



# EPOS2020 from bench to bedside Management of patients, what is new

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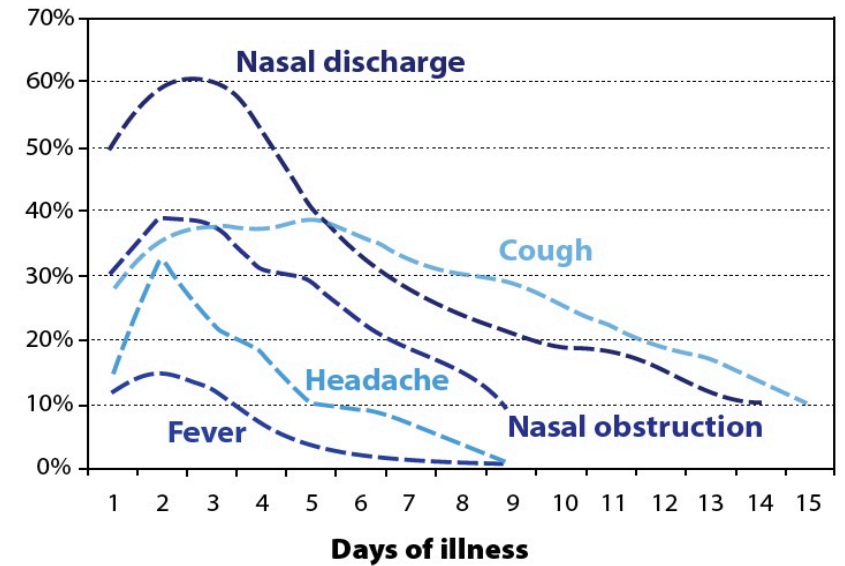
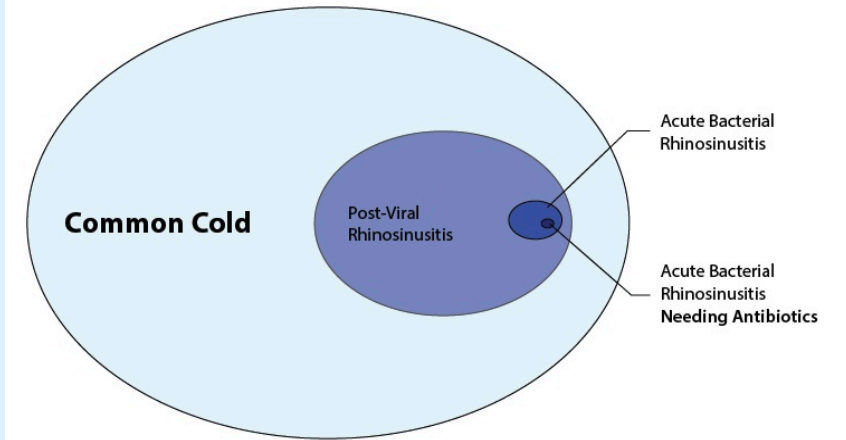
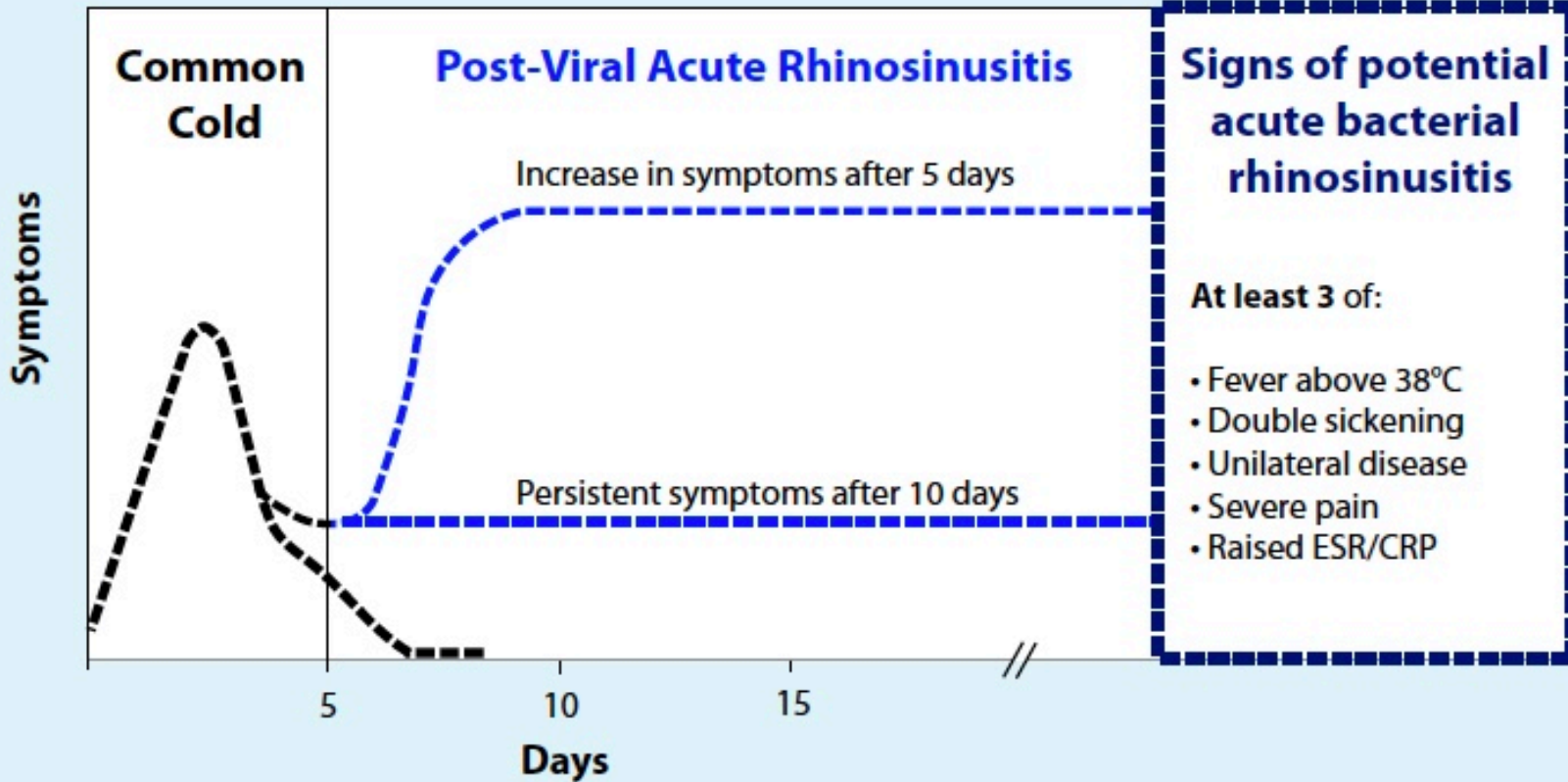
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- Integrated care pathways in ARS
- New classification of CRS, primary versus secondary CRS: consequences for treatment
- Evidence based treatment
- New integrated care pathways in CRS



# Definition of Acute Rhinosinusitis

Increase in symptoms after 5 days, or persistent symptoms after 10 days with less than 12 weeks duration

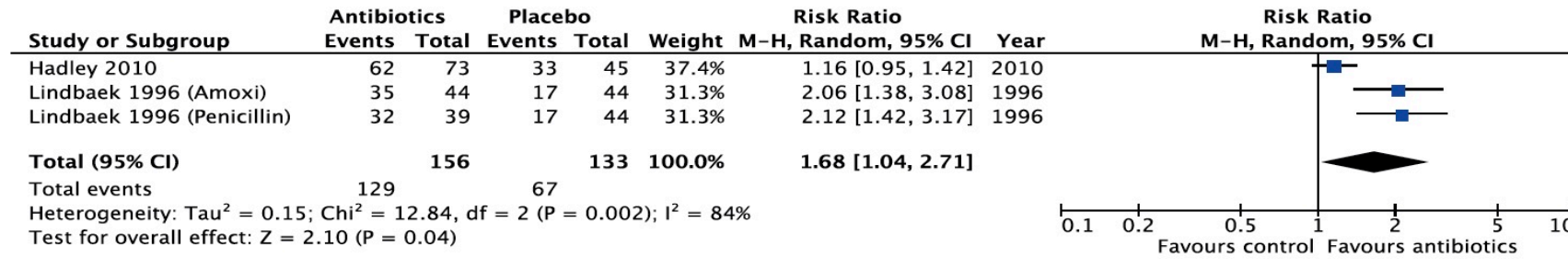


# Antibiotics in patients with ABRS

Figure 4.6.1. Forest plot of the effect of antibiotic versus placebo for cure at completion of intervention (day 6-10) in adult patients with acute bacterial rhinosinusitis.



Figure 4.6.2. Forest plot of the effect of antibiotic versus placebo to assess improvement at day 3 of treatment of adult patients with acute bacterial rhinosinusitis



CI, confidence interval; M-H, Mantel Haenszel.



# Antibiotics in patients with postviral ARS

Figure 4.6.7. Forest plot of the effect of antibiotic versus placebo for cure at completion of the intervention (days 10-14) in adult patients with acute post-viral acute rhinosinusitis.

Study	Antibiotics	Placebo	Events	Weight	Risk Ratio	95% CI
Garbutt 2012	63	81	57	71	18.8%	0.97 [0.82, 1.14]
Haye 2000	80	86	72	82	22.9%	1.06 [0.96, 1.17]
Lindbaek 1998 (Amoxy)	17	22	14	21	4.4%	1.16 [0.79, 1.69]
Lindbaek 1998 (pen V)	15	20	14	21	4.2%	1.13 [0.76, 1.67]
Merenstein 2005	32	67	25	68	7.7%	1.30 [0.87, 1.94]
Stalman 1997	56	94	55	92	17.2%	1.00 [0.79, 1.26]
Van Buchem 1997	87	105	78	101	24.7%	1.07 [0.94, 1.23]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>475</b>		<b>456</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.06 [0.98, 1.14]</b>
Total events	350		315			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.75$ , $\text{df} = 6$ ( $P = 0.84$ ); $I^2 = 0\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.50$ ( $P = 0.13$ )						

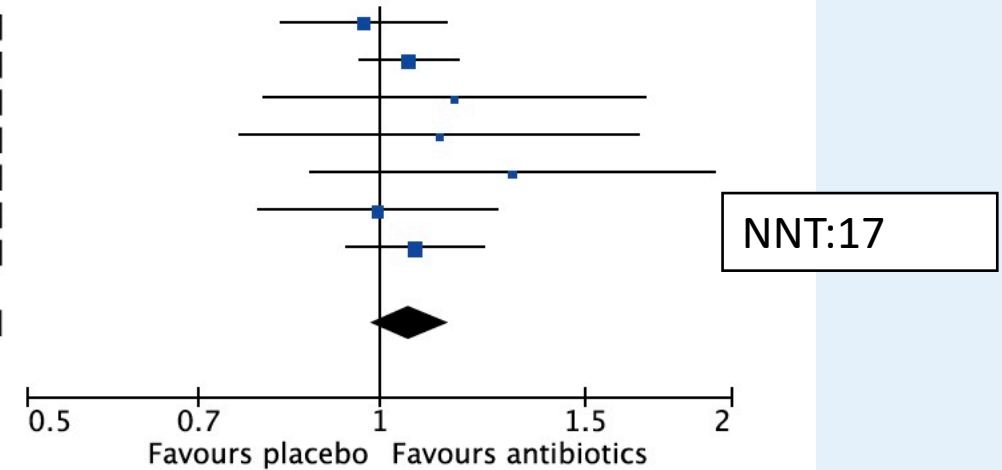
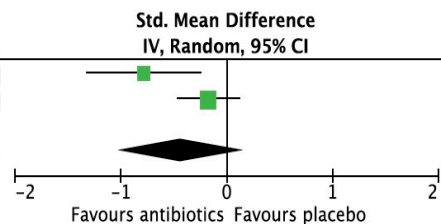


Figure 4.6.8. Forest plot of the effect of antibiotic versus placebo to assess the difference (mean difference) in the number of days to achieve cure after treatment in adult patients with acute post-viral acute rhinosinusitis

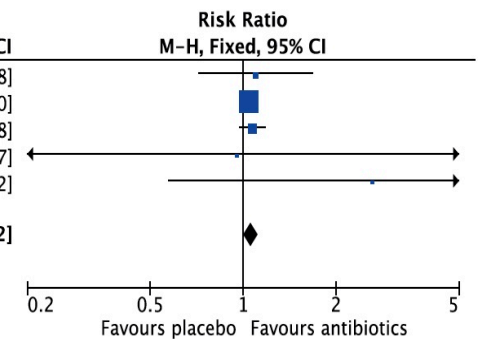
Study or Subgroup	Antibiotics			Placebo			Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total		
Merenstein 2005	8.1	3.6	32	10.7	2.8	25	42.7%	-0.78 [-1.33, -0.24]
Stalman 1997	4	5.7	85	5	5.7	91	57.3%	-0.17 [-0.47, 0.12]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>117</b>			<b>116</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.43 [-1.02, 0.16]</b>
Heterogeneity: $\text{Tau}^2 = 0.14$ ; $\text{Chi}^2 = 3.71$ , $\text{df} = 1$ ( $P = 0.05$ ); $I^2 = 73\%$								
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.44$ ( $P = 0.15$ )								



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Figure 4.6.9. Forest plot of the effect of antibiotic versus placebo to assess improvement at day 3 of treatment of adult patients with acute post-viral acute rhinosinusitis.

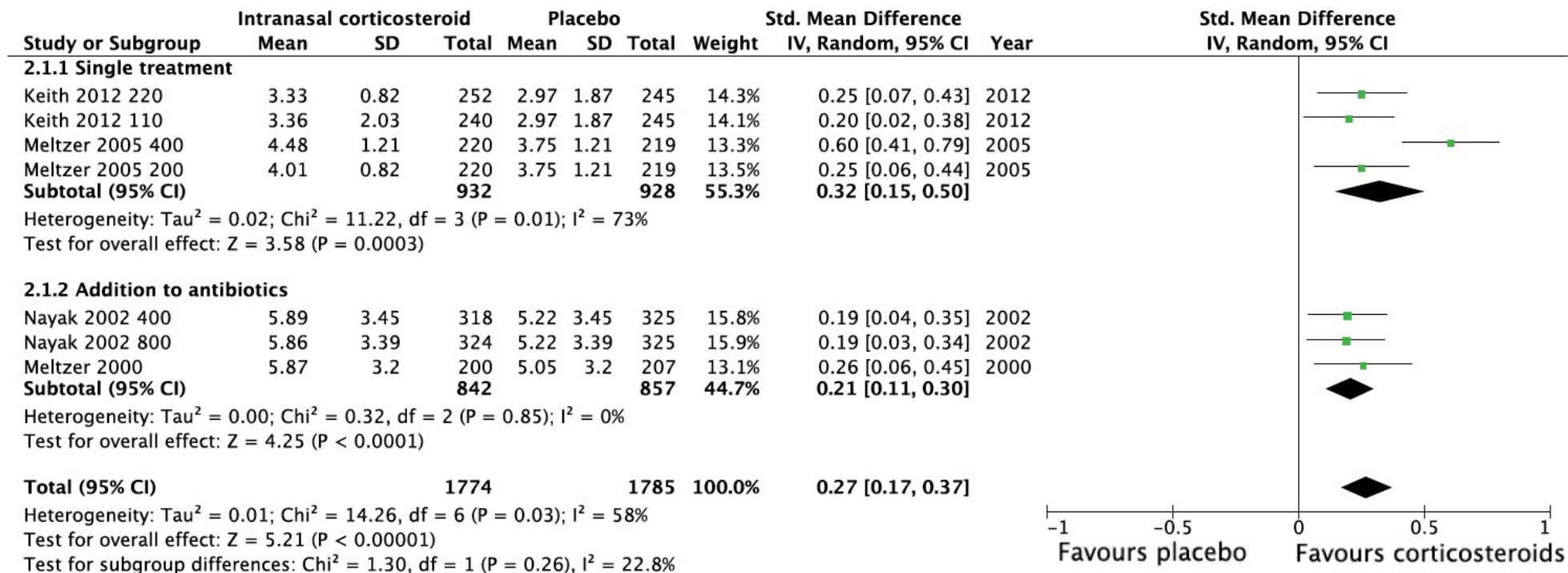
Study or Subgroup	Antibiotics		Placebo		Weight	Risk Ratio M-H, Fixed, 95% CI
	Events	Total	Events	Total		
Garbutt 2012	30	81	25	74	8.0%	1.10 [0.72, 1.68]
Meltzer 2005	233	251	225	252	68.7%	1.04 [0.98, 1.10]
Haye 2000	79	84	71	81	22.1%	1.07 [0.97, 1.18]
Lindbaek 1998 (Amoxy)	2	22	2	21	0.6%	0.95 [0.15, 6.17]
Lindbaek 1998 (pen V)	5	20	2	21	0.6%	2.63 [0.57, 12.02]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>		<b>458</b>		<b>449</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.06 [1.00, 1.12]</b>
Total events	349		325			
Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 1.95$ , $\text{df} = 4$ ( $P = 0.74$ ); $I^2 = 0\%$						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.97$ ( $P = 0.05$ )						



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# Intranasal corticosteroids in postviral ARS

Figure 4.6.16. Forest plot of the effect of intranasal corticosteroids versus placebo on change from baseline of total symptom score in acute post-viral rhinosinusitis.



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# Antibiotics prescription and resistance

Figure 4.6.13. Consumption of antibiotics for systemic use in the community by antibiotic group in 30 EU/EEA countries, 2013 (expressed in DDD per 1000 inhabitants and per day(251).

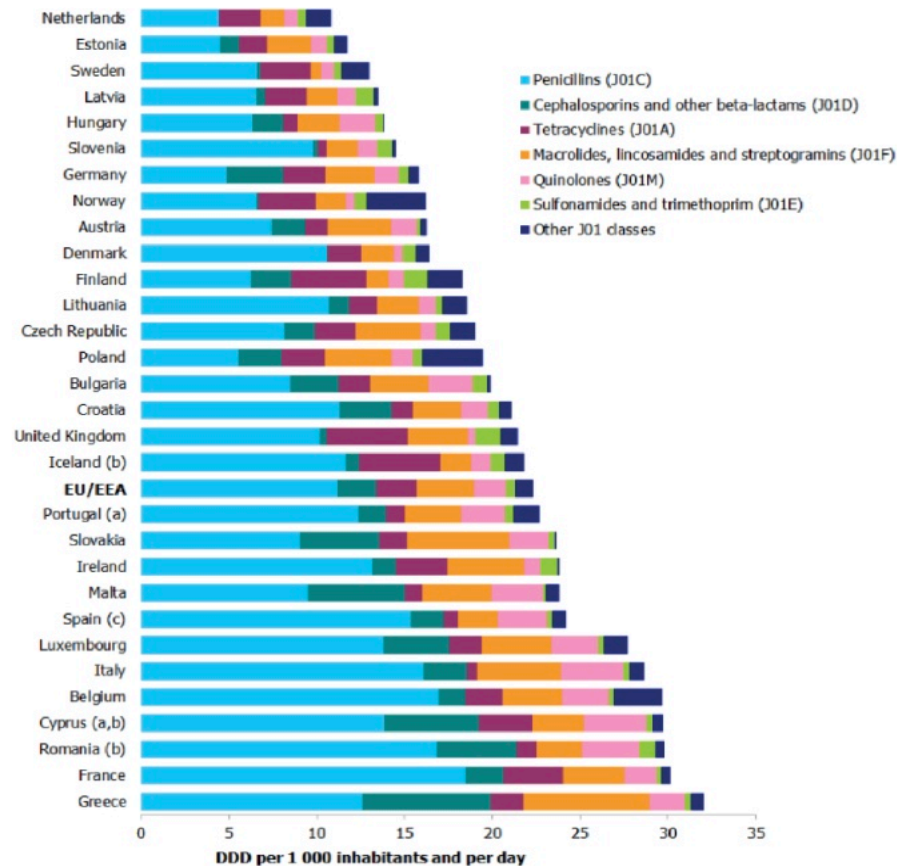
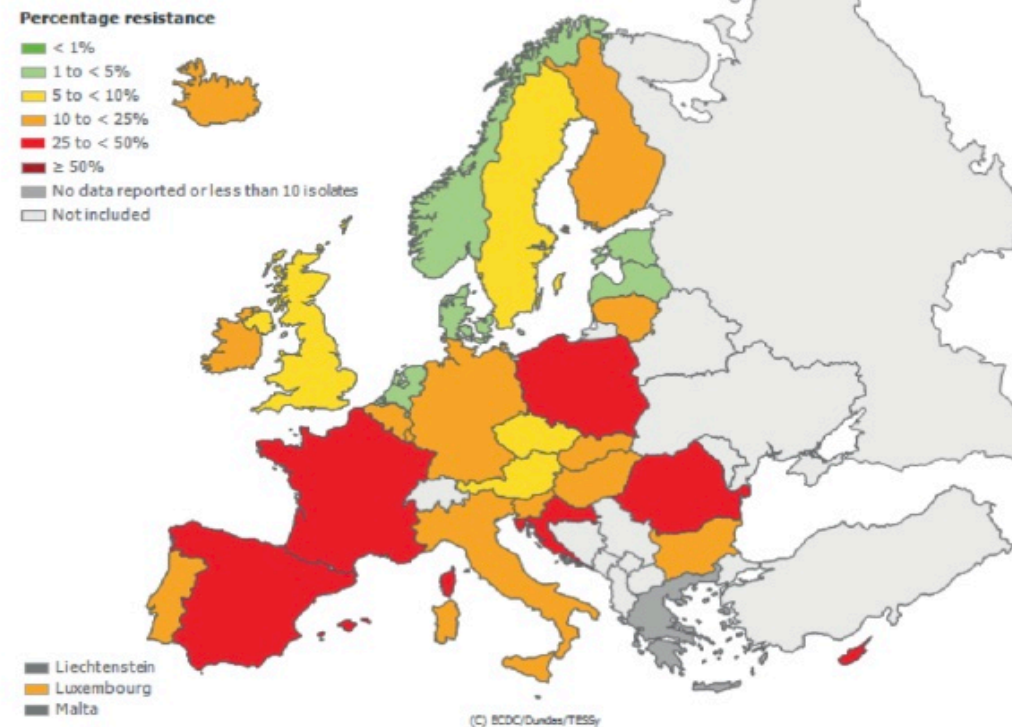
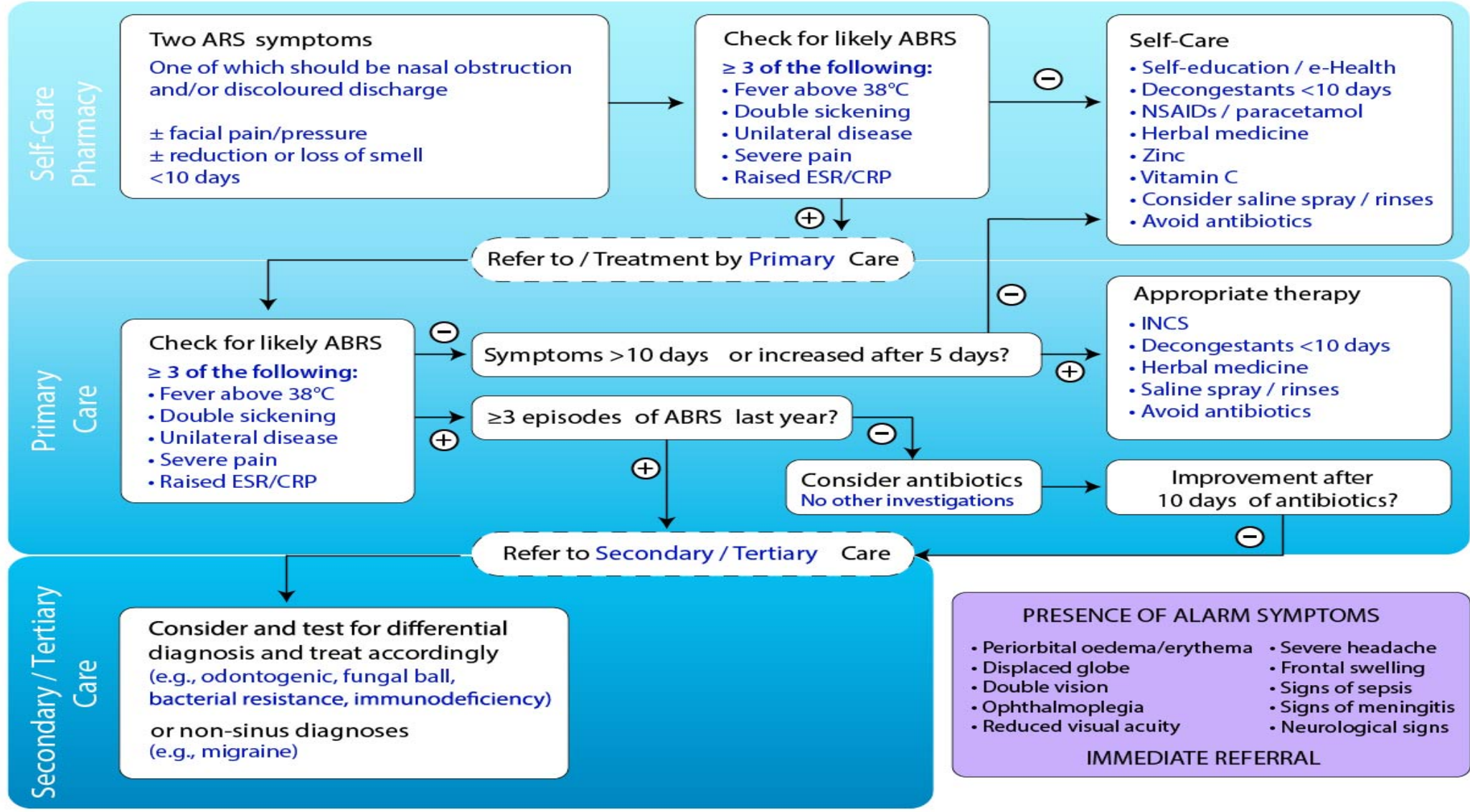


Figure 4.6.14. Proportion of macrolide Resistant (R) *Streptococcus pneumoniae* isolates in participating countries in 2013(250).





# EPOS 2020: Care pathways for acute rhinosinusitis (ARS)



Two ARS symptoms  
One of which should be nasal obstruction  
and/or discoloured discharge

± facial pain/pressure  
± reduction or loss of smell  
<10 days

Check for likely ABRS  
≥ 3 of the following:

- Fever above 38°C
- Double sickening
- Unilateral disease
- Severe pain
- Raised ESR/CRP

Self-Care

- Self-education / e-Health
- Decongestants <10 days
- NSAIDs / paracetamol
- Herbal medicine
- Zinc
- Vitamin C
- Consider saline spray / rinses
- Avoid antibiotics

Check for likely ABRS  
≥ 3 of the following:

- Fever above 38°C
- Double sickening
- Unilateral disease
- Severe pain
- Raised ESR/CRP

Refer to / Treatment by Primary Care

Symptoms >10 days or increased after 5 days?

≥3 episodes of ABRS last year?

Appropriate therapy

- INCS
- Decongestants <10 days
- Herbal medicine
- Saline spray / rinses
- Avoid antibiotics

Consider antibiotics  
No other investigations

Improvement after  
10 days of antibiotics?

Refer to Secondary / Tertiary Care

Consider and test for differential  
diagnosis and treat accordingly  
(e.g., odontogenic, fungal ball,  
bacterial resistance, immunodeficiency)  
or non-sinus diagnoses  
(e.g., migraine)

PRESENCE OF ALARM SYMPTOMS

- Periorbital oedema/erythema
- Displaced globe
- Double vision
- Ophthalmoplegia
- Reduced visual acuity
- Severe headache
- Frontal swelling
- Signs of sepsis
- Signs of meningitis
- Neurological signs

IMMEDIATE REFERRAL

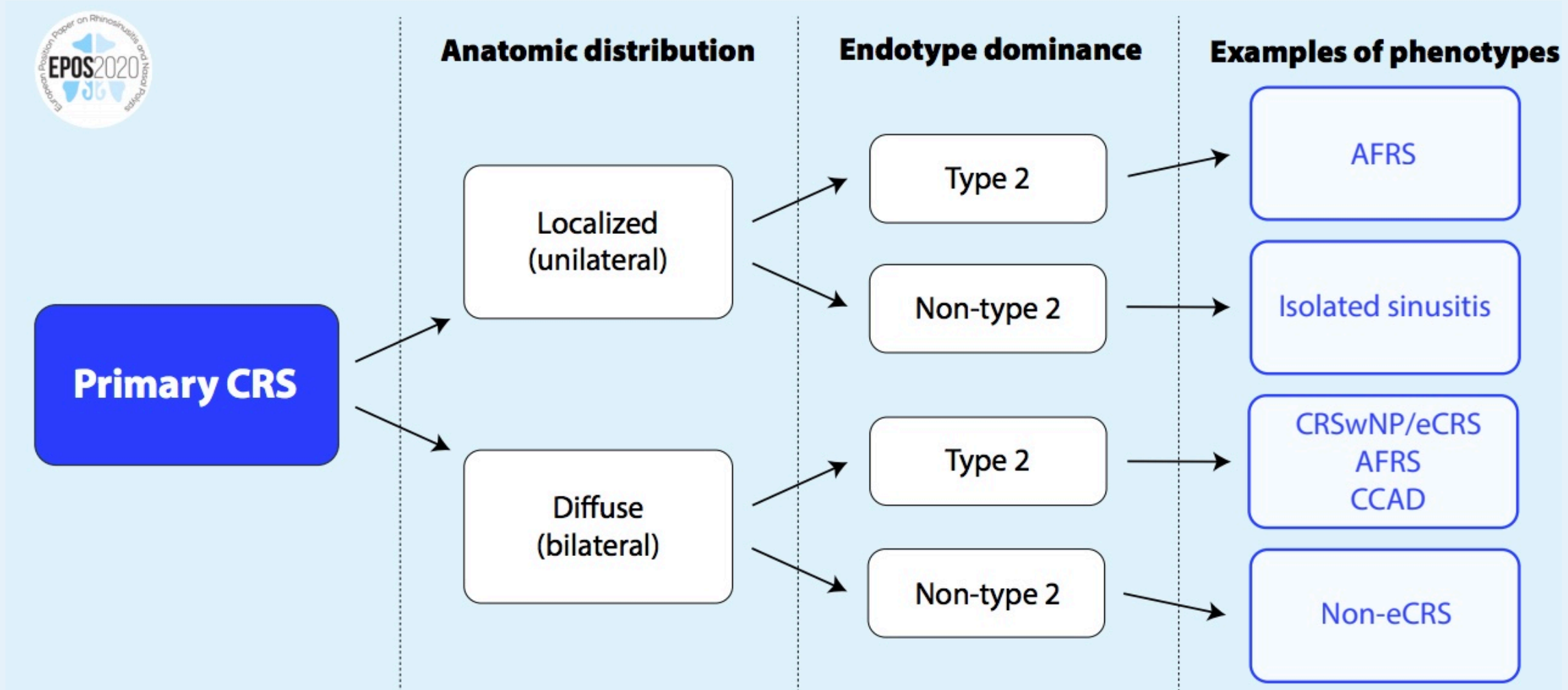




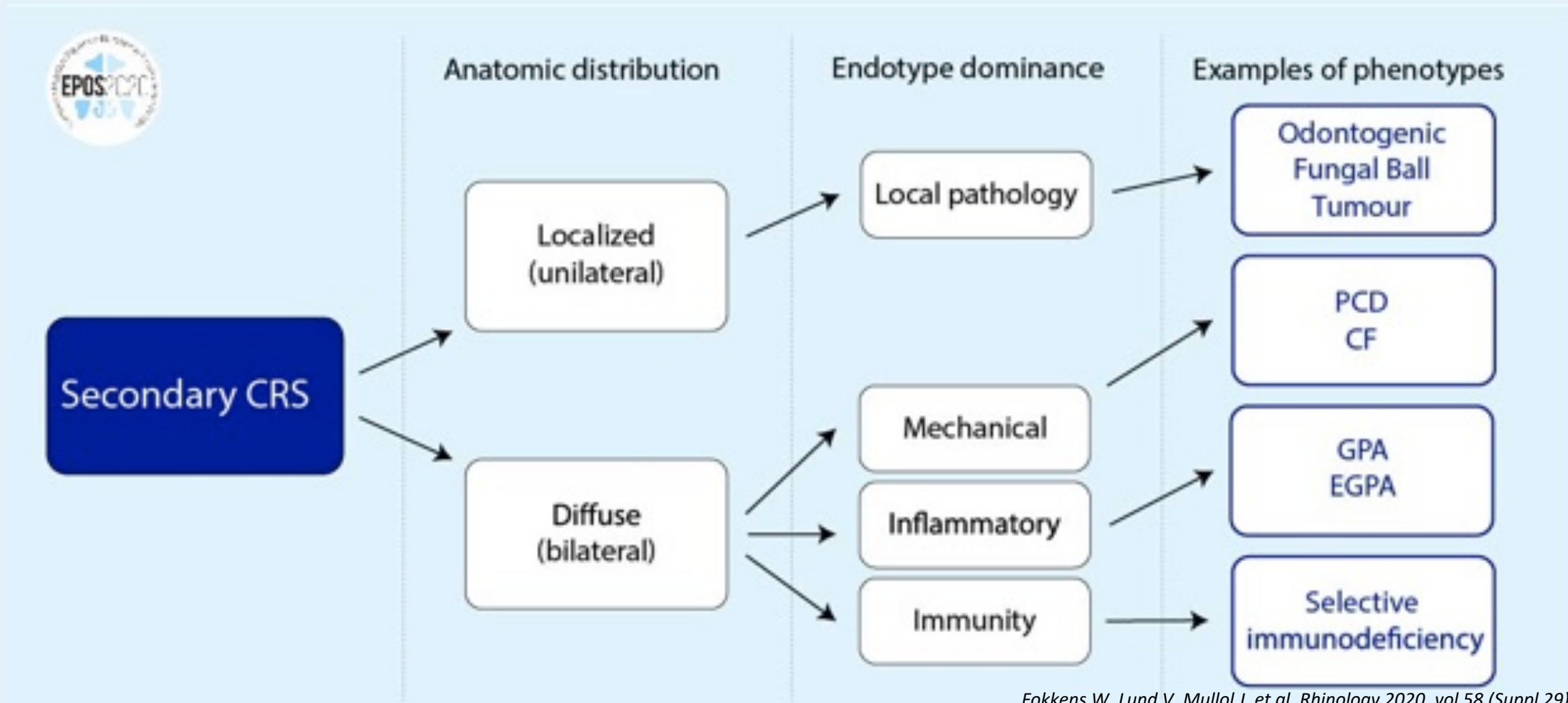
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# New Classification of CRS



# New Classification of CRS



# Montelukast in diffuse bilateral CRS

Table 6.1.9.1. Montelukast for the treatment of patients with CRS.

Study	Methods	Participants	Interventions	Outcomes	Results
Schaper, 2011 <sup>(139)</sup>	SBPCT crossover	24 CRSwNP patients and asthma (12 with N-ERD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montelukast 10 mg 1dd for 6 weeks (n=24)</li> <li>Placebo 1dd for 4 weeks (n=24)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nasal symptoms (0-12)</li> <li>Nasal endoscopy</li> <li>Anterior rhinomanometry</li> <li>Olfactometry</li> <li>Mediators in nasal secretion and blood</li> <li>Lung function</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total symptom score improved from 5.9 to 1.75 in montelukast group and not in placebo. No direct comparison. No data for placebo</li> <li>Significant reduction in oedema, hypersecretion, blockage compared to placebo at nasal endoscopy</li> <li>Significant improvement in nasal airflow</li> <li>Significant reduction in inflammatory mediators and eosinophils in nasal secretion</li> <li>Significant improvement in lung function</li> </ul>
Pauli, 2007 <sup>(138)</sup>	DBPCT	30 CRSwNP patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montelukast 10 mg 1dd for 4 weeks (n=20)</li> <li>Placebo 1dd for 4 weeks (n=10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HRQL (health related quality of life questionnaire) at 4 wks</li> <li>Nasal endoscopy at 4 wks</li> <li>ECP in nasal secretion at 4 wks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant reduction in most domains of HRQL</li> <li>No significant difference in nasal endoscopy score or ECP in nasal secretion</li> </ul>

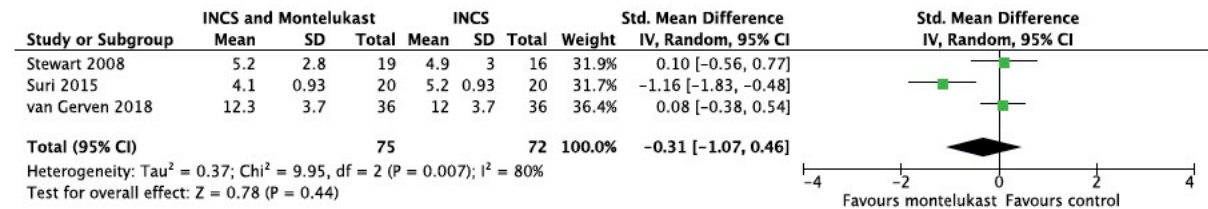
CRSwNP, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; DBPCT, double-blind placebo-controlled trial; ECP, eosinophil cationic protein; HRQL, health related quality of life; N-ERD, NSAID-exacerbated respiratory disease; SBPCT, single-blind placebo-controlled trial.

Table 6.1.9.2. Montelukast added to intranasal corticosteroids for the treatment of patients with CRS.

Study	Methods	Participants	Interventions	Outcomes	Results
Van Gerven 2018 <sup>(144)</sup>	RCT	72 CRSwNP postoperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRSwNP Montelukast 10 mg 1dd together with mometasone furoate 200 µg 2 times a day for 1 year (n=36)</li> <li>CRSwNP mometasone furoate 200 µg 2 times a day for 1 year (n=36)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSSS (TSSS) at 3, 6 and 12 months</li> <li>Nasal polyp score (NPS) at 3, 6 and 12 months</li> <li>LMS at 3, 6 and 12 months</li> <li>BAST 24 at 3, 6 and 12 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No significant difference between the treatments for any outcome measured</li> </ul>
Suri 2015 <sup>(143)</sup>	RCT	40 CRSwNP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montelukast 10 mg for 8 weeks+ prednisolone 35 mg reducing by 5 mg every second day over 14 days+ budesonide nasal spray 2 metered doses to each nostril for 8 weeks (n=20)</li> <li>Prednisolone 35 mg reducing by 5 mg every second day over 14 days+ budesonide nasal spray 2 metered doses to each nostril for 8 weeks (n=20)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total symptoms and nasal blockage, headache, facial pain, sense of smell, nasal discharge and sneezing (0-10) at 8 and 12 weeks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant better effect of montelukast group for total symptoms (8 and 12 wks), headache (12 wks), sense of smell (8 and 12 wks) and sneezing (8 wks)</li> </ul>
Stewart 2008 <sup>(141)</sup>	RCT	38 CRSwNP (35 analysed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Montelukast 10 mg for 8 weeks+ prednisolone 35 mg reducing by 5 mg every second day over 14 days+ budesonide nasal spray 2 metered doses to each nostril for 8 weeks (n=20)</li> <li>Prednisolone 35 mg reducing by 5 mg every second day over 14 days+ budesonide nasal spray 2 metered doses to each nostril for 8 weeks (n=20)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total symptoms and nasal blockage, headache, facial pain, sense of smell, nasal discharge, sneezing at 8 and 12 weeks</li> <li>SF36</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant better effect of montelukast group for facial pain (8 wks) headache (8 wks), sneezing (8 wks)</li> <li>No significant difference between the treatments for any outcome measured at 12 weeks</li> <li>No significant difference in SF36</li> </ul>

BAST-24, Barcelona Smell Test 24 0ours; CRSwNP, chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; LMS, Lund-McKay score; RCT, randomized clinical trial; SF-36, short form 36; TSSS; Total 5 Symptom Score.

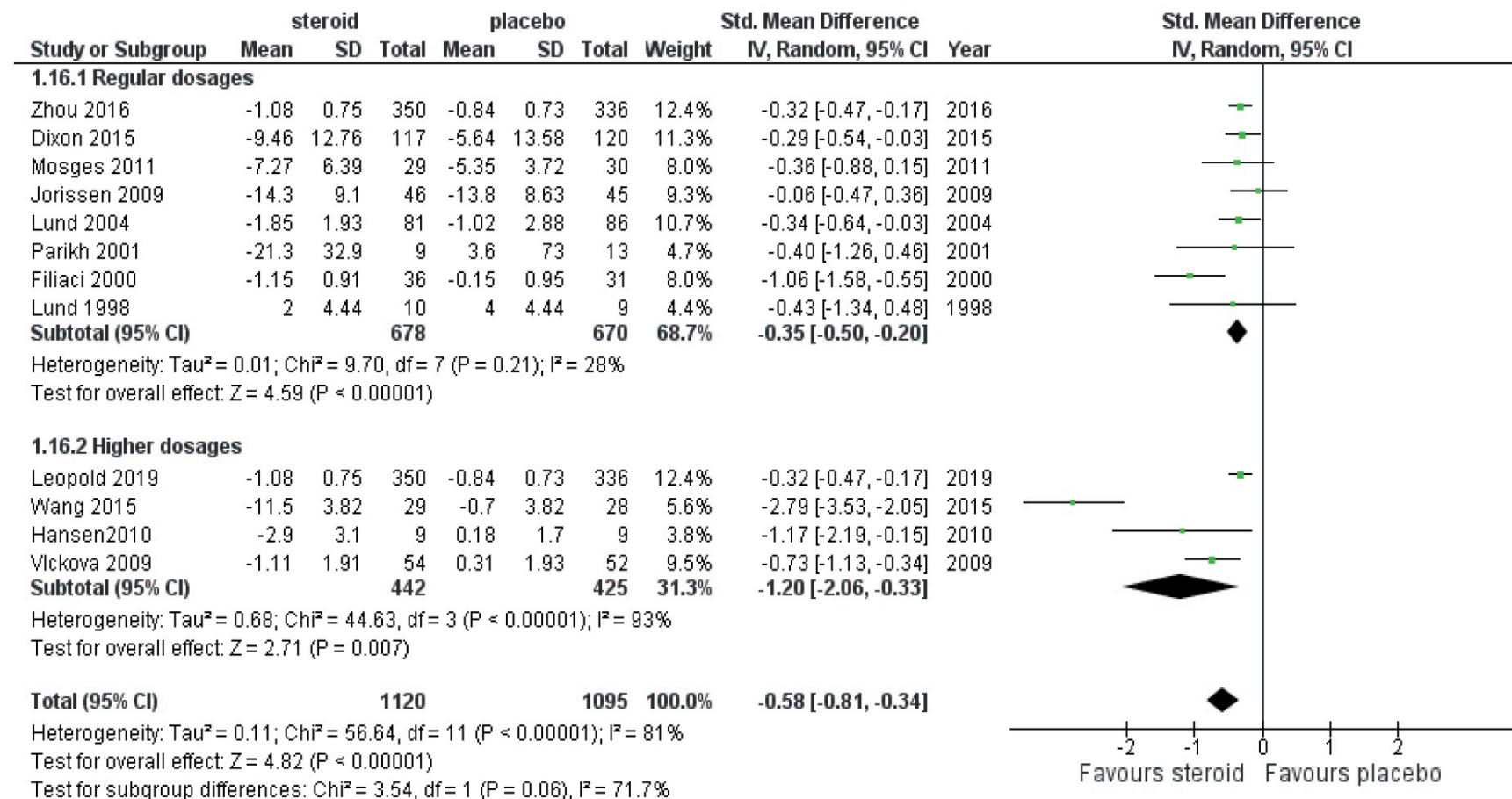
Figure 6.1.9.1. Forest plot of the effect of the added effect of montelukast on intranasal corticosteroids at 12 weeks in CRSwNP patients





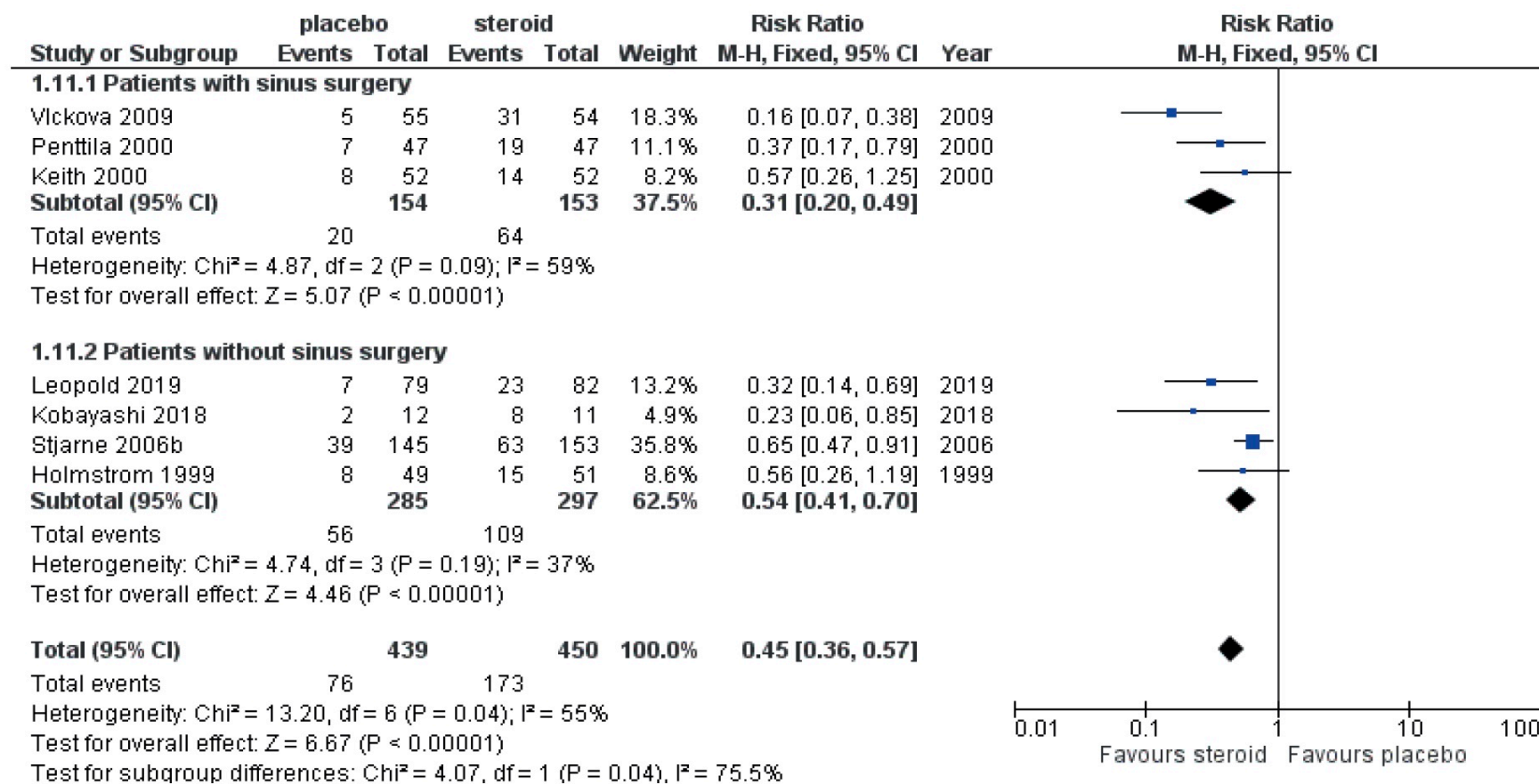
# Regular or high dose of INCS in diffuse bilateral CRS

Figure 6.1.5.8. Forest plot of the effect of different dosages of nasal corticosteroids versus placebo on symptoms in CRS patients.



# Difference in effect of INCS in CRS patients without or with surgery

Figure 6.1.5.15. Forest plot of the effect of nasal corticosteroid versus placebo on the proportion of patients with nasal polyp score reduction in subgroups of CRS patients with and without sinus surgery.



# Aspirin treatment after desensitisation (ATAD)

Figure 6.1.12.1. Forest plot of the effect of ATAD versus standard treatment alone on the SNOT score six months after start of the treatment in patients with CRSwNP.

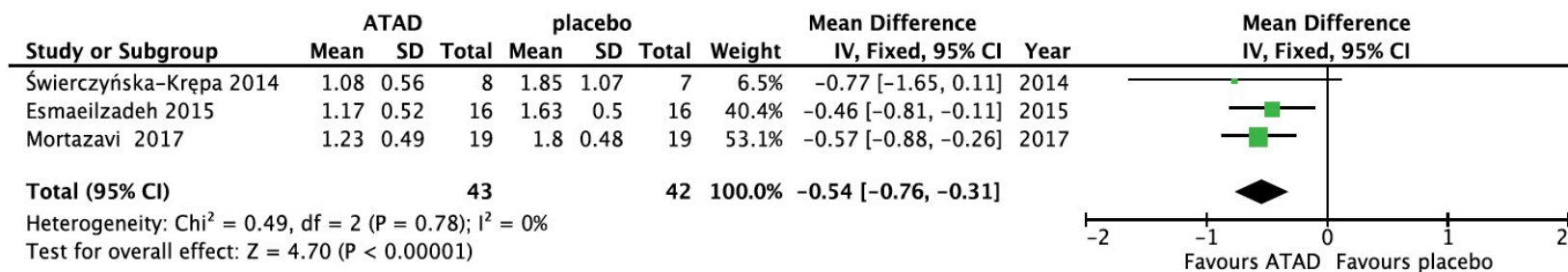
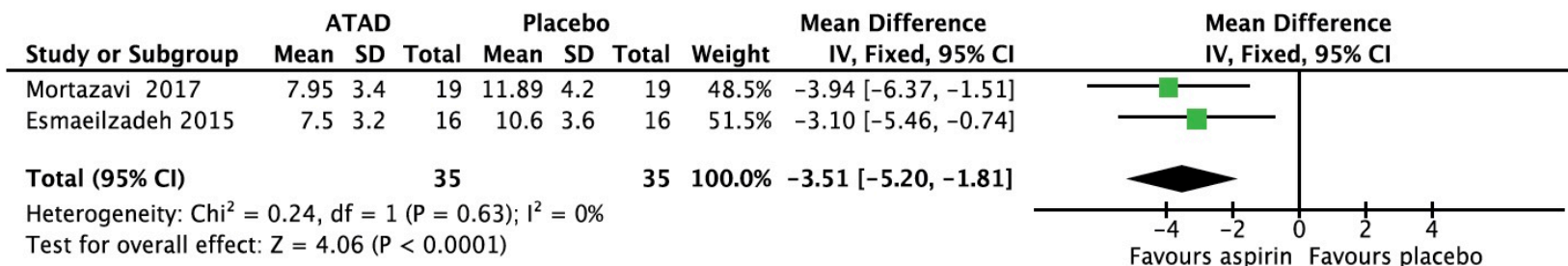


Figure 6.1.12.2. Forest plot of the effect of ATAD versus standard treatment alone on the symptom score six months after start of the treatment in patients with CRSwNP.



# No effect of short term antibiotics after (F)ESS

Table 6.2.7.1. Short-term postoperative antibiotics in CRS.

Study	Methods	Participants	Interventions	Outcomes	Results
Albu 2010 <sup>(857)</sup>	DBPCT	75 CRS patients (40 CRSwNP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amoxicillin + clavulanate 625 mg twice daily for 14 days (n=40)</li> <li>Placebo twice daily for 14 days (n=35)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptom questionnaire day 5, 12, 21 and 30</li> <li>Perioperative sinus endoscopy (POSE) score at day 5, 12, 21 and 30</li> <li>Endoscopic examination at day 5 until all blood crusts resolved</li> </ul>	<p>Amoxicillin + clavulanate versus placebo resulted in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant lower scores for nasal obstruction and nasal discharge on postoperative day 5</li> <li>Significant lower POSE scores on day 5 and 12</li> <li>No statistical difference between groups in overall symptom scores or POSE scores at 21 or 30 days</li> <li>Patients displaying blood crusts within 12 days post-surgery were lower in the antibiotic treated group as compared to the placebo group (p=0.02)</li> </ul>
Schalek 2009 <sup>(858)</sup>	DBPCT	23 CRS patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amoxicillin + clavulanate, quinolone or co-trimoxazole for 3 weeks (n=13)</li> <li>Placebo for 3 weeks (n=10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SNOT-22 (Czech translation) at 3 and 6 months</li> <li>Clinical symptom-specific scores at 3 and 6 months</li> <li>Endoscopic score at 3 and 6 months</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No statistically significant difference in SNOT-22 quality of life scores, average symptom score, or endoscopic scores compared to placebo at 3 and 6 months</li> <li>Mean endoscopic scores after 3 months approached significance (p=0.056)</li> <li>There was no statistical difference with regard to which particular antibiotic was used</li> </ul>
Jiang 2008 <sup>(859)</sup>	RCT	71 CRS patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amoxicillin + clavulanate 375 mg three times daily for 3 weeks (n=31)</li> <li>No treatment (n=40)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rhinosinusitis symptom scores at week 3</li> <li>Antibiotic sensitivity rate at week 3</li> <li>Culture rate at week 3</li> <li>Endoscopic scores at week 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No significant difference in the short-term subjective or objective outcomes of CRS 3 weeks after endoscopic sinus surgery</li> <li>Bacterial culture rates increased in the study group after FESS (38.7% vs. 61.3%, p=0.014) but no significant difference in antibiotic sensitivity to amoxicillin/clavulanate</li> </ul>
Anns 2000 <sup>(858)</sup>	DBPCT	202 CRS patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cefuroxime axetil 250 mg twice daily (n=101)</li> <li>Placebo twice daily all patients received nasal saline and nasal corticosteroids (n=101)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Symptoms</li> <li>Nasal endoscopy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No significant differences between the groups</li> </ul>

DBPCT, Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial; CRS, Chronic Rhinosinusitis; CRSwNP, Chronic Rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; RCT, Randomised Controlled Trial; SNOT-22, Sino-Nasal Outcome Test-22; POSE, Perioperative Sinus Endoscopy score;



# Reverse Trendelenburg position reduces blood loss during (F)ESS

Figure 6.2.4.1. Forest plot of the effect of reverse Trendelenburg position compared to the horizontal position on surgical field quality.

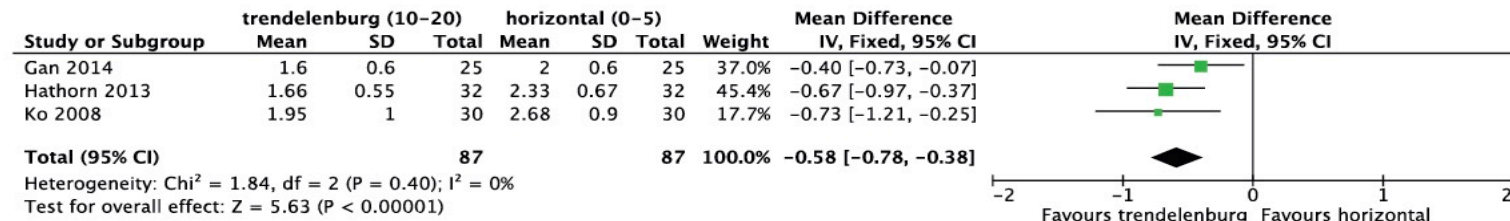


Figure 6.2.4.2. Forest plot of the effect of reverse Trendelenburg position compared to the horizontal position on blood loss.

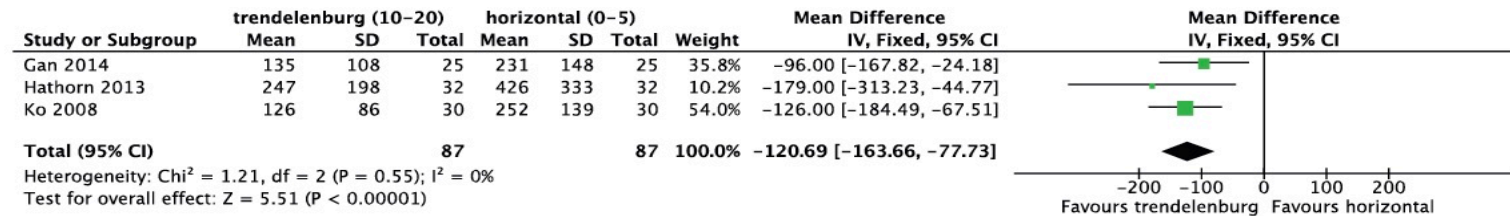
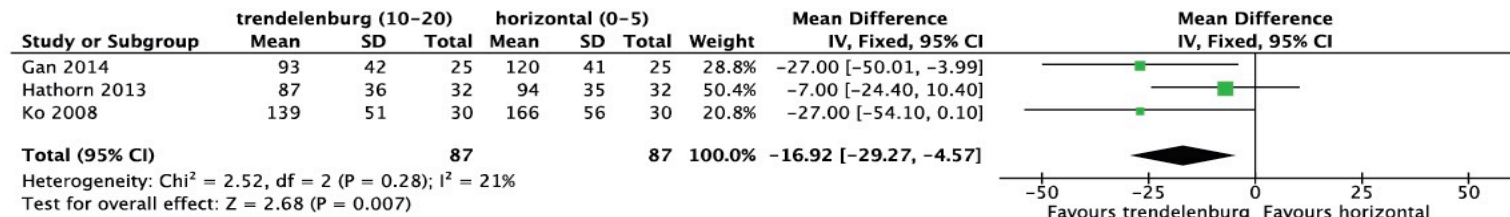
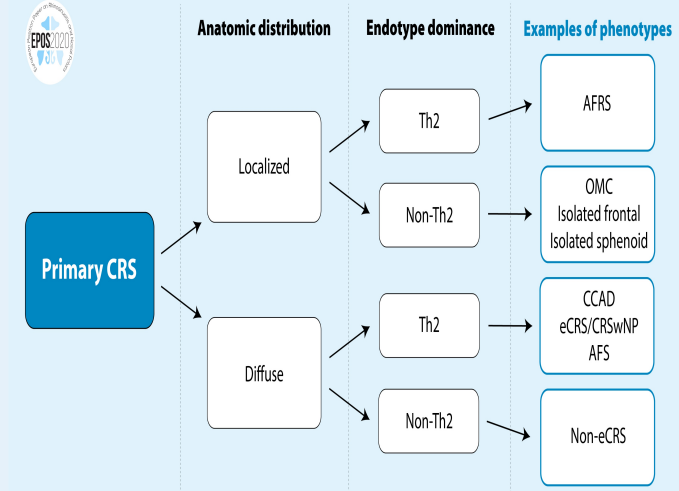
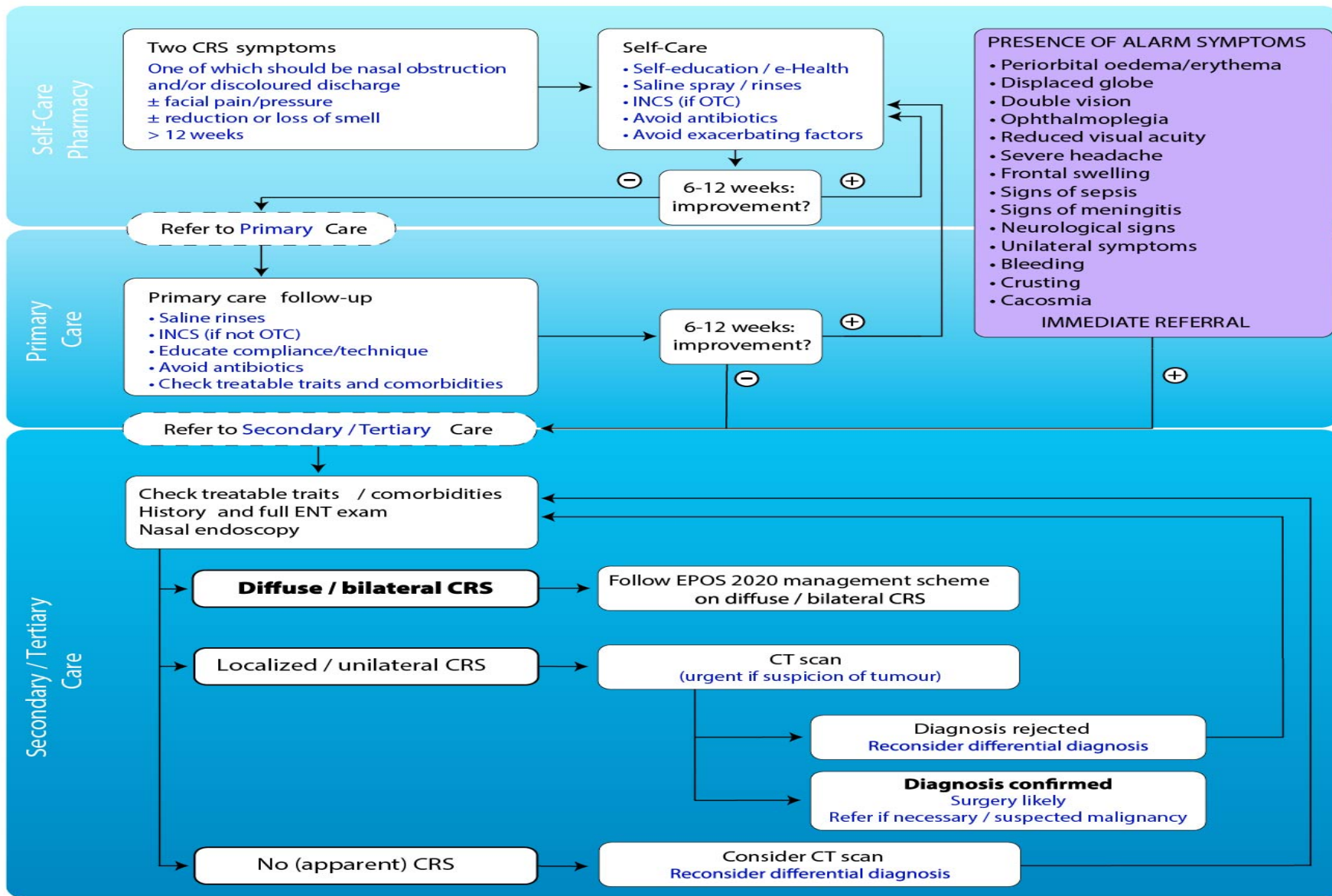


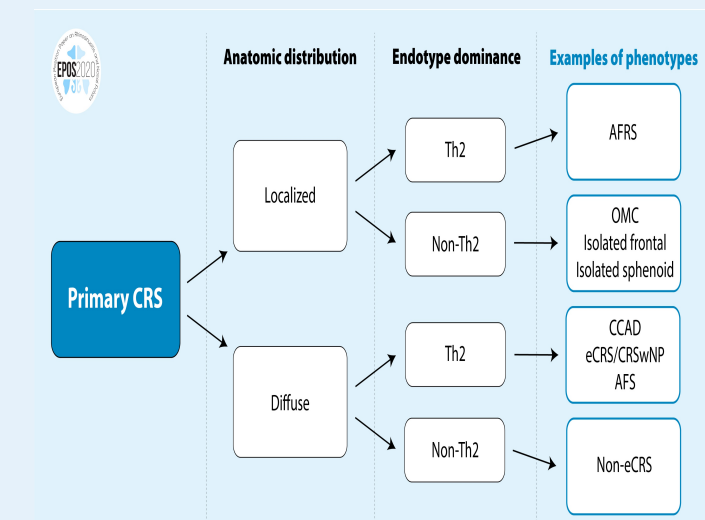
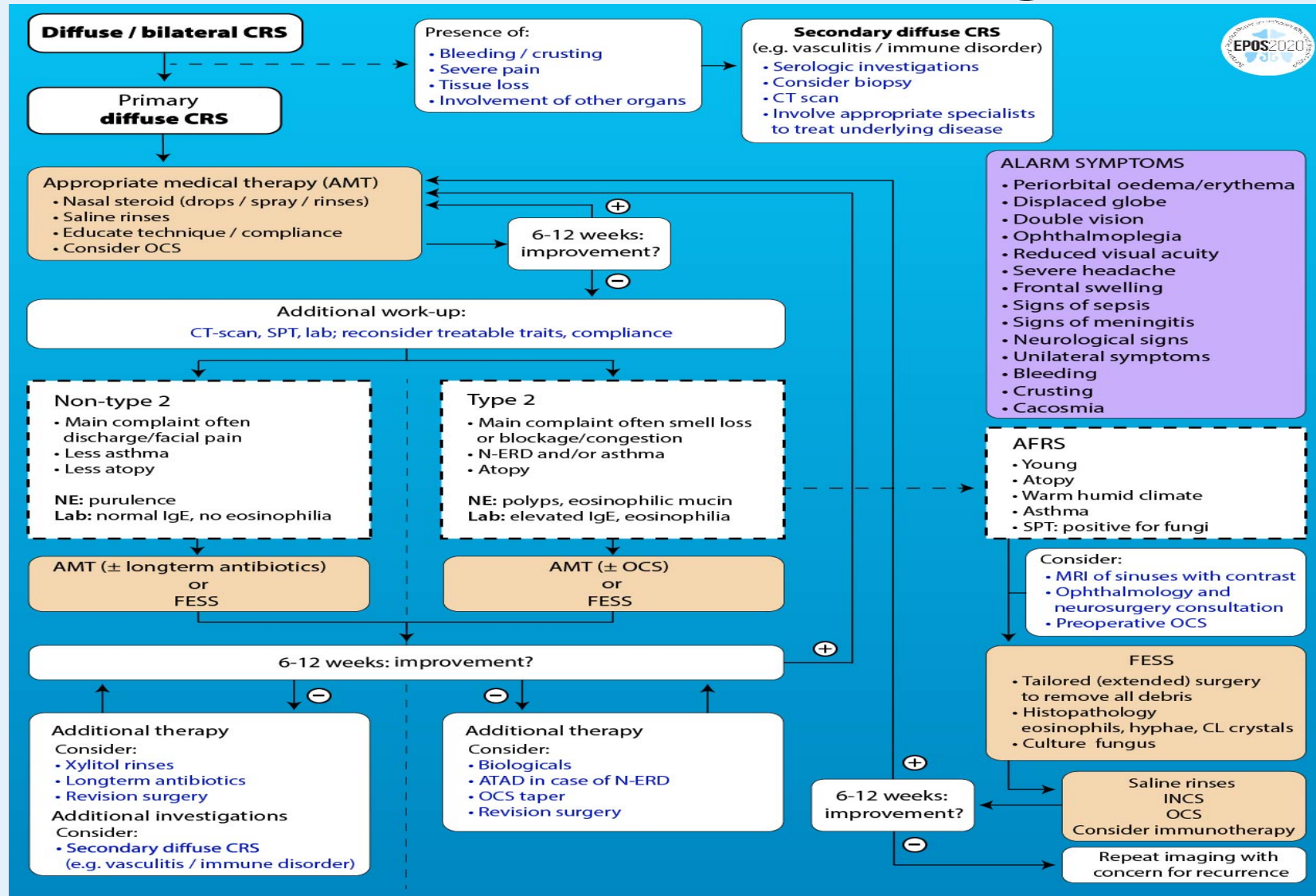
Figure 6.2.4.3. Forest plot of the effect of reverse Trendelenburg position compared to the horizontal position on operation time.



# EPOS 2020: Care pathways for CRS

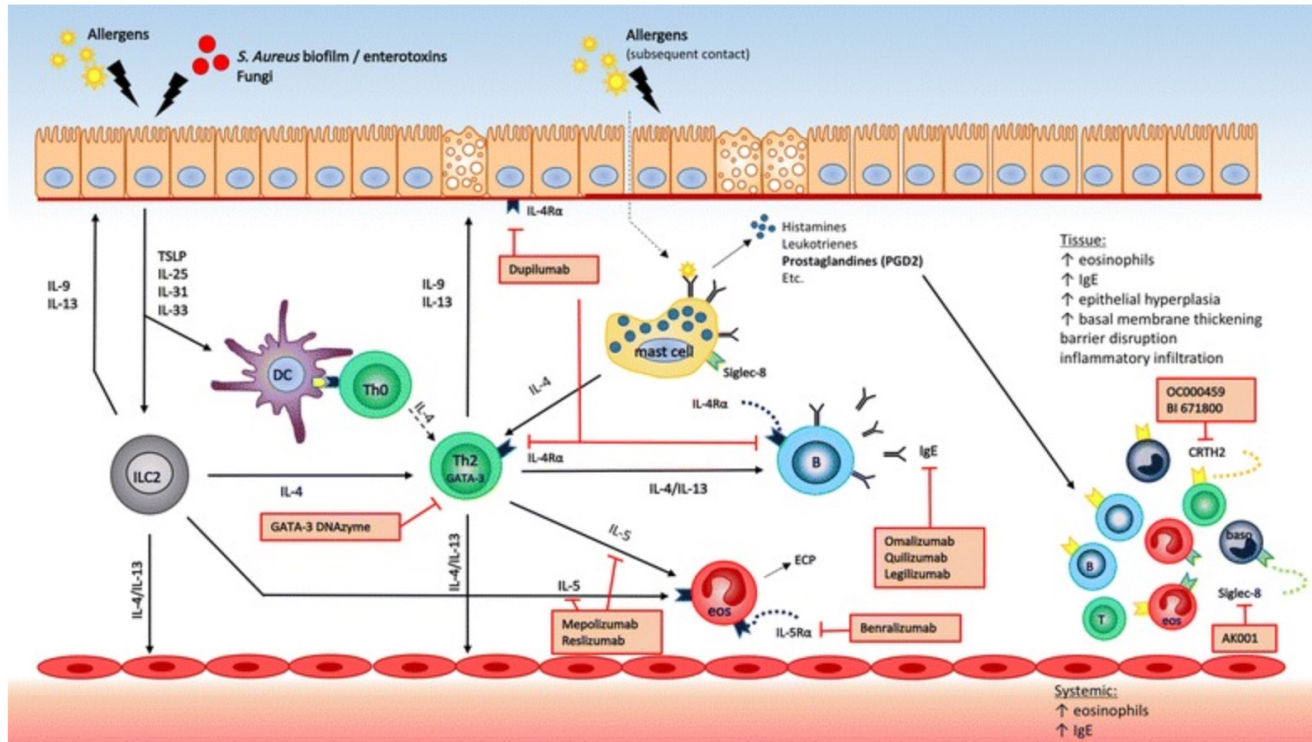


# Diffuse bilateral CRS management scheme





# Treatment of Type 2 Inflammation in Chronic Rhinosinusitis



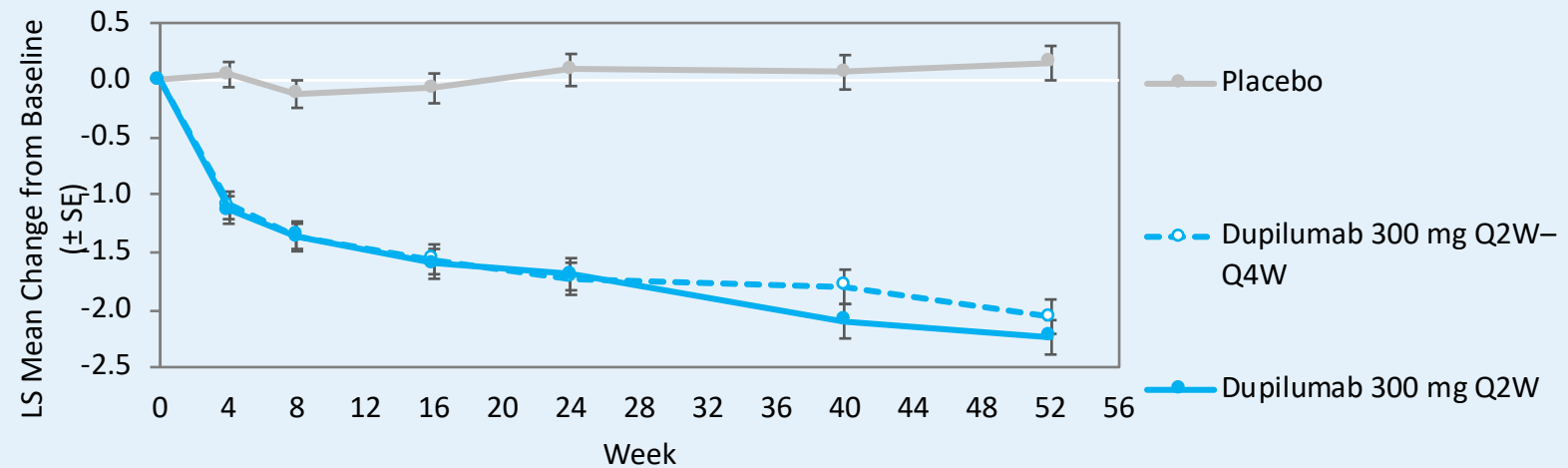
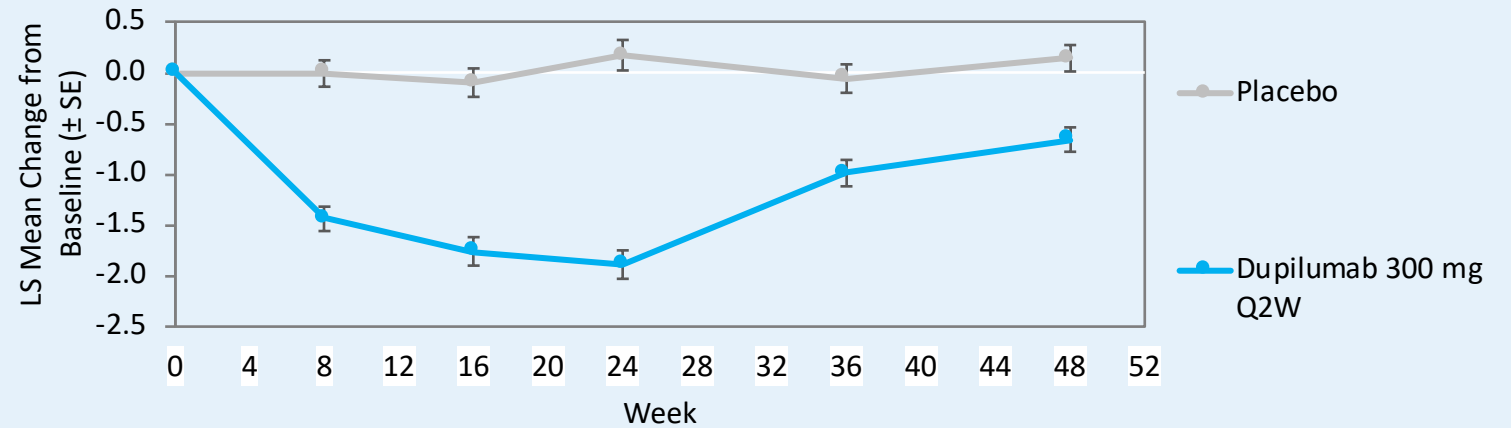
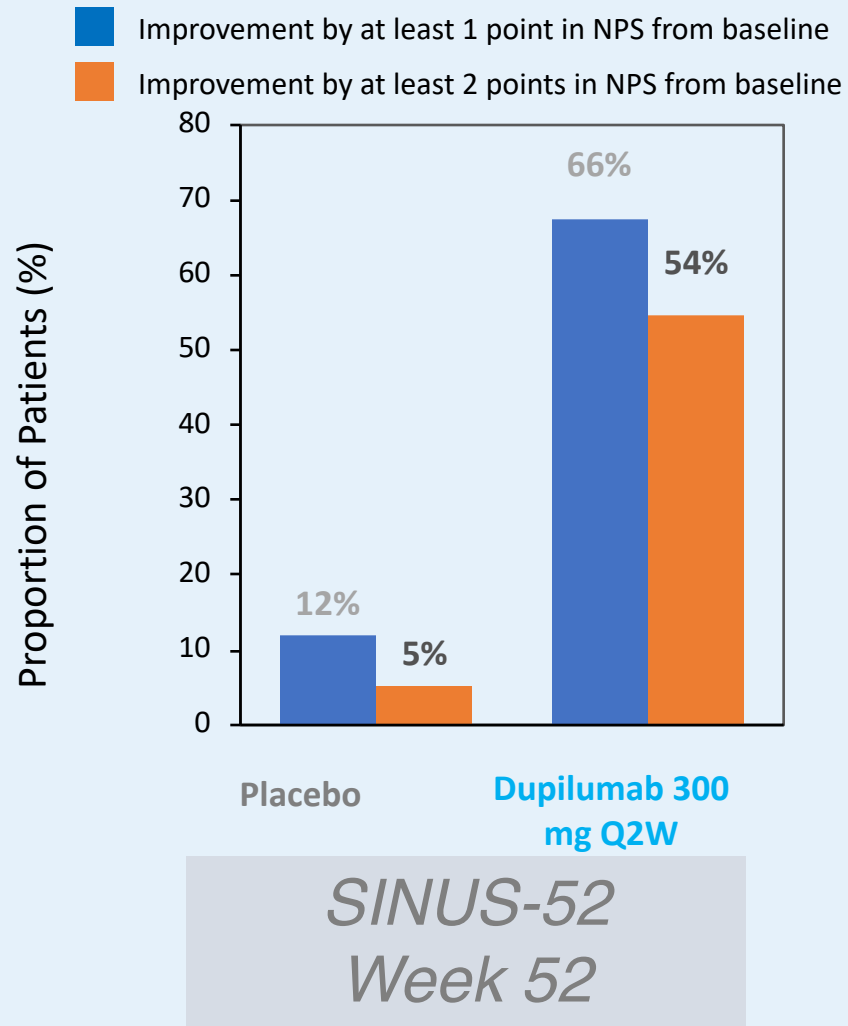
Type 2 inflammation and biologicals. *B* B cell; *baso* basophil; *DC* dendritic cell; *ECP* eosinophilic cationic protein; *eos* eosinophils; *ILC2* type 2 innate lymphoid cell; *Th* T helper cell

- anti- IL-5
- mepolizumab
- reslizumab.
- anti-IL-4/anti-IL-13
- dupilumab
- anti-IgE
- omalizumab



# Dupilumab in CRSwNP

## Responder Analysis: Percent of Patients With NPS Improvement from Baseline



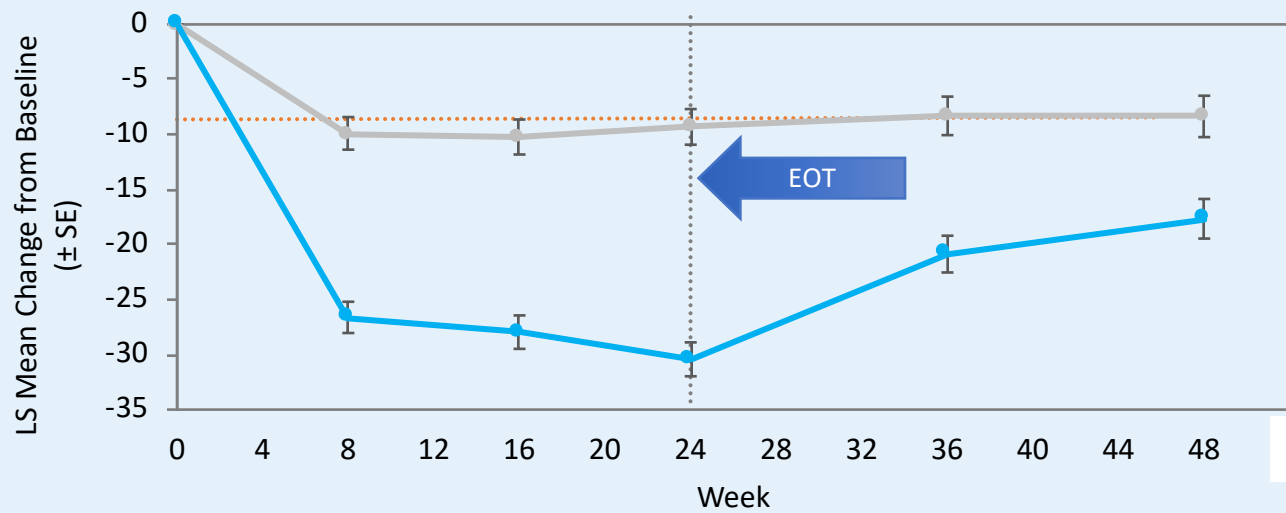
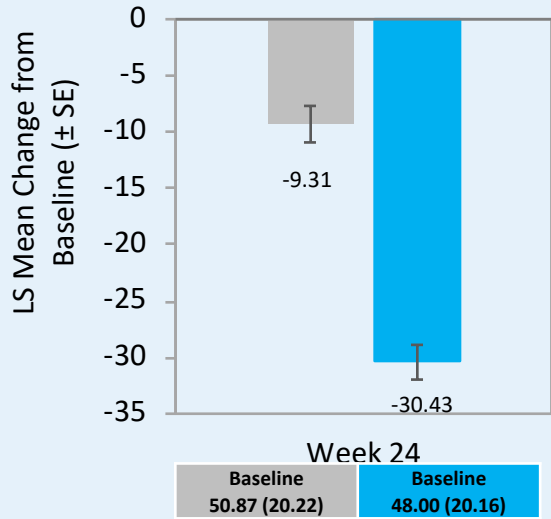
All *P*-values <0.0001

NPS, nasal polyp score; Q2W, every 2 weeks.

Data on file.

# Dupilumab in CRSwNP: Secondary Efficacy: LS Mean Change from Baseline in SNOT-22 Total Score

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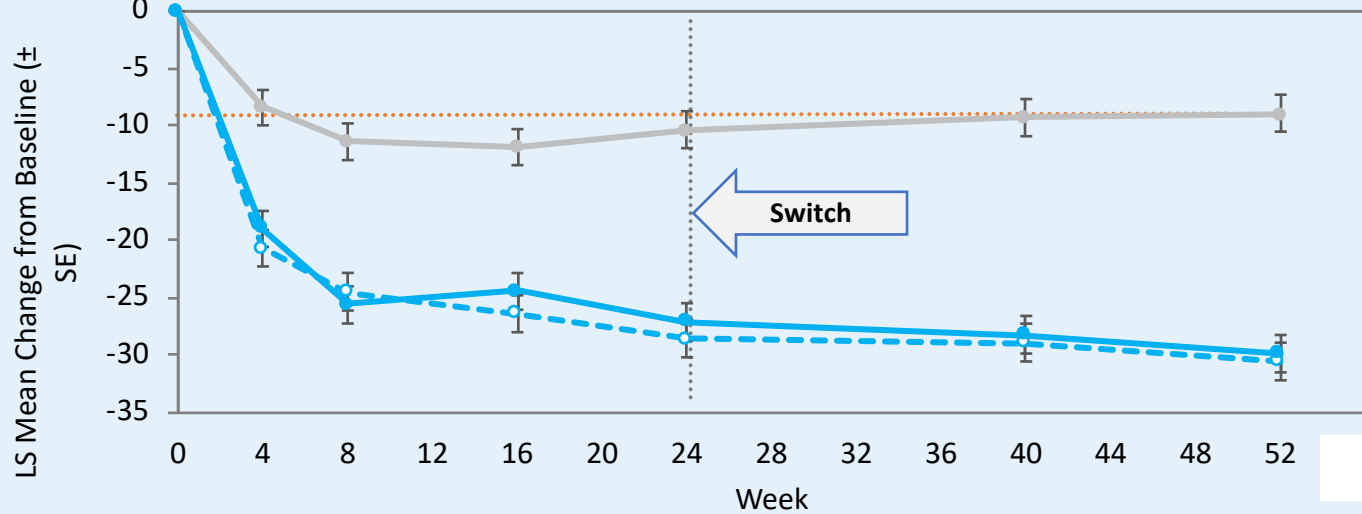
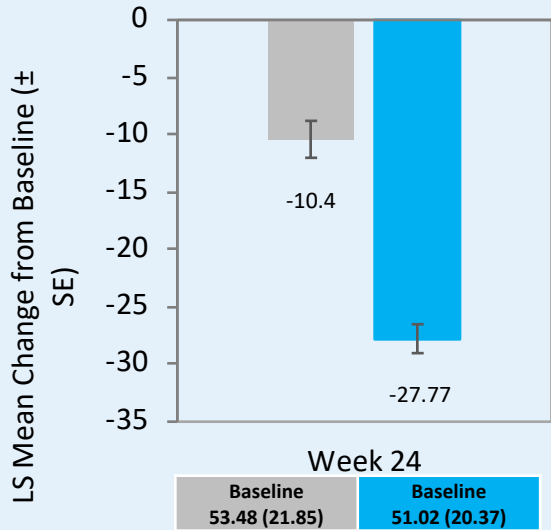


Placebo

Dupilumab 300 mg Q2W

***P* < 0.0001 LS mean difference for all points from Week 4–EOT vs placebo.**

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Placebo

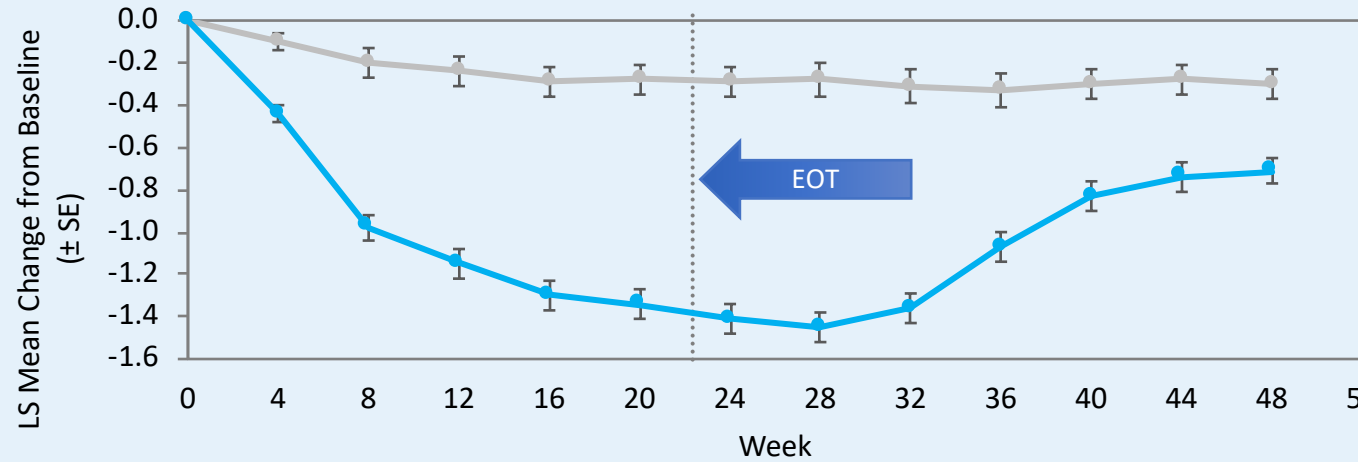
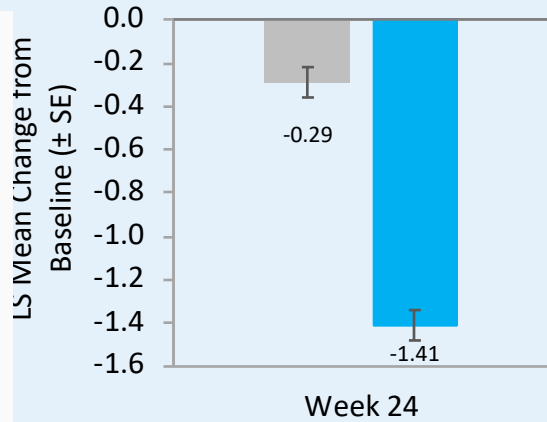
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# Dupilumab in CRSwNP: Secondary Efficacy: LS Mean Change from Baseline in Daily Assessed Loss of Smell

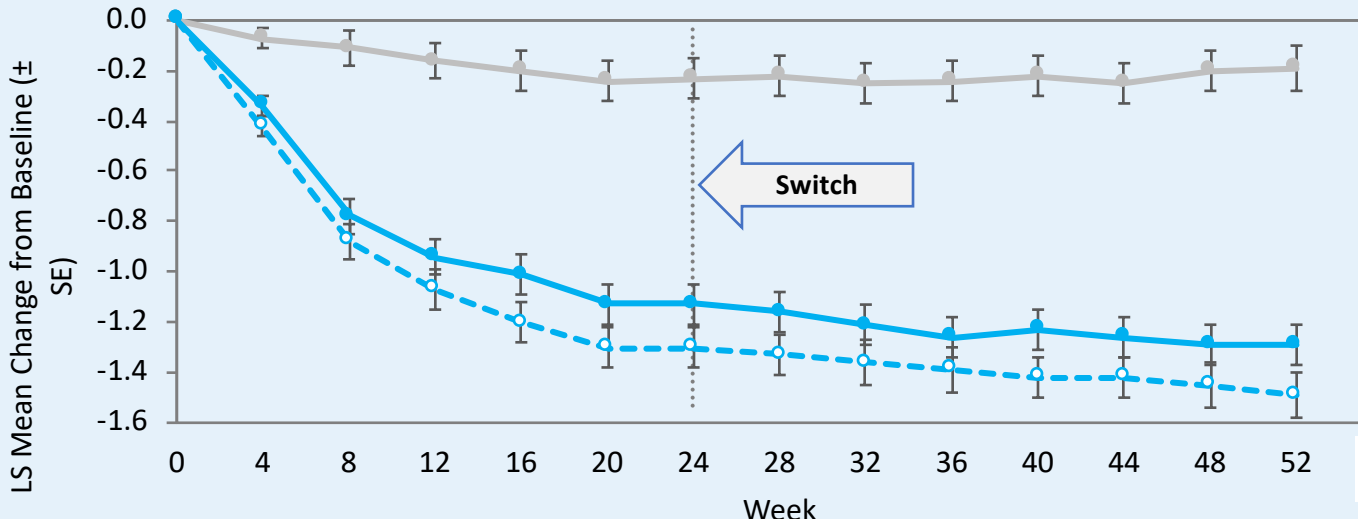
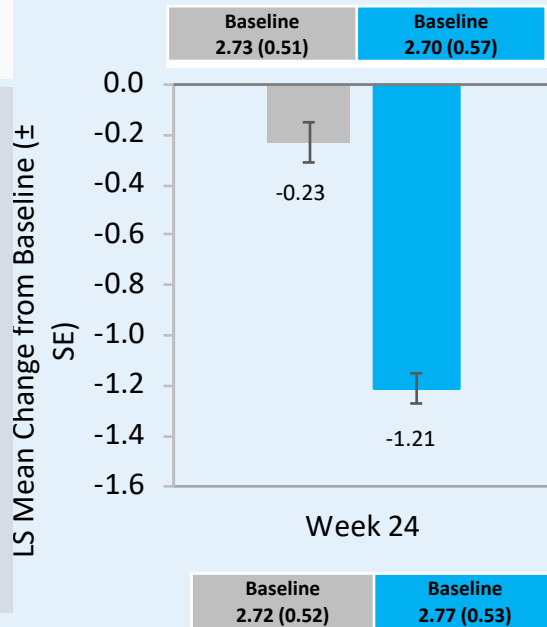
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Dupilumab 300 mg Q2W

**$P < 0.0001$  LS mean difference for all points from Week 4–EOT vs placebo.**

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## Indications for biological treatment in CRSwNP

Presence of bilateral polyps in a patient who had ESS\*

THREE criteria are required

### Criteria

- Evidence of type 2 inflammation
- Need for systemic corticosteroids or contraindication to systemic steroids
- Significantly impaired quality of life
- Significant loss of smell
- Diagnosis of comorbid asthma

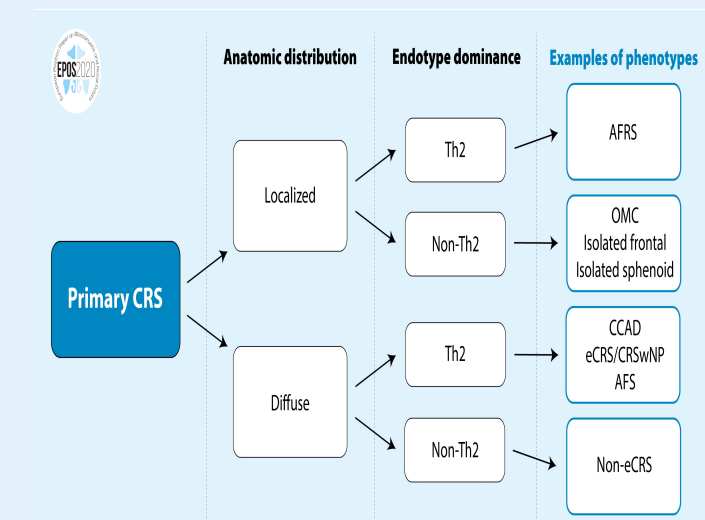
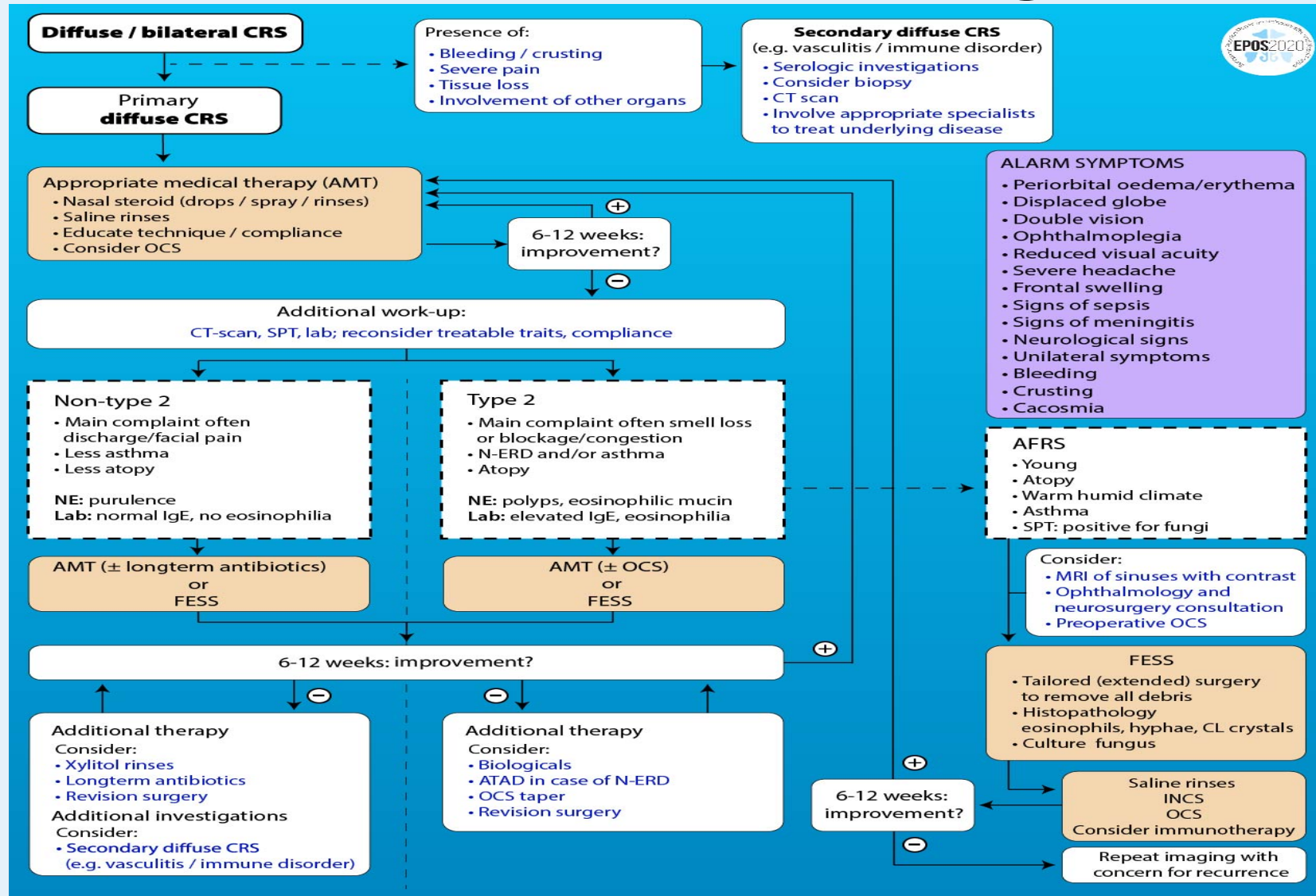
### Cut-off points

- Tissue eos  $\geq 10$ /hpf, OR blood eos  $\geq 250$ , OR total IgE  $\geq 100$
- $\geq 2$  courses per yr, OR long term ( $>3$  months) low dose steroids
- SNOT-22  $\geq 40$
- Anosmic on smell test (score depending on test)
- Asthma needing regular inhaled corticosteroids

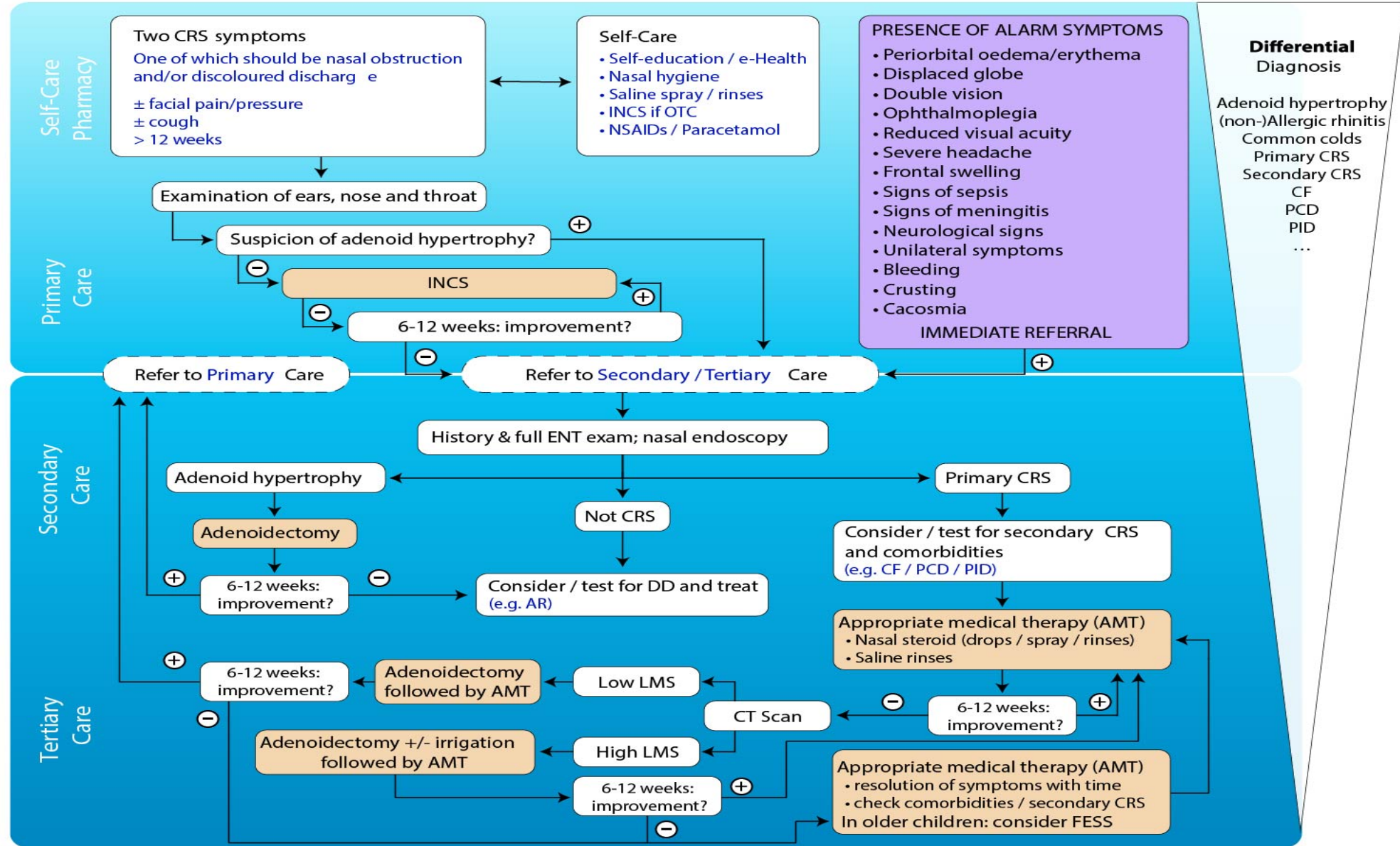
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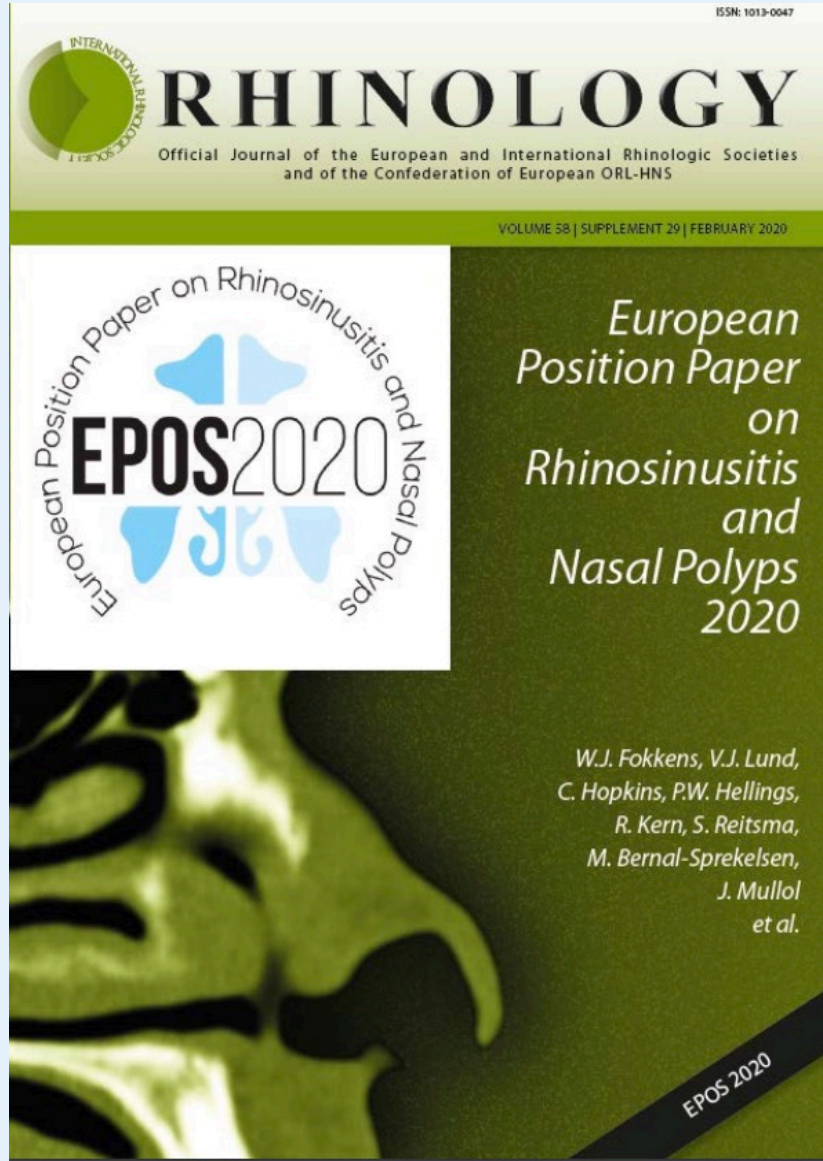


# Diffuse bilateral CRS management scheme



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