

# Il Paziente con BPCO: la personalizzazione della terapia

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## GOLD Executive Summary

This Executive Summary of the Global Strategy for the Diagnosis, Management, and Prevention of COPD (GOLD) 2017 Report focuses primarily on the revised and novel parts of the document. The most significant changes include: i) the assessment of COPD has been refined to separate the spirometric assessment from symptom evaluation. ABCD groups are now proposed to be derived exclusively from patient symptoms and their history of exacerbations; ii) for each of the groups A to D, escalation strategies for pharmacological treatments are proposed; iii) the concept of de-escalation of therapy is introduced in the treatment assessment scheme; iv) nonpharmacologic therapies are comprehensively presented and; v) the importance of comorbid conditions in managing COPD is reviewed.

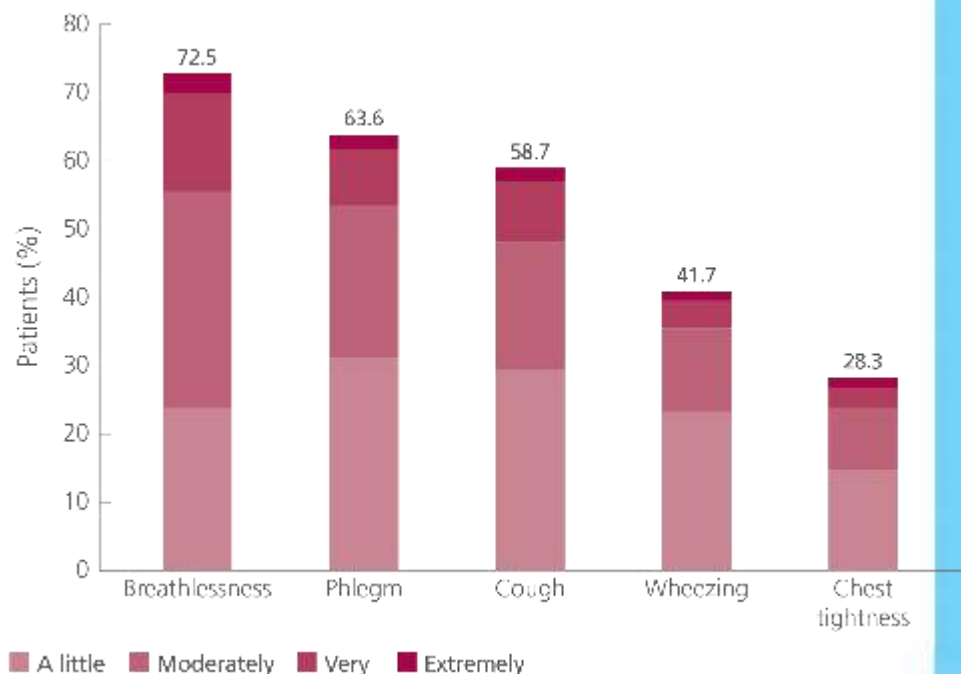
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# La dispnea è il sintomo prevalente e rilevante nel paziente BPCO

- La dispnea è uno dei sintomi principali della BPCO ed è una delle maggiori cause di disabilità ed ansietà legata alla patologia<sup>1</sup>
- La dispnea è un sintomo che deriva da un complesso meccanismo fisiopatologico<sup>2,3</sup>
- La dispnea contribuisce in modo significativo al peso della malattia e alla bassa qualità di vita dei pazienti<sup>3</sup>
- In uno studio su 2,441 pazienti affetti da BPCO in 17 paesi europei, la dispnea è stata riferita come il sintomo più frequente lamentato dai pazienti (72.5%)

Variabilità dei sintomi in pazienti con BPCO grave: Studio cross-sectional paneuropeo<sup>1</sup>



La dispnea è un sintomo frequente che impatta negativamente sulla vita del paziente BPCO

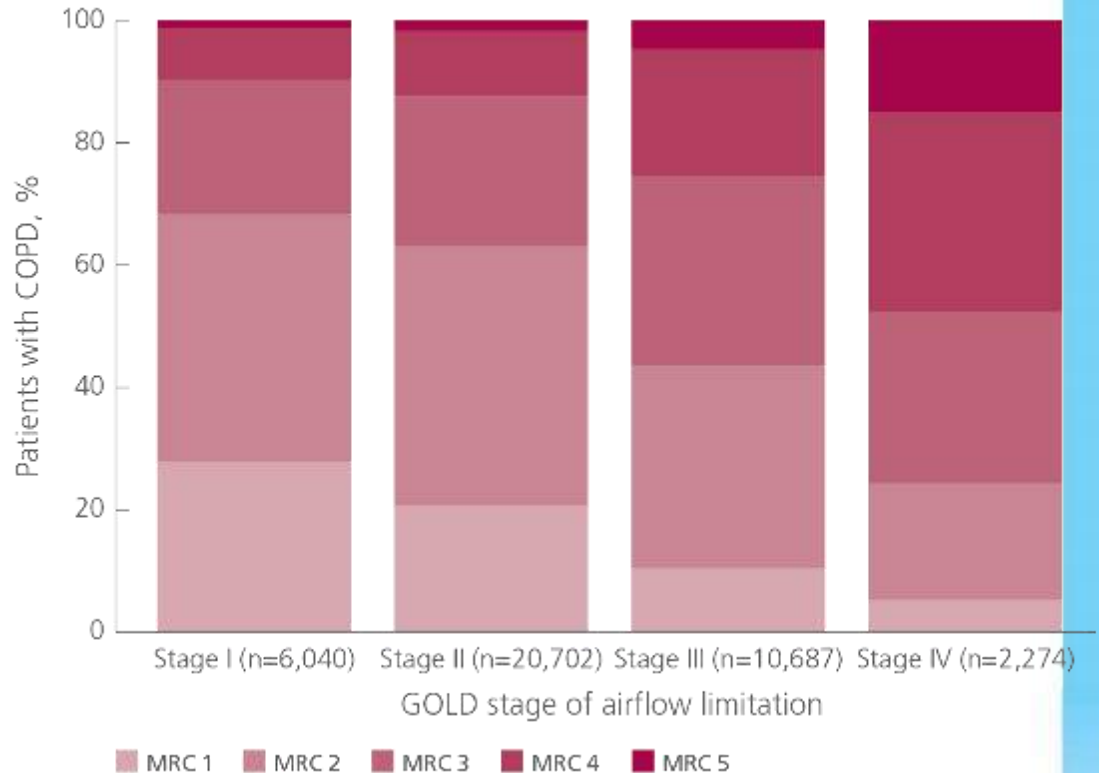
1 Jolley CJ & Moxham J. Eur Respir Rev 2009; 18: 66-79. 2. Booth S et al. Expert Rev Respir Med 2009; 3: 21-36. 3. Burgel PR et al. Respir Med 2013; 107: 233-241..



# Una alta prevalenza di dispnea è presente in tutti i gradi di severità di BPCO

- In uno studio su 49,438 pazienti affetti da COPD, il 46% dei pazienti (pari a 22,770 unità) lamentano un livello di dispnea da moderato a grave (mMRC $\geq$ 3)
- La dispnea aumenta con la maggiore limitazione broncostruttiva
- Inoltre una dispnea moderata-grave è stata osservata nel 32% dei pazienti con una ostruzione lieve

Punteggio del MRC: distribuzione sulla base della severità del grado di ostruzione<sup>1</sup>



La dispnea è frequente anche nei pazienti che presentano una ostruzione lieve-moderata



# Dyspnea Is a Better Predictor of 5-Year Survival Than Airway Obstruction in Patients With COPD

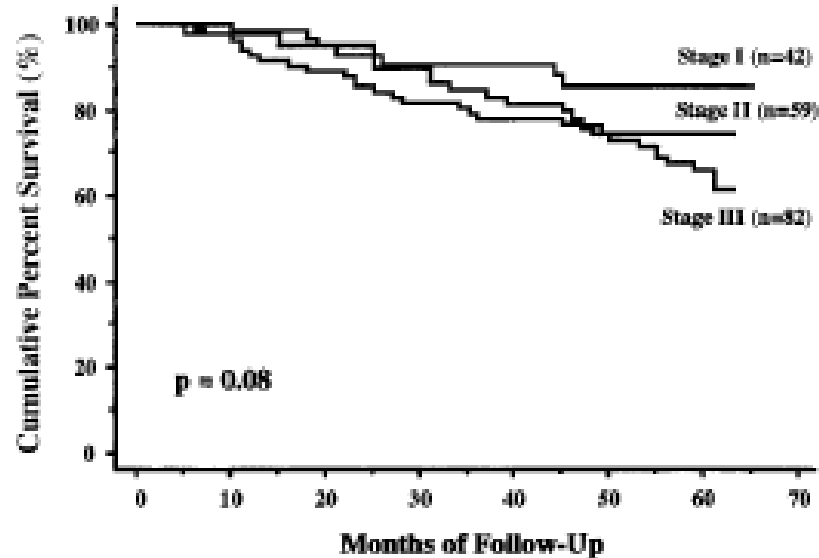


FIGURE 1. Five-year survival according to the staging of disease severity as defined by the ATS guideline evaluated by the percentage of predicted FEV<sub>1</sub>.

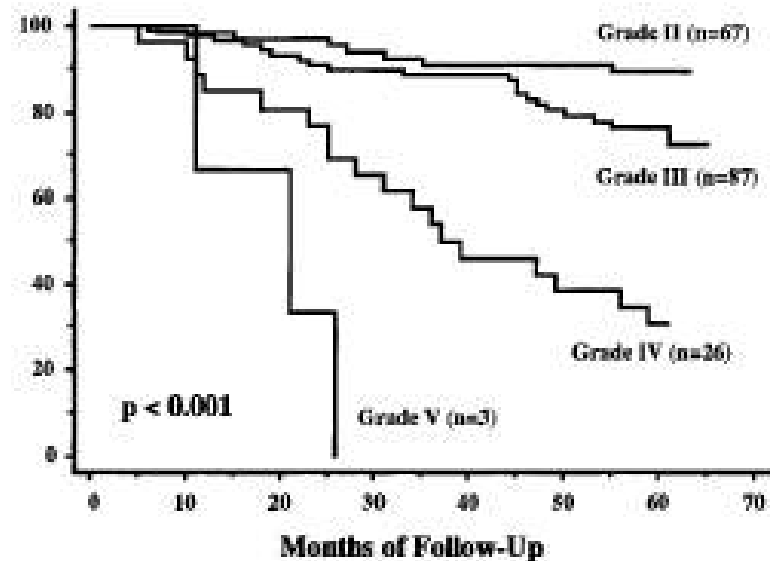


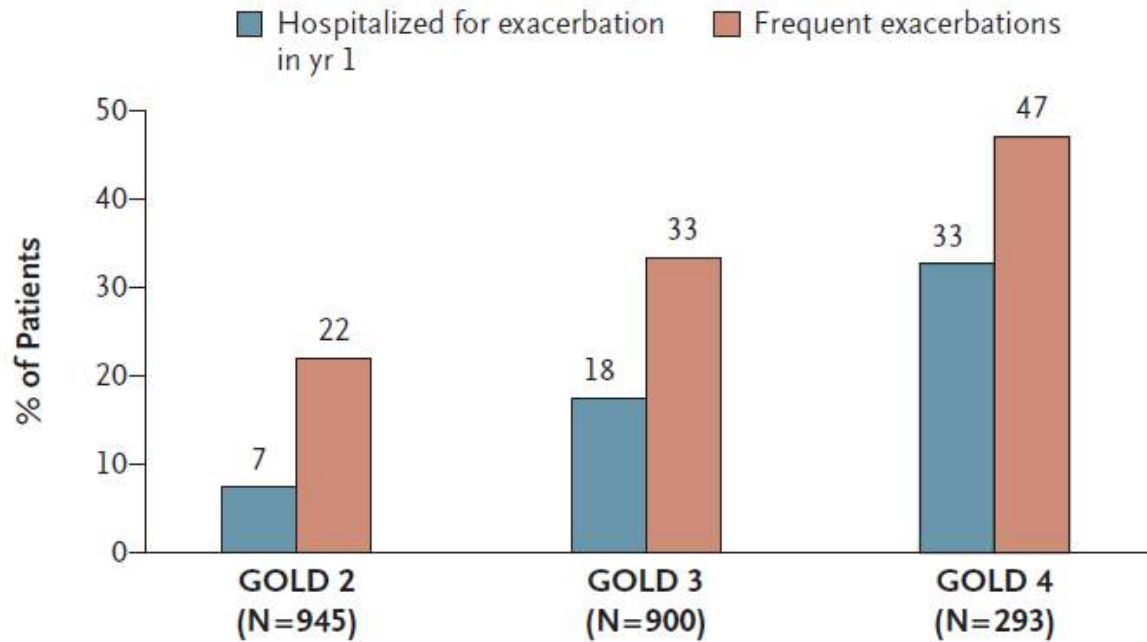
FIGURE 2. Five-year survival according to the level of dyspnea as evaluated by the modified 5-point grading system of Fletcher et al.<sup>10</sup>

**Conclusions:** The categorization of patients with COPD on the basis of the level of dyspnea was more discriminating than staging of disease severity using the ATS guideline with respect to 5-year survival. Dyspnea should be included as one of the variables, in addition to airway obstruction, for evaluating patients with COPD in terms of mortality.

Nishimura K, et al. Chest 2002; 121: 1434-1440







30%

70%

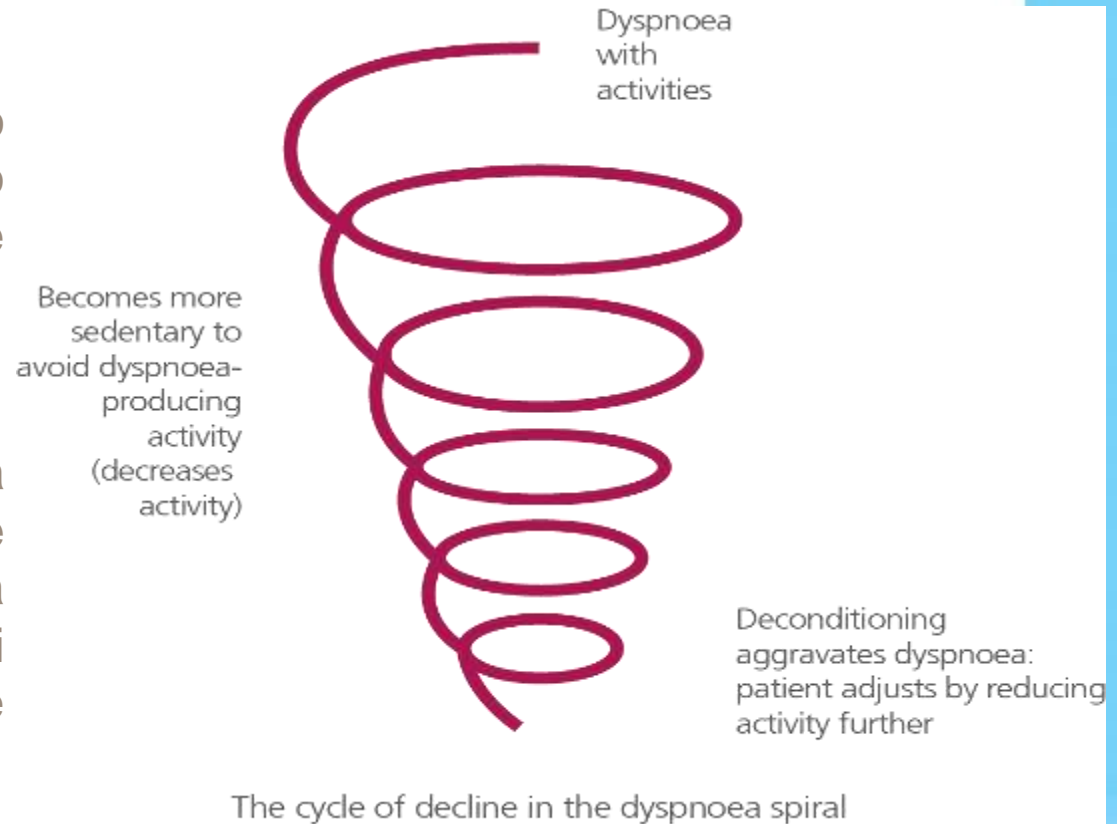
Paziente Frequente Riaccutizzatore

Paziente Sintomatico (prevalentemente limitazione alle attività quotidiane, dispnea da sforzo)



# La dispnea è legata ad una spirale negativa per la salute

- I pazienti con BPCO, spesso inconsciamente, riducono le loro attività fisiche per ridurre l'intensità dei sintomi<sup>1,2</sup>
- Tale riduzione dell'attività fisica porta ad una vita sedentaria e questo aumenta ulteriormente la dispnea<sup>1,2</sup> per un effetto di decondizionamento dell'abitudine all'esercizio fisico



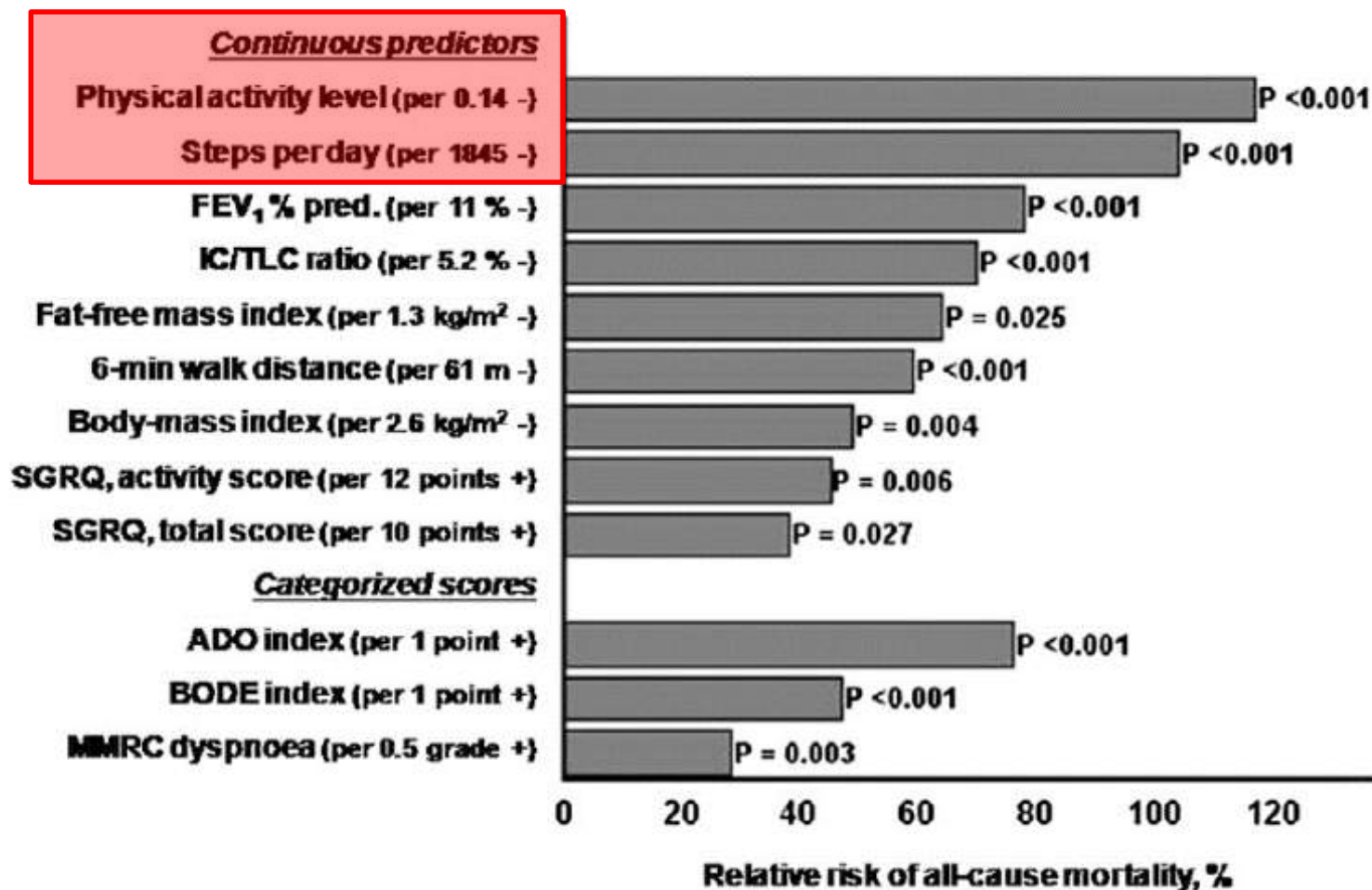
La dispnea porta al decondizionamento all'attività fisica

1. Reardon JZ, Lareau SC, ZuWallack R. Am J Med 2006; 119; S32-S37. 2. ZuWallack R. COPD 2007; 4; 293-297.





# Chi si ferma è perduto?



La riduzione della capacità fisica è un predittore del rischio di mortalità da tutte le cause nel paziente BPCO



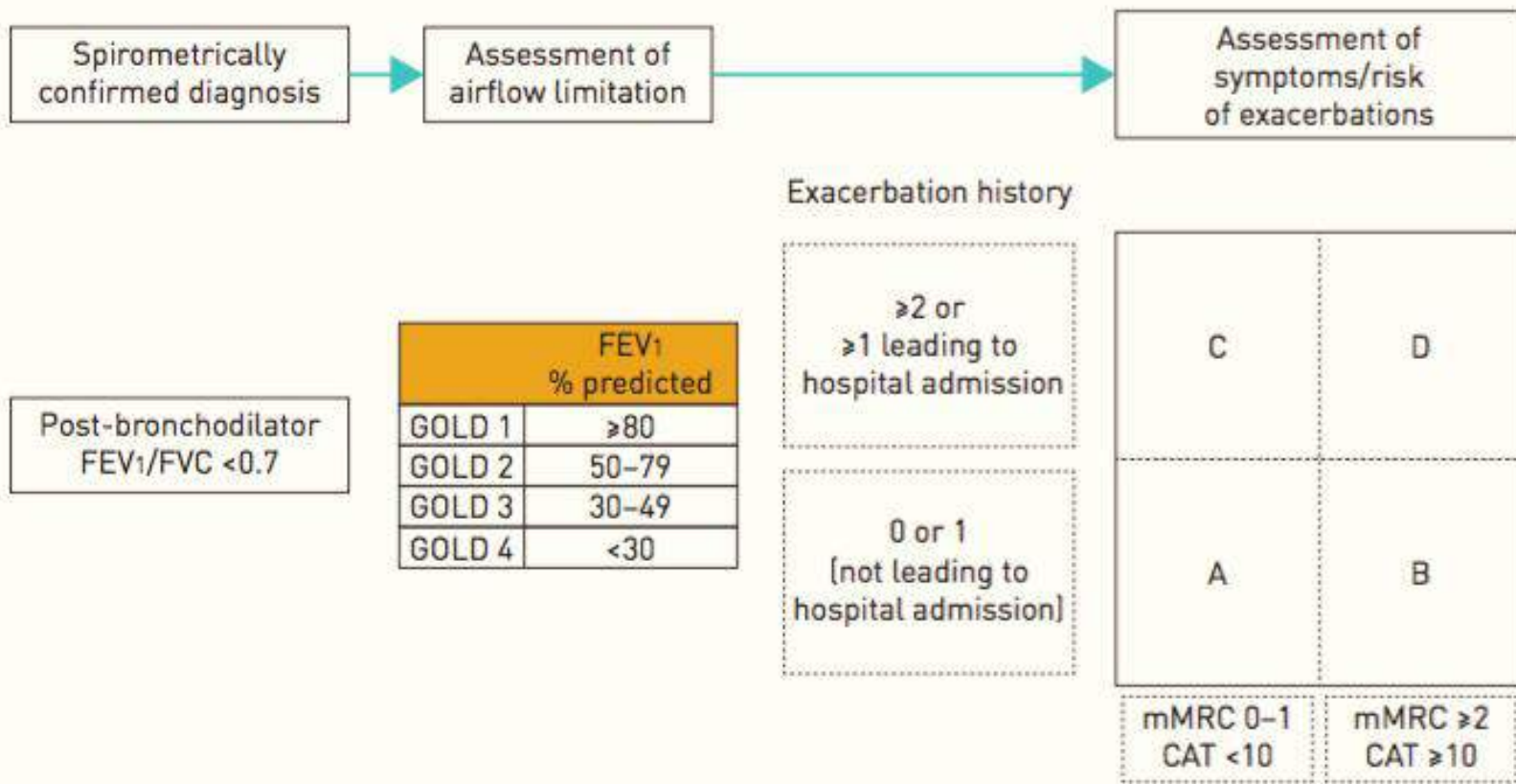


FIGURE 2 The refined ABCD assessment tool.  $FEV_1$ : forced expiratory volume in 1 s; FVC: forced vital capacity; GOLD: Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease; mMRC: modified Medical Research Council; CAT: COPD Assessment Test.



È ampiamente dimostrato che la terapia farmacologica regolare nella BPCO può:

- Migliorare la funzione respiratoria
- Migliorare la dispnea e la tolleranza all'esercizio fisico
- Rallentare il progressivo declino funzionale
- Diminuire la frequenza e la gravità delle riacutizzazioni
- Diminuire il numero delle ospedalizzazioni



La broncodilatazione rappresenta la priorità nella terapia farmacologica della BPCO in fase di stabilità.

I farmaci broncodilatatori a lunga durata d'azione, somministrati per via inalatoria rappresentano la prima scelta per la terapia regolare della BPCO in fase di stabilità.





# Available and emerging bronchodilators for COPD

## Agents

- **LABAs (twice daily)**
  - formoterol
  - salmeterol
- **LAMAs (twice daily)**
  - aclidinium
- **LABAs (once daily)**
  - indacaterol
  - olodanterol
  - vilanterol
- **LAMAs (once daily)**
  - glycopyrronium
  - tiotropium
  - umeclidinium

## LABA/LAMA combinations

- **Once daily**
  - indacaterol/glycopyrronium
  - vilanterol/umeclidinium
  - olodaterol/tiotropium
- **Twice daily**
  - formoterol/aclidinium
  - formoterol/glycopyrrolate\*

\* under investigation in Europe



La scelta terapeutica deve essere adeguata per la singola persona e guidata dalle caratteristiche e dalla gravità del quadro clinico considerato nel suo insieme di sintomi, funzione respiratoria, complicanze, comorbidità e delle peculiarità individuali (fenotipo) della persona che ne è affetta.



# The scientific rationale for combining long-acting $\beta_2$ -agonists and muscarinic antagonists in COPD

I broncodilatatori sono il cardine della terapia farmacologica per la malattia polmonare ostruttiva cronica (BPCO) e sono raccomandati dalle attuali linee guida nazionali e internazionali come la prima linea della terapia nei pazienti sintomatici e quelli che dimostrano limitazione del flusso aereo.

Cazzola M, Molimard M. Pulmonary Pharmacology & Therapeutics 2010, 23: 257-267

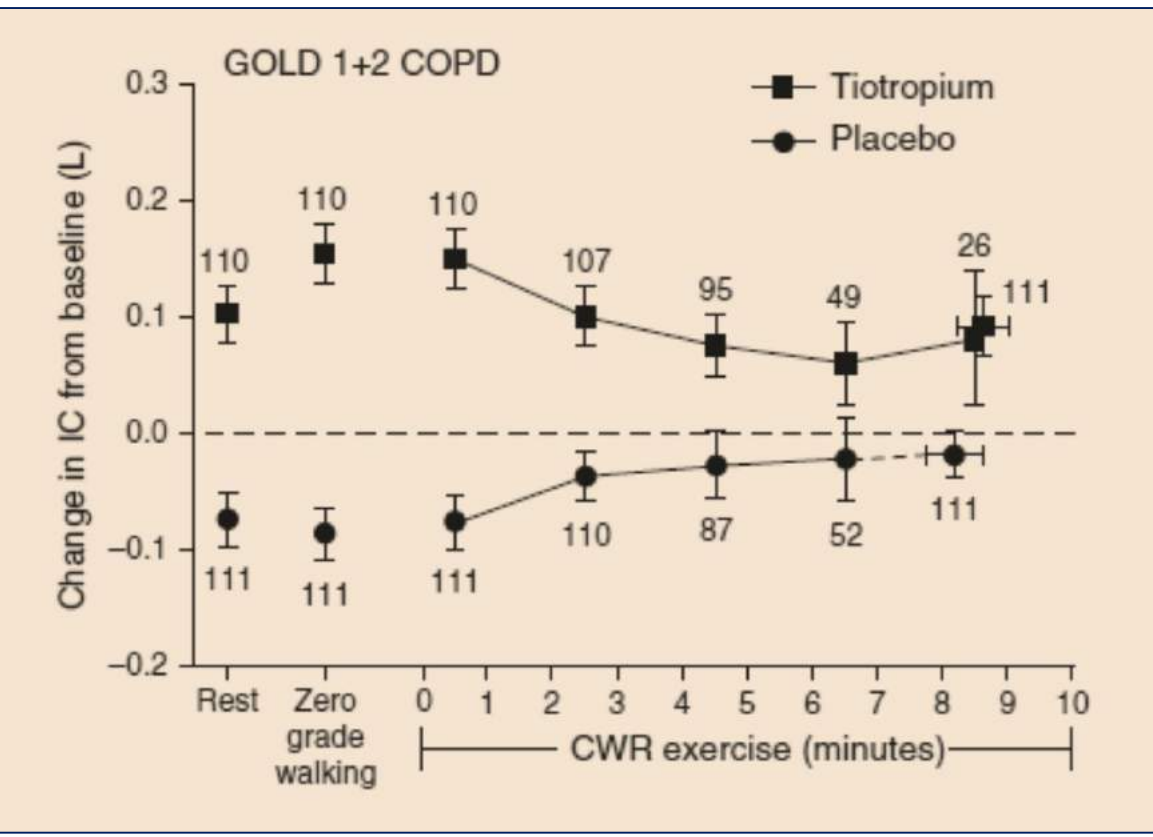


Nelle persone con diagnosi di BPCO che abbiano sintomi quali ad esempio la ridotta tolleranza all'esercizio fisico e/o dispnea da sforzo ( $\geq$  grado 1 MMRC), anche in presenza di un VEMS o FEV<sub>1</sub> pre-broncodilatatore  $\geq$  80% del valore teorico si può considerare il trattamento con farmaci broncodilatatori.





# Effects of Tiotropium on Hyperinflation and Treadmill Exercise Tolerance in Mild to Moderate COPD

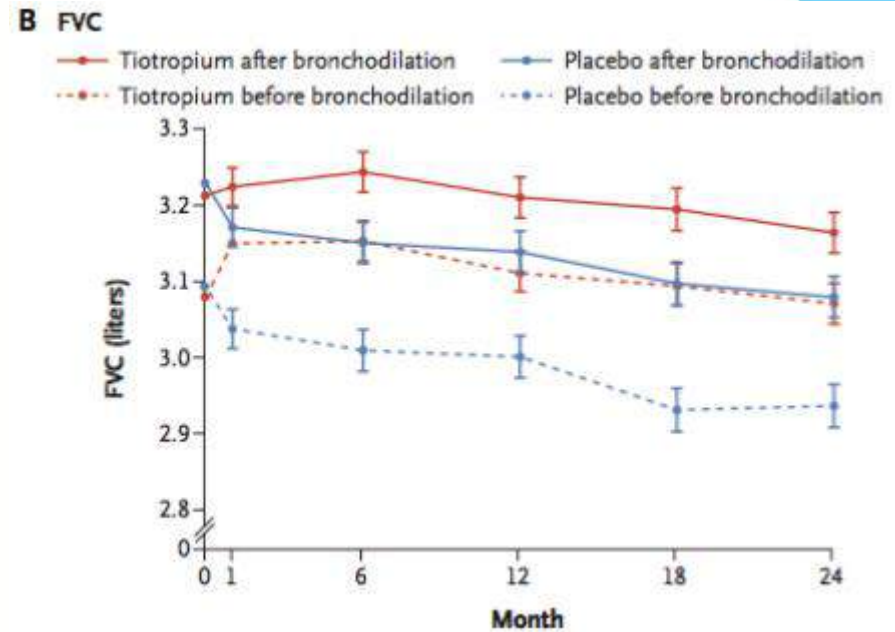
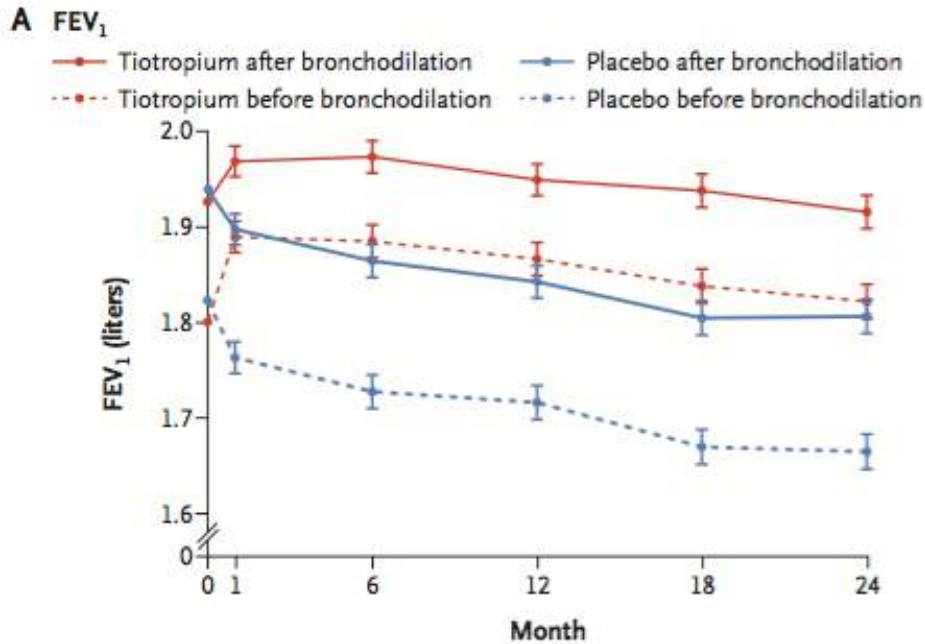


**GOLD 1 and GOLD 2** COPD who experienced IC decrease greater than 100 ml during incremental and constant work treadmill exercise

CWR = constant work rate



# Tiotropium in Early-Stage COPD

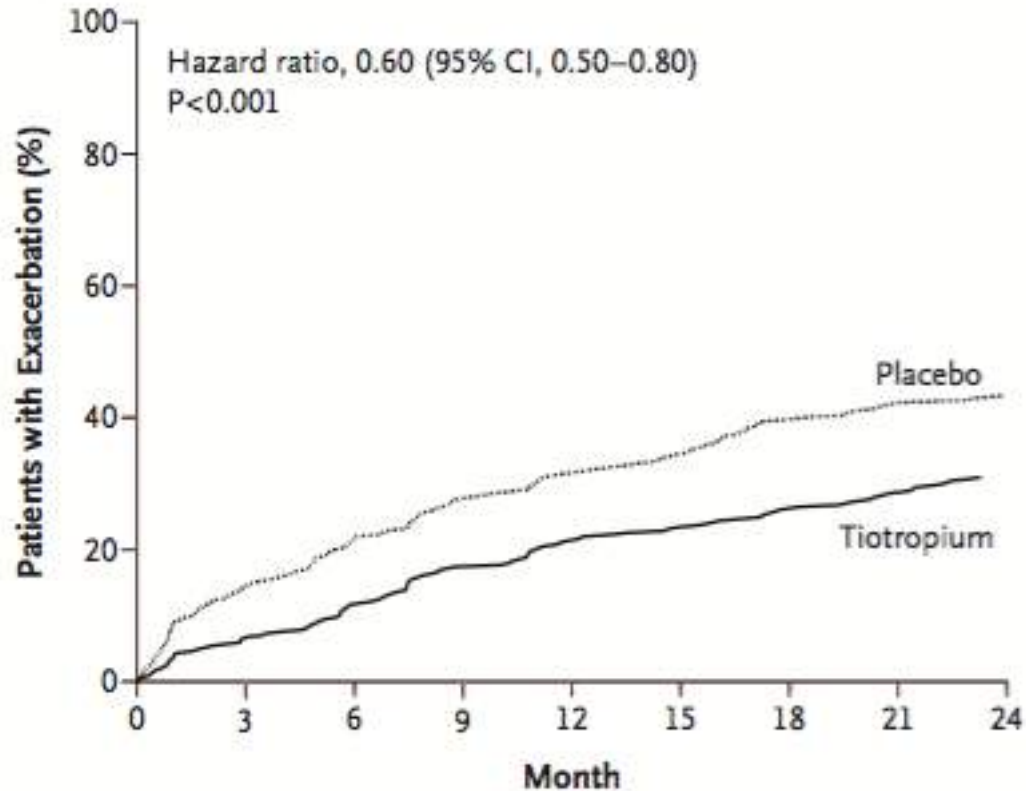


Zhou Y, et al. N J Med 2017;377:923-35. Engl



# Tiotropium in Early-Stage COPD

## C COPD Exacerbation



### No. at Risk

Placebo	383	314	273	244	227	211	188	178	161
Tiotropium	388	349	325	296	276	262	248	236	221

Zhou Y, et al. N J Med 2017;377:923-35. Engl



Nelle persone con sintomi e diagnosi di BPCO e VEMS o FEV<sub>1</sub> pre-broncodilatatore < 80% del valore teorico, attuare il trattamento regolare continuativo con un broncodilatatore a lunga durata d'azione per via inalatoria.

### **LABA: Long Acting Betadrenergic Agonists**

indacaterolo, formoterolo, salmeterolo

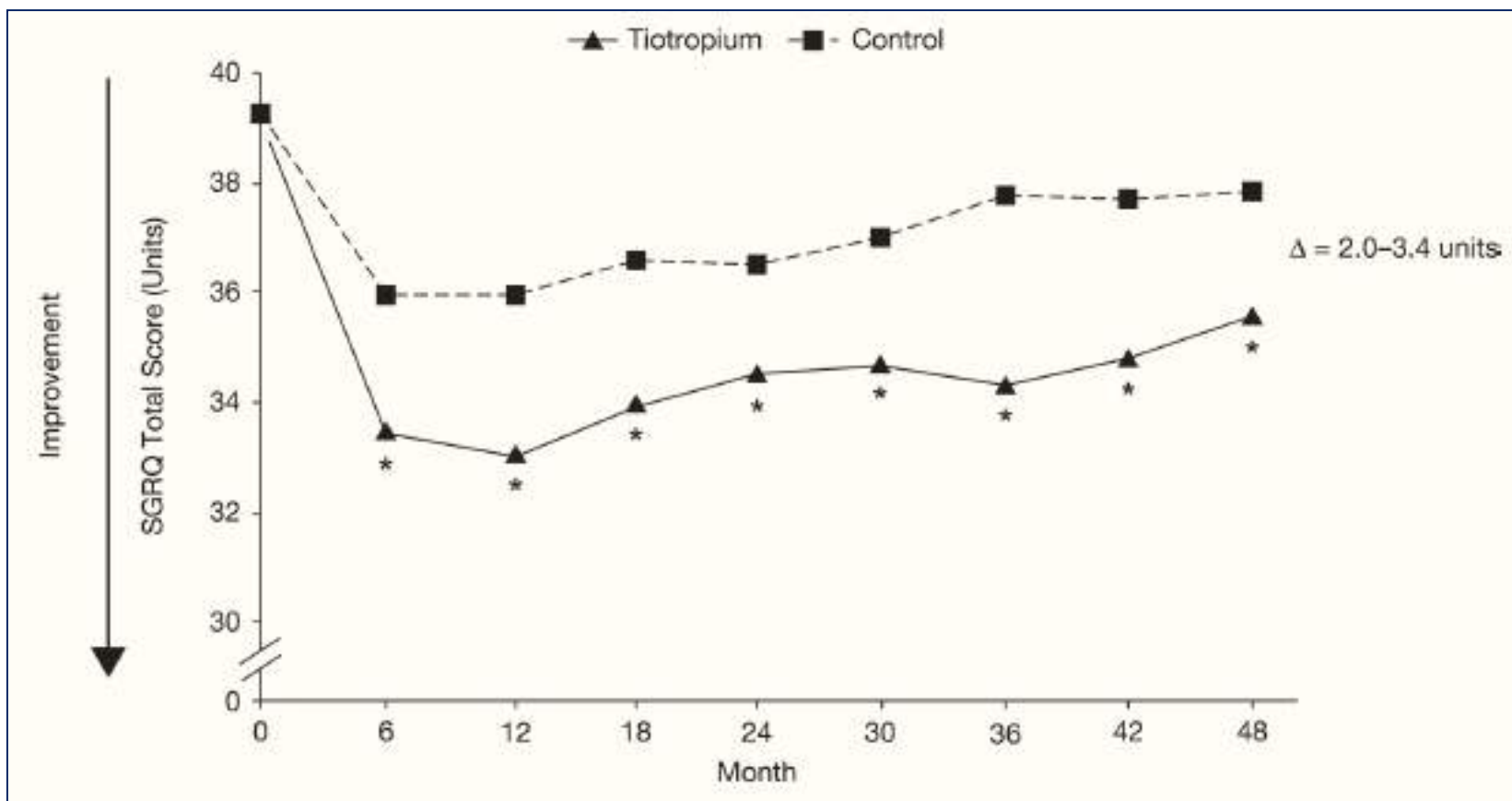
### **LAMA: Long Acting Muscarinic Antagonists**

tiotropio, glicopirronio, aclidinio





# Efficacy of Tiotropium in COPD Patients with $FEV_1 \geq 60\%$ participating in the UPLIFT<sup>®</sup> Trial - $SGRQ \sim 40$



Tashkin DP, et al J COPD 2012



# GOLD Stage II: Exacerbations

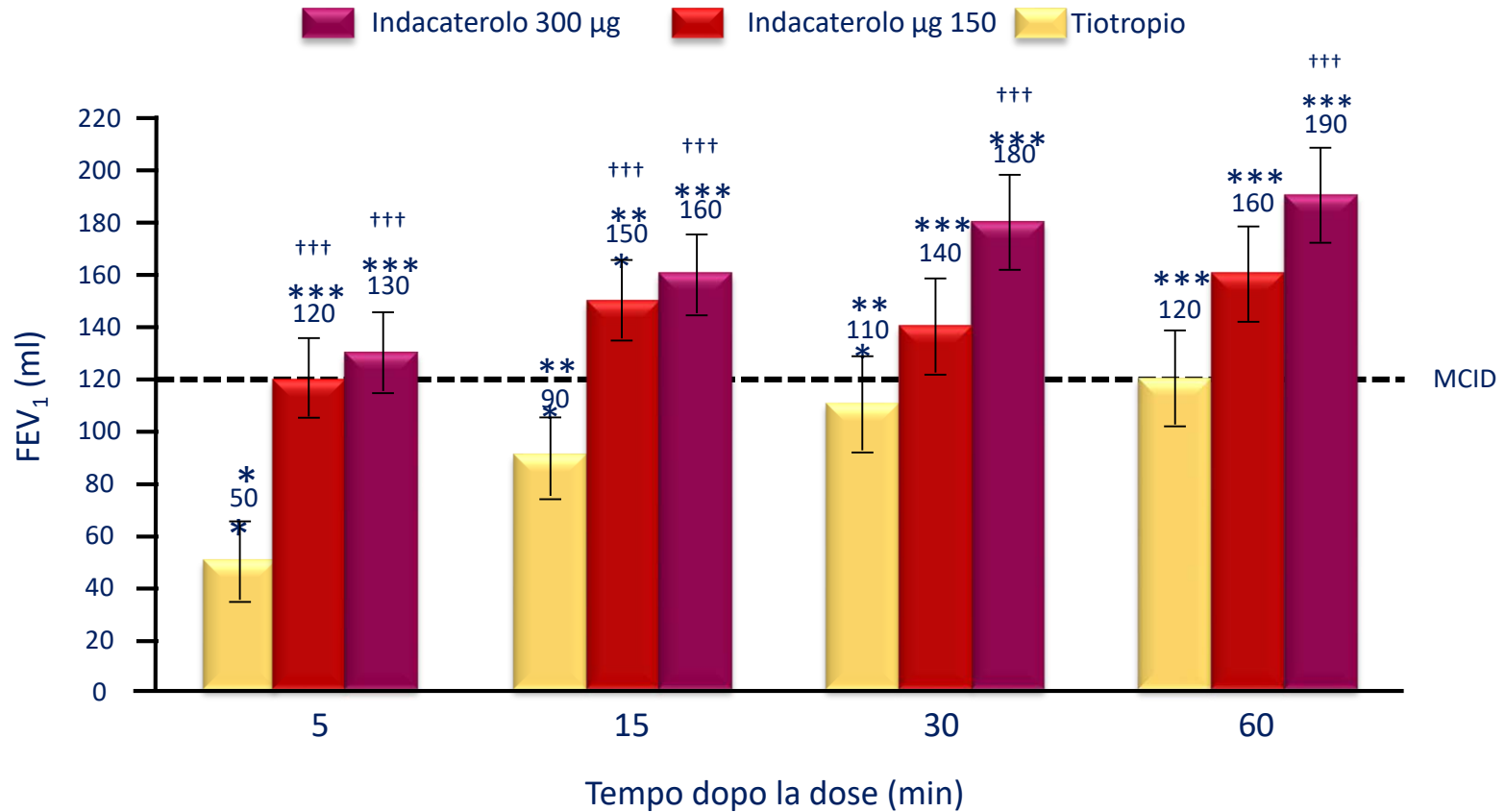
	<b>Tiotropium (n=1384)</b>	<b>Control (n=1355)</b>	<b>Ratio (95% CI)</b>	<b>P-value</b>
<b>Time to first exacerbation (month)</b>	23.1 (21.0, 26.3)	17.5 (15.9, 19.7)	0.82 (0.75, 0.90)*	<0.0001*
<b>Mean number of exacerbations/pt yr (95% CI)</b>	0.56 (0.52, 0.60)	0.70 (0.65, 0.75)	0.80 (0.72, 0.88)†	<0.0001†
<b>Mean number of hospitalizations for exacerbations/pt yr (95% CI)</b>	0.08 (0.07, 0.09)	0.10 (0.08, 0.12)	0.80 (0.63, 1.03)†	0.082†

\*Hazard ratio (control vs. tiotropium) and *P*-value were estimated using Cox regression.

†Rate ratio (tiotropium/control) and *P*-value were estimated using the Poisson with Pearson overdispersion model adjusting for treatment exposure.

Decramer et al. Lancet 2009; 374: 1171-78





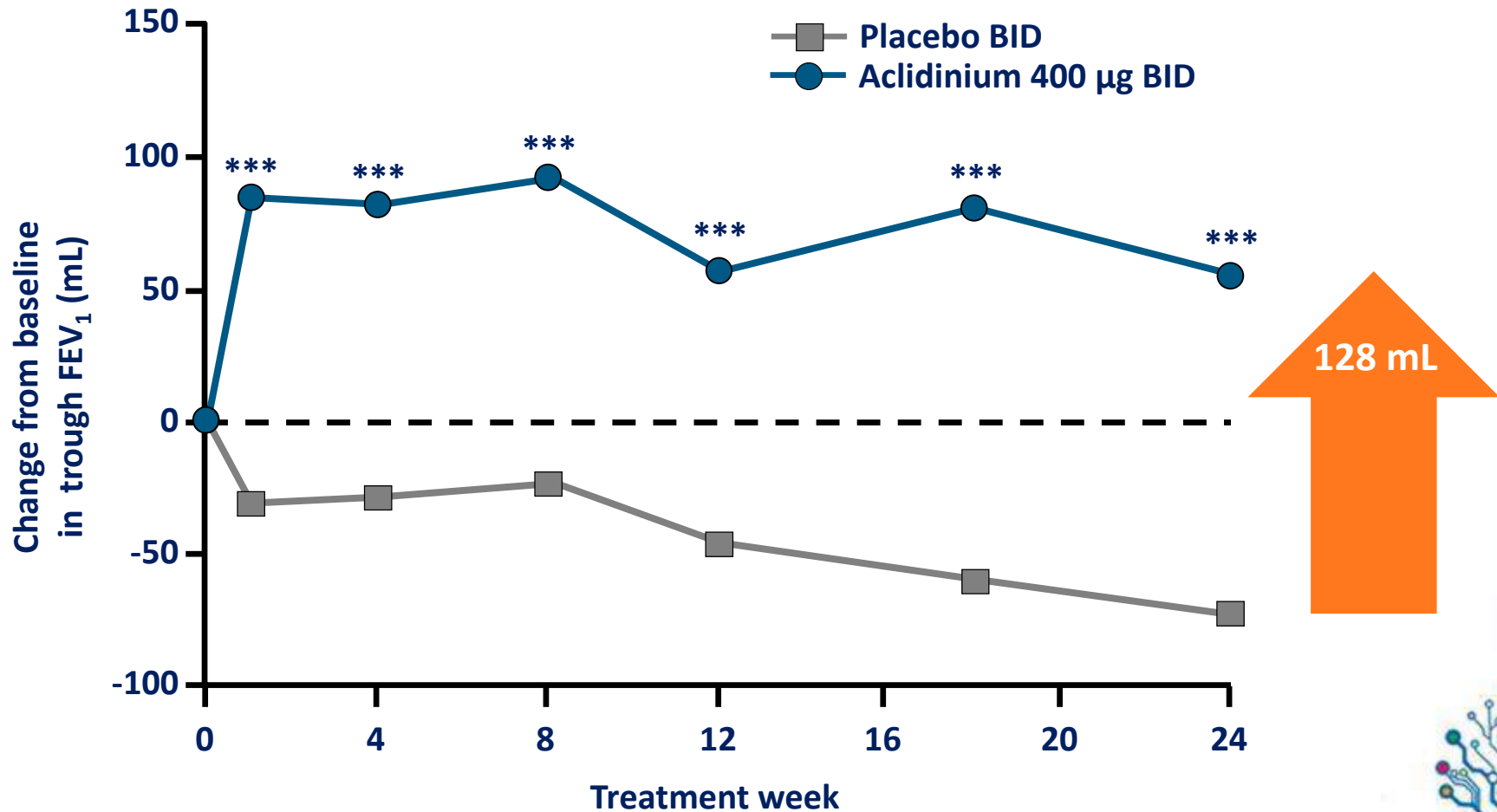
\*\*p<0,01; \*\*\*p<0,001 vs placebo. †††p<0,05 vs tiotropio

Aumenti rispetto al basale a 5 min post-dose: 60 ml (4,4%) con tiotropio, 130 ml (9,7%) con indacaterolo 150 µg e 140 ml (10,2%) con indacaterolo 300 µg.

Vogelmeier et al. Respiratory Research 2010



# Aclidinium improves trough FEV<sub>1</sub>:

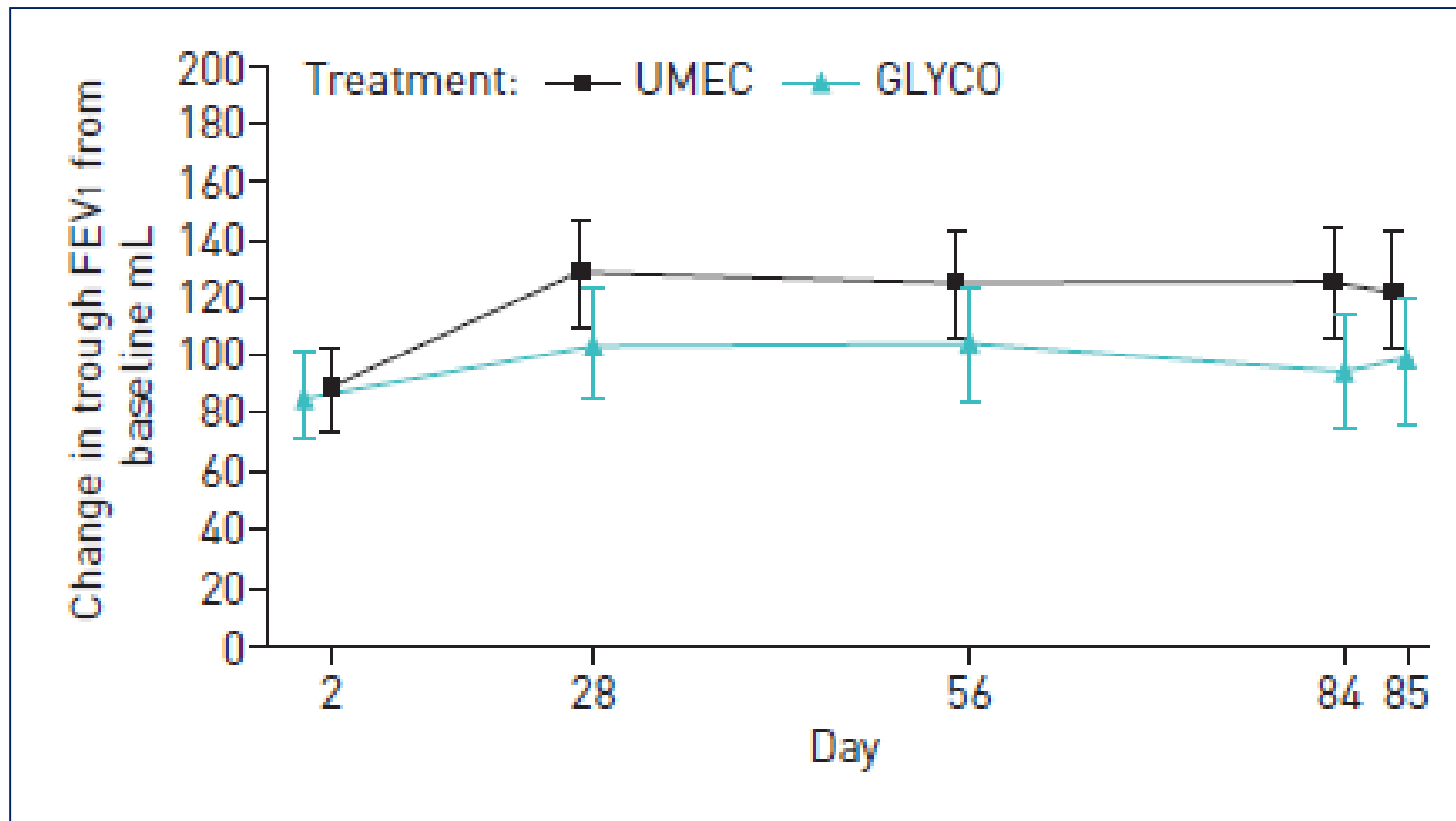


\*\*\*p < 0.001 vs placebo

Jones et al, Eur Respir J 2012



# A randomised, open-label study of umeclidinium versus glycopyrronium in patients with COPD

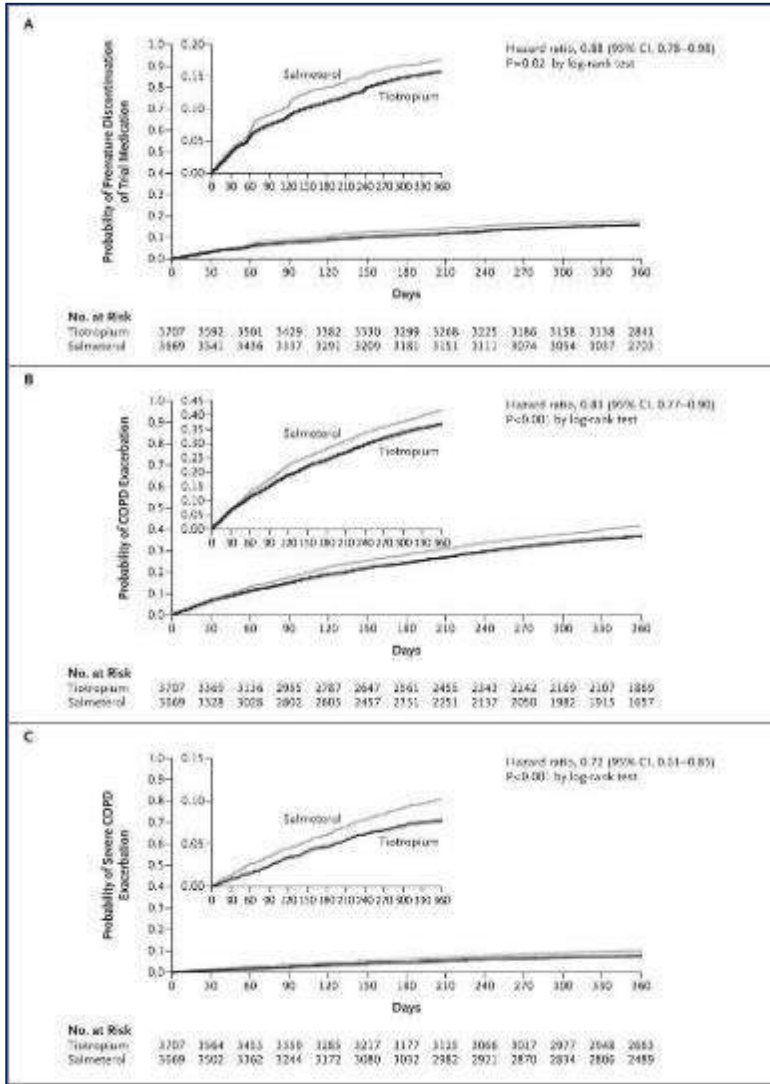


Eur Resp J Open research 2016





# Kaplan–Meier Curves for the Primary and Selected Secondary Outcomes.



These results show that, in patients with moderate-to-very-severe COPD, tiotropium is more effective than salmeterol in preventing exacerbations.

## LAMA per riacutizzatori

Vogelmeier C et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364:1093-1103



## Nelle persone in regolare trattamento farmacologico, valutare ad ogni visita programmata:

- la corretta e regolare assunzione della terapia
- la valutazione dei sintomi ed in particolare, la tolleranza all'esercizio fisico e la dispnea da sforzo
- le modificazioni della funzione polmonare non solo in termini di FEV<sub>1</sub> ma anche di altri parametri come i volumi polmonari e la DLCO
- la frequenza con la quale la persona ricorre a broncodilatatori a breve durata d'azione come supporto occasionale



- la frequenza e gravità degli episodi di riacutizzazione
- la frequenza e la durata degli episodi di ospedalizzazione
- la frequenza e la gravità di eventuali eventi collaterali e/o avversi



Nel caso di risultato giudicato insoddisfacente da parte della persona con BPCO e/o dal medico curante in termini di:

- sintomatologia
- funzionalità respiratoria
- riacutizzazioni e ospedalizzazioni
- eventi avversi

considerare:

- l'aumento della dose del singolo broncodilatatore se e come previsto nella scheda tecnica del farmaco in uso;
- l'aggiunta di un secondo broncodilatatore a lunga durata d'azione, con meccanismo d'azione differente;
- l'aggiunta di un cortisteroide per via inalatoria in presenza di frequenti riacutizzazioni.



## Group B

Initial therapy should be a long acting bronchodilator. Long-acting bronchodilators are superior to short-acting bronchodilators taken intermittently.

There is no evidence to recommend one class of long-acting bronchodilators over another for symptom relief; the choice should depend on individual patient response.

For patients with persistent breathlessness on monotherapy the use of two bronchodilators is recommended. For patients with severe breathlessness, initial therapy with two bronchodilators may be considered.





# Group C

Initial therapy should be a single long-acting bronchodilator. In two head-to-head comparisons the LAMA tested superior to the LABA regarding exacerbation prevention, therefore we recommend initiating a LAMA in this group.

Patients with persistent exacerbations may benefit from adding a second long-acting bronchodilator (LABA/LAMA), or using LABA/ICS.

As ICS increases the risk for developing pneumonia, our primary choice is LABA/LAMA.

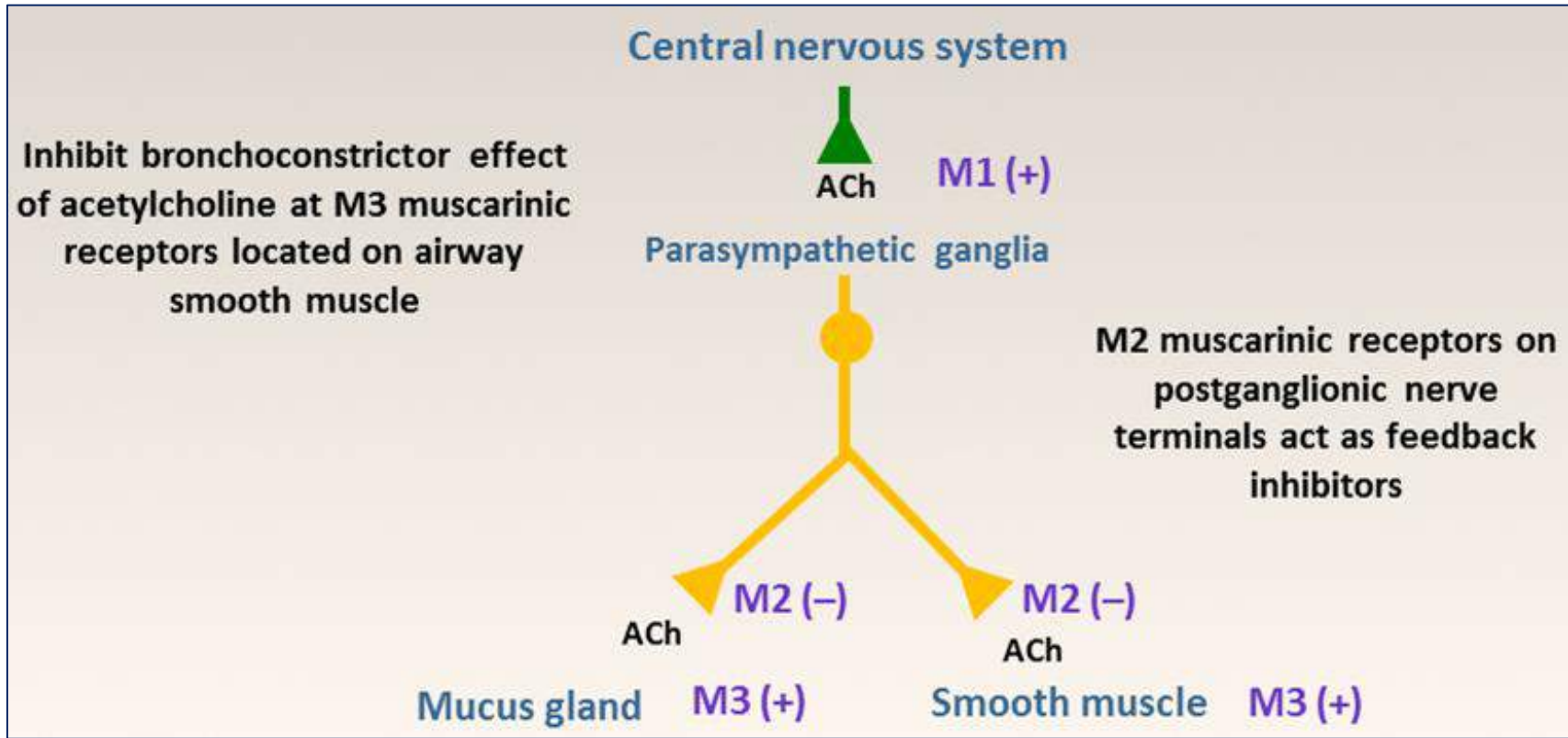


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## Razionale della doppia broncodilatazione



# Perché combinare le terapie broncodilatanti? Meccanismo d'azione degli antagonisti muscarinici



Gli antagonisti muscarinici bloccano i recettori  $M_1$  e  $M_3$  per prevenire il legame dell'acetilcolina ed inibire la contrazione della muscolatura liscia delle vie aeree.

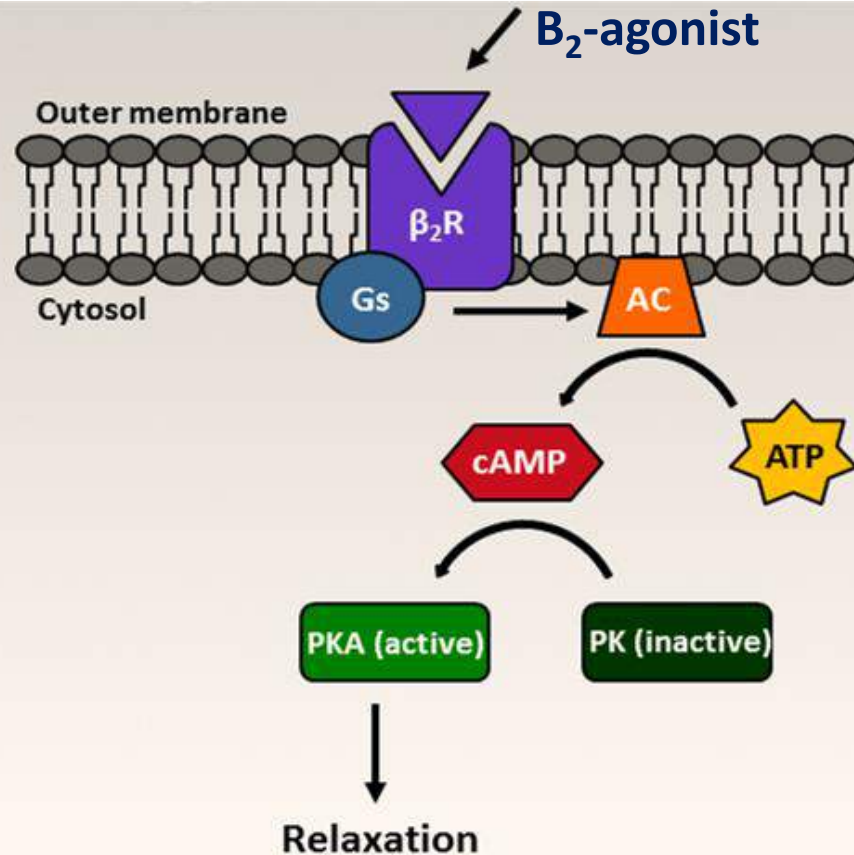
Roux et al. Gen Pharmac 1998



# Perché combinare le terapie broncodilatanti?

## Meccanismo d'azione dei $\beta_2$ -agonisti

Directly activate  $\beta_2$  receptors in bronchioles, leading to increase in cAMP, relaxation of smooth muscle, and bronchodilation

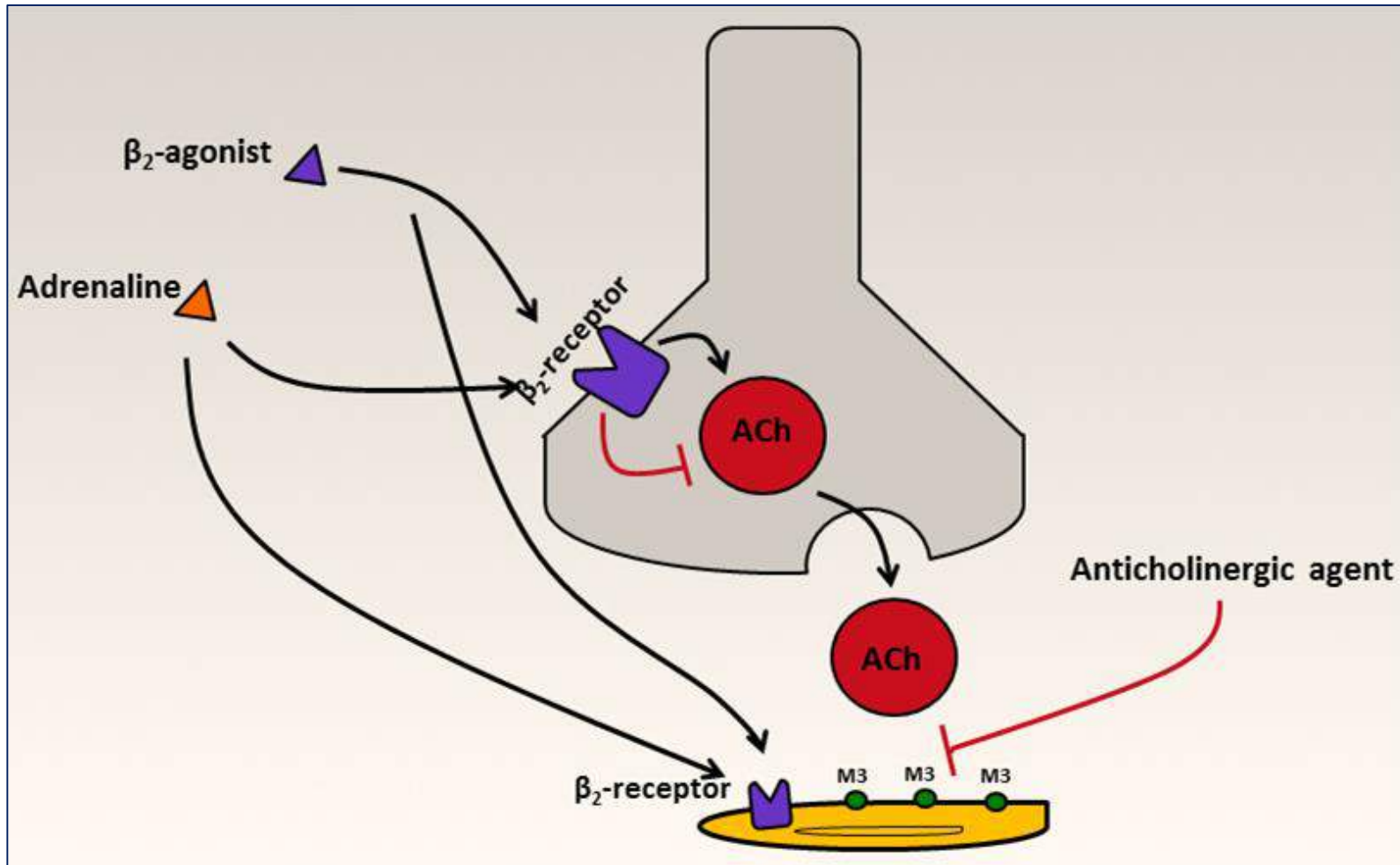


AC = adenylate cyclase; ATP = adenosine triphosphate;  $\beta_2R$  =  $\beta_2$  receptor; cAMP = cyclic adenosine monophosphate; PKA = protein kinase A

Johnson M. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 1998;158(5 Pt 3):S146-153.



# LABA/LAMA combination: interaction between Receptors and Neurotransmission pathways

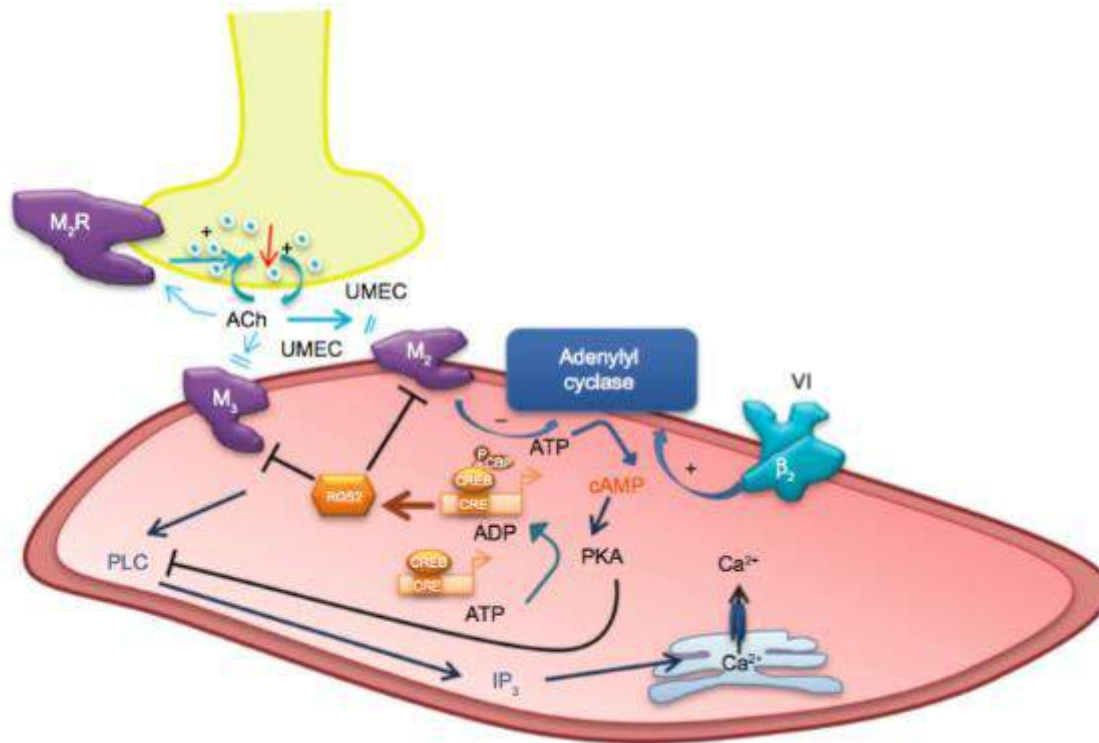


Cazzola M, et al. Arch Bronconeumol 2005





# Intracellular interactions of umeclidinium and vilanterol in human airway smooth muscle



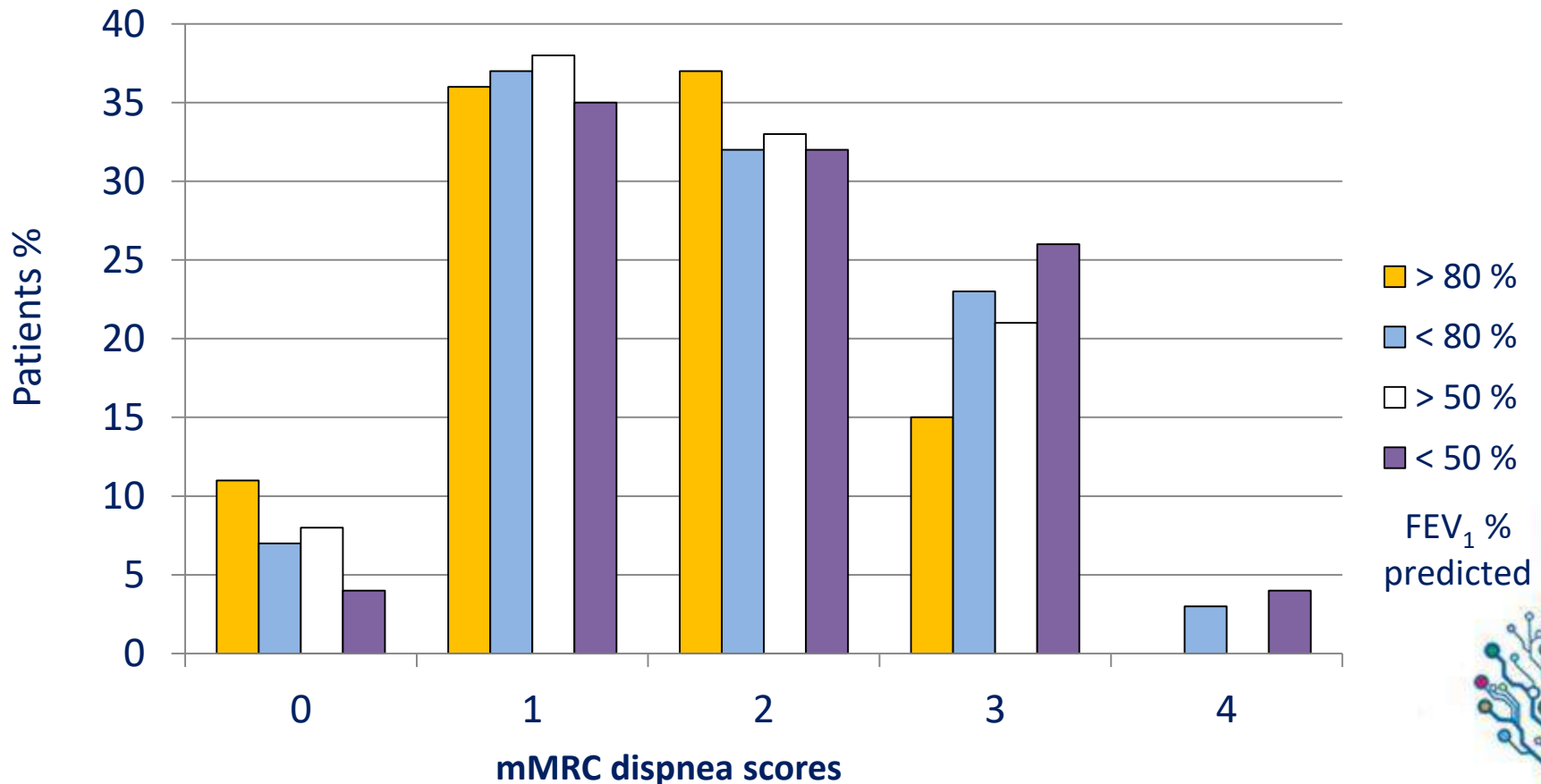
**Conclusion:** These data indicate that UMEC reverses cholinergic inhibition of VI-induced cAMP production, and is a more potent muscarinic receptor antagonist when in combination with VI versus either alone.

Nooreen Shaikh, et al. Int J COPD 2017



# Studio in real-life: i pazienti riferiscono ancora dispnea con un broncodilatatore in monoterapia

mMRC dyspnoe scores in the FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ≤0.70 group by Post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub> % predicted (n = 689)



Dransfeld MT, et al. Prim care Resp J 2011

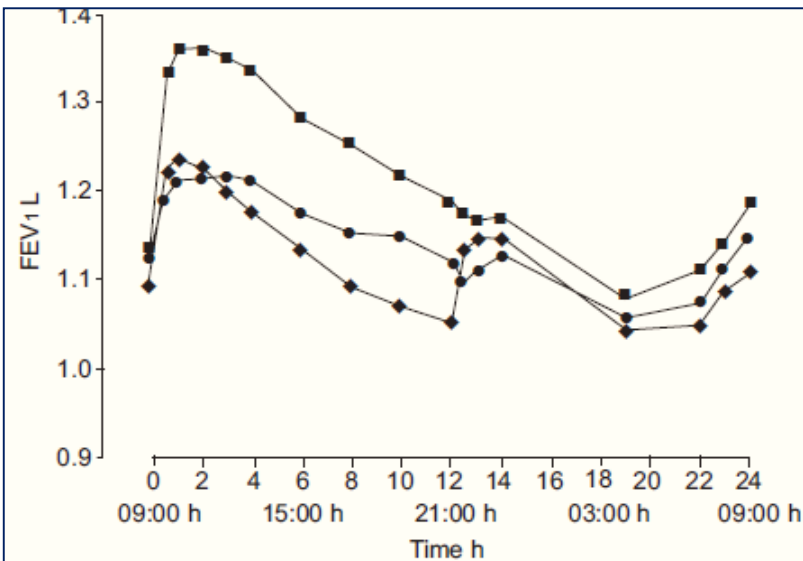


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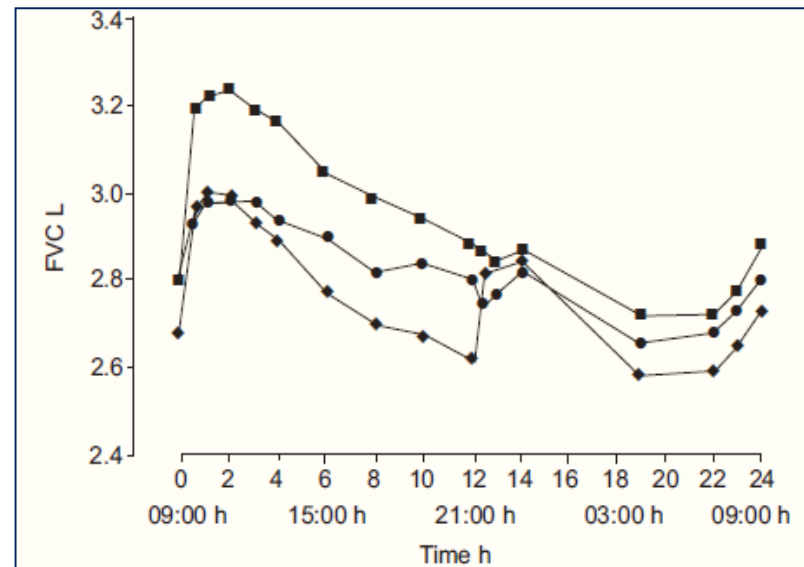
# Terapia di combinazione LABA/LAMA



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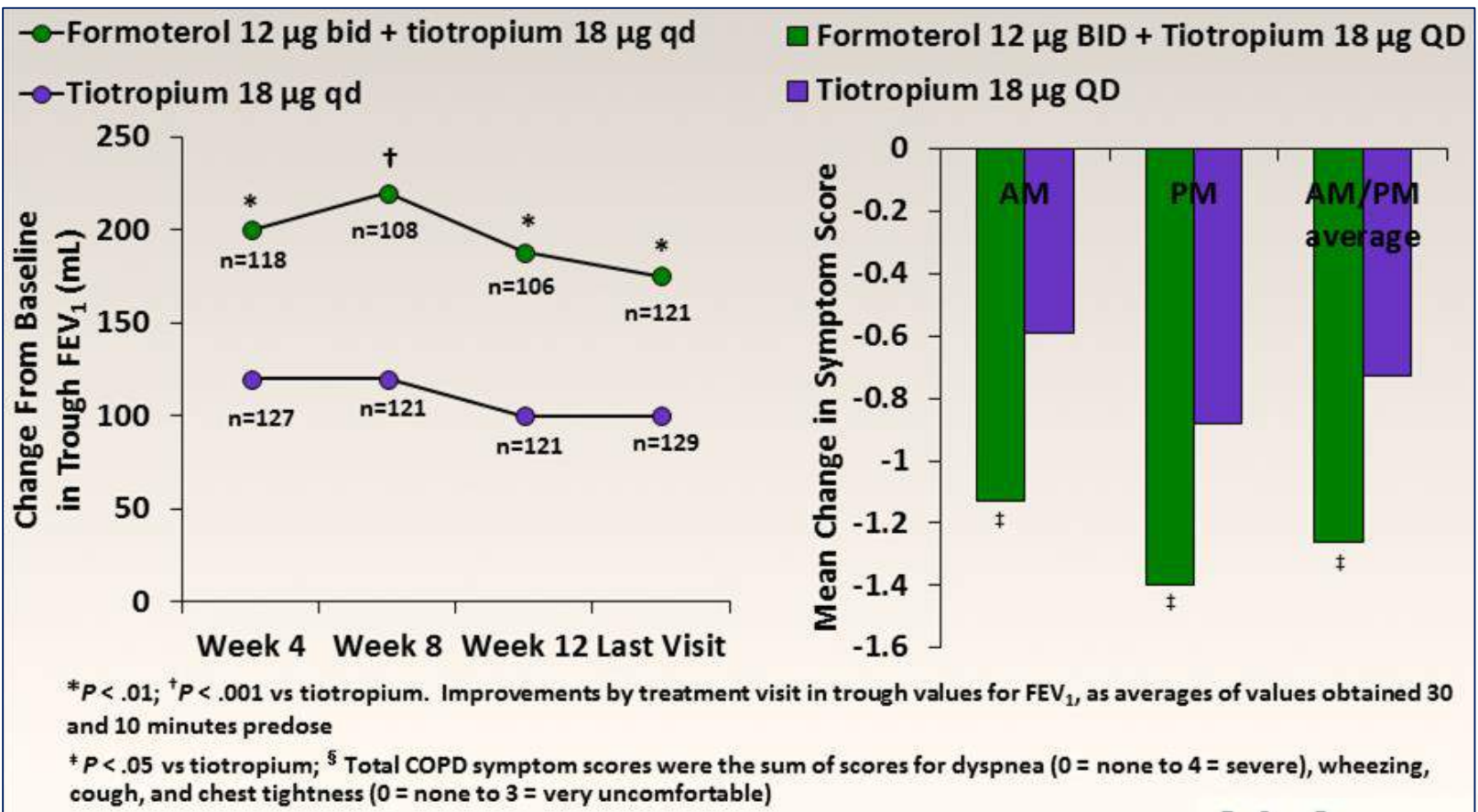
**FIGURE 2.** Mean forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>; adjusted for period, centre and patient within centre) before and during 24 h after the inhalation of tiotropium *q.d.* (●), formoterol *b.i.d.* (◆), and tiotropium plus formoterol *q.d.* (■) at the end of the 6-week treatment periods.



**FIGURE 3.** Mean forced vital capacity (FVC; adjusted for period, centre and patient within centre) before and during 24 h after inhalation of tiotropium *q.d.* (●), formoterol *b.i.d.* (◆), and tiotropium plus formoterol *q.d.* (■) at the end of the 6-week treatment periods.



# LABA/LAMA combination: improved lung function and symptoms vs LAMA alone

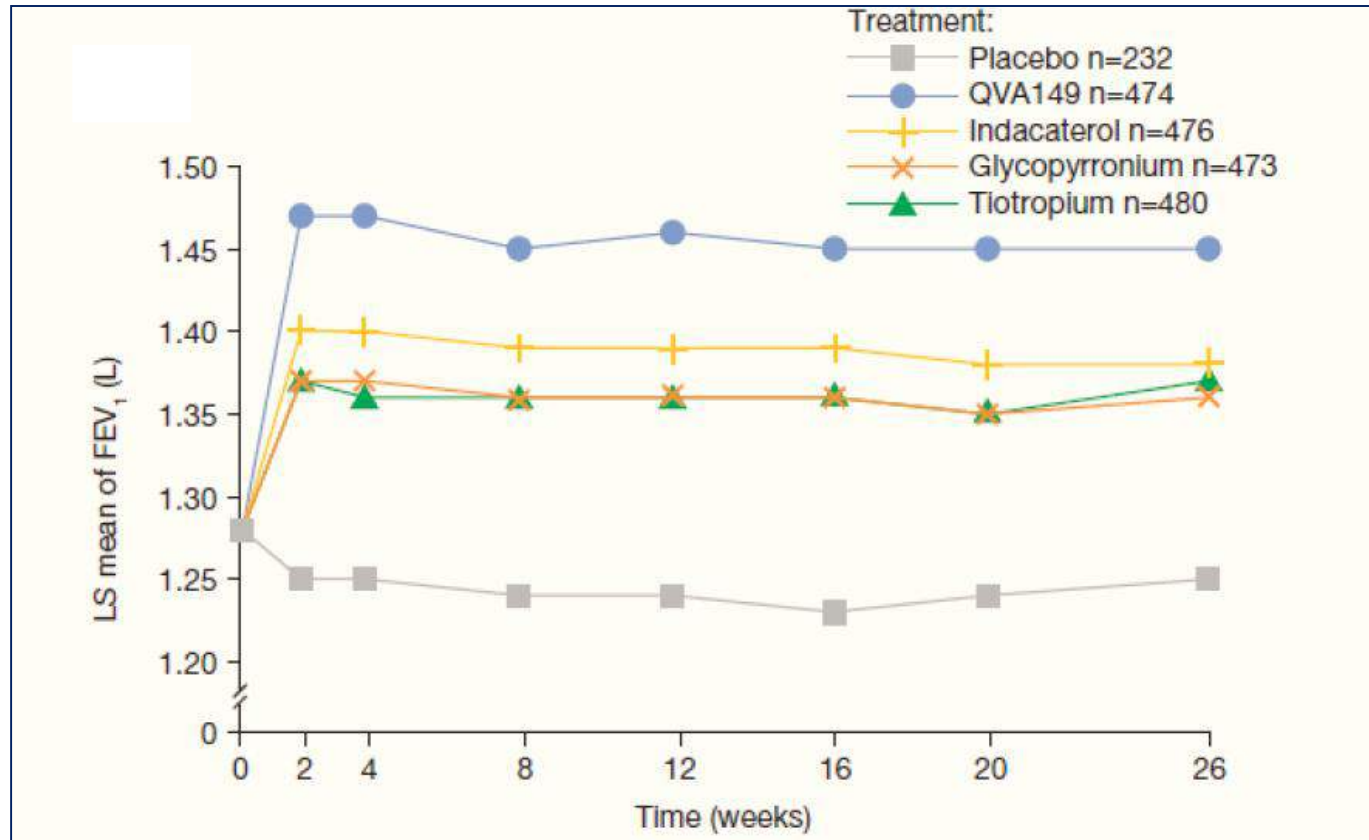


Tashkin DP, et al COPD 2009





# Dual bronchodilation with QVA149: the SHINE study



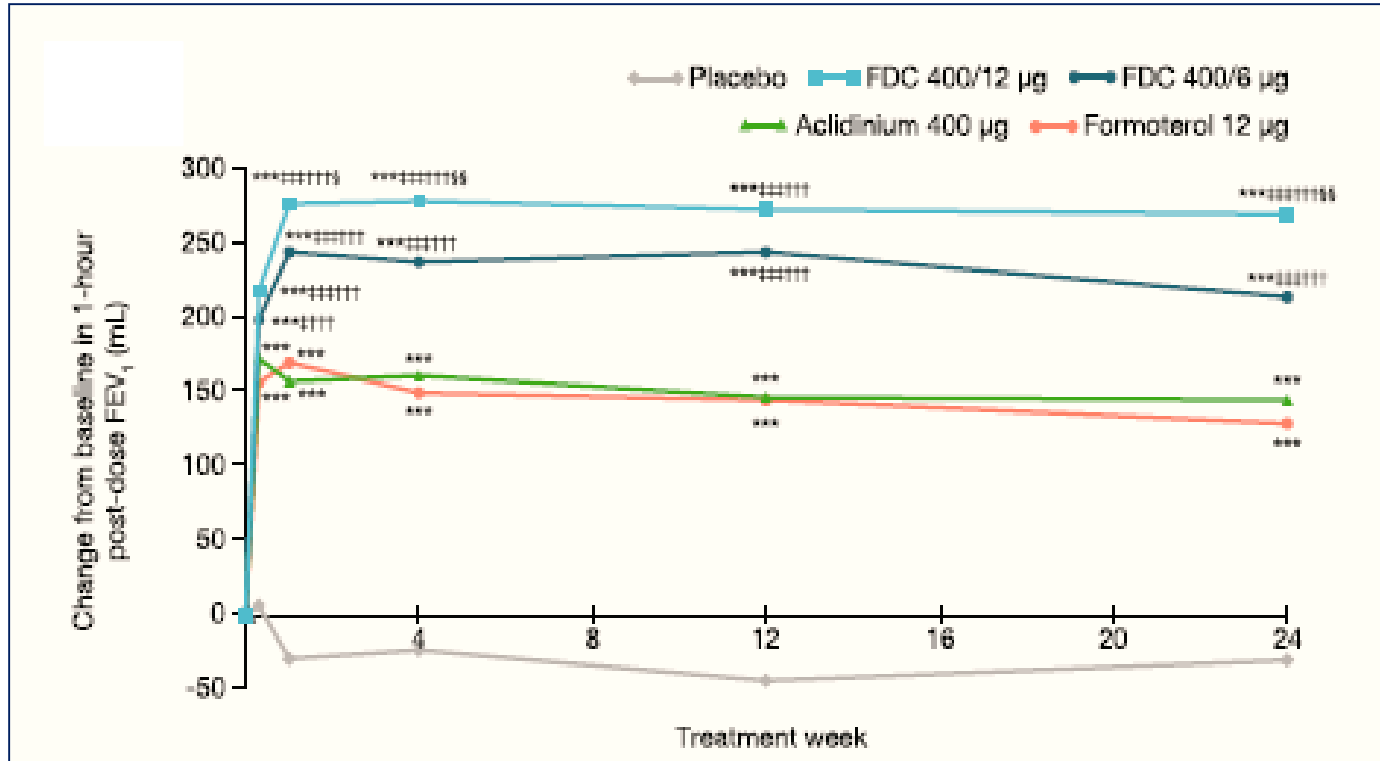
QVA149 was superior to all active treatments and placebo at all timepoints (all  $p < 0.001$ ).

- 2/3 soggetti inclusi moderati;
- quasi 80% no riacutizzazioni
- sintomatici per entry (SGRQ >40)

Bateman et al Eur Respir J. 2013



# Efficacy and safety of acidinium/formoterol fixed-dose combinations compared with individual components and placebo in patients with COPD (ACLIFORM-COPD)



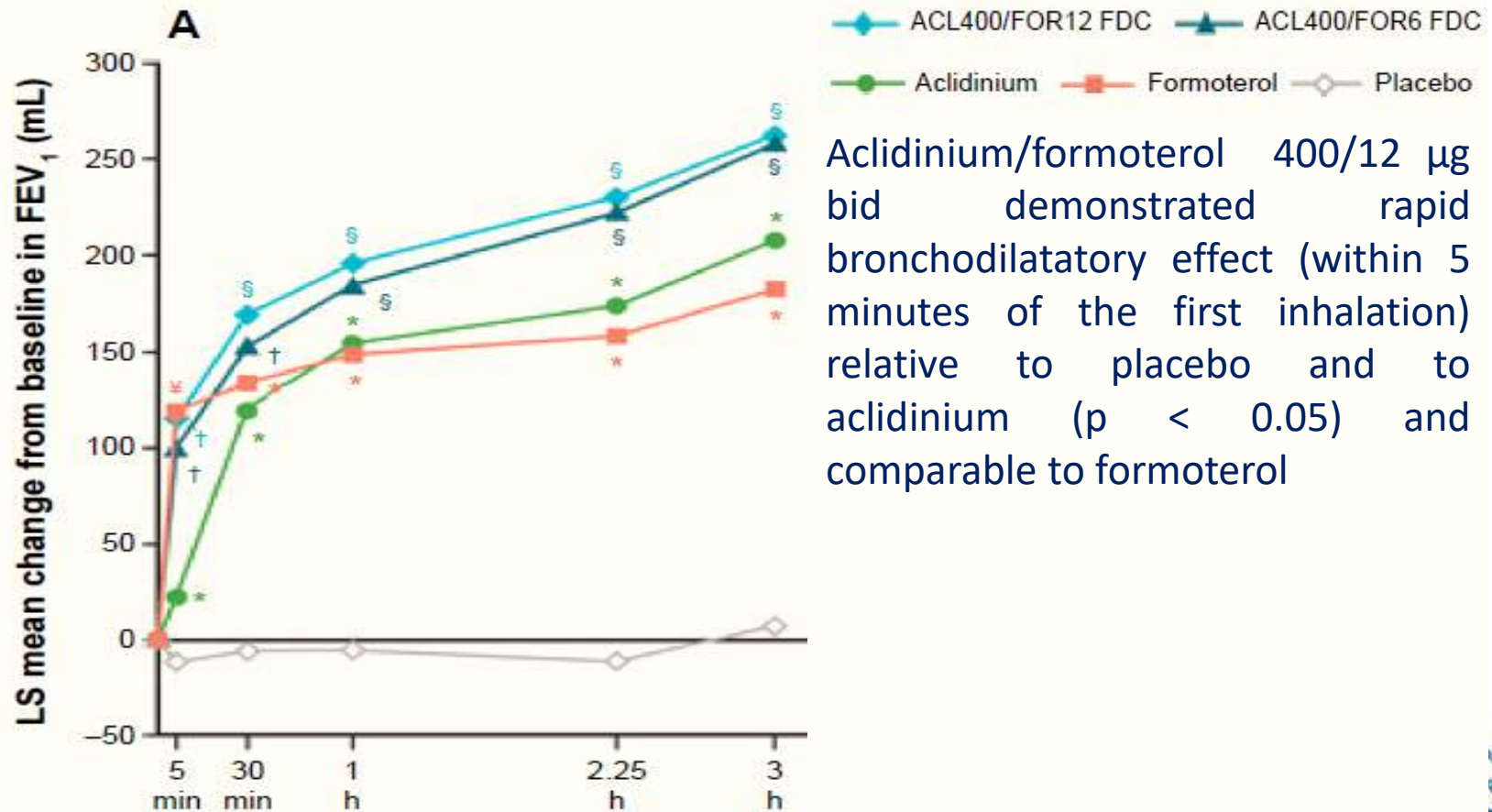
Mean treatment differences for change from baseline in 1-hour **post-dose** FEV<sub>1</sub>

\*\*\*p < 0.001 vs placebo; ‡ p < 0.05; ††† p < 0.001 vs acidinium;

††† p < 0.001 vs formoterol; § p < 0.05; §§ p < 0.01 vs FDC 400/6 µg.



# Aclidinium/formoterol: FEV<sub>1</sub> improvement on Day 1



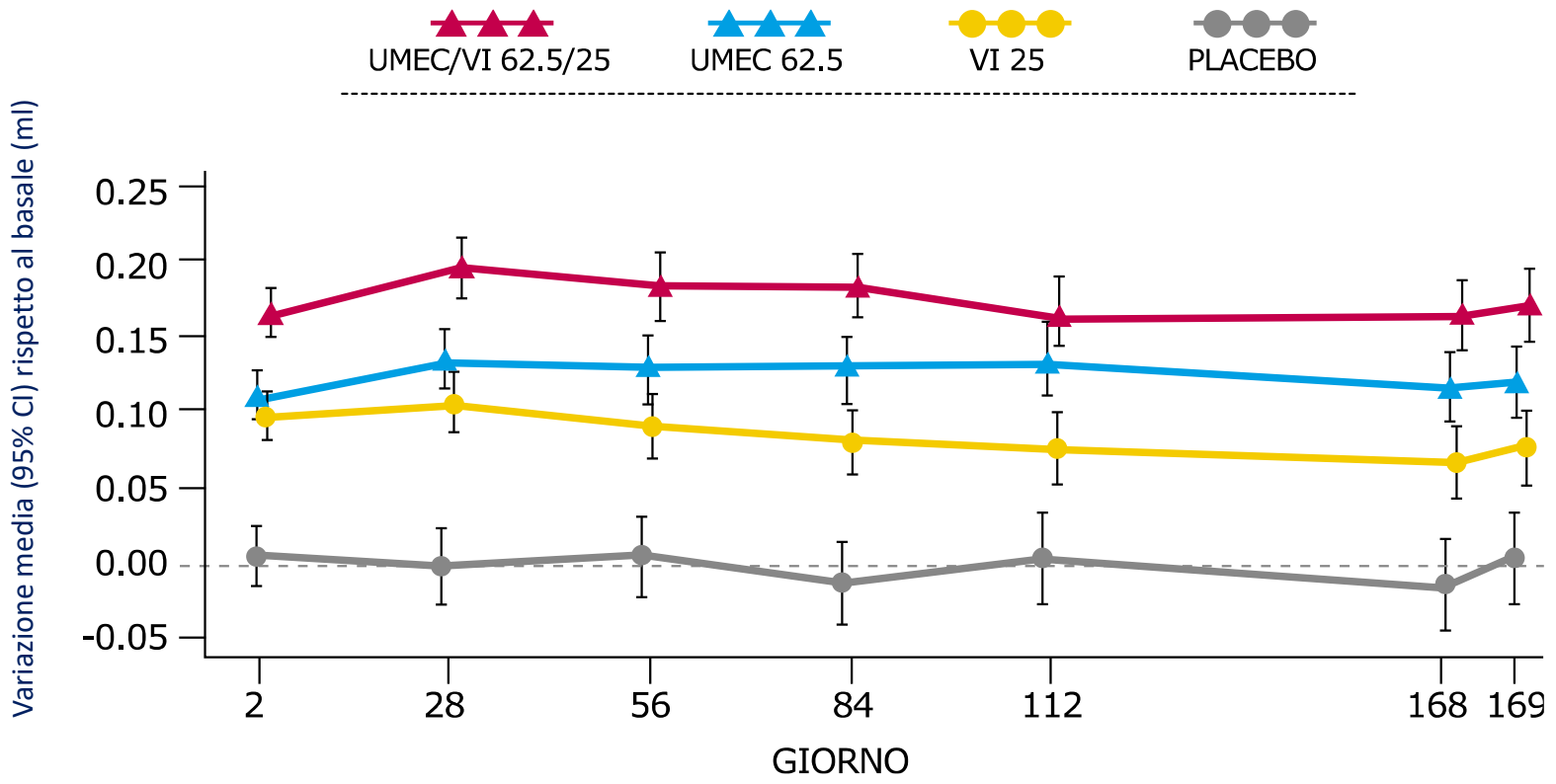
Aclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg bid demonstrated rapid bronchodilatory effect (within 5 minutes of the first inhalation) relative to placebo and to acclidinium ( $p < 0.05$ ) and comparable to formoterol

\* $P < 0.05$  vs placebo; †  $P < 0.05$  vs acclidinium and placebo; §  $P < 0.05$  vs acclidinium, formoterol, and placebo; ¥  $P < 0.05$  vs acclidinium/formoterol FDC 400/6 µg and placebo

D'Urzo AD et al. Resp Res 2014



# Efficacy and safety of once daily umeclidinium/vilanterol 62.5/25 mcg in COPD

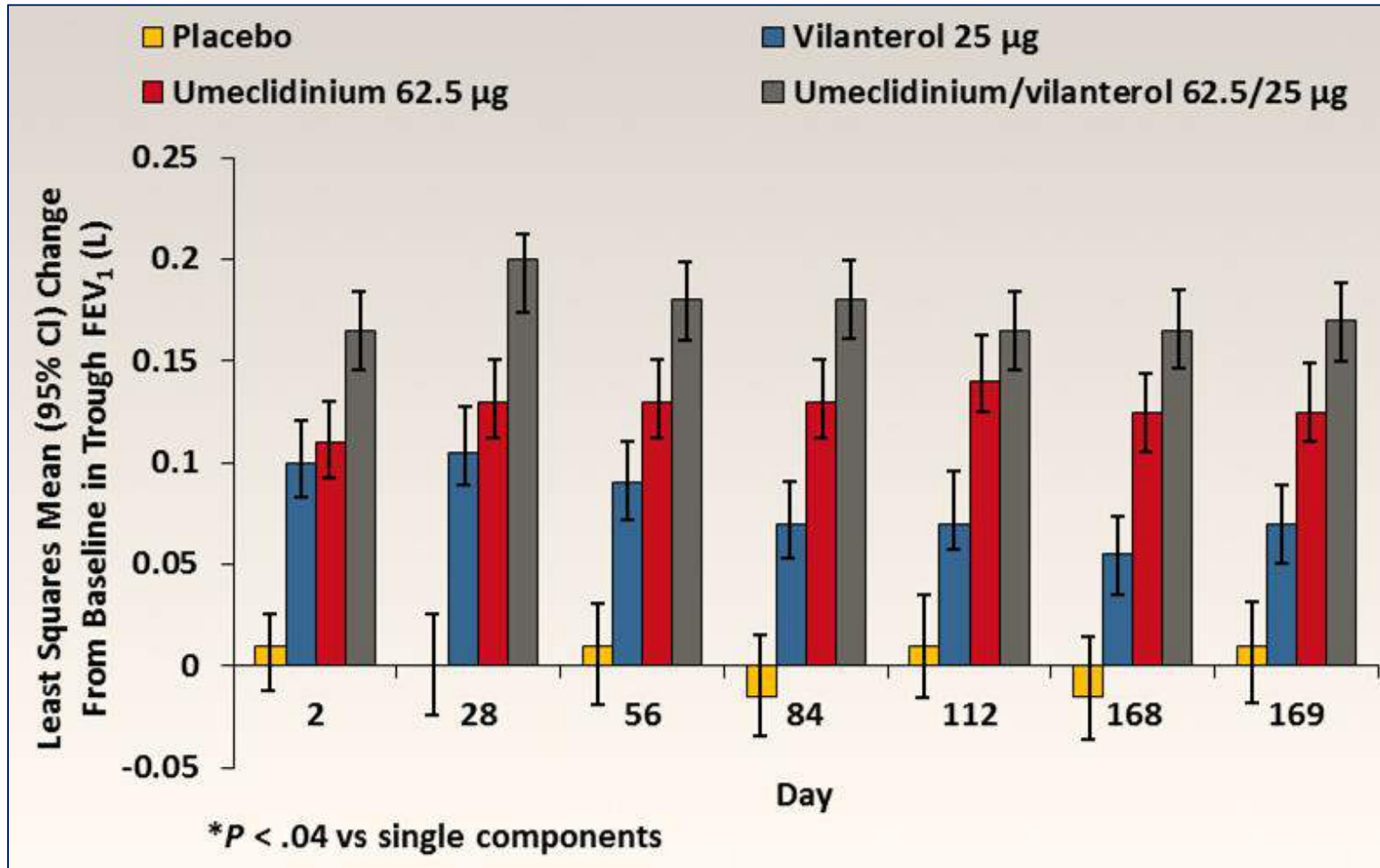


All active treatments produced statistically significant improvements in trough FEV<sub>1</sub> compared with placebo on Day 169 (0.072-0.167 L, all p < 0.001); increases with UMEC/VI 62.5/25 mcg were significantly greater than monotherapies (0.052-0.095 L, p < 0.004).

Donohue JF, et al. Respir Med 2013.



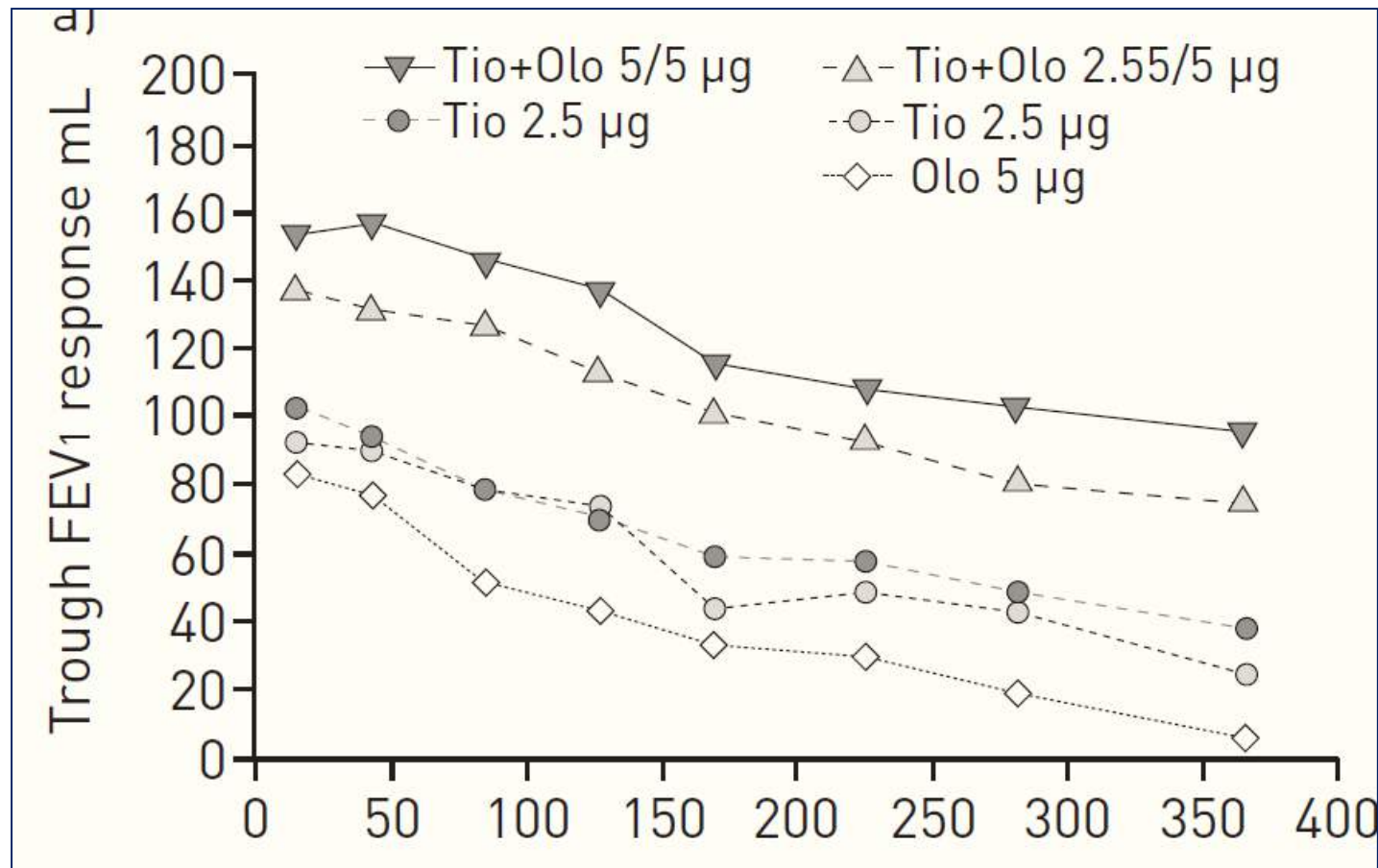
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# Tiotropium and olodaterol combination versus mono/components COPD GOLD 2/4

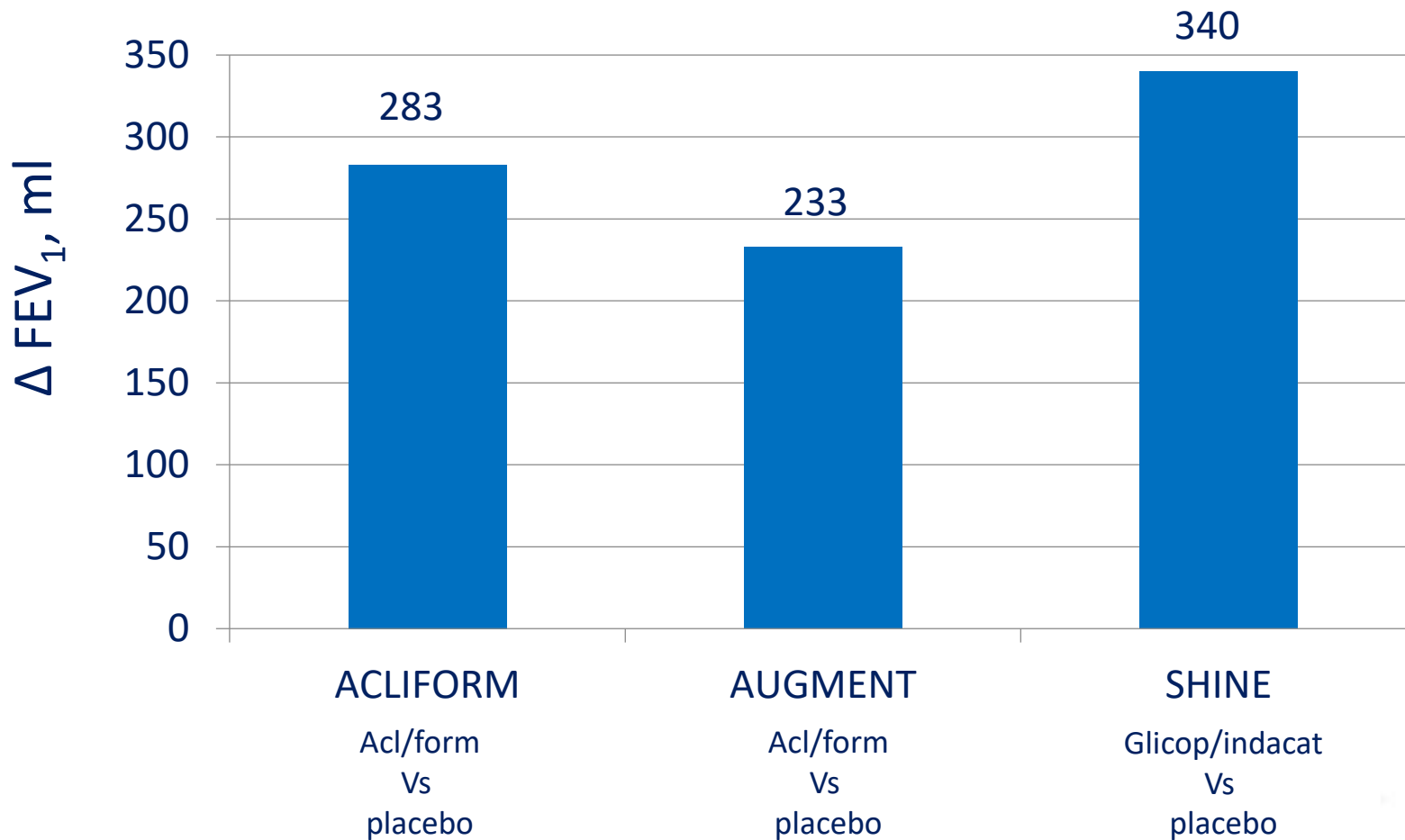


Buhl R, et al. Eur Respir J 2015 45(6):1763





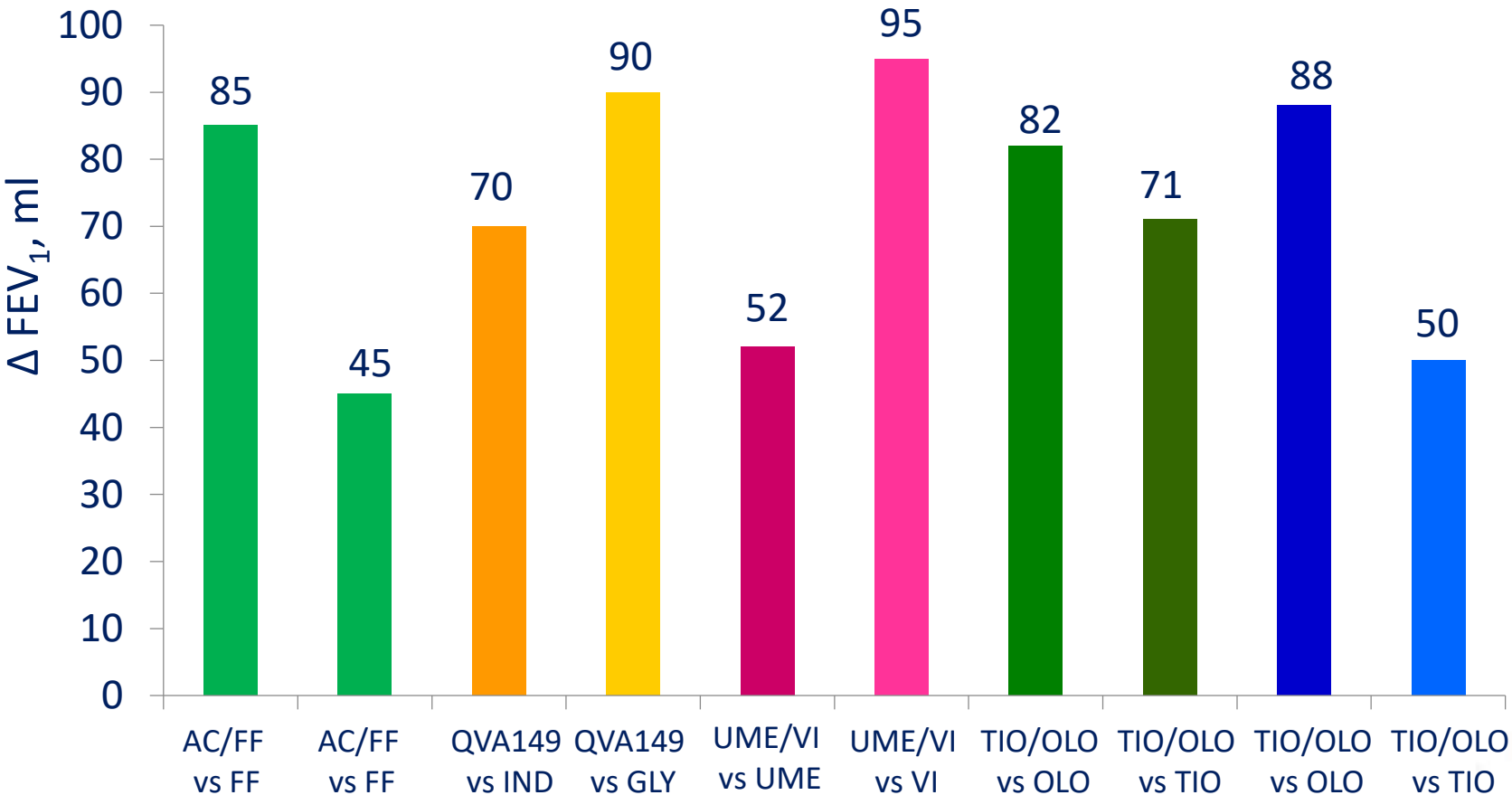
# Combination treatments cause large FEV<sub>1</sub> changes immediately post-dose



1) Singh D et al. BMC Pulm Med 2014 2) D'Urzo AD et al. Resp Res 2014 3) Bateman et al Eur Respir J. 2013

# Changes in trough FEV<sub>1</sub>: Combination vs monotherapy

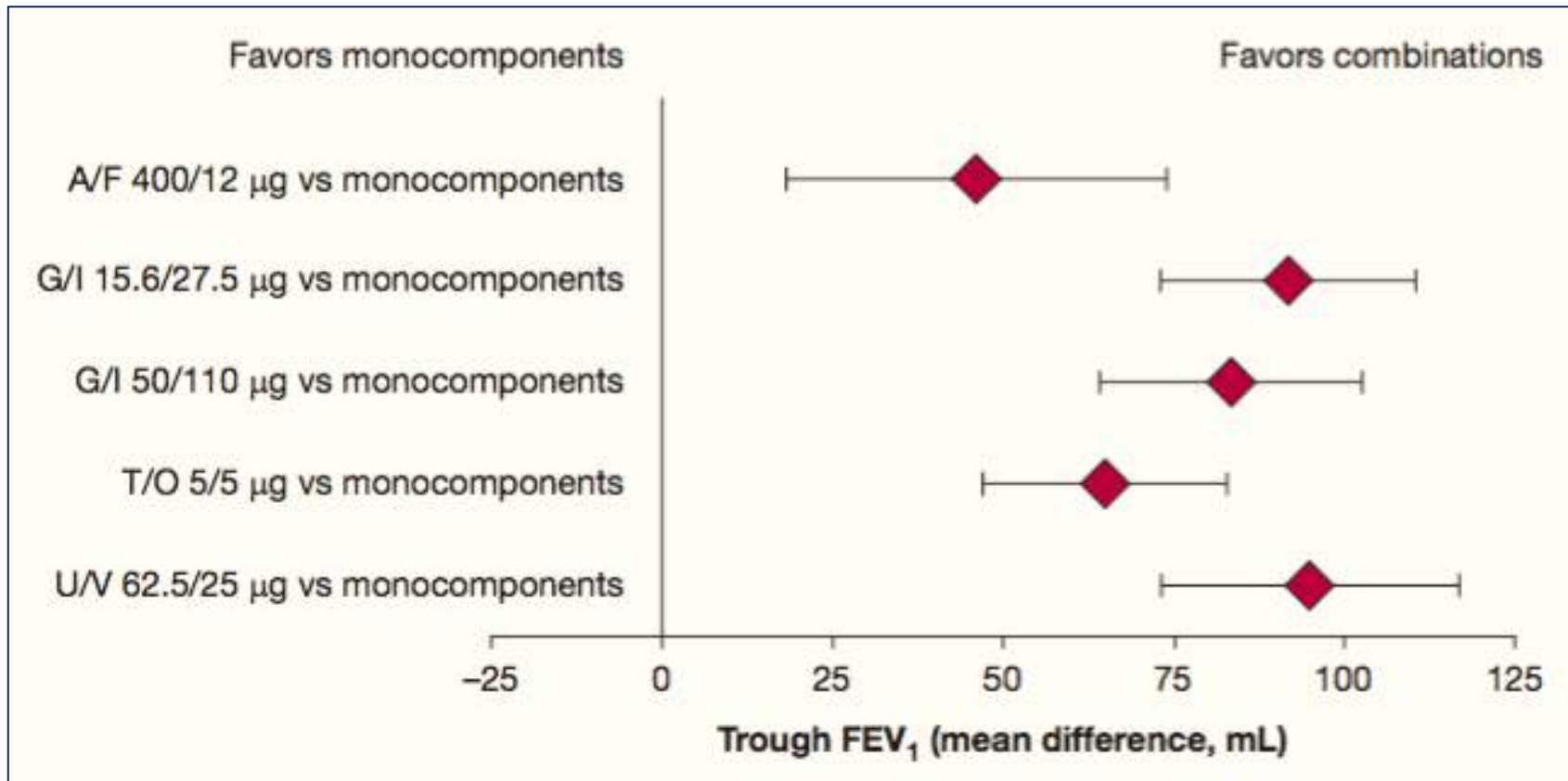
Changes in trough FEV<sub>1</sub> for combination vs monotherapy from all studies (range 45-95 ml)



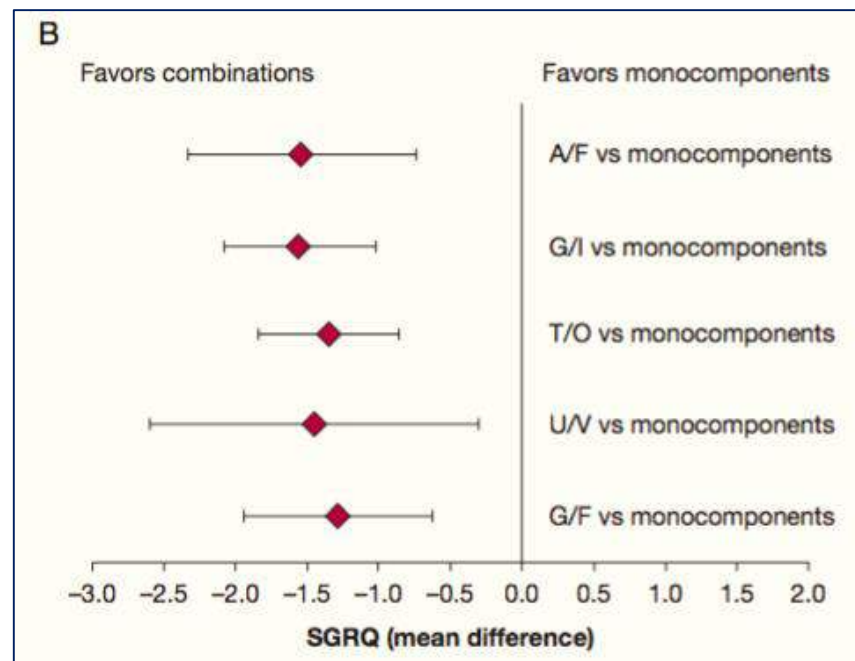
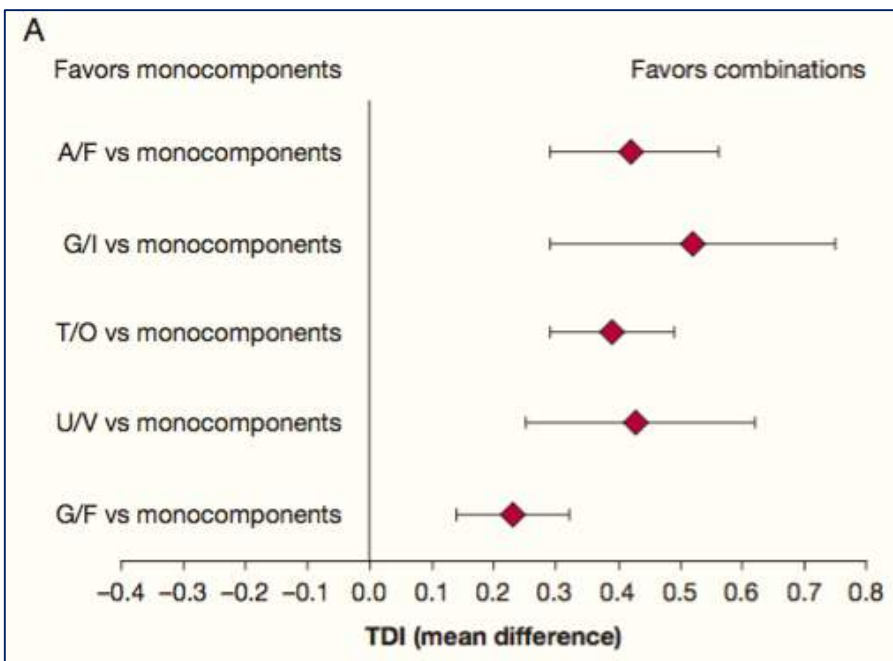
- 1) Singh D et al. BMC Pulm Med 2014 2) D'Urzo AD et al. Resp Res 2014 3) Bateman et al Eur Respir J. 2013  
4) Donohue J et al. 5) Buhl R et al. Eur Resp J 2015.



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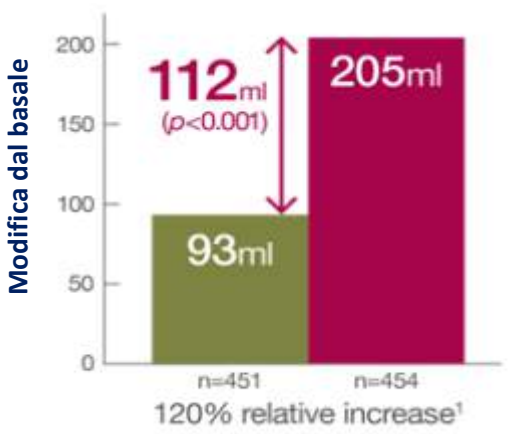


# Confronto vs Tiotropio

Primary efficacy endpoint: Trough FEV1 on day 169

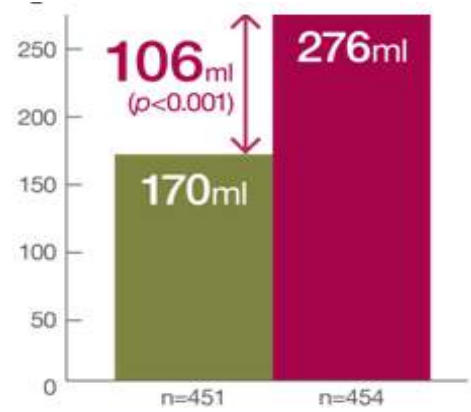
### Endpoint di efficacia primario

FEV<sub>1</sub> a valle al giorno 169



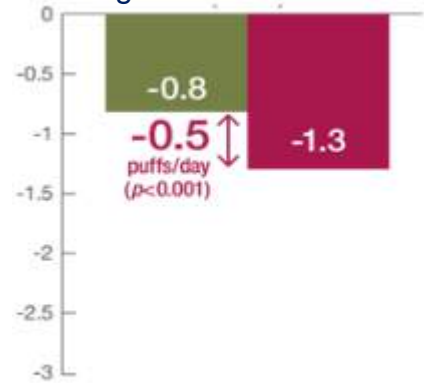
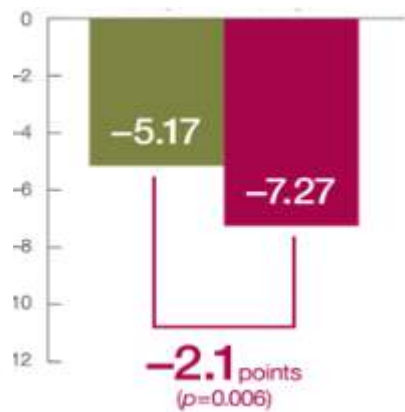
### Endpoint di efficacia secondario:

FEV<sub>1</sub> 0–6 h post dose alla settimana 24



### Altri endpoints di efficacia:

- SGRQ total score alla settimana 24
- Uso di salbutamolo al bisogno tra settimane 1 e 24



■ TIO 18mcg ■ UMECV/VI 55/22 mcg

UMEC/VI ha indotto miglioramenti della funzionalità polmonare statisticamente e clinicamente significativi rispetto TIO. Inoltre UMECV/VI ha migliorato la qualità della vita e ridotto l'uso di farmaci al bisogno rispetto a TIO.

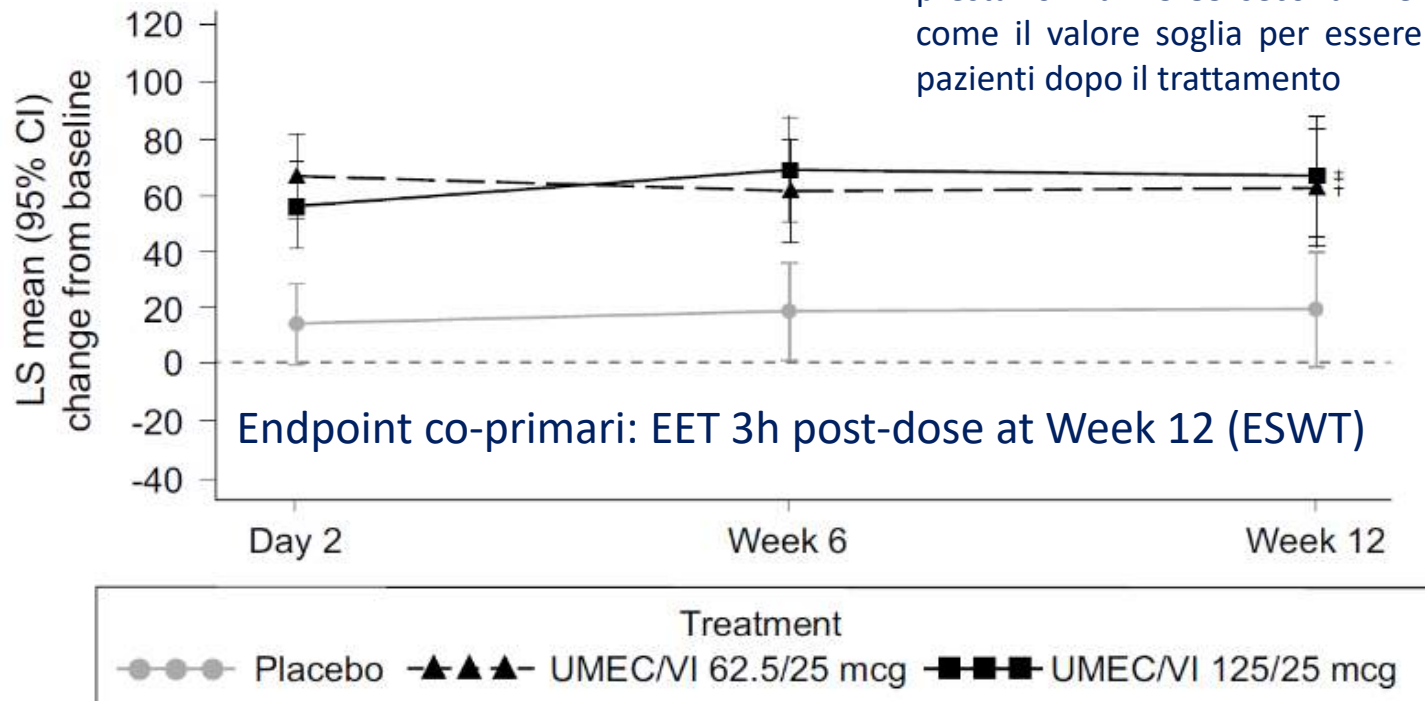
Maleki-Yazdi MR et al. Respir Med. 2014;108(12):1752-1760



# Tolleranza all'esercizio fisico (EET) in comparazione con placebo

Mentre una valida stima della differenza minima clinicamente importante deve ancora essere stabilita, un cambiamento nelle prestazioni di 45-85 secondi viene considerato come il valore soglia per essere percepito dai pazienti dopo il trattamento

## Post-Hoc Analisi Accorpata



**UMEC/VI 55/22 ha migliorato l'EET di 62,9 sec dal basale e 43,7 sec vs placebo**

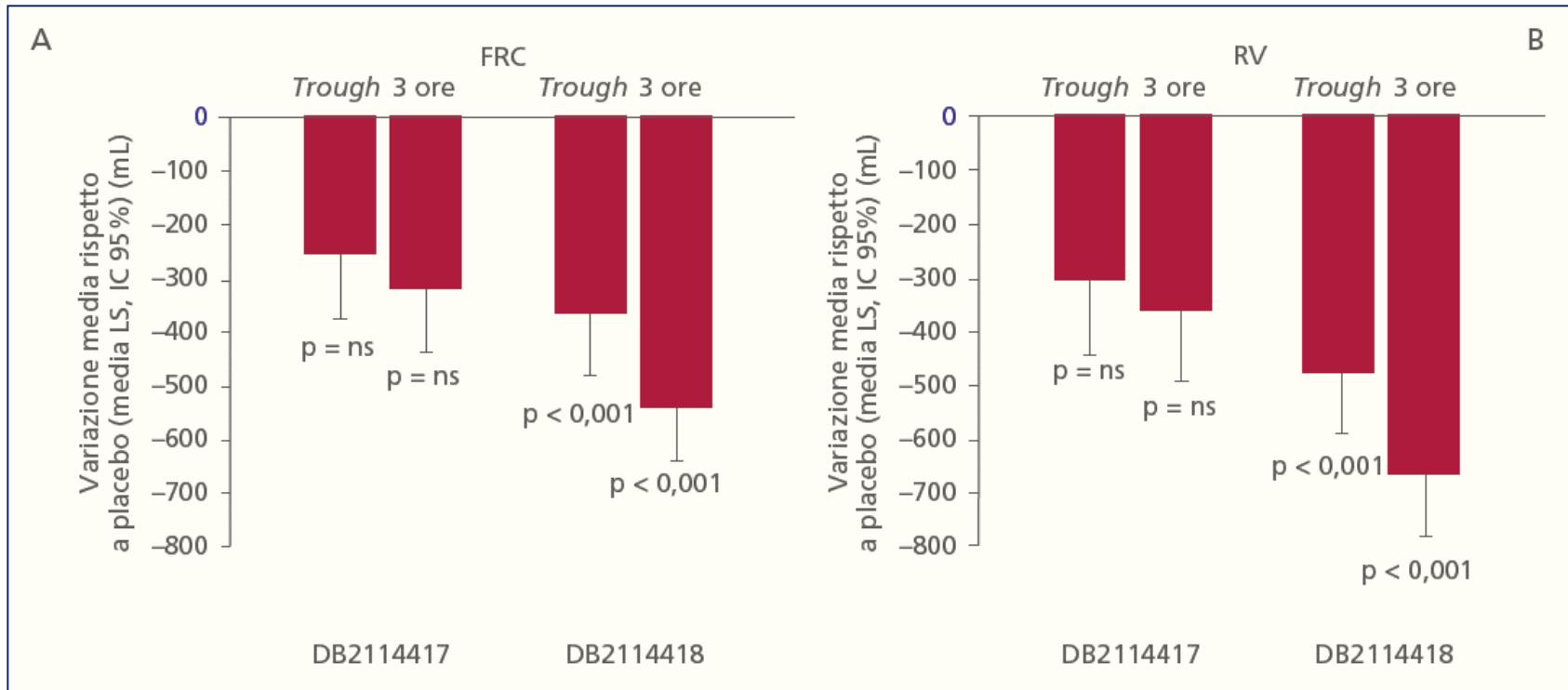
1. Maltais et al Ther Adv Respir Dis. 2014;8(6):169-81. 2. Pepin V et al. Thorax 2011; 66: 115-120.





# Iperinsufflazione polmonare verso placebo

Capacità Funzionale Residua (FRC) & Volume Residuo (RV) alla settimana 12



\*Non statisticamente significativo per il mancato rispetto della gerarchia statistica

UMEC/VI è in grado di desufflare il paziente già dalla prima somministrazione



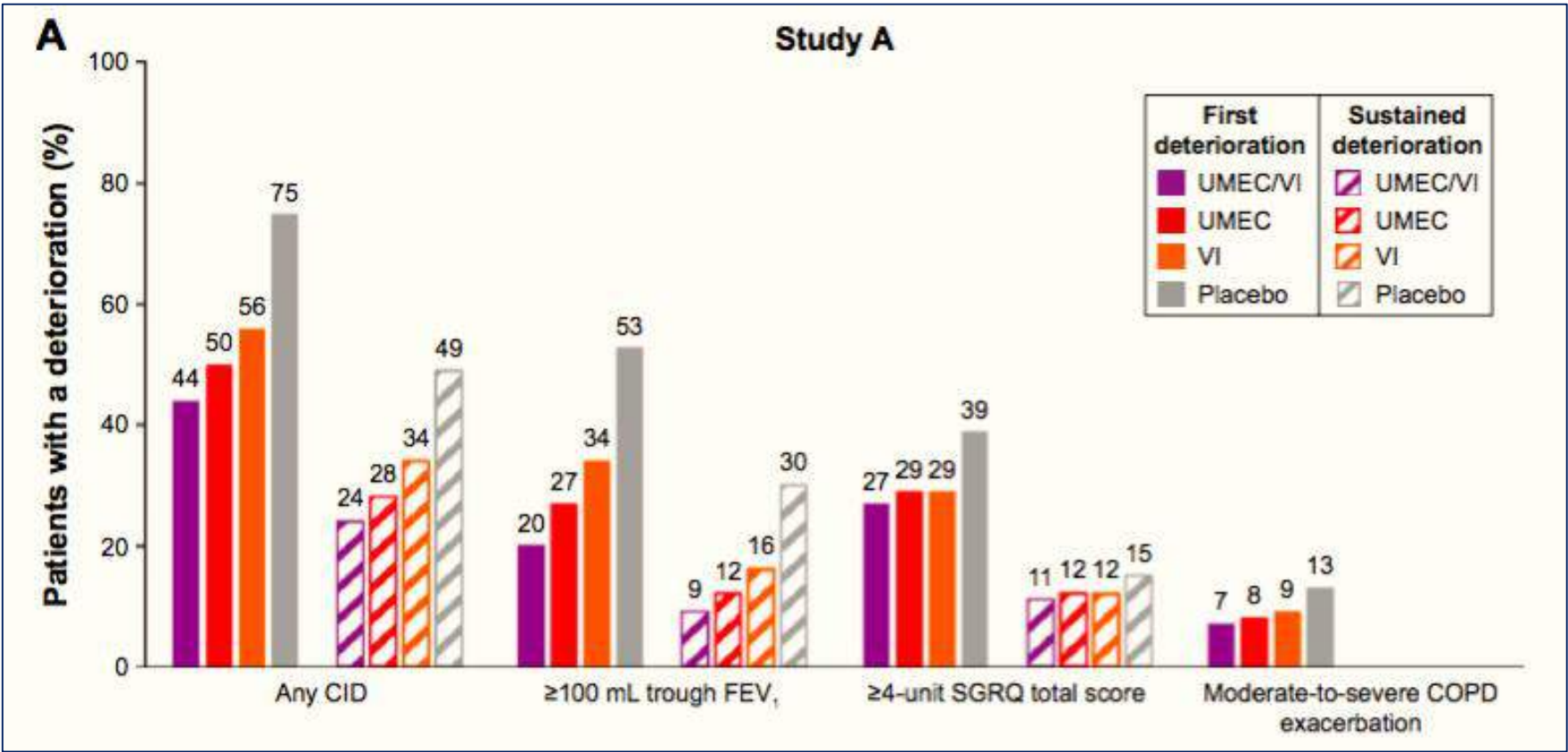
# Prevention of clinically important deteriorations in COPD with umeclidinium/vilanterol

Deterioration was assessed as the time to a first clinical important deterioration (CID), a composite measure defined as a:

- decrease of  $> 100$  mL in trough  $FEV_1$  or
- $> 4$ -unit increase in St George's Respiratory Questionnaire total score or
- an on-treatment moderate-to-severe COPD exacerbation.

Sing D, et al. Int J COPD 2016

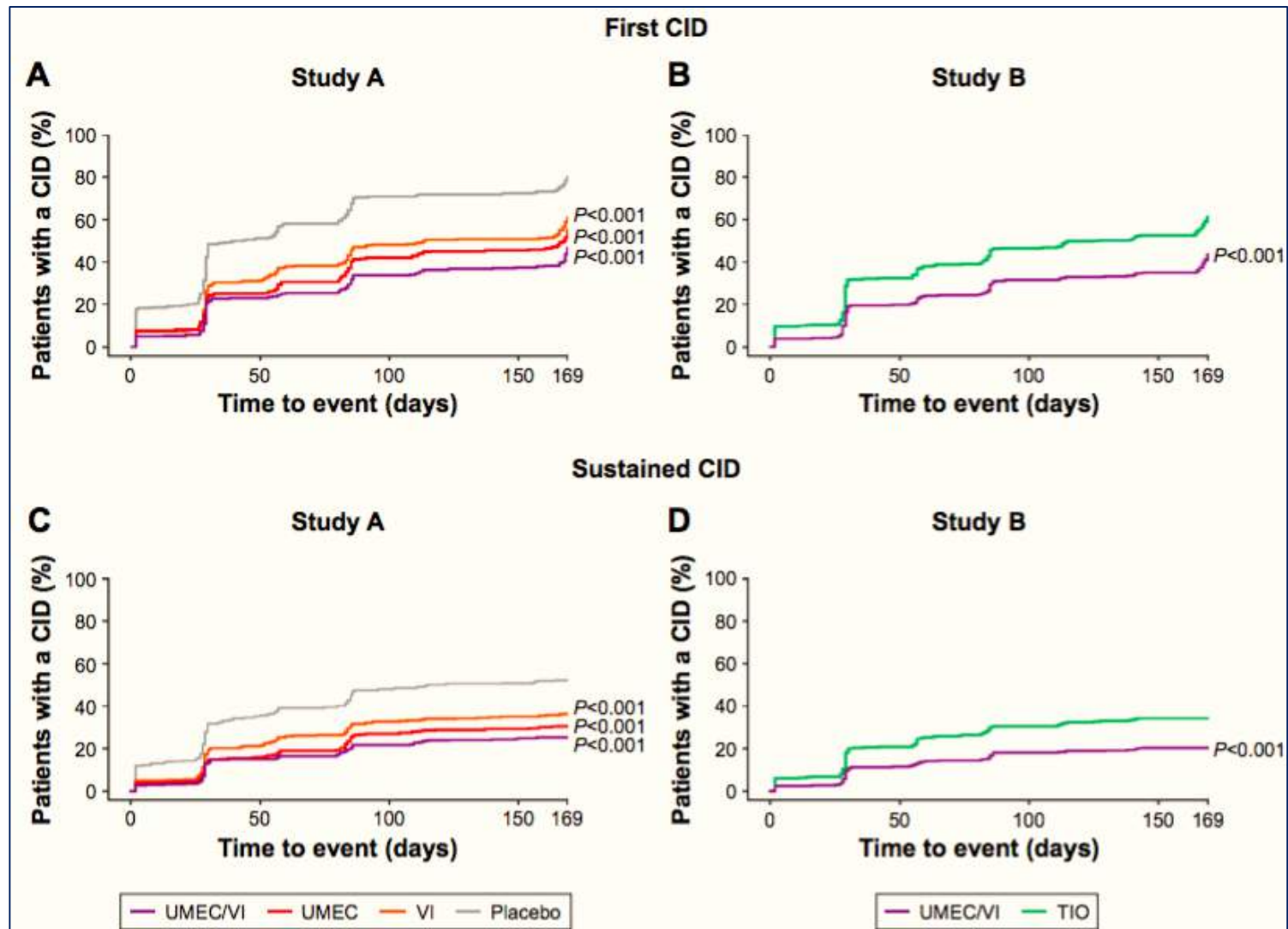




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# Umeclidinium/vilanterol as step-up therapy from tiotropium in patients with moderate COPD

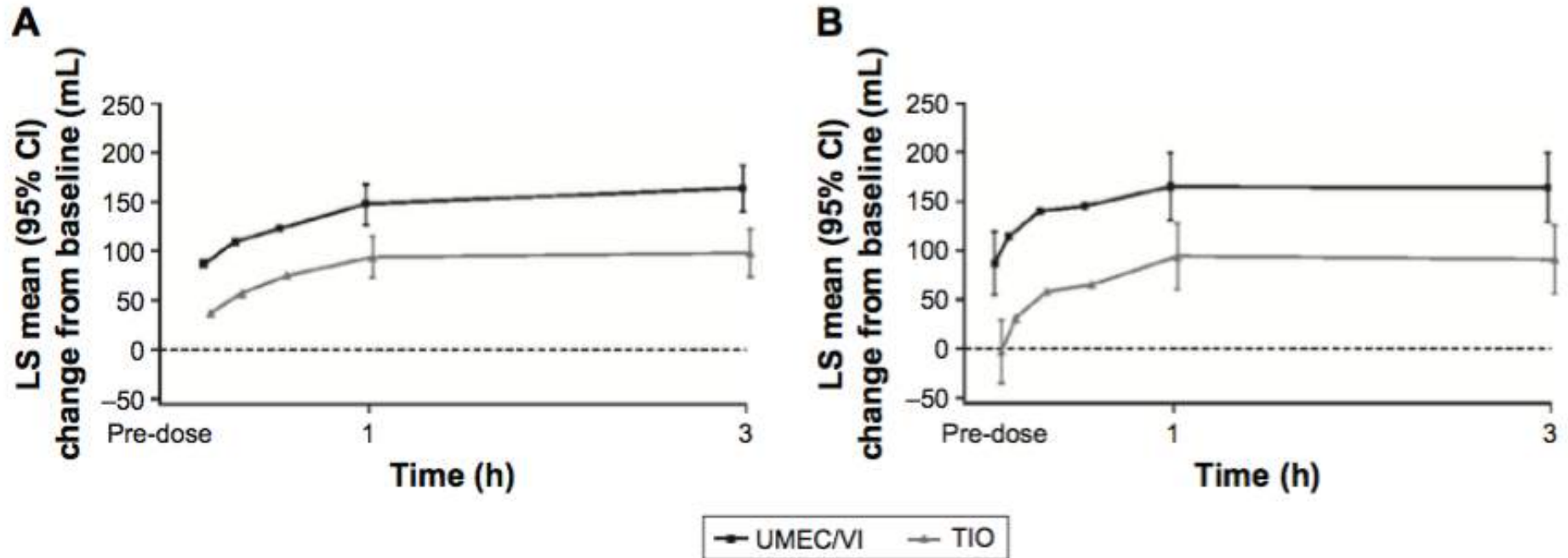


Figure 3 Serial LS mean change (95% CI) from baseline in FEV<sub>1</sub> over 0–3 h on Day 1 (A) and Day 84 (B; ITT population).

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; FEV<sub>1</sub>, forced expiratory volume in 1 s; ITT, intent-to-treat; LS, least squares; TIO, tiotropium; UMEC, umeclidinium; VI, vilanterol.

Kervin E, et al. Int J COPD



Nelle persone con BPCO, sintomatiche nonostante l'uso regolare di broncodilatatori a lunga durata d'azione, con VEMS o FEV<sub>1</sub> pre-broncodilatatore < 60% del valore teorico e storia di frequenti riacutizzazioni (≥ 2/anno), considerare l'associazione LABA+CSI. L'utilizzo della combinazione fissa può migliorare significativamente l'aderenza della persona alla terapia.

Nelle persone con BPCO, sintomatiche con VEMS o FEV<sub>1</sub> <60% del valore teorico l'associazione LAMA+LABA+CSI:

- ha migliorato i parametri spirometrici e la qualità della vita
- ha ridotto il numero di ospedalizzazioni





## Group D

We recommend initiating a LABA/LAMA combination because:

- In studies with patient reported outcomes as the primary endpoint, LABA/LAMA combinations showed superior results compared to a single bronchodilator.
- LABA/LAMA combination was superior to LABA/ICS combination in preventing exacerbations and improving other patient reported outcomes in Group D patients.
- Group D patients are at higher risk for pneumonia when receiving ICS treatment. If a single bronchodilator is initially chosen, a LAMA is preferred for exacerbation prevention based on comparison to LABAs.

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## Group D

LABA/ICS may be the first choice for initial therapy in some patients. These patients may have a history and/or findings suggestive of asthma–COPD overlap and/or high blood eosinophil counts.

In patients who develop additional exacerbations on LABA/LAMA therapy we suggest two alternative pathways:

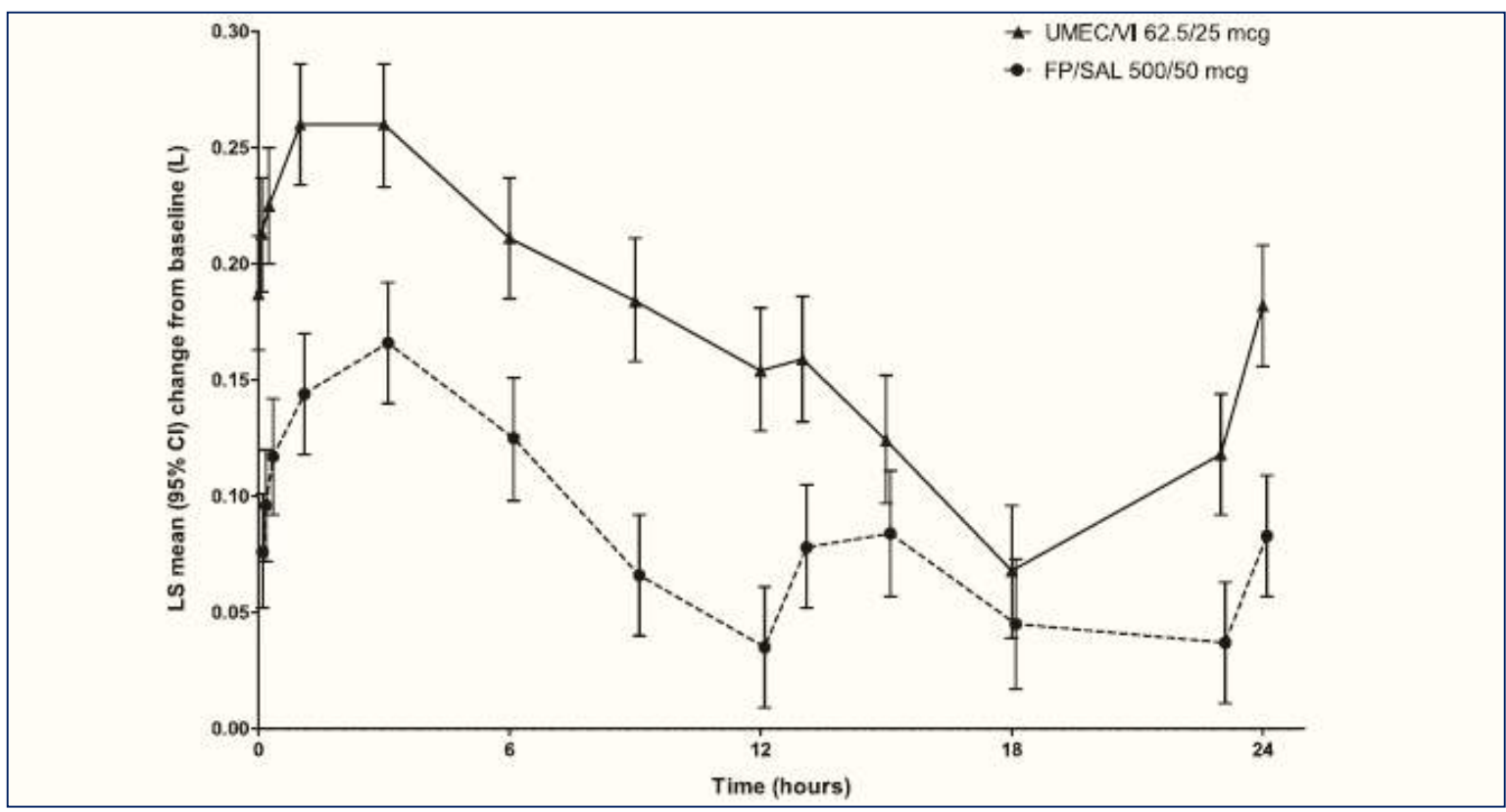
- Escalation to LABA/LAMA/ICS.
- Switch to LABA/ICS. If LABA/ICS therapy does not positively impact exacerbations/symptoms, a LAMA can be added.

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# Umeclidinium/vilanterol vs salmeterol/fluticasone

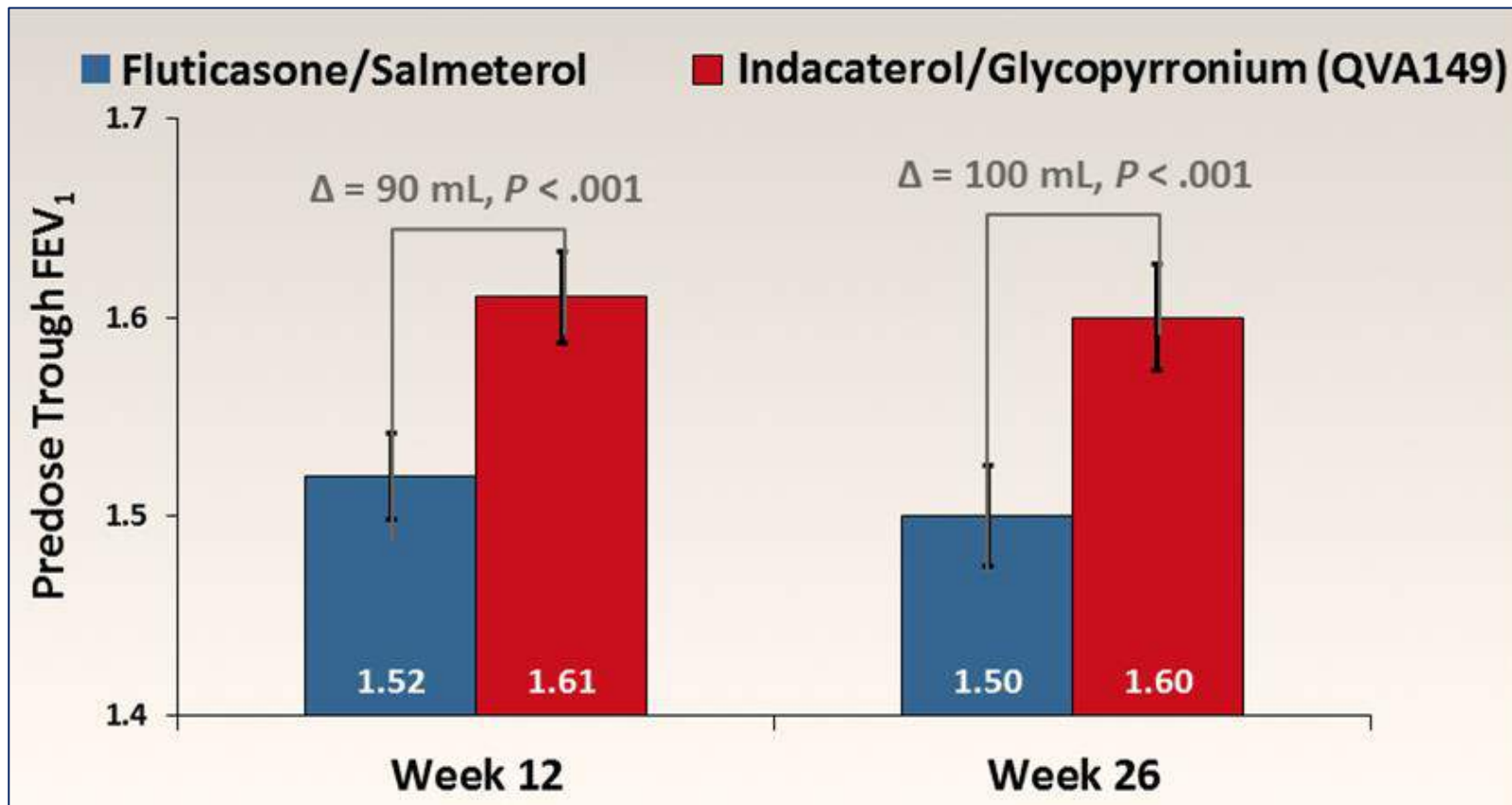
Umeclidinium/vilanterol 62.5/25 µg QD over 12 weeks improved lung function compared with salmeterol/fluticasone 50/500 µg BID in patients with moderate-to-severe COPD with infrequent exacerbations (n = 717).



Singh D, et al. BMC Pulm Med 2015



# ILLUMINATE: indacaterol/glycopyrronium vs fluticasone/salmeterol



Vogelmeier C, et al. Lancet Resp Med 2013; 1 (1): 51-60



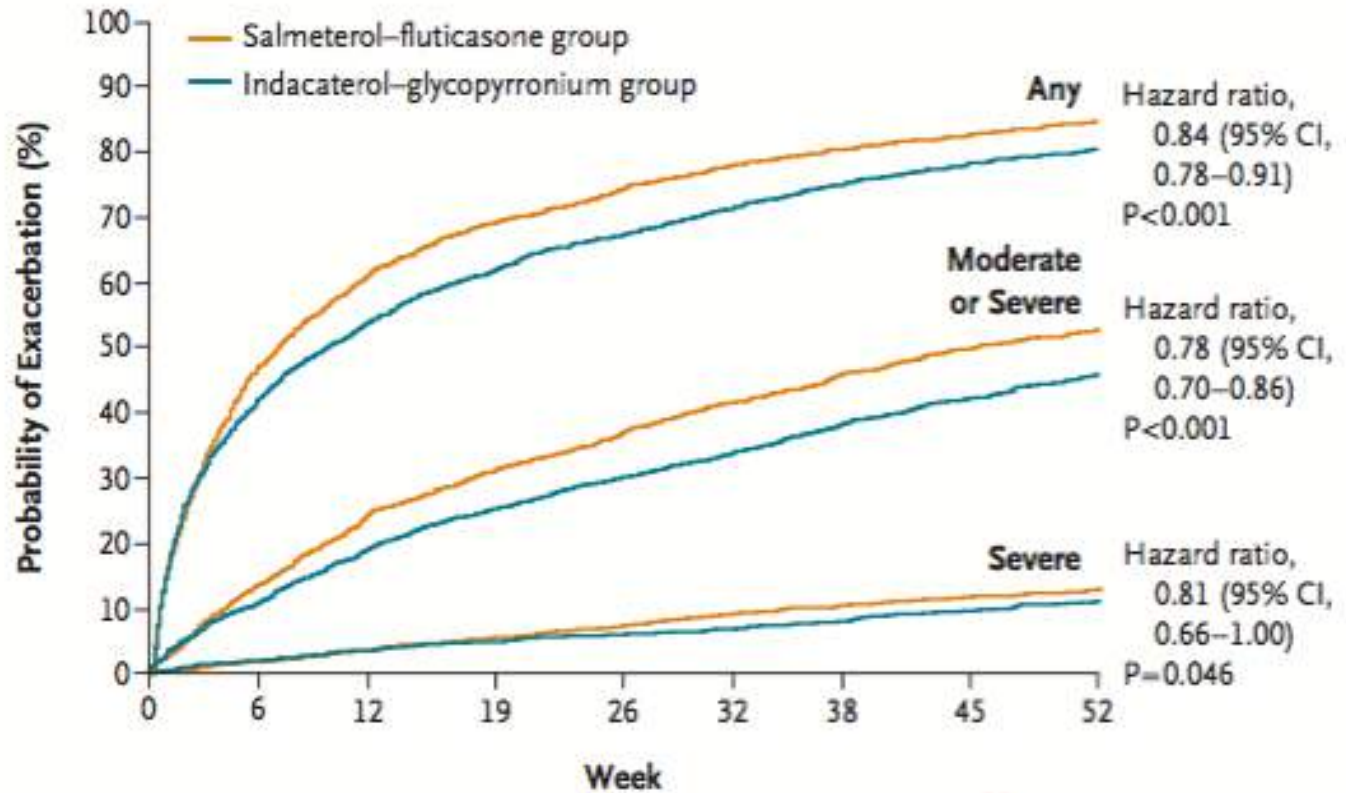
# Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium versus Salmeterol–Fluticasone for COPD

## Primary outcome

In the per-protocol population, the annual rate of all COPD exacerbations was **3.59** (95% confidence interval [CI], 3.28 to 3.94) in the indacaterol–glycopyrronium group and **4.03** (95% CI, 3.68 to 4.41) in the salmeterol–fluticasone group (rate ratio, 0.89 [95% CI, 0.83 to 0.96], representing an **11%** lower rate;  $P = 0.003$ )



Time to First Exacerbation

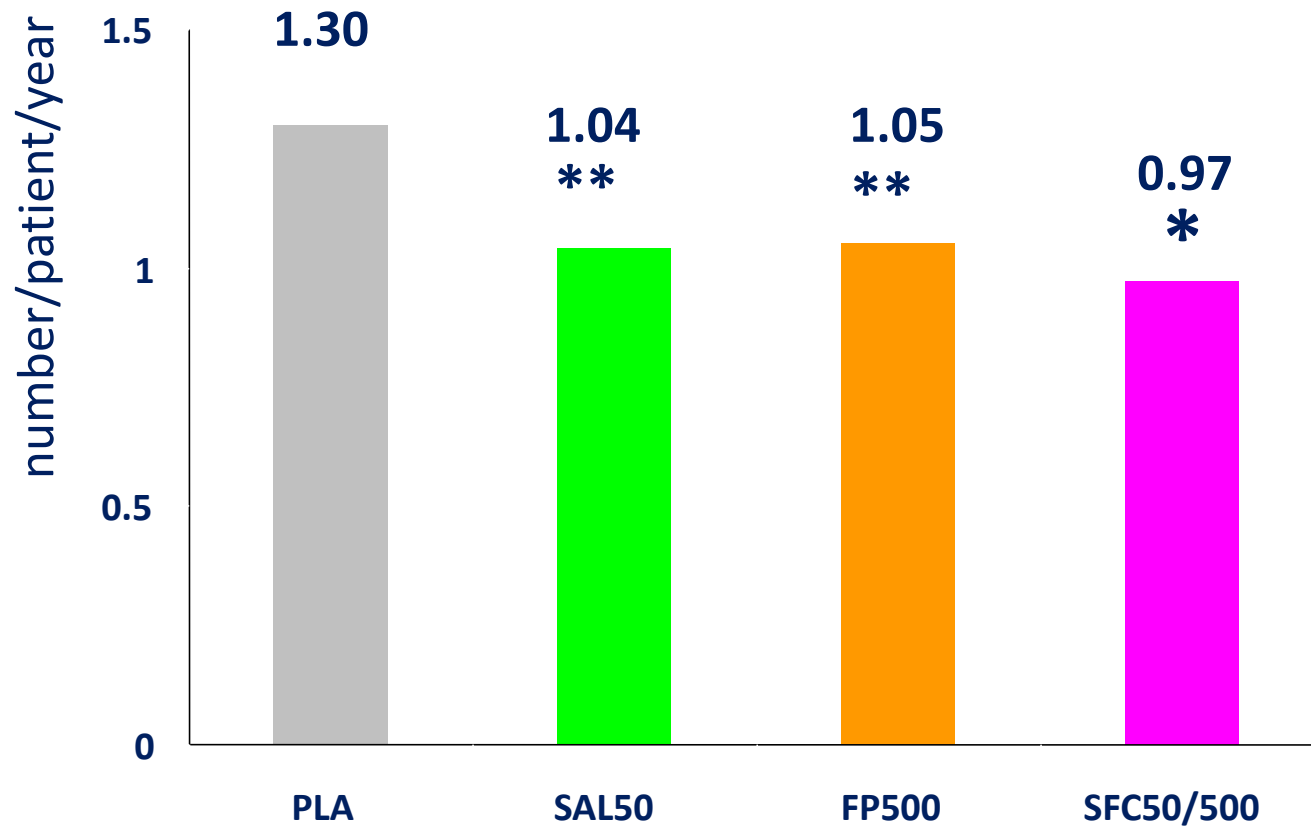


Jadwiga A. Wedzicha, et al. New Engl J Med 2016





# In the TRISTAN study, FP/Salm combination reduced the number of severe exacerbations



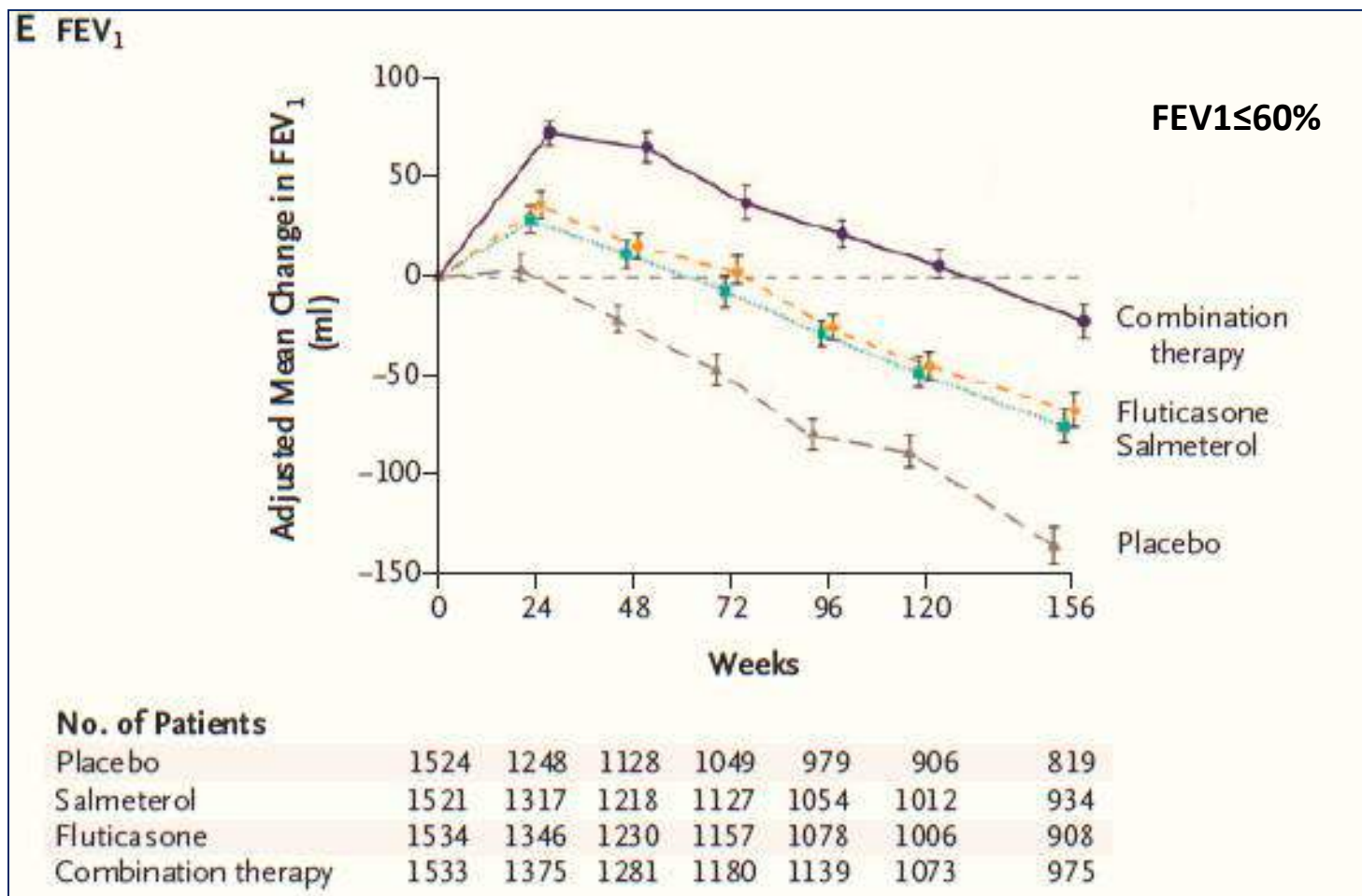
\*  $p < 0.001$  vs PLA

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Calverly et al, Lancet 2003



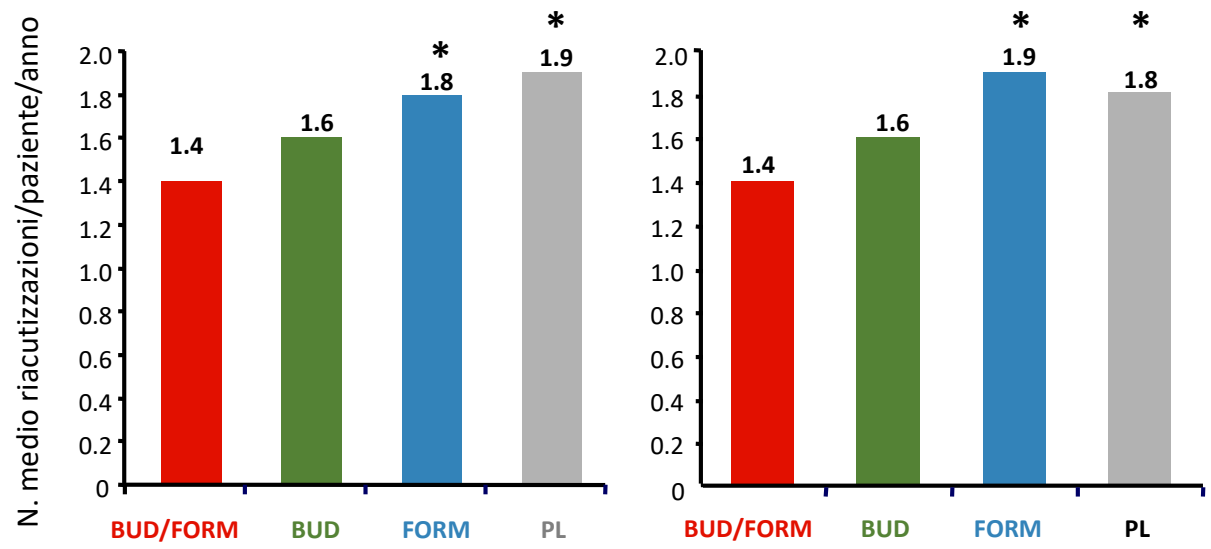
# TORCH Study: additional effect of salmeterol/fluticasone vs both monotherapies



Calverley MD, et al. New Eng J Med 2007, Vol.356 (8): 775-210



# Bud/Form: reduction of exacerbations



Trattamento	Numero medio di riacutizzazioni/paziente/anno <sup>1</sup>	
	Szafranski	Calverley
BUD/FORM	1,4*	1,4(*)
BUD	1,6	1,6
FORM	1,8	1,9
PL	1,9	1,8

\*p<0,05 vs BUD/FORM  
(\*)p<0,05 vs BUD/FORM

1. Szafranski W et al. Eur Respir J 2003; 21: 74-81;
2. Calverley PM et al. Eur Respir J 2003; 22: 912-919



# Effectiveness of Fluticasone Furoate-Vilanterol for COPD in Clinical Practice

## CONCLUSIONS

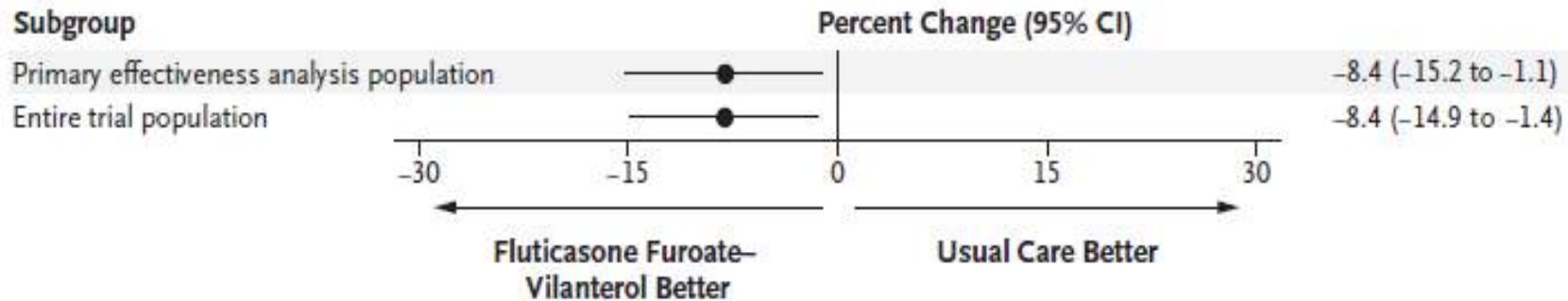
In patients with COPD and a history of exacerbations, a once-daily treatment regimen of combined fluticasone furoate and vilanterol was associated with a lower rate of exacerbations than usual care, without a greater risk of serious adverse events. (Funded by GlaxoSmithKline; Salford Lung Study ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT01551758.)

Vestbo et al. New England J Med 2016



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B

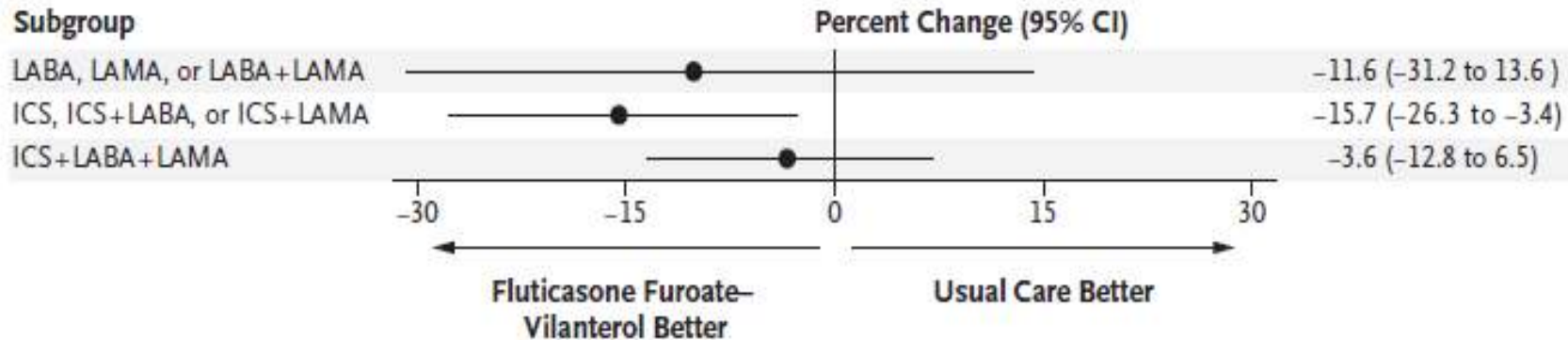
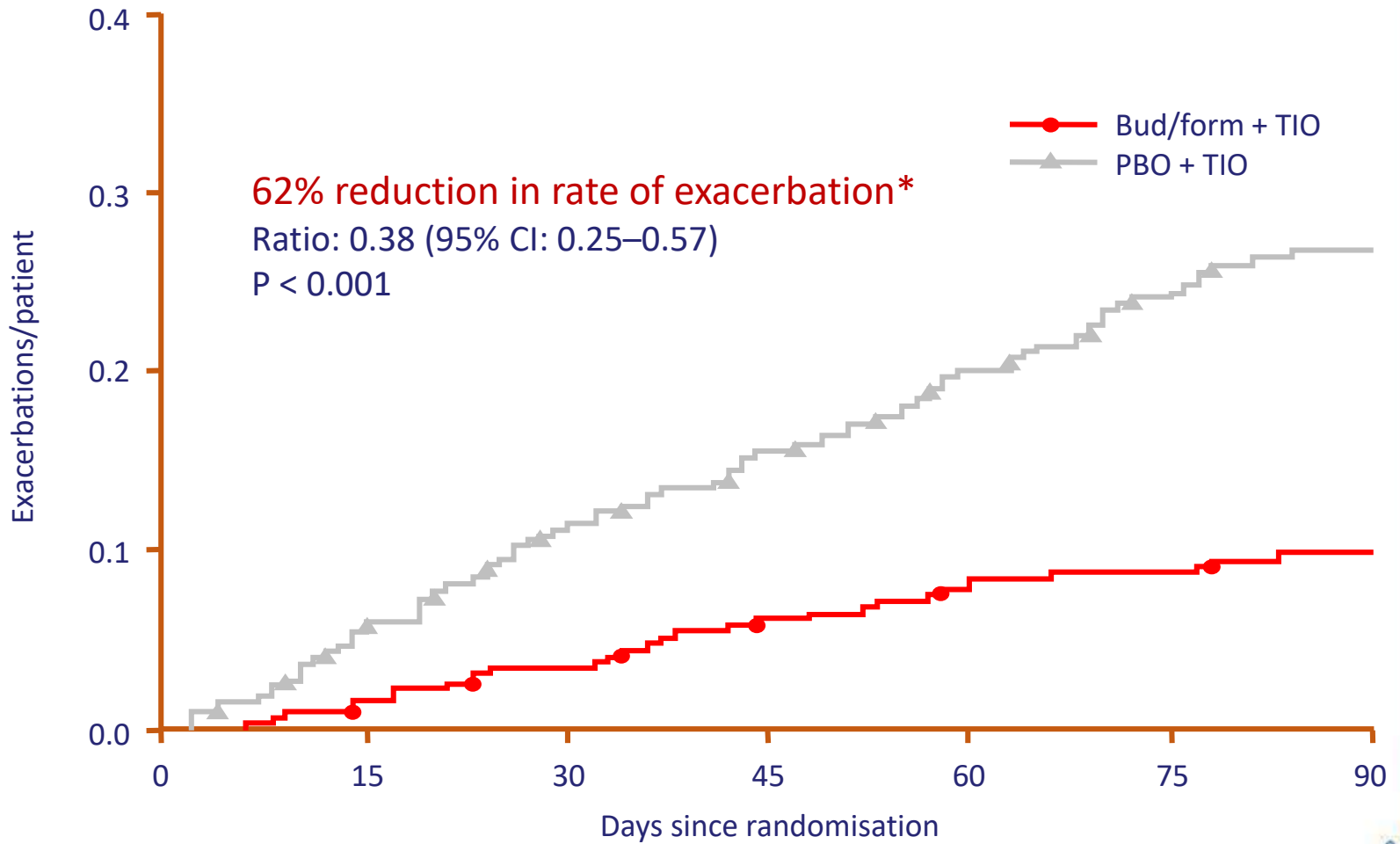


Figure 1. Treatment Effect on Moderate or Severe Exacerbations.

Vestbo et al. New England J Med 2016



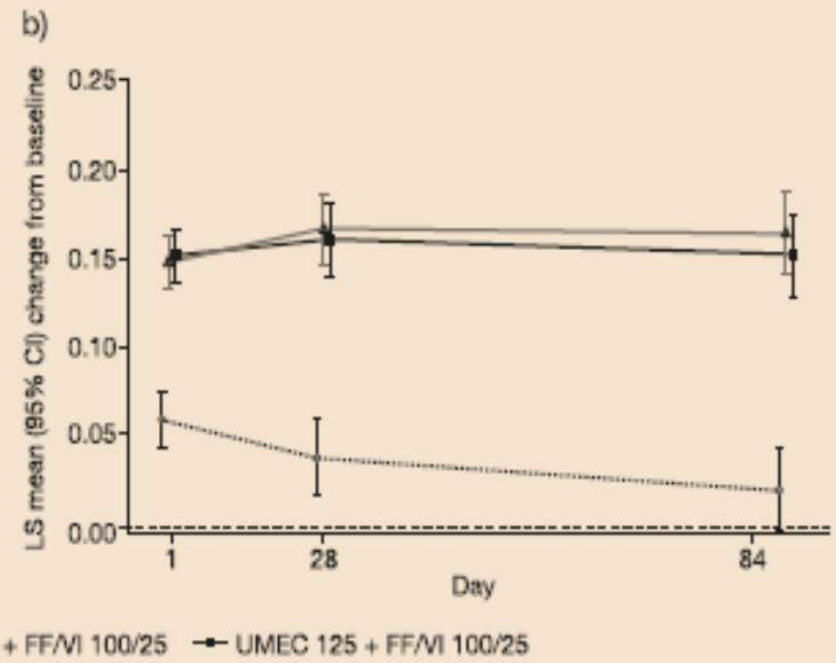
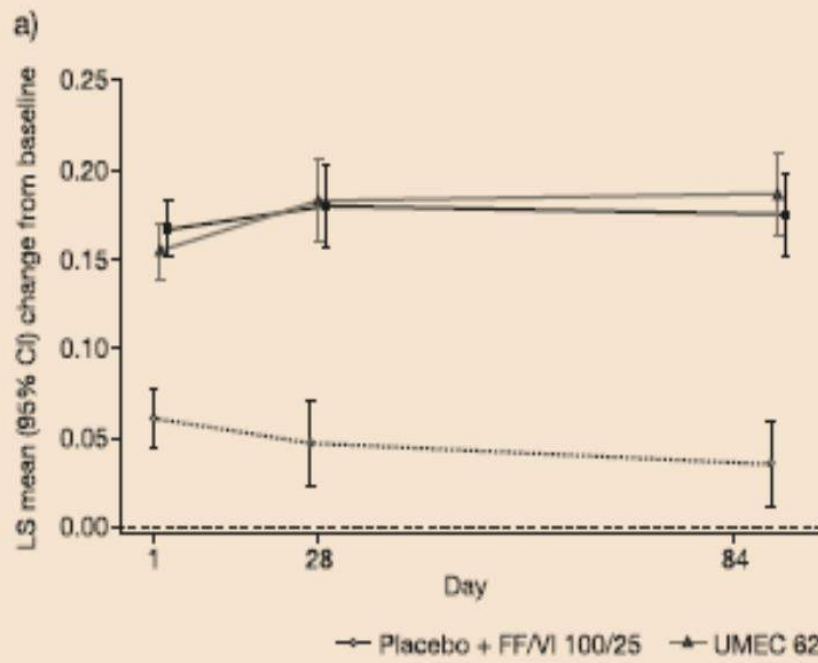


Welte T, et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2009





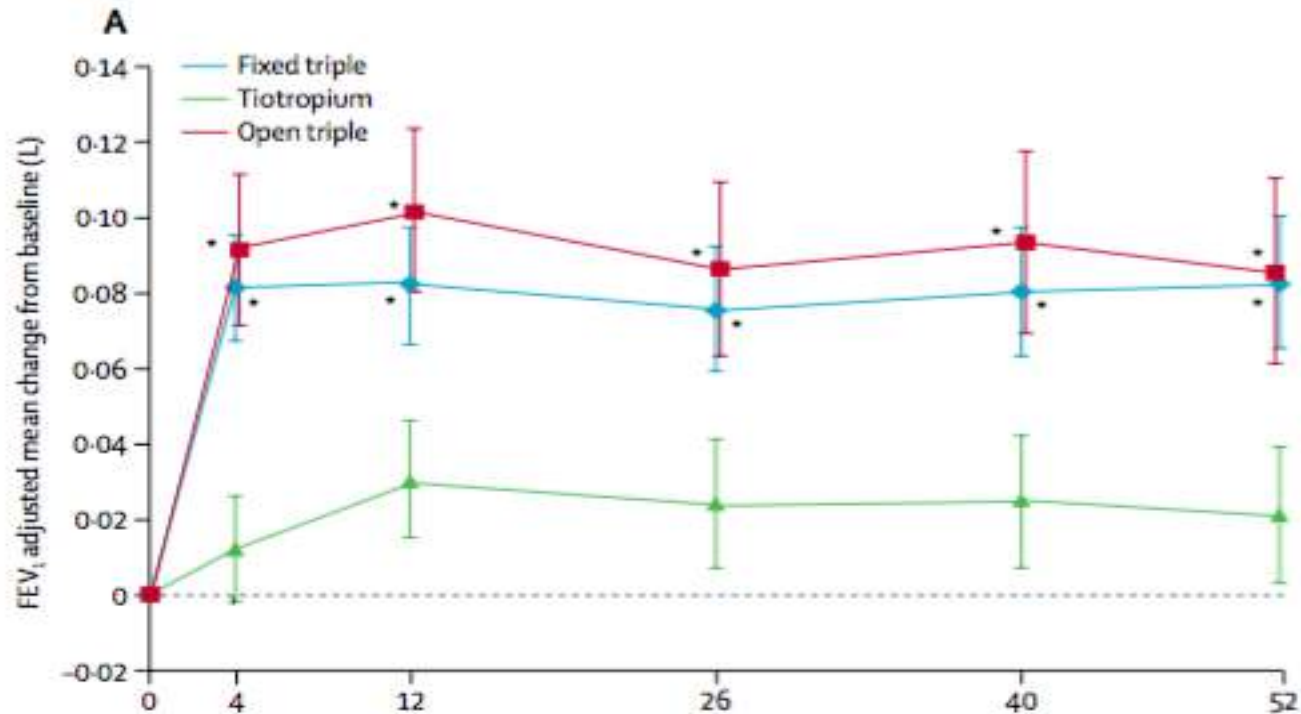
# Efficacy and safety of umeclidinium added to fluticasone furoate/vilanterol in COPD



Siler et al. Resp Med 2015



# Single inhaler extrafine triple therapy versus long-acting muscarinic antagonist therapy for COPD



Number with available measurements

Fixed triple	1077	1067	1047	1027	998	985
Tiotropium	1074	1052	1019	977	944	921
Open triple	538	536	526	510	502	495

Vestbo J, et al Lancet 2017

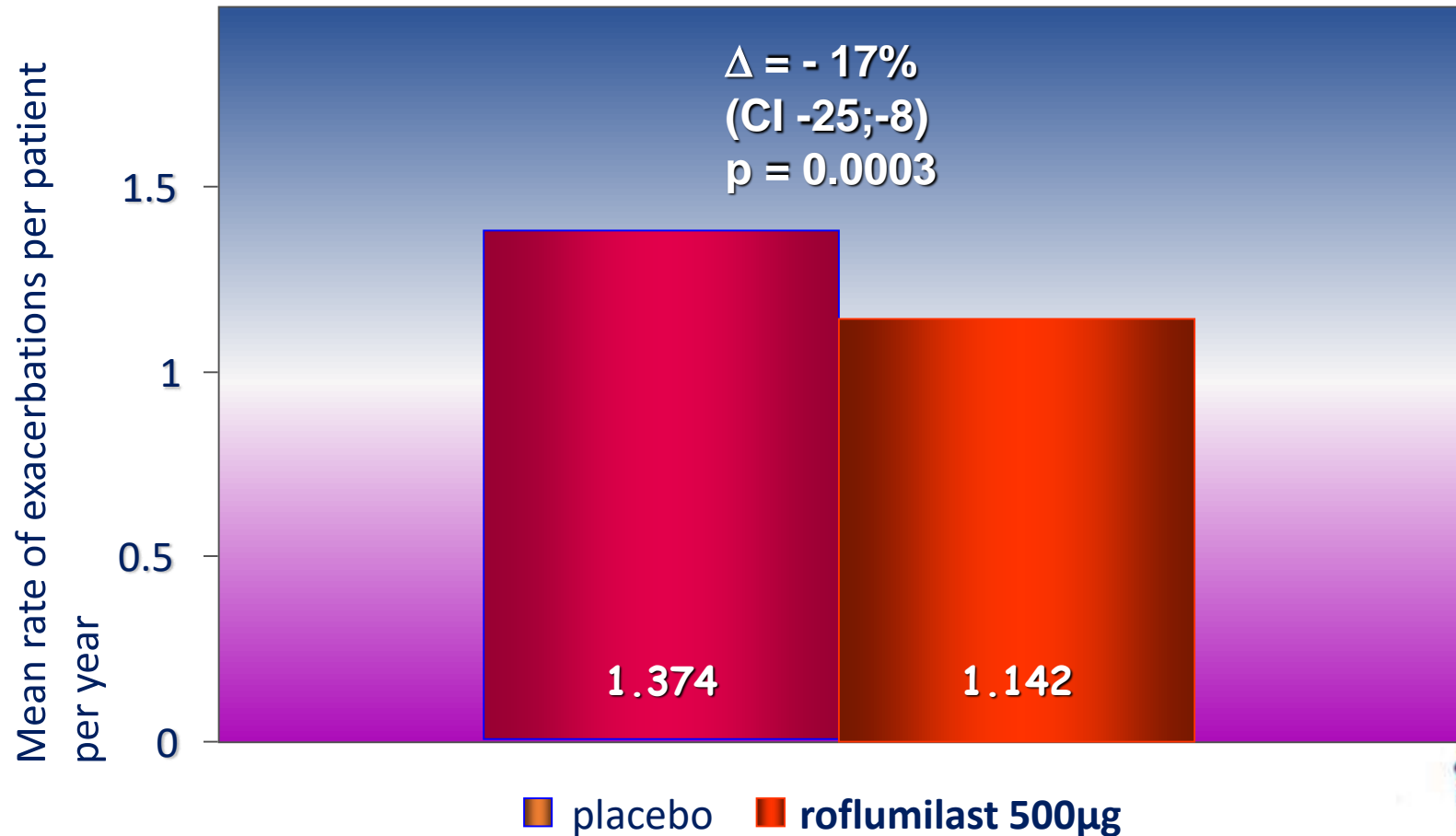


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- migliora i parametri spirometrici
- riduce la frequenza delle riacutizzazioni



# COPD Exacerbations (Moderate or Severe) M2-124 & M2-125 pooled analysis

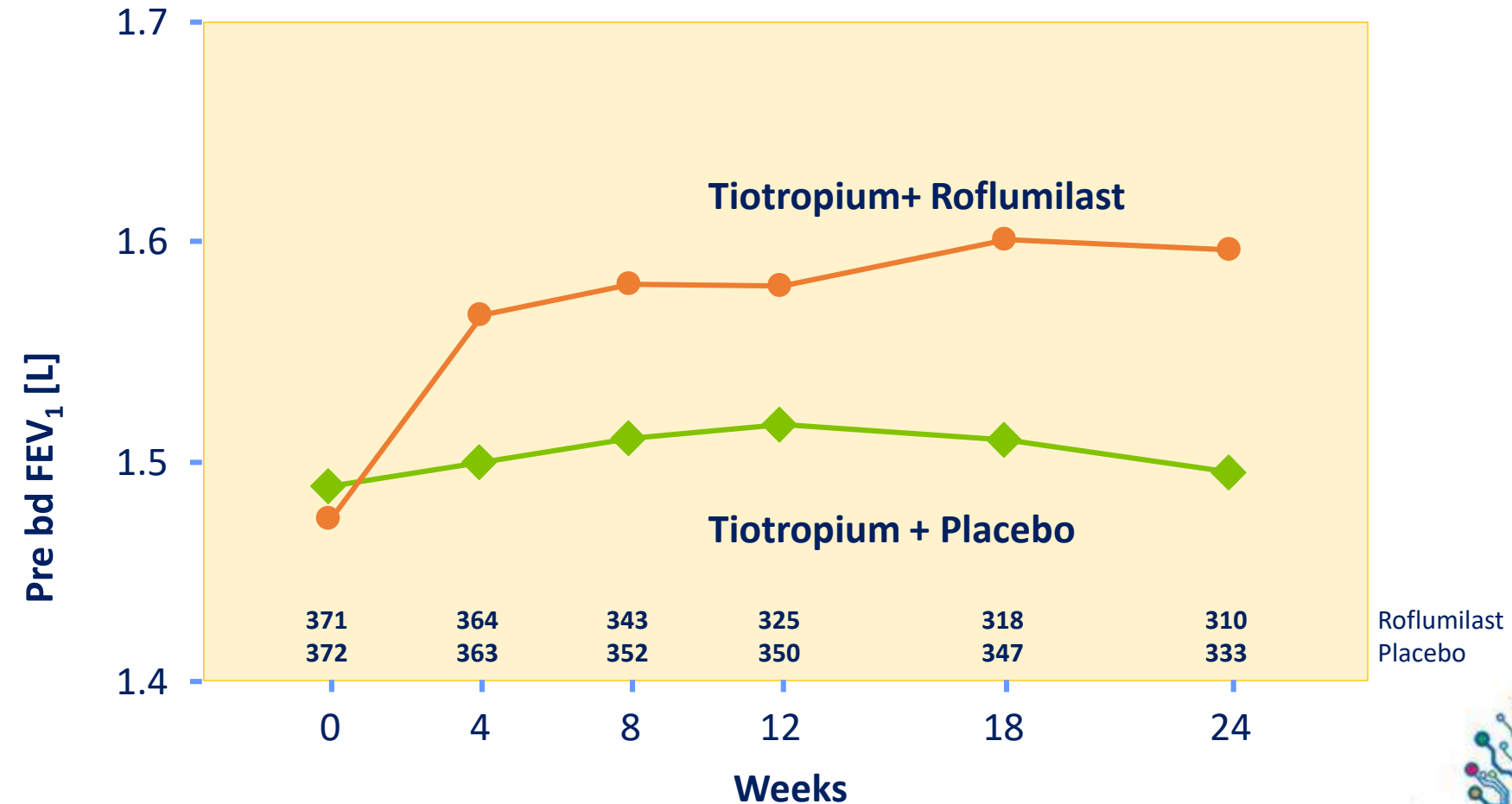


Calverley PMA, Rabe, KF ,et al. Lancet 2009;374:685–94



# Roflumilast as Add-On Therapy in COPD

## Pre-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub>



Fabbri LM, Calverley PMA *et al.* *Lancet* 2009;374:695–703





# Anti-inflammatory therapy in stable COPD

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## Antibiotics

- Long-term azithromycin and erythromycin therapy reduces exacerbations over one year (**Evidence A**).
- Treatment with azithromycin is associated with an increased incidence of bacterial resistance (**Evidence A**) and hearing test impairment (**Evidence B**).

## Mucolytics/antioxidants

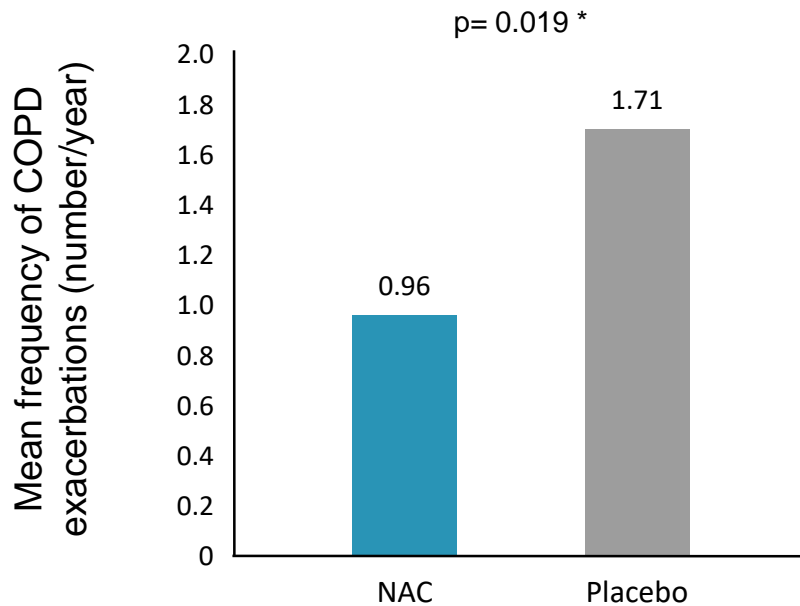
- Regular use of NAC and carbocysteine reduces the risk of exacerbations in select populations (**Evidence B**).

## Other anti-inflammatory agents

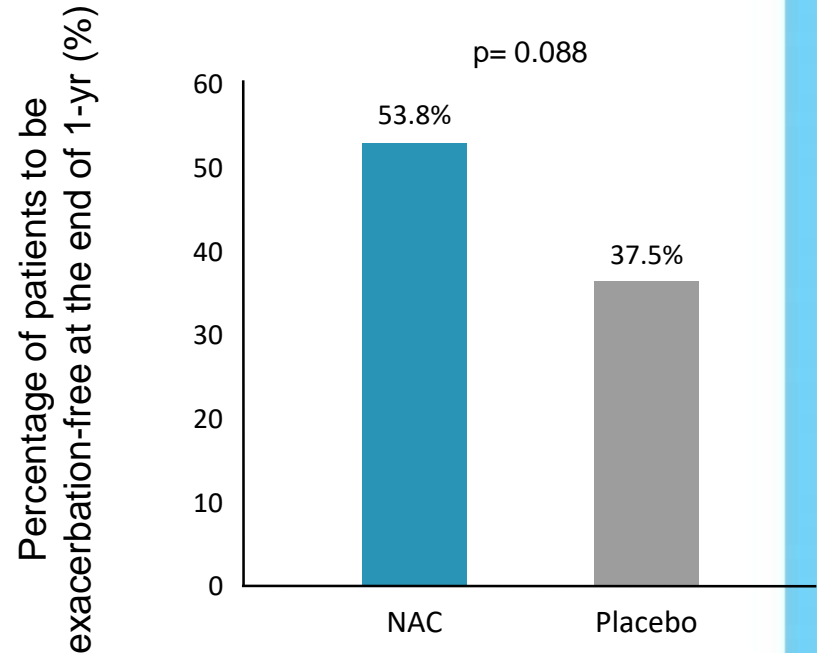
- Simvastatin does not prevent exacerbations in COPD patients at increased risk of exacerbations and without indications for statin therapy (**Evidence A**). However, observational studies suggest that statins may have positive effects on some outcomes in patients with COPD who receive them for cardiovascular and metabolic indications (**Evidence C**).
- Leukotriene modifiers have not been tested adequately in COPD patients.



# NAC reduces the rate of AECOPD



Frequency of COPD exacerbation in NAC and placebo groups in the one-year follow-up period



Kaplan-Meier survival curves by severity of exacerbations in patients with COPD: (1) no acute exacerbations of COPD; (2) patients with acute exacerbations of COPD requiring emergency service visits without admission; (3) patients with acute exacerbations of COPD requiring one hospital admission; (4) patients with readmissions

Tse et al. Chest 2013



Il FEV<sub>1</sub> va  
molto bene



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