



# Treatment optimization in asthma

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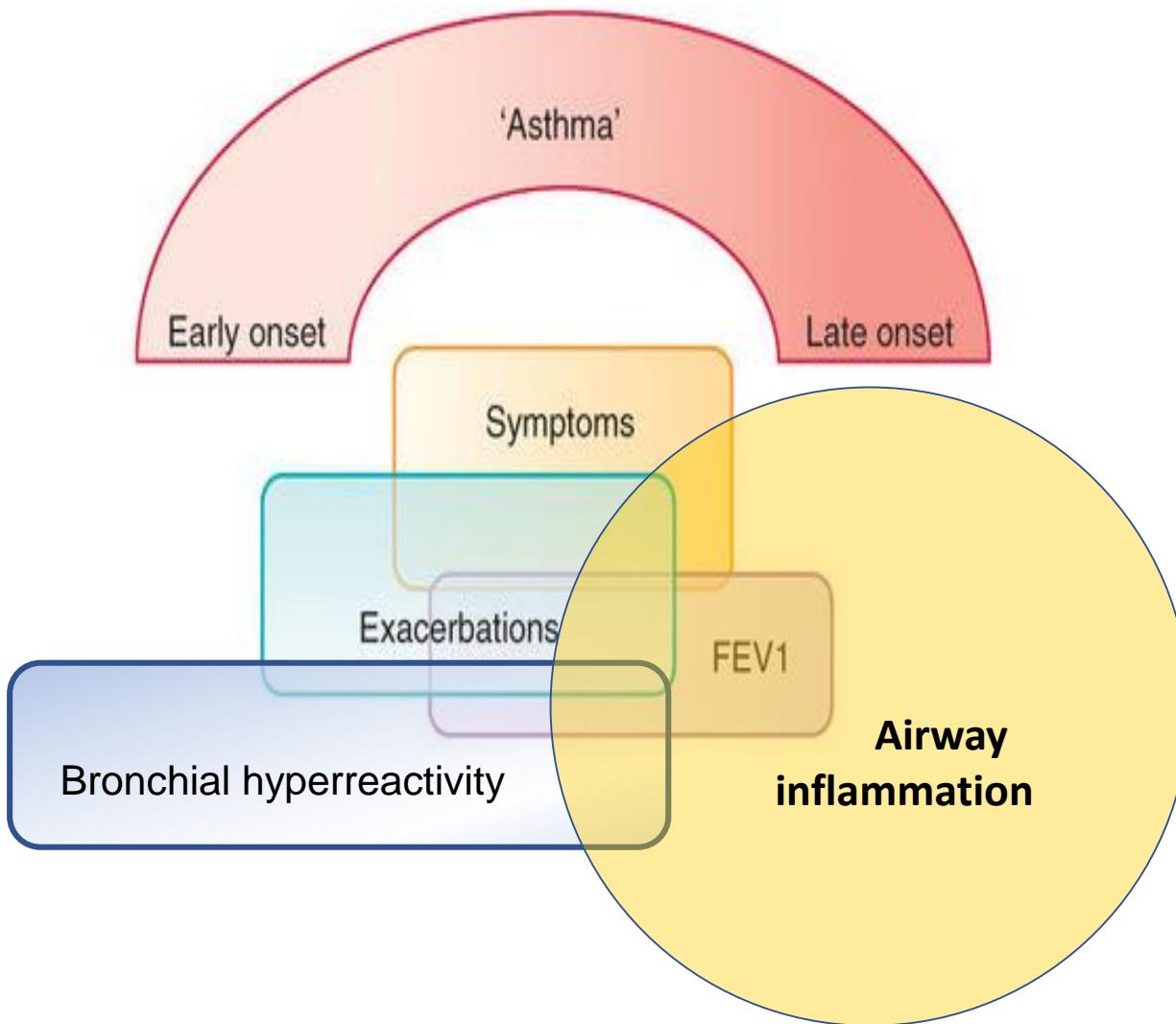


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# Asthma is an umbrella term that describes a clinical syndrome



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## Adult asthma

### Asthma medication options:

Adjust treatment up and down for individual patient needs

**PREFERRED CONTROLLER**  
to prevent exacerbations and control symptoms

Other controller options

**PREFERRED RELIEVER**

Other reliever option

### STEP 1

As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol \*

Low dose ICS taken whenever SABA is taken †

### STEP 2

Daily low dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS), or as-needed low dose ICS-formoterol \*

Leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), or low dose ICS taken whenever SABA taken †

As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol \*

As-needed short-acting  $\beta_2$ -agonist (SABA)

### STEP 3

Low dose ICS-LABA

Medium dose ICS, or low dose ICS+LTRA #

High dose ICS, add-on tiotropium, or add-on LTRA #

As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol ‡

### STEP 4

Medium dose ICS-LABA

High dose ICS-LABA  
Refer for phenotypic assessment ± add-on therapy, e.g. tiotropium, anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R.

Add low dose OCS, but consider side-effects

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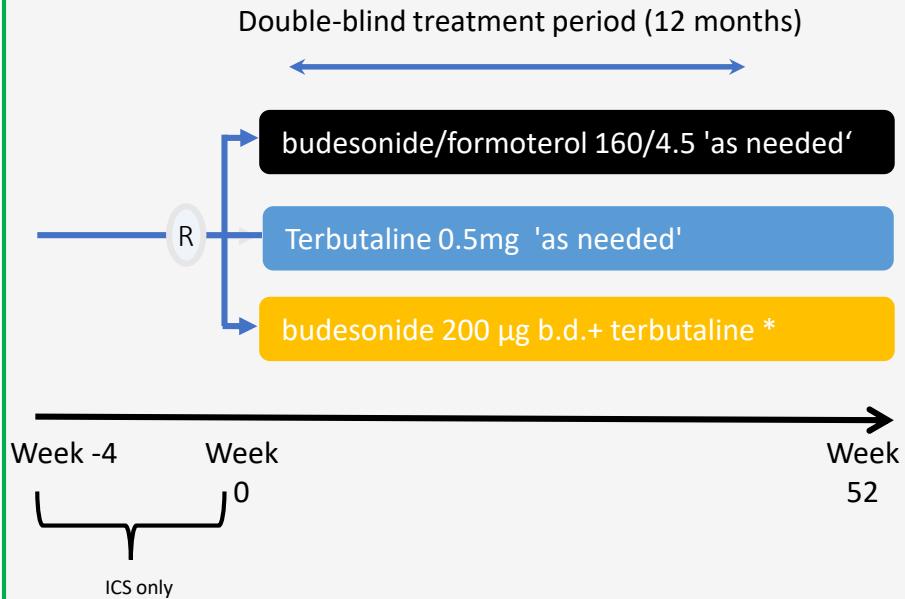
# Best treatment for mild asthma: SYGMA study



## Patient population: patients in need of Step 2 treatment according to GINA

- Patients uncontrolled with SABA PRN
- Patients controlled with low stable dose of ICS or leukotriene antagonist + SABA PRN

### SYGMA 1



**Primary endpoint:**  
Well controlled asthma weeks (WCAW)  
Budesonide/formoterol PRN vs SABA (superiority)

### WELL CONTROLLED ASTHMA WEEK (WCAW) DEFINITION

Two or more of the following criteria must be fulfilled:

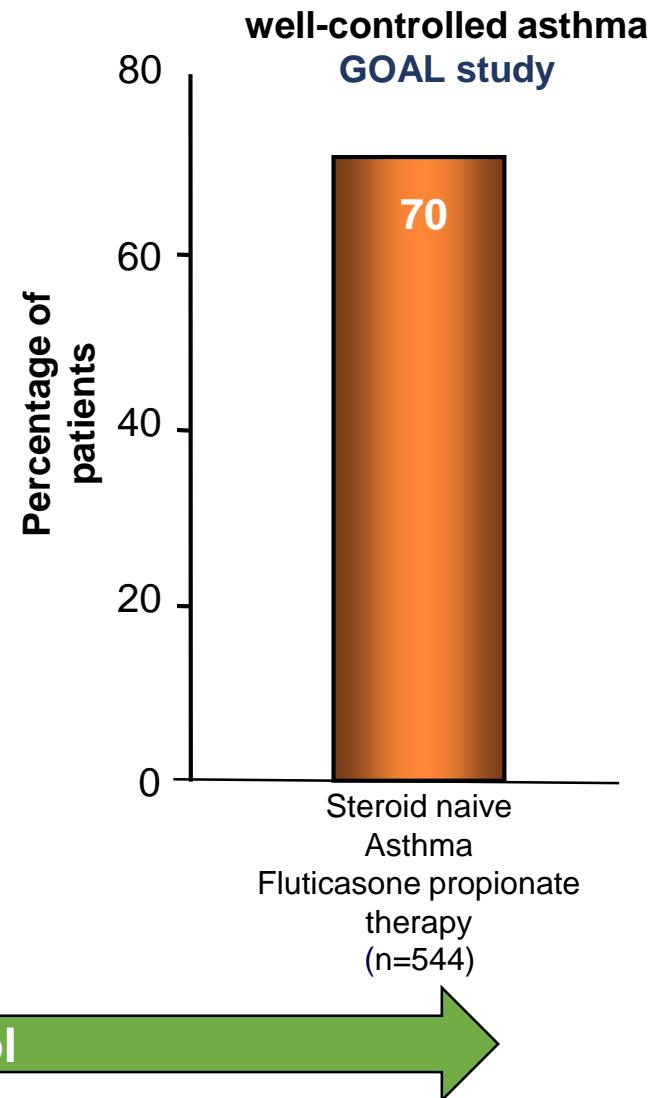
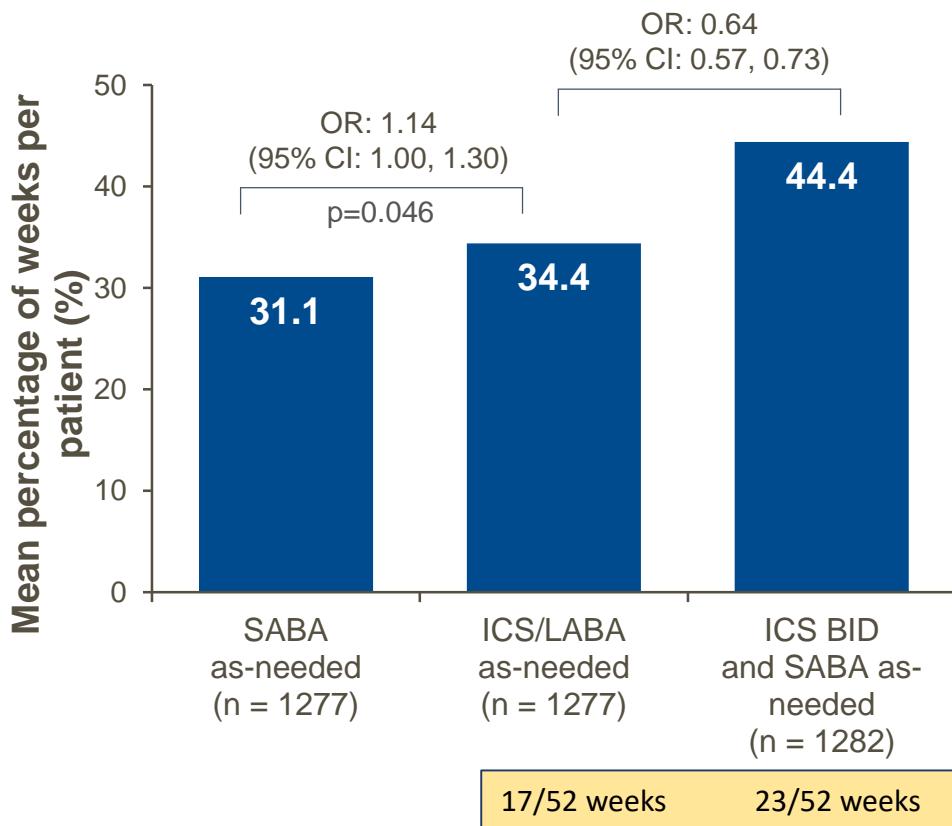
- ≤ 2 days with a daily asthma symptom score >1
- ≤ 2 days of as-needed medication use, up to a maximum of four occasions per week (multiple occasions per day are regarded as separate occasions)
- morning PEF ≥80% predicted every day.

Both these must be fulfilled:

- no night-time awakenings due to asthma
- no additional inhaled and/or systemic corticosteroid treatment due to asthma

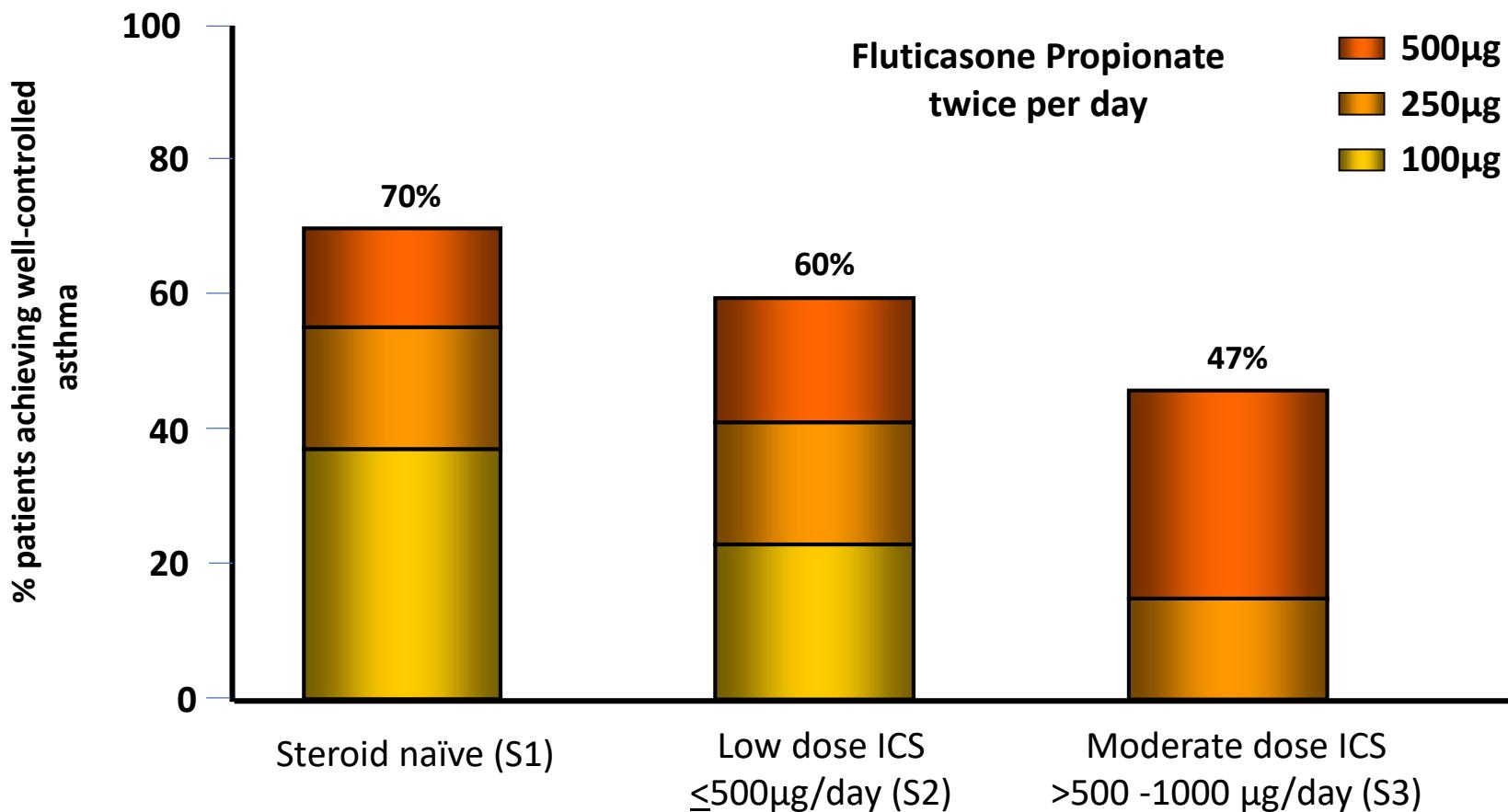
# Use of daily ICS and prn ICS/LABA in patients with mild asthma

## Weeks with well-controlled asthma



# GOAL Study

## 'Well controlled' asthma after 1 year (at least 87.5% of last 8 weeks)



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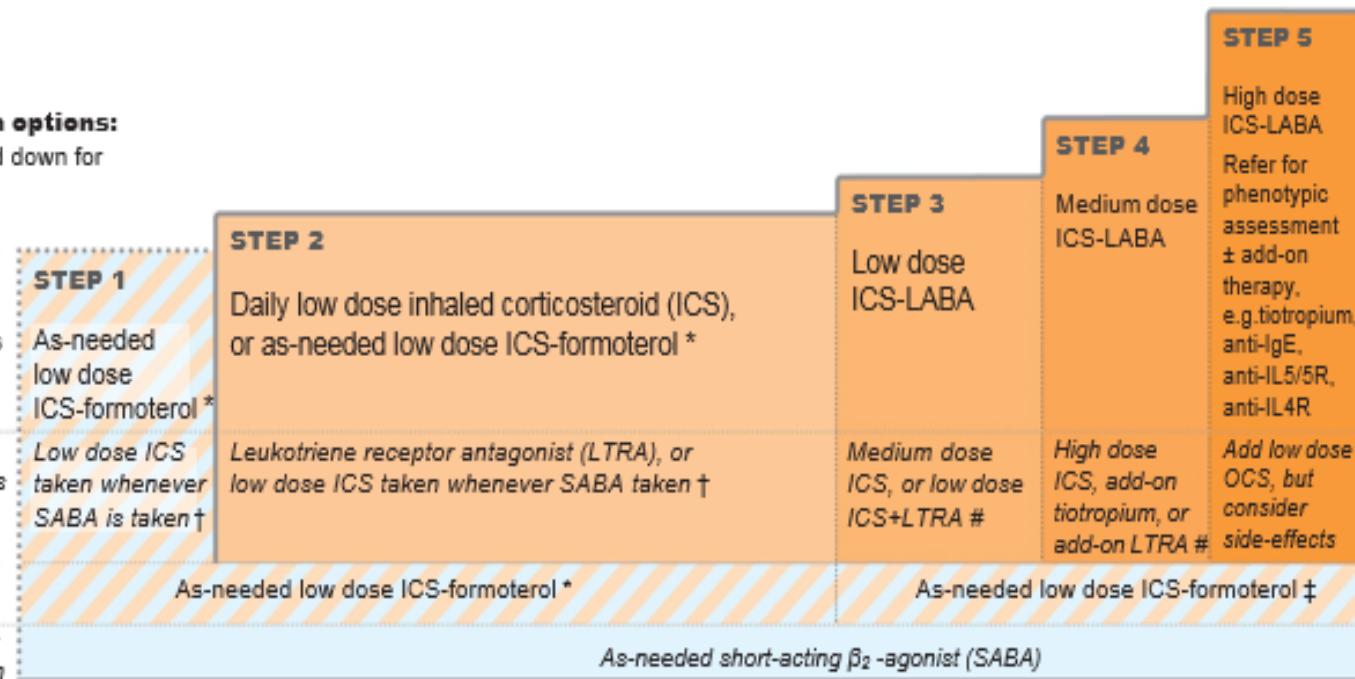
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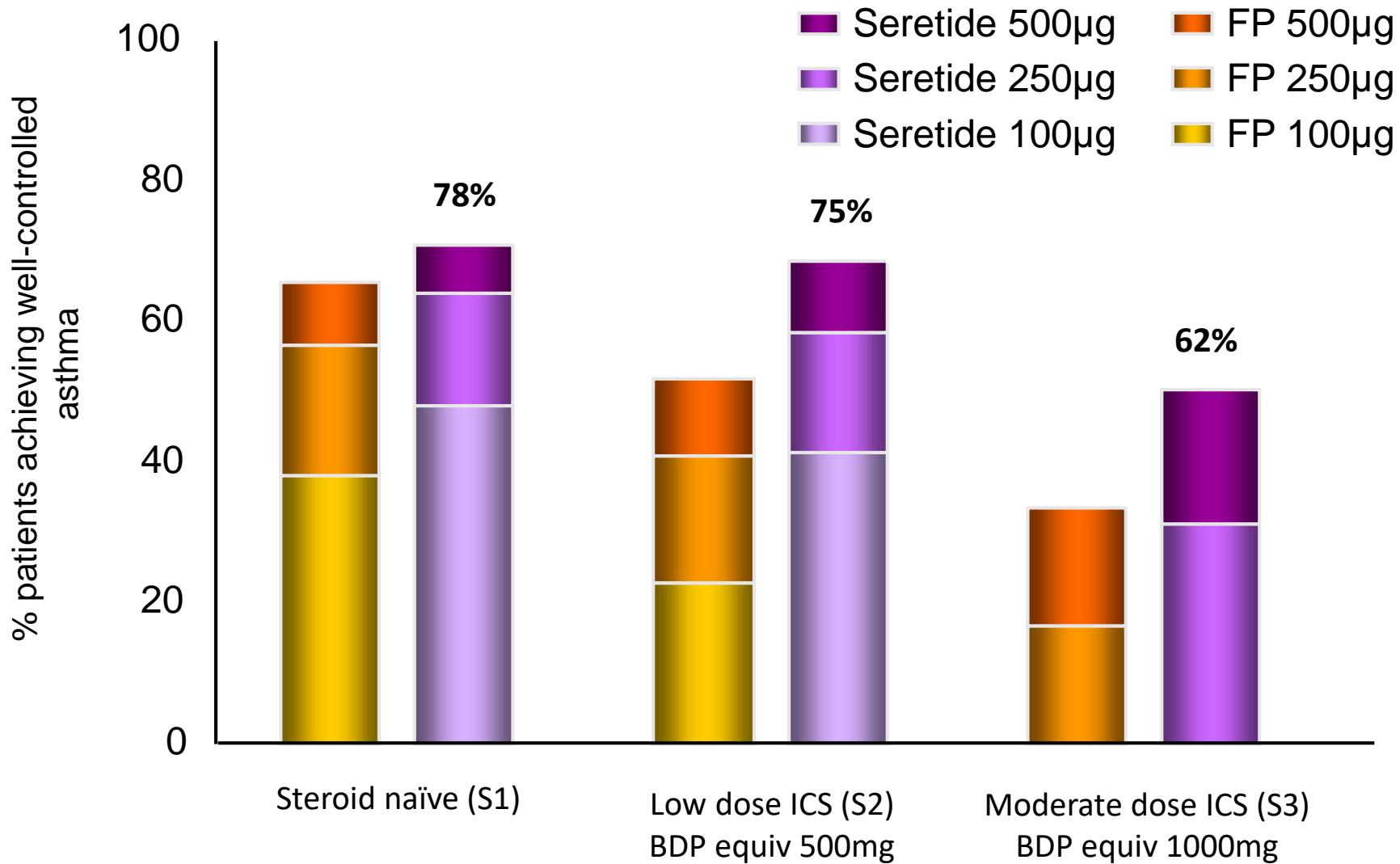
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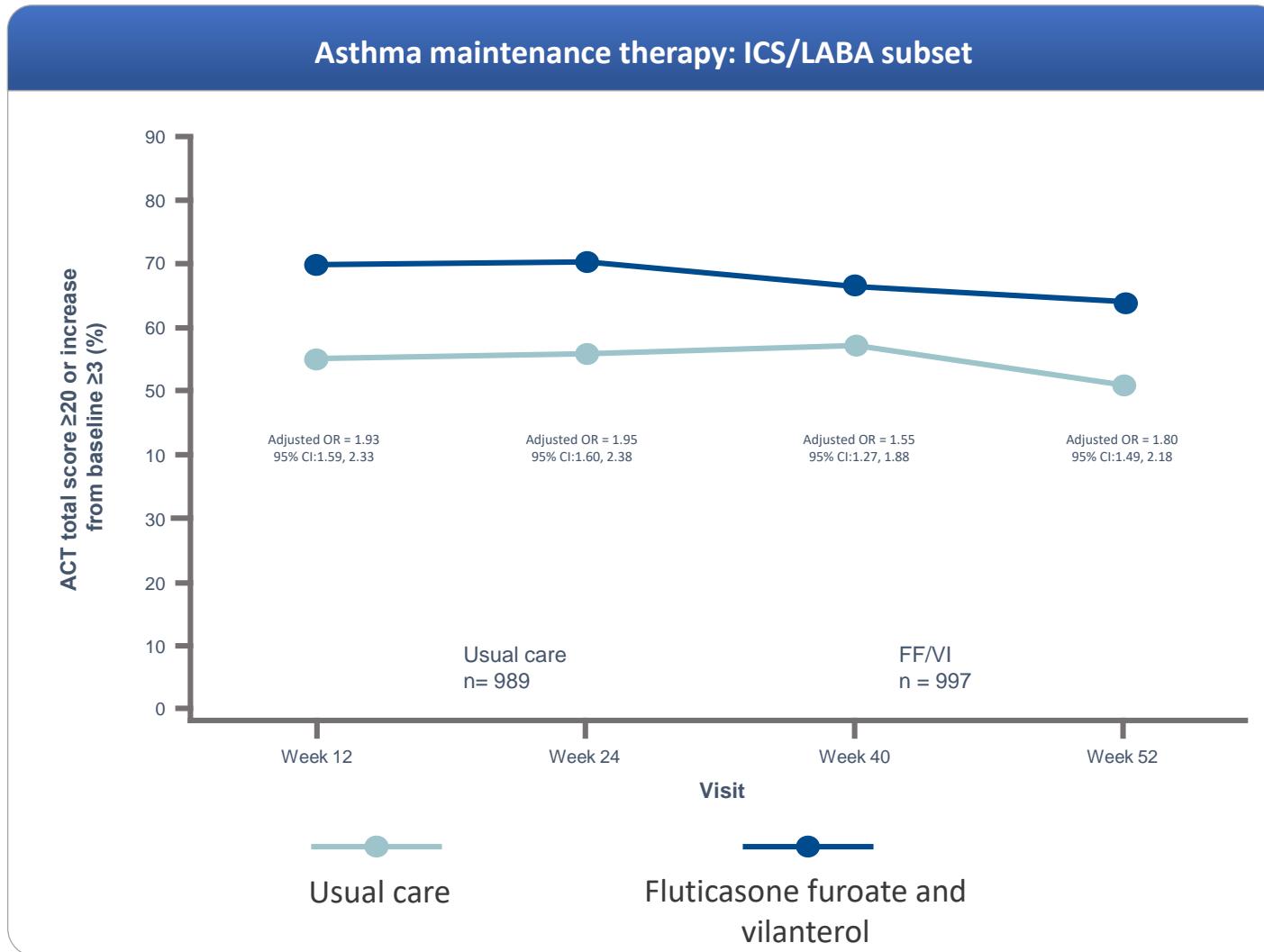
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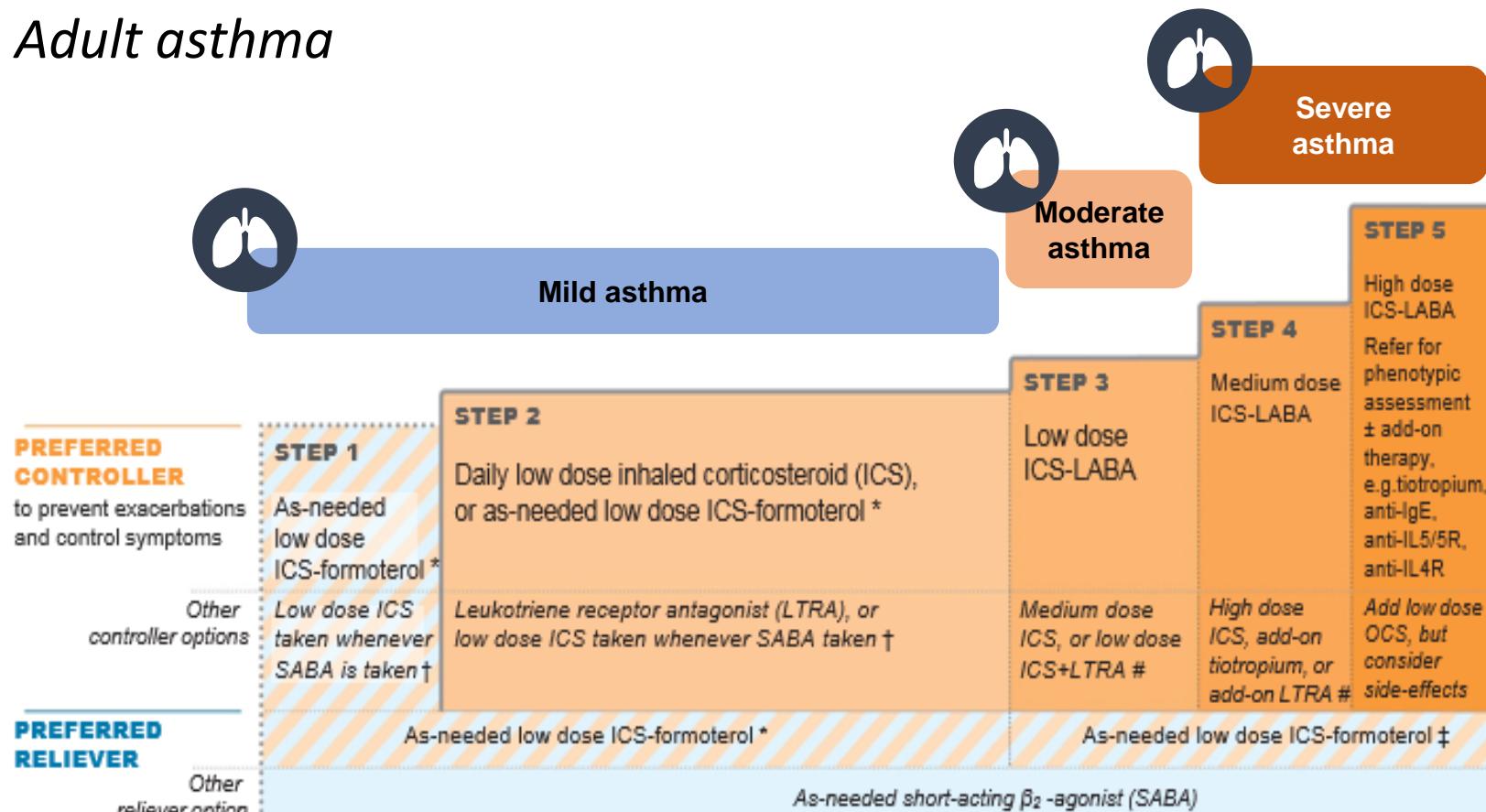
# Improved control with Relvar (FF/VI)\* over other combination inhalers in clinical effectiveness study



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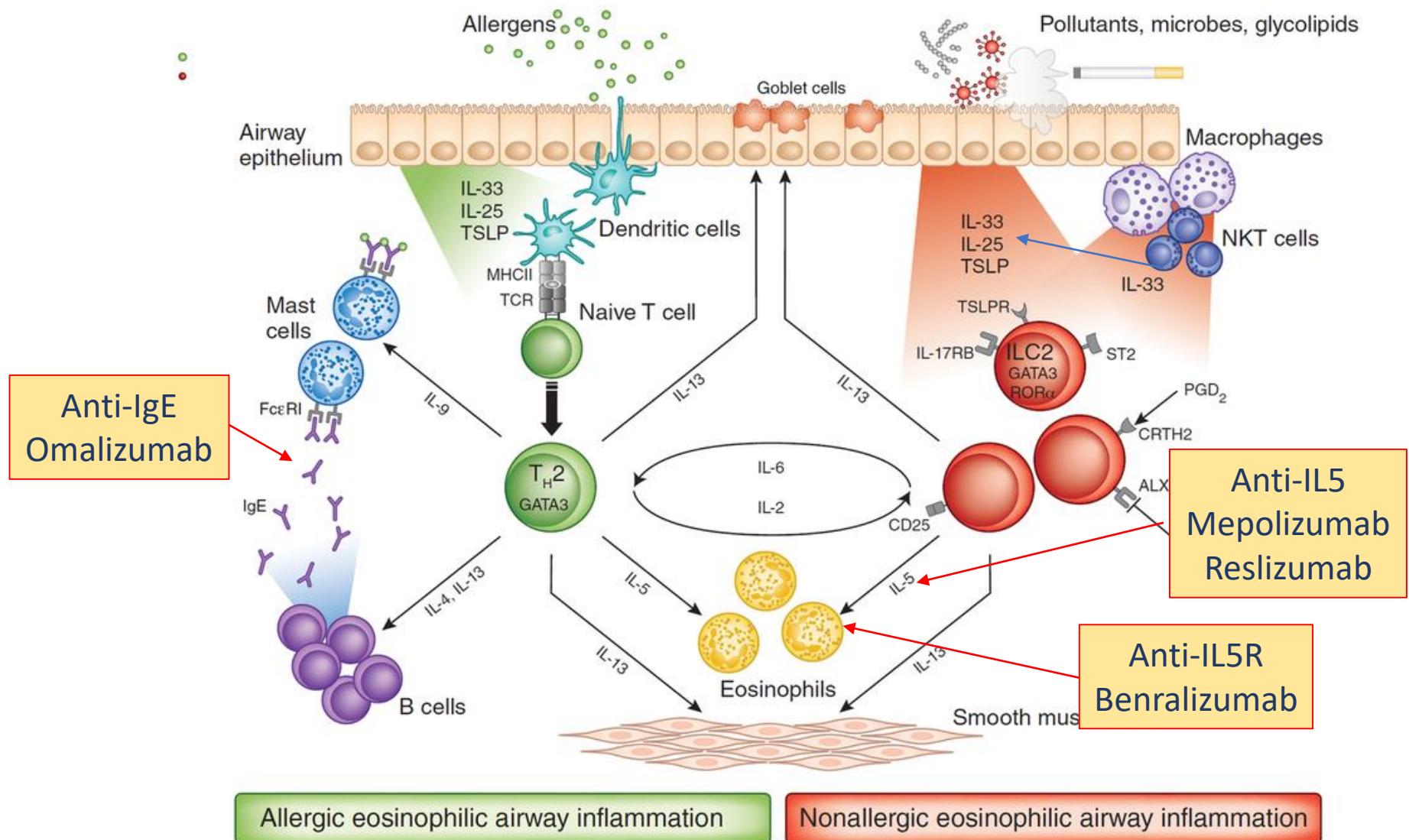
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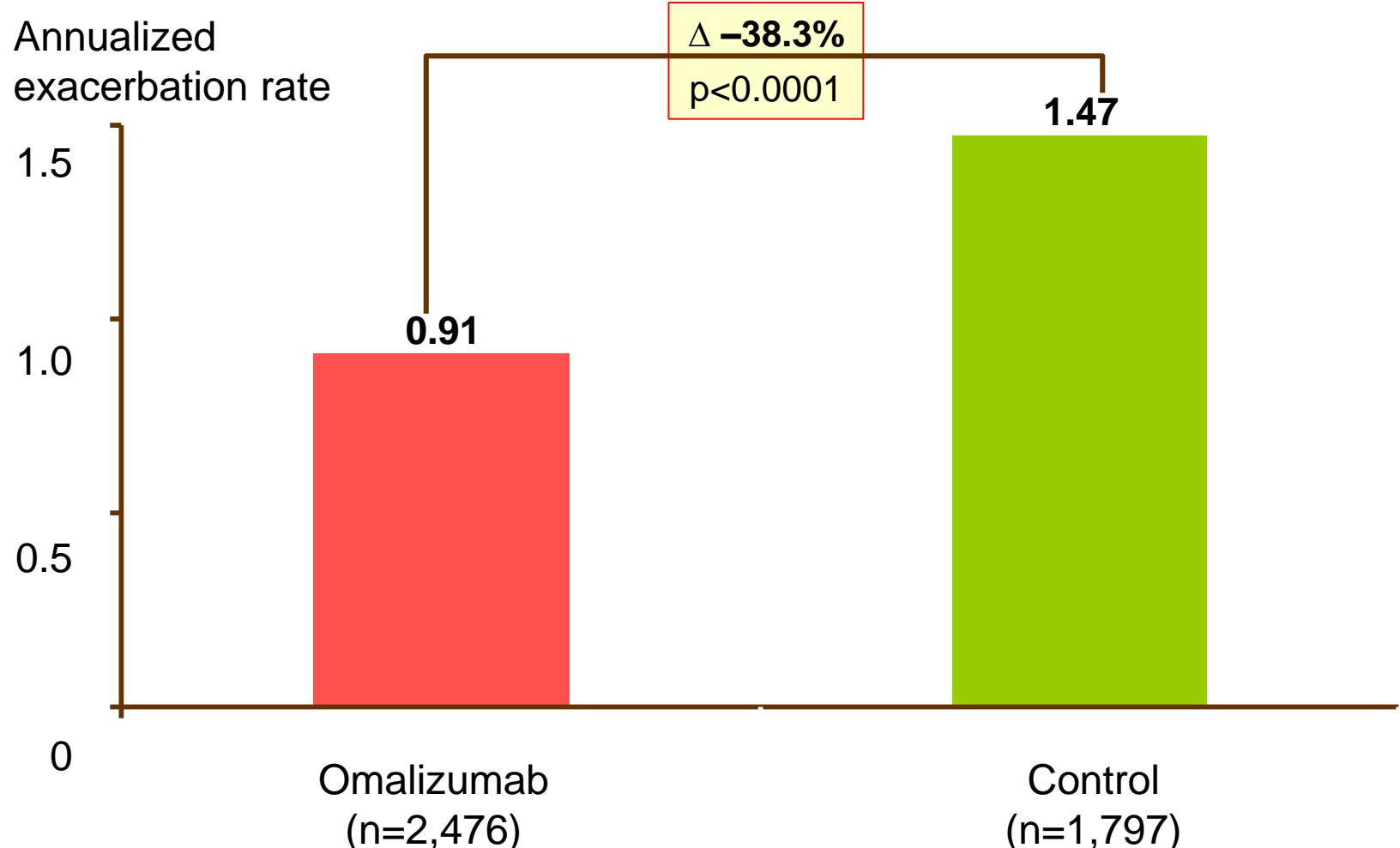
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# Type 2 airway inflammation and biologic directed targets

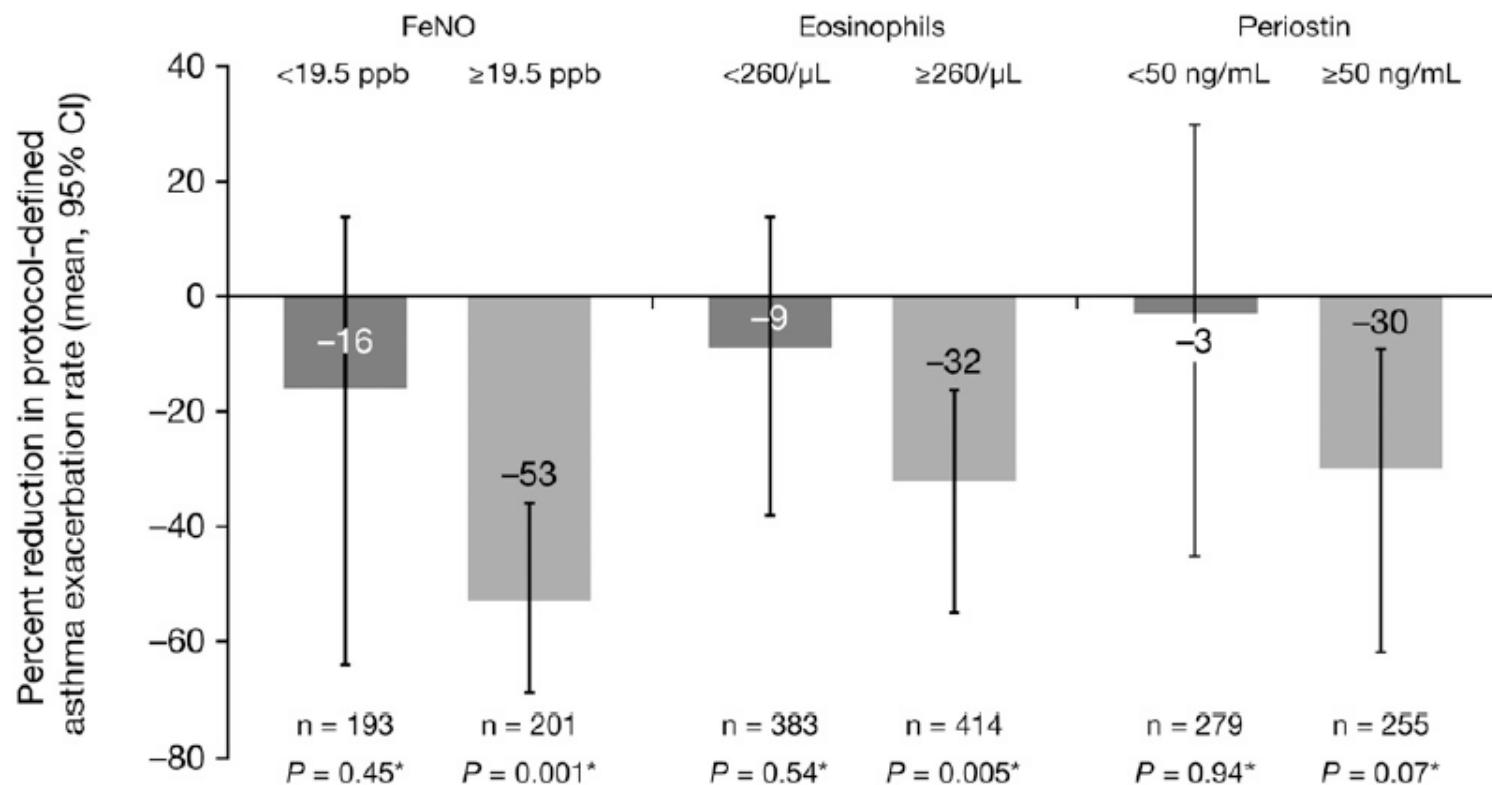


# Omalizumab significantly reduces asthma exacerbation rate: pooled data



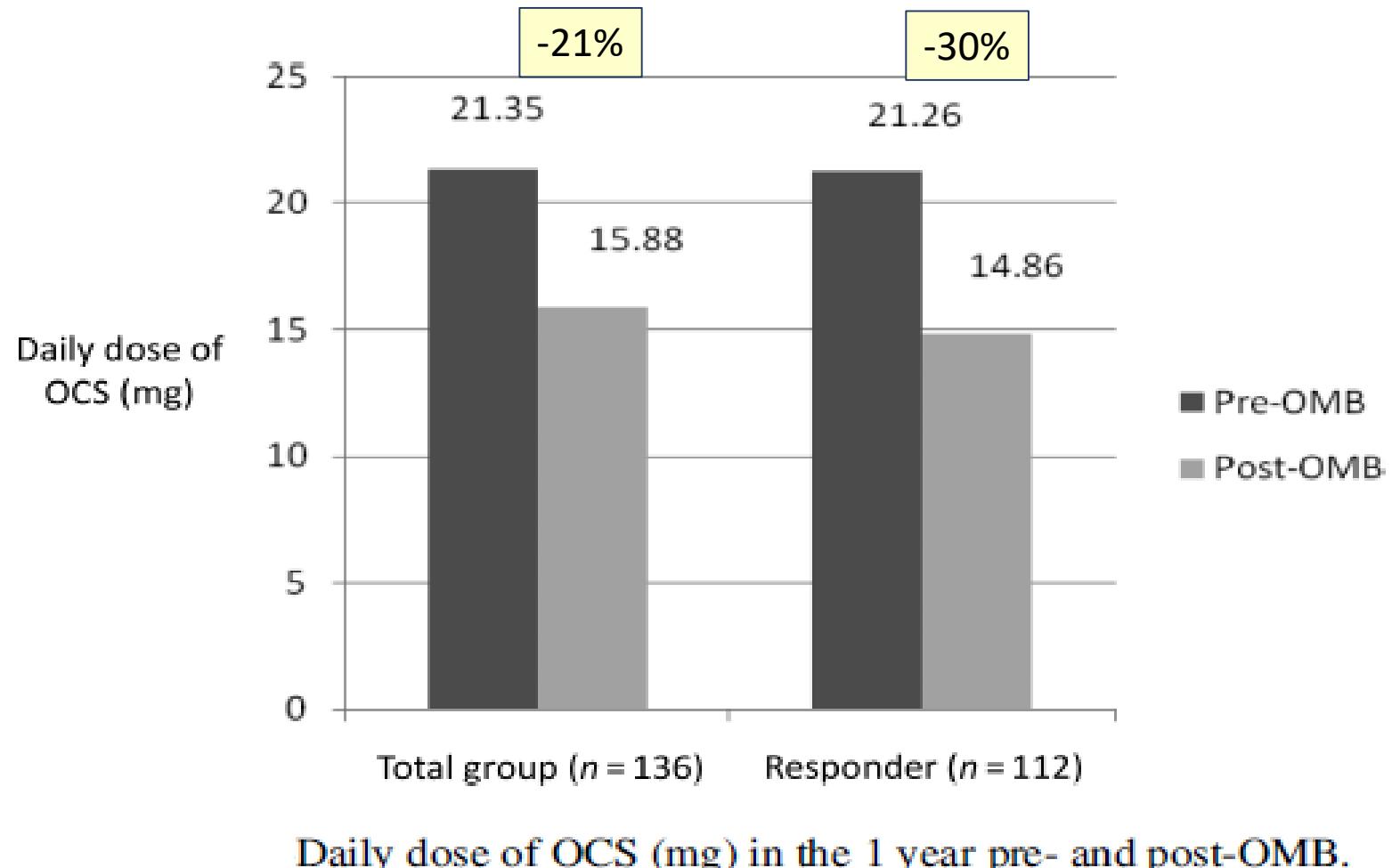
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# Omalizumab exacerbation reduction: Improved response with Th2 High Profiles

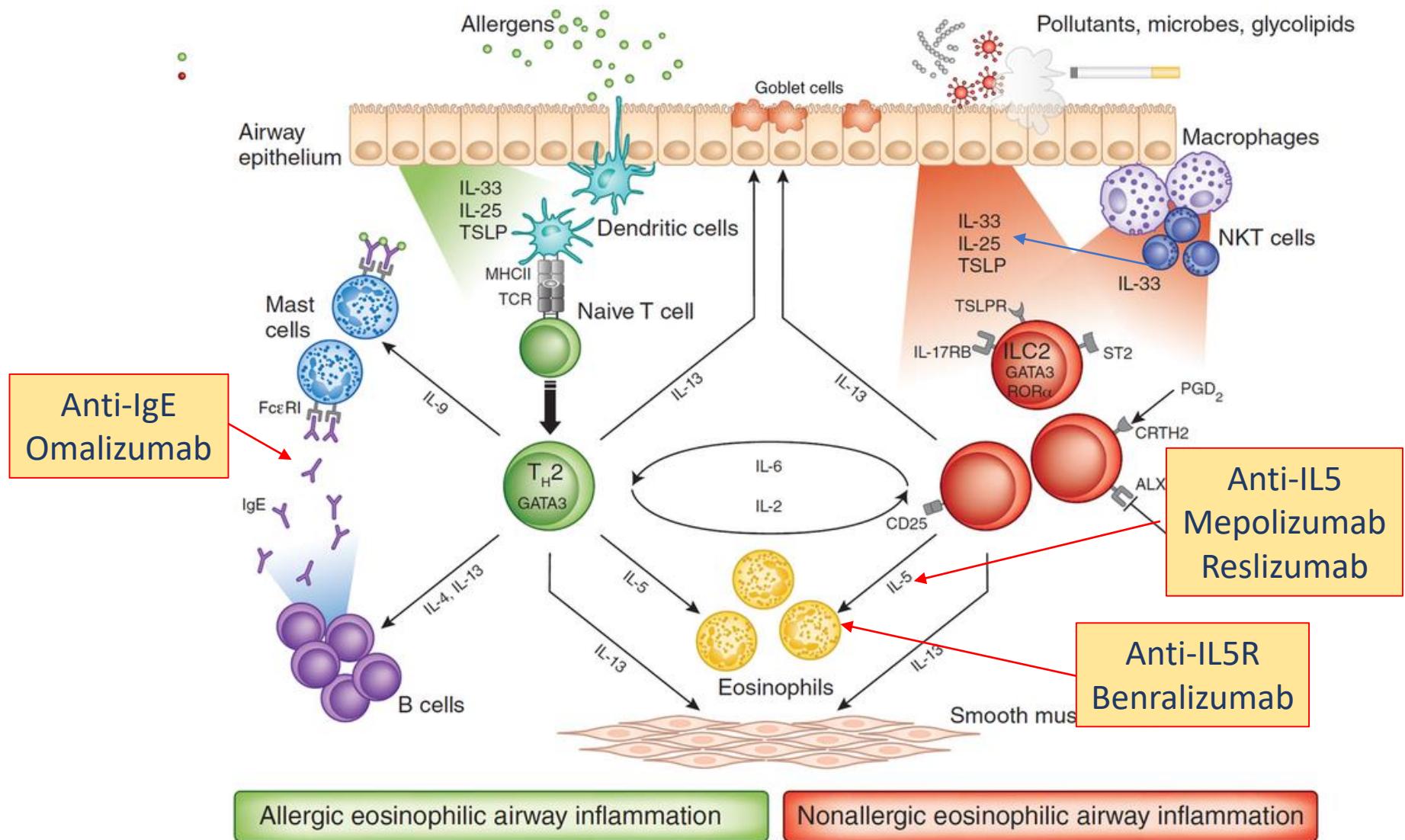


	Exacerbation rates					
	Low FeNO at baseline	High FeNO at baseline	Low eosinophils at baseline	High eosinophils at baseline	Low periostin at baseline	High periostin at baseline
Omalizumab	0.60	0.50	0.65	0.70	0.73	0.66
Placebo	0.71	1.07	0.72	1.03	0.72	0.93

# UK Apex study oral steroid sparing effect of Omalizumab



# Type 2 airway inflammation and biologic directed targets



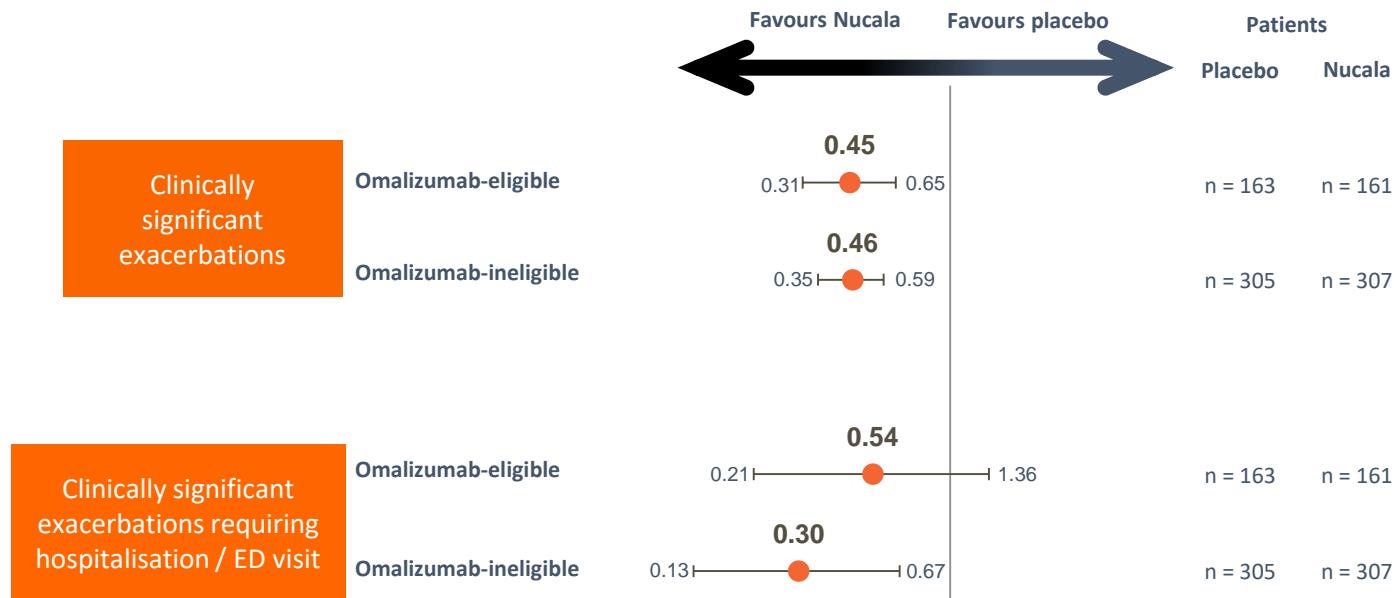
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Brusselle et al. Ann Am Thorac Soc 2014;11(5):322-8

# Mepolizumab reduces exacerbations in patients, irrespective of omalizumab eligibility



Compared with placebo, Nucala reduced the rate of clinically significant exacerbations in both the omalizumab-eligible (55% reduction) and the omalizumab-ineligible subgroups (54% reduction)



Post hoc meta-analysis to assess the efficacy of Nucala-SC (100 mg) on the rate of clinically significant exacerbations in patients eligible for omalizumab and other related subgroups, using data from MENSA and MUSCA.<sup>2</sup>

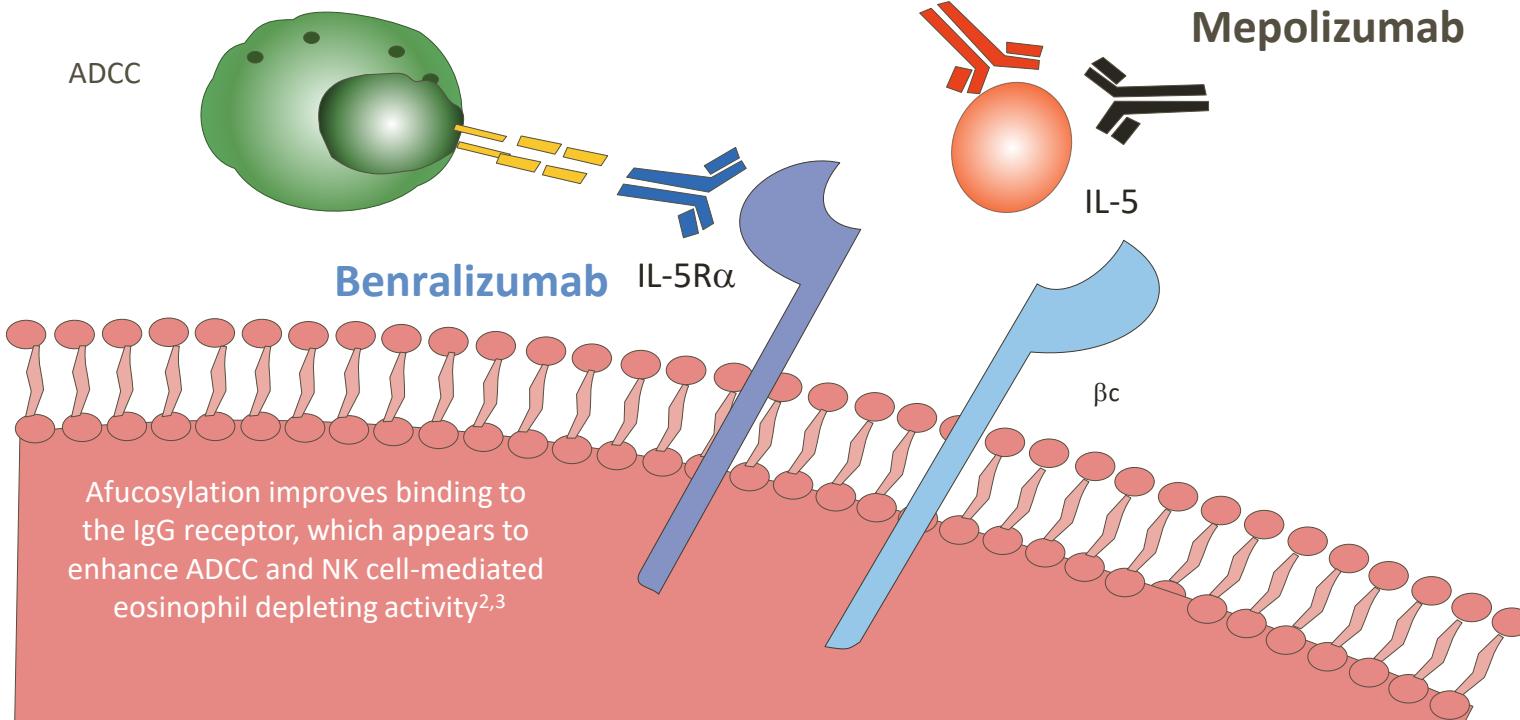
EU eligibility criteria defined as positive RAST score ( $\geq 1$ ) for any of 5 aeroallergens: house dust mite, dog dander, cat dander, *Alternaria alternata*, German cockroach, and the following body weight and pre-treatment IgE combinations:  $\geq 20\text{--}50$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}1,500$  IU/mL;  $>50\text{--}60$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}1,200$  IU/mL;  $>60\text{--}70$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}1,000$  IU/mL;  $>70\text{--}80$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}900$  IU/mL;  $>80\text{--}90$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}800$  IU/mL;  $>90\text{--}125$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}600$  IU/mL;  $>125\text{--}150$  kg and  $\geq 30\text{--}500$  IU/mL.<sup>1</sup>

# Monoclonal antibody therapies licenced for severe eosinophilic asthma



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**Benralizumab targets the IL-5 receptor<sup>1</sup>**



ADCC= Antibody dependent cell cytotoxicity, NKK = natural killer cells, IL-5 = interleukin 5

1. Varricchi G, et al. *Curr Opin Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2016;16:186–200; 2. Ghazi A, et al. *Expert Opin Biol Ther*. 2012;12:113–118;

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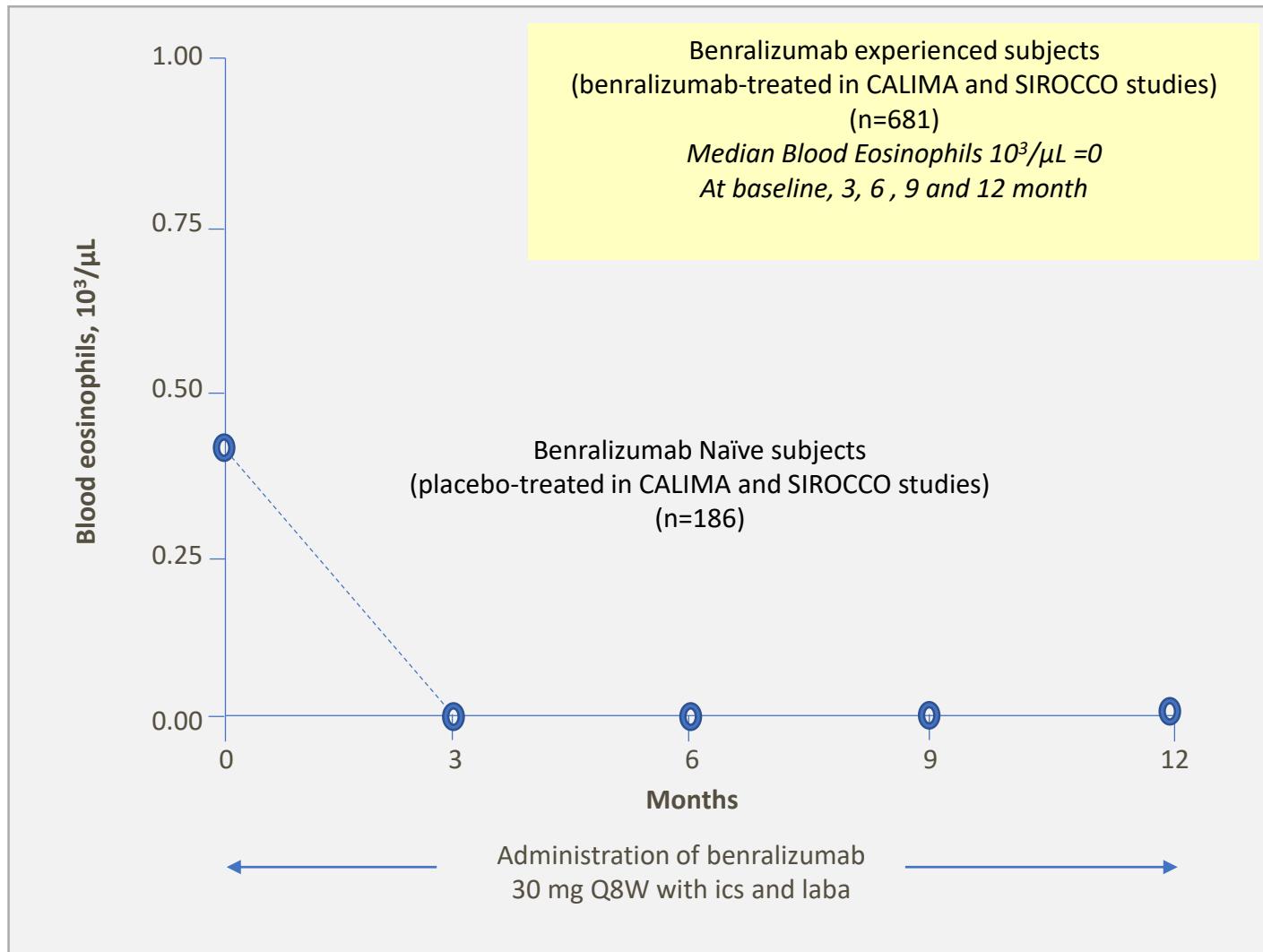
# Benralizumab in severe eosinophilic asthma



Blood eosinophils  
BORA study

1 year extension  
from CALIMA  
and SCIROCCO  
studies

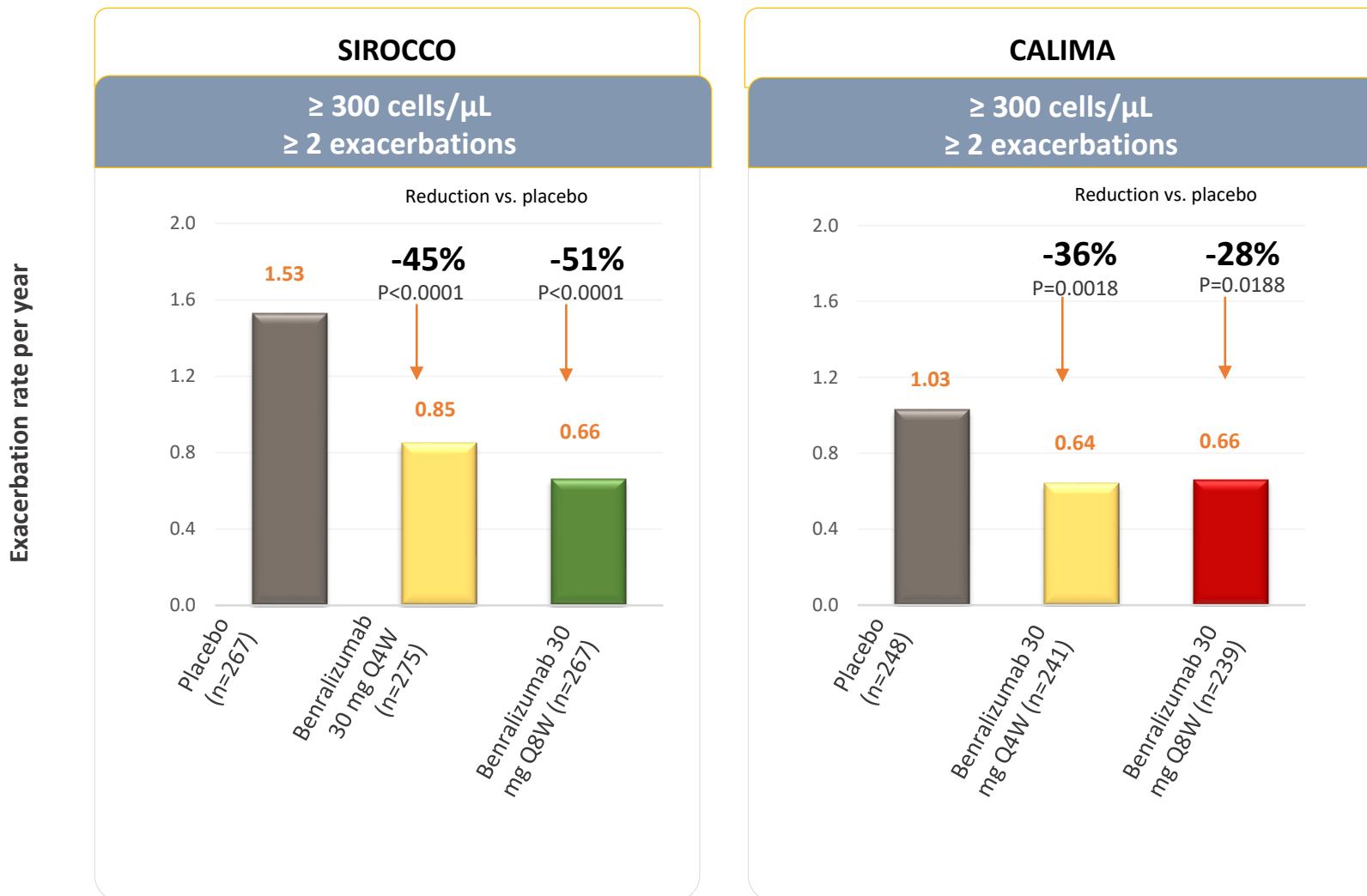
Trial recruitment  
Eosinophil  
Threshold:  
blood eosinophils  
 $\geq 300$  cells / $\mu\text{L}$



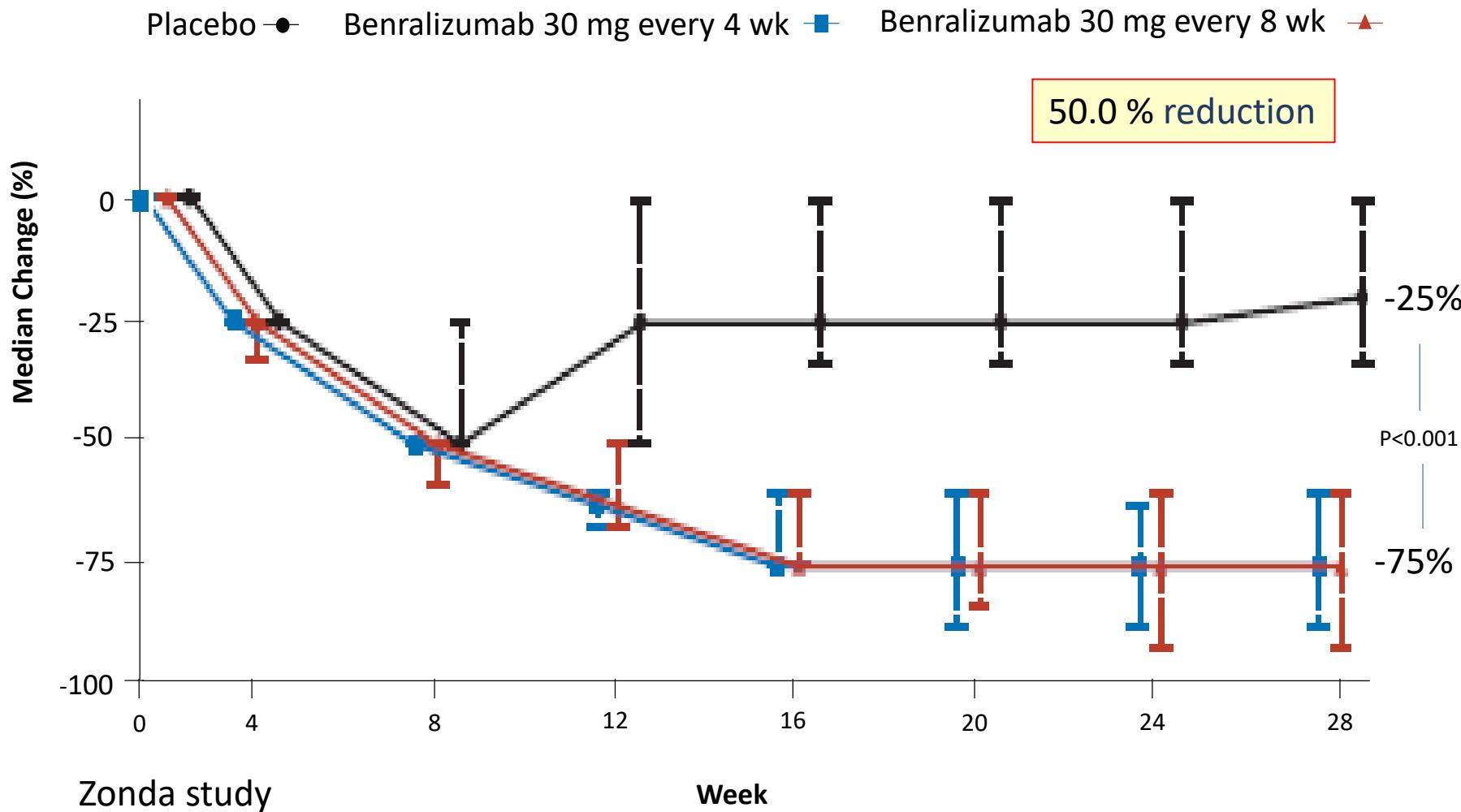
# Benralizumab: impact on severe asthma exacerbations



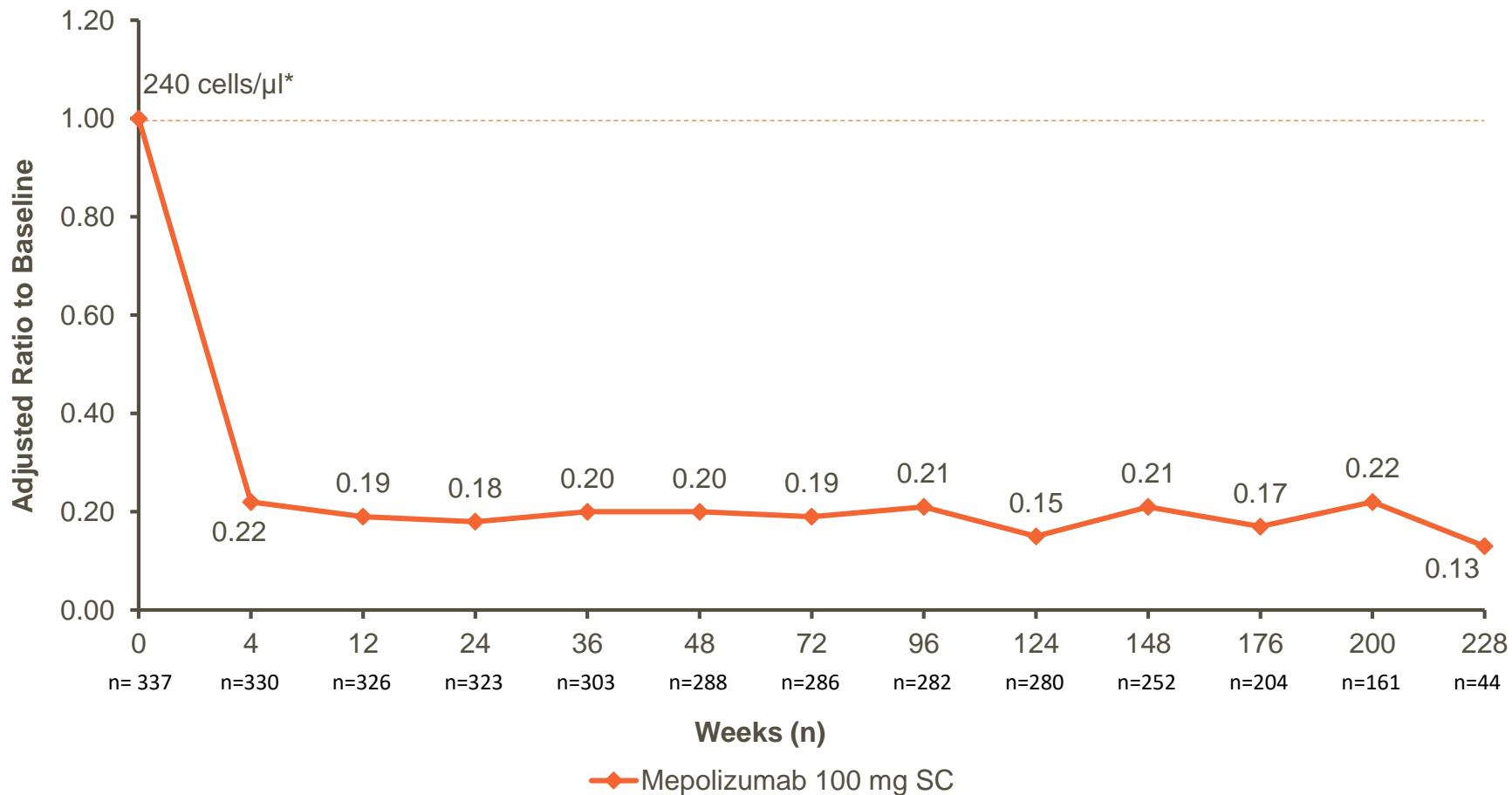
Variable 28%-51%



# Influence of Benralizumab on oral steroid reduction in severe asthma



# COLUMBA study: Sustained biological effect of mepolizumab in suppressing blood eosinophils



\*Geometric Mean at baseline

Note: Where a result of Zero was recorded, a small value (i.e., minimum all non-missing results/2) was added prior to log transformation

SC: Subcutaneous

# Mepolizumab: impact on asthma exacerbations

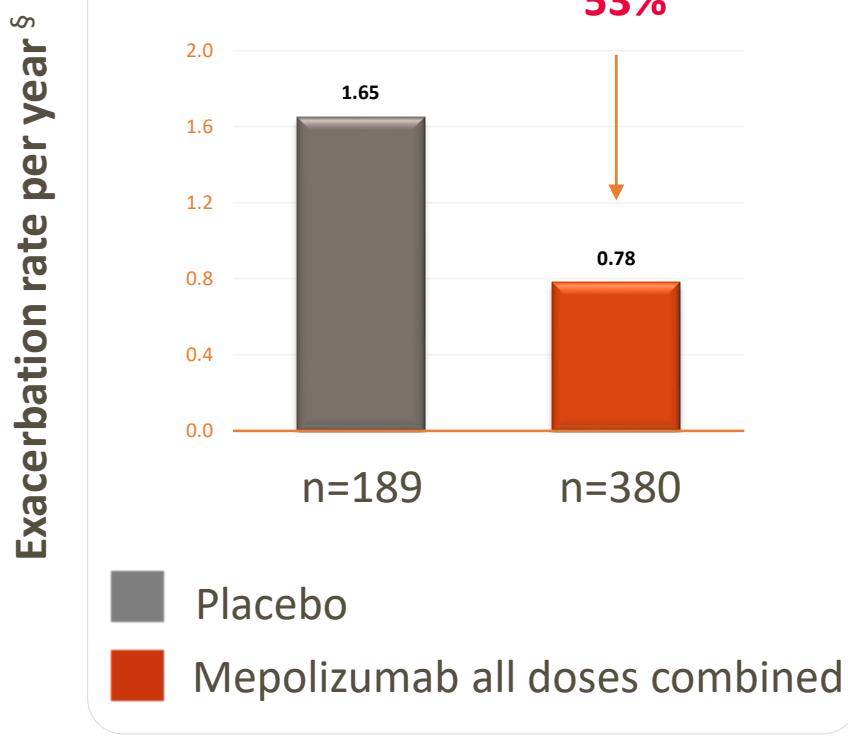


Eosinophilic asthma criteria: Peripheral blood eosinophil count of 150 cells/ $\mu$ L on entry or 300 cells/ $\mu$ L in last year

## MENSA<sup>1</sup>

$\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L  
 $\geq 2$  exacerbations

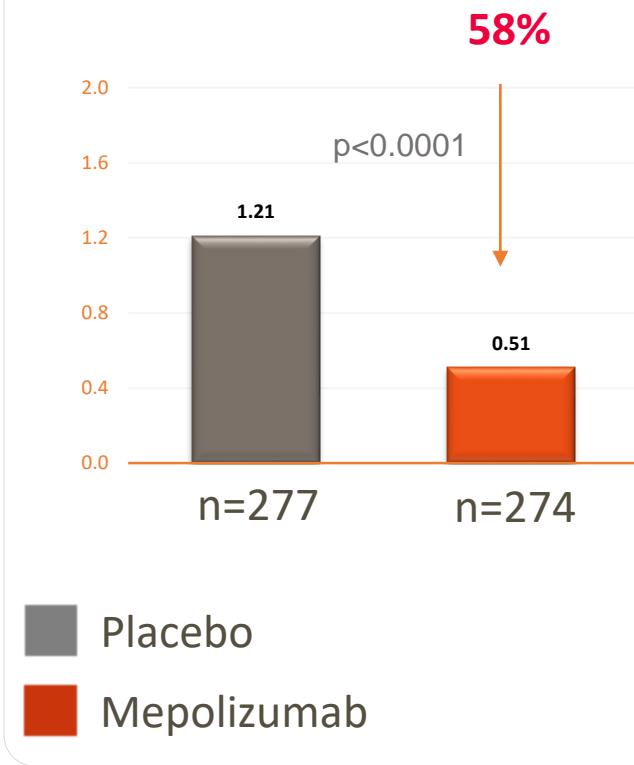
Reduction vs placebo at **32 weeks**



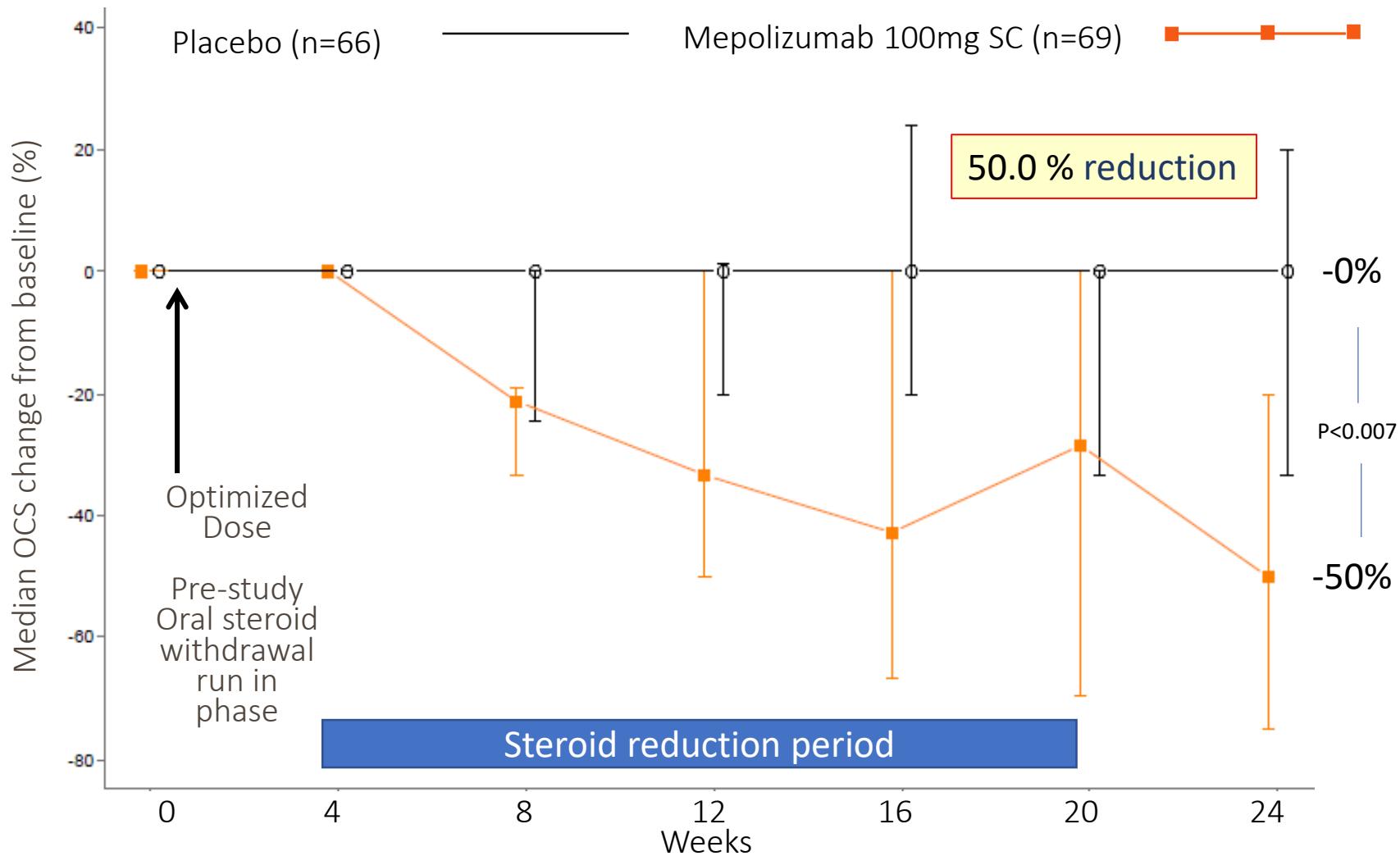
## MUSCA<sup>2</sup>

$\geq 150$  cells/ $\mu$ L  
 $\geq 2$  exacerbations

Reduction vs placebo at **24 weeks**



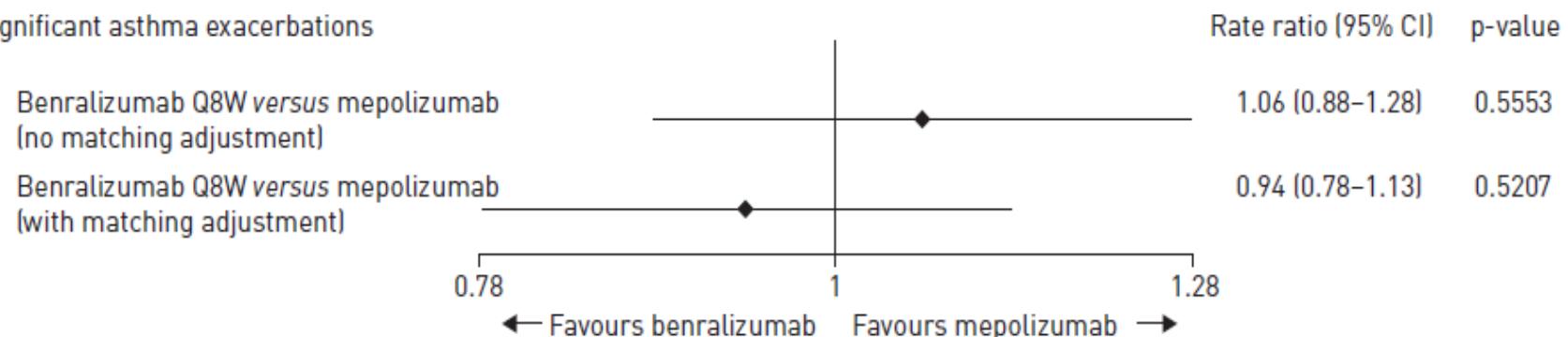
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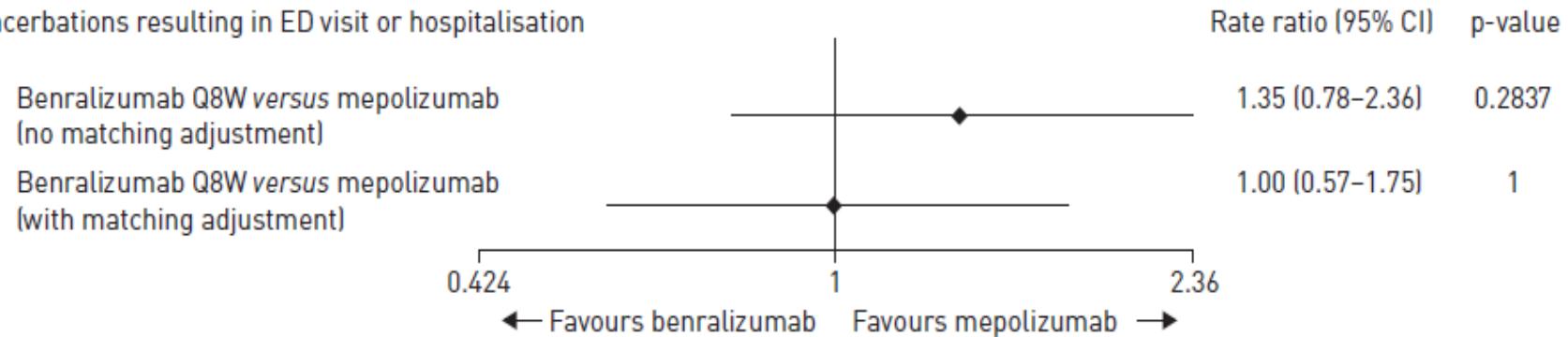
# Indirect comparison of benralizumab versus mepolizumab for the treatment of severe asthma



a) Clinically significant asthma exacerbations



b) Asthma exacerbations resulting in ED visit or hospitalisation



# Anti-eosinophil monoclonals in severe asthma: heterogeneity between study populations



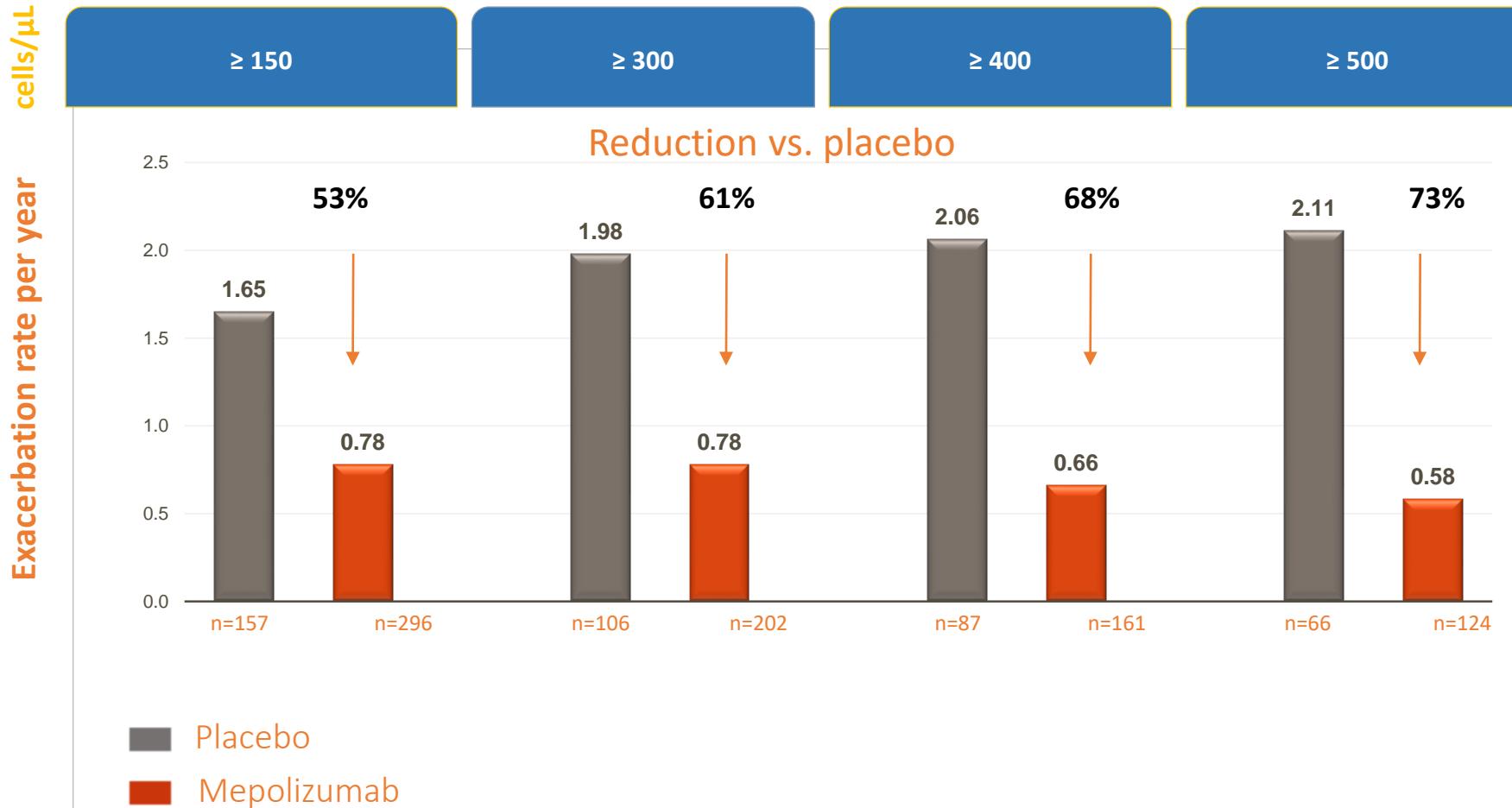
Characteristic	Mepolizumab 100 mg SC	Benralizumab 30 mg SC
<b>Baseline blood eosinophils</b>	$\geq 150 \text{ cells}/\mu\text{L}$ or $\geq 300 \text{ cells}/\mu\text{L}$ in past year	$\geq 300 \text{ cells}/\mu\text{L}^*$
<b>Exacerbation history</b>	$\geq 2$ exacerbations in past year	$\geq 2$ exacerbations in past year
<b>ICS dose</b>	High	High
<b>Maintenance OCS use</b>	Allowed, any dose	Allowed, any dose
<b>% predicted FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	<80%	<80%
<b>ACQ score</b>	Not required	ACQ-6 $\geq 1.5$

\* Inclusion criteria for benralizumab studies were wider for blood eosinophil and ICS dose. However, results were reported for the  $\geq 300 \text{ cells}/\mu\text{L}$  and high-ICS-dose patient population.

# Blood eosinophils a predictive biomarker of response to Mepolizumab

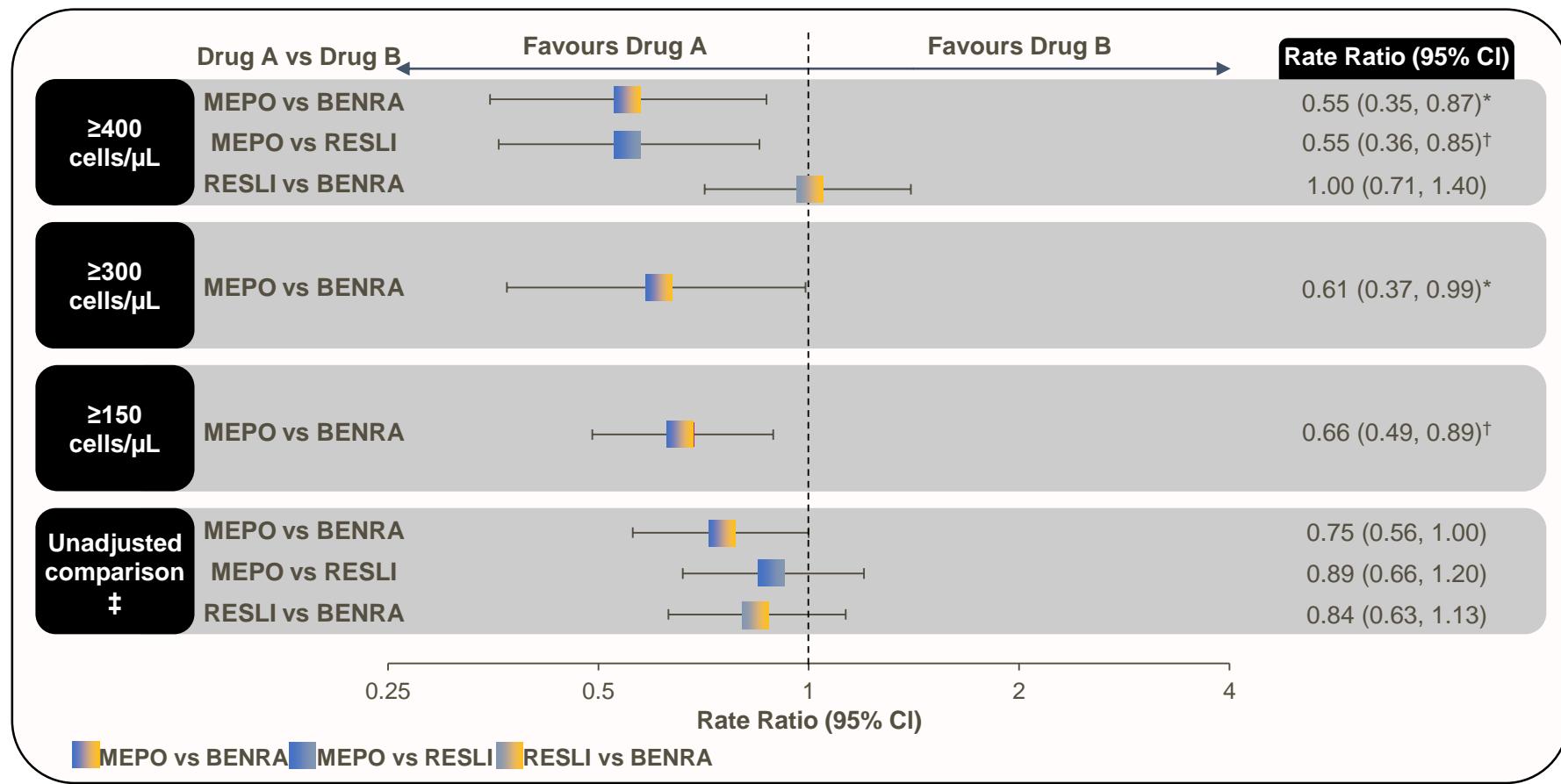


## MENSA<sup>1</sup>



1. Adapted from Ortega HG, Yancey SW, Mayer B, et al. Lancet Respir Med. 2016;4(7):549-556

# Indirect comparisons of the rate of clinically significant exacerbations by baseline blood eosinophil subgroups

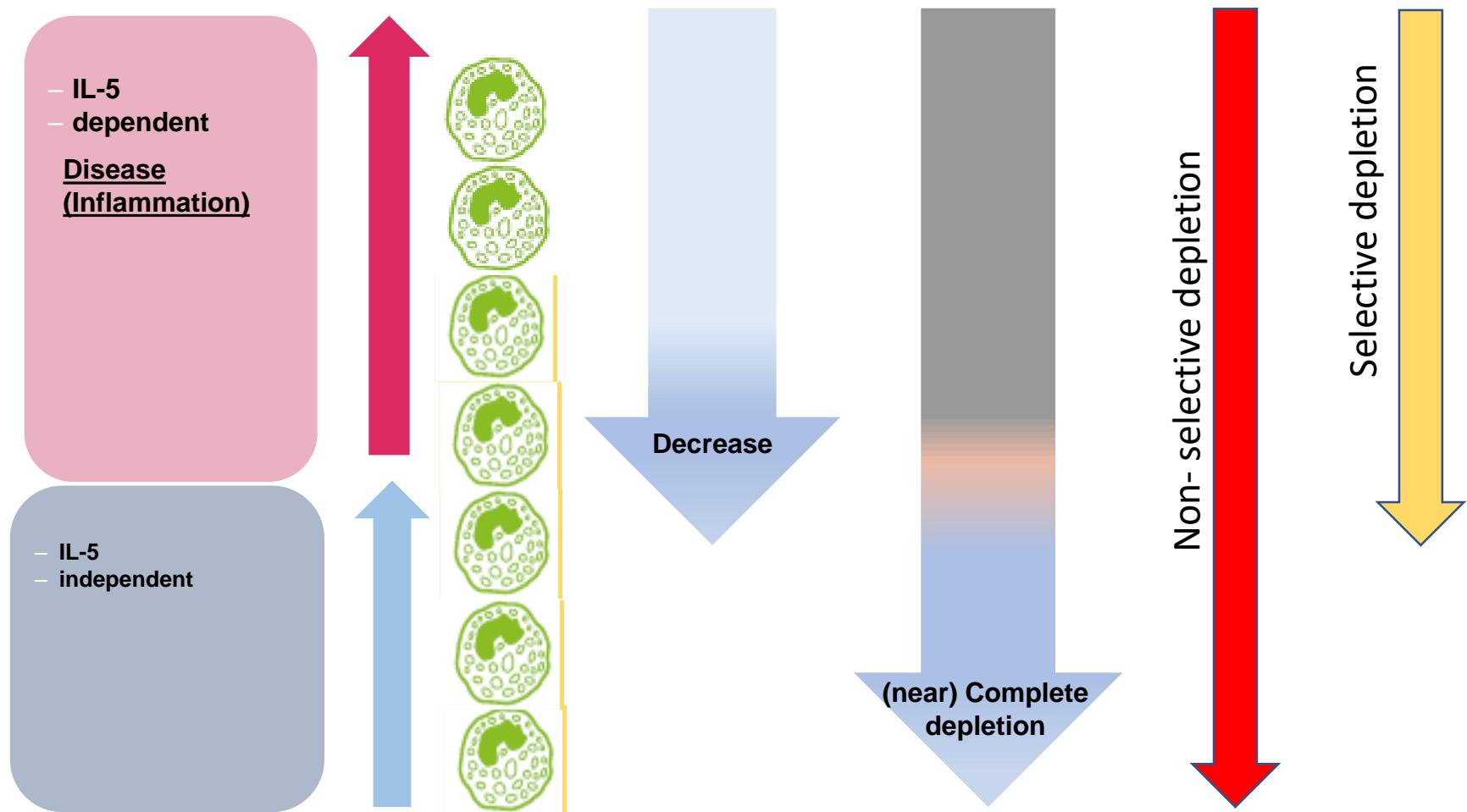


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\*  $p < 0.05$ , †  $p < 0.01$ , ‡ Raw data that have not been adjusted for ACQ, exacerbations and blood eosinophil threshold.  
Note: No comparisons with reslizumab were possible below 400 cells/ $\mu\text{L}$  due to the inclusion criteria of those trials.

BENRA: benralizumab; MEPO: mepolizumab; RESLI: reslizumab.

# What is desirable in an anti-eosinophil strategy?

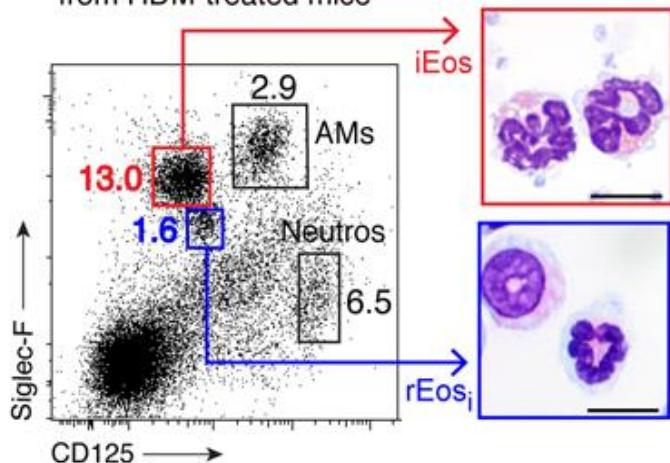


# Murine Eosinophil heterogeneity: IL-5 dependent and IL5 independent



## Two populations of eosinophils

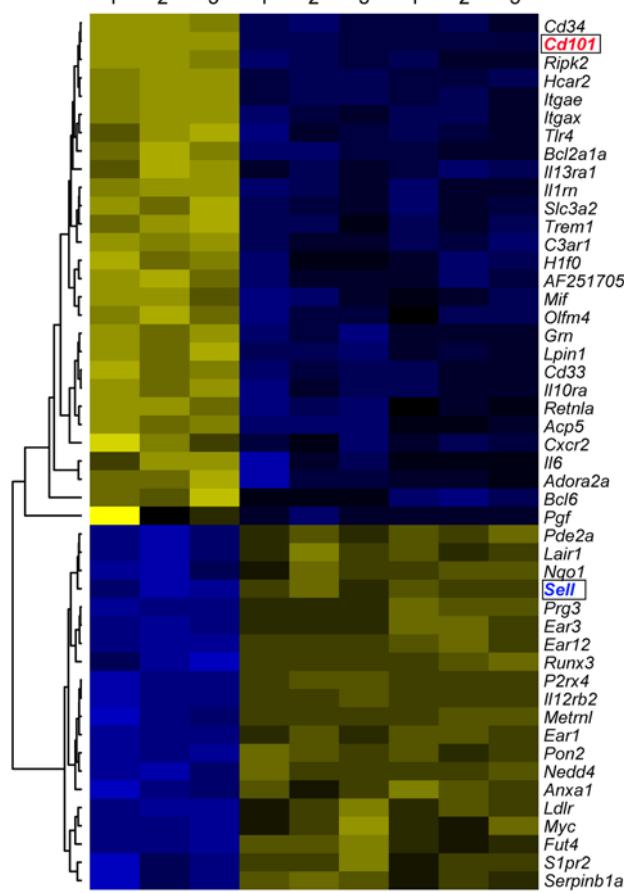
from HDM-treated mice



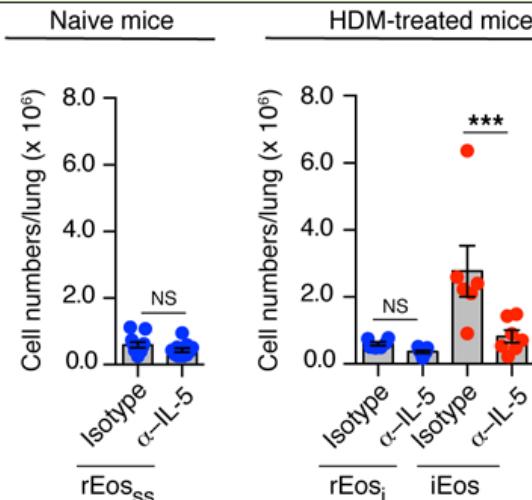
## Different immune functions

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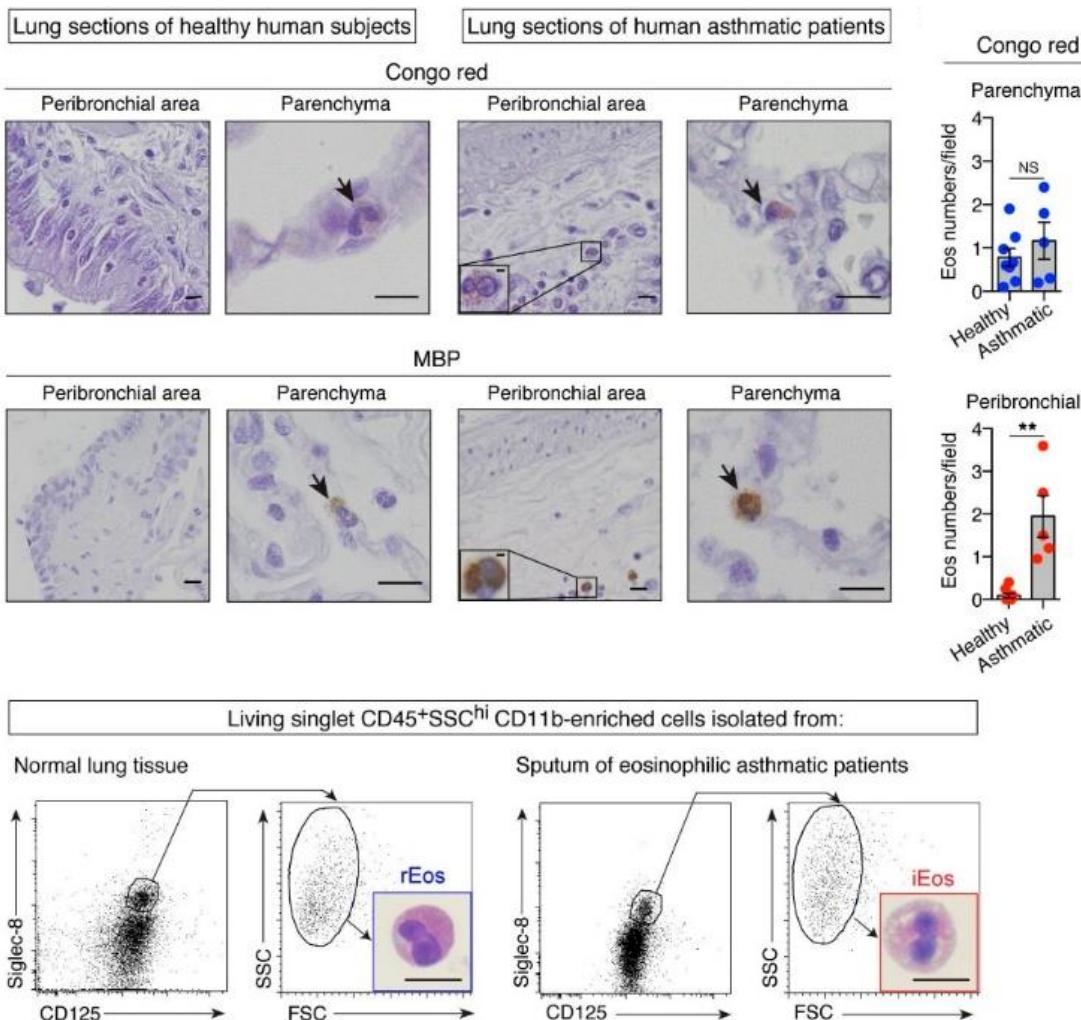
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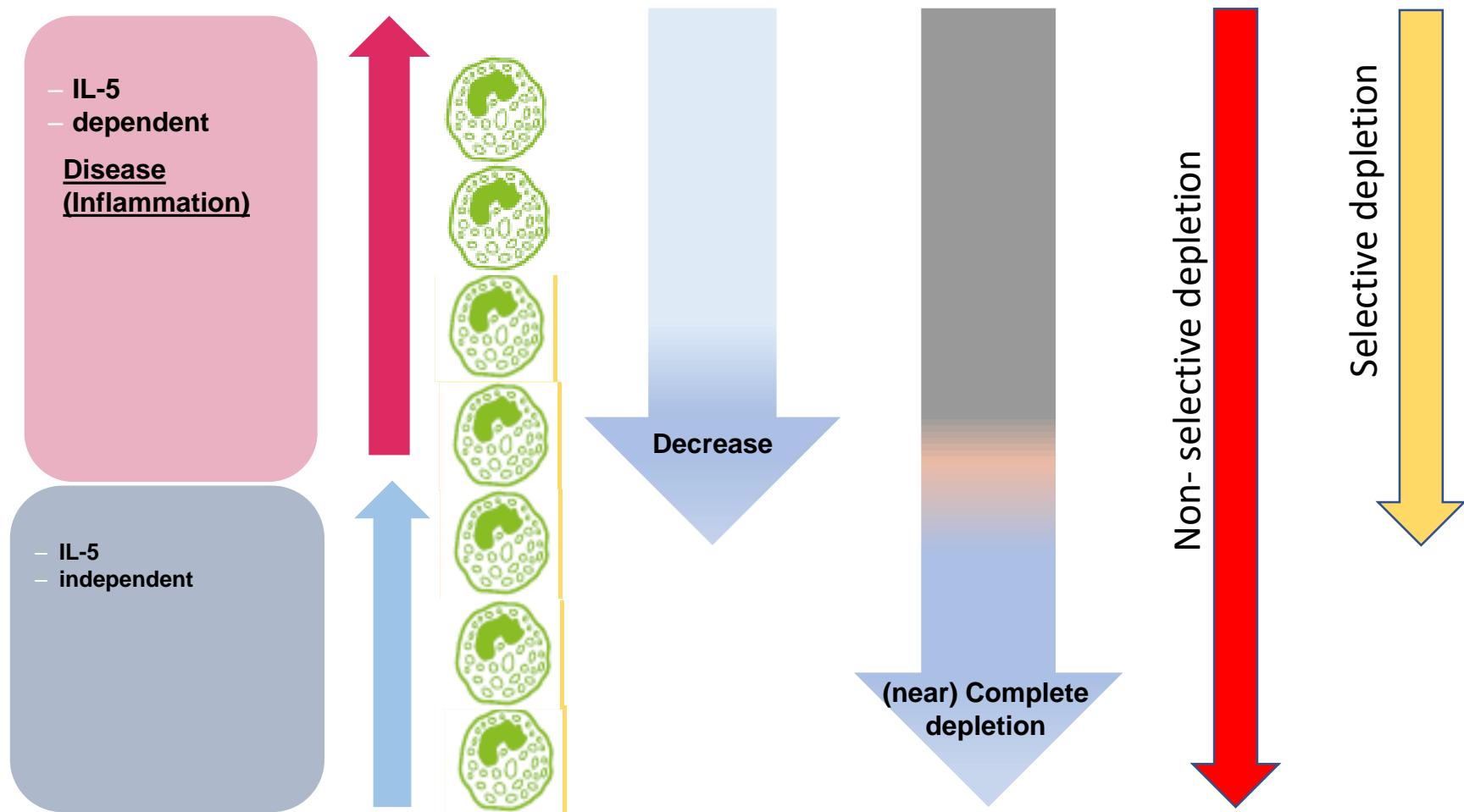
## Lung rEos not-modulated by anti IL-5



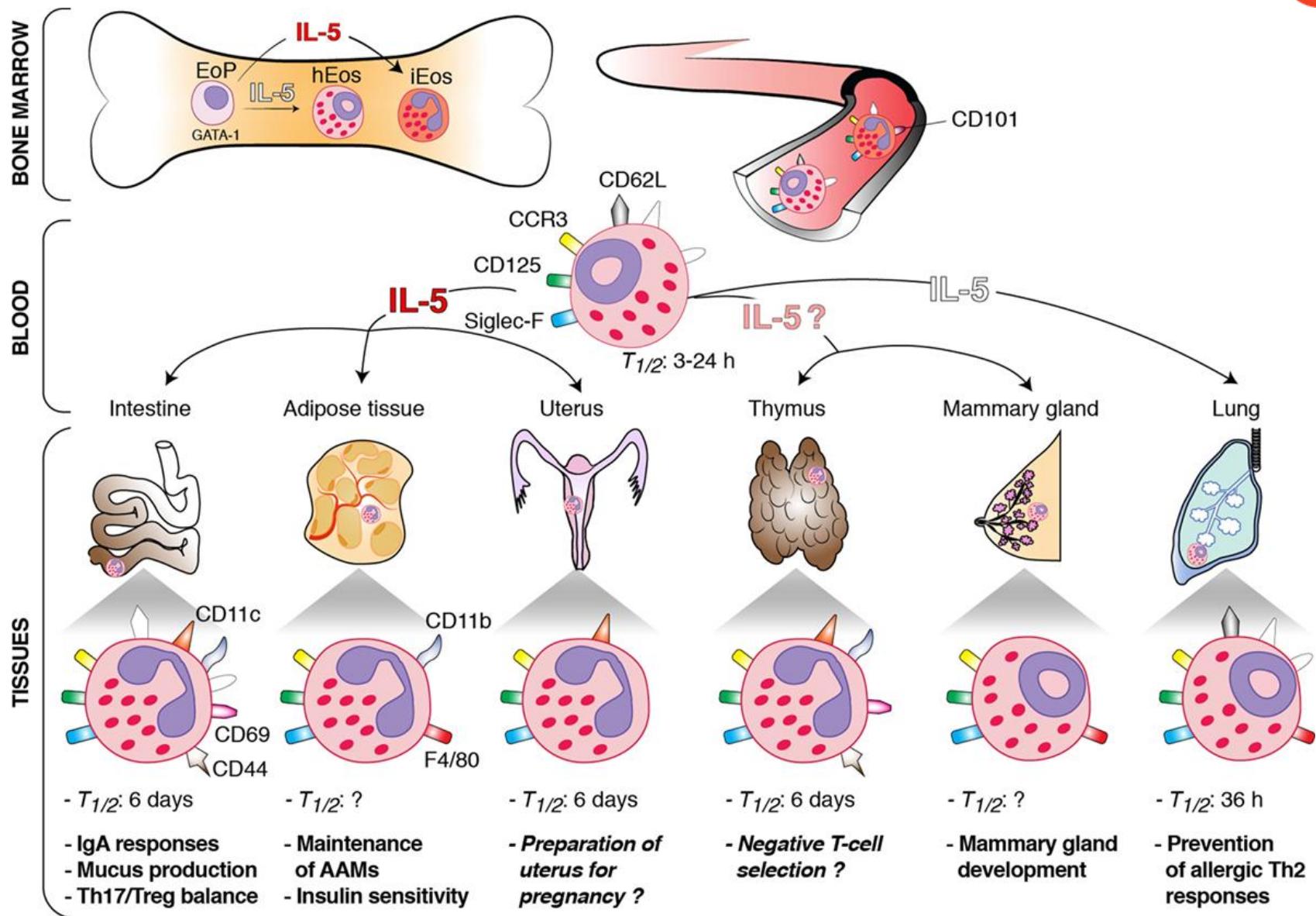
# Two eosinophil populations confirmed in human studies and both express CD125



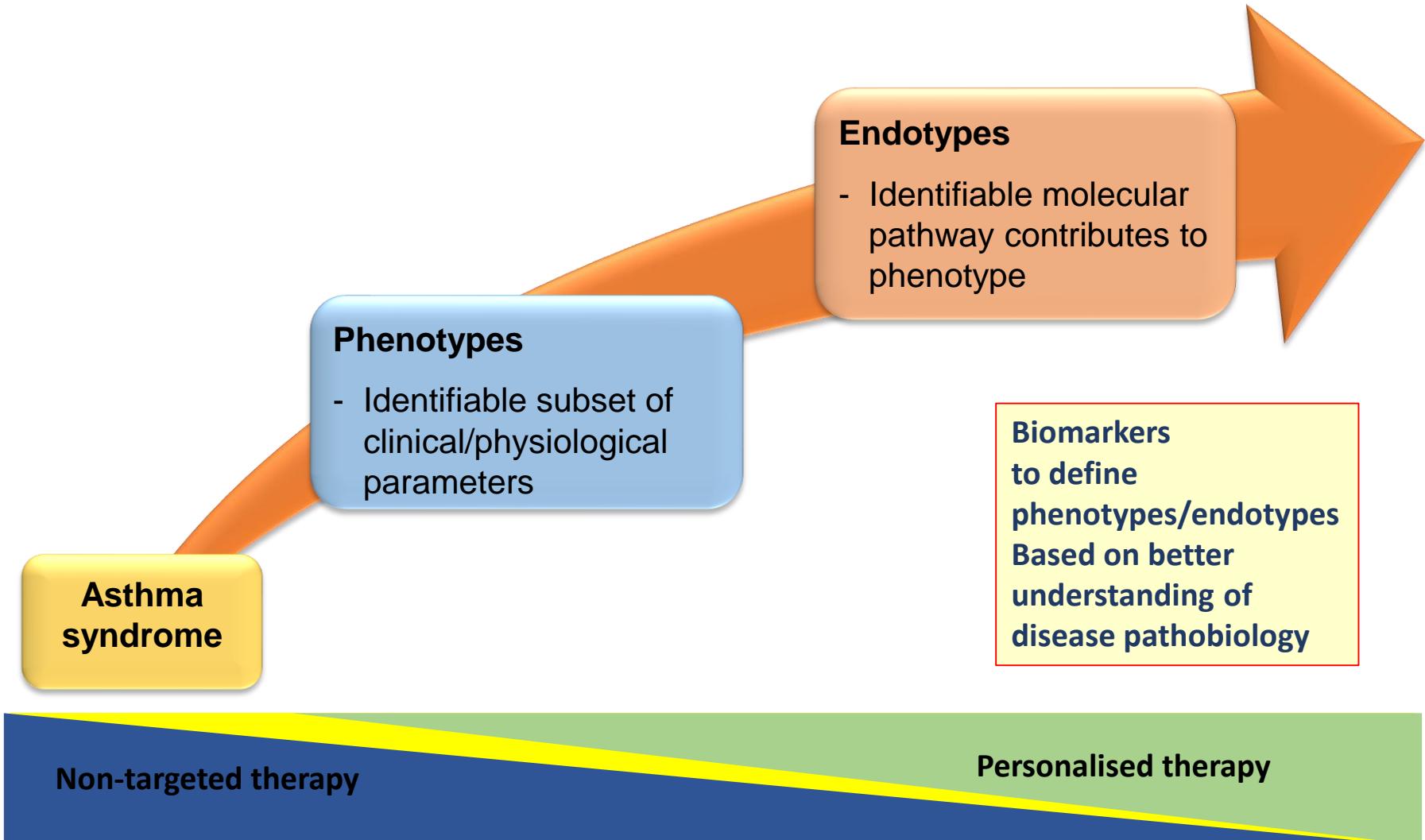
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# Potential role of resident eosinophils in health



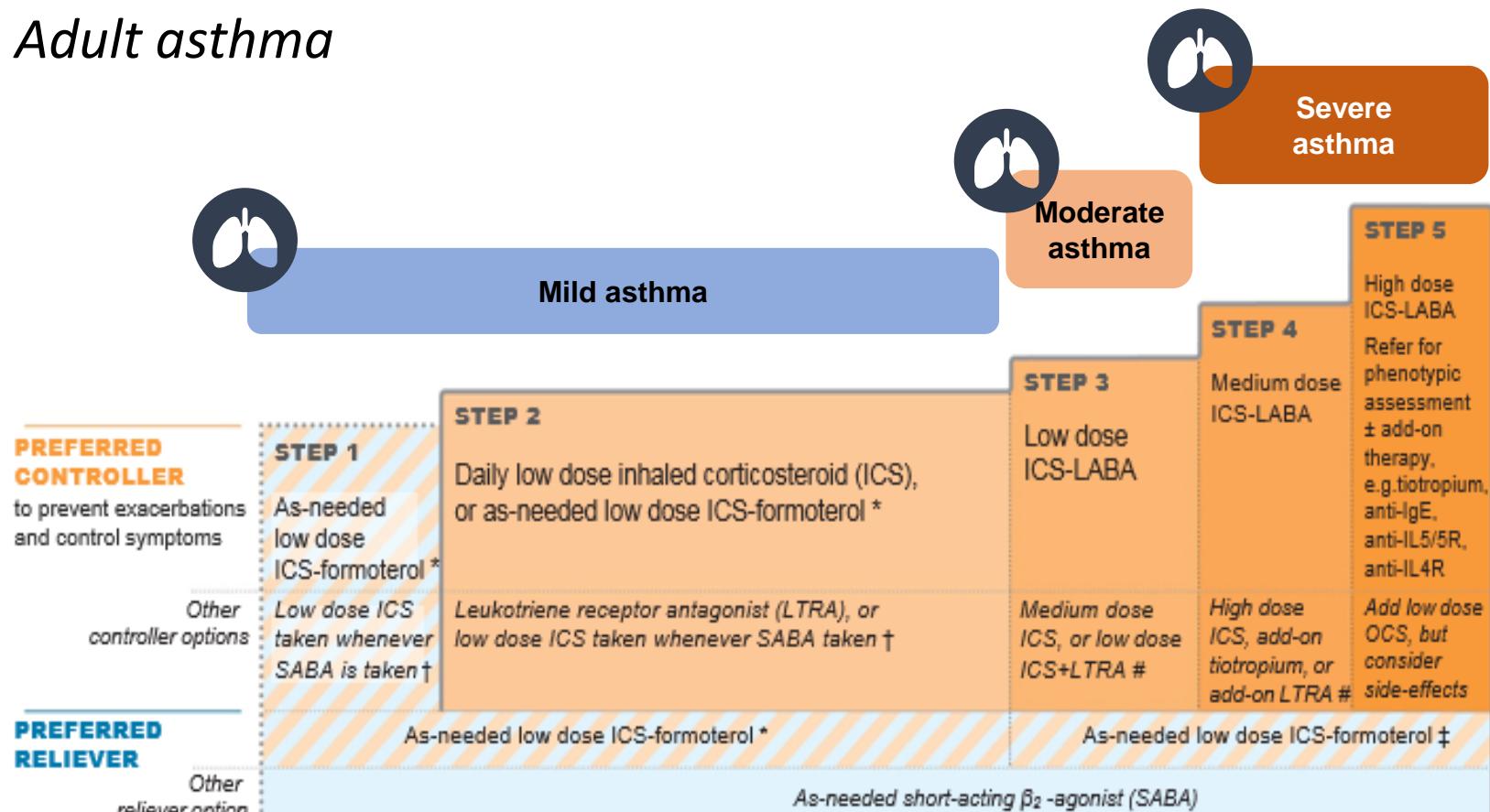
# Personalised therapy the reflection of disease heterogeneity in severe uncontrolled asthma



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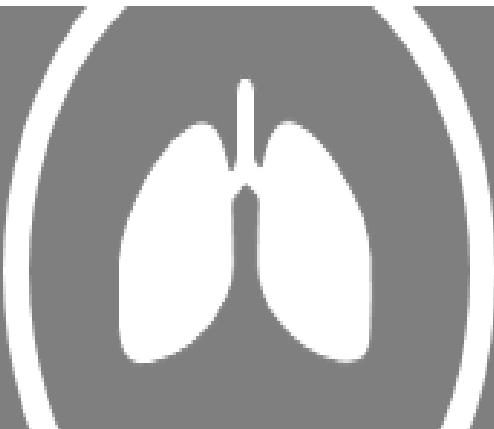
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Thank you

# Summary of adverse events for Nucala



	Mepolizumab (N = 368)	Mepolizuma b (N = 368)
<b>Any on-treatment AEs, n (%)*</b>	53 (14)	
<b>Any AE related to mepolizumab, n (%)</b>	53 (14)	
Nervous system disorders	26 (7)	2 (<1)
General disorders and administration site conditions	12 (3)	1 (<1)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	9 (2)	1 (<1)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders	9 (2)	
Gastrointestinal disorders	6 (2)	
Ear and labyrinth disorders	3 (<1)	0
Investigations	3 (<1)	
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	2 (<1)	
Cardiac disorders	1 (<1)	
Immune system disorders	1 (<1)	
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	1 (<1)	
Not coded	4 (1)	
<b>Any SAE related to mepolizumab, n (%)</b>		
Hypersensitivity		
Pharyngeal swelling		
<b>Fatal SAEs, n (%)</b>		
<b>AEs related to mepolizumab leading to permanent discontinuation of mepolizumab, n (%)</b>		
Nervous system disorders		9 (2)
Gastrointestinal disorders		4 (1)
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Not coded		2 (<1)

Only data on mepolizumab- and GSK product-related AEs are collected during the study.  
 GlaxoSmithKline. Data on file. REF-27964.

# Safety Overview of Relvar Ellipta



- The Phase III safety population for Relvar comprised **6,237** patients
- Safety and tolerability data from the pooled phase III safety data.

Very common AEs (≥1/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Headache and nasopharyngitis</li></ul>
Other common AEs (≥1/100 to <1/10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bronchitis, influenza, candidiasis of mouth and throat, cough, dysphonia, oropharyngeal pain, sinusitis, fractures, pyrexia, back pain, arthralgia, rhinitis, upper respiratory tract infection, pneumonia, abdominal pain and pharyngitis</li></ul>

- No dose adjustment is required for:
  - Patients with **renal impairment (腎功能不全)**
  - Patients with **hepatic impairment (肝功能不全)**
  - Patients aged **over 65 years (65歲以上)**



# Mepolizumab(Nucala)簡易仿單

英文產品名稱：NUCALA Powder for Solution for Injection (Mepolizumab)

衛部菌疫輸字第001015號

中文產品名稱：舒肺樂凍晶注射劑

成分含量：注射劑，100毫克冷凍乾燥粉末，單劑小瓶裝，須泡製使用。

適應症與用途：表現型為嗜伊紅性白血球的嚴重氣喘且控制不良（severe refractory eosinophilic asthma）之成人患者之附加維持治療。

用法用量：NUCALA的建議劑量為每4週一次於上臂、大腿或腹部皮下注射100毫克。

禁忌症：NUCALA不可用於曾對mepolizumab或配方中之賦形劑產生過敏反應的患者。

警語和注意事項

過敏反應：

曾有在投予NUCALA之後發生過敏反應（如血管性水腫、支氣管痙攣、低血壓、蕁麻疹、皮疹）的報告。這些反應通常都是在投藥後數小時內發生，但有些病例會延遲發生（即數日後才發生）。如果發生過敏反應，應停用NUCALA。



### 急性氣喘症狀或惡化性疾病：

NUCALA不可用於治療急性氣喘症狀或急性惡化。切勿使用NUCALA治療急性支氣管痙攣或氣喘重積狀態。在開始使用NUCALA治療之後，如果患者的氣喘症狀仍未獲得控制或出現惡化的現象，應尋求醫療建議。

### 伺機性感染：帶狀皰疹

在對照性臨床試驗中，使用NUCALA治療的受試者有2個發生帶狀皰疹的嚴重不良反應病例，安慰劑組則無任何此類病例。在開始使用NUCALA治療之前，如果醫療條件適合，應考慮接種水痘疫苗。

### 降低皮質類固醇的劑量：

開始使用NUCALA治療時，切勿驟然停用全身性或吸入性皮質類固醇。如果適合降低皮質類固醇的劑量，應以逐步漸進的方式降低劑量，並應在醫師的直接監督之下進行。降低皮質類固醇的劑量可能會引發全身性戒斷症狀，並或使先前被全身性皮質類固醇壓制的症狀顯露出來。

### 寄生蟲（蠕蟲）感染：

嗜伊紅性白血球可能會涉及某些蠕蟲感染所引發的免疫反應。已知患有寄生蟲感染症的患者都被排除於臨床試驗之外。目前並不確知NUCALA是否會影響患者對寄生蟲感染的反應。對於原先即患有蠕蟲感染症的患者，在開始使用NUCALA治療前應先治療其感染症。如果患者在接受NUCALA治療期間發生感染，並且對抗蠕蟲治療無法產生反應，應停止使用NUCALA治療，直到感染消退。

常見不良反應：頭痛、注射部位反應、背痛、疲倦等。

# Relvar 簡易處方資訊

- 英文產品名稱: Relvar<sup>®</sup> Ellipta<sup>®</sup> 92/22 mcg Inhalation Powder
- 衛部藥輸字第026318號
- 中文產品名稱:潤娃易<sup>®</sup>利達<sup>®</sup> 92/22 mcg乾粉吸入劑
- 適應症與用途:慢性阻塞性肺病(COPD)患者之氣道阻塞症狀的維持治療，也適用於降低有惡化病史患者之COPD惡化。
- 成份含量: fluticasone furoate/vilanterol 92 mcg/22 mcg
- 用法用量: 每天於相同的時間吸入一次。每24小時不可使用Relvar<sup>®</sup> Ellipta<sup>®</sup>超過一次。
- 劑型:乾粉吸入劑
- 禁忌症:禁用於有嚴重乳蛋白過敏問題的患者，或已證實對fluticasone furoate、vilanterol或本品之任何賦形劑過敏的患者。
- 警語和注意事項:發生氣喘相關死亡之風險升高的現象一般認為是一種LABA(包括vilanterol，即Relvar<sup>®</sup> Ellipta<sup>®</sup>的活性成分之一)的類別作用。其他內容請詳閱仿單。
- 常見副作用: 頭痛、鼻咽炎，上呼吸道感染
- 不良事件通報程序：通報電話: (02) 23126836/ 郵箱: [oax40892@gsk.com](mailto:oax40892@gsk.com)
- 詳細處方資訊備索

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