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# La BPCO, le sue Riaccutizzazioni, la graduale evoluzione a Insufficienza Respiratoria. Il ruolo delle terapie inalatorie

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- Boehringer Ingelheim
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- Roche

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*During the war the cargo religion saw airplanes land with lots of good materials, and they want the same thing to happen now. So they've arranged to imitate things like runways, to put fires along the sides of the runways, to make a wooden hut for a man to sit in, with two wooden pieces on his head like headphones and bars of bamboo sticking out like antennas, he's the controller and they wait for the airplanes to land."*

Richard Feynman

# Will the sun rise tomorrow?

COPD

## DEDUCTIVE THINKING

Hypothesis driven → supporting or refuting facts

## INDUCTIVE THINKING

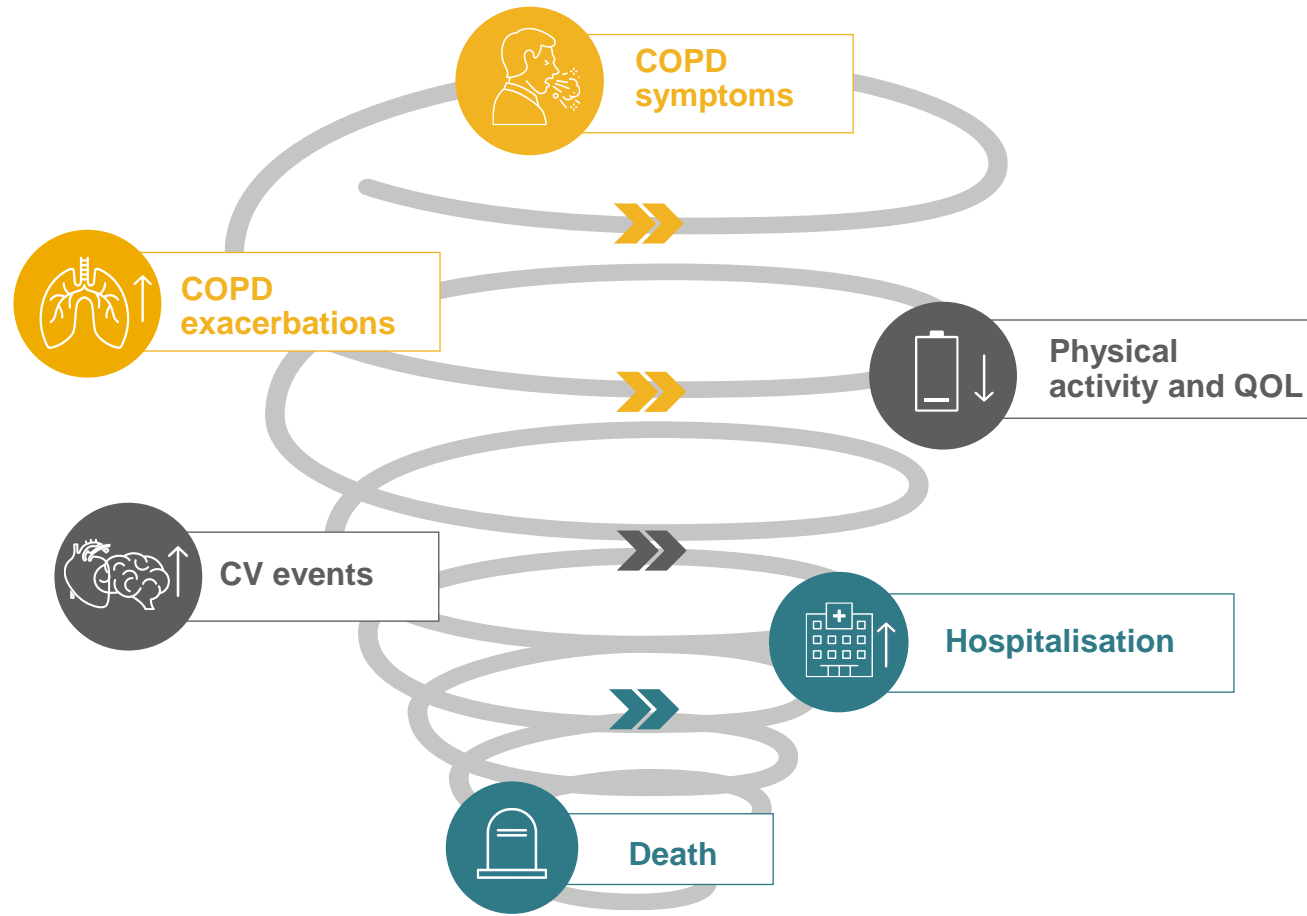
Experience + knowledge

(presentation based model) → hypothesis and diagnosis

If premises are true  
conclusions **MUST** be true

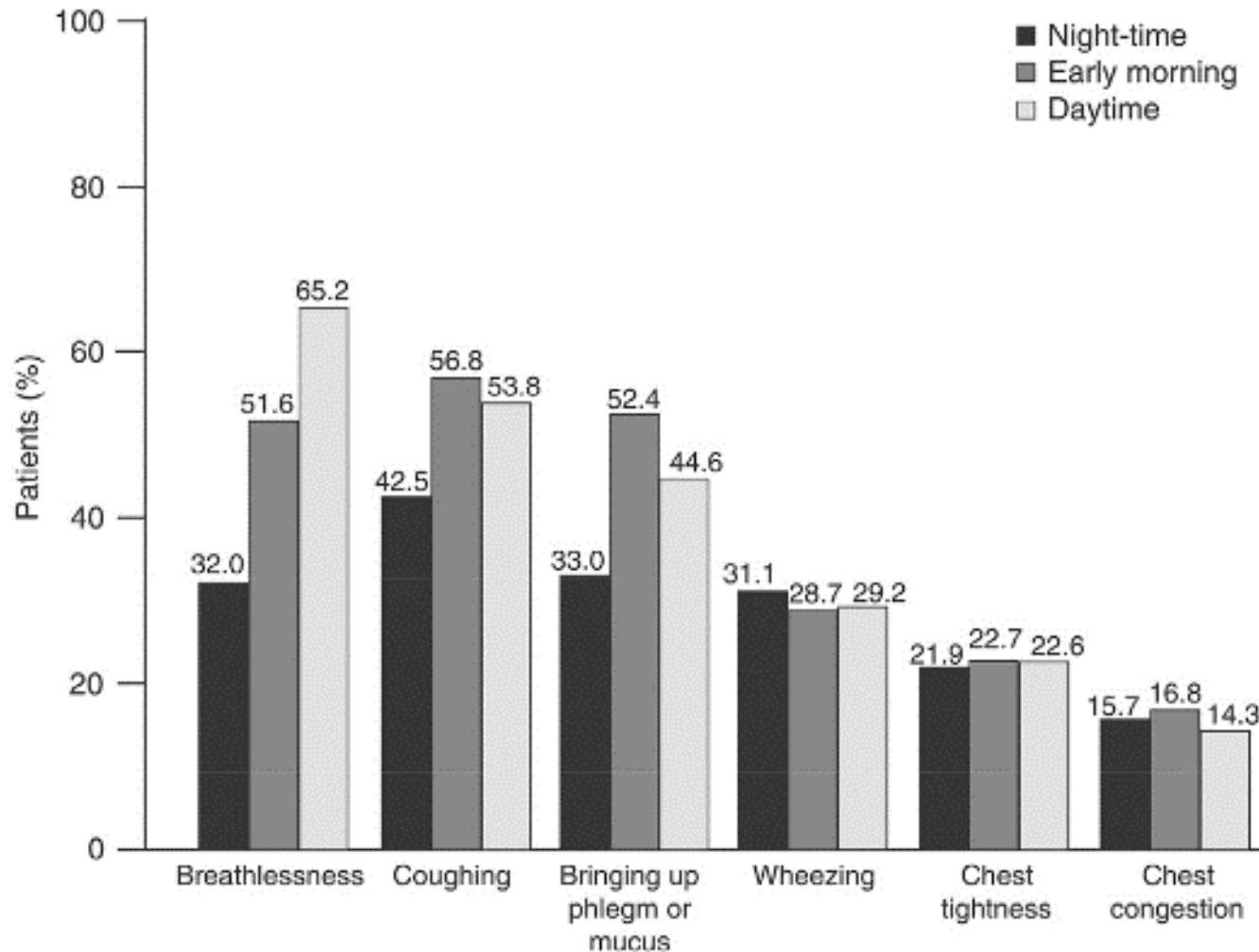
If premises are true  
conclusions **ARE PROBABLY** true

# Patients with COPD face increased risk of lung and heart events that could potentially lead to premature death



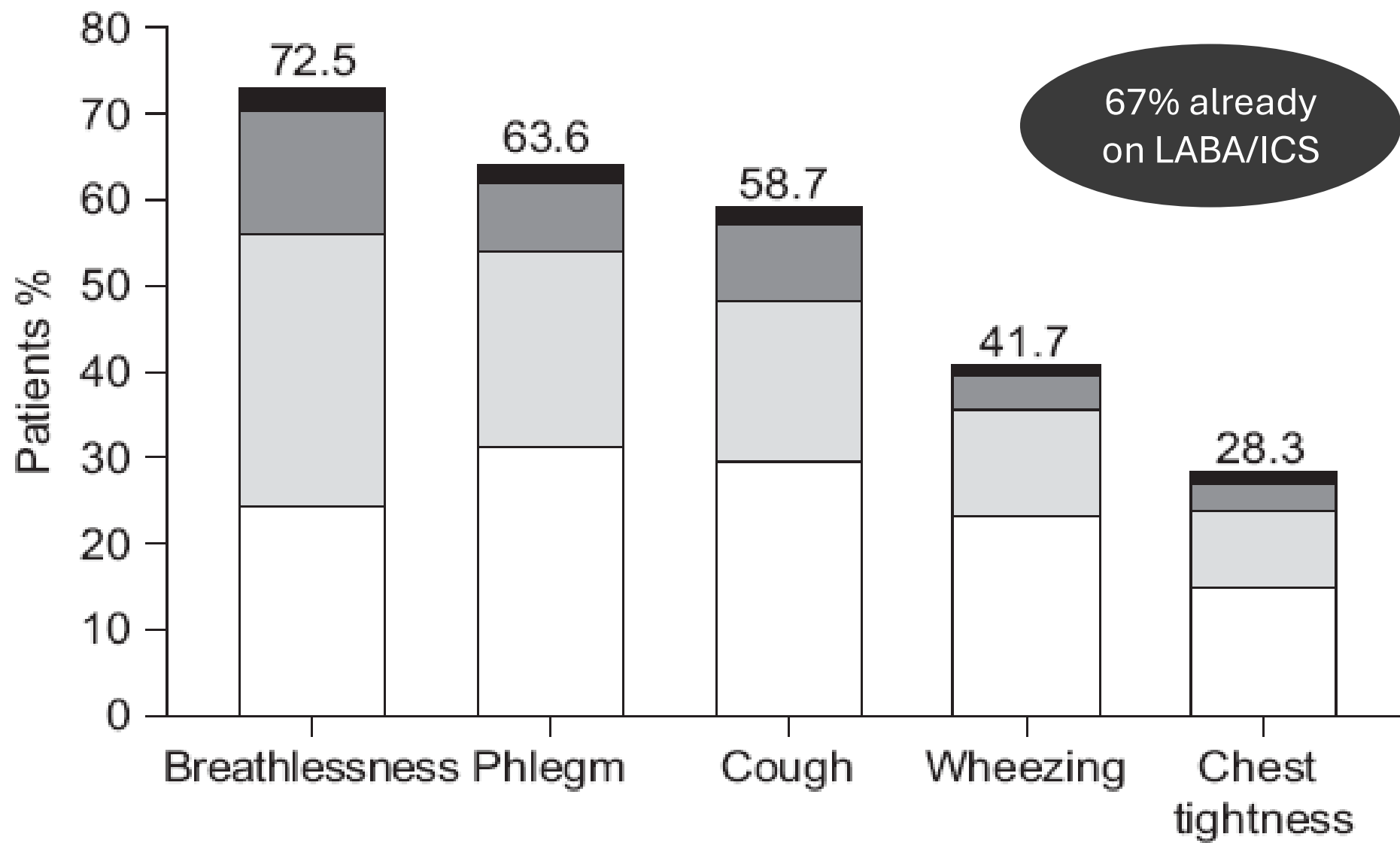
**COPD patients, despite treatment,  
are in need**

# Reported symptoms despite ongoing treatment



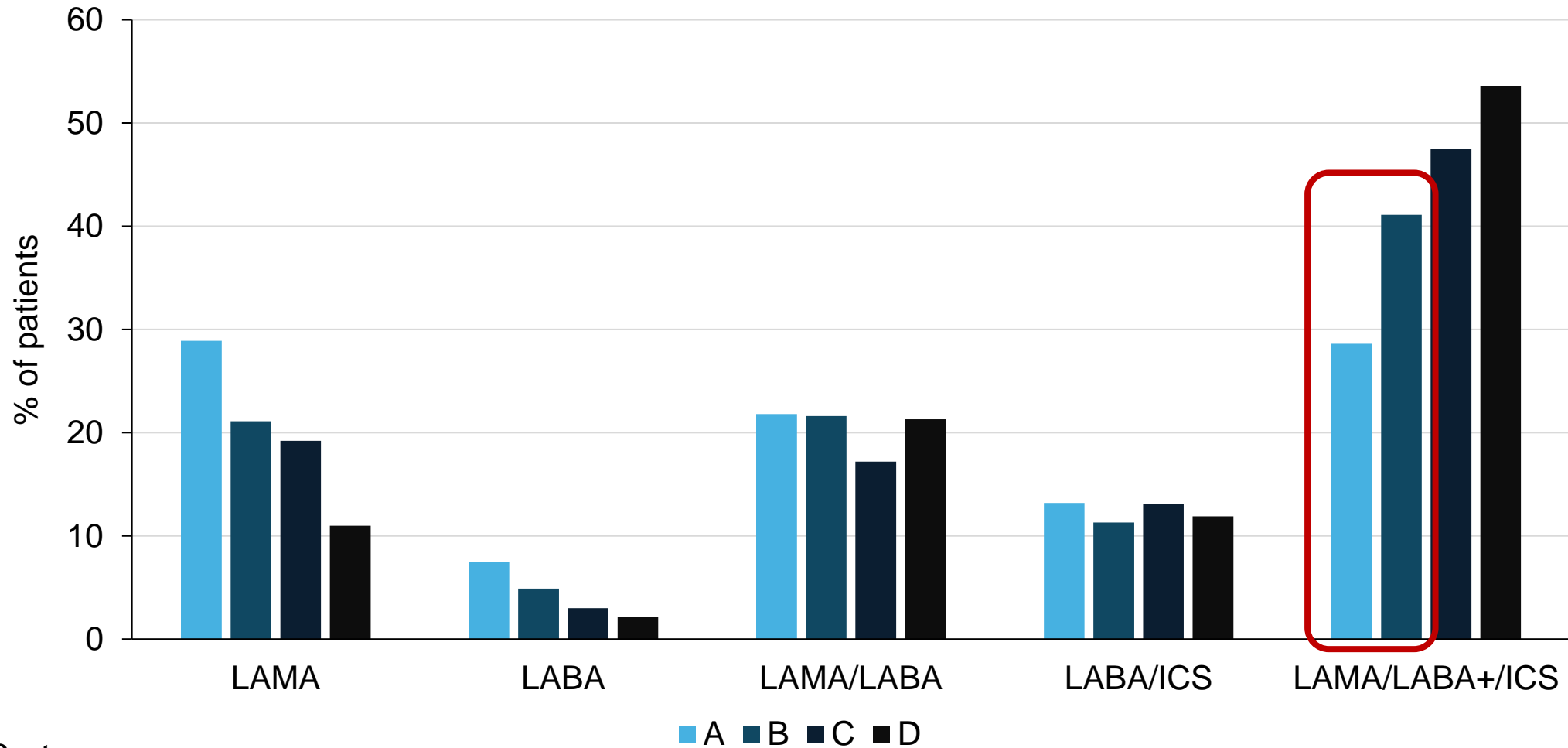
COPD severity, n (%)	
GOLD group I (mild)	63 (8.7)
GOLD group II (moderate)	265 (36.5)
GOLD group III (severe)	261 (35.9)
GOLD group IV (very severe)	73 (10.0)

COPD medication, n (%) <sup>a</sup>	
LABAs + LAMAs + ICS	355 (48.8)
LABAs + ICS	100 (13.8)
LABAs + LAMAs	70 (9.6)
LABAs alone	66 (9.1)
LAMAs alone	50 (6.9)

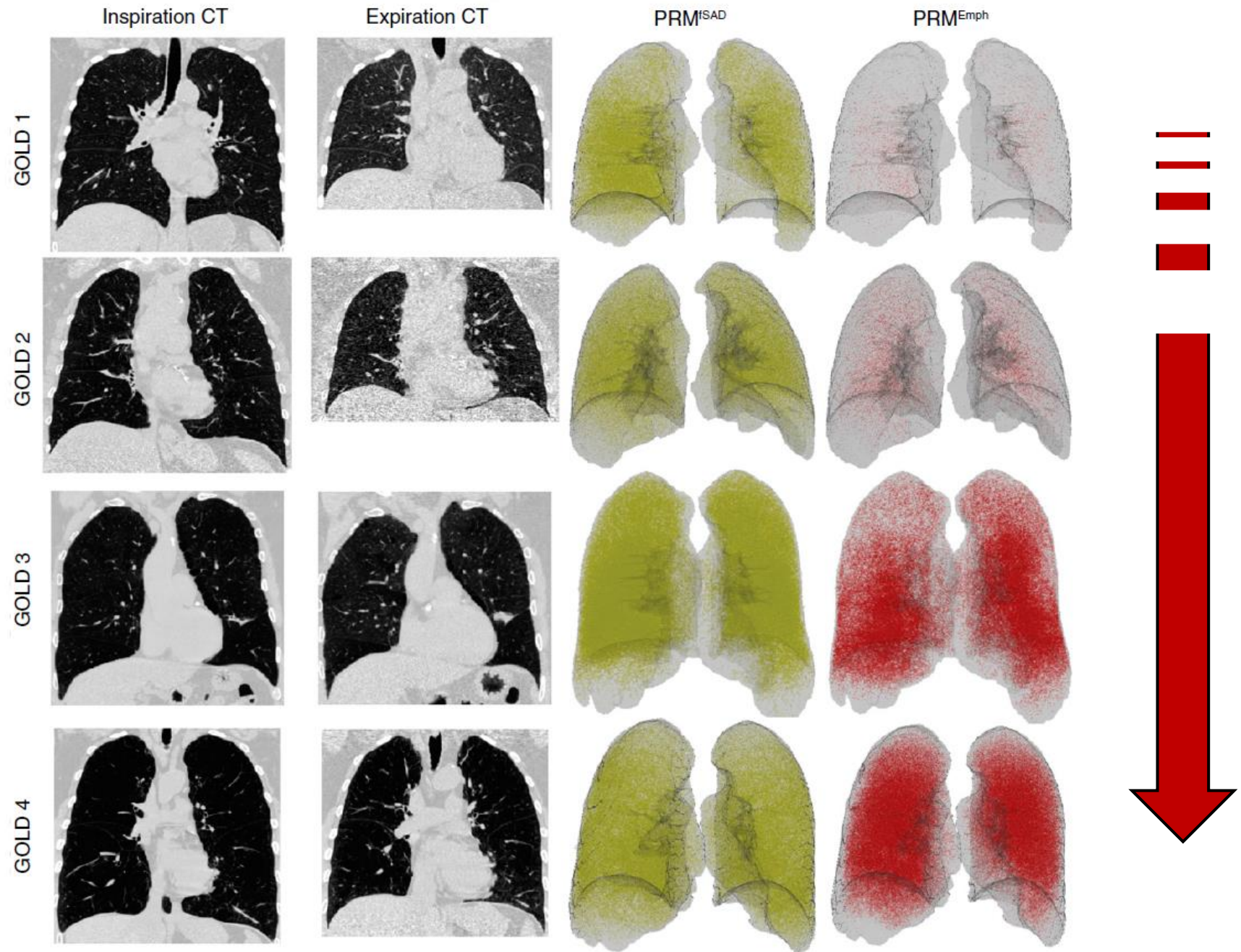




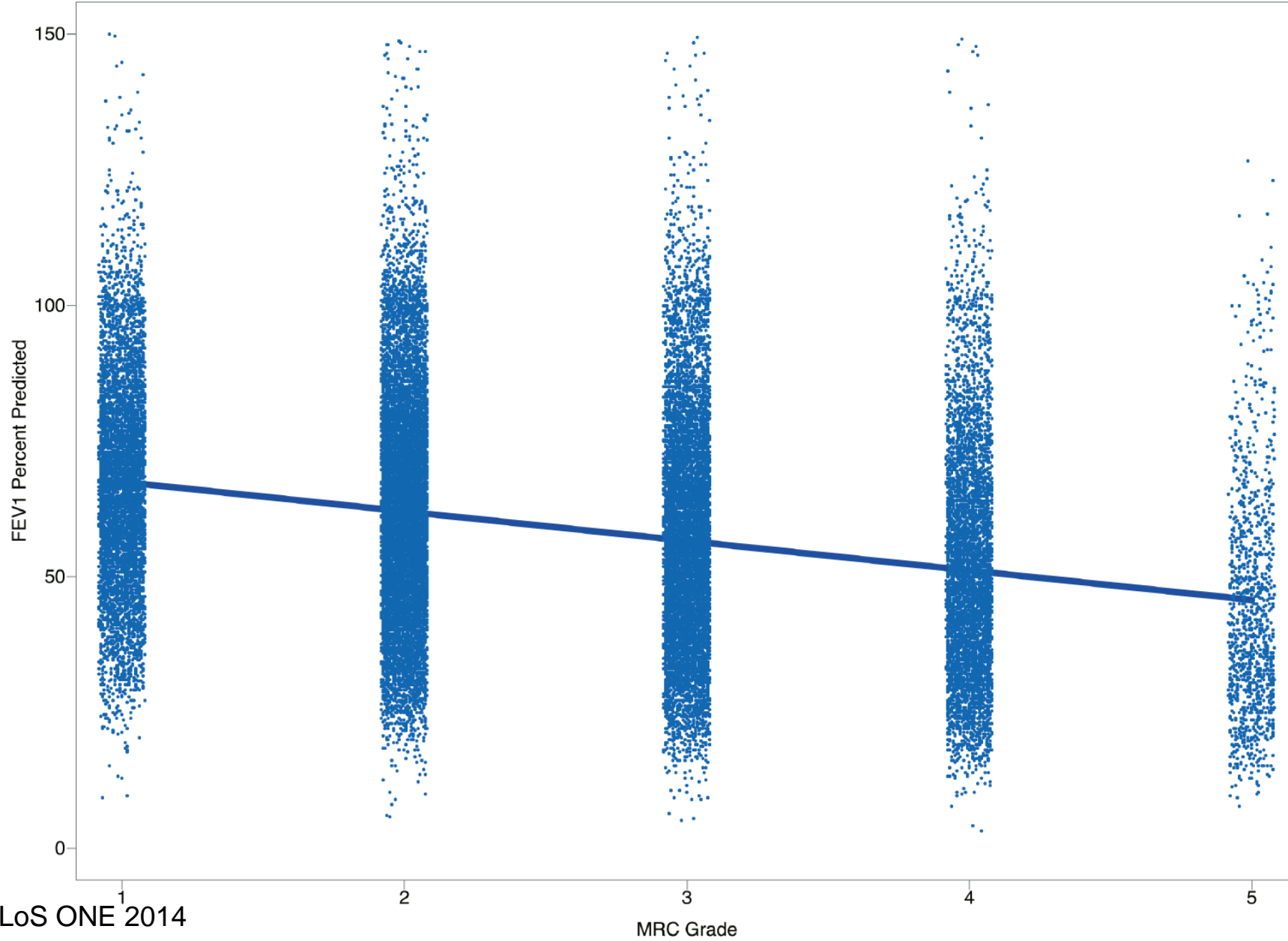
# Prescribing patterns in patients with COPD. Data from the GULP study

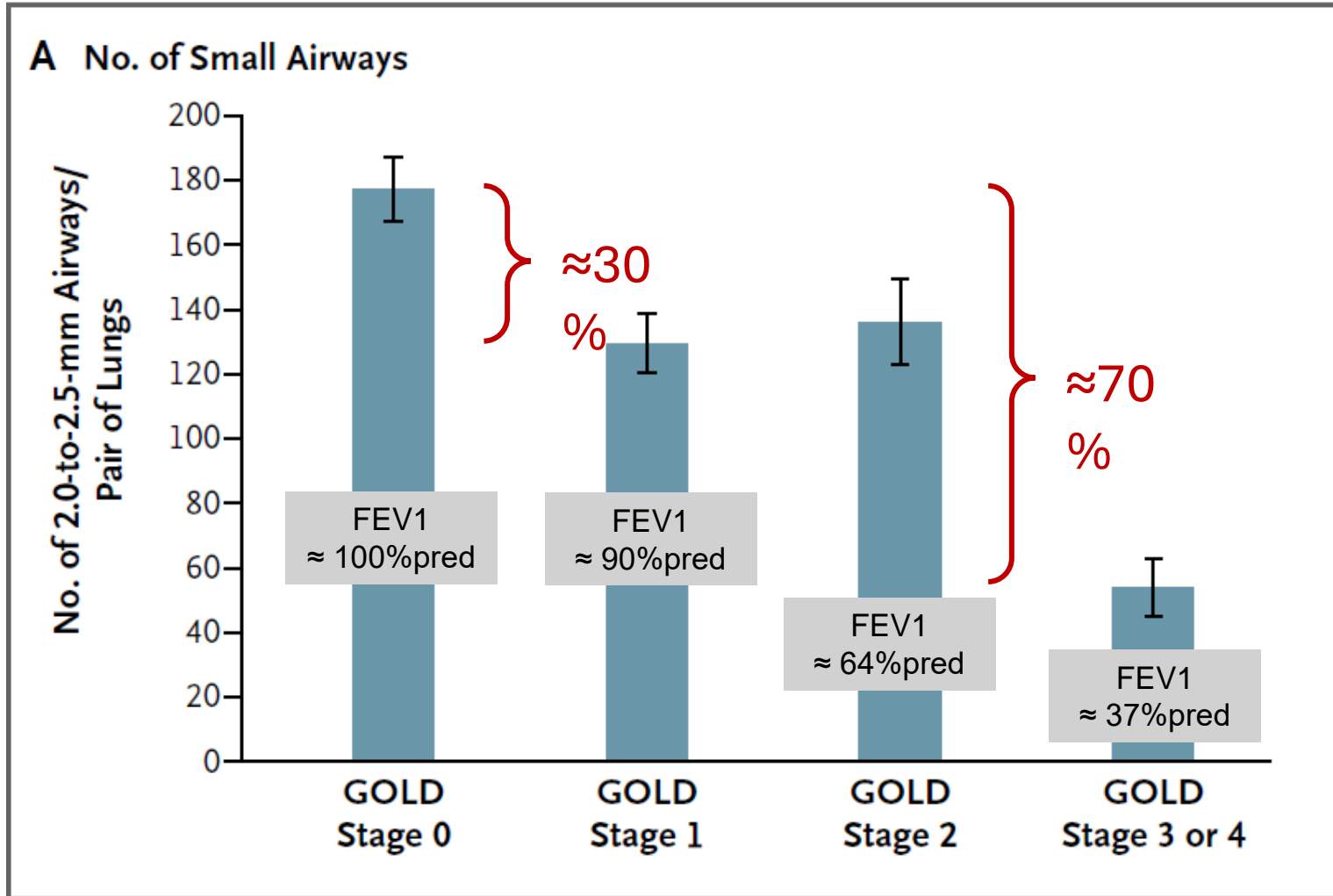


n = 1360 pts  
32%  $\geq$  2 AECOPD previous 12 mo

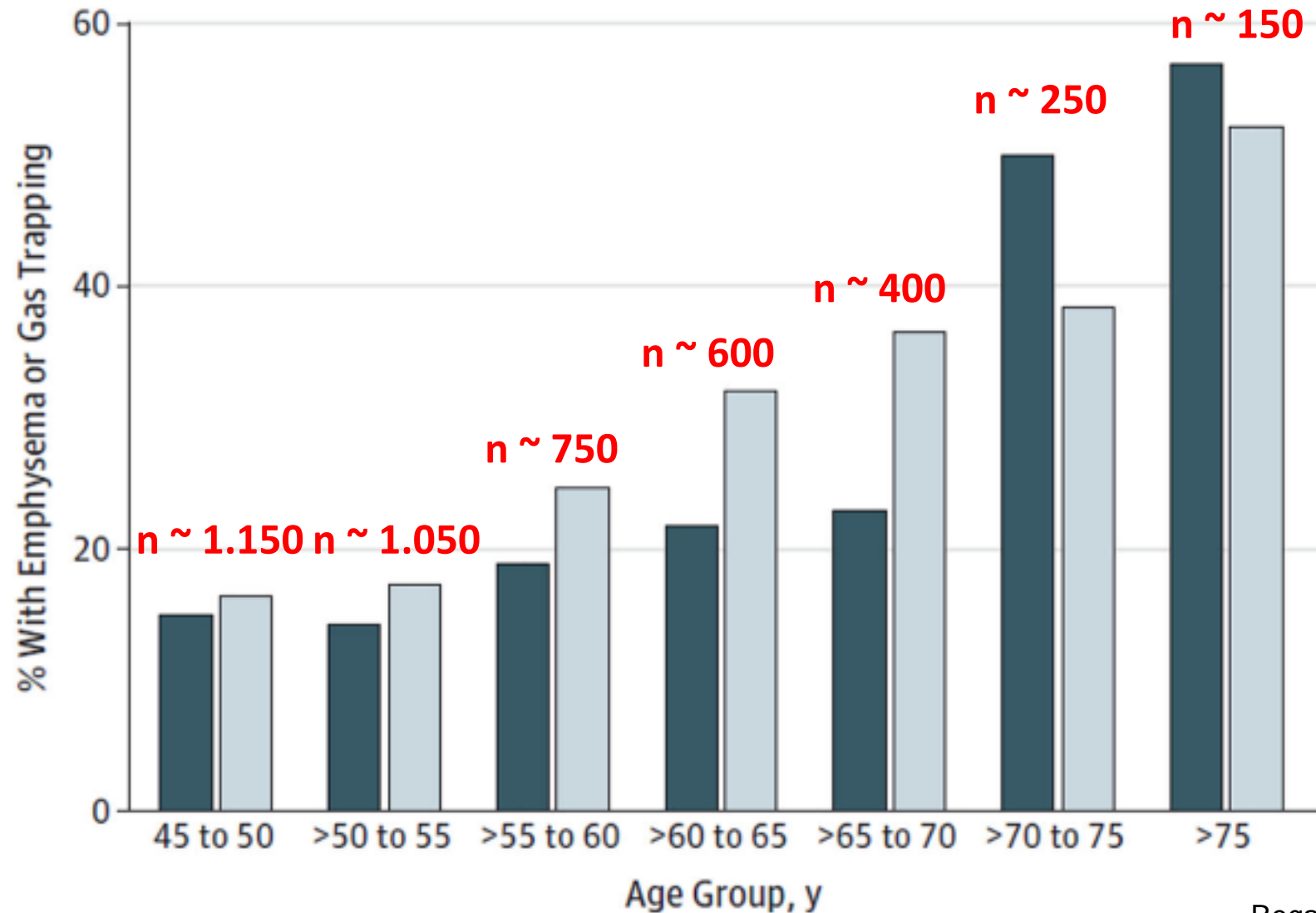


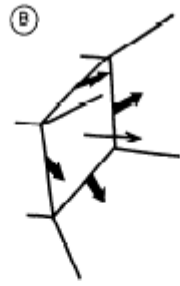
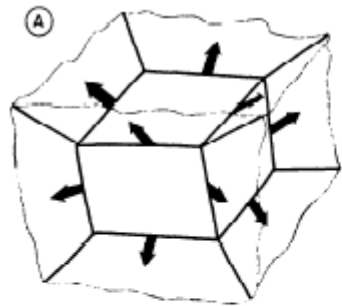
FEV1 Percent Predicted by MRC Grade





# Static volume abnormalities in smokers with normal spirometry

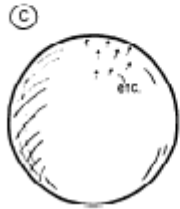




$$F_x = \frac{4}{12} \cos 45^\circ F_T = .24 F_T$$

$$A = L^2$$

$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{.24 F_T}{L^2}$$



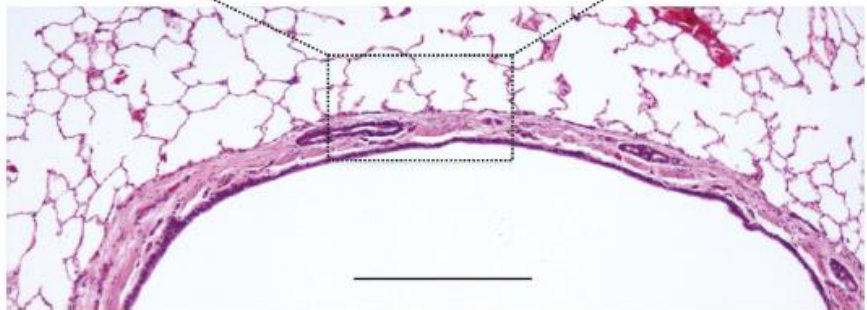
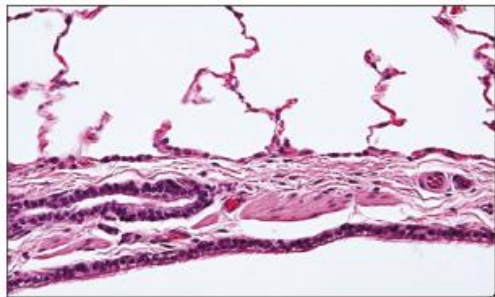
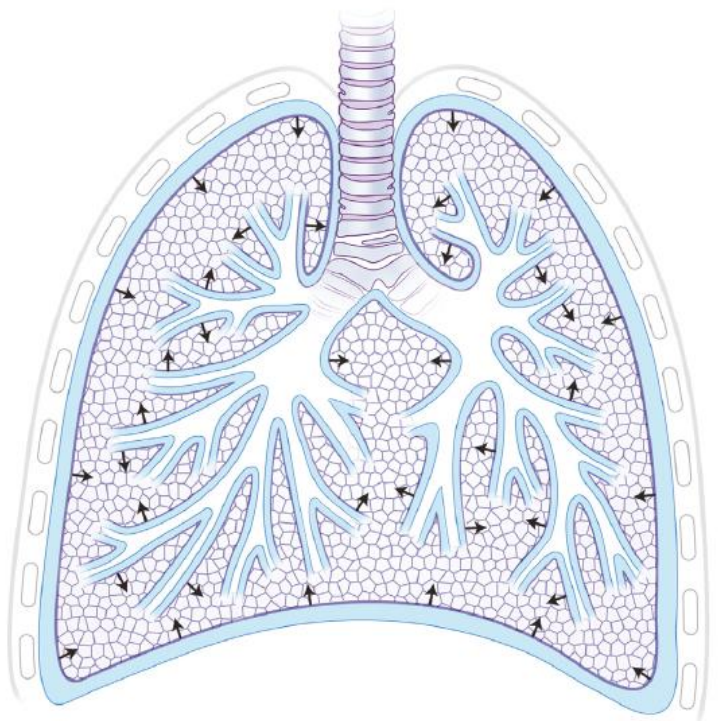
$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = L^3$$

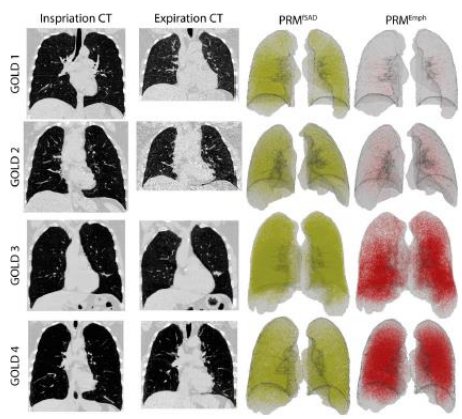
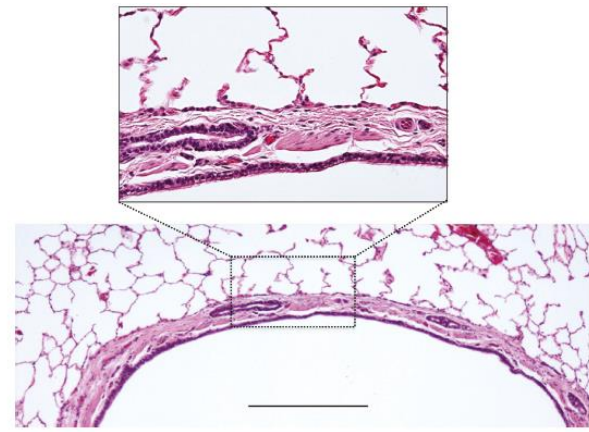
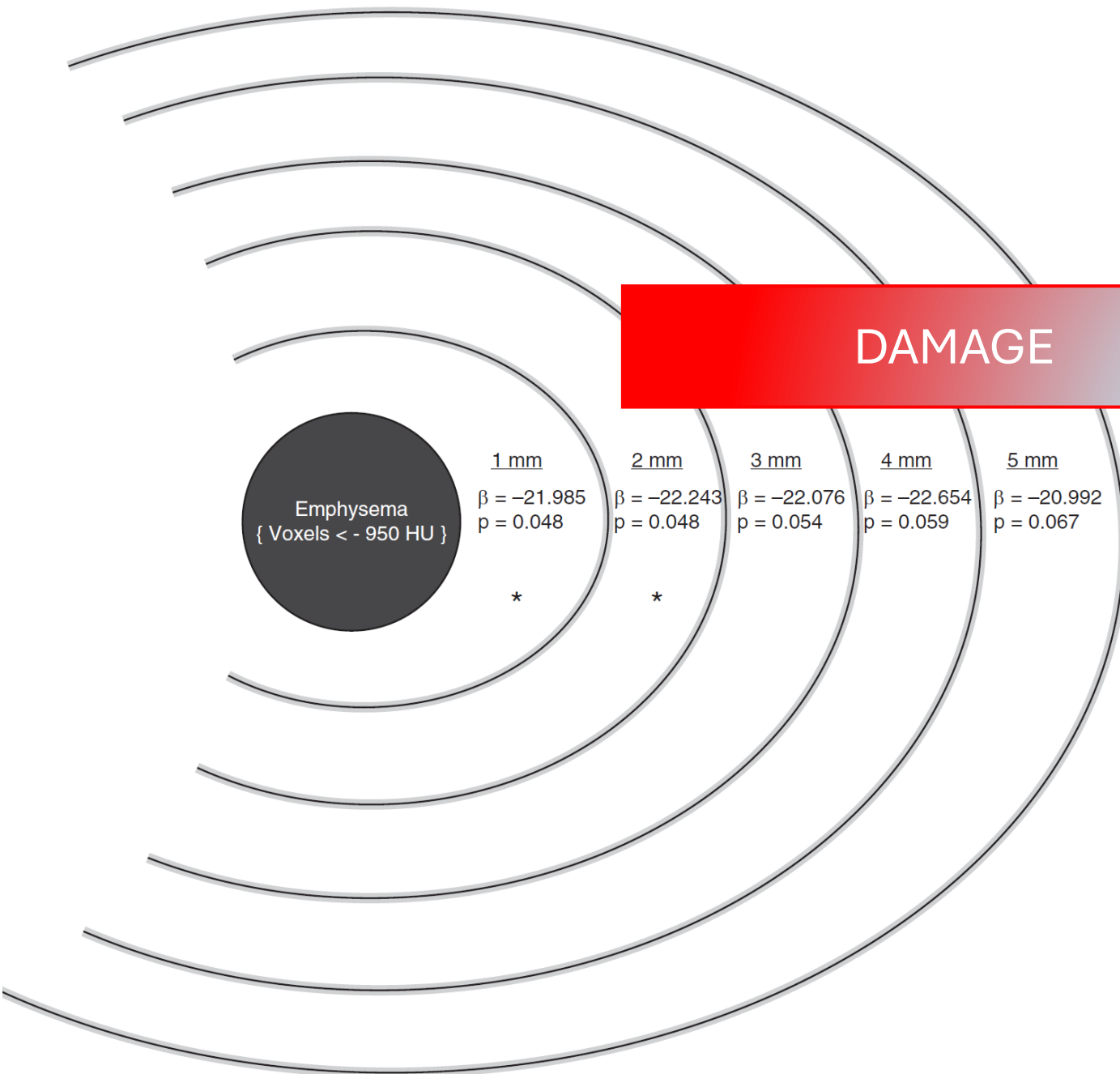
$$r = .62 L$$

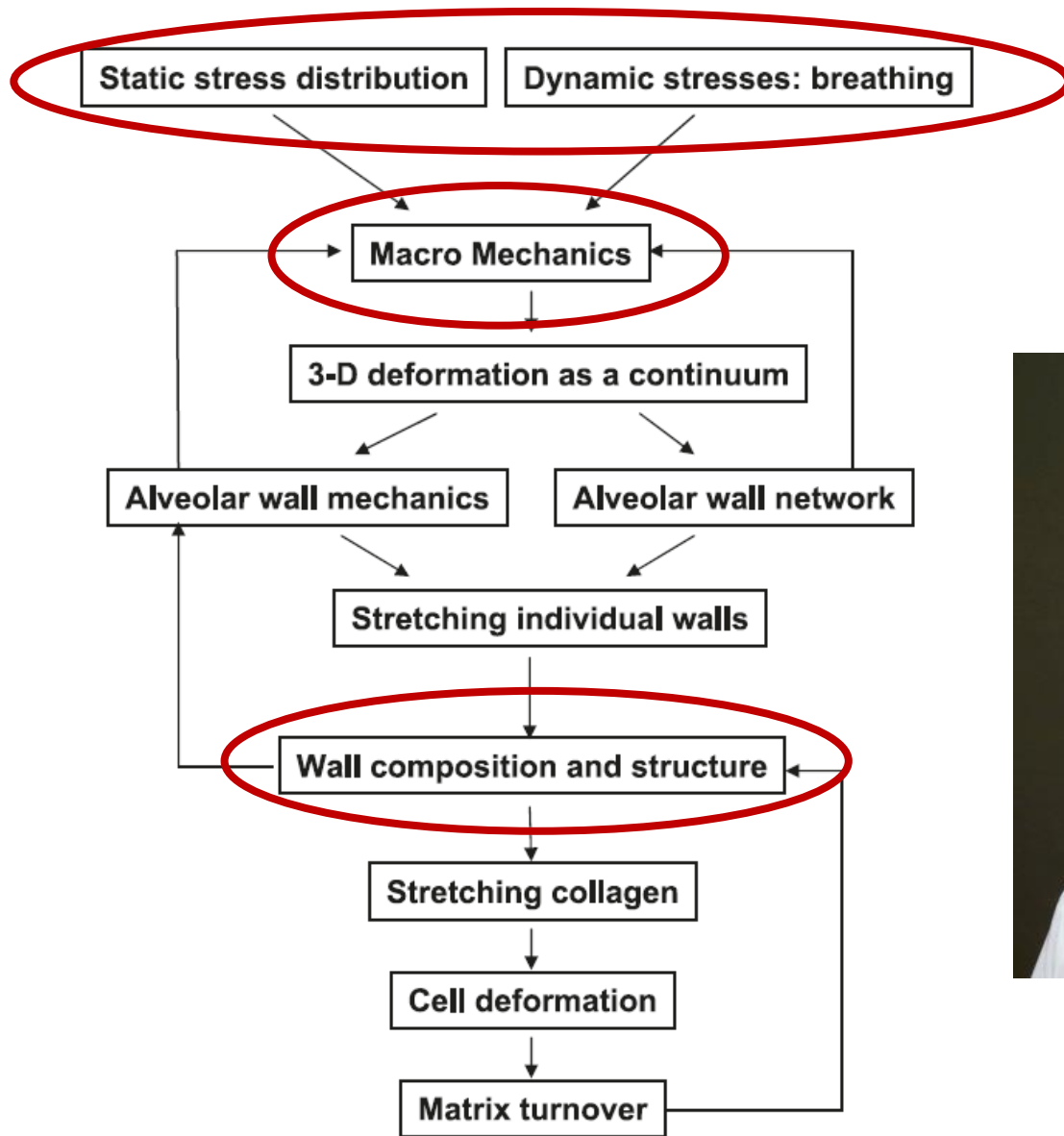
$$F_T = \pi F$$

$$A = 4 \pi r^2 = 4.85 L^2$$

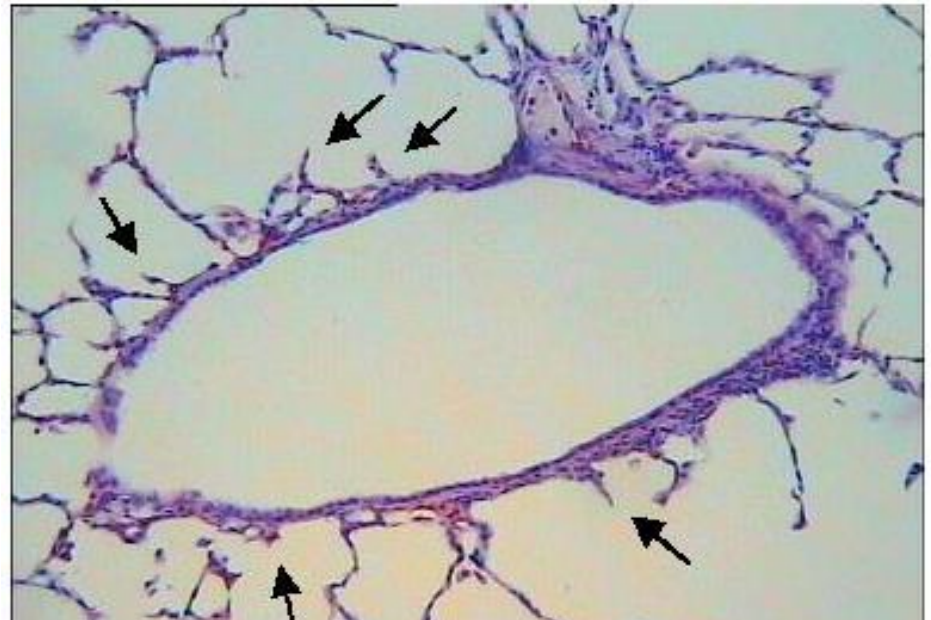
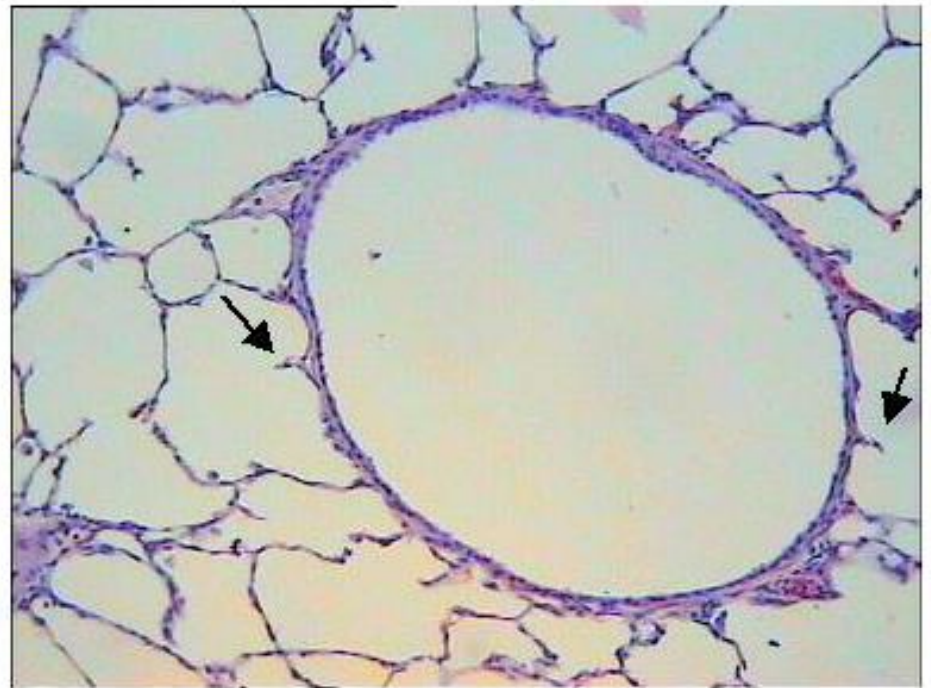
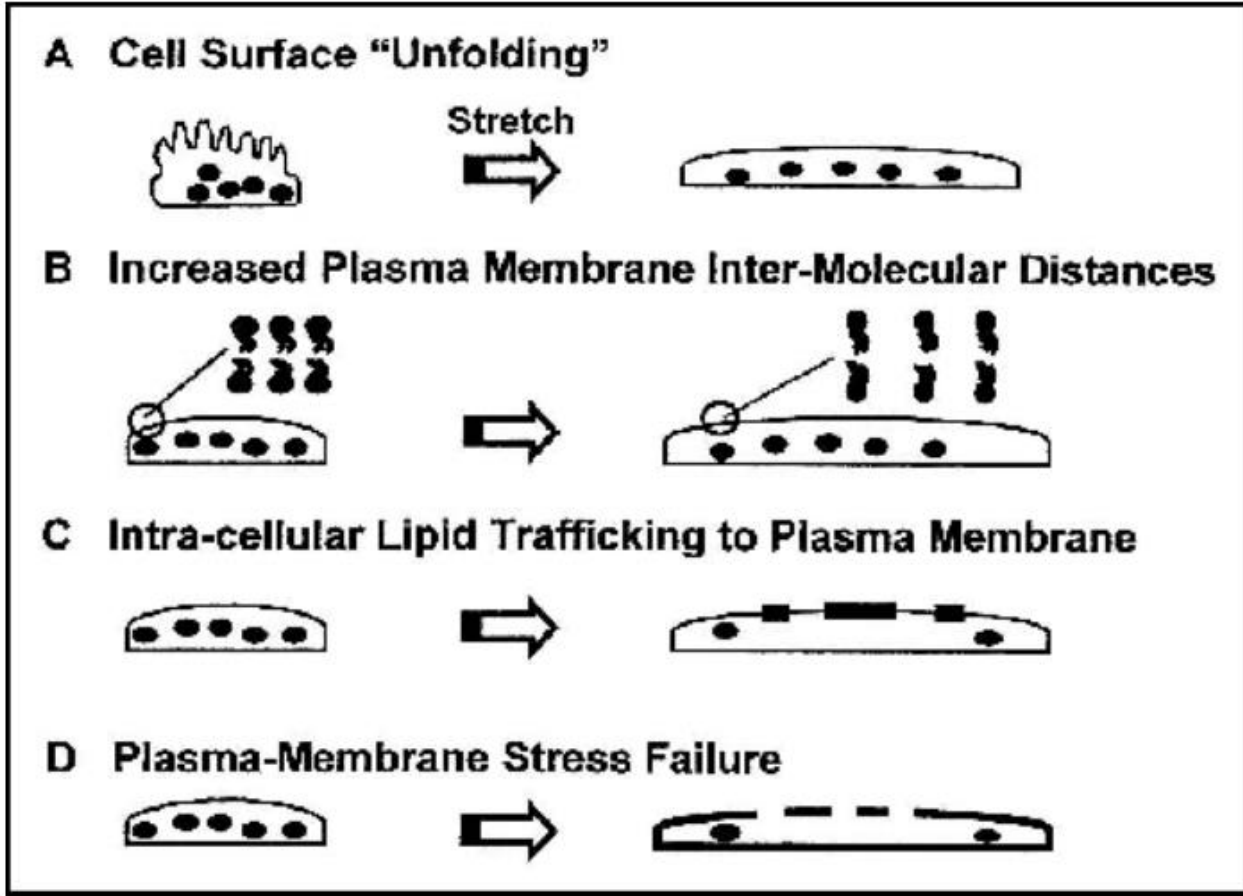
$$\frac{F}{A} = \frac{F_T}{4.85 L^2} = \frac{.21 F_T}{L^2}$$

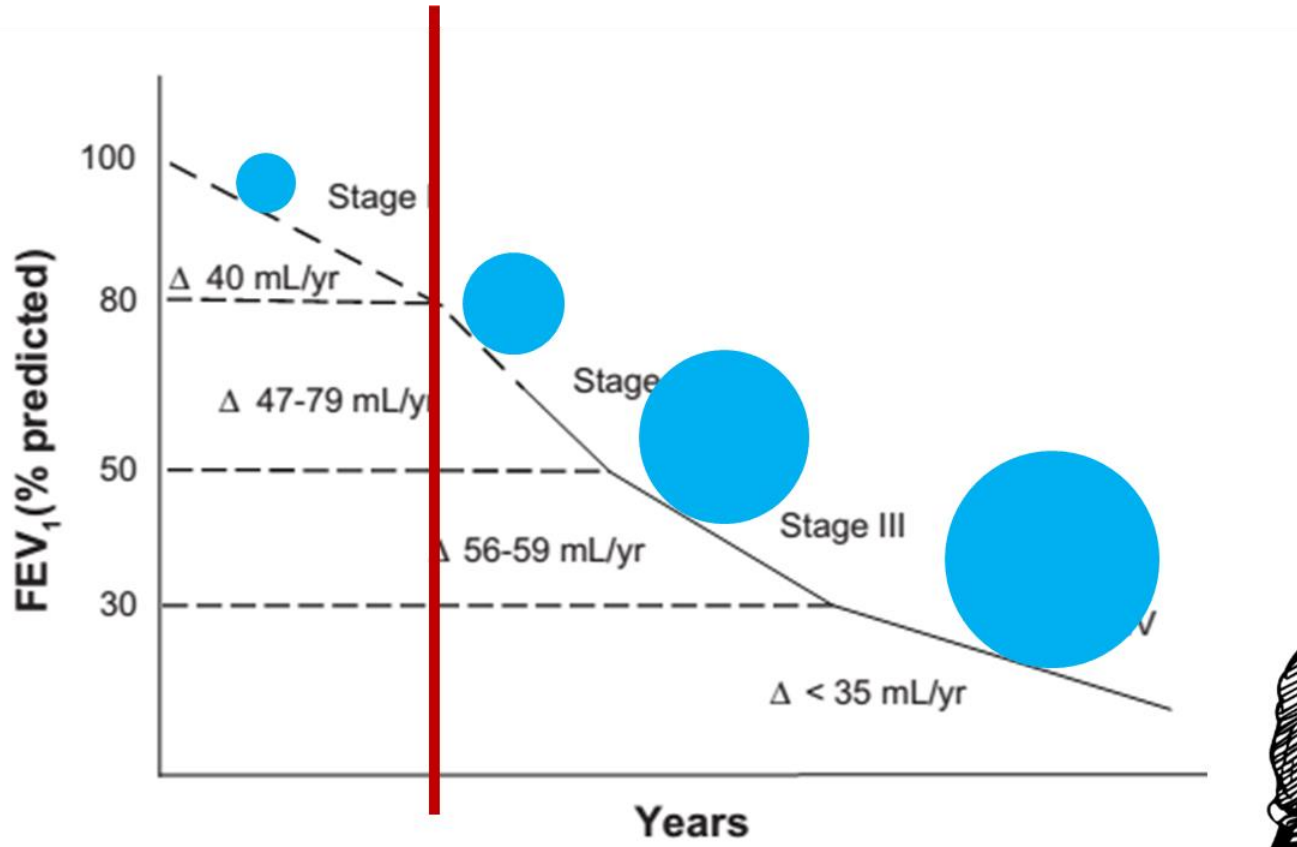




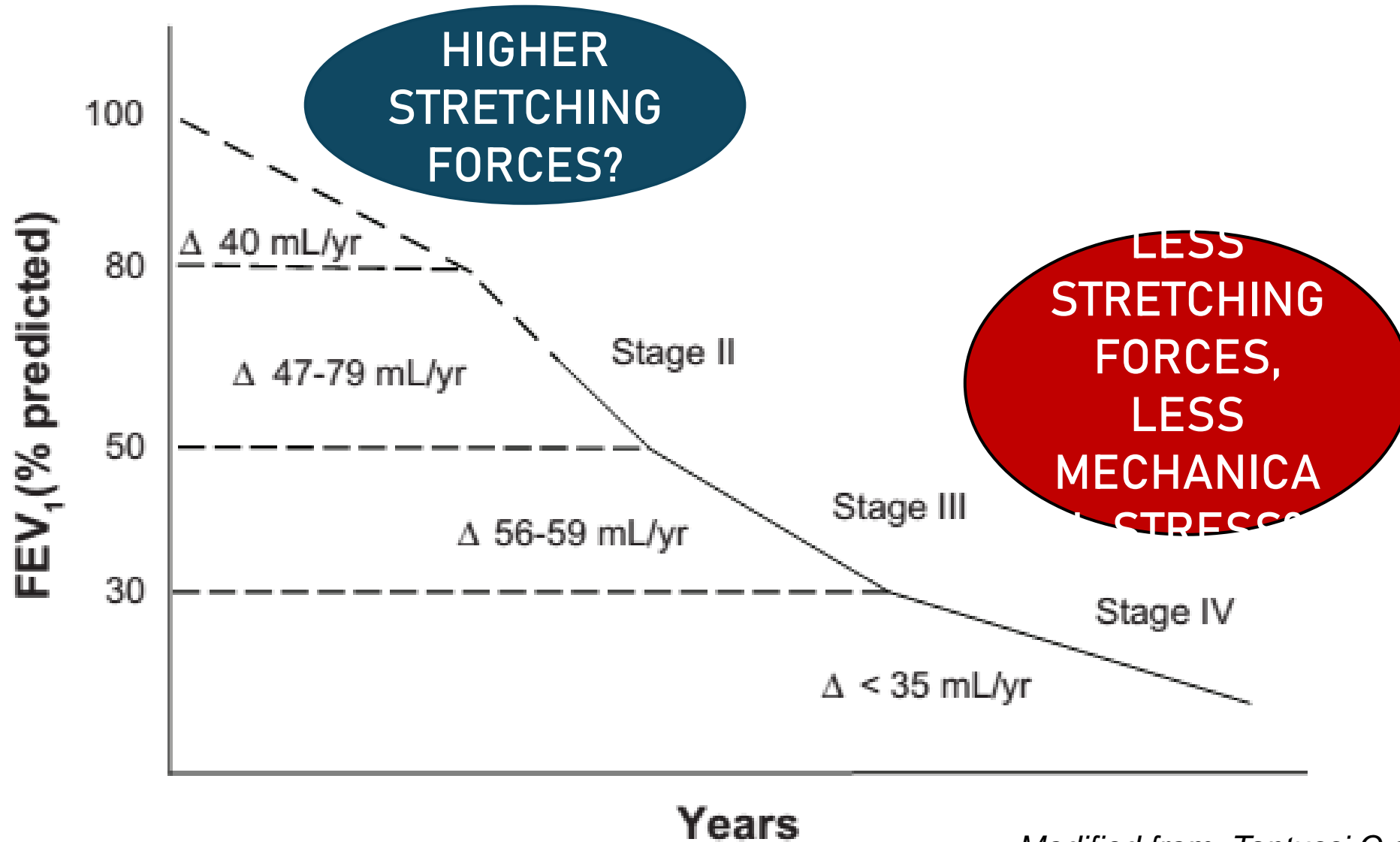


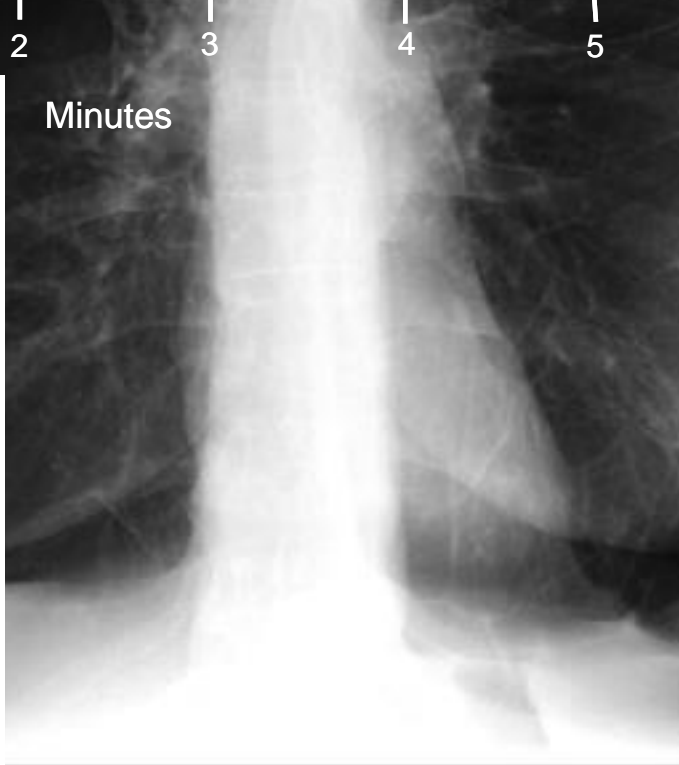
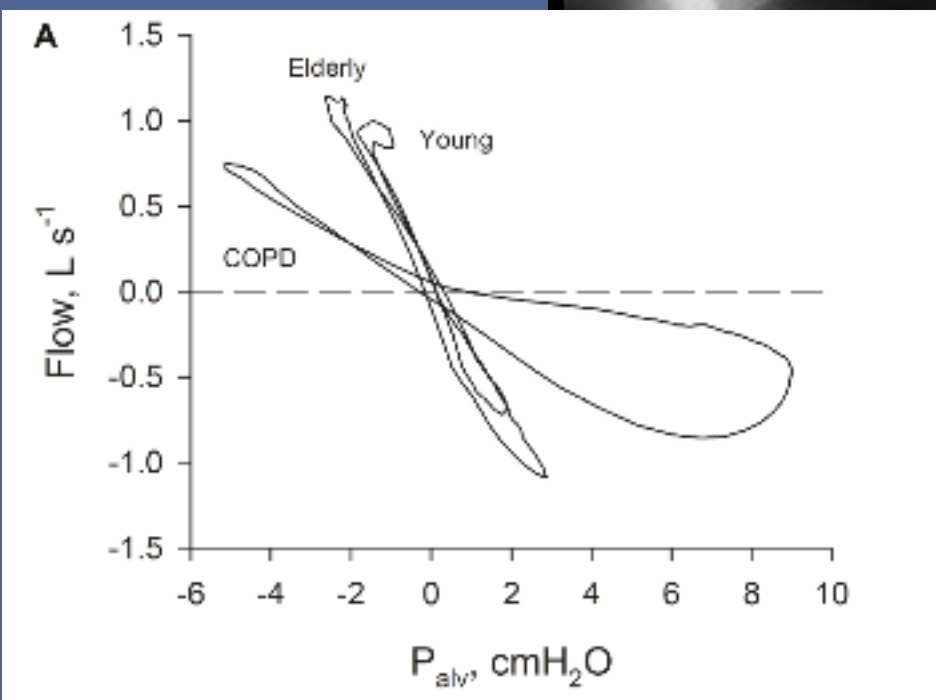
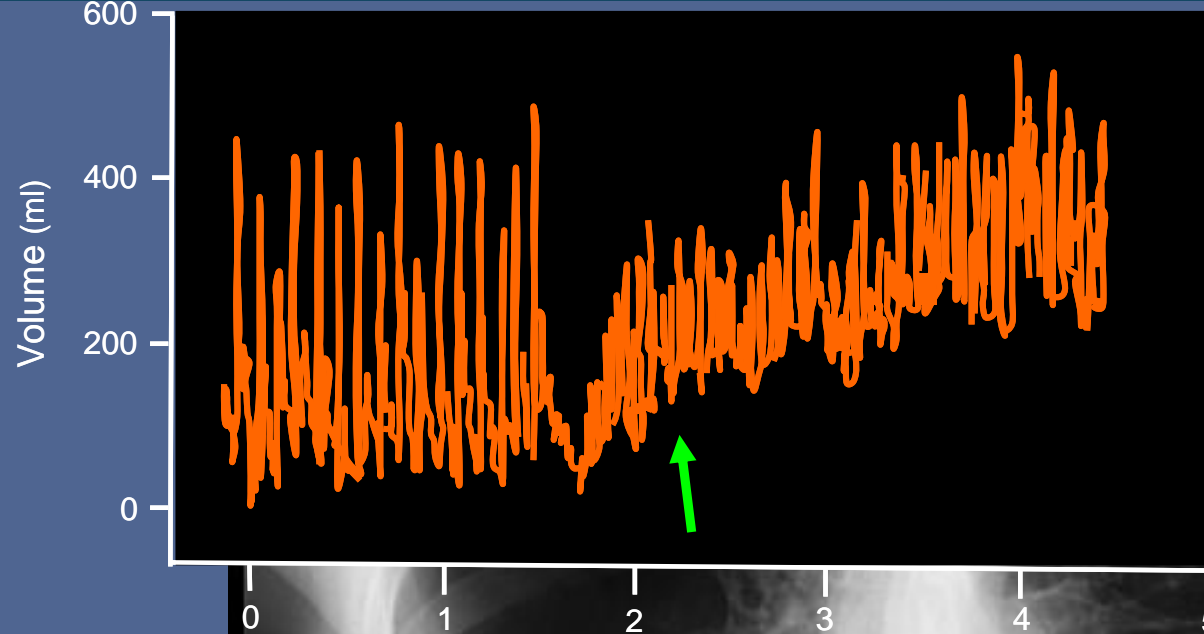


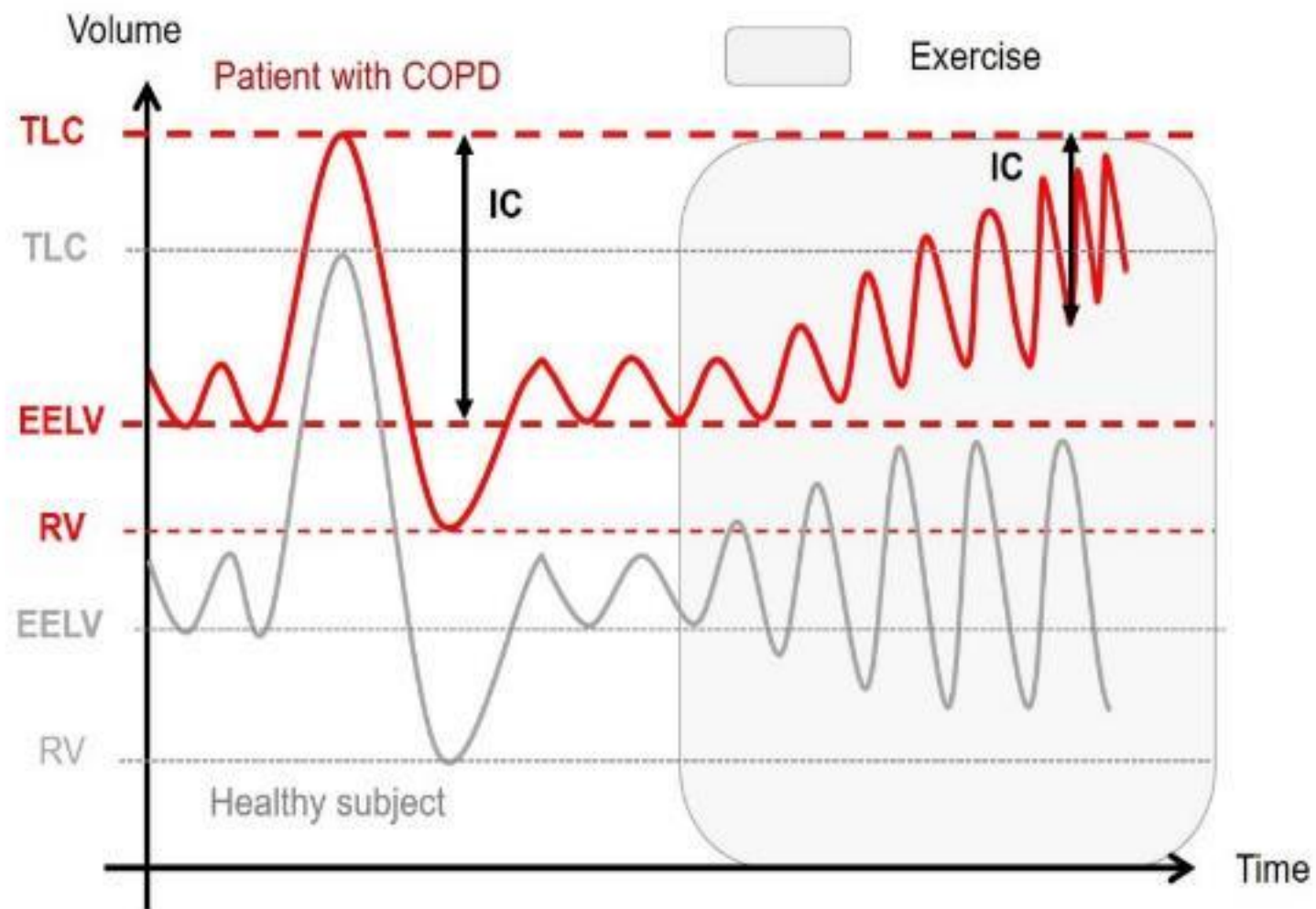
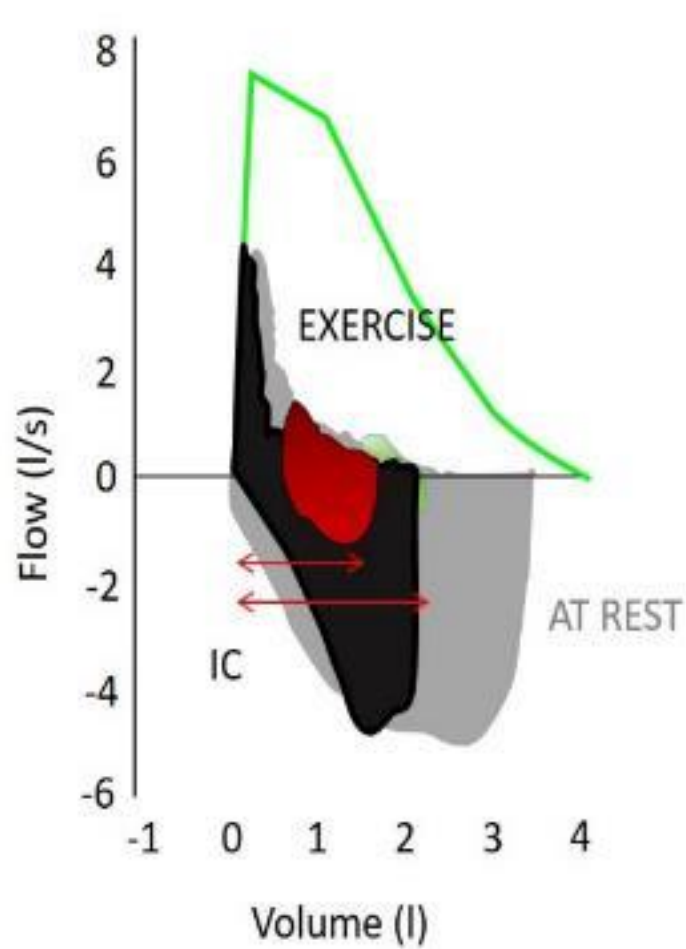




# ...lung vanishes

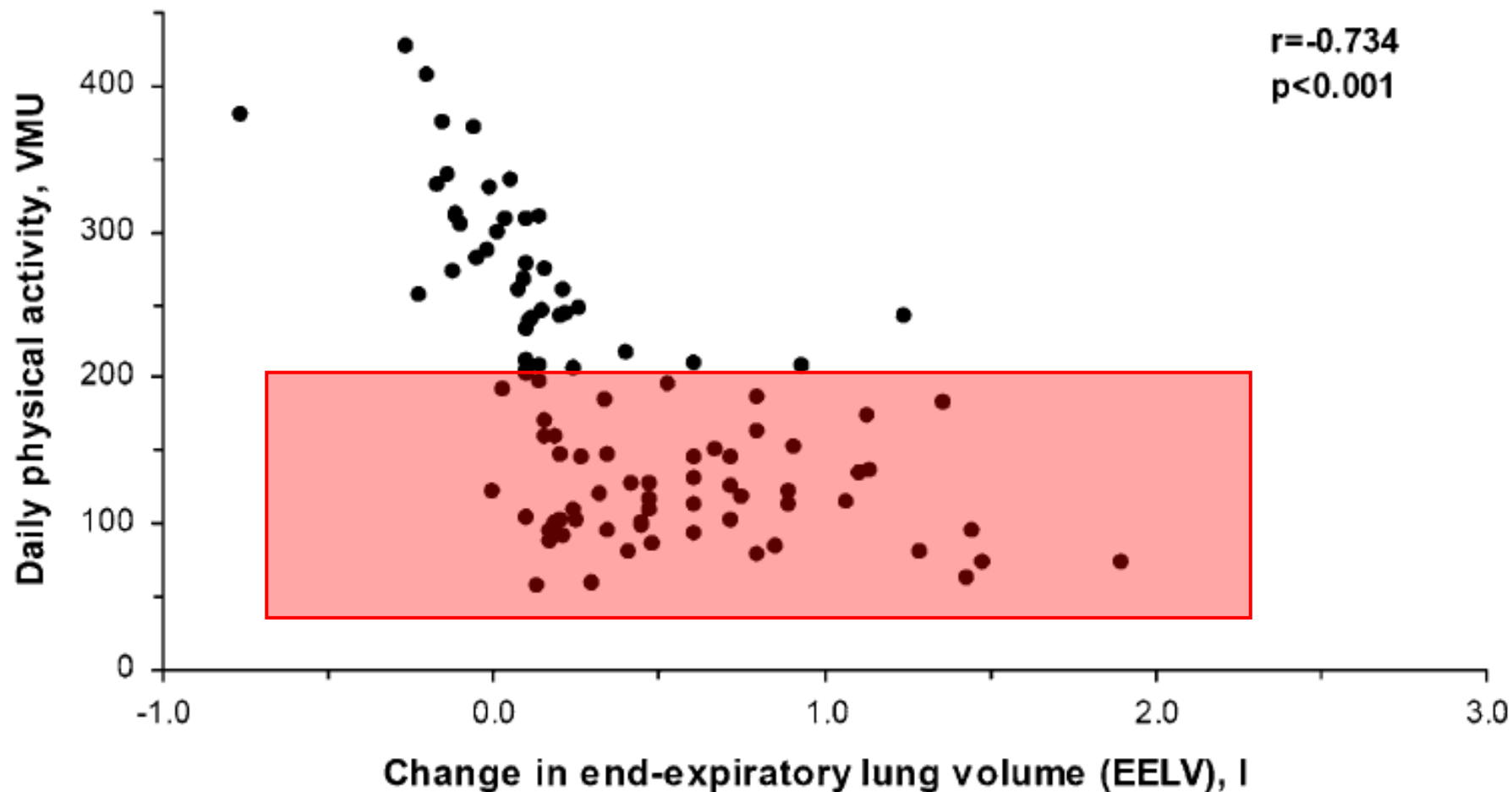


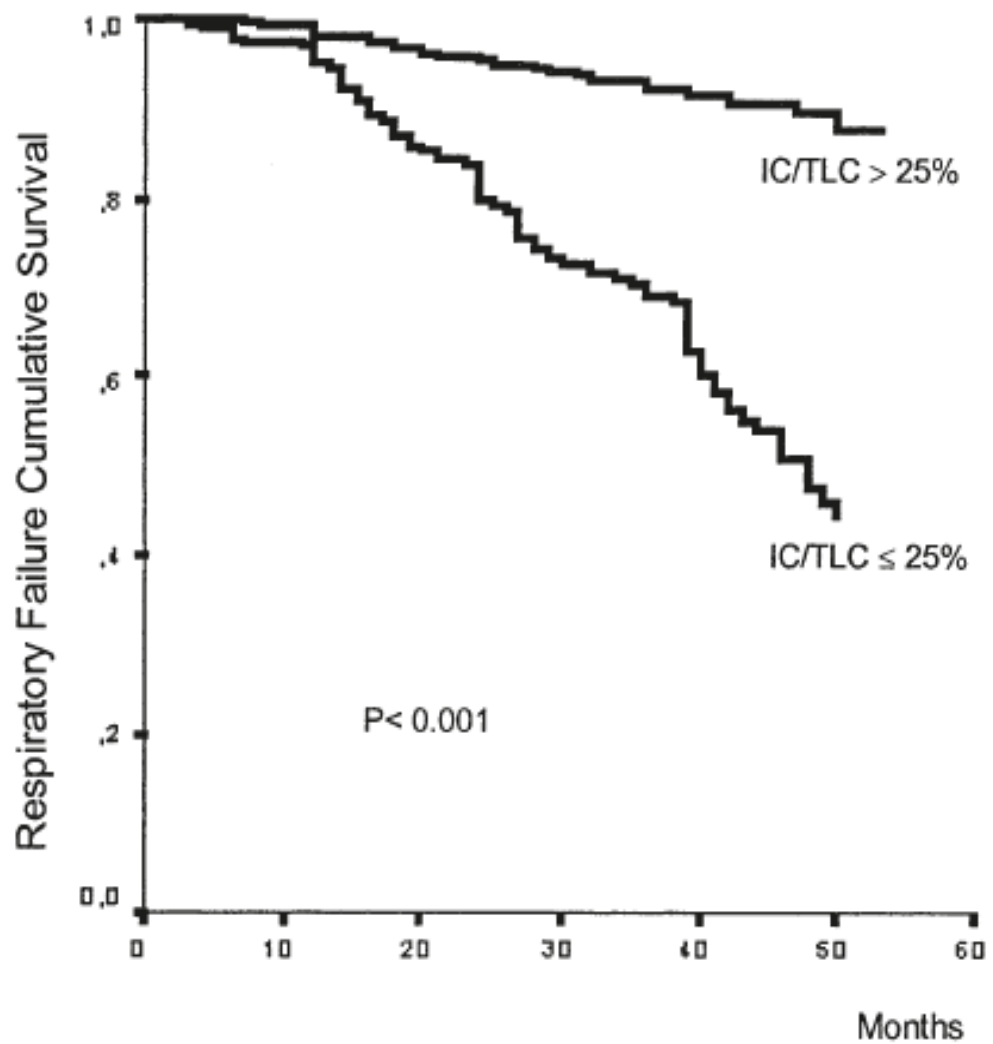
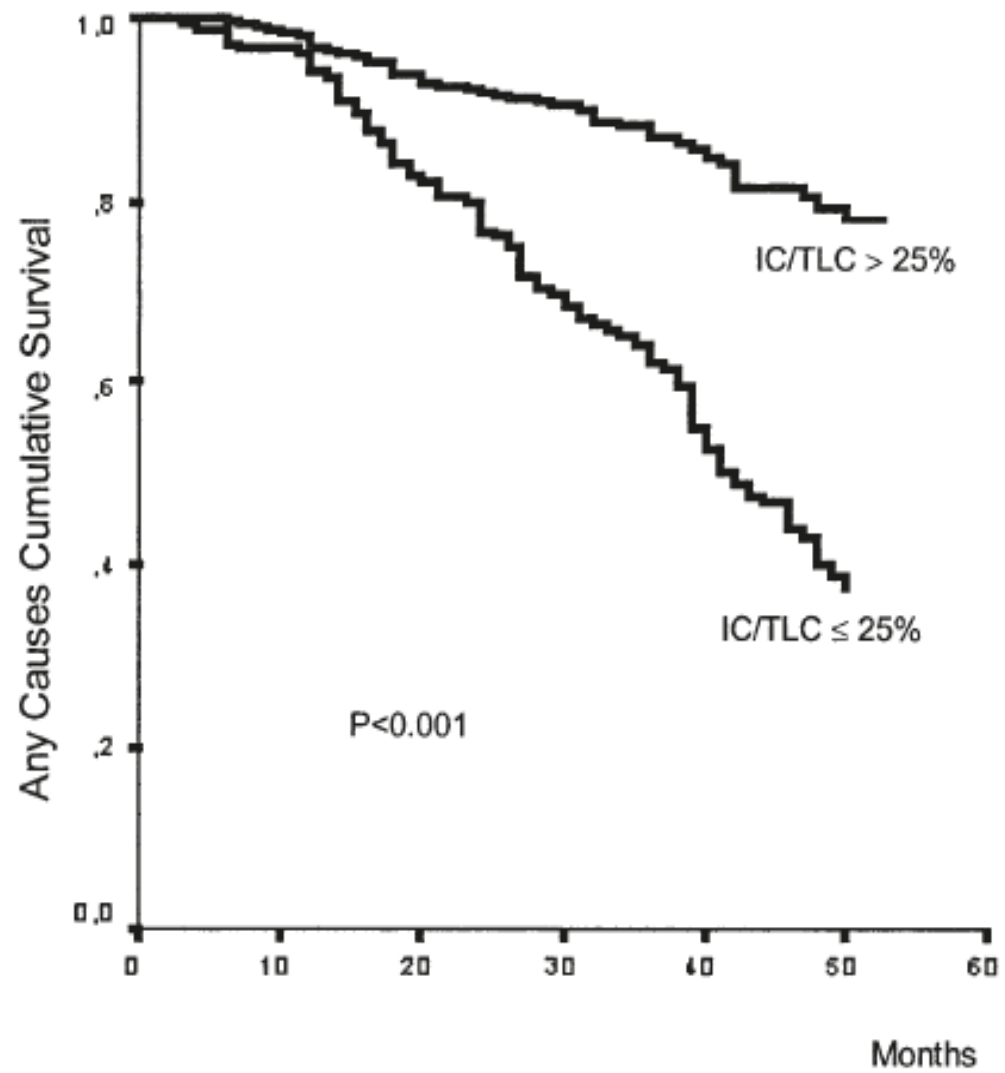




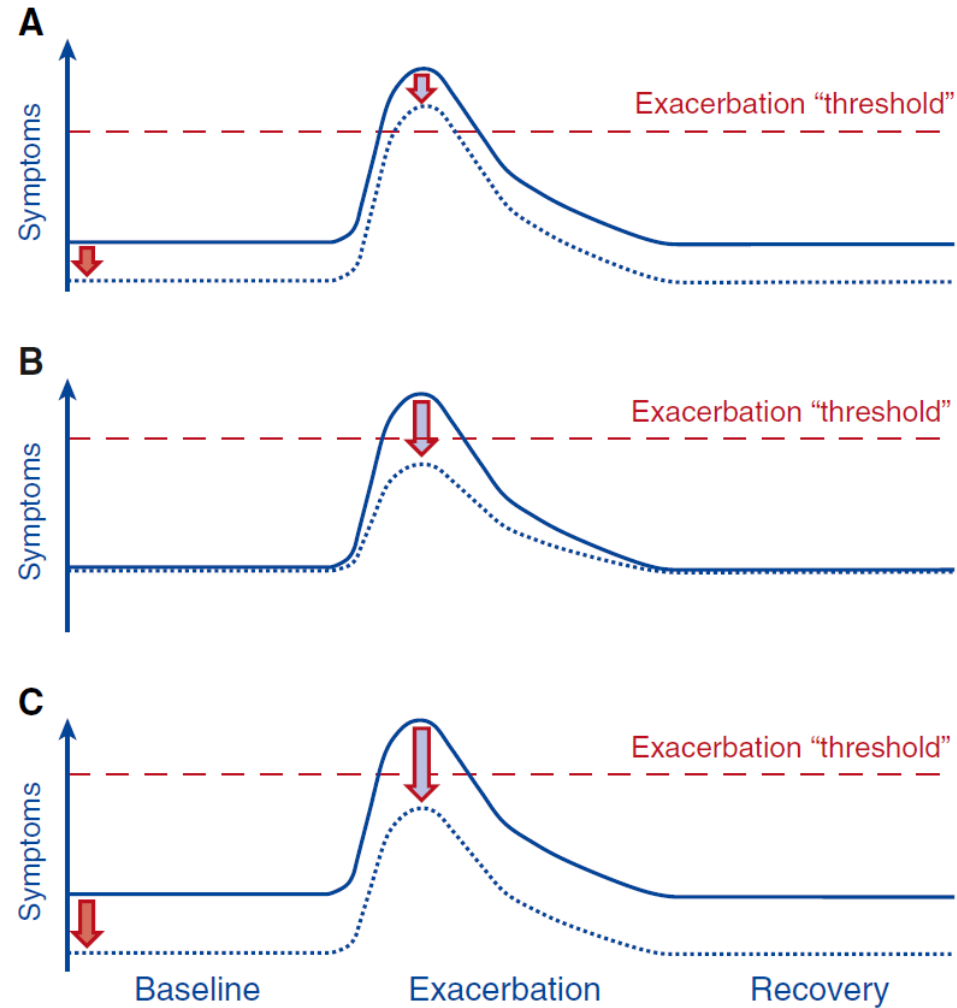
# Daily Physical Activity in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Is Mainly Associated with Dynamic Hyperinflation

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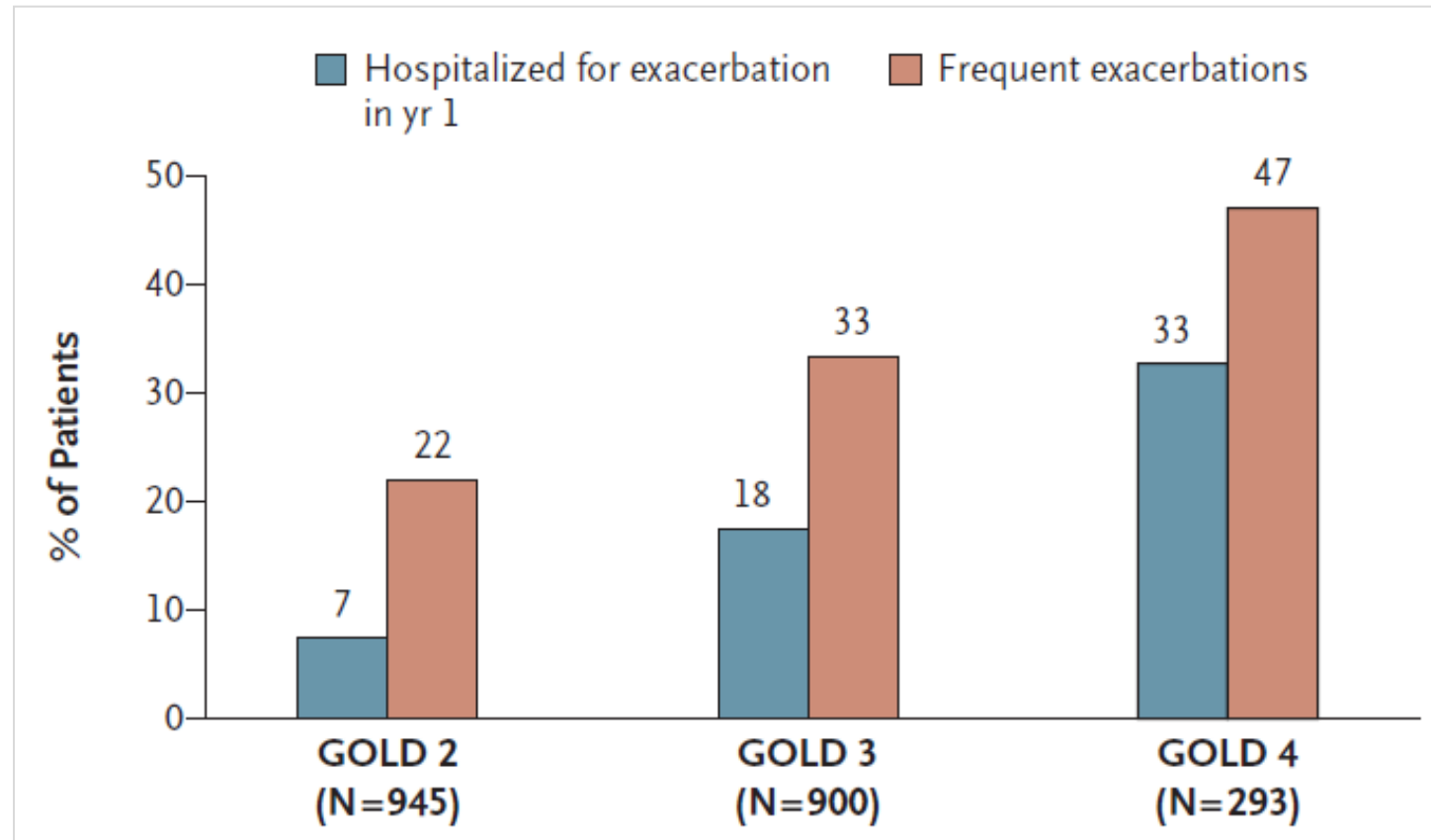


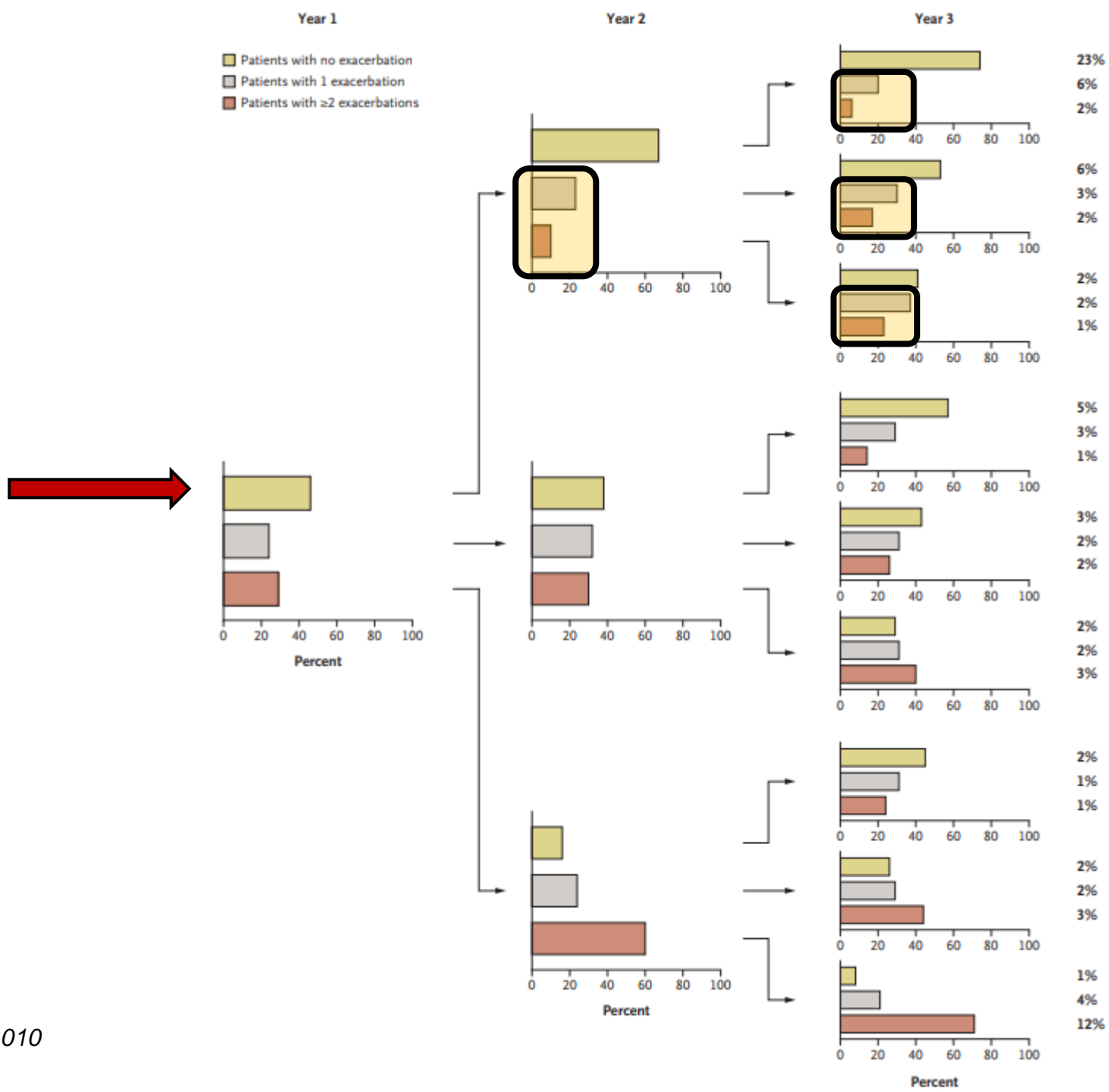
# In search for the ideal bronchodilator for COPD exacerbations



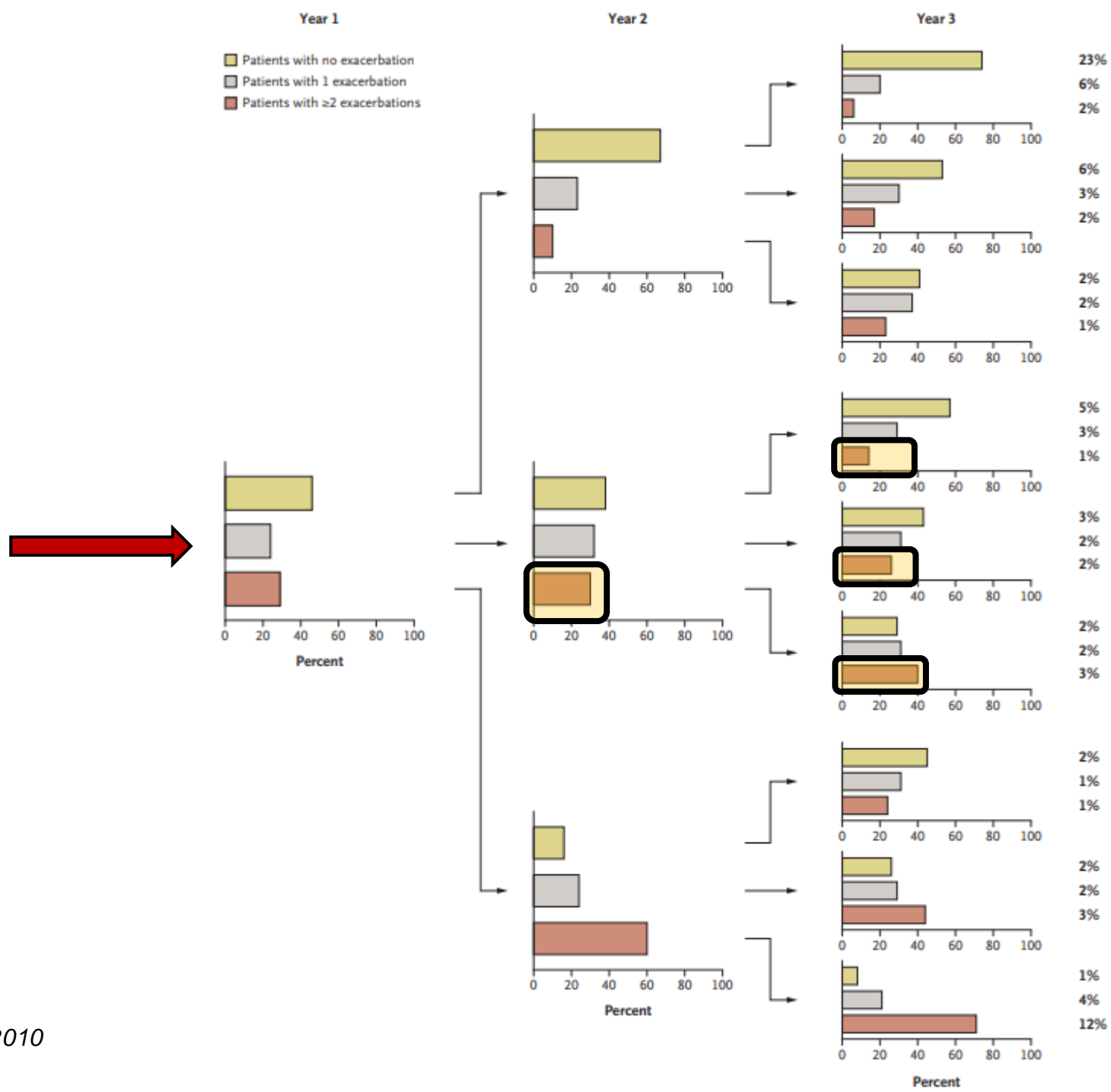


Eclipse study  
2138 patients





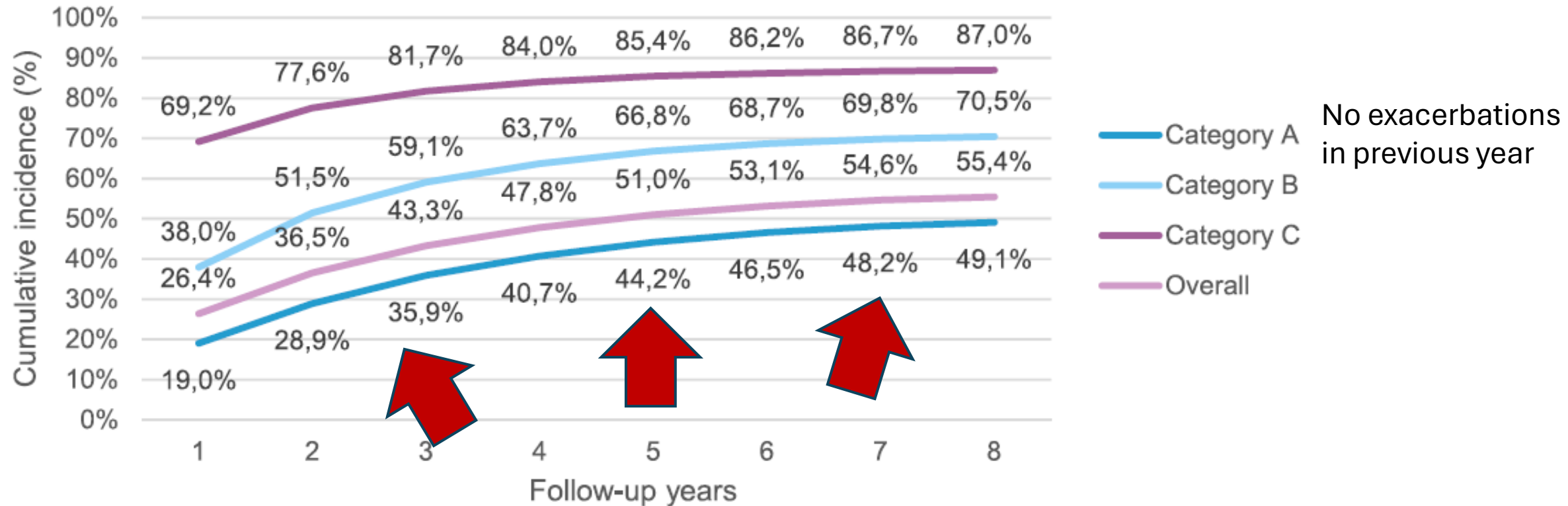
35% of NON exacerbating patients will experience at least 1 ex. in 3 years



25% of low risk patients will experience  $\geq 2$  ex. in 3 years

## Cumulative incidence of COPD exacerbations

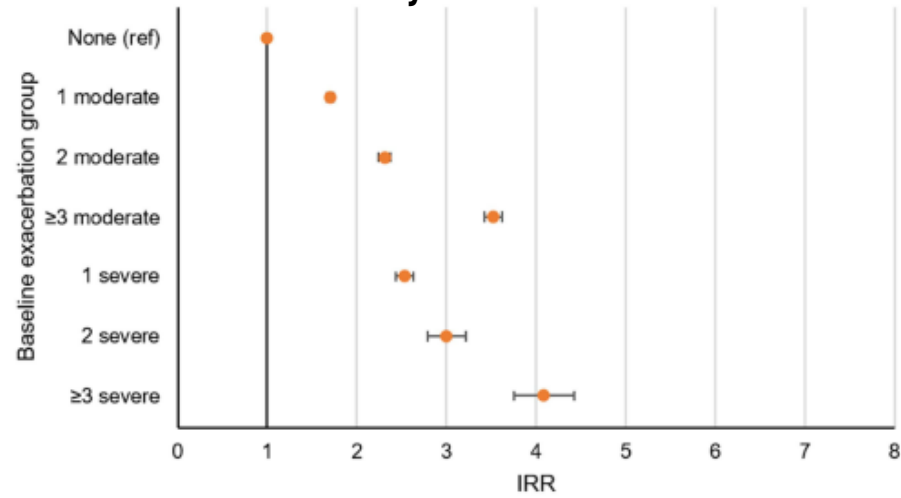
### Significant risk also in patients without exacerbations at baseline



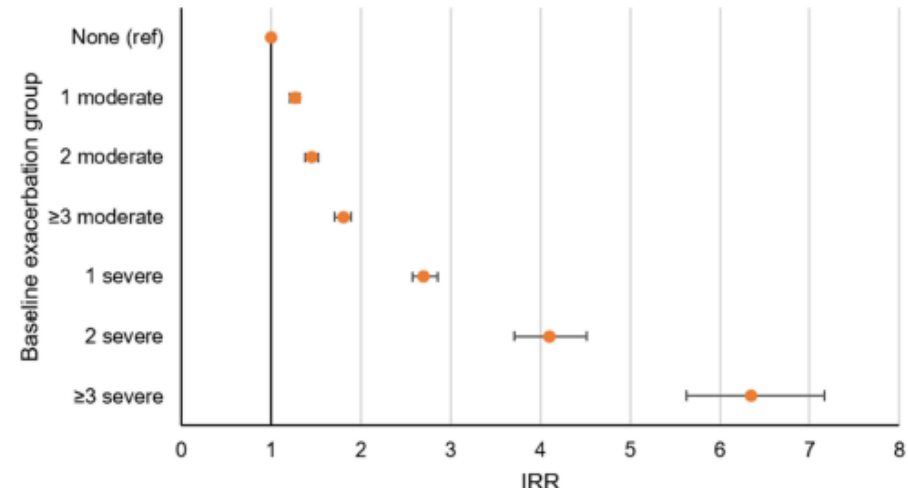
> 250000 COPD patients

# Any AECOPD frequency and severity are associated with future risk of AECOPD and mortality

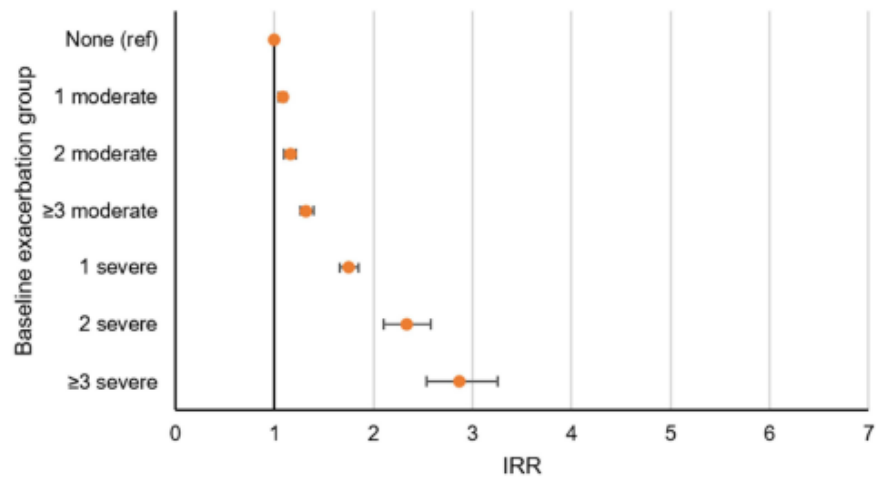
## Any exacerbation



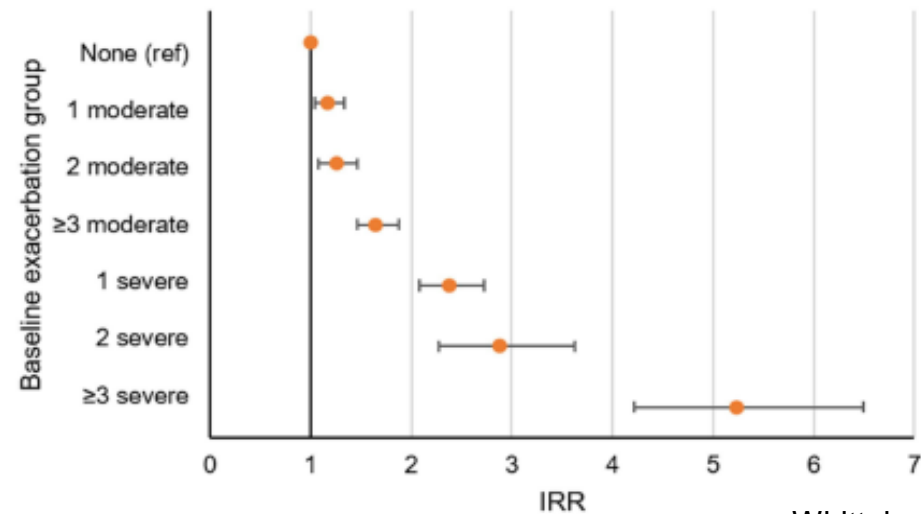
## Severe exacerbations



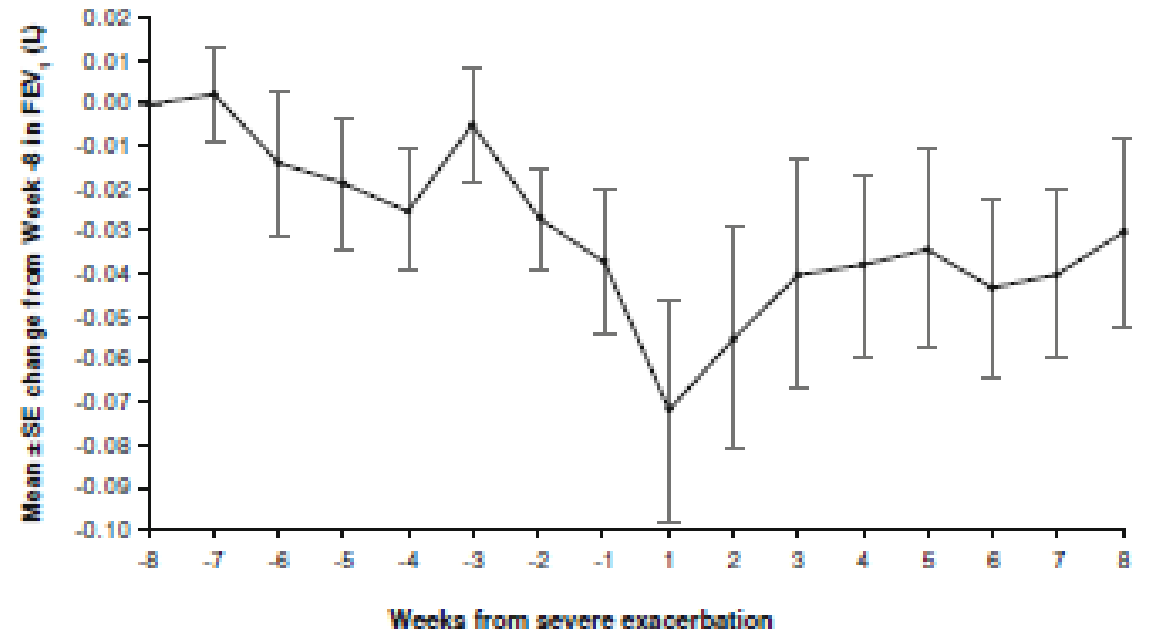
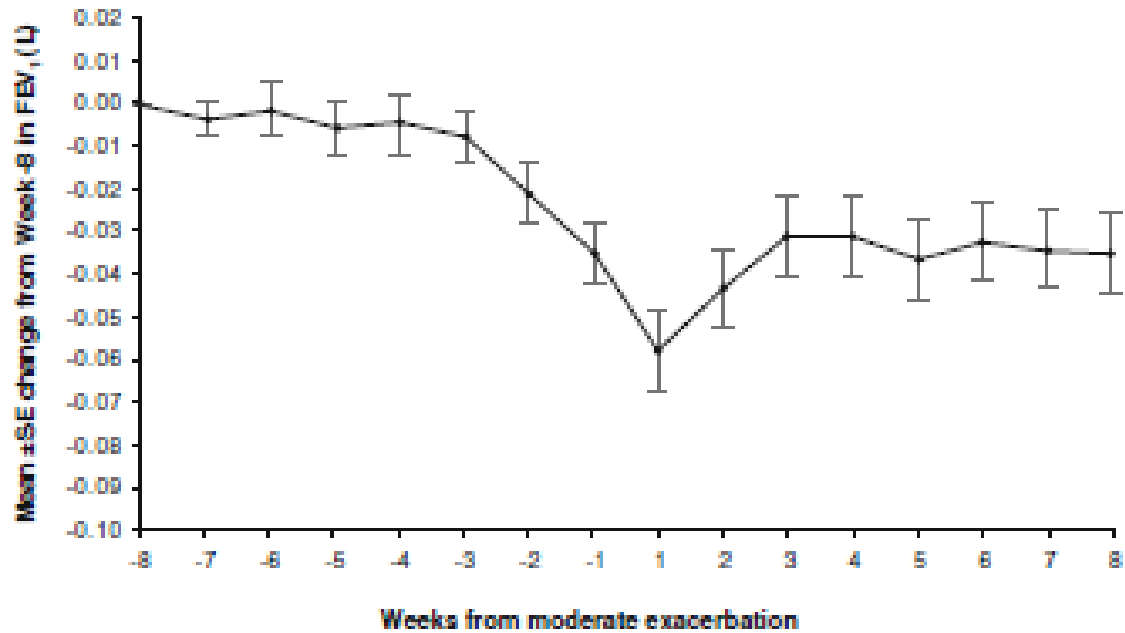
## All cause mortality



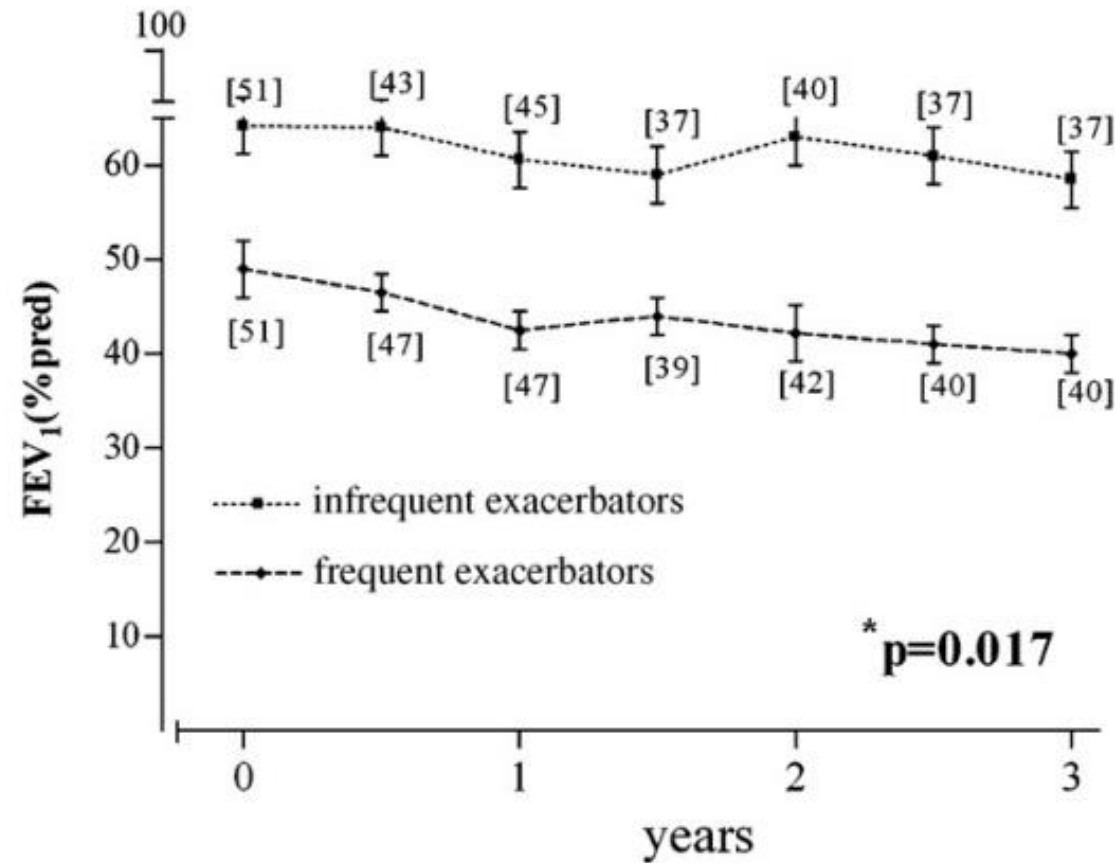
## COPD related mortality



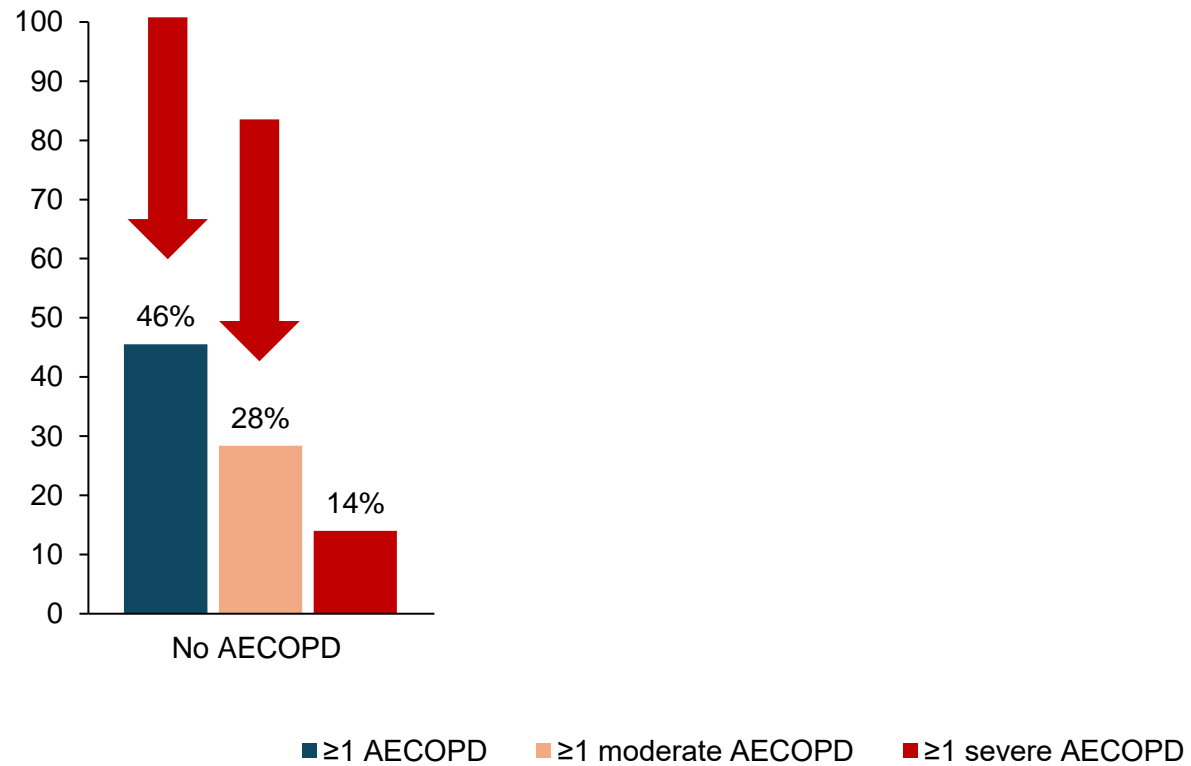
# Lung function changes during COPD exacerbations



# Impact of exacerbations on lung function decline

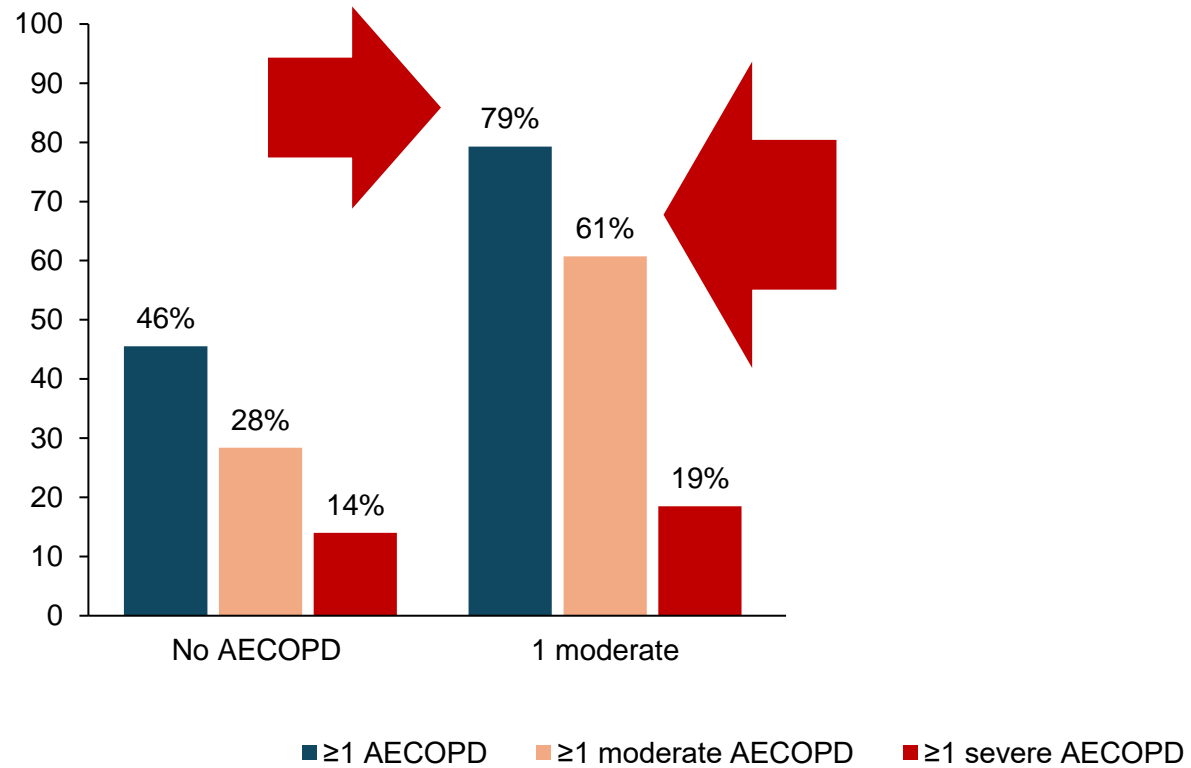


# Real world exacerbation risk in patients with COPD – Italian real life data

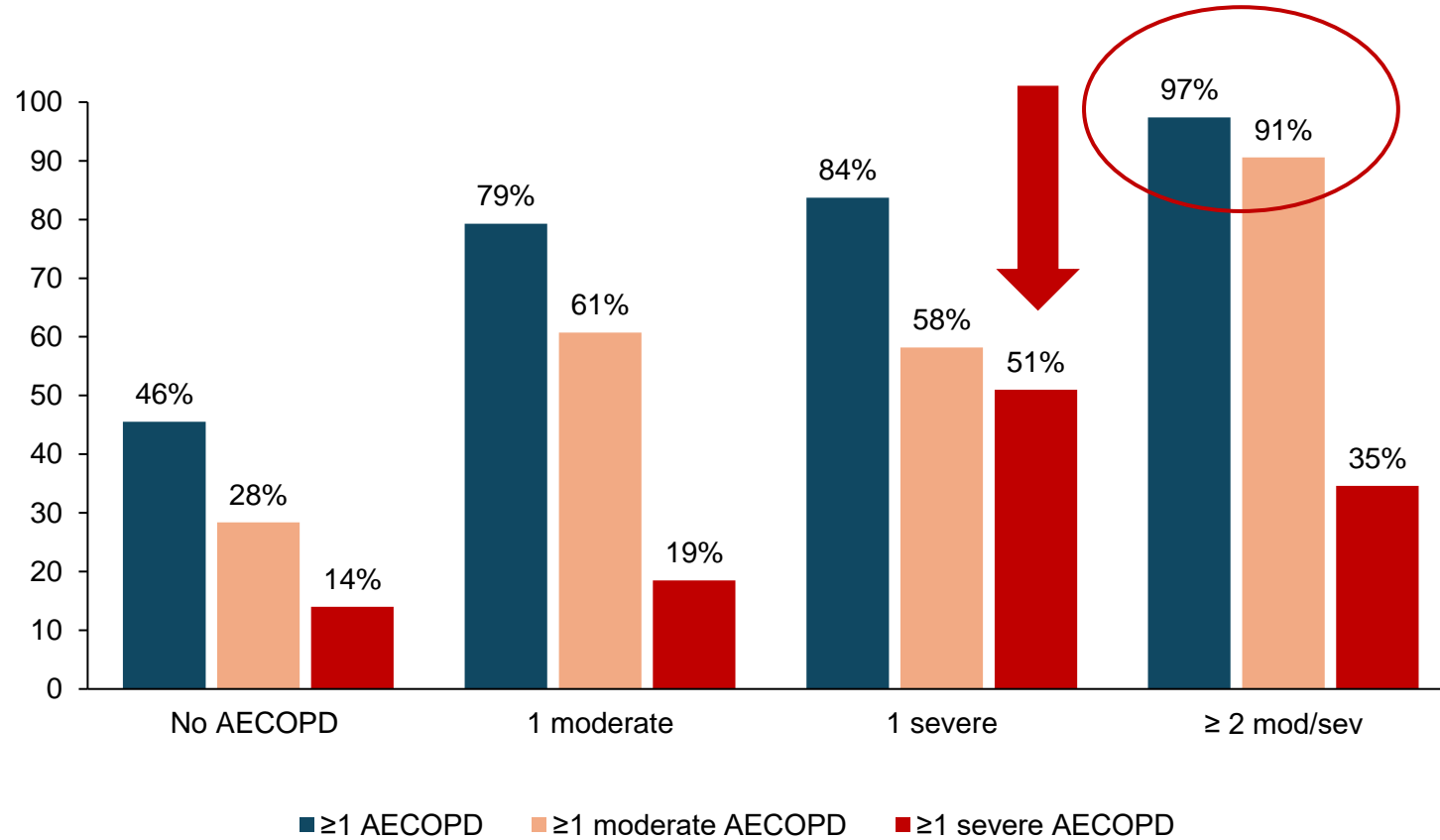


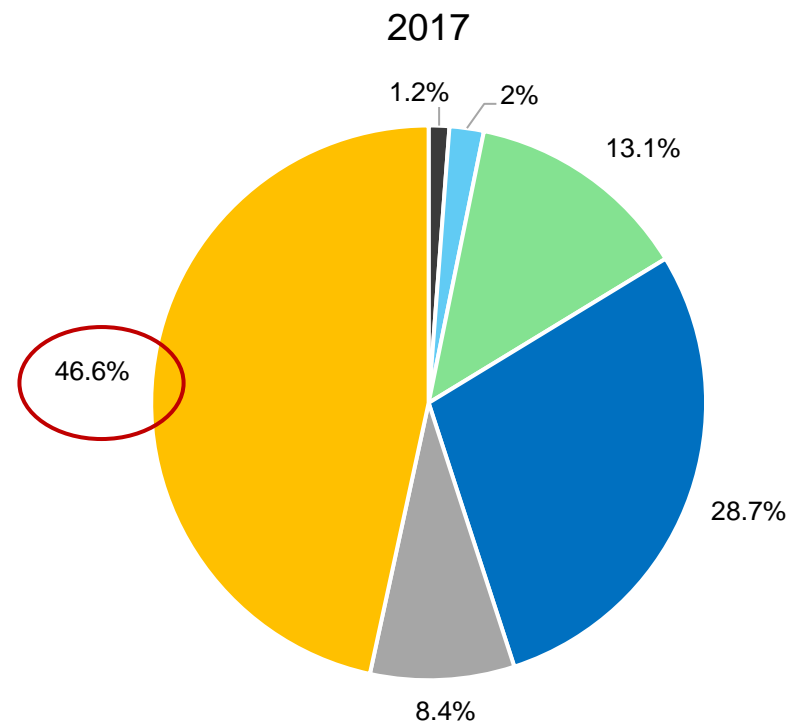
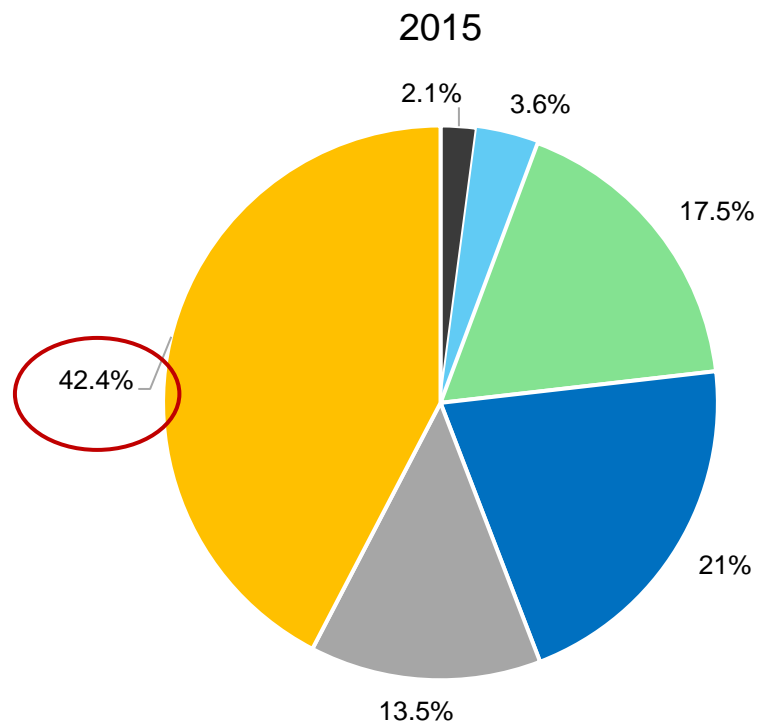


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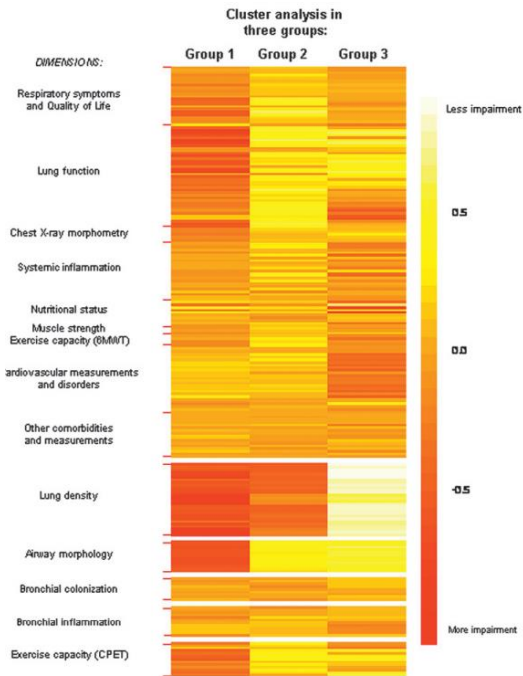
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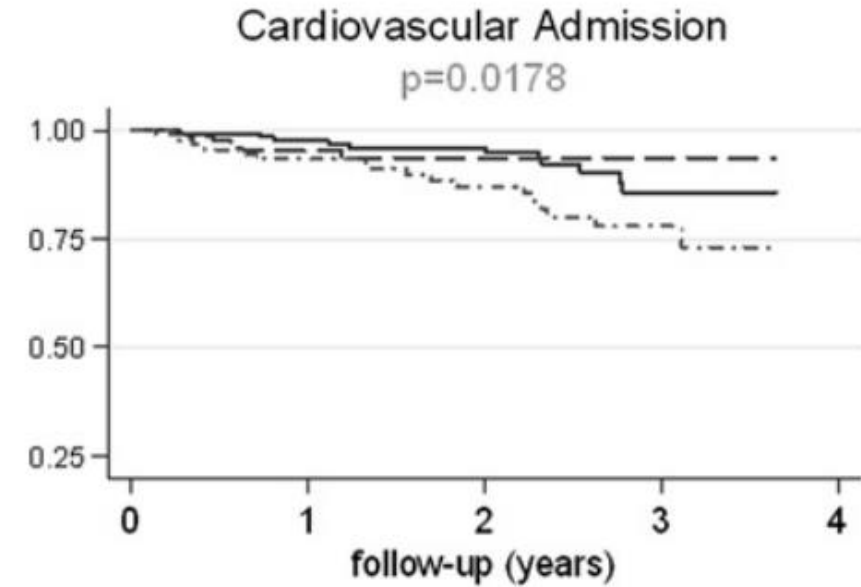
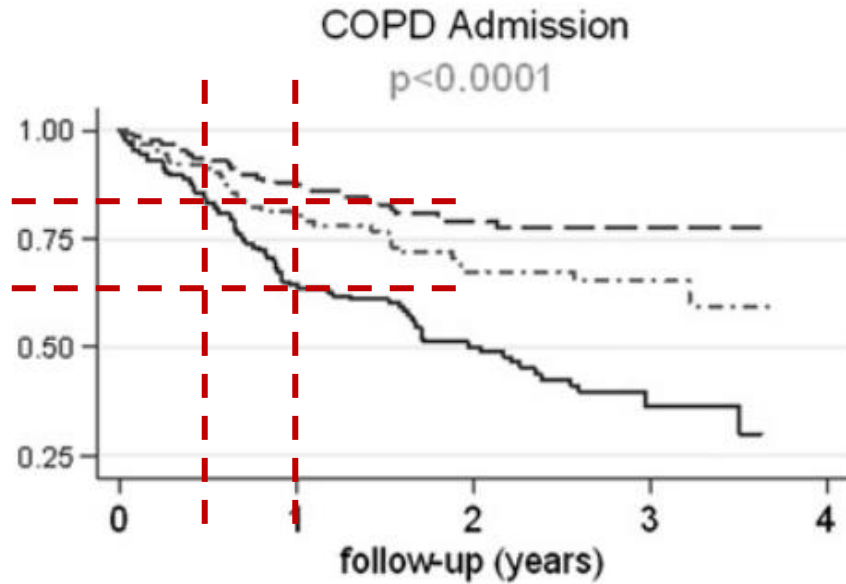
No therapy
  LABA
  LAMA
  LABA/LAMA
  ICS/LABA
  ICS/LABA/LAMA

# 342 patients at their first severe exacerbation



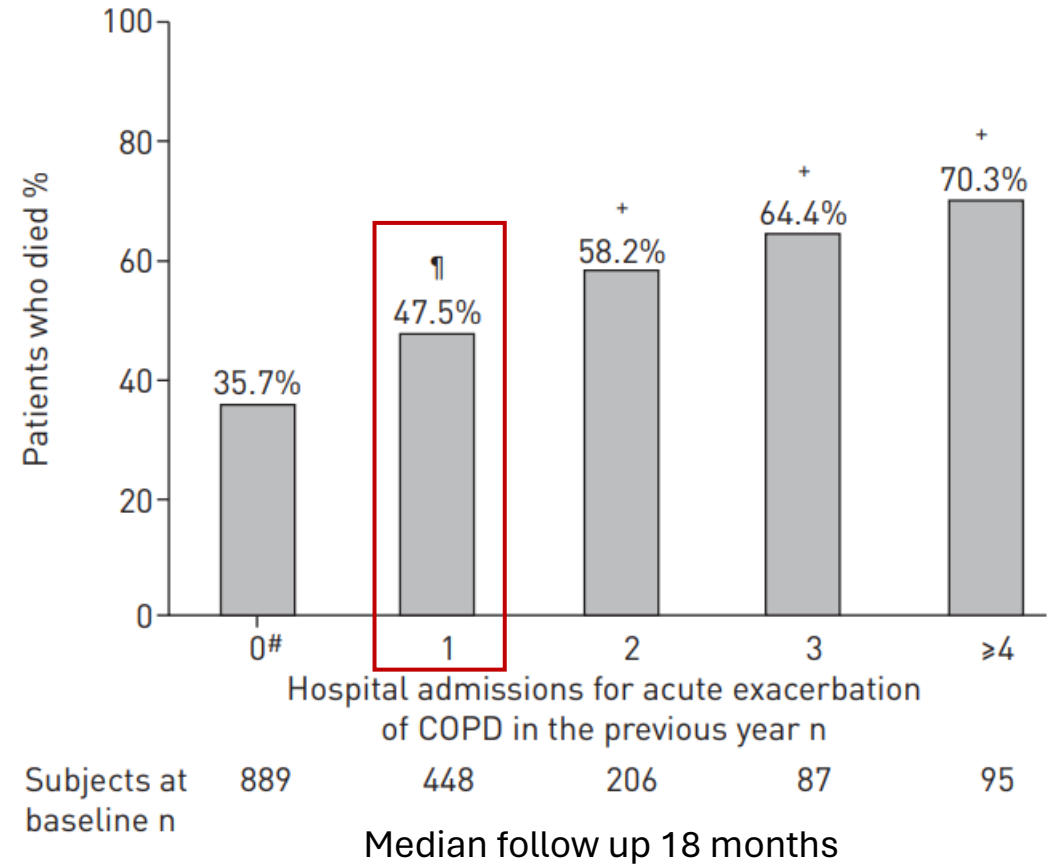
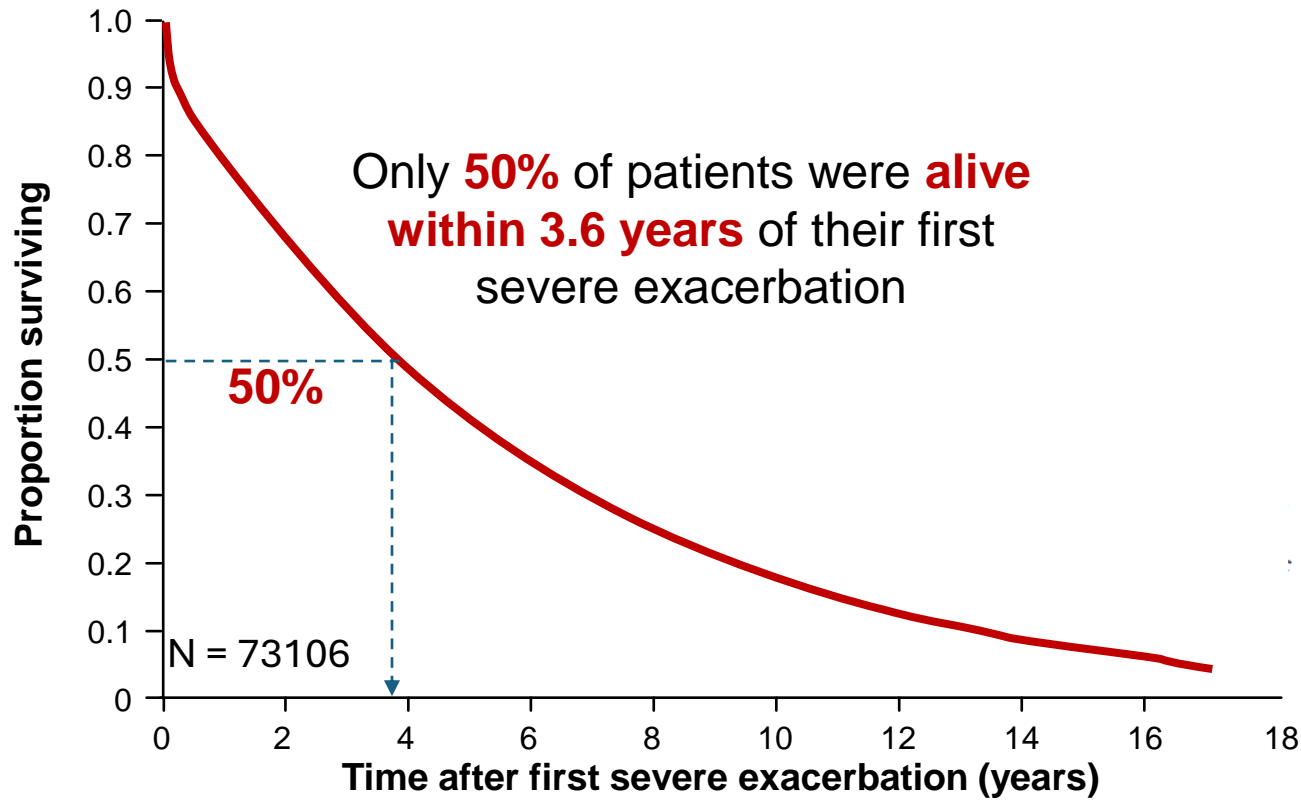
≈ 20%

≈ 38%

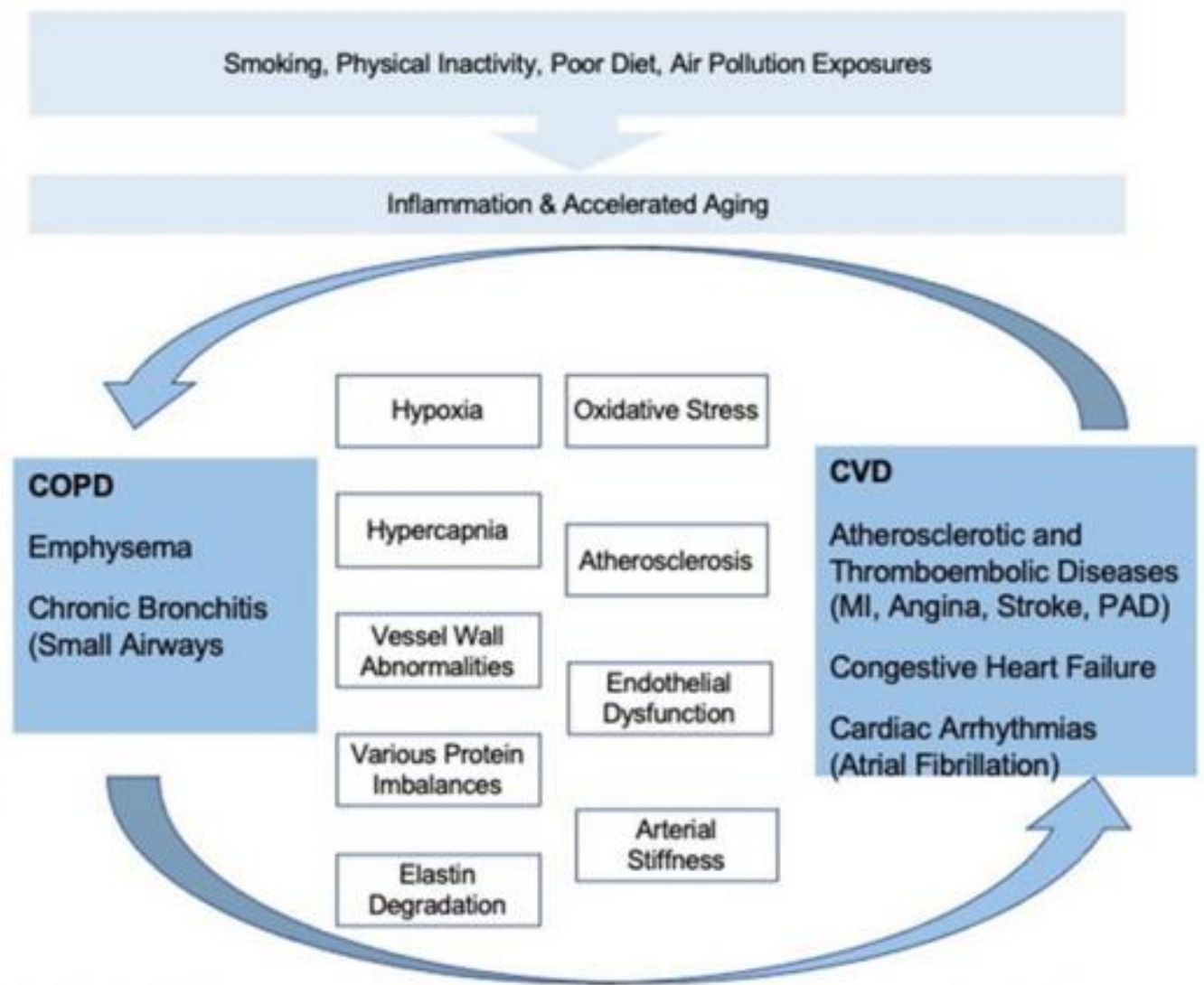
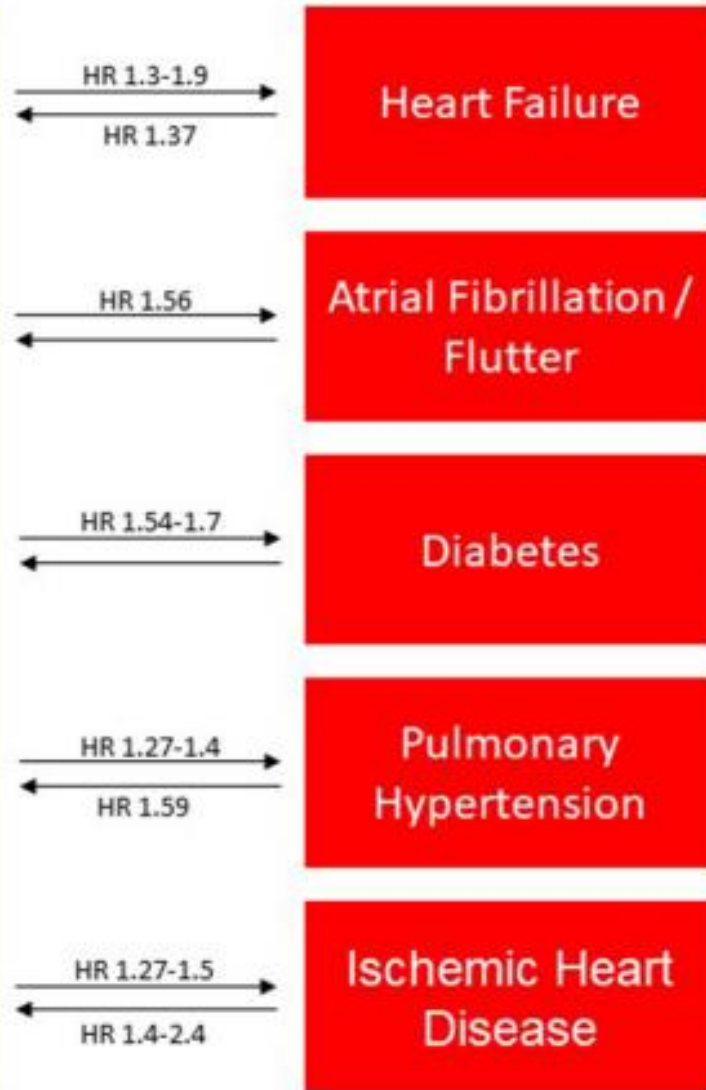


- Group 1 Severe obstruction, more emphysema
- - - Group 2 Moderate obstruction
- · - · - Group 3 Moderate obstruction, more obese, more HF

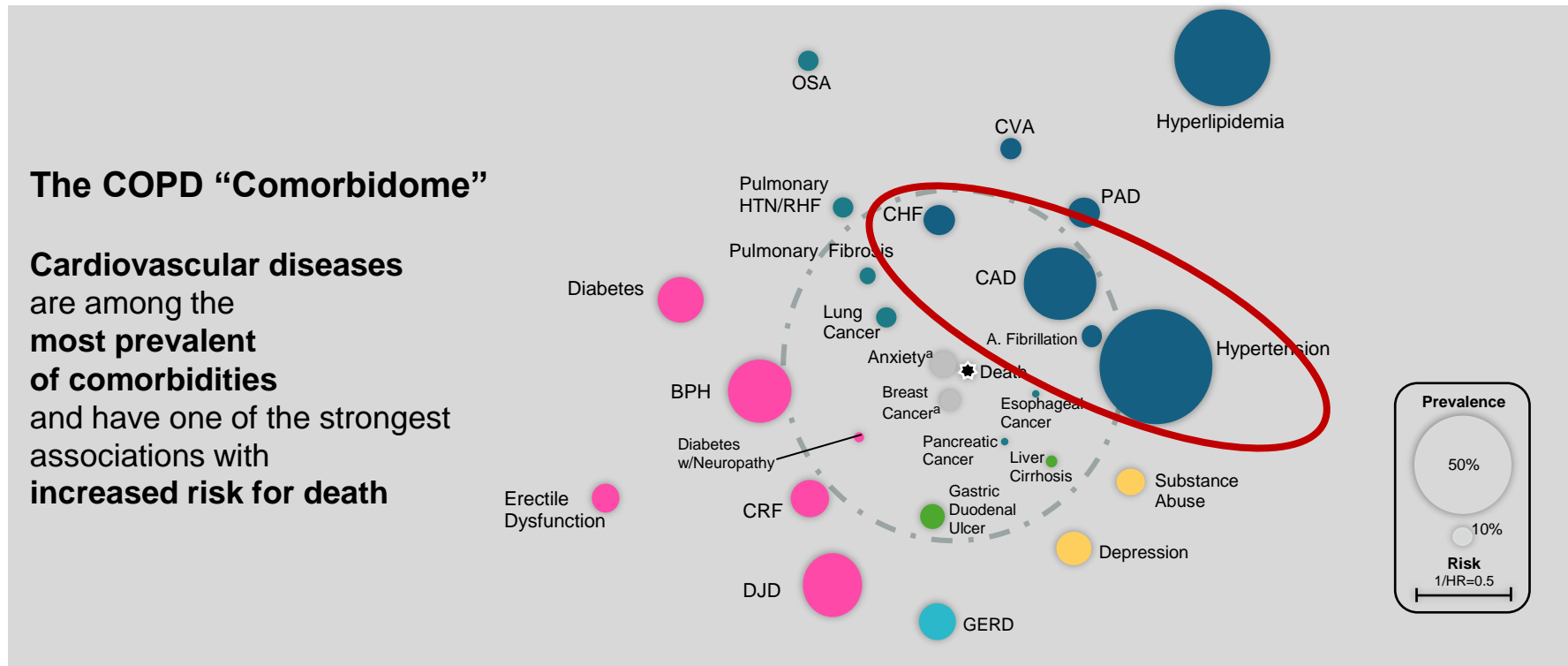
# COPD exacerbations and risk of death: high regardless of number of events



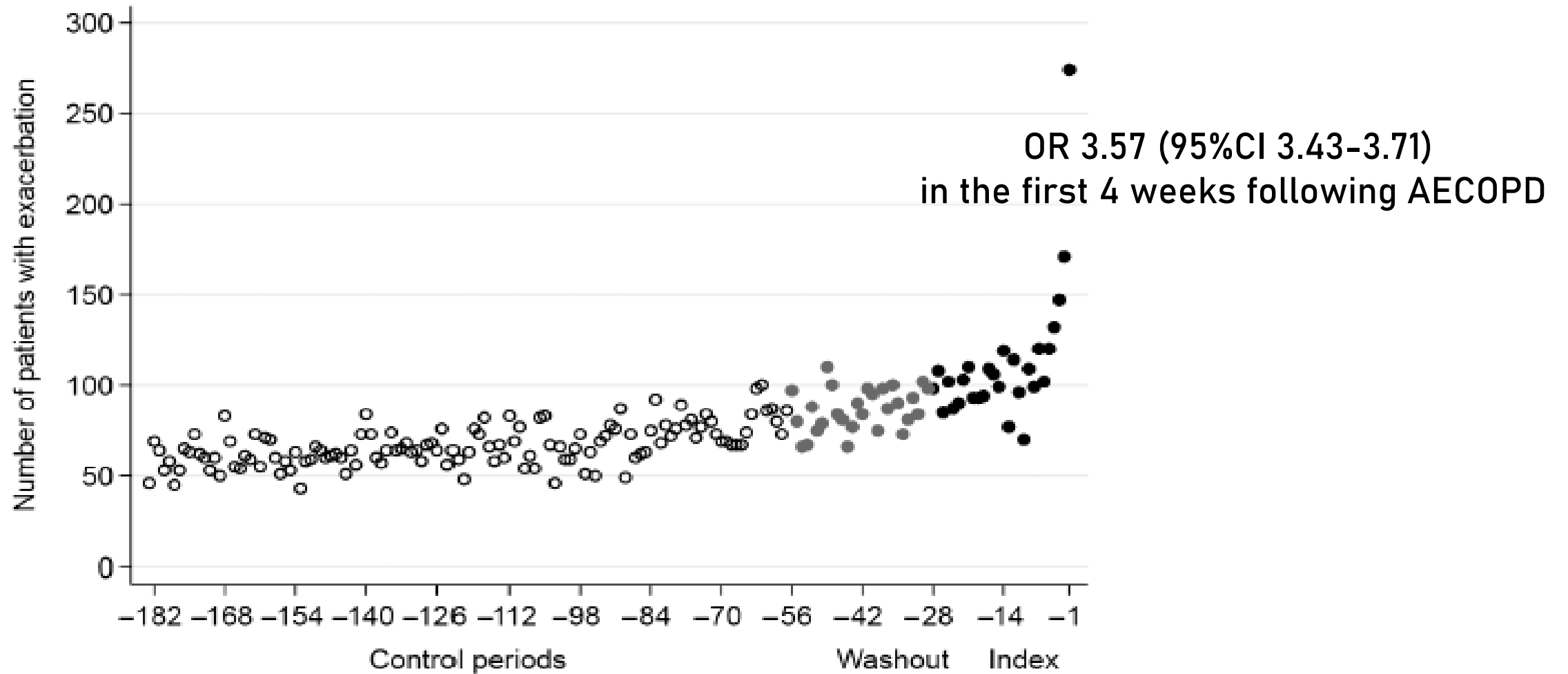
# C O P D



# COPD Is Associated With Comorbidities that Increase Mortality and Morbidity



# MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

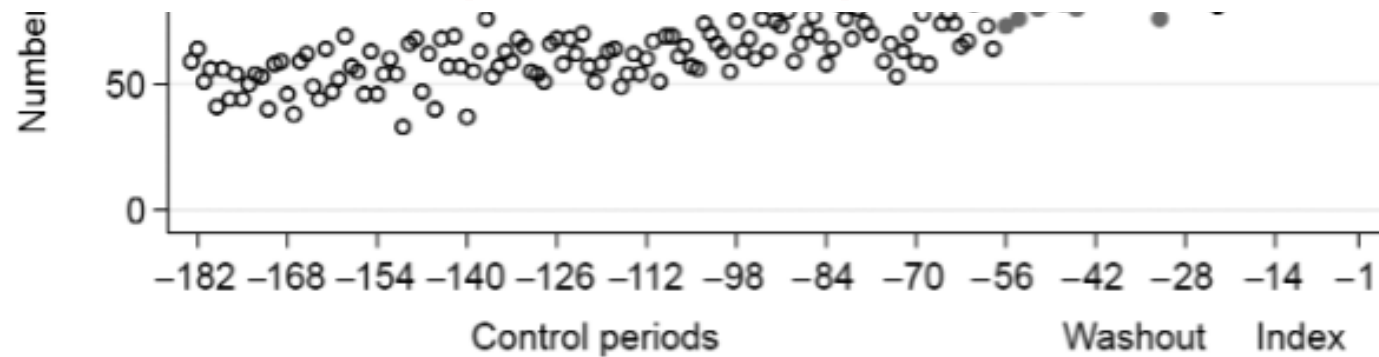




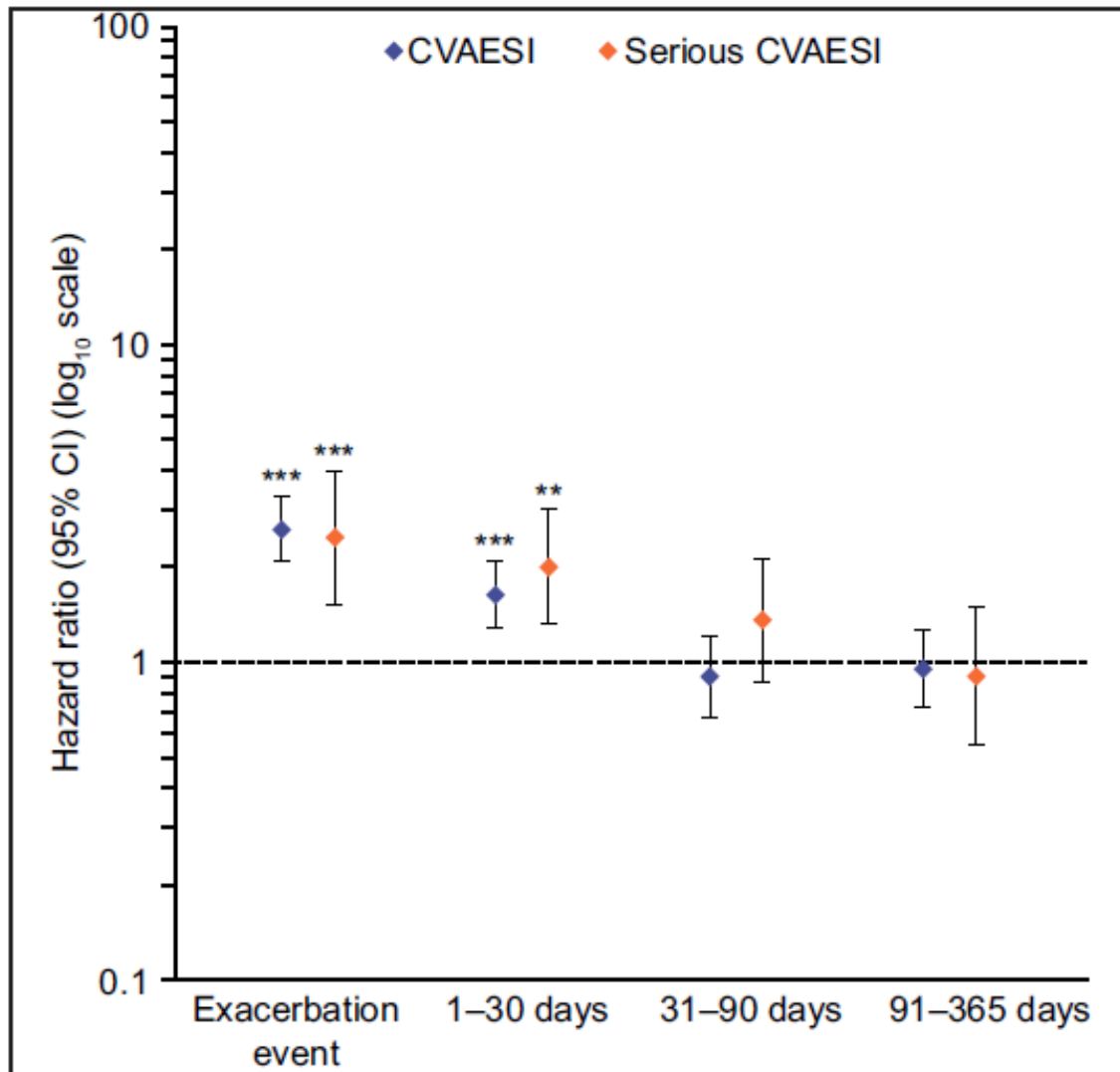
## CARDIOVASCULAR DEATH



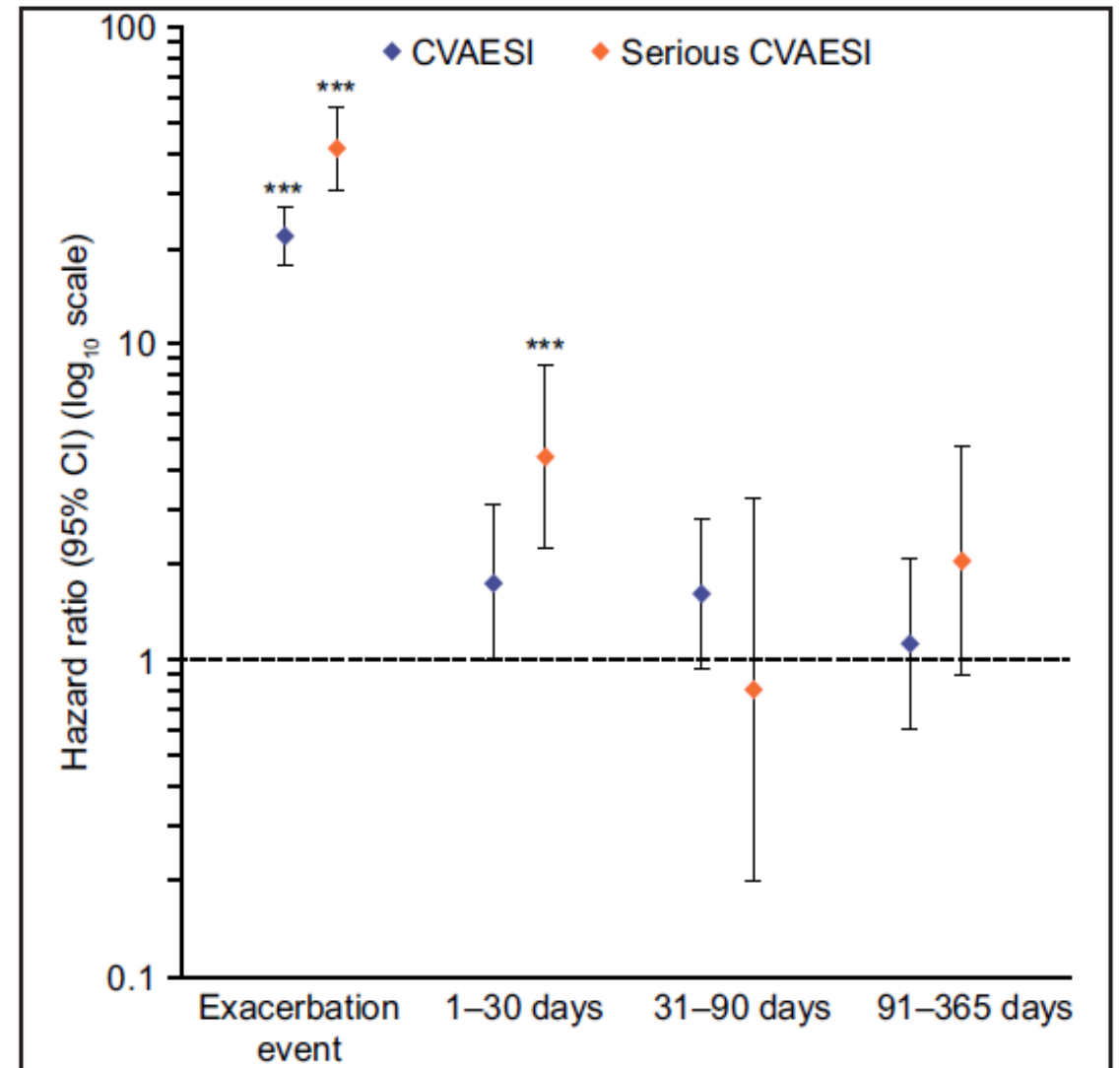
**Patients with severe AECOPD had almost 6 times the risk of having MACE compared with patients with moderate AECOPD**



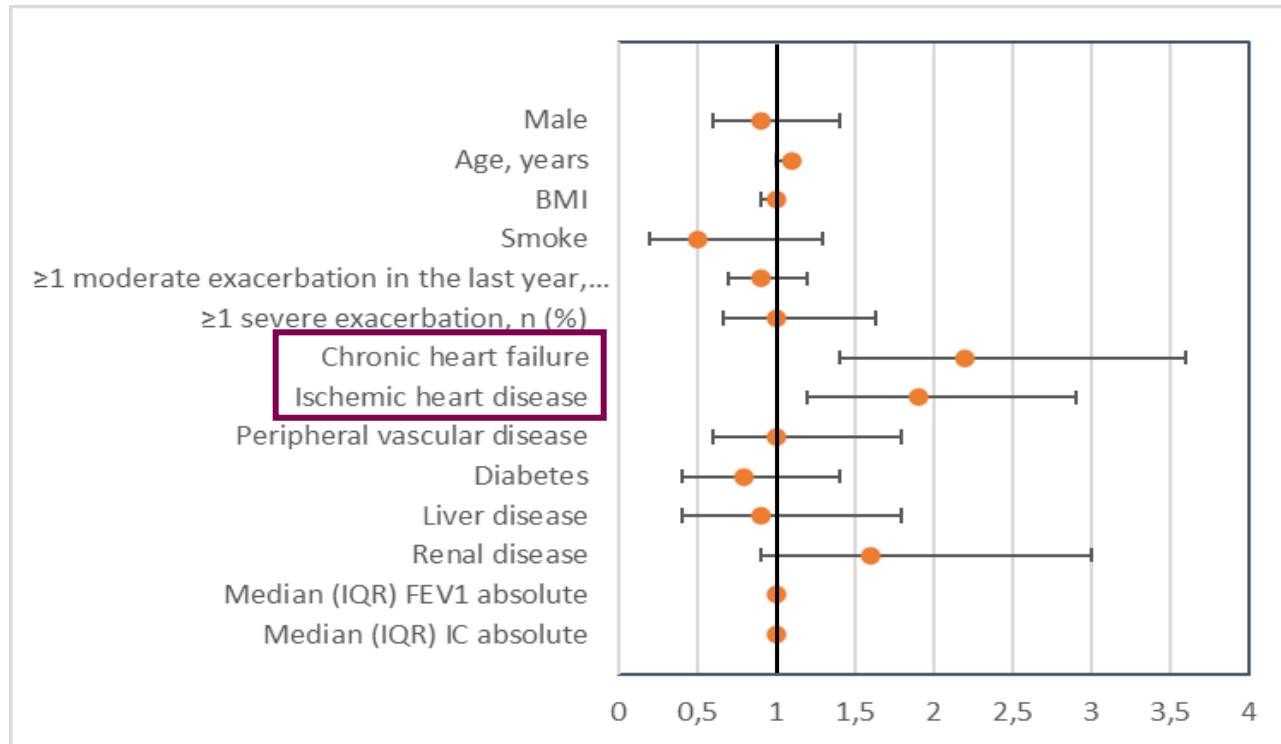
## Following a moderate AECOPD



## Following a severe AECOPD



# GULP Study: Relationship between clinical features and mortality in a cohort of COPD patients



Among all described comorbidities, only **chronic heart failure and ischemic heart disease** were associated with a **statistically significant higher odds ratio (OR) of mortality**

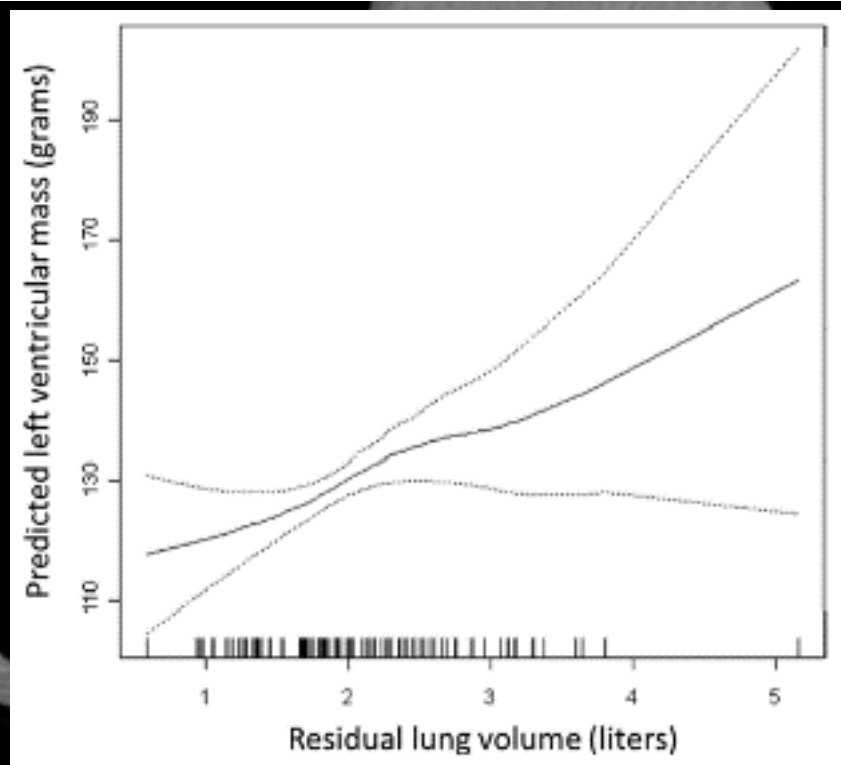


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## Pulmonary Hyperinflation and Left Ventricular Mass



# Effect of indacaterol on lung deflation improves cardiac performance in hyperinflated COPD patients: an interventional, randomized, double-blind clinical trial

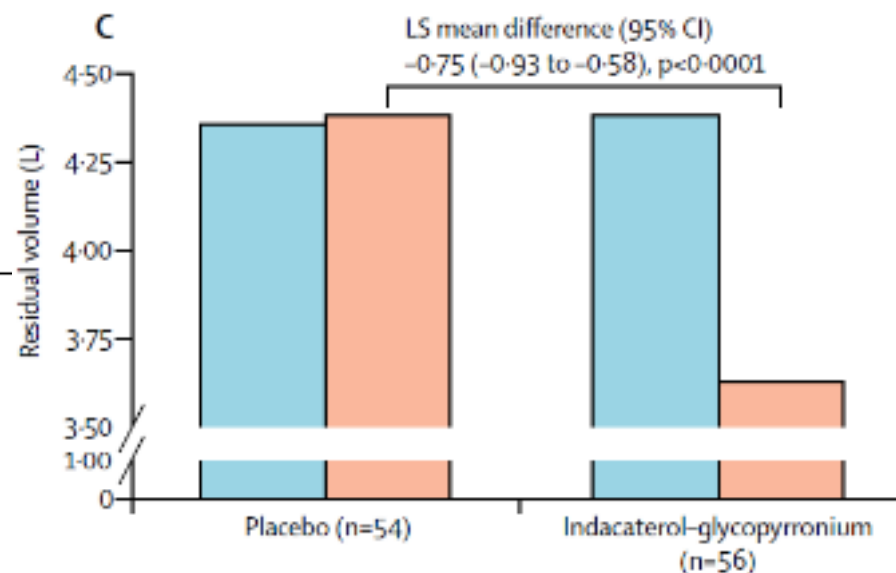
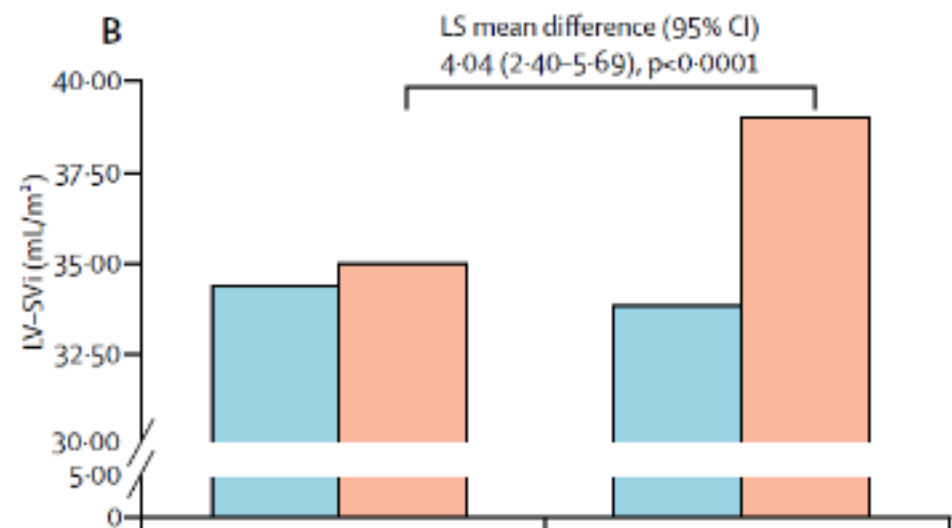
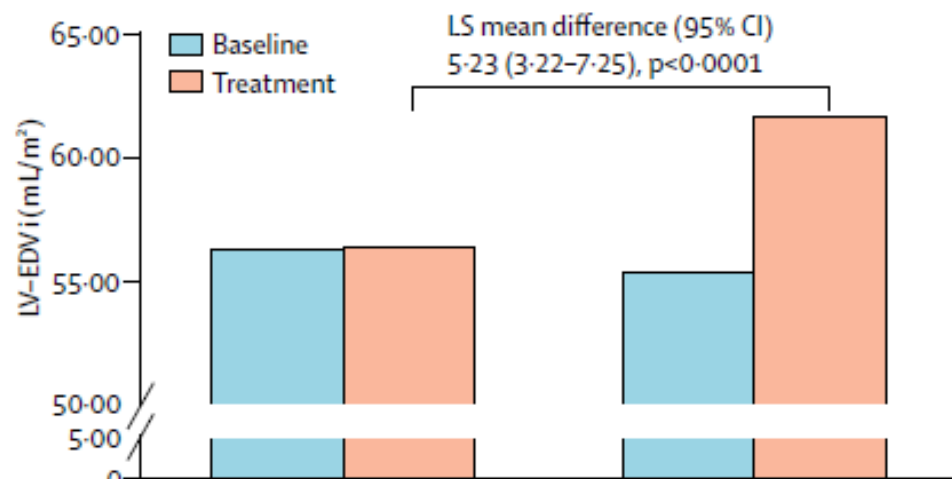
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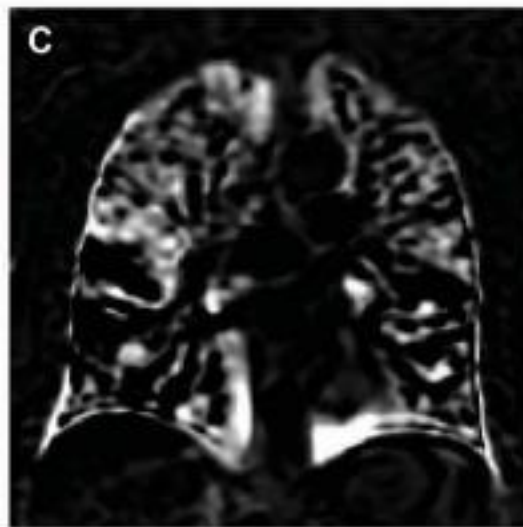
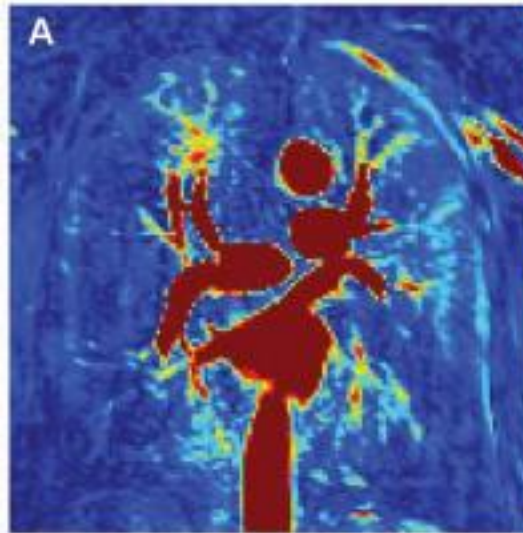
**Table 4** Cardiac performance after 60 and 180 minutes' treatment with indacaterol or placebo

Parameter	Indacaterol			Placebo		
	T0	ΔT60	ΔT180	T0	ΔT60	ΔT180
TAPSE, mm	22.30±3.52	+0.05±1.28*	+0.41±1.07 <sup>#,*</sup>	21.90±3.83	-0.03±1.26	+0.02±3.80
PAPs, mmHg	33.03±8.10	+0.71±5.50	-0.08±7.76	32.78±8.30	+0.77±4.46	+0.24±5.76
DT-TR, msec	207.80±64.90	+9.93±36.31*	+11.90±32.86 <sup>#,*</sup>	206.70±65.84	+2.60±35.90	+3.80±38.90
LVEF, %	61.80±5.25	-0.03±1.90	-0.25±2.20	60.60±6.21	+0.09±2.12	-0.14±2.35
DT-MR, msec	230.18±58.69	+3.98±38.24	+4.33±38.79	228.25±59.33	+1.12±37.52	+1.38±36.81
HR, bpm	71.54±10.60	-1.95±5.30 <sup>#,*</sup>	-2.00±6.10 <sup>#,*</sup>	70.21±9.40	-0.80±1.20	+0.60±1.30

# Effect of lung deflation with indacaterol plus glycopyrronium on ventricular filling in patients with hyperinflation and COPD (CLAIM): a double-blind, randomised, crossover, placebo-controlled, single-centre trial

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# EMAX -Early MAXimisation of bronchodilation for improving COPD stability

2425 patients

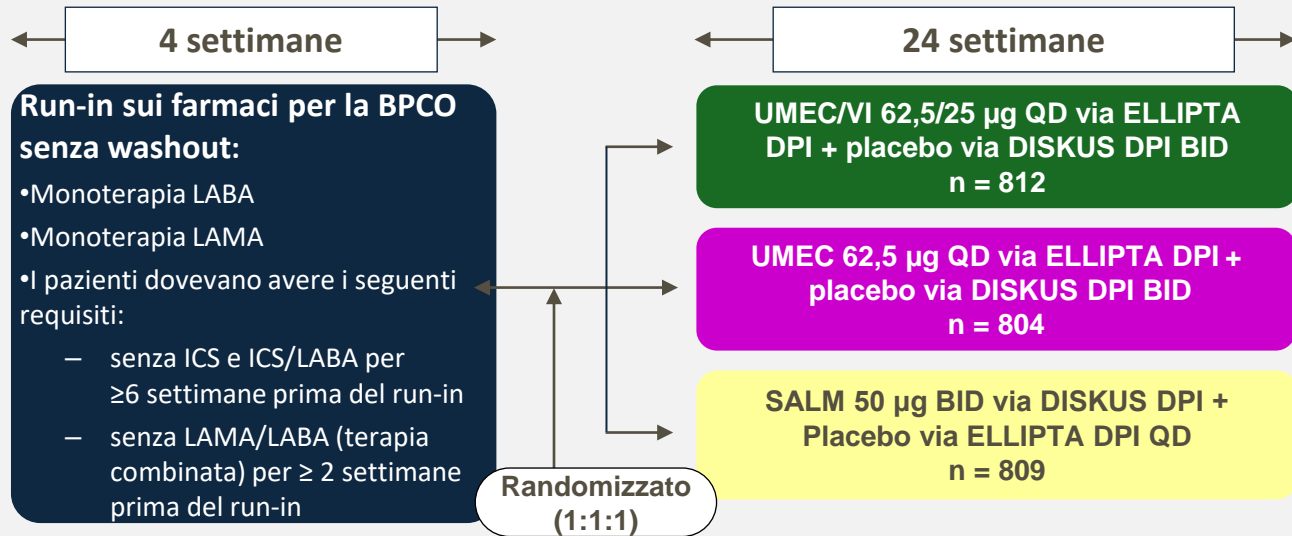


Disegno dello studio di  
**EMAX**

Studio multicentrico di 24 settimane, randomizzato, in doppio cieco, double-dummy a gruppi paralleli, in pazienti sintomatici con BPCO

## Principali criteri di inclusione:

- ≥40 anni di età
- Fumatore/ex fumatore
- Diagnosi BPCO
- FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC <0,7 pre e post-SAL;
- FEV<sub>1</sub> post-SAL, ≥30–≤80% del predetto
- Punteggio CAT ≥10
- ≤1 esacerbazioni moderate e nessuna esacerbazione grave nell'anno precedente



## Endpoint primario:

- Variazione rispetto al basale del **trough FEV<sub>1</sub>** alla settimana 24

## Principali endpoint II:

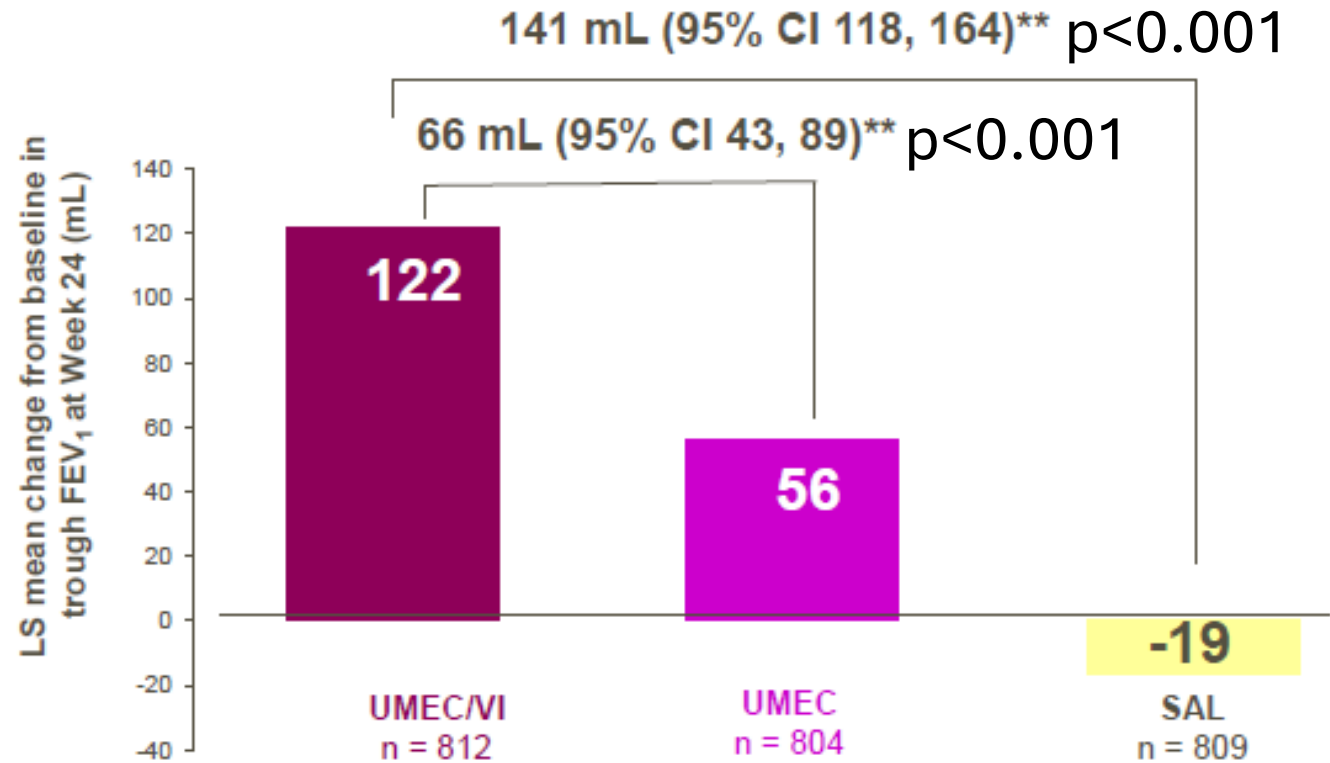
- SAC-TDI per dispnea
- Trough FVC, IC in 24 settimane
- Uso di farmaci al bisogno
- Punteggio totale E-RS

\*Stratificazione alla randomizzazione, basata sull'uso di broncodilatatori a lunga durata d'azione durante il run-in (0 o 1), paese e sottoinsieme di attività. BID, due volte al giorno; CAT, test di valutazione della BPCO; BPCO, malattia polmonare ostruttiva cronica; DPI, inalatore a polvere secca; E-RS, valutazione dei sintomi respiratori; FEV<sub>1</sub>, volume espiratorio forzato in 1 secondo; FVC, capacità vitale forzata; IC, capacità inspiratoria; ICS, corticosteroidi inalatori; LABA, β<sub>2</sub>-agonista a lunga durata d'azione; LAMA, antagonista muscarinico a lunga durata d'azione; QD, una volta al giorno; SAC-TDI, indice di dispnea transizionale autosomministrato al computer; SAL, salmeterolo; UMEC, umeclidinio; VI, vilanterolo.

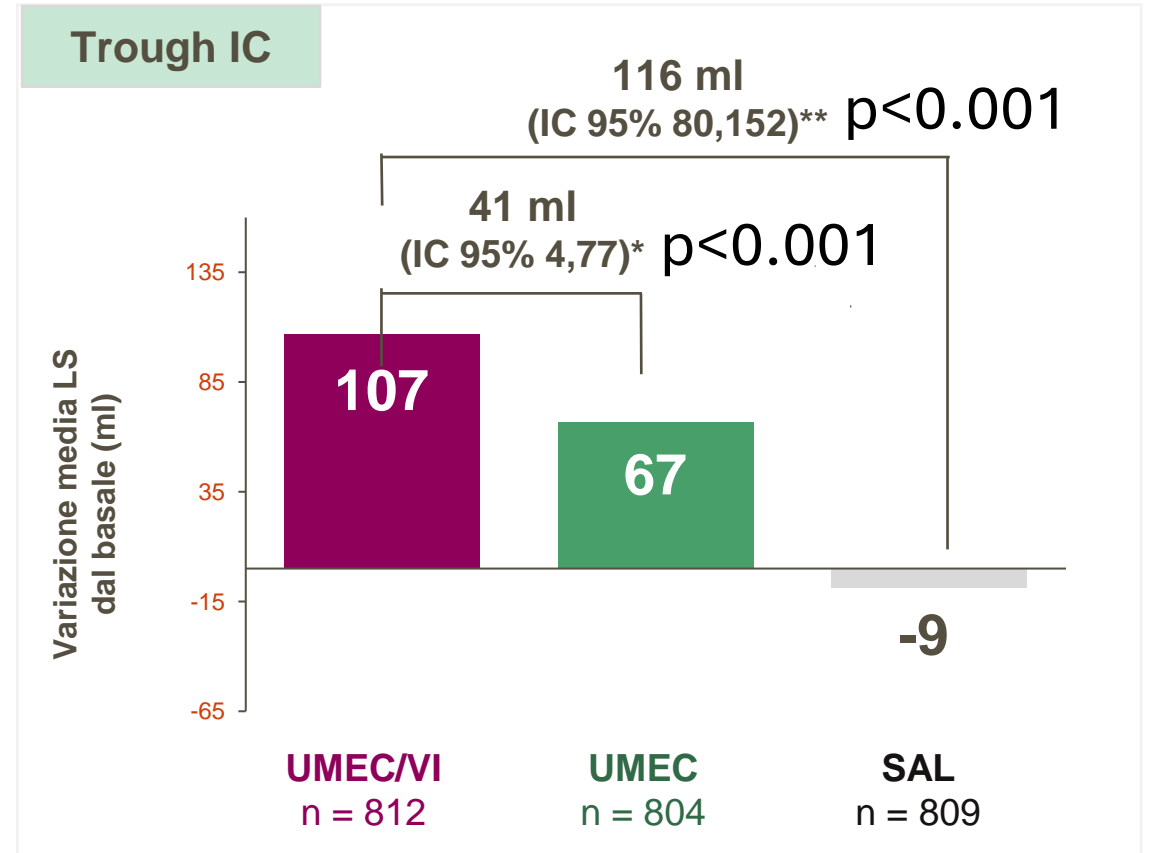
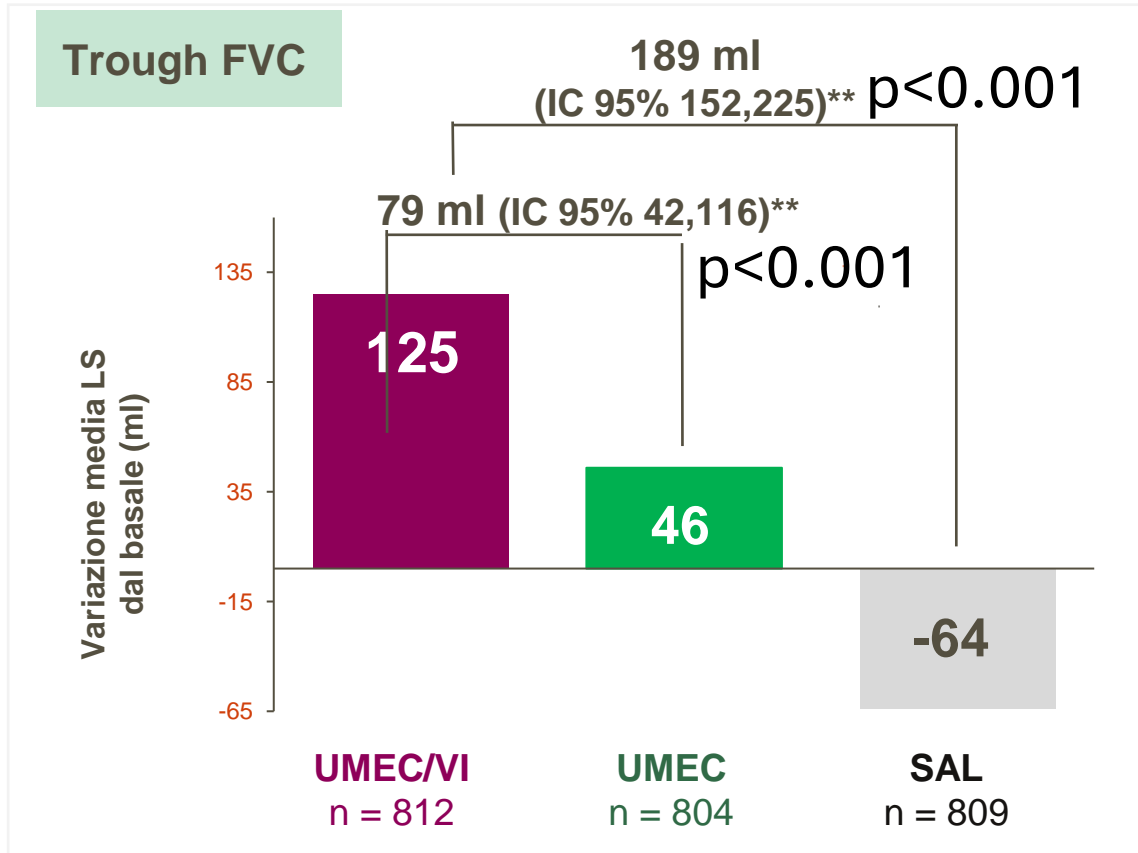


# CHANGES IN FEV1 AT WEEK 24

ITT population

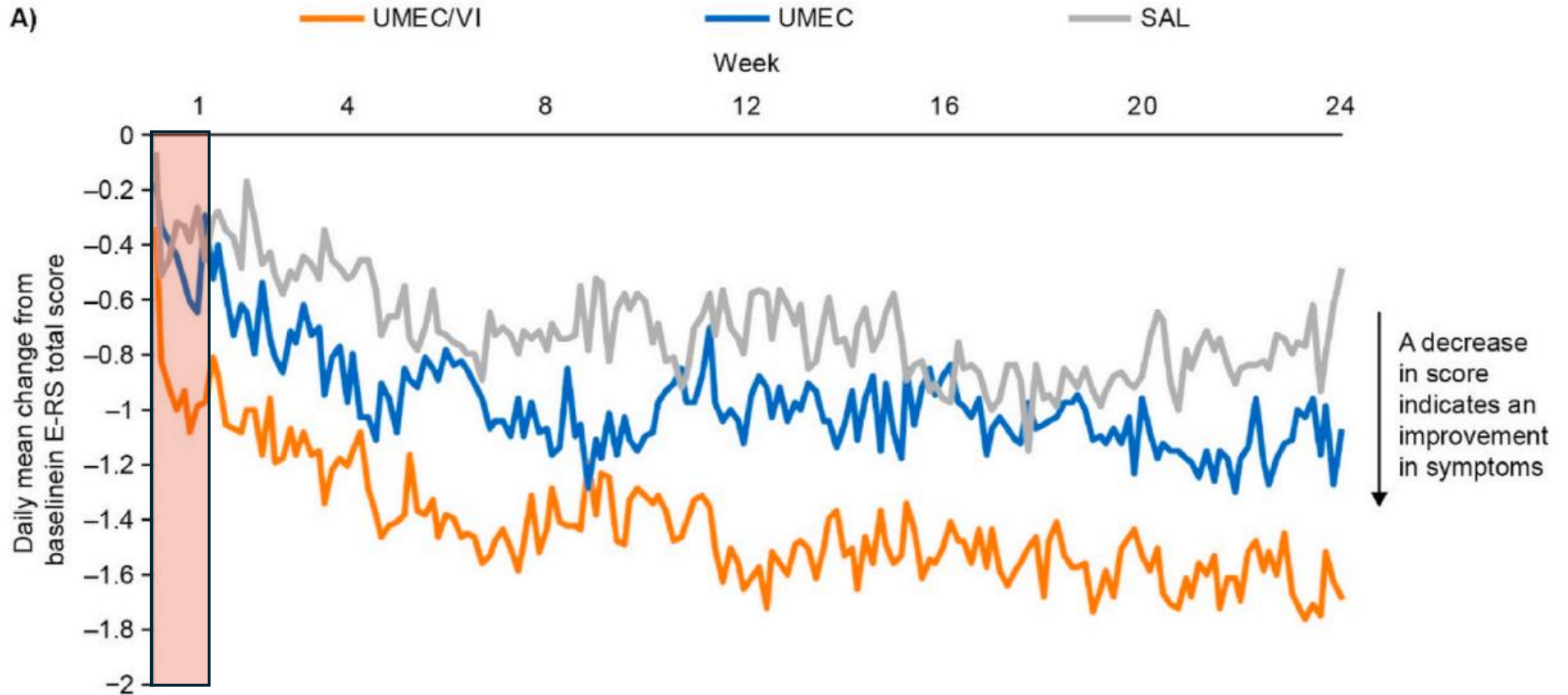


# EFFECT OF DUAL BRONCHODILATION ON HYPERINFLATION



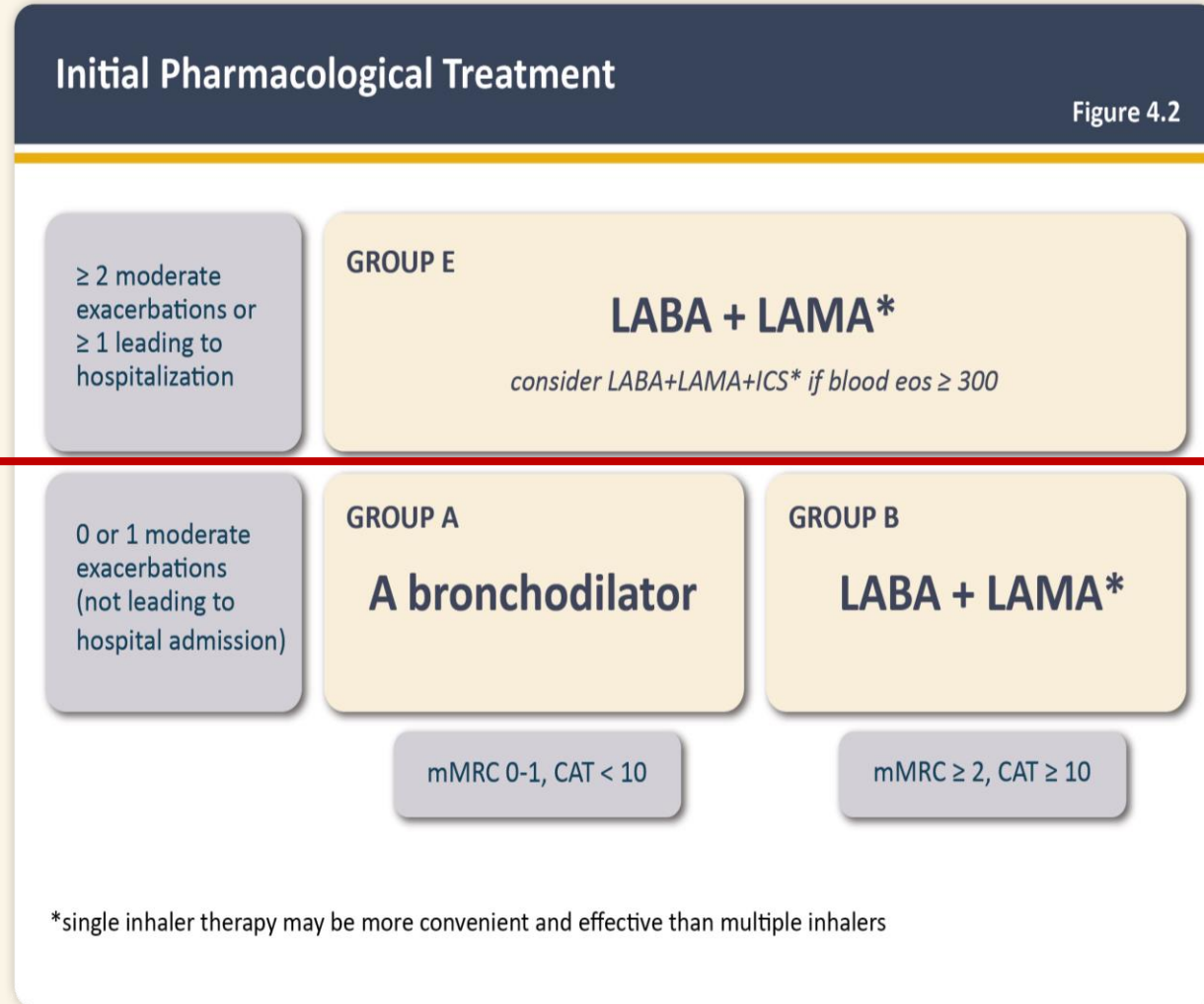
Popolazione ITT  
FVC: capacità vitale forzata; IC, capacità inspiratoria; LS, minimi quadrati. \*\*p < 0,001; \*p = 0,028

# early improvement in symptoms WITH UMEC/VI vs. monotherapy in the EMAX trial



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Note: ICS/LAMA/LABA as initial maintenance therapy is off-label in the EU and other LOCs.



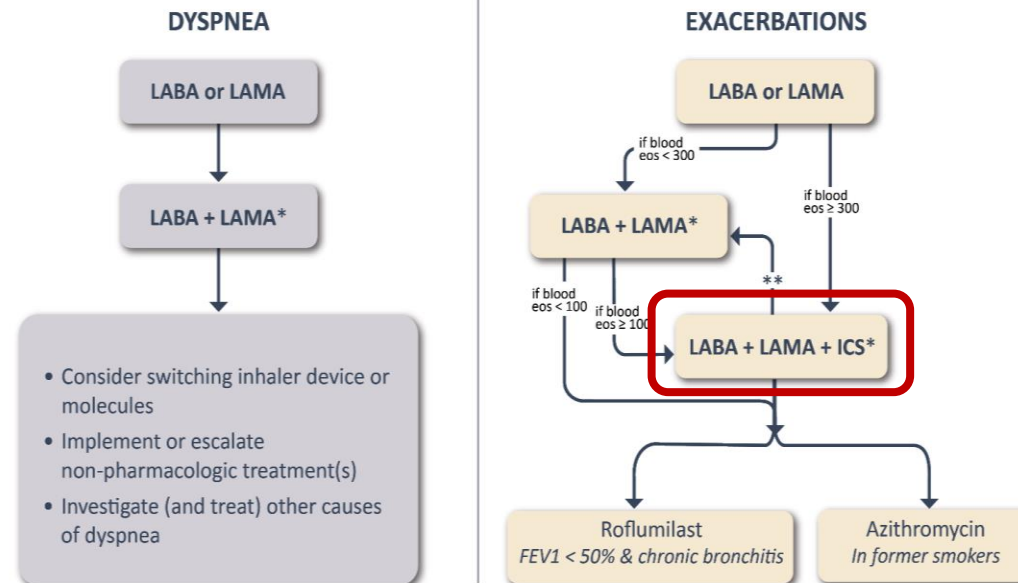
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## Follow-up Pharmacological Treatment

Figure 4.4

- 1 IF RESPONSE TO INITIAL TREATMENT IS APPROPRIATE, MAINTAIN IT.
- 2 IF NOT:
  - Check adherence, inhaler technique and possible interfering comorbidities
  - Consider the predominant treatable trait to target (dyspnea or exacerbations)
    - Use exacerbation pathway if both exacerbations and dyspnea need to be targeted
  - Place patient in box corresponding to current treatment & follow indications
  - Assess response, adjust and review
  - These recommendations do not depend on the ABE assessment at diagnosis

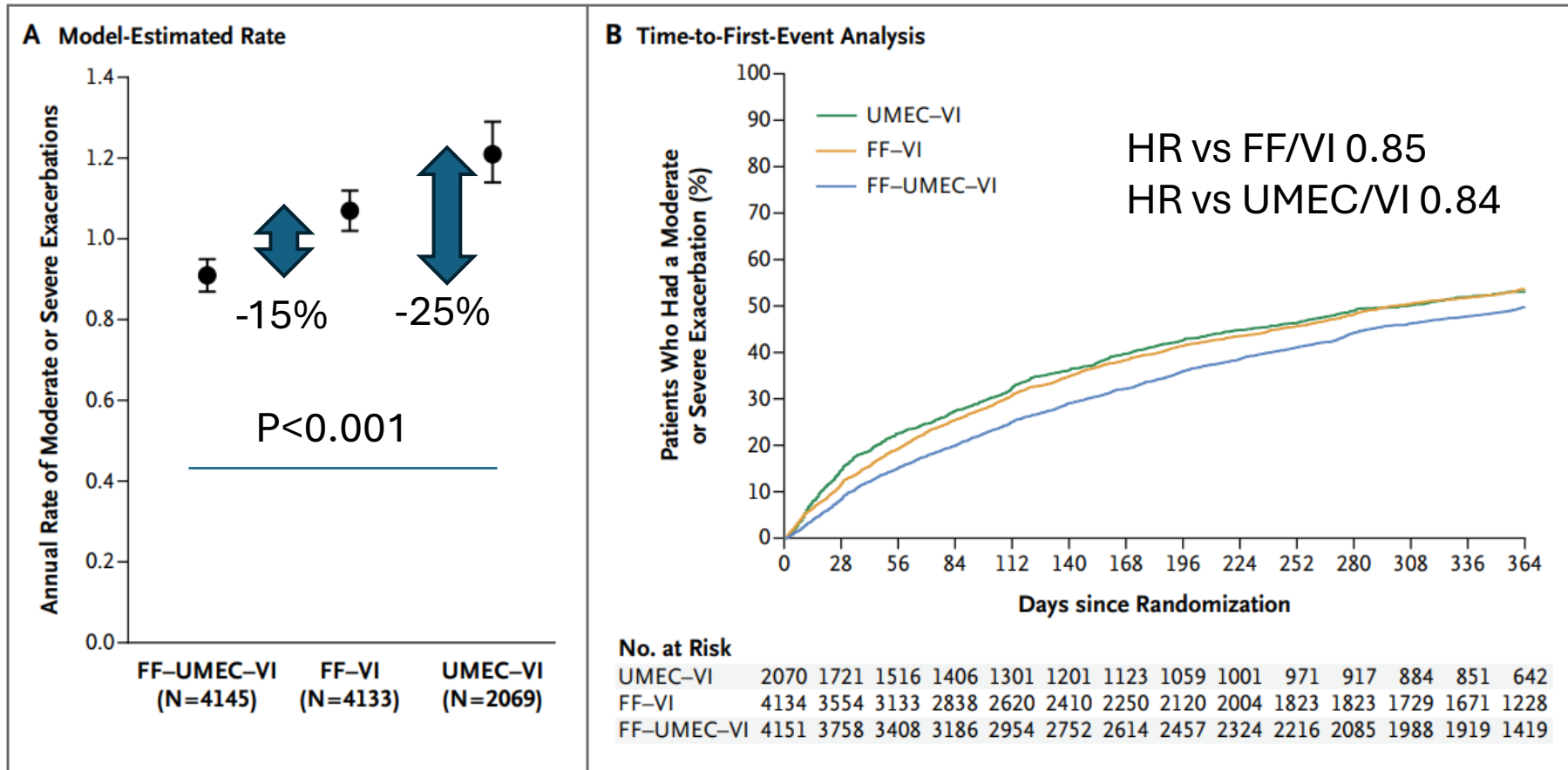


\*Single inhaler therapy may be more convenient and effective than multiple inhalers

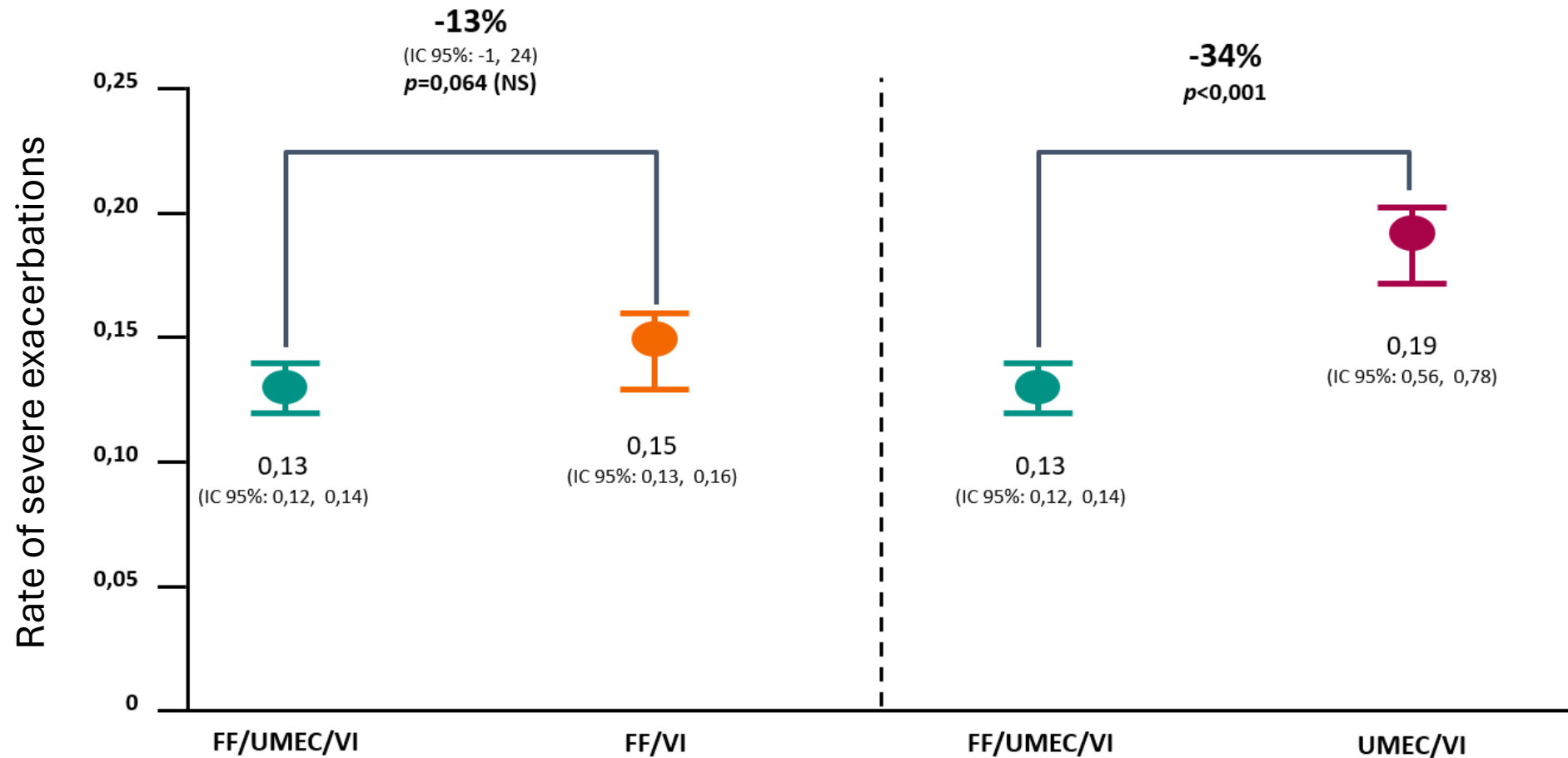
\*\*Consider de-escalation of ICS if pneumonia or other considerable side-effects. In case of blood eos ≥ 300 cells/μl de-escalation is more likely to be associated with the development of exacerbations



# Triple therapy with FF/UMEC/VI efficacy on mod/severe exacerbations



# Triple therapy with FF/UMEC/VI reduces severe exacerbations



# GOLD 2023 has strengthened the emphasis on the importance of preventing premature mortality with pharmacotherapy<sup>1</sup>

**Triple therapy** is the **only pharmacotherapy** with evidence supporting a **reduction in mortality** in patients with COPD<sup>1</sup>

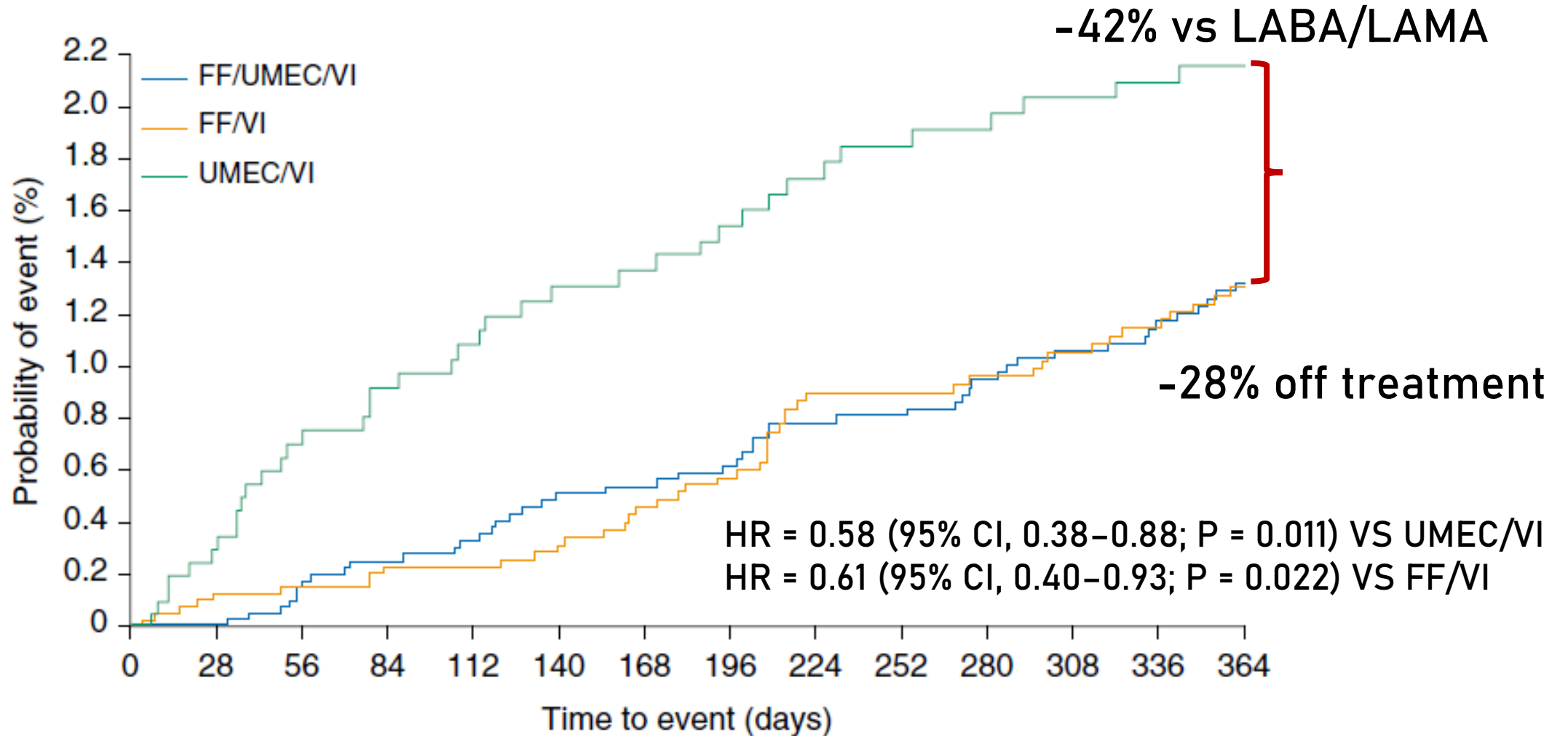
Therapy	RCT*	Treatment effect on mortality	Patient characteristics
Pharmacotherapy			
<b>LABA + LAMA + ICS</b>	Yes	Triple compared with dual LABD relative risk reduction: <b>IMPACT:</b> HR 0.72 (95% CI 0.53, 0.99) <sup>2</sup> <b>ETHOS:</b> HR 0.51 (95% CI 0.33, 0.80) <sup>3</sup>	Symptomatic people with a history of frequent and/or severe exacerbations

Non-pharmacological options that reduce mortality include smoking cessation, pulmonary rehabilitation, long-term oxygen therapy, non-invasive positive pressure ventilation and lung volume reduction surgery

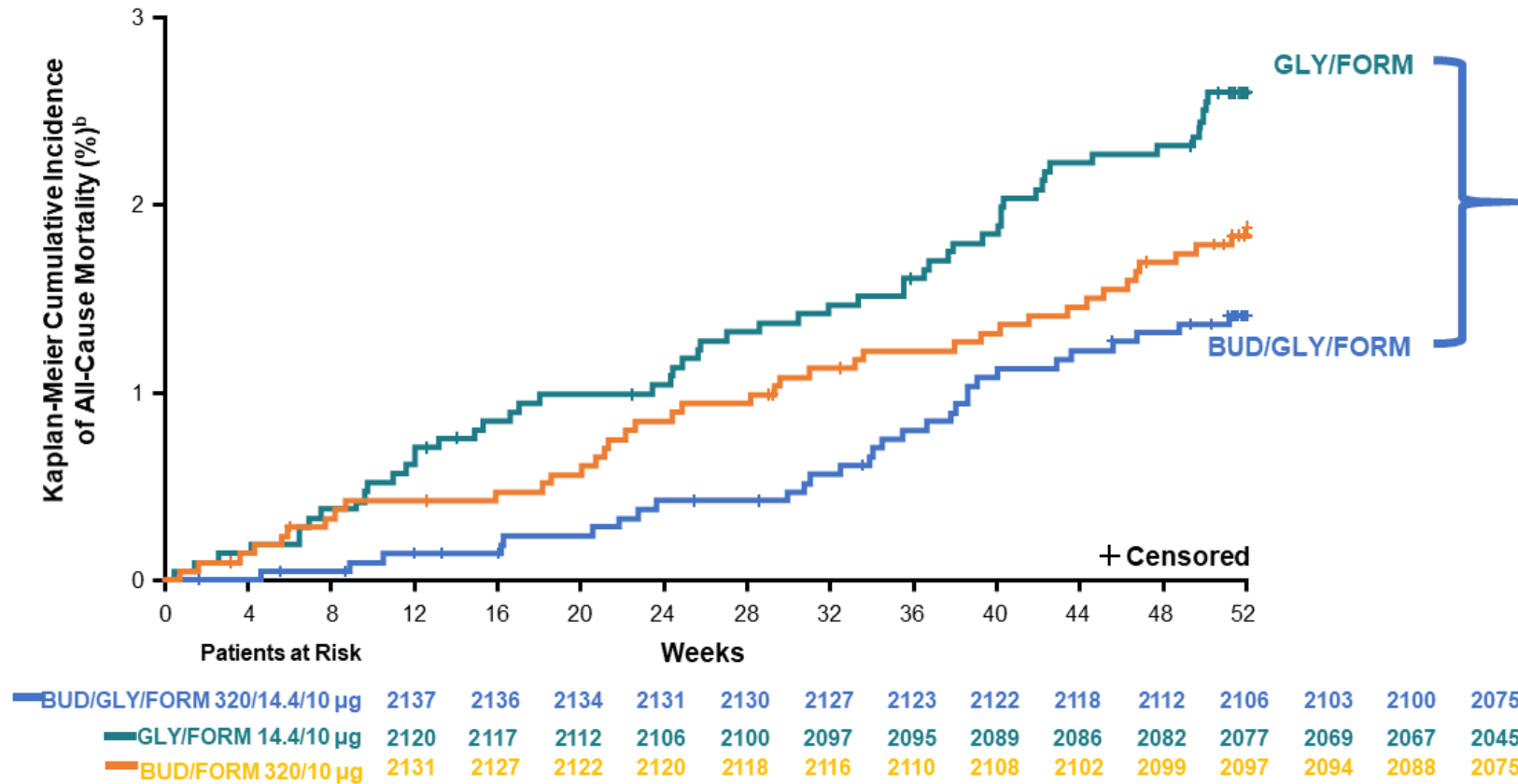
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# Mortality reduction with triple therapy in IMPACT trial



# MORTALITY IN THE ETHOS STUDY



Over 52 weeks  
**BUD/GLY/FORM 320/14.4/10 µg**  
 demonstrated a:



**significant reduction**  
**vs. LAMA/LABA<sup>c</sup>**  
 HR: 0.51; 95% CI: 0.33 to 0.80;  
 unadjusted p=0.0035<sup>a</sup>

**NNT = 80 vs. LAMA/LABA**  
 (95% CI: 58 to 198)

**28% reduction vs. ICS/LABA**  
 HR: 0.72; 95% CI: 0.44 to 1.16;  
 p=0.1721

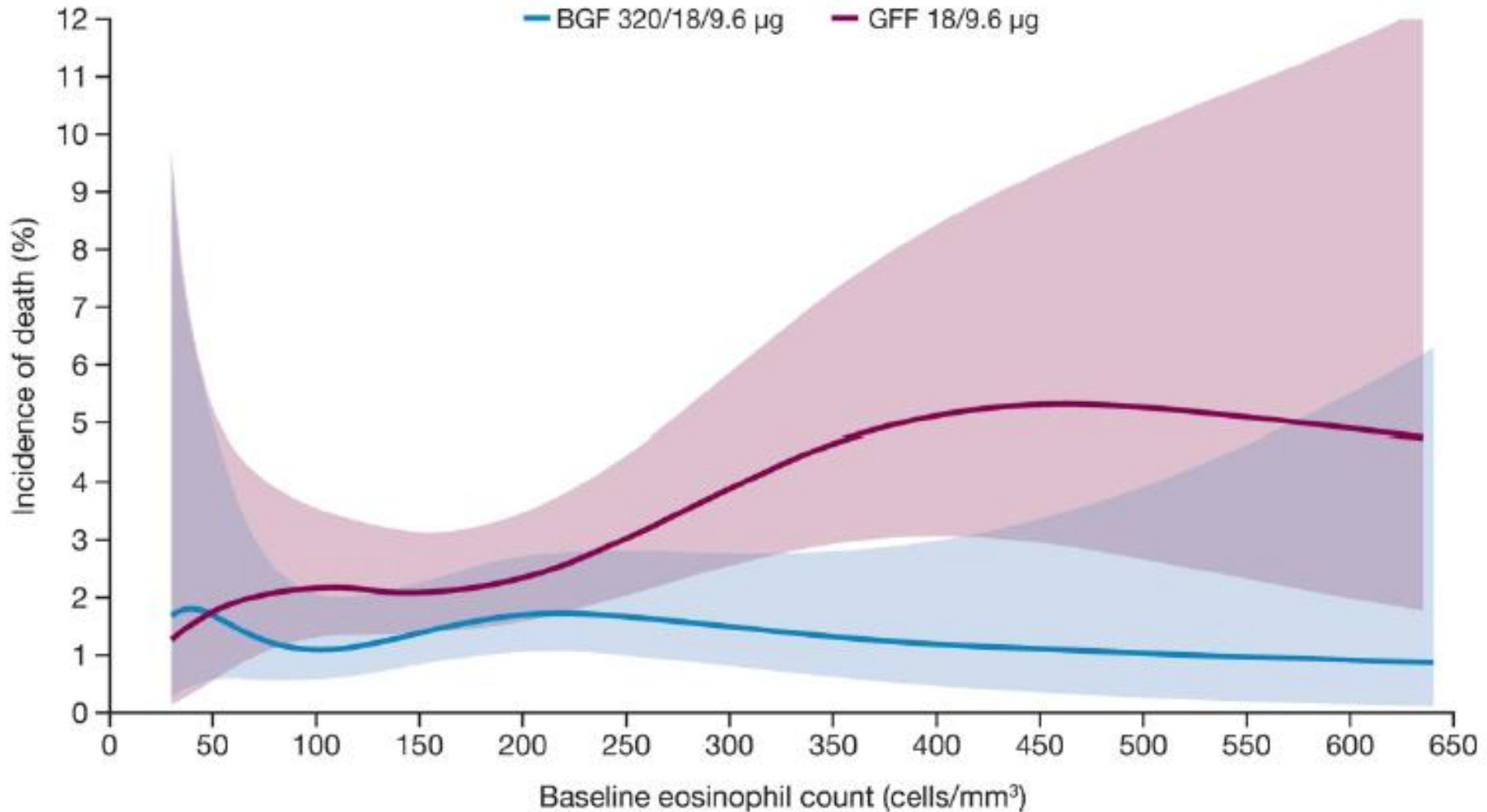
## Riduzione degli eventi fatali con terapia contenenti ICS extrafine nell'analisi aggregata degli studi TRILOGY, TRINITY e TRIBUTE

N of patients with events (%)	BDP/FF/G, BDP/FF, BDP/FF+TIO (N=3745)	TIO, IND/GLY (N=1844)	HR (95% CI) p value
RESPIRATORY	19 (0.5%)	9 (0.5%)	1.01 (0.45; 2.22) p=0.990
NON - RESPIRATORY	56 (1.5%)	41 (2.2%)	0.65 (0.43; 0.97) p=0.037

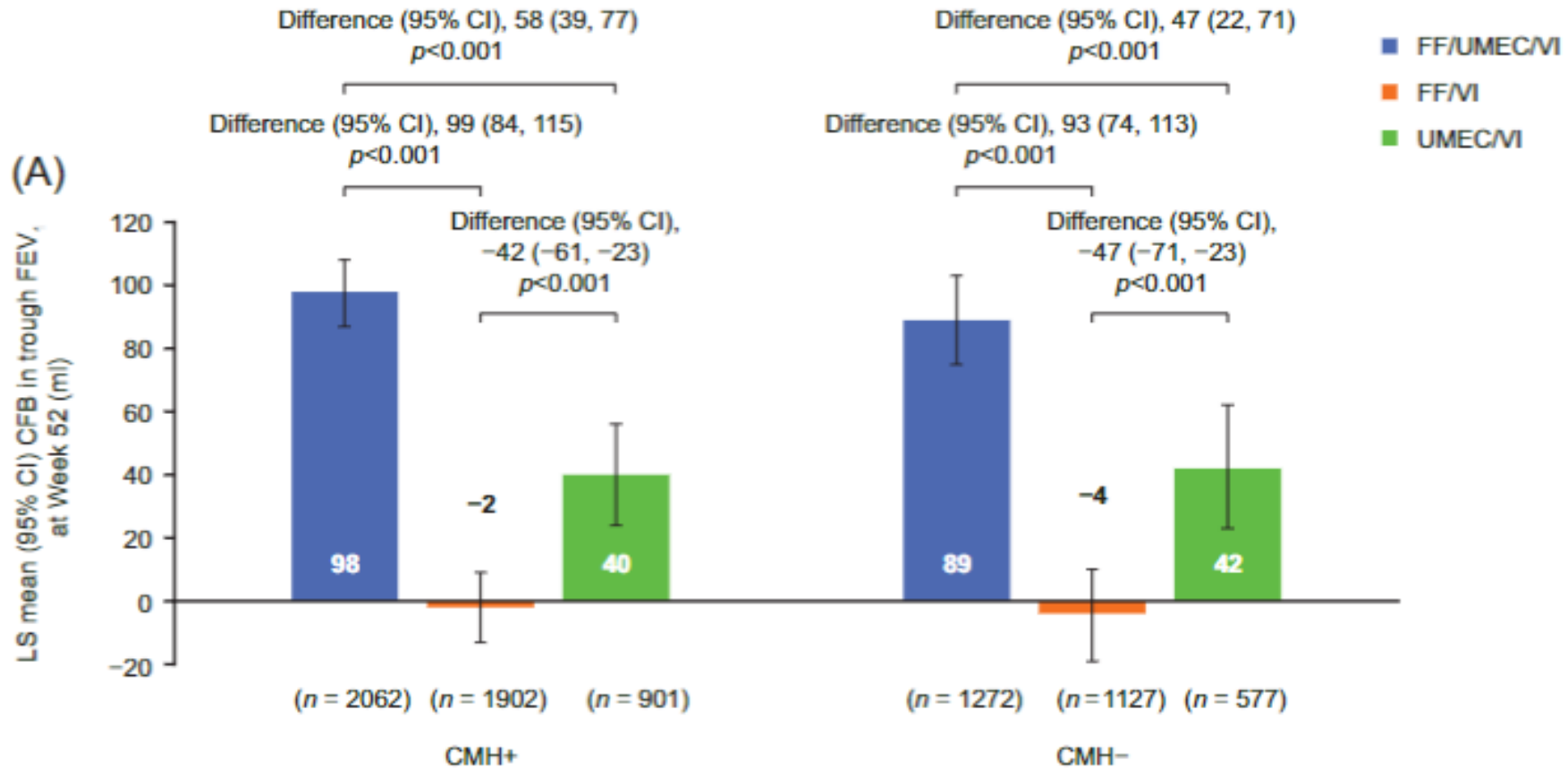
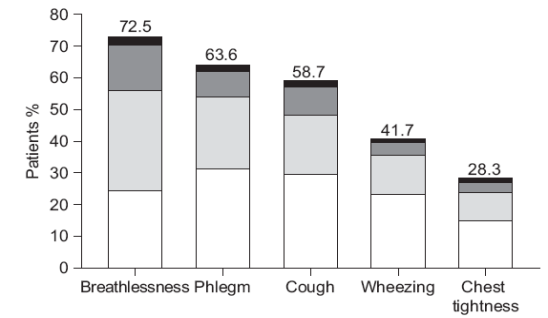
*Patients (%) with fatal AEs and hazard ratios (HRs) for treatment group comparisons*

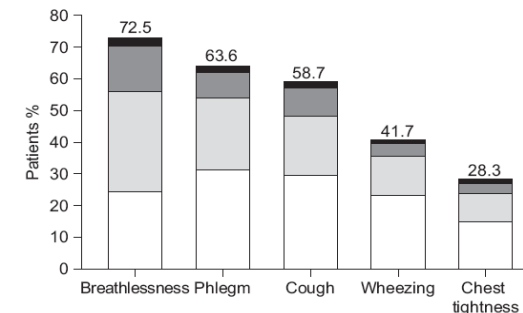
I trattamenti contenenti ICS sono associati ad un minor tasso di mortalità non respiratoria in soggetti con BPCO sintomatica a rischio di riacutizzazioni

# MORTALITY BASED ON EOSINOPHIL COUNT IN ETHOS (TRIPLE vs LABA/LAMA)



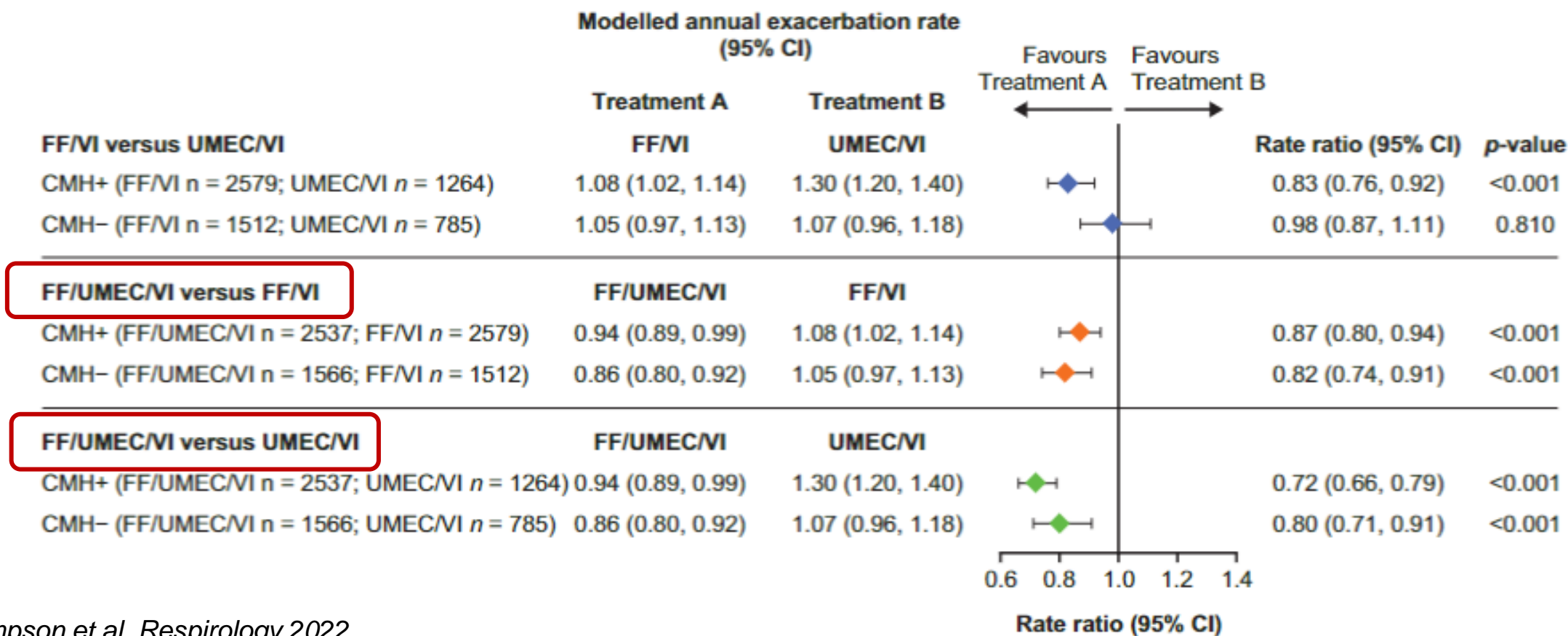
# Effect of chronic mucus hypersecretion on treatment responses to inhaled therapies in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease: Post hoc analysis of the IMPACT trial





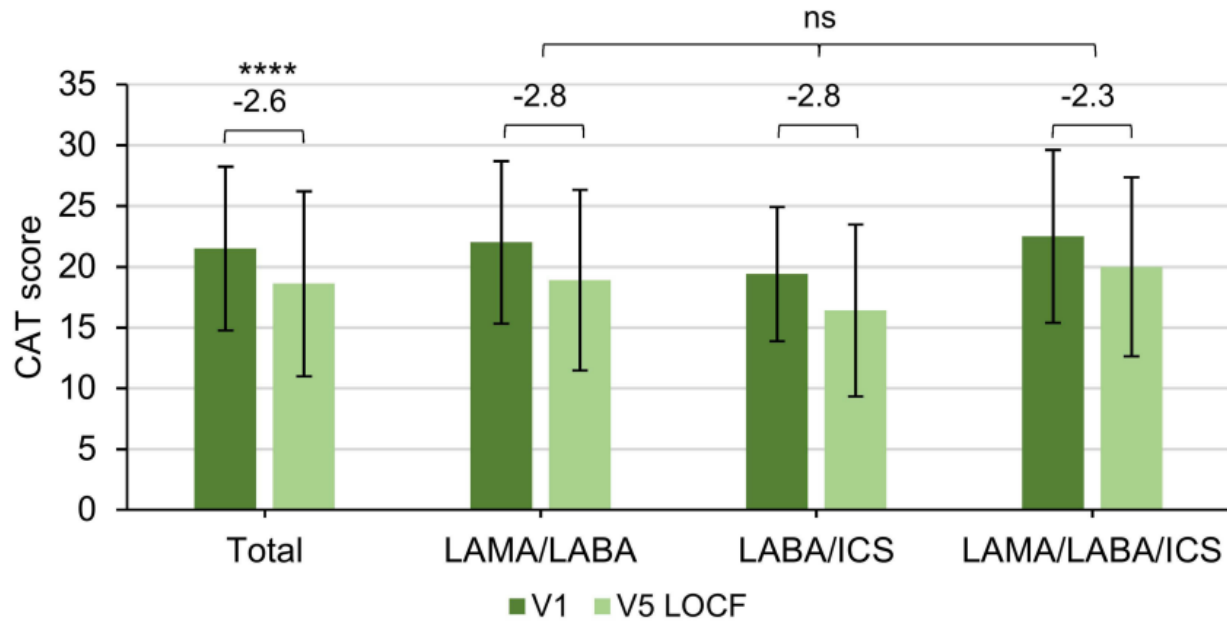
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◆ FF/UMEC/VI versus FF/VI    ◆ FF/UMEC/VI versus UMEC/VI    ◆ FF/VI versus UMEC/VI

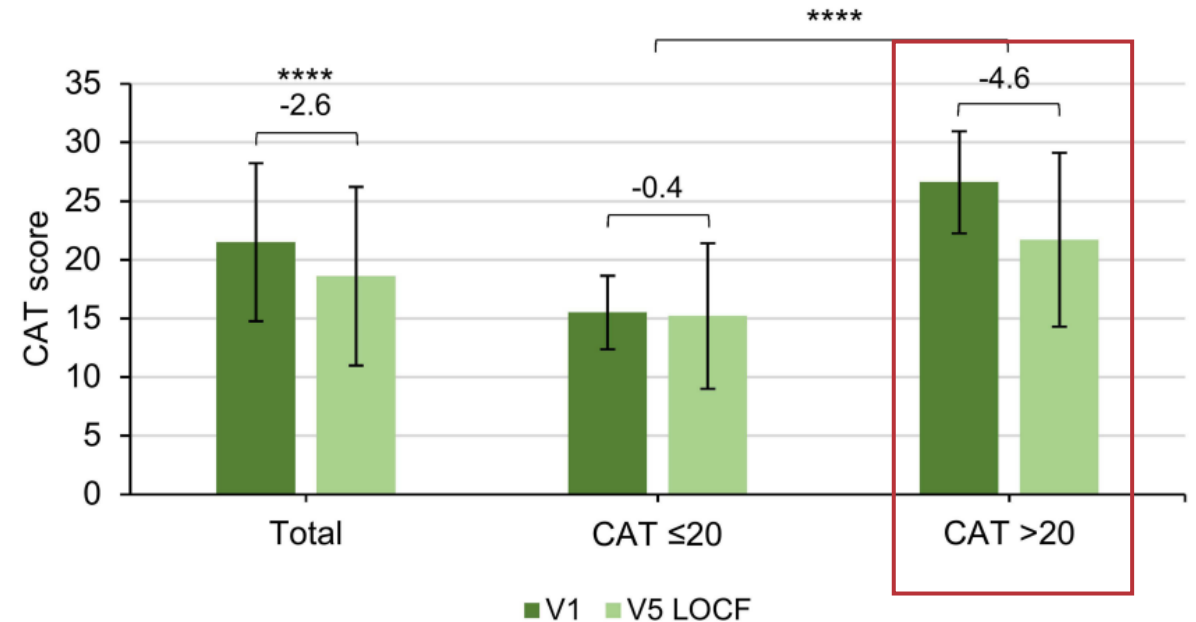


# Real world effectiveness of FF/UMEC/VI in symptomatic COPD: ELLITHE non-interventional trial

Total CAT score by prior treatment



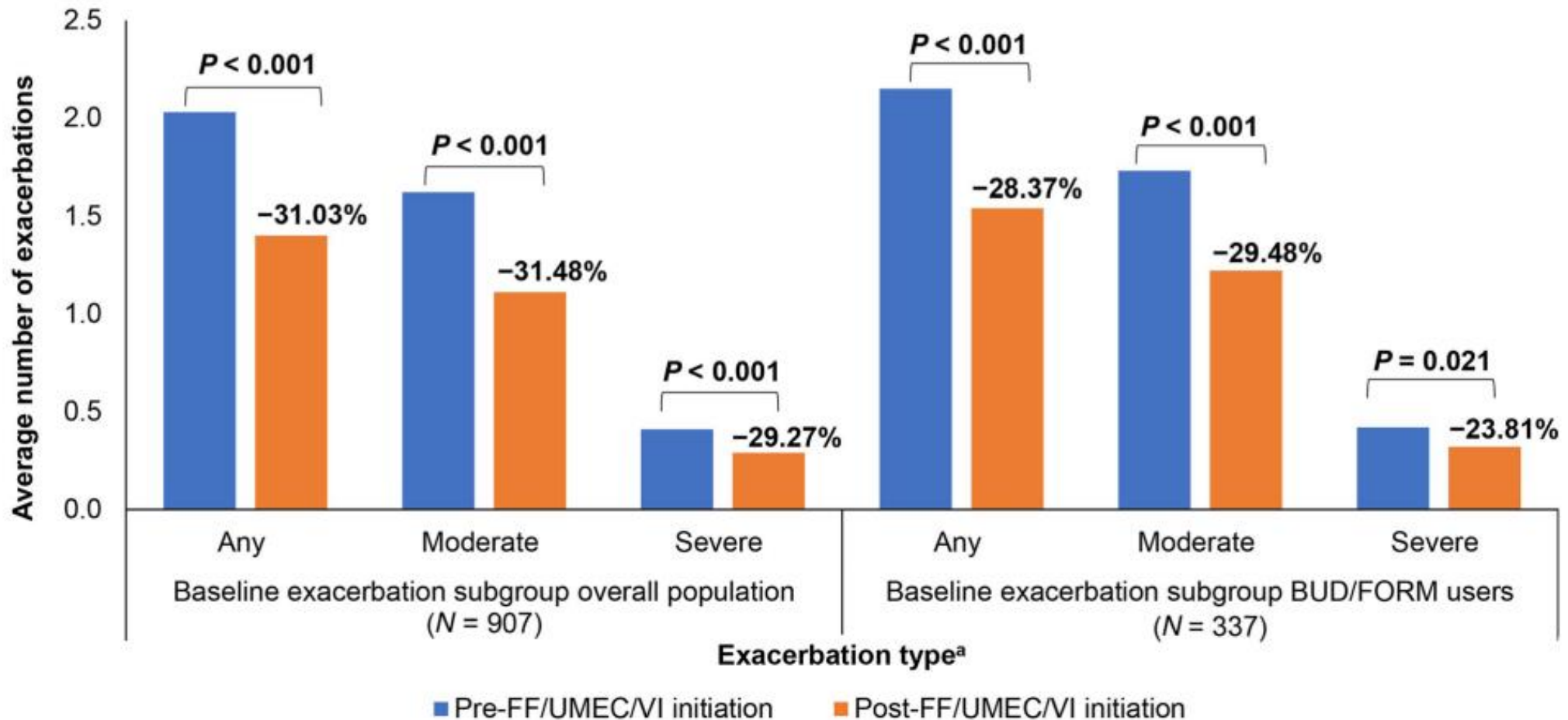
Total CAT score by baseline CAT score



68.6% GOLD B  
31.4% GOLD D

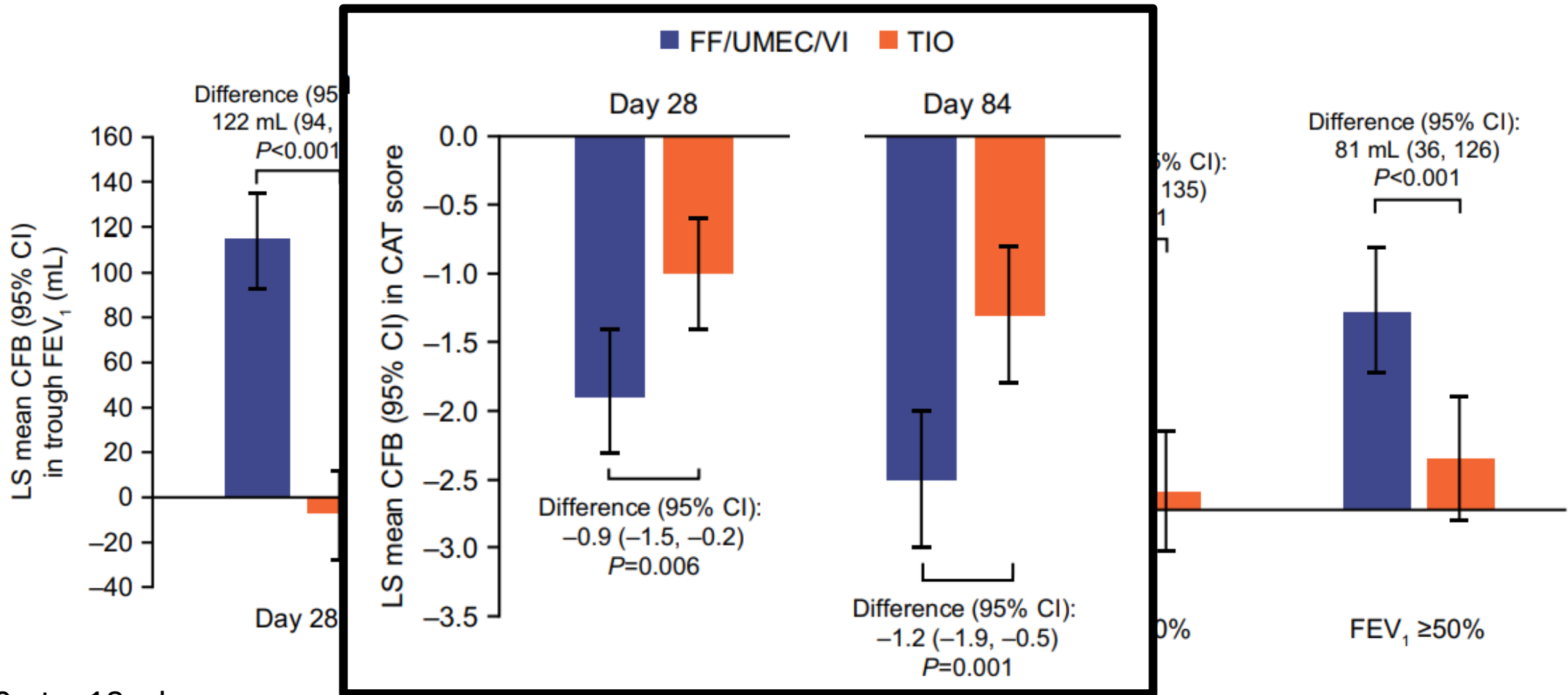
64% escalated from dual therapies  
18% switched from multiple inhaler therapies

# Exacerbations in patients switching to FF/UMEC/VI from ICS/LABA: real world data





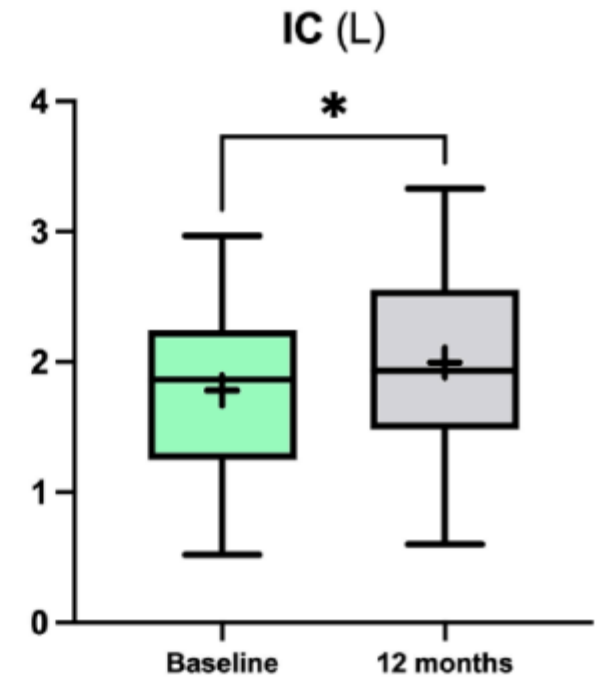
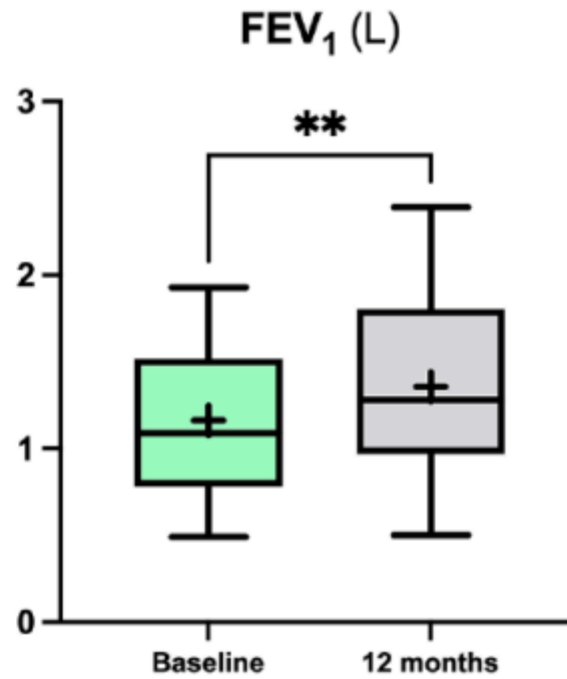
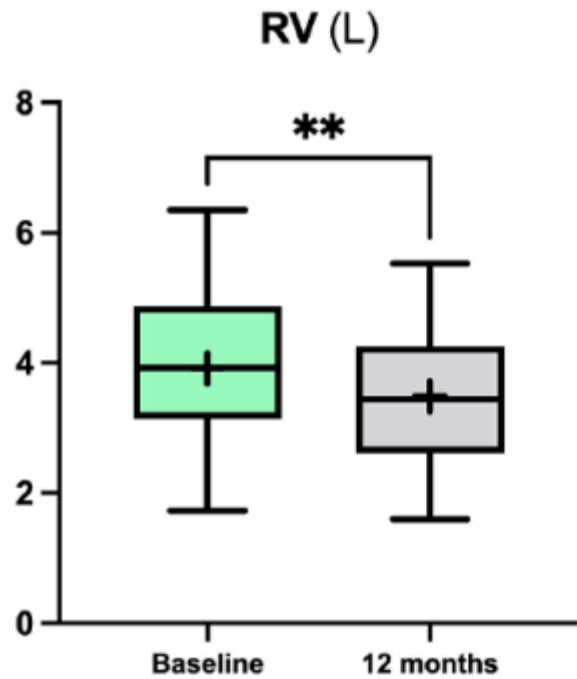
# Optimizing therapy with FF/UMEC/VI vs TIO



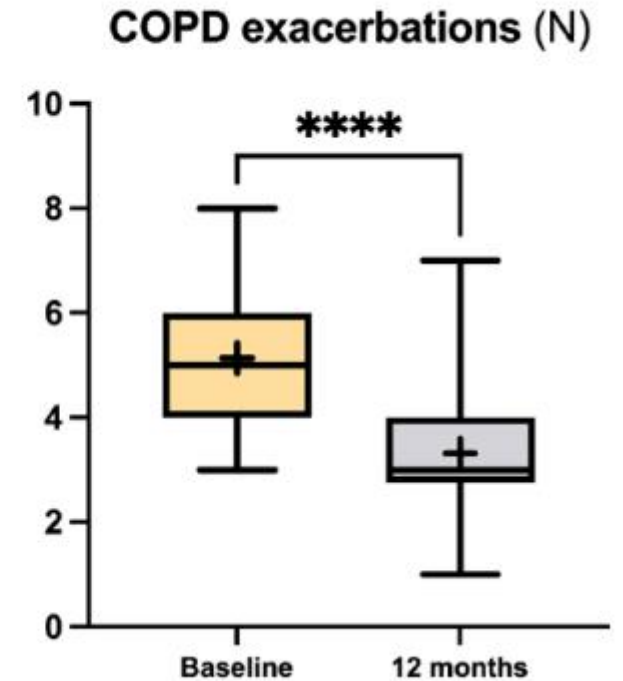
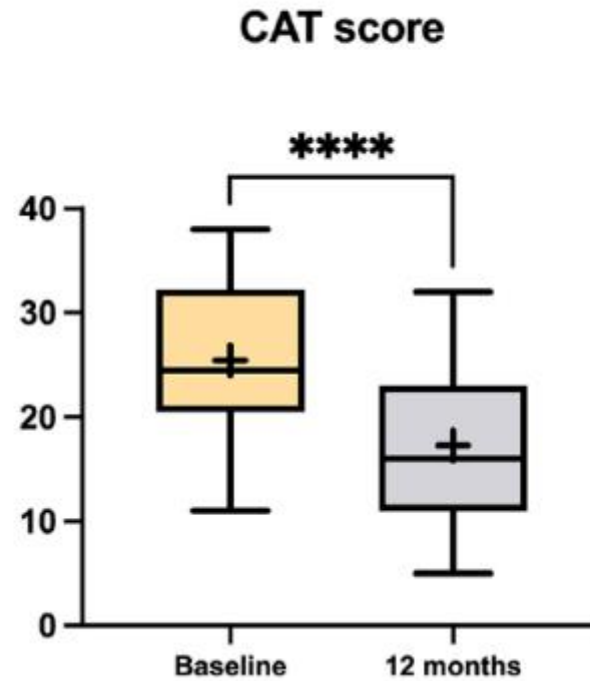
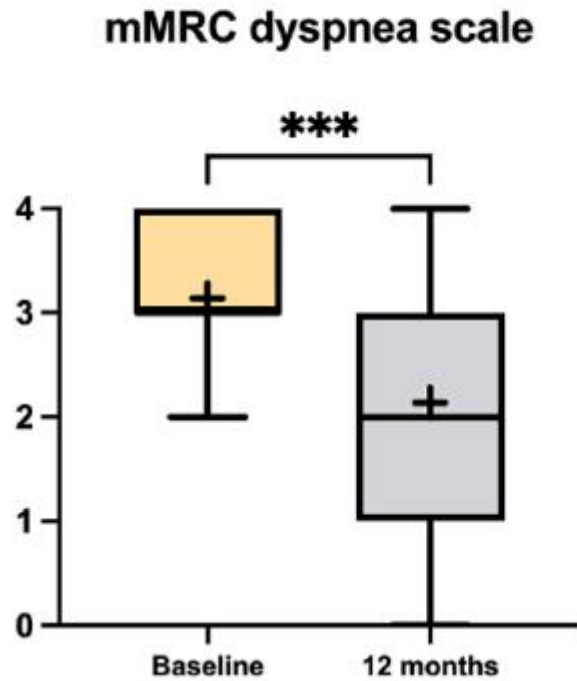
800 pts, 12 wks

53% ≥ 2 mod AECOPD; 11% severe AECOPD

# Effect of beclometasone/glycopyrronium/formoterol extrafine real life data



# Effect of beclometasone/glycopyrronium/formoterol extrafine real life data



## TRITRIAL study: Digital approach and Patient-centric nature

The study plan included a **brief retrospective phase** to allow data collection from the time of the switch from previous therapy to BDP/FF/G to the patient's enrolment. After an initial visit (baseline, Visit 1), patients were **followed for up to 12 months** and performed follow-up visits after  $6\pm 1$  months (Visit 2) and  $12\pm 1$  months (Visit 3).

The **primary endpoint** is the change of **CAT score** at 12 months versus baseline.

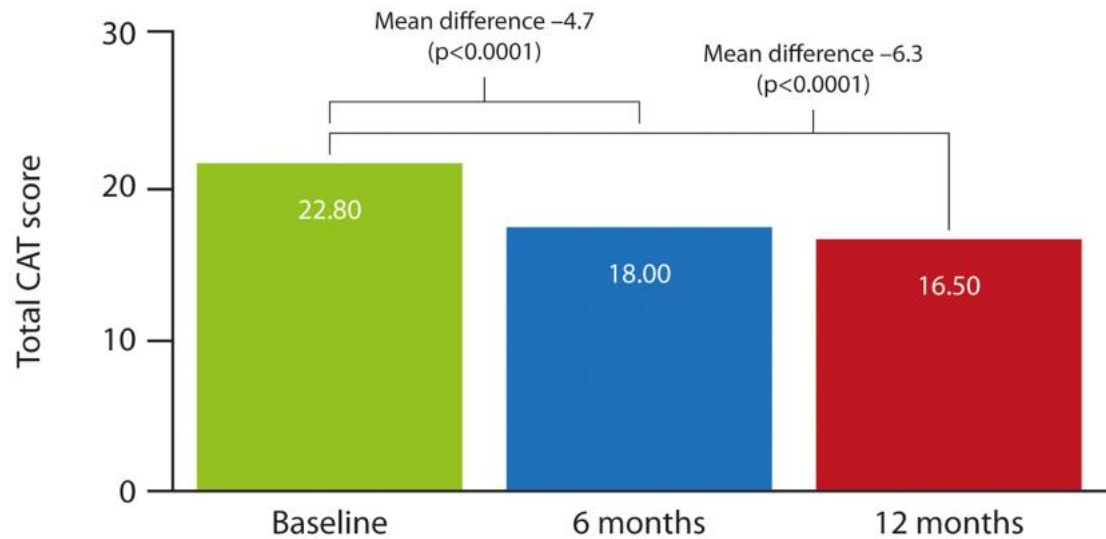
**Secondary endpoints** are adherence, health-related quality of life, sleep quality, disease-related outcomes (lung function and COPD exacerbations), device usability, economic resources consumption, and safety

- ❑ Specific focus on capturing patients' perceptions and points of view
- ❑ Digital approach in collecting data, fundamental to facing the challenges caused in 2020 by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

	<b>Patients (n=655)</b>
<b>Demographics</b>	
Sex, n (%)	
Male	447 (68.2%)
Female	208 (31.8%)
Age (years), mean (SD)	71.2 (9.0)
Body mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), mean (SD)	26.9 (5.4)
Smoking habit, n (%)	
Non-smoker	76 (11.6%)
Ex-smoker	411 (62.7%)
Current smoker	168 (25.6%)
	<b>Patients (n=655)</b>
<b>Concomitant diseases</b>	
At least one concomitant disease	506 (77.3%)
Most frequent concomitant diseases (>10%):	
Vascular disorders	279 (42.6%)
Cardiac disorders	166 (25.3%)
Metabolism and Nutrition disorders	149 (22.7%)
Respiratory, Thoracic and mediastinal disorders	146 (22.3%)
Gastrointestinal disorders	77 (11.8%)

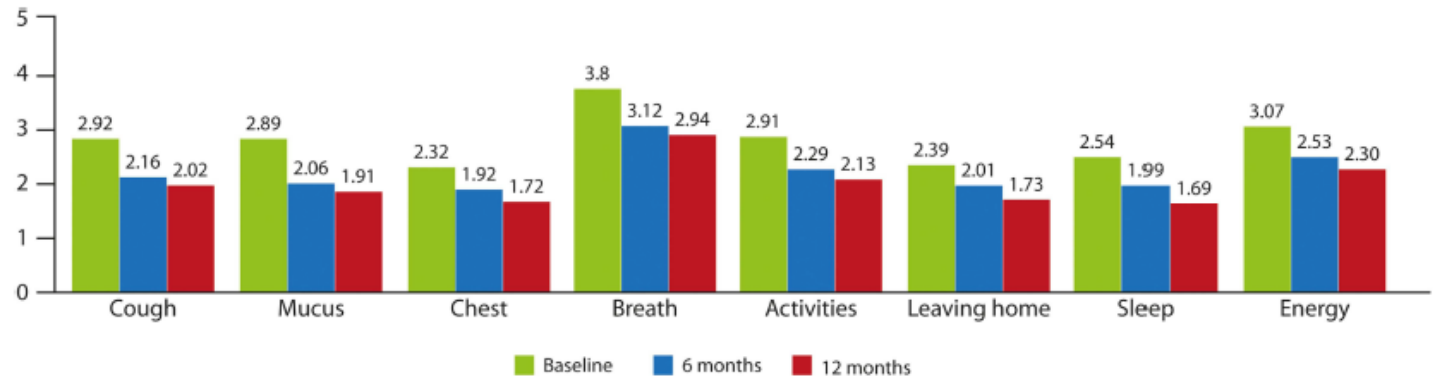
<b>Medical history</b>	
Time (years) since first COPD diagnosis, mean (SD)	9.8 (8.0)
CAT score at baseline, mean (SD)	22.5 (7.5)
Severity of last exacerbation*, n (%)	
Moderate	583 (89.0%)
Severe	177 (27.0%)
Number of prior exacerbations per patients*, mean (SD)	
Moderate	1.8 (0.8)
Severe	1.1 (0.4)
All	1.9 (0.9)
Patients with at least one prior exacerbation*, n (%)	652 (99.5%)
Previous therapies	
SITT	62 (9.5%)
MITT	162 (24.7%)
LABA+LAMA	47 (7.20%)
LABA/LAMA	140 (21.40%)
ICS+LABA	27 (4.10%)
ICS/LABA	168 (25.60%)
Others	49 (7.50%)

# Primary Endpoint: CAT score

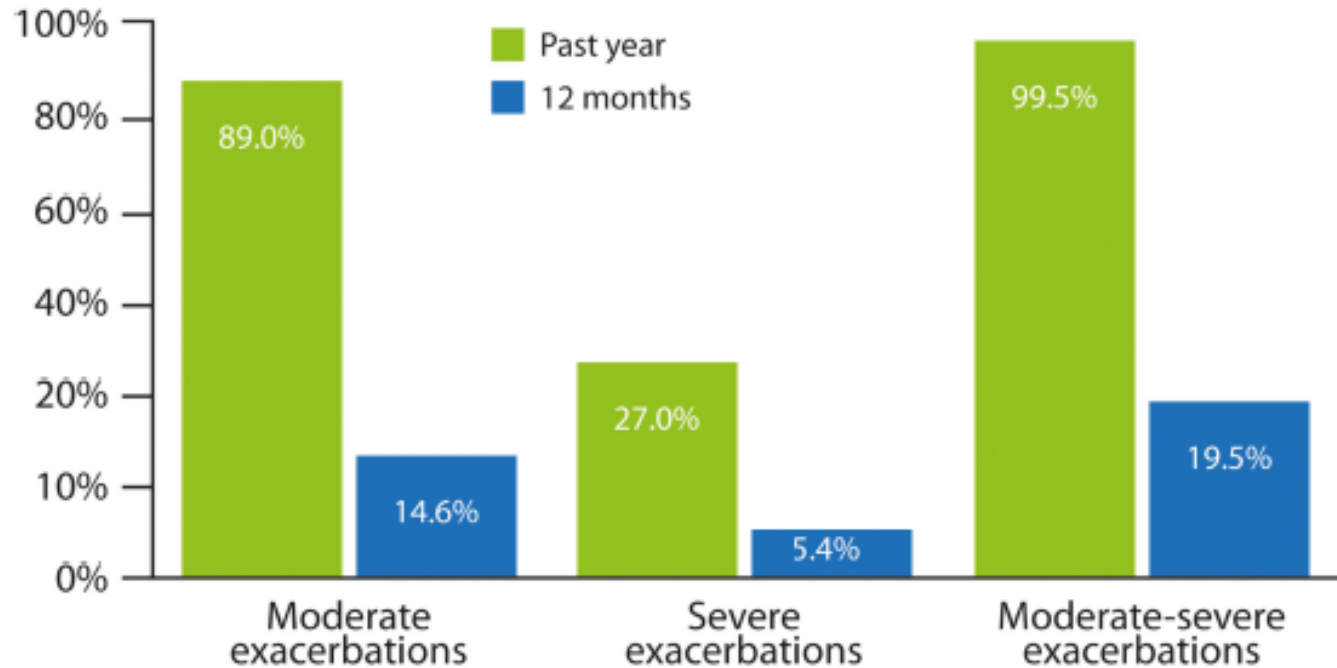


- CAT score significantly decreased, both at 6- and 12-months visits
- Approximately 75.4% of the patients benefited from an improvement of at least 2 points in the mean total CAT score starting from 6 months after treatment; the improvement was also maintained after 12 months

- statistically significant decrease for all the 8 CAT su-items both at 6 and 12 months compared with baseline



## Secondary endpoint: Exacerbations

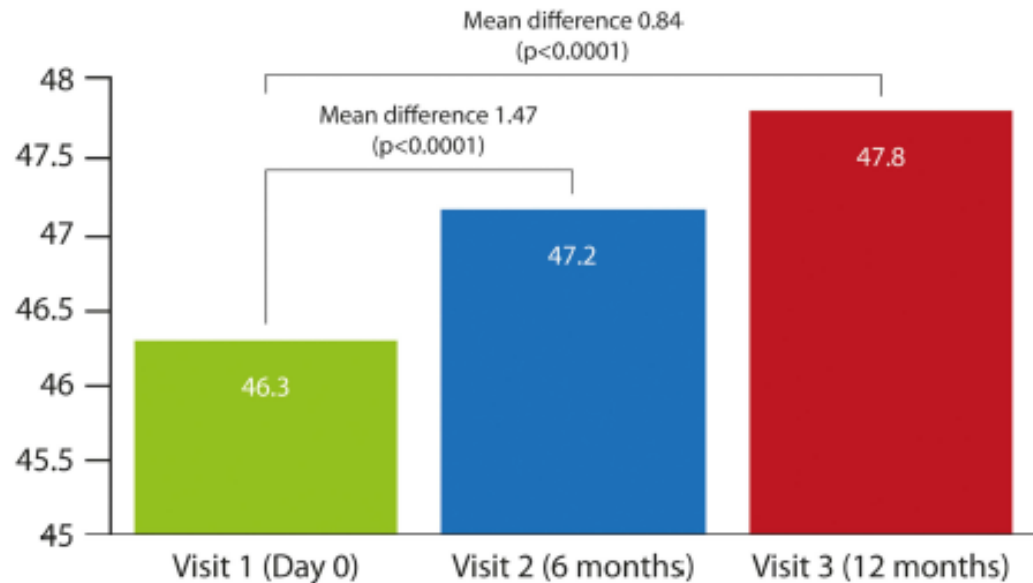


Exacerbations of COPD represent the main cause of disease progression and health resources consumption.

- Exacerbations prevalence was 99.5% in the previous year and decreased to 19.5% during the trial ( $p < 0,001$ )



## Secondary endpoint: Adherence



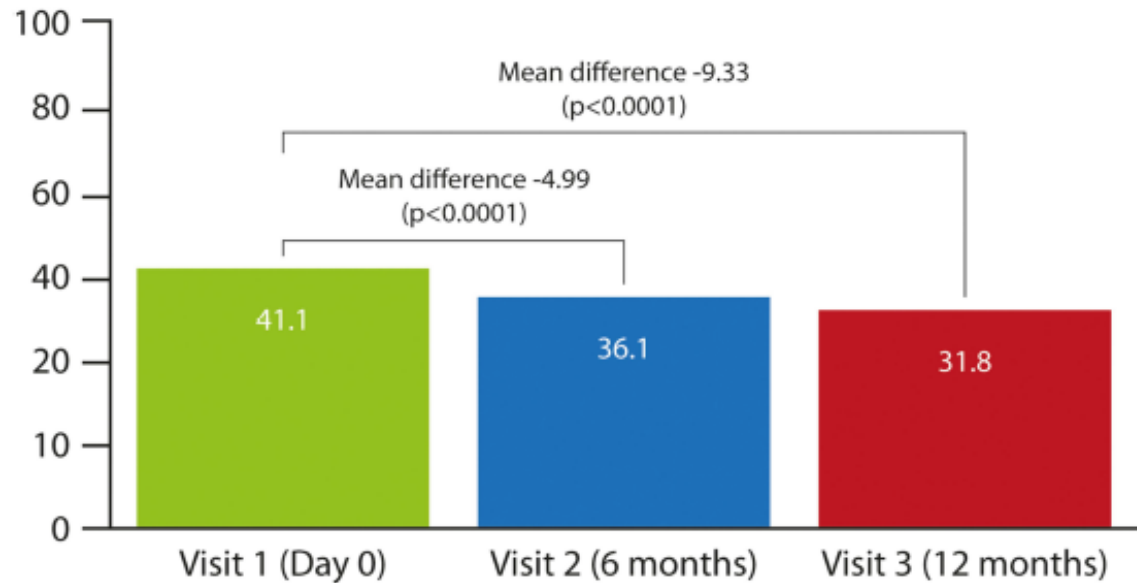
	Baseline	6 months	12 months
Poor (TAI ≤45)	30.1%	23.0%	18.3%
Moderate (TAI 46–96)	18.0%	26.5%	23.4%
Good (TAI = 50)	51.8%	50.5%	58.3%

According to TAI-10:

- the percentage of patients with poor adherence decreased from 30.1% to 18.3% over 12 months;
- good adherence was well maintained and even slightly increased during the study (from 50% to 58%)

Patient satisfaction and usability of the inhaler improved during the study; the percentage of patients fully satisfied increased from 34.8% at baseline to 46.6% after 12 months ( $p < 0.001$ )

## Secondary endpoint: Sleep impairment



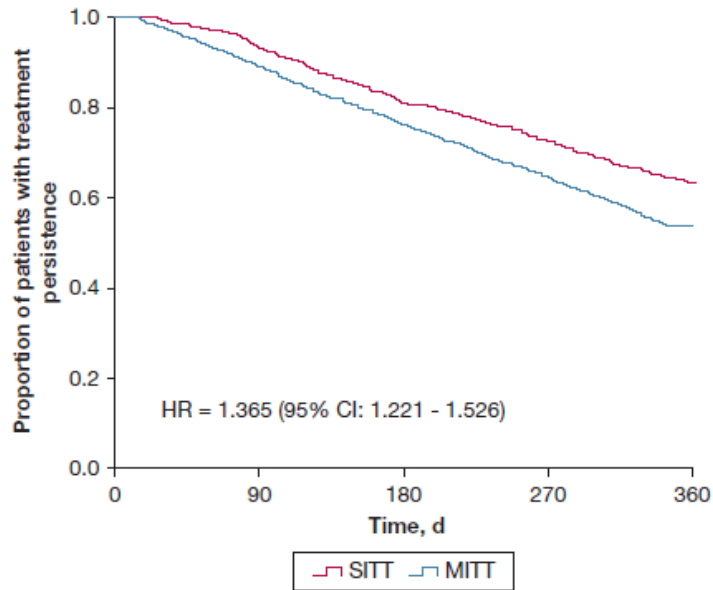
The COPD and Asthma Sleep Impact Scale (CASIS) is a validated questionnaire which evaluates sleep impairment associated with obstructive pulmonary diseases.

- It comprises 5 items and 2 items specifically investigate **sleep quality**

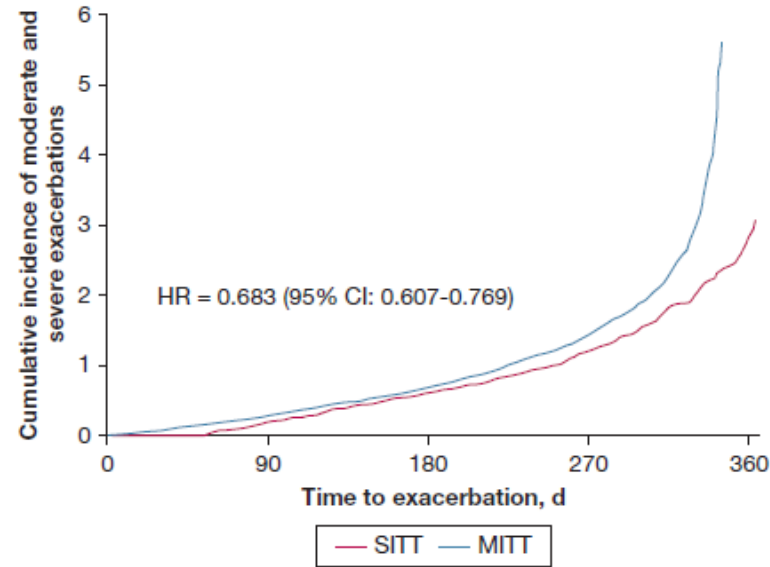
**CASIS total score** at the baseline was 41.1 vs 36.1 at 6-month follow up ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and 31.8 ( $p < 0.0001$ ) at 12-month follow-up

- The **quality of sleep became better** from baseline to follow-up visits.

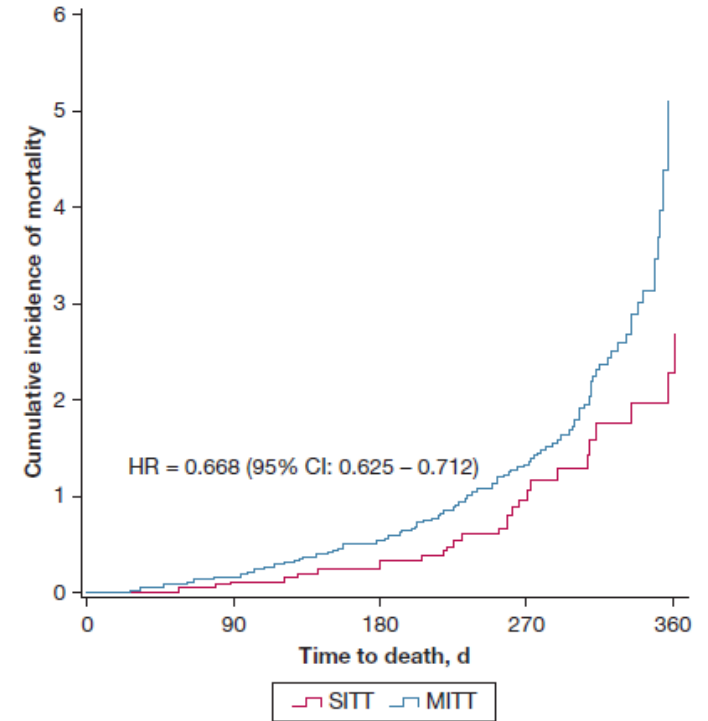
# Single vs Multiple Inhaler Triple Therapy in COPD: real life



Treatment persistence



Moderate and severe exacerbations

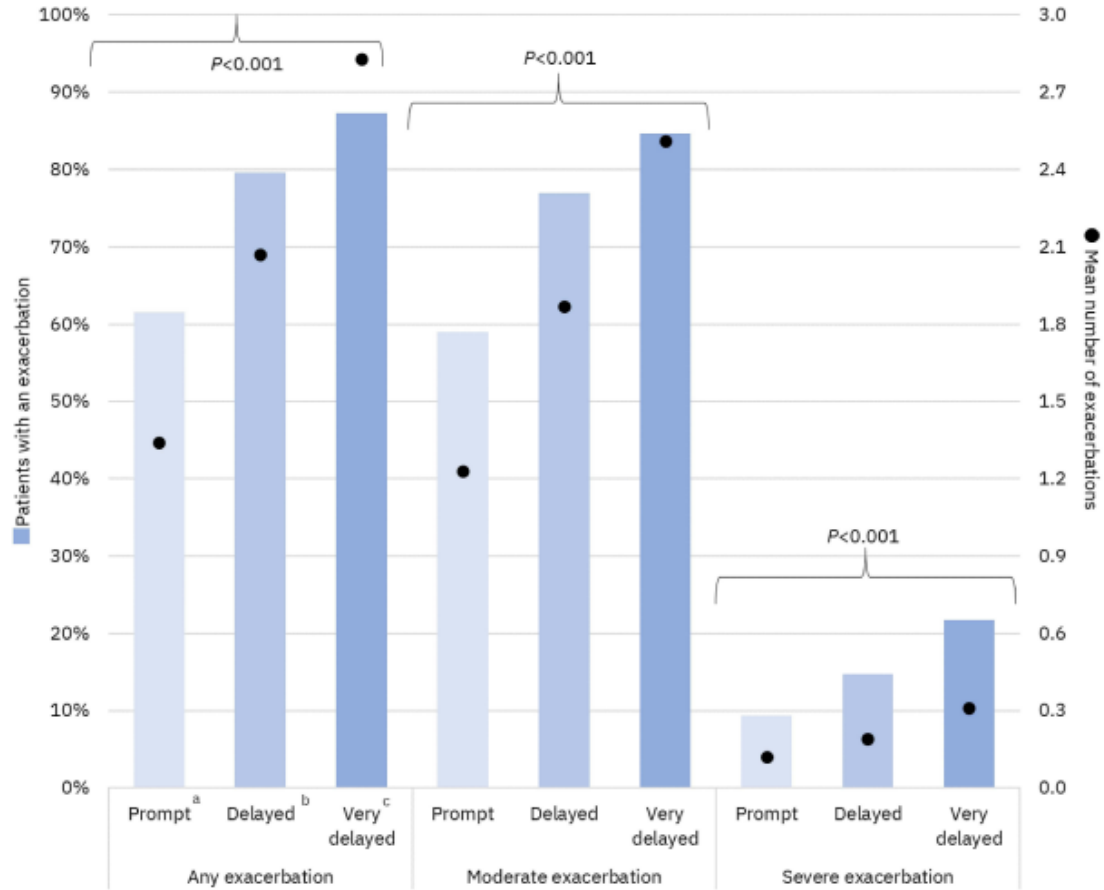


Mortality

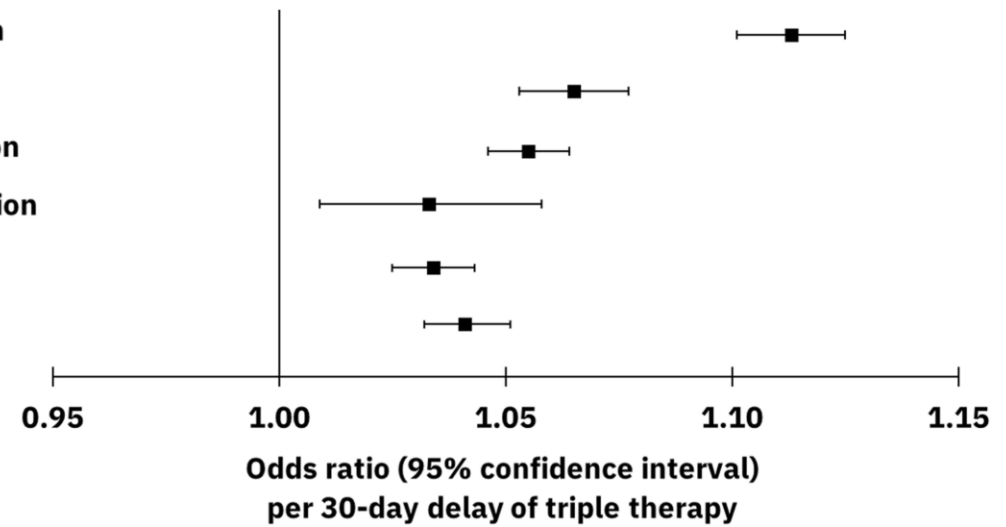
At 12-month follow-up, SITT (Single Inhaler Triple Therapy ) patients had a **37% improvement in persistence** compared with MITT (Multiple Inhaler Triple Therapy ) patients, leading to

- 33% risk reduction in **all-cause mortality**
- 32% risk reduction in the **incidence of exacerbations**

# Promptly Initiating Triple Therapy Is Associated with Decreased Morbidity and Economic Burden in COPD

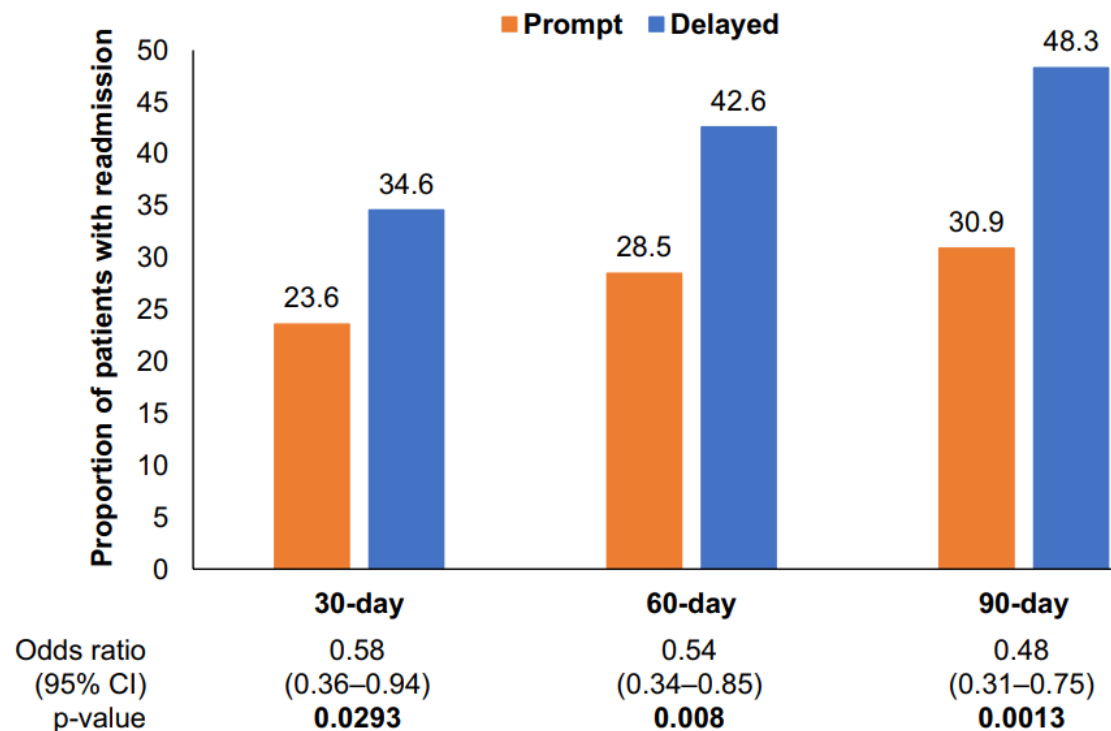


- Any COPD exacerbation
- Severe exacerbation
- All-cause hospitalization
- 90-day COPD readmission
- All-cause ER visit
- COPD-related ER visit

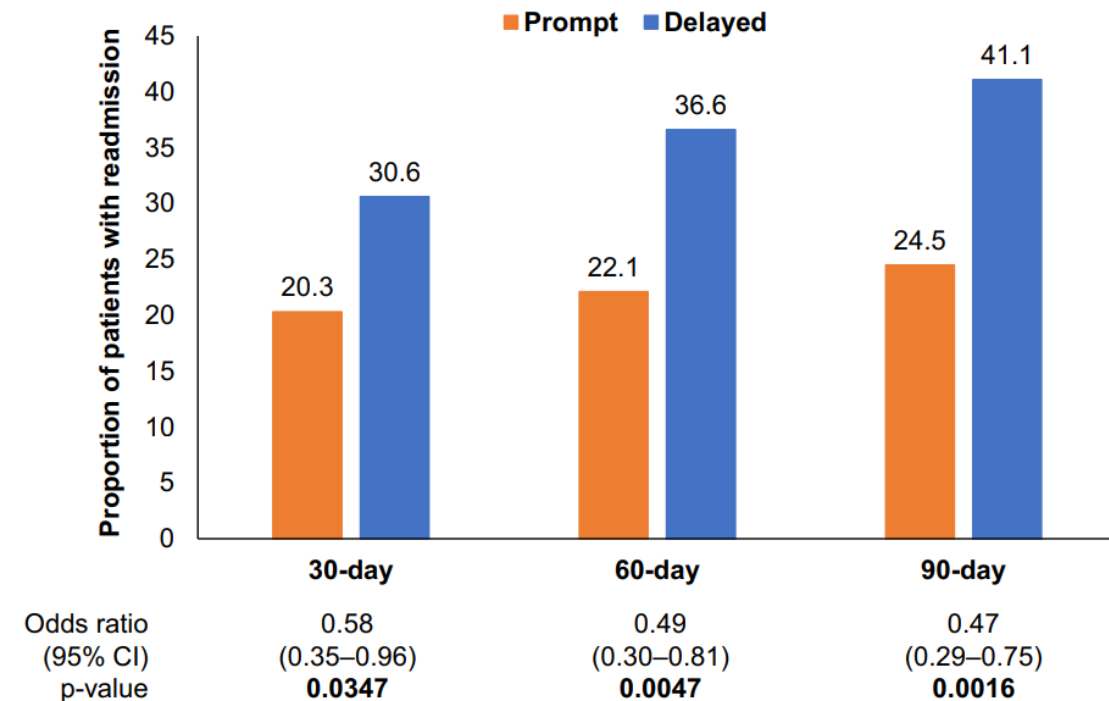


# Detrimental effect of late initiation of triple therapy: the value of prompt intervention with FF/UMEC/VIL post-exacerbation

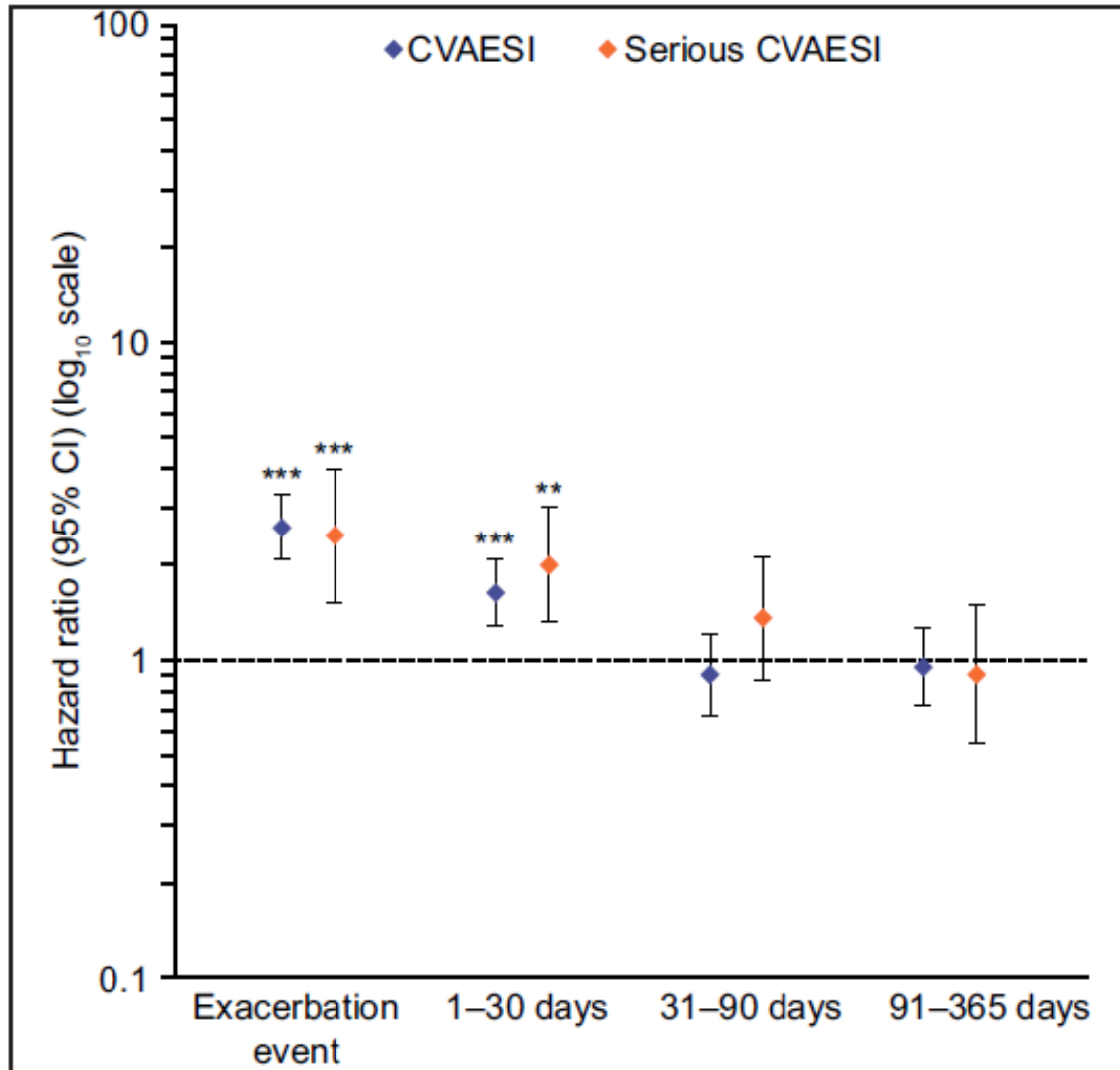
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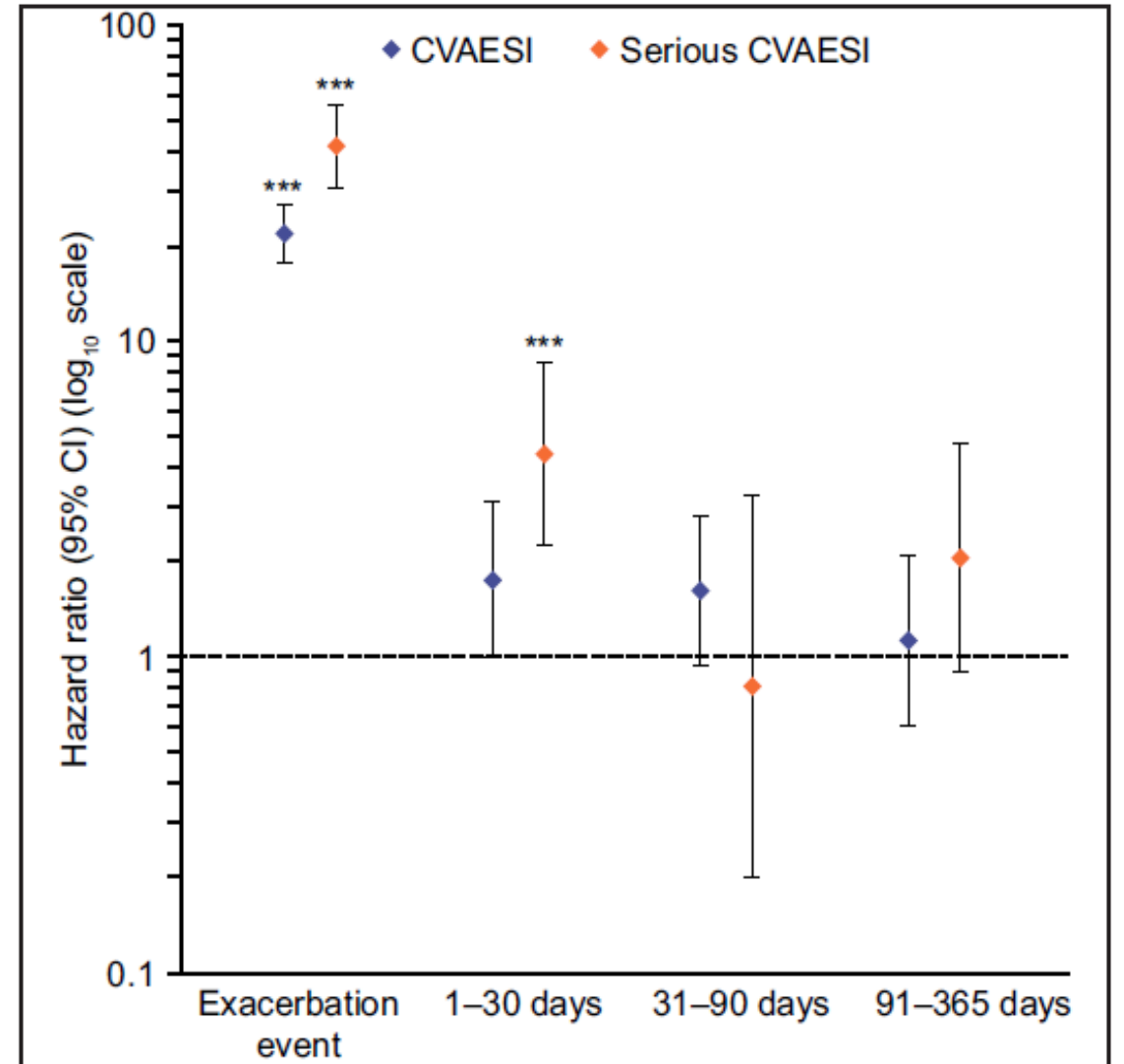
b) COPD-related



## Following a moderate AECOPD



## Following a severe AECOPD



Who **should not** receive triple (or ICS containing) therapy

# Patients with Bx 83,589 new users of ICS 6,500 of macrolides

**PATIENTS WITH CLINICALLY SIGNIFICANT Bx SHOULD NOT RECEIVE ICS-CONTAINING TPY UNLESS ICS IS NEEDED TO TREAT AN UNDERLINING DISEASE**

Acute Ex. on

Hosp Respir Infect

Unadjusted HR	1.35 (1.29-1.42)
Adjusted HR	1.56 (1.49-1.64)

All-cause Hosp.  
(except infection)

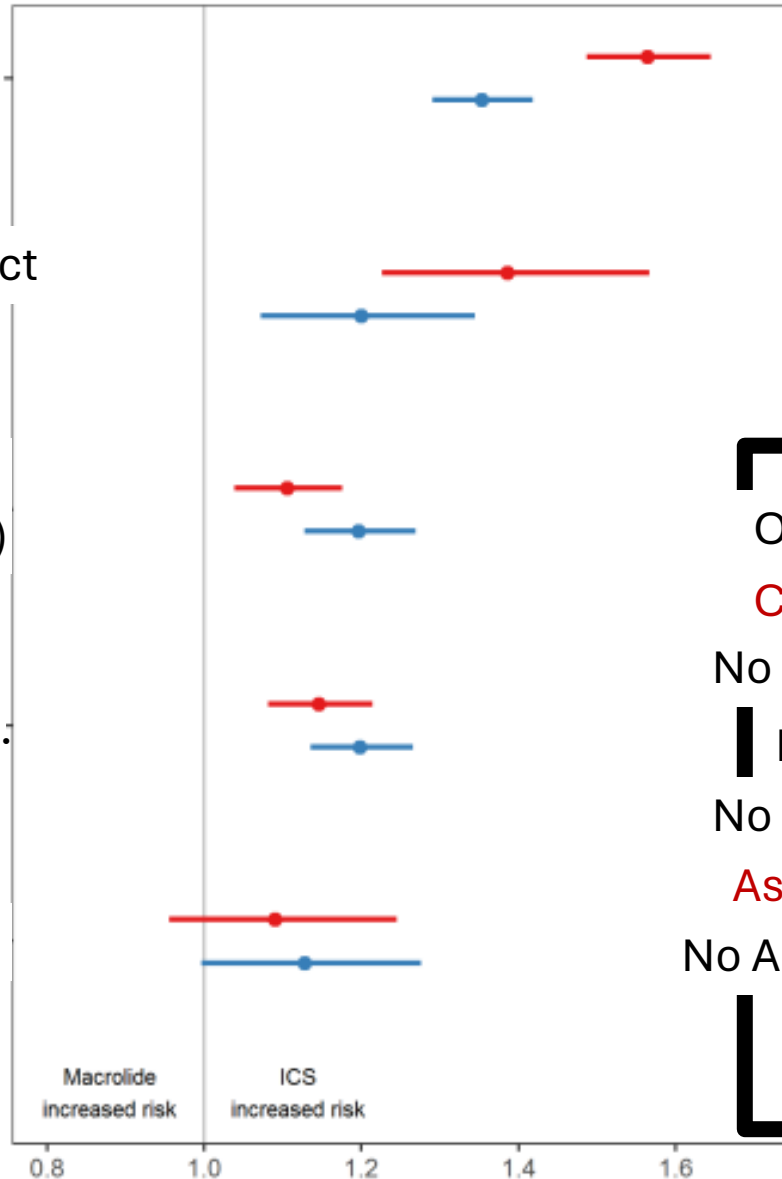
Unadjusted HR	1.20 (1.07-1.34)
Adjusted HR	1.39 (1.23-1.57)

All-cause Hosp.

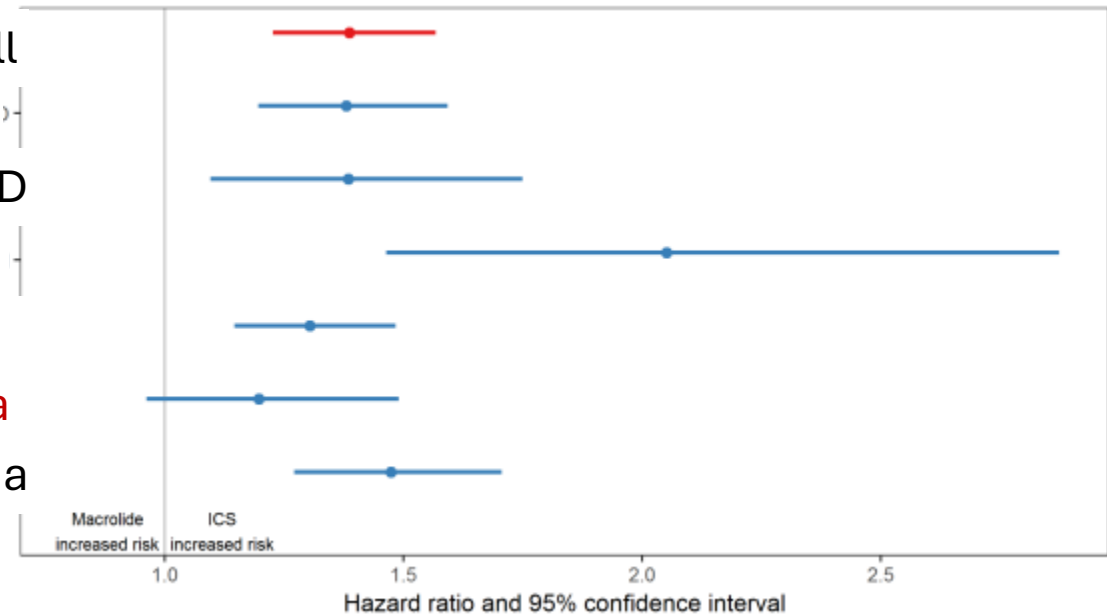
Unadjusted HR	1.20 (1.13-1.27)
Adjusted HR	1.11 (1.04-1.18)

Mortality.

Unadjusted HR	1.20 (1.14-1.27)
Adjusted HR	1.15 (1.08-1.21)



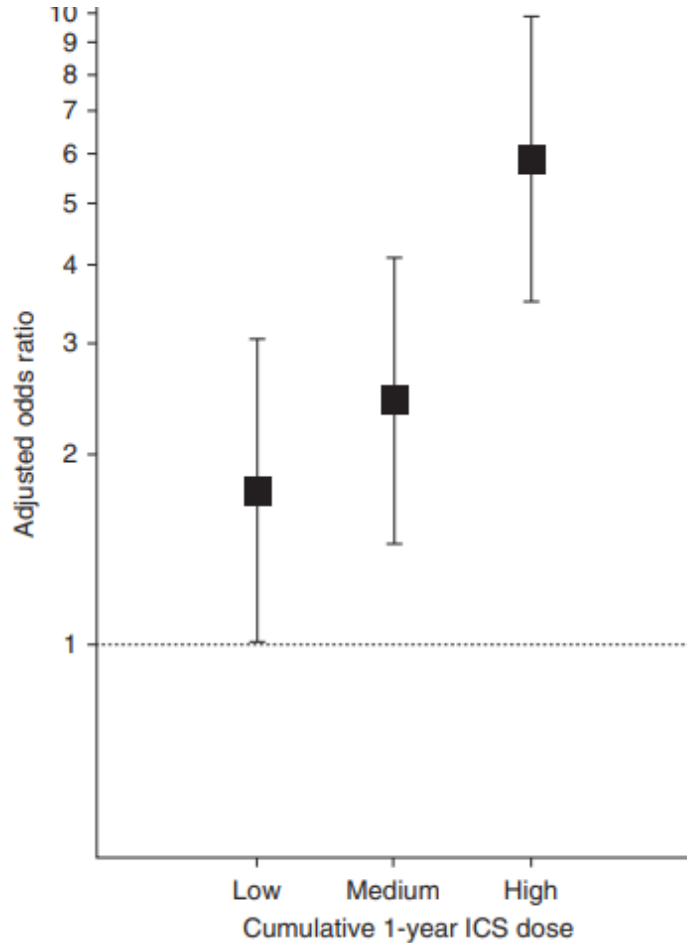
Overall  
**COPD**  
 No COPD  
 NTM  
 No NTM  
**Asthma**  
 No Asthma





# Association between Inhaled Corticosteroid Use and Pulmonary Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infection

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**Table 3.** Association of inhaled corticosteroid use with risk of nontuberculous mycobacterial pulmonary infection, stratified by period of inhaled corticosteroid use before cohort entry and diagnosis at cohort entry

Any ICS use	n	Odds Ratios (95% Confidence Interval) for NTM Infection with ICS Use		
		Unadjusted OR	Medication-adjusted OR*	Fully Adjusted OR†
Within prior 120 d	2,728	3.88 (2.87–5.26)	2.86 (2.02–4.05)	2.74 (1.83–4.09)
Within past 1 yr	2,321	4.14 (2.80–6.13)	3.04 (1.97–4.68)	2.80 (1.79–4.37)
Within past 2 yr	1,829	4.49 (2.62–7.70)	2.82 (1.59–5.00)	2.51 (1.40–4.49)

Association between cumulative ICS therapy and risk of NTM infection