

# Nuove combinazioni LAMA/LABA: dalla farmacologia alla real-life

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# Introduzione

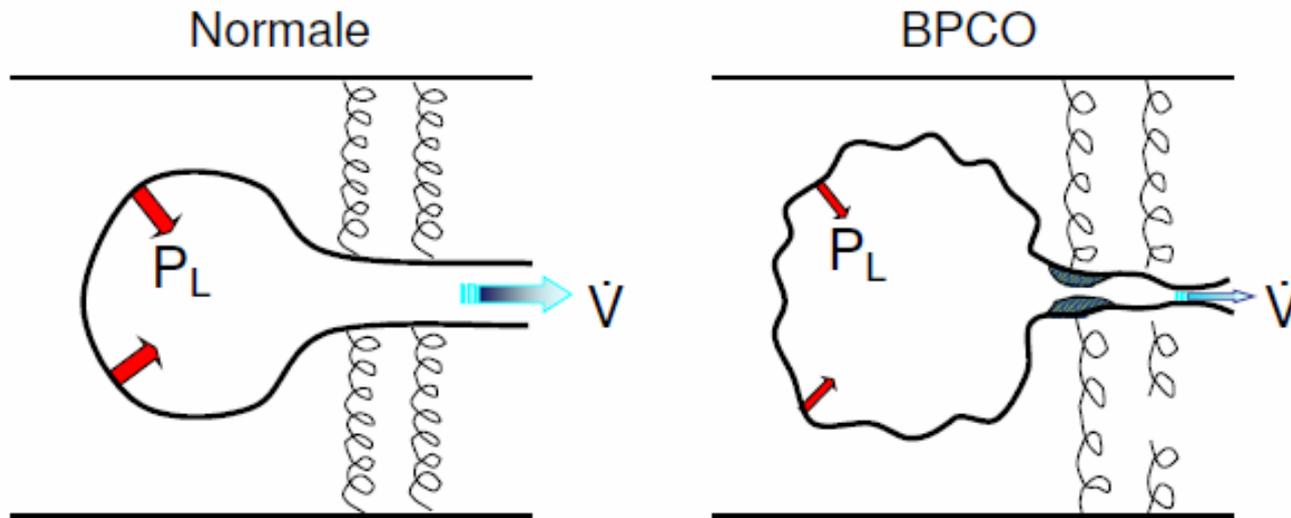
- La terapia di combinazione LABA/LAMA potenzia la broncodilatazione
  - Evidenti benefici delle combinazioni LABA/LAMA
  - I benefici della broncodilatazione sono evidenti in tutti i sottogruppi
- Profilo di tollerabilità dei LABA/LAMA
- Rapporto rischio/beneficio

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

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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.

# Ostruzione al flusso aereo espiratorio



Ipersecrezione di muco  
Maggiore tono broncomotore colinergico  
Iperreattività bronchiale  
Aumento dell'ostruzione bronchiale  
(rimodellamento)

Ridotto ritorno elastico  
Ridotte connessioni parenchimali  
Aumento delle resistenze

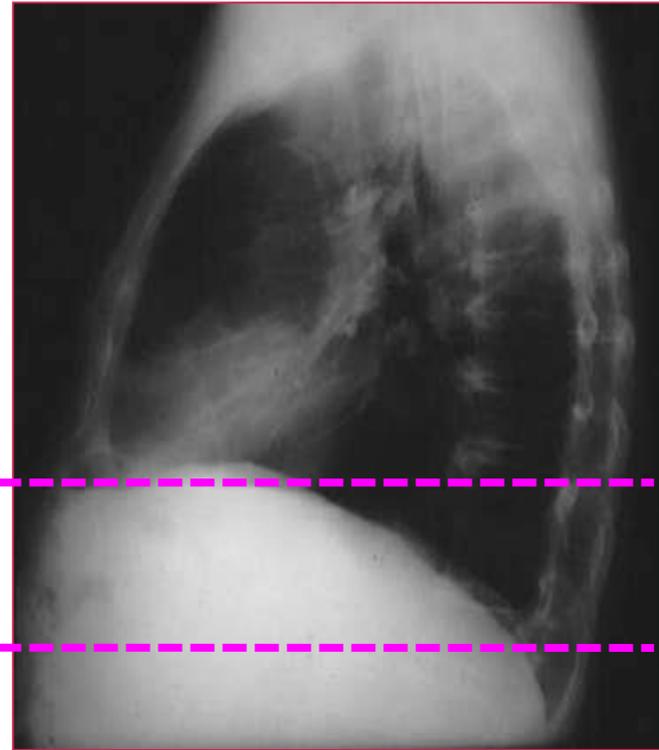
# Ostruzione al flusso aereo nella BPCO

## il ridotto ritorno elastico determina iperinflazione

BPCO



Normale



Ridotta  
CI

- Alterazione della parete toracica e dei meccanismi diaframmatici
- Lavoro della respirazione ↑

Dispnea ↑

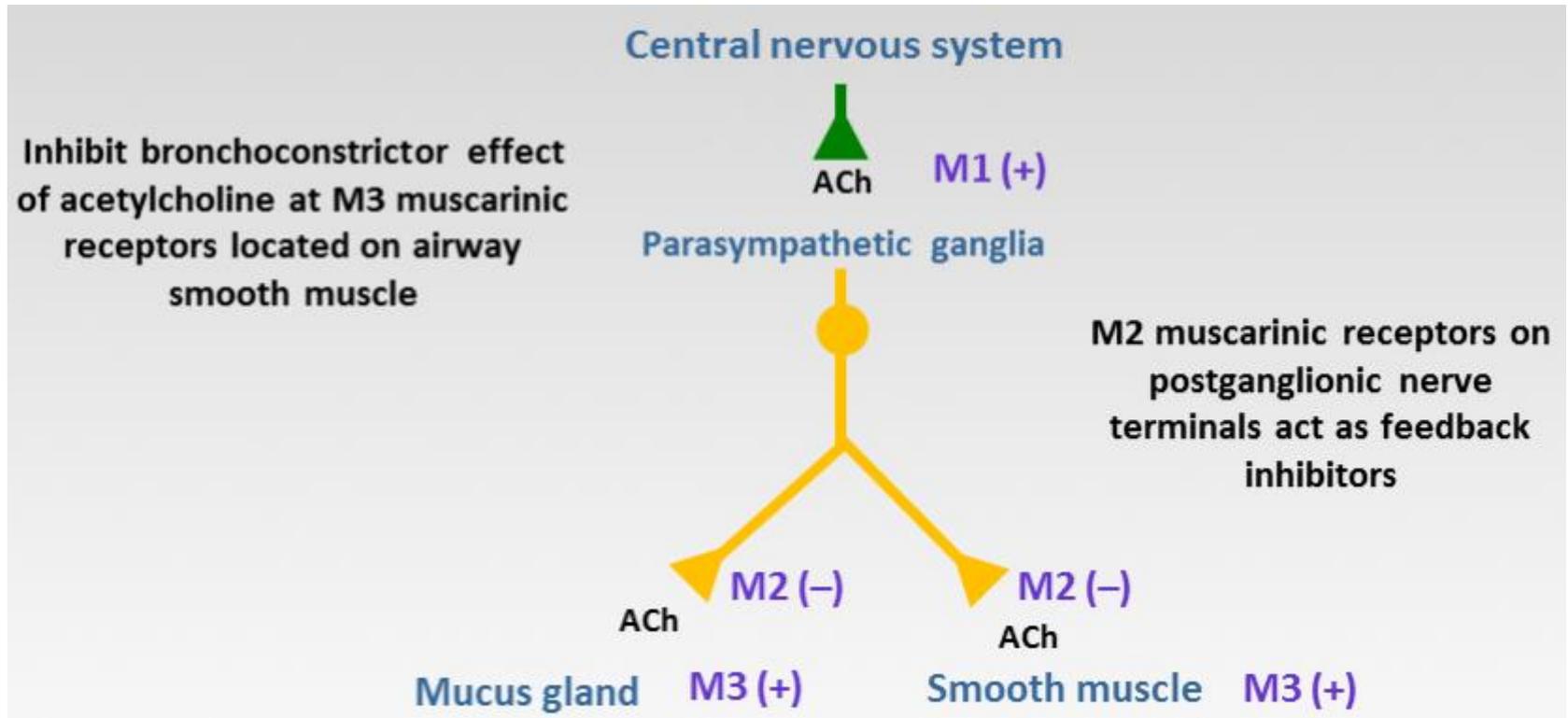


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# Razionale della doppia broncodilatazione

# Perché combinare le terapie broncodilatanti ?

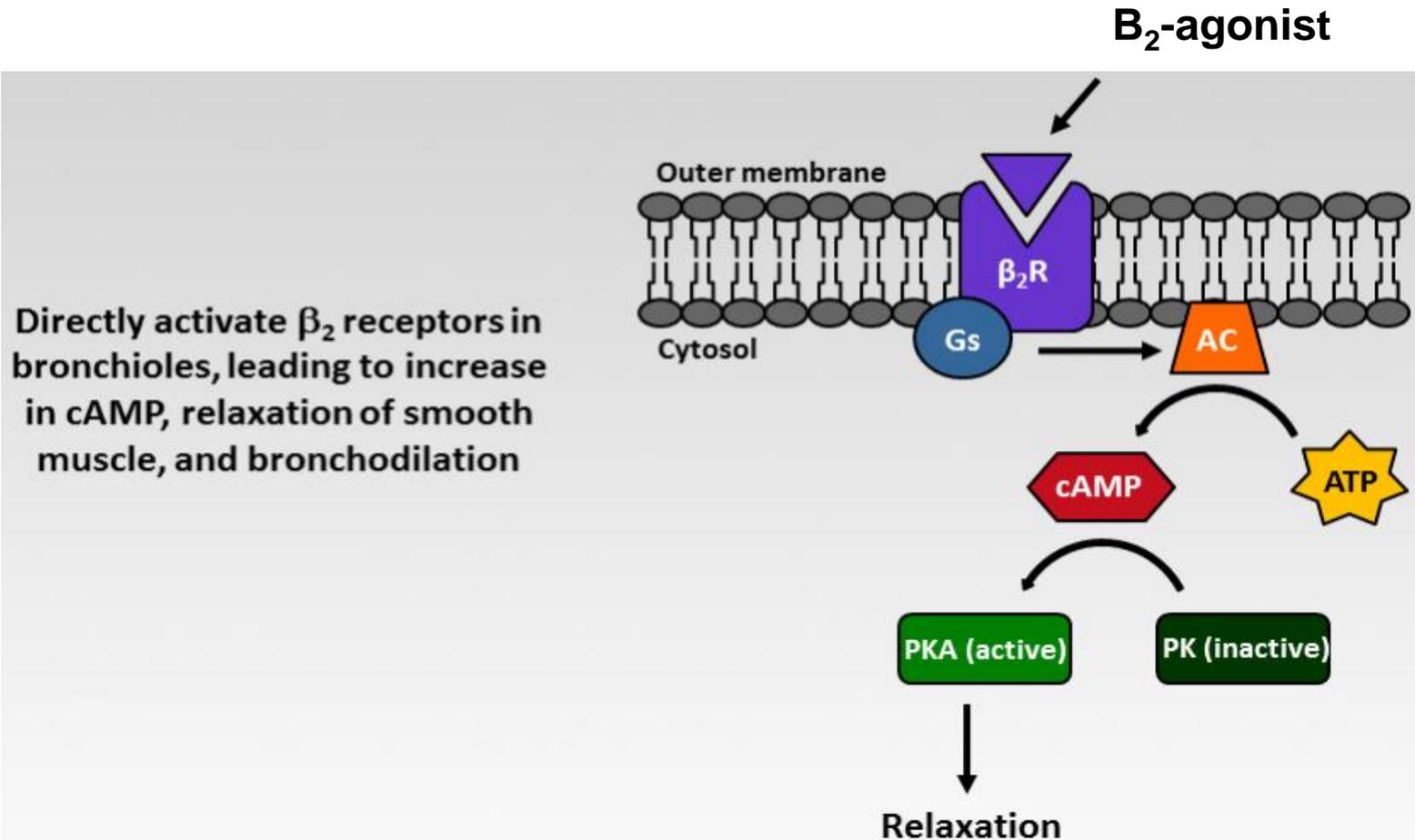
## Meccanismo d'azione degli antagonisti muscarinici



Gli antagonisti muscarinici bloccano i recettori M<sub>1</sub> e M<sub>3</sub> per prevenire il legame dell'acetilcolina ed inibire la contrazione della muscolatura liscia delle vie aeree

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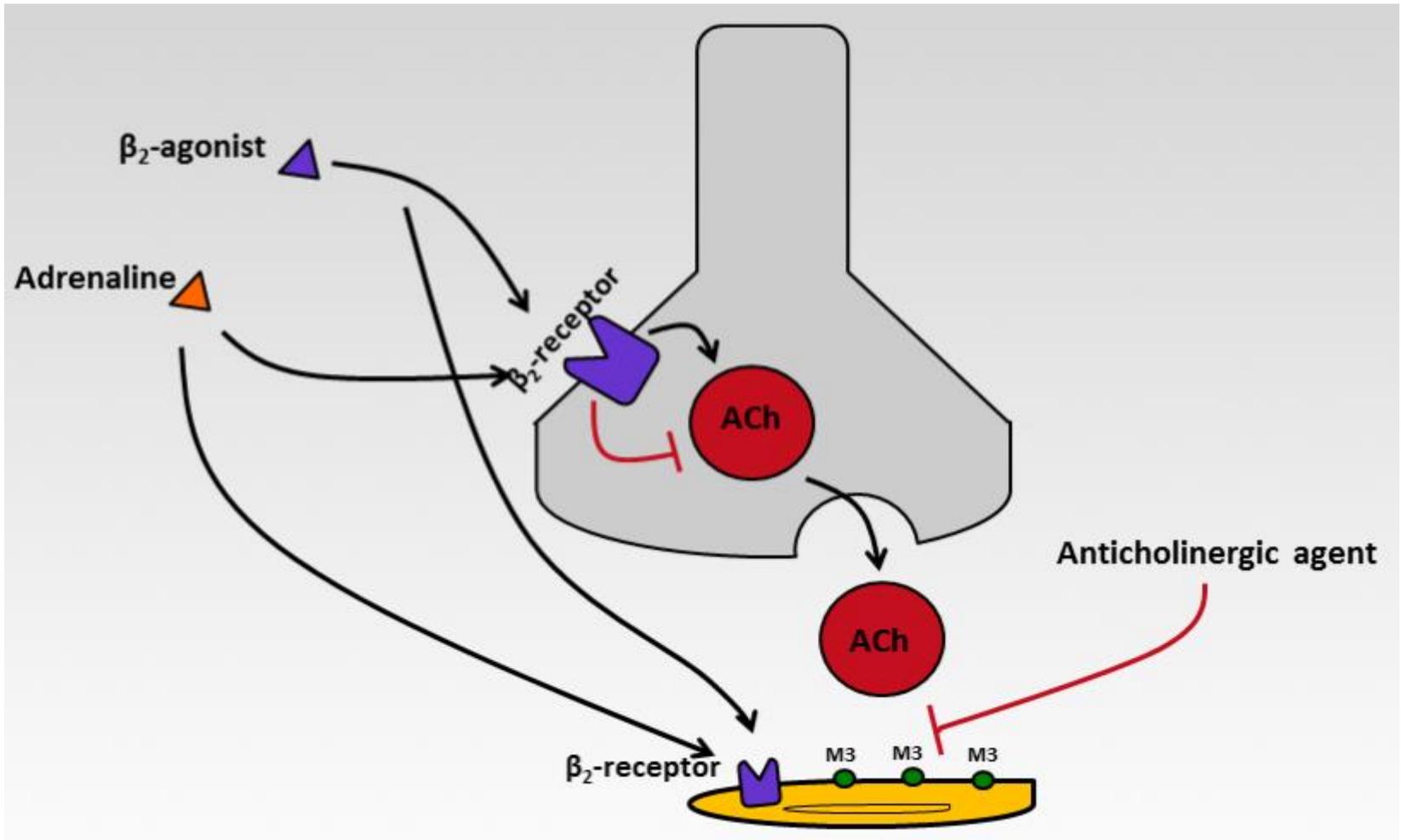
## Meccanismo d'azione dei $\beta_2$ -agonisti



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

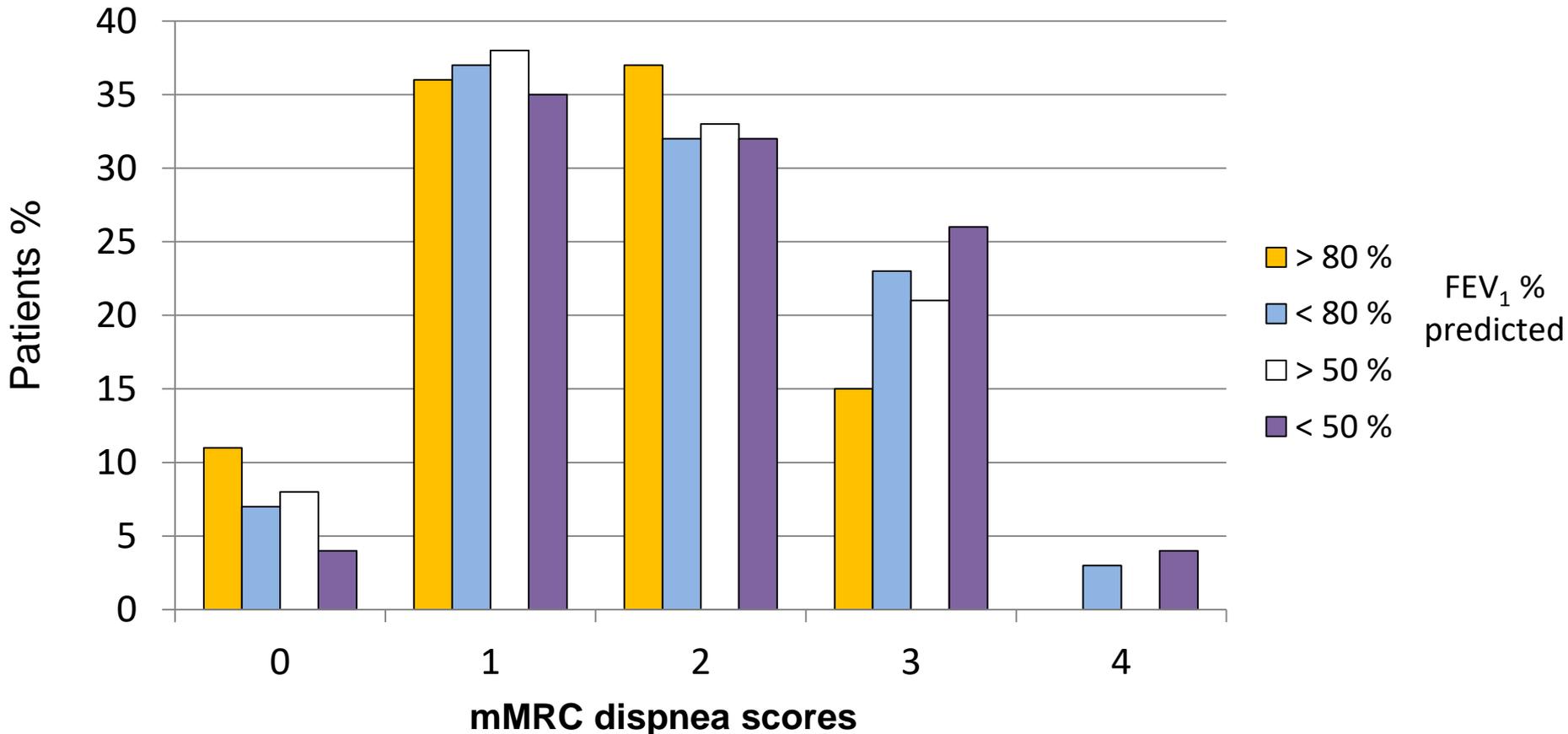
Johnson M. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med.* 1998;158(5 Pt 3):S146-153.

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



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

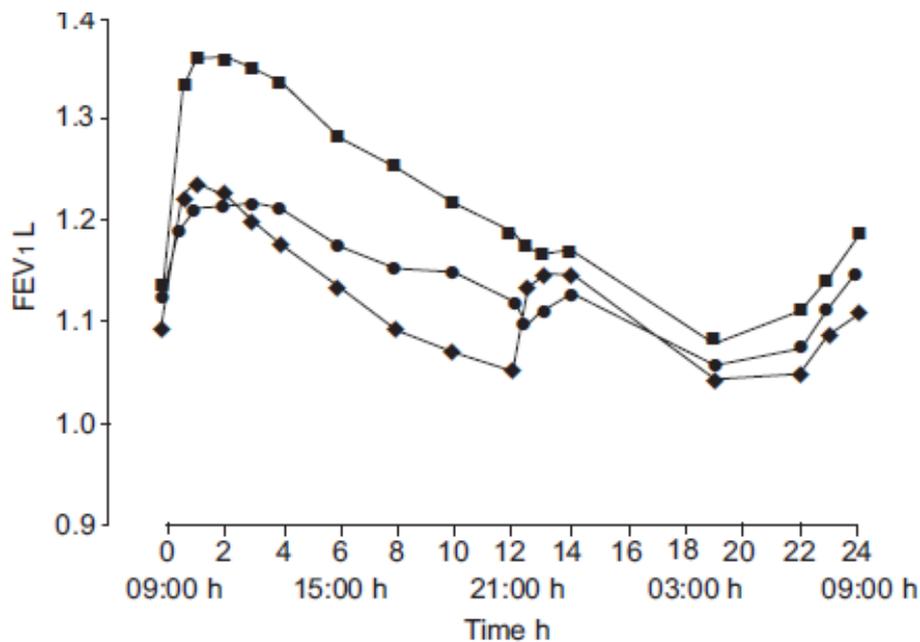
mMRC dyspnoea scores in the FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ≤0.70 group by Post-bronchodilator FEV<sub>1</sub> % predicted (n = 689)



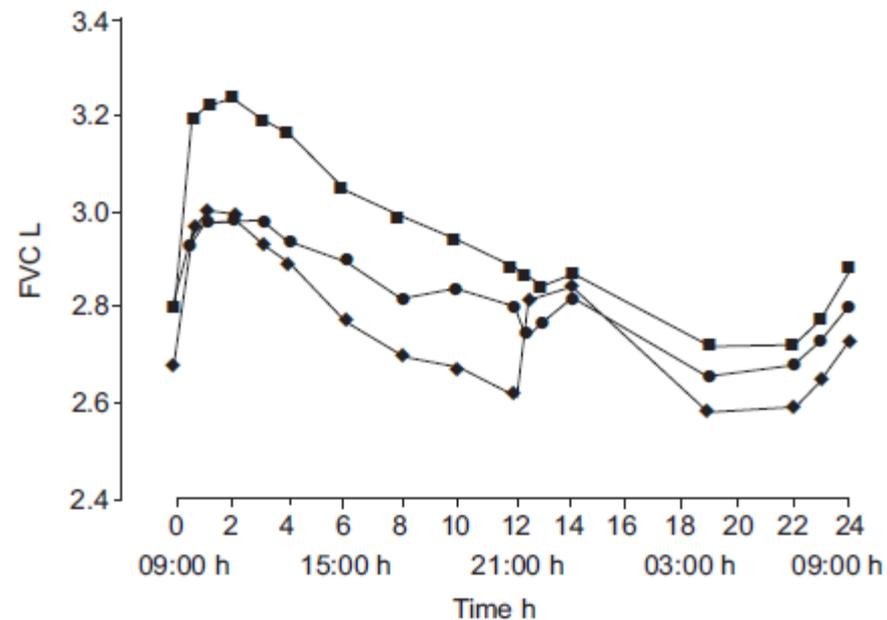


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# Terapia di combinazione LABA/LAMA

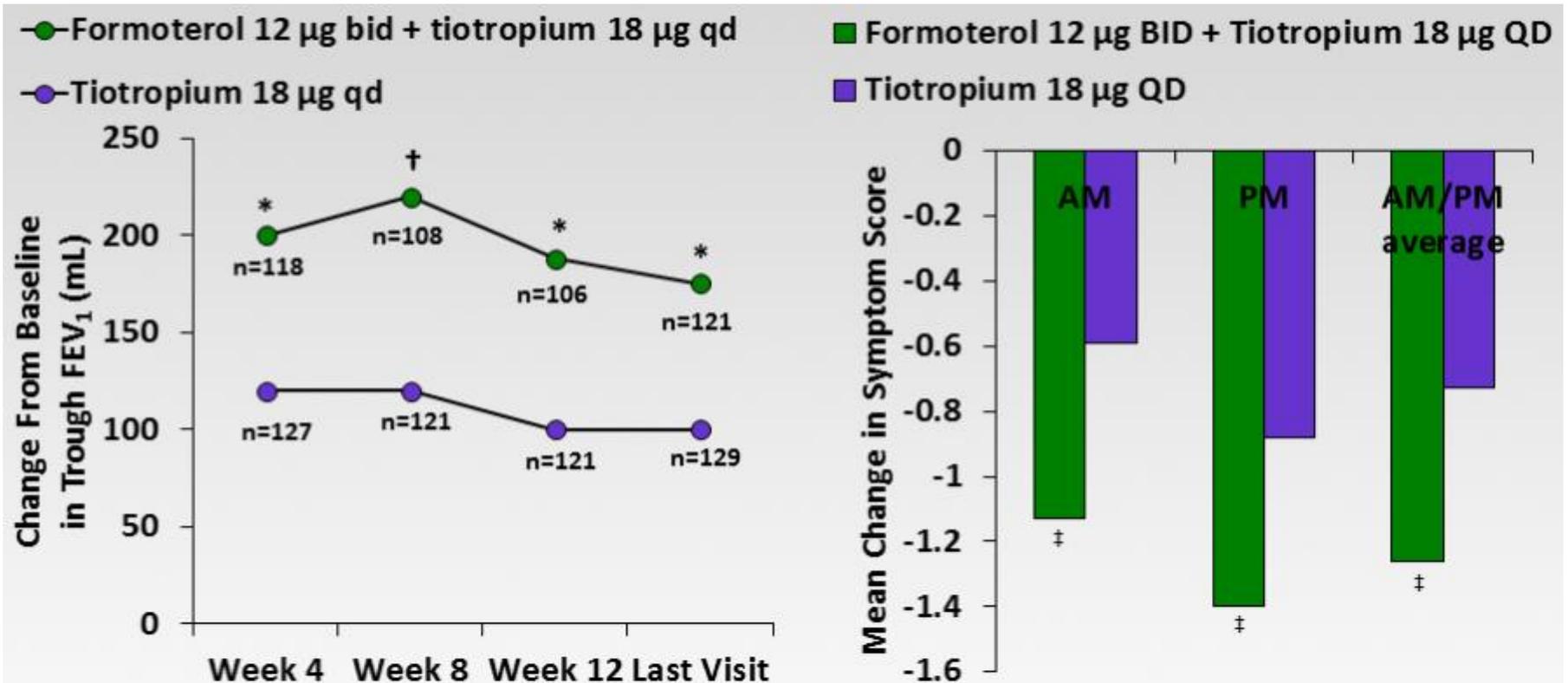


**FIGURE 2.** Mean forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV<sub>1</sub>; adjusted for period, centre and patient within centre) before and during 24 h after the inhalation of tiotropium *q.d.* (●), formoterol *b.i.d.* (◆), and tiotropium plus formoterol *q.d.* (■) at the end of the 6-week treatment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



\* $P < .01$ ; † $P < .001$  vs tiotropium. Improvements by treatment visit in trough values for FEV<sub>1</sub>, as averages of values obtained 30 and 10 minutes predose

‡  $P < .05$  vs tiotropium; § Total COPD symptom scores were the sum of scores for dyspnea (0 = none to 4 = severe), wheezing, cough, and chest tightness (0 = none to 3 = very uncomfortable)

# Available and emerging bronchodilators for COPD

## Agents

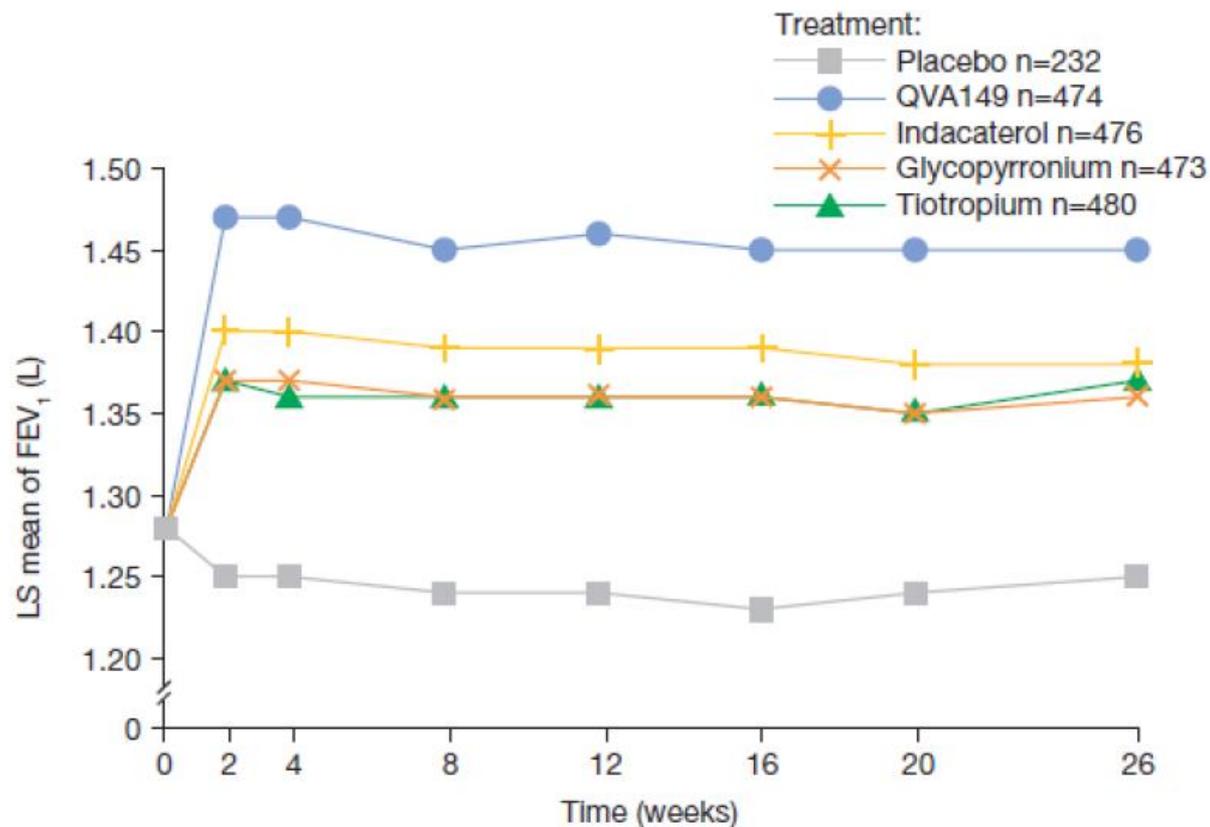
- **LABAs (twice daily)**
  - formoterol
  - salmeterol
- **LAMAs (twice daily)**
  - aclidinium
- **LABAs (once daily)**
  - indacaterol
  - olodanterol
  - vilanterol
- **LAMAs (once daily)**
  - glycopyrronium
  - tiotropium
  - umeclidinium

## LABA/LAMA combinations

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

\* under investigation in Europe

# Dual bronchodilation with QVA149: the SHINE study

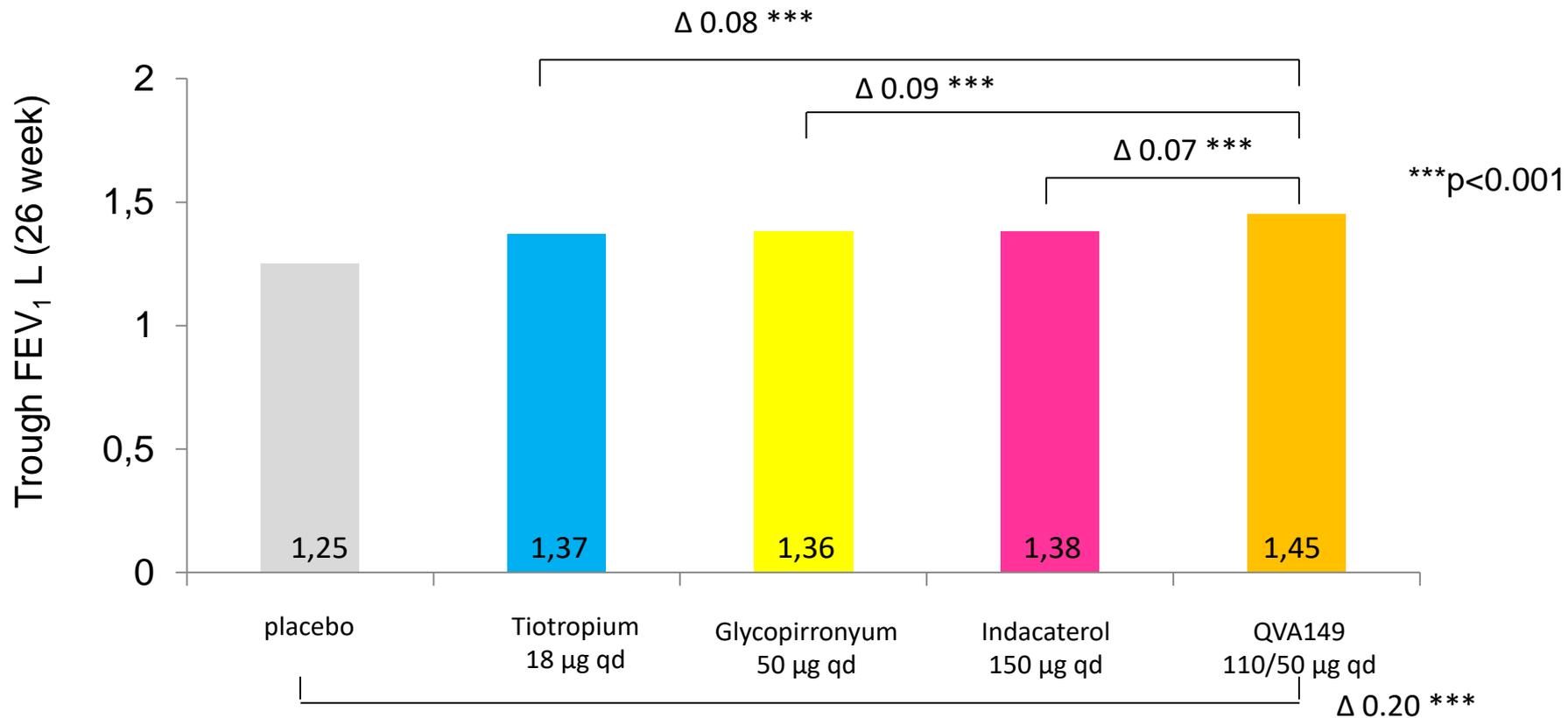


QVA149 was superior to all active treatments and placebo at all timepoints (all  $p < 0.001$ ).

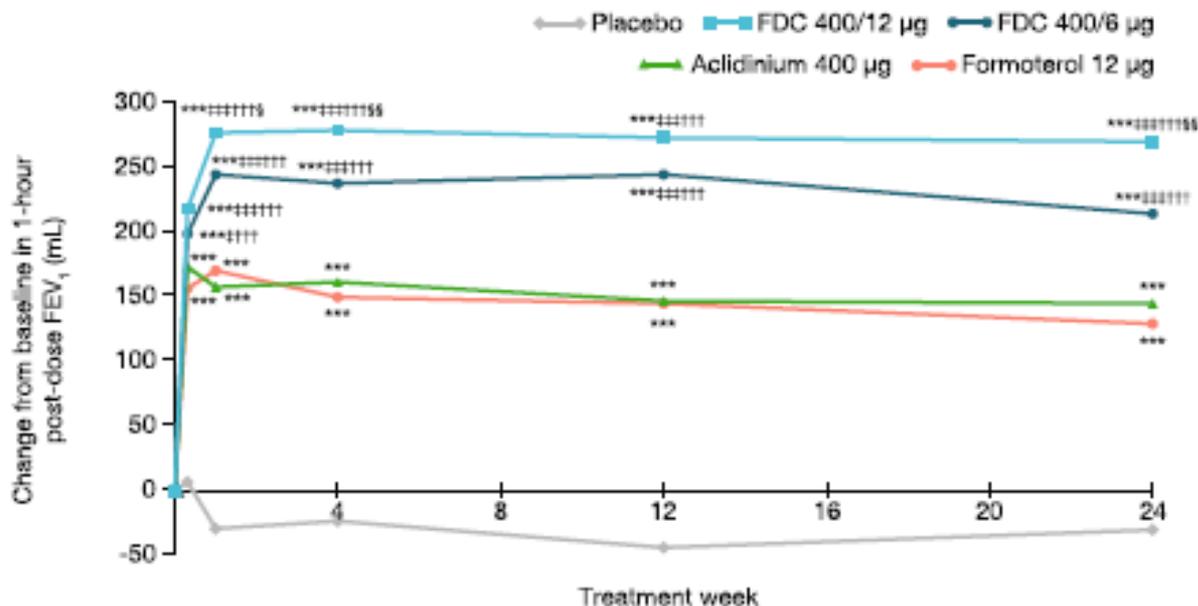
- 2/3 soggetti inclusi moderati;
- quasi 80% no riacutizzazioni
- sintomatici per entry (SGRQ >40)

# Improved lung function with QVA 149 (glycopyrronium plus indacaterol) versus monotherapy and placebo

SHINE: 26-week randomized, controlled study in patients with moderate to severe COPD (n= 2144).



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

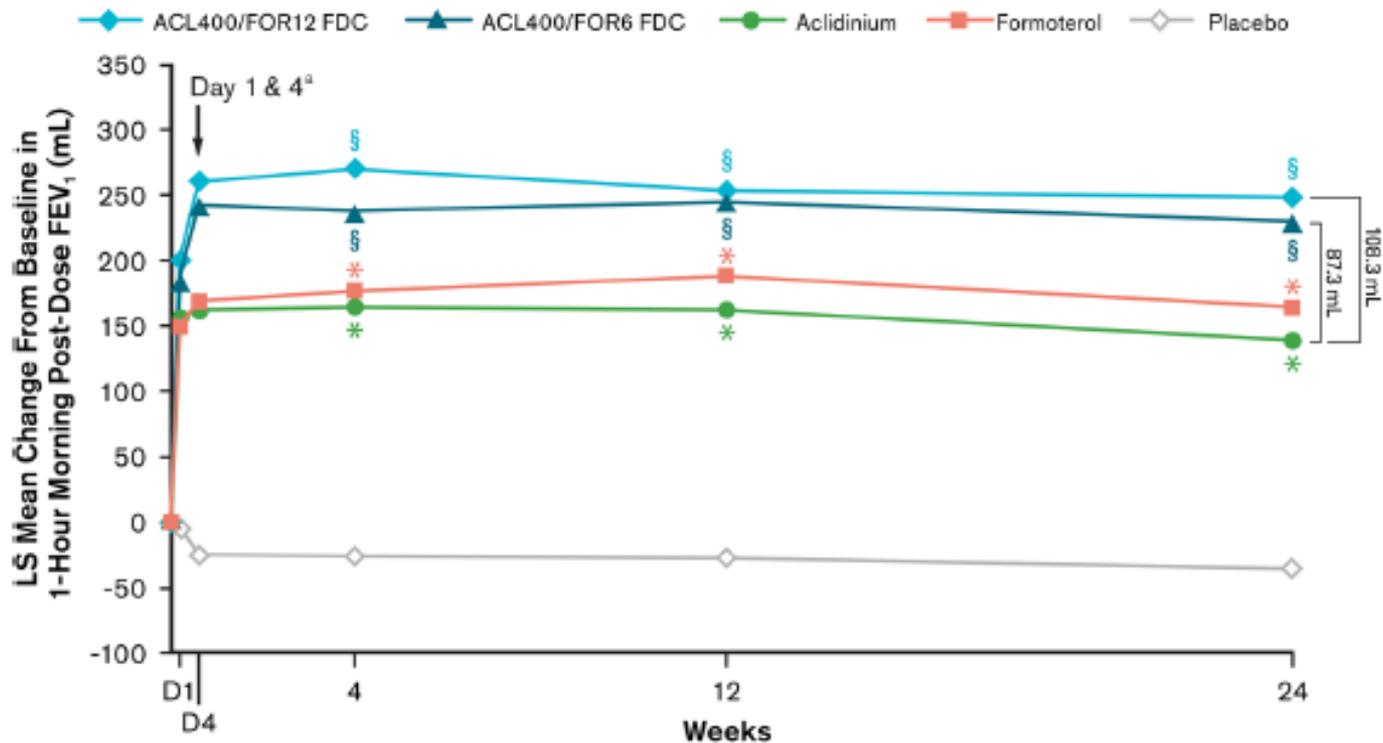


Mean treatment differences for change from baseline in 1-hour **post-dose** FEV<sub>1</sub>

\*\*\*p < 0.001 vs placebo; † p < 0.05; ††† p < 0.001 vs acclidinium;

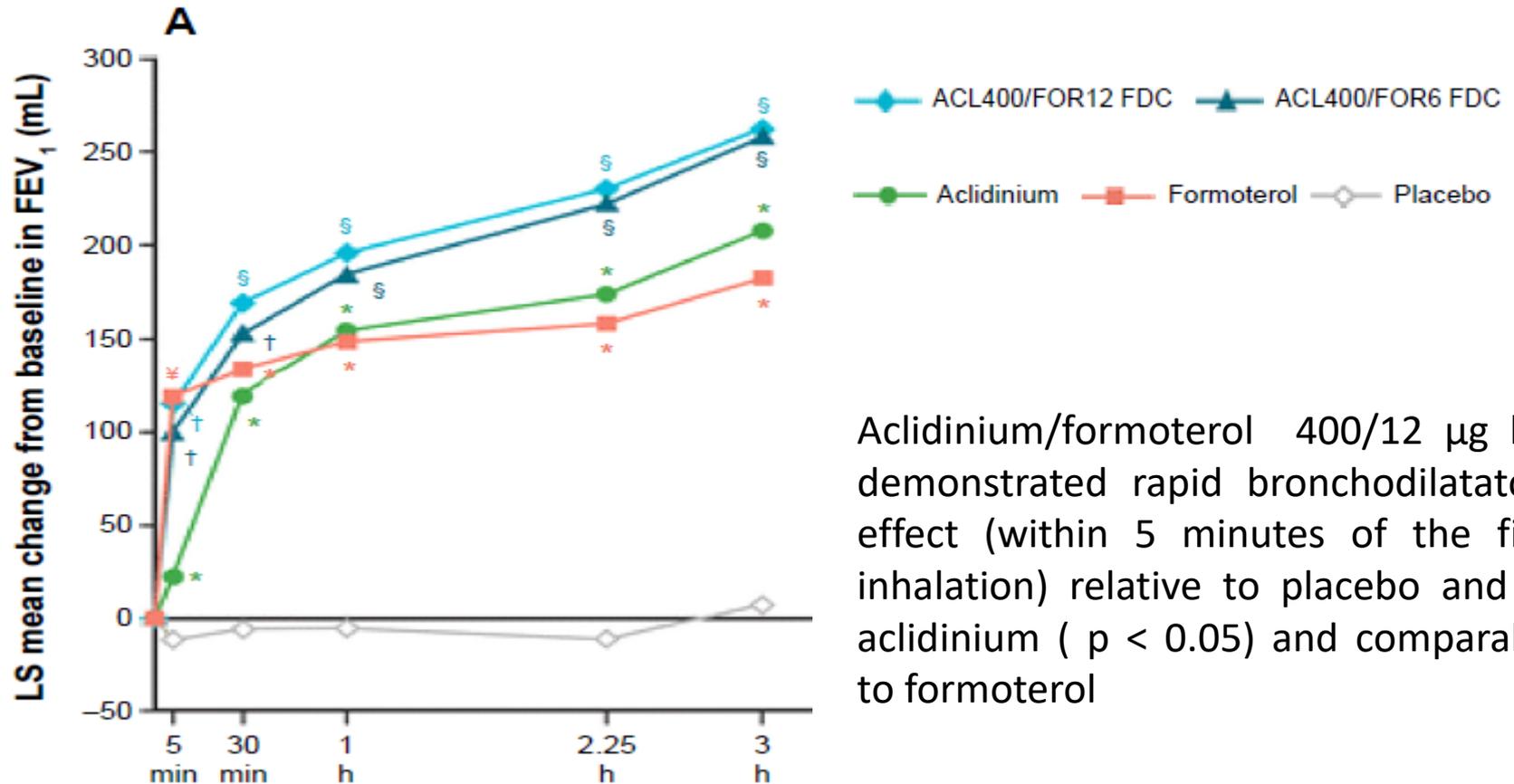
††† p < 0.001 vs formoterol; § p < 0.05; §§ p < 0.01 vs FDC 400/6 µg.

# Efficacy and safety of fixed-dose combinations of acclidinium bromide/formoterol fumarate: the 24-week, randomized, placebo-controlled AUGMENT COPD study



\*p < 0.05 versus placebo; §p < 0.05 versus acclidinium, formoterol, and placebo

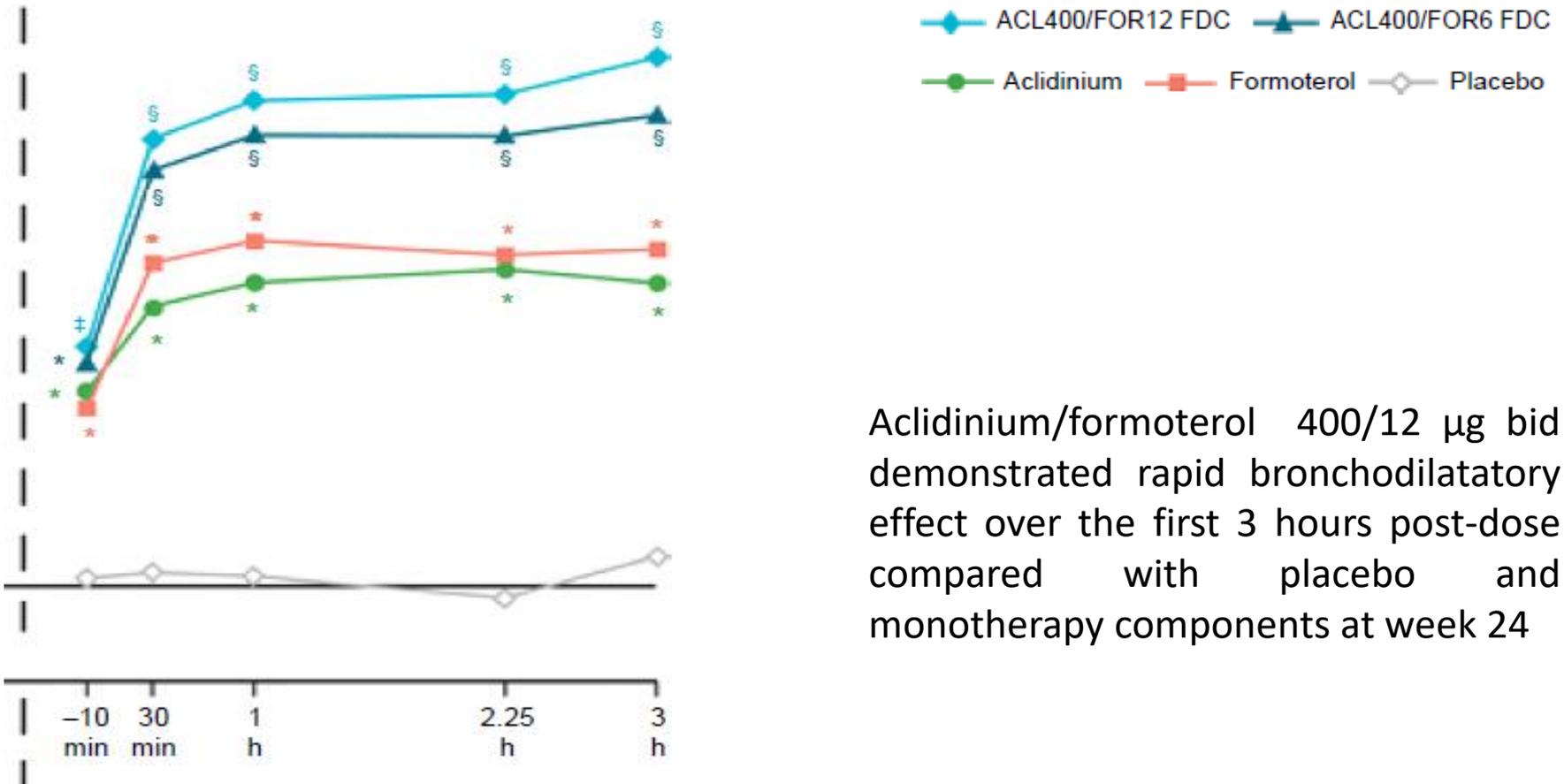
# Acclidinium/formoterol: FEV<sub>1</sub> improvement on Day 1



Acclidinium/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

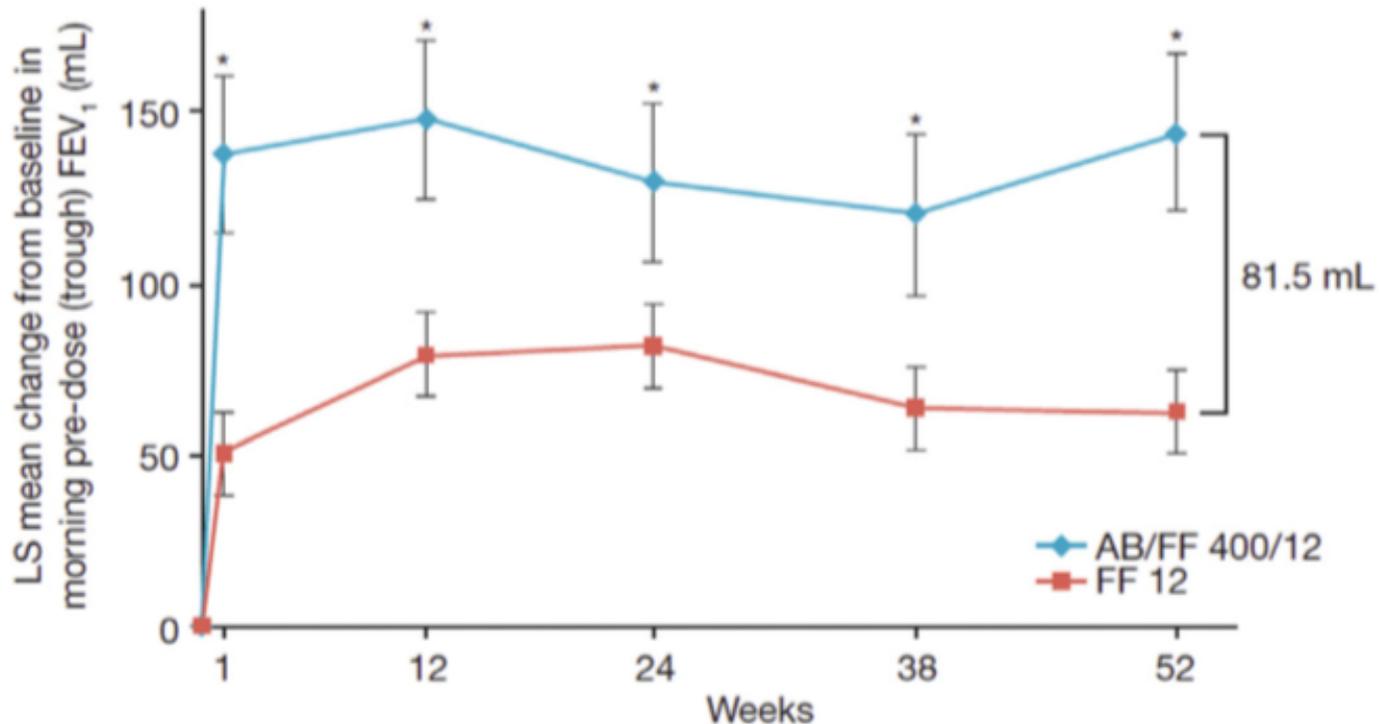
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# Acclidinium/formoterol: FEV1 improvement at week 24



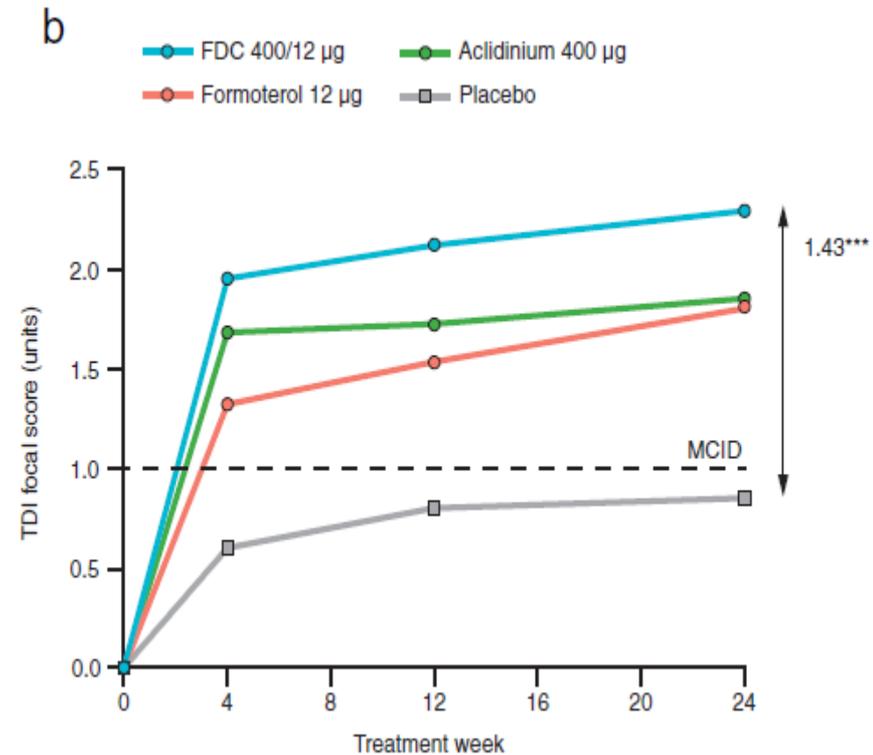
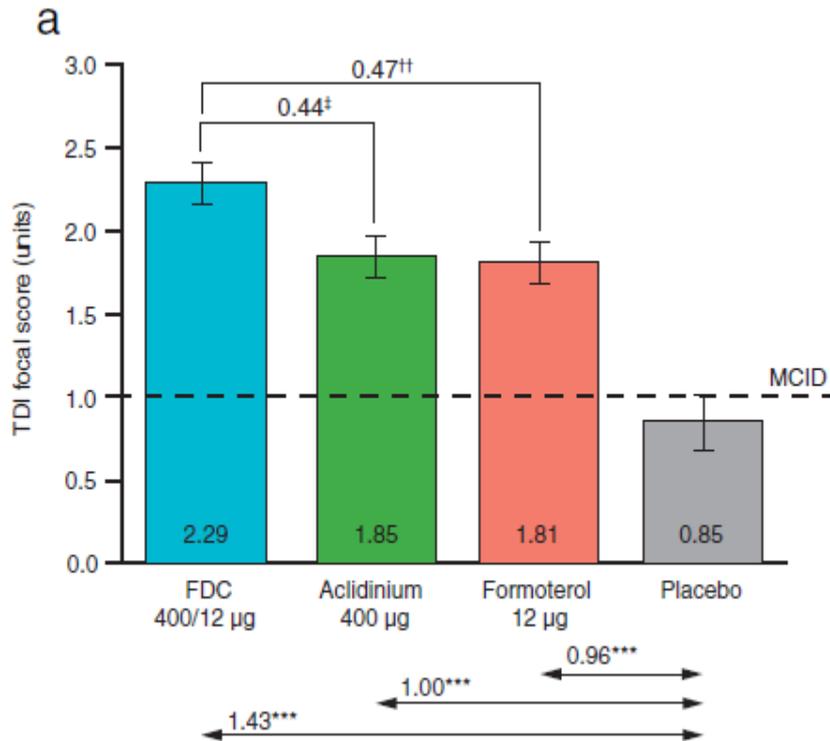
Acclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg bid demonstrated rapid bronchodilatory effect over the first 3 hours post-dose compared with placebo and monotherapy components at week 24

# Long-term safety of acclidinium bromide/formoterol fumarate fixed-dose combination: Results of a randomized 1-year trial in patients with COPD



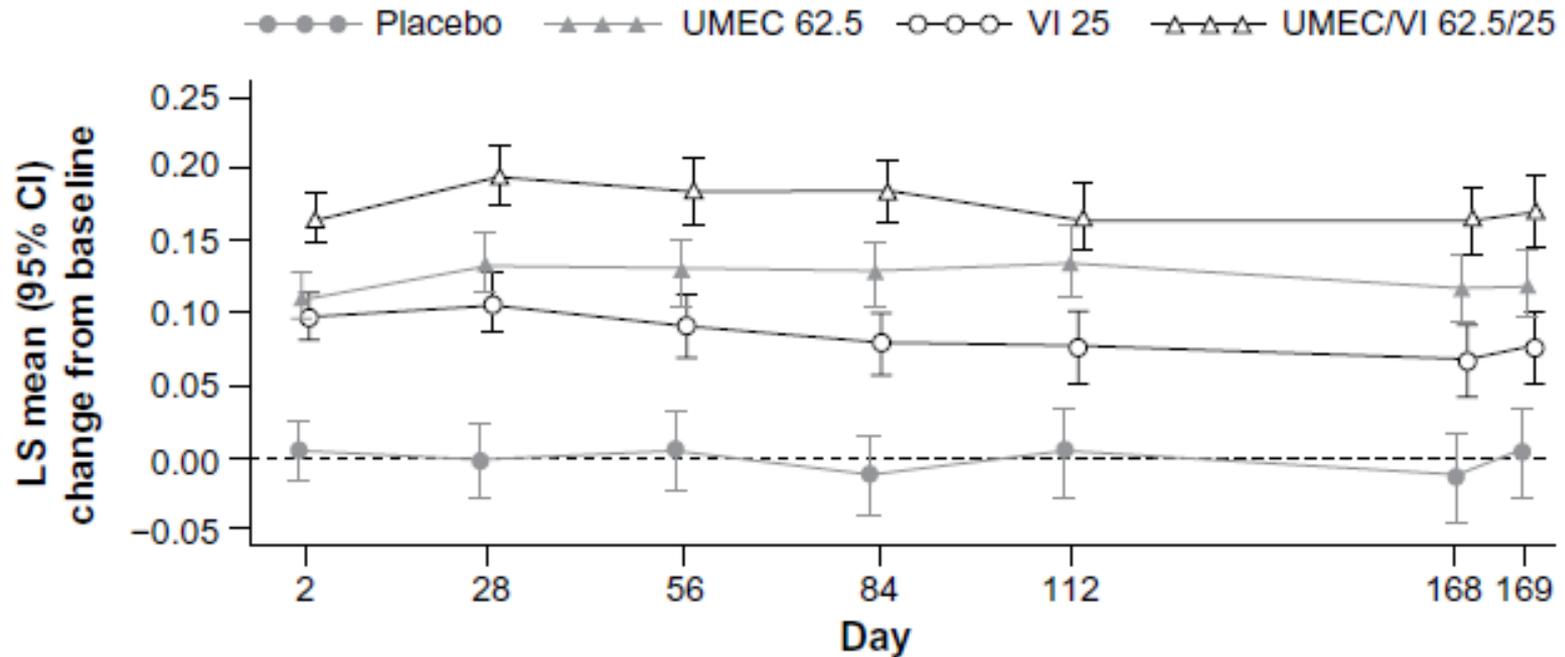
\*p < 0.05 vs formoterol 12 mg

# Pooled Analysis: Improvement in TDI focal score at Week 24 and over 24 weeks



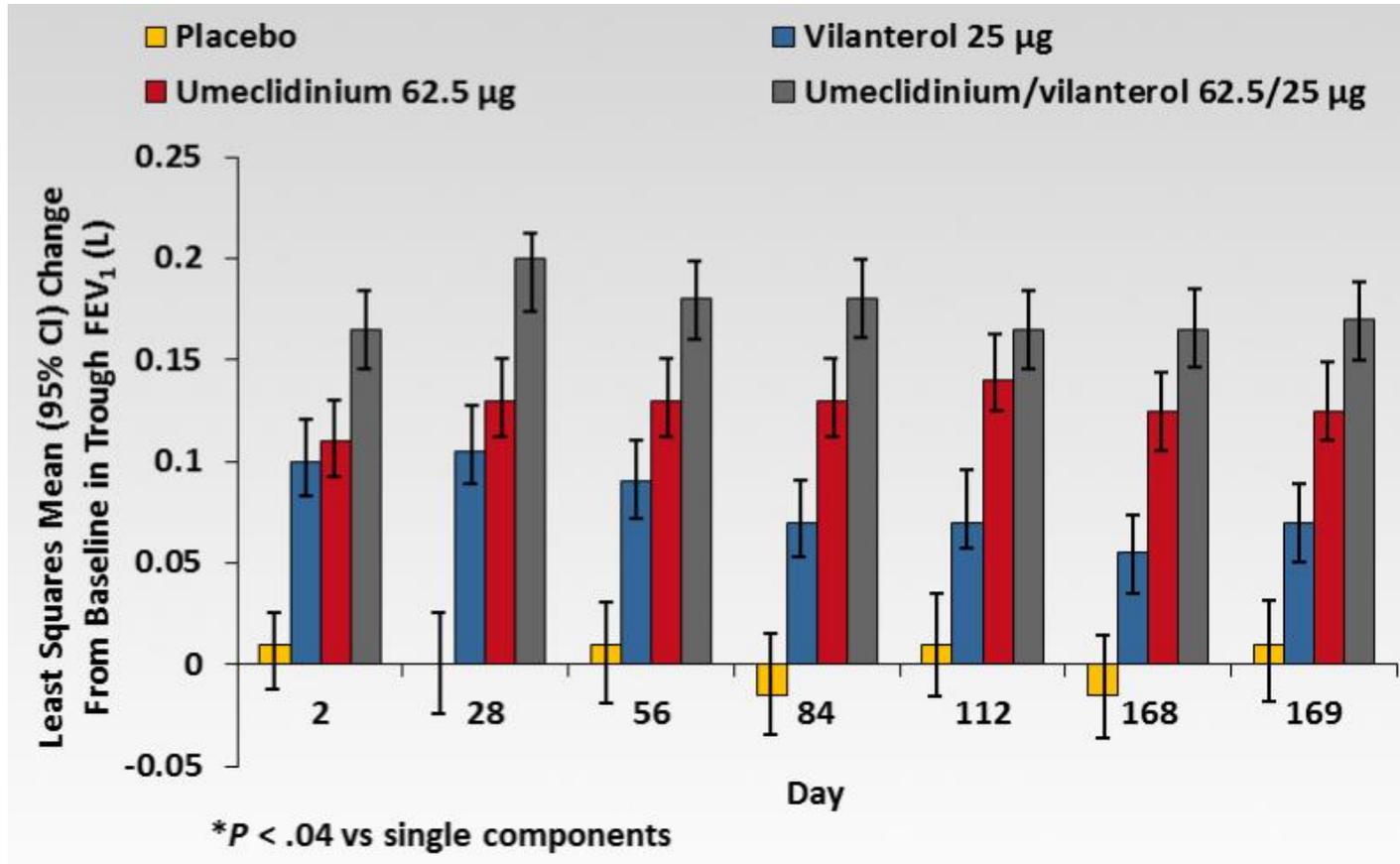
FDC 400/12 µg vs placebo	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001
FDC 400/12 µg vs acclidinium 400 µg	ns	p<0.05	p<0.05
FDC 400/12 µg vs formoterol 12 µg	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.01
Acclidinium 400 µg vs placebo	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001
Formoterol 12 µg vs placebo	p<0.001	p<0.001	p<0.001

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

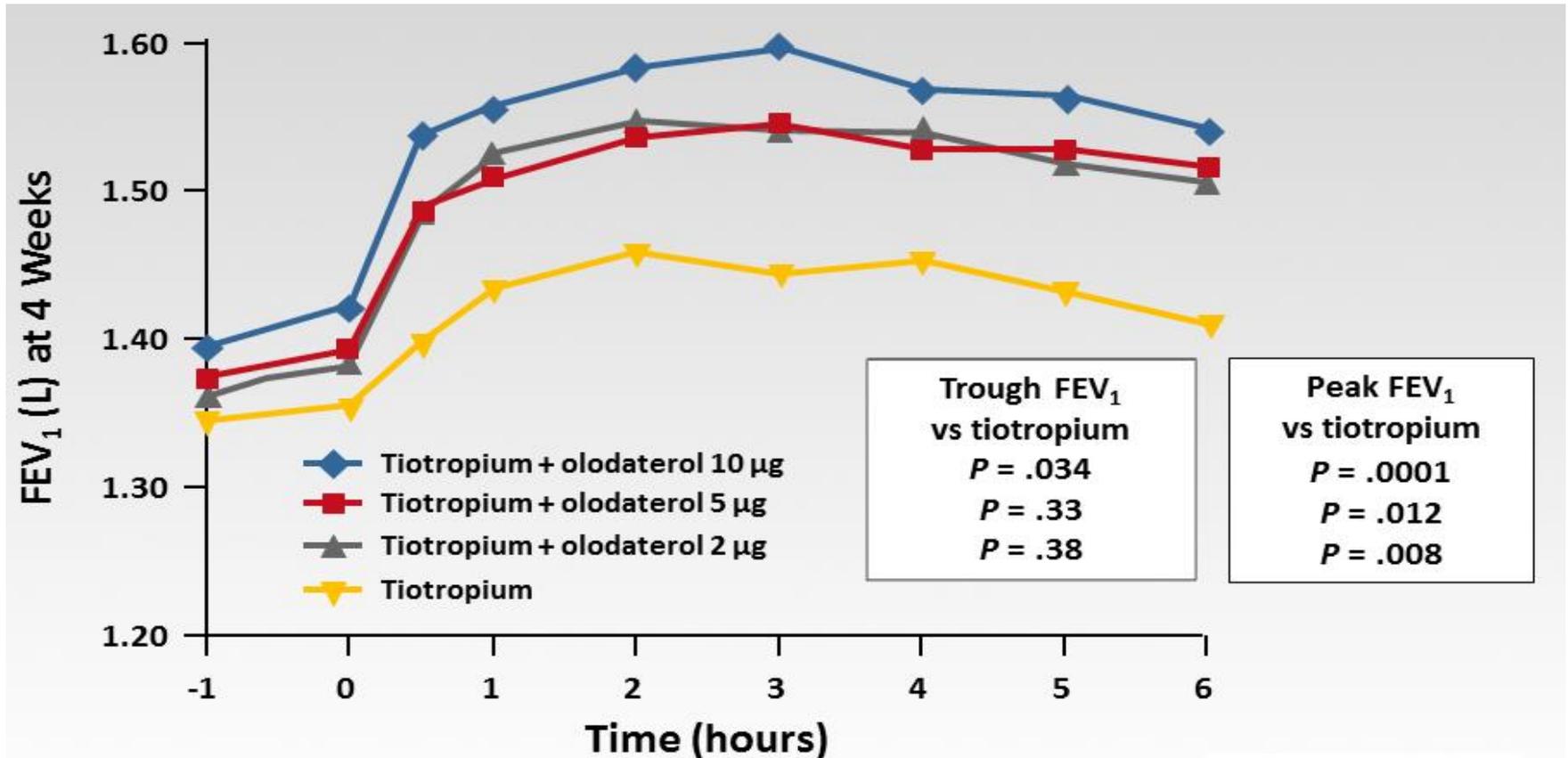


All active treatments produced statistically significant improvements in trough FEV<sub>1</sub> compared with placebo on Day 169 (0.072-0.167 L, all  $p < 0.001$ ); increases with UMEC/VI 62.5/25 mcg were significantly greater than monotherapies (0.052-0.095 L,  $p < 0.004$ ).

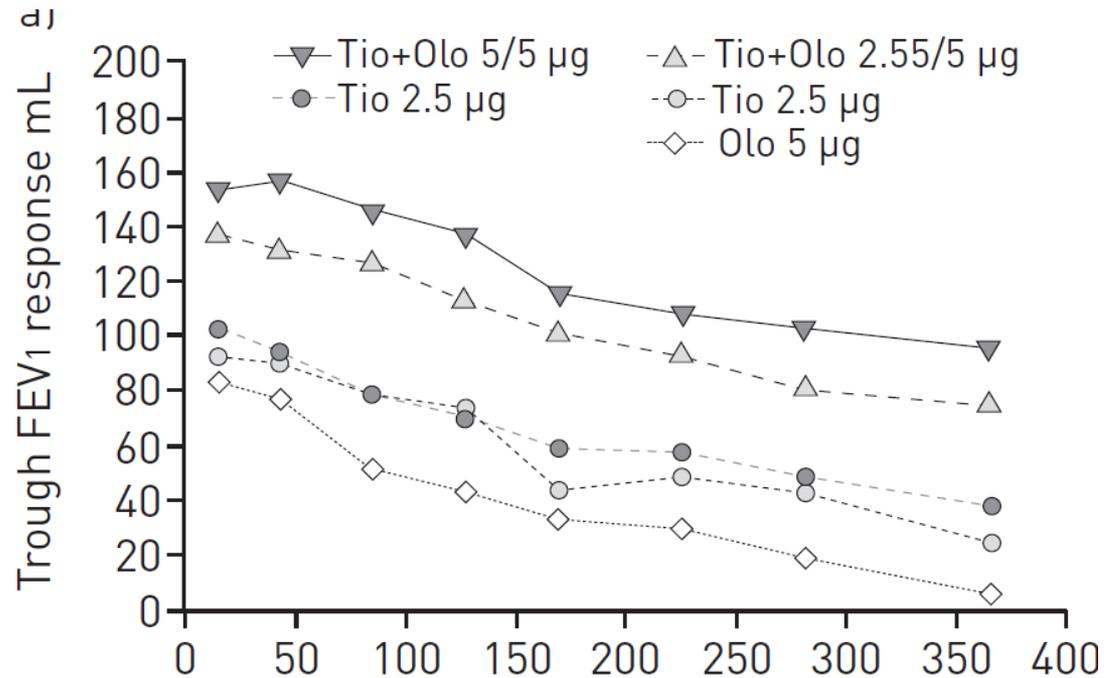
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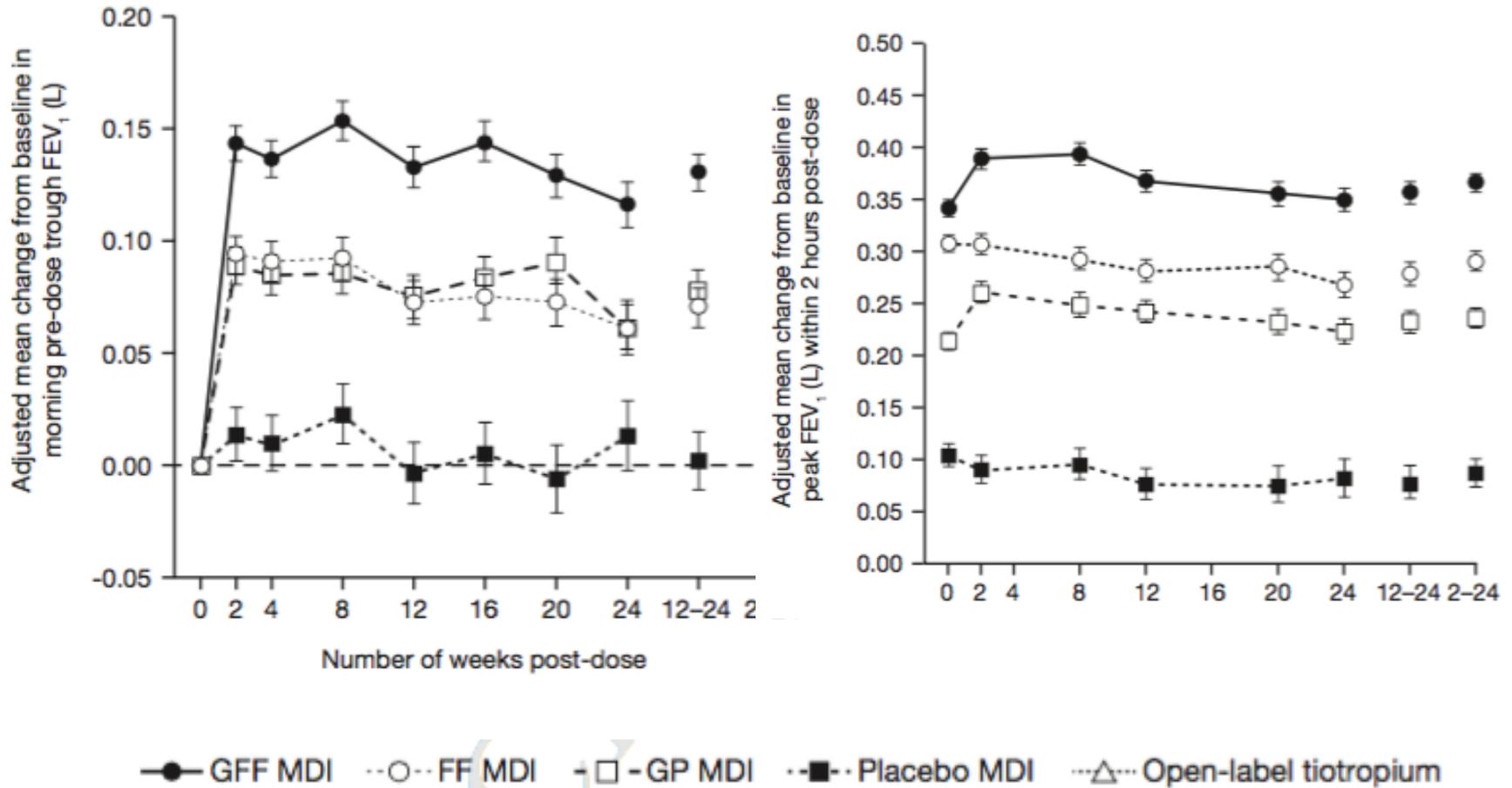
# 3 doses of olodaterol/tiotropium vs tiotropium alone



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

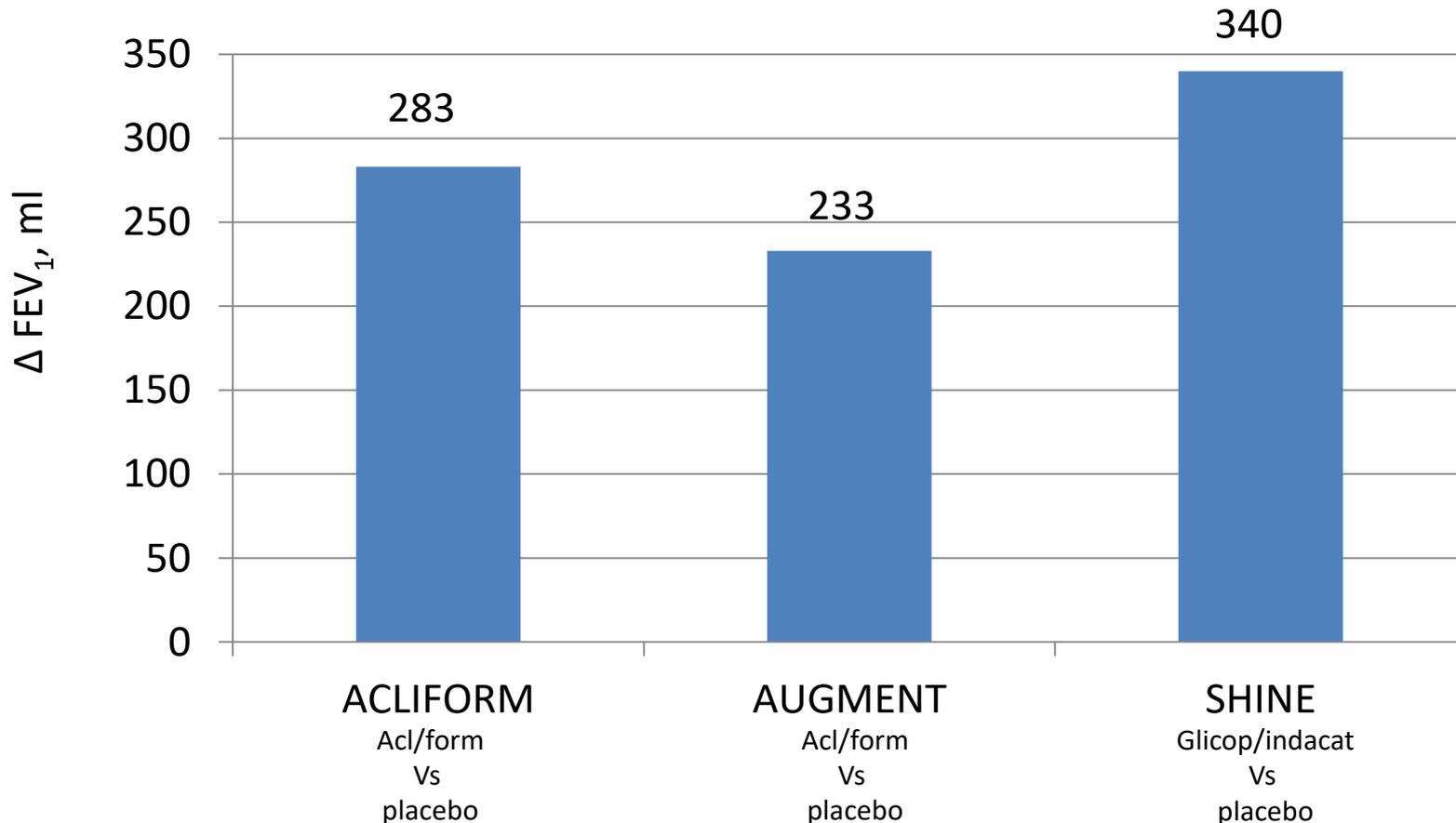


# Efficacy and Safety of Glycopyrrolate/Formoterol MDI Formulated using Co-Suspension™ Delivery Technology in Patients with COPD



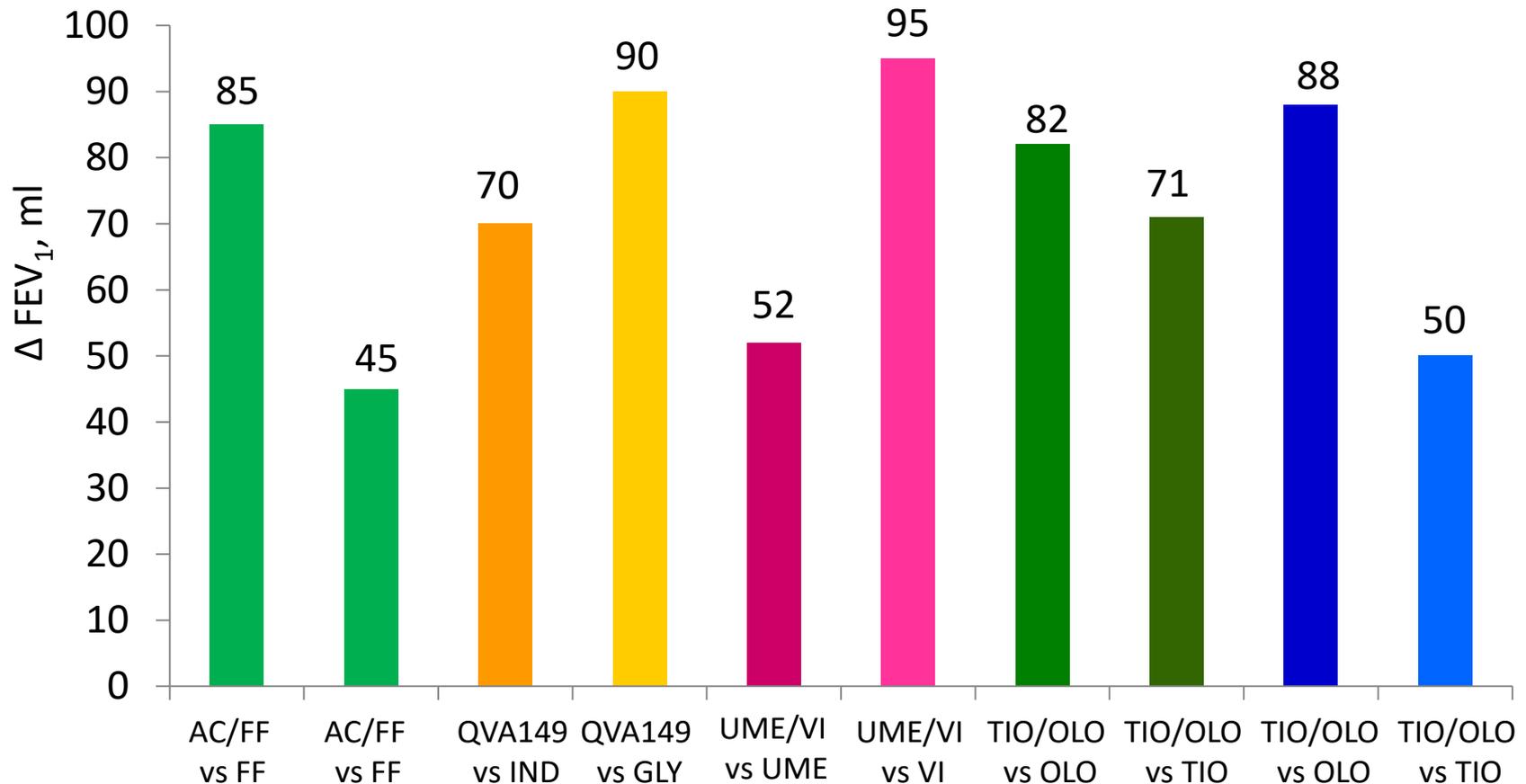
# Combination treatments cause large FEV<sub>1</sub> changes immediately post-dose

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



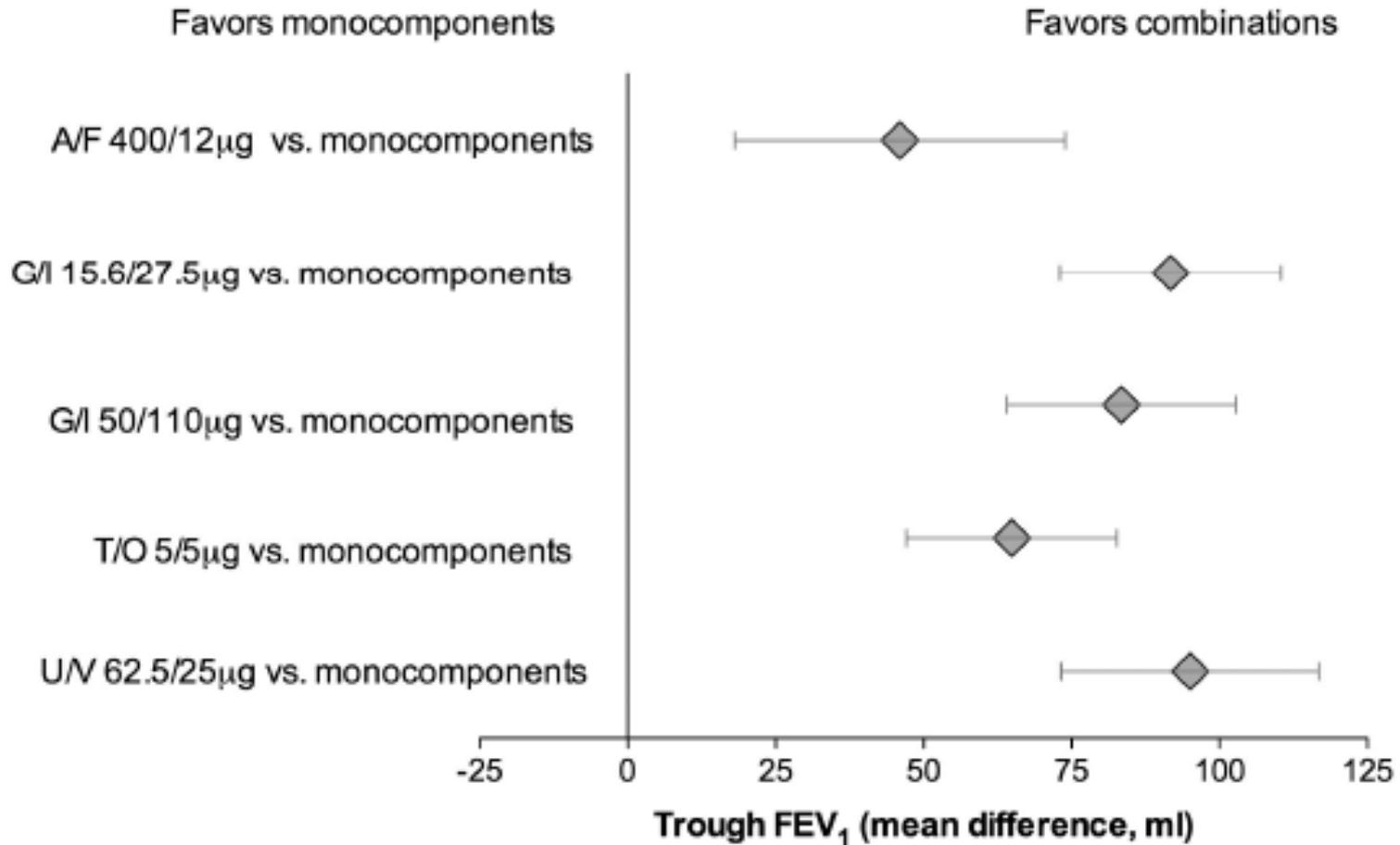
# Changes in trough FEV<sub>1</sub>: Combination vs monotherapy

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

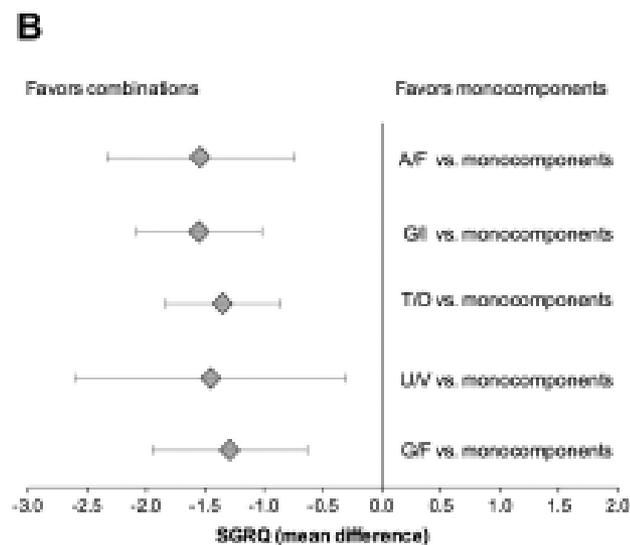
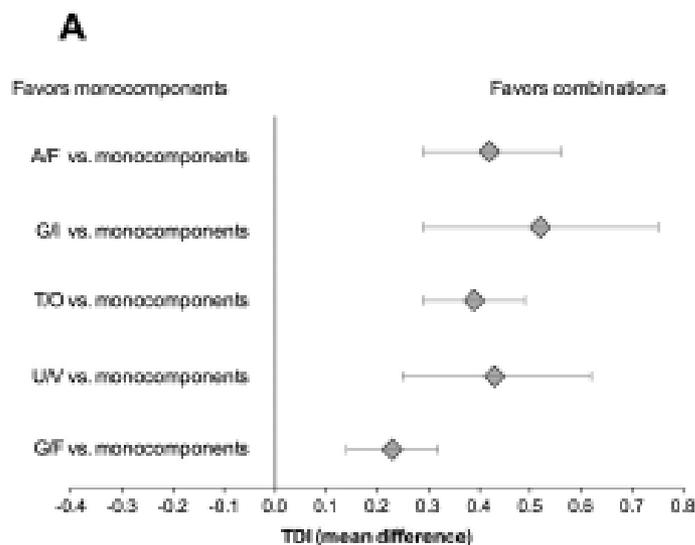


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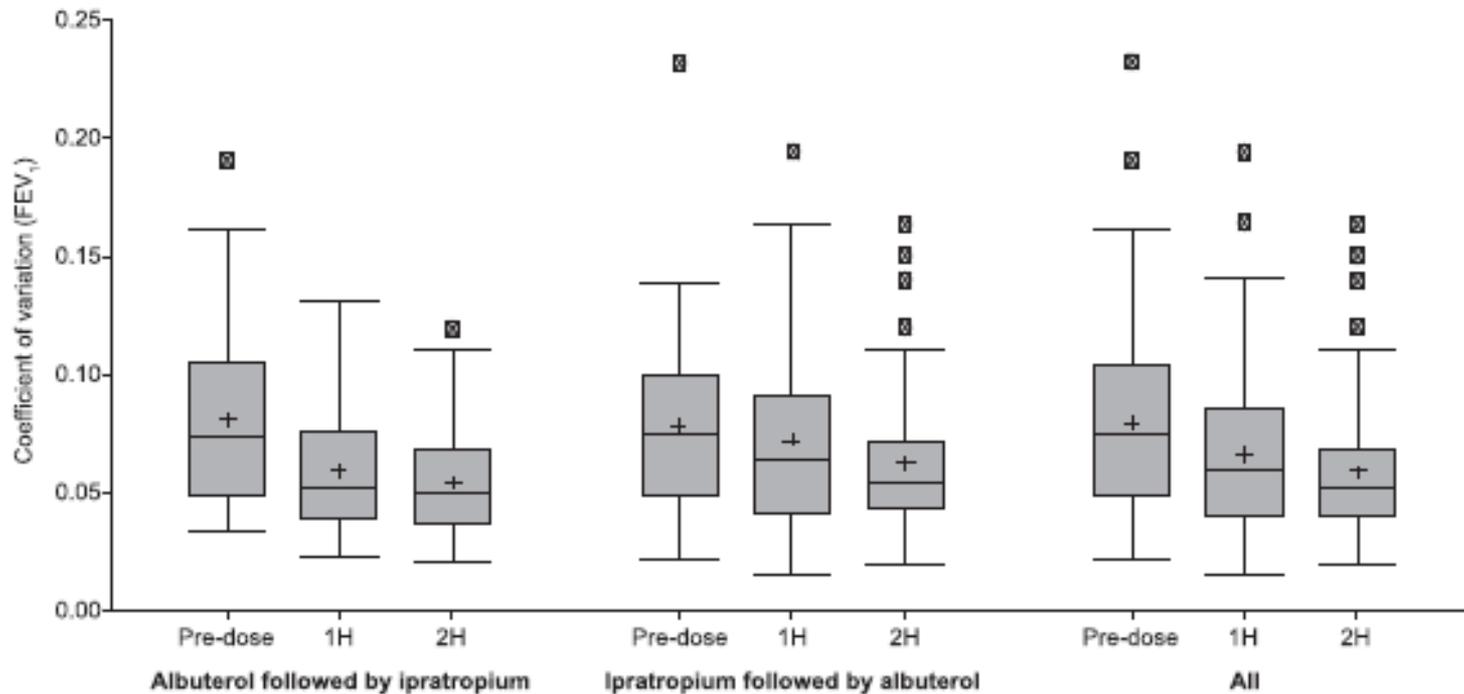
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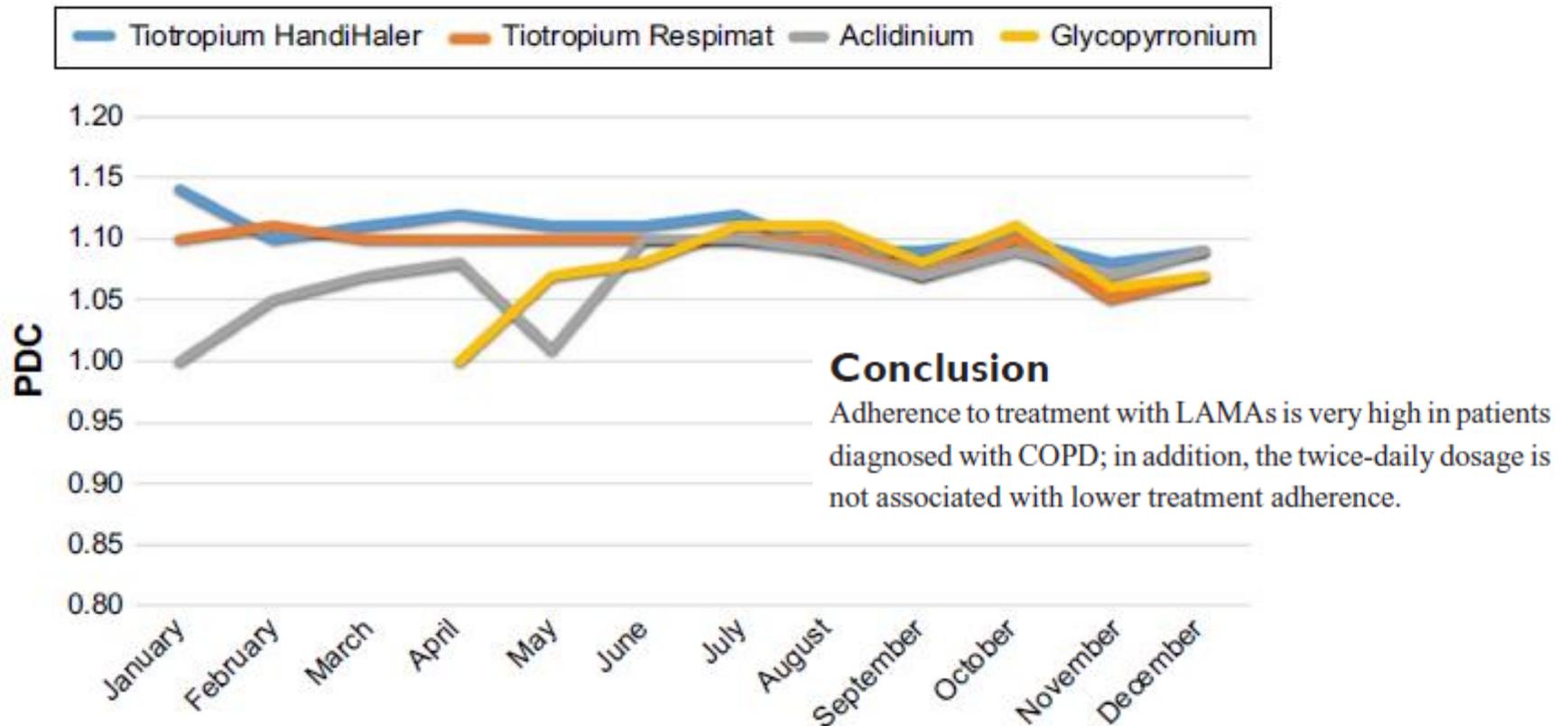
# Reduced FEV<sub>1</sub> variability with two bronchodilators

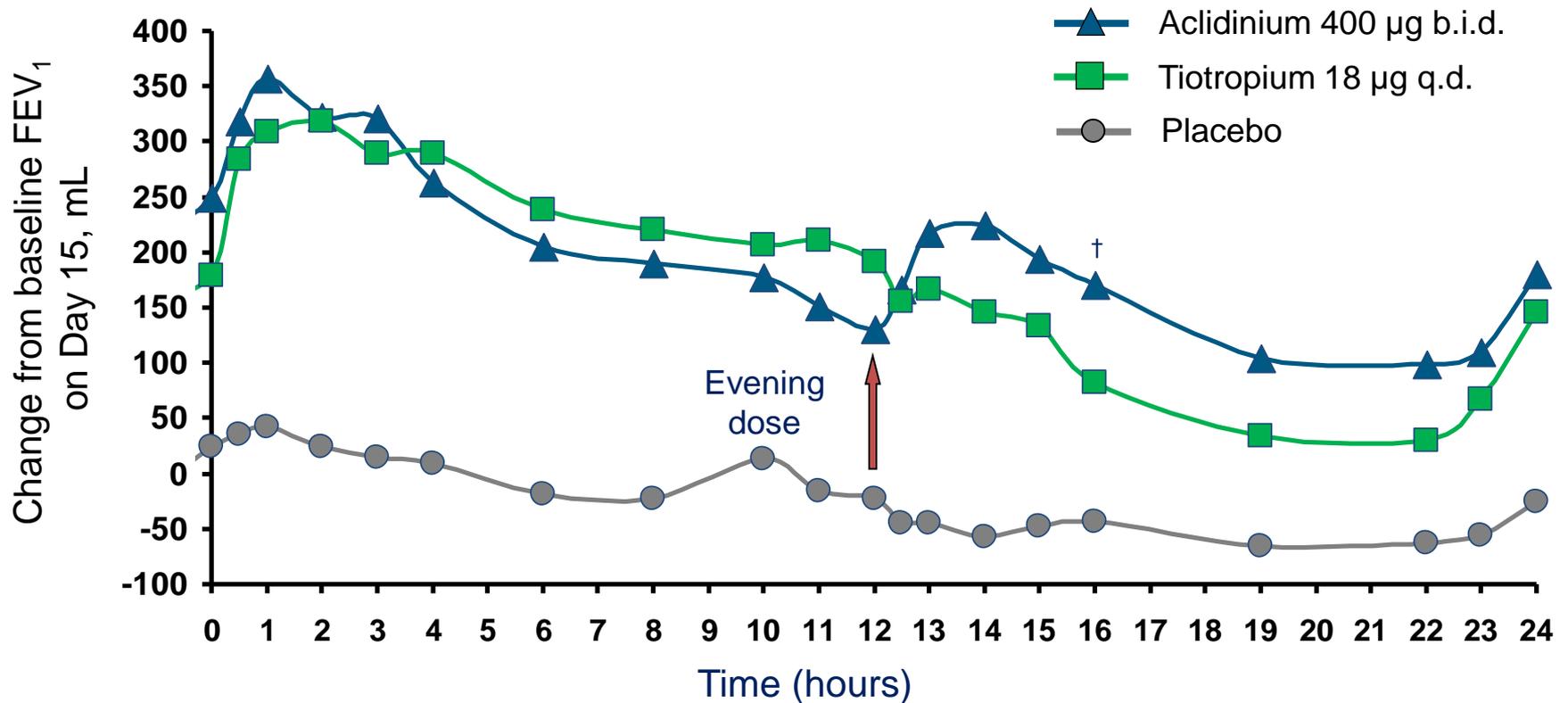


## Qual è il broncodilatatore ideale ?

1. Mono-somministrazione giornaliera per migliorare la compliance
2. Duplice somministrazione giornaliera per controllare meglio i sintomi diurni e notturni
3. L'elemento fondamentale per la scelta è il device

# Relevance of dosage in adherence to treatment with long-acting anticholinergics in patients with COPD





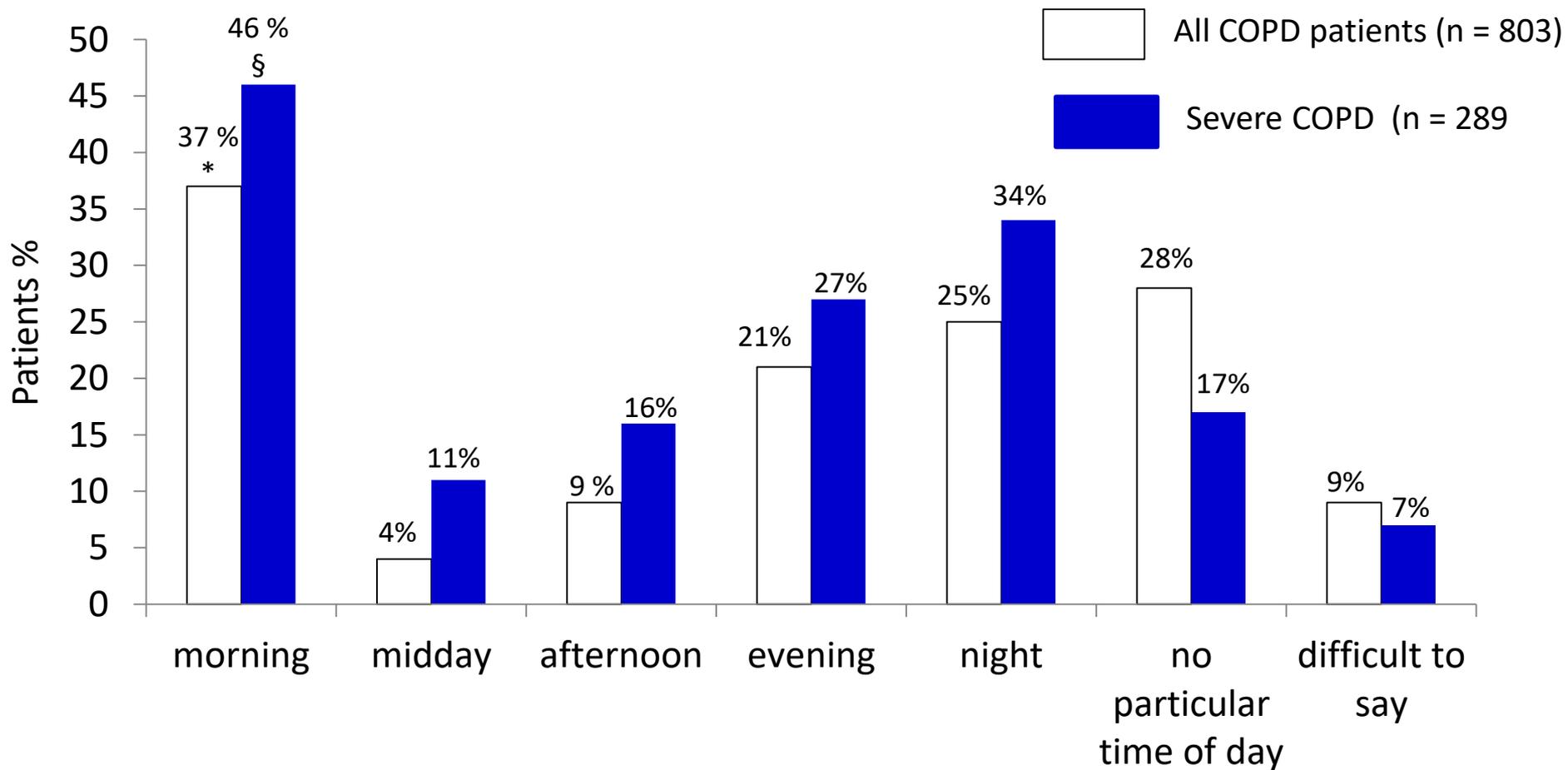
FEV<sub>1</sub> AUC<sub>(12-24)</sub> on Day 15 was significantly greater for acclidinium compared with tiotropium (207 vs 129 mL, respectively; p<0.05)

p<0.01 for acclidinium vs placebo at all time points

p<0.01 for tiotropium vs placebo at all time points except 22 h

†p<0.05 vs tiotropium

# Time when COPD symptoms are worse than usual

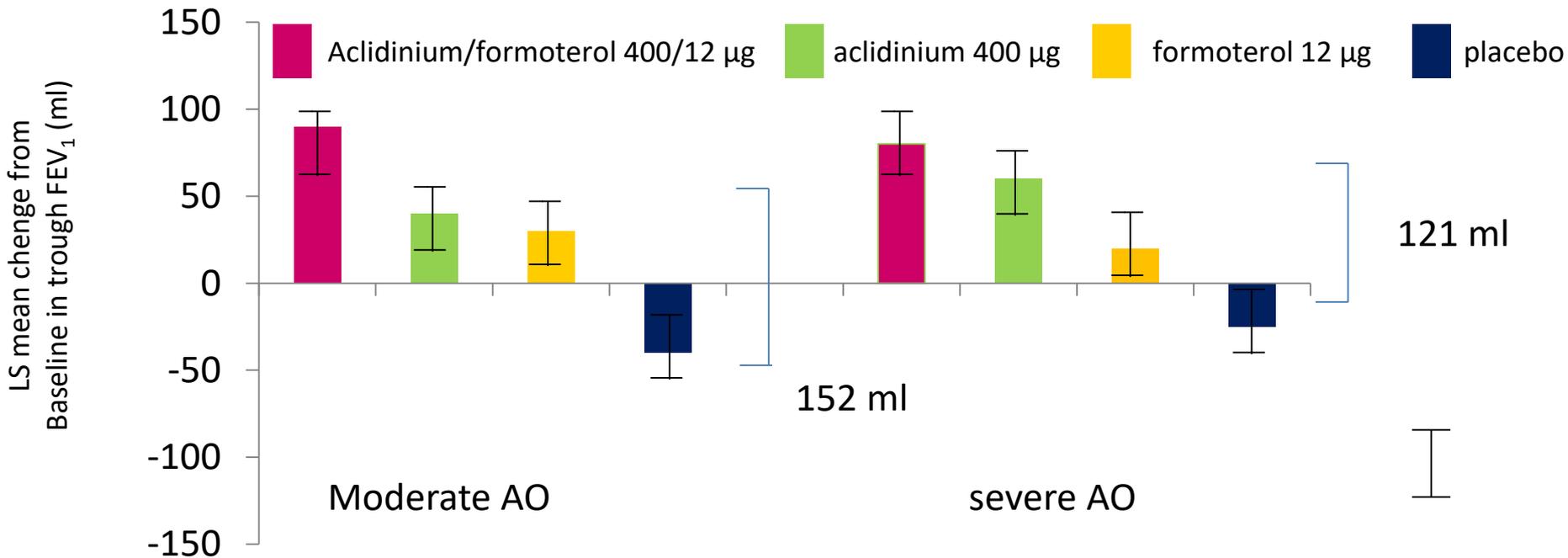


# Risposta alle combinazioni LAMA/LABA per sottogruppo di pazienti

- Vi è una variazione nella risposta ai LABA/LAMA dovuta a:
  - Severità dell'ostruzione
  - Uso concomitante degli ICS
  - Età dei pazienti

# ACLIFORM/AUGMENT pooled post-hoc analysis stratified by COPD severity

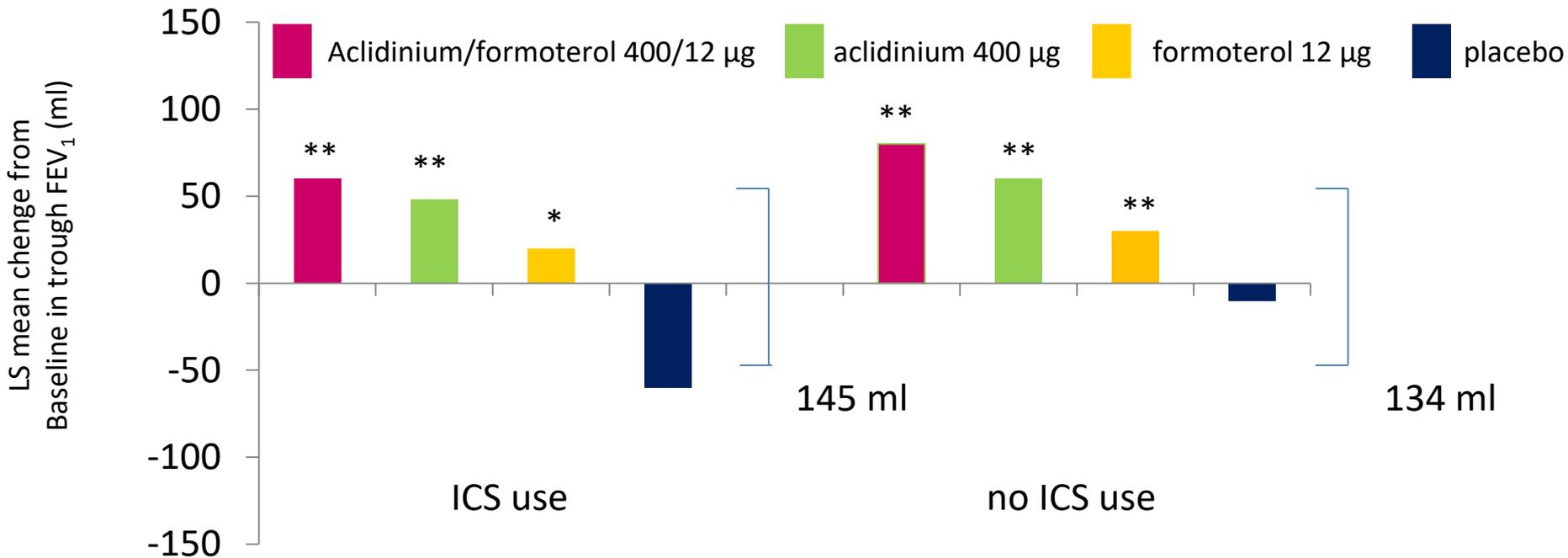
Trough FEV<sub>1</sub> change from baseline at Week 24



- Acclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg BID:
  - improved morning pre-dose (trough) FEV<sub>1</sub> versus Formoterol  $p < 0.001$  regardless of AO severity
  - improved morning pre-dose (trough) FEV<sub>1</sub> versus Acclidinium  $p < 0.05$  in patients with moderate AO

# ACLIFORM/AUGMENT pooled post-hoc analysis stratified by ICS use

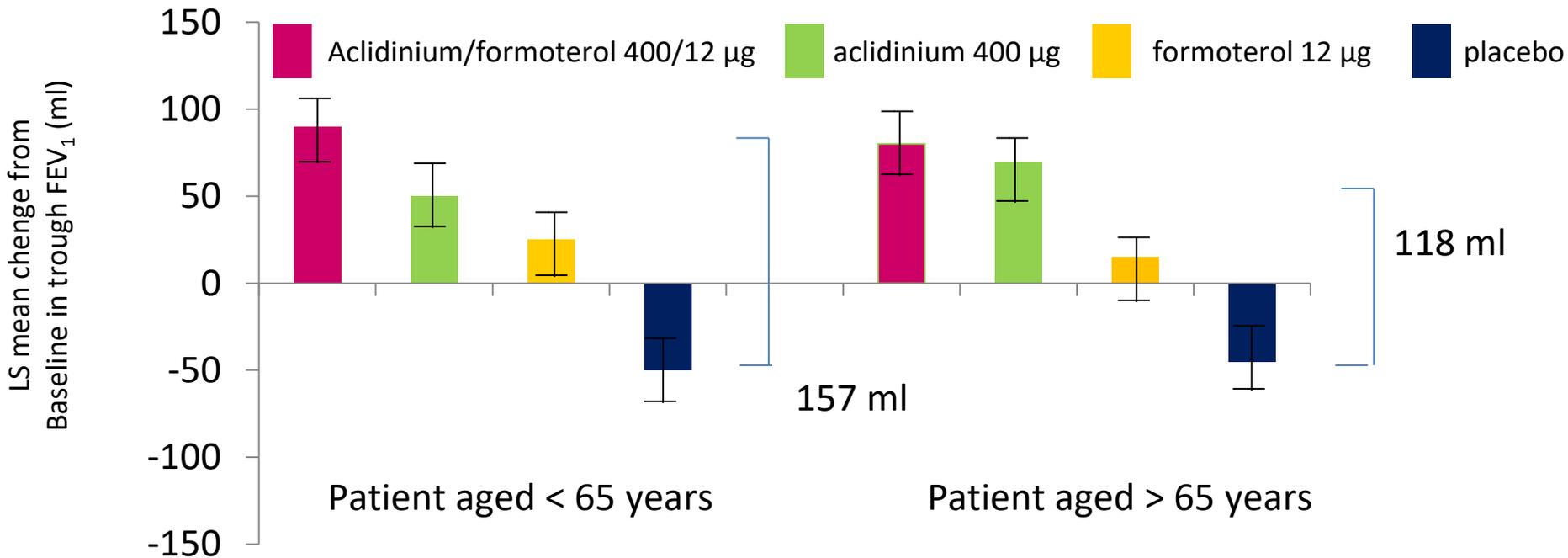
Trough FEV<sub>1</sub> change from baseline at Week 24



- Acclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg BID improved trough FEV<sub>1</sub> by 71 ml versus Formoterol alone ( $p < 0.001$ ) and by 54 ml vs Acclidinium alone ( $p < 0.05$ ) in patients using concomitant ICS.
- Trough FEV<sub>1</sub> was significantly greater with all active treatments vs placebo, regardless of ICS use.

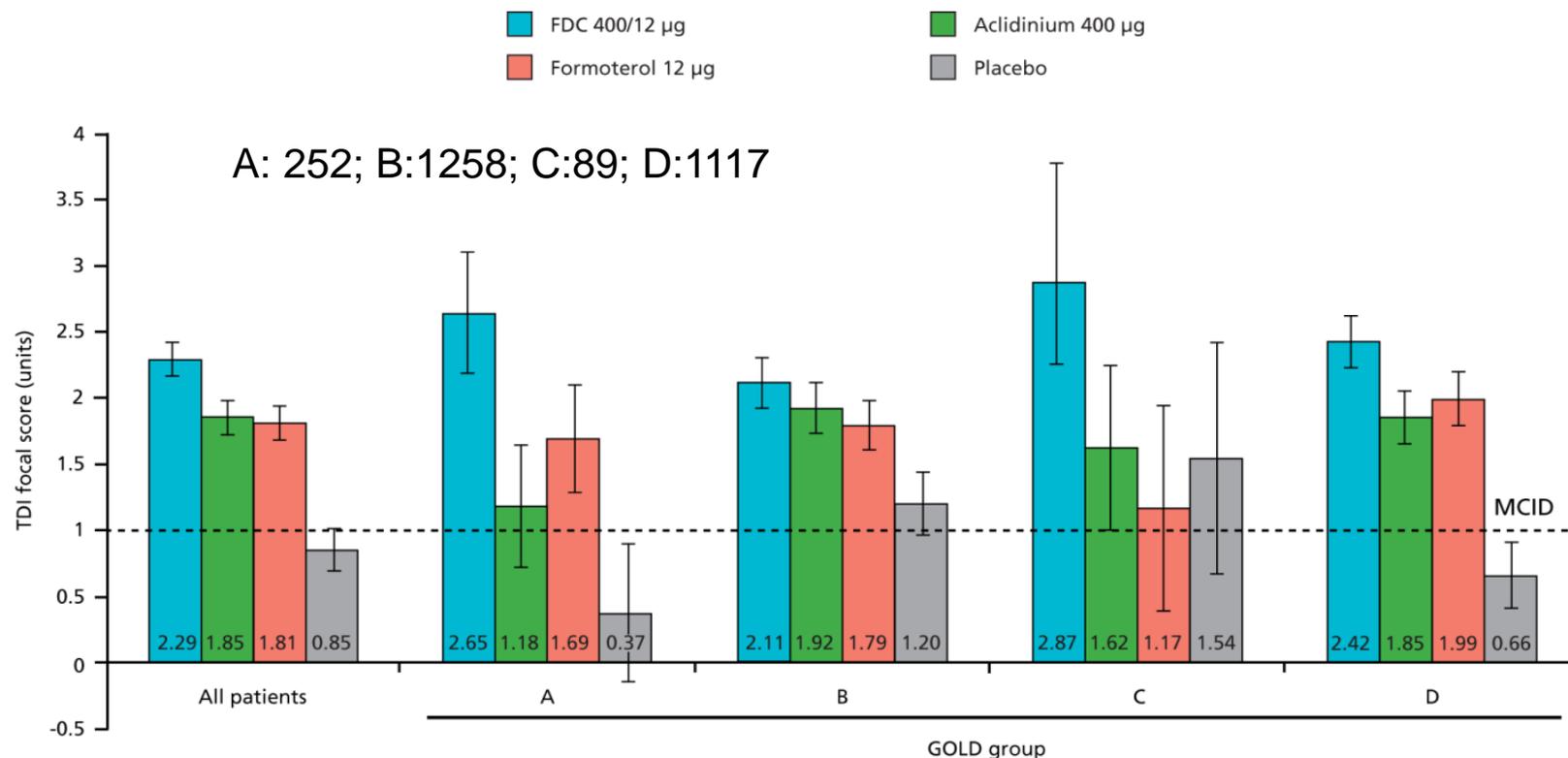
# ACLIFORM/AUGMENT pooled post-hoc analysis stratified by patient age

Trough FEV<sub>1</sub> change from baseline at Week 24



- Regardless of patient age, Acclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg BID:
  - improved morning pre-dose (trough) FEV<sub>1</sub> versus Formoterol p < 0.001
  - improved morning pre-dose (trough) FEV<sub>1</sub> versus Acclidinium p < 0.05 in patients aged < 65 years

# Improvement in TDI at Week 24, stratified by GOLD group



FDC 400/12 µg vs placebo	1.43***	2.27***	0.91**	1.33	1.76***
FDC 400/12 µg vs acclidinium 400 µg	0.44 <sup>†</sup>	1.47 <sup>†</sup>	0.19	1.25	0.57 <sup>†</sup>
FDC 400/12 µg vs formoterol 12 µg	0.47 <sup>††</sup>	0.96	0.32	1.71	0.43
Acclidinium 400 µg vs placebo	1.00***	0.81	0.72 <sup>*</sup>	0.08	1.19***
Formoterol 12 µg vs placebo	0.96***	1.32 <sup>*</sup>	0.59 <sup>*</sup>	-0.38	1.33***

\*\*\*p<0.001, \*\*p<0.01, \*p<0.05 vs placebo, <sup>†</sup>p<0.05 vs acclidinium, <sup>††</sup>p<0.01 vs formoterol

# Rischi e benefici della terapia di combinazione LABA/LAMA

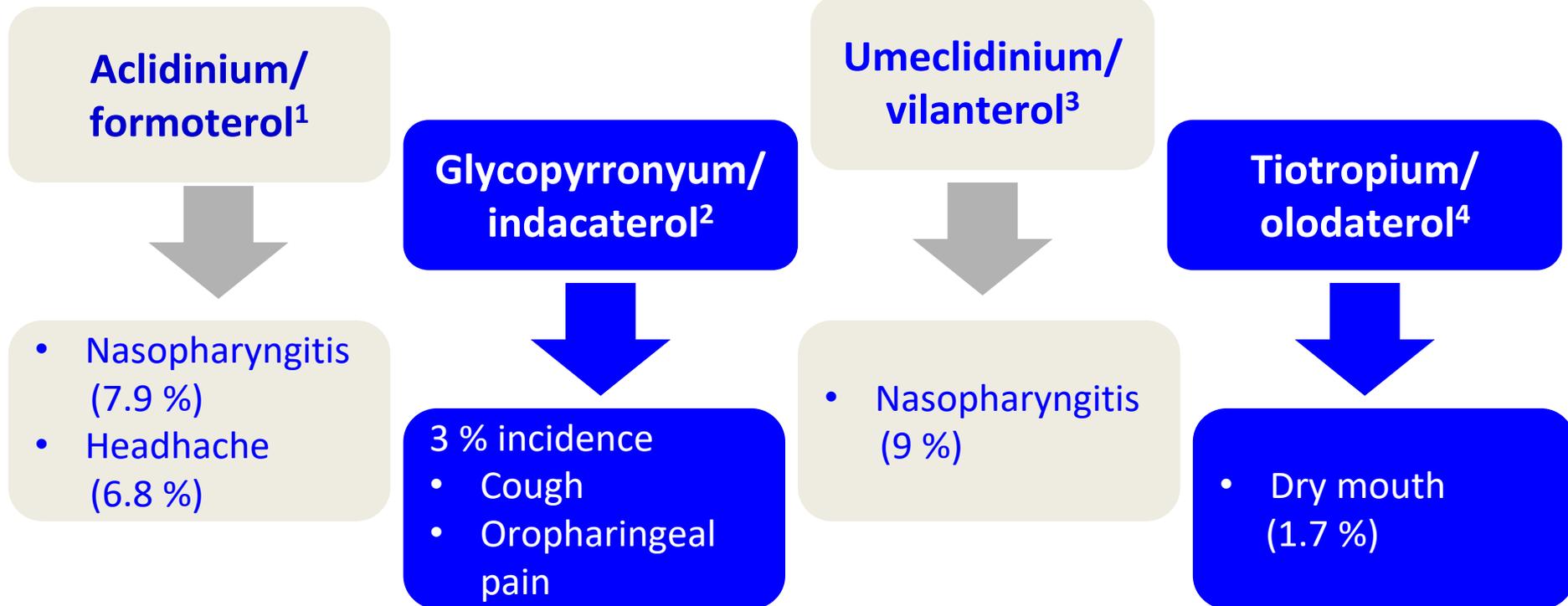
- Confrontata con i componenti separati in monoterapia, la combinazione LABA/LAMA può offrire:<sup>1</sup>
  - una superiore broncodilatazione
  - una riduzione dei sintomi e dell'uso dei farmaci al bisogno
  - un miglioramento della compliance

1) Tashkin DP, Ferguson GT. Respir Res 2013;

# Safety and tolerability profiles of LABA/LAMA combination therapies

The safety and tolerability profiles of the approved LABA/LAMA combinations are similar in those of the individual monotherapy components

## Most common AEs by preferred term



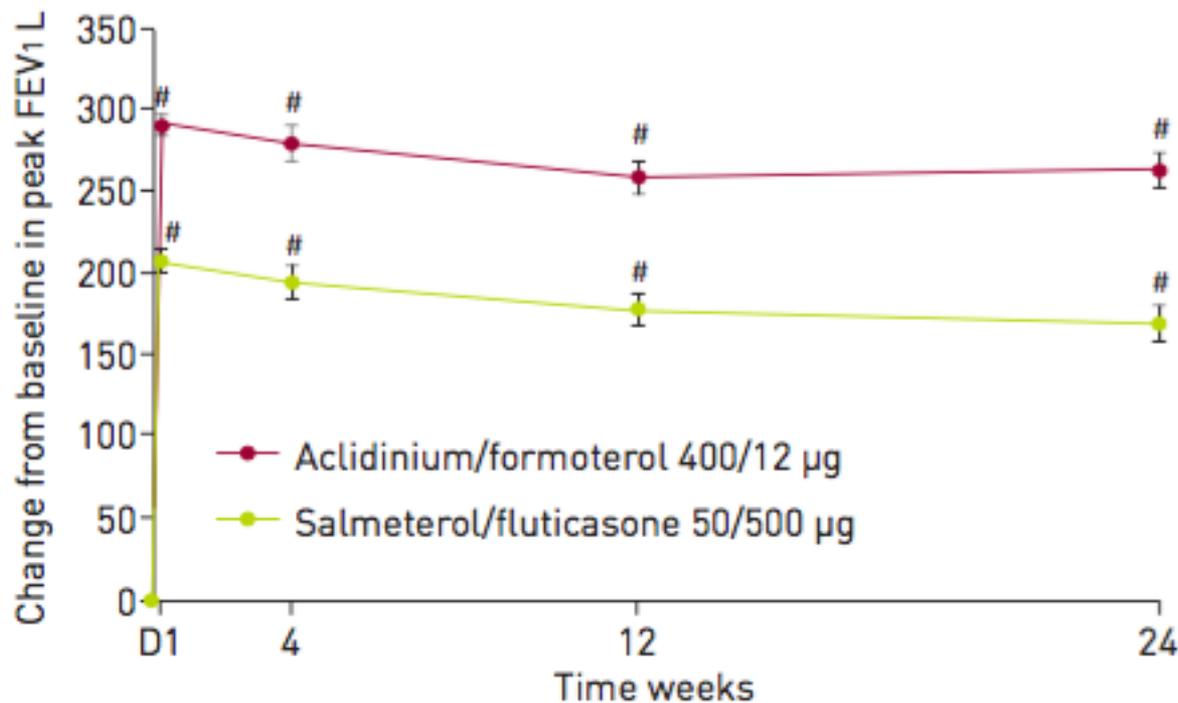


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# LABA/LAMA vs LABA/ICS

# AFFIRM: Acclidinium/formoterol vs salmeterol/fluticasone

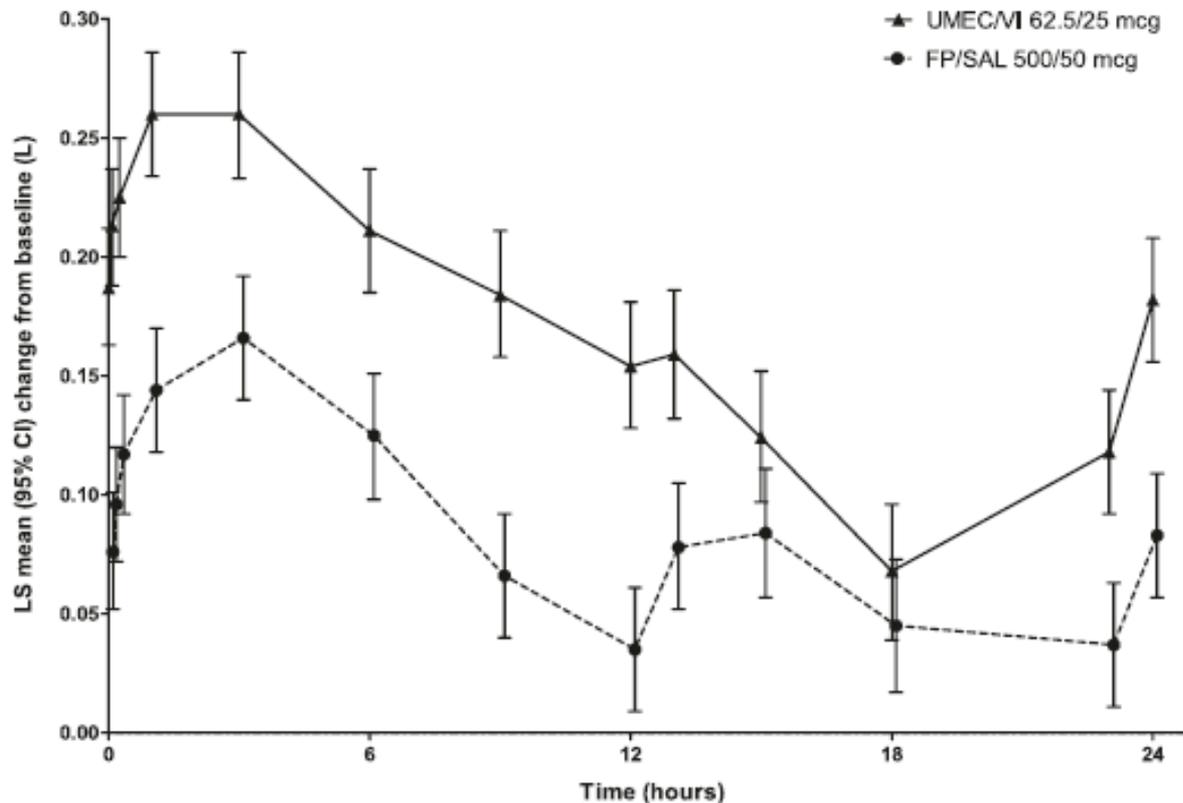
- Phase III AFFIRM study demonstrated improvements in bronchodilatation with acclidinium/formoterol 400/12 µg BID vs salmeterol/fluticasone 50/500 µg BID. Patients with stable symptomatic COPD (n= 933)



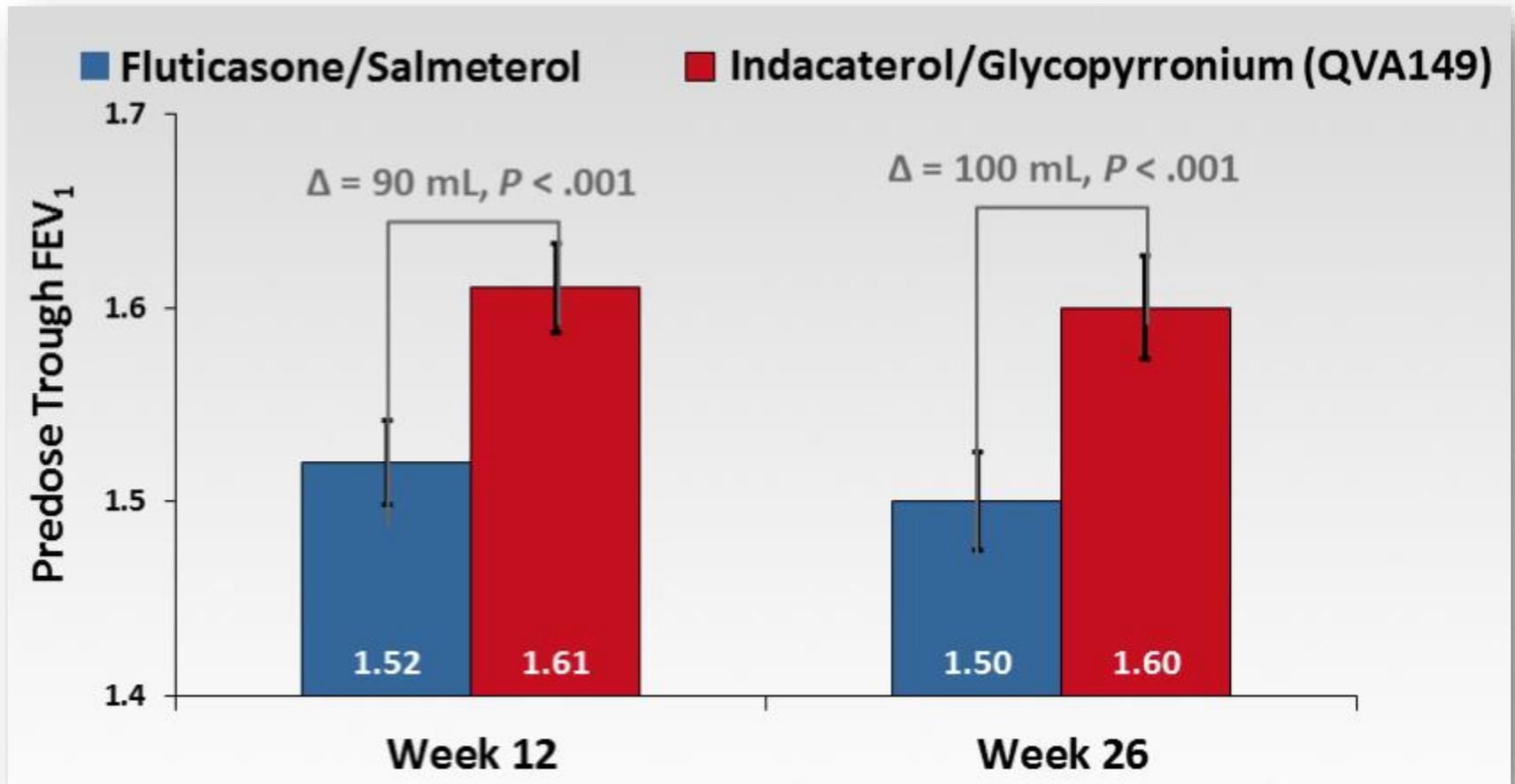
#: p<0.0001 for acclidinium/formoterol versus salmeterol/fluticasone.

# Umeclidinium/vilanterol vs salmeterol/fluticasone

- Umeclidinium/vilanterol 62.5/25  $\mu\text{g}$  QD over 12 weeks improved lung function compared with salmeterol/fluticasone 50/500  $\mu\text{g}$  BID in patients with moderate-to-severe COPD with infrequent exacerbations (n = 717)

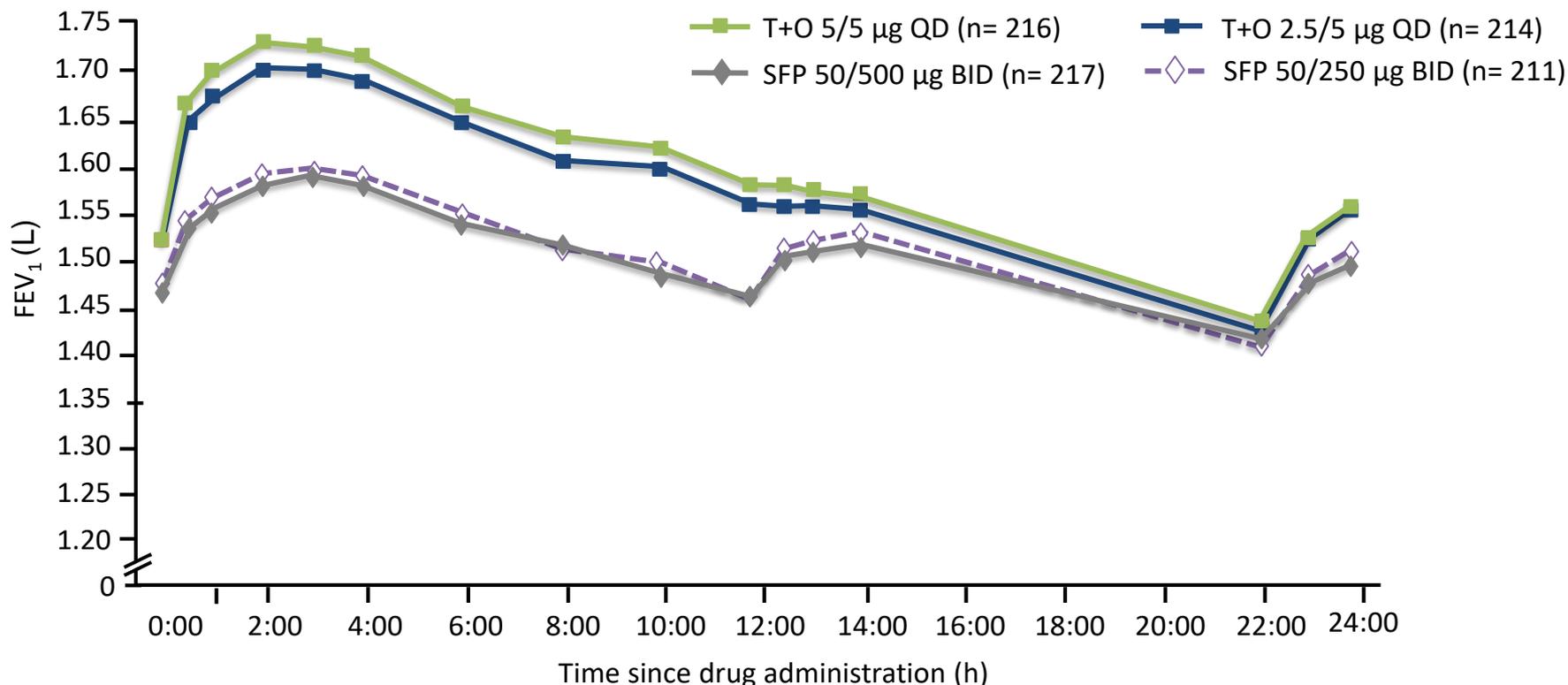


# ILLUMINATE: indacaterol/glycopyrronium vs fluticasone/salmeterol



# Once-daily Tiotropium + Olodaterol increases 24h FEV<sub>1</sub> compared to twice-daily SFP

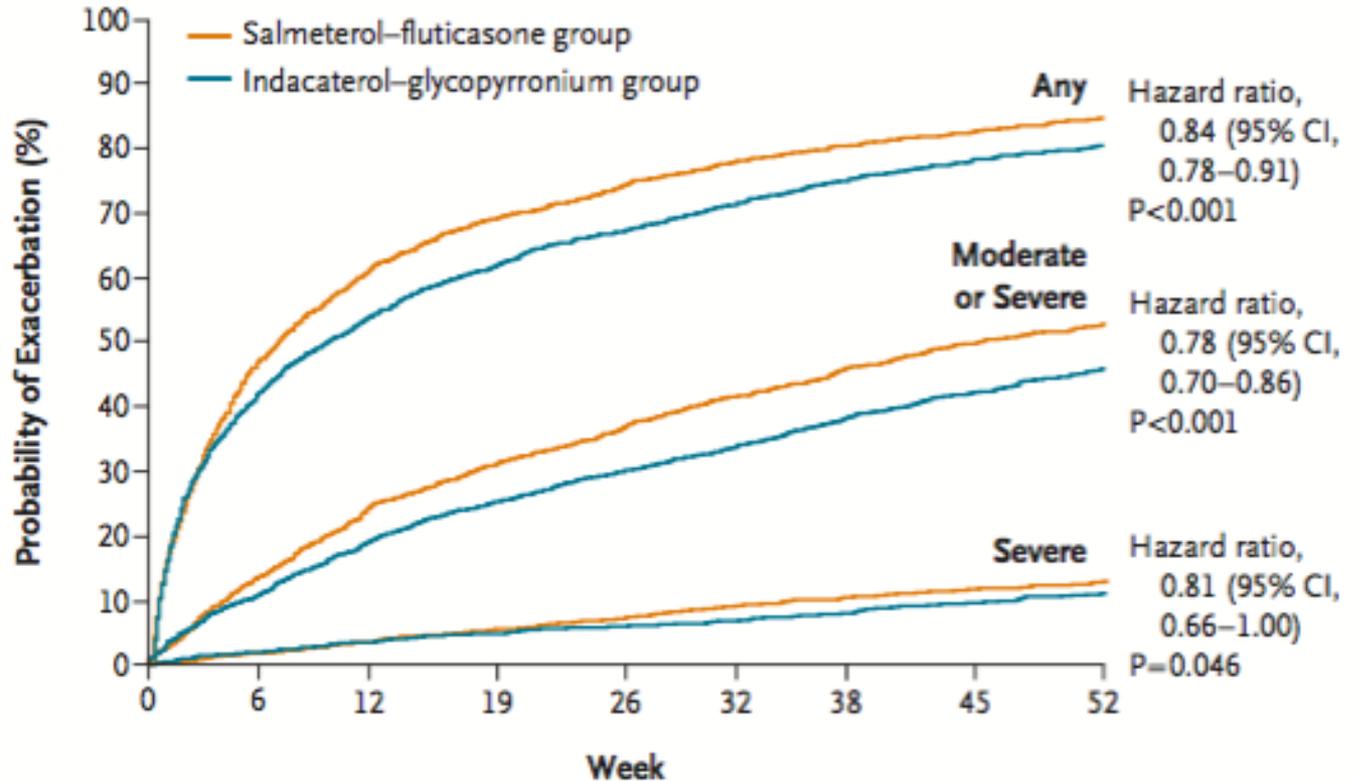
24-hour FEV<sub>1</sub> profile after 6 weeks of treatment



**Primary endpoint:** T+O showed greater increases for both doses as compared to twice-daily SFP. The improvement of FEV<sub>1</sub>AUC<sub>0-12</sub> was statistically significant for all dose levels, ranging from +103 mL to +129 mL (p<0.0001 for all comparisons).

# Indacaterol–Glycopyrronium versus Salmeterol–Fluticasone for COPD

Time to First Exacerbation



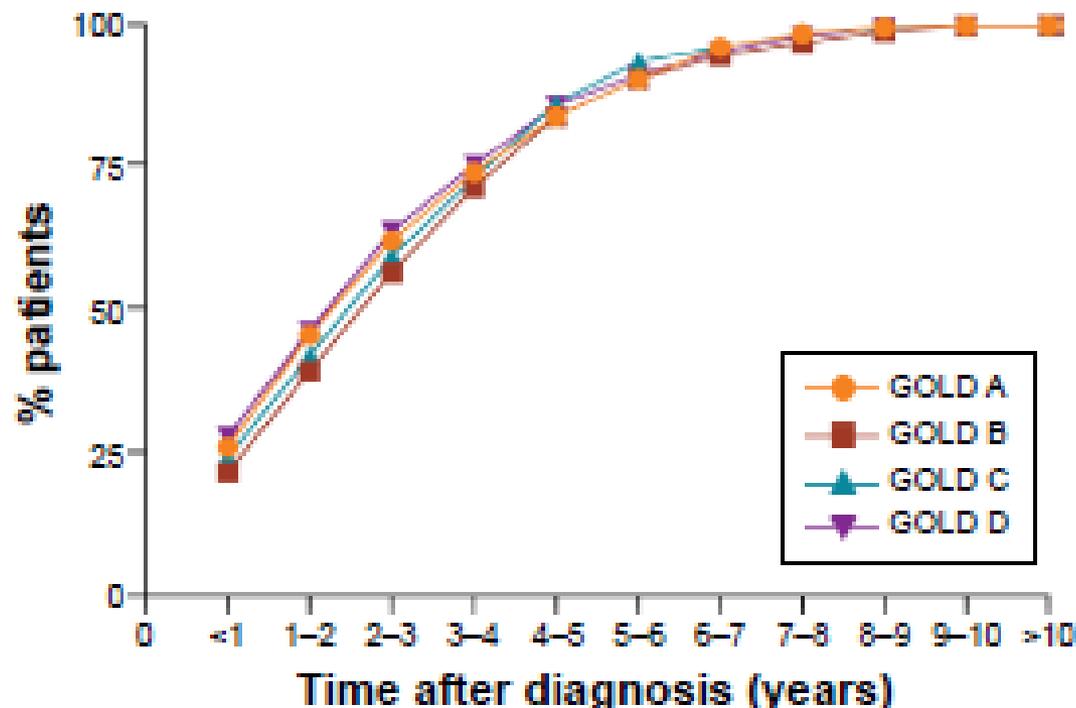
# Pharmacologic treatment algorithms

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In past GOLD Reports, recommendations were only given for initial therapy. However, many COPD patients are already on treatment and return with persistent symptoms after initial therapy, or less commonly with resolution of some symptoms that may subsequently require less therapy. Therefore, we now suggest **escalation** and **de-escalation** strategies.

The recommendations are based on available efficacy and safety data. We acknowledge that treatment escalation has not been systematically tested; trials of de-escalation are also limited and only include ICS.

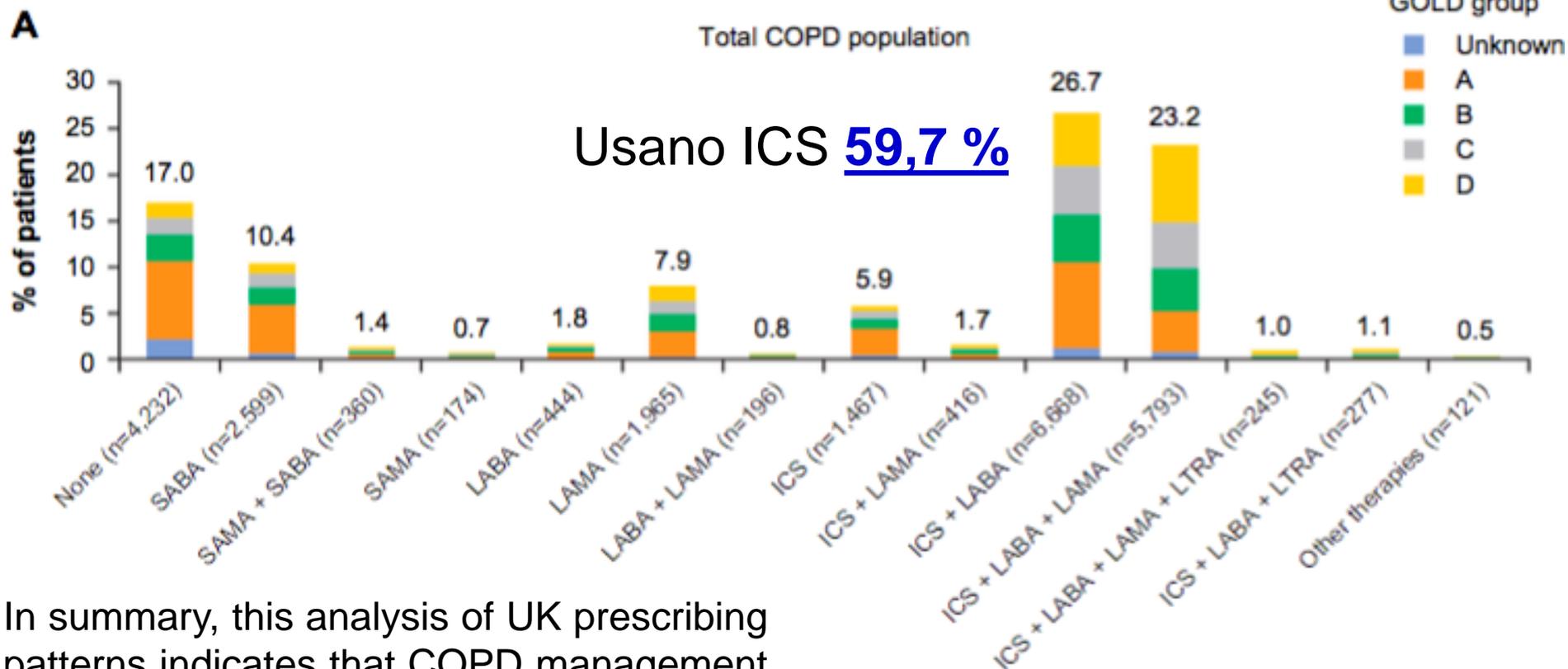
# The inevitable drift to triple therapy in COPD: an analysis of prescribing pathways in the UK



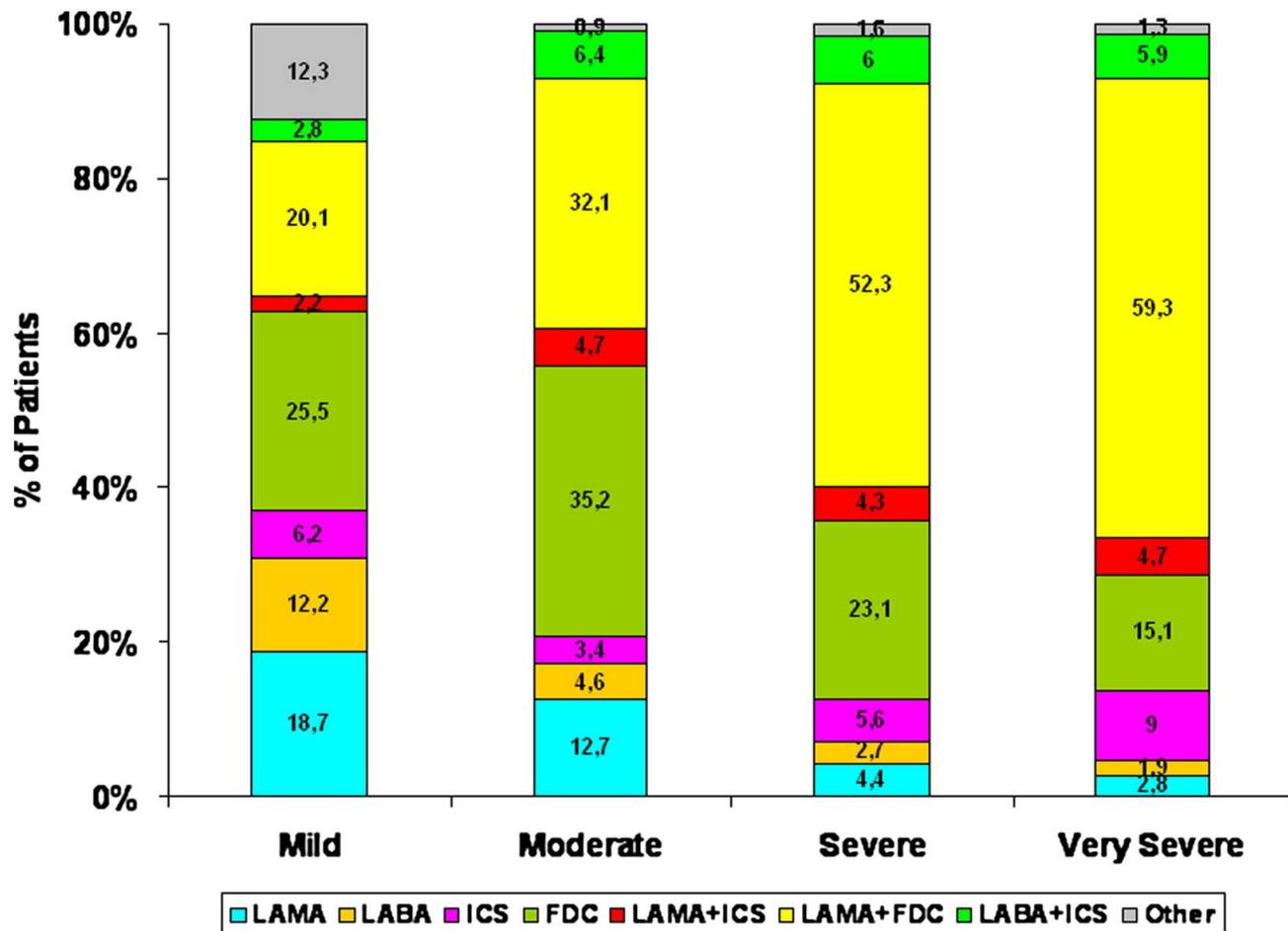
Circa il **100 %** dei  
pazienti  
considerati usano  
**ICS**

Cumulative proportion of patients receiving triple therapy by GOLD group (2002-2010)

# Management of COPD in the UK primary-care setting: an analysis of real-life prescribing patterns



In summary, this analysis of UK prescribing patterns indicates that COPD management choices do not usually follow GOLD recommendations and NICE guidelines, in particular those relating to the use of ICS.



LAMA: Long-acting antimuscarinic agents; LABA: Long-acting beta2 agonists;  
ICS: Inhaled corticosteroids; FDC: Fixed Dose Combination

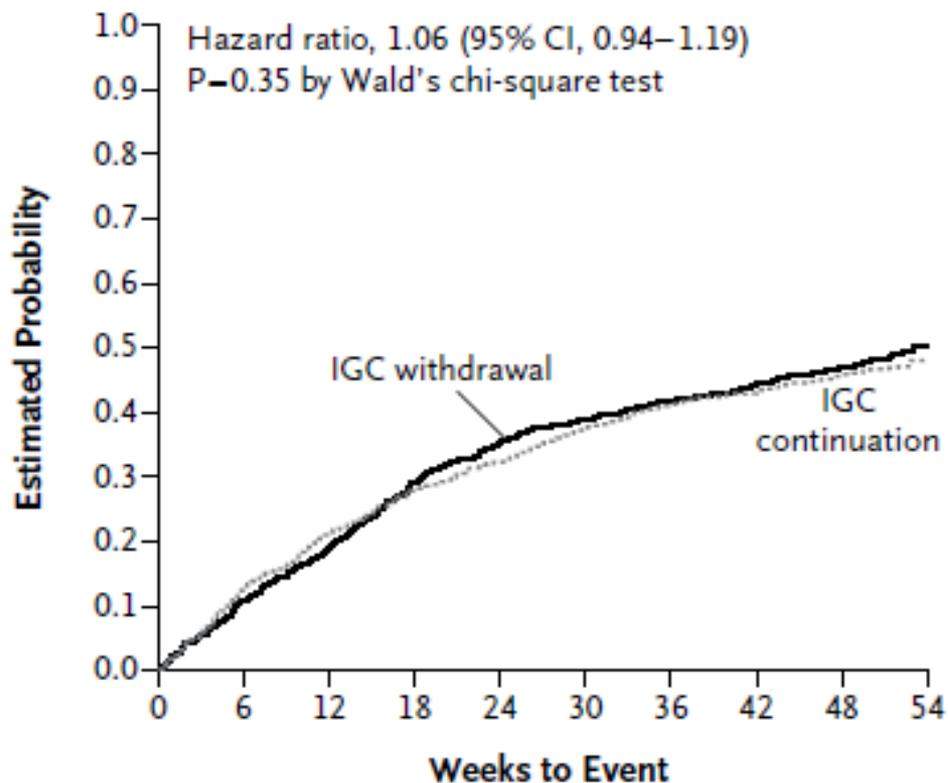
# I nuovi LEA possono essere l'occasione per mettere ordine nella gestione della BPCO ?

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## BRONCOPNEUMOPATIA CRONICA OSTRUTTIVA (BPCO) NEGLI STADI CLINICI "MODERATA", "GRAVE" E "MOLTO GRAVE"

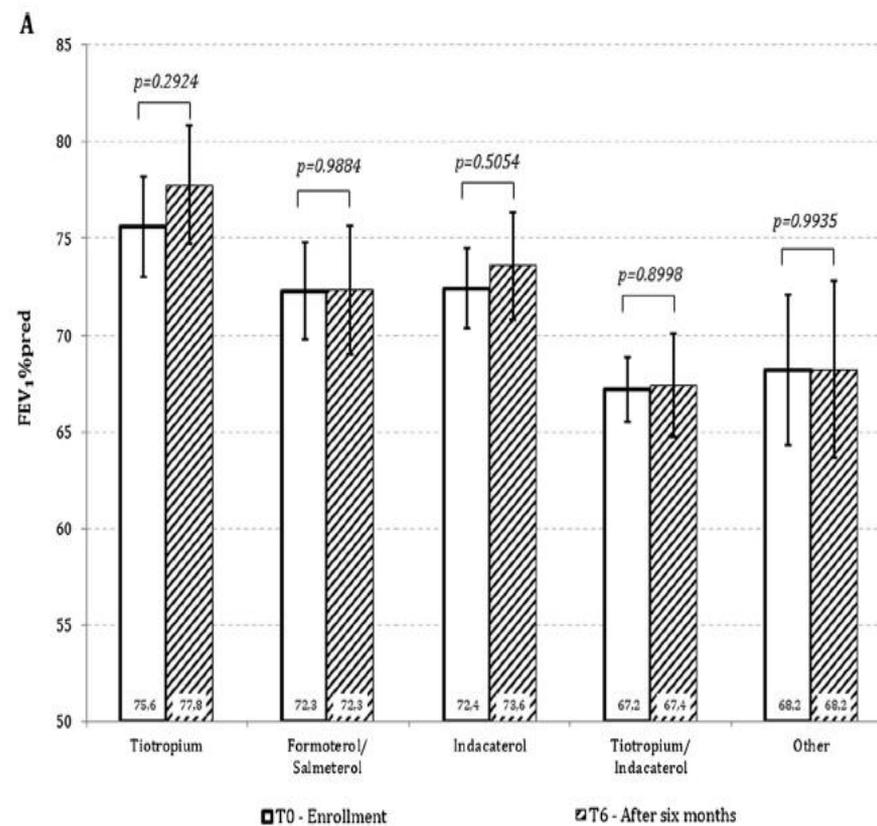
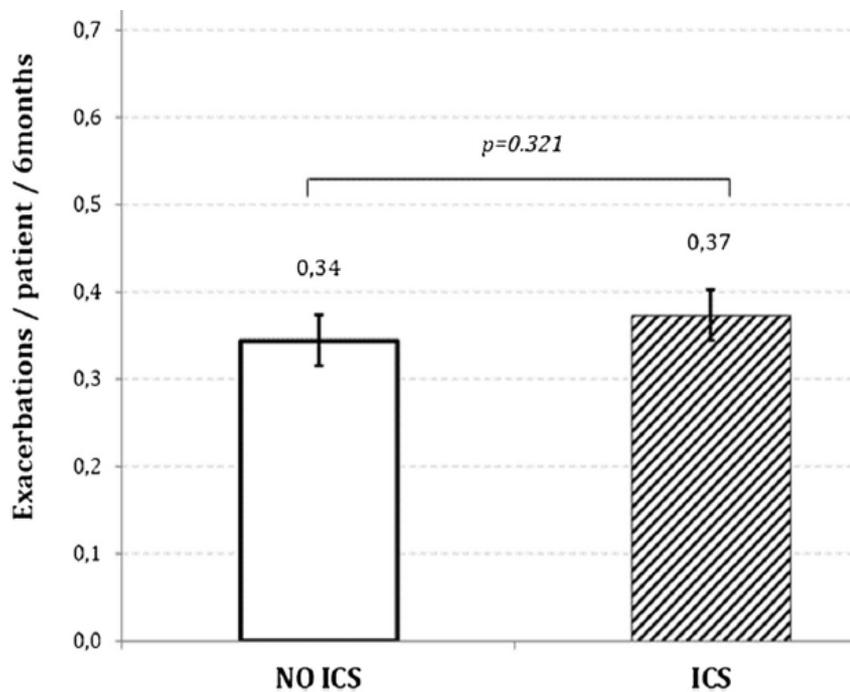
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VISITA DI CONTROLLO necessaria al monitoraggio della malattia, delle complicanze più frequenti ed alla prevenzione degli ulteriori aggravamenti (* NOTA)	ogni 6 mesi
90.25.5 GAMMA GLUTAMIL TRANSPEPTIDASI (gamma GT)	ogni 6 mesi
90.27.1 GLUCOSIO	ogni 6 mesi
90.44.1 UREA	ogni 6 mesi
90.44.3 URINE ESAME COMPLETO. Incluso: sedimento urinario	ogni 6 mesi
90.62.2 EMOCROMO: ESAME CITOMETRICO E CONTEGGIO LEUCOCITARIO DIFFERENZIALE Hb, GR, GB, HCT, PLT, IND. DERIV. Compreso eventuale controllo microscopico	ogni 6 mesi
91.49.2 PRELIEVO DI SANGUE VENOSO	ogni 6 mesi
91.48.5 PRELIEVO DI SANGUE ARTERIOSO	ogni 6 mesi
91.49.1 PRELIEVO DI SANGUE CAPILLARE	ogni 6 mesi
89.37.2 SPIROMETRIA GLOBALE [con tecnica di diluizione, pletismografia o altra metodica]	ogni 6 mesi
89.44.2 TEST DEL CAMMINO CON VALUTAZIONE DELLA SATURAZIONE ARTERIOSA [WALKING TEST]	ogni 6 mesi
87.44.1 RX DEL TORACE. Radiografia standard del torace in 2 proiezioni posteroanteriore e laterolaterale	ogni 12 mesi
89.52 ELETTROCARDIOGRAMMA	ogni 12 mesi
89.65.1 EMOGASANALISI ARTERIOSA SISTEMICA Emogasanalisi di sangue capillare o arterioso. Inclusa determinazione di pH ematico e Carbossiemoglobina.	ogni 6 mesi
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89.66 EMOGASANALISI DI SANGUE MISTO VENOSO	ogni 6 mesi
89.65.5 MONITORAGGIO INCRUENTO DELLA SATURAZIONE ARTERIOSA / PULSOSSIMETRIA	ogni 12 mesi
93.18.2 RIEDUCAZIONE MOTORIA CARDIO-RESPIRATORIA DI GRUPPO relativa alle "funzioni dell'apparato cardiovascolare, ematologico, immunologico e respiratorio" secondo ICF dell'OMS. Per seduta di 60 minuti caratterizzata prevalentemente dall'esercizio terapeutico motorio, indipendentemente dalla tecnica utilizzata, dal mezzo in cui viene realizzato e dalle ortesi ed ausili utilizzati. Max 6 pazienti. Ciclo fino a 10 sedute	ogni 12 mesi

**A Moderate or Severe COPD Exacerbation**

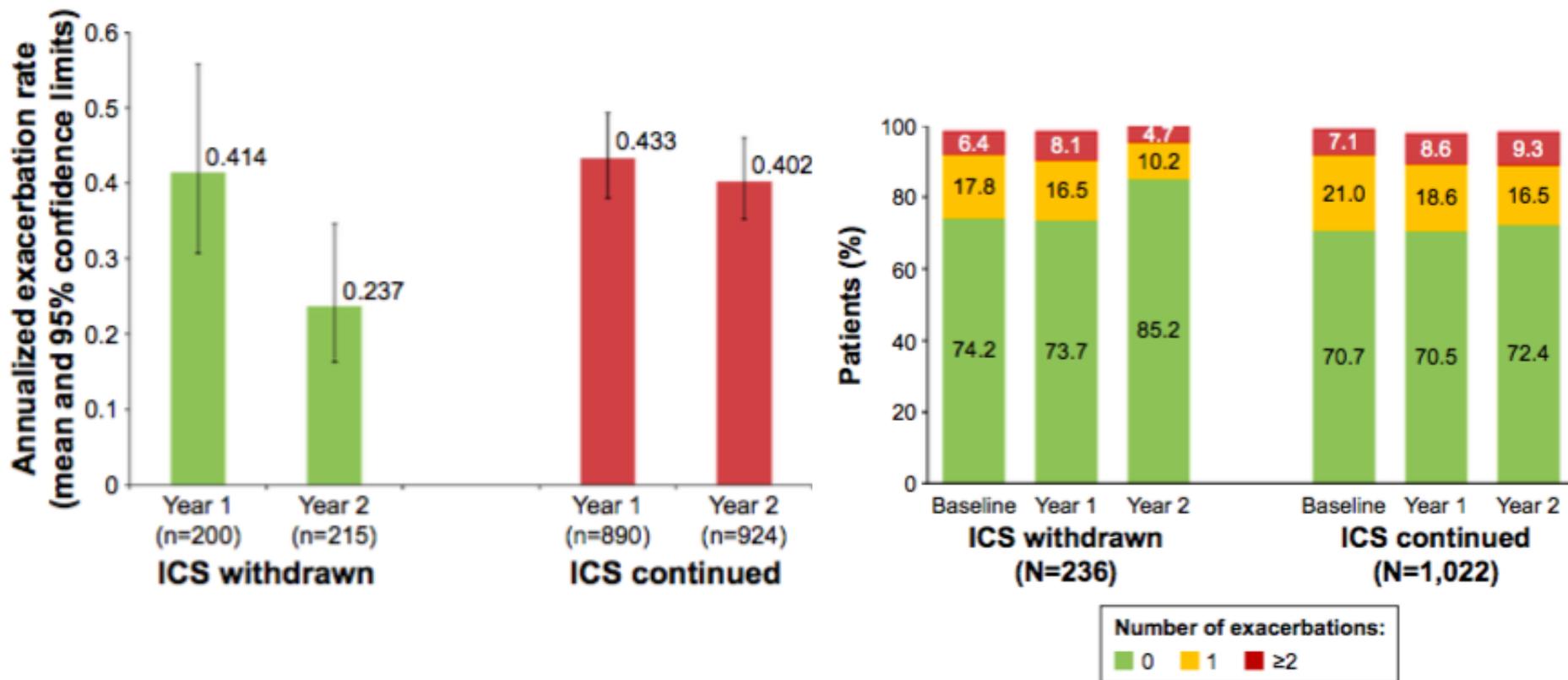


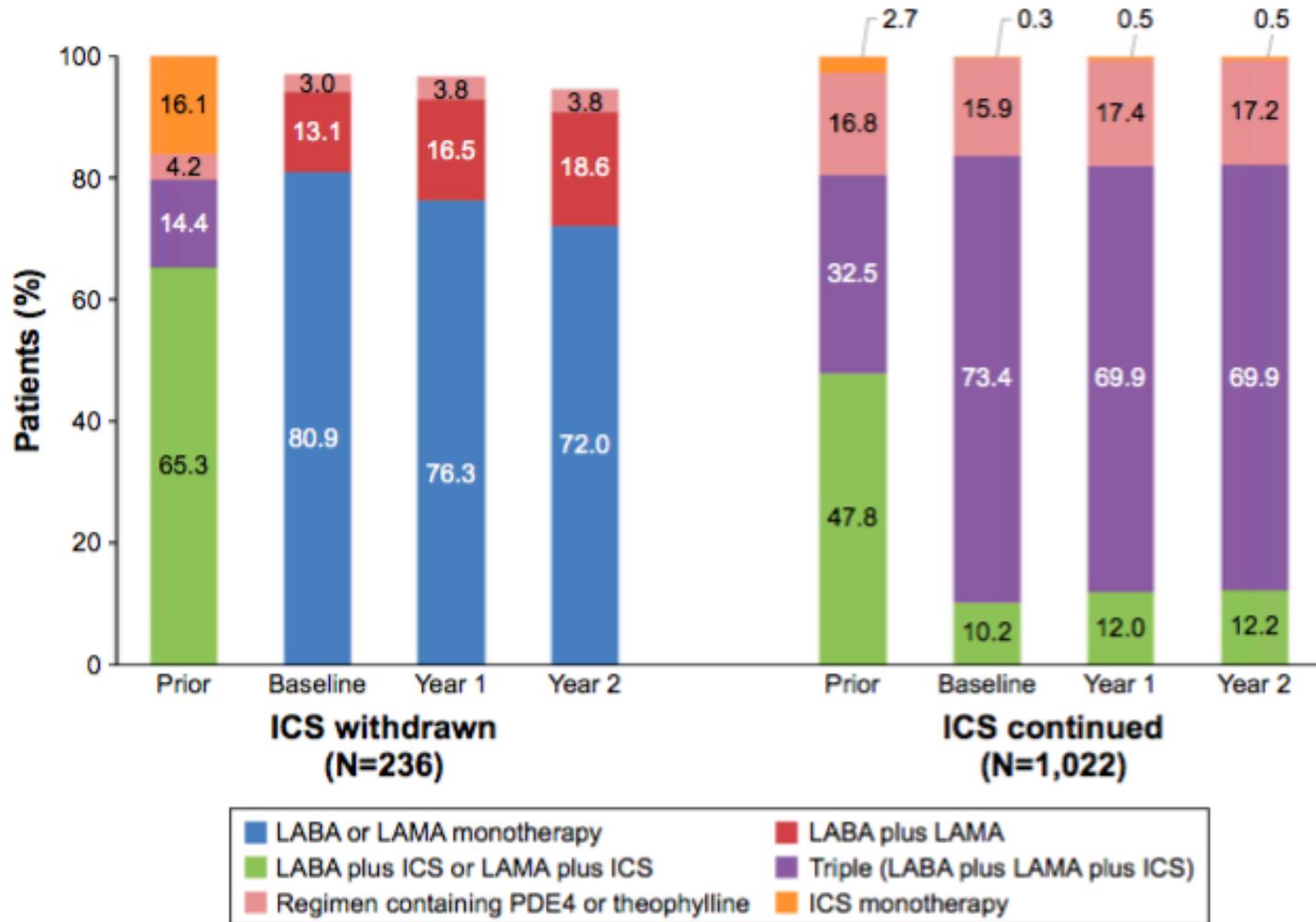
**No. at Risk**

IGC continuation	1243	1059	927	827	763	694	646	615	581	14
IGC withdrawal	1242	1090	965	825	740	688	646	607	570	19

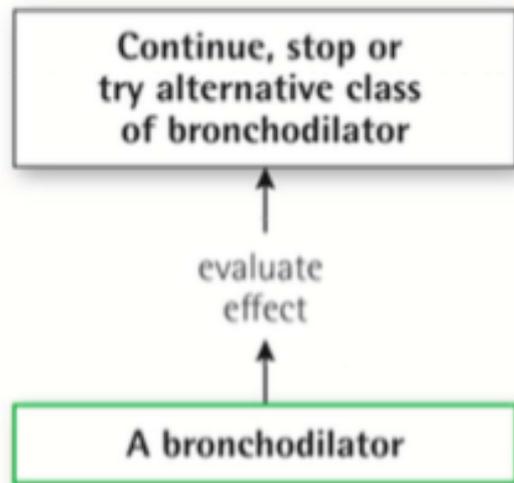


# “Real-life” inhaled corticosteroid withdrawal in COPD: a subgroup analysis of DACCORD

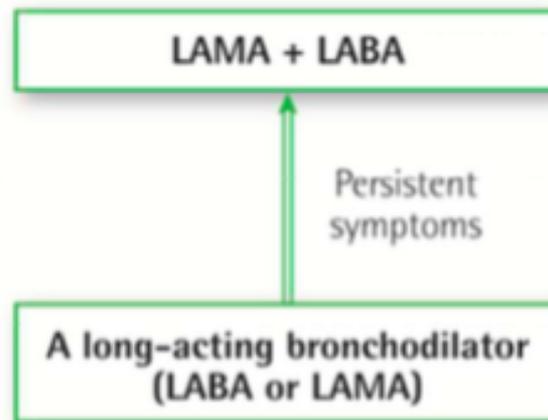




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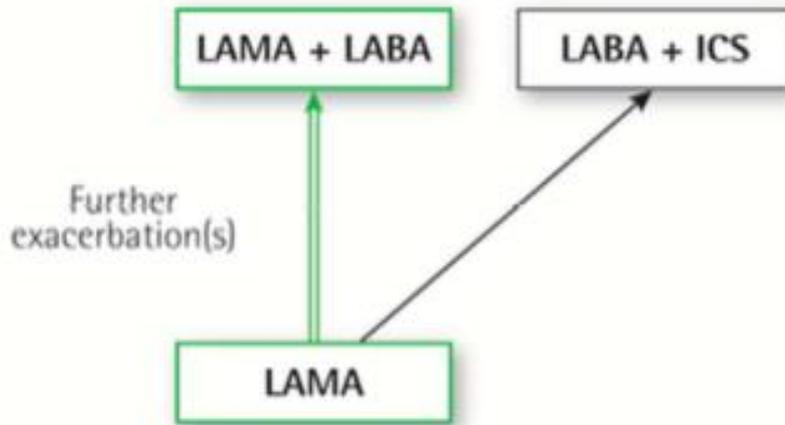


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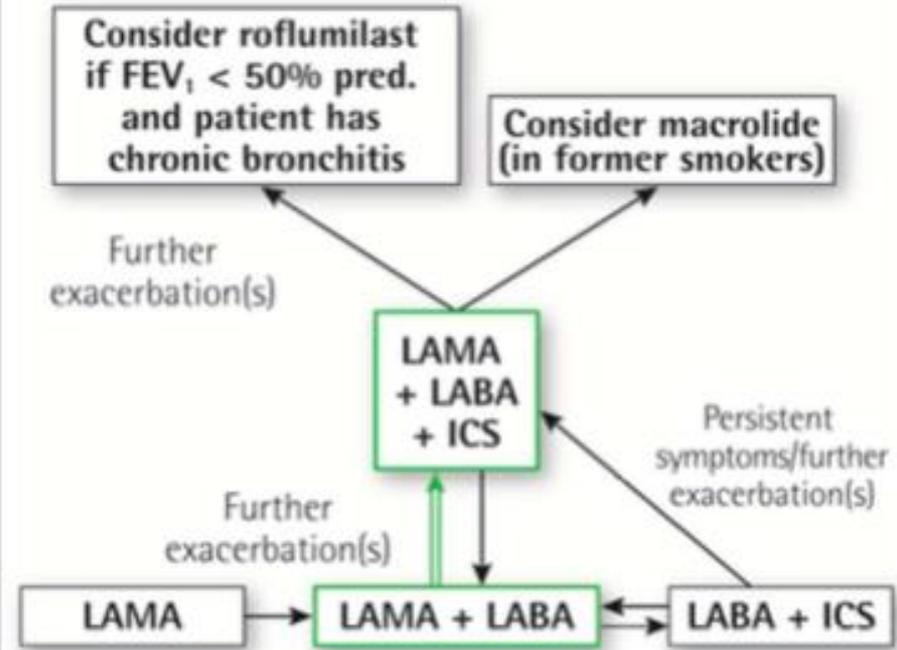


Preferred treatment = 

**Group C**



**Group D**



# Sospensione steroidi: proposta operativa

## Step 1: review current management of COPD

- Reassess device technique and adherence
- Risk reduction: advise smoking cessation, if necessary, and ensure that immunizations are up-to-date
- Optimize function: encourage physical exercise and ensure adequate nutrition

## Step 2: evaluate the risk–benefit profile of continuing ICS therapy

- Consider patient history, symptoms (CAT, mMRC, or CCQ9), clinical features, and comorbidities
- Determine spirometry (pre- and post-bronchodilation with LABD held for  $\geq 24$  hours)
- If available, consider sputum/blood eosinophil and FeNO levels

### Is it ACOS?

History or features of asthma?

Reversibility ( $>12\%$  and 400 mL)?

Meets the criteria of the 2014 GINA/GOLD consensus statement?

### Frequent exacerbator?

$\geq 2$  moderate-to-severe exacerbations per year

$\geq 1$  hospitalizations for severe exacerbations

### Potential markers (optional):

Elevated sputum eosinophils (ie,  $\geq 3\%$ )?

Elevated blood eosinophils (ie,  $\geq 300$  cells/mm<sup>3</sup>)?

Elevated FeNO (ie,  $\geq 25$  ppb)?

Yes  
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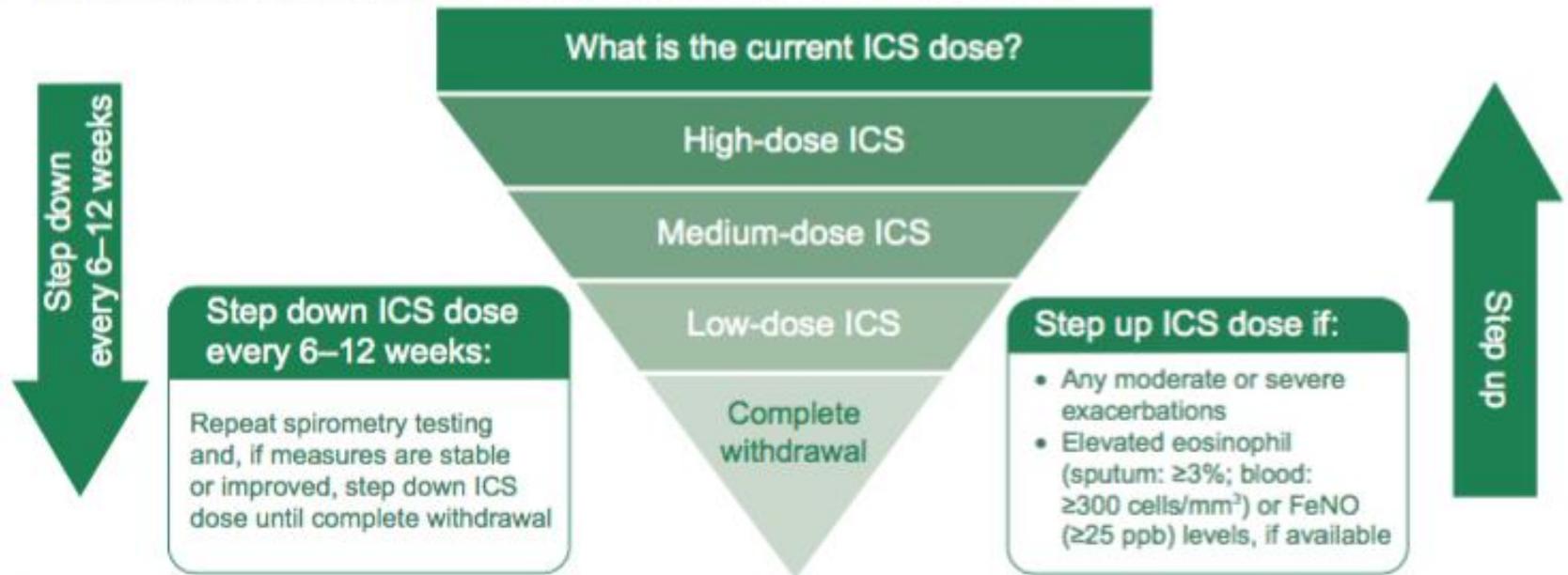
### Continue ICS therapy

Monitor for potential adverse events, particularly in high-risk patients (eg, elderly, pneumonia, tuberculosis, diabetes, osteoporosis, glaucoma/cataracts)

No ↓

### Step 3: stepwise withdrawal of ICS

- Initiate stepwise withdrawal of ICS depending on the patient's current ICS dose



#### At each step:

- Consider optimizing bronchodilation with LABA + LAMA, if the patient is symptomatic (see Step 4)
- Exercise caution in patients with risk factors for repeat exacerbations (eg, comorbidities/extrapulmonary manifestations, chronic bronchitis, increasing age)

#### Step 4: optimize bronchodilation with LABA + LAMA

- Once ICS is completely withdrawn (ie, at last step down from lowest dose of ICS available), consider optimizing bronchodilation with LABA + LAMA (ie, fixed-dose combination, if coverage is available, or separate devices), if not already done so in Step 3
- Choose a device that the patient is able to use effectively

#### Step 5: follow-up

- See patient every 3 months in the first year, followed by an annual review, if COPD is stable and exacerbation-free

## Conclusioni

- Le terapie di combinazione LABA/LAMA migliorano la broncodilatazione, confrontate con i monocomponenti ed il placebo.
  - Gli effetti positivi delle terapie di combinazione LABA/LAMA sono osservati immediatamente nel post-dose
  - L'effetto broncodilatante è presente in tutti i sottogruppi
- Il profilo di sicurezza e tollerabilità della duplice terapia LABA/LAMA è confrontabile a quello delle monoterapie.
- Il rapporto rischio/beneficio dovrebbe essere considerato nella gestione ottimale della terapia per ogni singolo paziente.