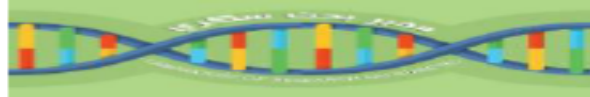


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ANCA associated Vasculitis

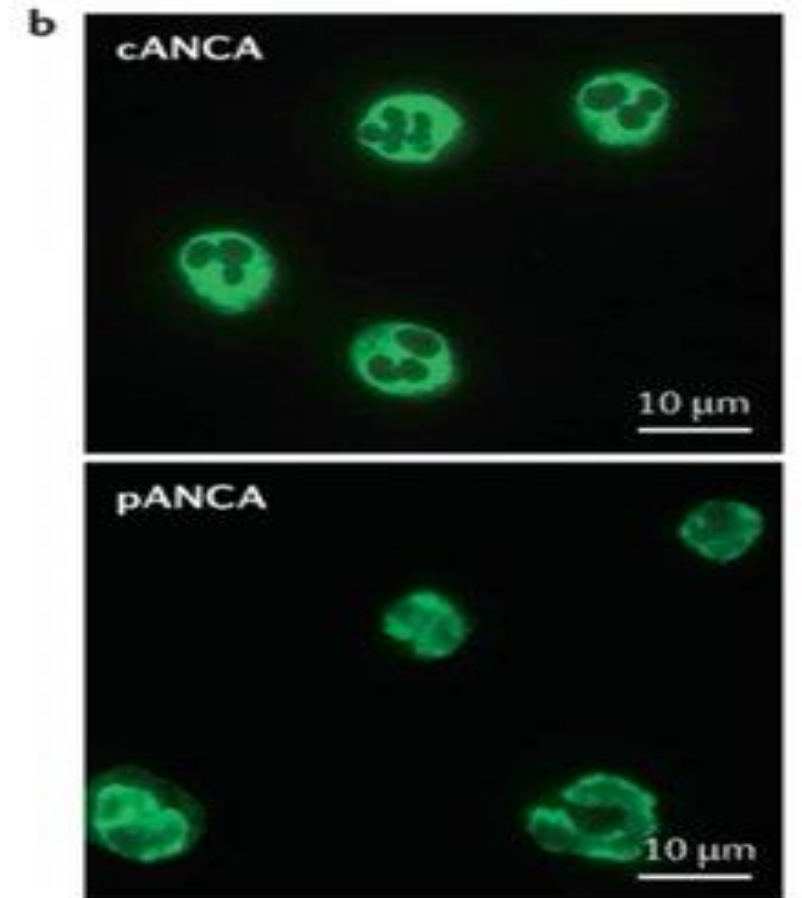
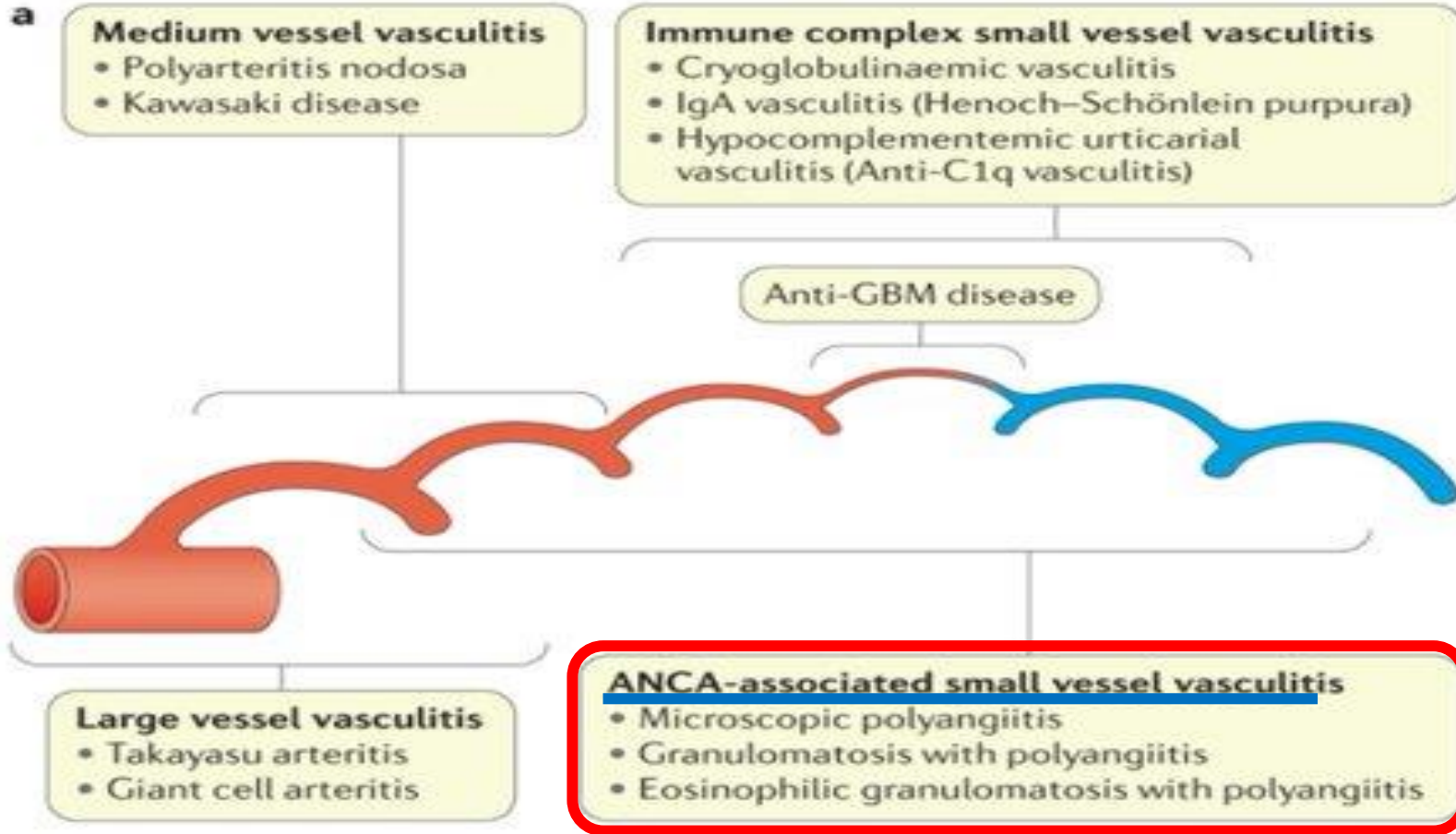
How To treat

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Chapel Hill 2012 Nomenclature



nature reviews
disease primers

ANCA associated Vasculitis

Granulomatosis with polyangiitis

« Wegener Granumatosis »

Eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis

« Churg- Strauss Sd »

Microscopic Polyangiitis

C ANCA

Anti-Protéinase 3
« PR3 »

P ANCA



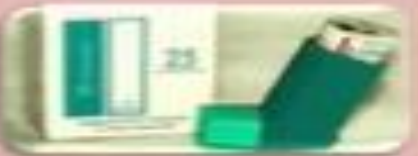






Antimyéloperoxydase
« MPO »

	Anti PR3	Anti MPO
GPA	82,2%	8,1%
MPA	2,1%	95,9%
EGPA	3,1%	43,3%

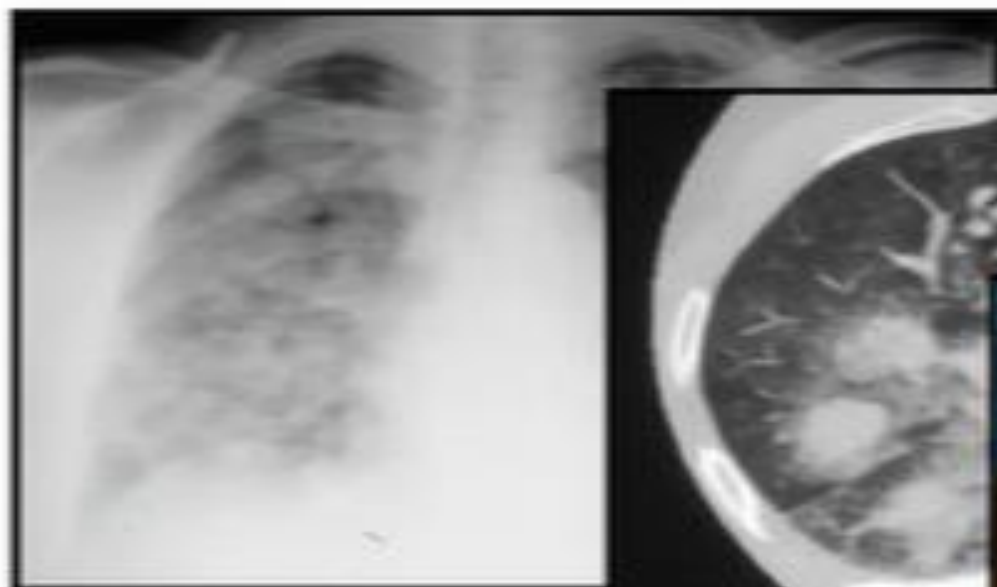
DCVAS study

+/- histological evidence of vasculitis

GPA/PAM vs. GEPA: Phénotypes distincts

	GPA	PAM	GEPA
Atteinte pulmonaire			
Atteinte rénale			
Atteinte cardiaque			
ANCA			
Biologie			

Formes fulminantes de VAA

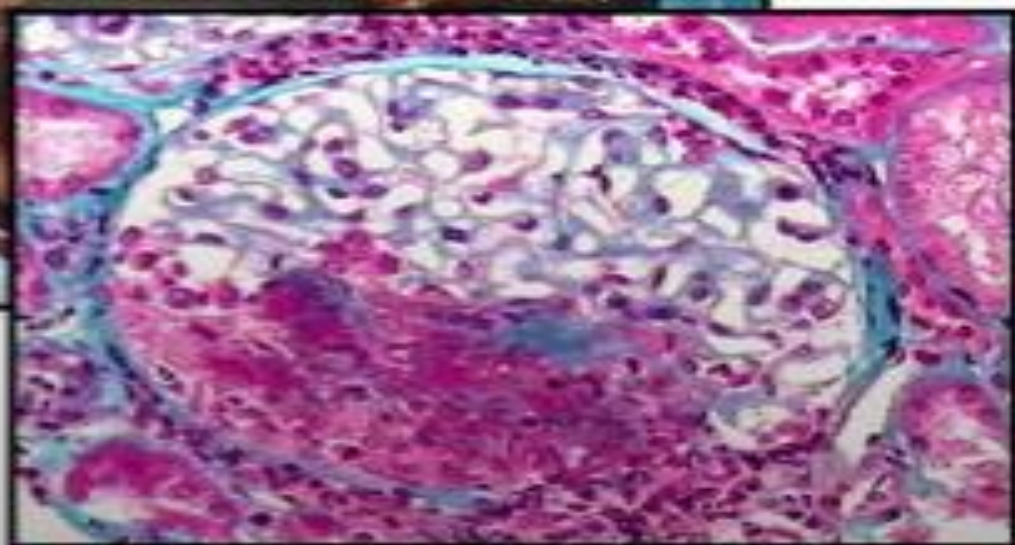


Hémorragie intra-alvéolaire



Vascularite digestive

Insuffisance rénale
rapidement progressive



Presentation outline

- **EULAR recommendations for the management of AAV – 2022 update***
- **Focus on induction of remission with RTX, PLEX, and avacopan versus SOC in ANCA \oplus GPA and MPA**



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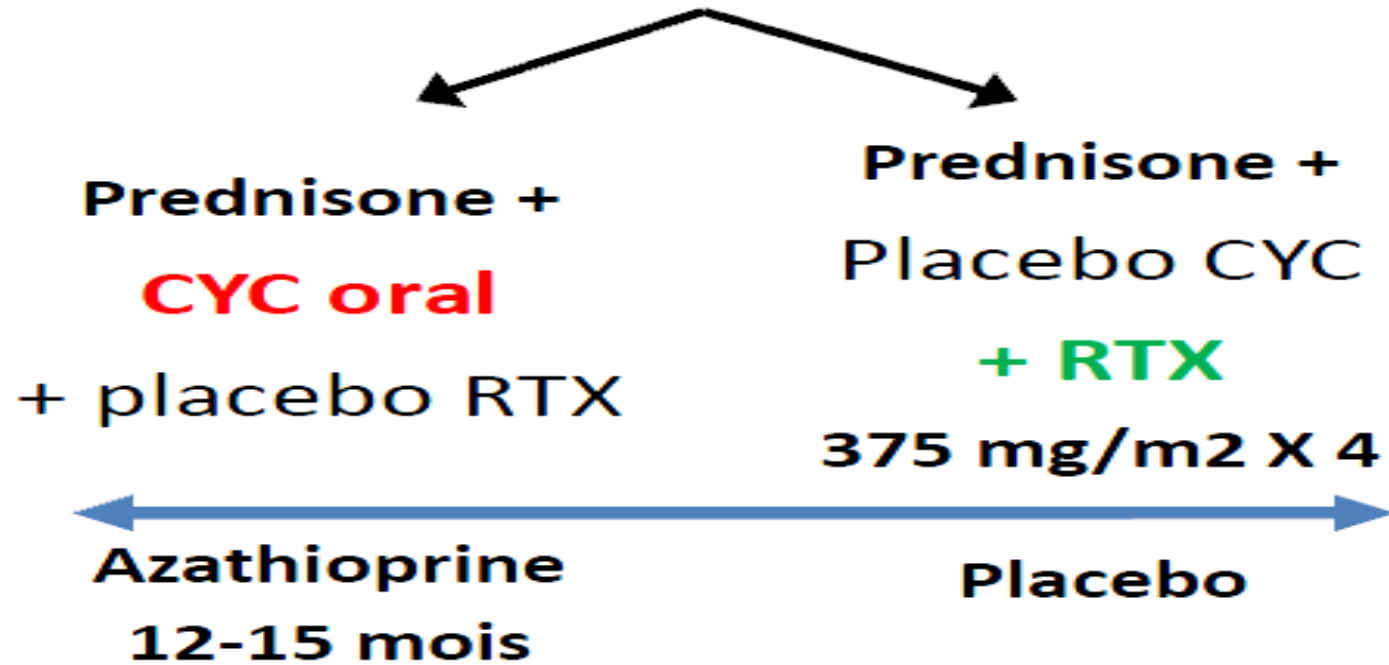
Etude RAVE

- Etude randomisée internationale de non-infériorité en double aveugle avec double placebo
- Critères d'inclusion
 - Vascularites à ANCA avec BVAS >3
 - **Première poussée ou rechute**
- Critère de jugement principal
 - Rémission complète à 6 mois **sans corticoïdes**

RAVE

197 patients

1 à 3 pulse methylprednisolone



Stone, N Engl J Med, 2010

Etude RAVE

Efficacité globale

Bras Rituximab: **60.4%**

Bras Cyclophosphamide: **64.6%**

ont un BVAS = 0 à 6 mois sans corticothérapie

$P < 0.001$ pour la non-infériorité

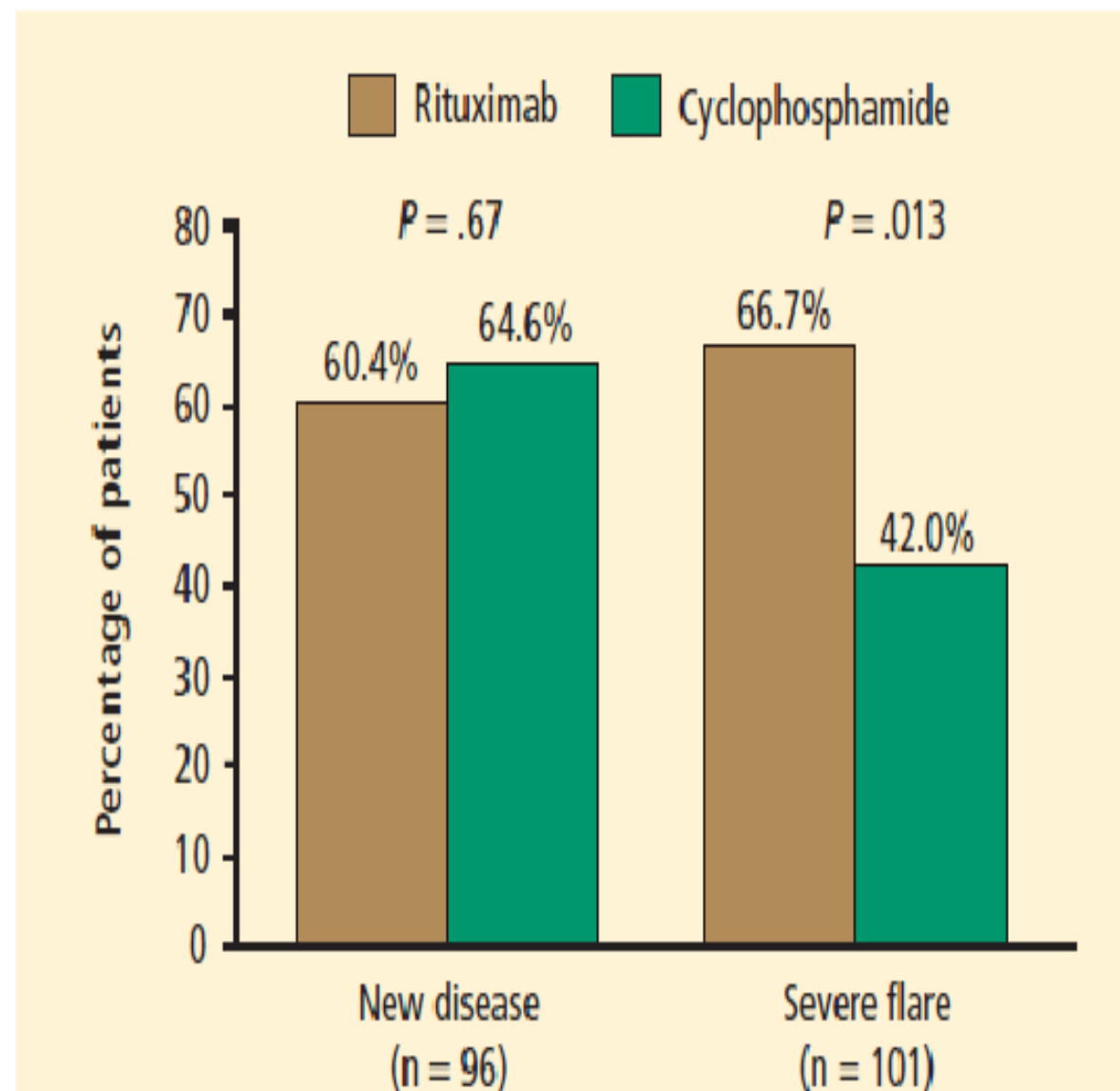
$P = 0.09$ pour la supériorité

Sous-groupe des **patients rechuteurs** :

Bras Rituximab: **67%**

Bras Cyclophosphamide : **42%**

$P = 0.01$ pour la supériorité



RAVE – Treatment outcomes based on ANCA type

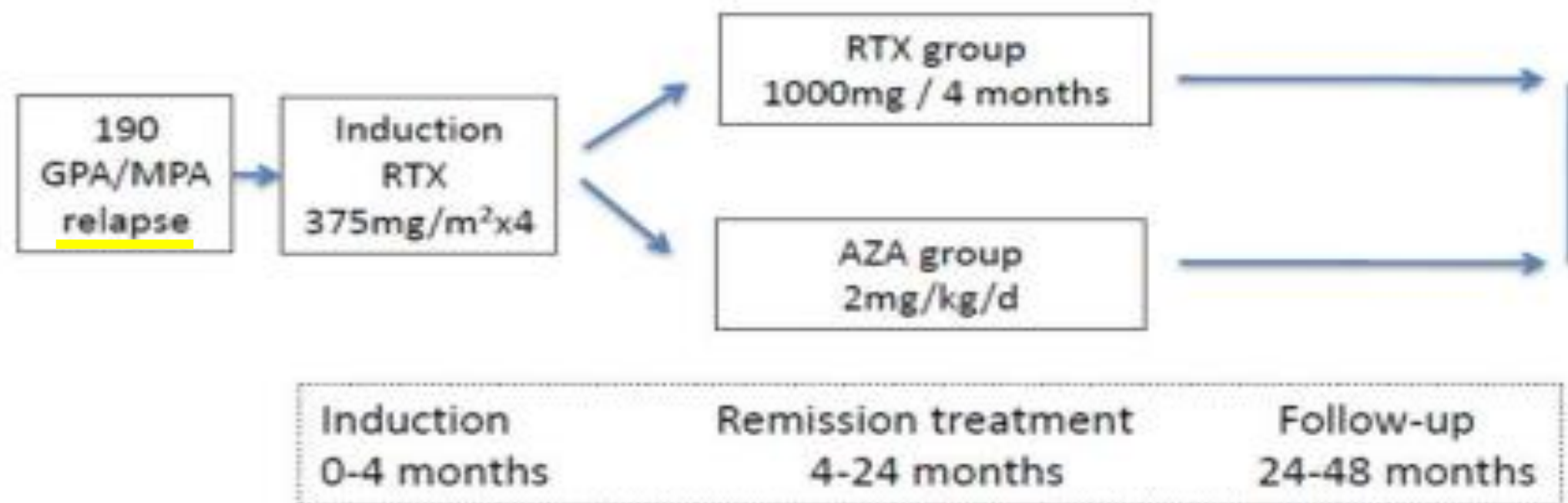
	PR3-AAV			MPO-AAV		
	RTX (n=66)	CYC/AZA (n=65)	P	RTX (n=33)	CYC/AZA (n=33)	P
CR at 6 months	43 (65)	31(48)	0.04	20 (61)	21 (64)	0.80
CR at 12 months	31 (47)	21 (32)	0.09	16 (49)	17 (52)	0.81
CR at 18 months	24 (36)	19 (29)	0.39	15 (46)	13 (39)	0.62

RAVE trial – Adverse events

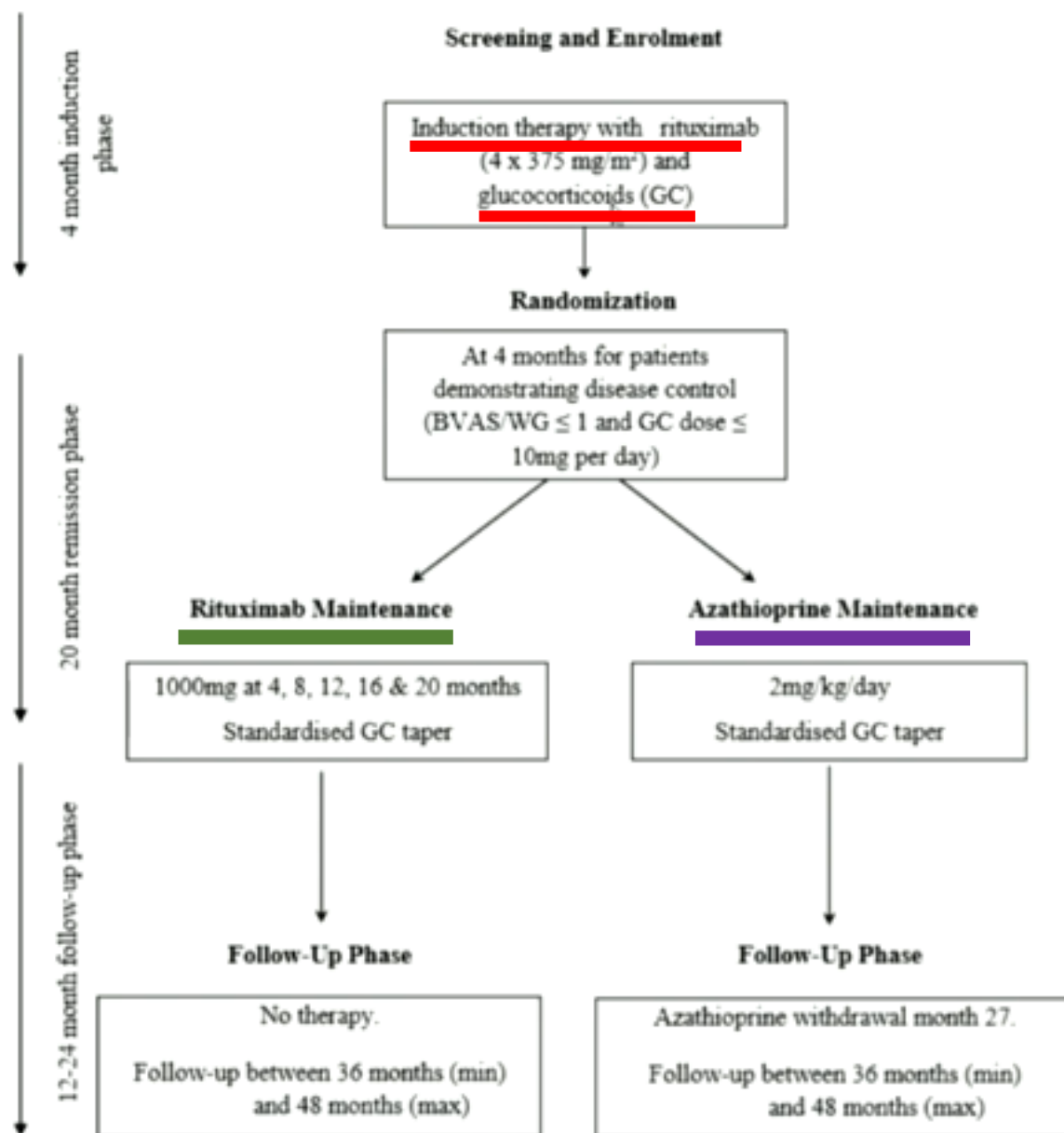
Variable	Rituximab (N=99)	Cyclophosphamide- Azathioprine (N=98)	Total (N=197)	P Value
Total no. of participant-months	1371.5	1331.9	2703.4	
Adverse events				
Total no. of events	1399	1420	2819	
Participants with ≥1 event — no. (%)	98 (99)	98 (100)	196 (99)	>0.99
Events/participant-mo	1.02	1.07	1.04	0.24
Serious adverse events				
Total no. of events	59	63	122	
Participants with ≥1 event — no. (%)	42 (42)	37 (38)	79 (40)	0.50
Events/participant-mo	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.63
Deaths — no. (%) †	2 (2)	2 (2)	4 (2)	
Participants with ≥1 episode of leukopenia of grade 2 or higher — no. (%)	5 (5)	23 (23)	28 (14)	<0.001
Participants with ≥1 episode of infection of grade 3 or higher — no. (%)	12 (12)	11 (11)	23 (12)	>0.99
Pneumonia-related adverse events				
Total no. of events	4	11	15	
Participants with ≥1 episode of pneumonia — no. (%)	3 (3)	11 (11)	14 (7)	0.03
Pneumonia-related adverse events/participant-mo	0.0029	0.0083	0.0055	0.08

RITAZAREM

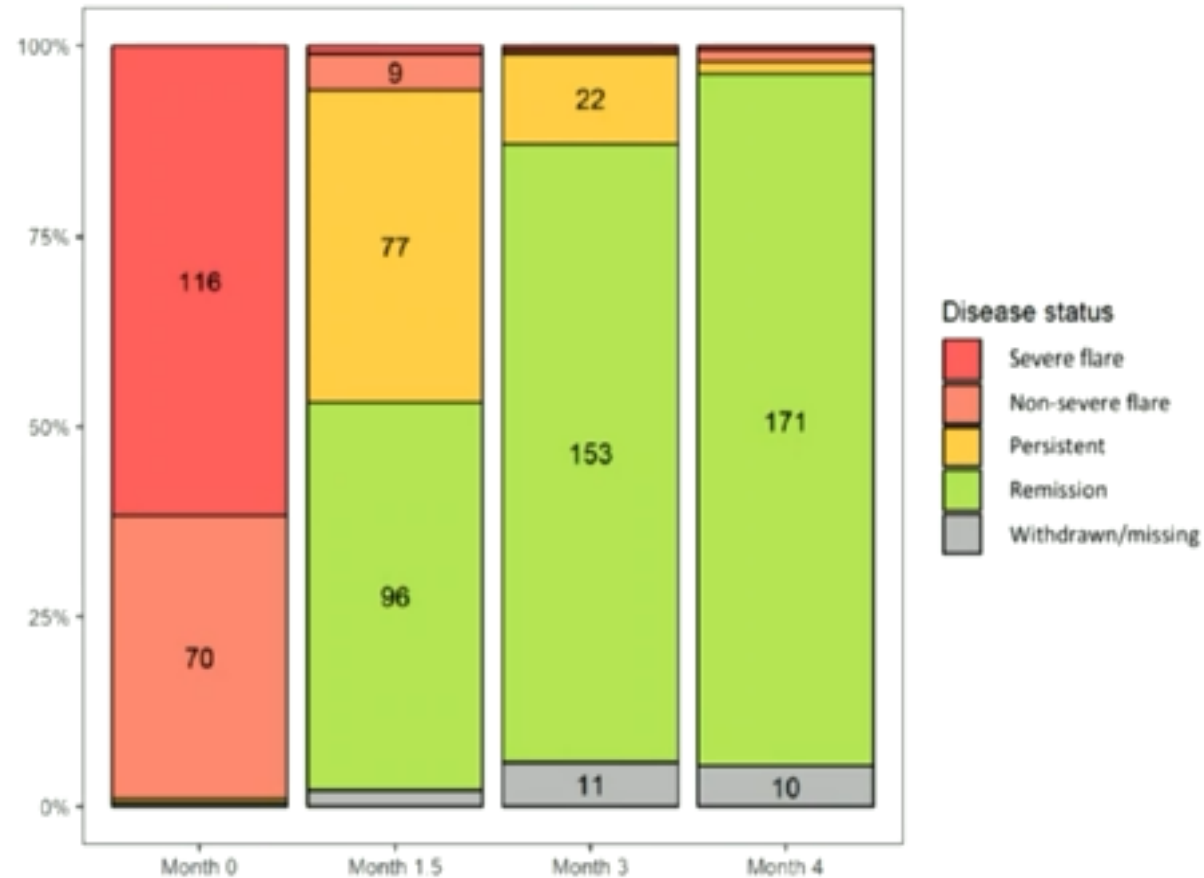
rituximab (RTX) or azathioprine (AZA) for remission after RTX induction



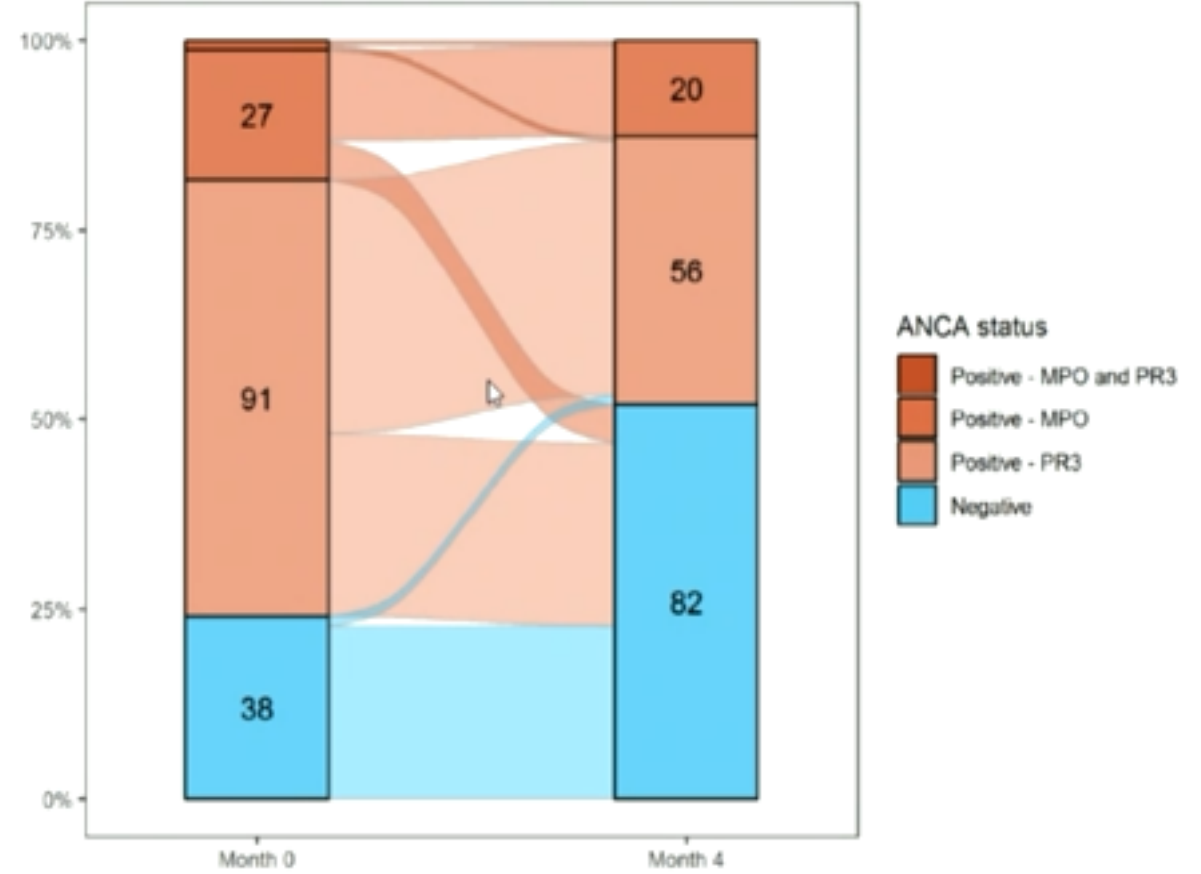
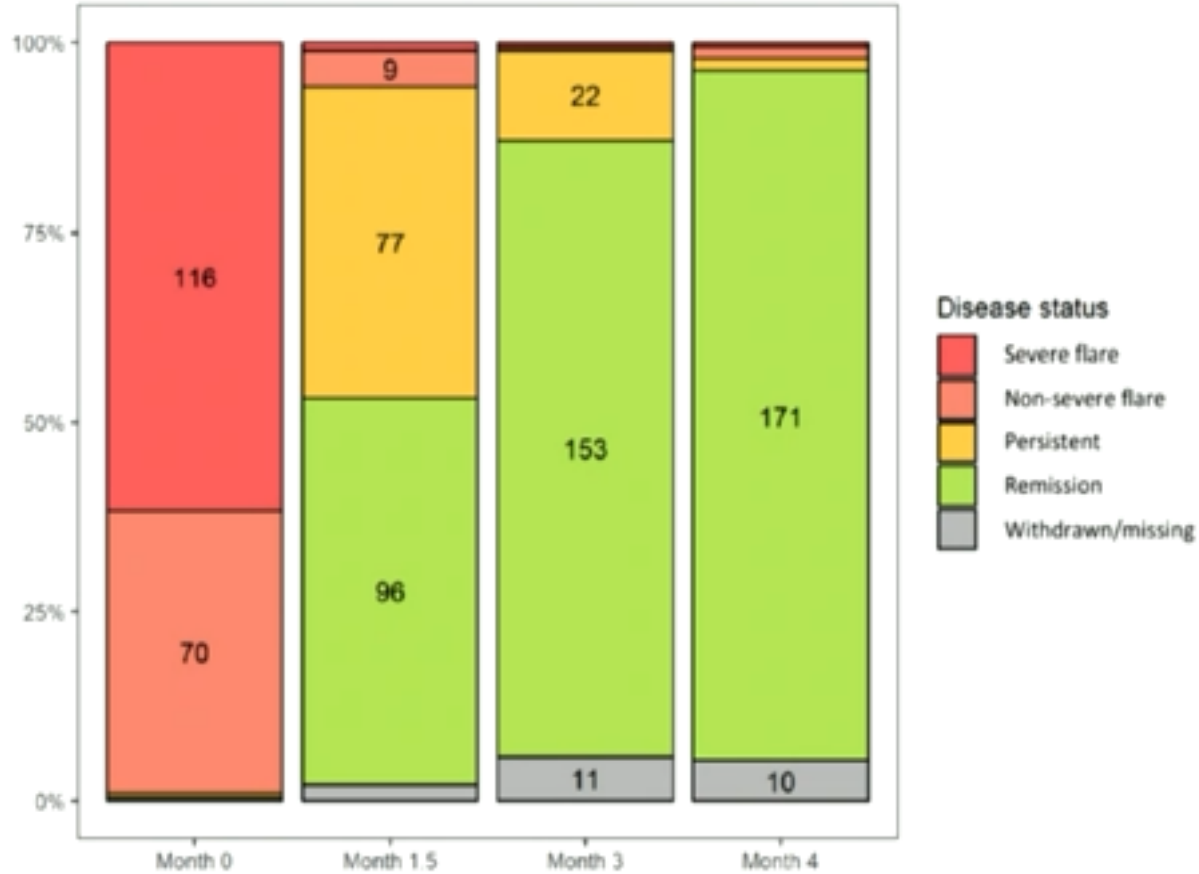
RITAZAREM trial design



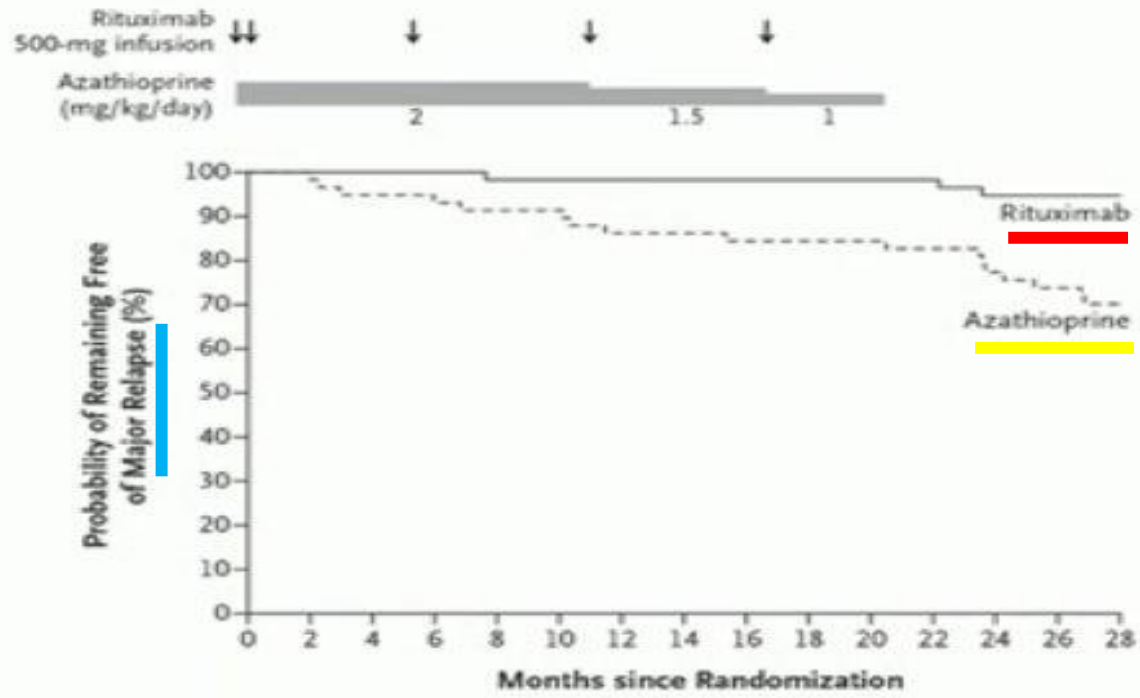
RITAZAREM – Disease response



RITAZAREM – Disease response & change in ANCA



Rituximab as a maintenance agent in AAV

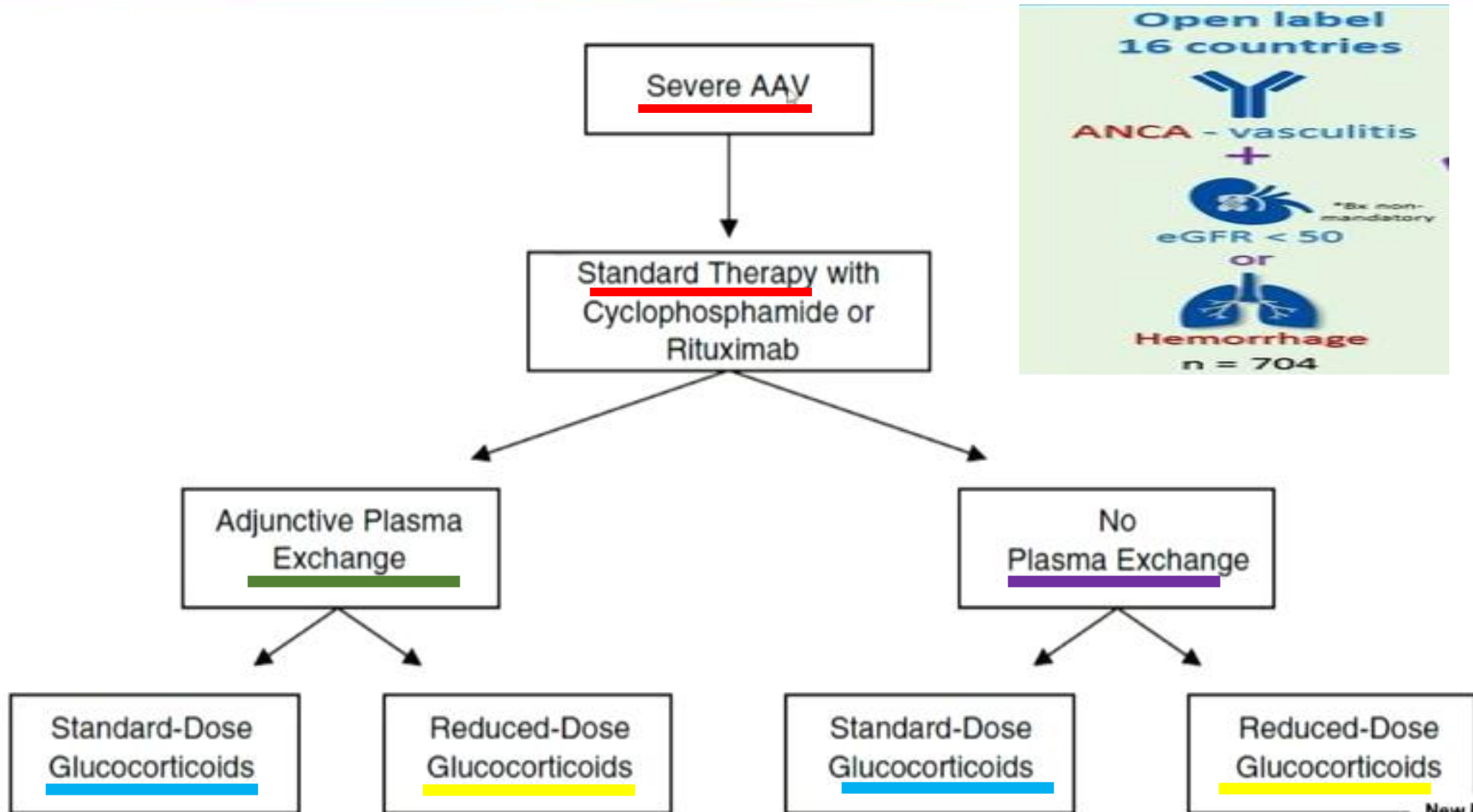


No. at Risk

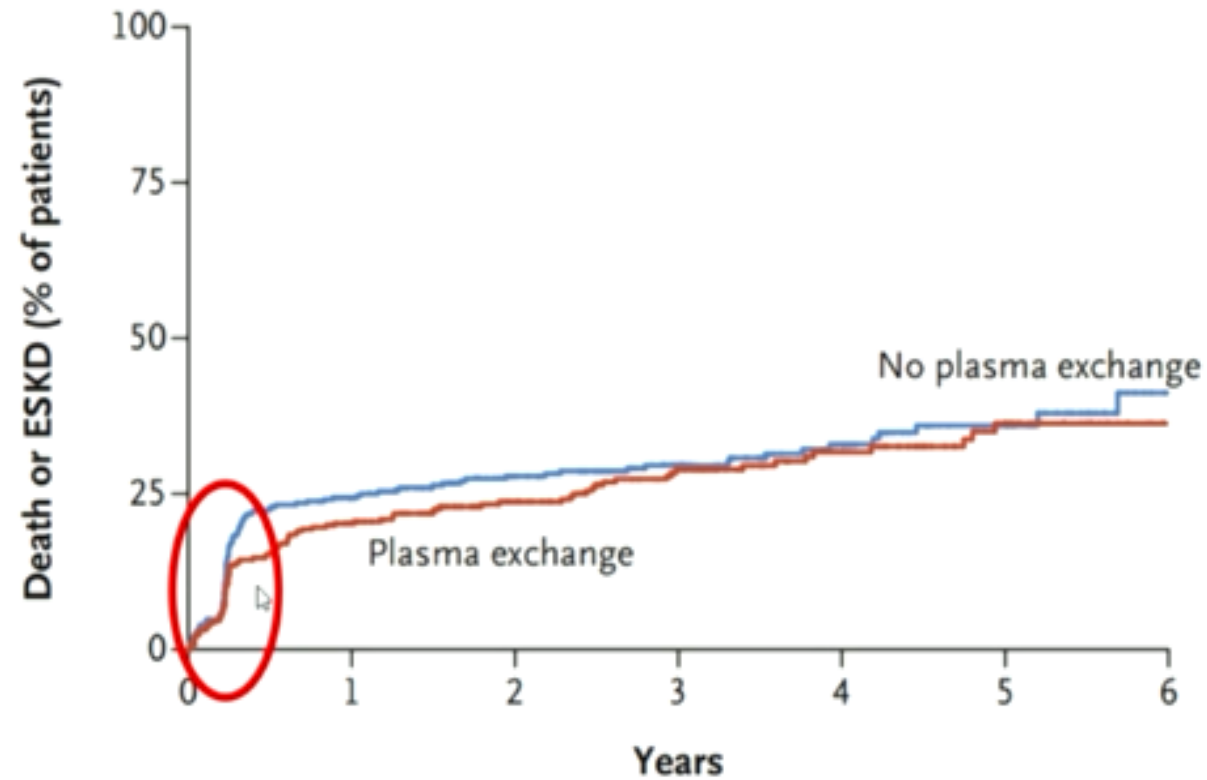
Rituximab	57	57	57	57	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	56	54	52	39
Azathioprine	58	58	55	54	53	53	50	50	48	48	48	47	44	41	33

115 mainly newly diagnosed patients who had all received cyclophosphamide induction therapy
 HR 6.61 (95% CI, 1.56 to 27.96; P=0.002)

PEXIVAS trial design



PEXIVAS – Death or ESKD according to PLEX Y/N

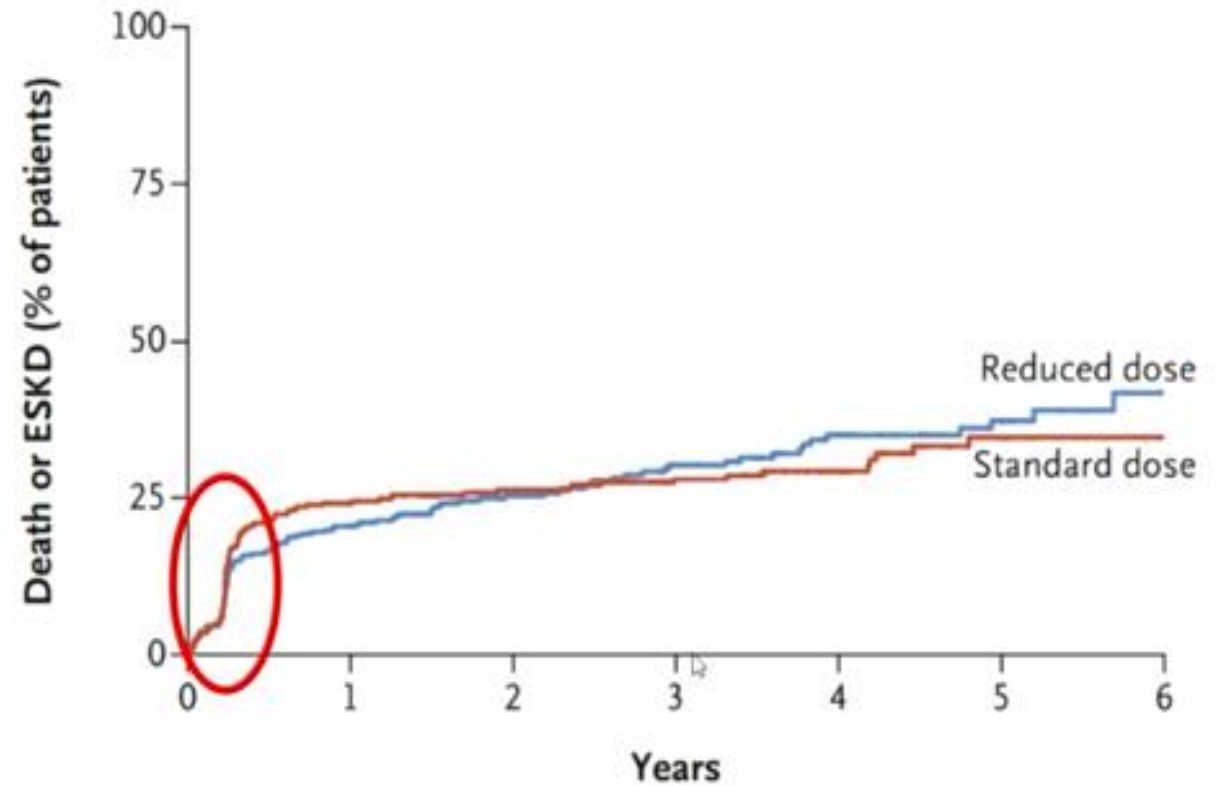


No. at Risk

No plasma exchange	352	244	183	136	82	44	10
Plasma exchange	352	252	186	135	82	43	10

PEXIVAS – Death or ESKD according to GC regimen

Week	Standard			Reduced-dose		
	<50 kg	50-75 kg	>75 kg	<50 kg	50-75 kg	>75 kg
	pulse	pulse	pulse	pulse	pulse	pulse
1	50	60	75	50	60	75
2	50	60	75	25	30	40
3-4	40	50	60	20	25	30
5-6	30	40	50	15	20	25
7-8	25	30	40	12.5	15	20
9-10	20	25	30	10	12.5	15
11-12	15	20	25	7.5	10	12.5
13-14	12.5	15	20	6	7.5	10
15-16	10	10	15	5	5	7.5
17-18	10	10	15	5	5	7.5
19-20	7.5	7.5	10	5	5	5
21-22	7.5	7.5	7.5	5	5	5
23-52	5	5	5	5	5	5
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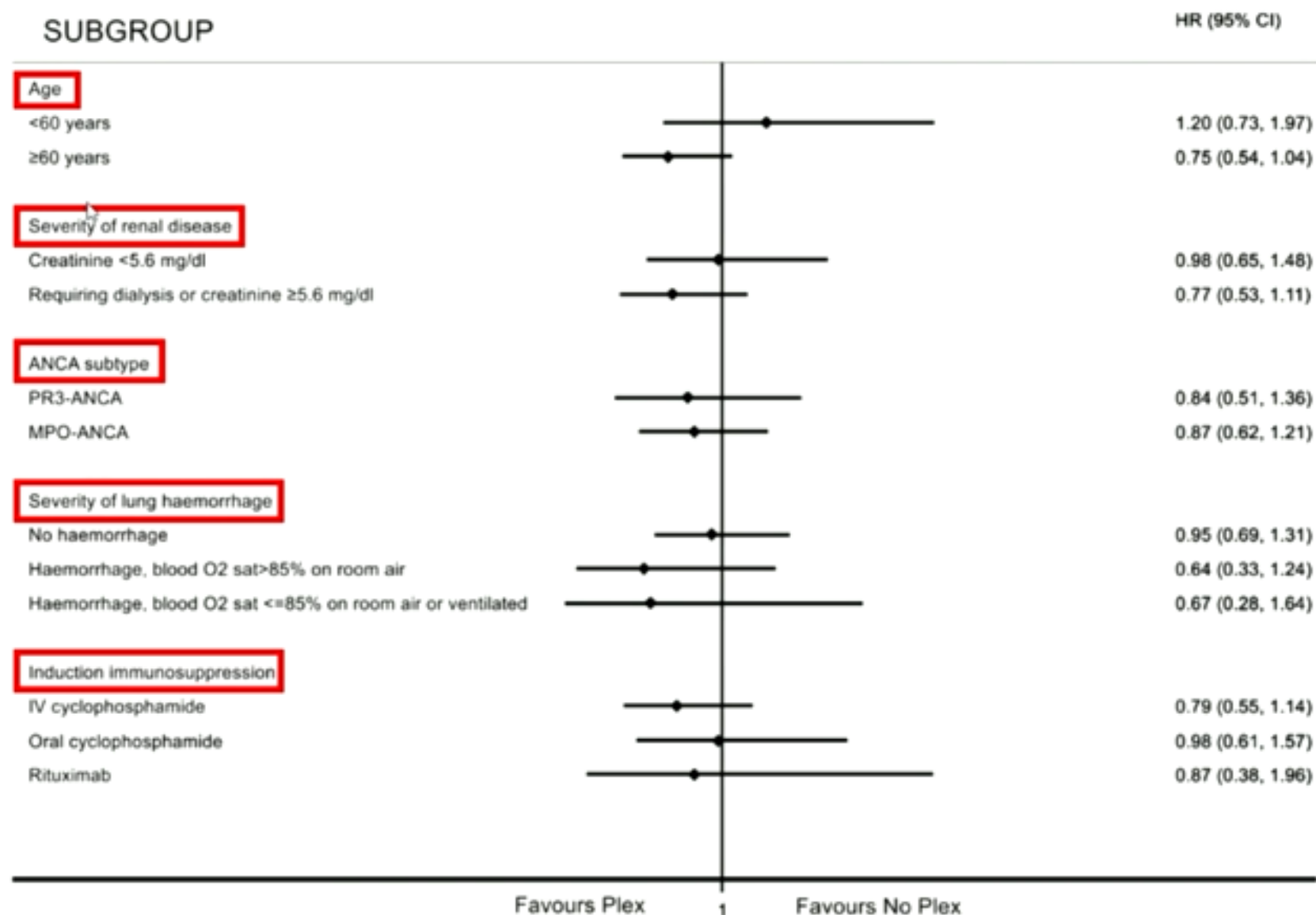
No. at Risk

Reduced dose	353	256	185	133	80	48	9
Standard dose	351	240	184	138	84	39	11

PEXIVAS – Secondary outcomes

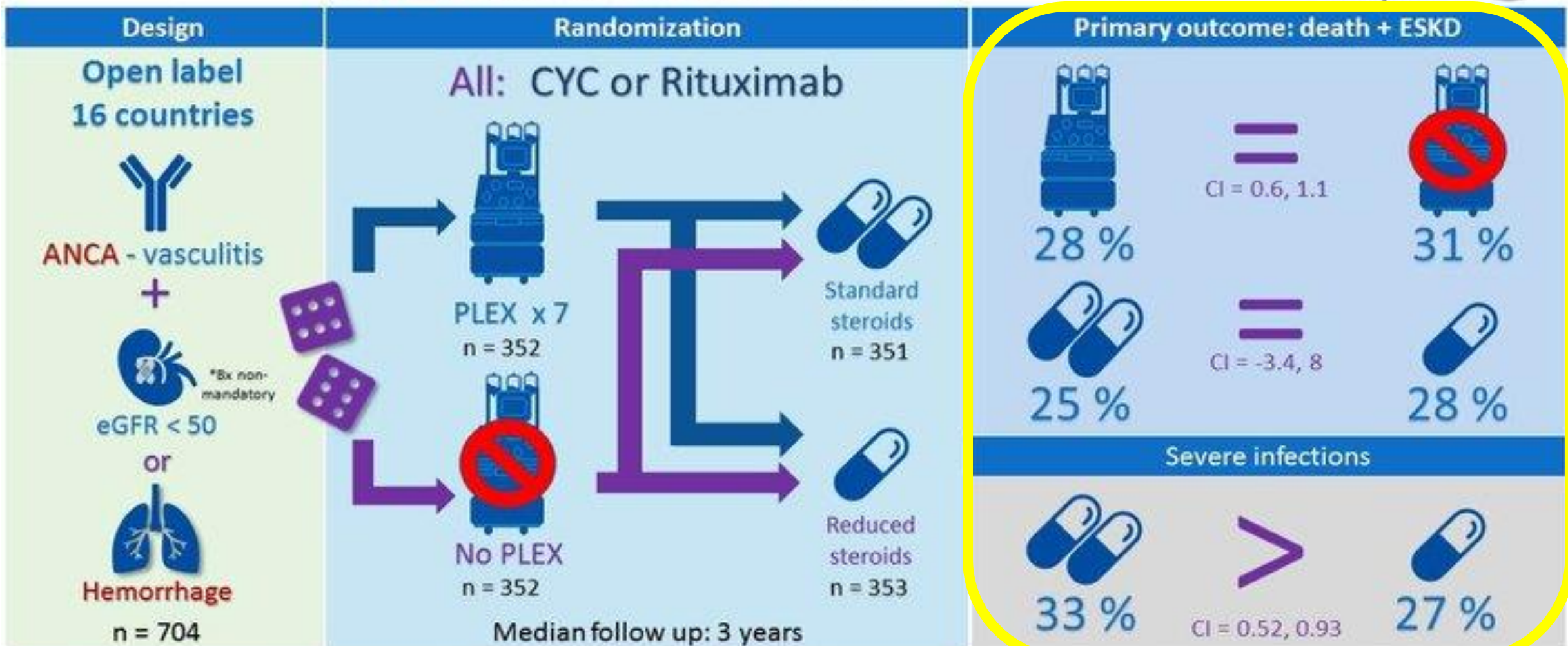
Secondary Outcome	Reduced-Dose vs. Standard-Dose Glucocorticoid Regimen
	<i>effect size (95% CI)</i>
Death from any cause	0.78 (0.53–1.17)
End-stage kidney disease	0.96 (0.68–1.34)
Sustained remission	1.04 (0.92–1.19)
Serious adverse events	0.95 (0.75–1.20)
Serious infections at 1 year	0.69 (0.52–0.93)

PEXIVAS – Death or ESKD according to subgroup



PEXIVAS

Plasma exchange and glucocorticoids in severe ANCA-associated vasculitis



Conclusions: Among patients with severe ANCA-associated vasculitis, PLEX did not reduce the incidence of death or ESKD. A reduced-dose regimen of steroids was noninferior to a standard-dose regimen with respect to death or ESKD.

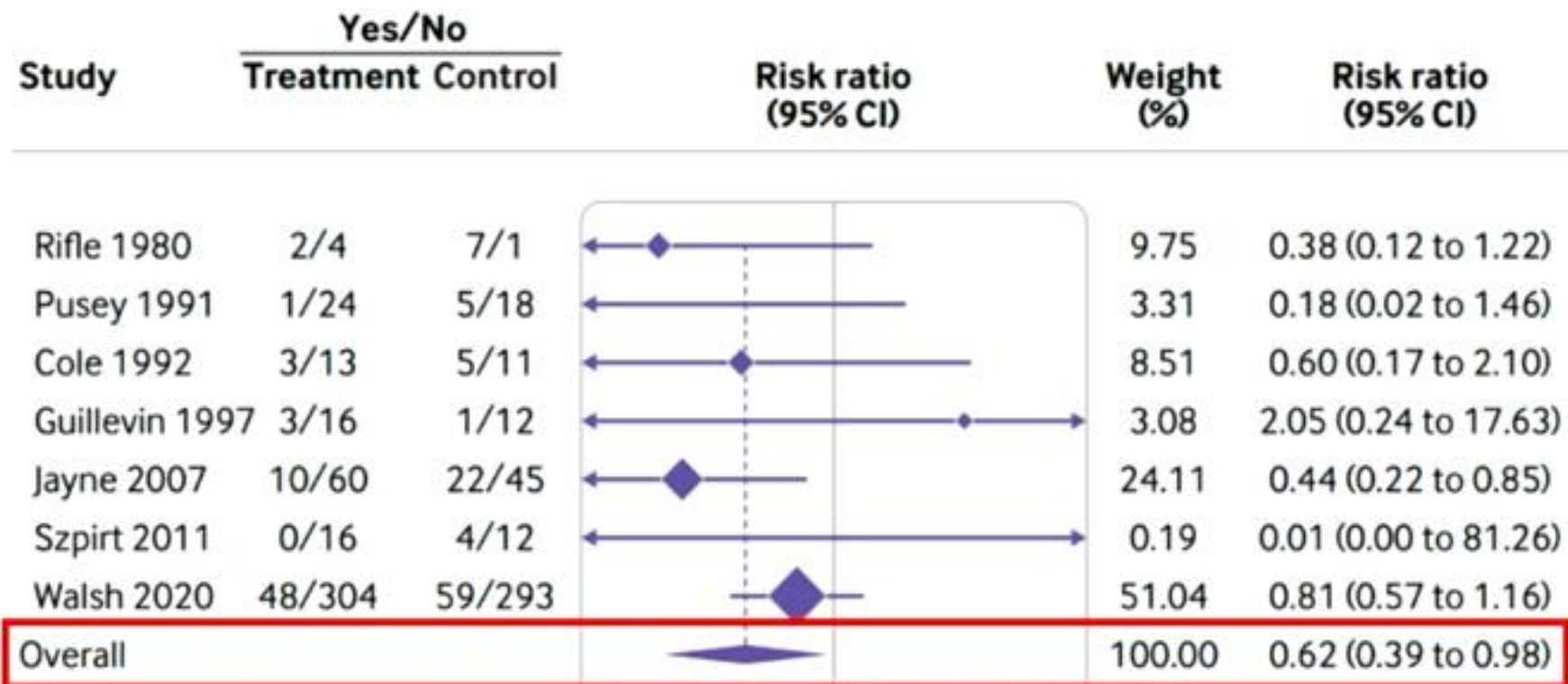
M. Walsh, P.A. Merkel, C.-A. Pen et al. Plasma Exchange and Glucocorticoids in Severe ANCA-Associated Vasculitis. NEJM 2020;382:622-31.

PLEX meta-analysis – Characteristics of trials

Study	Follow-up (months)	Plasma exchange			Participants					Baseline creatinine (µmol/L)		Baseline dialysis (%)		Lung haem
		Method	No of treatments	Volume/treatment	No	Mean age (years)		Female (%)		PLEX	Ctrl	PLEX	Ctrl	
Rifle 1980	22	Centrifuge	5 in 5 days + additional for non-response	1.5 plasma volumes	14	wPLEX 41	Ctrl 52	PLEX 50	Ctrl 25	PLEX 893	Ctrl 1140	PLEX 67	Ctrl 88	No
Mauri 1985	36	Centrifuge and filter	6 in 12 days + additional for non-response	3.5 L	22	NR	NR	NR	NR	PLEX 1193	Ctrl 1158	PLEX 50	Ctrl 50	NR
Pusey 1991	58	Centrifuge	5 in 7 days + additional for non-response	4 L	48	52	51	36	39	PLEX 793	Ctrl 637	PLEX 44	Ctrl 34	Yes
Cole 1992	12	Centrifuge	≥10 in 16 days	1 plasma volume	32	NR	NR	NR	NR	PLEX 634	Ctrl 769	PLEX 25	Ctrl 43	NR
Guillevin 1997	12	Centrifuge and filter	9 or 12 at 3 times/week	60 mL/kg	32	47	62	47	38	PLEX 439	Ctrl 287	PLEX 32	Ctrl 15	NR
Zauner 2002	127	NR	3 + <9 for non-response	40 mL/kg	39	55	56	29	22	NR	NR	NR	NR	Yes
Jayne 2007, Walsh 2013	12, 47	Centrifuge and filter	7 in 14 days	60 mL/kg	137	67	66	41	36	PLEX 701	Ctrl 732	PLEX 67	Ctrl 71	Yes
Szpiro 2010	60	Filter	6 + 3-6 for persistent ANCA	4 L	32	58	56	25	19	PLEX 262	Ctrl 250	PLEX 13	Ctrl 25	Yes
Walsh 2020	35	Centrifuge and filter	7 in 14 days	60 mL/kg	704	63	64	42	45	PLEX 327	Ctrl 336	PLEX 19	Ctrl 21	Yes

Lung haem = Presence of lung haemorrhage at baseline. PLEX = Plasma exchange. Ctrl = Control. NR = Not reported.

PLEX meta-analysis – 1-year ESKD



Test for heterogeneity: $\tau^2=0.04$;

$I^2=14.84\%$; $H^2=1.17$

PLEX meta-analysis – 1-year ESKD

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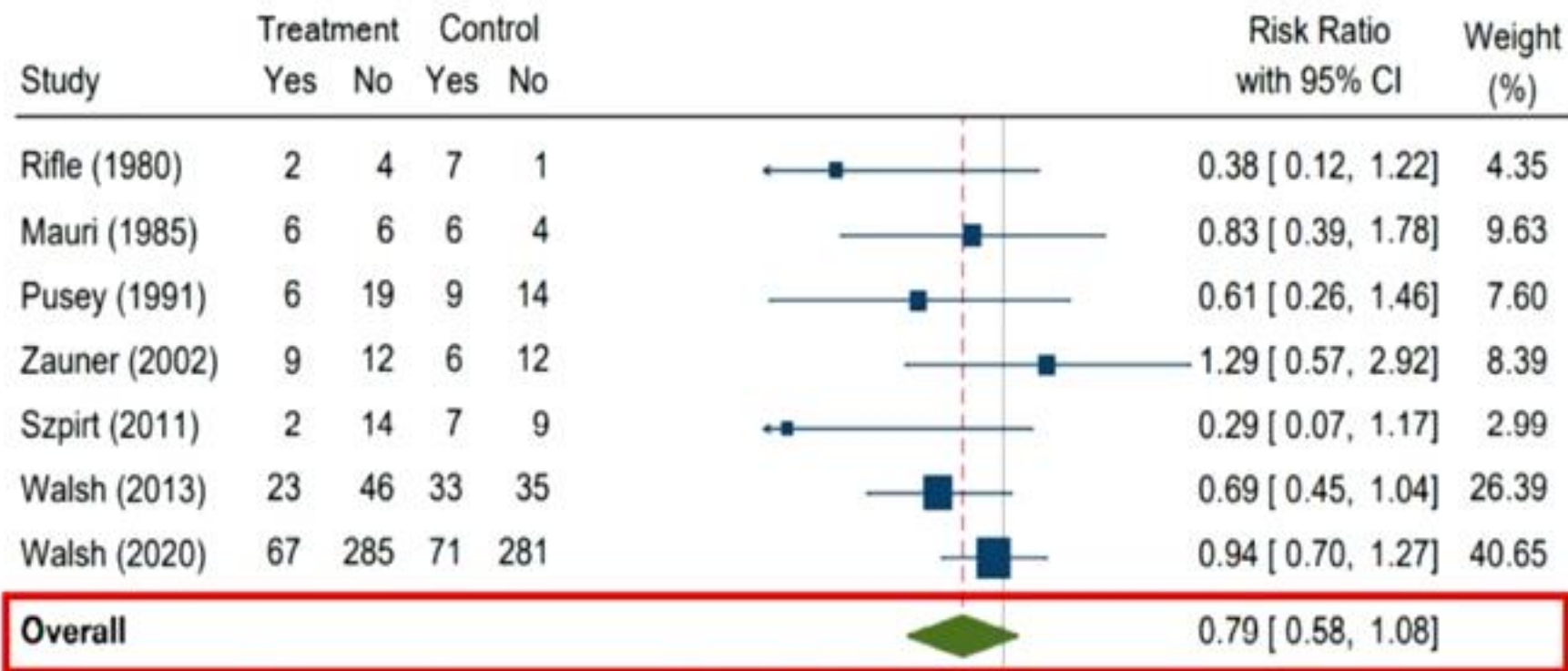
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Infection	Low Creatinine ≤ 200 $\mu\text{mol/l}$	2.7% (0.3% - 5.6%)	1.27 (1.08 – 1.49)
	Low-moderate Creatinine $>200 - 300$ $\mu\text{mol/l}$	4.9% (0.5% - 10.1%)	
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PLEX meta-analysis – Long-term follow-up ESKD



Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.02$, $I^2 = 13.71\%$, $H^2 = 1.16$



Could PLEX be a game-changer in the treatment of ANCA - associated vasculitis?



Systematic review & meta-analysis



Systematic reviews updated to July 2020



9 randomized trials



1060 AAV participants

AAV: ANCA associated vasculitis



PLEX EFFECT

12 months follow up

Reduced risk of ESKD

RR 0.62
(95% CI 0.39 - 0.98)



Increased infection risk

RR 1.27
(95% CI 1.08 - 1.49)



All-cause mortality no significant effect

RR 0.90
(95% CI 0.64 to 1.27)



CONCLUSION: Current evidence does not demonstrate a strong role for PLEX in addition to standard care in preventing death. PLEX may delay the need for dialysis, which could improve a patient's quality of life, but it has serious adverse effects.

Walsh M, Collister D, Zeng L, et al. *The effects of plasma exchange in patients with ANCA-associated vasculitis: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis.* BMJ. 2022 doi: 10.1136/bmj-2021-064604.

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ADVOCATE trial design

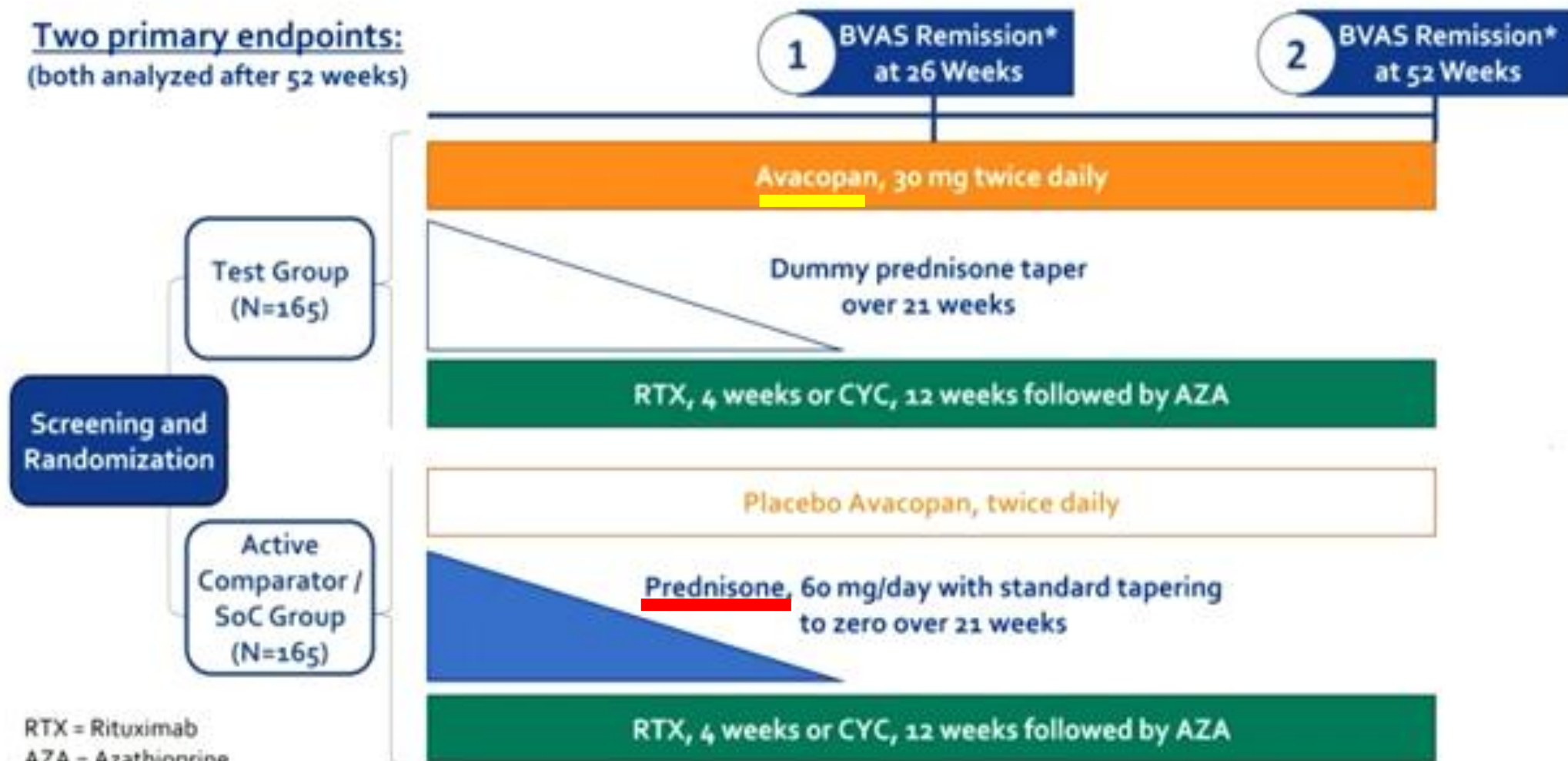
Two primary endpoints:
(both analyzed after 52 weeks)

1

BVAS Remission*
at 26 Weeks

2

BVAS Remission*
at 52 Weeks

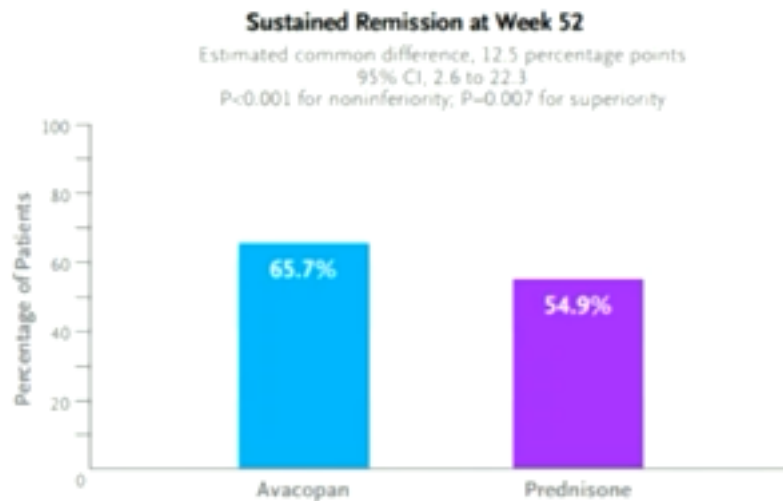
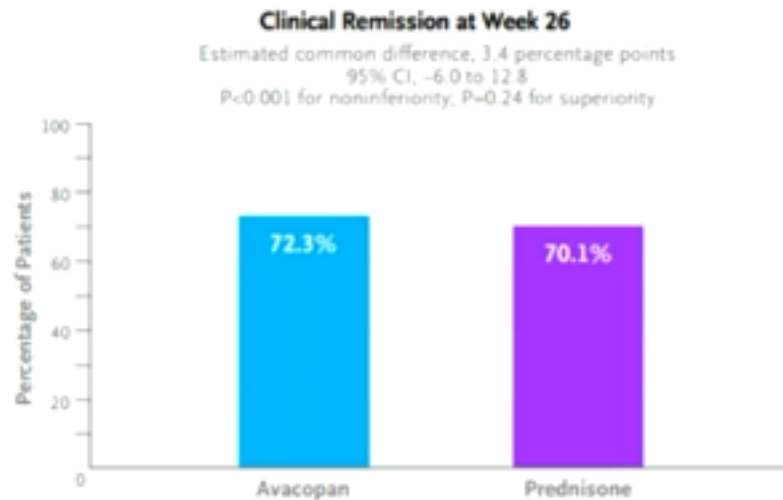


RTX = Rituximab

AZA = Azathioprine

*BVAS Remission: BVAS of zero and no steroids for ≥ 4 weeks

ADVOCATE – Remission at week 26 & 52



Non-inferiority boundary

Superiority boundary

Remission at week 26

-6.0 3.4 12.8

Avacopan versus Prednisone

Sustained remission at week 52

2.6 12.5 22.3

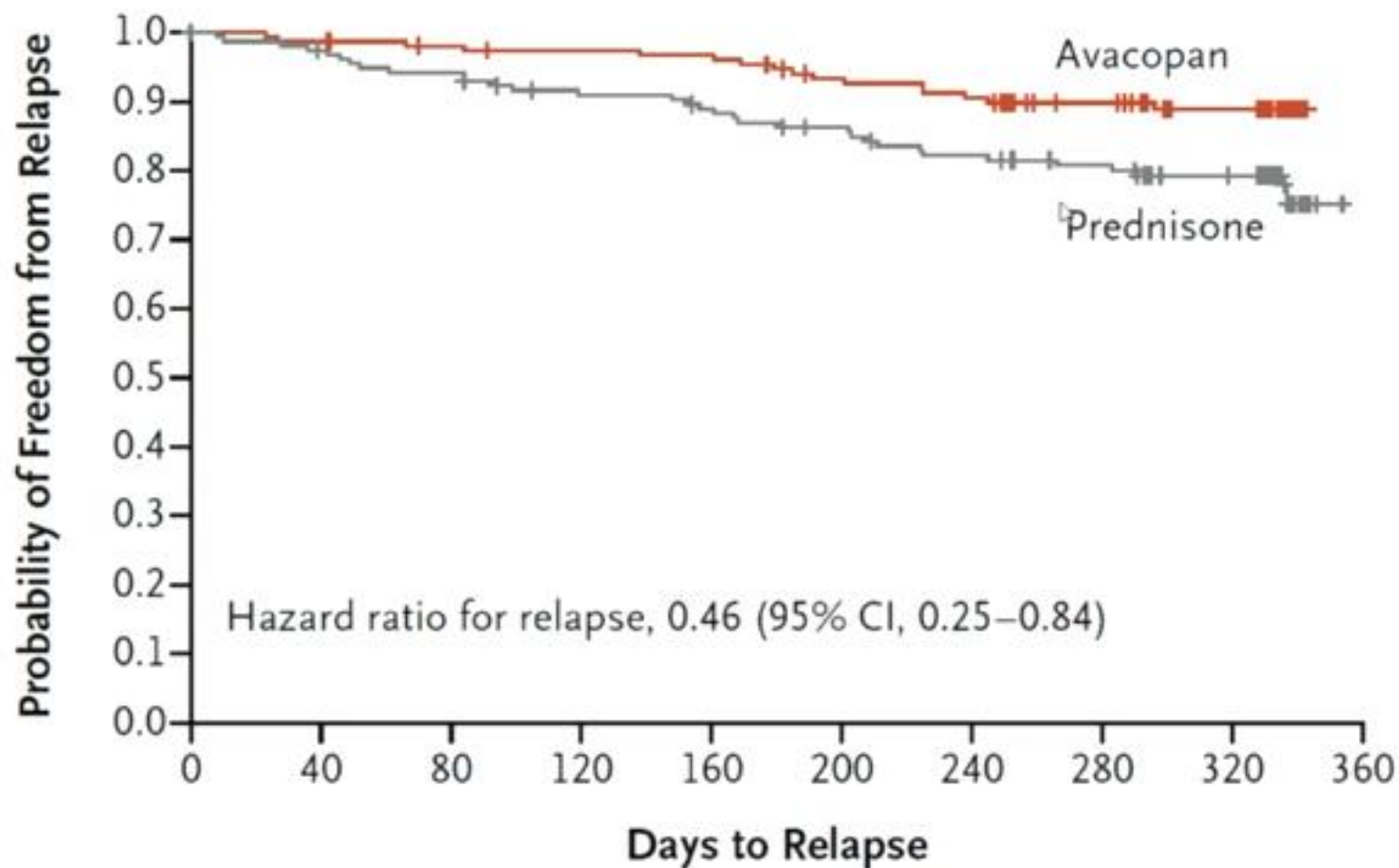
Noninferior

Superior

Percentage Point Differences in Remission Rate

Jayne et al.
New Engl J Med 2021

ADVOCATE – Relapse-free survival

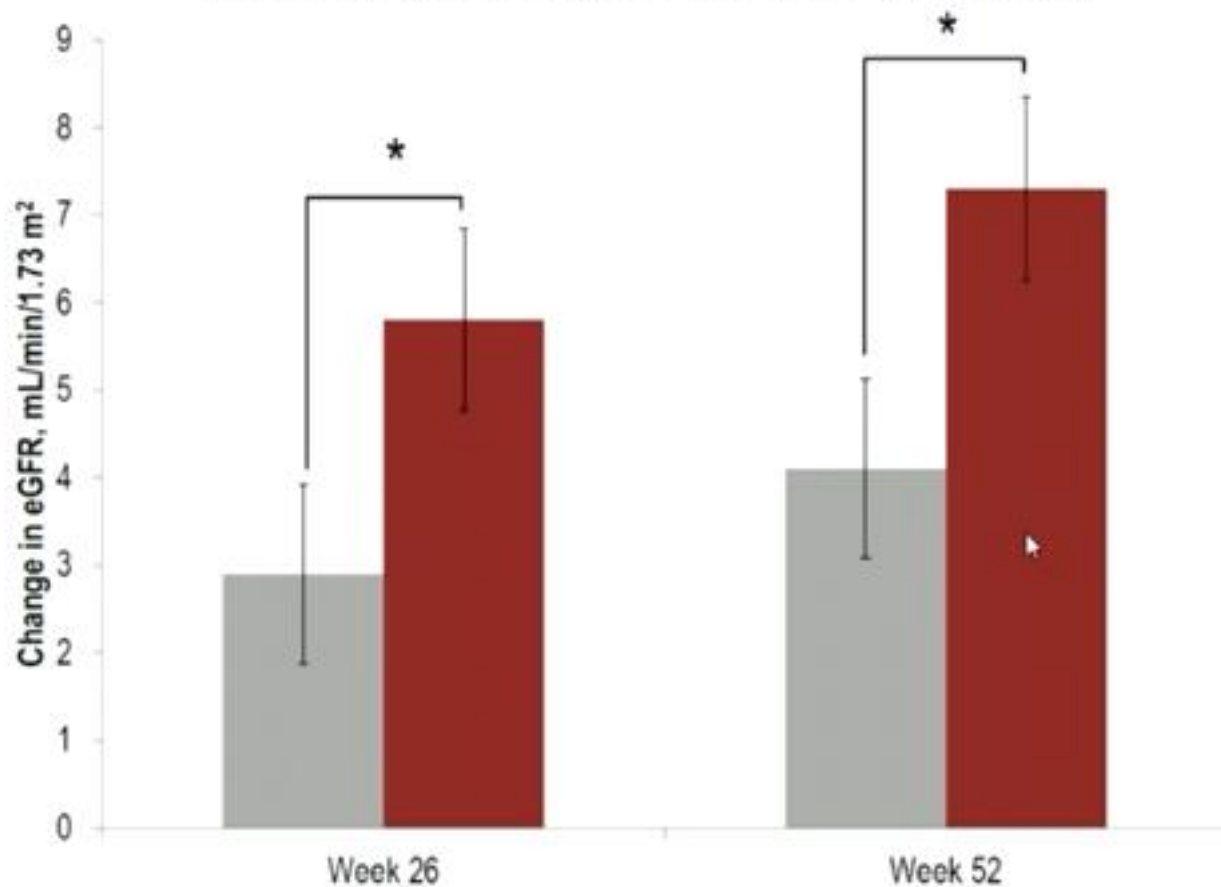


No. at Risk

Avacopan	158	153	149	146	145	133	129	115	92	0
Prednisone	157	151	146	137	133	126	119	111	90	0

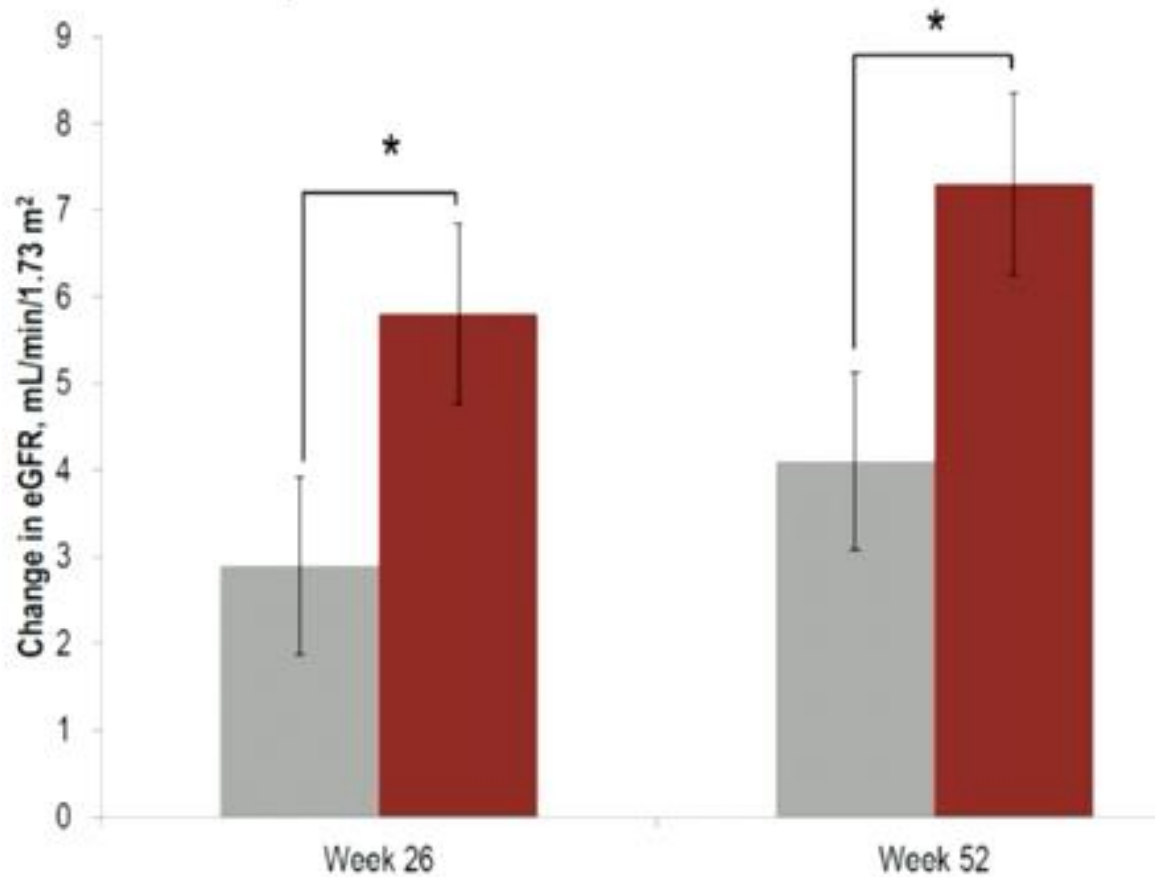
ADVOCATE – eGFR recovery

All patients with renal involvement

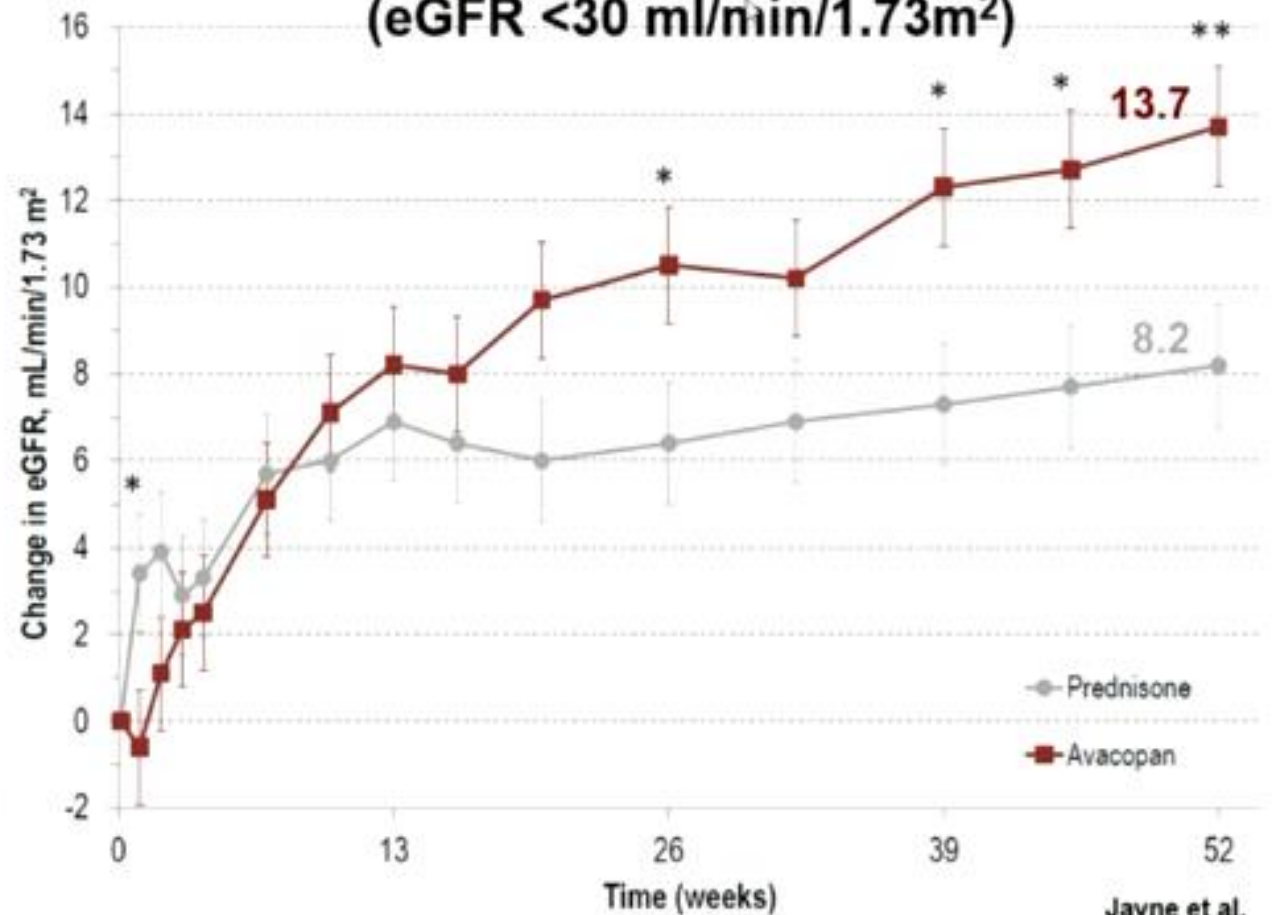


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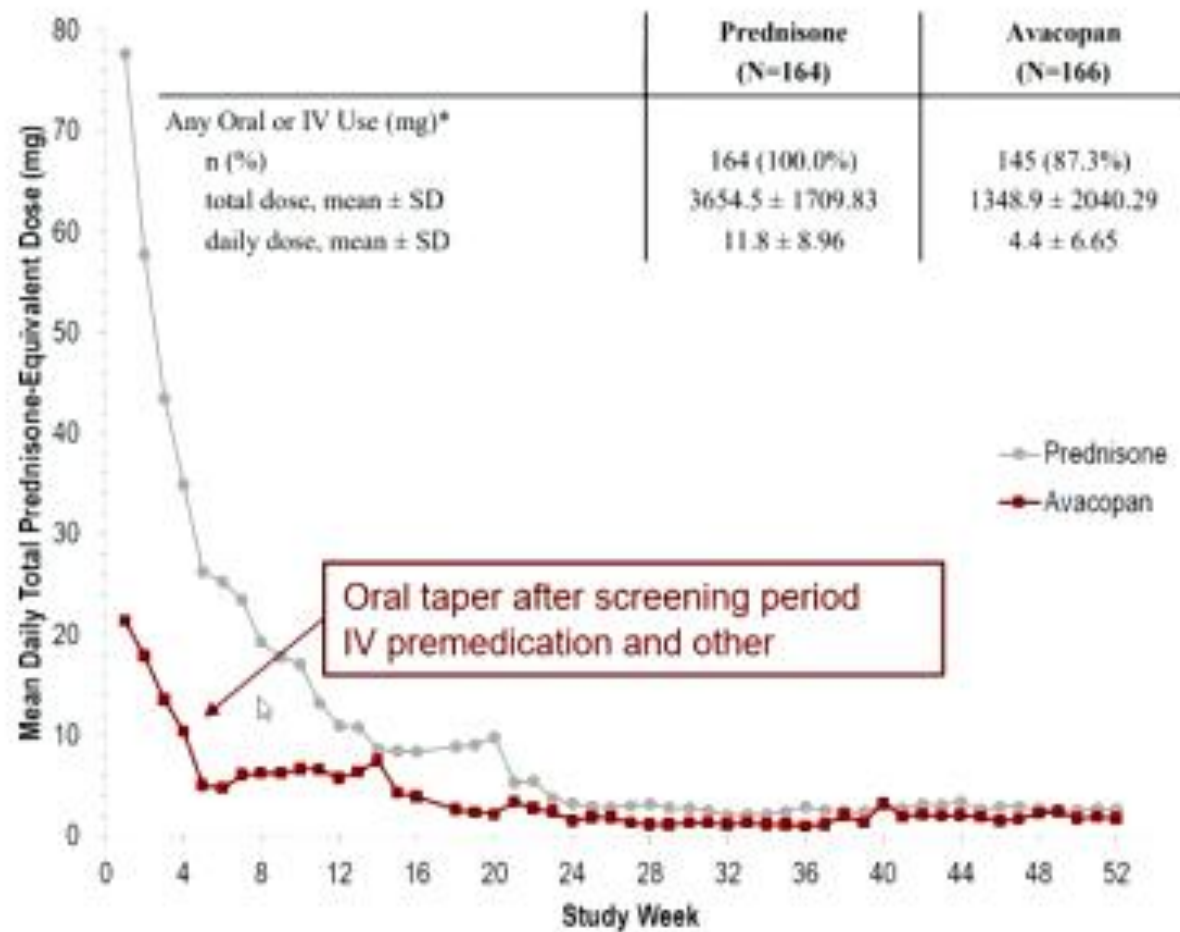
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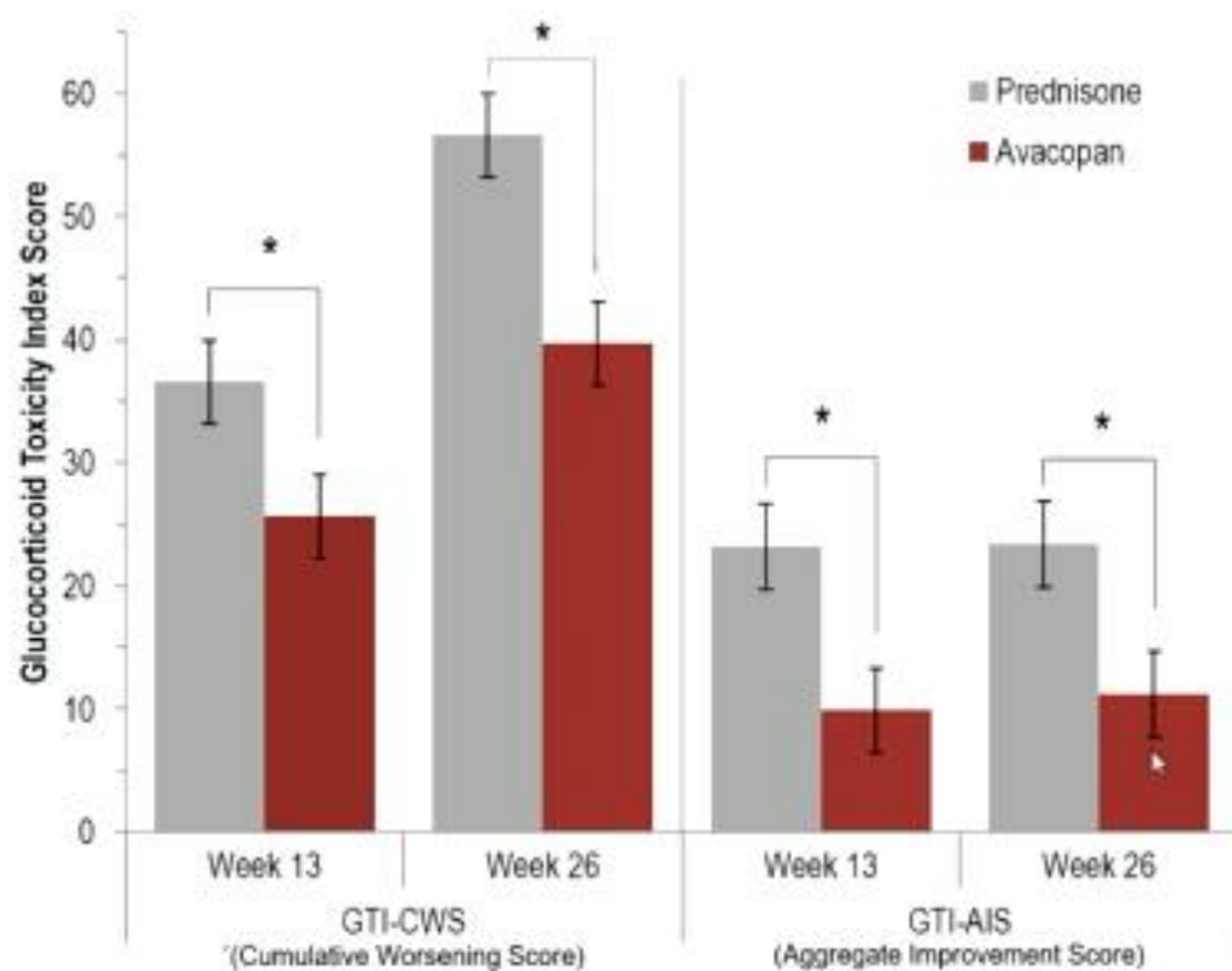
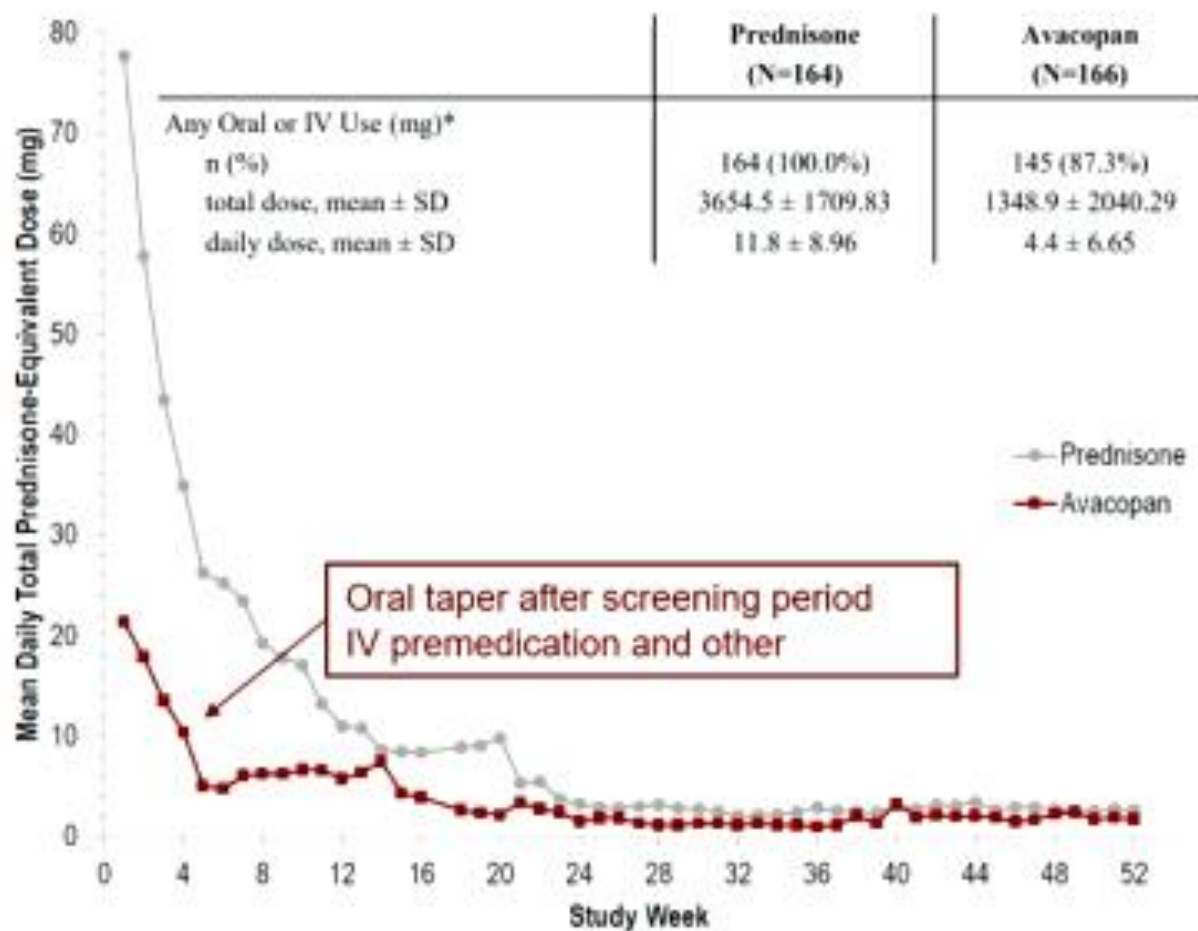
Patients with stage 4 kidney disease (eGFR <30 mL/min/1.73 m²)



ADVOCATE – Glucocorticoid toxicity



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ADVOCATE – Serious adverse events

Event	Avacopan (N = 166)	Prednisone (N = 164)
Any serious adverse event‡		
No. of patients (%)	70 (42.2)	74 (45.1)
No. of events	116	166
Any serious event related to vasculitis worsening§		
No. of patients (%)	17 (10.2)	23 (14.0)
No. of events	18	36
Any serious event not related to vasculitis worsening		
No. of patients (%)	62 (37.3)	64 (39.0)
No. of events	98	130
Discontinuation of trial medication due to adverse event — no. (%)	26 (15.7)	29 (17.7)
Any infection		
No. of patients (%)	113 (68.1)	124 (75.6)
No. of events	233	291
Any serious infection¶		
No. of patients (%)	22 (13.3)	25 (15.2)
No. of events	25	31
Any serious opportunistic infection — no. (%)	6 (3.6)	11 (6.7)
Death due to infection — no. (%)	1 (0.6)	2 (1.2)
Life-threatening infection — no. (%)	1 (0.6)	2 (1.2)
Serious adverse event of abnormality on liver-function testing — no. (%)	9 (5.4)	6 (3.7)
Any adverse event potentially related to glucocorticoids — no. (%)**	110 (66.3)	132 (80.5)
Cardiovascular	72 (43.4)	85 (51.8)
Infectious	22 (13.3)	25 (15.2)
Gastrointestinal	3 (1.8)	4 (2.4)
Psychological	27 (16.3)	39 (23.8)
Endocrine or metabolic	23 (13.9)	48 (29.3)
Dermatologic	14 (8.4)	28 (17.1)
Musculoskeletal	19 (11.4)	21 (12.8)
Ophthalmologic	7 (4.2)	12 (7.3)

Avacopan for the Treatment of ANCA-Associated Vasculitis: ADVOCATE trial

STUDY POPULATION

>12 yrs,
Newly diagnosed/relapsing
GPA/MPA,
MPO/PR3 +ve, eGFR>15,



Induction Regimen
Rituximab/IV or oral
Cyclophosphamide f/b
Azathioprine maintenance

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INTERVENTION

**Avacopan
30 mg BD**

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166 patients

p(non inferiority)
p(superiority)

**Prednisone
weight based**

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165 patients

tapered by wk 20 (no
prednisone beyond wk 21)

OUTCOME

Remission
wk 26

72.3%

p(ni):<0.001
p(s):0.24

Sustained
Remission
wk 52

65.7%

p(ni):<0.001
p(s):0.007

70.1%

54.9%

Remission was defined as a Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (BVAS) of 0 and no receipt of glucocorticoids for vasculitis within 4 weeks

Other inferences

Mean daily
steroid dose
wk1-52

4mg

12mg

Severe
Adverse Events

25%

23.5%

- Steroids were tapered too fast in the steroids arm, and Avacopan group was not completely steroid free, though glucocorticoid toxicity index was definitely higher in the steroid group
- Baseline cumulative and daily steroid use during screening period in prednisolone group was higher
- 80% patient had renal involvement, patients with DAH requiring mechanical ventilation >14 days were excluded
- cyclophosphamide was not given according to EUVAS protocol and no repeat doses of Rituximab was given

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GPA & MPA – Maintenance of remission

EULAR Recommendations – 2022 update	Following induction of remission with RTX or CYC
<u>Recommended</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RTX• Duration of remission maintenance: 24 – 48 months following induction of remission in new-onset disease
<u>Should be considered</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Longer duration in relapsing disease or those with an increased risk of relapse
<u>May be considered</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternatives to RTX: AZA or MTX

EGPA – Induction of remission

EULAR Recommendations – 2022 update	<u>New-onset or relapsing organ- or life-threatening disease</u>	<u>New-onset or relapsing non-organ- or non-life-threatening disease</u>	<u>Relapsing or refractory non-organ- or non-life-threatening disease</u>
<u>Recommended</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Combination of high-dose GC with CYC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MEPO
<u>May be considered</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative to CYC: Combination of high-dose GC with RTX		

Mepolizumab Treatment In Relapsing or Refractory EGPA (MIRRA study)

- patients EGPA avec un antécédent de **rechute ou une maladie réfractaire** ET recevant une dose de **Corticoïdes $\geq 7.5\text{mg/j}$**

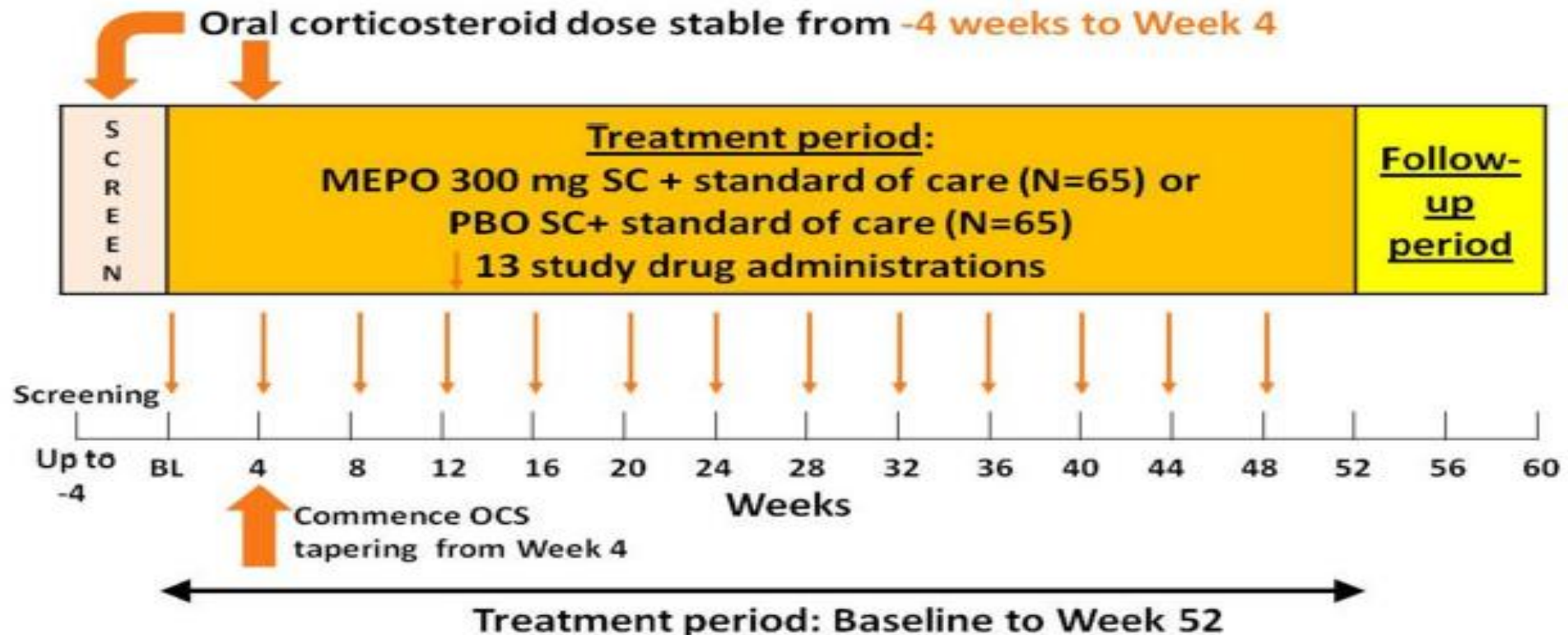
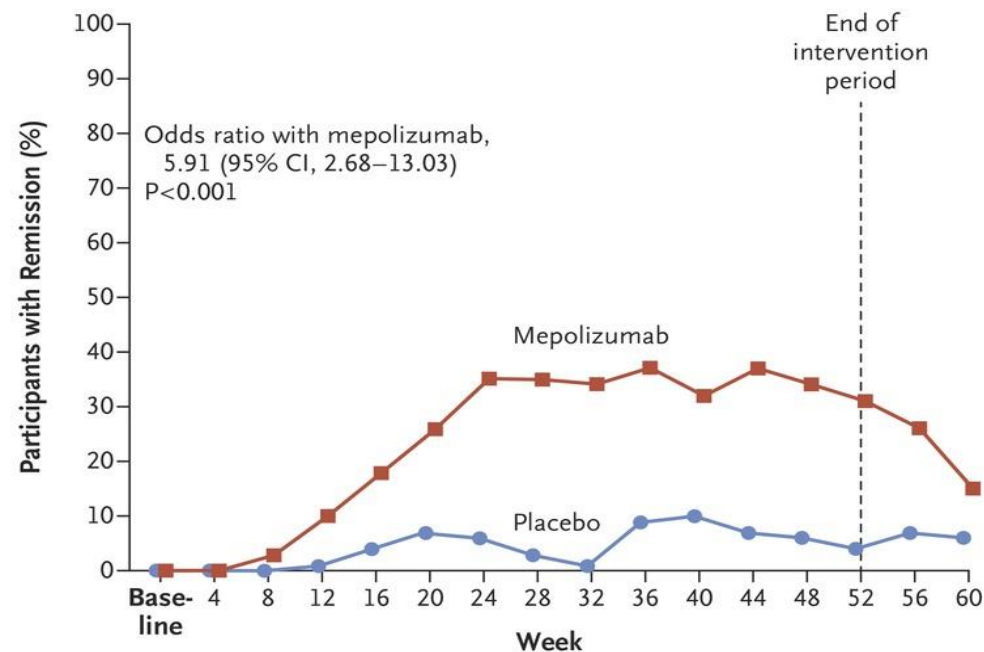


Table 2. Efficacy End Points in the Intention-to-Treat Population.*

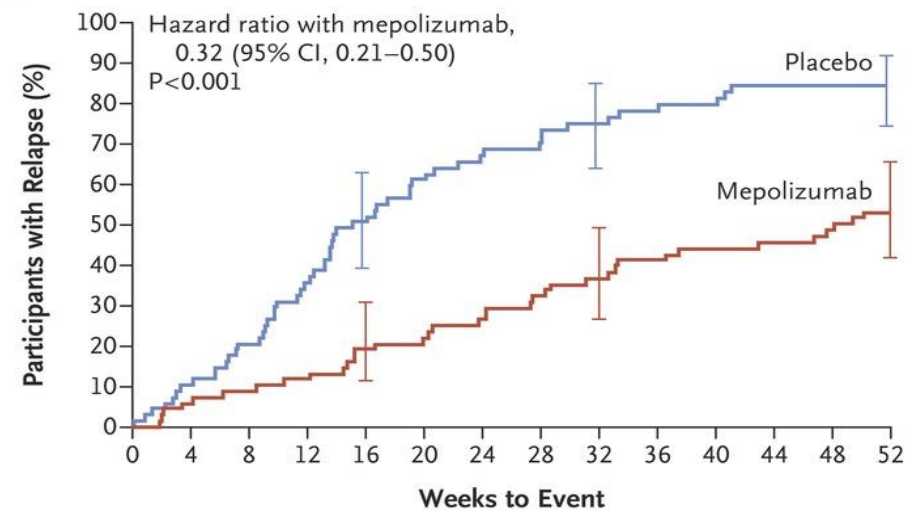
End Point	Mepolizumab (N=68)	Placebo (N=68)	Odds Ratio or Hazard Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
	<i>no. of participants (%)</i>			
Primary end points				
Accrued weeks of remission over 52-wk period			5.91 (2.68–13.03)	<0.001
0 wk	32 (47)	55 (81)		
>0 to <12 wk	8 (12)	8 (12)		
12 to <24 wk	9 (13)	3 (4)		
24 to <36 wk	10 (15)	0		
≥36 wk	9 (13)	2 (3)		
Remission at wk 36 and wk 48	22 (32)	2 (3)	16.74 (3.61–77.56)	<0.001
Other end points				
Remission within the first 24 wk that was sustained until wk 52	13 (19)	1 (1)	19.65 (2.30–167.93)	0.007
First EGPA relapse	38 (56)	56 (82)	0.32 (0.21–0.50)	<0.001

* Odds ratios are shown for the analyses of the two primary end points and for the secondary analysis of remission within the first 24 weeks that was sustained until week 52. For the analysis of accrued weeks in remission, the odds ratio is for 24 or more weeks of accrued remission. Remission was defined as a BVAS of 0 (on a scale from 0 to 63, with higher scores indicating greater disease activity) and a prednisolone or prednisone dose of 4.0 mg or less per day. For the time-to-event analysis of the first relapse of EGPA, the hazard ratio is shown. Participants with a first EGPA relapse were those who had a relapse before the completion of the planned trial period or who withdrew prematurely from the trial.

A Remission



B Relapse

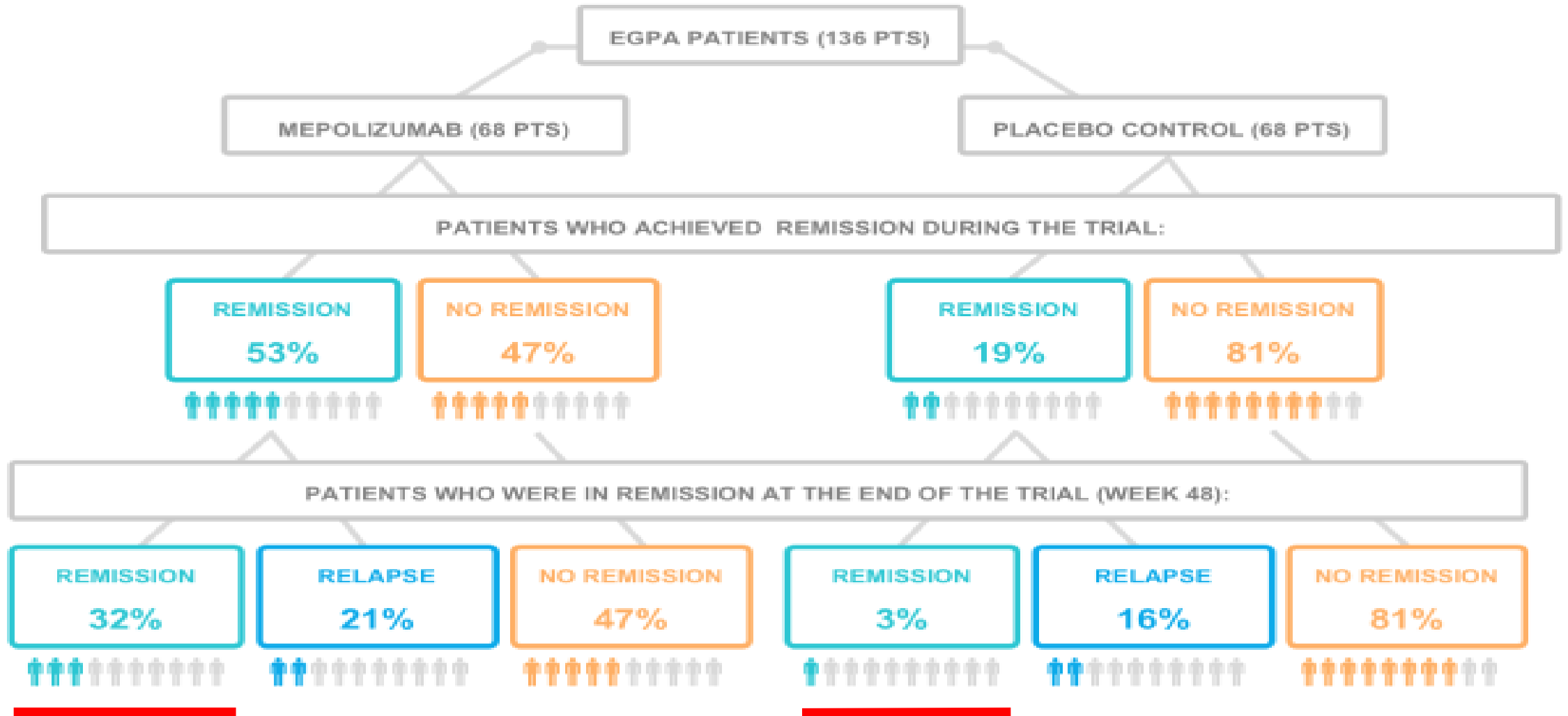


No. at Risk

Placebo	68	33	16	9
Mepolizumab	68	55	43	25

The MIRRA Trial: Mepolizumab vs. placebo for EGPA

Wechsler et al, N. Engl. J. Med., 2017



EGPA – Maintenance of remission

EULAR Recommendations – 2022 update	Following induction of remission for <u>organ- or life-threatening disease</u>	Following induction of remission for relapsing <u>non-organ- or non-life-threatening disease</u>
<u>Should be considered</u>	• MTX, AZA, MEPO, or RTX	
<u>Recommended</u>		• MEPO

Summary – GPA & MPA

- ***EULAR recommendations 2022 update: Induction of remission with combination of GC with either RTX or CYC; RTX preferred in relapse***
- **Different treatment outcomes with respect to ANCA type (*RAVE trial*)**
- **PLEX may delay ESKD in patients with severe active glomerulonephritis, but also increases risk of infection (*PLEX meta-analysis*)**
- **Avacopan improves disease control and recovery of renal function and reduces glucocorticoid need and toxicity (*ADVOCATE trial*)**