

# Svår astmamottagning, biologiska mm

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# Varför ska vi behöva en svår astmamottagning?



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# Är astma en alvarligt problem?

# Astma kan bli dödsorsak



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Charlotte Coleman, a star in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, who died at 33 of an asthma attack at her flat in Holloway, London

The observer 2011

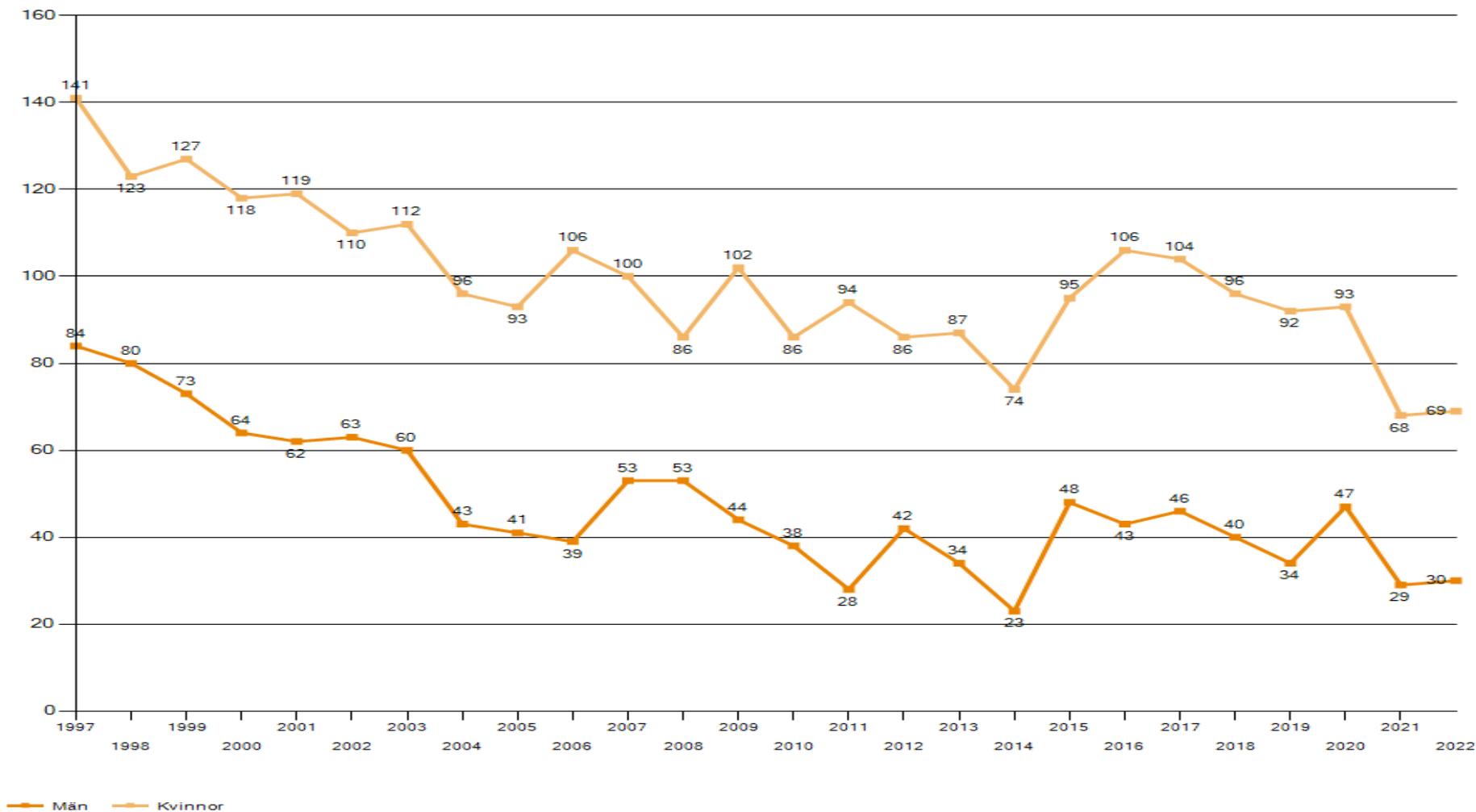
# Astma som dödsorsak i Sverige



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Dödsorsaksstatistik, Antal döda, J45 Astma, Riket, Ålder: 20-95+





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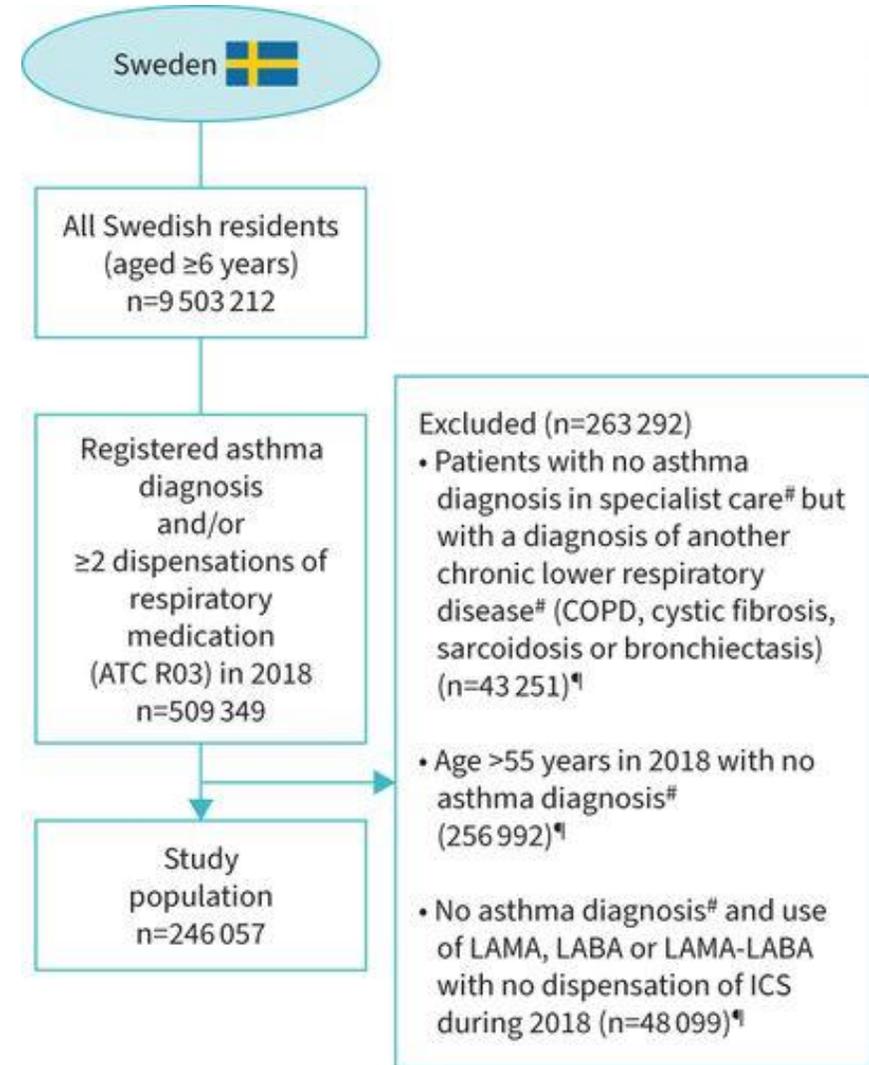
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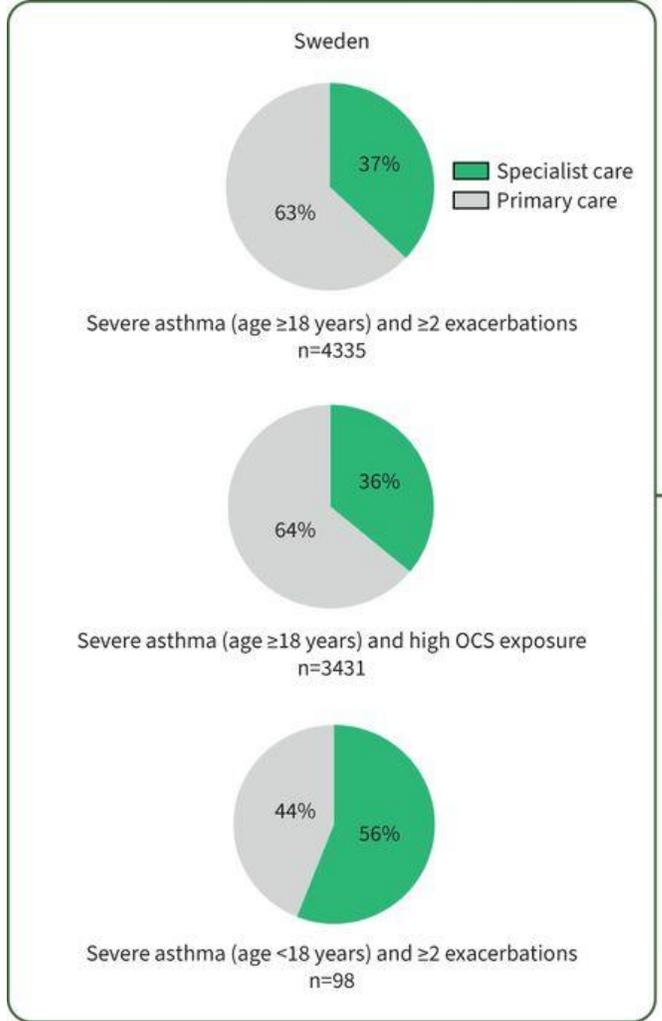
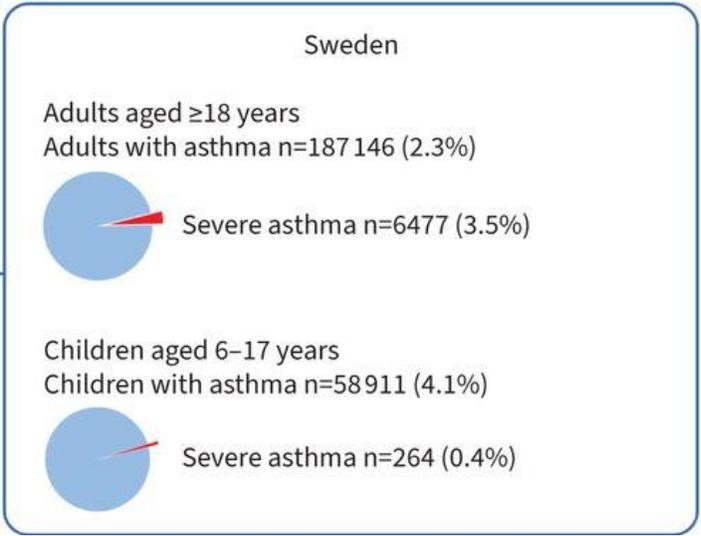
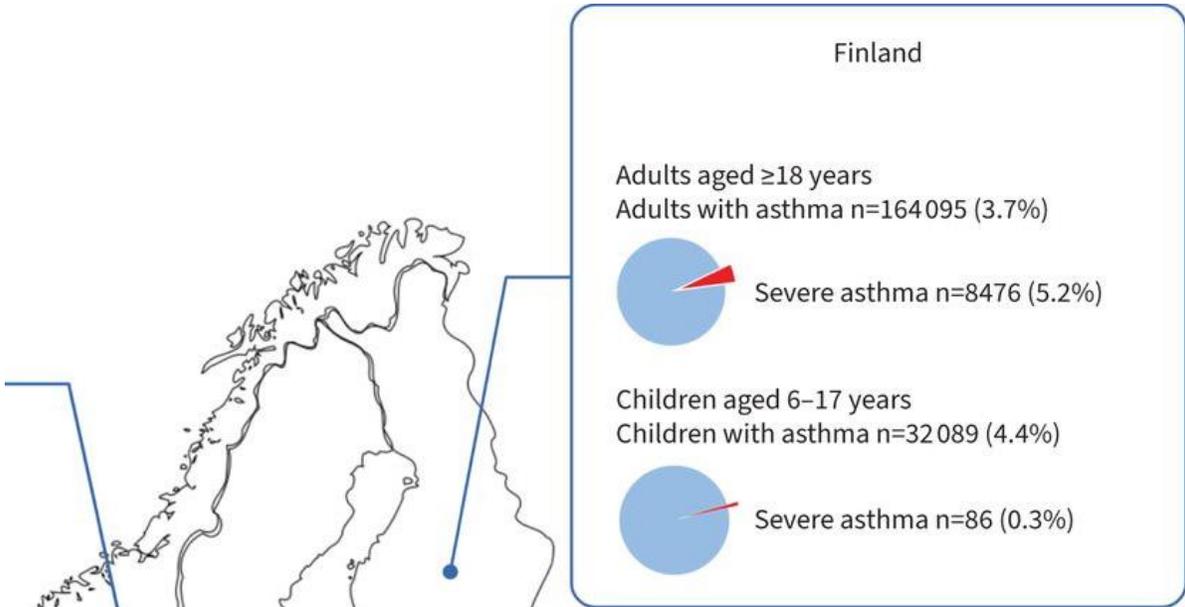
# Är astma en stor problem?



## Prevalence and management of severe asthma in the Nordic countries: findings from the NORDSTAR cohort

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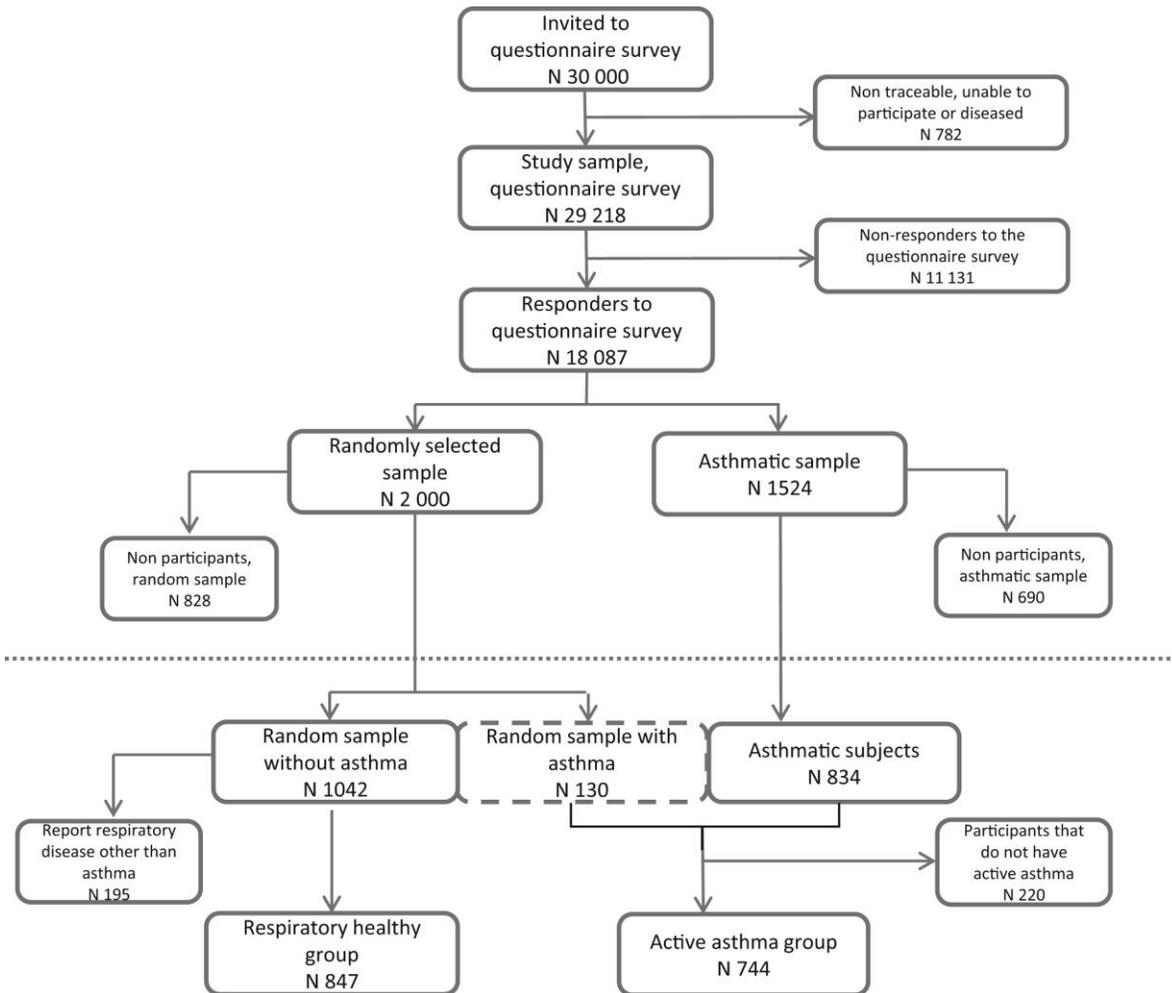


# Okontrollerade astma finns i samhälle



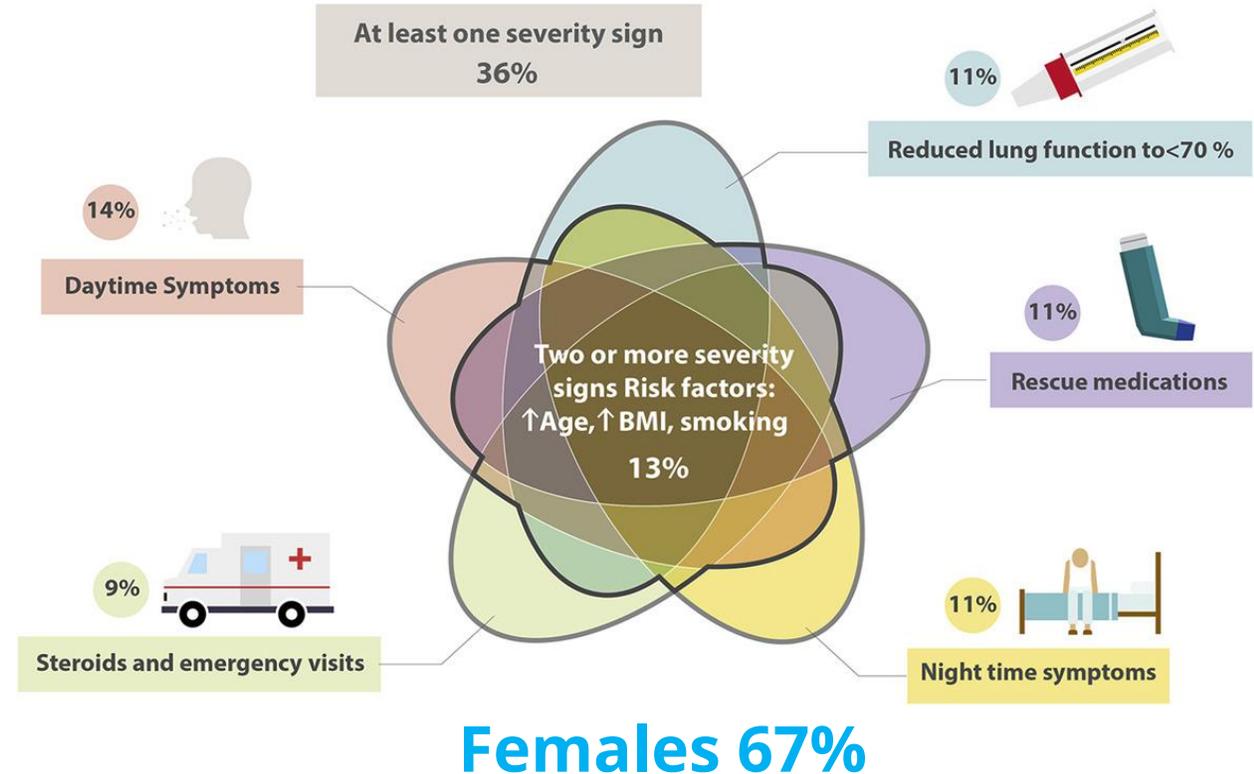
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## Asthma severity phenotypes

*A large random population study*





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# Svår/okontrollerat astma?

# Definition av svår astma enligt ERS/ATS guidelines

Astma som kräver kontinuerlig hög medicineringsnivå, steg 4-5 enligt LMV eller GINA, under föregående år **eller** kortikosteroider po  $\geq 50\%$  av föregående år för att hållas under kontroll, (**svår behandlad astma**) **eller** som inte kan kontrolleras trots hög medicineringsnivå

# Astma behandling riktlinje GINA

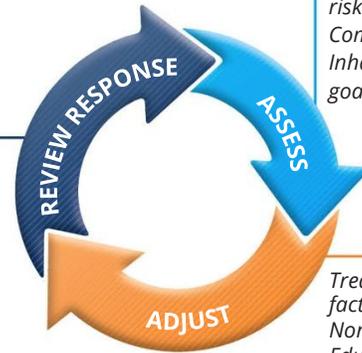
Box 3-5A  
Adults & adolescents 12+ years



**Personalized asthma management:**  
Assess, Adjust, Review response

**Asthma medication options:**  
Adjust treatment up and down for individual patient needs

Symptoms  
Exacerbations Side-effects Lung function  
Patient satisfaction



Confirmation of diagnosis if necessary  
Symptom control & modifiable risk factors (including lung function)  
Comorbidities  
Inhaler technique & adherence Patient goals

Treatment of modifiable risk factors & comorbidities  
Non-pharmacological strategies  
Education & skills training  
Asthma medications

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

Other controller options

**PREFERRED RELIEVER**

Other reliever option

STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol *	Daily low dose inhaled corticosteroid (ICS), or as-needed low dose ICS-formoterol *	Low dose ICS-LABA	Medium dose ICS-LABA	High dose ICS-LABA
Low dose ICS taken whenever SABA is taken †	Leukotriene receptor antagonist (LTRA), or low dose ICS taken whenever SABA taken †	Medium dose ICS, or low dose ICS+LTRA #	High dose ICS, add-on tiotropium, or add-on LTRA #	Refer for phenotypic assessment ‡ add-on therapy, e.g.tiotropium, anti-IgE, anti-IL5/5R, anti-IL4R
As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol *	As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol *	As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol ‡	As-needed low dose ICS-formoterol ‡	Add low dose OCS, but consider side-effects
As-needed short-acting $\beta_2$ -agonist (SABA)				

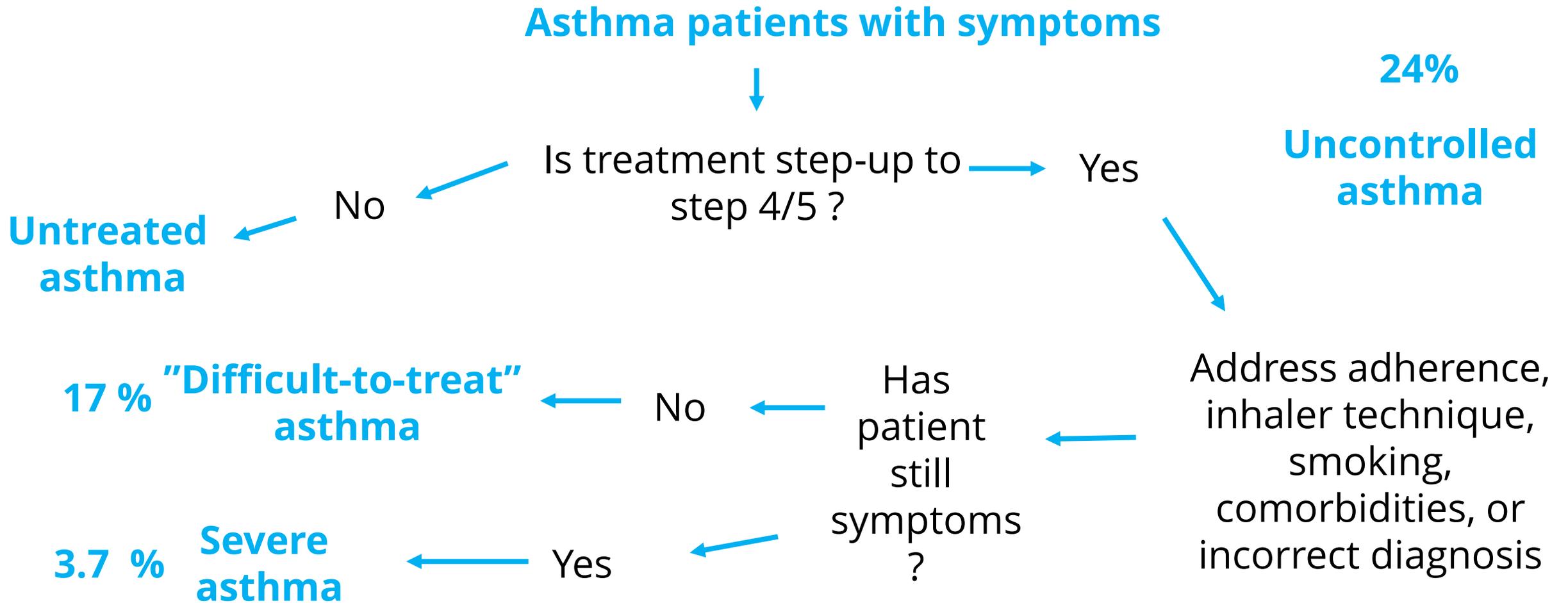
\* Off-label; data only with budesonide-formoterol (bud-form)

† Off-label; separate or combination ICS and SABA inhalers

‡ Low-dose ICS-form is the reliever for patients prescribed bud-form or BDP-form maintenance and reliever therapy

# Consider adding HDM SLIT for sensitized patients with allergic rhinitis and FEV<sub>1</sub> >70% predicted

# Uncontrolled/Difficult-to-treat/ Severe asthma

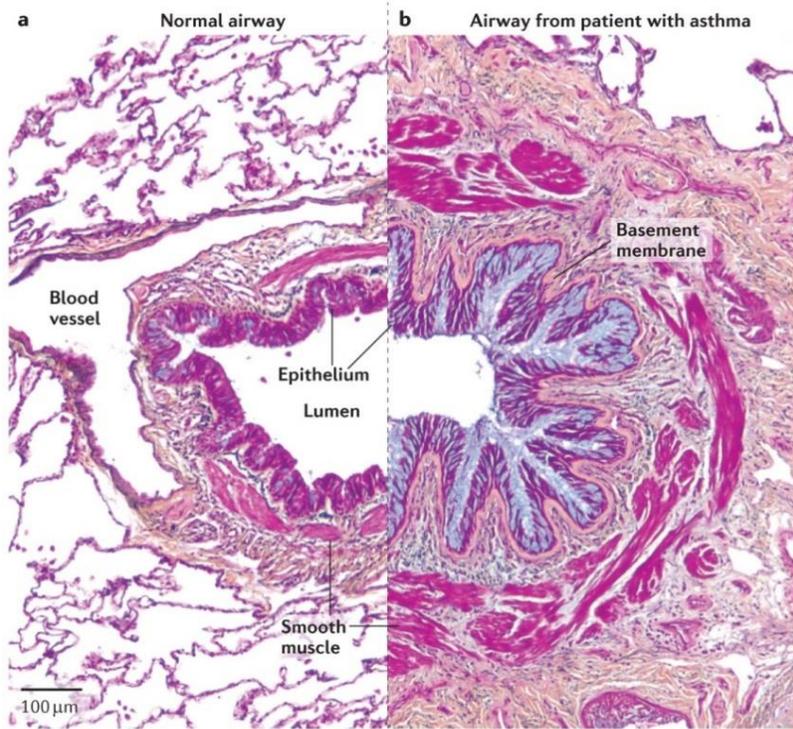




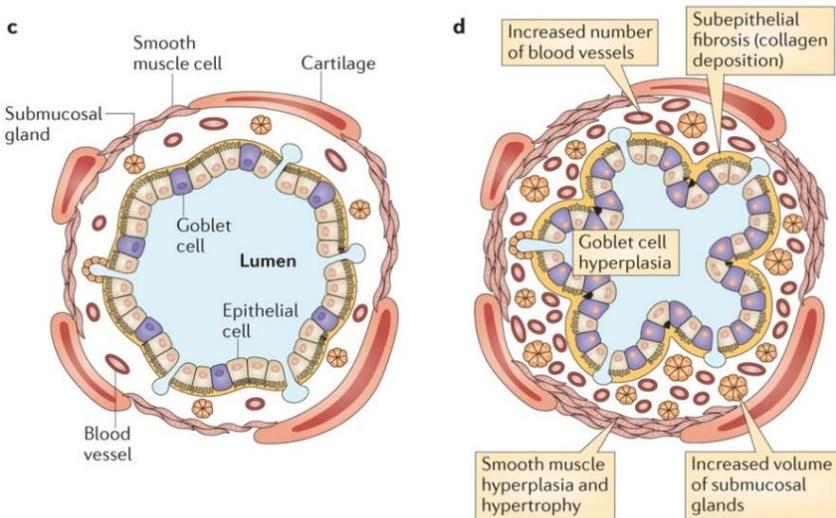
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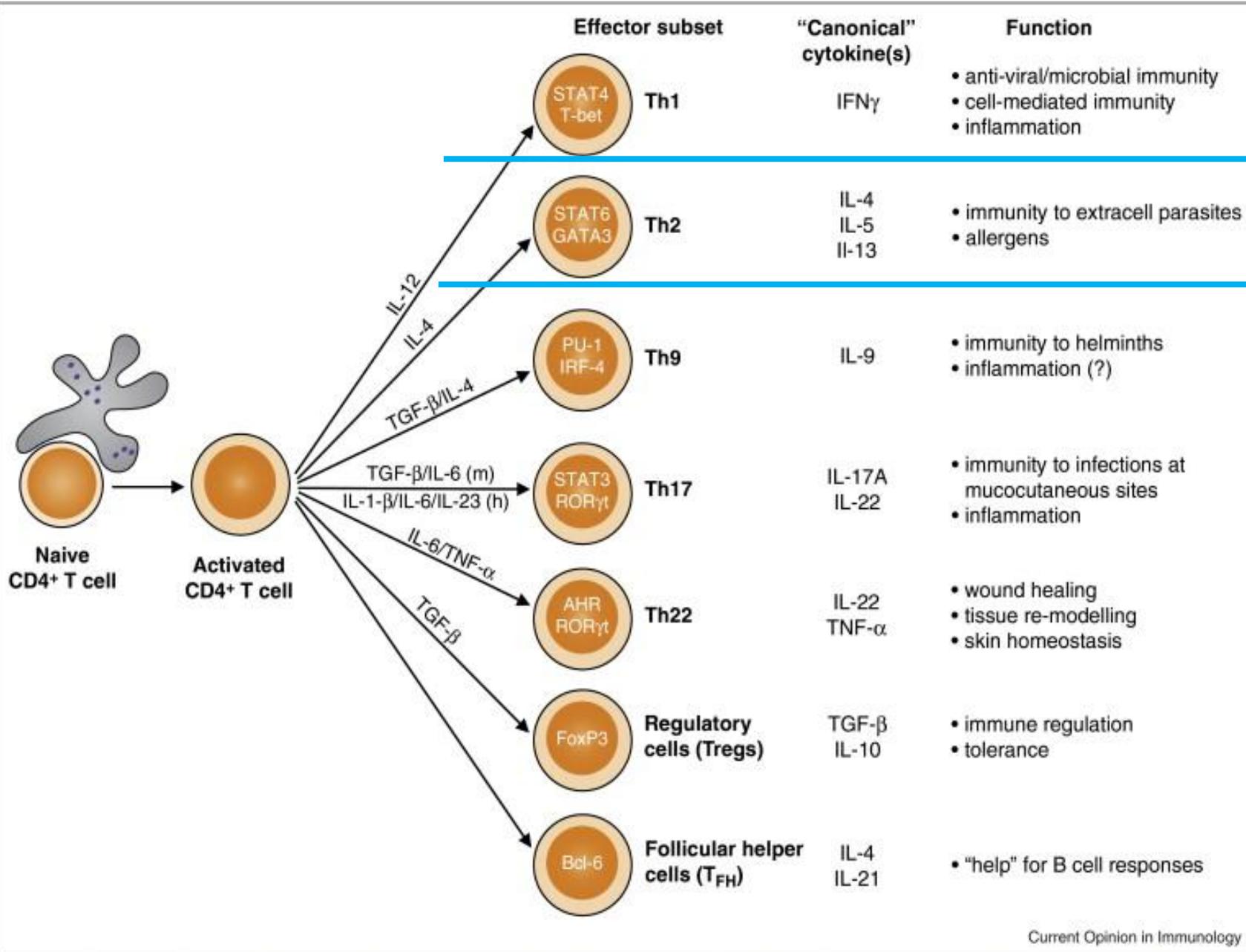
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# Varför? Back to the future



# Astma kronisk inflammation





Current Opinion in Immunology

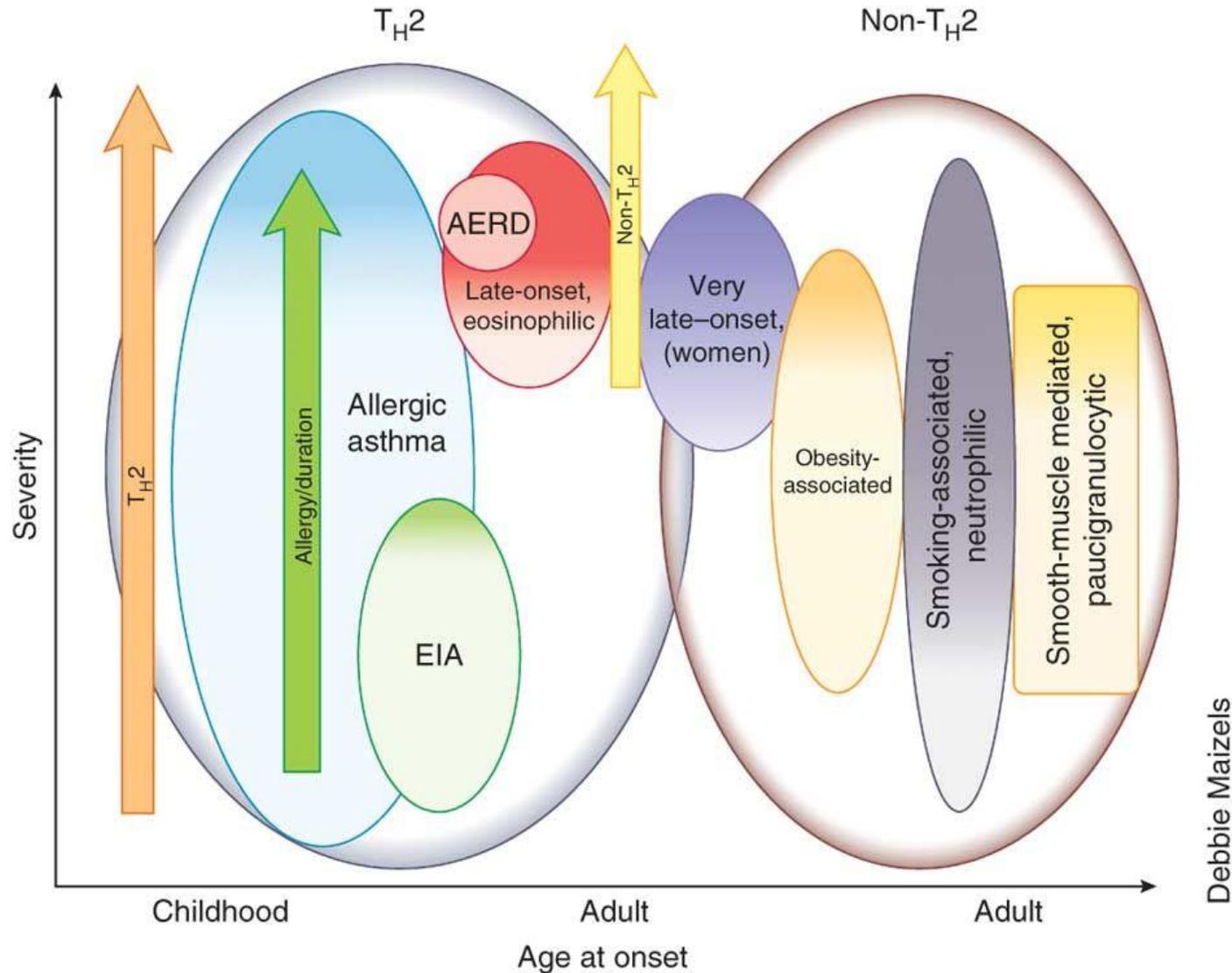
# T helper cells

# Astma fenotyper - "traditionell"

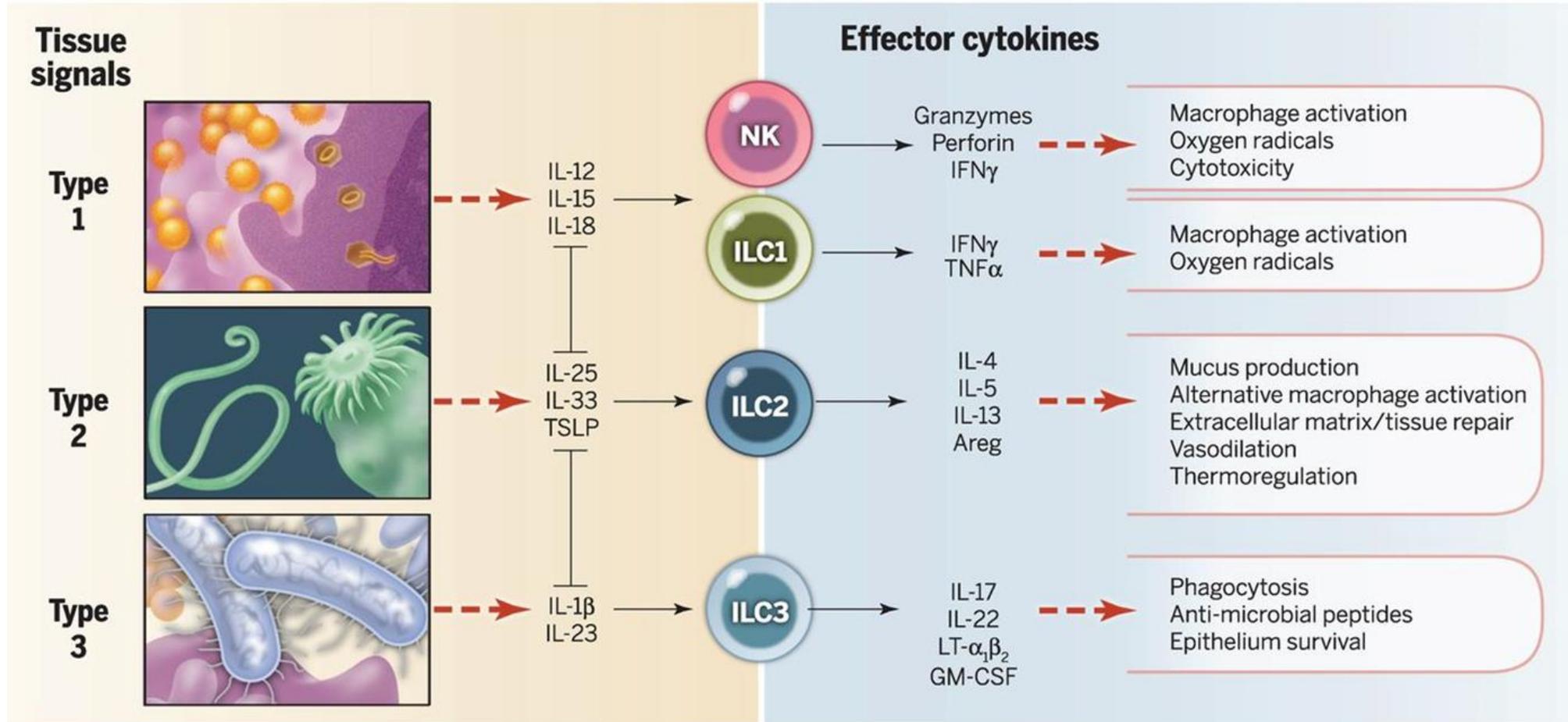


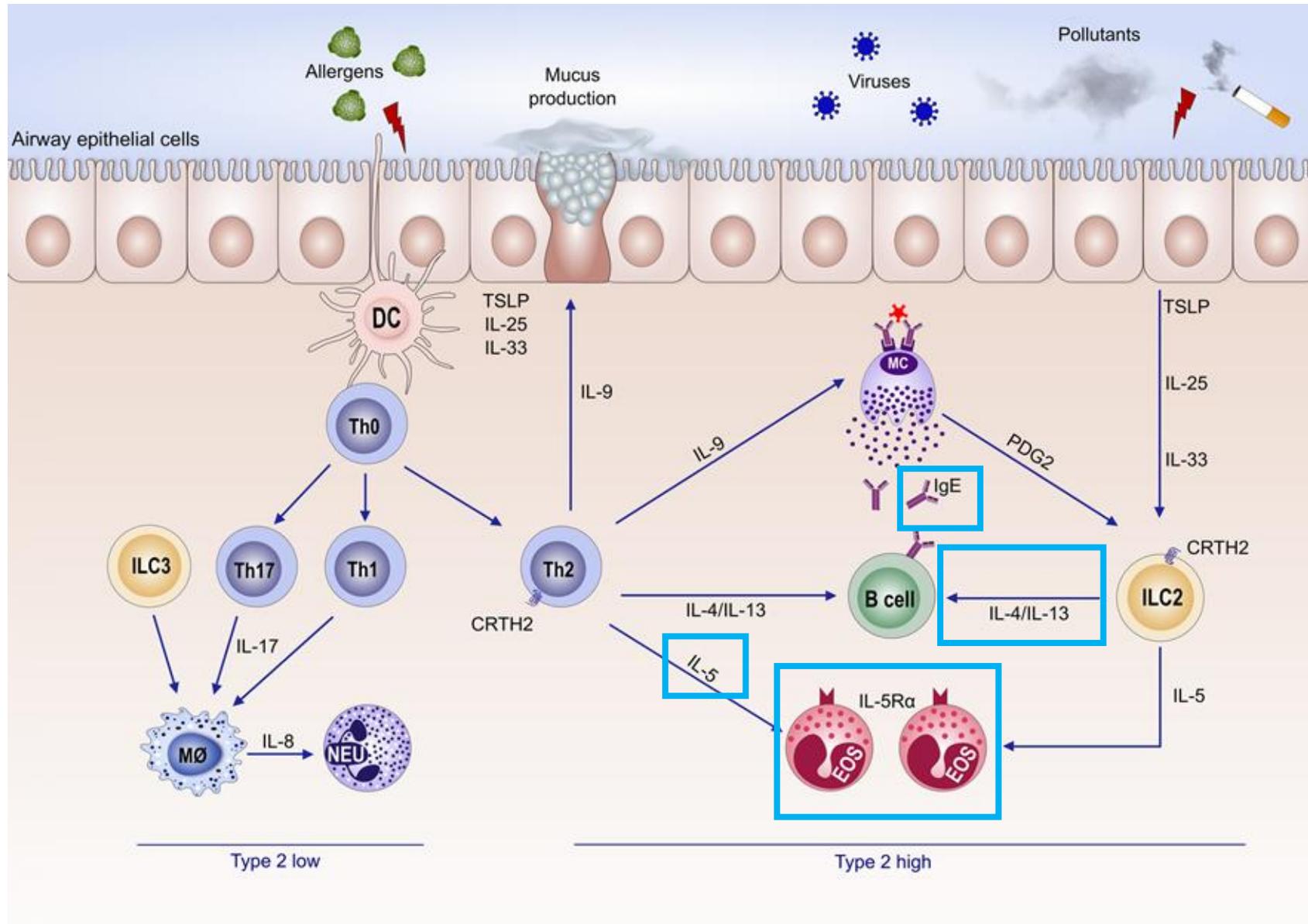
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# Innate Lymphoid Cells - ILCs





Astma  
inflammation  
baserat  
fenotyper

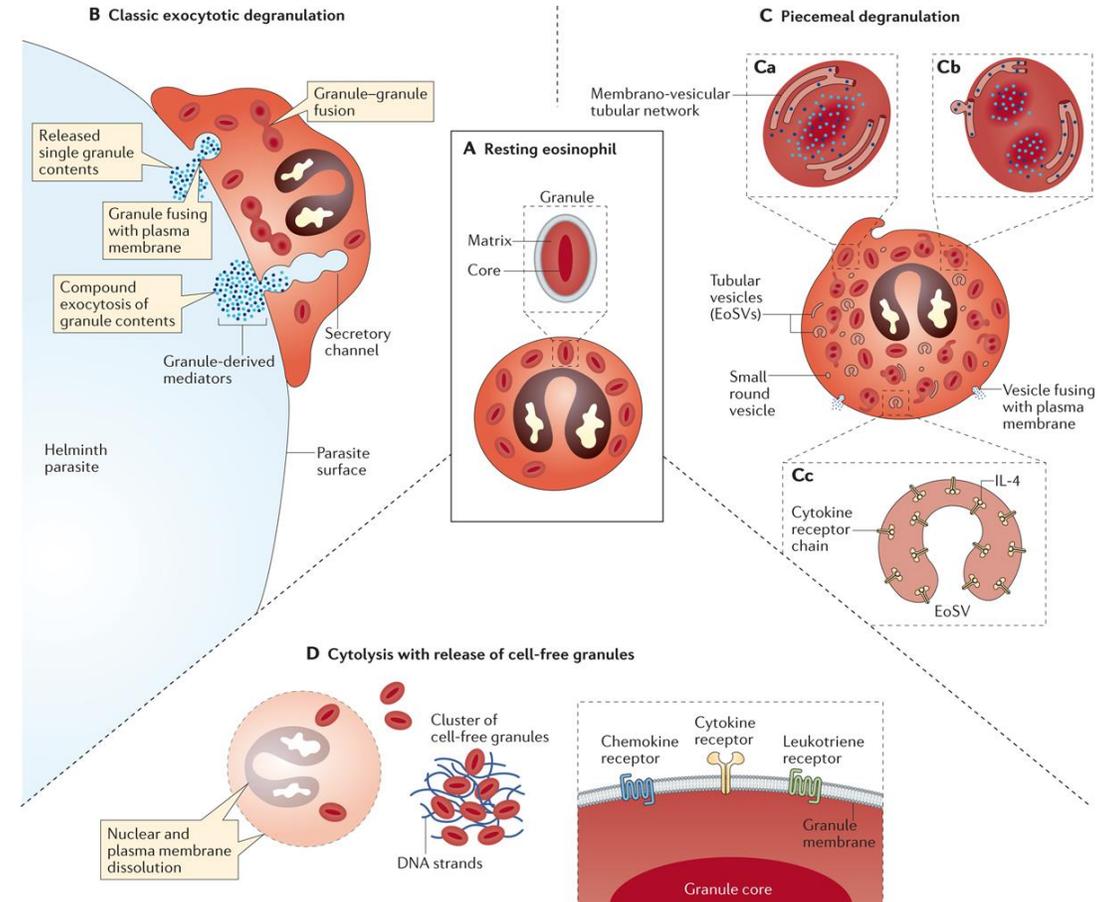
Type-2 (T2)high  
&  
Type-2 (T2) low

# Eosinophil specific granule proteins & their secretion

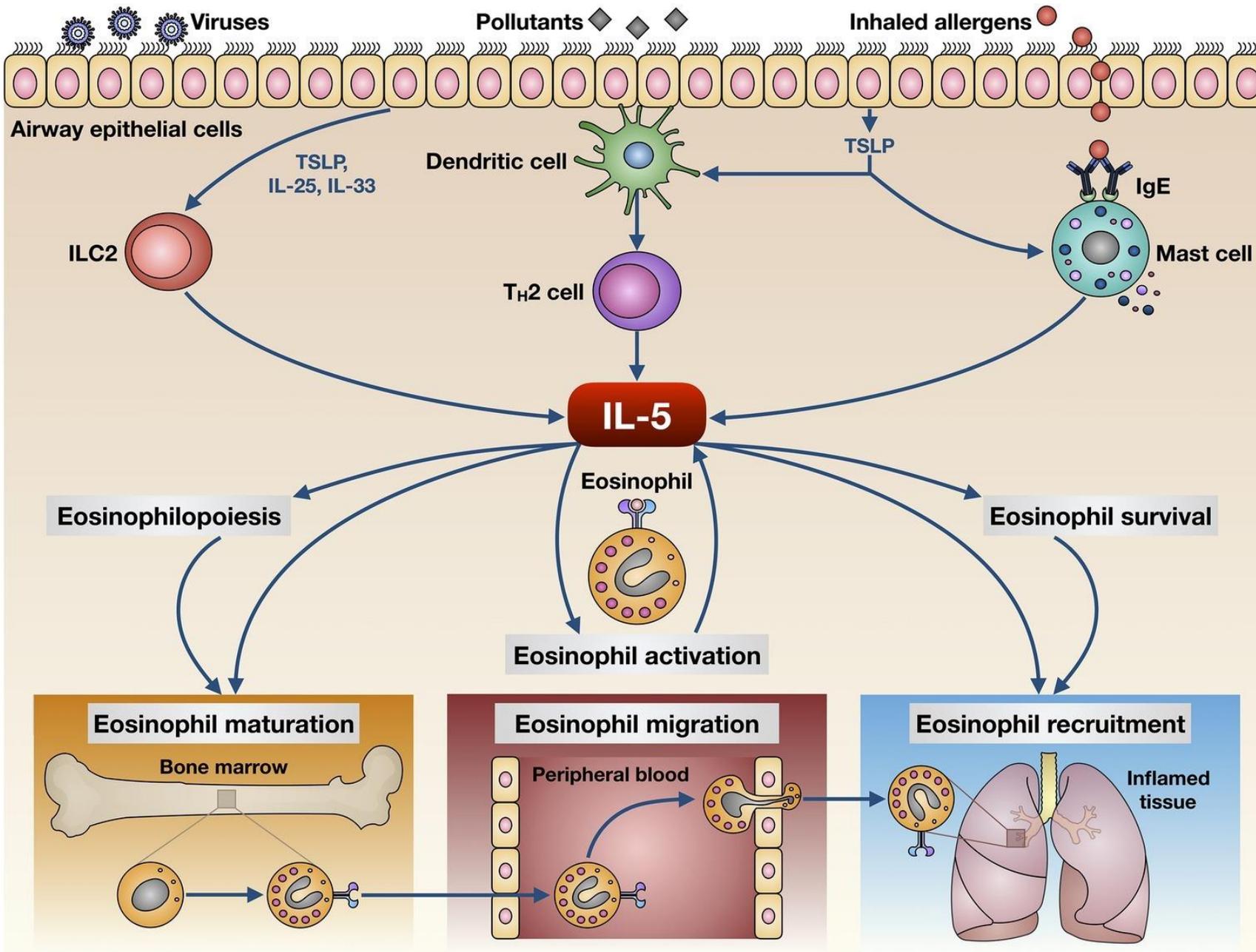
- Major Basic Protein ( **MBP-1 & 2**): inactivates heparin and promotes histamine release from basophils and mast cells.

## RNase Family

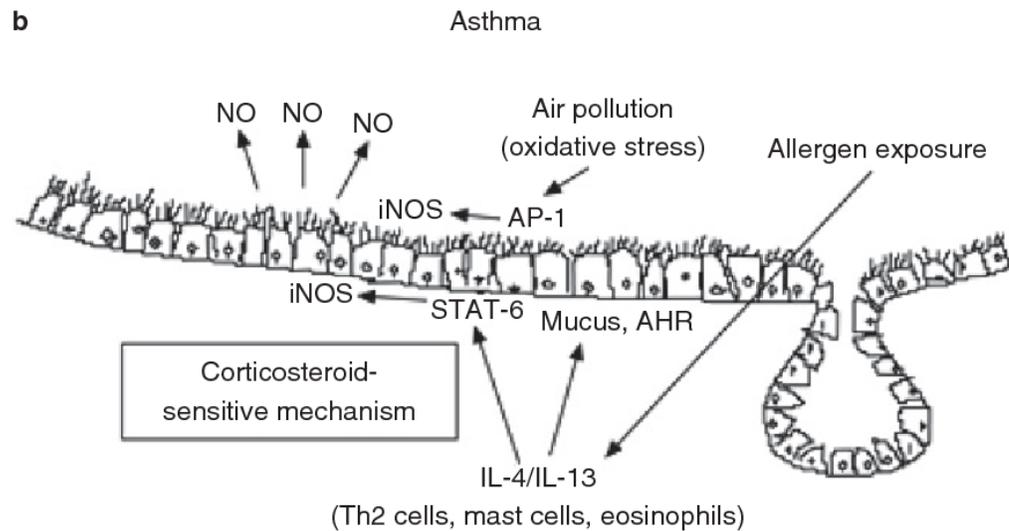
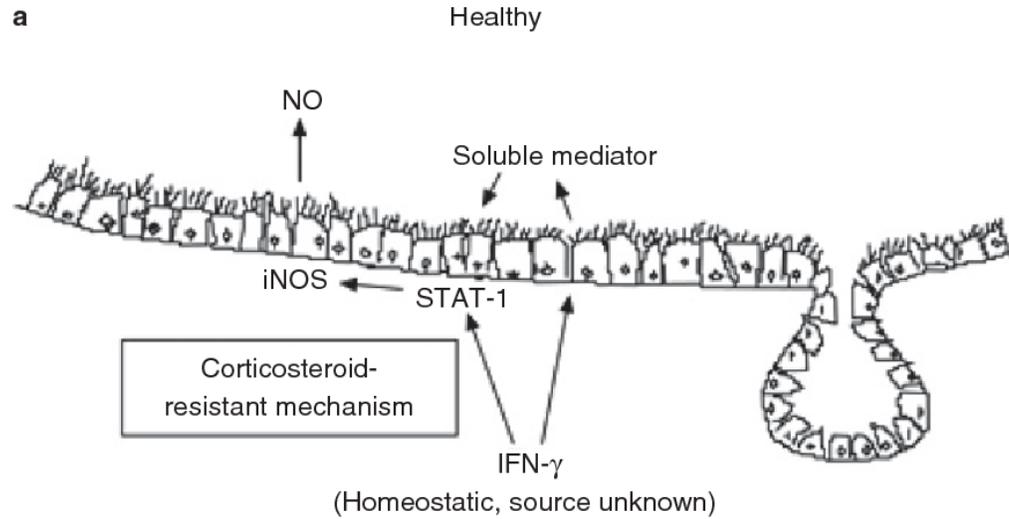
- Eosinophilic cationic protein (**ECP**) & Eosinophilic Neurotoxin (**EDN**): **Toxicity**, bactericidal properties, promotion of mast cells degranulation, destruction of tracheal epithelium
- Eosinophil Peroxidase (**EPO**) : toxic for mammalian cells, **cytotoxicity** towards airway epithelium



# IL-5 är « allt » för eosinofiler



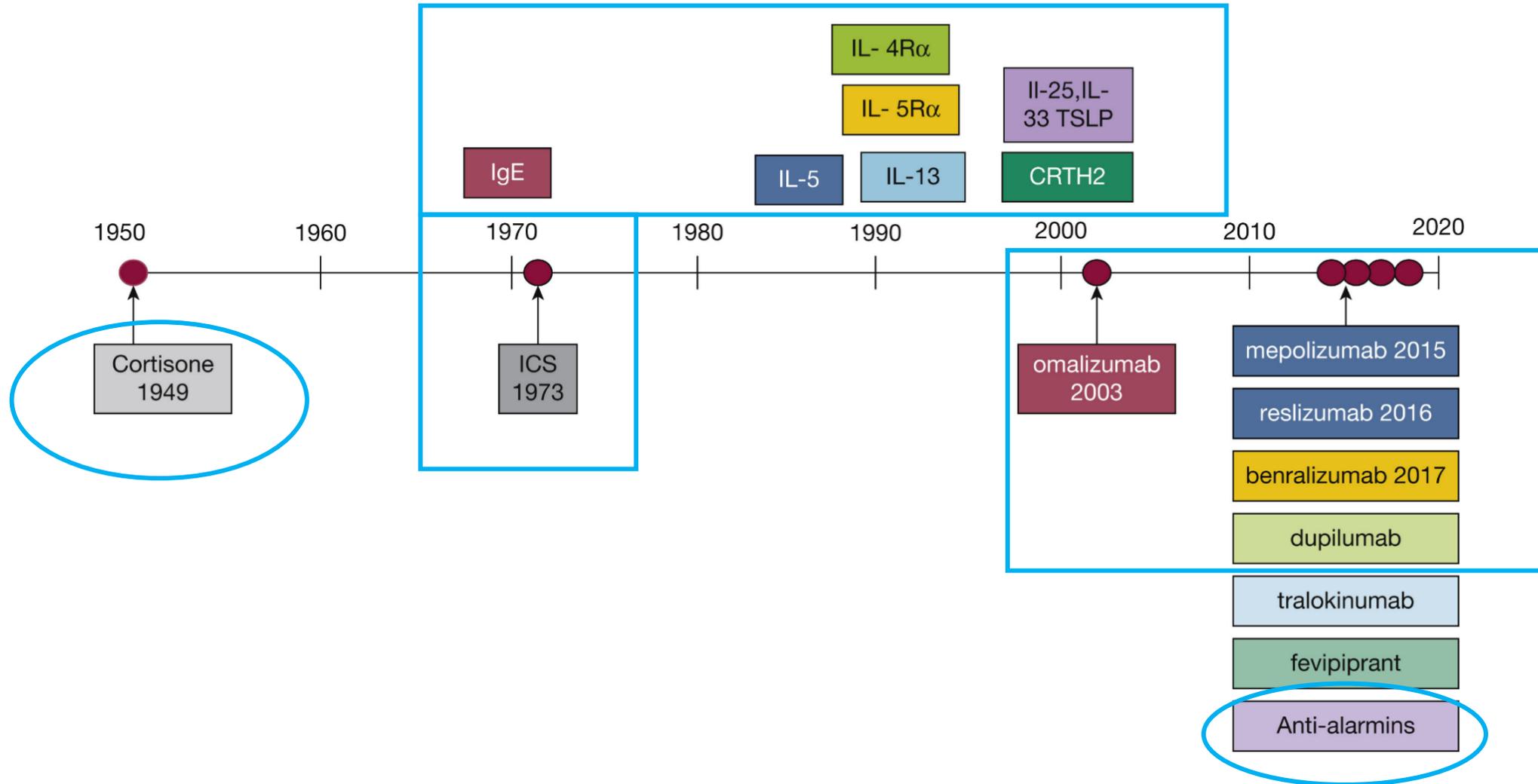
# FeNo



LOW	INTERMEDIATE	HIGH
	Eosinophilic inflammation	
Unlikely	Present, but mild	Significant
<25 ppb (Children <20 ppb)	25-50 ppb (Children 20-35 ppb)	>50 ppb (Children >35 ppb)
Responsiveness to corticosteroids are less likely	Should be interpreted cautiously and with reference to the clinical context	Responsiveness to corticosteroids are likely in symptomatic patients

# Behandla astma inflammation

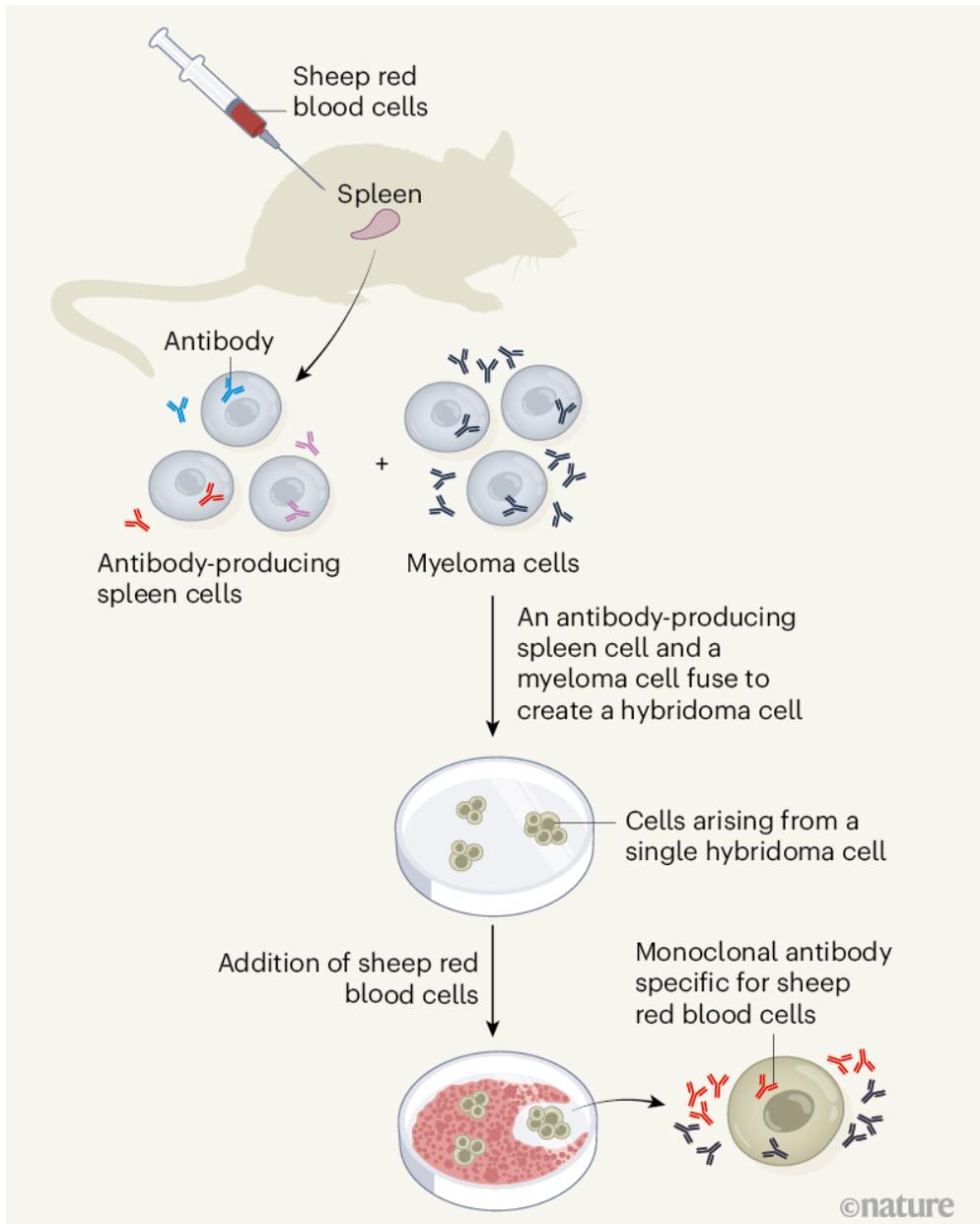
## Anti-eosinophil drugs for asthma



# Monoklonala antikroppar

Antibodies produced from a single clone of B cells  
against a single epitope

**The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1984**



Georges J.F. Köhler



César Milstein



Niels K. Jerne



# Biologisk behandling definition



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REVIEW ARTICLE

## **EAACI IG Biologicals task force paper on the use of biologic agents in allergic disorders**

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Biologic agents (also termed biologicals or biologics) are therapeutics that are synthesized by living organisms and directed against a specific determinant, for example, a cytokine or receptor.

- **Omalizumab ( Anti-IgE):**, Allergisk astma, Kronisk rinosinuit med näspolyper(CRSwNP), Kronisk spontan urtikaria .
- **Mepolizumab (Anti-IL5):** Svår eosinofil astma, Kronisk rinosinuit med näspolyper, Eosinofil granulomatös polyangit (EGPA) , Hypereosinofilt syndrom (HES)
- **Reslizumab (Anti-IL5):** Svår eosinofil astma
- **Benralizumab (Anti-IL5Ra):** Svår eosinofil astma
- **Dupilumab (Anti-IL4Ra):** Svår astma med typ 2 inflammation, Kronisk rinosinuit med näspolyper, Chronic Rinosinusit with nasal polyps, måttlig till svår atopisk dermatit
- **Tezepelumab ( Anti-TSLP) :** Svår astma

# Anti-IgE

## Indications\*

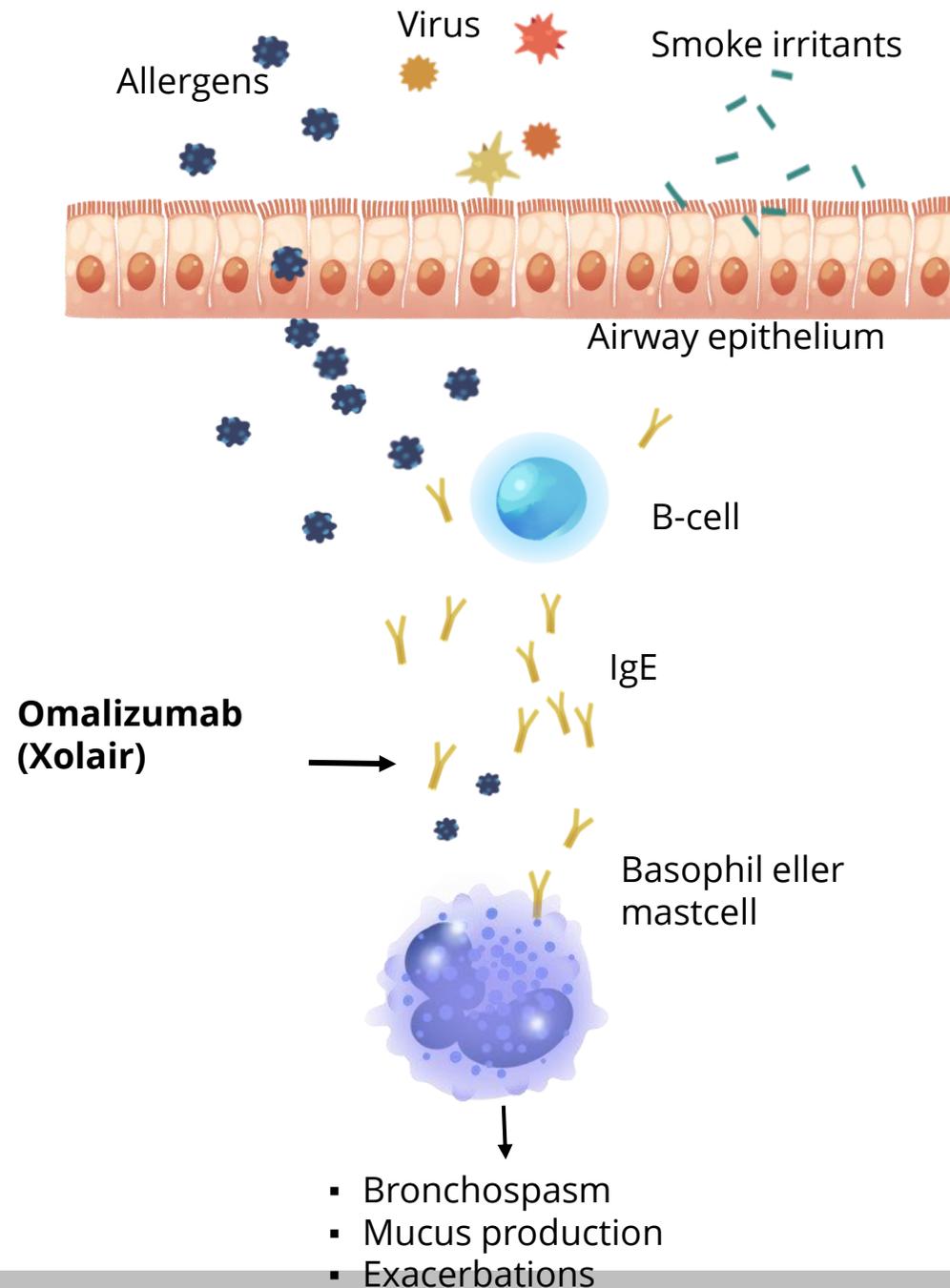
- Severe asthma and exacerbations or daily OCS use
- perennial atopy combined with allergen induced symptoms
- total IgE within dose range

\*specific criteria may vary by country

## Effect on biomarkers

- No currently available biomarkers

Ref: Holguin et al, Management of Severe Asthma: a European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society Guideline. Eur Respir J 2020; 55; 1900588



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## Clinical effects

- Reduce exacerbations
- Reduce OCS use

In individual patients may be seen:

- Improve lung function
- Improve symptoms

## Predictors of treatment response

- Allergic driven disease
- Atopy (positive SPT/specific IgE)
- Exacerbations
- Childhood onset asthma
- FeNO $\geq$ 20 ppb

# Anti-IL5/IL5R

## Indications\*

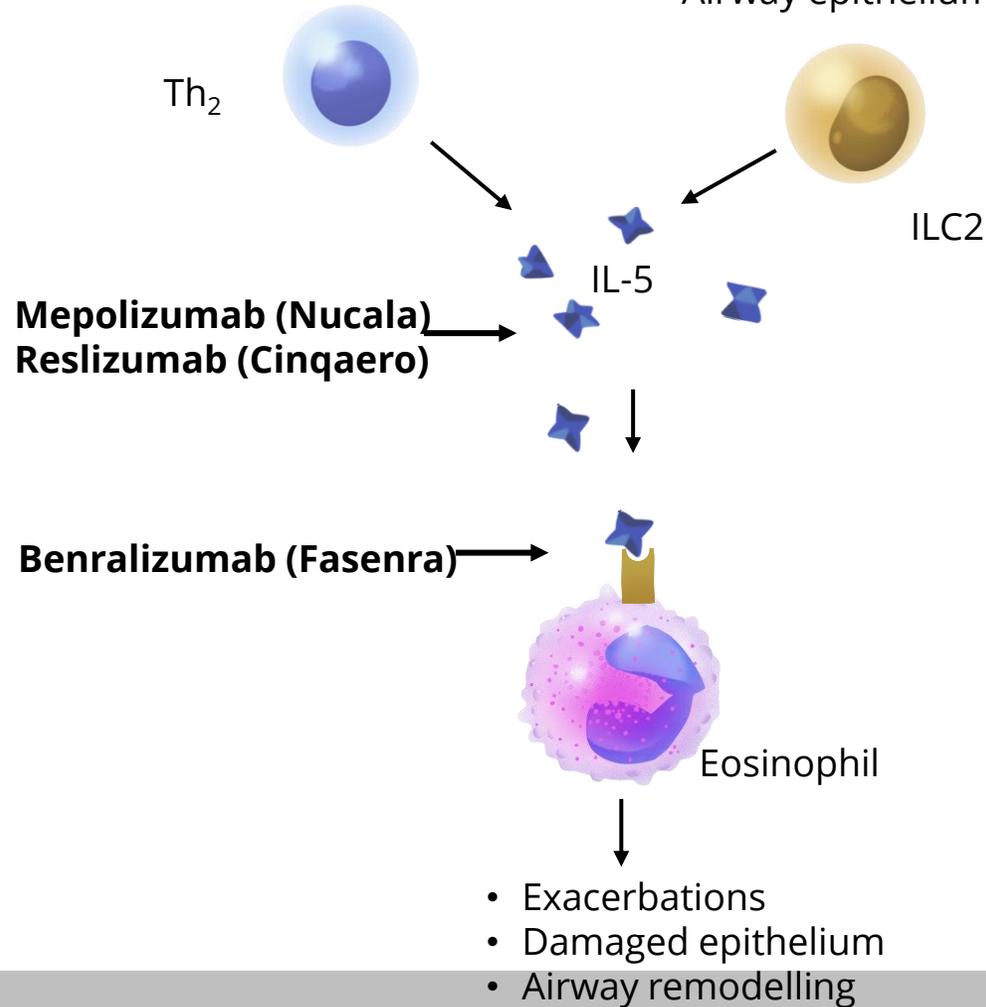
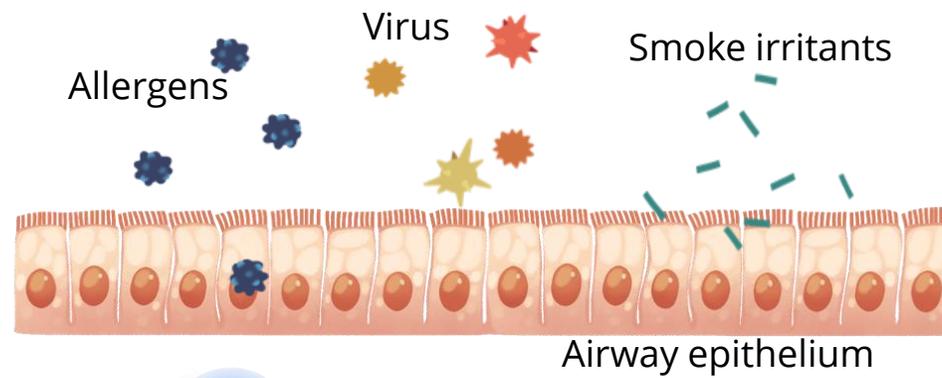
- Severe asthma and exacerbations or daily OCS use
- and increased eosinophils

\*specific criteria may vary by country

## Effect on biomarkers

- Reduce eosinophils

Ref: Holguin et al, Management of Severe Asthma: a European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society Guideline. Eur Respir J 2020; 55; 1900588



## Clinical effects

- Reduce exacerbations
- Reduce OCS use

In individual patients may be seen:

- Improve lung function
- Improve symptoms

## Predictors of treatment response

- High blood eosinophils
- Exacerbations
- Adult onset asthma
- Nasal polyposis

# Anti-IL4R



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## Indications\*

Severe asthma and *either*

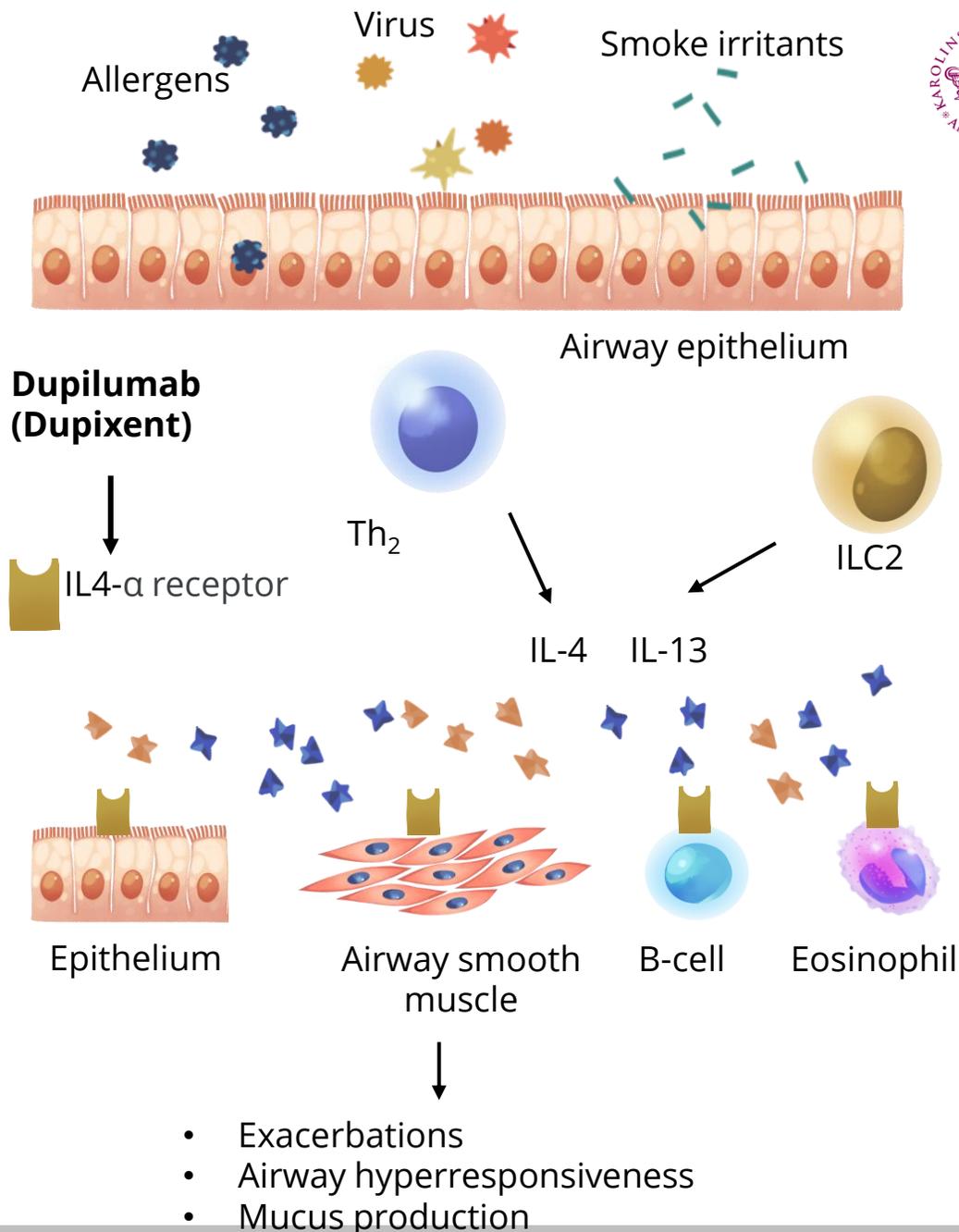
- Exacerbations and increased eosinophils or FeNO
- or
- daily use of OCS

\*specific criteria may vary by country

## Effect on biomarkers

- Reduce FeNO
- Reduce IgE
- Increase blood-eosinophils

Ref: Holguin et al, Management of Severe Asthma: a European Respiratory Society/American Thoracic Society Guideline. Eur Respir J 2020; 55; 1900588



## Clinical effects

- Reduce exacerbations
- Reduce OCS use
- Reduce nasal polyposis

In individual patients may be seen:

- Improve lung function
- Improve symptoms

## Predictors of treatment response

- High blood eosinophils
- High FeNO
- Exacerbations
- Nasal polyposis/atopic dermatitis

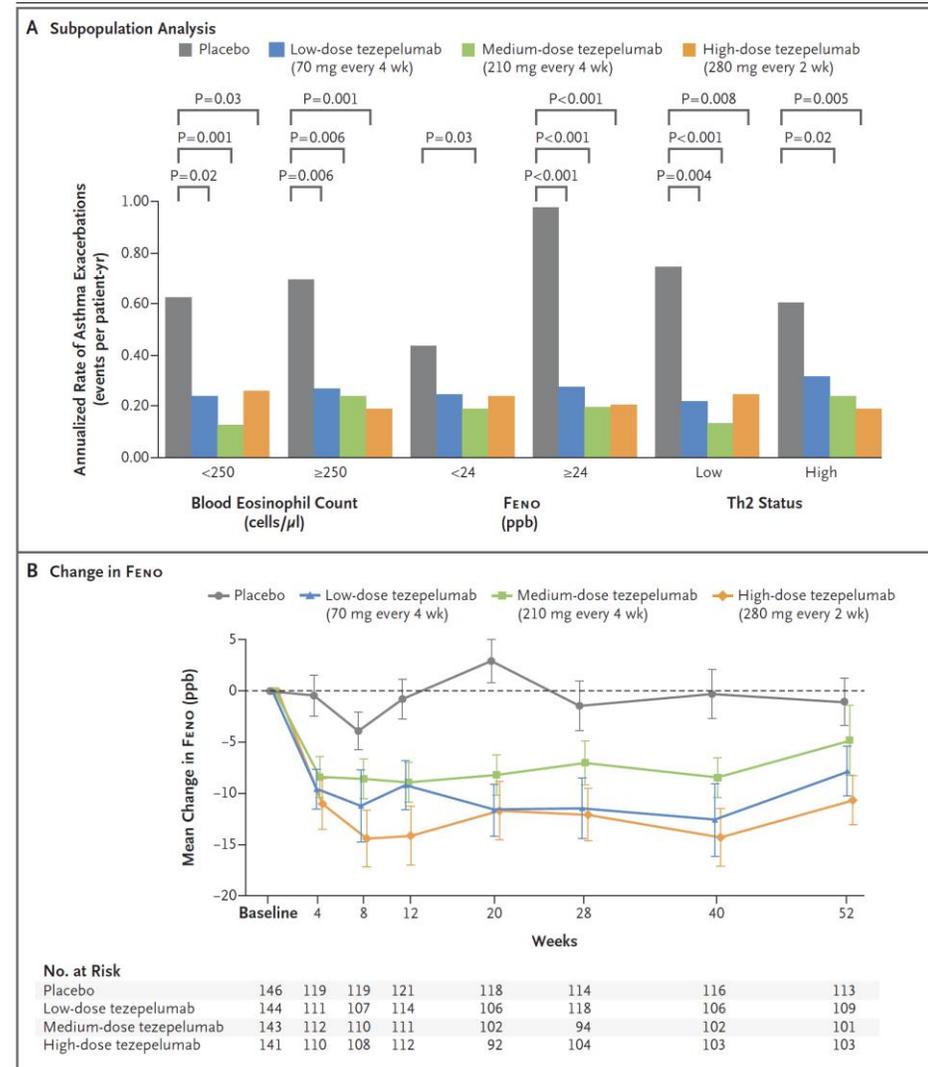
- Exacerbations
- Airway hyperresponsiveness
- Mucus production

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Tezepelumab in Adults with Uncontrolled Asthma

Jonathan Corren, M.D., Jane R. Parnes, M.D., Liangwei Wang, Ph.D.,  
May Mo, M.S., Stephanie L. Roseti, A.P.N., M.S.N., Janet M. Griffiths, Ph.D.,  
and René van der Merwe, M.B., Ch.B.

Phase II  
Patients with severe asthma on high dose of inhaled steroids  
Two or more exacerbations need OCS or 1 needs hospitalization  
FEV1 between 40%-80%  
ACQ-6 : 1.5  
Telezumab ( low/medium/high dose/placebo)  
Outcome: exacerbation no at week 52



# Anti-TSLP

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

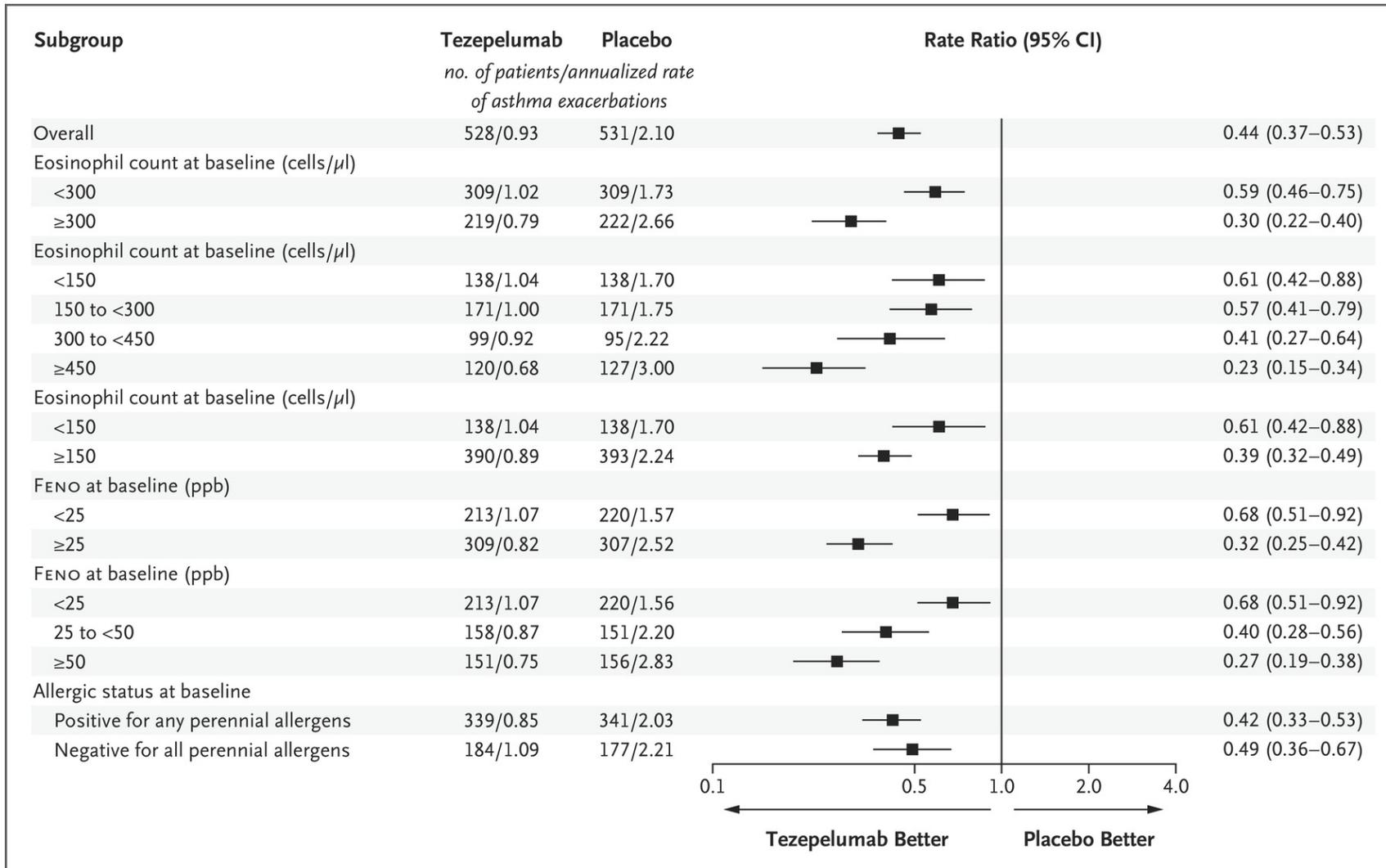
## Tezepelumab in Adults and Adolescents with Severe, Uncontrolled Asthma

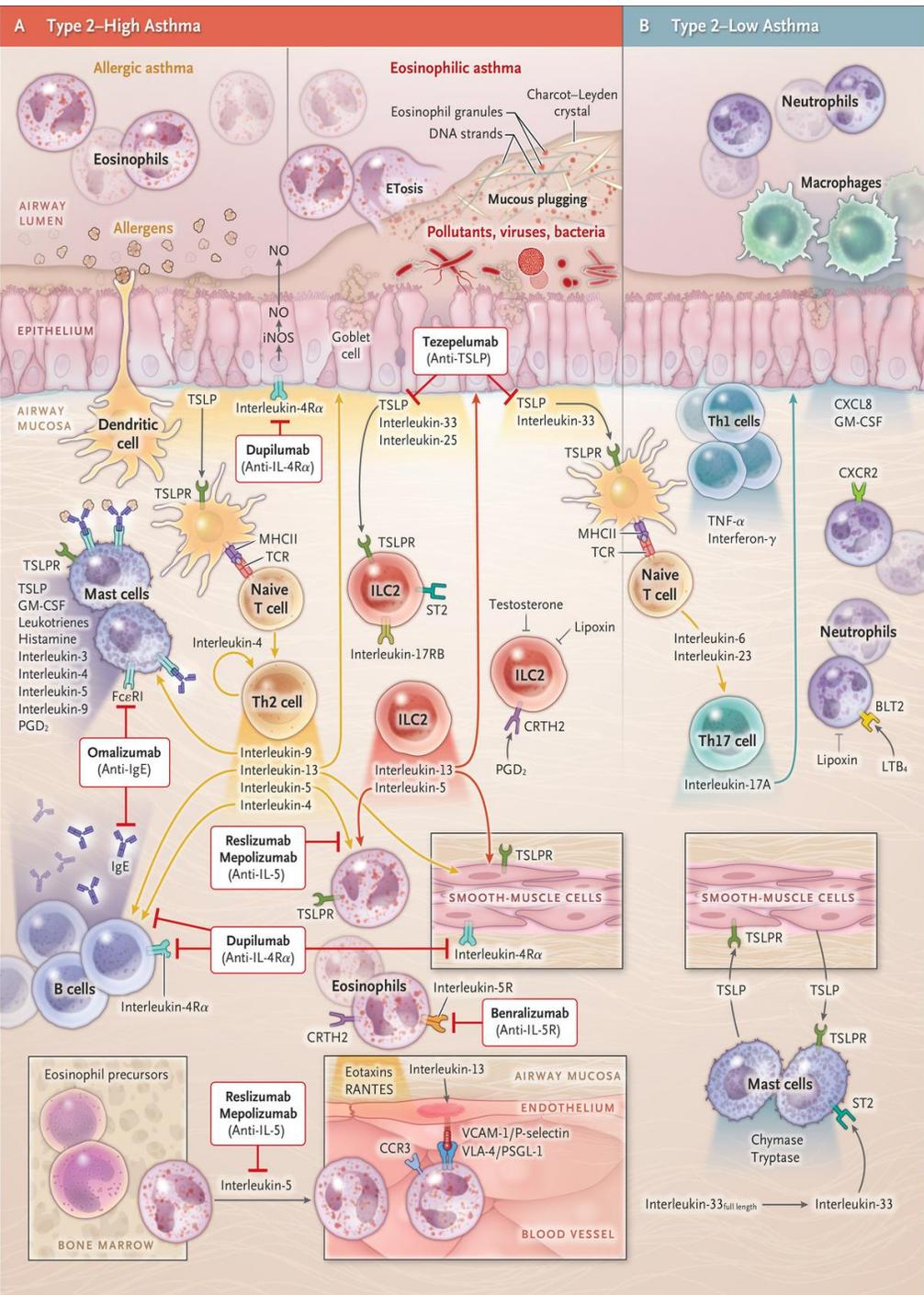
Andrew Menzies-Gow, M.D., Jonathan Corren, M.D., Arnaud Bourdin, M.D., Geoffrey Chupp, M.D., Elliot Israel, M.D., Michael E. Wechsler, M.D., Christopher E. Brightling, F.Med.Sci., Janet M. Griffiths, Ph.D., Åsa Hellqvist, M.Sc., Karin Bowen, M.Sc., Primal Kaur, M.D., Gun Almqvist, M.Sc., Sandhya Ponnarambil, M.D., and Gene Colice, M.D.

1061 adults and adolescences with  $\geq 2$  exacerbations last year.

210 mg (medium dose) /placebo every 4 weeks for 52 weeks.

Exacerbations-rate





# Svår astma biologisk behandling mål idag och imorgon





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# Svår astmamotatgning

## Hur gör man?



## Multidisciplinär team

- Sjuksköterska
- Sjukgymnast
- Kurator
- Läkare

# Astma fenotyp och svårighet?

- Anamnes
- B celler, elfores, ANA/ANCA
- IgG subklasser
- CT
- Klin-fys
- ÖNH
- Reuma?
- Hematologen?

# Är det bara astma ? /Differentialdiagnoser



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- KOL
- Trakeobronkomalaci/Excessive Dynamic Airway Collapse (EDAC)
- Bronkiektasier, Cystisk fibros
- Kronisk lungembolism, Hypereosinofil syndrom
- EGPA (Eosinofil Granulomatos med PolyAngit), IgG4 relaterad sjukdom
- ABPA, allergisk alveolit, obliterativ bronkiolit
- Lungfibros, tumör, främmande kropp
- Hjärtsvikt, panikångest, hyperventilation
- VOC (Vocal Cord Dysfunction)/EILO ( exercise induced laryngeal obstruction)
- Sarkoidos, PAH, tbc



# Följande stegs

- Behandling optimering
- Samsjukligheter
- Uppföljning
- Konferens

# "Svår" astma - samsjuklighet



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- Kvinna 50 år
- Allergisk astma sedan tonåren ( pälsdjur, björk).
- ICS/LABA. Stabil " tom ca 5 år tillbaka , försämras sedan med kraftig dyspné vid ansträngning, flera exacerbationer.
- Ökning av ICS, LABA, LAMA, LTRA , tillägg av theofylamin.
- Prova omalizumab och OCS kontinuerligt utan stor effekt.

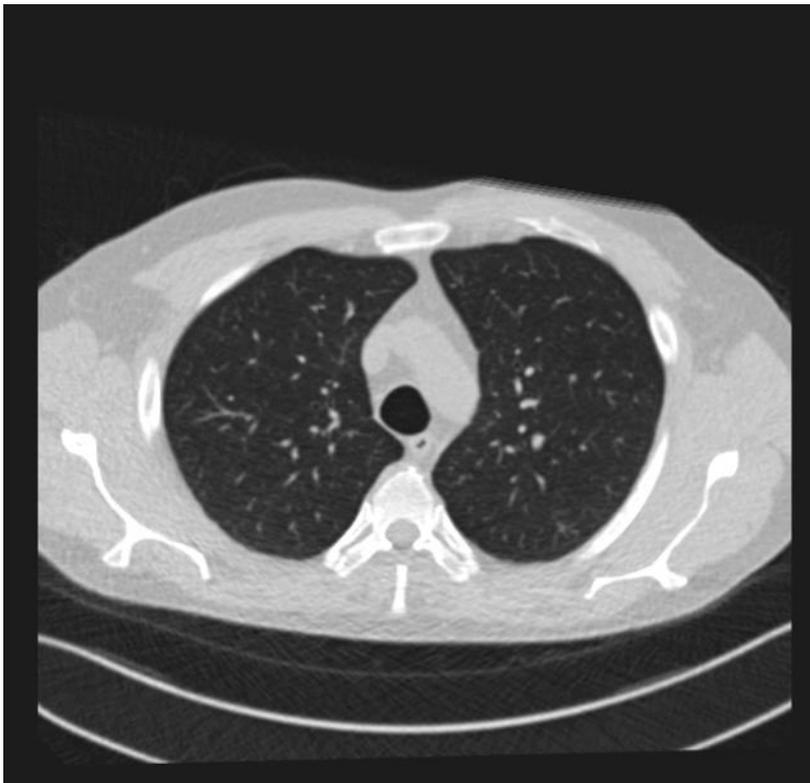
# "Svår" astma - samsjuklighet forts.



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Extensive utredning bland annat med CT vid dynamisk-utandning.



# Compliance

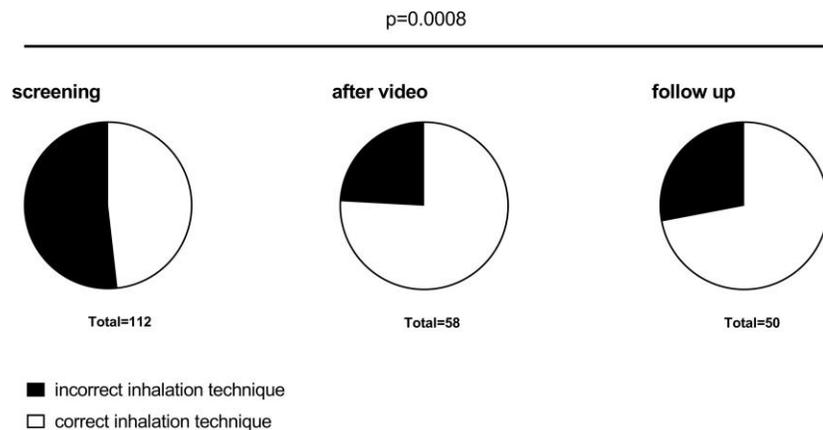


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- Få patienter sina mediciner?
- Få han/hon rätt?
- Andra problem?

Müller T, Müller A, Hübel C, Knipel V, Windisch W, Cornelissen CG, Dreher M. Optimizing inhalation technique using web-based videos in obstructive lung diseases. *Respir Med.* 2017 Aug;129:140-144. doi: 10.1016/j.rmed.2017.06.009. Epub 2017 Jun 17. PMID: 28732821.



## Highlights

- Incorrect inhalation technique was common among patients with airway diseases.
- Training videos provided by the German Airway League were understood by 88% of the patients.
- After watching the video 76% of patients with incorrect inhaler use demonstrated correct inhaler use.
- 72% of patients still used their inhalation devices correctly at follow-up.

# "Svår" astma - optimering



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- Pat 70 år, ex-rökare .
- Dyspné sedan 15 år tillbaka, mest vid ansträngning , ej allergi.
- ICS/LABA , viss effekt, upp till 5 ggr/dagligen. Provat olika inhalationer, ink LAMA, mest pulver. Utan effekt
- Eos mellan 0,6-0,9.
- OCS > 4 ggr per år

## Nybesök:

- FeNO över 100 , FEV1 80 % , eos > 0,6

## Optimering:

- Ges Alvesco 2+2 med spacer och Innovair 1+1, LTRA 1+1
- Efter 6 månader, FeNO under 25 , ACT 23 ,FEV1 ökat, eos < 0,5
- Gå ner i behandling trappa med hög dos ICS/LABA
- Ej behov av OCS

- Man 50 år. Allergisk astma sedan barndomen

## Nybesök 15 år tillbaka

- IgE mellan 150-200, SPT : +ve för pälsdjur, även ägg.
- FEV1 ca 80% av Förväntad, FEV1 kvot > 70
- Eos < 0,3 x 10E9
  
- ICS+LABA högt dos plus extra LABA ( **mycket**)!!!, Theodur, Inh Combivent, frekventa exacerbationer med OCS och även inläggningar.

# Allergisk astma forts.



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## Efter 5 år

- Frekventa exacerbationer , OCS x flera , även provat kontinuerligt
  - Utvecklar DM
  - FEV1 kvot 60 %
  - IgE mellan 140-190.
  - Bronkoskopi ej ABPA
  - **Startar omalizumab**
- Pat upplever stor skillnad, minskat av exacerbationer kraftigt, ta bort extra LABA, ej behov av OCS . Senaste ACT : 20

# Är det eosinofil astma ?



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- Följa eosinofiler x flera
- Följa eosinofiler vid försämring/exacerbation
- Följa eosinofiler vid kronisk per oss steroider med dosminskning

# Eosinofil astma

- Man ca 30 år gammal
- Ex-rökare, ca 10 pack-år
- Kom med remiss från VC för
- Hosta för ett år, dyspne´, slem. CT uteslutet LE. Bufomix 160 µg/4,5 µg/inhalation 1 x 2.
- Vid nybesök: FVC 1.2 L, 21% av förväntat, **FEV1 1.1 25% av förväntat**, B-eos 3, FeNo 22
- Inläggning för snabbt utredning. ( feb 22)

# Eosinofil astma cont

- CT : air trappning; Bronkväggförtjockning som minska efter prednisolon 25 mg
- Total IgE 130, Phadiatop negativ
- ANA-ANCA negativ, IgG subklasser ua
- Negativ utredning för allergisk alveolit, Ingen posypos
- Ingen polypos
- Alveco 160; 2+2 & Innovair 100/6 2+2



# Eosinofil astma cont

- Åb Juni FEV1 4,1 L. B-eos 0,6.
- Åb Sept. FEV1 3,7 L, B-eos 1,4
- Konferens, Godkänt för benralizumab

# Start & 4 månader kontroll



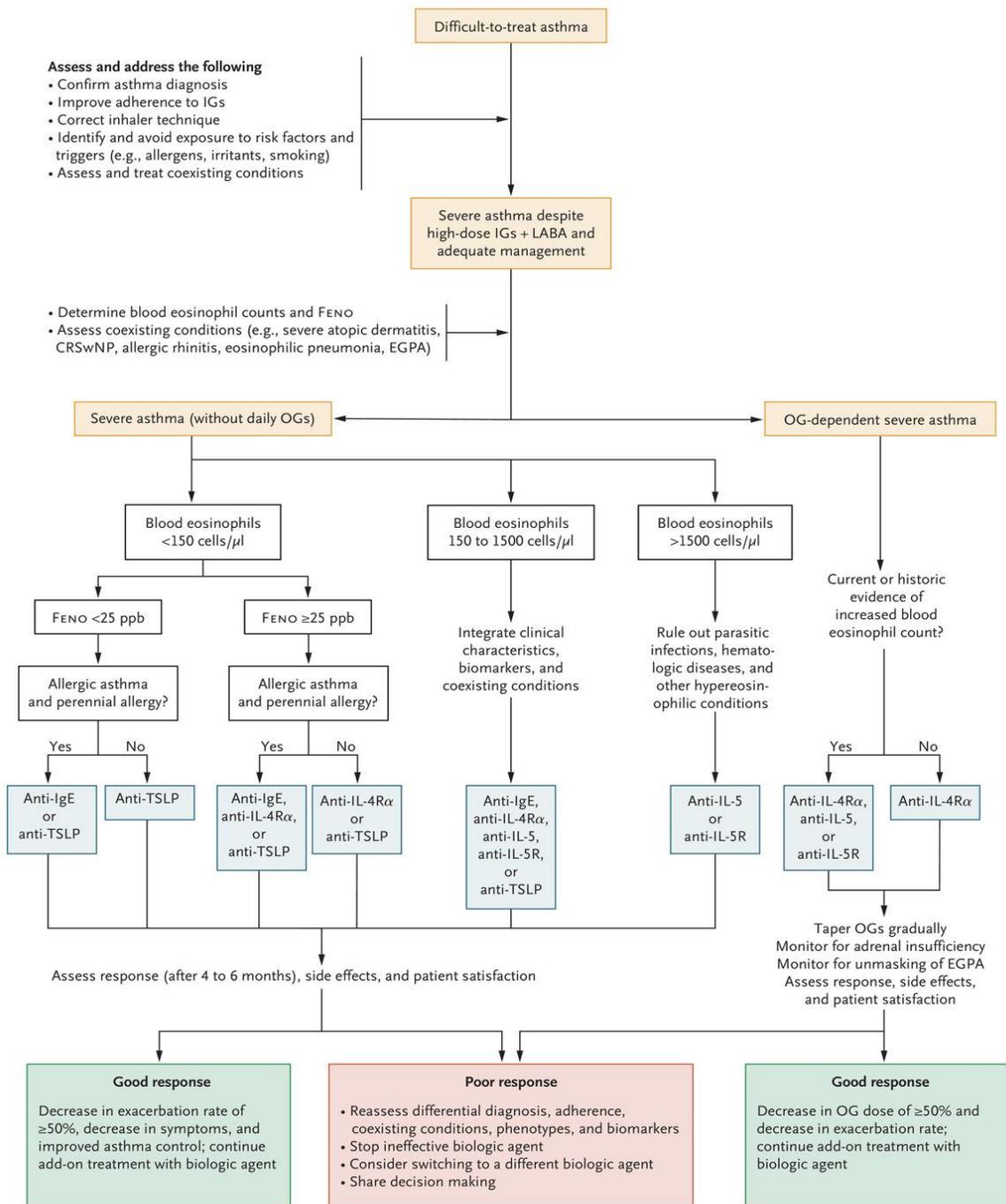
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- FVC 3,9 L (70 %).
- FEV1 2,4 L (51 %).
- FEV1/FVC 0,61.
- FeNO 19 ppd
- ACT 15
- B-eos 1,8
- FVC 5,65 L (102 %).
- FEV1 4,42 L (95 %).
- FEV1/FVC 0,78.
- FeNO 10 ppd
- ACT 17
- B-eos >0,1 / (från första månad)

# Välja rätt biologisk

- Eosinofiller ?
- FeNO ?
- Allergi?
- Nasal polyper?
- Slem?



# Undervärdering & Uppföljning



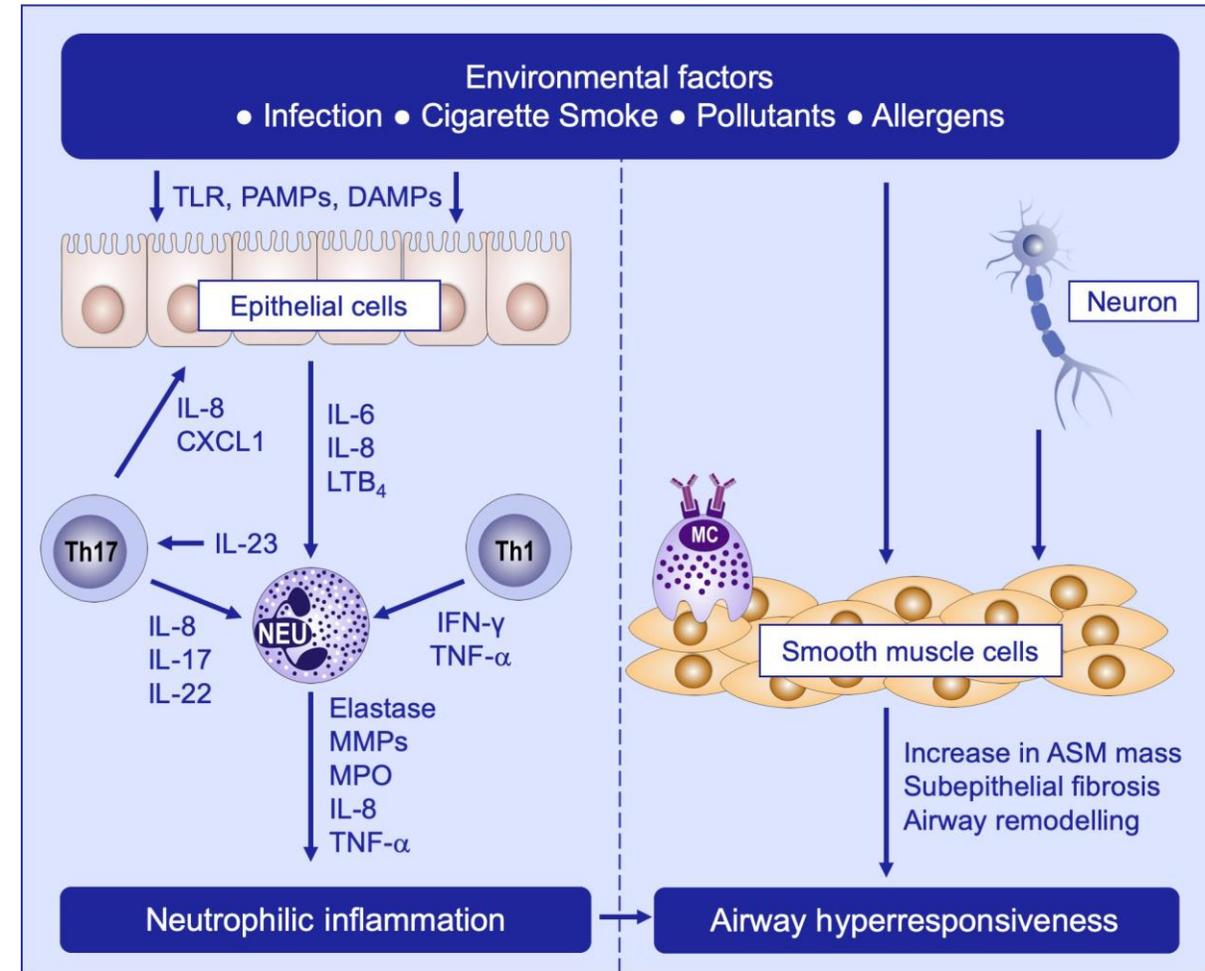
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- **At four and 12 m , sen varje 6 m(ssk) & 12 m läkare**
- **Super responders** i.e. : No exacerbations, no OCS, Increase Lung function
- **Responders** : > 50 % reduction of the target ( i.e exacerbation/OCS)
- **Poor responders:** < 50 %
- **No-responders**

# T2-low asthma : pathophysiology

- Non-T2 airway inflammation; neutrophilia.
- Microbes
- Systemic inflammation associated with obesity and metabolic dysfunction.
- Noninflammatory ; Paucigranolytic asthma
- ASM hypertrophy, Ach is the main neurotransmitter via M3
- Overlapping with T2-high



Sze E. et al Allergy 2020

# Triple vs Dual Inhaler Therapy and Asthma Outcomes in Moderate to Severe Asthma



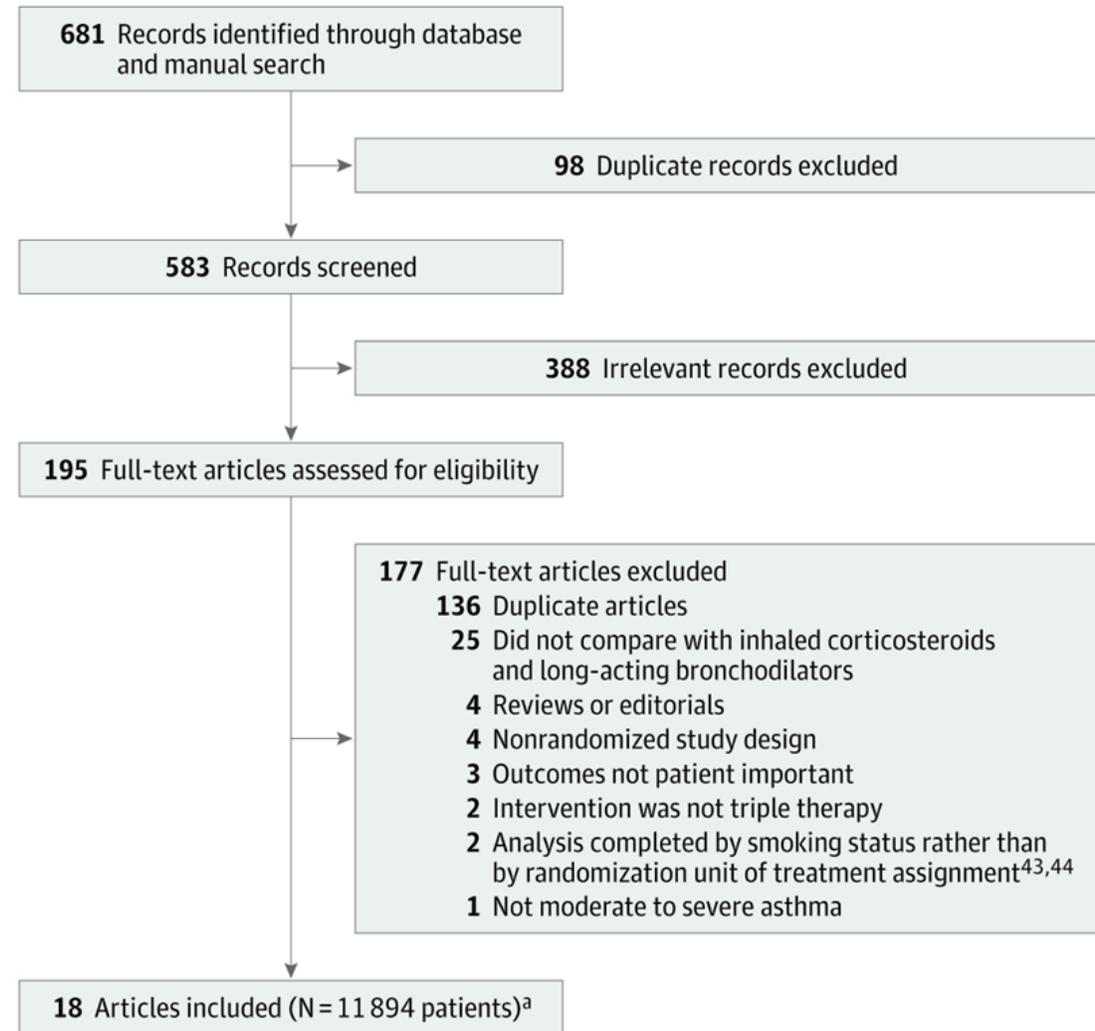
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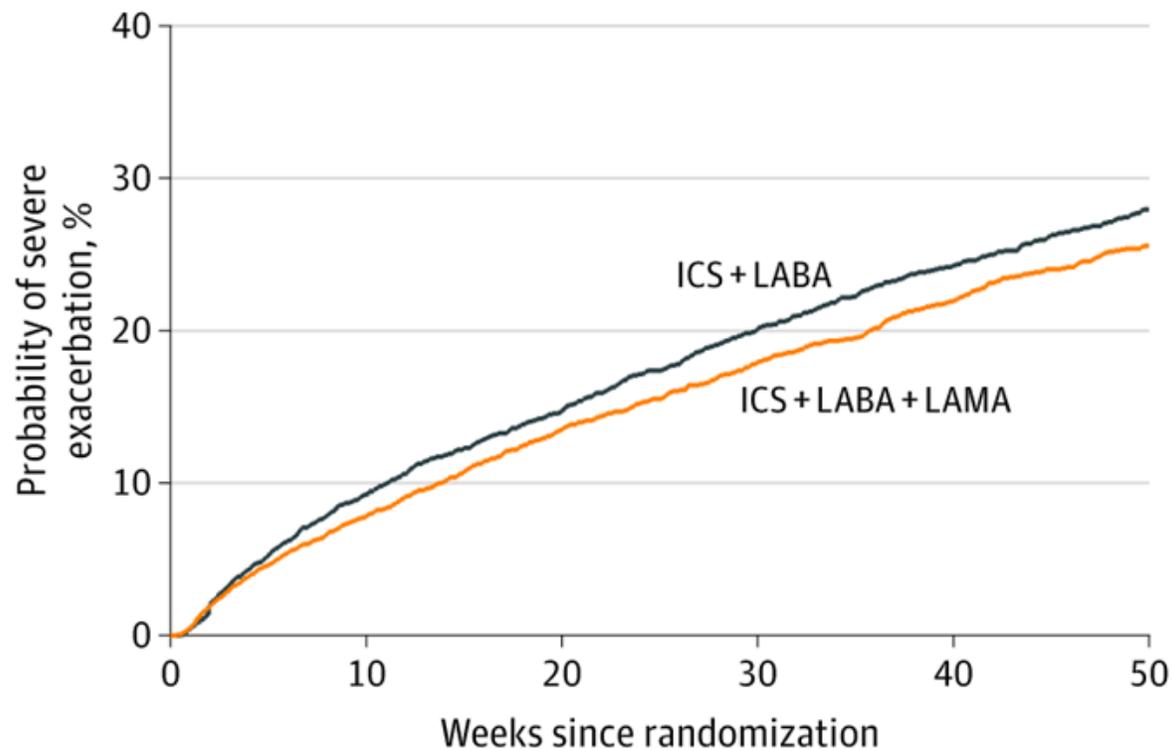
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## Triple vs Dual Inhaler Therapy and Asthma Outcomes in Moderate to Severe Asthma A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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# Triple vs Dual Inhaler Therapy and Asthma Outcomes in Moderate to Severe Asthma-Exacerbations



No. at risk						
ICS+LABA	4137	3650	3320	2922	2540	1760
ICS+LABA+LAMA	4159	3774	3396	2871	2332	1475
No. of studies	6	6	6	6	6	4

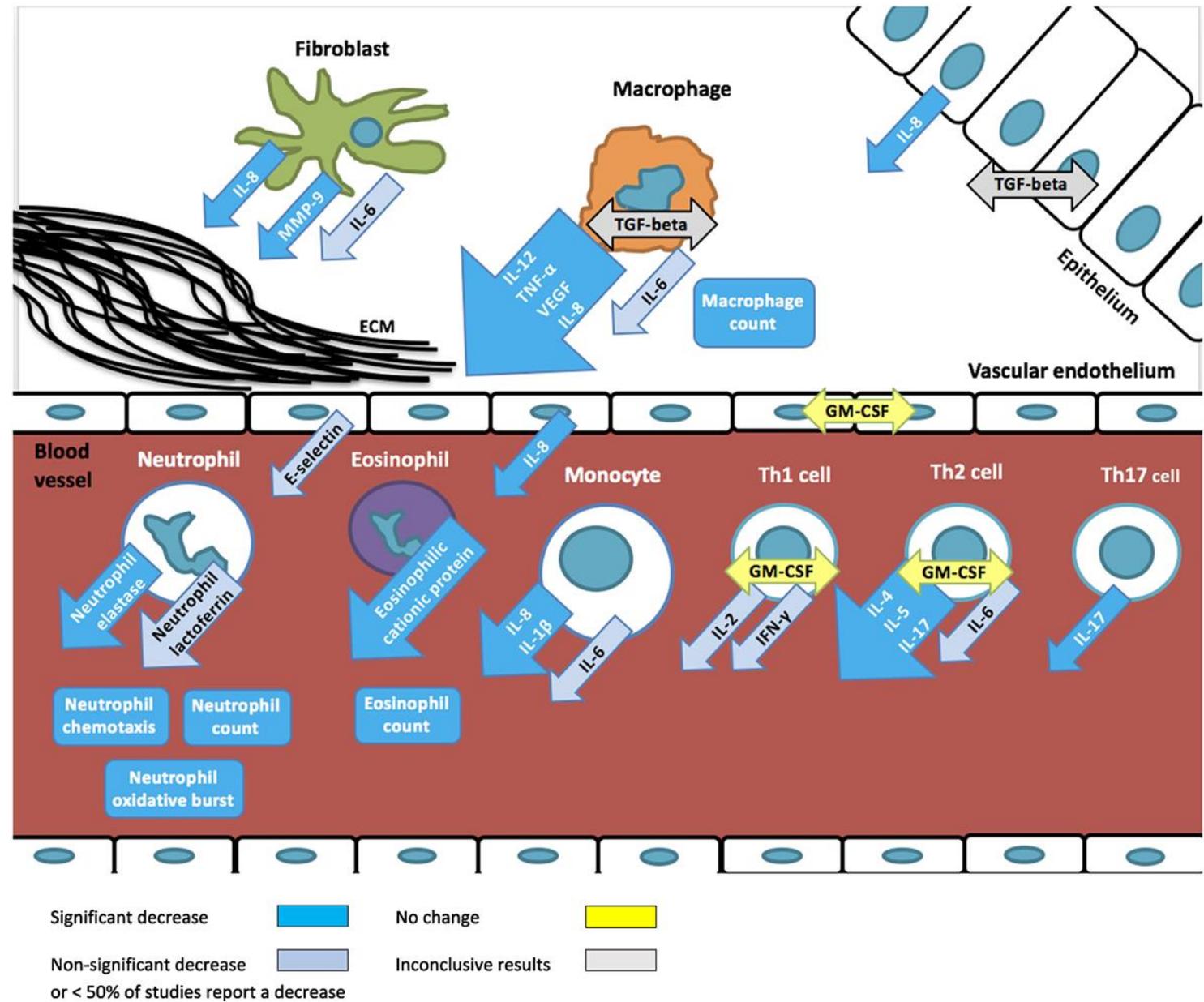
# Immunomodulatory effects of



## The Immunomodulatory Effects of Macrolides—A Systematic Review of the Underlying Mechanisms

Petra Zimmermann<sup>1,2,3,4\*</sup>, Victoria C. Ziesenitz<sup>2</sup>, Nigel Curtis<sup>1,2,3</sup> and Nicole Ritz<sup>2,4,5</sup>

Systematic review, 22 RCT using one of four macrolides as intervention ( azithromycin, clarithromycin, erythromycin, and roxithromycin) in human inflammatory diseases

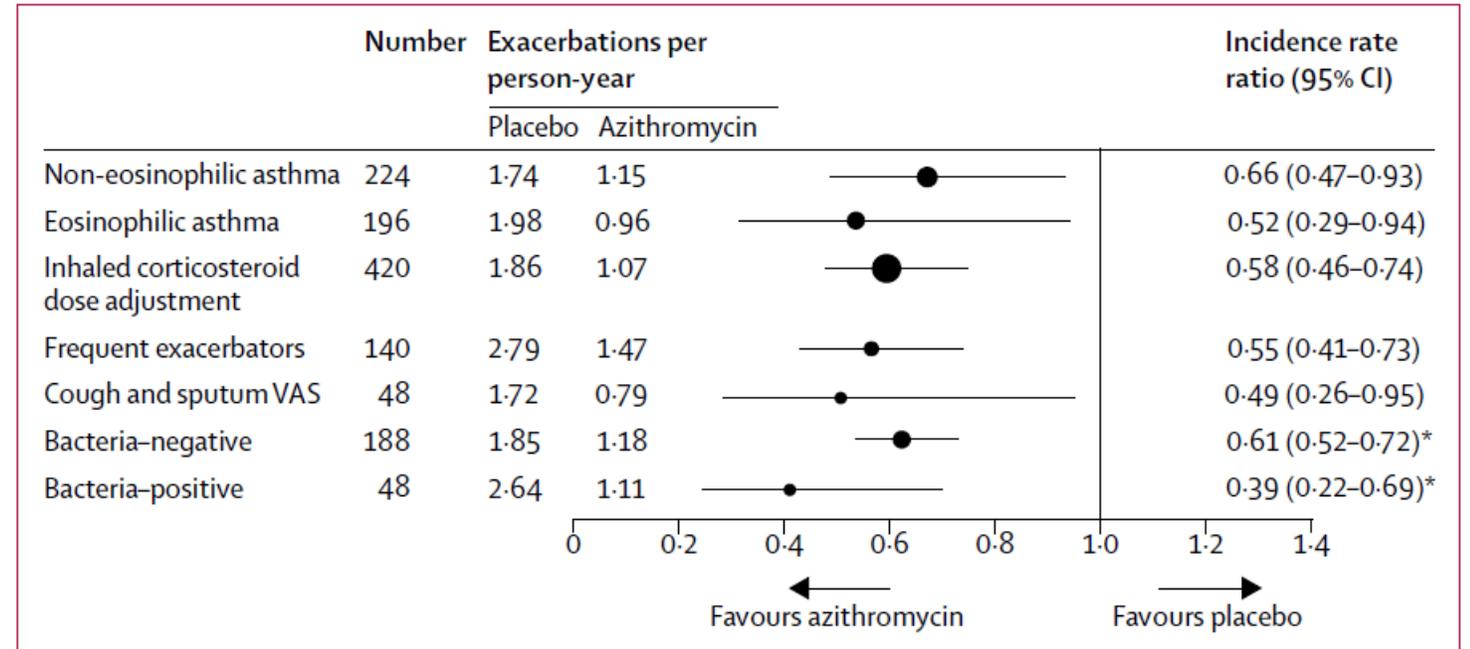
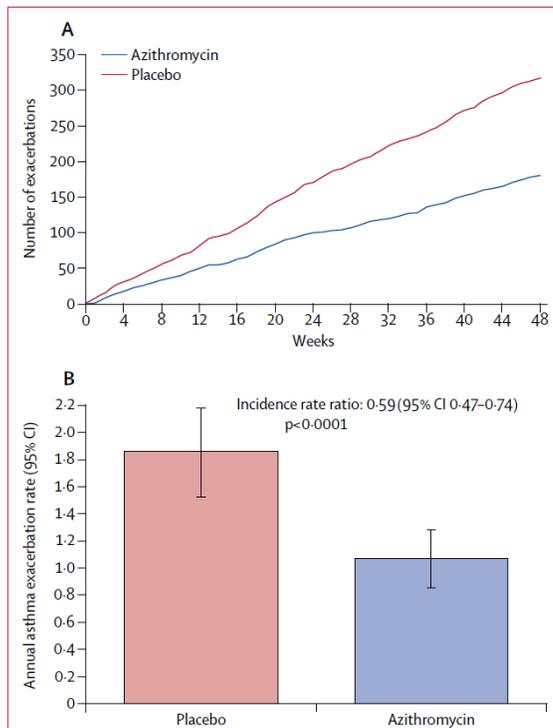


# Azithromycin i astma, AMAZES study.



## Effect of azithromycin on asthma exacerbations and quality of life in adults with persistent uncontrolled asthma (AMAZES): a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial

Peter G Gibson, Ian A Yang, John WUpham, Paul N Reynolds, Sandra Hodge, Alan L James, Christine Jenkins, Matthew Peters, Guy B Marks, Melissa Baraket, Heather Powell, Steven L Taylor, Lex E X Leong, Geraint B Rogers, Jodie L Simpson



**Figure 3: Effect of add-on azithromycin treatment on asthma exacerbations according to prespecified subgroup analyses**  
Inhaled corticosteroid dose adjustment adjusted for maintenance inhaled corticosteroid dose at baseline (low, medium, or high). Non-eosinophilic asthma defined by baseline sputum eosinophil count less than 3% or blood eosinophil count less than 300 per  $\mu\text{L}$  if sputum unavailable. Eosinophilic asthma defined by baseline sputum eosinophil count of 3% or more, or blood eosinophil count greater than 300 per  $\mu\text{L}$  if sputum unavailable. VAS=visual analogue scale. \*Significant interaction between subgroup and treatment.



# Sammanfattning

- Svår astma finns mellan oss
- Det behövs ordentligt utredning, och uppföljning
- DVS : tid och tålamod, från både patienter och vårdpersonal 😊
- Svår astmamottagning

# Sammanfattning forts.

- **Innan**
- Läkemedelsbehandling, inhalationsteknik, compliance
- Uppföljning med B-celler vid lugnt skede samt vid exacerbationer
- Om behövs trappa upp i behandling
- **Ingen patient i kontinuerling OCS**

# A visual summary of remission.

## Asthma Remission

### What is asthma remission?

A high level of disease control – the absence of signs and symptoms of asthma for  $\geq 12$  months

### Types of asthma remission

Types	Either on or off treatment:
Clinical remission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No symptoms</li><li>No attacks</li><li>Optimisation of lung function</li></ul>
Complete remission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clinical remission plus normalisation of underlying pathology</li></ul>

### Prevalence

Spontaneous remission in adult asthma patients **2–52%**

### Potential treatments to induce remission

#### Biologics

- Highly effective in eosinophilic asthma



#### Macrolides

- Treat eosinophilic and non-eosinophilic asthma



#### Treatable traits approach

- Many underlying treatable traits contribute to the multifaceted aetiology of asthma
  - Identifying and treating all underlying traits may improve asthma outcomes



### Early intervention

- People accumulate health and psychological issues over time, including iatrogenic issues
- Timely targeted intervention might halt asthma progression



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