

Luncheon Symposium 1

# The important components for treating asthma

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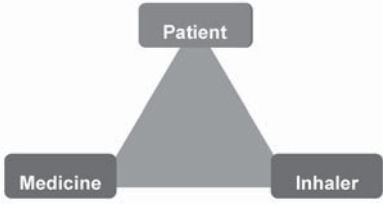



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**The important components**

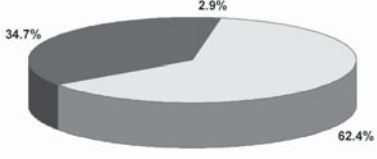


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**AIRIAP 2: control levels in Asia**




■ Controlled ■ Partly controlled ■ Uncontrolled



**Total respondents (n=4,805)**

Lai CKW et al. Respirology 2011;16:688-97



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### Why is it so important to understand the patient experience of asthma?

- Successful asthma management requires a good partnership between patients and HCPs; a shared language and understanding is vital<sup>1</sup>
- The European REALISE survey (n=8000) published in 2014 highlighted a disconnection between patients' perceptions of their asthma and guideline-defined levels of control<sup>1</sup>
  - Of those who considered their asthma controlled, 55.5% had experienced symptoms that interfered with normal activities and 52.5% had awoken at night owing to asthma in the previous week<sup>1</sup>

1. Price D et al. NPJ Prim Care Respir Med 2014;24:14059.

### Overview of symptoms experienced by patients<sup>2</sup>

Symptom	Focus groups (n=18) n (%)	Interviews (n=21) n (%)
Shortness of breath	7 (39)	20 (95)
Wheezing	7 (39)	18 (86)
Coughing	4 (22)	14 (67)
Chest tightness	4 (22)	14 (67)
Flare ups	0	12 (57)
Back/chest/lung pain	0	6 (29)
Coughing up mucus	0	3 (14)
Tiredness	0	2 (10)
Lack of energy	0	2 (10)
Chest infections	0	2 (10)

Within the group setting, many patients downplayed their symptoms and were less likely to admit to them. When probed individually, however, they were more likely to admit to having symptoms

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### Aspects of quality of life most commonly reported as impacted by asthma<sup>2</sup>

Aspect	Focus groups (n=18)	Interviews (n=21)
Exercise / activities / sport	85	71
Sleep	78	76
Embarrassment / stigma / self-consciousness / identity	78	43
Functioning (walking / stairs)	22	57
Fear / panic	44	38
Social life	28	38
Other issues e.g. pets / smoking	28	14

Aspects of quality of life most commonly impacted by asthma were exercise / activities / sports and sleep

Only data for HRQL aspects reported by >25% of patients in either focus groups or interviews are included.

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### Attributes of an ideal treatment<sup>2</sup>

Attribute	Patients (%)
Ease of use	17
Improves sleep	16
Speed of effect	15
Length of relief	12
Frequency of dosage	6
Reliability	2
Impact on children	2
Cost of treatment	1
Allows me to be 'normal'	1
Improves ability to exercise	1

Almost half of all participants wanted a treatment that was more effective at night, referring to a desire for better sleep

Most participants wanted the effects of their medication to last longer. They wanted longer periods of being well, and a chance to get on with life

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### The important components

Siciliano et al. Adv Ther 2015; 32:285-292

### The puzzle of asthma

The pieces are coming together but do not make a single picture  
Asthma may not be a single disease/ has a number of phenotypes

### New directions in asthma

**Asthma as a collection of endotypes (biologically related subtypes)**

*"Endotype.....is a subtype of disease defined functionally and pathologically by a molecular mechanism or by treatment response"*

*"Asthma is likely to have several specific endotypes associated with distinct clinical features, divergent underlying molecular causes, and distinct treatment responses"*

Anderson GP. Lancet 2008; 372: 1107-19

### Inflammation in asthma

Adapted from Brusselle G, et al Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2014;11:S322-S328.

### Biomarkers of Type 2 Inflammation

**Sputum eosinophils**

- Early marker for steroid responsiveness (absence = poor response)
- Marker of IL-5 importance

**Blood eosinophils**

- Surrogate biomarker for eosinophilic inflammation in asthma
- Relatively easy to obtain
- Cut-off used in clinical trials ranged between 150 and 300 cells/ $\mu$ L

Wan XC & Woodruff PG. Immunol Allergy Clin North Am 2016; 36(3): 547-57

### There are two long-term goals of asthma management<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> From the Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention, Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) 2015. Available from: <http://www.ginasthma.org/> (Accessed 14 July 2015)

### Goals of asthma treatment can be achieved by reducing the key components of asthma

AHR: airway hyperresponsiveness

1. Ozier et al. J Allergy 2011;742710

### Epithelial repair following inhaled steroid treatment

– Electron microscopic section: biopsy specimen from airway

– 12 week, randomised, double blind study to compare effect of ICS vs SABA (n=14). ICS improved lung function and airway inflammation (p<0.05). There was an observed increased number of ciliated airway cells nerves and reduced inflammatory cells, including eosinophils, with ICS.

Adapted from Latinen et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol 1992; 90: 32-42

### Asthma airway remodelling

Courtesy of Prof Judy Black

### Airway Remodelling in Asthma

Mechanisms not well understood

- Reflection of severe disease ?<sup>1</sup>
- Cause for progressive decline of lung function?
- Reflection of undertreatment, poor control ?

1. James AL et al. Eur Respir J 2009; 34: 1040-1045

### Treatment of airway remodelling in asthma

- Corticosteroids
- Reduce basement membrane thickening after 3-9 months<sup>1</sup>
- Reduce sputum eosinophils, periostin and wall thickness measured by imaging after 4 months<sup>2</sup>
- Reduce long-term loss of FEV<sub>1</sub><sup>3</sup>

1. Ward C et al. Thorax 2002; 57:309-16 2. Hoshino M et al. Respirology 2016; 21: 297-303 3. Haahela T et al. N Engl J Med 1994; 331: 700-5

### Airway Hyperresponsiveness

Predicts:

- Risk of development of asthma and COPD<sup>1</sup>
- Risk of exacerbations<sup>2</sup>
- Decline of lung function<sup>2</sup>
- Associated with severity of asthma<sup>3</sup>

1. Brutsche MH et al. Thorax 2006. Thorax 61; 671-677, 2. Leuppi JD et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2001; 163: 406-412, 3. Woolcock AJ et al. Am Rev Respir Dis 1984; 130: 71-75

### Time course of gaining asthma control


Woolcock AJ Clin Exp Allergy Rev 2001; 1: 62-4.

### Using biomarkers to gain asthma control

- Symptoms and exacerbations<sup>1</sup>
- AHR<sup>2</sup>
- FeNO<sup>3</sup>
- Sputum cells<sup>4</sup>


TH<sub>2</sub> Phenotype

1. Bateman et al. Am J Respir Crit care Med 2004; 170: 836-850 2. Sont et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med 1999; 159: 1043-1051 3. Smith et al. N Engl J Med 2005; 352: 2163-2173 4. Petsky et al. Thorax 2012; 67: 199-208

**Summary** 

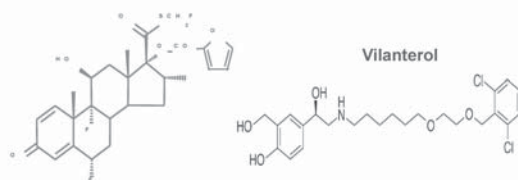
ICS is the mainstay treatment for:

- airway inflammation
- remodelling
- hyperresponsiveness

**Fluticasone furoate (FF) and Vilanterol trifenate (VI)**   
ICS/LABA once daily combination

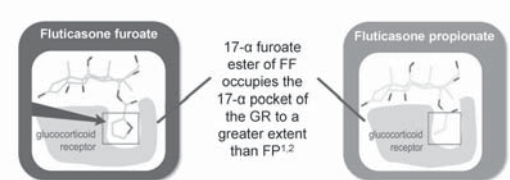
**Fluticasone furoate**

**Vilanterol**



**Fluticasone furoate exhibits greater occupancy of ligand binding domain of the GR than fluticasone propionate**

**More Effective contact between FF ligand binding domain of GR**



Fluticasone furoate


17- $\alpha$  furoate ester of FF occupies the 17- $\alpha$  pocket of the GR to a greater extent than FP<sup>1,2</sup>

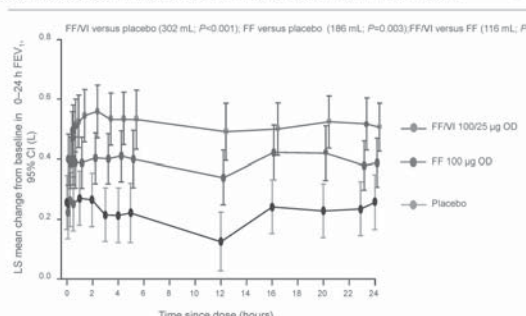
Fluticasone propionate

glucocorticoid receptor

FF, Fluticasone furoate; FP, Fluticasone propionate; GR, glucocorticoid receptor

1. Biggs et al. *Am J Respir Cell Mol Biol* 2007;36 (Suppl 1):A91-2.  
2. Biggs et al. *J Med Chem* 2008;51:3348-52.

**Continuous 24-hour improvement in lung function**   
Co-primary endpoint: Mean change from baseline 0-24 hour FEV<sub>1</sub> at week 12




FF/VI versus placebo (302 mL, P=0.001); FF versus placebo (196 mL, P=0.003); FF/VI versus FF (116 mL, P=0.06)

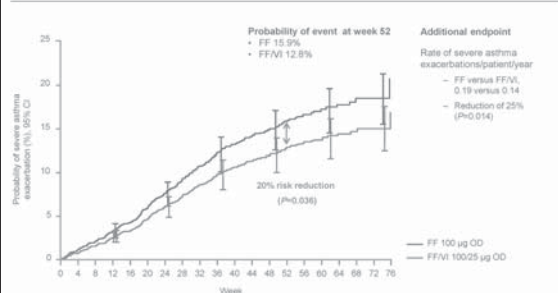
LS mean change from baseline in 0-24 h FEV<sub>1</sub>, 95% CI (L)

Time since dose (hours)

Legend: FF/VI 100/25 µg OD, FF 100 µg OD, Placebo

Adapted from Blocker et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract* 2014;2:553-61.

**Reduced risk of severe exacerbation with FF/VI versus FF alone**   
Time to first severe asthma exacerbation



Probability of severe asthma exacerbation (%), 95% CI

Week

Legend: FF 100 µg OD, FF/VI 100/25 µg OD

Probability of event at week 52

- FF 15.9%
- FF/VI 12.8%

Additional endpoint


Rate of severe asthma exacerbations/patient/year

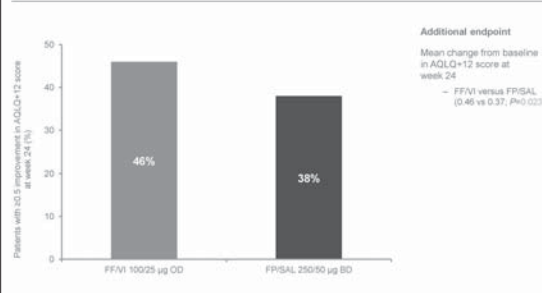
- FF versus FF/VI, 0.19 versus 0.14
- Reduction of 25% (P=0.014)

20% risk reduction (P=0.036)

See proportional hazards model

Adapted from Barnes et al. *Thorax* 2014;69:12-8

**Clinically meaningful improvement in QoL more likely with FF/VI\***   
Patients with AQLQ+12 score  $\geq 0.5$  at week 24



Patients with AQLQ+12 score  $\geq 0.5$  at week 24 (%)

Legend: FF/VI 100/25 µg OD, FF/SAL 250/50 µg BO

Additional endpoint

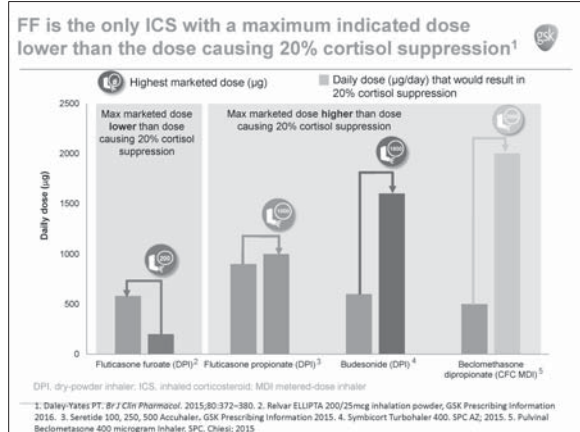
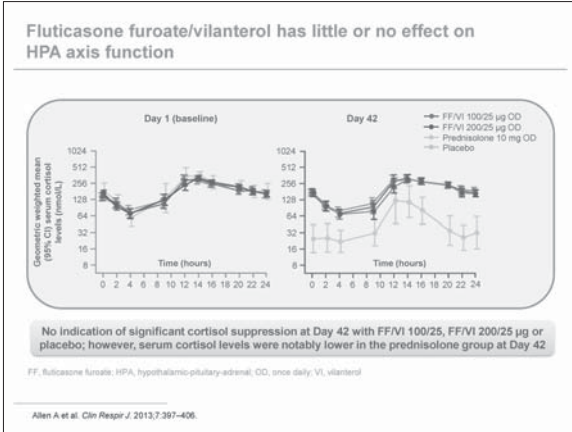
Mean change from baseline in AQLQ+12 score at week 24

- FF/VI versus FF/SAL (0.46 vs 0.37, P=0.023)

\*This is an analysis of a head-to-head study in which the primary efficacy endpoint (0-24 h and FEV<sub>1</sub>) was not met

Woodcock et al. *Chest* 2013;144:1222-6





### Adverse event profile of Relvar Ellipta (once daily) compare with an existing ICS/LABA (twice daily)?

On treatment adverse events  $\geq 3\%$  in any treatment group

Event	Breo Ellipta 100/25mcg OD pm (n=403)	Seretide Acc 250/50mcg BID (n=403)
Nasopharyngitis	46 (11)	46 (11)
Headache	34 (8)	41 (10)
URTI	26 (6)	16 (4)
Cough	15 (4)	13 (3)
Back pain	11 (3)	11 (3)
Oropharyngeal pain	11 (3)	9 (2)
Sinusitis	12 (3)	7 (2)
Pyrexia	13 (3)	5 (1)
Productive cough	11 (3)	5 (1)
Treatment-related AEs (any)	19 (5)	15 (4)

AE, adverse event; BID, twice-daily; OD, once-daily; URTI, upper respiratory tract infection.  
1. Adapted from Woodcock A et al. Chest 2014; 144:1222-1229

### GINA classification of inhaled steroids, 2016

Low, medium and high daily doses of ICS, as defined in GINA 2016

Inhaled corticosteroid	Daily doses (µg) in adults and adolescents ( $\geq 12$ years)		
	Low	Medium	High
Beclomethasone dipropionate (CFC)	200-500	>500-1000	>1000
Beclomethasone dipropionate (HFA)	100-200	>200-400	>400
Budesonide (DPI)	200-400	>400-800	>800
Ciclesonide (HFA)	80-160	>160-320	>320
Fluticasone furoate (DPI)	100	N/A	200
Fluticasone propionate (DPI)	100-250	>250-500	>500
Fluticasone propionate (HFA)	100-250	>250-500	>500
Mometasone furoate	110-220	>220-440	>440
Triamcinolone acetonide	400-1000	>1000-2000	>2000

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