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# Terapia medica: quando e come



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# Conflitti di interesse



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Ai sensi dell'art. 3.3 sul conflitto di interessi, pag 17 del Regolamento Applicativo Stato-Regioni del 5/11/2009, dichiaro che negli ultimi 2 anni ho avuto rapporti diretti di finanziamento con i seguenti soggetti portatori di interessi commerciali in campo sanitario:

- Roche LTD, consulente
- River Vision Inc., consulente



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## Guidelines

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Thyroid Journal**

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## The 2016 European Thyroid Association/European Group on Graves' Orbitopathy Guidelines for the Management of Graves' Orbitopathy

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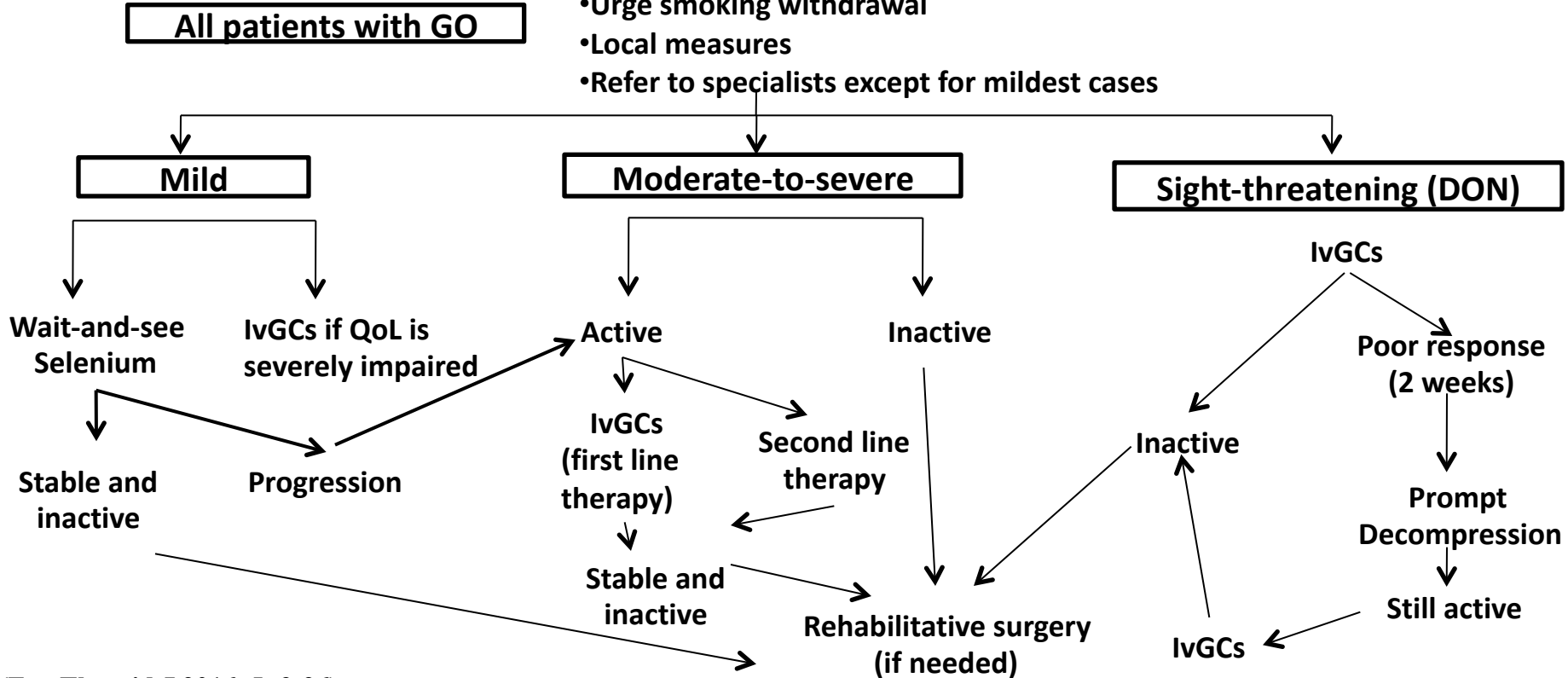
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# Management of Graves' orbitopathy



- Restore euthyroidism
- Urge smoking withdrawal
- Local measures
- Refer to specialists except for mildest cases





# Steroid therapy in Graves' orbitopathy (GO)



- ✓ Glucocorticoids (GC) represent the first-line treatment of active moderate-severe GO.
- ✓ The i.v. route administration (IVGC) is more effective and better tolerated than the oral route (Marcocci et al, 2001; Kahaly et al, 2005, Stiebel-Kadish et al 2009)
- ✓ GC have an anti-inflammatory effect but also an immunosuppressive effect (Vannucchi et al, 2012)
- ✓ A cumulative dose of 8 g is considered safe, provided monitoring liver function tests, hepatitis virus markers, serum glycemia and blood pressure
- ✓ Until 2012 the optimal treatment regimen was undefined (Bahn R, 2012)



# Therapy with steroids



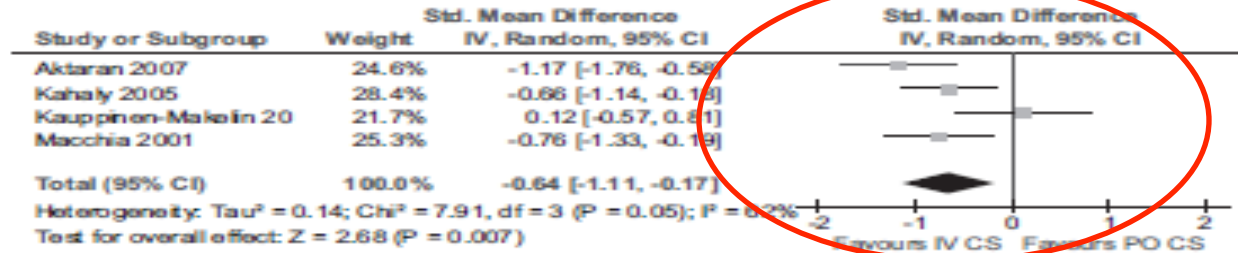
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## Treatment Modalities for Graves' Ophthalmopathy: Systematic Review and Metaanalysis

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IV - intravenous, PO - per os, CS - corticosteroids, CAS - clinical activity score.

**FIG. 2.** Intravenous corticosteroids vs. oral corticosteroids. The outcome was CAS at the end of follow-up. PO, Per os; CS, corticosteroids.

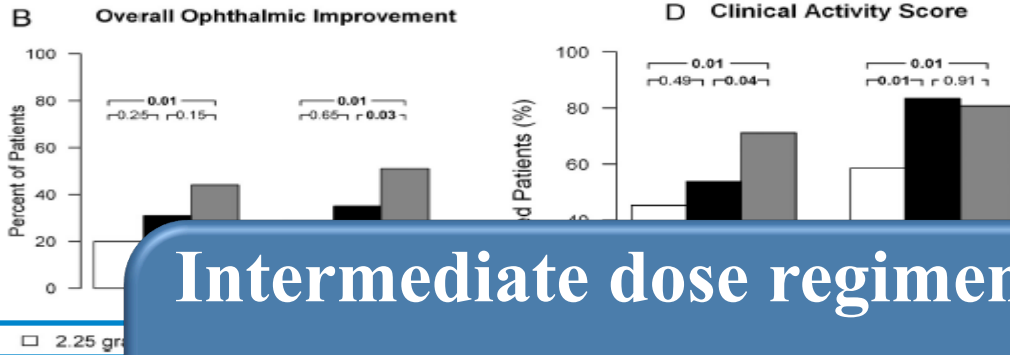


# Steroid treatment: recommendations



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## Efficacy and Safety of Three Different Cumulative Doses of Intravenous Methylprednisolone for Moderate to Severe and Active Graves' Orbitopathy

L. Bartalena, G. E. Krassas, W. Wiersinga, C. Marcocci, M. Salvi, C. Daumerie, C. Bornaud, M. Stahl, L. Sassi, G. Veronesi, C. Azzolini, K. G. Boboridis, M. P. Mourits, M. R. Soeters, L. Baldeschi, M. Nardi, N. Currò, A. Boschi, M. Bernard, and G. von Arx,\* for the European Group on Graves' Orbitopathy

Bartalena et al, *Thyroid*, 2012

Intermediate dose regimen in most cases

High dose regimen reserved to most severe GO patients

## EFFECTS

Severe infection requiring hospitalization <sup>a</sup>	HD	Between 6 and 12 wk
Psychosis	HD	Between 1 and 6 wk
Major depression	HD	Between 6 and 12 wk
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DM, Diabetes mellitus.

<sup>a</sup> Same patient.

Low dose → minor and later effect on eye inflammation; no effect on eye motility, but fewer side effects



# Side effects of steroids



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## Intravenous Glucocorticoids for Graves' Orbitopathy: Efficacy and Morbidity

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First author, year (Ref.)	n	Dosage and treatment protocol	Morbidity		Mortality
			Cardiovascular	Hepatic	
Randomized trials (62, 63, 68) <sup>a</sup>	101	See Table 2	43 (43%) with minor, moderate or major adverse events		
Nonrandomized trials (32, 56, 59) <sup>a</sup>	63	See Table 1	7 (11%) with minor, moderate or major adverse events		
Grand total	1045		68 (6.5%) <sup>b</sup>		6 (0.57%)





# Therapy with steroids



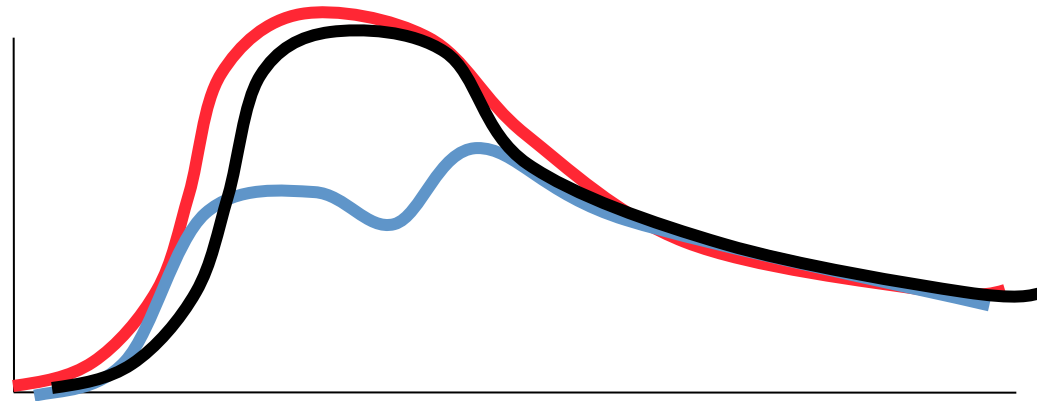
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- relapses common
- ~20% do not respond

**Steroids**

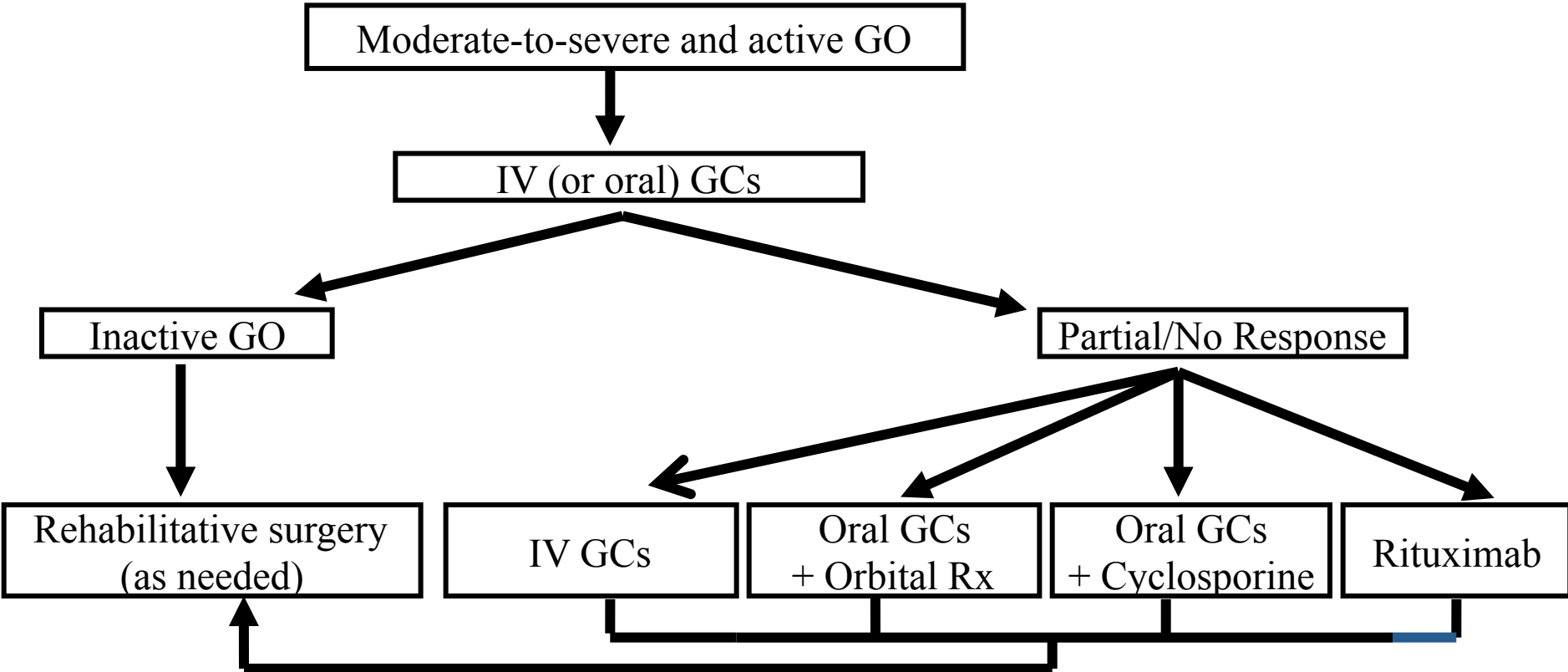
**Severity**



**Time**



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# i.v. steroids + mycophenolate: RCT in GO



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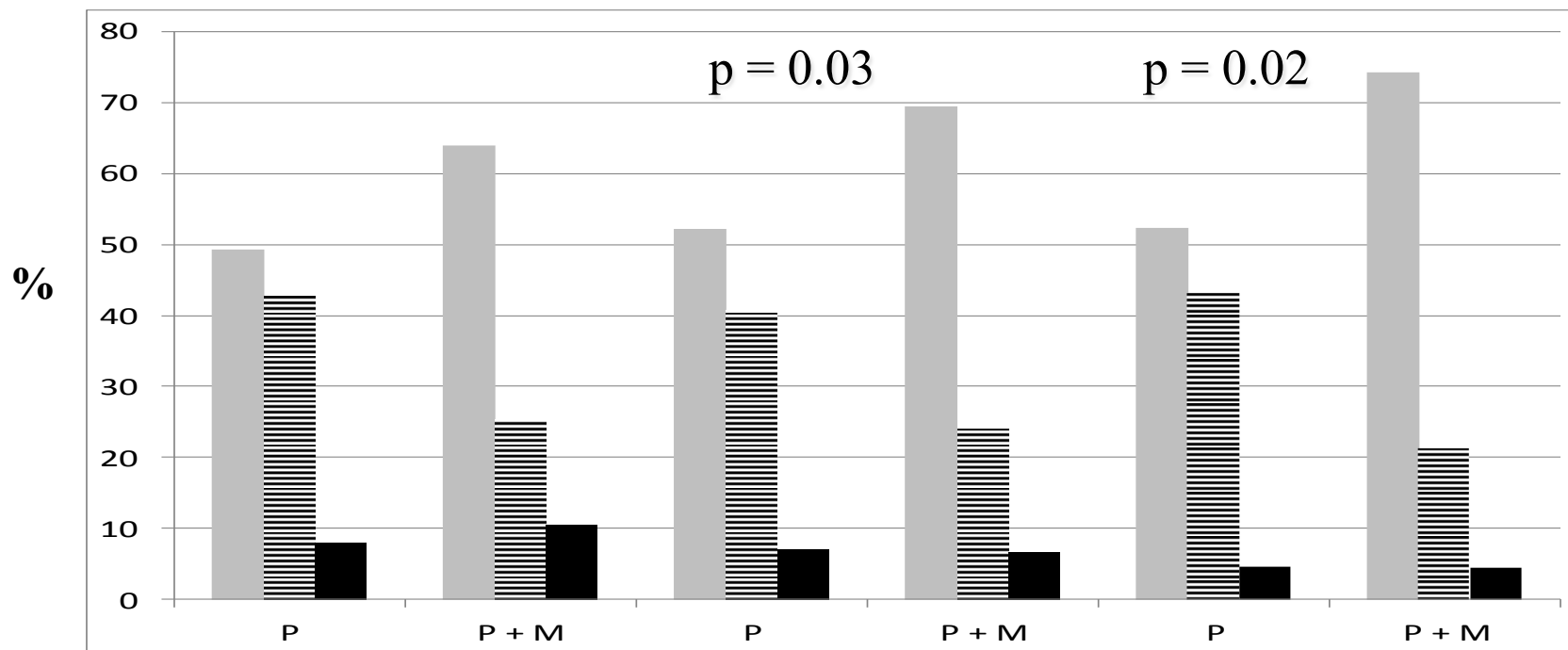


- Improved
- Unchanged
- Worse

Week 12

Week 24

Week 36

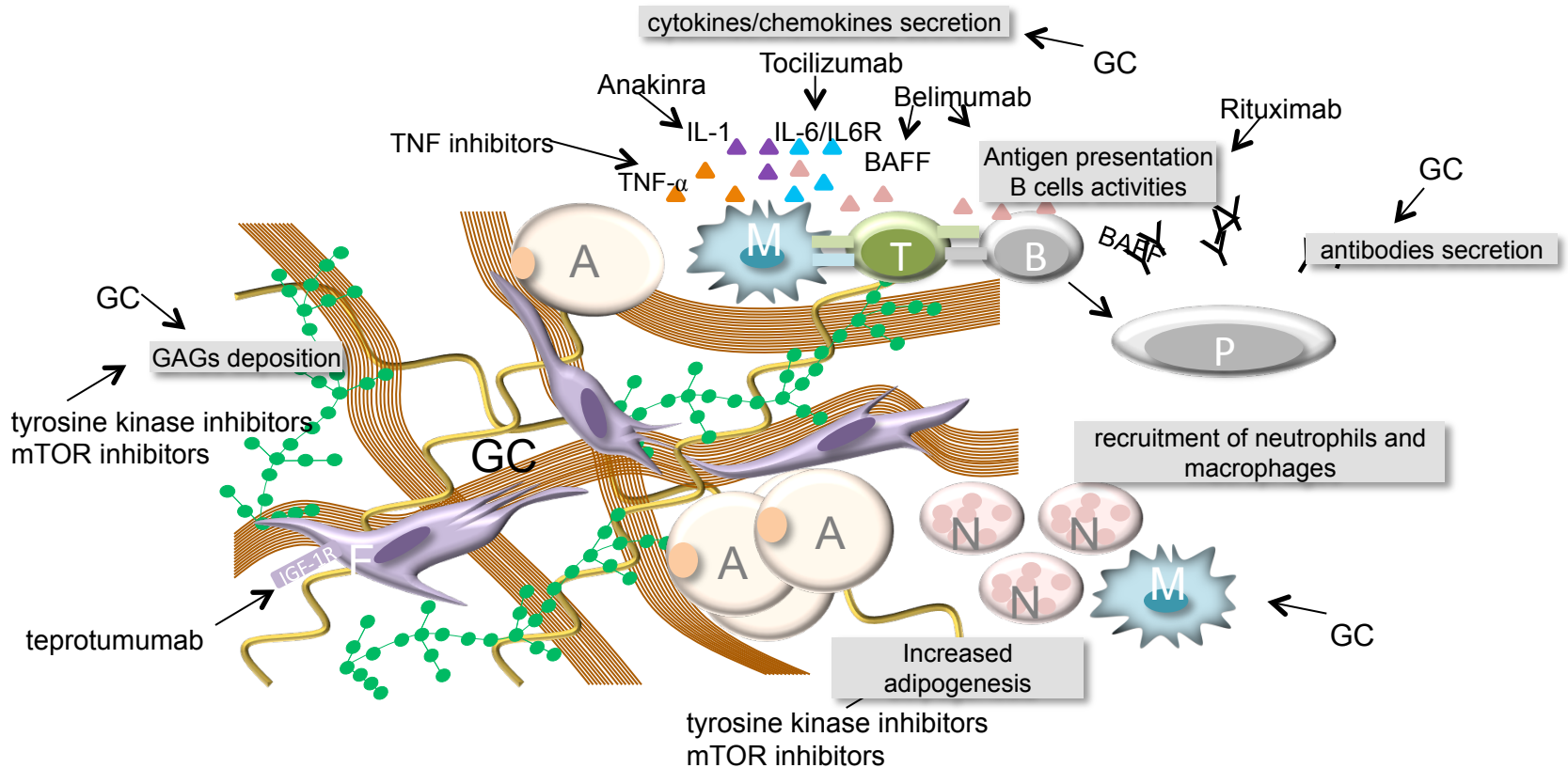


# Targets for immunotherapy



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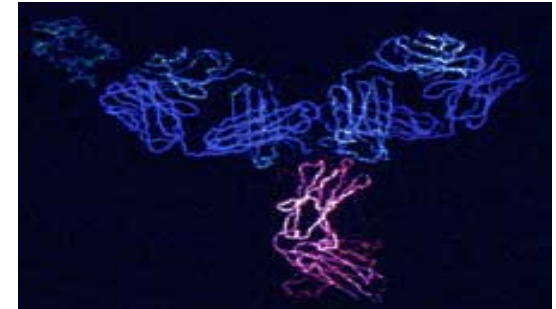
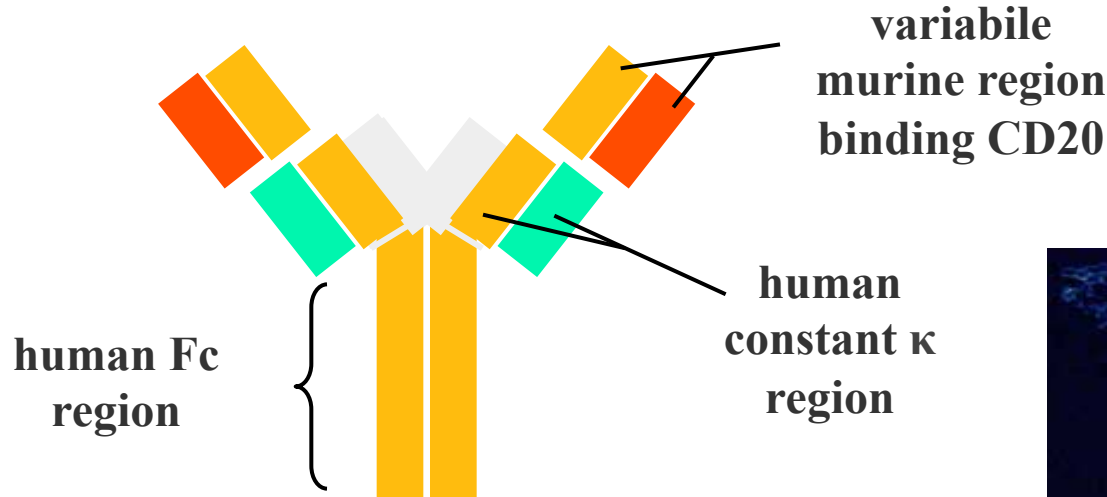




# Rituximab



Chimeric murine/human monoclonal antibody with a human IgG1 constant region and a murine variable region binding to CD 20.





# RCT of RTX vs i.v. steroids in GO

EUDRACT NUMBER 2007-003910-33



32 eligible patients

Randomization (blocks of 4)

i.v. methylprednisolone (IVMP)

N=16

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**Daily dose:** 830 mg/day weekly x 6 weeks, followed by 415 mg/day weekly x 6 weeks  
**Cumulative dose:** 7.5 g

Rituximab (RTX)

N=16

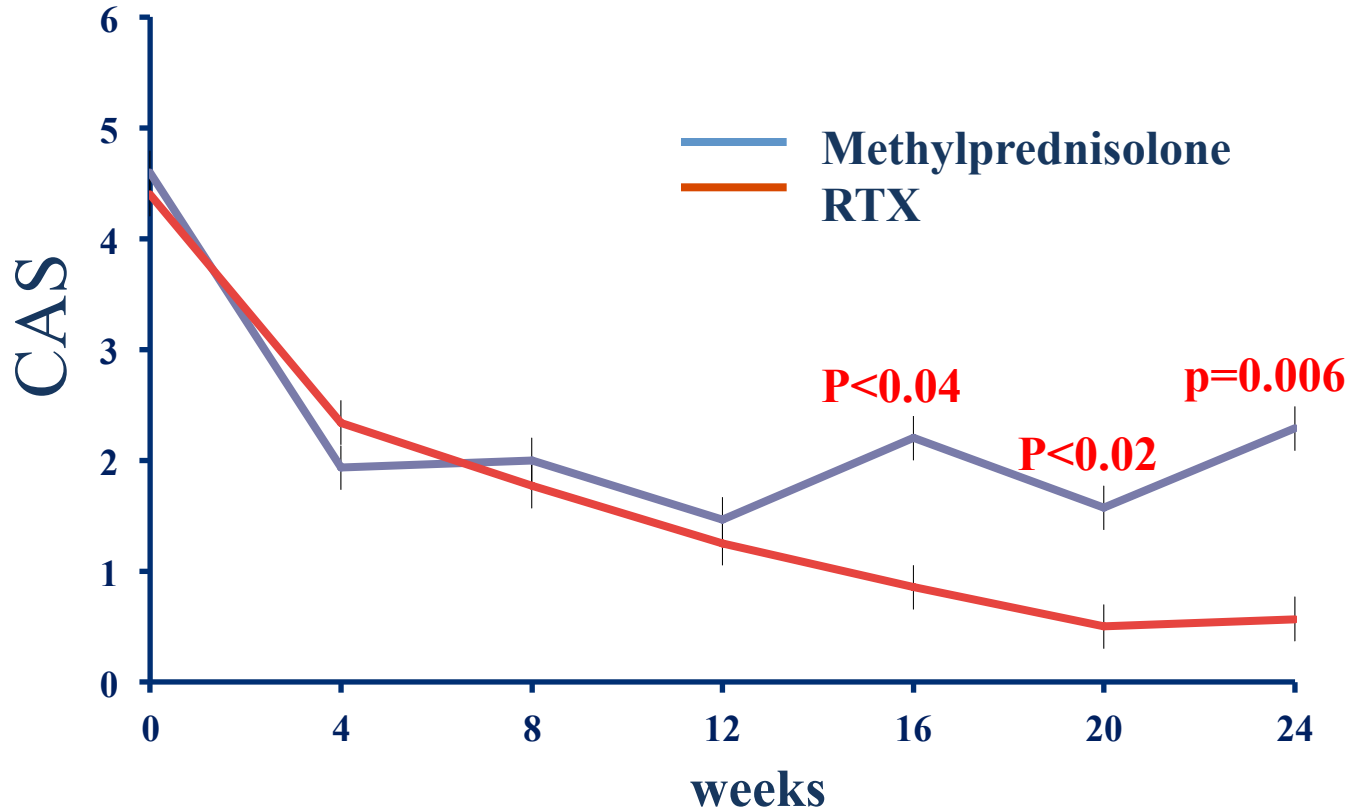
1 patient refused therapy

N=15

<b>Before amendment</b> N=5	Dose: 1000 mg /wk x 2 wks Cumulative dose: 2000 mg
<b>After amendment</b> N=10	Dose: 500 mg, single Cumulative dose: 500 mg

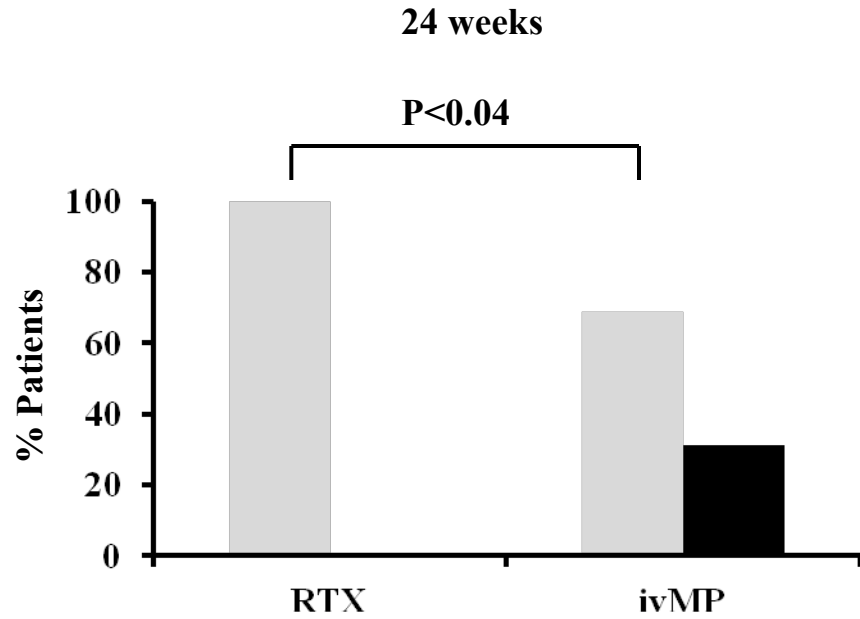
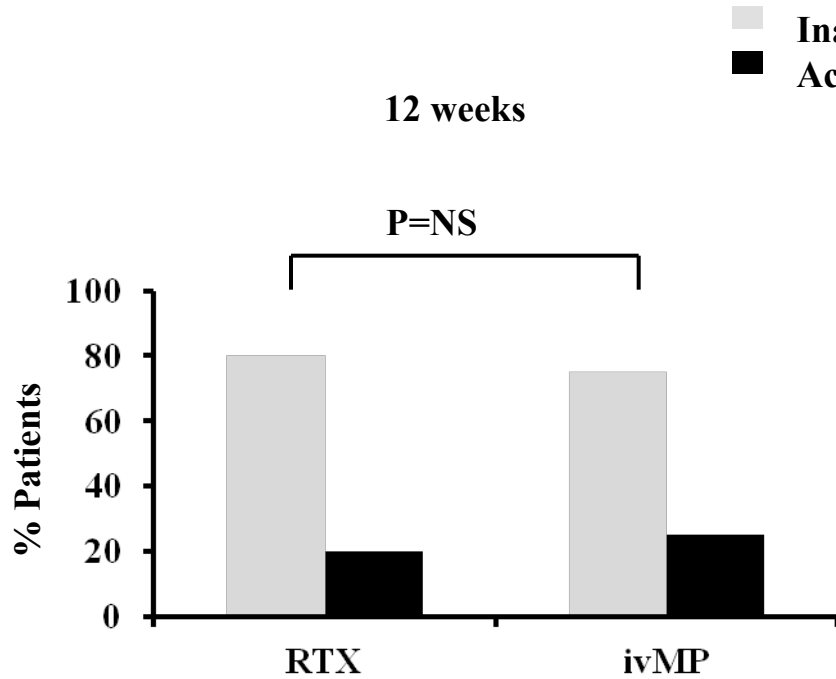


# Decrease of the CAS (primary endpoint)





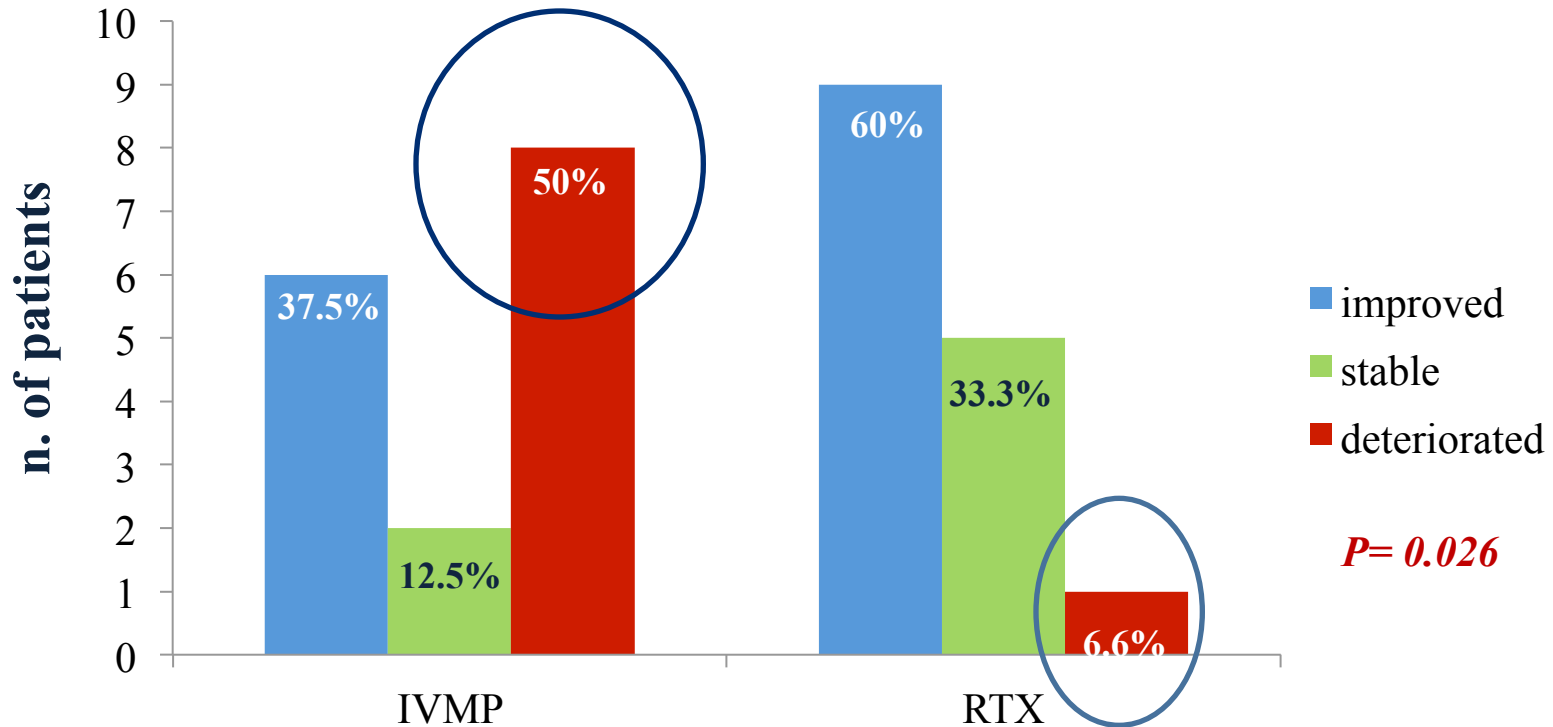
# Disease inactivation (primary end point)







# Overall disease improvement 24 wk (EUGOGO composite score)





# Results – RCT Rituximab

Stan & Salvi, Eur J Endocrinol 2017



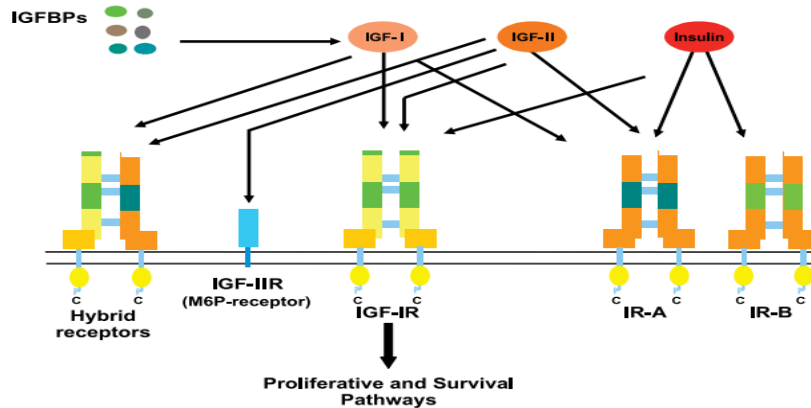
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	Italian study (N=15)	US study (N=13)	Comments
Age (mean, years)	51.9	57.6	Possibly different
Gender (% women)	93	69	Possibly different
Smokers (%)	66.7	15.4	Likely different
GO duration (months)	Mean=4.5±2.9	Mean=30±47.6 Median=12(8.2-27.2)	Likely different
CAS baseline CAS ≥ 4/CAS ≥ 6	Mean=4.4/10±0.7 14/15 and 2/15	Mean=4.9/7±1.0 13/13 and 3/13	Likely same <i>CAS 7 (US, Italy) and 10 (Italy)</i>
GO severity	Moderate-to-severe	Moderate-to-severe + progressive	Likely same
Previous steroid therapy	3/15 (20%) (≥12 weeks prior)	4/13 (31%) (≥8 weeks prior)	Likely same
TRAb (IU/L)	Mean=10.7±9.1	Mean=28.1±23.4 Median=20 (9-60)	Likely different
TRAb > 20	4/15	7/13	Likely same



# Targeting the IGF-1 receptor: *Teprotumumab*



IMC-A12  
RV 001  
AMG 479  
CP-751,871  
h7C10

- ✓ **Monoclonal antibody antagonizing IGF-1R**
- ✓ **Inhibiting IGF-1 and IGF2 binding to the receptor**

**Previously employed in sarcomas and other solid tumors**



# Teprotumumab Phase 2 RCT in Active GO



Sponsor: River Vision Development Corporation

**ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier:** NCT01868997

- ✓ Double blind versus placebo phase 2 study
- ✓ Randomization is 1:1 (RV001 and placebo) stratified by smoking status.

## Three phases

96 patients in US and UE:

1. A screening phase
2. Treatment (6 months) 10mg/kg → 20mg/kg every 3 weeks
3. A follow-up phase of 12 months with no treatment.



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# Teprotumumab Phase 2 RCT in Active GO



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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Teprotumumab for Thyroid-Associated Ophthalmopathy

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Smith at al, NEJM, May 4, 2017



# Teprotumumab Phase 2 RCT in Active GO



**Primary end point:** 29/42 (69%) Teprotumumab  
9/45 (20%) Placebo **P<0.001**

