

# Traitement des hypercortisolismes

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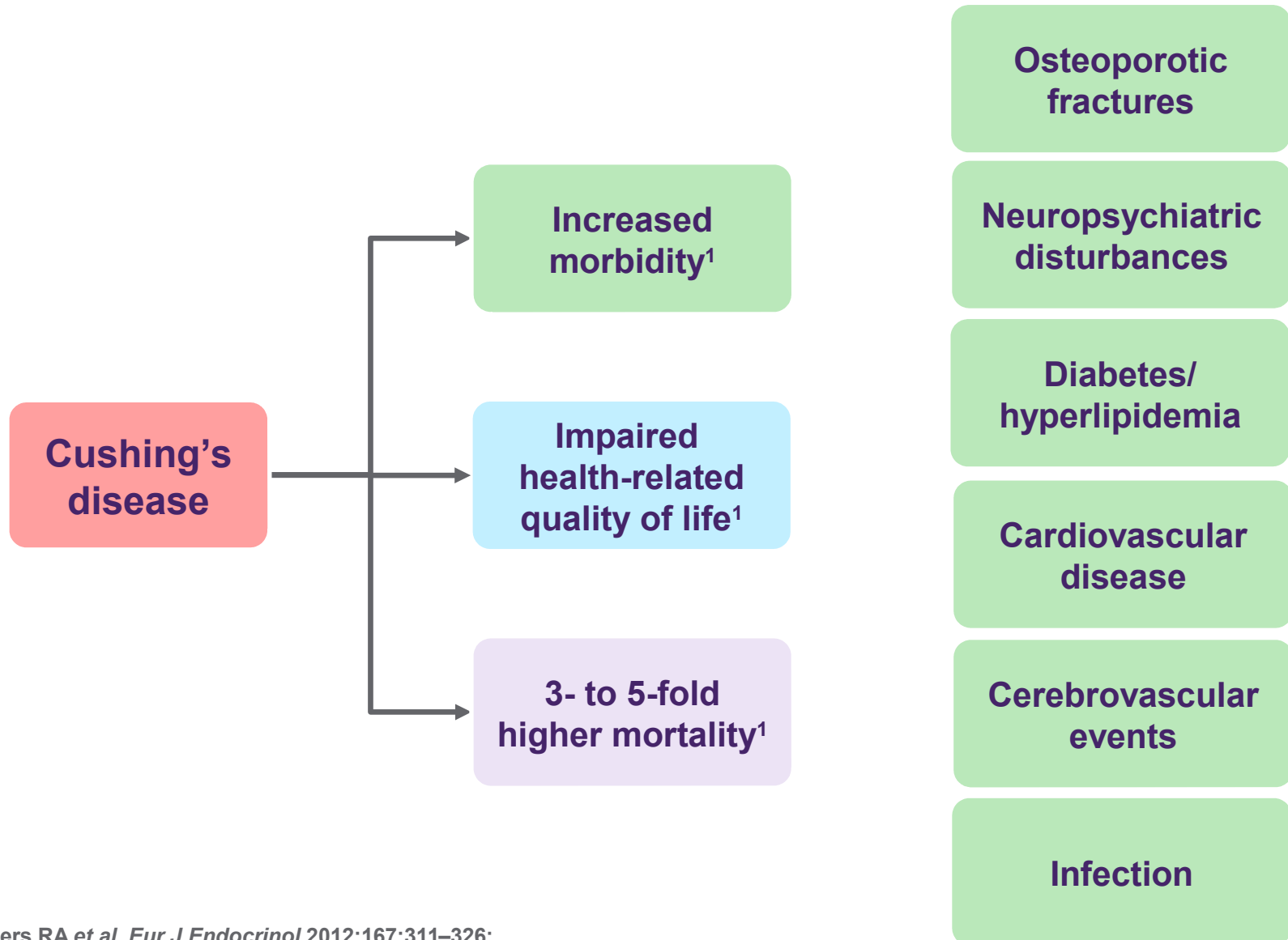


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# Etapes du diagnostic de syndrome de Cushing

- Mettre en évidence l'hypercortisolisme chronique
- **Etablir l'ACTH-dépendance du syndrome**
- **Mettre en évidence la tumeur à l'origine du syndrome**

# Consequences of Cushing's disease

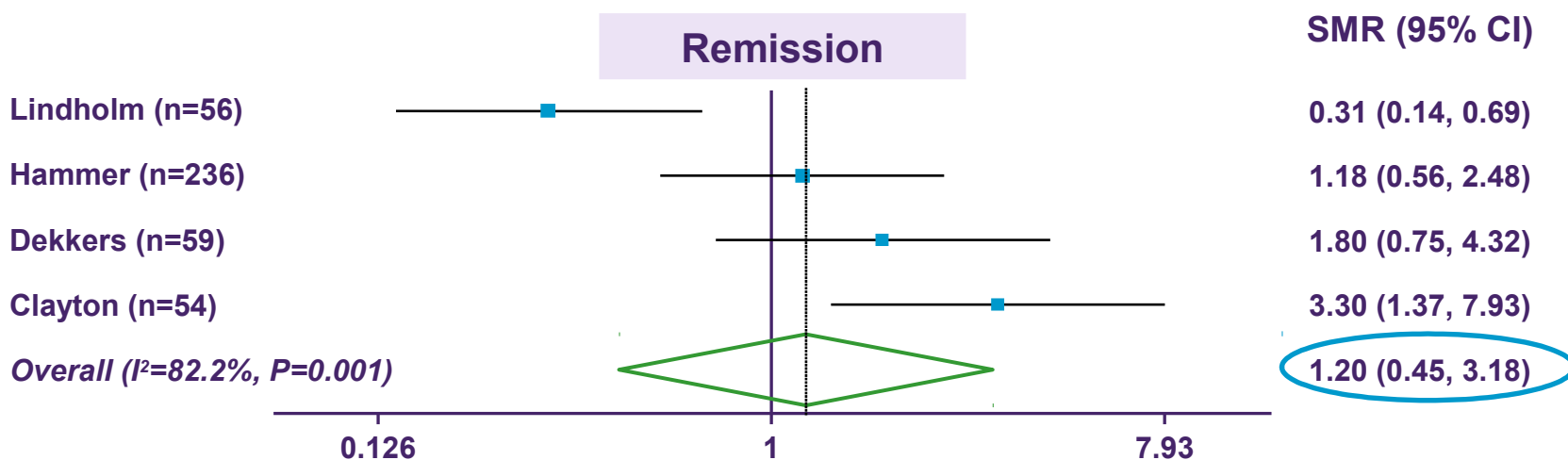
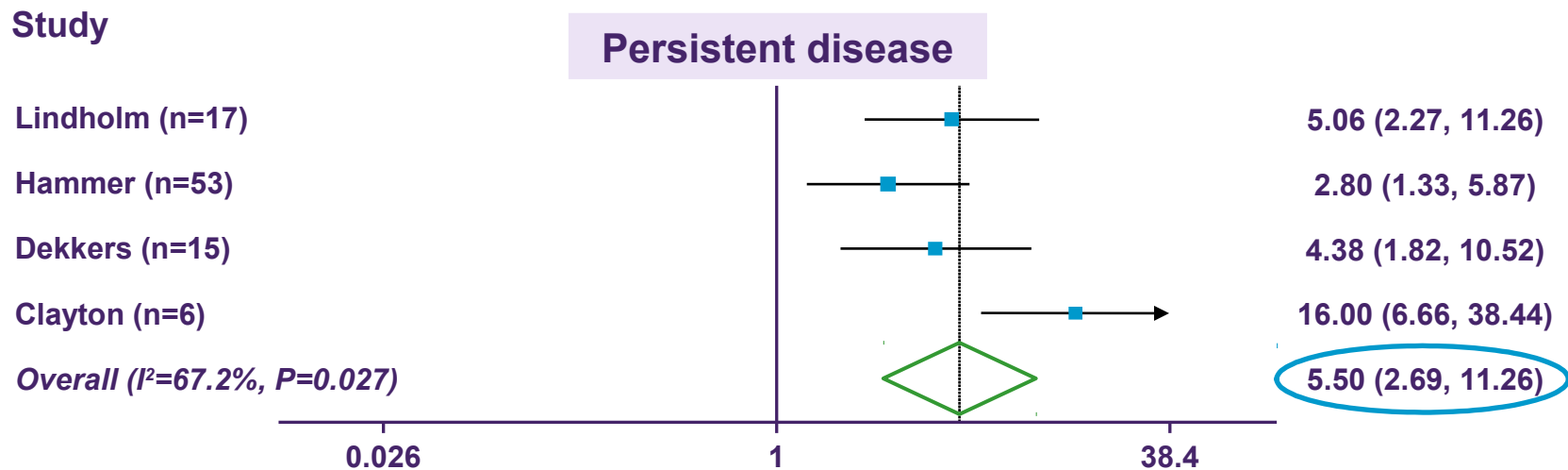


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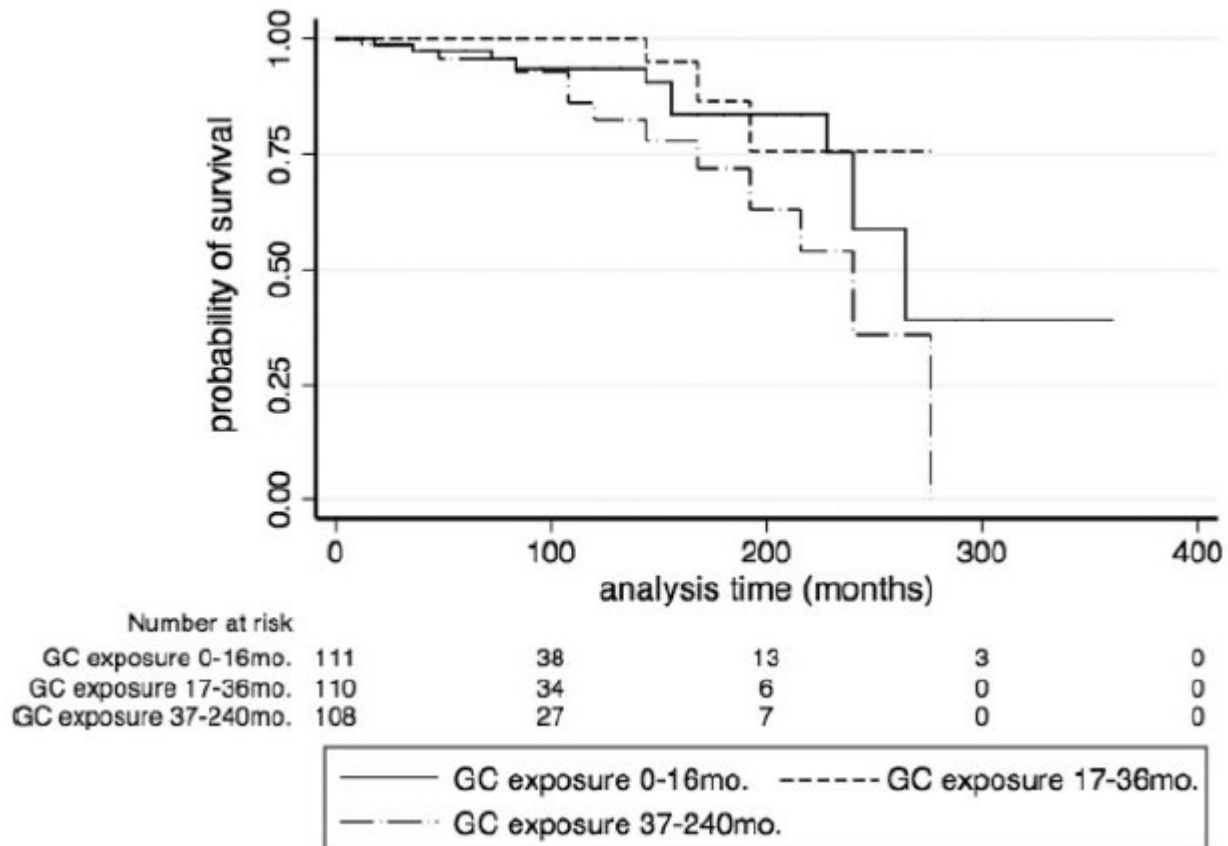
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# Patients with persistent Cushing's disease have higher rates of morbidity and mortality

## Study



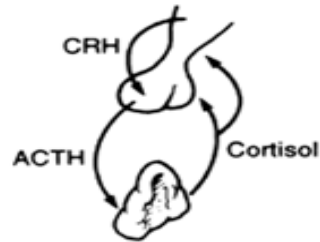
# Prognosis Factors in Cushing's Disease



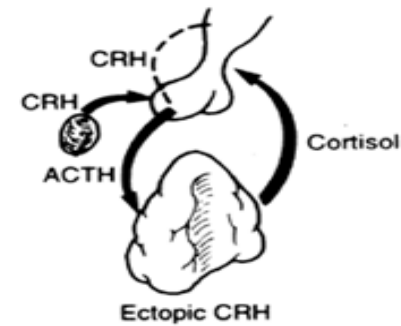
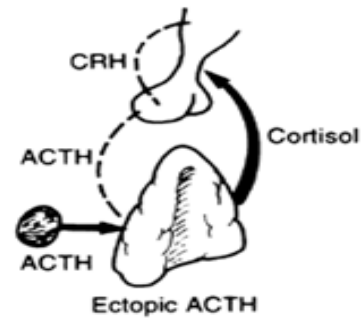
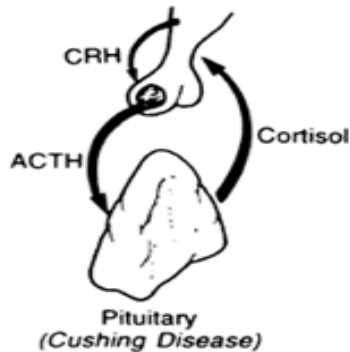
*Lambert J et al. JCEM 2013*

# Etiologies du syndrome de Cushing

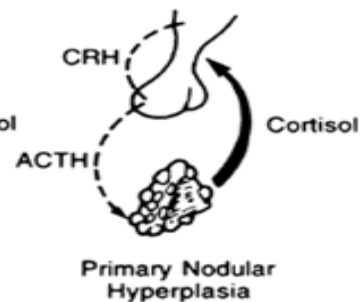
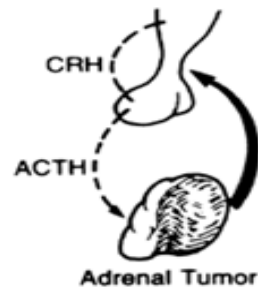
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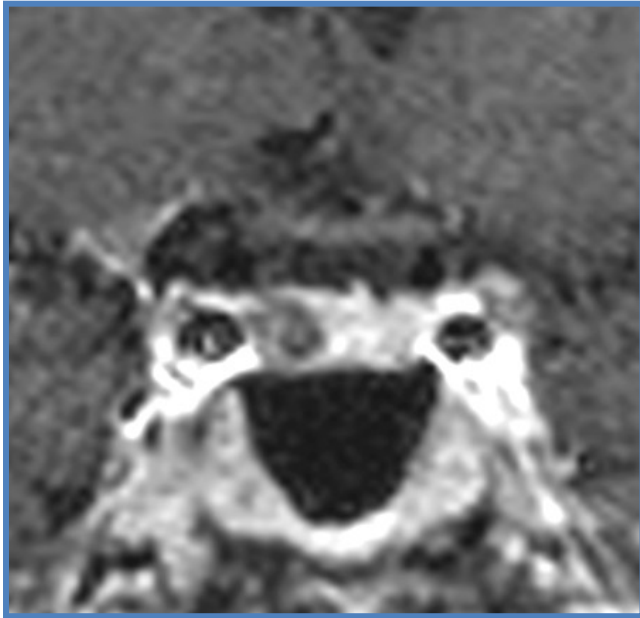
## ACTH-DEPENDENT



## ACTH-INDEPENDENT

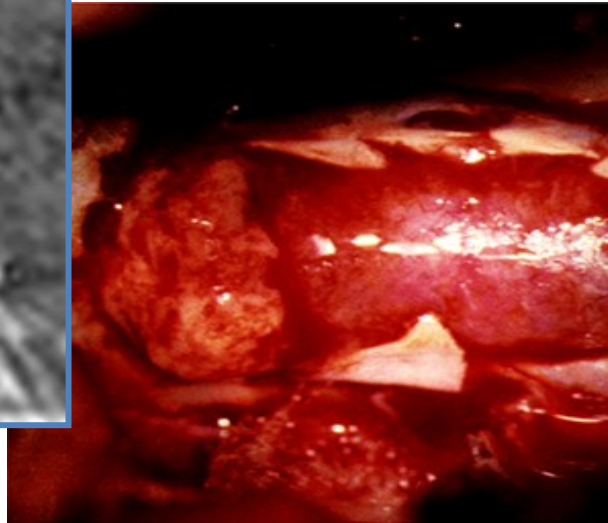


# Le cas idéal...

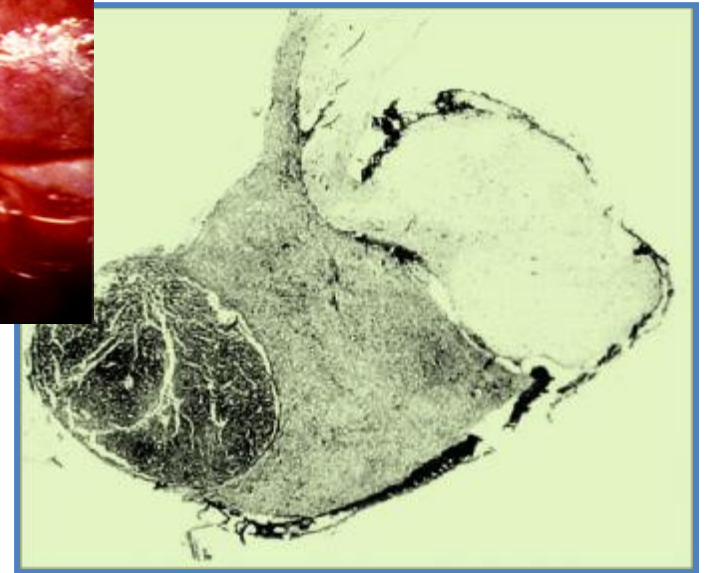


**Microadenoma**

**'Intra-operative'  
visualization**



**Histological  
confirmation**



# However, in real

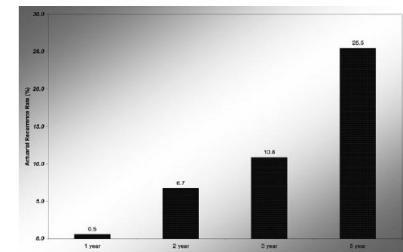
## life....

### Not always feasible

### Not always successful

- Initial success rate 60–90% in patients with a microadenoma
- Remission rates lower (<65%) in patients with a macroadenoma

### Not always lasting



Patil et al., JCEM 2008



# Traitement Etiologique du syndrome de Cushing

✓ ***Yes, but....Pas toujours possible :***

- **EAS occulte ou inopérable**

*Ejaz 2011 (N = 43) : 67 %*

*Isidori 2006 (N = 40): 70%*

*Ilias 2005 (N = 90): 54%*

*Aniszewski 2001(N = 106): 88%*

- **ACC non résequable en totalité (stade III et IV)**

*Stade III et IV : Abiven 2006: 43 % Fasnacht 2009 : 56%*

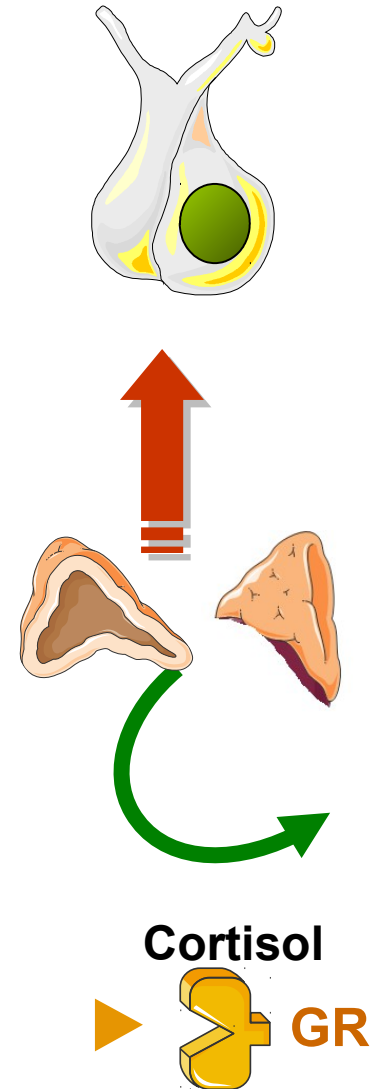
- **Morbidité de la chir transphénoïdale dans le contexte des hypercortisolismes intenses..**

# Therapeutic Tools

- ✓ **Surgery**
- ✓ **Pituitary Radiotherapy**
- ✓ **Medical Targeting** (cabergoline, pasireotide)

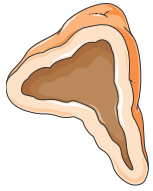
- ✓ **Steroïdogenesis Inhibitors**  
(ketoconazole, metyrapone, LCI 699)
- ✓ **Bilat Adrenalectomy**  
op'DDD , Surgery

- ✓ **GR Inhibition**  
Mifepristone

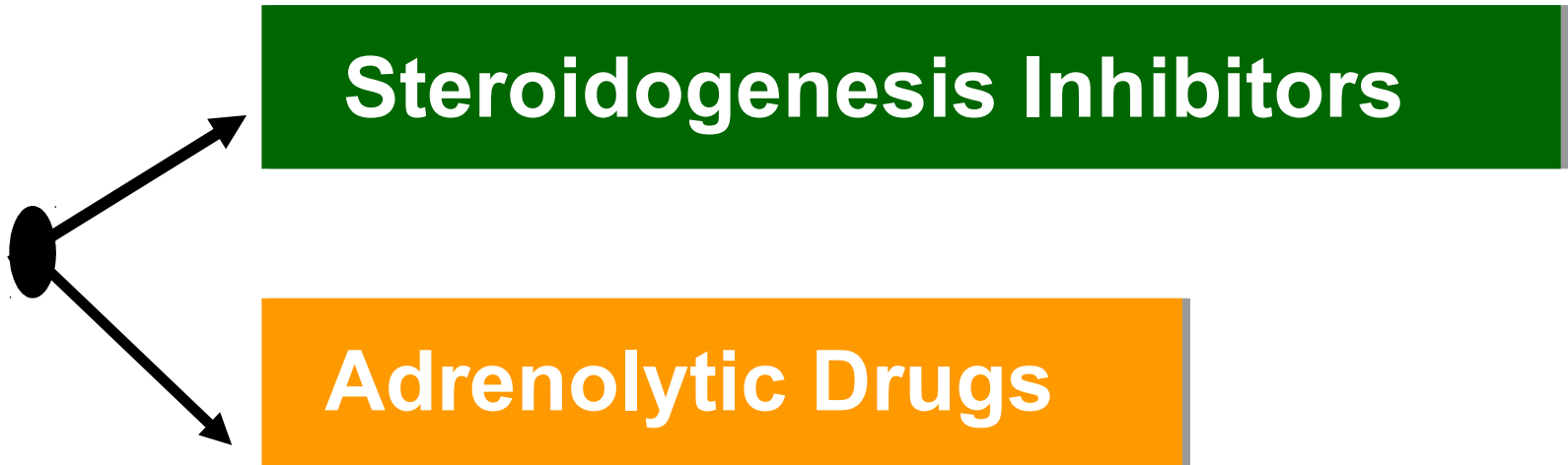


# Medical Treatment of Hypercortisolism

- ✓ **Rare Disease : very few evidence based data...**
  - Retrospective evaluations
  - Heterogeneous cohorts
  - Limited number of patients
  - Variable criteria of judgement
  
- ✓ **Lack of control group or reference treatment**
  
- ✓ **Possible « side effect »...**  
**.....Adrenal Insufficiency**

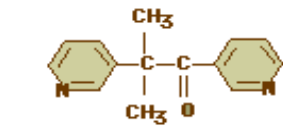
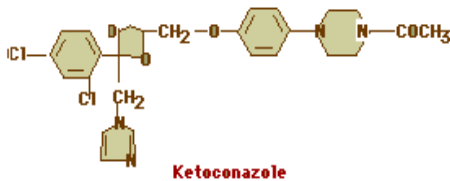


# Medical Therapies Directed at the Adrenal Glands

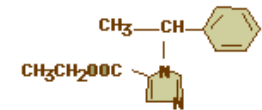
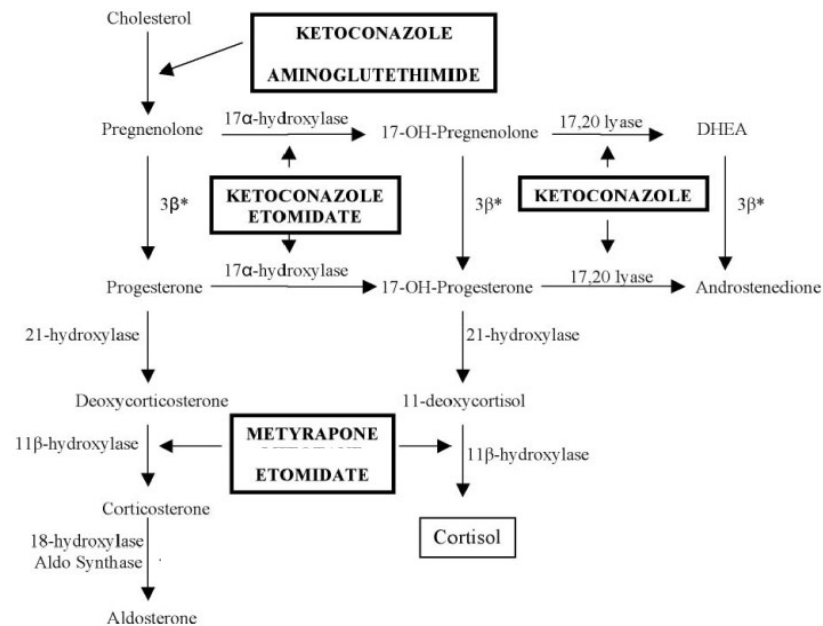


# Steroidogenesis inhibitors

- Metyrapone, Ketoconazole, Etomidate, LCI699
- Rapid effect (hours to day)
- Do not restore circadian rhythm of cortisol
- Rare escape Phenomenon ?
- *Two Strategies : titration vs block and replace*



Metyrapone

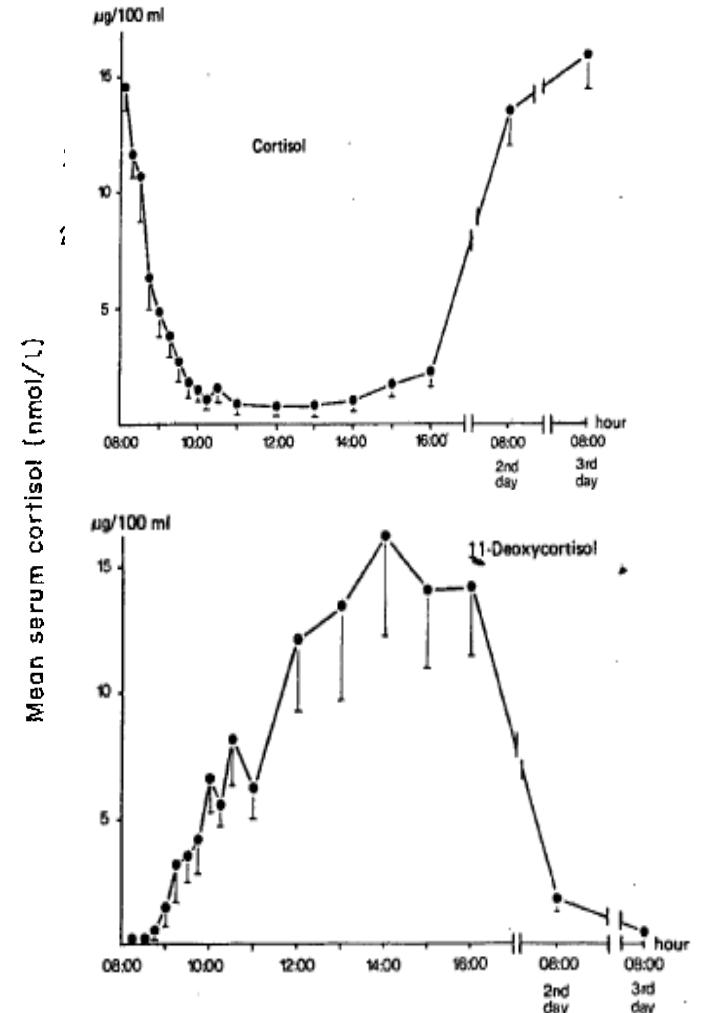


Etomidate



# Metyrapone

- 53 patients treated for 1-16 weeks
- Within 2 h decrease in cortisol levels
- 75 % controlled with 500 to 6000 mg/d (m = 2.25 mg/d)
- Side effects :
  - Hypokalemie / oedema 5-10%
  - Nausea / Abd discomfort: 13%
  - Acne 40%
- Assay interference with 11 deoxyF



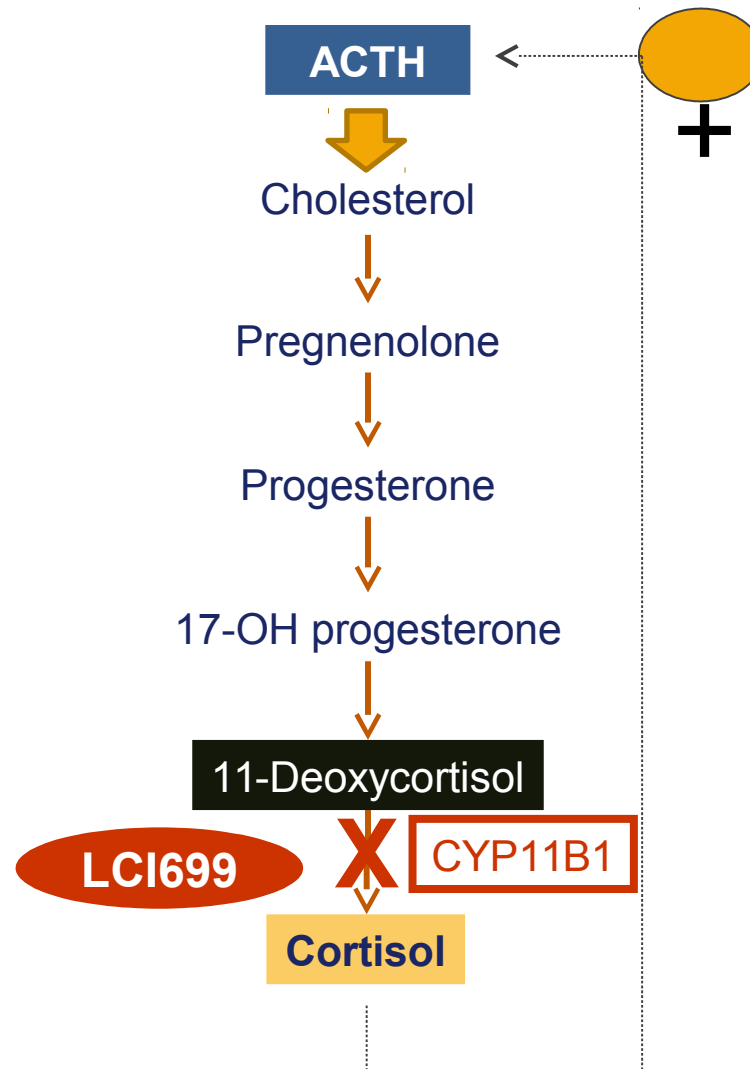
*Schönhöfer M et al,  
J Endocr Invest, 1980*

*Verhelst et al. , Clin Endocrinol 1991*



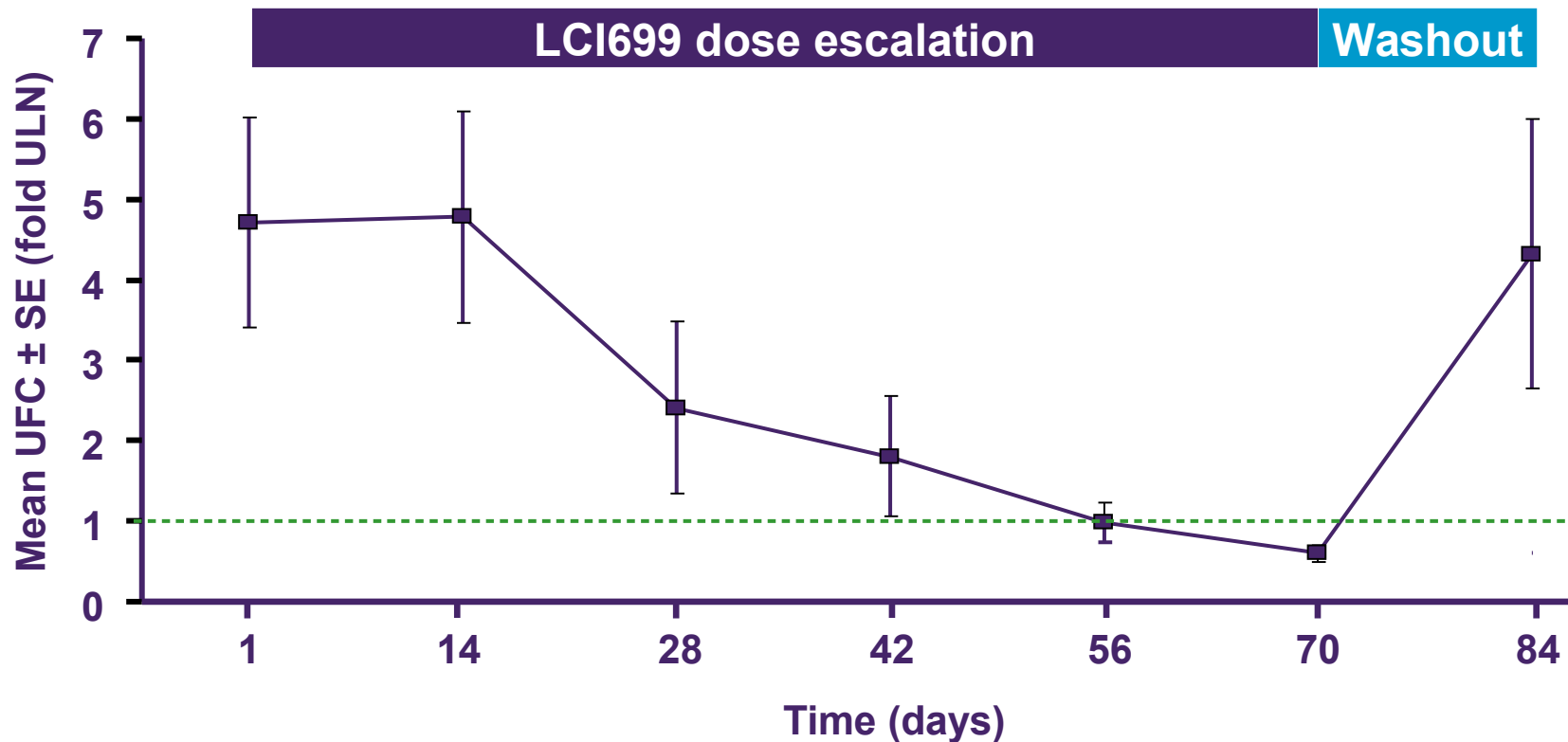
# LCI699

(Fasciculata/Reticularis)



# Mean UFC levels decreased during LCI699 treatment

- 11/12 (92%) had normal urinary cortisol at day 70
- Urinary cortisol normalized in all 12 patients at least once





# Safety of LCI699

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- All patients experienced at least one AE during treatment
  - Most AEs were mild to moderate on the short-term...
- **LCI699 is super-metyrapone : .**
  - **LCI699 is more potent than metyrapone ( $IC_{50}$  approximately 2.5 vs 7.5 nM)**
  - **longer plasma half-life (approximately 4 vs 2 h), suggesting that twice daily dosing should suffice**



# Ketoconazole

- French retrospective multicenter study reviewing data from 200 patients
- At the last follow-up, **49.3% of patients had normal UFC levels** (25.6% had at least a 50% decrease)
- Median final dose of ketoconazole was 600 mg/d.
- 20% treated prior to surgery : 48.7% had normal UFC and 50% showed **improvement of hypertension, hypokalemia, and diabetes**
- 20.5% stopped the treatment due to intolerance. **Major liver intolerance in 2.5% of patients.** No fatal hepatitis was observed.



# Etomidate

European Journal of Endocrinology (2012) 167 137–143

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REVIEW

THErapy IN ENDOCRINE DISEASE

## **Etomidate in the management of hypercortisolaemia in Cushing's syndrome: a review**

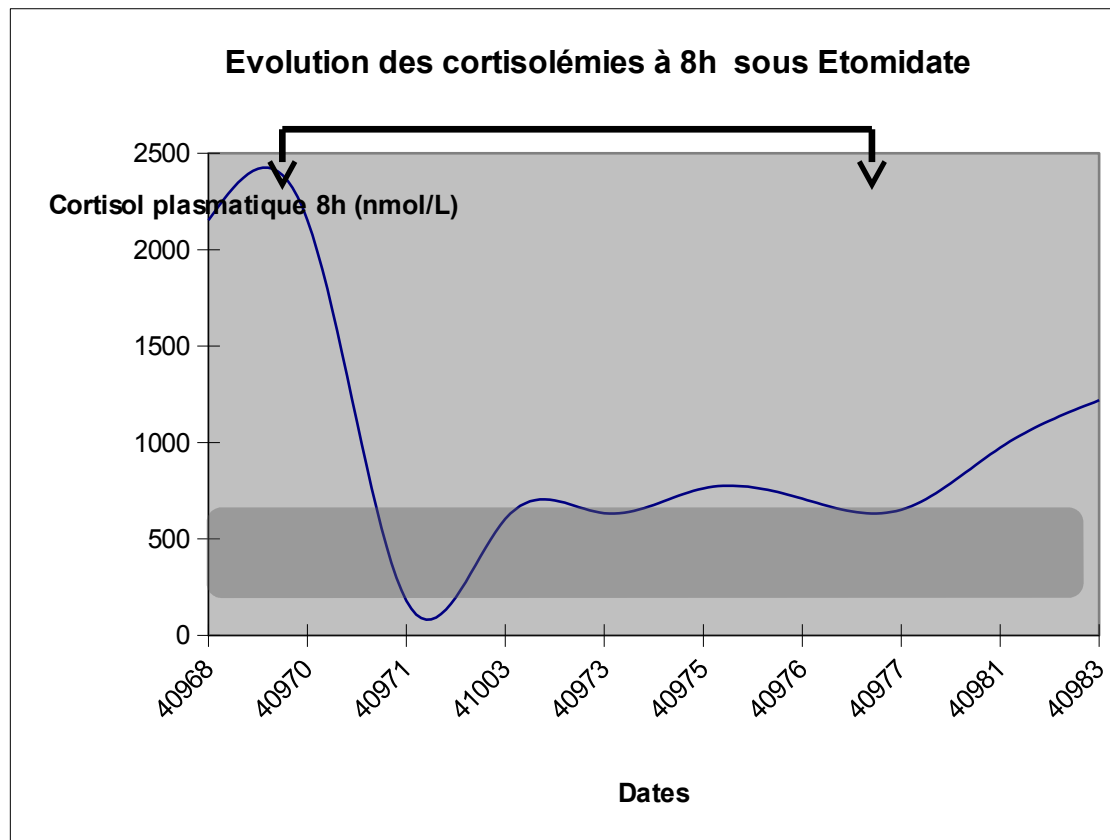
Veronica A Preda<sup>1,2</sup>, Jonathan Sen<sup>1</sup>, Niki Karavitaki<sup>1</sup> and Ashley B Grossman<sup>1</sup>

- ✓ **IV administration at subhypnotic doses 0.05 to 0.3 mg/kg/h (2.5 to 3 mg/h)**
- ✓ **Delay  $\pm$  12h**
- ✓ **Titration or block and replace with hydrocortisone IV 0.5 - 1 mg/h**
- ✓ **ICU**



✓ Etomidate 0.1 mg/kg/h (8 mg/h)

✓ Hydrocortisone IV 3 mg/h

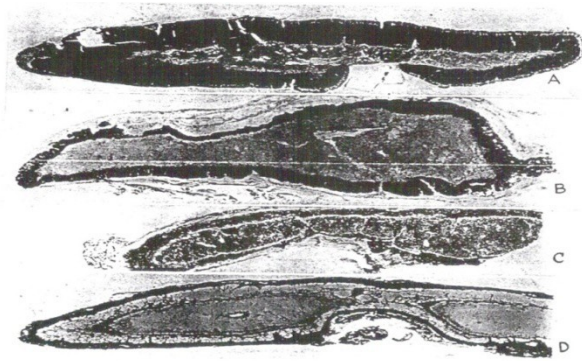




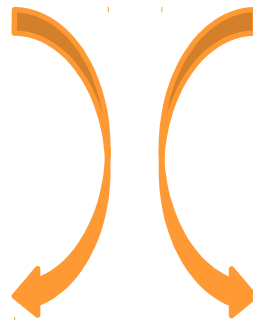
## Adrenolytic Drugs

- Mitotane at “high” doses
- Destruction of Adrenal Cortex
- Results in adrenal Insufficiency
- Delayed Effect

## Dogs

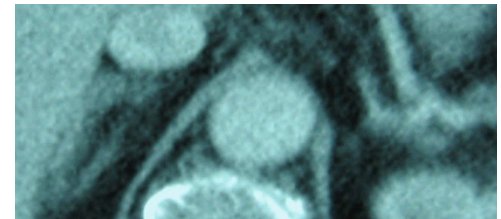
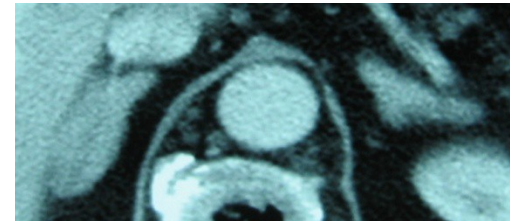


Before



After

## Humans

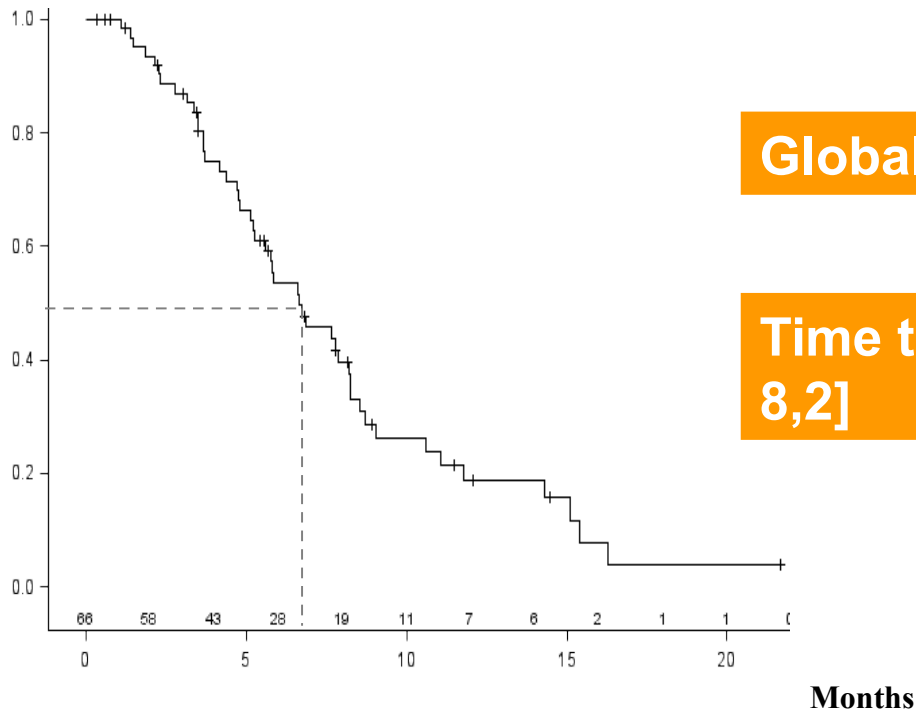




# Mitotane

✓ 76 patients treated with MITOTANE at Cochin Hospital (Paris)

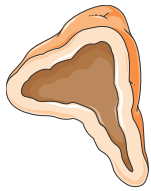
## Persistent hypercortisolism



Global remission rate: 72%

Time to remission: 6,7 mo [5,2-8,2]

- ✓ Median dose :  $2.7 \pm 1.2$  g / d
- ✓ Mitotane level over 8,5 mg/l: 100 % remission

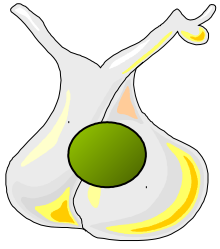


# Mitotane : Tolerance

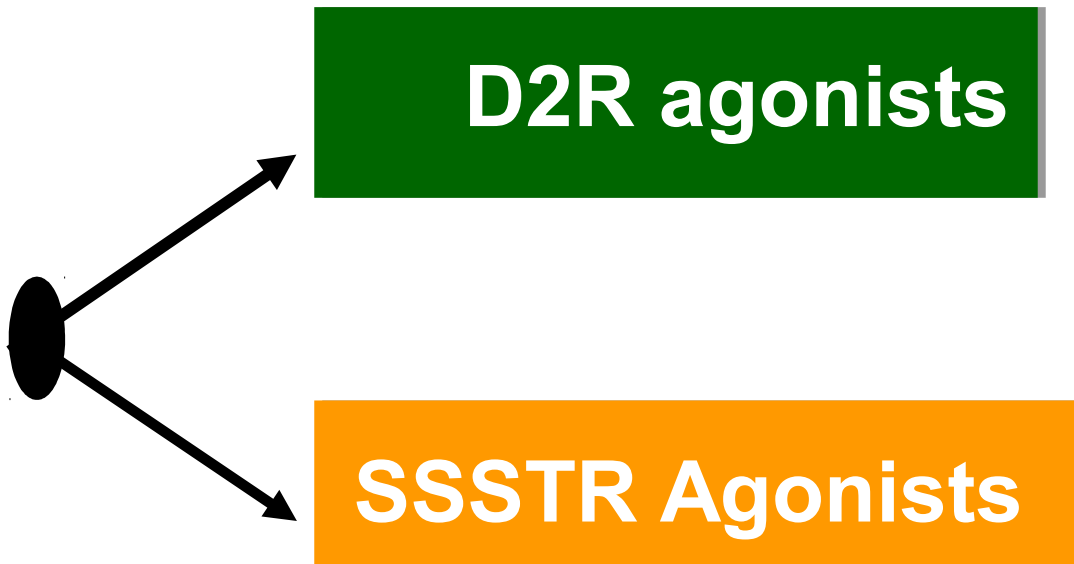
	Mild intolerance	Intolerance leading to Mitotane discontinuation
<b>Gastro-intestinal signs</b>	<b>36 (47%)</b>	<b>5 (7%)</b>
<b>Increased transaminases :</b>	<b>13 (17%)</b>	<b>1 (1%)</b>
>ULN	11	
>3x ULN	2	
<b>Increased GGT :</b>	<b>36 (47%)</b>	
>3xULN	24	
>5xULN	12	
<b>Neurologic signs</b>	<b>23 (30%)</b>	<b>6 (9%)</b>
<b>Lipid disorders:</b>	<b>54 (71%)</b>	
LDL cholesterol > 3.35 mmol/l	15 (20%)	
LDL cholesterol > 5.16 mmol/l	19 (25%)	
Triglycerides > 2.28 mmol/l	25 (34%)	

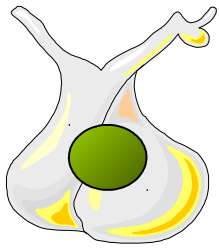
*Baudry et al. , EJE 2012*



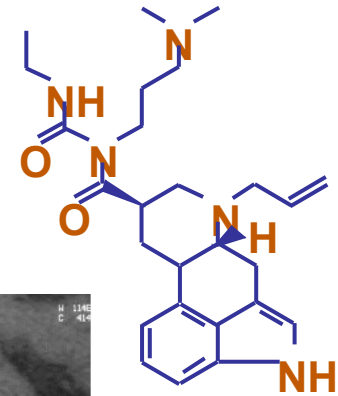
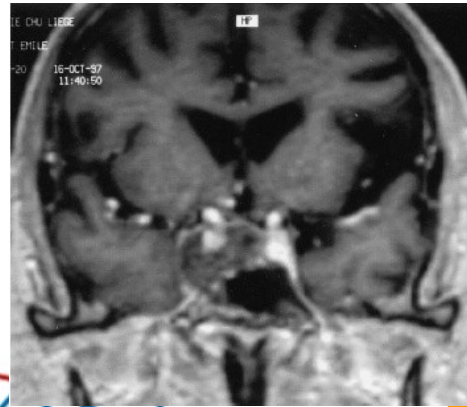
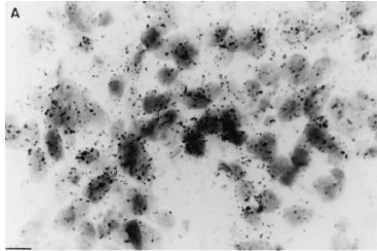


# Tumor-Directed Medical Therapies

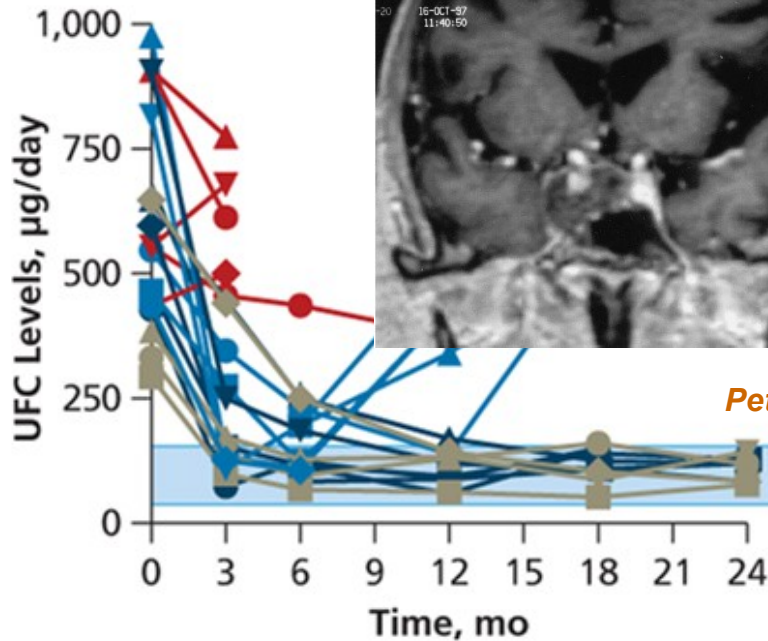




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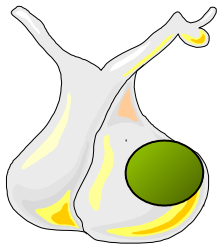
**Cabergoline**



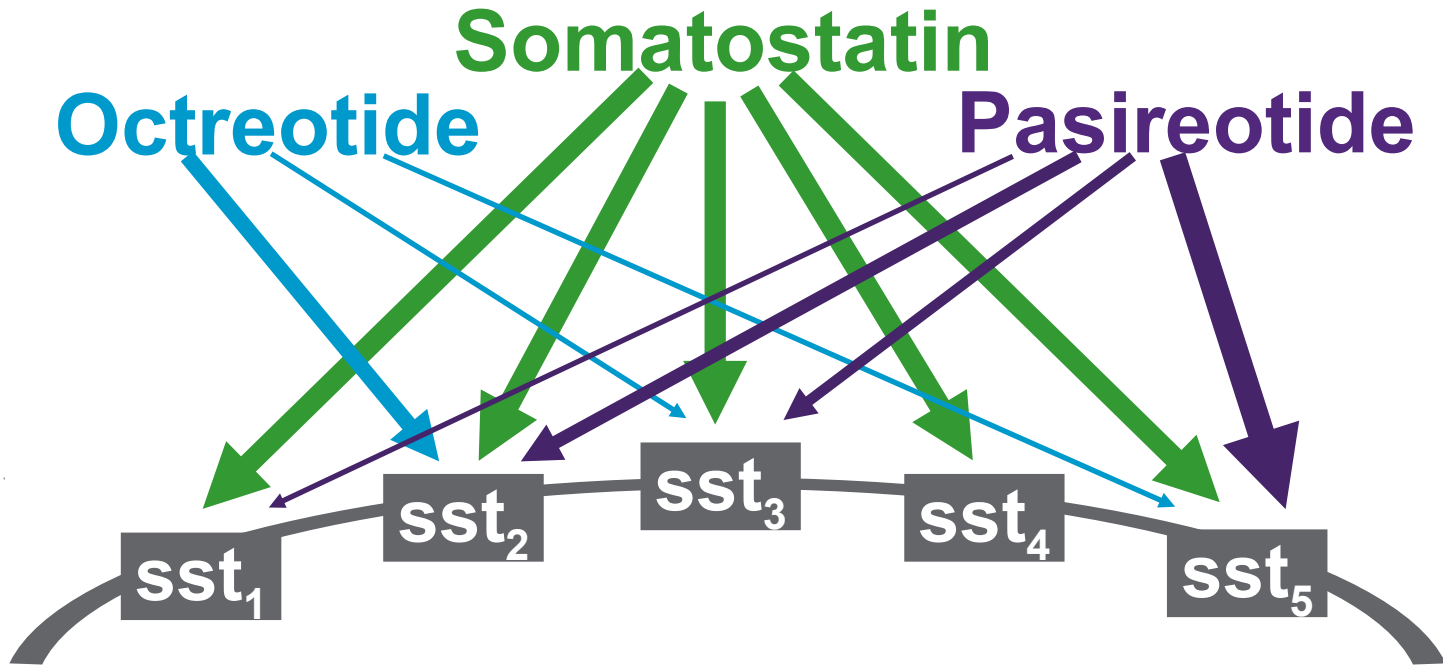
*Petrossian et al Eur J Endocrinol 2009*

to ttt  
 Long term CRF Control in 25 to 40% of patients  
 Mean doses : 2.1 and 3.5 mg / w (0.5 to 7.0)

*Pivonello R et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 2009*  
*Vilar L et al. Pituitary 2010*  
*Godbout A et al. Eur J Endocrinol 2010*



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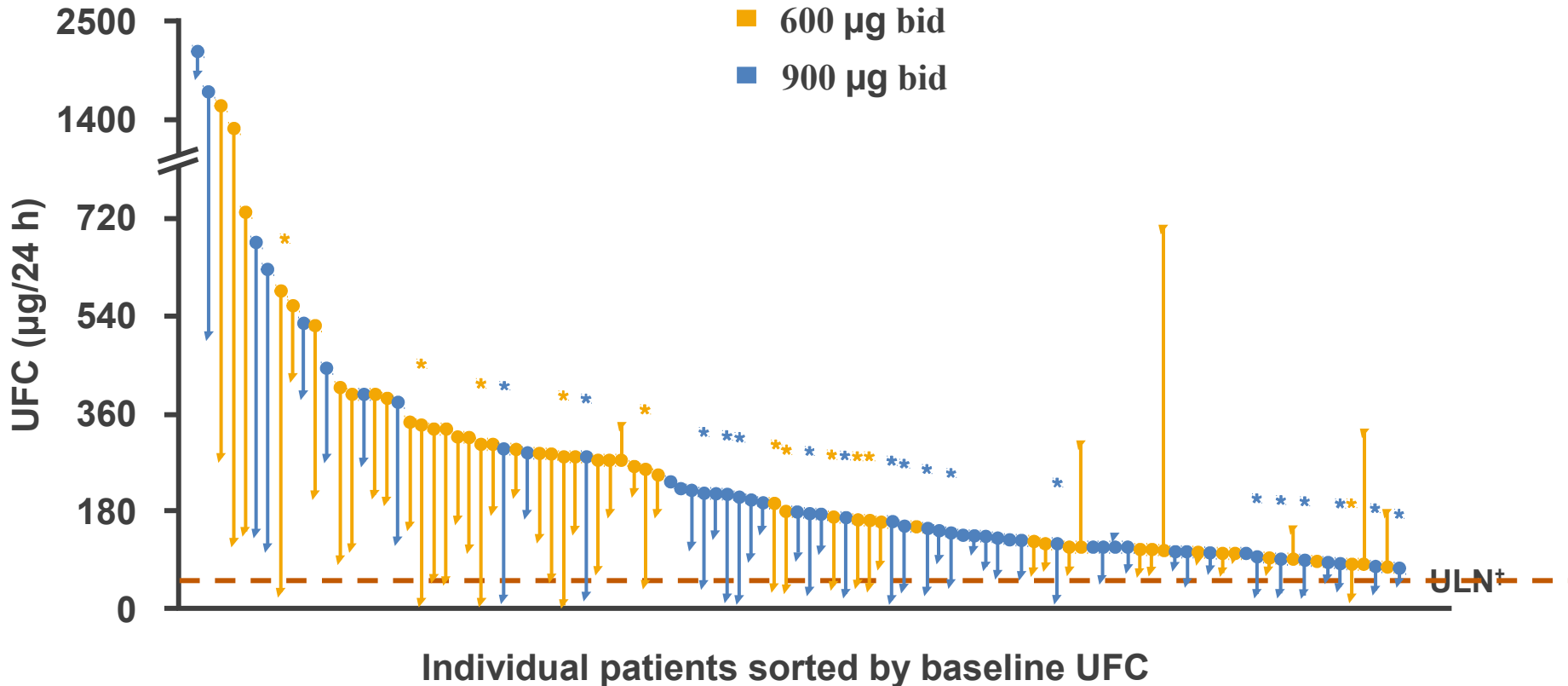


# Phase III pasireotide study

- ✓ 162 patients with previous surgery (79%) and/or medical treatment (48%) but no radiotherapy in previous 10 y
- ✓ Randomization to 600 or 900  $\mu\text{g}$  bid.

**Primary efficacy endpoint :  
Normalization of UFC without dose up-titration at 6 months**

# Change in UFC from baseline to month 6



Median percentage UFC change from baseline was  $-47.9\%$  in both groups

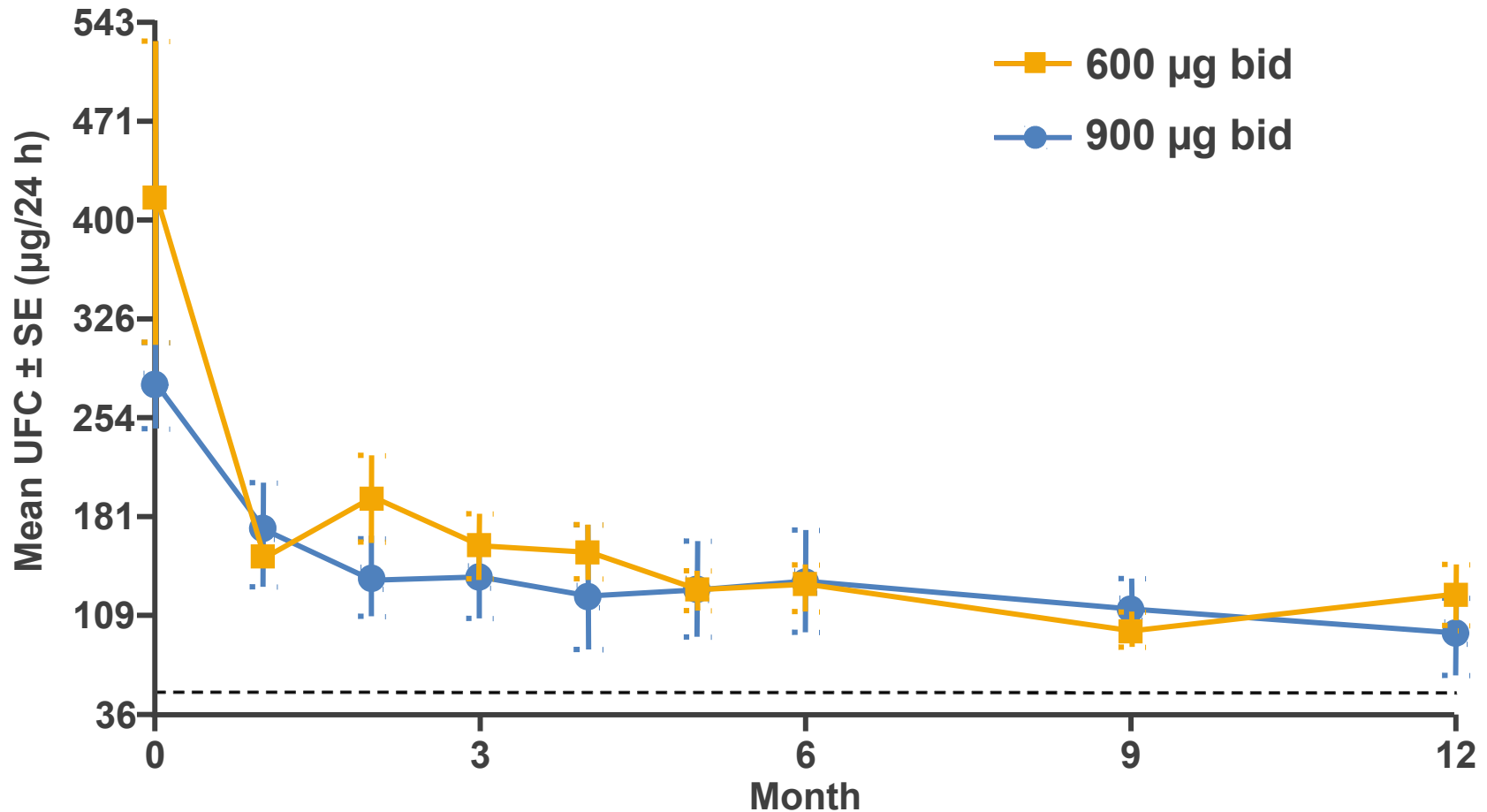
# Primary Efficacy Results

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	600 µg x 2/j (n=82)	900 µg x 2/j (n=80)	Overall (n=162)
<b>6 months</b>			
*Reponse, n (%)	12 (14.6)	21 (26.3)	33 (20.4)
[95% CI]	[7.0, 22.3]	[16.6, 35.9]	[14.2, 26.6]

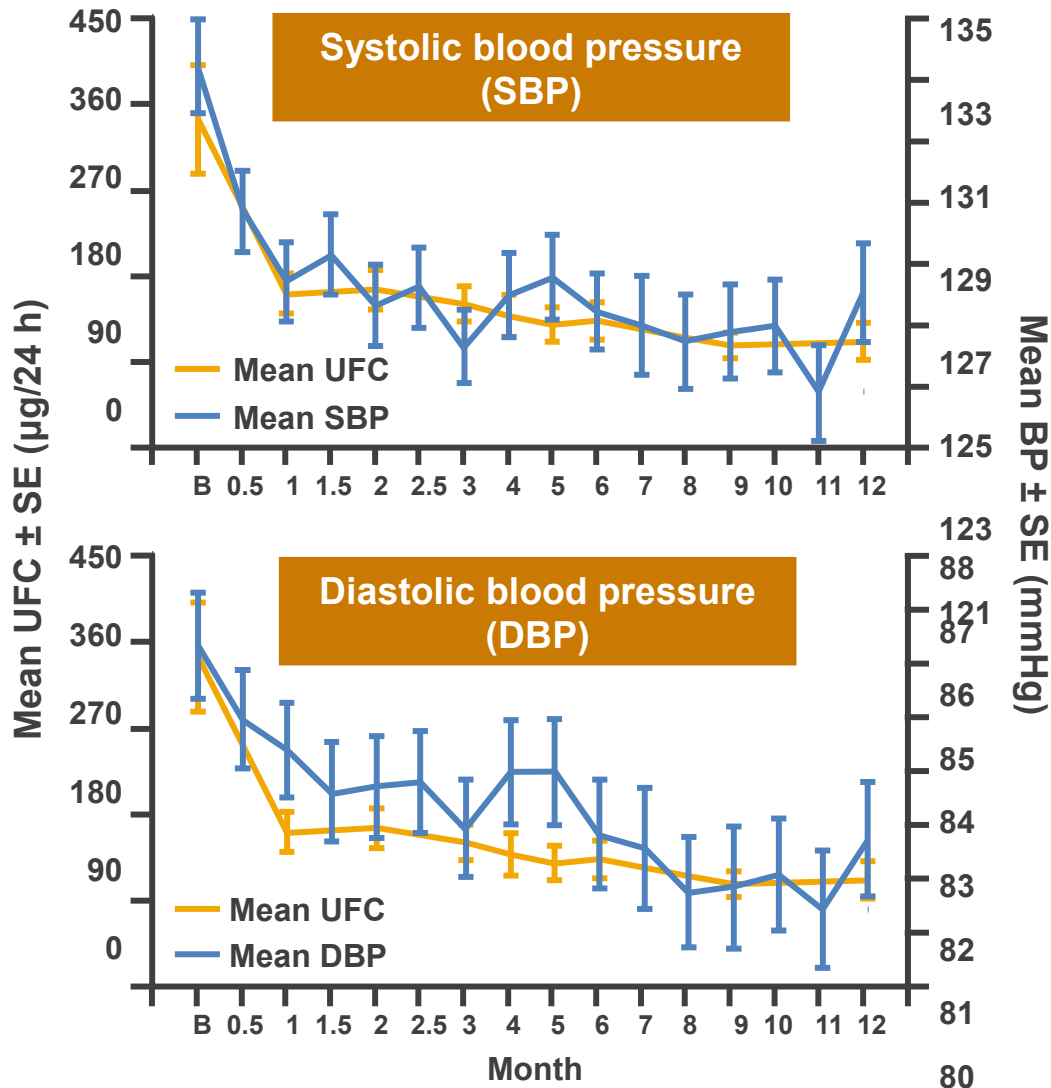
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# Mean UFC over time



*Within 2 months, non responders can be identified*

# Clinical Syndrome



At month 12 :

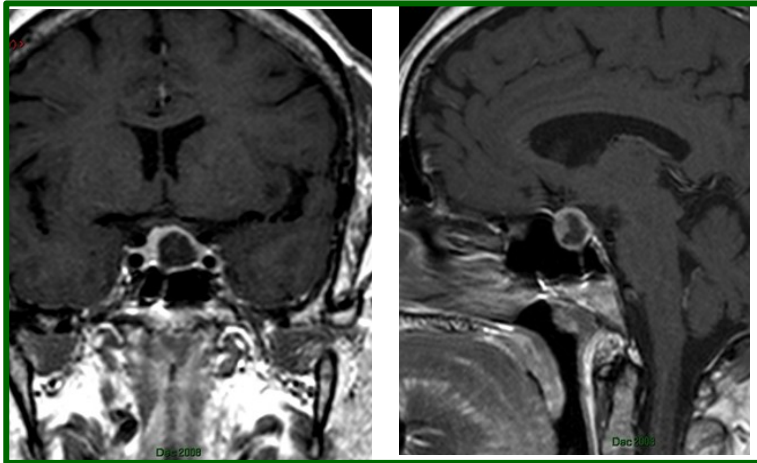
**SBP  $-6.1$  mmHg  
(95% CI:  $-9.8, -2.4$ )**

**DBP  $-3.7$  mmHg  
(95% CI:  $-6.2, -1.2$ )**

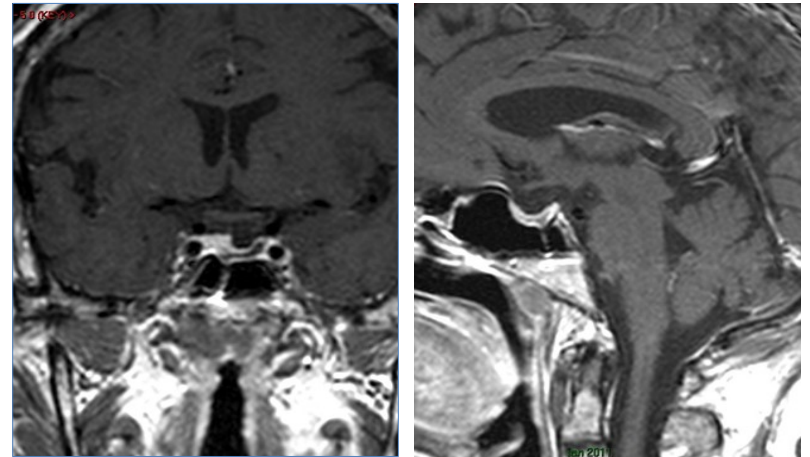


# Adenoma Shrinkage

- 46 % patients had measurable pituitary tumors
- At M12 :
  - 9.1 % (- 46.3 to 28) in 600  $\mu$ g group
  - 43.8 % (- 68 to - 19) in 900  $\mu$ g group



Baseline

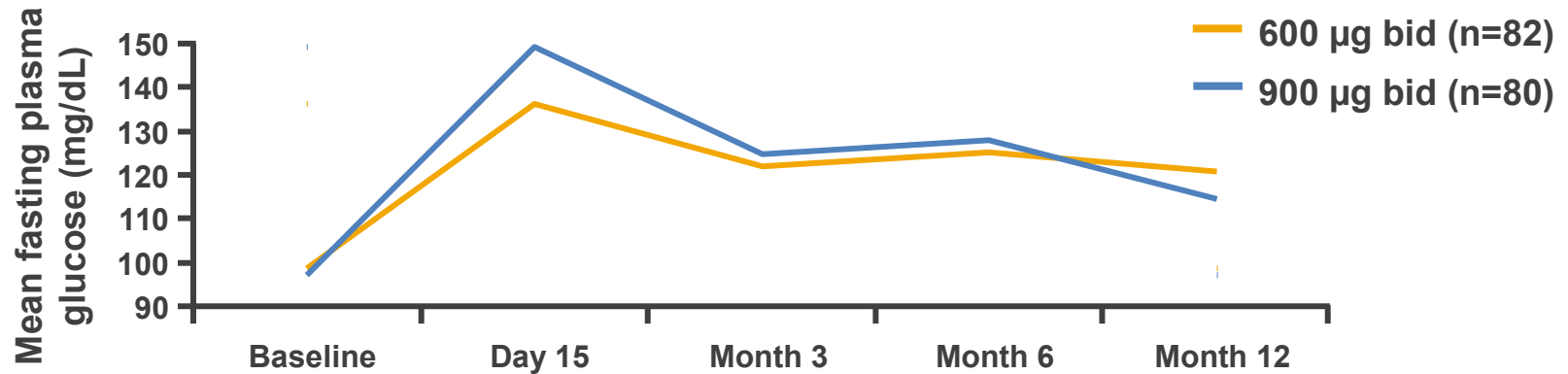


After pasireotide

*Courtesy of Dr Ilan Shimon*

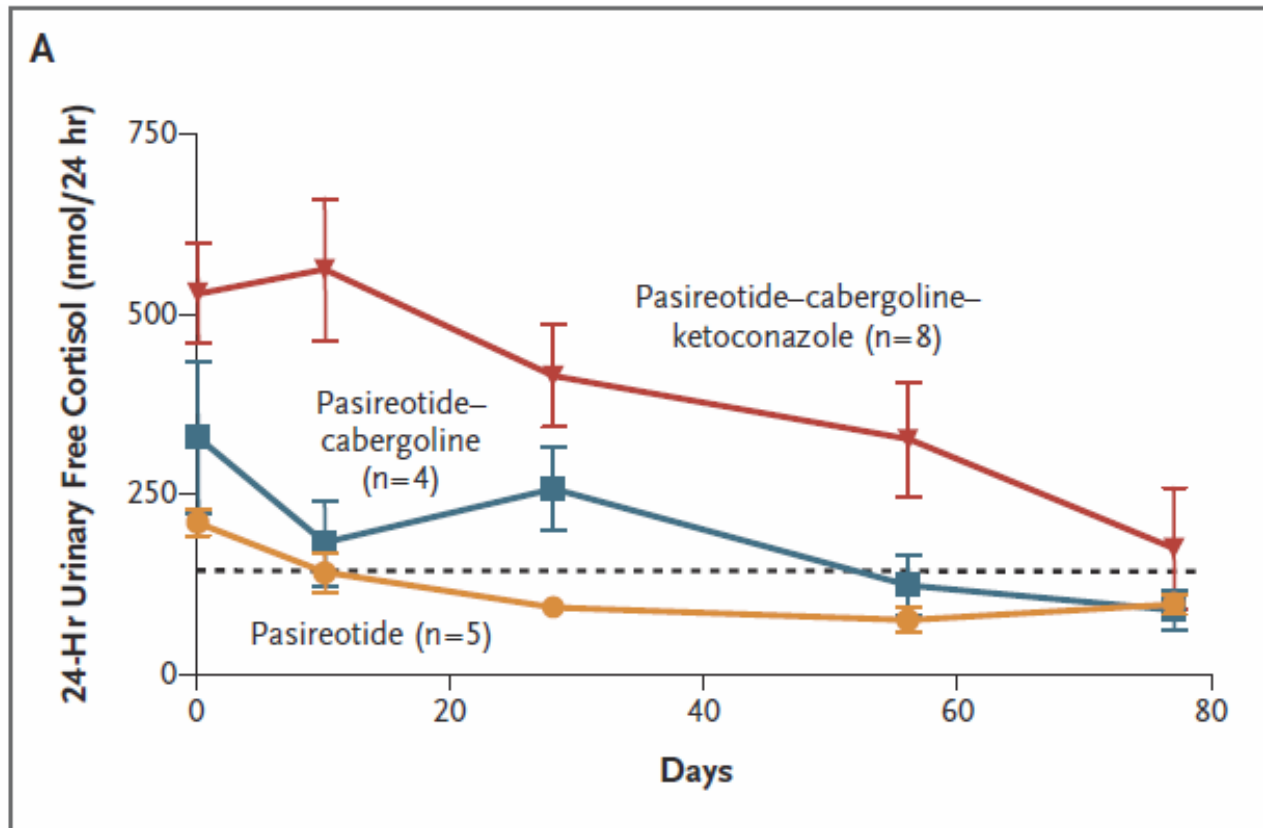
# Safety

**73% of patients had an hyperglycemia-related AE**



- **Pre-existing diabetes or IGT increases the risk of hyperglycemia AE**
- **Risk among normoglycemic patients :**
  - **glucose-intolerance: 43%**
  - **diabetes : 34%**
  - **need for medical treatment in 45%**

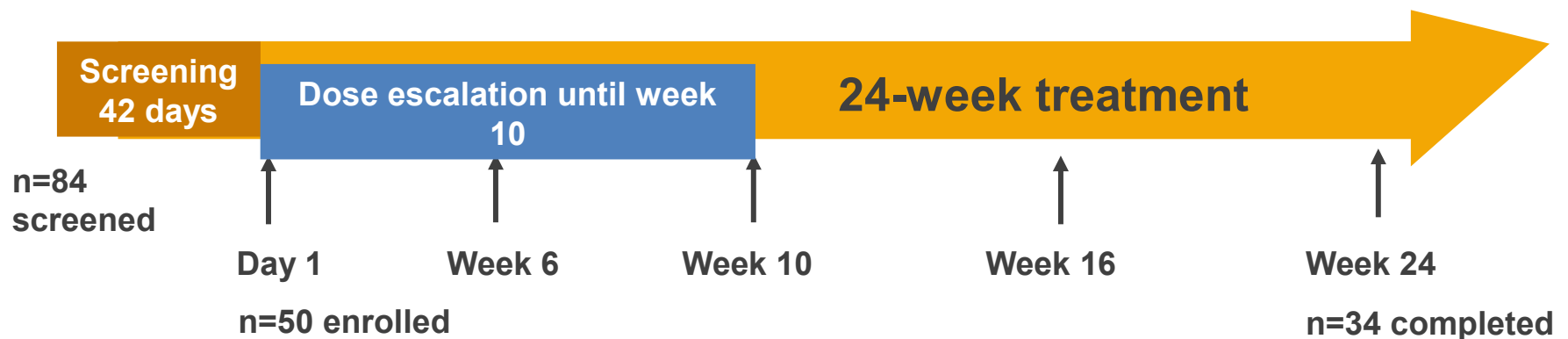
# Combination Therapy



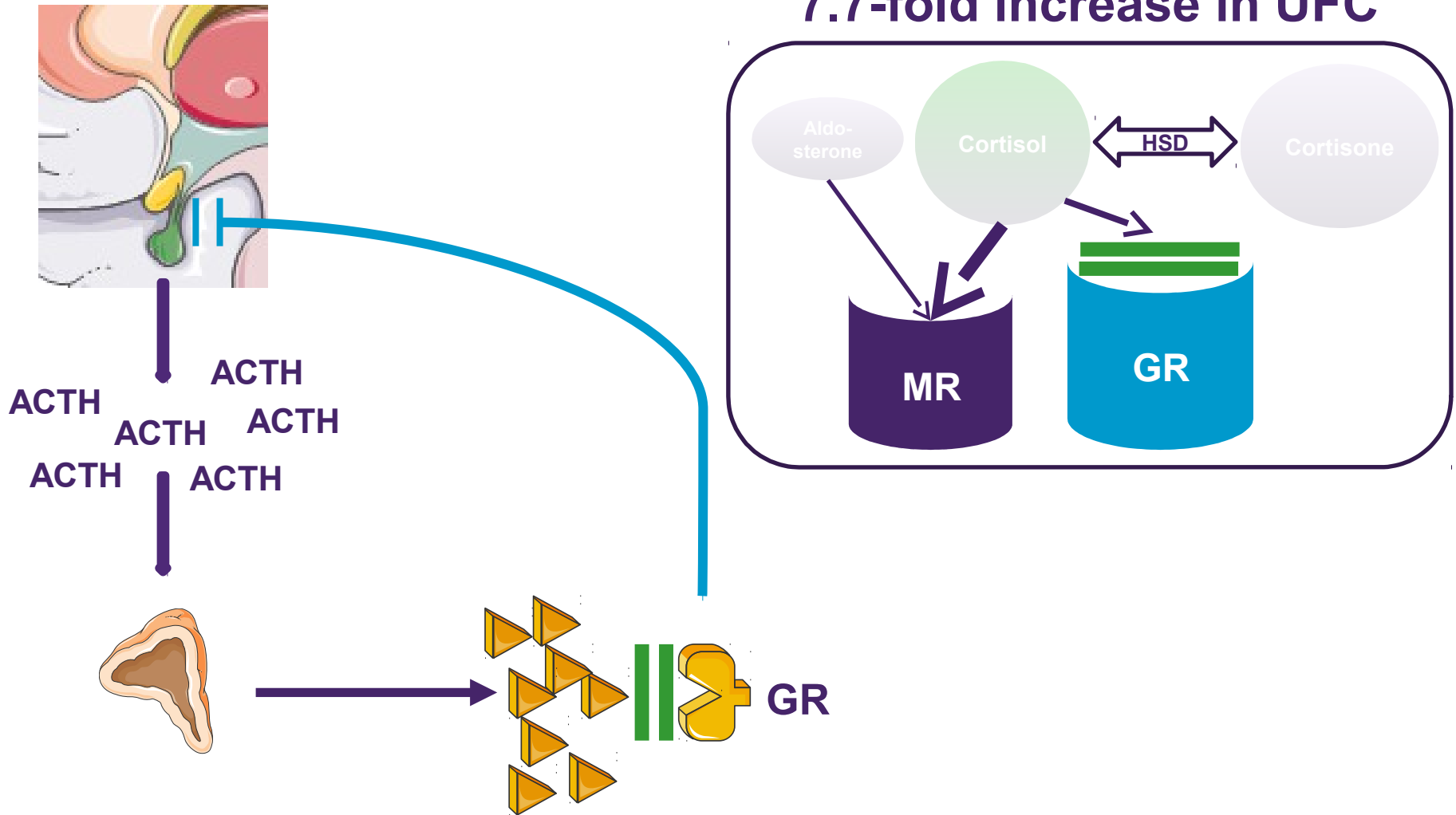


# Mifepristone

- Glucocorticoid receptor (GR) antagonist blocks the action of cortisol by binding to the GR-II (cortisol) receptor
- Rare Reports In Cushing's disease (*Castinetti et al, EJE, 2009*)
- In Phase III open study as a treatment for Cushing's syndrome



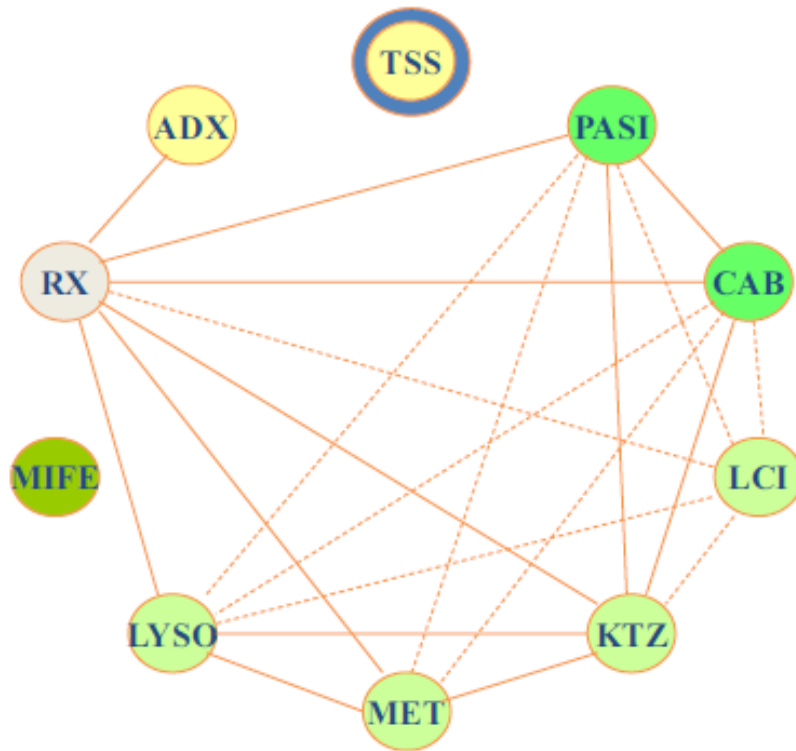
# Mechanism of action and consequences of mifepristone therapy



HSD, 11 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase;  
MR, mineralocorticoid receptor

# Medical treatment in Cushing's disease

Which drug ? The impossible algorithm...



## Criteria of choice

Efficacy

Tolerance

Cost

Individual patient factors

Availability

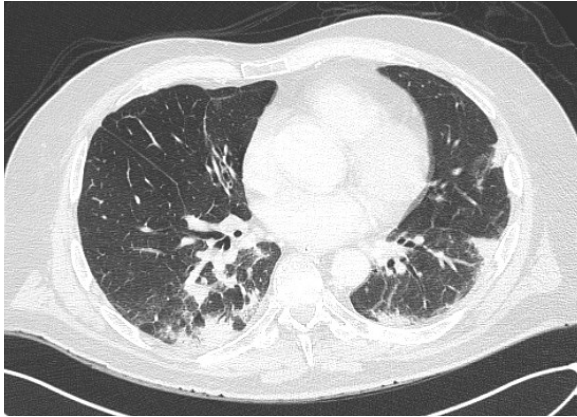
# Cushing sévères

## Complications à court terme

### ✓ **Complications**

- **Métaboliques (hyperglycémie, hypokaliémie)**
- **Infectieuses**
- **Cardiovasculaires (HTA maligne, OAP)**
- **Thrombo-emboliques**
- **Psychiatriques (délire, agitation)**
- **Osseuses (fractures multiples, tassements)**
- **Décubitus (escarres)**
- **Perforations d'organe creux**

# Complications infectieuses

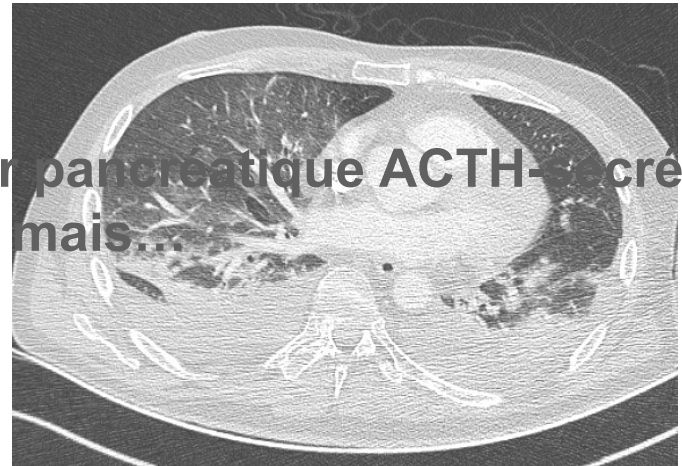


**Pneumocytose + Embolie Pulmonaire**

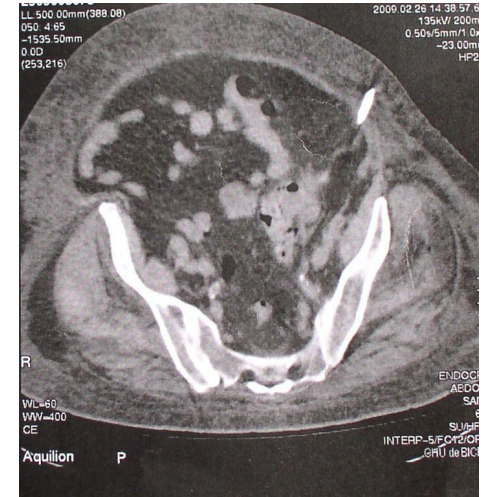
**Tumeur primitive occulte...**



**Tumeur pancréatique ACTH-sécrétante**  
**Visible mais...**







- **Mauvais pronostic des CPC associés à un Cushing paranéoplasique**  
*Nagy-Mignotte H et al. J Thor Oncol 2014*
- **Mauvais pronostic des ACC sécrétant du cortisol**  
*Abiven et al. JCEM 2006*  
*Berruti et al. Endocr rel Cancer 2005*

# Cushing grave

## *Attitude pragmatique*

- ✓ **Ne pas perdre de temps à l'enquête étiologique**
  - Bilan endocrinien de « base »
  - Pas de freinage à la Dex....
  - Imagerie orientée (TDM AP, IRM hypo)
  
- ✓ **Evaluer rapidement les complications et la gravité (réa ?)**
  
- ✓ **Débuter les traitements symptomatiques**

# Cushing grave

## *Attitude pragmatique*



Héparine IV

Antibiothérapie IV

Dérivés nitrés IV

Insulinothérapie IV

Soludactone IV

Potassium IV



# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroidog



- ✓ Etude Rétrospective des patients avec Cushing sévère ( Clinique + CLU > 5x N)
- ✓ **14 EAS** (*3 bronchial, 3 pancreatic and 2 thymic carcinoids; 2 metastatic neuroendocrine carcinomas of unknown origin, 2 small-cell lung carcinomas, 1 MTC, and 1 occult tumour*)
- ✓ **8 ACC**
- ✓ Traitement **de sauvetage** symptomatique par association de metyrapone et ketoconazole

# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroïdogénèse

- ✓ 96% avec HTA sévère, 88% avec hypokaliémie sévère et 75% avec diabète
- ✓ 60% ont une autre complication sévère du Cushing (psy, infection, phlébite ou embolie pulmonaire, fractures, sarcopénie).
- ✓ **Etude à 1 semaine et 1 mois**
  - **Hormonologie**
  - **End Points Cliniques :**
    - ❖ **Pression Artérielle et Traitements**
    - ❖ **Glycémie et Traitements**
    - ❖ **Kaliémie et Traitements**

# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroidogenese

24h UFC

**Baseline : 40 x ULN**

W1 : 3.2 x ULN (50% N)

M1 : 0.5 x ULN (73% N)

24h UFC

**Baseline : 16 x ULN**

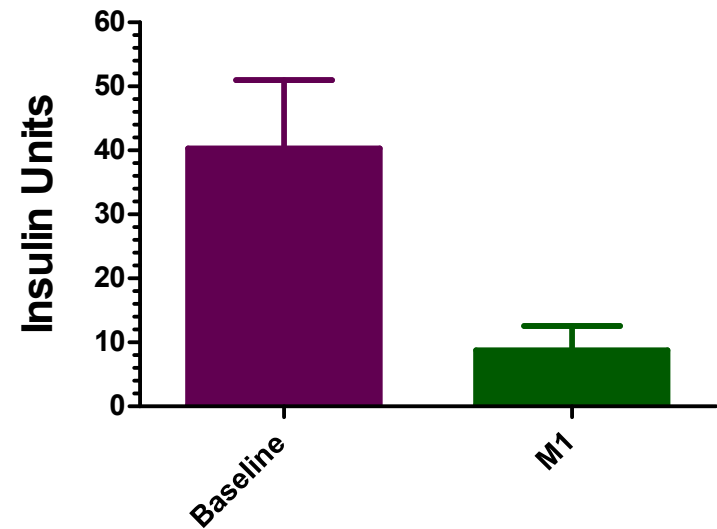
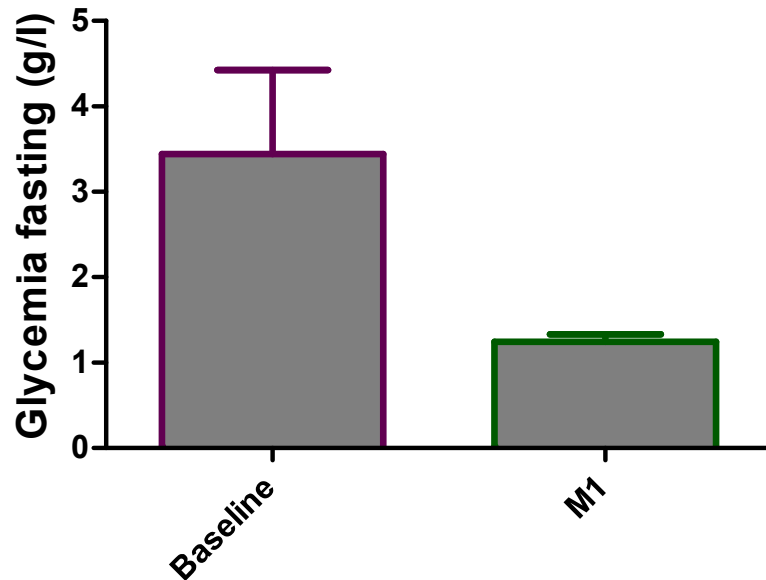
W1 : 1.0 x ULN (75% N)

M1 : 1.0 x ULN (86% N)

*Corcuff et al, EJE 2015*

# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroidogenese

## Ectopic ACTH Syndrome



*Corcuff et al, EJE 2015*



# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroidogenese

systeme BP

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Evolution de la Daily Drug Dosage des traitements  
Anti HTA :  $2.0 \pm 0.3$  à  $1.0 \pm 0.3$

*Corcuff et al, EJE 2015*

# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroidogenese

PLASMA K<sup>+</sup>

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Evolution de la supplémentation en K<sup>+</sup> : 3.0 à 1.2 g/J  
Evolution de la spironolactone : 114 à 69 mg/J

*Corcuff et al, EJE 2015*

# Sauvetage des Cushing graves par inhibiteurs de la steroïdogenese

## ✓ Tolerance

- Elevation des transaminase chez 2 patients necessitant arret du ketoconazole
- 11 patients ont des nausées (grade I ou II)
- Introduction de l'hydrocortisone chez 4 (15%) patients

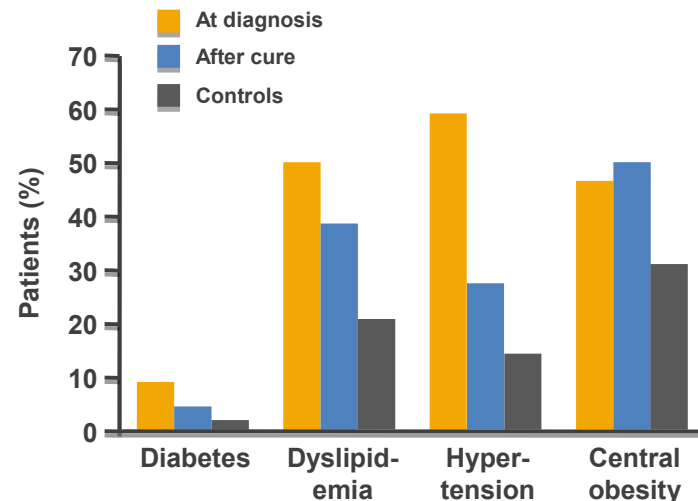
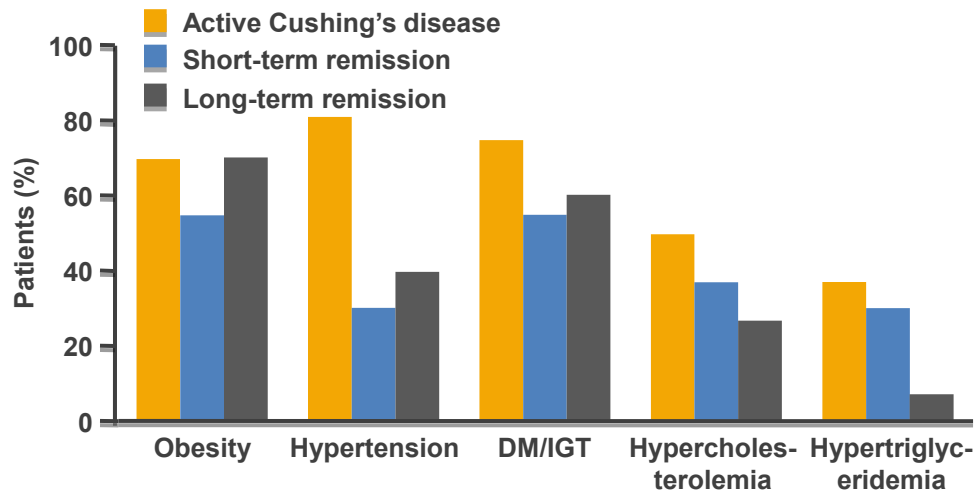
## ✓ Adaptation des doses

	Metyrap JO (mg)	Metyrap M1 (mg)	Keto JO (mg)	Keto M1 (mg)
EAS	2125	2150	900	800
ACC	1750	2625	1000	1000

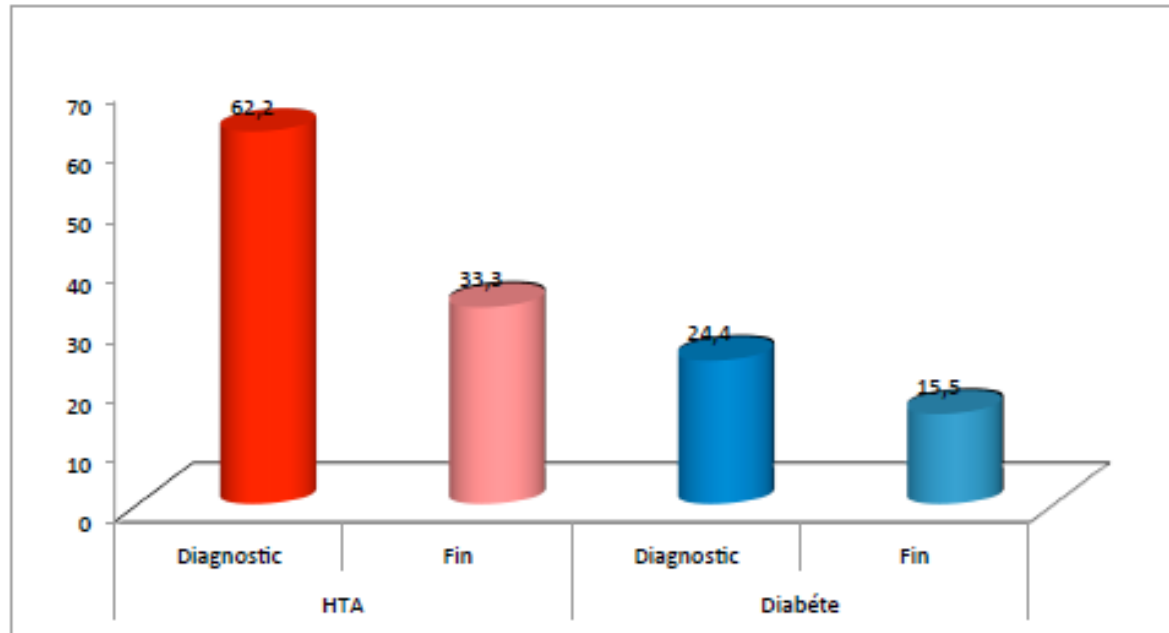
# Conclusions

- ✓ **Association d'inhibiteurs de la steroidogénèse**
  - ✓ **Rapidité d'action**
  - ✓ **Efficacité dans > 70% des cas**
  - ✓ **Bonne tolérance**
  - ✓ **Permet de sortir de la « zone rouge » rapidement**
  - ✓ **Renforce le rôle de l'endocrinologue dans la prise en charge pluridisciplinaire carcinologique**
- ✓ **Débuter à 1000 mg ketoconazole + 2000 – 2500 mg metyrapone**
- ✓ **Contrôle Cortisol plasmatique et urinaire avec methode adaptée sous 3 – 5 jours**

# Metabolic disease may persist after biochemical cure of hypercortisolism

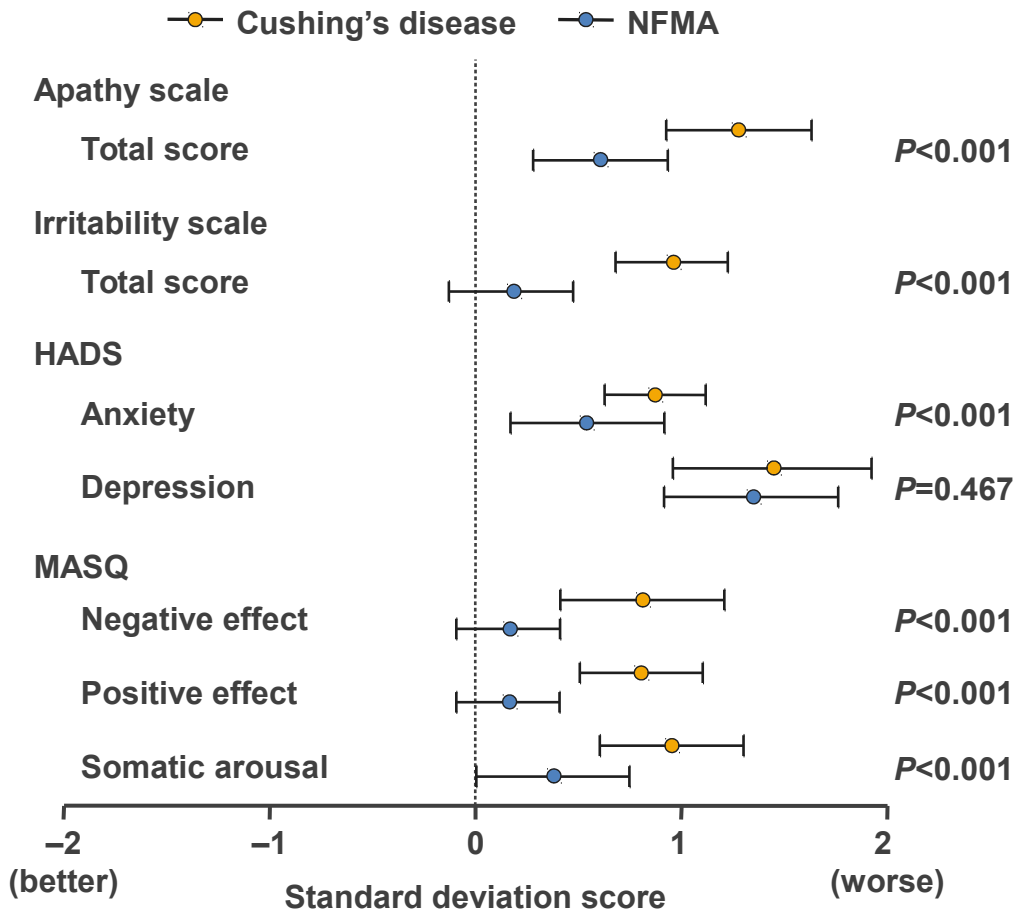


*Pivonello R et al. Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am 2005*  
*Barahona MJ et al. Front Horm Res 2010*

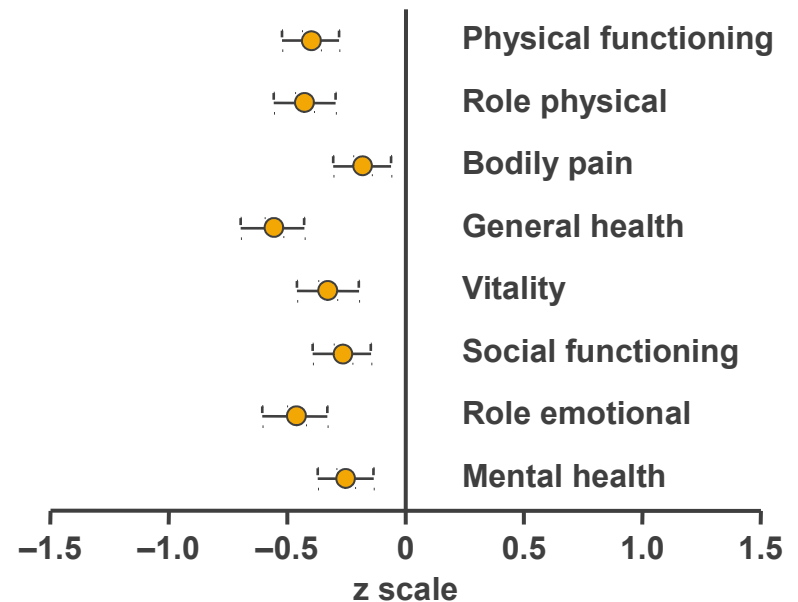


**A Prevot – Thèse de Médecine 2013  
102 patients avec maladie de Cushing - 2002-2012**

# After effects of Cushing's disease: Cognition/psychology



From Tiemensma (2011)



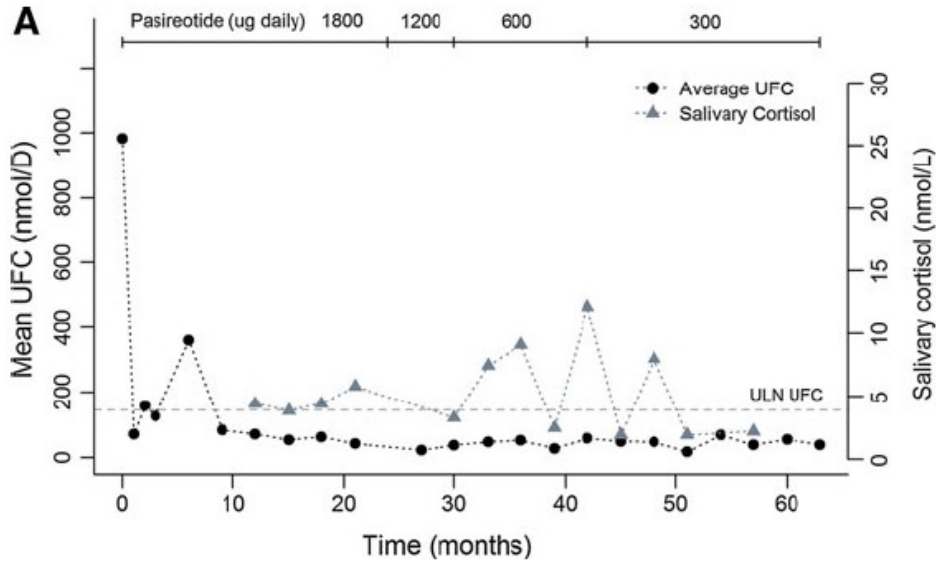
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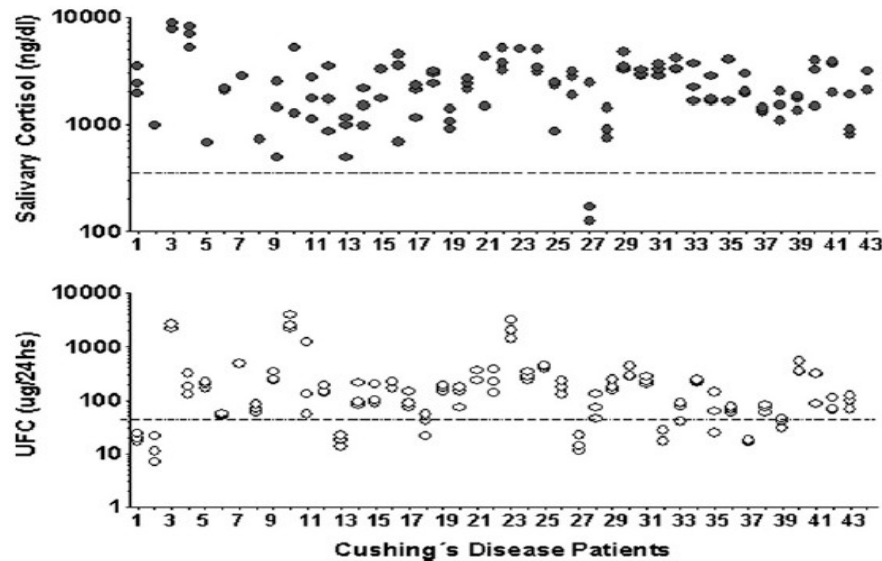
**Merci pour votre attention**



# What is “control” of hypercortisolism ?

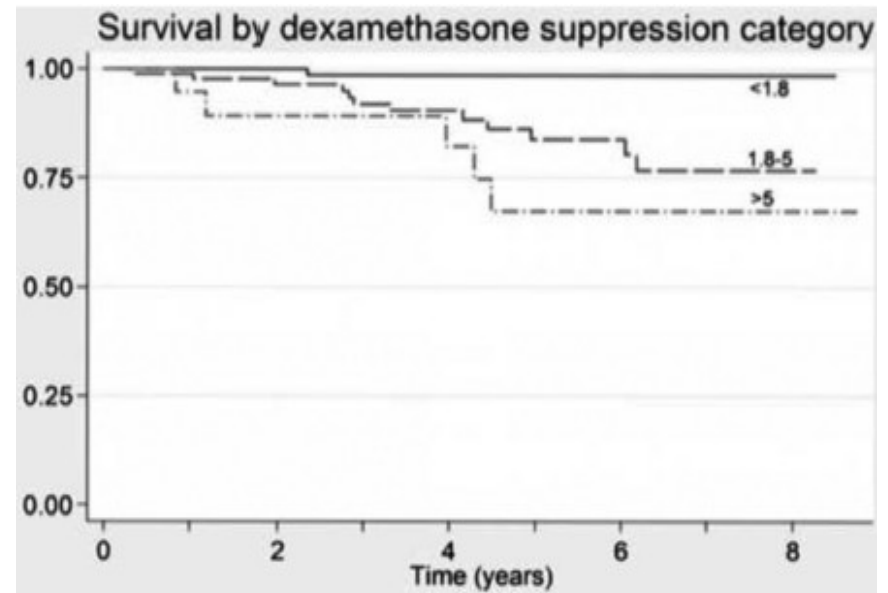
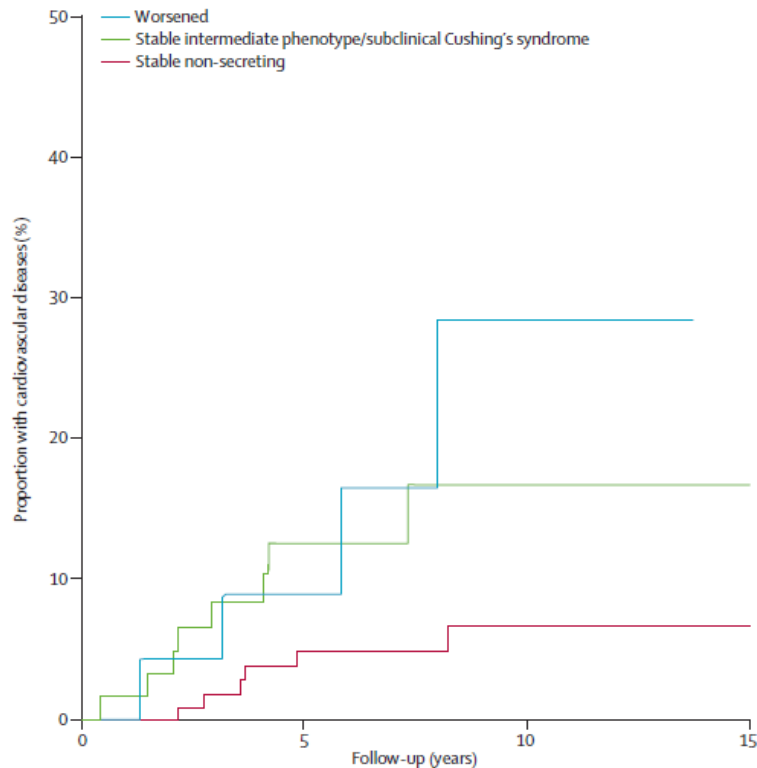


*MacKenzie et al. Pituitary 2014*



*Elias PC et al. JCEM 2014*

# Consequences of cortisol-secreting incidentalomas



*Debono et al. JCEM 2014*

*Di Dalmazi et al. Lancet 2014*

# Factors associated with remission

- **Established Factors**
  - Macroadenoma vs microadenoma
  - First vs second surgery
  - Histological identification of ACTH-secreting adenoma
- **Suspected Factors**
  - Experience of the surgeon
- **Debatable Factors**
  - **Visible adenoma at MRI**

# Do patients with non-visible adenomas have lower surgical success rates?

Study	Success rate in patients with visible microadenomas (%)	Success rate in patients with non-visible adenomas (%)
<i>Bochiccio et al. 1995</i>	87	74
<i>Barrou et al. 1997</i>	93	58
<i>Rees et al. 2002</i>		
<i>Salenave et al. 2002</i>		
<i>Testa et al. 2007</i>		
<i>Jehle et al. 2008</i>		
<i>Sun et al. 2012</i>	86	87
<i>Yamada et al. 2012</i>	98	50
<i>Swearingen et al. unpublished</i>	95	89

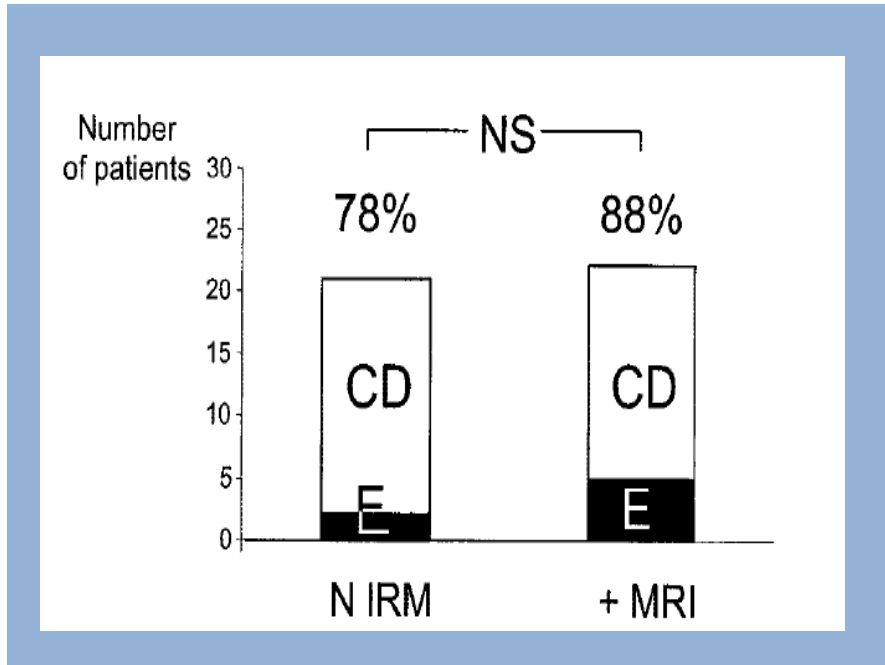
**Visible adenomas: 75–100%**  
**Non-visible adenomas: 50–89%**

# ***Surgical Strategy in MRI negative patients***

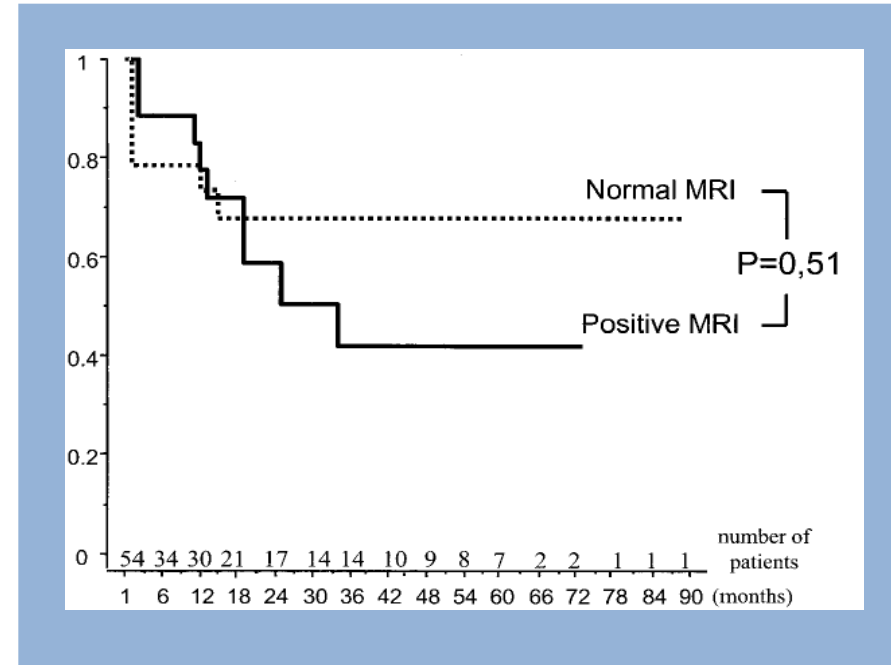
- **54 adult patients**
- **All with positive C:P ACTH gradient during IPSS**
- **Similar Surgical Procedure :**
  - Meticulous Exploration
  - Selective adenomectomy when possible
  - Subtotal hypophysectomy if negative exploration

# Localising the corticotroph adenoma

## *MRI vs Surgical Strategy*



Early Post-Op evaluation



Last evaluation (median 21 m.)

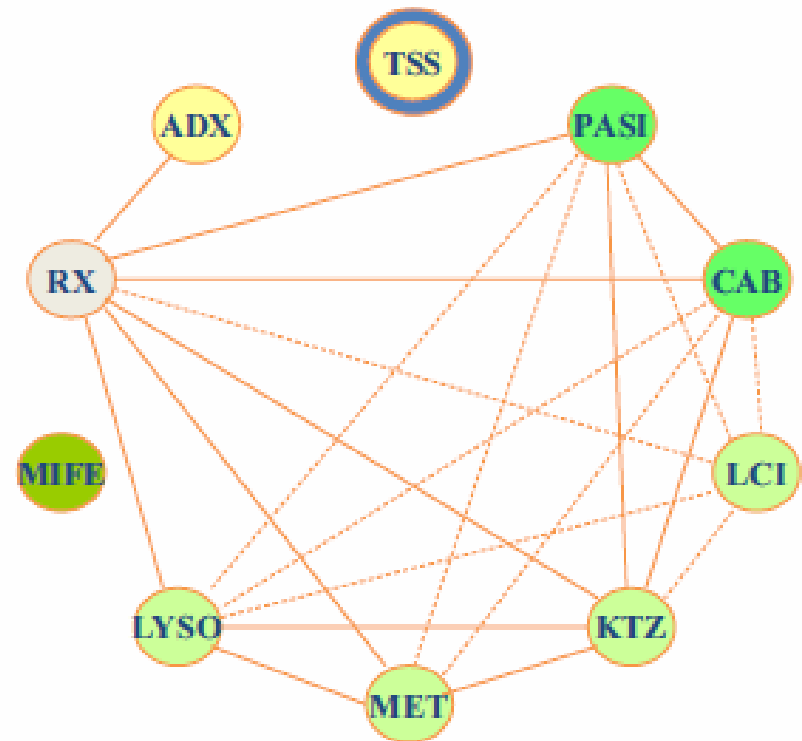
# Performance of the Surgeon vs MRI

- ✓ **Wind JJ et al. JCEM 2013**
  - 498 patients
  - **Identification of an adenoma in 96% of patients**
- ✓ **Hammer GD et al. JCEM 2004**
  - 289 patients
  - **Identification of an adenoma in 80% of patients**
- ✓ **Hofmann BD et al. J Neurosurg 2008**
  - 496 patients
  - **Identification of an adenoma in 87% of patients**

<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Efficiency</b>	<b>Adverse Effects</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Ketoconazole</b>	Hours - 50%	Severe in < 5% 20% intolerance	Preferred in women over metyrapone
<b>Metyrapone</b>	Hours - 75%	GI Side effects Hirsutism	Spe UFC monitoring Preferred in men over ketoconazole
<b>Mitotane</b>	Slow (6 mo) – 75%	Numerous 30% intolerance	Prolonged chemical adrenalectomy
<b>Pasireotide</b>	Weeks – 25%	Frequent (75%) hyperglycemia	Approved
<b>Cabergoline</b>	Weeks -30% ?	Mild ? Secondary escape	Few data
<b>Mifepristone</b>	Rapid – 40-60 % ?	Numerous	Approved USA Difficulty to monitor
<b>Pituitary RXT</b>	Years - 70%	Hypopituitarism	fractionated vs radiosurgery ?
<b>Bilat Adrenalectomy</b>	Hours > 95%	Life Long steroid s Growth of PA (40%)	Decreased mortality nowadays



# The « Cushing Game »



## Criteria of Choice :

- Availability
- Rapidity of effects
- Effectiveness
- Sex
- Side effects
- Duration of treatment
- Cost