

# La terapia dell'ipersecrezione ormonale: l'acromegalia

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**Acromegaly: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline**

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**3.0 Goals of management**

3.1 We suggest a biochemical target goal of an age-normalized serum IGF-1 value, which signifies control of acromegaly. (2|⊕⊕○○)

3.2 We suggest using a random GH  $< 1.0 \mu\text{g/L}$  as a therapeutic goal, as this correlates with control of acromegaly. (2|⊕○○○)

3.3 We suggest maintaining the same GH and IGF-1 assay in the same patient throughout management. (2|⊕⊕○○)

**mortalità e co-morbidità**



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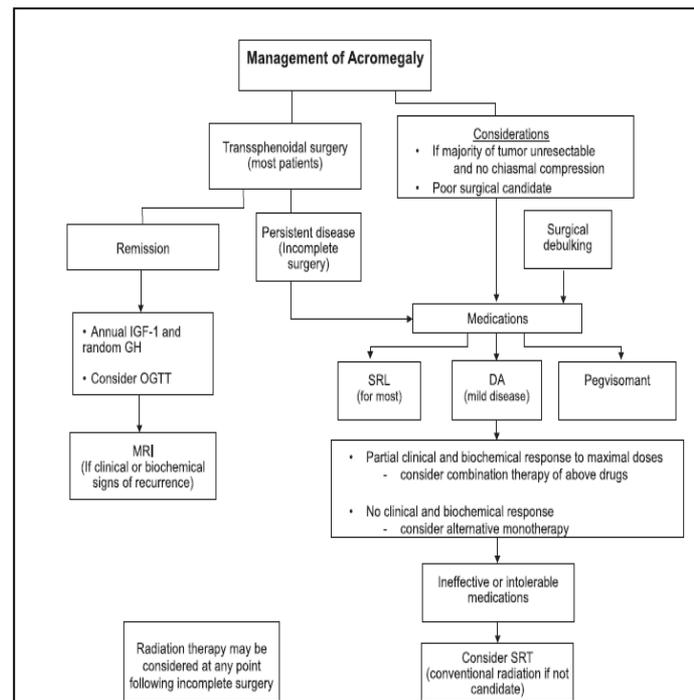
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### 4.0 Surgery

#### Indications

4.1 We recommend transsphenoidal surgery as the primary therapy in most patients. (1|⊕⊕⊕⊕)

4.2 We suggest that repeat surgery be considered in a patient with residual intrasellar disease following initial surgery. (2|⊕⊕⊕⊕)



- GH nadir <0.4 µg/l after OGTT using ultrasensitive assays
- Wait at least 12 weeks after surgery to assess IGF1 levels (delayed decline versus persistent postoperative GH)

**Surgical Interventions and Medical Treatments in  
Treatment-Naïve Patients With Acromegaly:  
Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis**

(*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 99: 4003–4014, 2014)

**Table 3.** Meta-Analysis Results of GH-Defined Outcomes as Compared Between Surgical and Medical Interventions

| Outcomes                                  | Effect Size | 95% CI           | I <sup>2</sup> , % | Heterogeneity P Value | P Value (Interaction) |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total remission <sup>a</sup>              |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical Interventions                     | 0.45        | (0.32, 0.63)     | 86.3               | .068                  | .02                   |
| Surgical Interventions                    | 0.67        | (0.59, 0.75)     | 82.0               | .000                  |                       |
| Remission by cutoff criteria <sup>a</sup> |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical interventions                     | 0.46        | (0.33, 0.64)     | 87.8               | .000                  | .05                   |
| Surgical interventions                    | 0.65        | (0.57, 0.75)     | 85.7               | .000                  |                       |
| GH levels <sup>b</sup>                    |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical interventions                     | −24.02      | (−31.00, −17.05) | 92.1               | .000                  | .78                   |
| Surgical interventions                    | −21.84      | (−35.85, −7.83)  | 90.3               | .000                  |                       |
| GH levels FUT ≤24 mo <sup>b</sup>         |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical interventions                     | −24.27      | (−31.16, −17.38) | 90.2               | .000                  | .97                   |
| Surgical interventions                    | −24.49      | (−34.10, −14.88) | 77.1               | .004                  |                       |
| GH levels FUT ≥24 months <sup>b</sup>     |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical interventions                     | −19.61      | (−44.24, 5.02)   | 95.6               | .000                  | .16                   |
| Surgical interventions                    | −38.58      | (−59.69, −38.28) | 70.4               | .034                  |                       |
| Macroadenoma <sup>c</sup>                 | −24.92      | (−34.09, −15.75) | 54.7               | .085                  |                       |
| GH levels macroadenoma <sup>b</sup>       |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Medical interventions                     | −21.93      | (−30.55, −13.31) | 42.8               | .174                  | .09                   |
| Surgical interventions                    | −37.54      | (−53.83, −21.25) | 0.0                | .000                  |                       |
| GH levels tumor size <sup>b</sup>         |             |                  |                    |                       |                       |
| Microadenoma <sup>c</sup>                 | −5.85       | (−10.75, −0.95)  | 48.5               | .163                  | .003                  |
| Macroadenoma <sup>c</sup>                 | −24.92      | (−34.09, −15.75) | 54.7               | .085                  |                       |

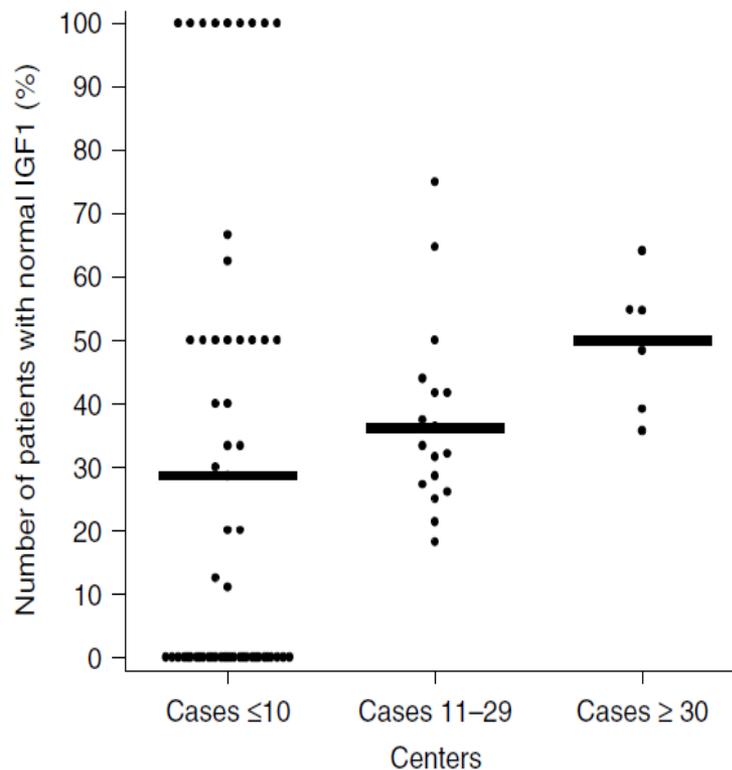
**Surgery is associated with  
higher remission rate (at the longest follow up; 67 vs 45%)  
higher remission rates in GH levels**

CLINICAL STUDY

### Long-term outcome in patients with acromegaly: analysis of 1344 patients from the German Acromegaly Register

| Number of surgical cases per center | Number of neurosurgical units | Total number of patients treated | Number of patients with normal IGF1 (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| ≤10                                 | 53                            | 170                              | 28.9                                    |
| 11–29                               | 17                            | 315                              | 35.7                                    |
| ≥30                                 | 6                             | 454                              | 49.8                                    |

...più della metà dei pazienti è trattata da centri a basso volume...



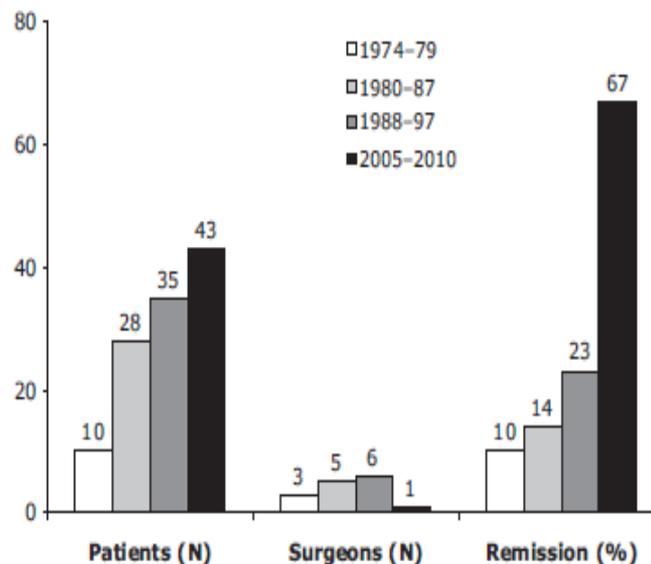
Clinical Endocrinology (2012) 76, 399–406

doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2265.2011.04193.x

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Acromegaly surgery in Manchester revisited – The impact of reducing surgeon numbers and the 2010 consensus guidelines for disease remission

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#### Surgical debulking

4.5 In a patient with parasellar disease making total surgical resection unlikely, we suggest surgical debulking to improve subsequent response to medical therapy. (2|⊕⊕⊕⊕)

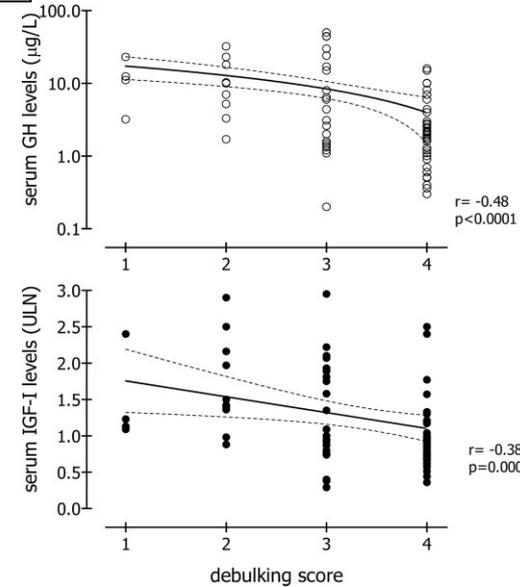
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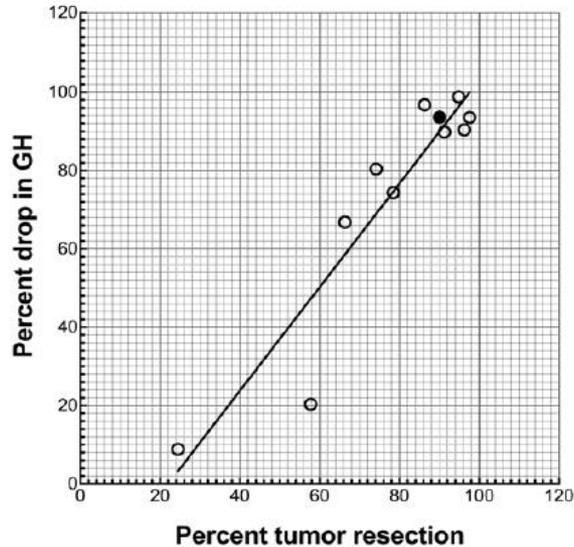
### Partial Surgical Removal of Growth Hormone-Secreting Pituitary Tumors Enhances the Response to Somatostatin Analogs in Acromegaly

Annamaria Colao, Roberto Attanasio, Rosario Pivonello, Paolo Cappabianca, Luigi M. Cavallo, Giovanni Lasio, Alessandro Lodrini, Gaetano Lombardi, and Renato Cozzi

**Pre-surgery:** GH levels less than 2.5 in 14%;  
**IGF-I levels normalized in 10%**  
**Postsurgical SSA treatment**  
 lowered GH levels <2.5 in 56%  
 normalized IGF-I levels in 55%.



% drop in GH vs. % tumor resection



Percent reduction of growth hormone levels correlates closely with percent resected tumor volume in acromegaly

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## Endoscopic endonasal transsphenoidal surgery of 1,166 pituitary adenomas

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Xianghui Meng · Jiashu Zhang · Yuanzheng Hou ·  
Guochen Sun

**Table 5** Surgery complications in the 1,166 patients with pituitary adenomas

| Type of complication         | n (%) of patients |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Transient diabetes insipidus | 74 (6.35)         |
| Permanent diabetes insipidus | 8 (0.69)          |
| Postoperative hemorrhage     | 8 (0.69)          |
| CSF leak                     | 7 (0.60)          |
| Meningitis                   | 12 (1.03)         |
| Decreased visual acuity      | 5 (0.43)          |
| Epistaxis                    | 20 (1.72)         |
| Anterior lobe insufficiency  | 15 (1.29)         |
| SAH                          | 1 (0.09)          |
| Hyposmia                     | 17 (1.46)         |
| Coma                         | 1 (0.09)          |
| Total                        | 168 (14.41)       |

Early results of surgery in patients with nonfunctioning pituitary adenoma and analysis of the risk of tumor recurrence

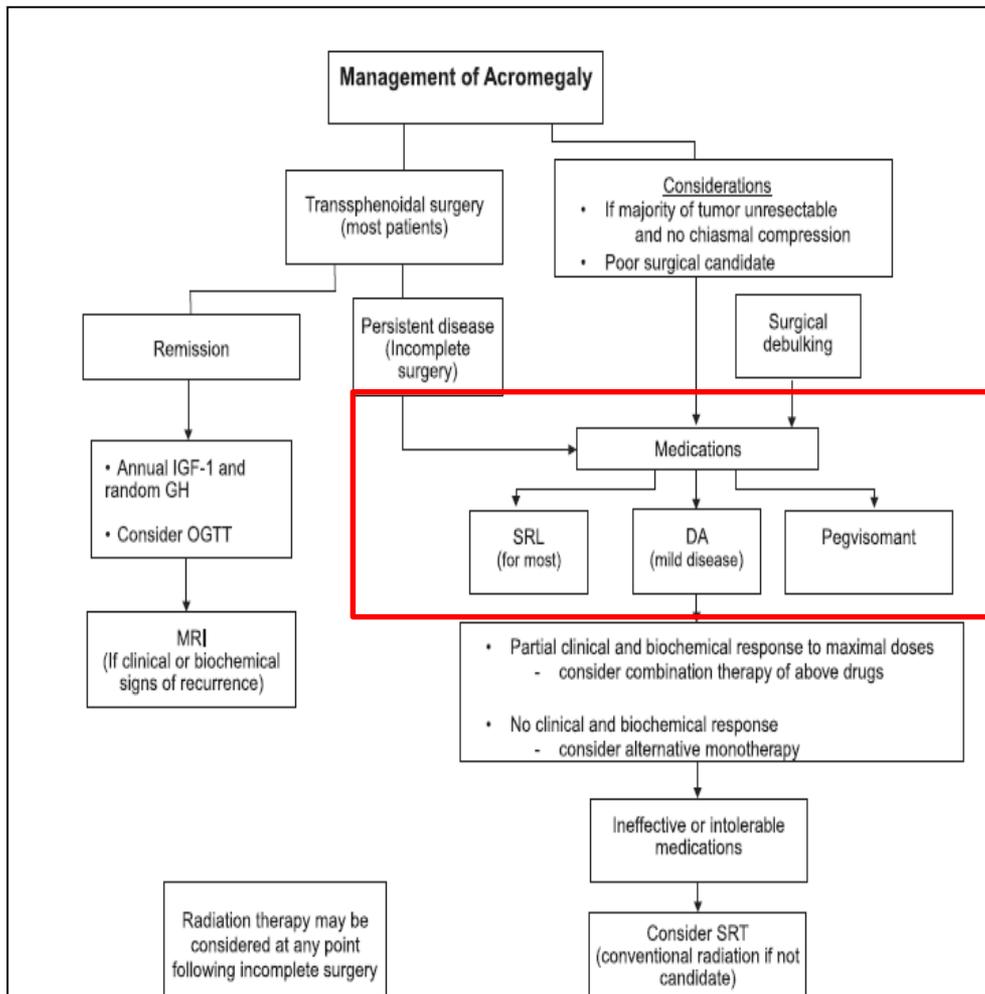
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|                        | Post-intervento |              |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                        | «new»           | normalizzati |
| <b>Ipotonadismo</b>    | <b>5,8%</b>     | <b>32%</b>   |
| <b>Iposurrenalismo</b> | <b>7,5%</b>     | <b>41%</b>   |
| <b>Ipotiroidismo</b>   | <b>5,6%</b>     | <b>35%</b>   |

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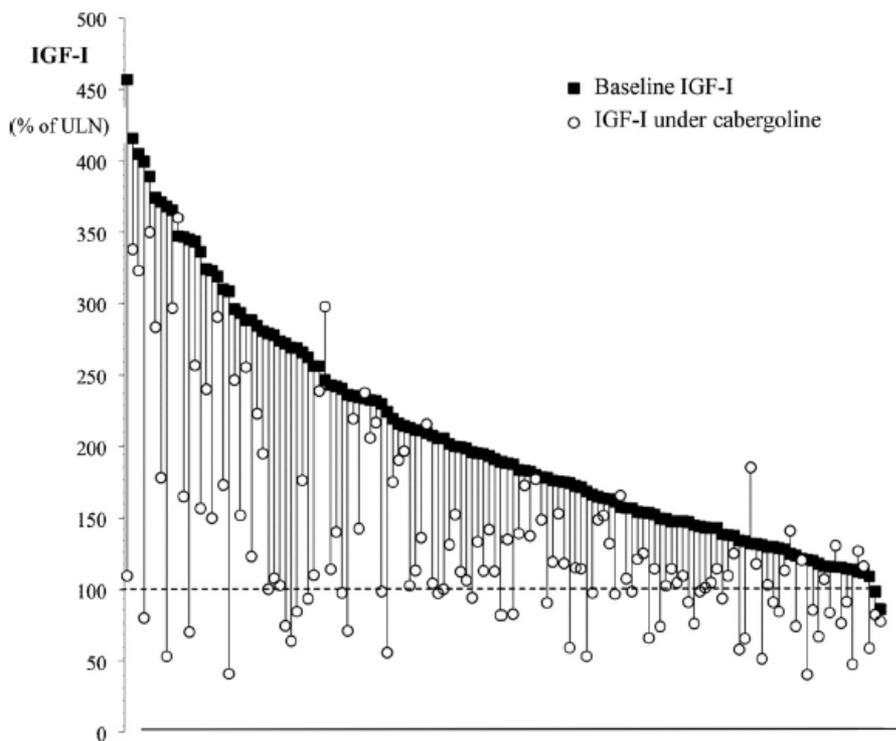
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- First-generation SRL (octreotide LAR or lanreotide autogel)
- Cabergoline if IGF1 <2.5 times the upper limit of normal

### Place of Cabergoline in Acromegaly: A Meta-Analysis

Laure Sandret, Patrick Maison, and Philippe Chanson



IGF-I normalization on cabergoline therapy was predicted in univariate analysis by the baseline IGF-I concentration

| IGF-1<br>(% of ULN) | IGF-1 normalization<br>(% of patients) |
|---------------------|--|
| 150                 | 53                                     |
| 150-199             | 29                                     |
| 200-249             | 25                                     |
| >250                | 26                                     |

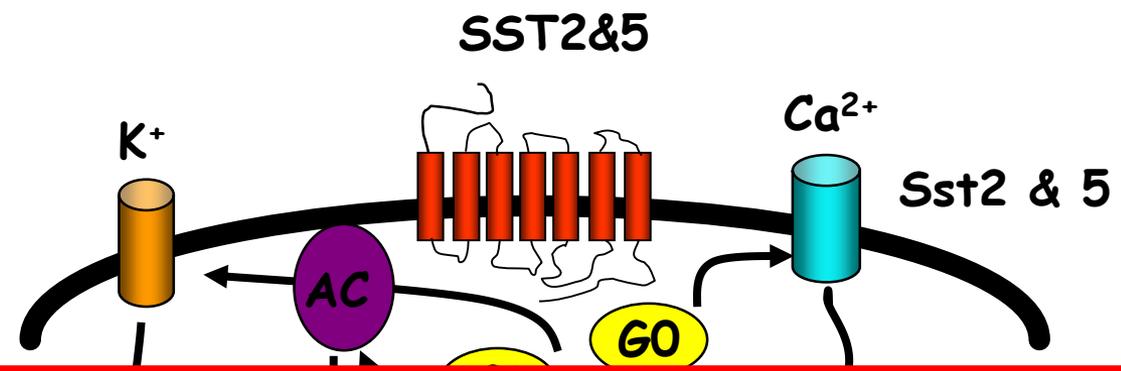
# SRIF receptor subtype expression

Positive tumors/total tumors tested (%)

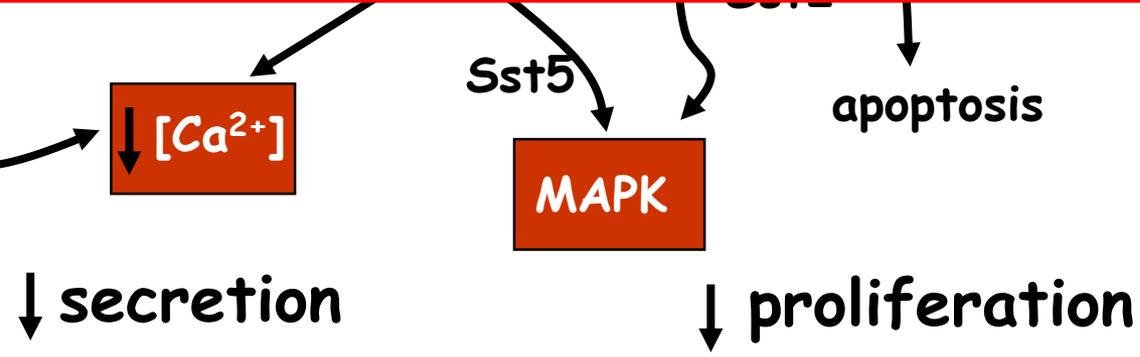
|           | <b>SSTR1</b> | <b>SSTR2</b> | <b>SSTR3</b> | <b>SSTR4</b> | <b>SSTR5</b> |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>GH</b> | 27/44        | 95/108       | 24/55        | 2/48         | 92/104       |

ACTH  
PRL  
NFA  
TSH

TEM



**Octreotide LAR (10-20-30 mg)**  
**Lanreotide Autogel (60-90-120 mg)**



# Long-Acting Somatostatin Analog Therapy of Acromegaly: A Meta-Analysis

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|                        | % of subjects meeting efficacy criteria |                         | Mean GH levels |            | Mean IGF-I levels |            |
|------------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
|                        | GH                                      | IGF-I normalization     | Pretherapy     | On therapy | Pretherapy        | On therapy |
| <b>Octreotide LAR</b>  |   |                         |                |            |                   |            |
| Unselected (n = 126)   | 54 ± 0.002 <sup>a</sup>                 | 63 ± 0.002 <sup>b</sup> | 15.8 ± 2.9     | 4.1 ± 0.8  | 601 ± 35          | 330 ± 75   |
| Preselected (n = 486)  | 58 ± 0.003                              | 68 ± 0.003              | 10.2 ± 2.3     | 2.3 ± 1.1  | 735 ± 48          | 313 ± 35   |
| All subjects (n = 612) | 57 ± 0.05 <sup>c</sup>                  | 67 ± 0.05 <sup>d</sup>  | 12.6 ± 3.9     | 3.2 ± 1.53 | 644 ± 66          | 327 ± 30.5 |

**IGF-I normalization occurred in a greater proportion of secondary octreotide LAR- vs. primary octreotide-treated subjects**

**Pasireotide LAR maintains inhibition of GH and IGF-1 in patients with acromegaly for up to 25 months: results from the blinded extension phase of a randomized, double-blind, multicenter, Phase III study**

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**Biochemical control (GH<2.5+normal IGF-1) in:**

**48.6 % of patients in pasireotide LAR**  
**45.7 % of patients in octreotide LAR**

Table 2 Biochemical response rates

|  | Pasireotide LAR (n = 74) |            | Octreotide LAR (n = 46) |            |
|--|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
|  | n/N (%)                  | 95 % CI    | n/N (%)                 | 95 % CI    |
| <b>GH &lt;2.5 µg/L and IGF-1 normalization</b> |                          |            |                         |            |
| Month 12                                       | 46/74 (62.2)             | 50.1, 73.2 | 24/46 (52.2)            | 36.9, 67.1 |
| Month 19                                       | 34/74 (45.9)             | 34.3, 57.9 | 21/46 (45.7)            | 30.9, 61.0 |
| Month 25                                       | 36/74 (48.6)             | 36.9, 60.6 | 21/46 (45.7)            | 30.9, 61.0 |
| <b>GH &lt;2.5 µg/L and IGF-1 ≤1 × ULN</b>      |                          |            |                         |            |
| Month 12                                       | 53/74 (71.6)             | 59.9, 81.5 | 26/46 (56.5)            | 41.1, 71.1 |
| Month 19                                       | 44/74 (59.5)             | 47.4, 70.7 | 23/46 (50.0)            | 34.9, 65.1 |
| Month 25                                       | 45/74 (60.8)             | 48.8, 72.0 | 24/46 (52.2)            | 36.9, 67.1 |
| <b>GH &lt;2.5 µg/L</b>                         |                          |            |                         |            |
| Month 12                                       | 58/74 (78.4)             | 67.3, 87.1 | 37/46 (80.4)            | 66.1, 90.6 |
| Month 19                                       | 54/74 (73.0)             | 61.4, 82.6 | 33/46 (71.7)            | 56.5, 84.0 |
| Month 25                                       | 52/74 (70.3)             | 58.5, 80.3 | 37/46 (80.4)            | 66.1, 90.6 |
| <b>IGF-1 normalization</b>                     |                          |            |                         |            |
| Month 12                                       | 55/74 (74.3)             | 62.8, 83.8 | 26/46 (56.5)            | 41.1, 71.1 |
| Month 19                                       | 37/74 (50.0)             | 38.1, 61.9 | 24/46 (52.2)            | 36.9, 67.1 |
| Month 25                                       | 38/74 (51.4)             | 39.4, 63.1 | 22/46 (47.8)            | 32.9, 63.1 |

Patients who discontinued treatment during the extension phase were considered to be non-responders at subsequent time points

**A multicenter, observational study of lanreotide depot/autogel (LAN) in patients with acromegaly in the United States: 2-year experience from the SODA registry** *Pituitary (2017) 20:605–618*

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IGF-1 normalization + GH  $\leq 2.5$   $\mu\text{g/L}$  in 65.0% (M12) and 54.8% (M24)

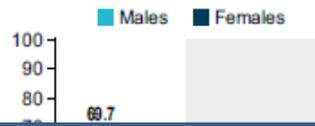
IGF-1 normalization + GH  $< 1.0$   $\mu\text{g/L}$  in 51.7% (M12) and 42.9% (M24)

A higher proportion of microadenoma patients had GH levels  $\leq 2.5$  and  $< 1.0$   $\mu\text{g/L}$  at all time points compared with macroadenoma patients

**a Total Group**



**b Gender**



**c Age**

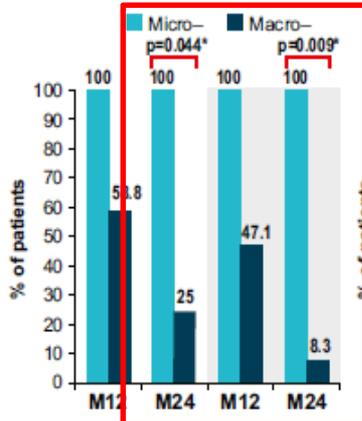


**d Body Mass Index**

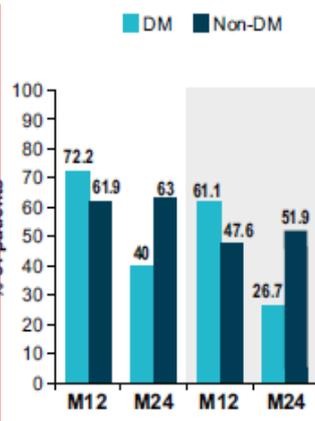


| Lanreotide SR          | % of subjects meeting efficacy criteria |                     | Mean GH levels |               | Mean IGF-I levels |              |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                        | GH                                      | IGF-I normalization | Pretherapy     | On therapy    | Pretherapy        | On therapy   |
| Unselected (n = 609)   | 48 $\pm$ 0.002                          | 42 $\pm$ 0.002      | 15.1 $\pm$ 6.0 | 5.3 $\pm$ 2.4 | 689 $\pm$ 95      | 432 $\pm$ 97 |
| Preselected (n = 305)  | 50 $\pm$ 0.005                          | 56 $\pm$ 0.003      | 19.7 $\pm$ 4.0 | 3.5 $\pm$ 0.5 | 735 $\pm$ 48      | 321 $\pm$ 24 |
| All subjects (n = 914) | 48 $\pm$ 0.04                           | 47 $\pm$ 0.03       | 16.9 $\pm$ 3.2 | 5.9 $\pm$ 1.3 | 741 $\pm$ 51      | 442 $\pm$ 30 |

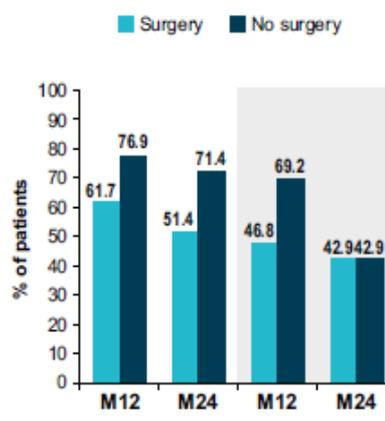
**e Tumor Size**



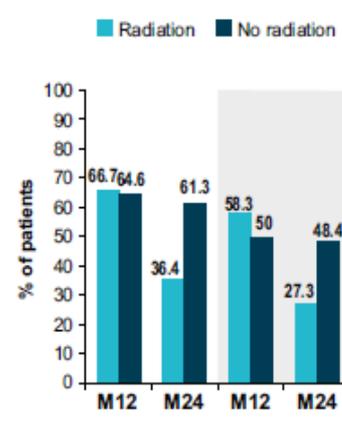
**f Diabetes**



**g Prior Surgery**



**h Prior Radiation**



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## Pts with tumor shrinkage (%)

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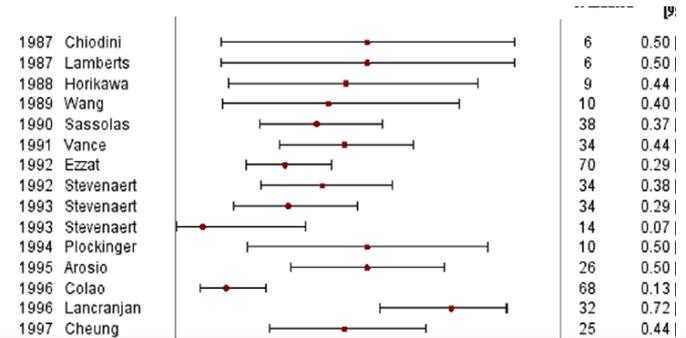
Octreotide LAR 66

## Tumor shrinkage (%)

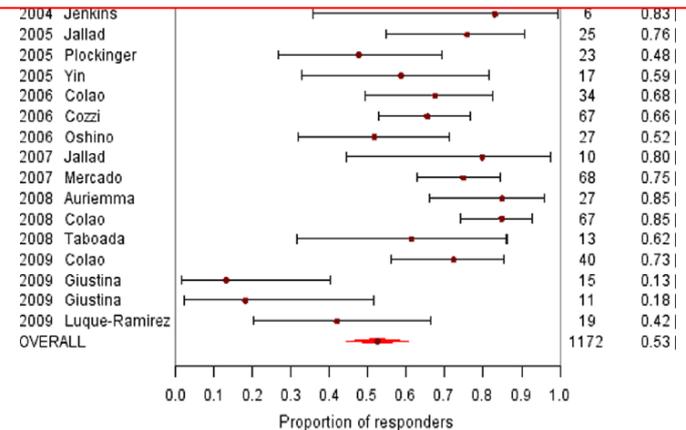
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Octreotide LAR 66

the shrinkage effect of octreotide correlates with duration of therapy



the clinical relevance of tumor shrinkage may be greater in macroadenomas compared with microadenomas



# Tumor Shrinkage With Lanreotide Autogel 120 mg as Primary Therapy in Acromegaly: Results of a Prospective Multicenter Clinical Trial

Philippe J. Caron, John S. Bevan, Stephan Petersenn, Daniel Flanagan, Antoine Tabarin, Gaëtan Prévost, Pascal Maisonobe, and Antoine Clermont, on behalf of the PRIMARYS Investigators

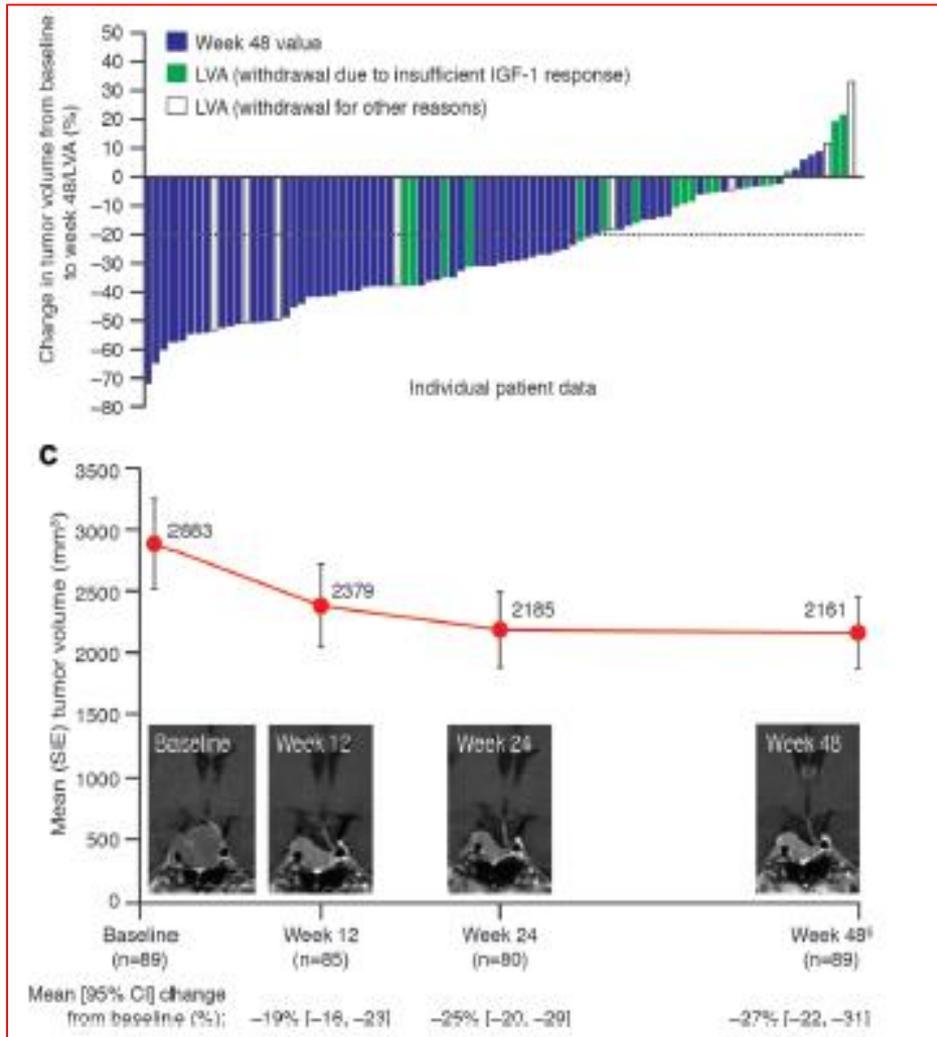
J Clin Endocrinol Metab, April 2014, 99(4):1282–1290

Primary treatment with lanreotide Autogel 120 mg every 28 days provides tumor volume reduction in 62.9% of patients at 1 year.

These reductions were evident in 54.1% of patients by the first postbaseline visit at 3 months

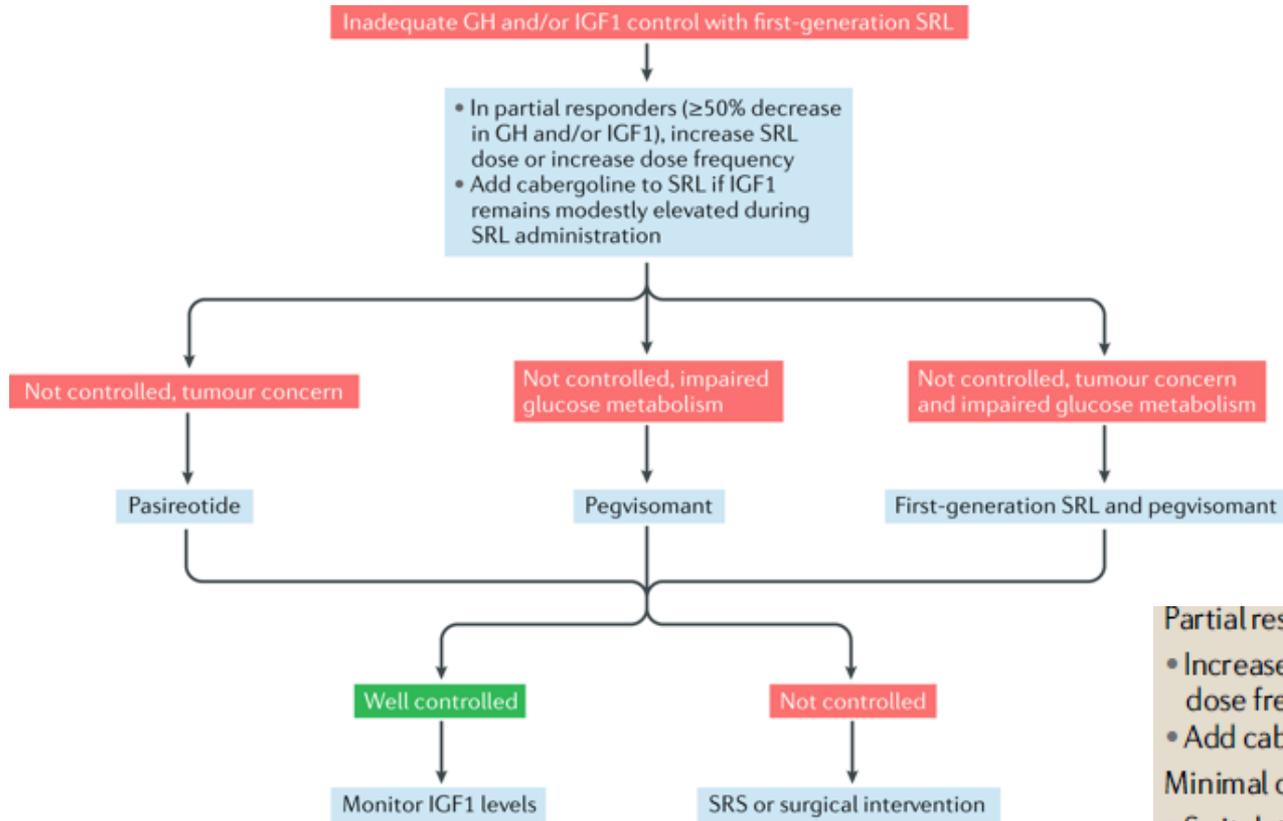
Response at 3 months can predict long-term response

significant reduction if  $> 20\%$



# A Consensus Statement on acromegaly therapeutic outcomes

Shlomo Melmed et al. *Nature Reviews Endocrinology* 14, 552-561 (2018)



## Partial response:

- Increase first-generation SRL dose and/or increase dose frequency of lanreotide autogel
- Add cabergoline to SRL if IGF1 is moderately elevated

## Minimal or no response and tumour concern:

- Switch to pasireotide LAR

## Minimal or no response and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Switch to pegvisomant

## Minimal or no response, tumour concern and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Add pegvisomant to first-generation SRL

CLINICAL STUDY

## **High-dose intramuscular octreotide in patients with acromegaly inadequately controlled on conventional somatostatin analogue therapy: a randomised controlled trial**

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*Conclusion:* High-dose octreotide treatment is safe and effective (normalisation of IGF1 levels) in a subset of patients with active acromegaly inadequately controlled with long-term SSA. Individualised octreotide doses up to 60 mg/28 days may improve outcomes of SSA therapy.

## **High-Dose and High-Frequency Lanreotide Autogel in Acromegaly: A Randomized, Multicenter Study**

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*Conclusion:* HF and HD LAN-ATG regimens are effective in normalizing IGF-I values in about one-third of patients with active acromegaly inadequately controlled by long-term conventional SRLs therapy. (*J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 102: 2454–2464, 2017)

# Cabergolina (terapia combinata)

77 pazienti

Normalizzazione IGF-I: 52% dei pz

Risposta correlata a:

•livelli basali di IGF-I (0.74;  $P < 0.001$ )

Nessuna correlazione con il dosaggio di cabergolina , la durata del trattamento e i livelli basali di PRL

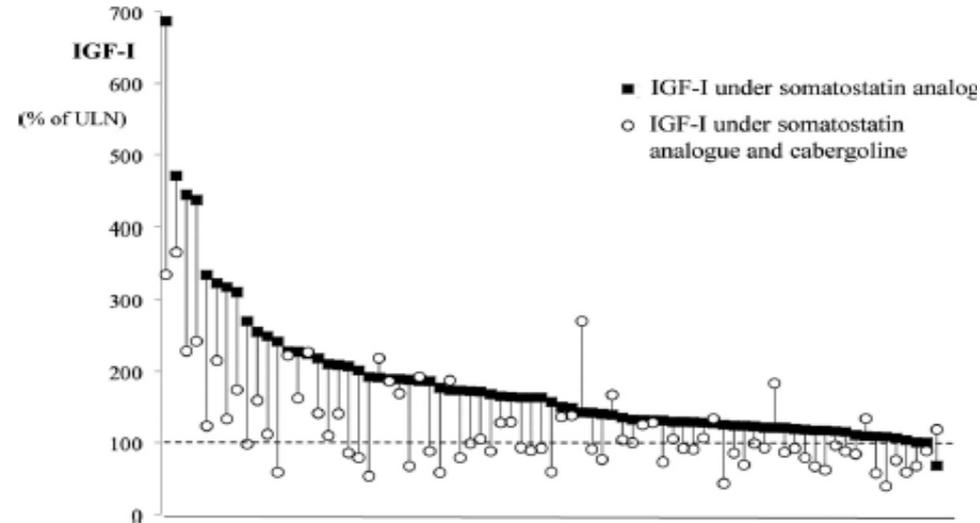


FIG. 2. Individual IGF-I levels, expressed as a percentage of the age-adjusted ULN range during treatment with somatostatin analogs alone (black squares) and after cabergolin adjunction (open circles) in patients with acromegaly.

*Sandret & Chanson, JCEM 2011*

# Pasireotide

## Partial response:

- Increase first-generation SRL dose and/or increase dose frequency of lanreotide autogel
- Add cabergoline to SRL if IGF1 is moderately elevated

## Minimal or no response and tumour concern:

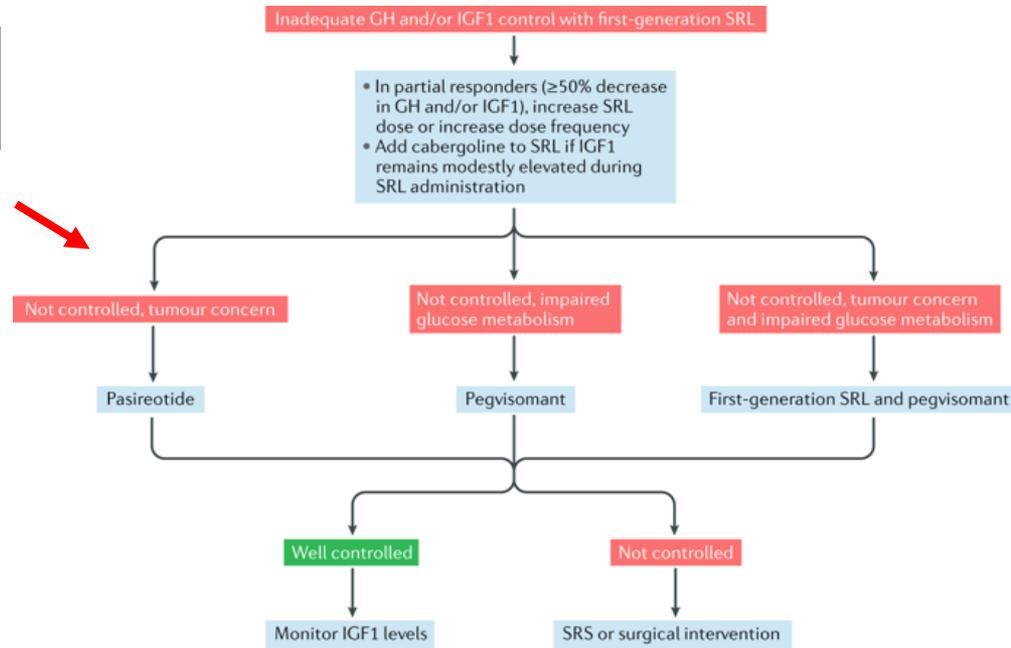
- Switch to pasireotide LAR

## Minimal or no response and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Switch to pegvisomant

## Minimal or no response, tumour concern and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Add pegvisomant to first-generation SRL



| SRL         | SSTR1 | SSTR2 | SSTR3 | SSTR4  | SSTR5 |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Octreotide  | 280   | 0.38  | 7.1   | >1,000 | 6.3   |
| Lanreotide  | 180   | 0.54  | 14    | 230    | 17    |
| Pasireotide | 9.3   | 1.0   | 1.5   | 100    | 0.16  |

Data are mean  $IC_{50}$  values expressed as nmol/l. Adapted from Bruns et al. [18].

### **Pasireotide (SOM230) Demonstrates Efficacy and Safety in Patients with Acromegaly: A Randomized, Multicenter, Phase II Trial**

S. Petersenn, J. Schopohl, A. Barkan, P. Mohideen, A. Colao, R. Abs, A. Buchelt, Y.-Y. Ho, K. Hu, A. J. Farrall, S. Melmed, B. M. K. Biller, and the Pasireotide Acromegaly Study Group

biochemical control in 27% of patients

### **Pasireotide Versus Octreotide in Acromegaly: A Head-to-Head Superiority Study**

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biochemical control in 31.3% of patients

**Hyperglycemia related AEs in up to 60%**

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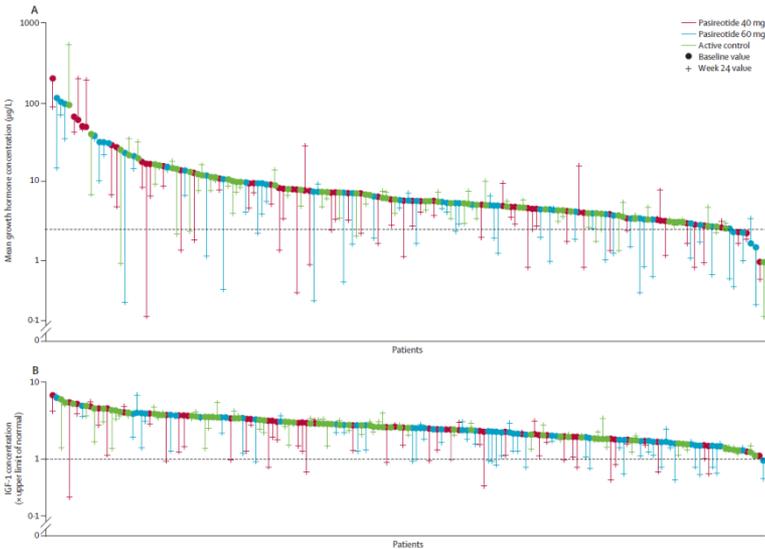
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biochemical control in 48.6% of patients

# Pasireotide versus continued treatment with octreotide or lanreotide in patients with inadequately controlled acromegaly (PAOLA): a randomised, phase 3 trial

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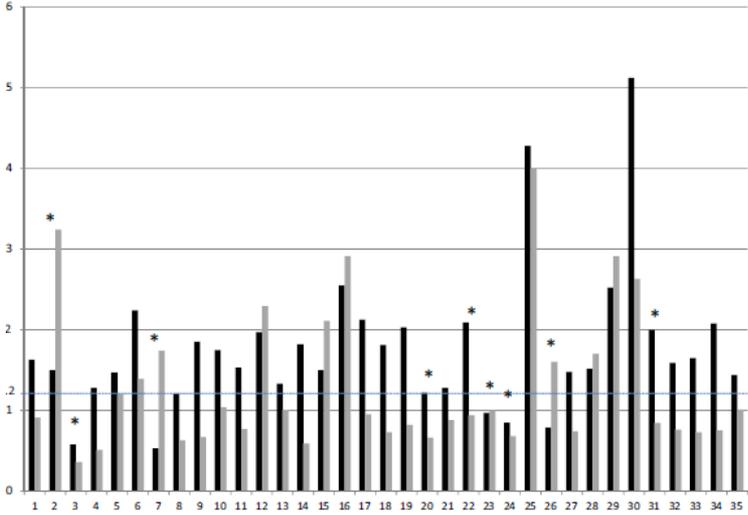
Biochemical control (2 h mean GH <2.5 µg/L and normalised IGF-1 at 24 weeks)  
 15% patients in the pasireotide-LAR 40 mg group and 20% patients in the pasireotide-LAR 60 mg group



## Efficacy and safety of long-acting pasireotide in patients with somatostatin-resistant acromegaly: a multicenter study

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IGF-1 normalized in 19 patients, IGF-1 between 1-1.2 × ULN was reached in five, and in additional two patients IGF-1 was significantly suppressed

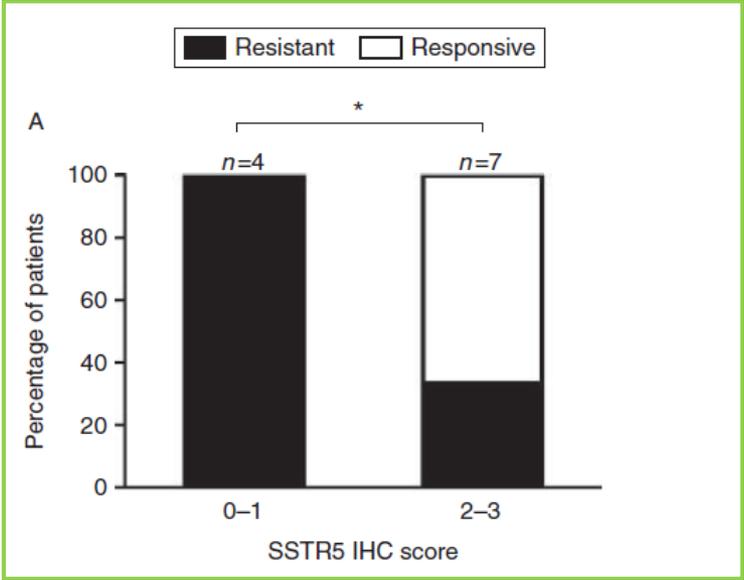
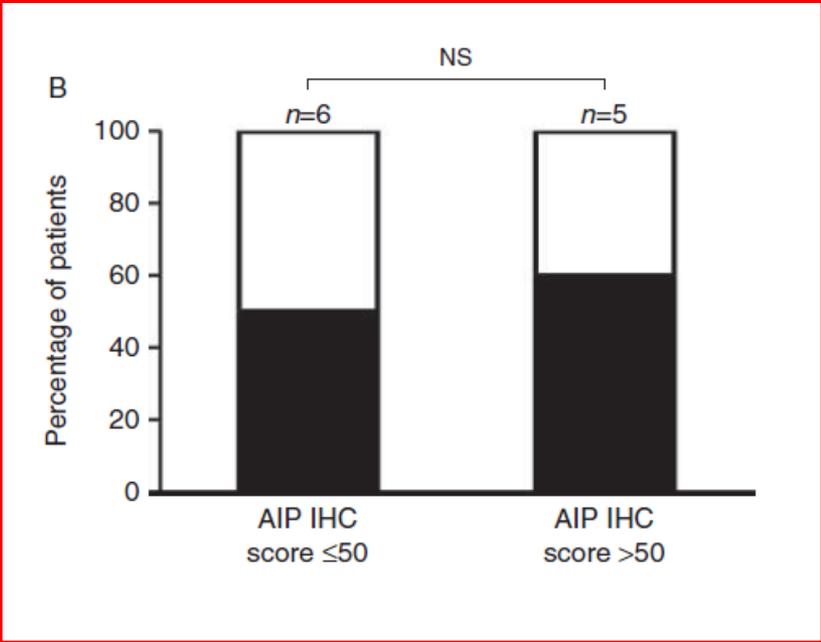


deterioration of glucose control in 63% of patients, requiring initiation or intensification of antidiabetic treatment

# Factors predicting pasireotide responsiveness in somatotroph pituitary adenomas resistant to first-generation somatostatin analogues: an immunohistochemical study

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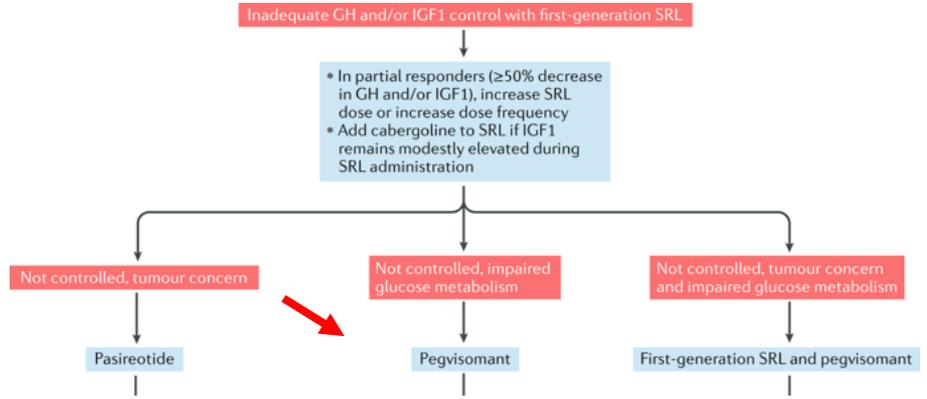
Sparsely granulated adenomas responded better to pasireotide compared to densely granulated ones

# Pegvisomant

Partial response:

- Increase first-generation SRL dose and/or increase dose frequency of lanreotide autogel
- Add cabergoline to SRL if IGF1 is moderately elevated

Minimal or no response and tumour concern:



Of the patients treated for 12 months or more, 87 of 90 (97%) achieved a normal serum IGF-1 concentration.

Serum insulin and glucose concentrations were significantly decreased (p<0.05)

*Van der Lely et al. 2001 Lancet*

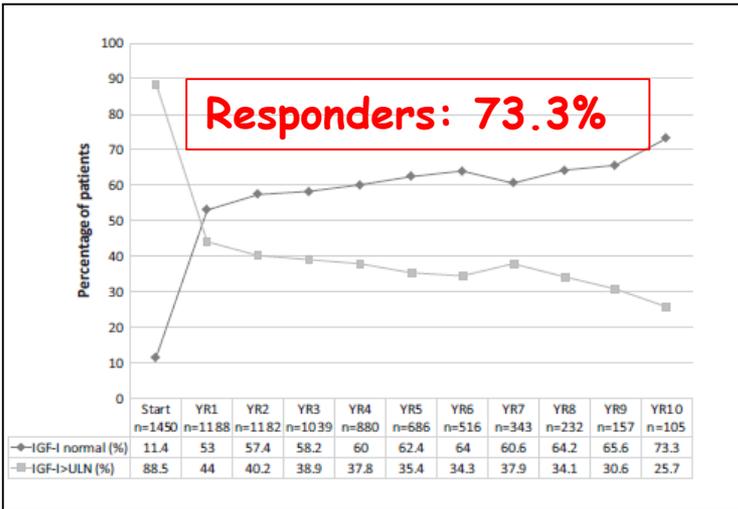
## IGF-1 normalization

|                              |            |  |
|------------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>The French ACROSTUDY</b>  | <b>63%</b> | <i>Ann Endocrinol 2015 Dec;76(6):664-70</i>          |
| <b>The Spanish ACROSTUDY</b> | <b>67%</b> | <i>Pituitary. 2016 Apr;19(2):127-37</i>              |
| <b>The German ACROSTUDY</b>  | <b>58%</b> | <i>Eur J Endocrinol. 2009 Nov;161 Suppl 1:S3-S10</i> |
| <b>Thr Italian ACROSTUDY</b> | <b>70%</b> | <i>Endocrine. 2015 Feb;48(1):334-41</i>              |

# Long-term treatment with pegvisomant: observations from 2090 acromegaly patients in ACROSTUDY

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AEs considered treatment related were experienced by 16.1% of patients:

- lipohypertrophy ( $n = 31$ ),
- liver test elevations ( $n = 30$ ),
- gastro-intestinal disorders ( $n = 26$ ),
- asthenia ( $n = 9$ ),
- headache ( $n = 7$ ),
- lipodystrophy ( $n = 5$ )

|            | Increased | Decreased | Unchanged |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tumor size | 6.8%      | 16.8%     | 16.8%     |

...Among patients who had an increase as per local reading, the central reading confirmed an increase in 24% of cases

While most patients (55.5%) received the medication as monotherapy at the start of PEGV treatment, over time that percentage decreased and combination therapy was increasingly employed ...

## How to improve effectiveness of pegvisomant treatment in acromegalic patients

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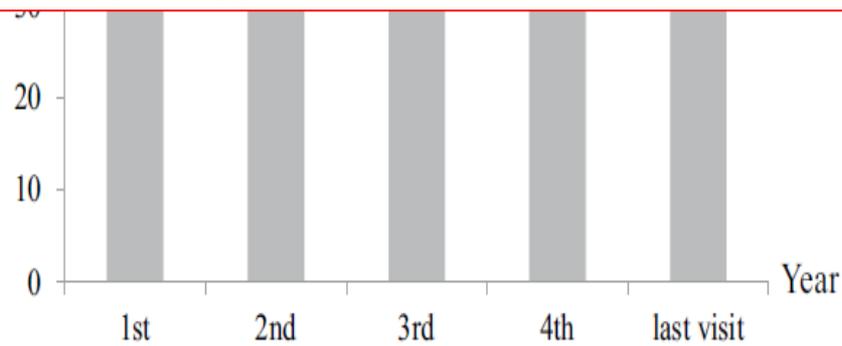
Disease control was associated with lower baseline GH, IGF-1 and IGF-1 xULN

PEGV resistance was associated with higher BMI

Diabetic patients needed higher doses of PEGV than non-diabetic ones



*Conclusions* PEGV effectiveness improves when up titration is appropriate. Higher PEGV doses at start and a more rapid up-titration are necessary in patients with obesity and/or IGF-1 > 2.7 × ULN.



# Terapia combinata

## Partial response:

- Increase first-generation SRL dose and/or increase dose frequency of lanreotide autogel
- Add cabergoline to SRL if IGF1 is moderately elevated

## Minimal or no response and tumour concern:

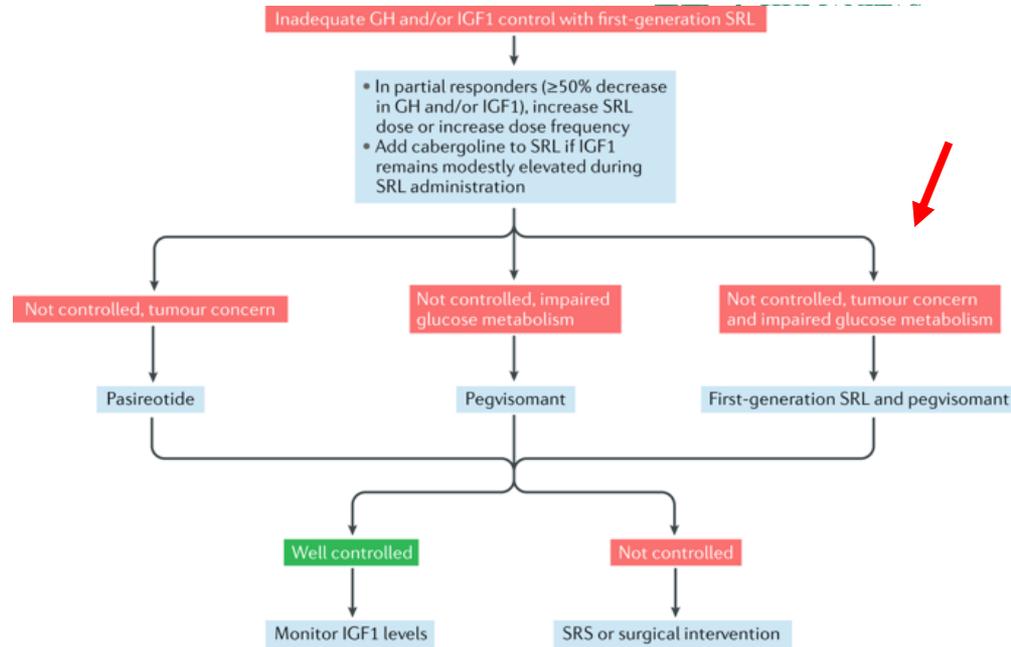
- Switch to pasireotide LAR

## Minimal or no response and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Switch to pegvisomant

## Minimal or no response, tumour concern and impaired glucose metabolism:

- Add pegvisomant to first-generation SRL



## 4.5 Interazioni con altri medicinali ed altre forme d'interazione

Non sono stati effettuati studi d'interazione. Si deve valutare se proseguire il trattamento con gli analoghi della somatostatina. L'uso di questo medicinale in combinazione ad altri medicinali per il trattamento dell'acromegalia non è stato studiato in modo approfondito.

### Growth Hormone Receptor Variants and Response to Pegvisomant in Monotherapy or in Combination with Somatostatin Analogs in Acromegalic Patients: A Multicenter Study

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**TABLE 1.** Basal clinical and biochemical differences between 127 acromegalic patients carrying flGHR or d3GHR allele

|                             | All patients     | fl/flGHR         | d3 carriers           |                  |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
|                             |                  |                  | d3GHR (fl/d3 + d3/d3) | fl/d3GHR         | d3/d3GHR        |
| n                           | 127              | 68               | 59                    | 41               | 18              |
| Age at diagnosis (yr)       | 42.2 ± 13.2      | 41.3 ± 12.4      | 43.1 ± 14.1           | 44.2 ± 13.8      | 40.7 ± 14.7     |
| Male ratio (%)              | 57               | 62               | 46                    | 44               | 72              |
| Weight (kg)                 | 83 ± 20          | 79 ± 17          | 80 ± 22               | 78 ± 20          | 88 ± 21         |
| Height (cm)                 | 170 ± 11         | 171 ± 11         | 169 ± 11              | 169 ± 11         | 170 ± 11        |
| Dimension (% macroadenomas) | 76               | 65               | 87                    | 85               | 89              |
| Extrasellar extent (%)      | 72               | 71               | 73                    | 70               | 71              |
| GH at diagnosis (μg/liter)  | 25.9 (13.7–58.3) | 28.0 (12.1–50.0) | 24.2 (13.9–67.9)      | 24.2 (12.2–50.0) | 19.5 (7.1–73.0) |
| IGF-I SDS at diagnosis      | 9.0 ± 4.8        | 9.0 ± 4.4        | 8.5 ± 4.2             | 8.7 ± 4.5        | 7.7 ± 3.0       |
| Pre-PEG-V GH (μg/liter)     | 13.3 (5.8–30.4)  | 11.5 (7.0–30.3)  | 15.5 (5.0–31.7)       | 12.2 (6.0–25.7)  | 12.0 (6.9–30.1) |
| Pre-PEG-V IGF-I SDS         | 7.7 ± 4.9        | 7.1 ± 4.5        | 8.4 ± 5.4             | 7.9 ± 5.0        | 5.6 ± 3.9       |
| Treatment                   |                  |                  |                       |                  |                 |
| Previous surgery (%)        | 75               | 80               | 69                    | 71               | 67              |
| Radiotherapy (%)            | 10               | 13               | 7                     | 7                | 5               |
| PEG-V monotherapy (%)       | 50               | 48               | 54                    | 49               | 67              |

Fourteen patients have been previously reported (20).

\* fl/flGHR vs. d3GHR (fl/d3 + d3/d3). Bonferroni correction,  $P < 0.004$ .

## LONG-TERM TREATMENT WITH PEGVISOMANT AS MONOTHERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH ACROMEGALY: EXPERIENCE FROM ACROSTUDY

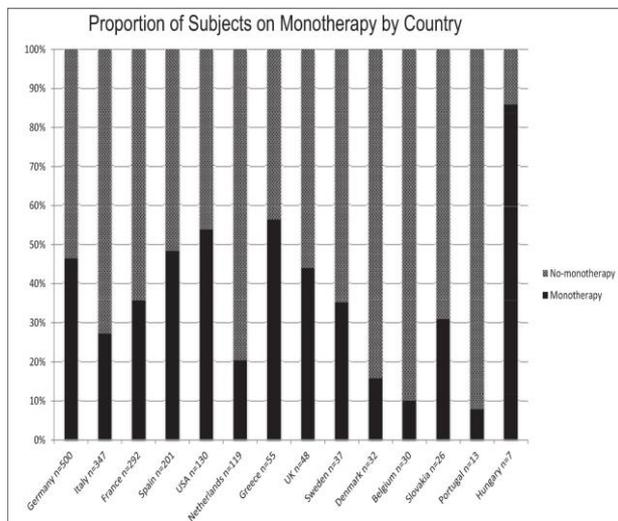
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### ACROSTUDY: the Italian experience

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When pegvisomant started:

41.9 % pegvisomant monotherapy

50.4 %

SSA + Pegvisomant

5 %

SSA + Pegvisomant + cabergoline

2.6 %

Pegvisomant + cabergoline

# Terapia combinata SMS-PEG: possibili vantaggi

Riduzione del dosaggio settimanale di PEG

Ulteriore controllo del metabolismo glicemico

Miglior controllo della crescita tumorale

**Table 1** | Efficacy and/or safety of SSA–PEG-V combination treatment in patients with acromegaly

| Study   | Number of participants | Study duration                           | Treatment protocol                       | Safety    | Efficacy  |
|---|------------------------|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| Feenstra <i>et al.</i> (2005) <sup>4</sup>  | 87                     | Mean 29.2 months (range 1.2–57.4 months) | SSA every 28 days and PEG-V twice a week | Confirmed | Confirmed |
| Neggers <i>et al.</i> (2007), <sup>6</sup> (2008) <sup>12</sup> and (2009) <sup>5</sup> |                        |  |  |           |           |
| Jørgensen <i>et al.</i> (2005) <sup>10</sup>  | 11                     | 3 months                                 | SSA every 28 days and PEG-V daily        | Confirmed | Confirmed |
| Biering <i>et al.</i> (2006) <sup>9</sup>   | 2                      | NA                                       | SSA every 28 days and PEG-V daily        | Confirmed | NA        |
| Harris <i>et al.</i> (2007) <sup>11</sup>   | 24                     | 40 weeks                                 | SSA every 28 days and PEG-V daily        | Confirmed | NA        |

Abbreviations: NA, not available; SSA, somatostatin analog; PEG-V, pegvisomant.

*Neggers et al. 2010 Nat Rev Endocrinology*

# Long-term treatment of somatostatin analog-refractory growth hormone-secreting pituitary tumors with pegvisomant alone or combined with long-acting somatostatin analogs: a retrospective analysis of clinical practice and outcomes

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**Table 2 Logistic regression analysis: variables determining the decision to prescribe PEGV with or without SSA therapy (dependent variable)**

| COVARIATES                                  | OR (95% CI)           | P     |
|---|-----------------------|-------|
| GH at baseline (µg/L)                       | 1.015 (0.983-1.043)   | 1.047 |
| IGF-I SDS at baseline                       | 1.003 (0.999-1.007)   | 0.097 |
| Δ IGF I <sup>a</sup> SDS                    | 1.446 (1.153-1.814)   | 0.001 |
| Detectable adenoma at baseline <sup>b</sup> | 13.757 (2.547-74.307) | 0.002 |

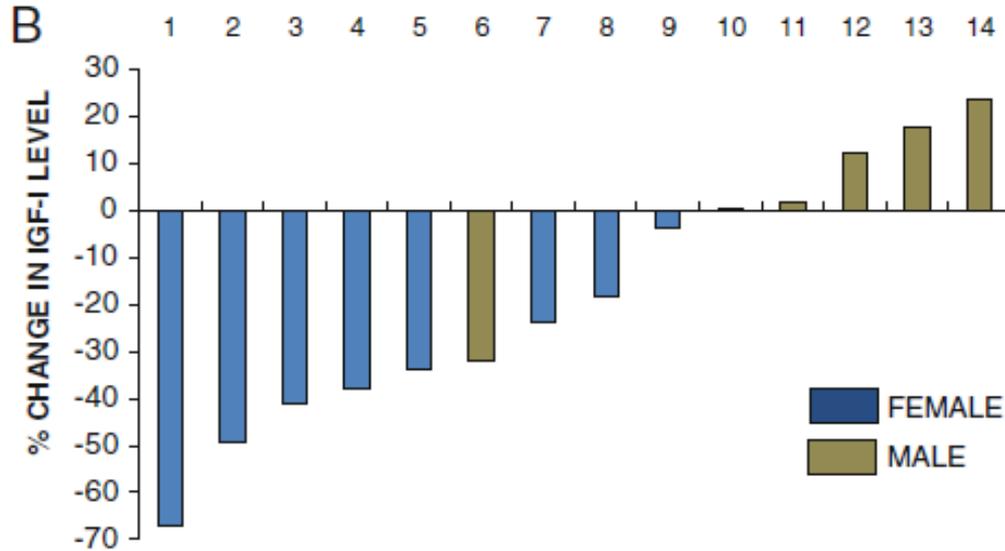
## Group PEG+SSA showed:

- higher IGF-I and GH levels
- higher rates residual tumor tissue at baseline
- more substantial responses to SSA monotherapy
- worse outcomes (IGF-I normalization rates, final IGF-I levels)

## Pegvisomant and cabergoline combination therapy in acromegaly

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Pituitary (2013) 16:101–108



All patients whose IGF-I levels returned to normal had previously been irradiated

IGF-I levels returned to normal in 4 patients (28%) at the end of the study.

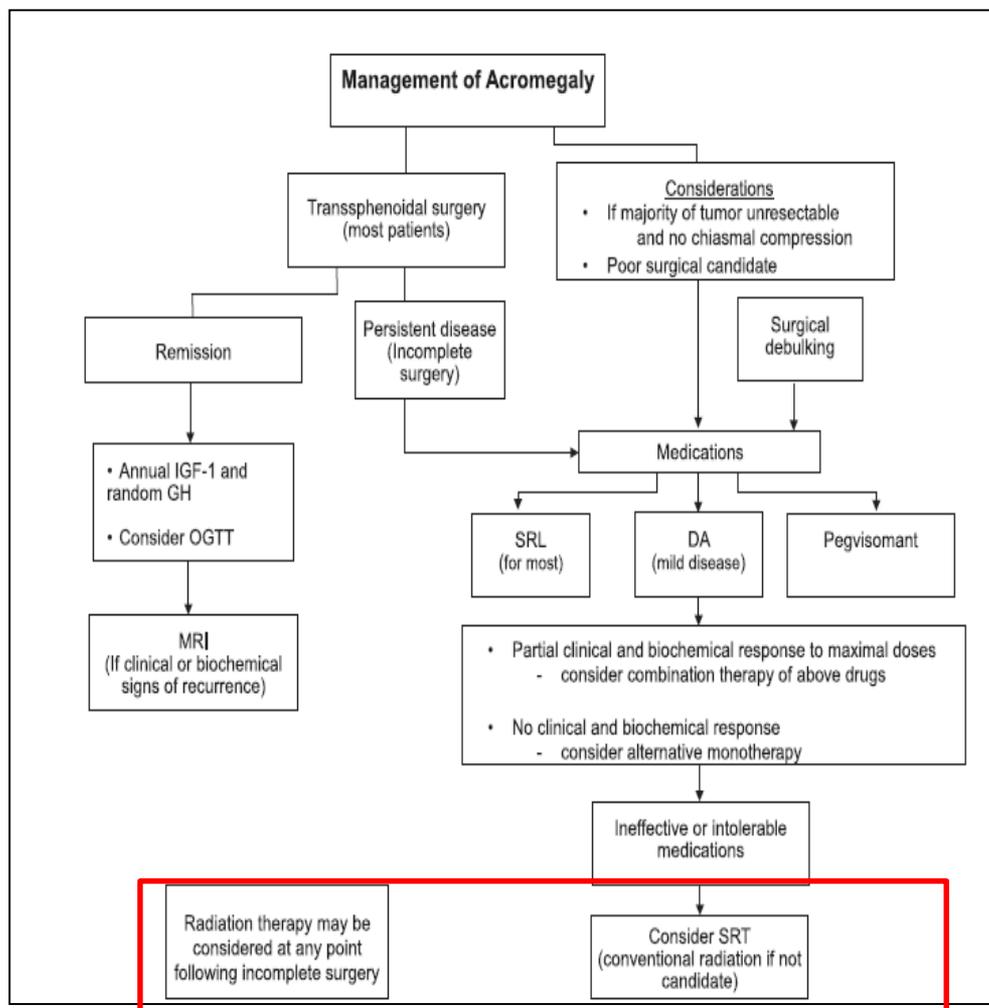
In addition, some decline in IGF-I levels was observed in a further 5 patients.

Better response to combination therapy related to:

- lower baseline IGF-I
- female gender
- lower body weight
- higher PRL levels

## Acromegaly: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline

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Therapy if biochemical control is not achieved after second-line therapy

- Stereotactic radiosurgery or surgical intervention (or reintervention)

## Stereotactic Radiosurgery for Acromegaly: An International Multicenter Retrospective Cohort Study

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The actuarial rates of initial and durable endocrine remission at 10 yr were 69% and 59%, respectively

Mean time to durable remission after SRS 38 mo

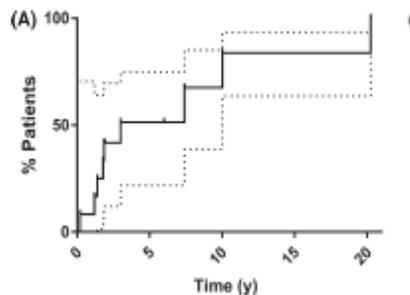
Cessation of IGF-1 lowering medication prior to SRS was the only independent predictor of durable remission

development of  $\geq 1$  new endocrinopathy in 26%

### ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Radiosurgery as primary management for acromegaly

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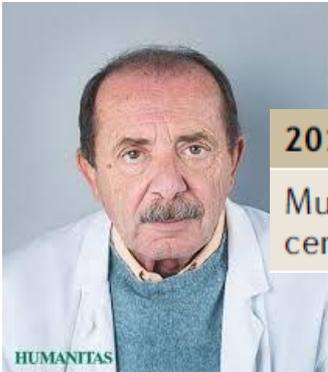


Time for 50% to achieve control  
on medication: 3 years  
off medications: 7.4 years

At 20 years of follow-up, control was seen in all on acromegaly-specific medication (n = 12) and 75% of those off medication

53% of patients developed new hypopituitarism at a median follow-up of 146 months

The development of first onset of hypopituitarism occurred as late as 20 years after treatment



**2018 consensus recommendation**

Multidisciplinary team approach at a pituitary tumour centre of excellence, where possible



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## Pasireotide responsiveness in acromegaly is mainly driven by somatostatin receptor subtype 2 (SSTR2) expression.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** The response to first-generation somatostatin receptor ligands (SRLs) treatment in acromegaly is mainly driven by somatostatin receptor subtype 2 (SSTR2). However, pasireotide shows the highest binding affinity for SSTR2. In acromegaly SSTR5 expression is better at predicting the response to pasireotide LAR (PAS-LAR) treatment.

**AIM:** To investigate in active acromegaly patients whether response to SRL treatment correlates to SSTR2 and SSTR5 expression. We hypothesized that SSTR2 and SSTR5 expression are correlated to response to PAS-LAR treatment.

**METHODS:** We included 52 patients from a cohort that initially received SRL treatment, followed by PAS-LAR treatment, and finally PAS-LAR treatment. The long-term response to PAS-LAR was evaluated using the percentage IGF-I reduction. In 10 patients, somatotroph adenoma tissue samples were available to evaluate SSTR2 and SSTR5 expression. Immunoreactivity score (IRS) was used to evaluate SSTR2 and SSTR5 expression.

**RESULTS:** The percentage IGF-I (x ULN) reduction which was observed after SRL treatment correlated to the percentage IGF-I reduction at follow-up ( $r = 0.40$ ,  $P = 0.003$ ,  $n = 52$ ). After exclusion of SRL pretreated patients, SSTR2 IRS was correlated to the percentage IGF-I reduction ( $r = 0.58$ ,  $P = 0.039$ ,  $n = 9$ ), while SSTR5 IRS showed no relation ( $r = 0.35$ ,  $P = 0.36$ ,  $n = 9$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** In a cohort of patients partially responsive to SRLs, the IGF-I lowering effects of PAS-LAR treatment and seemed to be mainly driven by SSTR2 expression instead of SSTR5.

Does pegvisomant treatment expertise improve control of resistant acromegaly? The Italian ACROSTUDY experience

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**Group A:** patients from centers treating more than 15 pts  
**Group B:** patients from centers treating less than 15 pts

**Table 1** Characteristics of patients enrolled in group A and B

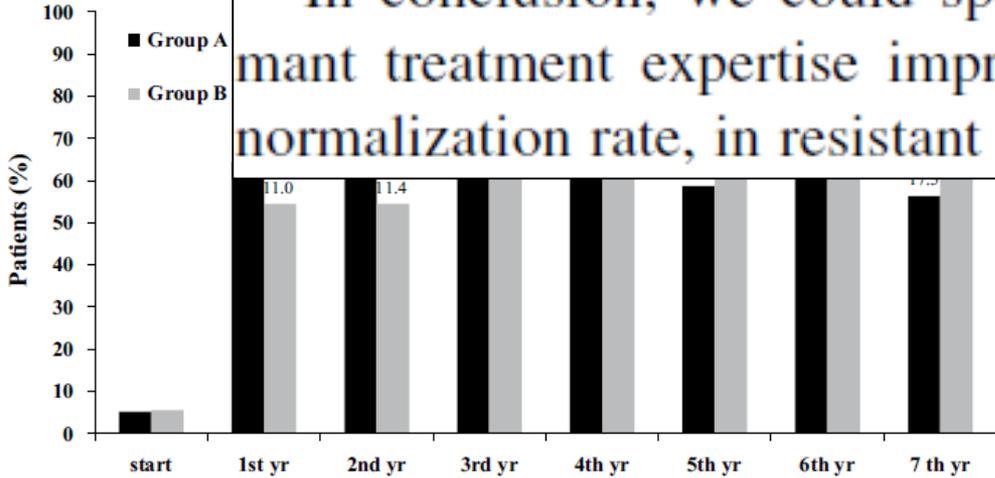
|  | Group A           | Group B           | <i>p</i> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------|
| No. of cases   | 204               | 137               | –        |
| Gender (M/F)   | 97/107            | 74/63             | ns       |
| Weight (mean ± SD)                                       | 82.5 ± 16.4 kg    | 79.0 ± 16.2 kg    | ns       |
| BMI (mean ± SD)  | 28.9 ± 6.0        | 27.2 ± 3.6        | <0.01    |
| Age at diagnosis (mean ± SD)                             | 42.0 ± 13.2 years | 42.7 ± 14.4 years | ns       |
| Age at pegvisomant start (mean ± SD)                     | 48.9 ± 14.1 years | 52.6 ± 14.1 years | <0.02    |
| Disease duration before starting pegvisomant (mean ± SD) | 6.9 ± 6.9 years   | 9.8 ± 9.0 years   | <0.0001  |



In conclusion, we could speculate that better pegvisomant treatment expertise improves safety, but not IGF-1 normalization rate, in resistant acromegaly patients.

possibly

- the occurrence of a more aggressive disease in many patients of group A
- dose titration

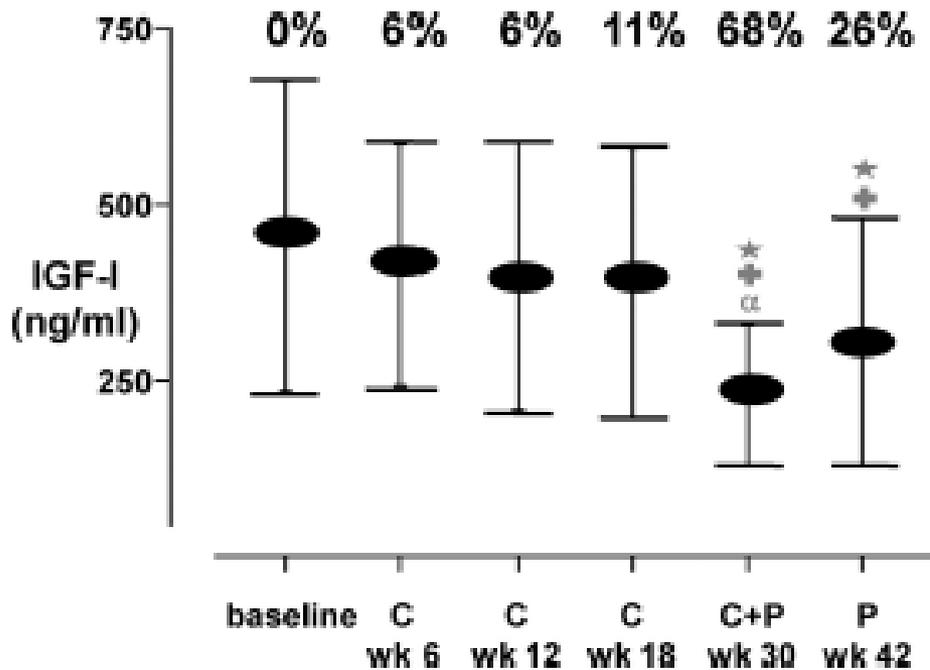


|   | Group A     | Group B   | <i>p</i> |
|---|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Number of patients evaluable for AE                   | 204         | 137       |          |
| Patients with AE                                      | 46 (22.5 %) | 52 (38 %) | <0.005   |
| Patients in whom drug was withdrawn due to serious AE | 11 (5.4 %)  | 8 (5.8 %) | NS       |
| Number of AE  | 82          | 117       | <0.0001  |

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# Pituitary centers of excellence

BOX 1. General characteristics of a PTCOE are:

Provide the best care for patients with pituitary tumors and related pathologies

Independent of health authorities, administrative organizations

Widely recognized by endocrinologists and pituitary surgeons

Aimed to the advancement of pituitary science

Providing adequate patient education and continuing medical education

Recognized by external national and/or international endocrine and neurosurgical medical societies

Act as training center for residents in the treatment of pituitary pathologies

BOX 2. Mission of the PTCOE

1. Provide the best standard of care to patients with pituitary tumors and disorders

2. Organize multidisciplinary clinical management

3. Liaison between experienced neurosurgeons and expert neuroendocrinologists

4. Work with the supporting specialties

5. Train fellows in the management of pituitary tumors and related disorders

6. Provide courses, publications and lectures for primary care physicians and other specialists

7. Capture and track clinical data

8. Provide up to date and comprehensive patient information

9. Present results and outcomes to scientific bodies and administrators

10. Support endocrine units located outside the PTCOE

11. Advise health administrators and authorities on specific problems

12. Advance the science and scholarship of pituitary tumors

13. Include tumor data on National or Regional registries