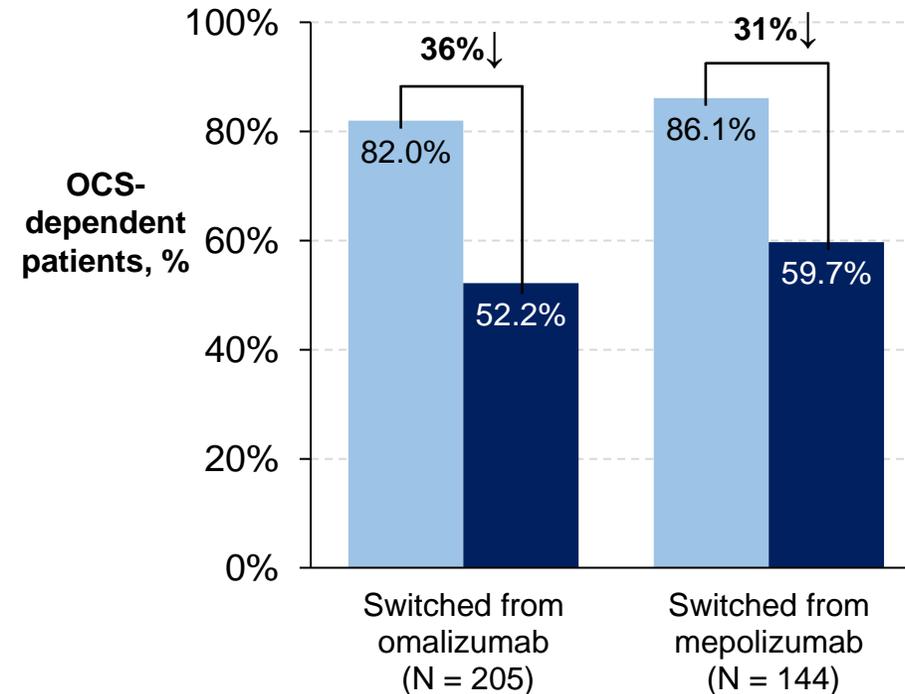
# ZEPHYR 2 study: The reduction of exacerbation rate and OCS-dependent patients were observed in the switch cohort.

These are observational data. The efficacy and safety of benralizumab has not been evaluated in head-to-head trials vs omalizumab or mepolizumab.

### Exacerbation rate



### OCS-dependent patients (%)



■ 12 months pre-index ■ 12 months post-index

N = number.

- Across the eosinophil and switch cohorts, there was a reduction in asthma exacerbation rates in the post-index period

**Assess and treat severe asthma phenotypes** *cont'd*

Continue to optimize management as in section 3 (including inhaler technique, adherence, comorbidities, non-pharmacologic strategies)

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Eligibility	Predictors of asthma response
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Extend trial to 6-12 months\*

Good asthma response?\*

Good response to T2-targeted therapy

STOP add-on

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Little/no response to T2-targeted therapy

Eligible for none? Return to section 7

No evidence of Type 2 airway inflammation

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(pharmacologic strategies)

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(mab) asthma?\*

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unclear

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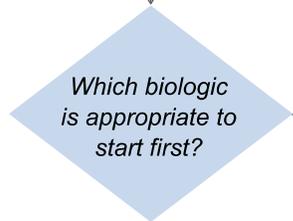
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unclear

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Good response to T2-targeted therapy

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## Assess and treat severe asthma

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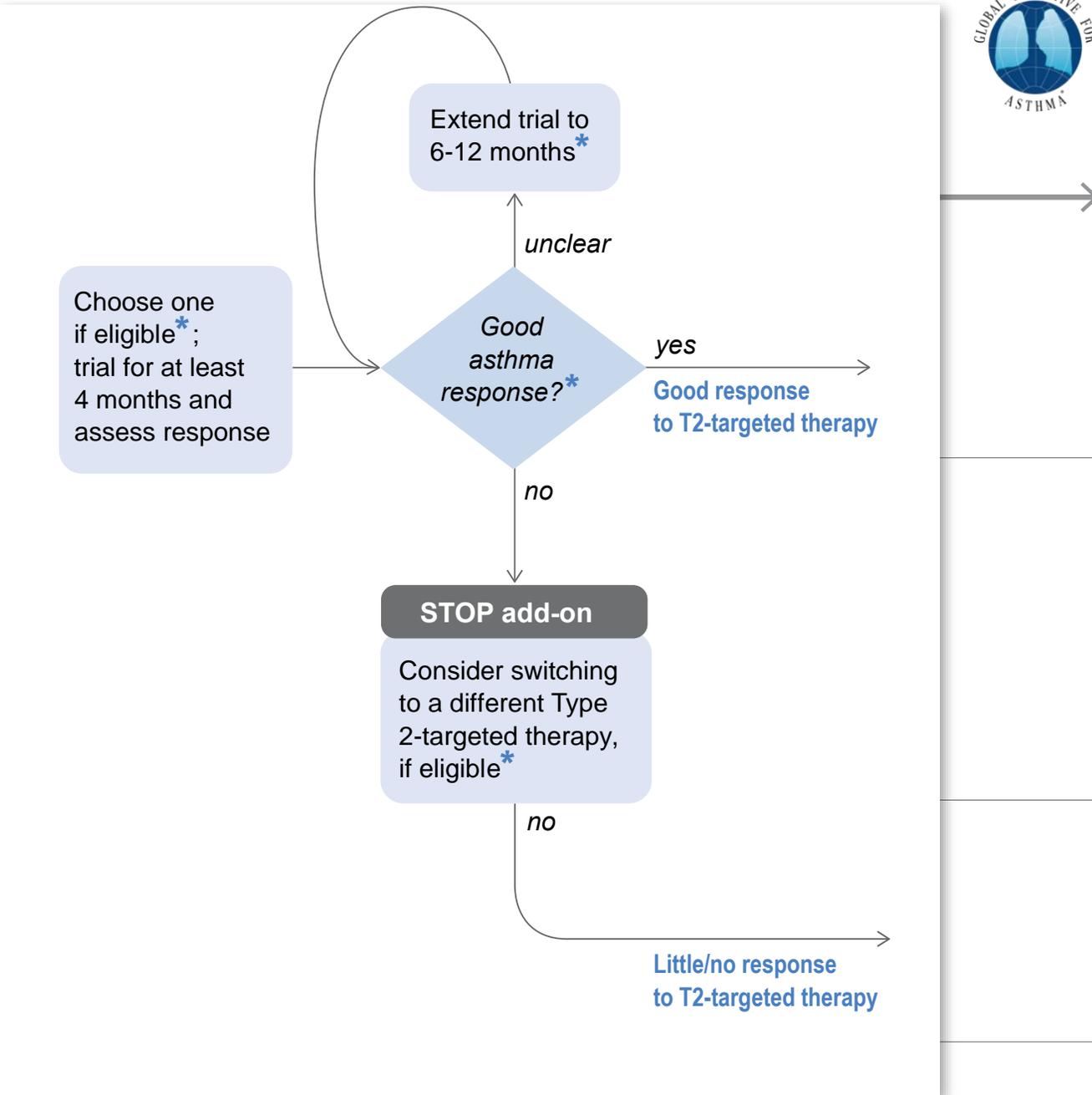
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# Conclusion

- Reduce OCS is an important work
  - Avoid mortality and morbidity
  - Avoid OCS related side effect
- Biologic agent can reduce OCS usage, in step 5
  - Anti-IgE
  - Anti-IL5
  - Anti-IL5R
- Refer to specialist when severe asthma

Thanks